

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, March 18, 2019, at 10:30 AM, in the Conference Room of the Police Headquarters Building, at 1410 N. Lynhurst Drive, Speedway, Indiana. Those present were Commissioners Edward F. Breen, Kenneth E. Hull and Phill B. Smith and Chief James E. Campbell, Asst. Chief Charles K. Upchurch and Capt. Jason Dierdorff. Director of Admin. Sarah Edie was absent. Present in the audience was Mr. Dean Farmer, a Speedway resident.

The minutes of the February 19, 2019, meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

There were no petitions from the audience.

Chief Campbell reported that Dir. Edie was absent to attend a meeting with the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) group from Indianapolis. They are going to Hamilton County to look at and learn about their radio system.

An update on the Applicant Process was given by Chief Campbell. He indicated that the results were back from the written tests and oral interviews and a Physical Agility Test has been scheduled for Saturday, March 30, 2019, for the top ten applicants. There is no doubt that a good candidate can be identified to fill the current vacant position.

Chief Campbell announced that the second Public Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at the Brickyard Crossing Inn, where representatives from the Public Safety Agencies and the neighborhoods will meet to discuss details of the upcoming events at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

An update on the progress of the PNC Building was given by Chief Campbell. He indicated that the Department currently has a very basic layout of how the floors of the Police Department will be arranged. Questions continue to be asked and there is still a lot to be included in the plans along with consideration of the costs involved. It is hoped that a diagram can be obtained at a meeting with the architects this week which will be shared with the Commissioners at their meeting in April. Many good things regarding the move can be seen if they can be done. If nothing else, it will be a major improvement for space and an opportunity to set up professional offices.

Chief Campbell gave an update on the Uniform Committee discussions. The only remaining issue is regarding a hat. Chief Campbell indicated that the Department will probably need to look at something that will give the officers cover for rain and/or a hot summer day. When and where the hats are to be worn will be very limited if that happens. The Commissioners will be informed of any hat that is under consideration for their input/opinion.

Capt. Dierdorff reported that R/Offr. Christopher Pope was to turn in his equipment over the past week-end as he is resigning his position due to some health problems. **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 resignation of R/Offr. Christopher Pope.** In addition, Capt. Dierdorff noted that when the Department began the Merit Officer application process it also advertised for Reserve Officer positions limited to applicants who had the equivalent training of a full-time officer in order to meet CALEA requirements. Those who fell into that category were invited to attend the written exam for Merit Officer wherein three of them completed the test. One of them is also still in the Merit Officer process. All will attend the agility testing on March 30, and as long as they meet certain requirements, which may be looked at a little differently than for a full-time officer who must meet the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) standards, they will continue on in the background phase and a polygraph exam before any new Reserve Officers are accepted.

Discussion was held regarding motorcycles. Asst. Chief Upchurch stated that new motorcycles have been ordered to replace the 2012 and 2014 models now in use. The new ones are expected to arrive within the next month. It was noted that this purchase will be paid for from donated funds and not from taxpayer funds.

Asst. Chief Upchurch reported that two officers applied for the SWAT Team vacancy, however, one was unable to pass the physical agility test. The remaining applicant is scheduled for the required additional psychological evaluation for the Team on March 27, 2019. Upon passing that evaluation the applicant will be put on the SWAT Team on a probationary status but not be an actual active member until he attends SWAT School. One other member who has been on the Team for over a year will be going to Evansville, Indiana, at the end of April to complete the required SWAT School.

An update on the bulletproof vests was given by Asst. Chief Upchurch. He stated that a representative from Galls recently brought a sample of the vest that was on the State bid for officers to see. The Department will apply for a grant which pays about 50% of the cost of the vests when it opens in April. He noted that the Department has never been refused funds from this grant and sees no reason why it would be denied this time.

Chief Campbell reported that a recent incident involved a stolen vehicle being pursued with the suspects running from the scene and K-9 Tom being released to detain them. At the same time a delivery driver stepped out from around his vehicle and was inadvertently bitten by K-9 Tom. The Department has received notification that the bitten individual has contacted an attorney and intends to file a law suit. Commissioner Hull noted that this subject needed no further discussion as it has been referred to the Town's insurance carrier who will assign their Counsel to defend the Department and take care of this legal matter.

An update on K-9 Tom was given by Chief Campbell. He informed the Commissioners that the dog has had some hip issues in the last few months but was thought to be able to work



for another year. However, at a recent evaluation the veterinarian changed Tom's expected work time to six months. Because of the short time involved K-9 Offr. Mat Turpin presented the Chief with a document containing information and options to obtain a new dog. K-9 Offr. Turpin has requested that he be allowed to keep K-9 Tom as a family pet when the dog is officially retired.

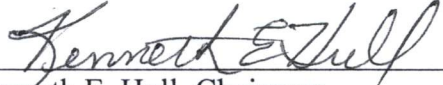
Asst. Chief Upchurch reported that in the past Lt. Sam Alexander and R/Lt. Joe Killion would be contacted when VIPs were needed to work events. R/Lt. Killion, who helped get the program going, would then make calls to schedule those needed. At this point, Middle Shift Lt. Robert Dine is taking a greater role in the Citizen's Academy, which is where the VIPs are recruited from, and will work with VIP Pauletta Dusterberg who will now schedule the VIPs to work when needed. This will allow R/Lt. Killion ample time to perform his other duties.

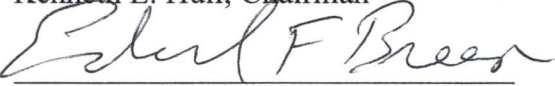
A discussion regarding Crimereport.com was held. Chief Campbell noted that the City of Indianapolis has this app showing where crimes have been committed. Capt. Dierdorff explained that this app is an add-on to the new Motorola CAD and Reporting System and that Speedway, Lawrence and the Airport are not included in it because they have their own independent 911 Centers and their own independent CAD numbers. He also stated that the app not only shows crimes committed but shows everything that is assigned a CAD number which could be such things as checking on a person, performing a traffic stop, etc. Everyone of those things will show up as a dot on the map to show transparency as to what is being done on a shift but will only be updated one time each day at 6:00 AM. Capt. Dierdorff is working on setting up a meeting to determine what it would take for Speedway to have its own site rather than tacking on to the Indianapolis site giving the impression that Speedway is part of Indianapolis, which would probably be a Town Council decision. Representatives from Indianapolis and Motorola are going to schedule meetings soon with all the other agencies outside of IMPD to figure out the new reporting system; determine if some changes are wanted; and if certain things are wanted inside the system which would include the Crimereport.com website as well as a few other add-ons. However, all those things come at a price. Commissioner Hull stated that a cost/benefit analysis is something that should be thoroughly thought about regarding this subject.

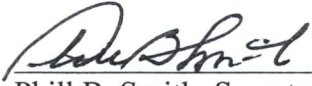
Chief Campbell reported he has received notification that the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) grant has been approved for the purchase of life-saving equipment such as ballistic helmets and tactical vests with rifle plates in the amount of \$47,000.00. Capt. Dierdorff indicated that the final paperwork is in the processing of being signed. Once that is done, probably within the next two weeks, the funds will be ready for draw down. The local vendor will then be contacted to come to the Department to get the necessary measurements for the equipment. The Town will have to pay for the purchases up front and then be reimbursed.

The next meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners was scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2019, at 10:30 AM, in the Conference Room of the Police Headquarters Building, at 1410 N. Lynhurst Drive, Speedway, Indiana.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

  
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Kenneth E. Hull, Chairman

  
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Edward F. Breen, Vice-Chairman

  
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Phill B. Smith, Secretary

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