

***Rutland City Police Commission
April 8, 2019***

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

Others present: Chief Brian Kilcullen, Commander Sheldon, Commander Lachance

Not present: Commissioner Michelle Fairbrother

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

Motion made by Commissioner Calcagni and seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the Minutes of March 11, 2019. Motion passed 4-0.

Introduction / Recognition of Police Department Members

None for this evening

Public Comment

Chairman Sargeant received a call from a member of the public with reference to police activity at the high school with reference to an arrest warrant. This has been resolved and it was not a warrant executed at the high school; as originally reported.

Communication from the Union

None from the Union President. Chief Kilcullen indicates that contract negotiations are still ongoing and they have a couple of sessions scheduled next month with possibly a mediation session.

Commander's report

Commander Sheldon reports that an after action review committee has been formed. This has been formed to look at training opportunities and trends, with more eyes looking at cases to make sure they are complete and accurate. The committee includes: Sergeants, a BCI member, Amber Houle from Vision. They will meet as needed and help administrations recognition.

Officers Williams, Clement and Cpl Anderson make up the FTO committee to come up with a training program that is consistent to use for shift changes at night and in the morning.

First aid kits are now in the cruisers and only to be used for warranted situations, not to be used instead of calling 911. Officers also carry tourniquets on their duty belts.

Commanders met with the Sergeants to work on the leadership program for the patrol division.

Commander Lachance indicates that the after action committee will be helpful to BCI with use of force.

The Corporals test will be this month. There are three in the background stage of the hiring process with four spots being reserved for the August class at the VT Police Academy.

They are waiting for the State's Attorneys to sign off for Officers Rosario and McGuire to be able to move forward with death investigations on their own after completing the training.

Interdiction details will be scheduled, as the interdiction money is available.

Two former members of the Rutland City Police Department, Al Grazini and James Beraldi, have died.

Commander Lachance went to and sat in the Safety Committee with Officer Blongy.

Mapping Update

Analyst Brad Goodhale presents: the 3peats - The year to date average is 13.1% which ended last year at 12.5%. This number is on par with last year; Calls for service map - year to date of the city of all calls for service since the last commission meeting; Calls for service heat chart - year to date showing the hot spot on Mondays with Fridays being the heaviest call volume day for the end of February. Analyst GoodHale will keep an eye out for the heaviest days of the week, as they are looking to hire a dispatcher at the higher call periods.

Analyst GoodHale shows the crime comparison, ytd comparison through 3.31 in all the years showing

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	6yr ave	2019
Robbery	4	9	0	0	3	2	3	2
Agg assault	10	16	13	15	13	14	14	13
Burglary (F)	33	30	10	5	6	7	15	8
Burglary (NF)	27	18	7	3	7	6	11	2
Larceny	52	46	25	16	36	35	36	40
Larceny (other)	125	89	74	41	43	42	69	41

Analyst GoodHale will have the intern from Castleton go through some of domestic violence research.

Next Analyst GoodHale reports on the demographics for 2018/2019 ytd on arrests; arrests on marital status showing 2018/2019; arrests by age.

Brad attended artificial intelligence, a morning and afternoon session.

Analyst GoodHale will participate in a mass crime analysis and teach two classes.

Budget report

They are 75% of the way through the year with 66% of the budget being spent. There is a little more room than usual as some of the recent health insurance bills have not been charged back to the department yet. There is a savings on the salaries line at 67 1/2% through the year, due to significant workman comp claims. Chairman Sargeant indicates they are being more proactive with the worker's comp claims being looked at closely by the safety committee. The work on the roofing project will begin, as clean up has been completed and roof repairs should be completed in two weeks, depending on the weather.

Chief's Report

3/18 & 3/19 - A number of members attended the VT Special Olympics at Pico and Law Enforcement draped metals on the winners. It was a nice sunny day and it was very nice.

3/18 to 3/22 - was Meals on Wheels Champions week with a few of the officers riding along with the meals on wheels drivers and Chief Kilcullen joined Steve Marro on his West Rutland route.

3/25 - Commanders Sheldon, Lachance and Chief Kilcullen attended the Legislative breakfast at Dismas House with a nice presentation by Commissioner Luther Brown. A lot of the legislatures were present There were contract negotiation meetings held over the course of the month.

4/3 - A few members attended the Godnick Center to serve lunch to the seniors. Attendance was down from years prior, foster grandparents were not present this year, but the attendance was down.

Coming up

5/1 - Tapestry annual fair

5/5 - Loyalty Day Parade

5/24 - Graduation from the VT Police Academy to include; Caravaggio, Delehanty and Rajda. All three are doing very well.

Completed training

3/25 to 4/5 - Officer Plakas has completed police driving instructor school

3/25 to 29 - Death investigation has been completed by Officers Rosario and LaGuardia

3/27 and 28 - Sgt Whitehead and Officer Morgano attended Opiod Overdose Death Investigation Class

4/15 - BCI attended Understanding Crimes Against Children

In either April or May there will be an ARIDE training for hirees after 2015.

Discussion held as to Officer Nate Harvey utilizing his dog as much as possible to give him the experience with his dog. The uses for the dog include: tracking, drugs, patrol work, building searches, and running down a bad guy who takes off. Chief Kilcullen indicates that they have reverted back to 12 hour shifts for the dog, as they are always trying new things and this works best.

A motion to go into Executive Session, under Title 1 VSA Section 313a2 12, confidential client attorney communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to this body, made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Siliski at 18:38pm. Motion passes 4-0. Executive session entered at 18:39,

Executive session

The executive session began, present with police commission members,

Chief Kilcullen to discuss matters that if disclosed publicly at this time, could place the City, the Department or an employee of the department at risk. Exited executive session at 19:23.

Motion made by Commission Brown and seconded by Chris Siliski to authorize the chair to sign RPD directive #432 "Use of Intranasal Naloxone". Motion passes 4-0.

Motion made by Commissioner Calcagni and seconded by Commissioner Brown to adjourn. Motion passes 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 19:25.

Submitted by:

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