

Rutland City Police Commission

October 10, 2016

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

Others Present: Chief Kilcullen, Commander David Lachance, Analyst Brad GoodHale

Chairman Sargeant calls the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Calcagni and seconded by Commissioner Brown to accept the minutes for September 12, 2016 with the error correction of Not Present to Present via telephone. Motion passed.

Introduction/Recognition of Police Department Members

Probation Officer Brendan Reilly is sworn in by Chief Kilcullen.

Public Comment

Tim Johnson from Rutland City wants to address the Police Commission with the refugees coming to Rutland and suggests that they need to put more police officers on the streets. Chief Kilcullen addresses the staffing of 33 of 40 filled with continued efforts to get up to full staffing. He indicates that due to the refugees coming into town, he doesn't see that there will be an additional drain on the city, based on cultural differences. A suggestion was made to Mr. Johnson that he could address his concerns with the mayor as to staffing.

Communication from the Union

None

Commander's Report

Commander LaChance addresses the staffing issue and indicates that there are 3 applicants going into the background phase out of 6, and they are hoping to send 4 to the Academy in January.

He indicates that he is working on the alarm registration issue and indicates that starting fresh may be the answer by wiping the computer clean of the alarm files and start with new files for the alarm registration and working on a new procedure policy.

Due to the finding of fentanyl in heroin, officers are at risk if it comes into contact with their skin, therefore they are not field testing the seized drug, they are sending the evidence to the lab with a request for a rush on the testing. There is research going on for possibly purchasing testing equipment for \$1,200 to include a laser that points at the product and identifies the sample.

Chief's Report

On October 15, Safety Seat Instructor Nora Moore, CO Lynn Gallipo and CO Ryan Brady held a child safety seat instruction at the Home Depot for child seat checks, which is done once a year.

Community forums are being set up and hosted by Commander Prouty and the Sergeants with the first to be held 10/26/16 at 6:00pm at Pastor Hannah's Church on Williams St.

Commissioner Fairbrother suggests to post it on Facebook to get the word out as soon as possible.

The Vermont Attorney General is hosting forums on Implicit Bias and Encounters with Police, the first is scheduled in White River Junction tonight with Commander Tucker to attend. There will be several in Bennington, the first is set for 10/25/16 at 5:30pm at the Bennington Firehouse.

The College of St. Joseph's will be hosting a forum with Chief Kilcullen as a panel member, for Individual Minority Encounters with the Police, Racial Traumas set for 10/19 at 11:00am.

Mapping Update

Brad GoodHale reports the top 3peat addresses to be 11 Lincoln Avenue, Walmart and Price Chopper; reporting calls for service for 9/20 to 10/3, there are a lot of directed patrols with a lot happening on Woodstock Avenue and North Main Street; he discusses the proactive policing that is pulled from crime reports with directed patrols, showing heavier calls for the Southwest part of the city; he reviews the average calls for the years 2013 through 2015; he shows the breakdowns with averages of an increase or a decrease in calls with burglaries down 23%, Drugs on average are going down, Civil tickets for marijuana are going up, family disturbances are going down; false alarms are going up, next he will be showing a 4 year average upon the start of 2017. At the request of the State's Attorney's office, he did a breakdown of 2016 YTD DUI/OUI arrests showing arrests for 34 females and 58 males with males in their 20s being the highest group. Discussion held as to overdoses in the city, with a report indicating that there is not an accurate number for overdoses. He gives a tutorial on the crimereports.com for the board.

Budget

Updated 10/10/16, 28% of the year complete with 26.65% of the budget spent. Chief Kilcullen indicates they are doing everything they can to fill the vacant positions of 5 patrol officers, a Sergeant and a Corporal. The majority of the separation from the department was due to retirements. A position at CFAC needs to be filled for the investigator of sex cases, but can't do that with the staff as it stands. Chairman Sargeant has taken the written test to see what it entailed, and he passed. There is a new hire as of October 2, Brendan Reilly. A Communications Operator will be retiring at the end of the month.

On 9/12/16, Commander Prouty and Mayor Louras attended a 911 VFW commemorative.

There was a meet and greet on 9/12/16 with FBI Director Comey at the Albany Field Office with a number of people attending from the department.

There was an informational meeting by the Dept of Public Safety on 9/22/16, for FirstNet, a radio system on 700 megahertz that will replace wireless, the city police department now uses air cards, a program that came into effect after 911 as public safety agencies couldn't communicate with each other.

The Department is working on National Network for safe communities and looking at domestic and drug market intervention, tracking activity, and John J College is having monthly discussions on data that the department is collecting and will be meeting with the advocates from the Women's Network, Probation and Parole, Rutland County State's Attorney's office and the City Police.

The Project Vision Community Health Strategy Session scheduled for 10/11/16 has been moved to 6:00pm at the Franklin Conference Center.

On 10/14, Commander Tucker will present at the IACP in San Diego.

The Awards Ceremony is scheduled for 10:00am on December 1, 2016 at the College of St. Joseph's.

The PBA Holiday dinner is scheduled for December 2, 2016.

A purchase order has been issued for the Evidence Software using funds from the JAG grant. Everything will be entered into the Bar Code System.

Training

9/14-15 - Brad GoodHale to attend a New England Intelligence seminar in MA
Investigator Meytin attended a Forensic Interview Training of Children at no cost to the City for the position at the State's Attorney's office

9/19-23 - Officer Harvey finished the first week of the Firearm instruction Training
Officer Cleveland attended a VT Human Trafficking seminar in Burlington
ACO Tim Jones completed the Level 4, Animal Cruelty class

Upcoming Trainings

There will be an in service training in October.

10/20, 21, 23 - First Aid training

10/20-21 - Officer Harvey to attend Firearm Instruction Training

10/18-21 - Officers Meytin and Warfle to attend Interview and Interrogation training

10/31-11/4 - Commander Lachance and Sgt. Delpha to attend Leadership training

11/21-23- CO Ryan Brady to attend Community Training program

Analyst Brad GoodHale will begin the Intelligence training with support for analysis with the NY Police Analyst in January.

Motion made by Commissioner Calcagni and seconded by Commissioner Brown to allow Chief Kilcullen to carry over any contractual leave time that has not been used by his 11/2 anniversary date. Motion passed.

Commissioner Fairbrother makes a motion and seconded by Commissioner Valente at 7:42 p.m. to adjourn. Motion passed.

Submitted by:

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cc: Police Commission
Chief Kilcullen
Mayor Chris Louras
City Clerk Henry Heck
Board of Aldermen
Union President Lynn Gallipo