

Rutland City Police Commission
May 8, 2017

Present: Chairman Sean Sargeant, Vice Chairman Thomas Calcagni, Commissioners Michelle Fairbrother, Luther Brown

Not Present: Commissioner Tom Valente

Others Present: Chief Brian Kilcullen, Commander David LaChance, Analyst Brad GoodHale

Chairman Sargeant calls the meeting to order at 6:02pm opening with the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Commissioner Fairbrother and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni to accept the minutes of April 10, 2017 with an abstention to vote from Commissioner Fairbrother. Motion passed.

Chief's Introduction/Recognition

None

Public Comment

None

Communication from the Union

Brad GoodHale reports that the New Mayor and New City Attorney have agreed with the Union to keep the Super Holiday until the new round of negotiations.

Commander's Report

Commander LaChance indicates he has attended the Legal Liability and Risk Management Institute for training. They addressed policies, legal issues and internal affairs and he indicates he brought back the information and has revamped some of their own policies. The training included case review, Supreme Court rulings, body cam retention period discussions and recommendations, litigation trends, lawsuits, policies, hackers and hacking, wellness. He indicates it was an excellent training and he got a lot out of it. Discussions held as to the body cams and retention period, records request and retention are still in question as there are too many unanswered questions, however discussions continue until things are settled.

Mapping Update

Analyst Brad GoodHale is present and begins his presentation with the four year average comparison of 2017. Showing numbers for 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 averages compared to 2017.

Aggravated assaults four year average was 18, 20 in 2017, an increase of 11%.

Burglary/B&E, forced average is 28, 9 in 2017, a decrease of 68%.

Vandalism four year average is 90, 54 in 2017, a decrease of 41%.

DUI four year average is 32, 42 in 2017, an increase of 31%.

False alarms four year average is 121 and 125 in 2017, an increase of 3%.

Mental Health assistance average is 31, 63 for 2017, an increase of 103%.

Calls for service are up a little for the period from 4/16 through 4/29; average is 502 for the two week period, 516 in 2017. Animal and Juvenile problems both have doubled during the school vacation. Proactive Directed Patrols and Public Speaking are both up.

Next Analyst GoodHale presents a new analysis that he has done with different heat charts, showing time of day for calls for service for the first four months of 2016 compared to first four months in 2017. Discussions held as to the change in the canine schedule and calls for service between midnight to 6am.

He shows a graph of needles found in the City since the last RutStat meeting. 7 needles were found. At the time of this mapping, there have been 19 overdoses.

Analyst GoodHale is heading to MA for a crime analyst convention with DDACT training and interacting with peers and a 3 day Northeast Regional Intelligence Conference in Burlington targeting threats of vulnerability.

Budget Report

They are 84.4% through the year with 80.67% of the budget spent. Discussions held as to the counting for the budget report. Chief Kilcullen to address with Mayor Allaire projects already in the works and would like a definition as to non essential purchases.

Chief's Report

4/12/17 - The annual evening Project VISION Meeting was held and it was well attended.

4/18/17 to 4/20/17 – Cmd. LaChance attended Legal and Liability Risk Management Training in Florida.

4/20/17 - Chief's meeting held and addressed the issue of retention for body cams.

4/24 - Chief Kilcullen met with Mayor Allaire and City Attorney Matt Bloomer with reference to the Super Holiday grievance. A Memorandum of Understanding was reached between the Mayor and the Union. This issue will be addressed in the next contract negotiation.

4/26/17 - The Commanders and Officers attended a sexual assault awareness panel hosted by The Women's Network and Shelter.

4/29 - RCPD participated in the Lip Sync Battle for Wonderfeet Kids Museum on 4/29. The fundraiser went well. The Rutland Fire Department won the competition.

5/7 - Officer Nate Harvey was an Honored Veteran at the Loyalty Day Parade.

5/14 to 5/20 is National Police week.

5/25 - RRMC is hosting an opiate discussion panel at the Holiday Inn.

6/1 - Vermont Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

6/7 to 6/9 - Chief's meeting at Lake Morey.

6/15 and 6/16 - John J. College is hosting the Semi Annual National Network Conference for Safe Communities focusing on policing and race relations.

7/18 to 7/20 - Chief Kilcullen has been invited to attend an IACP Youth Engagement Conference in Charlotte, NC.

Hiring update - they are at 38 sworn personnel with 3 openings. There are three individuals in the process. RCPD will be fully staffed of 40 sworn personnel by July.

Officers switched to the short sleeved uniforms on April 3.

Trainings completed since last meeting include:

4/17 to 4/18 - Officers Ashe and Harvey completed Solo Engagement Tactics Training

4/24 to 4/28 - Annual Patrol Rifle qualifications training led by Officers Hunt and Harvey.

4/24 to 4/28 - Officer Cleveland attended a Tactical Bicycle Training in Schenectady.
5/2 - Car seat Techs annual training in Ludlow.

Upcoming Training:

5/8 to 5/9 - Officer Warfle to attend Enhanced At Scene Crash Investigation Training.
5/10 to 5/12 - Cpl. Alger to attend Basic Forensic Interview of Children Training in Burlington.
5/15 to 5/17 - Cpl. Dickerson and Officer Meytin to attend Advanced Forensic Interview Training.
5/31 to 6/2 - Officer Cleveland to attend Ambush Survival Tactical Training.
6/19 to 6/22 - Officers Klementowski and Morgano to attend Tactical Bicycle Training in Burlington.
8/12 to 8/14 - Cpl. Lucia to attend the IACP Drug/Alcohol and Impaired Driving in Maryland.

Motion made by Commissioner Fairbrother and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni to approve Evidence Coordinator Melissa Sharkis' request for outside employment for Volunteer Fire Fighting in South Royalton for 5-10 hours per week. Motion passed.

Commissioner Fairbrother indicates that she would like to see a building of a community service piece covering bicycle safety and making sure kids are suited up right.

The 2017 Memorial Day Ceremony for deceased members of the RCPD will be held on May 26 at 4:00pm in front of City Hall. The Honor Guard will be present.

A motion to go into executive session under Title 1 VSA Sect. 313, Chapter 5, discussion of records that are exempt from public records, was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni. Motion passed.

Executive Session

The executive session began, present with police commission members, Chief Kilcullen, Commander LaChance and Analyst Brad GoodHale 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 Adam Lucia