

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners for the Town of Speedway held its regular meeting on Monday, June 13, 2016, at 10:30 AM, in the Conference Room of the Police Headquarters Building, 1410 N. Lynhurst Drive, Speedway, IN. Those present were Commissioners Edward F. Breen, James G. Ochs and Phill B. Smith and Chief James E. Campbell, Asst. Chief Charles K. Upchurch and Capt. Jason S. Dierdorff. Present in the audience was Mr. Dean Farmer, a Speedway resident.

The minutes of the April 11, 2016, meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Under Petitions from the Audience Mr. Farmer wanted to clarify a question he had posed to Chief Campbell at the Speedway Public Safety Committee meeting in April about televising the 100th running of the race live. He indicated that he heard a month prior to the 500 Mile Race that it would be televised locally if all of the infield tickets were sold prior to the event which was eventually announced to the public a few days before the race.

Discussion was held regarding the findings of the Crash Review Board regarding recent accidents involving Lt. Angel Rodriguez on February 26, 2016; Offr. James Bell on March 5, 2016; Offr. Robby Harris on March 11, 2016 and Offr. Michael Clupper on April 6, 2016. After discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Breen, **the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners unanimously approved, by a vote of 3-0, the findings of the Crash Review Board thus finding Lt. Angel Rodriguez's crash was preventable and assessed two points against his driving record; finding Offr. James Bell's crash was non-preventable and assessed zero points against his driving record; finding Offr. Robby Harris's crash was preventable and assessed four points against his driving record; and, finding Offr. Michael Clupper's crash was non-preventable and assessed zero points against his driving record.**

A letter of resignation was received from Dispatcher Patrick Traphagan due to him having the opportunity to become a Deputy with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department. After discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Breen and seconded by Commissioner Smith, **the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners unanimously approved, by a vote of 3-0, the resignation of Dispatcher Patrick Traphagan, effective April 24, 2016.**

Discussion was held regarding 1st Class Patrolman status for Offr. Alexander Redding. Chief Campbell stated that Offr. Redding has a positive attitude and good work ethic which has been an asset for the Department. After discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Breen and seconded by Commissioner Smith, **the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners unanimously approved, by a vote of 3-0, 1st Class Patrolman status for Offr. Alexander Redding, effective May 1, 2016.**

An update on the 500 Mile Race was given by Chief Campbell. He stated that because it was the 100th running of the race with an increased amount of people attending a lot more planning went into the event, especially regarding safety and security. It was again deemed a SEAR 2 event which allowed the federal agencies to provide some sophisticated security equipment. License plate readers, which determined if anyone is on a watch list, and additional K-9s were also made available by some of the local agencies. Even though there were some traffic delays early on, people were able to get to the track in sufficient time for the race. Overall, it was a successful event for both the IMS and law enforcement.

A Memo of Understanding will be presented to the Town Council at their meeting on today's date for final approval of the sale of the Department's older vehicles to the Marion County Sheriff's Department. Chief Campbell reported that everyone seems to be happy with the new Dodge Chargers and compliments have been received as to how they look with the new decal design.

The Commissioners were informed by Chief Campbell that the Police Department participated in the recent Relay for Life event. The team, which received an award for "Best Team Spirit", was coordinated by Jennifer Bremer and comprised of the Citizen's Academy Alumni/V.I.P.s. Two merit officers also helped out by serving "warrants" for the "jail" and won a trophy for "Best Costume." The team did quite well in the amount of donations collected on behalf of the Police Department. The Chief expressed his appreciation for the Citizen's Academy Alumni who served as the Department Team and donated hours of time representing S.P.D. He stated they are to be commended for their dedication and service. Commissioner Ochs stated that the people in charge of the event asked him to convey thanks to the Chief for attending the event and the other people representing the Department for their participation.

An update on the Reserves/V.I.P.s was given by Capt. Dierdorff. He reported that the three officers who graduated from the Plainfield Reserve Academy earlier this year are now enrolled in the five phase in-house FTO Program. One has completed Phase 1 and the other two have almost completed it. As for the V.I.P.s, they are being used for many of the events and presently, along with the Citizen's Academy graduates, are also monitoring the parks for the summer concert series which are held in Meadowood Park on Thursday evenings. At the present time the Department has eight Tier II V.I.P.s. Lt. Sam Alexander and R/Lt. Joe Killion are working on an interview process scheduled for later this month to determine if any of the last class of Tier I participants are interested in advancing to Tier II. When asked about Workman's Compensation Insurance for V.I.P.s, Chief Campbell stated that he had reaffirmed with the Town Manager that Reserves and V.I.P.s have the same benefits as Merit Officers regarding Workman's Compensation coverage.

