

Rutland City Police Commission

March 14, 2016

Present: Chairman Larry Jensen, Vice Chairman Thomas Calcagni, Commissioners Sean Sargeant and Luther Brown

Not Present: Commissioner Michelle Fairbrother

Others present: Chief Kilcullen, Commander Prouty, Sgt. Lorman

Chairman Larry Jensen calls the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Motion made by Commissioner Sargeant and seconded by Commissioner Brown to accept the minutes for February 8, 2016. Motion approved.

Introduction/Recognition of Police Department Members

Officer Adam Lucia is sworn in as Corporal Lucia. Corporal Keith Lorman is sworn in as Sergeant Lorman. Sergeant Matthew Prouty is sworn in as Commander Prouty.

Public Comment

Jacob Sherman of Morse Place wants to address the timing of traffic lights specifically on South Main Street at Madison Ave and wants to know who has control of them. Discussions held. Mr. Sherman has been directed to address the issue with the Traffic Safety Committee.

Michael Copping from Rutland Downtown Partnership and Correspondent Susan Schreiber came to address a walk/bike summit that Rutland is hosting on April 1 and 2. They indicate that there are 4 different topic tracks with 3 sessions each throughout the workshops scheduled for Friday with a dinner at Roots and Saturday is filled with active outdoor workshops for bikers and walkers. Speakers on Friday night to include David Chernushenko on safety education and enforcement track designed toward public safety issues; Lt. Bixby from the Rutland County Sheriff's Dept. and Sgt. Mark Perkins from Vermont State Police and another police officer from the Burlington Police Department to promote biking and walking within the community.

David Allaire is present to talk about a nonprofit nationwide organization named Operation Life Saver, which is safety group for railroad crossing/pedestrian trespassing. He indicates that Railroad trespassing is becoming a worse problem than in the past and is coming back into the forefront.

Lisa Chalidze, Chairman of the College of St. Joseph's Criminal Justice Department is present with several students and indicates that there is a goal to create more knowledge and familiarity with the police department and would like the department to consider the college campus for community forums and training purposes to build community relations. Chairman Jensen indicates he would like to see a liaison with the program to be a permanent connection between the City Police and the students at the College of St. Joseph.

Communication from the Union

None

Mapping Update

Dr. Robin Webber of the Crime Research Group is present and is filing in for David Harrington. She indicates that they are looking at social network analysis with reference to mapping for violence and homicides.

She reports the top 25 calls for service within the last two weeks and compares them to the similar period last year. Citizen Assists is the top call for service and there were 9 calls for Domestic Violence which is up 43%, 14 this year compared to 9 last year. There has been an uptick on Domestic violence due to strangulations and will keep an eye on the trend.

She reports a breakdown comparing Sectors and heat charts
Sector 1 being the busiest
Sector 2 had seven Citizen Assists and two Sex Offenses
Sector 3 shows different kinds of activities
Sector 4 is not busy, compared to the other Sectors in the City

Data collection was done for race and traffic.

A traffic analysis was not done for this meeting, but there will be one for the next meeting.

Budget Report

They are through March 11, which is 75.4% of the year complete. They are in good shape. Chief Kilcullen will take a look at the sizable payouts for leave.

Chief's Report

Chief's Schedule

2/10 - Met with Mary Nemeth at RPMC with other staff
2/10 - Went to the Democratic Committee Forum at the Rutland Free Library
2/11 - Met with Senator Sanders field representative
2/12 - Attended the first night of Winterfest, and indicates that they did a really nice job with hauling in the snow so they could sled down Center Street
2/17 - Participated in a press conference
2/19 - Attended the retirement luncheon for Commander Geno
2/25 - Public presentation at the Franklin Conference Center to report the results of the Police Departments 2015 initiatives & efforts. It was well attended by the public
3/10 - Attended a meeting with Congressman Peter Welch with reference to policing in the 21st century
3/10 - Met with Katherine Nelson, the new General Manager and CEO of the Rutland Herald to discuss a 12 to 14 week series in the Rutland Reader profiling newer officers.
3/10 - There was a year end Project Vision Meeting held reporting their progress with 100 in attendance.

On April 4, he will attend a conference set in Montpelier on Community Solutions for Opiate issues.

Several officers have gone through the ALERT training in February.

Two full time officers will be graduating from the Vermont Police Academy May 20, 2016.

Promotions include: Commander Matthew Prouty, Operations Sergeant Keith Lorman, Sergeant Sheldon transferred to Community Response Unit and Cpl. Dickerson transferred to BCI.

There have been 4 interviews held for Police Officers with 3 in background and will hopefully have names after this process for the next Police Academy.

The final payment has been made in Fiscal 2016 for the IACP search.

Cpl. Lucia's Drug Recognition Training has been completed at the Vermont Police Academy and in Arizona.

They continue to work on the strategic plan.

Corporals Whitehead and Lucia have attended the FTO refresher course. Cpl. Lucia also attended the Datamaster refresher training. Cpl. Nguyen was sent to a corporate Verbal Judo Training.

Chairman Jensen inquires where they stand on the Bodycams and Chief Kilcullen indicates that they are still trying to find the grant funding. There is an indefinite decision at this point whether they will go forward and will need time to apply for the grant funding other than using the JAG funding due to the cost and having so many unanswered questions. Discussions held as to the storage of the data.

Commissioner Sargeant makes a motion at 7:31pm to go into executive session and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni. Motion passed.

Chairman Jensen indicates that this is probably his last meeting.

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Board of Aldermen
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