

CENTRAL BUCKS REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
Minutes
November 28, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Central Bucks Regional Police Commission was called to order by Vice Chairman Ron Strouse at 7:35 PM. All Commission members were present with the exception of Mr. David Holewinski and Ms. Robyne Kelemen. Also present were Chief James Donnelly, Captain Karl Knott, Captain Pat Penecale, Sgt. Robert Milligan, Ms. Melissa Rigney for Mr. David Sander, and Mr. John Davis. Mr. Strouse led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Det Ansinn to approve the meeting minutes of October 24, 2016; seconded by Mr. Peter LaMontagne. Motion approved.

TRILOGY AWARD: Mr. Ron Strouse recognized Sergeant Robert Milligan for receiving the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award. Sgt. Milligan earned the elite award through completion of the FBI's Supervisor Leadership Institute, Executive Leadership, and Command Leadership Institute.

FINANCE:

Reports - Chief Donnelly reported expenses for October YTD were \$4,055,049.19 which represents 79.52% of the annual budget. Chief Donnelly further stated the Department will stop spending as of December 1, 2016 with the remaining budget monies to be distributed to the Boroughs.

Relief from Charges and Solvency Fee – Mr. Strouse stated the Finance Committee met on November 17, 2016 and discussed the Relief from Charges and Solvency Fee for Calendar Year 2017. The Finance Committee is inclined to take advantage of the \$6,146.90 benefit. A decision is required by December 5, 2016. Chief Donnelly received counsel advice from Eckert Seamans indicated to forego the benefit as it would expose the Department to unemployment liability in the event of an employee termination. There was some discussion regarding both points of view. Mr. John Abbott made a motion to recommend filing for solvency; seconded Mr. Ansinn. Motion approved.

POLICE ACTIVITY - Chief Donnelly reported 2,191 incidents for September (CB-472; DB-1336; NBB-383); reportable accidents totaled 9 (CB-2; DB-6; NBB-1); total Part I Crimes 16 (CB-3; DB-11, NBB-2); and total Part II Crimes totaled 50 (CB-6; DB-43; NBB-1).

NEW BUSINESS:

White House Open Data Initiative – Chief Donnelly has accepted an invitation for the Department to participate in the White House Open Data Initiative. The goal of the initiative is to serve as a central clearinghouse for accessing, visualizing and analyzing local and national law enforcement and public safety datasets. CBRPD is one of 126 agencies across the nation that participate. Chief Donnelly further explained this was a good opportunity for the Department to continue its efforts in transparency of operations and administration. The datasets can be obtained through the Department website and the Public Safety Open Data Portal.

Benchmarking and Performance Analytics – Chief Donnelly has registered the Department on the IACP’s Law Enforcement Benchmarking and Performance Analytics site. This will allow access to comparable data on agency demographics, budget information, salary data, crime statistics, clearance rates, use of force responses, officer safety, internal affairs issues, and additional data. Chief Donnelly will report the analysis to the Police Commission once the department data has been uploaded.

Policy Directive 6.1.1 Access to JNET/CLEAN/NCIC – This policy is to establish procedures and guidelines for the CBRPD, which will enable officers and support staff to gather, disseminate and receive intelligence, investigative and other data from JNET/CLEAN/NCIC systems. This data has been classified as “protected information” by 18 Pa. C.S.A., Chapter 91. Chief Donnelly explained the FBI controls all of the justice net information and designates the State Police agencies to control. In turn, the State Police agency grants access to individual departments. A motion was made by Mr. Ansinn to approve and adopt Directive 6.1.1 Access to JNET/CLEAN/NCIC; seconded by Mr. Jack O’Brien. Motion approved.

December Police Commission Meeting – Chief Donnelly stated there was a conflict with the scheduled December Police Commission meeting slated for December 19, 2016. A motion was made by Mr. Ansinn to advertise the change of date for the December Police Commission meeting from December 19, 2016 to December 20, 2016; seconded by Mr. O’Brien. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Smart Policing Grant – Chief Donnelly reported the first meeting of the Strategic Grant Planning Committee was held in November. There are five Police Chiefs (out of the nineteen Departments involved in the Smart Policing Grant) that attended and will develop the program for the grant application. Chief Donnelly has secured an ADA from the District Attorney’s office to be assigned to the committee and Delaware Valley University’s involvement as a research partner. The grant has an anticipated open date of February 2017, closing April 2017, and award announcements September 2017.

Rotating Venue for Police Commission Meetings – Chief Donnelly raised Mr. David Holewinski’s suggestion of rotating the venue for the Police Commission meetings throughout the Boroughs. The Commission agreed to look at the possibility and requested a proposed schedule be distributed to Commission members prior to the December Commission meeting.

Crossing Guards – Mr. Peter LaMontagne inquired on behalf of Ms. Robyne Kelemen regarding the CBRPD website inclusion of Crossing Guards and if this was a recent development. Chief Donnelly state the website has always included the Crossing Guards.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:05 PM, the Police Commission meeting adjourned to Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters and reconvened at 8:20 PM. No motions were made.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Ansinn to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 PM; seconded by Mr. Abbott. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

James Donnelly
Chief of Police