

PORTER POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

May 12, 2004

The Porter Police Commission meeting was called to order at 5:35p.m. Present were Chad Brooks, President; William Donley, Vice-President; Linda Hodges, Commissioner; and Chief John Lane. Also present as liason for Porter Town Council Sandy Boothe.

Linda Hodges made a motion to accept the April 14, 2004 minutes. William Donley seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chief Lane submitted his monthly reports for March. William Donley made a motion to accept these reports. Linda Hodges seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chief Lane commented on the amount of \$20 counterfeit bills being passed, particularly at truck stops. Regarding the Child is Missing program, all full time officers have been trained and carry an 800 number on their person. Regarding crash reports - the police department will actually send reports downstate by computer.

In his comments about mileage, Chief Lane mentioned two officers did travel to Texas for further investigate a murder.

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Chief Lane presented a performance evaluation form which he plans to use in December. State Police use this form and Chief Lane plans to have officers evaluate themselves and then have another evaluation by Chief Lane. On the form for every A given earns 2 points, every B given earns 0 points. Evaluations are planned 2 times a year.

Chad Brooks received a letter from John McMahon, President, Westchester Fraternal Order of Police regarding a Drug Awareness and Public Safety Day on May 15th from noon to 4p.m. This program will be held in the parking lot of Rangemaster Outfitters, 1505 S. Calumet in Chesterton. Chad Brooks personally commended Mr. McMahon for having this program. Linda Hodges made a motion that reasonable resources from the Porter Police Department be used for this program. William Donley seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chief Lane attended South Bend fraud investigation regarding credit card and identity theft and noted that hotel keys can be recoded and also have your name on them.

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Chief Lane attended a 1/2 day conference in Warsaw. He hopes to secure Homeland Security money, perhaps for a rescue suit.

Porter Town Council granted spending department donation money for 3 digital cameras.

Regarding the new Explorer post, Chief Lane stated an Open House will be held at 7:30 p.m. this evening. Mr. Gowan from Boy Scouts of America will show a video regarding the Explorer program. Chief Lane hopes to have Explorer meetings every 2 weeks.

Chad Brooks reported on the impressive inspection held this morning at Hawthorne Park conducted by Lt. Surgener. 10 vehicles participated with officers and cars inspected.

Chief Lane reported the 2 new police cars were produced this week and could be ready for delivery in 3 weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Rita Newman

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Minutes approved this 9 day of June, 2004

Chad Brooks
Chad Brooks, President

William Donley
William Donley, Vice-President

Linda Hodges, Commissioner

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