

Rutland City Police Commission meeting

November 9, 2015

Present: Chairman Larry Jensen, Vice Chairman Tom Calcagni, Commissioners Sean Sargeant, Luther Brown and Michelle Fairbrother

Others Present: Chief Brian Kilcullen, Commanders Scott Tucker, Kevin Geno

Call to Order

Chairman Jensen calls the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of October 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Sargeant and seconded by Commissioner Fairbrother to accept the minutes of October 12, 2015 with no additions or corrections. Motion passed.

Introduction/Recognition of Police Department Members

Mayor Louras and Chairman Jensen swear in Police Chief Brian Kilcullen. Chairman Jensen indicates he is pleased to have Chief Kilcullen join the Rutland City Police organization and continue under his leadership the great things that have been done by the department for the past 4 years. Chief Kilcullen indicates he is proud to be with this department and part of the community and he appreciates the work everyone is doing here.

Public Comment

None

Communication from the Union

None

Commander's Report

Sgt. LaChance introduces the newest member to the Rutland City Police Department, Evidence/Property Custodian, Melissa Sharkis.

Commander Geno doesn't have any follow up to the traffic control yet as the Traffic Safety Committee has not met yet.

Sgt. Prouty reports as to what is going on in the Vision Center for the Community Response Team. He indicates DDAC is up and running and they are concentrating in the Northwest section of the City for a trial period and if found to be working out well, will implement in other neighborhoods. Sgt. Prouty indicates they are utilizing what he learned at the training he attended in York, ME and Brad GoodHale and Peter Forshay have been crunching numbers for crime overlap. Chief Kilcullen will review the data in the treatment area and the surrounding area to see if accidents are down. Discussions held as to the traffic in the major roadways including Routes 4 & 7. Sgt. Prouty indicates they are focusing their efforts with the directed patrols in the plaza and the northwest section at this time as 80% of the calls for service are from those areas. Brad GoodHale indicates they will poll the crime data before and after with reference to 30 days in on DDACT and will do a comparison to last year with the same time frame.

There have been two successful graduates involved in the DMI project, Tonya Brace and Amanda Bartlett, with two more in the program.

There is no final product yet from Esther Goldman on her report, however she has been in contact with Sgt. Prouty.

Sgt. Prouty reports that an invitation has been extended to them to participate in a treatment panel at the Vermont Law School for this Friday.

Discussions held as to how we got where we are today with the Vision Center.

Mapping

David Harrington reviews the updated chart, comparing the month of October for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015, showing a decrease of 9.8% cycle comparison; comparing the month of September, there is a 22.4% decrease and a 10% decrease in the previous year; reporting January to October for the years 2013 2014 and 2015 for the first 10 months for calls for service, the trend patterns much the same way; reporting the top three calls for service being citizen assists, suspicious activity and theft calls, they are all trending downwards as well; comparing sectors by year, Sector 1 shows a decrease of 9%, Sector 2 a decrease of 27%, Sector 3 a decrease of 14.1% and Sector 4 a decrease of 9.8%; comparing previous October 2014 to October 2015 for the top three calls for service, citizen assists up 19%, suspicious activity down 10.5%, theft calls down nearly 27%; reporting the bi weekly look for 25 calls for service for the last two week period for 2015 with the same two week period in 2014, Citizen assists down 0.06%, suspicious almost a 20% decrease and thefts down 30%. The decreases in the numbers of thefts are attributed to the security company being hired for the Plaza. Discussions held as to the methadone center, Brad reports that there are currently 750 out of state and local people being treated in the program with a waiting list.

Dave Harrington then reports the current two week period compared to the previous two week period for calls for service by sectors. Sector 1, thefts were down almost 38%, assault complaints were up 133%; Sector 2, there was an overall increase of 6.8% and Sector 4 saw a 72% decrease in activity.

Dave Harrington requests input for the areas of interest for the future reports for 2016. He will start formatting the end of the year report as to the layout and then put together the year end numbers. Chairman Jensen indicates he would like the end of the year report provided for a meeting to be scheduled with the Board of Aldermen for the second Monday in February. Discussions held as to what Chief Kilcullen would like to show in the report.

Brad indicates that the public can review stats on line at crimereports.com using area code 05701.

Budget Report

Chief Kilcullen indicates the overall budget is at 33.37%. We are where we should be in the budget and right on target, not including the encumbered obligations to include radios and contracts.

Discussions held as to the 2017 budget and how the numbers were derived of an increase of \$87,000 to include: worker's compensation showing a quoted rate from the Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns from 260 to 157, that number is going down as workers are being brought in for light duty; Health insurance, is a fixed number; City pension contribution line which is an agreed contract with the union, computer fees, preparation for body cams, storage license, infrastructure being made and storage of that information.

There is a Public Safety Committee Budget review to include the Police Department and the Fire Department on Thursday at 5:30pm.

After discussion, Commissioner Fairbrother makes a motion and seconded by Commissioner Sargeant to approve the 2017 Police Department Budget and submit it to the Board of Aldermen. Motion passed.

Chief's Report

Chief Kilcullen addresses the procedural justice interest at the IACP. He indicates it is focusing on treating people with dignity and respect.

Sgt. Matt Prouty has been selected to the Lieutenant position upon Commander Geno's retirement. Laurie Walters has gone back to dispatch and Cpl. Nguyen is now on the night shift. A letter was received from Robert McKenna from Roger Williams University commending Commander Tucker, Sgt. Prouty and Brad GoodHale on their presentation with the IACP indicating they are true Ambassadors and well deserved by their full dedication to serve. There was a meeting last week with a representative of the Burlington Police Department to include Commander Geno and Crime Analyst GoodHale as they have in an interest is our Vision Center.

The Rutland Benevolent Association will be December 11 at the Holiday Inn. Chief Kilcullen has a previous obligation and will be out of town from December 11 to December 16, therefore unable to attend.

The Annual Award Ceremony is scheduled for December 18 at Tuttle Hall at the College of St. Joseph at 10:00am.

There are currently three applicants of which two are in the background stage. There are an additional five new applications, one of which is full time certified from New York and four with no experience. There are two graduating from the Vermont Police Academy on November 20, 2015 at 10:00am. Officer Plemmons has completed the 40 hour DUI Enforcement and Fair and Impartial Policing Training at the Academy. He is finishing up the CPR and First Aid Training.

There is an upcoming CPR training the first week in December. There is a three day Interview and Interrogation Training planned for several officers starting tomorrow.

There is a Use of Force Training from December 16 to December 19, 2015. Officer Adam Lucia will be attending a Drug Recognition Expert Training in Arizona.

Motion made by Commissioner Fairbrother and seconded by Commissioner Brown to go into executive session. Motion passed.

Executive Session

The executive session began, present with police commission members, Chief Kilcullen, Commanders Tucker and Geno to discuss matters, that if disclosed publicly at this time, could place the City, the Department or an employee of the department at risk.

Submitted by:

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cc: Police Commission
Mayor Chris Louras
City Clerk Henry Heck
Board of Aldermen
Union President Lynn Gallipo