

Rutland City Police Commission
March 20, 2017

Present: Chairman Sean Sargeant, Commissioners Luther Brown and Tom Valente

Others Present: Chief Kilcullen, Commander LaChance, Commander Tucker, Analyst Brad GoodHale, and Intelligence Analyst Nathaniel from the National Guard

Not present: Commissioner Fairbrother and Commissioner Calcagni

Call to order by Chairman Sargeant at 6:00pm opening with the pledge of allegiance.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Tom Calcagni to accept the minutes of February 13, 2017.

Introduction/Recognition of Police Department

Officer Andrew H. Plemmons is sworn in as Corporal.

Jimmy Plakas and Josiah Corlew are sworn in as Police Officers.

Public Comment

None

Communication from the Union

The super holiday grievance deadline has been extended until May 1 to give time to advise if they want to go to arbitration.

Commander's Report

Commander Prouty reports that Officer Nathan Harvey and canine King Cobalt are in their 3rd week of training and are doing very well. There are two Probationary Officers on FTO and he is very excited about that process.

The Department is being sponsored to be in a community Lip Sync fundraiser to benefit the Wonderfeet Museum on April 29; a group is working on the performance.

Commander Tucker will be attending the legislative coffee sidebar at 8:00am on the 28th with a State House visit on the 5th. There will be an open meeting sponsored by NeighborWorks, Rutland Chamber of Commerce and REDC with a meet and greet and table top presentations from a handful of Project VISION partners.

On April 5, there will be another presentation at the State House of the Rutland County group that meets every 5th Wednesday at 8:00am. Chief Kilcullen will lead the group again this year to promote the Project VISION partners at the Ethan Allen Room behind the cafeteria.

The Leadership Development Curriculum Committee, chaired by Sara Gilbert, held their third meeting. The group is working to create a community oriented leadership program geared towards young professionals in Rutland City. They are hoping to have a final draft written up by May and to start advertising in September for a 10 month program.

Alicia Armstrong and Commander Tucker will go to Washington D.C. on the 6th to follow up on the topic of terrorism and the comparison of what is done in Rutland and metropolitan areas, and how terrorism comes down in a neighborhood.

An evidence program will be installed in 3 computers with training to be held.

Evidence Coordinator Melissa Sharkis is scheduled to attend *Evidence Collection School* in June; however, they are looking for other opportunities before then.

Basic and Advanced Child Forensic Interview Training is coming up.

Commissioner Valente indicates that the Rutland Young Professionals group that meets monthly will be meeting from 6 to 8 pm at the Southside Steak House and Joe Kraus is going to speak about Project VISION.

Mapping

Analyst Brad GoodHale reports the mapping update for 2013 to 2016 year from January to the end of February.

- Robberies 2 in 2017 with a 33% decrease.
- Aggravated Assaults: reported 6 in 2013, 13 in 2014, 11 in 2015, 8 in 2016 with an average of 10 and 5 in 2017 showing a 50% decrease.
- Forced burglaries are 12 on average with 6 in 2017 showing a 50% decrease.
- Non forced burglaries are down 44% as people are now locking their doors and windows.
- Civil drug possession is up: 0 in 2013, 0 in 2014, 3 in 2015 and 9 in 2016 with an average of 3 and 8 in 2017 up 167%.

He next reports the calls for service analysis from RutStat from 2/19/17 to 3/4/17: Agency assists have almost doubled from 24 to 45; juvenile problems from 6 to 10; Fraud have increased from 2 to 9; directed patrols from 5 up to 32 and dead bodies from 1 to 3.

Notable decreases include Suspicious from 35 to 21; Family fights from 24 to 12; Motor vehicle complaints from 14 to 6; Drugs from 12 to 4 and Burglaries from 8 to 4.

With the work being done by the Records Department and Dispatch, false alarm calls are decreasing; per the NEHDTA, heroin overdoses statewide are going up.

Analyst GoodHale attended a Data Driven Group meeting in Waterbury, led by CRG (Crime Research Group). He is working with them in reference to data quality, traffic stops, and correlation between burglaries and addiction.

Budget

They are 71.2% through the budget and 68.7% spent. The year-end payouts will even things out.

Chief's Report

2/16/17 - County Chief's meeting with the State's Attorney's office was held with reference to court rulings. One issue addressed was the probable cause for stopping a vehicle which stopped after the stop line and received a DUI. The judge ruled that a vehicle has to stop in the general area of the stop line and it does not matter if the vehicle goes over the stop line.

2/22/17 - Elections to the Board of the Local Chapter of the NAACP were made on 3/1/17 and they will meet once a month. The next meeting is set for 3/5/17.

3/8/17 - Howe Campus student interview with Chief Kilcullen was held.

3/8/17 - The Sergeant's Promotion testing is 90% complete, the last 10% is the Chief's interviews which will be completed soon.

Chief Kilcullen was invited and skied on 3/8/17 with kids of the Allen Street Campus Youth Outreach Program. They would like us to get involved with other outdoor activities, obstacle courses and horseback riding with the kids.

The Traffic Safety Committee met on Friday and discussions were held as to the issue of parking between the sidewalk and the edge of the roadway on Columbian Avenue.

Chief Kilcullen was invited to submit an application to attend the Juvenile Justice Conference, to deal with youth outreach, in July to be sponsored by the IACP and paid for by the Department of Justice.

The department received a thank you note from the Sisters of St. Joseph's in Springfield for the flowers that were sent by the Commissioners for the death of Sister Judith Levins, a former Police Commissioner.

3/6/17 - Three new cruisers were delivered with one to be outfitted by a company in Mendon. Bid requests have been put out for the coming year.

Commander Prouty to participate in Dancing with the Rutland Stars fundraising event scheduled for October.

Officer Morgano is on light duty with a shoulder injury; Officer Rosario continues with rehabilitation from an on duty injury.

Training Completed

Communications Operator Walters attended a training on *Dealing with Veterans and PTSD*.

Upcoming Training

Commander LaChance to attend *Legal Liability Risk Management Training*.

Car Seat technicians will attend training in Ludlow on May 2.

Officer Warfle to attend *Enhanced at Scene Crash Investigation Training* from May 8th to the 19th.

5/31/17 - Officer Cleveland to attend *Ambush Survival Tactic Training*.

Outside Employment

Motion made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Valente to accept the request of Sgt. Lorman for plowing 2 hours per week. Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Valente and seconded by Commissioner Brown to accept the three requests of Communications Operator Tim Cornell after discussion for Pittsford Fire Department, Pittsford Police Department and dispatching at Williston VSP. Motion passed.

Other

Commissioner Valente addresses a concern he has with jaywalking on Routes 4 and 7. Discussions held. Chief Kilcullen indicates that they will do some public awareness on pedestrian safety.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Valente to adjourn. Motion passed at 7:18pm.

Submitted by:

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cc: Police Commission
Chief Kilcullen
City Clerk Henry Heck
Board of Aldermen
Union President
Mayor Allaire