

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, July 11, 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 and Asst. Chief Charles K. Upchurch. Capt. Jason S. Dierdorff was absent. No one was present in the audience.

The minutes of the June 13, 2016, meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

There were no petitions from the audience.

Discussion was held regarding the findings of the Crash Review Board regarding recent accidents involving Lt. Trent Theobald on April 28, 2016; Offr. Keegan Rupenthal on May 9, 2016; Sgt. Mark Morgan on May 17, 2016 and Offr. Jacob McAtee on May 29, 2016. 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 findings of the Crash Review Board thus finding Lt. Trent Theobald's crash was preventable and assessed two points against his driving record; finding Offr. Keegan Rupenthal's crash was non-preventable and assessed zero points against his driving record; finding Sgt. Mark Morgan's crash was preventable and assessed two points against his driving record; and, finding Offr. Jacob McAtee's crash was preventable and assessed one point against his driving record.**

An update on the vacant Dispatcher position was discussed. Chief Campbell commended Mrs. Sarah Edie and all the Dispatchers for stepping up to help fill the void for the past several months. Mrs. Edie stated that all the Dispatchers have gone completely out of the way to rearrange their personal schedules to fill in when needed and that their cooperation and good natured helping out has been incredible. The Commissioners voiced their thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Edie and the Dispatchers for their dedication. Mrs. Edie reported that oral interviews to fill the Dispatcher position were held recently for four candidates with the decision made to hire Ms. Shawna Engle upon approval of the Commissioners. 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 hiring of Ms. Shawna Engle, pending a satisfactory background investigation, effective July 18, 2016.**

The Commissioners were informed that the Public Safety Committee and the Law Enforcement Sub-Committee will meet Tuesday, July 12, 2016, regarding the Brickyard 400 Race. Questions and/or issues will be addressed and the planning check list will be reviewed. Chief Campbell indicated that even though the crowd size for this event is smaller than the 500-Mile Race, it doesn't diminish concerns and the need for public safety to monitor crowd control

and traffic control. Recent reports indicate that the event will be similar to what it has been in the past few years.

Chief Campbell reported that Asst. Chief Upchurch has been working on the 2017 Budget. An introductory statement will be prepared as usual regarding some things such as new radios, gas prices, the new CAD system, the monthly cost of ISA software for Communications, new vehicles for the Detectives and Administration, etc. Paperwork regarding the budget will be forthcoming within a couple of weeks from the Town Manager, however, no date has been established as yet for the budget meeting.

An update on the old fleet of vehicles being purchased by the Marion County Sheriff's Department was discussed. Chief Campbell stated that a Memo of Understanding was worked out and all of the vehicles are to be picked up on July 12, 2016.

The Commissioners were informed that five HVAC units were recently replaced and the unit for the Dispatch area was able to be repaired in the Police Department Building. A maintenance agreement will be signed to keep all of the units in good condition.

Chief Campbell reported that the V.I.P.s continue to be an asset for the Department at special events. Lt. Sam Alexander and R/Lt. Joe Killion recently held a training session for nine of the Tier I V.I.P.s. After interviews were held it was decided to possibly raise seven of them to the Tier II level with the other two remaining as Tier I's. Even though the Town Manager and the Clerk-Treasurer have indicated that the Reserves and V.I.P.s are covered under the Town's Workman's Compensation Policy, in the event they would be injured while on duty, the Commissioners thought it might be well to have something in writing from the insurance company. Chief Campbell will talk with the Clerk-Treasurer about obtaining written confirmation regarding coverage for those serving in these Units.

As a matter of information, the Commissioners were informed that two accidents recently occurred resulting in fatalities. One occurred on 10th Street wherein it is thought the driver actually suffered a health issue and died prior to the accident. The other one happened on Crawfordsville Road when a vehicle crossed the median and crashed into another one causing the death of that driver.

Chief Campbell reported that Sgt. Mark Morgan recently completed 35 years of service with the Department. The Commissioners expressed thanks and appreciation to Sgt. Morgan for the many years of service he has served the Department and the Town of Speedway.

The Commissioners were informed that Sgt. Michael Hart, Det. Christopher Ristuccia and Offr. Keegan Rupenthal have been sent to a Sniper School at Camp Atterbury. They will

now comprise the Sniper Unit for the Department when their training is completed.

A 1984 Peace Keeper Armored Vehicle has been offered to the Department by the Carmel Police Department at no charge. Chief Campbell indicated its age and the expense of maintaining it is of great concern. Discussions are underway to determine if it is actually needed since the Department can ask for assistance from IMPD and/or Brownsburg in the event one is needed. The Commissioners will be kept abreast of a decision regarding this offer.

Discussion was held regarding the Department's Chaplains. Chief Campbell reported that Fr. Dan has received an assignment in Terre Haute, IN., and has turned in his badge. Fr. Paul will be consulted with as to the availability of the new priest, Fr. Tucci. It was also noted that Chaplain Darryl Roach has been filling in for Chaplain Rick Kassel while he is out of town and Chaplain Holly Hardsaw while she is on sabbatical.

The Commissioners were informed that the Department has made some good inroads regarding relationships at the Coppertree Apartment Complex. Lt. Trent Theobald and the day shift and middle shift go there and ride their bicycles and ATVs, walk around the area and meet with the managers. Offr. Jereme Howery has taken a direct interest in and done an excellent job relationship wise. Chaplain Roach is now working on a back to school day by making arrangements and enlisting volunteers. The Department is currently working to get the Neighborhood Watch group involved and, possibly, present a DARE program and a safety program. Staffing wise, the Department may be able to provide a couple of officers on bicycles and a car to have a presence at the event. Chief Campbell also noted that Supt. Ken Hull has expressed interest in partnering with the Department to have something for the school kids in Meadowood Park shortly after schools begins this fall.

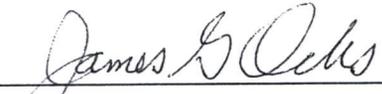
Commissioner Smith inquired about the injured officers and when they may be able to return. He was informed that Offr. Bradley Weaver had to undergo more surgery and Offr. Jereme Howery has a torn ACL and meniscus. Both officers are not expected to return to duty until October or later. Commissioner Smith also stated that Bar-B-Q and Bourbon has offered to bring in food for the officers. He will confer with the Chief and Asst. Chief to determine a convenient date and how much food will be needed.

Commissioner Ochs asked if the 18th & MacArthur shooting incident has been presented to the Prosecutor's Office. Asst. Chief Upchurch reported that he called the Prosecutor who is handling the case and she had not received the report. He then called the Indiana State Police and the Lieutenant assigned to the case informed him that they had just taken it to the Prosecutor's Office that day. The report from the Prosecutor should be forthcoming soon which will allow the Department to do their Administrative Assessment of the incident. Commissioner Ochs also inquired as to whether the Bankers Life Work Permit problem has been resolved. Asst. Chief Upchurch reported that an impasse was reached due to Bankers Life

wanting the Department's form to be changed to their satisfaction. Since Bankers Life refused to sign the Department's Off-Duty Work Permit as is, Speedway police officers are no longer allowed to work off-duty for them which only affected three individuals.

The next meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners was scheduled for Monday, August 8, 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 11:26 AM.



James G. Ochs, Chairman



Edward F. Breen, Vice-Chairman



Phill B. Smith, Secretary

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