

Police Commission Minutes

September 11, 2017

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

Others Present: Chief Kilcullen, Commander Prouty, Commander LaChance, Sgt. Lorman and Analyst Brad GoodHale

Motion made by Commissioner Calcagni and seconded by Commissioner Brown to accept the minutes of August 14, 2017. Motion passed.

Call to Order

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

Introduction/Recognition of Police Department Members

Chief Kilcullen first wants to recognize Canine Handlers, Nate Harvey and Canine Cobalt and Jen Czachor and Canine Jagger for competing in the 2017 Green Mountain Iron Dog Competition consisting of 152 teams. Officer Nate Harvey had the fastest overall time and the fastest in his age group with a time of 14:01 and Officer Czachor had the 2nd fastest time of 21:39 in her age group and the fastest drug K9 with a time of 1:56.

Corporal Adam Lucia was promoted and sworn in as Sgt. Lucia.

Sgt. Greg Sheldon was promoted and sworn in as Commander Sheldon.

Public Comment

Residents of the Southwest neighborhood are present to include: Maryann Horton of Union Street, Peter & Bonnie Corsi of School Street and Mark Dubie of Union Street. Maryann Horton addresses the Police Commission by beginning with thanking Mayor Allaire and the Rutland City Police Department for closing the house at 69 School Street. She indicates that there are still issues from Cherry Street to Meadow Street and wanted to come to see how the neighbors can assist the police in helping the residents with their neighborhood and drug concerns. She indicates that she is here tonight as she sees the crimes that are occurring around her. Chief Kilcullen suggested that she needs to call the police every time she sees something suspicious. A suggestion was made if the neighbors wanted to leave anonymous tips, to go to rutlandcity.org. Chief Kilcullen indicates they need to keep diligent, as it is important to have the eyes and ears in the community. Mayor Allaire indicates that there is an event scheduled in the Southwest Neighborhood on Meadow Street for September 16. Peter and Bonnie Corsi wanted to thank everyone for closing down 69 School Street and indicated the department did a great job. Mark Dubie requests more police presence on Union Street. Discussions held as to scheduling community meetings and a Neighborhood Watch program.

Another concerned Cherry Street resident addressed the Commission with reference to a resident on Cherry Street burning pallets for heat. Mayor Allaire will pass along the information to the Health Officer and Building Inspector to follow up.

Communication from the Union

Union President GoodHale indicates that there is no communication from the Union at this time.

Commander's Report

Commander Prouty indicates he is getting settled in as the new Executive Director of Project VISION, beginning with answering 236 emails. He had a good meeting with Sgt. Whitehead who is heading up the Community Response Team (CRT). There is a meeting scheduled for Thursday the 14th at 12:00 at the Alliance Church. Commander Prouty is working with Commander Sheldon to make his transition easier.

Mapping Update

Analyst Brad GoodHale reports the calls for service from 2013-2016 for January 1 to August 31:

Robberies - the four year average is 5 and at 7 for 2017, up 40%.

Aggravated Assaults - average is 33 at 37 for 2017, up 12%.

Burglaries, with force - down 26% from the 4 year average.

Burglaries, no force - down 6% from the 4 year average.

Larcenies - included with burglaries are down on average, but are up quite a bit from last year.

Vandalisms are down.

Sales of drugs are even.

Possession of drugs are up 56%.

DUIs - 63 average for the 4 year period with 80 for 2017, up 27%.

Next Analyst GoodHale reports the 3peats that are highlighted for the RutStat meeting for 2017. He indicates that there are 198 3peat locations and the police have been to those locations 386 times. Top three addresses include: 38 Shopping Plaza, 160 Allen St. and 102 West Street.

He indicates that Fridays and Saturdays between 3pm and 4pm are historically when most of the calls for service are coming in. The highest volume day from Monday through Friday is Friday at 3:00pm.

42 overdoses have been reported for 2017. Drop box discussions held as Opiate Coordinator Lucinda LeClair, is looking into tactically and strategically putting drop boxes for hypodermic needles around the State, which would affect data that is collected by the Department.

Financial Report

16.66% through the year, 15.72 spent.

Chief's Report

8/18 - Participated in COP on Top fundraiser

8/24 - Met with a representative from Leagues of Cities & Town with reference to a safety assessment and having proper Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)

8/29 - Analyst GoodHale and Chief Kilcullen were interviewed by WCAX

9/6 - Attended Sanctuary House graduation of three people

9/8 - Met with Executive Assistant Mary-Kaye Zambon, Payroll Administrator Cathy Koponen and Treasurer Wendy Wilton, to work on details converting to the new payroll system; expected to begin within the next month

9/15 - Commander Tucker's retirement luncheon is set for Friday at noon at the Franklin Conference Center

9/16 - Officer Down 5K with 208 runners signed up

10/5 - VLCT Annual Town Fair; Emerging Police Trends topic presented by Jack Ryan

Movement within the Department

Corporal Lucia to Sergeant Lucia
Sergeant Sheldon to Commander Sheldon
Corporal Dickerson to Sergeant Dickerson
Commander Prouty to Project VISION
Sergeant Whitehead to Community Outreach
Sergeant Mosher to Staff Operations
Sergeant Lorman to Patrol

A request was made to have an updated staffing list for the Commission for next month.

Training

8/16 - Officer Reilly - Firearms Instruction
8/21 to 8/25 - Detective Meytin - Death Investigation Training
8/28 to 9/1 - Sgt. Whitehead - LPO

Upcoming Training

Officer Reilly - Orientation Firearms Training is scheduled for one week in September/October
Record Clerks Pockette and Moore to attend TAC Training at the Police Academy
10/2 to 10/6 and 10/30 to 11/3 - Sgt. Whitehead LPO
10/22 to 12/1 - Analyst GoodHale - Applied Thinking
11/3 - Officer Cleveland - Counter Ambush Attack Training
10/28 to 10/29 - six to attend Peer Support, Assisting Individuals in Crisis Training in White River Junction
9/23 - An Active Threat Exercise is scheduled for Saturday, with 20 outside agencies already signed up along with RPD and EMS folks
9/30 - CFAC Benefit Bocce Ball Tournament
10/21 - Fundraiser for *Blue Angels Feeding Families* hosted by Shear Heaven Salon from 5pm to 8pm with 100% of proceeds going to feed needy families in the community, to be delivered by RPD. Tickets are \$40, to include spa services, food, drinks, deserts, door prizes and silent auctions.

Looking to schedule the Awards Ceremony at the CSJ Tuttle Hall Theater during the first or second week in December.

Tentative date for the PBA Holiday Dinner is Friday, December 22.

Personnel

Officer Rosario is back to full duty as of 9/25.

Motion made to go into executive session by Commissioner Brown under Title 1 Section 313a3, Paragraph 2 and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni at 7:30pm. Motion passed.

Executive Session

The executive session began, present with police commission members, Chief Kilcullen, Commander LaChance, and Sgt. Lorman 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 Brad GoodHale