

Rutland Police Commission

November 14, 2016

Present: Chairman Sargeant, Commissioners Tom Calcagni and Luther Brown, Chief Brian Kilcullen, Commander LaChance, Sgt. Lorman and Data Analyst Brad GoodHale
Not Present: Commissioners Tom Valente and Michelle Fairbrother

Motion made by Commissioner Brown makes a motion to accept the minutes of October 10, 2016 and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni. Motion passed.

Introduction/Recognition of Police Department Members

None

Public Comment

A member of the Board of Aldermen brought a concern to the attention of Chairman Sargeant as to the numbers of vehicles on a daily basis that group together 7 days a week in the Moose parking lot. Chief Kilcullen will review the practice with Commander Prouty with an invitation to the Herald.

Communication from the Union

Analyst GoodHale indicates that there is a meeting tomorrow and they will be electing officers.

Commander's Report

Commander LaChance indicates that they are working on the awards ceremony as it is scheduled for 12/1/16.

There are three names being considered to bring back a Chaplin to the department and they are hoping to have a department Chaplin named within the next week or two.

There are four names in background with another round of testing scheduled for mid-December. The two interviews for the Communication Operator position have been completed and will be going to background as well.

Evidence Coordinator Sharkis is hard at work to have the evidence barcode system up and running by December. Discussions held as to the inventory needing to be done on the evidence that Commander Covell was working on, before approval to release it is done.

All detectives in BCI passed the PT test.

Mapping Update

Analyst Brad GoodHale starts his presentation with October 2016 calls for service for all of Rutland City. There were 1021 calls for the month, showing that there were 535 calls for October in Sector 1. Next he shows the top 10 calls with the percentage of time; 9.5% were citizen assists and 9.1% were suspicious calls, compared to 2016 year to date citizen assists were 10.45% and suspicious were 7.95%. He then reports on the 3 year average of calls from 2013-2015 showing DUIs are up on an average of 44% with family disturbances down by 31% on average. Next he reports the 2 week period for 10/17 to 10/30 with the 3 year average for 2016. He also provides a diagram showing the heat map for time of day/day of week with a trend line.

Budget

As of November 11, 36% through the year with 35.63% of the budget spent. The June 30, 2018 budget has gone to the Board of Aldermen on the 1st with a Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled for November 30, 5:30p.m. at City Hall. Chairman Sargeant will send out a reminder.

Chief's Report

- 10/12/16 - Visit from the City Auditor to review the steps taken to work on things, including the temporary locks on the ammunition until the cabinet can be in place.
- 10/14 -18/16 - Commander Tucker presented with Kennedy and Baker at the IACP conference.
- 10/19/16 - Chief Kilcullen was on a panel of Racial Trauma at the College of St. Joseph's.
- 10/20/16 - Chief Kilcullen, Commanders LaChance, Tucker, Prouty and Sgt. Lorman met with the former Ambassador of Syria and indicated that it was a good learning experience.
- 10/20/16 - Chief Kilcullen and Chairman Sargeant met with the US Attorney's office and the Rutland County State's Attorney's office with reference to potential issues that may arise if certain conduct is shown toward the refugee population along with civil type issues as to housing. They will partner with the FBI or the USAO if needed.
- 10/21/16 - Chief Kilcullen spoke at an OSHA Lifelong Institute presentation at the Godnick Center and it was well attended and received.
- 10/25/16 - The Attorney General held a forum in White River Junction and Bennington with Commander Tucker and Chief Kilcullen speaking to the panel at the Bennington forum.
- 10/26/16 - The first community meeting in the City was held in the Northwest Neighborhood by Corporal Lucia, although it was not well attended. Sgt. Mosher is working on the next community meeting for Sector 3.
- 10/31/16 - The US Attorney's office sponsored a press conference on Park Ave. with reference to the three properties that were seized. It was well attended.
- 11/3-4/16 - The 5th annual conference of the Vermont Partnership for Fairness and Diversity, hosted a multi cultural future conference at Stratton Mountain and was attended by Chief Kilcullen, Commander Prouty, Sgt. Bartlett and Sgt. Sheldon. The two day conference was very beneficial as they participated in break out groups as to building trust through community policing. The Department has been invited by a NH organization to do a presentation in New Hampshire.

Commander Tucker will be attending a health care community conference in CO.

- 11/4/16 - Sgt. LaChance and Sgt. Delpha graduated from LPO training as they completed their 3rd week of the three week training.
- 11/30/16 - Public Safety Committee to meet at City Hall for the budget meeting.
- 12/1/16 - Police Awards Ceremony to be held.
- 12/2/16 - PBA Holiday Dinner to be held.

Training Completed

- 10/12/16 - Officer Harvey attended Law Enforcement Casualty Care Training (He had been previously deployed to Afghanistan as a medic).
- 10/14/16 - Communication Operator Laurie Walters attended training on stress.
- 10/15/16 - CO Ryan Brady and Records Clerk Nora Moore attended Child Safety Seat training.
- 10/16, 20, 23/16 - The entire Department completed the First Aid and CPR training
- Officer Harvey completed his second week of Instructor Fire Arm training.
- 10/21/16 - Officers Warfle and Meytin completed the Reid Interviewing and Advanced Interrogation Class in Burlington.

Upcoming Training

11/20-23/16 - CO Brady will be attending a Communication Training.

Communication Operator Patty Dunchus has retired after 40 years with the Department.

Chief Kilcullen has re-negotiated the canine handler's schedules for a 12 hour shift and to always have one canine on schedule with a 4 hour overlap of the days they are on together with no days off in common. They are looking for a second dog.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni to go into executive session. Motion passed.

Executive Session

The executive session began, present with police commission members, Chief Kilcullen, Commanders Tucker and Prouty 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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