

**Rutland City Police Commission**  
**April 10, 2017**

Present: Chairman Sean Sargeant, Vice Chairman Calcagni, Commissioners Tom Valente and Luther Brown.

Not Present: Commissioner Michelle Fairbrother

Others present: Chief Kilcullen, Sgt. Lorman and Sgt. Bartlett, Board of Aldermen members Lisa Ryan and Melinda Humphry

Chairman Sargeant calls the meeting to order at 6:03pm opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Commissioner Valente and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni to approve the Minutes for March 20, 2017. Motion passed.

**Chief's Introduction/Recognition**

None

**Public Comment**

Chairman Sargeant refers to a letter that was received and written to Commander Prouty for the Rutland Police Department team of Sgt. Joe Bartlett's shift in response to a particularly disturbing case of sex trafficking that has not yet been adjudicated and saved the life of a young girl. The investigation is still ongoing. The letter wanted to give thanks and special recognition to the Rutland Police Department.

**Communication from the Union**

None

**Commander's Report**

Sgt. Bartlett indicates that things are going well even though they are short on manpower and indicates that the officers are doing a great job. They are concentrating on direct patrols at the plaza, bars, the Highlander motel and areas in the lower Northwest section of the city.

**Mapping Update**

Analyst Brad GoodHale reviews the 3 months of data for the four year period. Robberies show pretty consistent across the board as the average is 3 and looking at 3 for 2017 with a change of 0; Aggravated Assaults show an average of 13 with 13 showing for 2017, therefore 0 change; Burglaries and Breaking and Entering with force shows an average of 20, with 6 for 2017, therefore down 70%; there is a decrease of vandalisms. Analyst GoodHale is working on the drug stats. Average of civil tickets is 5 with 13 for 2017, an increase of 160%.

Analyst GoodHale next shows the calls for service for the period 3/19 to 4/1, a 2 week period showing 2013 to 2016 averages: Thefts are down from 30 to 20; Citizen disputes are down from 16 to 5. Reported found needles for 2017 is 43; overdose reports are at 14 for 2017.

Analyst GoodHale indicates he will be getting back to data driven approaches to crime and traffic safety DDACT and will focus on prime hotspots and traffic hot spots. He will be working closely with the new Analyst, Nate, from the guard.

Discussion held as to the previous request made by Commissioner Valente with reference to creating a brochure for pedestrian, bike and car safety. Chief Kilcullen indicates NITSA connected with the local agency *Local Motion* and a brochure has been created and was funded through the Highway Safety Program. Commissioner Valente requests that they be put in the schools to educate children.

### **Budget**

They are 76.7% through the year and have spent 74.8% of the budget. There are year end payouts that will even out the 2% surplus. Discussions held as to manpower. There are four new hires with 3 openings still processing. We will have 5 names for spots for the next class at the Academy in August.

### **Chief's Report**

- 3/28/17 - A number of Project Vision Members went to Montpelier to an Open House on Project Vision. There was a nice turnout.
- 3/29/17 - Held taxi licensing board meeting. Chief Kilcullen explains the licensing process.
- 3/29/17 and 3/30/17 - The Sergeant's list has been completed after completion of oral boards, written and Chief's Interview; Det. Cpl. Jon Dickerson, Cpl. Damon Ngyuen, Cpl. Adam Lucia and Cpl. Chris Alger. Cpl. Lucia has been Acting Sergeant on his shift.
- 3/30/17 - Attended a presentation at the College of St. Josephs, "In our Own Voice", hosted by the Sheriff's on daily life and how to respond to people suffering from mental illness.
- 3/31/17 - Hosted an Intelligence meeting at the VT State Police with 30 to 40 people in attendance.
- 4/5/17 - Chief Kilcullen met with the Rutland Delegation at 8:00am and had discussions as to how their work affects the departments work and discussed the proposed bill for controlled substance.  
- Chief Kilcullen stopped at the Godnick Center to help serve guests at the TRIAD luncheon.
- 4/6/17 - Chief Kilcullen met with the Proprietor at Turk's Auto with reference to the towing process. If the vehicle operators request a specific towing company, they get that, however, if no preference, it goes according to the rotating tow list.
- 4/7/17 - Chief Kilcullen met with two city residents with concerns they had with reference to an incident that was in the paper and wanted the City's opinion. It

was indicated that there were no issues that were criminal in nature and due process was provided in all matters.

There have been four new hires. Two are at the full time Police Academy and will graduate in May and two are attending the part time Police Academy. The two in part time are out on FTO and attending VIN verification, OC Spray and fingerprint classes and will attend the full time academy in August.

### **Coming up**

4/17/17 - American Legion Auxiliary meeting  
4/18 - 20/17 - Commander Lachance to attend Legal Liability Risk Management training  
5/7/17 - Loyalty Day Parade. Officer Nate Harvey will be honored.  
6/1/17 - Torch Run lead by Officer Klementowski  
6/14 & 16/17 - John J College Network for Safe communities and communities race relations  
7/18 to 7/20/17 - Youth Engagement Conference hosted by the IACP and funded by the Department of Justice in Charlotte NC

### **Training completed**

Command staff and Sergeants watched the Movie 13 on the 29th. It is about history and race relations involved before the 13th amendment. It was suggested to present it to the VT Police Academy for Post basic so officers may understand the history.

### **Upcoming training**

4/18 to 4/20 - Lachance to attend Legal and Liability Risk Management  
4/17 and 4/18 - Officers Ashe and Harvey to participate in Solo Engagement Tactics training  
4/24 and 4/28 - Rife qualifications  
There will be a carseat training in Ludlow  
5/8 to 5/19 - Officer Warfle to attend Crash Scene Investigation training  
5/31 to 6/2 Officer Cleveland will be attending Ambush Tactical Training for Survival  
8/12 to 8/14 - Corporal Lucia will attend IACP, drug alcohol and impaired driving training in Maryland

Commissioner Valente indicates that there is a gathering for the federal priority funding on Thursday at 6pm to 8pm in the Fox Room at the Rutland Free Library.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown at 7:15pm and seconded by Commissioner Valente to go into executive session. Motion passed.

### **Executive session**

The executive session began, present with police commission members, Chief Kilcullen, Sgt. Bartlett and Sgt. Lorman and Analyst Brad GoodHale to discuss matters that if disclosed publicly at this time, could place the City, the Department or an employee of the department at risk.

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