MADISON DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES
REGULAR MEETING –December 7, 2011
9 CAMPUS DRIVE, MADISON– 4:30 PM

Attendees: Chairman Eric Thornburg; Commissioner Garry Gyenizs; Commissioner Edward Kritzman; Vice Chairman Ed Dowling;

Also Present: Board of Selectmen Liaison Al Goldberg; Jim Matteson, Board of Finance Liaison; Members of the Public.

Absent: Chief Jack Drumm; Commissioner Thom Cartledge; Mike Ott, Town Engineer

REGULAR SESSION
Opening and Call to Order at 4:32 PM by Chairman Thornburg; he welcomed the liaisons from the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance, Al Goldberg and Jim Matteson.

Chairman Thornburg said he is pleased to have Capt. Jon Pardo available to provide us with the Chief's report. Commissioner Cartledge is at the PCA annual dinner; Chief Drumm is at the Forensics Institute in West Haven as a guest of Dr. Henry Lee to meet the police director for China.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- **Budget / Financial Report**

Capt. Pardo declined to comment on the budget due to his unfamiliarity with the status reports. Chairman Thornburg noted we are getting close to the three-quarter mark in the fiscal year.

- **Activity / Statistics**

Capt. Pardo reported the activity for the month of November to the Board on behalf of the Chief.

Statistics: False Alarms 140 of which 77 were Burglar, 26 were 911 hang-ups; 54 Suspicious Vehicles; 8 Suspicious Persons; 107 Criminal Investigations; 35 resulting in in-custody arrests; 3 Involuntary Committals; 36 Animal Nuisance complaints; 4 Juvenile , 0 Juvenile Alcohol/narcotics-related; 19 Fingerprint requests; 116 R-1 First Responder calls. Total calls for service for the month of November 1234 or 41/day, including motor vehicle-related statistics.

- **Training:** Capt. Pardo highlighted the monthly report.

A number of classes were cancelled by the instructor; mid-management training was scheduled due to manpower issues. He explained roll call training; it is a review of department policies wherein officers read the policy and sign attesting to that activity.

He explained the particulars of recertification training during which an officer attends POST recert training monthly. Electives can be done in-house. Commissioner Kritzman asked if there are outside sources available for training; Capt. Pardo said he has cooperative arrangements with other departments to send officers to their particular departments on an availability basis and vice versa. Commissioner Kritzman asked about commercial training; Capt. Pardo said that is available but costly. He does the training in-house by switching shifts to accommodate scheduling.

Monthly Traffic Report:

- **Monthly Traffic Report**: Accidents 7; Property Damage 5; Private Property Damage 0 ; Injury:2; Fatal 0; Motor Vehicle Arrests 176; Speed Enforcement 85; DWI Arrests 11; Seatbelt 23; Cell Phone 48; 144 Written Warnings; Verbal Warnings 243.

Community Outreach:
Capt. Pardo briefly reviewed the community calendar involving officer interaction for the month of November. Also discussed was the interview held at WELI radio which highlighted the food and toy drives being held during the month of December to benefit the children and families of Madison as well as the Toy Closet at the Yale New Haven Children's Hospital. Present at WELI were Officer Scott Pardales, Officer Joe Race, and Christie Hodge.

Patrol K-9 Paco will be on duty in January with Sgt. Baxter – training is going very well.

OLD BUSINESS

ACCEPTANCE – MEETING MINUTES

- **MOTION** by Gyenizs, second by Dowling to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 10, 2011. All in favor. None opposed, one abstained (Kritzman) due to not being present (3-1-0). So moved.

Commissioner Kritzman asked if the police could be part of the national program to get medications/drugs out of the home. Capt. Pardo responded that Madison Youth Services, under the direction of Laurie Rudefer of that department, purchased a large kiosk via a grant that is currently in the police lobby to provide a safe and secure disposal of drugs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PARKING ISSUES / TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE - None

- Traffic Updates: Town Engineer Mike Ott

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: 2012 REGULAR MEETING CALENDAR

MOTION by Gyenizs, second by Dowling to accept the 2012 meeting calendar as presented. All in favor. None opposed. So moved.

CORRESPONDENCE:
There were a number of letters received which were overviewed. Chairman Thornburg pointed out that he received letter from the Dr. Henry Lee Institute complimenting MPD officers (Rosati and Roy) and offering tuition breaks in training; a letter regarding the bike patrol as highlighted during the Senior Academy; a letter from the Women's Club thanking Officer Race for his Veteran's Day speaking engagement to them and acknowledgement of Gwen, the narcotics K-9.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
Commissioner Kritzman - None
Commissioner Gyenizs - None
Commissioner Dowling – Noted this was a straightforward agenda.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS
Chairman Thornburg: Prior to this session the Commission held a strategic planning session to take a fresh look at our planning study; he appreciated the investment of time by the commissioners. The community should know we invest time and energy; the final document will be shared with the public. There will be changes in the future – we'll raise the bar yet again.

MOTION by Kritzman, second by Dowling to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 4:52 PM. All in favor. None opposed. So moved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

Minutes Accepted: January 12, 2012