

Rutland Police Commission

August 14, 2017

Present: Chairman Sean Sargeant, Commissioners Luther Brown, Thomas Calcagni

Others Present: Commander David LaChance, Chief Brian Kilcullen, Sgt. Keith Lorman, Analyst Brad GoodHale

Not Present: Commissioners Michelle Fairbrother and Tom Valente

Chairman Sean Sargeant calls the meeting to order at 6:00pm led by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Commissioner Calcagni to approve the minutes of July 10, 2017 and seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion passes.

Introduction/Recognition of Police Department Members

Corporal Lucia has been promoted to Sgt. Lucia, however he is out of town and not present.

Public Comment

Chairman Sargeant indicates he received a call from Brian Warner who lives in Rutland City. He had a complaint of the way a call was handled when he came in on August 10 to make a complaint against a neighbor and feels he was treated in an unprofessional manner. Chairman Sargeant invited him to appear before the Police Commission; however, he did not attend. Commander LaChance had made several attempts to contact Mr. Warner, but was unable to make contact with him. Commander LaChance will follow up and continue to reach out to Mr. Warner.

A thank you note was received from an Engrem Avenue resident for service on 8/3/17.

Chief Kilcullen received a thank you note from NeighborWorks, who chaired National Night Out on August 1. Things went very well. The Police Department had the Command Center were there along with the Community Response Team. There was a scavenger hunt with the kids. Cpl. Nguyen and the cadets were present and they did an outstanding job using command voices to park people.

Congressman Welch visited and spent time touring and seeing what is going on in Rutland. He sent a letter of thanks for the hospitality and has offered assistance with federal matters that might come up.

Commissioner Calcagni wants to recognize the death of Commissioner Valente's father and suggests the Chairman send a letter of condolence on behalf of the commission.

Communication from Union

Analyst Brad GoodHale has been appointed as Union President due to the promotion of Sgt. Lucia.

Commander's Report

Nothing to report this evening.

Mapping Update

Analyst GoodHale reports the 4 year average comparison from 2013 to 2017 for 7 months as of July 31:

Robberies - 4 year average 5 and 6 in 2017
Aggravated assaults - average is 28 and 33 in 2017
Burglaries continue to go down
Larcenies are down 22% on average
Vandalisms are down
Regulated drug possession is up 53%
Civil drugs are up 121%
DUIs are up
Family disturbances are down by 29%
False alarms are on the rise from 218 to 259, up 19%
Noise disturbances are down
Fireworks calls ended in July, average is 50 with 73 calls in 2017

Next Analyst GoodHale reports the 3peats for RutStat:
The report shows a total of 166 locations and showing up 310 times on RutStat and he shows a heat map of the locations.
Sector 1 has the highest 3peat addresses, Sector 2 follows, then Sector 3 on the East Side and then Sector 4 - N Main, Pine Hill Park, Ripley Road and 299 West St.

Analyst GoodHale reports on the time of day/day of week calls for service with Friday being the high call volume day and a workday has the highest concentration of calls.

Next he reports an additional 4 calls for the 2 week period added to the 37 that have been reported to the Rutland Police Department for found needles and overdoses.

There are 7,500 followers on the Rutland City Police Facebook page.

Analyst GoodHale to share updates on the burglaries with Cpl. Dickerson.

Budget

We are one month into the year, encumbering a number of lines and are 8.3% of the year done. Encumbered expenses are 9.5% of the budget so far. The city has allocated \$150,000 from the unassigned fund balance to staff the last two positions, there were 39 budgeted and it is anticipated that 1 1/2 of the 2 positions will be filled.

Chief's Report

National Night Out was held August 1, 2017.

8/15 to 8/19 - Vermont State Fair, will be staffed from 6 p.m. - 11p.m. with 4 officers.

9/15/17 - A small retirement celebration will be held for Commander Tucker for 38 years of public safety service at the Franklin Conference Center.

There were 4 candidates that had gone through the assessment center 7/12 and 7/13, with one to continue in the process and an additional 2 more in the pike. One candidate will start the processing and the second candidate, who is full time certified, just received the application.

7/13/17 - Commander Prouty and Chief Kilcullen met with Cindy Wight and Bob Peterson of the City Parks Department to talk about enhancing safety at the Main Street Park and the Gazebo, along with inviting neighbors for input on the Water Street Park enhancement.

7/31/17 - Chief Kilcullen met with Representative Peter Welch.

7/31/17 - Corlew, Plakas, Hickey and Devito started at the Police Academy.

8/1/17 - Met with the new HR director, department heads and League of Cities and Towns for a sense of how cases are progressing.

8/2/17 - Met with Lori Gurney, who provides counseling for officers, to get back on track to meet with officers. A number of referrals have been made to her.

8/9/17 - Met with the Bardwell House residents and the one concern they had was parking. Chief Kilcullen will forward concerns to the Traffic Safety Committee with reference to the parking signs.

9/16/17 - The Officer Down 5K event will take place with some downtown streets being blocked off from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Completed Training

Det. Dan Meytin is going to the Child Special Investigation Unit and has completed a 2 day Human Trafficking Training in Maine.

Officer Warfle - Datamaster Supervisor Training

Sgt. Whitehead - Leadership of Police Training (LPO)

Sgt. Lucia - Attending the IACP Drug/Alcohol DRE Training in National Harbor, Maryland.

Upcoming Training

Officer Riley - Firearms Training

Det. Meytin - Death Investigation 8/21 to 8/25

Records Clerks, Deb Pockette and Nora Moore - TAC Training

Analyst GoodHale - 10/22/17 to 12/10 in Fort Leavenworth, Implied Thinking Training

Personnel

Officer Rosario returned to modified duty on 8/7/17.

The department is in the process of having carbon monoxide detectors installed in the Ford Explorers due to the carbon monoxide leak issues.

Executive Session

A motion was made to go into executive session, under Title 1 VSA Section 313A for the purpose of disciplinary of a police officer employee, by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni. Motion carried.

The executive session began, present with police commission members, Chief Kilcullen, Commander LaChance, Sgt. Lorman and Analyst 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.

Submitted by:

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cc: Police Commission
Chief Kilcullen
Board of Aldermen
Union President Brad GoodHale
City Clerk Henry Heck