

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Northwest Regional Lancaster County Police Commission  
Held on April 28, 2009**

1. Charles A. Tupper called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. in the Mount Joy Township Municipal Building, 159 Merts Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Charles A. Tupper led the pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll Call: Present – Charles A. Tupper, Don L. Bosserman, Gerald G. Cole, Steven J. Speers, and Nancy Z. Garber.
3. Public Comment:  
None.
4. Consent Calendar:
  - a. Approval and ratification of the minutes of the March 24, 2009 meeting.
  - b. Accept and ratify the Treasurer's Report for the period of March 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009, subject to audit.
  - c. Approve payment of all bills via Bill List #8-2009 in the amount of \$ 2,366.66; and Bill List #9-2009 in the amount of \$ 30,117.34; and ratify payment of all payrolls for the period of March 14, 2009 through April 24, 2009, inclusive, in the amount of \$ 124,911.43, which represents three pay periods.

A motion was made by Gerald G. Cole and seconded by Steven J. Speers to approve the Consent Calendar as written. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

5. Commendation Presentation:

Mr. Tupper commended Officer Ember and congratulated him on a job well done. Chief Gatchell stated on March 5, 2009 Officer Frank Ember responded to 21 Old Forge Drive in West Donegal Township for a residential burglary investigation. While processing the scene during the investigation, Officer Ember noticed footprints in the snow on the rear deck of the victim's residence. He recalled another burglary in the neighborhood that had occurred previously. There were similarities involved in the burglaries. In the 2008 incident, several persons of interest had been developed. One of these individuals lived in the neighborhood. After photographing and processing the evidence at the burglary scene, Officer Ember, acting on a hunch, went to the residence of the person of interest who lives in the neighborhood. He found footprints in the snow at that residence and they were similar to the footprints at the victim's residence. He knocked on the door and Ryan Parker answered the door. Officer Ember asked if he could step inside to speak with Parker. Parker denied knowing anything about the break in at the neighbor's house. Following up on the footprints, Officer Ember asked to see Parker's shoes. The sole patterns on the shoes did not match those found in the snow. Officer Ember then received permission from Parker to walk through the residence. While making a cursory check of the interior of the residence, he noticed footprints in the lush carpet piling in the room. Footprints in the carpet that had similarities to the ones found in the snow. Despite this, Officer Ember was unable to locate a pair of shoes in the residence that matched the footprints in the snow. After returning to the police station, Officer Ember solicited the assistance of Officer Michael Bryant. He asked Officer Bryant to check the Game Trader store in Elizabethtown as taken in the burglary were several X-Box video games. Acting on his request, Officer Bryant spoke to the salesclerk at the store. The clerk indicated that earlier in the day he had purchased 6 used video games that were the same games stolen from 21 Old Forge Drive. One of these games had a unique sticker on the case of the video game. This sticker matched one taken from the burglary at Old Forge Drive. Officer Bryant was able to obtain video from the store of the 3 individuals who sold the video games. With the assistance of Officer Lyons of Elizabethtown Borough, they were able to identify 3 individuals in the video. Officer Ember then followed up and spoke with 1 of the individuals. This individual told Officer Ember that Ryan Parker had owed him money. As part of the payment for that debt, Ryan Parker had given him the video games that he subsequently sold at the Game Trader store. In addition, he mentioned about giving Parker a ride to the

Buy and Sell Shop in Palmyra. Parker at the Buy and Sell Shop sold a green X-Box and 2 controllers. These items also matched the items taken during the burglary at 21 Old Forge. Officer Ember then returned to the Parker residence. Despite presenting this compelling information, Parker continued to deny being involved. Officer Ember asked Parker about the shoes that he had, and he once again denied having any other shoes. At this point, Parker's mother was present at the time and asked him about the Nike sneakers that he had. Parker replied quickly to his mother that he didn't have Nike sneakers. Officer Ember then seeing cooperation from Parker's mother pulled her aside and talked with her. She agreed to cooperate with Officer Ember and together they convinced Parker to start telling the truth. Ultimately, Parker retrieved a pair of Nike sneakers he had hidden in the basement of the residence. The sole pattern of the Nike sneakers matched those found at the victim's residence. Subsequently, Parker admitted responsibility of the burglary at 21 Old Forge Drive and a previous burglary in October 2008 at another residence. Officer Ember charged Parker with two counts of burglary and theft. He was committed to LCP in lieu of bail. If not through Officer Ember's diligence and persistence, these two residential burglaries would have gone unsolved.

Mr. Tupper read a letter received from the Lancaster County Chiefs of Police Association Awards Committee stating they are pleased to advise that Officer Greg S. Wahl has been selected to receive the Lancaster County Chiefs of Police Association 2008 Outstanding Investigator of the Year Award. Please inform him of his selection for this year's award, and pass on my congratulations to Officer Wahl as recipient of this very prestigious recognition. My congratulations also go out to you and your department as well. Officer Wahl will be presented his award as part of the Lancaster County Chiefs of Police Association Memorial Service to be held at Grace Church at Willow Valley in Willow Street on Sunday, May 17, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. A reception will be held at the church prior to the service from 9:45-10:30 a.m. for all police officers, their families, friends, and other participants to attend. Mr. Tupper noted this is another big honor for Officer Wahl.

6. Correspondence:

- a. Calls for Service – March 2009.
- b. Police Activity Report – March 2009.
- c. Overtime Report – March 2009.
- d. Police Cruiser Mileage Chart – March 2009.

7. Other business: None

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Northwest Regional Lancaster County Police Commission to be held on May 26, 2009 at 6:30 PM at the Mount Joy Township Municipal Building, 159 Merts Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

8. A motion was made by Nancy Z. Garber and seconded by Steven J. Speers to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 P.M. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Forry  
Secretary  
Northwest Regional Lancaster  
County Police Commission