

***Rutland Police Commission Minutes  
September 9, 2019***

Present: Chief Brian Kilcullen, Chairman Sean Sargeant, Commissioners Tom Calcagni, Luther Brown, Chris Siliski and Tony Romeo  
Others Present: Sergeant Sam Delpha, Commander Matt Prouty, City Attorney Matt Bloomer

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sargeant at 6:00pm lead by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sargeant welcomes Commissioner Tony Romeo back to the Police Commission.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni to approve the minutes from August 12. Motion passed 5-0.

***Introduction/Recognition of Police Department Members***

Probationary Police Officer Richard Carrivagio is sworn in as Police Officer Carrivagio. Probationary Police Officer James Rajda is sworn in as Police Officer Rajda.

***Public comment***

None

***Communication from Union***

None

***Commander's Report***

Commander Matt Prouty indicates that August was a busy month in Vision and the great Project Vision Community. Kevin Loso is taking on an initial research piece of the possibility of Recovery Housing coming out of Community housing and to find out if other communities have done it. Looking for a recovery peer model for the Housing Authority.

Commander Prouty reports that they are working with Mentor Connector's Executive Director, Chris Holmquist on the Vermont Youth Project. They are using the Finland Model to focus on hobbies and the Iceland Model to focus on Athletics and hoping that the next 20 years they will be meeting the need of the youth to find purpose and finding community.

National Night Out was August 6. Officer Blongy did an excellent job with the planning committee. It was indicated that the layout this year worked better with the parking in the lower lot.

Commander Prouty reports that about one and a half years ago they attended the presentation in St. Albans on the Run Hide Fight response to an active shooter scenario. It was presented to the Safety Committee here at the police department. They will be doing the training for the staff at the department along with City Hall employees. Discussions held.

The Mentor Connector has presented the Vermont Youth Project to Fair Haven, as they are coming on board.

They are working with other communities on a community collaborative hand book. Commander Prouty indicates that a meeting was held at Hartford Police Department last month with St. Albans area, Newport and Windsor County and they will continue the process, Project Vision is the model they want to use, so we will talk about what we do. We would like to get more police departments involved.

The Cops on Top fundraiser for the Special Olympics was held. Derby beat out this department, but this department beat out Burlington, South Burlington and Williston.

A representative from the department read to the kids for back to school.

They are working with Christine Anderson at RRMC on the Suicide Prevention Project that is going on.

The Justice Oversight Committee met on the 29th in Montpelier. One of the issues that would affect law enforcement is a proposal to change the news release process. We will continue to follow this.

The Officer Down 5K was held 8/31 with several officers participating along with City Fire, Recreation & Parks, VT Police Association, Mission City Church, Proctor Fire Dept and the Army National Guard.

### **Mapping Update**

Chief Kilcullen gave the mapping update as Analyst Brad GoodHale is on his way to a conference in Boston, by starting off with the 3Peat % of call volume year to date, the average is 17.7%

Crime comparison is shown next for year to date through August 30, 2019

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	6yr avg	2019
Robbery	4	12	4	0	7	3	5	5
Agg assault	25	30	36	41	39	39	35	35
Burglary force	87	64	39	35	37	26	48	28
Burglary non force	69	32	19	22	31	14	31	18
Larceny shoplifting	134	115	99	54	105	90	100	94
Larceny (all others)	394	314	227	205	232	148	253	144

Things are moving in the right direction per Chief Kilcullen. The numbers are showing upwards a little from last year to this year.

Preliminary overdose data was reported from 2009 to 2019. The Vermont Dept of Health statewide numbers of overdoses include opioid, heroin, prescriptions and fentanyl. There have been 10 fatal overdoses in Rutland County for 2019. Discussions held as to why February is a higher month around all counties and City Attorney Matt Bloomer indicates that potency could be a factor for a spike in a certain month.

Shows maps to include: burglaries and where they are occurring within the city; all thefts, as well with a cluster in Sector 1 and where they are occurring in the city; accidents showing Woodstock Ave, N Main St, West St and Stratton Ave; overdoses and needle collections, year to date.

### **Budget Report**

Two months in and 16 2/3% in showing 16.9% spent of the budget including encumbrances for blanket POs and various line items. We are right where we should be.

### **Chief's Report**

-The Vermont State Fair was uneventful. There were four officers during the week with five or six on the weekend.

- Traffic safety committee meeting was held August 16, with items discussed to include the parking on Washington Street at the Bardwell House, they are trying to increase compliance rather than enforcement; they are trying to get a status update as to the Center St Marketplace on what will happen there when summer is over; handicapped parking
- The Elnicki trial was held at the end of August in Burlington and the jury ruled in the Cities favor.
- The blood drive held August 22 at the Elks Club went very well. They did better than the 27 units expected.
- There was presence for the opening day of school on August 28
- Chief Kilcullen met with the Attorney on 9/5 in reference to the human rights complaint that was received
- A meeting is scheduled for 9/11 on the Center St Marketplace to talk about issues that can be changed for next summer
- Officer Laguardia and Chief Kilcullen attended a dinner at the Allen Street school

### **Personnel**

- Officer Houle has tendered his resignation as of September 5, as he will be going to work as the School Resource Officer at Rutland Town
- Sgt. Whitehead will go to Patrol as of September 8 and Sgt. Dickerson will be transferred to Project Vision

### **Training**

- Advanced SRO class completed by Officer Laguardia
- Cpl. Anderson and Officer Patterson attended a Street Crimes class in Hartford Connecticut
- Commander Sheldon, Sgt. Lucia and Cpl. Plemmons attended a BCI training

The entire department participated in the Use of Force and Tactics training as well as the First Aid and CPR training on August 27 and 29.

### **Upcoming**

- Firearms training is scheduled for 9/25
- PT Test is scheduled for 10/7 & 9

Motion made by Commissioner Calcagni and seconded by Commissioner Brown to go into executive session under Title 1 VSA Section 313 Paragraph 4, disciplinary or dismissal of public officer or employee with an

invite for the members of the Board of Alderman to stay. Motion passed 5-0 at 18:50.

**Executive session**

The executive session, present with police commission members, Chief Kilcullen, Commanders Lachance and Sheldon, Sgt. Delpha 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 19:03.

Motion to Adjourn made by Commissioner Calcagni and seconded by Commissioner Siliski at 19:03. Motion passed 5-0. Adjourned at 19:03.

Submitted by:

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cc: Chief Brian Kilcullen  
Mayor David Allaire  
Police Commission  
City Clerk Henry Heck  
Board of Aldermen  
Union President Jeff Warfle