

## **Rutland City Police Commission**

March 12, 2018

Present: Chairman Sean Sargeant; Commissioners Luther Brown & Thomas Calcagni  
Others Present: Chief Brian Kilcullen, Commander David LaChance, Evidence Coordinator Melissa Sharkis

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sargeant opening with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00pm.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by Commissioner Calcagni and seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the minutes of February 12, 2018. Motion passed.

### **Introduction/Recognition of Police Department Members**

Officer Jimmy Plakas is sworn in by Chief Kilcullen.

### **Public Comment**

A thank you note was received from Jeff and Kim Findeisen with a donation for the Canine Division.

### **Communication from the Union**

Union President Melissa Sharkis reports that they have been weighing their options for the last six months with reference to going from AFSME to New England Police Benevolent Association as there is more than sufficient interest. The paperwork to be filed in April after the current contract is up. Paperwork has been filed with the labor board.

### **Commander's Report**

Commander LaChance reports that Kelly Osborn from Good Will has had two interviews with candidates for the Vision Center.

Lisa Ryan from Rutland Community Justice Center is upstairs one day a week working on getting volunteers for the volunteer continuum care boards that are coming back, which is different from the re-entry panels.

The Vision Center has been rearranged for security purposes.

Katie Gibeault, the Human Trafficking Manager for the State is meeting with victims in the Rutland area, networked by Probation and Parole.

Analyst Brad GoodHale is still working on year end reports and will send a report to the Commissioners upon completion.

Sgt. Whitehead has been working with Project VISION partner, Turning Point, on the Overdose Initiative with the assistance of a VT Vista Grant.

Officer Blongy is up and running with the DARE Program.

Sgt. Whitehead has put his name in for Bike Patrol.

**Mapping Update**

Chief Kilcullen presents the mapping update beginning with an overview of the 4 year average of 2014-2017 comparison vs. 2018.

	4 year average	2018 average
Calls for Service	597	585
Suspicious calls	46	41
Citizen assist	57	63
Assaults	5	2
Burglary	5	3
Accidents	37	40
Juvenile problems	9	12
Directed patrol	18	52
Intoxication	9	12

**Part 1 Crime Comparison**

	2013	2014	2015	2016	avg 2017	2017 ytd	2018 ytd
Robbery	7	14	6	1	7	9	2
Agg assault	37	41	52	58	47	66	88
Burg- force	105	88	54	56	76	69	6
Burg-non force	90	38	24	31	46	40	6
Larceny	212	167	138	87	151	151	25

2018 - Day of Week / Time of day - busiest day for calls for service is Tuesday with busiest time from 6pm to 7pm with 2017 being the same time of day and day of week.

Still doing DDACTs, an early analysis was presented last time and Analyst GoodHale continues to look at that and DDACT zones may be changed.

The driving numbers in Zone 3 were accidents; however there has been a huge reduction in accidents there.

Commissioner Calcagni inquires if there is anything that can be done for Jim Baker as a Commission and Chief Kilcullen will reach out to the family and look into it.

**Budget Report**

We are 8 months through the fiscal year, through 66 2/3% with 64.95% spent. Discussions held as to repairs to the front sidewalk and the sink hole in the back-parking lot. Chief Kilcullen reports that it is supposed to be done by DPS in the Spring.

**Chief's Report**

2/16 – One graduate from the Sanctuary House.

2/26 – Ground breaking at 60 Cleveland Ave.

2/28 – Commander Prouty attended a Community Night in Fair Haven for a debriefing on the Fair Haven incident.

3/14 – Commander Prouty and Chief Kilcullen attended a Community Meeting in St. Albans for an educational piece on active shooter training to include; See something, Say something; Run Hide and Fight; What to do for first aid; Controlling bleeding while waiting for emergency personnel.

3/26 – Specifically for Sergeants, VT Labor Relations Board on Recognition of Bargaining Unit  
4/2 – Deposition preparation for the Greeno matter is scheduled.  
4/5 – Chief has been invited to attend the Youth of the Year presentation at the State House in Montpelier.  
2/14 – The Board of Finance has approved an upgrade for the communication operators to use hand free headsets.  
2/23 – Three new vehicles were delivered, 2 explorers and 1 Taurus; they will be outfitted.  
3/9 – Two new officers were hired and have started Level 2 at the Police Academy today.  
3/30 – Records Clerk Deb Pockette will be retiring after 23 years of service. CO Ryan Brady will transition to her position.  
They are soliciting internally for CO Brady's position, and will post externally and in the paper. There is an anticipated opening for a School Resource Officer as SRO Chris Green is retiring. Nothing received yet on the approved credit card for the department.  
The KRONOS payroll system will be rolled out for all city employees by Fiscal 2018.

### **Training Completed**

2/14 to 2/16 – Officers Ashe and Morgano went to Domestic Violence Baseline Training.  
2/16 – Commander Sheldon and Communications Operator Emily Leinoff completed Social Media Training for Modern Policing in Milton, VT.  
The entire department participated in required 2 hour blocks with the SAs on Domestic Violence to enhance their skills.  
2/24 – Sgt. Lucia and Cpl. Plemmons completed the NCIC Full Service Operators Course.  
2/26 to 3/2 – Sgt Lucia and Cpl. Warfle completed DUI Detection and SFST Instructor Development Training.  
2/20 to 3/1 – All sworn personnel attended FTO Refresher Training.

### **Upcoming Training**

Mandatory Sexual Harassment online training course to be complete by Friday for 1/2 block for all personnel and a 2-hour block for supervisors.  
3/19 to 3/22 – Det. Meytin for a child abuse training in Huntsville, AL.  
3/19 to 3/21 – Evidence Coordinator Sharkis for Basic CSI Instruction at the VT Police Academy.  
3/20 – Sgt. Whitehead and ACO Jones for Animal Welfare and the Law at Hartford Police Department.  
3/23 to 3/27 – Sgt. Lucia and PO Reilly for Use of Force Firearms Instructor, Tactical Training Conference at the Turning Stone in NY.  
3/29 – Officers Klementowski and Heter to teach RAD Training hosted by the Rutland Recreation Center.  
5/18 to 5/20 – Canine Officer Harvey for Search and Rescue Training in Newtown, CT.  
6/4 to 6/8 – Cpl. Alger and Inv. Ashe for Negotiation Crisis Training at the VPA.

### **Personnel**

As of 2/15/18 Officer Corlew has resigned.  
Officer Maguire is out for several months on a Worker's Comp Injury.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni to go into executive session under Title 1 VSA Section 313a18 Labor Relations Agreement with Employees. Motion passed at 6:49pm.

**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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cc: Chief Brian Kilcullen  
Mayor David Allaire  
Police Commission  
City Clerk Henry Heck  
Board of Aldermen  
Union President Melissa Sharkis