

**Wolfeboro Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2012**

Members present: Vice-Chairman Ron Goodgame and Bob Copeland

Members/staff absent: Chairman Joe Balboni Jr.

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

Invited guest/speakers: none.

Vice-Chairman Goodgame called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM and introduced the Commissioner's, staff in attendance and noted a quorum was present.

Consideration of Minutes

➤ ***Public minutes of February 16, 2012***

Commissioner Bob Copeland moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of February 16, 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 was 94, an 8% decrease from last month.

Arrest status report: He stated the report is a synopsis of the arrests for the month and reported a 29% increase in arrests 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 6 accidents last month.

Citation analysis report: He summarized the citations by street location and he reviewed some of the details of this report with 215 reported for last month. He noted the focus is education and most of the stops were warnings.

Traffic/Parking Control: N/A

Prosecutor's report: He stated they had 20 defendants who faced 24 offenses last month and of that there were 7 arraignments, 13 pleas, 3 trials and 1 pre-trial conference. He also reported that the Judge ordered \$5,701 in fines. He reported 3 offenses and 3 arraignments in the juvenile's court last month.

School Resource Officer (SRO) Report: SRO Cooper provides a detailed report of his busy schedule including 30 investigations at the High School and 5 investigations at the Middle School.

Budget: N/A.

Call analysis by call reason: He reported a total of 3,590 calls to Central Dispatch last month an 18% increase, with a total to date of 7,407 calls for the year.

Chief's Items

Chief Chase reported his monthly activity as follows:

- Officer Emerson has completed field training and has joined patrol rotation.
- Guy Maloney has begun his new assignment as Detective.
- The Dispatch Supervisor will be conducting interviews for the part-time positions.
- Officer Strauch has received Senior Patrolman status for his five years of service.
- Detective Maloney completed a class on sexual assault investigations and Prosecutor Morgan completed a class in court room advocacy.
- Lt. Rondeau completed a residential security survey for Sewall Road property owner.
- Sgt. Keaton participated in "Parent Connection" at the Kingswood Youth Center.
- The Dispatch Supervisor attended the Board of Directors meeting at the Wolfeboro Children's Center.
- He attended the Board of Directors meeting of the Lifebridge.
- In light of recent school violence issues, he had SRO Cooper confer with the administration of the Middle and High Schools on matters of mutual concern.
- Our new server was installed and he thanked the Dispatch Supervisor for coordinating this project with Mainstay.
- They will be installing an updated telephone system that will help us better serve our customer base especially during power outages.
- Town elections are next Tuesday and they will be providing coverage of the polls from 8 AM to closing.
- The Town Annual Report has been published.
- The Department will be hosting its second round table discussion for area law enforcement.
- He reported a drop in the burglaries since December and they attribute that to several factors including increased patrols, increased public awareness, the arrest of burglary suspects and the monitoring of known pawn shops and known or suspected fences and the cultivation of sources.
- He stated a recent nighttime burglary while the occupants were home, has resulted in the arrest of an Alton man by Vermont State Police. The suspect entered the home through a pet door and awakened the homeowners. Officer O'Brien and Blek tracked the suspect through a wooded area and out to North Line Road, the suspect was eventually identified and arrested.
- Officer O'Brien and Blek assisted Wakefield Police for four hours through rough terrain to apprehend four burglary suspects.

Discussion

Burglaries

Commissioner Goodgame referred to the March 8, 2012 edition of the Granite State News and congratulated Detective Maloney on his new role with the Department and referred to the article by Elissa Paquette on page A5 of the apperception of the burglary suspect. He also referred to the article by Mellisa Seamans on page A11 regarding the burglary suspects in Wakefield and quoted a portion of that article as follows; "The Wakefield Police Department

would like to thank the K-9 unit from Wolfeboro, which was instrumental in tracking the subjects through the wooded area to the home where they found..." He stated this is a real plus to the Police Department and shows the true need of the K9 unit.

Commissioner Copeland questioned the mention of the Pawn Shop ordinance last month and the status of such.

Lt. Rondeau replied he had mentioned this to the Board of Selectmen last summer to adopt the State RSA regulating them.

Commissioner Goodgame stated they do not have Pawn Shops in town.

Lt. Rondeau replied although they don't advertise it, they do have a business acting like a Pawn Shop and taking cash for items.

Elissa Paquette questioned if they are bound by the RSA.

Lt. Rondeau replied this RSA must be adopted by the town. He plans to discuss this with the Board of Selectmen further after the town elections.

Commissioner's Items

None.

Public Comment

None.

Being no further business before the Commission, Vice-Chairman Goodgame entertained a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Bob Copeland moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 4:27 PM. Commissioner Ron Goodgame seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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