

Rutland Police Commission Minutes
October 14, 2019

Present: Chairman Sean Sargeant, Commissioners, Luther Brown, Chris Siliski, Tony Romeo and Tom Calcagni

Others Present: Chief Kilcullen, Commander Prouty, Commander Sheldon, Commander Lachance and Alderman Matthew Whitcomb

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sargeant at 6:00pm led by the pledge of allegiance.

Motion made by Commissioner Romeo and seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the minutes from September 9, 2019. Motion passed 5-0.

Introduction/Recognition of Police Department Members

Chief Kilcullen introduces Probationary Police Officer Oscar Menjavar who is sworn in as Police Office Menjavar. Next Chief Kilcullen introduces Officer Jason Williams who is sworn in as Corporal Williams.

Chairman Sargeant indicates that he wants to recognize the events that happened last Tuesday and wants to thank everyone for what they did and to thank other members that have worked tirelessly for the last week. He indicates that the investigation is in the Vermont State Police hands and will not discuss tonight beyond what has been published. Chief Kilcullen thanks all for the reactions of that day with professionalism that everyone showed and the skill that allowed everyone to go home to their families. He said he can't thank them all enough for the response he received for those that came in from home, who came in early and stepped in to help out. He appreciates everyone stepping up. Chief Kilcullen indicates that they will have a review in the future about the events of that day once the report is complete.

Public Comment

City resident, Karen Rans, is present to address her and many residents complaints of the Rutland downtown of speeders during morning and evening drive times and the strong feeling about safety and the need for enforcement. She indicates she has a petition with 51 signatures, minus downtown business owners as they didn't want to look like they were representing their employees. Issues include: the intersections of West and Merchants Row; bikes and skateboards on the sidewalks and speeding and not giving pedestrians the right of way in the crosswalks. She indicates that she has attended the Board of Alderman meeting and the Public Safety Meeting. Data driven policing was addressed. Chief Kilcullen indicates that enforcement and education to both

pedestrians and drivers are key. He indicates that he has the VTRANS pamphlet that meets our needs and they are looking into personalizing them with contact information so they can be handed out as the educational piece with a posting on their Facebook page for anyone not having direct contact with the pamphlet handout. Commander Sheldon will reach out to Lt. Geno of the Rutland County Sheriff's Department with reference to the Governors Highway Traffic Safety Fund for enforcement. Discussions were had with reference to possibly lowering the speed limit and handing out tickets and warnings.

Chairman Sargeant indicates that Ms. Rans' concerns have clearly been heard and he will follow through with enforcement. Commissioner Siliski recommends that a list of some of the things that were talked about be written up.

Communication from Union

None

Commander's Report

Commander Lachance reports that Det. Morgano attended a drug investigation training in S Burlington on 10/2; The Federal trial that Ryan Ashe was involved in is complete and he was cleared; Record Clerks Ryan Brady and Nora Moore represented the department on 9/28 and will again on 10/26 with *Falls Prevention Awareness for the Elderly* and they will do another seatbelt check at the Rutland Fire Department on 10/26; an information sharing meeting will be held in Manchester on 10/25; Commander Lachance will attend the Castleton Alumni Social scheduled for 11/7; they will be posting for the Domestic Violence investigator spot and assessments will be held.

Commander Prouty reports that this month has not been as heavy a month as last month. He is working with Rutland Regional Medical Center with the next round of the Trust Grant application; 10/6 - Officer LaGuardia attended a public forum Using Brain Power at the Fox Room hosted by Rutland Area Robotics; A group of ten 7th to 10th graders will attend the VT Youth Project meetings in Burlington in the middle of the month; Sgt. Dickerson covered meetings for Commander Sheldon; 9/21 - Participated in the stomping out stigma walk at the park. WCAX was there as well; 9/23 - Spoke at the Rotary as they want to learn about Project Vision; 9/24 - Attended Criminalization of Homelessness; Range day is complete and all are CRT qualified.

Analyst Brad GoodHale will be picking up the slack as the counter drug analyst is headed to Boarder Patrol. Analyst GoodHale will be attending an analyst convention.

Commander Sheldon reports that they have completed the Code Amber drill at Rutland Regional Medical Center with Chief Kilcullen and Sgt. Whitehead with review and recommendations; Firearms training and the PT Test are complete; There are two officers at the Academy in week 11. They passed their firearm training; 10/26 - the Halloween Parade starts at 6:00pm; Officer Nate Harvey is involved in an SUV contest and giving it his all and he has been interviewed by Channel 5. He has won another Iron Dog competition.

