

**MADISON DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES  
REGULAR MEETING – December 7, 2009  
9 CAMPUS DRIVE, MADISON– 7:30 PM**

Attendees: Chairman Emile Geisenheimer, Commissioner Edward Kritzman, Commissioner Garry Gyenizs, Commissioner Larry Moon; Acting Chief Robert Nolan

Absent: Vice-Chairman David Smith

Also Present: Members of the Public

**REGULAR SESSION**

Opening and Call to Order at 7:39 PM by Chairman Geisenheimer. All rose to recite the pledge of allegiance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

**CONSENT AGENDA – CHIEF’S REPORTS**

**MOTION** by Kritzman, second by Gyenizs, to accept minutes of the November 12, 2009 Regular Meeting. All in favor. None Opposed. So moved.

Chief Nolan reported on the State’s Motor Vehicle Enforcement during the Thanksgiving holiday; Madison again came out as one of the top departments in the state for enforcement.

Chairman Geisenheimer advised that several citizens reminded him that there is no stop sign at the exit of the beach at East Wharf. Mike Ott will be requested to install a stop sign there.

Commissioner Kritzman commented on the number of deer strikes in the traffic report.

**MOTION** by Moon, second by Kritzman to accept the Chief’s Reports. All in favor. None opposed. So moved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Recruitment Status

Chief Nolan reported right now we are at full staff with a probable retirement the first week of January. The Department is in the process of doing some backgrounds in anticipation.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Accept: 2010 Meeting Calendar

Chairman Geisenheimer asked if there were any changes to the proposed; calendar for 2010; Commission Kritzman said the adjustments he requested have been made.

**MOTION** by Kritzman, second by Moon to accept the meeting calendar as presented for 2010. All in favor. None opposed. So moved.

**RECOGNITION: Officer Bryan Baxter**

Chief Nolan mentioned he wanted to bring Officer Baxter’s efficient use of stop sticks, which is a row of spiked tubing to stop a fleeing vehicle, to the attention of the Commission. He explained that it is a matter of great timing for the officer to use the sticks and stop the vehicle. Quite often the officers miss the vehicle and the police car in pursuit is indeed the one stopped. The Connecticut State Police (CSP) had a pursuit northbound from Branford; vehicle got off exit 61. Officer Baxter positioned himself to intercept the vehicle with the stop sticks. He disabled the car immediately; there were no injuries – we lost ‘no tires’ and it worked out

exceptionally well. A situation was terminated that could have been deadly; the driver was intoxicated and taken into custody by CSP. Officer Baxter used the stop sticks in a text book manner. Commissioner Kritzman seconded Chief Nolan's comments and asked for a letter to Officer Baxter commenting on his efficiency. Chairman Geisenheimer added, these high speed chases are extremely dangerous with a risk of serious injury to bystanders, the officer or the person fleeing. Officer Baxter reacted within 45 seconds from the time the call was received. Chairman Geisenheimer asked for a letter from the Commission to Officer Baxter for his fine police work. Chief Nolan added, officers Bull and Roy. Chairman Geisenheimer asked the officers Bull and Roy also receive letters for their files.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Kritzman commended Chief Nolan noting there was a lot of training done in November, a lot of which was qualifications to included hand guns and long guns. He also noted that Officer Baxter went to a crash reconstruction program and was looking forward to the training. He added, it is important that such training be made available to officers so they learn and are involved in something new which also gives them a sense of accomplishment.

**CHIEF'S CORRESPONDENCE**

Chief Nolan noted the thank you notes included in the agenda packet.

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Chairman Geisenheimer noted the date of December 7 as the attack on Pearl Harbor; he asked for a moment of silence.

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION** by Kritzman, second by Moon to adjourn at 7:51 PM. All in favor. None opposed. So moved.

Minutes accepted: January 14, 2010