

**Wolfeboro Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2009, 2009**

Members present: Chairman Benjamin Ladd, Curtis A. Pike and Joe Balboni Jr.

Staff present: Wolfeboro Police Chief Stuart Chase and Lieutenant Dean Rondeau

Invited guest/speakers: none

Chairman Ladd called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the Community Center. He introduced the Commissioners, staff in attendance and noted a quorum was present.

Consideration of Minutes

➤ *Public minutes of July 16, 2009*

Commissioner Curtis A. Pike moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of July 16, 2009 as submitted. Commissioner Curtis A. Pike seconded. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

➤ *Non-public minutes of July 16, 2009*

Commissioner Curtis A. Pike moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of July 16, 2009 as submitted. Commissioner Curtis A. Pike seconded. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Activity Reports

Chief Chase reviewed the following activity reports for the month:

Incident status report: Chief Chase stated the summary of the report includes 8 open incidents, 0 open arrest cases, and 5 closed incident cases.

Offenses (State Law) by month: Chief Chase stated the total offenses for the month is 83, which is a 15% decrease from last month. He stated the year to date total is 632.

Arrest status report: Chief Chase stated the report is a synopsis of each officer's reporting for the month. He summarized the subject of arrests and noted that there were a total of 46 arrests last month.

Arrest on view and based on incidents/warrants by time of day: Chief Chase stated the day of the week with the most activity was Wednesday.

Summons arrest by time of day: Chief Chase stated the day of the week with the most activity was Tuesday and Saturday.

Protective custody arrests by time of day: Chief Chase reported 16 protective custody arrests for the month.

Geographical analysis report: Chief Chase stated the streets with the most activity were Center Street and South Main Street.

Accidents by street name: Chief Chase stated there was a total of 16 accidents, a 23% increase from last month. The report lists the accidents by street name.

Prosecutor's report: Chief Chase stated there were 19 defendants that faced 27 offenses last month: 11 pleas, 7 arraignments and 8 trials. He stated 12 Juveniles faced 13 offenses last month and all of them were pleas.

Call analysis by call reason: Chief Chase stated there were 4,307 calls to Central Dispatch last month, a 15% increase from last month.

Chief's items

- Chief Chase reviewed the Overtime report and explained that 33% of their overtime comes from Holidays, noting that the 4th of July overtime was \$4,398.
- The 2009 Citizen Survey went out in the Utility bills and he plans to have the results reviewed by an outside party and hopes to review those results with the Commission at their October meeting. He noted some of the primary concerns of the citizens is alcohol and drug abuse.
- Officer Maloney received a letter of thanks from the Wakefield Police Department for his help in a drug related issues.
- Lieutenant Rondeau received two letters of thanks, one from a traffic stop and another from a resident.
- The architect has been working with the Department on the plans for expanding the current bathroom to an ADA accessible bathroom.
- The 2010 Budget season is fast approaching as the budget is due to the Town Manager by August 31, 2009.
- He stated a citizen was arrested because he was severely intoxicated and broke into a business thinking it was his apartment, which was down the street. He explained they have received much criticism for the protective custody arrests, but stated this is a clear example of why intoxicated persons are not allowed to roam the streets for fear of putting themselves or others in danger.
- A scam has been reported to the Department from the Municipal Electric Department where it seems some residents have been solicited by telephone to provide their credit card information to either pay for their Electric bill or Tax bill because the check for payment received did not have a signature. He stated this is a scam and the calls were not made by employees and he read the letter received from Tax Collector Brenda LaPointe on August 19, 2009 reporting the scam.

Other Business

The Commission was presented with an award for their patriotic support of a deployed service member, commending their support of Lieutenant Rondeau for his recent deployment to Iraq.

Public and Media input

Elissa Paquette of the Granite State News questioned how Lieutenant Rondeau would receive a letter of thanks from a traffic stop.

Lieutenant Rondeau replied that the citizen appreciated how he respected the circumstances of the situation.

Next meeting date

Chairman Ladd announced the next meeting of the Police Commission is **September 17, 2009 at 6:30 PM** at the Wolfeboro Public Library.

Being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Ladd entertained a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Curtis A. Pike moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 7:56 PM. Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr seconded. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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*These minutes were transcribed from a DVD provided by Wolfeboro Community Television