

Rutland City Police Commission

February 13, 2017

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

Others Present: Chief Kilcullen, Analyst Brad GoodHale, Commander Matt Prouty

Chairman Sargeant calls the meeting to order, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni to approve the minutes for January 9, 2017. Motion passed.

Introduction/Recognition of Police Department Members

There are none for this meeting. There are two department members at the Academy: Jared Dumas and Tyler Billings. There is 2 level two candidates beginning 3/6/17 at the part time academy and will be at the Department on 3/21/17.

Public Comment

No one present.

Chairman Sargeant wanted to address a call he received from a South Street resident, Bill Dydo, with reference to how a noise complaint was handled. Mr. Dydo has met with Chief Kilcullen, Commander Prouty and Chairman Sargeant. Discussions held and Chief Kilcullen will reach out to Mr. Dydo on the discussions held tonight.

Communication from the Union

The Super Holiday grievance is in Level three in the grievance process. Union President Adam Lucia to confer with Chief Kilcullen tomorrow.

Commander's Report

Commander Prouty addresses the board. He indicates that there are two officers out due to injuries and there are scheduling issues and Sergeants are getting tired. He reports that they did an excellent job securing the scene and following up with the incident on Howe Street and he was very impressed by this Department. They are in still in the planning phase with Beth Winters, the Project Supervisor and Commander Prouty on the partnership with the RRMC with workplace violence, Focus, Drill and Skill exercises. They are working with EMS on war zone with getting victims to safety with drills and skills practicing over and over. Conversations continue and it is good for the Department and Rutland Regional Medical Center to be working on this project together.

Commander LaChance is not present, however, his division has completed the Corporal testing on January 23. There are six qualified names on the Corporal list for promotions. There are four individuals that will be testing for Sergeant on March 8, to be added to the Sergeant's list.

Commander Tucker, not present, but he is in the process of setting up dates for the end of February to meet in Montpelier with the Rutland Delegates to update them and the focus will be on Project Vision.

Mapping Update

2/22/17 - Analyst GoodHale will be participating on a data quality board that works with the Valcor system, Vermont Criminal Information Center, VIBRS and CRG, working on law enforcement data in Vermont.

Analyst Brad GoodHale gives the monthly report starting with 1/1/17 to 1/31/17 - 4 years of crime data to look back on to compare with previous years. 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016

showing average and 2017 % +/-, to include Aggravated assaults down 25%, Burglaries with force are down 66%, Burglaries without force are down 40%, Larcenies are down 59%. He is working on getting the drug arrest numbers for the City of Rutland. Discussions held as to the testing of drugs they seize.

He then reports the numbers of calls for service showing the same two week period for January 23 to February 5.

The top 26 calls for service is then reported by Analyst GoodHale. Next, he shows the micro hot spots.

Chairman Sargeant makes a request to address on Thursday to have Chief Kilcullen, Commander Prouty, and Sgt. Whitehead speak to representatives at the Plaza with reference to calls for service.

Budget

We are through 225 days of the budget and are at 61.6% through the year with 59%.07 spent. They are where they should be and the year end payouts make up the difference.

Chief's Report

Training

1/10/17 and 1/12/17 - Everyone in patrol attended the Alcohol Enforcement training and ID Checking with the Vermont Liquor Control.

1/10/17 - The States Chief's Association held its Legislative luncheon for Rutland County with the topic of discussion centered on Legislative Policy. Commander Tucker and Chief Kilcullen attended an Attorney General forum for procedural type issues, Rights for Democracy.

1/19/17 - Commander LaChance and Sgt. Whitehead and a few others spoke to a tour group of 8th graders.

1/24/17 - Analyst GoodHale, Commander Tucker and Chief Kilcullen met with Robin from CRG with reference to data quality; the correlation of property crimes and addiction to see if there is any correlation between the two; traffic stops and race collection and commuter data.

1/25/17 - A number of people in the department went on a tour at Westridge, at the Howe Center to see what the Methadone Treatment Program is.

1/30/17 - All Commanders, Chief Kilcullen and Analyst GoodHale attended a REDC luncheon which focused on the State's plans in response to President Trump's immigration type issues.

2/1/17 - Sgt. Sheldon and Chief Kilcullen attended a Senate Health and Welfare Committee Meeting on mental health issues. Discussion held on the Rutland Mental Health clinician that is embedded in Project Vision.

2/2/17 - A final decision for the vicious animal complaint will be rendered as the Animal Control Board held its hearing.

2/7/17 - Analyst GoodHale and Chief Kilcullen attended a VJIS workshop.

2/16/17 - RCPD will be hosting the Chief's Meeting for Rutland County with the State's Attorney's Office.

Upcoming Training

4/18 - 4/20/17 – Commander LaChance to attend a Legal and Liability Training

5/8/17 – Officer Warfle attending an Enhanced at Scene Investigation Training

5/31- 6/2/17 – Officer Cleveland will attend an Ambush Tactical Training

Chief Kilcullen describes the Super Holiday grievance for the benefit of Commissioner Valente. The grievance is in the third step of the grievance process and next it goes to arbitration. City Attorney Romeo will represent the department at arbitration.

Outside employment

Motion made by Commissioner Valente and seconded by Commissioner Brown to accept Communication Operator Lynette Gallipo's request to work at the Rutland Town Police Department 20 hours per week doing clerical and records type work. Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Valente and seconded by Commissioner Fairbrother to accept the request of Communication Operator Emily Leinoff as a part time dispatcher for the Hartford Emergency Communication Center. Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Fairbrother to accept the request of Officer Craig Hunt for self employed Firearms sales, sporting good, gun smithing and customization of weapons and hours are based on appointments. Motion passed.

Commissioner Calcagni makes a motion and seconded by Commissioner Brown to accept the request of Officer Kevin Blongy to work for Proctor Volunteer Fire Department as Captain, hours vary. Commissioner Valente abstains from the vote. Motion passed. Motion made by Commissioner Calcagni to accept the request to serve on the Select Board for the Town of Proctor, with minimal hours. Commissioner Valente abstains from the vote. Motion passed.

After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Fairbrother to table the request of Communication Operator Timothy Cornell for Pittsford Fire Department, hours vary on call; for Vermont State Police in Williston as a part time dispatcher 8-12 hours per week; for the Town of Pittsford as a part time Police Officer 12-15 hours per week, until such time after discussions with CO Cornell. Motion passed and will issue will be an item on the agenda for the March meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Fairbrother to approve the request of Commander Scott Tucker as a consultant for public safety investigations and community engagements for approximately 20 hours per week. Motion passed.

Motion made to go into executive session by Commissioner Calcagni and seconded by Commissioner Brown at 7:14pm. Motion passed.

Executive Session

The executive session began, present with police commission members, Chief Kilcullen, Commander Prouty and Analyst Brad GoodHale 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 Kilcullen,
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Board of Aldermen
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