

***Rutland City Police Commission
May 12, 2014***

Present: Chairman Larry Jensen, Vice Chairman Thomas Calcagni, Commissioners Dr. Luther Brown, Sean Sargeant, Michelle Fairbrother

Others Present: Captain Scott Tucker, Lt. Kevin Geno, Commander David Covell

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jensen at 6:00pm

Public comment

Commissioner Sargeant wanted to bring two complaints to the board that he received, the first being a call regarding the lights at Deer St. and Woodstock Ave, not recognizing the traffic to Woodstock Ave. Lt. Geno indicates the cycling has been fine and Sgt. Sly noted that if a car doesn't stop at the stop bar, it does not recognize the vehicle, even if it goes over it. Discussions held. The second call was regarding a bicyclist on a sidewalk on Woodstock Ave being stopped by the police. It was noted that the public needs to make a call to the police department at the time of the incident or give information as to the time of day the incident happened, to try to track down the incident, otherwise they can't track it down.

Sherri Durgan Campbell indicates that she is still hearing from the residents of the Bardwell House that they are not being respected on the crosswalk when vehicles stopped on Washington Street have a turn right on red. Chief Baker indicated that he will follow up with Butch Shaw of the Traffic Safety Committee. Tony Romeo indicates that there is a problem with people riding their bikes on the sidewalks on State St.

Communication from Union

None

Mapping update

Brad GoodHale give the presentation on the mapping as communication has broken down with Dave Harrington in Bangkok. Brad reports that they are calling their bi-weekly "mapping meetings" now Rutstat. Brad explains the 80/20 rule indicating that the theory of 20% of the incidents are 80% of the outcome and reviews the 80/20 analysis chart by addresses and Sectors of the city. Incident reporting is broken down into Sectors for a 3 month period and reports the top 10 addresses listed in each Sector, some to include:

Sector 1 - Walmart, Price Chopper, 62 Pine St along with others, indicating that 25% of the incidents are happening at the top 10 locations in Sector 1. Sector 1 had 861 calls in a 3 month period. Discussions held.

Sector 2 - 108 Wales St, RPD making walk in complaints; 253 S Main St, Quality Inn, 446 West St, Mobil Station at Ripley and West St, 110 Granger St, Park St, Hopkins, Madison, Prospect and Strongs Ave. 20% of these calls are at the top 10 addresses.

Sector 3, which is predominately residential include, Economy Inn & Suites, 160 Allen St, 154 Woodstock Ave, Old Pines St Lodge. 10 Woodstock Ave, Walgreens, 12 N Main, Topps. Discussions held as to the top 10 calls. 25% of the calls are at the top 10 locations.

Sector 4 - has had 126 calls for service including suspicious, family fights and 5 animal complaints, therefore, they are assisting in Sector 1. 20% of the calls in Sector 4 are at the top 4 locations.

In reviewing the calls for service for Sectors 1 through 4, out of 862 calls, 110 are suspicious calls. They will be changing their stat collection from using dispatch coded calls to observed offenses and Captain Tucker clarifies dispatch calls versus the observed code. Chief Baker compares the information from one year ago and indicates that it is a continuing process to improve the information to give a more accurate picture and that is coming down the road.

Discussions held as to the repeat locations. The data now shows specific addresses and issued in given neighborhoods, as there has been a major shift in the information sharing the the department is getting close to predicting ability.

Christine from NW Neighborhood requests more press releases to get information out to the public. Chief Baker indicates they are putting them out as they can, based on ongoing investigations and will continue to work to get the information out. They are using mental health crisis workers to mediate incidents that aren't necessarily criminal matters and trying to change the environment. Brad to update the City Police webpage and keep the social media updates.

Sgt. Report

Sgt. Bartlett gives a demonstration on the equipment of the new Ford Explorer.

Budget report

Chief Baker indicates that the budget is at 83.27% and will be around 85% spent, making the budget well within range. They are over on the overtime and equipment needs with the IT upgrades. Savings are in the vacancies.

Chief Baker indicates that there is approximately \$147,000 seized from drug investigations in the city coffers. Discussion held as to how this money can be spent based on the strict federal guidelines and the equitable sharing assets program.

Staffing

There are 38 sworn personnel with 2 vacancies. There are five candidates for the two positions, however, no are recertified. Officer Kirsten Murphy and Officer Emilio Rosario graduate from the VT Police Academy in May. Officer Jen Czachor will be attending canine drug detection class and Sgt. Matt Prouty is being inducted into the Canine Hall of Fame on graduation day, 5/24/14. Officer Nathan Harvey and Officer Ryan Rooker will be attending the academy in August. Officer Keith Lorman is coming back to shift.

There are two vacancies in dispatch. There is one candidate, who has all the training and experience and is being brought in for a final interview within the next three weeks. The dispatcher's positions will be full at six, come July 1, as there are 3 qualified with prior experience and interviews are being set up.

This week is National Police Memorial week in the United States. Twenty two year veteran Officer Gary Gaboury, who lost his life in the line of duty, will be remembered at the Police Memorial Service on Friday at the memorial stone or in the community room if it rains. Lt. Geno is working on getting this together. A speech that Officer Skip Mulcahey had written, will be read.

Project Vision

Captain Tucker, Brad GoodHale, Mayor Louras, Corinne Rodriguez, Steven McLaughlin, director of Evergreen and US Attorney Tristram Coffin will be going to NY to a two day National

Town Meeting seminar about the source of Heroin in NY. Making a presentation is David Kennedy, a drug strategist and author of ***Don't Shoot: One Man, A street Fellowship and the End of Violence in Inner-City America***. Chief Baker and Mayor Louras will be making a stop in Harlem to meet with the New City Police with reference to best practice ideas.

Chief Baker indicates the mediation piece is working well and has had some success.

Captain Tucker led a delegation from Project Vision on April 18th to the Statehouse for resolution recognition.

Leslie Gilmore has created a website for Project Vision. Brad is chairing the committee inside the police department. Project Vision has been recognized by a NJ paper.

There is a fundraiser dinner and golf tournament scheduled for June 9 at Table 24 and at the Green Mountain National Golf Course.

Rachael McGuire, a Rutland native who is a Boston City Police Officer and was at the bombing in Boston, will be honored for her heroism at a luncheon at 11:00.

Chief Baker has been added to the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club and will be holding a monthly basketball get together the last Wednesday of each month from June to September at the K of C Gym

Detective Dave Lachance will represent the department on the board of human trafficking with the AG's office. Officer Craig Hunt is the firearms instructor and a training is being scheduled. Brad GoodHale is in the process of working on a table top active shooters presentation. Training on child and sexual abuse is being scheduled at the Rutland Regional Medical Center.

Chief Baker to review the legislative information to include: deployment of tasers, drug prescription overdoses and will report next month to the board.
Motion made by Commissioner Sargeant and seconded by Commissioner Fairbrother to adjourn to go into executive session. Motion passed.

Submitted by:

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Cc: Rutland Police Commission

Chief James Baker
Captain Scott Tucker
Lt. Kevin Geno
Mayor Chris Louras
City Clerk Henry Heck
Board of Aldermen
Union President Lynn Gallipo