

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Northwest Regional Lancaster County Police Commission
Held on January 26, 2010**

1. Gerald G. Cole called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. in the Mount Joy Township Municipal Building, 159 Merts Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Gerald G. Cole led the pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll Call: Present – Gerald G. Cole, Don L. Bosserman, Charles G. Bailey, Jr., and Ralph Horne. Absent: J. Clair Hilsher.

3. Organize for Year 2010:

A Motion was made by Gerald G. Cole and seconded by Charles G. Bailey to nominate Don L. Bosserman as Chairman. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Gerald G. Cole turned the meeting over to Chairman Bosserman. Mr. Bosserman requested a nomination for Vice-Chairman.

A Motion was made by Gerald G. Cole and seconded by Charles G. Bailey to nominate Ralph Horne as Vice-Chairman. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Bosserman requested a nomination for Secretary-Treasurer.

A Motion was made by Gerald G. Cole and seconded by Don L. Bosserman to nominate Richard Forry as Secretary-Treasurer. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

4. Public Comment.

None.

5. Consent Calendar:

- a. Approval and ratification of the minutes of the December 22, 2009 meeting.
- b. Accept and ratify 1) the Treasurer's Report for the period of December 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009, subject to audit; and 2) Commission Treasurer's Certificate of Deposit summary report.
- c. Approve payment of all bills via Bill List #28-2009 in the amount of \$ 28,277.96; and Bill List #1-2010 in the amount of \$ 17,264.45; and Bill List #2-2010 in the amount of \$42,500.41; and ratify payment of all payrolls for the period of December 19, 2009 through January 15, 2010, inclusive, in the amount of \$ 86,614.99, which represents two (2) pay periods.

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

6. Updates/Advisements:

Fatal Accidents - Chief Gatchell reported that on 31 December a fatal accident occurred on Anchor Road where three young people in the car lost control and slammed into a tree. A young lady in the back seat was killed. Still waiting for toxicology results. Chief Gatchell reported a fatal accident also occurred on Route 772. Officer Henry was responding to an unrelated call heading south on Cloverleaf Road towards Trop Gun Shop when he needed to take evasive action to avoid a head-on collision with a vehicle coming towards him in his driving lane. By the time he got turned around, the car was gone. He took a guess and headed eastbound on 283. At one point, he could see the car about a mile away but was never able to close any distance. The car was traveling over 100 mph. The car had rear ended a van at Schwanger and Cloverleaf and was fleeing that accident. The van that had been hit was trying to catch up to the car to get a license plate number and was between Officer Henry and the car. The accident occurred on Route 772 in Rapho Township when the car exited at the 772 ramp and ran into an F-350 pick up truck. The car lost

control and the driver was killed instantly and the passenger was critically injured but still alive. Waiting for the toxicology results for this as well.

Citizens Police Academy - Chief Gatchell noted the academy was held for two weeks and 15 people attended throughout. Chief Gatchell stated the Academy was very successful.

Risk Safe Program – Chief Gatchell indicated the Pennsylvania State Police have a new program called Regional Information Sharing System. This is a resource for law enforcement to go to when working on such things as undercover projects so there will not be a conflict between departments.

Constable Assist - Chief Gatchell stated due to the change to central arraignment in booking, he has been in negotiations with Constable Hogantogler in regards to possible transport of prisoners. It appears it will cost about \$63 for them to take up to 2 prisoners in to Lancaster and do the paperwork, and they would be required to be bonded. If it took longer than 2 hours, it would be more than \$63. Chief Gatchell recommended having an agreement in place in case it would be needed.

7. Correspondence:

- a. Calls for Service – December 2009
- b. Police Activity Report – December 2009. Chief Gatchell noted that historically December has low activity in this jurisdiction.
- c. Overtime Report – December 2009.
- d. Police Cruiser Mileage Chart – December 2009.

8. Other business:

Chief Gatchell noted that Officer Whitebread will be off work due to injury. It is looking as if surgery is going to be necessary and then he'll be off another 2-3 months. Officer Whitebread has currently been working in the office doing paperwork.

Mr. Don Bosserman questioned whether any vehicles are to be replaced. Chief Gatchell stated right now all cars are working well, with the exception of some paint peeling which Ford has offered to repair. The national recognized standard for cars on patrol is 80,000 miles and they are then to be replaced. Six vehicles will be over 80,000 miles this year. Mr. Forry stated the 2010 budget allows for two new vehicles.

Mr. Charles Bailey asked about the status of the regional police study. Chief Gatchell noted the study is approximately 80% complete and indicated a presentation could possibly be set up for June 2010 between Mount Joy Borough, Mount Joy Township, West Donegal Township, Elizabethtown Borough, East Donegal Township, Conoy and Marietta Boroughs.

Mr. Gerald Cole commended Chief Gatchell on his presentation to the media regarding the 772 crash.

9. Next regularly scheduled meeting of the Northwest Regional Lancaster County Police Commission **will be held on February 23, 2010, beginning at 6:30 P.M, at the Mount Joy Township Municipal Building, 159 Merts Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.**

10. A motion was made by Gerald G. Cole and seconded by Ralph Horne to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 P.M. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Forry
Secretary
Northwest Regional Lancaster
County Police Commission