

Rutland City Police Commission
Monday, May 14, 2018

Present: Chairman Sean Sargeant, Commissioners Thomas Calcagni, Michelle Fairbrother, Luther Brown and Chris Siliski

Others Present: Chief Kilcullen, Commander Sheldon, Sgt. Ken Mosher, Evidence Coordinator Melissa Sharkis

Call to Order

Chairman Sean Sargeant calls the meeting to order at 6:00pm opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of April 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni to approve the minutes of April 9, 2018. Motion passed 4-0; Commissioner Michelle Fairbrother abstains from the vote.

Introduction/Recognition of Police Department Members

Nothing for this evening.

Public Comment

Nothing.

Communication from the Union

Union President Melissa Sharkis, indicates that they are still waiting for the Labor Relations Board to send someone down to certify the votes of the election, which was supposed to have occurred by the end of April. Discussions held as to what happens when the June contract expires.

The Union voted jointly with the PBA to sponsor the Center with a scholarship for Rutland High School Seniors.

Commander's Report

Commander Sheldon indicates that the roll call trainings are going well and are working on stop sticks, stress management, persons incapacitated, and tactical motivations.

Officers Reilly and Williams will assist the Hospital Active Shooter Drive at West Ridge.

They were involved with a stop stick pursuit with the Vermont State Police.

They continue to do Park, Walk and Talks, two per week per shift.

Mapping Update

Chief Kilcullen presents the mapping update as Analyst Brad GoodHale is in Massachusetts at a crime analysis conference. Chief Kilcullen shows the RutStat report and indicates how it is presented at the meeting. He indicates that they go through each individual call to the 3peat addresses and discusses them individually and try to direct parties to the correct services. He then talks about the top calls for 3peats and indicates that they talk about circumstances and responses and they spend about an hour on that. Some of the top 3peat addresses include in part: WalMart, Quality Inn, Price Chopper for animal calls in vehicle and Stewarts, and then indicates the top 3peat residential addresses.

Chief Kilcullen reports the following for the mapping update to include: Review of calls for service from 4/15 to 4/28 compared to the average; 4/29 to 5/12 – 2014 to 2017 Average of 2018, calls for service were 551 and down to 473 and he then hi-lights some of the reductions and the increases; next he shows a heat map for Sectors 1-4 with the busiest time of day and busiest day of week; Top 10 calls for sectors from 4/15 to 4/28, suspicious persons/circumstance, citizen assists, directed patrols and moving violations; DDACT, data driven approach to traffic and crime safety; real estate at 125 Woodstock Avenue has been transferred and will have Commander Sheldon do a knock and talk; 2018 maps accidents; as well as 2013 to 2017 comparison of the 4 year average.

Discussions held to Her Story. Victims are now more apt to report violence than in the past.

Budget Report

Through April, ten months through the budget, at 83.13% with 81.3% spent of the budget. We are where we should be.

Chief's Report

4/11/18 - Deposed in The Local lawsuit by Greeno's and The Local's lawyer.

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4/11/18 - Hosted a Federal Gun Laws Training sponsored by ATF and the US Attorney's Office.

4/24/18 - Met with Alis Headlum who has been involved with Project Vision from the beginning. She is putting together the history of Project Vision and has interviewed Chief Baker.

5/2/18 - The Special Liquor Committee held a meeting to talk about the Hideaway. It was well attended to include the downtown bar owners, members of the public, Chairman Sargeant, and members of the board to focus on the 14 incidents that occurred at the Hideaway. Discussions held with no actions being taken; wanted to get all bar owners on the same page, encouraging them to contact each other and communicate.

5/6/18 - Loyalty Day Parade, the new black and white vehicles were hi-lighted.

5/7/18 - Met with Brooklyn, the owner of Center Street Alley with Officer Blongy and the landlord to discuss camera placement.

Coming Up

5/18/18 - DARE Graduation.

5/23/18 - Panel discussion at the Rutland Free Library about Hate Crimes.

5/25/18 - The PBA Memorial Service scheduled for Friday at 4:00pm to be held outside City Hall at the Memorial.

Chief Kilcullen completed interviews of candidates on April 25 and 26 that went through the Assessment Center for Police Officer and Dispatcher. Three went to background for Police Officer, with One Dispatch candidate, and are processing now to have hired within a month.

Commander Greg Sheldon received his Master of Science Degree in Executive Leadership from Champlain College on 5/12/18.

Training Completed

4/13/18 - Investigator Ashe completed Strangulation Prevention Training.

4/23 to 27/18 - Sgt. Lucia and Officer Reilly attended the NY Tactical Training Conference.

4/23/18 - BCI staff attended the Defending Forensic Interview Training in Bennington.

4/23 to 26/18 - Officer Rosario attended a Gang Training in Providence, RI.
4/27 - Detective Anderson and Investigator Ashe attended Death Investigators Training.

Upcoming Trainings

5/14 to 18/18 - Crime Analyst MACA Training Conference.
5/18 to 20/18 - Officer Harvey and Canine Cobalt to attend a Search and Rescue Training in Newtown, CT.
6/4 to 8/18 - Cpl. Alger and Investigator Ashe to attend Crisis Negotiation Training.
7/9 to 13/18 - Officer Billings will attend Use of Force Instructor Training.
7/11/18 - Officer Morgano to attend Drug and Traffic Stop Interdiction Training.
8/8/18 - Record Clerk's Moore and Brady to attend NCIC TAC Training.

Commissioner Brown inquires as to what is the allocated number of staff. Chief Kilcullen responds that it is constantly changing and at the moment there are two openings and will be three with an anticipated retirement. There are currently 38 sworn personnel and as of July 1, it will be 40. There are three spots at the academy with 2 to send in March with three candidates in the process for the third slot in July.

Motion made by Commissioner Calcagni and seconded by Commissioner Brown under Title 1 VSA 313a1, Chapter 11, pending civil litigation in which Rutland City is a party, to go into executive session. Motion passed 5-0.

Executive Session

The executive session began at 6:55pm, present with police commission members, 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.

Executive Session ended at 7:27pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Siliski and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni and passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

Submitted by:

Nancy Manning

cc: Chief Brian Kilcullen

Mayor David Allaire

Police Commission

City Clerk Henry Heck

Board of Aldermen

Union President Melissa Sharkis