

***Rutland City Police Commission
July 9, 2018***

Present: Chairman Sean Sargeant, Commissioners Luther Brown, Tom Calcagni, Michelle Fairbrother

Others Present: Chief Brian Kilcullen, Commander Sheldon, Commander Prouty, Union President Melissa Sharkis

Not Present: Commissioner Chris Siliski

Call to Order

Chairman Sargeant calls the meeting to order at 6:01pm opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the June 11, 2018 minutes made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni. Motion passed 3-0.

Introduction/Recognition of Police Department Members

None

Public Comment

No one present with a comment. There was a phone complaint with reference to a traffic stop by Officer Billings that has been reviewed by Chairman Sargeant and Chief Kilcullen and after review; it was found that the complaint was not reflective of the stop. Another call was received on Friday from Samantha Edwards with reference to a call that Sgt. Lucia responded to the night before and complained about the number of contacts with police and she believes that she is being targeted. Chief Kilcullen would give her a call back, except she doesn't leave her number.

Commissioner Calcagni indicates he heard of a complaint with reference to a recent encounter with Officer Rose. Chief Kilcullen will look into it and put it on the agenda for Friday.

Communication from the Union

Union President Melissa Sharkis indicates that they have certified the votes on 6/15/2018, however, no one had received them from the Labor Board. The union switch is official to NEPBA and negotiations will begin.

Mapping update

Analyst Brad GoodHale reports on the 3peats for the year and indicates that they are averaging 16.6% of the call volume.

Analyst GoodHale reports the repeats of 3peats to include the number of calls and the addresses: 13 @ 1 Shopping Plaza; 13 @ 38 Shopping Plaza; 9 @ 102 West St; 8 @ 160 Allen St; 6 @ 12 N Main St; 6 @ 81 State St. There were 118 repeat 3peat locations for the last 2 weeks and they have showed up 233 times total and responded to a total of 978 calls for 3peats.

Next Analyst GoodHale reports the crime comparisons for 2017 to 2018: Robberies went from 5 down to 3; Aggravated assaults are even at 30; Forced Burglaries went from 16 up to 22, Non-forced Burglaries went from 17 down to 9; Larcenies (shoplifting) went from 78 down to 75; Larceny, all others went from 136 down to 106. Analyst GoodHale then tracks 2011 numbers compared to 2017 and they are trending down, Robberies went from 14 in 2011 to 9 in 2017 for the same two week period.

Analyst GoodHale has been trying different ways to look at different formats of information to see what works best.

The top 6 arrests from 2017 to 2018 are: Contempt of Court 70 to 60; Retail Thefts 52 to 42; DUI 37 to 40; DLS 28 to 33; Domestic Assaults 24 to 32; Aggravated Domestic 18 to 24

Firework calls reported for Rutstat for the two week period from 6/24 to 7/7 shows an average of 12 calls, with this year reported for the two week period at 17 and then he shows the numbers by year from 2011 to 2017: 2011 35 calls; 2012 33 calls; 2013 17 calls; 2014 12 calls; 2015 44 calls; 2016 37 and 2017 69.

Commander's Report

Commander Sheldon presents his report and indicates that they will be tweaking some of the entries in CAD, based on the RFA (Ready for Approval) program, which is going well. A report will be completed.

Commander Sheldon held a meeting with the Sergeants to discuss the patrols futures and has started breaking down notes to see what they wanted the patrols to be doing in 3 to 5 years and they will begin by looking at the division breakdowns. Commissioner Fairbrother indicates that she would like to hear more about it. They are working on their strategic plan and are ready for the patrol portion as to what the community thinks is important and what we think is important. Commander Sheldon will format a plan to turn over to the Sergeants who will then turn it over to the officers. Commander Sheldon indicates that they are working on expectations and holding their officers accountable of their actions. Sgt. Bartlett will continue to go over the expectations to new employees, as he is good at that. Commissioner Fairbrother makes an inquiry about employee satisfaction surveys and discussions held.