Chief Campbell reported that Mrs. Sarah Edie will be sending out letters sometime this month to those who have expressed interest in the next Citizen's Academy. Exact dates for the

classes have not been established as yet but the Academy will be held later this year.

An update on the Student Academy was given by Chief Campbell. He reported that Offr. Mark Jones had twenty-five to thirty students sign up for it, however, for a variety of reasons—mainly summer school, that number has dropped. A good program and curriculum along with some great speakers have been lined up for this year's Academy.

The Commissioners were informed that the Speedway Public Safety Committee and the Law Enforcement Sub-Committee will meet tomorrow, Tuesday, June 14, 2016, to discuss plans for the Brickyard 400 Race in July. The attendance numbers are expected to be the same as they have been the past few years.

Chief Campbell reported that an area Chief's Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at the IMS. This is an opportunity for approximately ten area agencies to discuss issues and share information regarding cameras, the CAD system, crime issues such as the CVS robberies, etc.

Asst. Chief Upchurch informed the Commissioners that Dispatcher Mark Spitz has been on medical leave since December 2015 and has exhausted all FMLA leave and personal time. Because his doctor indicated that it would be necessary for Mr. Spitz to be off work indefinitely with no date given for his return, it became necessary to release him so that the vacancy could be filled. In Mr. Spitz' letter of separation he was told he could re-apply and be considered for re-employment if a position becomes available when he is healthy and able to work.

Discussion was held regarding SWAT vests. Asst. Chief Upchurch indicated that the ones now being used are at the end of their five year life. The Department has received two bids for new ones which will be purchased with monies from the Criminal Investigation Fund. When asked about the Patrolmen's vests, Asst. Chief Upchurch stated that they are good for three more years as they were replaced two years ago.

Modification to GO 4.8.2—Departmental Vehicle Crash Damage Protocol was discussed. Asst. Chief Upchurch stated this modification pertains to Procedure, Section B—Supervisor Responsibility at the Scene, Number 8, wherein the word "shall" will be change to the word "may". This will pertain to crashes that do not involve serious bodily injury or a fatality. It will be up to the Supervisor 's observations as to whether there is a need for a PBT test to be given. After discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Breen, **the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners unanimously approved, by a vote of 3-0, the modification to GO 4.8.2—Departmental Vehicle Crash Damage Protocol, under Procedure, Section B, Number 8, changing the word "shall" to the word "may".**

Commissioner Smith asked about events coming to Main Street. Capt. Dierdorff

stated that the Exchange Club Street Fair is June 18; a Bike Race in mid July; Hauler Parade in late July for the Brickyard 400 event; in August and September a Dare Devil 5K run and Beer Festival; the UAW wants a street closure on Labor Day Week-end to do what they did on Georgia Street in downtown Indianapolis last year; Big Woods wants to have a Beer Run; and some other things have been talked about but not confirmed as of this date. Commissioner Smith also commended all the Officers and the Executive Staff for all their hard work in May.

Commissioner Ochs asked if a finalization of the shooting incident at 18th & MacArthur has been made. Chief Campbell stated that the case is being investigated by the Indiana State Police and nothing has been heard about the outcome as of this date. Asst. Chief Upchurch will contact the Prosecutor's Office to find out if the case has been presented to them. Commissioner Ochs also asked if the Banker's Life work permit issue has been resolved. Chief Campbell reported they have been given ample opportunity to talk with their lawyers and if they do not sign off on the permits the Department's officers will not be allowed to work for them. Lastly, Commissioner Ochs indicated that he has been asked by the Lions Club to suggest that retired ISP Officer Hammer be considered for a position on the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners when an opening occurs.

The next meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners was scheduled for Monday, July 11, 2016, at 10:30 AM, in the Conference Room of the Police Headquarters Building, at 1410 N. Lynhurst Drive. Speedway, IN.

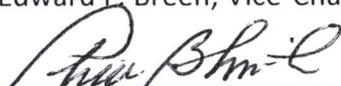
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 AM.



James G. Ochs, Chairman



Edward F. Breen, Vice-Chairman



Phill B. Smith, Secretary