

## **ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 9, 2004**

The August 2004 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on August 9, 2004 at 7:00 P.M., as advertised, pursuant to law. Commissioner Vale called the meeting to order and then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with the following members of the Police Commission being present; namely, Donald Farris, Rose Hejl, and Ronald Vale. Also present was Town Council Liaison Charles Pearson. Commissioners William Dodaro and Robert Long, as well as Chief Fred Frego, were not present at tonight's meeting. There was no representative present tonight from the Law Firm of Austgen, Decker and Phillips, P.C.

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES**

Commissioner Hejl made a motion to approve and accept the minutes from the July 12, 2004 Regular Meeting as written. With a second by Commissioner Farris, the motion carried unanimously (3-0).

### **CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no items of "Correspondence / Communications" brought before the Commission.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY REPORT**

Recording Secretary Joan Kolodziej read the monthly report for July 2004. Ms. Kolodziej stated that from July 1, 2004 through July 31, 2004, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 14,859 duty miles and responded to 411 incidents. The investigation of these incidents resulted in 14 adult arrests with a total of 32 charges, and 1 juvenile arrest with a total of 1 charge. There were 217 traffic citations issued along with 71 written warnings and 3 parking violations. The grand total of citations issued during the month of July 2004 is 291 citations. Vehicle thefts totaled \$0.00 during the month of July 2004. All other thefts totaled \$1,363.00. Total value of recovered property was \$75.00. Regarding grant activity, Ms. Kolodziej stated that the officers of the St. John Police Department, while working the OPO / DUI Taskforce Grants, issued 10 traffic citations and 71 written warnings for a total of 81 citations being issued on the grants during the month of July 2004. The investigation of these violations resulted in 1 adult arrest with 2 charges being filed and 0 juvenile arrests with 0 charges being filed on the grants for the month of July 2004.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Vests** – Commissioner Farris stated that since there was nothing new to report on this topic, the matter be carried over until next month's regular meeting.

**St. John the Evangelist Festival – Police Department Booth – Gun Locks** – Commissioner Hejl suggested that this matter be tabled until next month's regular meeting.

**REPORTS**

**Budget** – There was nothing new to report at this time.

**Physical Plant** – There was nothing new to report at this time.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

**Chief of Police – Certification** – There was nothing new to report on this matter, so it will be carried over to next month's regular meeting.

**New Reserve Officer Update** – There was nothing new to report on this matter, so it will be carried over to next month's regular meeting.

**ATV Unit Update** – Commissioner Vale stated he has seen the officers around town on the ATVs. In response to Commissioner Farris' question, Ms. Kolodziej advised that four (4) officers have completed the ATV training and are now certified. Those officers are: Sergeant M. Fryzel, Corporal T. Gardenhire, Officer J. Dahlin, and Officer S. Rudzinski. There are six (6) additional officers scheduled for training.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**General Order 11.02 – Police All Terrain Vehicle (ATV)** – Ms. Kolodziej advised the Commissioner that Chief Frego has prepared a policy for the ATVs and would like the Commission to review, and possibly approve and/or amend, said policy. Commissioner Farris made a motion to approve General Order 11.02 – Police All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) as written. With a second by Commissioner Hejl, the motion carried unanimously (3-0).

**CHIEF'S COMMENTS**

Chief Frego was not present at tonight's meeting.

**ANY AND ALL**

There were no matters of "Any and All" brought forward at tonight's meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no "Public Comments" made.

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

The next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, September 13, 2004. There will be no Work Study Session held on September 13, 2004, so the Regular Public Meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. Any and all other Executive Sessions will be advertised pursuant to law.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Farris made a motion for adjournment. With a second by Commissioner Hejl, the meeting was adjourned.

Town of St. John, Lake County  
Indiana, Board of Metropolitan  
Police Commissioners

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Rose Hejl, Secretary

ATTEST:

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Joan M. Kolodziej, Recording Secretary