

**POCONO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
13 June 2023**

**PRESENT:**

DAVID W MOYER	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-CHAIRMAN
FRANCIS DePIANO	-TUNKHANNOCK TOWNSHIP	-VICE CHAIRMAN
JOHN SEESE	-BARRETT TOWNSHIP	-SECRETARY
WILLIAM WEIMER	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-TREASURER
TRACY FOX	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
BRENDON CARROLL	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
RANDY ALTEMOSE	-MOUNT POCONO BOROUGH	-MEMBER
DON STRUCKLE	-MOUNT POCONO BOROUGH	-MEMBER
CHRIS WAGNER		-CHIEF OF POLICE

**ABSENT:**

DAVID CARBONE	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
CRAYSON CHEUNG	-TUNKHANNOCK TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
KURT CUMMINGS	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
HARRY COLEMAN		-HARRY COLEMAN LAW

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Regular Business Meeting of the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission was held at the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Building, called to order on June 13, 2023, at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Moyer and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was an Executive Session prior to the Regular Meeting on personnel. The Executive Session started at 6:30 p.m. and ended at 6:55 p.m.

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

**Motion:**

Fran DePiano made a motion to adopt the minutes of 9 May 2023, seconded by William Weimer. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVE BILLS:**

**Motion:**

Fran DePiano made a motion to approve the Bill-pack of 9 May 2023 in the amount of \$174,779.76 seconded by William Weimer. The motion passed unanimously.

## **POLICE REPORT:**

Total calls for the month of May were 1271, consisting of 1194 Complaints and 77 Accidents. There was a total of 83 Criminal Arrests, 199 Traffic Arrests, 207 Traffic Warnings and 10 Ordinance Arrests.

### **Motion:**

Fran DePiano made a motion to accept the May Police Report, seconded by Brendan Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VEHICLE REPORT:**

Chief went over the high monthly vehicles. He stated that he reached out to New Holland group and the three Ford Interceptor marked vehicles ordered in 2022 are not in production yet. There is a 2023 Dodge on order to replace one of the unmarked cars. It will be the new car #40.

Chief stated that the LSA Grant awarded PMRPD funding for a new vehicle which is car #9. Until the upfit is completed, the department will still use the old car #9.

### **Motion:**

Fran DePiano made a motion to accept the May Vehicle Report, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Accreditation:**

Chief Wagner stated that during assessment we received a recommendation on *Policy 10-3 Temporary Holding*. The recommendation was to include “*and fire detection*” to B(2).

### **Motion:**

Tracy Fox made a motion to accept changes to Policy 10-3, seconded by Brendan Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

- Chief stated that a lot of the accreditation is done digitally so the Accreditation Manager has a digital file where he works on the standards and our proof of compliance. He opens the file and the assessors log in remotely. The assessors were granted access on May 12, 2023, and they had the physical inspection on June 2, 2023. They examine 139 standards. Of the 139,120 were immediately compliant, four (4) were returned for file maintenance, 15 standards were not applicable. They are recommending us for Premier status. The meeting will be held on July 25, 2023, at 10:00 am in the Rosewood Room at Kalahari Resorts.

- **Insurance Premium**

Chief had a meeting with Brown & Brown Insurance. He reviewed the proposed policies and increases for the 2023/2024 year. There was a brief discussion on options/deductibles.

## **UPDATE:**

- **Member Municipality Concerns**

Tobyhanna Township –Thank you for all the hard work.

Tunkhannock Township – Great job. Thank you.

Barrett Township – Thank you to all the officers.

Coolbaugh Township – Bill Weimer thanked the Chief for the presence of police officers at meetings and throughout the community. He stated that the township is still experiencing issues with the trucks.  
Mount Pocono Borough– Hired a new manager, Marissa Duffy. Mr. Struckle asked if a meeting could be set up to meet with PMRPD officers, administration and staff.

- **LSA Grant**

We received approval for purchasing a 2023 Ford Explorer with upfit to be the new car #9. It was delivered on June 12, 2023. It was available now as it is not a standard color for police vehicles. The purchase and upfitting invoices will be submitted for reimbursement.

- **American Recovery Act Grant**

Chief Wagner advised that there are still IT proposals from SSI that have not been received. The award amount of potential reimbursement was posted in January 2023. PMRPD was listed for 2.1 million. We are still waiting for the updated quotes from the department's current IT provider which is frustrating. We've reached out to a second vendor for a possibly more timely quote.

- **2023 Hiring Process**

The second round of interviews was held on June 5, 2023. The Chief recommended moving four candidates forward to the final stage of the hiring process which includes background checks, polygraph, psychological exams, etc. The Chief asked for a motion to extend conditional offers of employment to Cody Peters, Adam Bond, Ryan Thomas and Michael Sebastianelli.

**Motion:**

Fran DePiano made a motion for the offers of employment, seconded by William Weimer. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Pension**

There was a Pension meeting on May 16, 2023. The Chief briefed the commission on the packet.

- **Community Events / Letters of Support**

- May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Officer Campagna attended the Monroe County Children's round table community night at Northampton County Community College.
- May 5<sup>th</sup> – Chief Wagner, Lieutenant Vogt, Lieutenant Williams and Officer Rzeszewski attended Coffee with a Cop at Fork Street Bistro.
- May 6<sup>th</sup> – Corporal Nero, Detective Corporal Miller and Detective Venneman gave a tour of headquarters to Girl Scout Troop 5327.
- May 17<sup>th</sup> – Day shift officers, detectives and some administration staff attended a luncheon at TEC.
- May 19<sup>th</sup> - Day shift officers, detectives and some administration staff attended a luncheon at Swiftwater Elementary.
- May 29<sup>th</sup> – Sergeant LaRue, Officer Michaels, Officer Smelas and Officer Wile attended the American Legion Memorial Day parade in Pocono Pines.

The Chief also expressed his thanks for all the catered meals for the department during police week.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

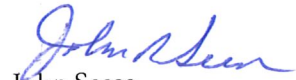
Fran DePiano's oldest son was inducted into the Hall of Fame at the Mercer County College. Congratulations!

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:**

Fran DePiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tracy Fox. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Seese  
Pocono Mountain Regional Police  
Commission Secretary