

Rutland City Police Commission

October 9, 2017

Present: Chairman Sean Sargeant, Commissioners Luther Brown, Tom Calcagni, Tom Valente
Others Present: Chief Brian Kilcullen, Commander Sheldon, Commander Prouty, Sgt. Lorman
Not Present: Commissioner Michelle Fairbrother

Call to Order

Chairman Sargeant calls the meeting to order at 6:00pm led by the pledge of allegiance.

Motion to approve September 11, 2017 made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni, with the following correction on page 3, last paragraph, modify: Crime Analyst Brad GoodHale did to DID NOT attend the executive session. Motion passed.

Introduction/Recognition of Police Department Members

Chief Kilcullen swears in Probationary Police Officer Brendan Reilly to Police Officer Reilly.

Public Comment

Chairman Sargeant indicates that he received a phone call on 10/2/17 from a city resident, Dan White, with concerns he had of his interactions with police over the last year and his dissatisfaction of encounters within the last year. Chairman Sargeant referred the matter to Commander Sheldon who reached out to him and Commander Sheldon reported that he addressed old stuff with him.

Later, Dan White appeared and addressed the Board about his meeting with Commander Sheldon indicating that he was very professional with him and proactive in helping him with his concerns. He wanted to address the Board with his concerns of being falsely accused by a local business of misconduct and the serving of a no trespass order.

Communication from the Union

None this month.

Commander's Report

Commander Greg Sheldon indicates that he has been doing a lot of listening and observing to see what he needs to do to go forward.

Commander Matt Prouty indicates that things are coming to fruition. He indicates Commander Sheldon was involved in an active threat training with Rutland Regional Medical Center after 9 months of planning, with great feedback from RRMC, and over 100 people trained. The hospital was gracious with their space on West St, learned a lot and looking for the next thing.

Officer Down 5K was held the following week and it went really well. Commander Prouty indicates that the runners that participated are interested in doing it again and they will begin marketing the run in January for the run in May.

Commander Prouty has just finished 'Dancing With The Stars' indicating that he will be making nominations for next year. He will partner up with Commander Sheldon to do the next lip sync contest. Animal Control Officer Jones had completed the Active Shooter training and is still recovering with bruises.

Mapping Update

Analyst Brad GoodHale reports through September 30, 2017 making comparisons for the last 4 years:

Robberies average 6, 7 for 2017, up 17%
Aggravated assaults average is 37, at 50 for 2017, up 35%
Burglaries, forced average is 60 at 47
Burglaries, non forced average is 45, at 36 for 2017, down 20%
Larcenies are down 14%
Vandalisms are down 30%
Intoxicated persons average is 268, at 282 for 2017, up 5%
Regulated drug possession is up 25%
Prescription fraud average is 1, 0 for 2017, down 100%
Drug - civil average is 1, 41 for 2017, up 128%
False alarms going average is 280, at 130 for 2017, down 54%
Noise disturbance average is 240, at 155 for 2017, down 35%

Next Crime Analyst GoodHale takes a look at crimes and compared the average arrests for 4 years with the 2017 numbers:

Robberies 7, with 4 arrests
Aggravated assaults 50, 45 arrests
Burglary, force 47, 14 arrests
Larceny - 372, 104 arrests
Vandalism 5, 5 arrests

3peats for Rutstat:

205 3peats and reported 420 times, showing pin map, starting to see hotspots on Woodstock Ave. and West St as well as downtown to include Strongs Ave.

Shows a map of sectors showing 3peats, upper southwest tends to be hot and along Route 7; shows the 3peats of 3peats. 3peats were 16.8% of the responses for the two week period.

For the last 4 years, Fridays were the highest days for calls for service with 3-4pm being the highest call for service time frame. In 2017, calls for service highest time frame for calls for service moved to 6pm.

A presentation was done for DDACTS reporting for Commander Sheldon and Chief Kilcullen showing crime clusters zone by zone.

Overdose reporting is on the rise, 63 total. Found needles reported went from 151 to 156.

Commander Sheldon and Analyst GoodHale are developing a curriculum for an introduction to analysis for the officer.

Budget Report

They are 25% through the year for September 30; right where they should be. The anticipated 1 1/2 positions has not yet hit the budget. There are 4 openings with 3 being processed, with anticipation of 2 being hired, one with training and one without training. On November 17, there will be 4 graduating from the VT Police Academy.

Beginning 10/15/17 CO Tim Cornell will fill the swing shift from noon to midnight. CO Seth Savageau works Dayshift 1 from 6 to 6.

Sgt. Lorman will transition to Dayshift I with Corporal Plemmons, Police Officers LaGuardia (Temp to Nightshift II), Morgano (temp assignment), Rose, Rosario, Police Officer Jen Czachor and Police Officer Nate Harvey are working rotating schedules. Communication Operator Seth Savageau and CO Tim Cornell (swing shift).

