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**THOMASTON POLICE COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**Roll Call:**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by First Selectman Mone. Present were Selectman Scheppard, Selectman Barrett, Sr., Chief Torrence and Captain Nelson. Deborah Bournival, Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman, was in attendance to take the minutes.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2010 regular meeting of the Police Commission as presented. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr.. With all in favor, motion carries.

**Monthly Reports:**

Under Overtime, the 168 hours for DWI/Sick/Time Off Requested were for one officer that had a knee operation, one officer out on sick leave and another on vacation. The 16 hours under Regular/Investigation were all for a crime scene investigation.

There were 24 alarm calls for the month of February. We will be sending out the '09 bills by this Friday. First Selectman Mone asked what the procedure is for alarm calls. Chief Torrence explained that up to three calls, there is no charge. Starting with the fourth call, the person is charged \$50.00 for each call thereafter.

There were a total of 17 accidents reported, which is low considering February is a winter month. One of the accidents reported involved one of our own cruisers, which sustained about \$4,100 worth of damage, mostly to the rear bumper/trunk area. The car should be back from Gravel's by end of this week. The other driver's insurance is paying for the damages.

As reported last month, the 2000 Impala needed major work (catalytic converter and an air conditioning unit), which has been decided is too costly to fix. Therefore, the Captain is now using the '06 Crown Vic with 148,000 miles instead. The Impala is currently at the town garage and will most likely be auctioned off.

**Old Business:**

None at this time.

**New Business:**

Other than alarm call billings, Chief Torrence said there are really no other ways of bringing in additional revenue to the department. However, he has considered charging an additional \$5.00/hr. to outside companies (i.e. Yankeegas) for road work overtime hours. We currently charge \$55.00/hr. Other towns, like Watertown, are close to \$70.00 - \$75.00/hr. Selectman Scheppard said we should be at least what other towns are. Chief Torrence will investigate area town's charges and come back to the Commission next month with his findings.

Selectman Scheppard asked Chief Torrence if any thought was given to regionalizing dispatch? OPM did some research on this among five towns. Chief Torrence said he has crunched the numbers a bit, but that there were three things that were not considered:

1. The dispatcher watches the prisoner while in lock up,
2. The dispatcher is also the records person,
3. The dispatcher is 24/7 and is available for walk-ins – it's a place of refuge for people, especially in an emergency.

First Selectman Mone asked Chief Torrence to have a reporting of the numbers on this issue for the May meeting.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to put the letter of appreciation from a citizen in Officer Cahill's personnel file and post in the department as well. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scheppard. With all in favor, motion carries

**Public Comment:**

Mr. and Mrs. Hickey of West Haven were in attendance to discuss concerns they have in reference to a case involving family members. Discussion ensued.

**A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scheppard. With all in favor, motion carries.**