Mapping Update

17% of all calls are 3peat calls, which are 3 or more calls to the same location, they are up a little bit.

Crime comparison:

	2019	2018
Robbery	6	3
Aggravated assault	42	42
Burglary (force)	35	33
Burglary (non force)	19	16
Larceny shoplifting	110	104
Larceny all other	176	177

Next the year to date comparison is shown through 10/12 from 2013 to 2019 with the 6 year average

Overdose data is shown - wants to get an update, they are now a participating agency through New England HIDTA with a representative here once every two weeks and they have access to whatever information where intel is shared.

Chief Kilcullen reports that Analyst GoodHale is working on a 10 year comparison, looking at the staffing and looking to do something different. They want to compare call volume with staffing. Brad is working on getting from 2017 to 2018 to then look at staffing levels for each of the years to see how busy we were compared to number of officers with several examples of some crime type. Chief Kilcullen indicates they will figure out how they want to present it once it is completed by Analyst GoodHale. Discussions held.

Budget Report

They are 25% through the year with 25% spent or paid encumbrances. We are right where we should be.

Chief's Report

Mayor Allaire had asked for e911 as to how things work and where 911 calls are going in the state as to the call taking aspect of it

- 9/11 - Center Street Marketplace review. Brought to Traffic Safety, more handi-capped parking is needed
- 9/12 - Allen St Campus basketball with the kids. Trying to be there every week to tie in with plans to go forward 2020 Vision
- 9/18 - Met with a representative from the League of Cities and Towns for insurance loss control.
- 9/20 - Traffic Safety Committee meeting. Parking on Washington St was addressed - signs are parallel to the curb and you can't see them pulling up to them along with restrictions signs on West St.

United Way fundraiser Guns and Hoses wait staff held at Southside Steakhouse, was not well attended this year.

- 10/2 - Chief Kilcullen and Commander Prouty attended National coffee with a Cop day at Dunkin Donuts on Main St,
- 10/4 - Attended the Mandella House graduation
- 10/7 - Met with Dave Wolk and Mayor Allaire
- 10/9 - VT Labor board did a one day Labor Relations Issues
- 10/10 - Project Vision meeting

Traffic Safety meeting this Friday.

With the anticipated retirement of Lynn Gallipo, there is an opening for a communication operator with one interested candidate.

Officer Harvey is involved in a campaign to get a new vehicle. Votes are needed.

- 9/26 - Det. Ashe and Morgano were sent to a leadership class in Saratoga, NY
- 9/25 - Firearms training

PT testing was last week

Upcoming trainings

- Officer Rajda to attend DUI enforcement this week
- Hazmat training is scheduled for this week
- Officer Warfle to attend Commercial Vehicle Awareness training
- Sworn personnel to attend a Domestic Violence training at the end of the month

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Calcagni and seconded by Commissioner Siliski at 7:25pm. Motion passed 5-0.

Submitted by:

Nancy Manning

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

P E T I T I O N

REGARDING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON SIDEWALKS AND AT CROSSWALKS

September 16, 2019

We, the undersigned, include merchants, professionals, business owners and employees; we are customers, clients, members and staff of non-profits and agencies that serve the community. We support local businesses as well as the farmers' markets and the vibrant nightlife of the downtown core. We are patrons of the arts, children's, civic and service organizations. We are residents, students, parents and grandparents, and caregivers; we represent varying levels of ability. We also include visitors bringing outside tourism dollars into the local economy. *Together we represent everyone who contributes to a vibrant, viable downtown core.*

We share concerns about pedestrian safety both on the sidewalks and in crosswalks, and we want the laws providing for our safety and well-being enforced, namely these:

23 V. S. A. § 1051. Pedestrians' right of way in crosswalks:

(a) If traffic-control signals are not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way, slowing down or stopping if necessary, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk.

(c) If any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear may not overtake the stopped vehicle.

We are equally concerned about *downtown speed limits being exceeded*, particularly during morning and evening periods of high traffic volume. We're concerned about laws regarding *skateboards and bicycles on sidewalks* not being enforced and what's been explained away as not being a priority for our local police force.

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prior to 1 way stop at
Merchants Row, Strongs Ave, and Washington St,
but people are still going right on red
when crosswalk light is permitting
pedestrian crossing