Commander Prouty gives his report indicating that the overdose response initiative is up and running. Sgt. Whitehead has done a great job and has been working with the Peer to Peer leader, Tracy Hauck. Jolinda from the Opioid Counsel has reached out to Commander Prouty and Sgt. Whitehead to working with the Vision Center. Commander Prouty has been asked to work with the Regional Prevention Partners of Addison County and they are looking at dates to get together. Commander Prouty met with Jim Baker and Rutland Mental Health with reference to keeping Alicia in the Vision Center as she is needed to fill vacant slots at the hospital and looking into transferring people to the transition on Stratton Ave.

Alicia Headlum has been working on the Historical Vision project. Commander Prouty will continue to send weekly emails to remind Dean Hamel from IT with reference to getting better information out of Spillman based on the conversation he had with Analyst GoodHale. Peter Fagan has reached out to Commander Prouty with reference to the drug take back program.

VT Crime Victims Services Center wants the Rutland Police Department to be a sub grantee for a grant they are applying for, \$90,000 for 3 years for a Human Trafficking Coordinator for the souther half of the state. There is one in So. Burlington for the whole state, however, it is hard to be that effective with one person.

Discussions held as to the new Marijuana legislations. There is an ordinance in place prohibiting marijuana dispensaries from opening in the city.

Budget

100% through the year with 97.85% of the budget spent. There is a surplus of \$121,000 with a possibility of a surplus of \$171,000 depending on the health insurance payback.

Chief's Report

6/13 – Chief Kilcullen attended a Race Data Analysis presentation by the University of Cincinnati VP, Dr. Engal at the VT Fire Academy. The Rutland City Police have not been collecting the correct data and will now be focusing to identify better ways to collect data and provide more meaningful results.

6/22 - A few of the department members attended the triad senior picnic at Castleton University to serve seniors.

6/25 – Attended the retirement luncheon for Mary Moran.

6/27 - Met with a level 3 candidate.

6/28 - Met with another individual who would need to go through academy and they will start background of these two individuals.

6/29 – Attended the retirement luncheon for Officer Green.

Officer Laguardia will be attending a weeks long training in Maine for the SRO position.

Graduation from treatment court is scheduled for tomorrow at 2:30.

6/12 – Julie Fitzgibbons began as Full Time Communications Operator

6/29 – Received Officer Ramada's resignation.

Three candidates that have passed their PT test will be sent to the VT Police Academy on 7/30/18.

6/13/18 - 19 Purchasing bids have been opened to include but not limited to: cleaning service, uniform cleaning, uniform purchasing, radio service and outfitting, Central VT Communications is the successful winning bid.

6/18 to 6/25 – Officers Amelio, Laguardia and Travis Denton from Corrections participated in a security threat, gang training.

Upcoming Training

Officer Billings will be attending the Use of Force Training this week

7/11 to 7/12 – Officers Morgano and Plackas completed training

7/18 to 7/19 – Investigator Ashe will be attending Building Collaboration Response to traffic, victims of domestic violence and sexual assault trainings

8/8 – Records Clerks Moore and Brady will be attending a TAC training

Motion made by Commissioner Calcagni and seconded by Commissioner Fairbrother to accept and authorize Chairman Sargeant to signed the outside employment request of Julie Fitzgibbons to work between 8 and 12 hours per week as a Dispatcher for the VSP. Motion passed 4-0.

Chairman Sargeant inquires about National Night out that is scheduled for August, however Chief Kilcullen will look into that as he has not heard anything about it.

A motion to go into Executive Session under Title 1 VSA Section 313a4, disciplinary or dismissal of public officer or employee was made by Commissioner Fairbrother and seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion passed 4-0. Entered into executive session at 7:13pm

Executive session

The executive session began, present with police commission members, Chief Kilcullen to discuss matters that if disclosed publicly at this time, could place the City, the Department or an employee of the department at risk. The executive session exited at 7:35pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Calcagni and seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion passed 4-0 at 7:35pm and adjourned at 7:36pm.

Submitted by:

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cc: Chief Brian Kilcullen
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Police Commission
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