

**Wolfeboro Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2011**

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

Staff present: Police Chief Stu Chase, Lieutenant Dean Rondeau, and Recording Secretary Amelia Capone-Muccio.

Invited guest/speakers: none.

Chairman Balboni called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM and introduced the Commissioners, staff in attendance and noted a quorum was present.

Consideration of Minutes

- *Public and non-public minutes of June 9, 2011 and non-public minutes of June 29, 2011.*

Commissioner Bob Copeland moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public and non-public minutes of June 9, 2011 and the non-public minutes of June 29, 2011 as submitted. Commissioner Ron Goodgame seconded. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

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 88, a 13% decrease from last month.

Arrest status report: He stated the report is a synopsis of the arrests for the month and reported 38 arrests last month, which is 22% 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, 38% less 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, their goal is to educate the public.

Prosecutor's report: He noted the Prosecutor reported 17 defendants with 24 offenses, 5 arraignments, 16 pleas, and 2 trials.

School Resource Officer (SRO) Report: N/A summer.

Budget: N/A.

Call analysis by call reason: He stated there were 3,827 calls to Central Dispatch last month, which is a 4% increase.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Goodgame questioned if Pickering Corner is listed separately on the accident by street name report.

Chief Chase replied not necessarily, but he can query the report by location.

Commissioner Goodgame questioned in regards to the Citation Analysis report, where the fines go.

Chief Chase replied that nothing comes to the town, the funds all go to the State, which funds several State programs.

Commissioner Goodgame questioned what the incentive for the Officers to enforce.

Chief Chase replied that they should be enforcing as part of their job and their intent is educating the public.

Chief's items

- Officer Cooper completed recertification in "Conducting Physical Fitness".
- Sergeant Archambault and Office Maloney will be attending a class on property and evidence room management.
- Resident John Linville contacted them via e-mail in regards to his concerns at Pickering Corner after observing a motor vehicle accident. The Chief explained that area is part of the Route 28 corridor study, with many stake-holder meetings. He noted that area has on record 5 accidents since 2006.
- The annual 4th of July festivities went relatively smoothly, with the parade reported to be the largest to date and a shorter fireworks display. He noted that they did have several emergency situations during the parade calling for emergency personnel.
- K9 Officer O'Brien observed a suspicious vehicle at a closed business and upon further investigation he found five illegal aliens. He stated upon further investigation one of the men gave a false name and had an extensive criminal history including cocaine smuggling. The US Attorney's Office has taken the case and that suspect is expected to serve 8 years. Good Police work by Officer O'Brien and he read a letter of appreciation. (See attached letter)
- They have scene an increase in crime including cars being rummaged through at Birch Hill Estates and thefts from vehicles at the Public Beaches. Two homes were entered in July on Sewall Road with thefts and the Chief reminded the public to minimize your vulnerability, lights and locks are great deterrents. They encourage residents to be alert and notify the police of suspicious activity.
- Grant programs are running until September 15th and include the following: DUI patrols, Operation Safe Commute patrols, Bicycle Helmet awards, Speed Enforcement, Enforcing Under-age drinking laws, COPS Grant for body armor reimbursement, radar purchase and the Byrne Grant. Special thanks to Lieutenant Rondeau for his hard work writing these grants.
- Lieutenant Rondeau has been working with the Board of Selectmen, the DEA, chemists from the State lab and Town Counsel on the development of an ordinance to deal the distribution of a hallucinogen called; "K2, K2 Spice, Blizzard and others". He provided an example packaging for such product disguised as incense. The effects of this, as describe by the young persons who have ingested it, is "frightening" and has an almost paranoia like inducing. The Board of Selectmen has reviewed the ordinance and it is schedule to be set for a public hearing at the Board's next meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Goodgame questioned the status of the 5 proposals in regards to the Route 28 study.

Board of Selectmen's Representative Chuck Storm replied the Board is scheduled to discuss the results of the study at a future meeting.

Commissioner Goodgame questioned if all staff is on duty during the 4th of July.

Chief Chase replied they are, including himself and the Lieutenant and such is the most expensive day for the Department costing roughly \$5,000 in overtime.

Commissioner Goodgame questioned if they budget for overtime and what has been spent to date.

Chief Chase replied they budget \$79,000 per year and they have expended 51%.

Lieutenant Rondeau stated that even with all staff on duty they also rely on mutual aid from the NH State Police and Carroll County Sheriff's office for coverage to help with public safety issues.

Chief Chase stated they thank Troop E and Sheriff Connolly for their help on that day.

Lieutenant Rondeau spoke in regards to the proposed ordinance and the misinformation or misperception of the legislature on the product know as "K2 or K2 Spice or others" and that this is a marijuana like substance, but it is not. This is a hallucinogen is like ecstasy or crystal meth amphetamine and causes anxiety which its effects last for several days. He stated this drug is very dangerous and is an important issue they feel strongly about.

Public/Press

Elissa Paquette of the Granite State News questioned if the crime trends are typical for this time of year with increase in population.

Chief Chase replied in can be, but noted that criminals look for opportunity so it is important to keep vulnerability down. He stated the crimes entering homes in the evening is disturbing as those crimes can lead to violence.

Next Meeting

Chairman Balboni announced the next meeting of the Wolfeboro Police Commission is August 11, 2011 at the Wolfeboro Town Hall.

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

Commissioner Ron Goodgame moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to move to non-public session under RSA 91-A at 4:35 PM to discuss negotiations and personnel. Commissioner Bob Copeland 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 5:51 PM.

Chairman Balboni announced that the Commission sealed the non-public session minutes of the July 14, 2011 by a 2/3rd vote as required by law.

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

Commissioner Bob Copeland moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 5:52 PM.
Commissioner Ron Goodgame seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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