

Rutland City Police Commission
June 8, 2020

Present: Virtual Meeting - Chairman Sean Sargeant, Commissioners Tony Romeo, Tom Calcagni, Luther Brown and Chris Siliski; Commanders Matt Prouty and Greg Sheldon; Alderwomen Melinda Humphry, Lisa Ryan and Michael Talbott, Rutland Herald Reporter Patrick McCardle

Call to order by Chairman Sargeant at 6:00pm with a modified agenda. The minutes from May are tabled for approval until meeting in person.

Chief Kilcullen gives the Emergency Operation Center update as to what is being coordinated inside the Rutland Police Department. As they progress through the Covid19, operations are scaled back somewhat, but they are still using the EOC and everyone has their roles, Fire Chief Lovett is still the Chief Commander. They have been meeting once a week. They are back to normal operations as to the type of calls they are responding to; fingerprinting has not started up yet and will check this week to see if we can begin that service. They are back to Level One response, responding to all calls of service, but still asking questions as to health conditions and meeting outside for social distancing. Changes are being made accordingly as the addendums to the executive orders change.

Captain Gary Scott who is the director for the Vermont State Police Fair and Impartial policing addresses the board. The State Police began Fair and Impartial policing, which is different from day to day operations, in 2009 to look for community input and output to hiring, what kinds of applicants getting in and what questions we are asking them. Community members are involved with what questions we ask applicants, oral board interview questions, press statements, policy procedures, and they stand with community events. The Fair and Impartial Policing committee is vital to the police agency. Questions are asked by the Board and answers are given by Captain Scott.

Alderwoman Melinda Humphrey addresses the board with enforcement of parking for Rutland downtown and has indicated that the BOA had sent an item to the police re: enforcement of parking for Rutland downtown. Commander Prouty speaks about the enforcement and not the policy as that needs to be dealt with by the Board of Aldermen and the Rutland Downtown Partnership. Officer Dickerson of the CRT will be working with Officer Blongy. Tickets are written for not paying to park in a parking spot, not for employees parking in the spots. Commander Prouty addresses an issue that someone has with misuse of handicapped parking and he indicates that his understanding is

parking anytime anywhere is free. He addresses another issue of chalking tires, which he indicates is unconstitutional. Discussions held.

Comment from the Public

With reference to Mr. Nolan's complaint that FCC practices weren't being followed, Chief Kilcullen indicates that he has checked with the radio vendor and they had indicated that they are following radio transmissions FCC practices are being followed and the information has been sent to Mr. Nolan by email.

Commanders' Report

Commander Prouty gives his report on the Community Response team and the Vision side. He indicates that Vision is still closed due to the Covid19, however they are working on plans to keep some of the partners working. They are adding Nancy Gordon from VT211 into the Vision Center. He indicates that they are looking at giving space to Virginia Parker of the Toll House as they are losing office space at the Dream Center and they do tremendous work feeding homeless folks preparing meals at the dream center.

Commander David Lachance gives his report for BCI. Sgt. Whitehead has been transferred to BCI on 5.31. Sgt. Lorman has transferred to patrol. Det Plakas has transferred from patrol to BCI. He is waiting to get Ryan Brady in the Evidence Custodian in place. An audit of the evidence room

Chief Kilcullen gives the report for Commander Sheldon as he had to leave, He indicates that Commander Sheldon did a nice job putting together A Black Lives Matter event that took place yesterday that took a couple of weeks to plan with other agencies and any concerns that anyone had were shared and worked on together for the planning process. There was a lot of support from the NAACP. The event went well with great attendance. Organizers did a great job. Officer Dickerson is on a Stay at Home, Stay Safe Order.

Chief Report

Over the last couple of months, they have started to recover from COVID 19. Over the last several weeks, they were in touch with different organizers that had planned events. Last Monday Grace Church 210 individuals showed for an event with signs that went well. We had good conversations with them with turnout and organizers were great to work with.

Numbers for 3/23 to 5/10 for 2019 vs. 2020, have been down, but now up a little bit, some of the numbers are types of calls that tend to have some correlation with people being inside together; Assaults are up a little, but for the most part, the calls overall

were down quite a bit. The call volume in 2020 for 4 Rutstat periods of 2 weeks was 362 in 2020 and 436 in 2019.

2019 served Orders of Abuse was 20 compared to 2020 was 35. They are up for the period of 3/23 to 5/25.

They are in the process of transitioning Ryan Brady from records to the Evidence Custodian as Melissa Sharkis has transferred to Communications Operator.

The Youth engagement is going to meet next week, and they will have a strategic plan next month.

There is going to be an interview on Wednesday at 9:15 with Uncle Dave for Vision.

Meeting called to a close at 7:03pm

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