

**PORTSMOUTH POLICE COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006 MEETING**

6:00 PM (Non-Public) 7:00 PM (Public)  
City Council Chambers, Portsmouth City Hall

John D. Kelley, Chairman  
Gerald W. Howe  
John C. Russo

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The chairman called the September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006 monthly police commission meeting to order at 5:58 PM. (*A digital voice record documenting the opening of this meeting is on file for reference*).

**Action: Commissioner Russo moved** to go into non-public session as appropriate under RSA 91-A.

**Seconded by Commissioner Howe.**

**On a Roll Call Vote:** The board voted unanimously to move to non-public session.

The commission immediately went into non-public session at 5:58 PM.

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**Action: Commissioner Russo moved** the commission adjourn from non-public session and re-enter public session.

**Seconded by Commissioner Howe.**

**On a Roll Call Vote:** The board voted unanimously to move to public session at 7:00 p.m.

**Present during public session:** Commissioners Kelley, Howe, and Russo, Chief Michael Magnant, Deputy Chief Len DiSesa, Admin. Captain Bill Irving, Sgt. MacDonald, Officers Maloney, McCain, Wassouf, Dispatcher Malcolmson, Foster's Democrat Reporter Matt Kanner, Executive Assistant Kathleen Hoyt

- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Deputy DiSesa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### III. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

**Action: Commissioner Howe moved** the board accept the minutes of the meeting held on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

**Seconded by Commissioner Russo.**

**On a Roll Call Vote:** The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the minutes and place them on file.

### IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

### V. NEW BUSINESS:

#### A. POLICE COMMISSION:

**Action: Commissioner Howe moved** to suspend the agenda and move directly to **'B. CHIEF'S REPORT, Item 1'**.

**Seconded by Commissioner Russo.**

**On a Roll Call Vote:** The board voted unanimously to suspend the agenda and move directly to the Chief's Report.

#### B. CHIEF'S REPORT:

- 1. Letters of Commendation** to Sgt. Corey MacDonald and Officers Maloney, Sargent, and Wassouf for placing themselves in harm's way in the aftermath of the North Church Steeple toppling onto the pavement on July 28<sup>th</sup> of this year. Chief Magnant noted that the department does not often award Letters of Commendation. We award Letters of Recognition and Letters of Appreciation, but to receive a Commendation, an officer has taken actions that are well above and beyond the call of their duty, as was the case with the collapse of the North Church steeple.
- 2. Letters of Recognition** to ECC Supervisor Gil Emery, Lead Dispatcher Keith Noseworthy, and Dispatchers Dave Rabor and Jessica Malcolmson for their handling of the 'shock and awe' load of emergency calls from all over the city in the aftermath of the July 28<sup>th</sup> fast moving storm while simultaneously managing the major incident mentioned above.
- 3. Letters of Recognition** to Detective Mark Newport and Officers Robert Lukacz, Josh McCain, Duane Jacques, and Charlie Raizes for their swift response to, and apprehension of, a report of a sexual assault and the suspect in this case.

**Action: Commissioner Howe moved** to return to the agenda as published.  
**Seconded by Commissioner Russo.**

**On a Roll Call Vote:** The board voted unanimously to return to the agenda as published.

#### **4. Financial Report**

Captain Bill Irving reviewed the financial report. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

#### **5. Grants and Donations**

Two donations were presented to the commission for their acceptance:

- a. A donation in the amount of \$750 from Ocean National Bank to support the police department's National Night Out costs for 2006. Chief Magnant gave a bit of background on how we came to receive this support from Ocean National Bank. He indicated that in the week leading up to National Night Out on August 1<sup>st</sup>, we learned that we had lost the long time support of the local outlet of a national firm. They explained that their charitable funds had been depleted nationally in responding to Hurricane Katrina, and they would not be able to offer their assistance this year. Chief Magnant then turned to Ocean National Bank President Daniel O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien had previously extended an invitation to the Chief to call him if Ocean National Bank could ever offer support to the local community through supporting the activities of our Police Department. Chief Magnant called Mr. O'Brien, and he responded immediately with this generous donation. National Night Out is completely funded through community business donations.
- b. A donation to Portsmouth's K-9 Unit in the amount of \$100 has been received from the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Local #4, at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

**Action: Commissioner Howe moved** to accept the donation in the amount of \$750 from Ocean National Bank for National Night Out costs for 2006.

