Wolfeboro Police Commission Meeting Minutes May 12, 2011

Members present: Chairman Joe Balboni Jr., Ron Goodgame, and Bob Copeland

Staff present: Police Chief Stu Chase and Recording Secretary Amelia Capone-Muccio.

Invited guest/speakers: none.

Chairman Balboni called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM and introduced the Commissioners, staff in attendance and noted a quorum was present.

Consideration of Minutes

Public and non-public minutes of April 21, 2011.

<u>Commissioner Ron Goodgame moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the Public and non-public minutes of April 21, 2011 as submitted. Commissioner Bob Copeland seconded. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.</u>

Activity Reports

Chief Chase reviewed the following activity reports for the month:

Offenses (State Law) by month: He stated the total offenses for the month is 66, a 17% increase from last month.

Arrest status report: He stated the report is a synopsis of the arrests for the month and reported 27 arrests last month, which is 50% increase from last month.

Personnel Analysis report: He stated the report is a synopsis of each officer's reporting for the month and he summarized the report.

Accidents by street name: He stated there were a total of 8 accidents last month a 33% decrease from last month.

Citation analysis report: He summarized the citations by street location and he reviewed the details of this report, noting that very rarely are money fines given and that they provide mostly warnings.

Prosecutor's report: He noted the Prosecutor reported 29 defendants with 30 offenses, 9 arraignments, 16 pleas, 4 trials, and 2 hearings. He noted the court is restructuring to a new schedule, but criminal cases will take priority.

School Resource Officer (SRO) Report: He stated that Officer Cooper reported 29 investigations last month with numerous activities between the High School and Middle School.

Call analysis by call reason: He stated there were 3,329 calls to Central Dispatch last month.

Chief's items

- The seasonal parking/traffic control program will begin in June and they will hire two returning employees.
- Firearms skill building was held under instruction of Senior Patrol Officer Martel on May 8th.
- Two officers completed a class on motorcycle crash investigations and two officers attended a session on outlaw motorcycle gangs and hate groups.
- Several Officers are fulfilling requirements for re-certification in specialized fields.
- Officer Martel conducted the annual Bike Rodeo at the Carpenter School on April 30th and the Department will assist with "Bike & Walk to School Day" on May 13th between 8 and 9 AM and 3 and 4 PM.
- Dispatch Supervisor Lyons is working on the annual Torch Run, which benefits NH Special Olympics. And several officers will participate in the event.
- School Resource Officer Cooper was featured in last weeks Granite State News for his good work at the High School and Middle Schools.
- Lt. Rondeau has been elected at Vice President of the Kingswood Youth Center.
- The Department will be doing a lecture on bullying and cyber-bullying at the high school this month.
- The Drug Take Back day was extremely successful again and 80 gallons of prescriptions were turned in by concerned citizens. The goal of this program is to keep prescription medication from inappropriately being diverted into the environment. He noted that pharmaceuticals can be dropped off at the Public Safety Building anytime.
- They are partnering with Huggins Hospital, Memorial Hospital, the Carroll County Sheriff's Office, and Carroll County Mental Health to standardize procedures on eighteen policies involving general hospital-security issues, unusual occurrences, and patient needs to include involuntary emergency admissions.
- Project Kid Care will be held at Harvest Market on Saturday May 21st from 10 AM to 1 PM.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Goodgame questioned the return of the traffic/parking officers and their primary duty.

Chief Chase replied they would hire two returning officers since the budget for that line was cut and their primary duty is to keep the traffic moving in the downtown as well as to enforce the two hour parking limits.

Commissioner Goodgame stated that last month members of the Board of Selectmen questioned if the Police Department plans to budget for Mitt Romney's possible Presidential Campaign.

Chief Chase replied that such would not increase their budget at all if he does choose to run he noted that he has spoke to the Chief of Kennebunk Maine on this issue in the past.

Commissioner Goodgame stated that Selectmen Silk expressed her concern regarding a plan for the Police Department's budget.

Chief Chase replied that it would not affect their budget as he would be protected by the Secret Service and they had experienced a similar circumstance when the President of France visited and they used on duty personnel to address any issues. He noted that it only cost the Department \$140 during the President of France's visit.

Commissioner Goodgame questioned how he would address any over expenditures in the budget if did have them.

Chief Chase replied that he has never had any overages and he closely monitors the budget and would cut back in areas as needed to stay within the budget.

Chuck Storm, Board of Selectmen Representative, stated he would forward this information to the other members.

Being no further business, Chairman Balboni entertained a motion to non-public session.

<u>Commissioner Bob Copeland moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to move to non-public session</u> under RSA 91-A at 4:55 PM. Commissioner Ron Goodgame seconded. Roll call vote, Bob Copeland-yes, Ron Goodgame-yes and Joe Balboni Jr.-yes, being none opposed, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 5:20 PM.

Chairman Balboni announced that the Commission sealed the non-public session minutes of the May 12, 2011 by a 2/3rd vote as required by law.

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

<u>Commissioner Bob Copeland moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 5:21 PM.</u> <u>Commissioner Ron Goodgame seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.</u>

Respectfully submitted, *Amelia Capone-Muccio* Amelia Capone-Muccio