

# Claremont Police Commission Meeting

## Public Minutes

*Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 5:30 PM*

*@ Visitor's Center/Planning & Development Office, 14 North Street*

- I. Roll call & Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. Commissioner Courtemanche, Commissioner Raymond and Commissioner Tremblay were present. Chief Scott was present.
- II. Citizens Forum: No citizens appeared for citizen's forum.
- III. Chief Scott briefed the Commission on the realities of dealing with social media bringing particular attention to the misleading information that was recently publicized in social media concerning an untimely death. Two local social media sites had inaccurate information posted on them about the incident which was then picked up by news media sources. The family of the deceased was very upset by the coverage.
- IV. Review Minutes of September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Public Meeting: After review of the September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Public Minutes Commissioner Courtemanche made a motion to accept said minutes, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tremblay and all three Commissioners voted in favor of said motion.
- V. Preview of November upcoming events: The only upcoming event of note was Halloween and the Hallowesta parade on Pleasant Street to Broad Street Park on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

VI. September 2014 Monthly Reports:

- a. Chief's Office
- b. Criminal Division
- c. Patrol Division
- d. Communications Division
- e. Statistical Reports

The September monthly reports were reviewed with discussion centering on the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday on the Bricks celebration and the Brew Fest. Chief Scott noted that both events were a success. Lessons were learned from the security coverage at both events, however, there were no issues. Chief Scott noted that he has applied for a grant through CVS Pharmacy to establish a permanent prescription drug take back collection box in the police department lobby. Yearly firearms training and fitness testing took place during September. Chief Scott reviewed dispatch recruiting efforts and the dispatch renovation project. The renovation project will result in two separate dispatch console areas to allow for better two person dispatch coverage without talking over one another during radio transmissions and phone calls. Lastly, Chief Scott pointed out that the statistical reports have come in line with the previous year's numbers and are now showing a decline. After review and discussion of the September 2014 Monthly Reports Commissioner Tremblay made a motion to accept said reports, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Raymond and all three Commissioners voted in favor of said motion.

VII. Correspondence: The Commission reviewed a thank you letter to Chief Scott from Second Growth for his participation in a panel discussion on drug use and abuse. The Commission reviewed a thank you letter from the Director of Airport Patrol, Montreal Airport thanking Accreditation Manager Wilmot for his assistance with a CALEA re-accreditation mock-up.

VIII. Accreditation / Grants update:

- a. Status Report: Review of status report outlines that all is on track for our July 2015 CALEA on-site inspection. Accreditation Manager Wilmot continues to be a key player in the Northern New England Police Accreditation Coalition helping agencies from Massachusetts to Montreal. Additionally, as grants manager he continues to oversee nearly \$347,000 worth of grants.
- b. General Order 235 – see Old Business – General Order 235 was signed by the Commission and Chief, it was approved via vote of the Commission at the previous meeting.

IX. Budget Update:

- a. Police
- b. 911

Chief Scott reviewed both budgets with the Commission and noted that overall percentages are acceptable in both.

X. Old Business:

- a. Pleasant Street Enforcement Efforts: Chief Scott briefed the Commission on the ongoing efforts to increase visibility of foot patrols on Pleasant Street.
- b. Drug Enforcement Efforts: Chief Scott briefed the Commission on the successful enforcement efforts of the Drug Task Force and the positive impact the assignment of a Claremont Officer to the task force has had. Drugs, especially heroin, continue to be a significant issue and a driver of criminal conduct in the community and statewide.
- c. General Order 235 – original copy for Signature: Commission and Chief signed General Order 235, it was approved at the last month's meeting.

XI. New Business: N/A

**At 6:16 pm** Commissioner Raymond made a motion to go into non-public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3, II (b), Personnel, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Courtemanche and all three Commissioners voted in favor of said motion.

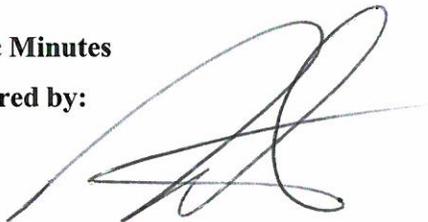
XII. Public Session: The meeting returned to public session **at 6:38 pm**.

XIII. Set tentative meeting(s) Schedule for November 2014 meeting: The November 2014 Claremont Police Commission meeting was scheduled for Wednesday November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 5:30 pm at the Claremont Visitors Center, 14 North Street.

XIV. Adjourn: **At 6:40 pm** Commissioner Raymond made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tremblay and all three Commissioners voted in favor of said motion.

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**Prepared by:**

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**Chief Scott**