Dayshift II - Sgt. Dickerson, Cpl. Nguyen, Police Officers Maguire, Dumas with CO Laurie Walters and CO Brady (swing shift).

Nightshift I - Sgt. Lucia, Cpl. (Open), Police Officers Hunt, Klementowski, Heter and Reilly with CO Gallipo.

Nightshift II - Sgt. Bartlett, Cpl. Alger, Police Officers Cleveland, Warfle, Billings and LaGuardia (temporary assignment) with CO Leinoff.

Rebidding will be January 1 for the new contract.

Last July, The Fair and Impartial Policing Policy was approved, however after a lot of discussions, the Vermont Legislature mandated changes to bring it in line with the Federal Laws. Changes discussed. Motion made by Commissioner Valente and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni to authorize Chairman Sargeant to sign the adopted policy. Motion passes. The new policy will be adopted 12/1/17.

Chief's Report

9/15 - Mary-Kaye Zambon along with Lynn Tucker did a nice job on the retirement luncheon for Commander Tucker.

Chief Kilcullen wants to thank Commander Prouty on the work he had done on the Officer Down 5K.

9/19 - Victims had a chance to speak about their experiences around the State as the Victim's Agency that works with victims hosted a number of panels around the state. It was very well put together.

9/28 - Chief Kilcullen was asked to go to Northwest School for an assembly on respect and self control awards, for traits for the month.

9/29 - Chief Kilcullen and Exec. Assistant Zambon met with Treasurer Wendy Wilton with reference to the installation of the new payroll system; the department will start using it sometime in November.

9/30 - Commander Prouty participated in the Rally for Recovery motorcycle ride.

Sgt Lorman is temporarily assigned to Dayshift 2. Sgt. Ken Mosher has permanently been assigned as Staff Operations Sergeant.

10/1 - Officer Anderson is going to BCI and Officer Ashe has been assigned the Domestic Violence Investigator with the State's Attorney's office.

10/5 - Chief Kilcullen and Commanders went to the Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns Fair at the Killington Grande Hotel.

10/5 - Attended Women's Network and Shelter about their new identify and direction, New Story Center.

10/14 - Library Avenue Fall Festival

10/28 - Halloween Parade

11/5 - The test rollout for the new Payroll system will begin for Admin and the Sergeants.

12/7 - The Awards Ceremony will be held at the College of St. Joseph's Tuttle Hall at 10:00am.

Completed Training

8/27 to 9/30 - Analyst GoodHale Hazardous Material Refresher

9/5 to 9/7 - Officer Heter attended a RAD instructor course in South Burlington

9/14/17 - Record Clerks Moore and Pockette attended TAC training

9/18 to 9/22 - Officer Reilly attended Firearms Training

9/19 - The department went through Narcan Training

CPR and First Aid training for the department has started and will continue to 10/24.

9/26 to 9/28 - Officers Czachor and Harvey attended a Canine training in Colchester and assisted a local middle school with a search and with Canine Jagger hitting on a shed of the school there were findings of a gun and drugs.

9/28 and 9/29 - Sgt. Lorman, Officer Heter and CO Brady attended an Assisting Individuals in Crisis training in White River Junction.

10/2 to 10/6 - Sgt. Whitehead, second week of LPO completed

10/4 and 10/5 - A Southern VT Drug Task Force Unit Confidential Informant training was completed by the department

Upcoming Training

10/10 to 10/13 - Officer Ashe to attend an Interview and Interrogation Training

10/16 and 10/18 - The Department's Annual PT testing

10/16 to 10/20 - Officer Reilly - Firearms Training

Brad GoodHale - Fort Leavenworth Applied Thinking Class

CPR and first aid class conclude on 10/24

10/30 to 11/3 - Sgt. Whitehead third week of LPO School

11/2 - Sgts. Lorman, Lucia and Dickerson attended the 2017 conference Vermont Vision Multi-Cultural Future put on by VT Partnership of Diversity

11/3 - Officer Cleveland to attend training in Counter Ambush Attacks

12/4 and 12/5 - Sgt. Delpha and Detective Ashe to attend an Informant class

Sworn personnel received an overview from the Task Force with a more formal review for the Sergeants.

Personnel

As of 9/26, Officer Rosario is back to full time.

Evidence Coordinator Melissa Sharkis on medical leave due to a non work related injury.

Communications Operator Lynn Gallipo is on abbreviated shifts and she is expected to be out 3 months as she can't work 12 hour days.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Valente and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni at 7:22pm. Motion passed.

Executive Session

The executive session began, present with police commission members, Chief Kilcullen, Commanders Lachance and Prouty, Sgt. Lorman 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 Brian Kilcullen
Mayor David Allaire
Police Commission
City Clerk Henry Heck
Board of Aldermen
Union President Brad GoodHale