

**Rutland City Police Commission**  
**January 13, 2020**

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

Others Present: Chief Kilcullen, Commanders Lachance and Prouty

Not Present: Chairman Sean Sargeant

Vice Chairman Calcagni calls the meeting to order at 6:00pm, led with the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Commissioner Romeo to accept the minutes of 12/9/19 and seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion passed 4-0.

**Introduction/Recognition of Police Department Members**

None

**Public Comment**

Karen Rans, city resident is present to follow up on her last appearance in October with reference to enforcing safety laws downtown. Discussions held to include: identifying funding, personnel availability, environmental designs, visibility of the crosswalks, temporary road markings, speeding and jaywalking. Chief Kilcullen did indicate that he has sat in an unmarked car and watched and has seen that there are as many pedestrian infractions as drivers. He indicates that they have looked to identify safety issues and they have used some grant funding for enforcement for pedestrian safety by using plain clothed individuals to identify infractions and radio ahead. They will track staff hours for the next meeting. Chief Kilcullen will conduct a couple of initiatives - 1. track tickets and warnings and 2. put out a public safety announcement with reference to the education segment.

Next Traffic Safety Committee meeting is this week. Chief Kilcullen will inquire about the configuration of the light at the top of Crescent St at N Main St.

**Communication from Union**

None

**Commander's Report**

Commander Sheldon indicates that the Community Response Team (CRT), with Sgt. Dickerson is coming up to speed. He indicates that the treatment court folks are getting more engaging and that Sgt. Dickerson is spending most of his time with them.

Officer Blongy is spending time doing parking enforcement and directive patrol from 2 to 3:30 at the Plaza. As per evidenced by the numbers for Rutstat, there are no calls coming in that time period. The visibility at the plaza is working. Discussions held as to the shopping carts being taken from the plaza along with the ordinance. Price Chopper and Walmart are working on getting the carts back.

Things are going pretty well for ACO Tim Jones with the animal calls.

Meghan Clark will be with Vision for one year come March. She is working with 12 to 16 clients that are documenting human trafficking victims. She is almost to capacity.

Project Vision started their strategic planning in December. Their public meetings are scheduled the 9th of each month from now to mid-May. They have changed to community policing and engagement from crime and safety. A survey monkey has been drafted and rolled out to the membership on the 10th and due back the 24th. It has been sent out to 492 folks. They will then work on goals and action items.

They are working the Icelandic model with the VT Youth Project. They will do a presentation on the 15th at Castleton University from 6-8.

### **Mapping Update**

Chief Kilcullen reports the mapping update to include: 3Peat locations; crashes; crime analysis comparison of year average to current year numbers; year to date comparison; time of day and day of week, when they are the busiest; where crimes are occurring; overdoses and locations of found needles.

Chief Kilcullen indicates that he would like to get a 10 year comparison analysis along with an analysis for 2019 for overdoses and needles from Analyst GoodHale.

### **Budget Report**

Six months rough the year. They are at 51.43% of the budget being spent. did not budget raises, but 2 years worth of raises hit this budget including the retroactive pay and that is why it is elevated. We are a little over 50% in the salary line.

### **Chief's Report**

Outside employment requests. Motions made to accept the following:

- Tyler Billings is requesting a non law enforcement position for traffic control up to 3 hours per week for winter traffic in Ludlow on Sat. and Sun. Accepted by all 4.

- Kevin Blongy has a repeat request from last year, Police Chief, Emergency Management for the Town of Proctor with minimal hours, to sign various permits and review grievances - Accepted by all 4; Volunteer Firefighter with the Town, varies based on call volume. Accepted by all 4
- Tim Cornell, volunteer Fire position in Pittsford - Accepted by all 4
- Mike Delehanty - VT Urban Search and Rescue Task Force, training once a month with call outs - Accepted by all 4
- Greg Sheldon - Adjunct Professor at CCV 5-10 hours Spring and Fall Semesters - Accepted by all 4
- Emily Leinoff - Part Time Dispatcher with Hartford PD; Photography work as well for 8 hours a week - Accepted by all 4
- Keith Lorman - Plowing depending on weather - Accepted by all 4
- Nora Moore - Self employed 31 consultant - Accepted by all 4
- 12/11 - Nina Kemp did a story with reference to the officer involved shooting and it has aired already, but will do a bigger piece once it is closed. Commissioner Calcagni inquired if they will be doing the repair work to the building as it represents a bad reminder and Chief Kilcullen will check to see if it can be completed this week.
- 12/12 - Shop with a COP was held with 40 kids involved this year
- 12/13 - The Policeman's Ball was held
- 12/17 - The Chief's meeting was held at the State's Attorney's office
- 12/31 - Retirement luncheon for Communications Operator Lynn Gallipo
- 1/9 - Project Vision meeting
- 1/9 - Outreach with the kids at Allen Street
- 1/10 - Retirement luncheon for Cpl Gorruso
- 1/15 - VT Youth Project for 6-8
- 1/17 - Traffic Safety meeting
- 1/17 to 24 - RCPD Stonehedge Golf sponsored by the union
- 1/23 - The investigation results were made to the Human Rights Commission

### **Personnel**

- Sgt. Mosher, Sgt. Lucia and Cpl. Anderson are all back to work
- 12/15 - Cpl Morgano has been assigned to BCI
- 12/20 - Officer Warfle put in his resignation effective February 1
- 12/9 - 7 individuals attended the First Responders Wellness Conference coordinated by Chief Baker, in Montpelier
- 12/9 to 13 - Sgt. Williams attended a Four Science Certification course in Orlando, FL
- 12/10 and 12 - The Department attended Domestic Violence training by the SA's office
- 12/12 and 13 - Cpl Lucia attended a Criminal Control Stop workshop in Essex VT
- 1/14 to 17 - Officers Rose, Billings and Plakas will be attending Field Training Officer School at the VT Police Academy

Commander Lachance has completed the interview for the Evidence Technician position and will be going to background. The Street Crimes Unit has been proactive and are targeting individuals.

A motion made by Commissioner Siliski and seconded by Commissioner Brown to go into Executive Session under Title 1 VSA Section 313a4, disciplinary or dismissal of public officer or employee. Motion passed at 7:13pm.

**Executive session**

The executive session began, present with police commission members, Chief Kilcullen, Commanders Lachance and Prouty 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 7:30pm. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Romeo and seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion approved 4-0. Adjourned at 7:30pm

Submitted by:

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Police Commission  
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Board of Aldermen  
Union President Jeff Warfle