

Rutland City Police Commission

January 8, 2018

Present: Chairman Sean Sargeant, Commissioner Luther Brown, Commissioners Michelle Fairbrother and Tom Calcagni

Others present: Chief Kilcullen, Analyst Brad GoodHale, Sgt. Ken Mosher, Commander LaChance, Commander Prouty, Commander Sheldon, Union President Melissa Sharkis

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

Motion made by Commissioner Fairbrother and seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the minutes of December 11, 2017. Motion passed.

Introduction/Recognition of Police Department Members

Probationary Police Officer Jason Williams is sworn in by Chief Kilcullen.

Public Comment

Nothing from the Public.

A letter from a resident of The Bardwell House, who fell on Christmas Eve, wrote a letter thanking the officer who saw him fall and gave him a courtesy ride to Church. The officer was Eric Morgano.

Another commendation is to Cpl. Alger from an appreciative, elderly woman on Jackson Avenue who was having difficulty starting her car and called 911.

Recognition is made for Cpl. Plemmons who spearheaded Shop for a Cop Day, which had a great impact on the kids involved.

There is a new city newsletter. There were various articles to include the canines and their handlers. There was recognition as the Most Fit Shift. One ballistic vest was awarded from the canine fund raiser.

Commissioner Calcagni wanted to commend Chief Kilcullen and the staff for the vigilance in responding to the underage drinking parties that they were being made aware of through the grapevine.

Communication from the Union

Union President Sharkis indicates that they made a \$300 donation, which was matched by the Police Benevolent Association for the Shop with a Cop program. Contract negotiations will begin in January.

Commander's Report

Commander Prouty reports that most of the CRT is signed up for Come Alive Outside, the 100 miles in 100 days to begin on Saturday, January 13th at the VT Farmer's Food Center.

Commander Sheldon indicates that there will be three officers going to FTO School: Officer Klementowski, Officer Reilly and Officer Maguire. Shift change begins on the 7th from the switch of the dayshift and nightshift bid process.

They are working on getting the ICS training up to date with Jim Cruise.

Roll Call training to begin on shifts starting this month. Sergeants have been tasked to do two roll call trainings a month. Information is to be shared in a weekly activity report from shift to shift through Commander Sheldon.

Mapping Update

Analyst Brad GoodHale indicates that he is reporting in a different format for the year end for 2013-2016.

Robbery - 4 year total is 22, 4 year average is 6, 2017 number is 9, down 64%.

Aggravated Assault - 4 year total is 188, 4 year average is 47, 2017 number is 68, down 45%.

Simple Assault - 4 year total is 552, 4 year average is 138, 2017 number is 69, down 50%.

Burglary - is trending down.

Sales of drugs are up.

Possessions of drugs are up 28%.

DUIs are up 16% from the 4 year average.

Alarms/false alarms are down.

Citizen disputes are down 26%.

Suspicious - have been trending down for the last couple of months.

Welfare checks have decreased.

Public speaking - 4 year total is 283, 4 year average is 71, 2017 number is 135, up 90%.

3peats on average are 15 to 17% of the call volume every two weeks.

Analyst GoodHale next looks at a heat map for the year, 2013 to 2016 (4 year average) reporting that the busiest time and day is Fridays around 3:00pm to 6:00pm.

Analyst GoodHale is trying to streamline the year end reports and DDACT for the next meeting.

Budget

Fiscal Year 2018, halfway through the budget cycle at 48% with 40.5% of the budget spent so far.

Discussions held as to the upcoming fiscal year budget. 40 positions will be budgeted and the budget will be before the voters on Tuesday March 2.

Chief's Report

12/19/17 - Public Safety meeting held.

12/22/17 - Annual Police Benevolent Association Ball held.

There is a special liquor committee meeting scheduled for the Techno Club for 97 State St.

The Legislative breakfast in Montpelier is scheduled for tomorrow.

1/11/18 - the Longfellow School cabinet for the new officers.

2/13/18 - Chief's meeting within the county and commanders with the State's Attorney's office to talk about policing in the county.

Probationary PO Jason Williams finished the abbreviated FTO and has started tonight.

They received \$150 for scrapping the 2007 Ford Taurus that was purchased in 2014 as it would not pass inspection.

The City has a new payroll system - KRONOS and Executive Assistant Zambon has been using it as a pilot. The date for the rollout for RPD is still to be determined.

Training

12/11 and 12/15/17 - Firearms qualification

There are two new firearms instructors.

Upcoming Training

Field Training School will be coming up for Officers Klementowski, Reilly and Maguire.

1/25 and 1/26/18 - Sgt. Lorman, Officer Heter and CO Brady will attend a Group Crisis Intervention Training at the Fire Academy.

Sgt. Lucia and Cpl. Warfle to attend DUI Detection and SFST Instructor Development training in February.

Cpl. Alger and Investigator Ashe to attend Crisis Negotiations Training in June.

Outside Employment

Kevin Blongy - volunteer fireman - Captain - Emergency Management Director to sign permits and review grievances. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Calcagni and seconded by Commissioner Fairbrother. Motion passed.

CO Ryan Brady - requests to dispatch for Rutland County Sheriff's for 8 hours a week. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Fairbrother and seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion passed.

CO Lynette Gallipo for Rutland Town Police Department, performing administrative duties and records with an anticipated 20 hours a week. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Calcagni and seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion passed.

Analyst Brad GoodHale for renewal as a self employed consultant, emergency management, not to exceed 15 hours a week. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Fairbrother. Motion passed.

ACO Tim Jones for self employment cleaning and odd jobs for 15 hours per week. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Calcagni and seconded by Commissioner Fairbrother with Chairman Sargeant recusing himself. Motion passed,

CO Emily Leinoff for employment with Hartford Emergency Communication Center. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Fairbrother and seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion passed.

Sgt. Keith Lorman for self employed snow plowing. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni. Motion passed.

Records Clerk Nora Moore for self employment selling Thirty One Products for minimal hours of 5 hours per week on weekends or nights. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Calcagni and seconded by Commissioner Fairbrother. Motion passed.

CO Laurie Walters for her home photography business for 2 to 16 hours per month and Regional Ambulance Service as a CPR Instructor for 12 to 36 hours per year. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Fairbrother. Motion passed.

CO Tim Cornell for the Town of Pittsford Police Department as a Police officer for 6 hours per week and a volunteer fireman for the Pittsford Fire Department - hours vary. Motion to approve both jobs made by Commissioner Calcagni and seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion passed.

Officer Craig Hunt for firearms type things to include: firearms sales, firearms instructor, and miscellaneous duties by appointment. Motion made by Commissioner Calcagni and seconded by Commissioner Fairbrother. Motion passed with a vote of 3-1.

A motion to go into Executive Session under Title 1 VSA Section 313a4, disciplinary or dismissal of public officer or employee was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni. Motion passed.

Executive Session

The executive session began, present with police commission members and Chief Kilcullen 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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Board of Aldermen
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