

Rutland Police Commission

June 13, 2016

Present: Chairman Sean Sargeant, Vice Chairman Tom Calcagni, Commissioners Michelle Fairbrother, Luther Brown and Tom Valente
Others Present: Chief Kilcullen, Commander Prouty

Chairman Sargeant calls the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Approval of May 2016 Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Fairbrother and seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the minutes of 5/9/16. Motion passed.

Introduction/Recognition of Police Department Members

Chairman Sargeant recognizes the service by Past Chairman Larry Jensen and indicates that he is grateful for his service from 2010 to 2016. His service was commemorated with a plaque from the Rutland City Police and the Rutland Police Benevolent Association.

Chief Kilcullen swears in Police Officer Elizha Heter, as she has graduated from the Vermont Police Academy.

Public Comment

Chairman Sargeant indicates he received a phone call approximately 3 weeks ago from a male resident indicating he was sexually molested by the Rutland Police Department. An investigation was completed after review of two angles of the dash cam video and review of the file by Commander Covell. A follow up will be done as the complainant was invited to come in, however, has not yet.

Communication from the Union

Chief Kilcullen reports that they have reached an agreement on the new 2 year contract and summarizes the changes to the board, indicating that it is the first time that they have reached an agreement on a contract before the new fiscal year. Discussions held as to issues with double badging; Corporal Rank and pay; worker's compensation coverage; canine scheduling so it is in compliance with the fair labor standard acts; military bonus; retirement age; and raises. The new contract goes into effect on July 1, 2016.

Commander's Report

Commander Prouty reports that it has been an interesting first couple of months and he is settling in. He indicates he is in the process of learning about the Agency Highway Safety monies with Mary from City Hall.

Discussions are in the process with reference to the request of Mayor Louras to consider creating a countywide PSAP/911 Center. A trip was taken to the Shelburne Police to review their setup and to address billing, next will be a trip to Hartford.

Commissioner Fairbrother brings up the issue of security for the Friday Night Live events coming in July. Discussions held. Commander Prouty indicates they will be speaking with Mike Coppinger and may need to provide additional security.

Mapping Update

Robin Weber from the Crime Research Group gives the mapping update for the last two weeks. There were 327 calls for service for the same two week period for last year compared to 364 calls for service for this year.

She shows the breakdown for Calls for Service for Sectors 1, 2, 3 and 4. Sector 1 had 83 calls for service; Sector 2 had 82 calls for service; Sector 3 had 81 calls for service and Sector 4 had 26 calls for service.

Commissioner Valente indicates he would like more of a breakdown in Sector 3, as he indicates the zone is so big and he can't tell anything from the way the slides are being presented. Commander Prouty indicates that he would like to see a heat chart of that section to see what the street information shows. Discussions held. It was decided that they will drill down more on Sector 3 for the next meeting. Discussions held as to what they would like to see reported for the mapping updates.

Budget

Chief Kilcullen reports that they are 94% through the year as of June 10 and have spent 89% of the budget. They are in good shape.

Chief's Report

- 5/18/16 - Mayor had funding for diversity training with Curtis Reed.
- 5/20/16 - Officers Heter and Morgan graduated from the Police Academy.
- 5/26/16 - DEDACT Crime Analyst Chris Bruce is being contracted through DEDACT to work with Brad Goodhale to get access to extract RPD's data from the State's system so they are able to do their own analysis and stats as they don't have the accessibility to do it now and this is a short term solution. The state is working on direct access for a long term solution.
- Commander Tucker, Sgt Lachance and Chief Kilcullen attended a 21st Century policing.
- Commander Covell's last day was this past Friday.
- Sgt. Sheldon, Commander Tucker, Commander Prouty will head to Portland Maine to do a presentation with mental health as the focus.
- 6/16/16 - Vicious dog hearing on the second floor at 6:00pm.
- 6/16/16 - Officer Harvey was recognized, while on vacation in Lake Placid, for performing CPR on a person having a Cardiac Arrest.
- Officer Eric Morgano will be hi-lighted in the Rutland Reader this week.
- They will begin the process to fill Commander Covell's vacancy.

Completed training

- 5/16/16 to 5/18/16 - Basic forensic child interviewing was completed by Cpls. Dickerson and Whitehead
- 5/23 & 24/16 - The Dept has completed Fair and Impartial Policing
- 5/23 & 24/16 - Child Death Investigation by Cpl. Dickerson
- Sgt. Lorman, Sgt. Lachance, Cpl. Dickerson and Officer Chris Rose attended an emergency response drill, TSU, active shooter training at the courthouse.
- Chief Kilcullen and Sgt. Prouty were involved in a large scale plane crash exercise at the Rutland Regional Medical Center

Upcoming training

- 6/13/16 to 6/16/16 - Annual Firearms Training.
- 6/21/16 – Cpls. Whitehead and Lucia attended Taser Instructor Recertification.
- 6/21/16 - Evidence Coordinator Sharkis attended a Basic Crime Scene Investigation Course.

- 6/28 & 29/16 - Four officers will be attending the sex exploitation of children training.
- Sgts. Lorman and Mosher have completed the LPO training and Sgt. Lachance and Delpha will begin their once a week training for 3 months on 8/3/16.

Personnel

- Officer Warfle came off probation on May 1, 2016.
- Probationary Police Officer Plemmons came off probation in November 2015.
- The newest hire, Officer Chris Rose, is number 5 on the VT Police Academy waiting list. He will be sent to the level two part time Academy to get him some training, car/uniform.
- Officer Sean Maguire who is off probation will attend the next meeting along with Officer Chris Rose.

Motion made by Commissioner Valente and seconded by Commissioner Fairbrother to adjourn.
Motion passed.

Submitted by:

Nancy Manning

cc: Police Commission
Mayor Chris Louras
City Clerk Henry Heck
Board of Aldermen
Union President Lynn Gallipo