

Rutland City Police Commission

October 15, 2018

Present: Chairman Sean Sargeant; Commissioners Tom Calcagni, Chris Siliski

Not present: Commissioners Luther Brown, Michelle Fairbrother

Others Present: Sergeant Sam Delpha, Commander Sheldon, Commander Prouty, Chief Kilcullen

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sargeant with the opening of the pledge of allegiance at 6:04pm.

Motion made by Commissioner Siliski and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni to accept the minutes of September 10, 2018 as written. Motion passed 3-0.

Introduction/Recognition of Police Department Members

Officer Tyler Tavares, Level 3 Certified Officer from Castleton is sworn in by Chief Kilcullen; Officer Richard Caravaggio sworn in as Probationary Police Officer by Chief Kilcullen; Officer James Rajda is sworn in by Chief Kilcullen as Probationary Police Officer.

Public Comment

None

Communication from the Union

Union President Melissa Sharkis introduces Devon Fortier, the intern from Rutland High School to the board and reports to the commissioners that contract negotiations have begun and they have had one meeting and another is scheduled.

Commander's Report

Commander indicates that he will have Sergeant Keith Lorman report to the commissioners at the next meeting as to what is going on in BCI.

Commander Prouty reports that the Youth Opportunity 5K went off without a hitch and \$1,300 was raised. The funds earned go to the Rutland Recreation for youth that can't afford to participate in programs such as Gymnastics and Youth Basketball.

There will be a representative from Voc Rehab, alongside Good Will, to begin in the Vision Center to help people find jobs.

Commander Sheldon reports that they are working on the Halloween Parade. The leadership course will begin this month with the Patrol Sergeants and Sergeant Whitehead.

Commander Prouty and Sergeant have completed the leadership school and both really enjoyed the course and have learned a lot from it. Discussions held.

Mapping Update

Chief Kilcullen gives the report that Analyst GoodHale prepared for the RutStat meeting, first showing the 3peat locations. The year to date average percentage of calls for service is 17.8% and at the top of the list is 1 Shopping Plaza Rd, with Price Chopper at number 2.

Last month the numbers showed a decline in every category and about a month ago, there was a decrease in Aggravated Assaults for the first time.

Reporting on the average calls for service:

	2013 to 2016 average	2016 YTD	2017 YTD	2018 YTD
Agg Assaults	47	66	51	42
Burg - Forced	76	69	46	35
Burg - Non force	46	40	36	16
Shoplifting	152	151	127	106
All other larceny	413	308	269	173

Discussion held as to giving the mapping updates at the community meetings along with the Project Vision meeting next month and to update the media with the year end data. Contempt of Court, Violation of Conditions of Release, Retail Thefts and DUIs are some of the top crime YTD arrests for 2017-2018.

Discussions held as to the 150 YTD accidents, which is used for the DDACT analysis. This information has been shared with DPW with reference to proper lane markings before winter.

Time of day / day of week report shows accidents are up in the late afternoons on Wednesdays at 5 with a little bit on Thursdays around lunch time.

Analyst GoodHale is working on the day of month by Sector and day of week by sector for accident reporting.

Budget Report

Chief Kilcullen reports that they just finished the first quarter of the fiscal year and are 25% through the year with 26% of the budget being spent. Discussions held as to the roof needs and it was indicated that they roof may not be repaired until the spring with minor repairs to be completed to get through the winter.

Chief's Report

9/21 - Commander Prouty, Chief Kilcullen and Superintendent Taylor did a Public Service Announcement at the school for Peg TV

9/21 - Don Turner, State Representative for Lt. Governor, visited the department with Rutland Town Selectboard Chairman Josh Terenzini, Senator Larry Cupoli and Senator Brian Collamore inquiring about Vision

9/22 - Youth Opportunity 5K

9/24 - Photo opportunity for Guns and Hoses at Southside Restaurant on Wednesday the 17th

9/26 - Met with the Union for the first negotiation session

9/27 - Participated in a mental health advisory committee phone conference for first responders

10/5 to 10/10 - Attended the International Association of Chief of Police conference in Orlando, FL

10/18 - The 2nd meeting to continue contract negotiations with the Union

10/18 - An occupational health meeting with Dr. Bullock. Judy Frazier is the City Safety Officer getting involved in Worker's comp claims

10/25 - The third contract negotiations meeting is scheduled and will continue for the next three Thursdays

10/26 - Sergeant Delpha and Chief Kilcullen meeting with the Dominion Tech to listen to the sales pitch for upgrading the servers

10/27 - Halloween Parade

The Annual Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, December 6 at 10:00am at the College of St. Joseph.

Commander Prouty indicates that they are awaiting verification of grant monies for the support position for the VT Center for Crime Victim services. A job description is to be brought to HR to begin the hiring process to cover the southern part of the state.

Completed Trainings

9/14 to 9/28 - Sgt Dickerson and Sgt. Whitehead attended a 3 part series of the FBI Law Enforcement LEEDA Command Leader Institute

9/28 - BCI officers attended a Marijuana Law training

10/8 & 10/29 - full day trainings for curriculum for firearms, felony car stops, tasers, section on vision, domestic violence and SIU

10/8 to 10/10 - Officer Harvey and King Cobalt attended a Street Tactic Seminar

10/9 to 10/12 - Det. Anderson attended the Reid Tech School

10/15 - First day of PT Testing

Commander Sheldon is doing a leadership challenge for the Sergeants

Upcoming Trainings

10/19 and 10/26 - Mandatory domestic violence training for all sworn personnel

12/17 and 12/19 - Mandatory use of force training for all sworn personnel

A motion was made by Commissioner Calcagni and seconded by Commissioner Siliski to accept the outside employment request of Officer Caravaggio for RRMC as a Psych Tech for 4-8 hours per week. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Siliski and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni to go into Executive Session under Title 1 VSA Sect. 3 2.2 at 7:05.

Executive Session

The executive session began, present with police commission members and 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. Executive session ended at 7:44pm. Motion made by Commissioner Siliski and seconded by Calcagni to adjourn and motion passed 3-0.

Submitted by:

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cc: Chief Brian Kilcullen
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Police Commission
City Clerk Henry Heck
Board of Aldermen
Union President Melissa Sharkis