

Rutland Police Commission

December 12, 2016

Present: Chairman Sean Sargeant; Commissioners Thomas Calcagni and Tom Valente

Others Present: Commander LaChance, Sgt. Lorman, Chief Kilcullen

Not Present: Commissioners Luther Brown and Michelle Fairbrother

Call to Order

Chairman Sargeant calls the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Approval of November 12, 2016 Meeting minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Valente to approve the minutes and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni. Motion passed.

Introduction/Recognition of Police Department Members

Chief Kilcullen indicates that he received two, recognition of performances letters, which will be placed in the individual officer's files and he wanted to pass along thanks to the officers. A letter of thanks was received for the assistance of Officer Heter to a broken down tow truck, the second was a letter from a Castleton resident who was stopped by Officer Anderson and thanked him for keeping him safe on the roads as he was stopped for a headlight out. Commissioner Valente suggests that it would be a good idea to post the recognitions on the Facebook page.

Chief Kilcullen gives a 2017 Rutland City Police Department Assignment Roster handout to the Commission which is effective on January 1, 2017 along with a list of Union Personnel and Non-Union members.

Public Comment

Commissioner Sargeant indicates that they received a complaint from George Gides from the Board of Aldermen, with reference to cars cutting through Stewart's when at the corner of Woodstock Ave. and Stratton Road during the morning and afternoon school commute hours. Discussions held. Chief Kilcullen indicates he will put the issue on the agenda for the Traffic Safety Committee and he will address it with Mary Moran.

Communication from the Union

The election of officers has been done and the new President is Corporal Adam Lucia, Vice President is Analyst Brad GoodHale and Secretary/Treasurer is Record's Clerk Nora Moore. Brad GoodHale will be the liaison for the board.

Commander's Report

Commander LaChance reports that the Evidence Bar Coding System is almost ready to go; they continue to work on the customer sheets for the alarm companies and Commissioner Calcagni indicates if there is anything he can do to make it go easier, just reach out to him; they continue working on recruitment and will be setting up Corporal and Sergeant's exams.

Mapping Update

Analyst Brad GoodHale reports the stats for a 3 year comparison of crimes and calls for service from January 1 to November 30; reports the 3 year average of calls for service for a 2 year

period for RutStat 11/28 to 12/11; he reports that he and Commander Tucker attended a MicroTime Hot Spotting Webinar Conference.

Budget Report

The report run on 12/9/16 and shows through 12/8/16 indicating they are 44.1% through the year and have spent 41.1% of the budget. FY2018 budget has been submitted to the Board Budget Committee with a hearing on November 30 and it was passed to submit to the full board as written. Chief Kilcullen will contact the Board of Alderman President to confirm that the budget hearing is scheduled for 12/20/16 at 5:30pm at Rutland City Hall.

Chief Kilcullen was asked by Board of Alderman President David Allaire to prepare a synopsis of staffing to support the request for funding 41 sworn personnel for the department.

As of January 2017, there were a total of 38 sworn personnel:

- 7/1/16 to 12/31/16 - 35 sworn with 5 hires, 2 retired and 0 terminated
- January 2016 / December 2015 - 37 sworn, 1 hired, 2 retired and 1 terminated
- July 2015 - 37 sworn, 2 hired, 1 retired and 1 terminated
- January 2015 / December 2014 - 35 sworn, 4 hired, 0 retired, 2 terminated
- July 2014 - 37 sworn, 4 hired, 4 retired and 2 terminated
- January 2014 / Dec. 2013 - 35 sworn, 2 hired, 0 retired and 0 terminated
- January 2013 / December 2012 - 37 sworn, 7 hired, 7 retired and 2 terminated

Discussions held.

Chief's Update

- 11/11- Commander Lachance, Chief Kilcullen, Chairman Sargeant, Commander Prouty and Officer Blongy attended the VT Police Association Annual Meeting.
- 11/18 - Christopher Rose has graduated from the VT Police Academy and is close to being done and will continue field training with Cpl. Lucia when he is done the post basic training.
- 11/28 - College of St Joseph held a Middle East presentation and it was very interesting to hear their perspectives.
- 12/01- Awards Ceremony was scheduled at Tuttle Hall at the College of St. Joseph with a good job being done by Executive Assistant Zambon. Pastors Erron Hubbell, Hannah Rogers and Tim Owens were introduced. They are in the process of formalizing their involvement with the department.
- 12/02 - The PBA Holiday Dinner was held with a good job done by CO Leinoff and Donna GoodHale putting together door prizes.
- 12/06 - Sgt. Lorman, Commanders Lachance and Tucker and Chief Kilcullen attended Pastor Hannah's Chocolate Fest held at the United Methodist Church.
- 12/08 -There was a foot walk throughout the City to identify homeless individuals.
- 12/13 -The Maples on the General Wing Road is having their holiday celebration and Chief Kilcullen will attend.

A purchase order has been issued for 3 new vehicles, leased to purchase, 2017, 2 Explorer SUVs and 1 Sedan.

Officer Harvey has been chosen as the new canine officer and Commander Prouty is trying to identify a new canine.

Several applications for Taxi License renewals have been received by the City Clerk's office. The list was distributed on 12/1/16.

Training

11/03 – 11/04 – Officer Harvey attended a First Aid Wilderness Course

11/11 – Sgt. Lorman attended a Trauma and Rescue Technique course

11/16 -11/17 – Sgt. Sheldon attended a New England Drug Court Training

11/21 -11/ 23 – CO Ryan Brady attended a mandatory Communication Training program

There is an online mandatory Domestic Violence Training that all sworn officers will complete starting today through mid-December.

All sworn officers must attend an OC Recertification Training over the course of the month.

The PD is in the process of filling the open Communication Operator's position, created by the retirement of CO Patty Dunchus, with an individual from VSP in Williston.

Motion made by Commissioner Calcagni and seconded by Commissioner Valente to adjourn. Motion passed at 7:07pm as executive session not necessary.

Submitted by:

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cc: Police Commission
City Clerk Henry Heck
Board of Aldermen
Union President Adam Lucia
Mayor Louras