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Plans for 150th Anniversary Year - 2015 Updated 01-23-15

Historical Book – Detective Jeff Beerworth has been researching and writing for more than a year, a retrospective history of Department operations and history dating back to the beginning. If all goes well, the book will be published and available later in 2015.

Historic Badges – Earlier this year Judge Karen Bradley, whose father was a Burlington Police Chief, gave the Department the oldest badge known to exist. Records indicate that the Department transitioned away from this badge in 1910, so this example predates 1910. That badge has been replicated and will be worn by officers throughout 2015. A private donor covered the cost of these badges.

Community Academies – In 2015 there will be at least two versions of the Community Academy. For detailed information and applications visit www.bpdvt.org.

- **Community Academy** – A seven-week exploration of contemporary policing for community members beginning in January 2015. This series will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 9 pm.
- **Junior Community Academy** – A five-week exploration of policing and safety in Burlington for children and youth ages 8 to 15. This series will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 4:15 to 5:45 pm.

Events –

- **Community Barbecue and Open House – Thursday May 7, 2015 at 4 pm in Battery Park**
Similar to the event held in September of 2014, the 2015 event will look to bring together the community and the Department with food, music, in an informal atmosphere.
- **Burlington Rotary & Queen City Police Foundation Annual Awards Ceremony & Luncheon – Monday March 23, 2015 at noon.**
This annual event honoring staff and community members whose actions and work is deserving of a variety of awards.
- **Coffees with the Chief** – Begun in November of 2014 these monthly events will

- give the community the opportunity to discuss the history and future of policing in Burlington on a host of topics.
- Community Forums – On dates to be announced, community forums on topics of interest in the realm of policing and public safety.

Informational Broadcasts –

Historical Vignettes

Throughout the year, the Department will be posting to our website and distributing via NIXLE broadcasts, historical vignettes of some the important, notable, pieces of history that have occurred over the past 150 years.

Community Safety & Crime Prevention Messages

Throughout the year, new / revised community safety and crime prevention information will be distributed, sometimes in concert with the historical vignettes.

If you have ideas for other ways to celebrate this great milestone or to enhance engagement and transparency, please contact us!

**For details, schedules, or to sign up for NIXLE broadcasts visit
www.bpdvt.org.**