

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was held in the Burlington Police Department Community Room on **Tuesday, February 18, 2014**. Chair O'Neill called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present: Jerry O'Neill, Chair, Bill Bryant, Vice-Chair, Sarah Kenney, Paul Hochanadel and Phil LaVigne. Also present were Chief Michael Schirling and Kimberly Caron, Police Commission Clerk.

Public Forum: Barbara Brunette was present, but did not address the Commission until after the Mental Health discussion.

Chief's Report:

- ~A Draft of the budget for FY15 has been submitted to the City Council and will be before voters on 3/5/2014.
- ~Staffing -2 officers are finishing Field Training. We have 7 new hires at the Police Academy. Dispatch is currently at 11 and in the hiring process for the 12th.
- ~The Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D) Program started tonight, February 25th, 2014.
- ~The Community Impact Team letter specific to landlords was put in the mail this week as an insert to the annual rental property registration mailing through the Code Enforcement Office.

City Council – Request for Review of Mental Health Resolution:

~Chief Schirling explained the processes, which have already begun to take place concerning updates to the policy regarding Mental Health response calls. This included:

- Redesigning the Street Outreach team to resemble the co-responder model; which started on January 14, 2014.
- Adoption of the new Department Directive DD13-03: Dealing With Persons With Diminished Capacities. This Directive doesn't contain substantial new material, but instead gathers current practices as well as policy from other Directives pertaining to Persons With Diminished Capacities and compiles it into one specific document.
- Continuing to advocate for a State-wide Crisis Impact Training based on the Memphis Model of training.
- Developing a Multi-Agency letter to Vermont Legislature on Mental Health activity throughout the State.

~Discussion followed. Barbara Brunette addressed the Commission regarding her concern with the lack of non-lethal weapons that officers carry. Chief Schirling explained some of the less-lethal weapons officers have available and their uses.

~Commissioner Kenney suggested changing the language throughout the DD13.03 Directive to reflect a consistent explanation of Persons With Diminished Capacities. Discussion followed and language changes were made. Commissioner LaVigne moved to approve the Directive, Vice Chair Bryant seconded, all in favor so passed.

~The final version of the City Council's Request for Review of Mental Health Resolution, with the Mental Health Response Option Review will be placed on the next Police Commission Agenda, along with the Police Commission letter addressed to the City Council, where the Final Document will be discussed and approved to submit to the City Council.

Commissioners' Updates/Comments:

~Commissioner Kenney commented on Corporal Bonnie Beck's outstanding discussion with a local Kindergarten Class.

~Commissioner LaVigne requested to keep pressure on the drug activity.

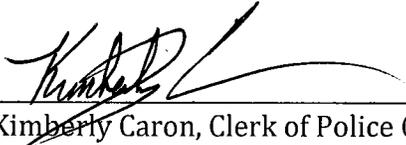
Consent Agenda - Minutes of the 1/28/2014 Meeting: Commissioner LaVigne moved to approve the 1/28/2014 minutes, Commissioner Kenney seconded, all in favor so passed.

Next Meeting's Agenda Items and Date: The next regular meeting is set for Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Executive Session: There was nothing to discuss in an Executive Session.

Adjournment: Commissioner LaVigne moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Kenney seconded, all in favor so passed at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kimberly Caron, Clerk of Police Commission

3/26/2014
Date