

HIGHLAND POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

December 12, 2024

The Highland Police Commission met in regular session. Commissioner Stombaugh called the meeting to order at 6:50 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Commissioners Krooswyk, Moes Danko and Jurczak were present. Chief Potesta was absent with Admin Commander Anderson filling in. Councilman Georgeff and Scheeringa were also present. Attorney Reed was not present, but available by telephone as predetermined. Others in attendance were Pete Hojnicky, Pat Vassar, and Mrs. Larry Moes.

There were no public comments.

Minutes of the Nov 14, 2024 meeting were approved.
Approval was given to forward claims to the Town Council for payment.

Accident Review

On a motion by Commissioner Jurczak and seconded by Commissioner Moes the Commission on a viva voce vote approved the Assessment of Officer Durochers accident of 11-22-24 as a No Fault No Penalty.

Training

On a motion by Commissioner Danko and seconded by Commissioner Krooswyk the Commission on a viva voce vote approved the following training:

Verbal De-Escalation Train-the-Trainer-Dec 11-13, 2024-Officer Durocher- On Line-Regis-\$995; No Lodging or Per Diem or Mileage.
Interdictions/Cartel Traps- Jan 13-15,2025-Officers Buss & Colgrove-Nashville, TN- Regis-\$1000 (2@\$500); Lodging- \$1104 (2rms 4 nite@ \$120 per nite plus tax);Per Diem- \$480 (4 days- 2 Off @ \$60 per day)Mileage- PD Veh
SFST Instructor Development- Jan 13-17,2025, Officer Navarro,Indianapolis,IN- Regis- (ICJI funded); Lodging & Per Diem provided; Mileage- Pd Veh
DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) Course- Feb 24- Mar 7,2025-Corp Manyek-Zionsville, IN- Regist- NA(ICJI funded); Lodging & Per Diem provided; Mileage- Pd Veh
Regional Crisis Negotiation Course-Jan 6-10,2025-Corp Anderson,Detective Peckler and Officer Geringer- Valpo,IN (MAAC Foundation)Regis- free; Lodging and Per Diem- NA; Mileage- Dept Veh.

SOP

On a motion by Commissioner Jurczak and seconded by Commissioner Danko the Commission on a viva voce vote approved the amendments for the following SOP's:

#1.42- Employee Mental/Wellness/Suicide/Prevention
#2.24- Use of Hand Held Tasers
#2.18- Firearms (Use of & Reporting Requirements)
#2.29-Use of Force/Response to Resistance

#2.16- Towing and #2.30-Shoplifters (No Arrest) were tabled for further discussion.

PROMOTIONS

On a motion by Commissioner Moes and seconded by Commissioner Krooswyk the Commission on a viva voce vote approved the promotions of Officers Shane Gernger, Addison Barnhill, and Joshua Kempke to the rank of 1st Class Patrolman to be effective 12-25-24.

Business from the floor: None

Chiefs Comments

The Ruiz Family brought in Tamales, Chips & Salsa for all to enjoy.
Mrs Rogers came to express her gratitude to Cpl Hinkel, Ofcrs Freyek, Buss
And Colgrove for saving her house and dog from brush/leave fire along the fence line.
Superior Ambulance dropped off a large pumpkin pie for all!
2 boxes of fruit were given to PD from Konnie Kuiper

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM as recorded by LuAnn Stirling, Recording Secretary.