

Rutland City Police Department

Monday, June 12, 2017

Present: Chairman Sean Sargeant; Commissioners Luther Brown; Thomas Calcagni; Tom Valente
Others present: Chief Brian Kilcullen, Sgt. Keith Lorman, Commander David LaChance
Not present: Michelle Fairbrother

Chairman Sargeant calls the meeting to order at 6:01pm, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni to approve the minutes of May 8, 2016. Motion passed.

Introduction /Recognition of Police Department Members

Probationary Police Officer Christopher Rose was sworn in as PO Rose.

Public Comment

None

Communication from the Union

None

Commander's Report

Commander LaChance reports that there are two open positions in BCI, SIU Detective and CFAC and Domestic Violence position.

Training

Evidence Coordinator Melissa Sharkis will be attending a Basic Crime Scene Investigation class at Northampton Community College, from 6/20/17 to 6/23/17. She will also be working with the State Police Crime Scene Search Team and go on major investigations of a Crime Scene. At the end of June, Evidence Coordinator Sharkis will perform Evidence Control System Training for the Department.

Officer Dan Meytin will be attending a Basic Death Investigation School from 8/21/17 to 8/25/17 at the Police Academy.

Beginning next week, BCI will be meeting weekly with the State's Attorney's office on case preparation. Monthly meetings will be scheduled with CFAC to get more up to speed on those cases. They are getting the email list back up and running for Jewelry Stores and Pawn Shops. Discussions held.

A Mill River 8th grader will be spending time observing Evidence Coordinator Sharkis tomorrow.

Chief Kilcullen indicates that they are working on getting the bike patrol up and running. Officers Morgano and Klementowski are going to bike training in Burlington from 6/19 to 6/22. There will be 4 trained officers to perform bike patrols. The uniforms are coming in, to include jackets with fleece lighting and helmets. Bike patrol can be done on days or nights in neighborhoods and at organized events.

Chief Kilcullen notes that they have been receiving complaints with reference to parking, especially in the Columbian Avenue area and those complaints have been brought before the Traffic Safety Committee. The City's Charter and Ordinances do not address parking between the curb and sidewalks other than on North and Main Streets. The issue has been put on the agenda to move to the Charter Board due to adding to the blithe of the neighborhoods and currently there is nothing the police can do as the referenced vehicles are registered. The matter has been deferred to City Attorney Matt Bloomer. Discussions held.

Commander Tucker and Sgt. Sheldon have been invited to the National Network for Safe Communities and Race Relations 6/15-6/16 by John Jay College.

NeighborWorks hosted their festival and it was well attended.

Mapping Update

Chief Kilcullen reports on the mapping from 2013 to 2016 YTD crimes and calls for service from 1/1 to 5/31 over a 4 year average to include: Robberies, average for four years is 4, 2017 is at 5, up 25%; Aggravated Assaults, average is 21, at 22, up 5%; Burglaries B&E Force, average is 33 at 12, down 64%; Burglaries B&E no force, average is 20, at 14, down 30%; DUIs, average is 39, at 52, up 35%; Vandalisms, average is 107, at 69, down 36%; False Alarms, average 154, at 179, up 17%.

Next, the time of day and days of the week for CAD calls is reported. From week to week, they can study the data to see what can be expected in terms of days of the week, and seeing the average numbers of calls being the highest coming in the late afternoon on Fridays. Discussions held as to the best time for the canines to be scheduled.

Overdose data is being worked on, as it is a constant battle to get good information due to lack of reporting. 24 were reported in 2017. Carfentanil is becoming more prevalent in heroin. Reported finding of needles is 97.

Budget Report

We are where we should be through May, being through 11 months of the year, 91.6% complete with 87% of the budget spent.

Chief's Report

In terms of hiring, since the last meeting, Chief Kilcullen reports what they are working on backgrounds, polygraphs and interviews, and the Department will be at 41 Sworn Officers when all is done.

Officer Morgan is to return to work this week and Officer Rosario is still out on Workman's Compensation.