**Seconded by Commissioner Russ.**

**On a Roll Call Vote:** The board voted unanimously to accept the donation and forward to the city council.

**Action: Commissioner Howe moved** to accept the donation in the amount of \$100 from the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Local #4, at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

**Seconded by Commissioner Russo.**

**On a Roll Call Vote:** The board voted unanimously to accept the donation and forward to the city council.

**6. Division and Team Reports**

- a. Information Systems Division Report
- b. Accident Investigation Report
- c. Records Division

**7. Letters of Thanks and Appreciation from outside the Department**

A letter of Thanks from Patricia Burt, Ph.D., Office of Homeland Security for Lt. Hoysradt's assistance during the recent Comprehensive Review of the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant.

**C. PATROL SERVICES BUREAU:**

**1. Log Activity Reports**

**2. Emergency Communications Center Report**

Commissioner Russo asked if we were at full staff in dispatch. The Chief indicated that we were at the full authorized compliment. Commissioner Howe asked if the redundant center test has been completed. Deputy DiSesa replied that a couple of things still need to be put into place. The completed Memorandum of Understanding between Portsmouth and the County needs to be completed and filed and certain protocols need to be codified.

**3. FTO Report**

**4. K-9 Reports**

Chief Magnant directed the commission's attention to the retirement of K-9 Turbo, and briefly read a piece of the report into the record that conveyed something of this remarkable animal's K-9 career.

**5. Auxiliary Monthly Activity Report**

**6. Personnel Out Sick or Injured**

Sgt. DuBois has been on light duty with a foot injury; Officer Lee has been recuperating from ankle surgery.

**7. Special Events in the City**

#### **D. CITY PROSECUTOR REPORT**

Deputy DiSesa indicated that the department is very pleased with the work of Prosecutor Susan Boone.\*\*

\*\***NOTE:** On at least one occasion since the August meeting, Prosecutor Susan Boone handled **100 arraignments** in a single day.

#### **E. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES**

Deputy DiSesa indicated that detectives has been very, very busy through the summer and this activity level is continuing. He reviewed a sheaf of press releases regarding arrest activity since the last meeting...Joshua Percy for Reckless Conduct and Criminal Mischief...Michael Morrison for Conspiracy to sell a controlled drug...Elijah Wallace for witness tampering and criminal threatening (hate crimes)...Jeffrey Austin for manufacturing a controlled drug...Michael Brennan for Operating After Suspension, Operating Under the Influence and Failure to Pay Fines...(this individual also matched descriptions of a suspect in child endangerment reports)...Heath Chase for second Degree Assaults (involving weapons) and Possession of a Controlled Drug...Michael Navarro for Felonious Sexual Assault, Sales of a Controlled Drug, and Prohibited Sale...Michael Hatfield for 8 counts of Criminal Mischief...Enrique Arias and Joshua Percy for Aggravated Criminal Mischief and Reckless Conduct with a Dangerous Weapon.

The Bureau of Investigative Services continues its active role in the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, in proactive intervention on behalf of the at risk juvenile population in Portsmouth, in on-going investigations into property crimes and fraud as well as our active participation in the initiatives of the US Attorney's office and the Office of the New Hampshire Attorney General.

Chairman Kelley asked the Deputy if we were seeing any 'meth' activity. Recent television and news articles have highlighted a nationwide surge in activity. Deputy DiSesa responded that we had seen some in the last two years, he noted the arrest of a man who had a portable 'meth' lab in his car.

#### **VI. MISCELLANEOUS OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Kelley asked if there was any further business. Commissioner Howe indicated he had two motions to bring forward at this time.

**Action: Commissioner Howe moved** that the board accept the Letter of Intent from Captain Jim Tucker to retire from this department.

**Seconded by Commissioner Russo.**

**On a Roll Call Vote:** The board voted unanimously to accept the Letter of Intent.

**Action: Commissioner Howe moved** that the board accept the division and team reports and the patrol bureau reports and place them on file.

**Seconded by Commissioner Russo.**

**On a Roll Call Vote:** The board voted unanimously to accept the reports and place them on file.

## **VII. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

There being no further business before this commission,

**Action: Commissioner Russo moved** the September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting be adjourned.

**Seconded by Commissioner Howe.**

**On a Roll Call Vote:** The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion at 7:30 P.M.

## **VIII. NEXT MEETING: *Scheduled for Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.*** ***This meeting can be viewed live via Cable Access Channel 22***

*Respectfully Submitted By Kathleen Hoyt, Executive Assistant*  
*Reviewed By Commissioner Gerald Howe, Clerk*