The last appointment, Probationary Police Officer Nathan Hickey started on 6/5/17, and is at the VPA two week Level 2 Training at this time. He will begin FTO and attend Level 3 full time academy starting 7/31/17.

A Plaza Security Meeting was held 5/10/17 with 3 stores in attendance. Discussions included crime prevention and store owners vs. landlord responsibilities. The store owners requested a letter from the Police and it will be provided.

There was a meeting held with reference to the HVAC system at the station to include regular maintenance and requirements of repairs. \$10,000 was spent in repairs in addition to what was paid on the service contract. A recommendation is made to get an engineering of the system before something catastrophic happens.

Commander Prouty and Chief Kilcullen met with the Rutland Herald Editorial Board. Patrick McArdle to meet with Chairman Sargeant and Chief Kilcullen on Thursday to go over each other's concerns/issues and to discuss reporting positive articles of interest. Chief Kilcullen suggests a story on the new recruits, to continue to highlight new officers.

5/11/17 - Storm debriefing with a follow up on 7/6 for all supervisors and Department Heads in the City; tour and discussion about plan going forward

5/12/17 - 5th Grade DARE graduation

5/19/17 - Chief Kilcullen met with Mayor Allaire and City Attorney Bloomer with reference to a non-union member of the department as to vacation accruals. Practice will continue as the same last 40 years.

5/22/17 to 6/4/17 - Click it or Ticket Campaign

5/25/17 - Commander Prouty and Sgt. Lorman read to the Kindergarteners at Northeast School

5/25/17 - Chief Kilcullen participated on an Understanding Opioid Addiction Panel with physicians from West Ridge and Valley Vista. Commander LaChance finalized a policy for the department to carry Narcan.

5/26/17 - Officers Billings and Dumas graduated from Post Basic this week and will begin FTO

5/26/17 - PBA Memorial Ceremony

6/1/17 - Special Olympics Torch Run organized by Officer Klementowski

6/1/17 - Sgt. Lorman attended a meeting facilitated by Tom Anderson with reference to the License Plate Reader (LPR). Discussions held as the future for LPRs.

New Human Resource Director Susan Ellis was introduced at the last Department Head meeting.

The Super Holiday grievance has been settled and will it will be renegotiated in January.

FY18 Bids for uniforms, service on vehicles and radio service will be opened on Wednesday.

Training Completed

Officer Warfle - At Scene Crash Investigation

Cpl. Alger - Basic Forensic Interview Training

Cpl. Dickerson and Officer Meytin - Advanced Forensic Interview

Crime Analyst GoodHale - Crime Analysis

Sgt. Sheldon and Officer Green - Suicide Prevention

Officer Cleveland - Ambush Survival

Upcoming Training

6/12 - CO Brady and CO Leinoff - Crisis Negotiation in Berlin VT

6/19 to 6/22 - Officers Klementowski and Morgano - Bike Training in Burlington

6/16 to 6/23 - Evidence Coordinator Sharkis - Basic Crime Scene Investigation in PA

6/27, 28 and 29 - FileOnQ Bar Coding System

6/28/17 - Sgt. Lorman - Interacting with People Experiencing a Mental Health Crisis.

8/12/ to 8/14 - Corporal Lucia - Drug, Alcohol and Impaired Driving Conference in Maryland

Commissioner Valente attended a Police Museum in Phoenix, Arizona and indicates it would be nice to tell the story of the Rutland Police Department. Discussions held as to what they could do in open spaces around the city with reference to police history. Chief Kilcullen indicates they could start with a display case at the Police Department.

There was an open house on 6/2/17 for Cadets. The event turnout showed interest in the program and resulted in a number of applications. Officer Morgano is working on recruitments.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni to go into executive session under Title 1 Section 313A3 for purposes of Disciplinary Action against a public Employee.

Motion passed.

Executive Session

The executive session began, present with police commission members, Chief Kilcullen, Commander LaChance and Sgt. Lorman 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: Chief Brian Kilcullen
Mayor David Allaire
Police Commission
City Clerk Henry Heck
Board of Aldermen
Union President Adam Lucia