

**Wolfeboro Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2012**

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

Members/staff absent: None.

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

Invited guest/speakers: Board of Selectmen Representative Sarah Silk.

Chairman Goodgame called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM and introduced the Commissioner's, staff in attendance and noted a quorum was present.

Consideration of Minutes

➤ ***Public and non-public minutes of May 10, 2012***

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of May 10, 2012 as submitted. Commissioner Bob Copeland seconded. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the non-public minutes of May 10, 2012 as submitted. Commissioner Bob Copeland 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 83, a 53% increase from the previous month. He noted the most prevalent offense was unlawful possession of alcohol which was due to an underage drinking party. He noted the burglaries have decreased as some of the suspects have been apprehended.

Arrest status report: He stated the report is a synopsis of the arrests for the month and reported 41 arrests last month, a 24% 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 9 accidents last month an increase from the previous month. He noted such a low number of accidents is amazing in a community with so much traffic passing through.

Citation analysis report: He summarized the citations by street location and he reviewed some of the details of this report with 65 stops reported for last month. He noted the focus is education and most of the stops were warnings.

Traffic/Parking Control: He provided the parking ticket revenues from 2008 to 2011 which shows a decrease over time.

Prosecutor's report: He reported 24 defendants who answered 31 offenses: 6 arraignments, 17 pleas, 6 trials and 1 dismissal.

School Resource Officer (SRO) Report: SRO Cooper provides a detailed report of his busy schedule at the High School and the Middle School. He reported 15 investigations at the Middle School and 25 at the High School.

Budget: N/A.

Call analysis by call reason: N/A.

Chief's Items

- Central Dispatch is in need of part-time Dispatchers to supplement the full-time staff and will be advertising in the Granite State News.
- He and the Lieutenant attended a class hosted by Primex on harassment in the workplace. This was a mandatory class for the Department, Central Dispatch as well as other Town Staff and will be presented again in July to those who were not able to attend.
- He thanked Central Dispatch Supervisor Lyons for her work in coordinating the installation of the new telephone system.
- Sgt. Moore attended the Sig Sauer, Armorer's Class at their Exeter manufacturing facility.
- Detective Maloney attended a week-long class on major crime investigations hosted by Hampton PD. He also attended a class on crime scene photography at Police Standards & Training.
- Officer Spera received his certification in Intoxilyzer operation after completing forty hours of training at Police Standards & Training.
- He attended the annual Shakedown Cruise on the M/S Mt. Washington.
- They are continuing their community effort to get to know the Department better with Officer Interviews with Community Television.
- Lieutenant Rondeau spoke to a class at Brewster Academy on forensic analysis and he was also interviewed for by three Brewster students for a research paper.
- The Department participated in the DEA Drug Take Back program which is instrumental in diverting unlawful use of prescription drugs or improper disposal. They collected 7.5 gallons of controlled drugs in the one day event. Lieutenant Rondeau also participated with Selectmen Silk in a drug take back event at Birch Hill Estates on May 18th.
- Several members of the Department participated in the filming of a community project by Tina Maxfield.
- Central Dispatch Supervisor Lyons and Sgt. Keaton participated in Law Day at both Carpenter and Crescent Lake Schools.
- May 11th was Bike and Walk to School Day and Officer Livie provided extra coverage for the event.
- School Resource Officer Cooper had a successful year as assistant coach of the boy's tennis team and they made it to the semi-finals which is the first time in 20 years for such milestone. Congrats to Officer Cooper and his team.
- Sgt. Keaton reported the facility was inspected for compliance for Juvenile Justice Protocols on detaining juveniles. We are in compliance for another three years.
- Three people have been selected to fill the Traffic Officers positions and they will start on or about June 25th.
- He provided the current Fleet information for the Commission's information.

- He provided Detective Maloney's activity report.

Commissioner's Items/Discussion

Community Outreach

Chairman Goodgame stated that he would like to do some sort of open house in 2013 at the Public Safety Building. He would like to have off duty officers donate their time (as necessary if willing to participate) to attend such an event as well as he feels that it will be helpful to get the community familiar with the Department especially children, familiar with the department.

Chief Chase agreed such event would be nice to do next summer as the Public Safety Building is undergoing repairs. He noted that the community will see the officers "walking the beat" so to speak as their time allows being more visible in the community.

Traffic Officers

Chairman Goodgame questioned if the Traffic Officers would address the downtown crosswalks as part of their duties.

Chief Chase replied that such would be incorporated in with their duties.

Chairman Goodgame questioned the Board of Selectmen Representative if she relayed the Commission's concerns regarding the downtown crosswalks and if more signage could be added.

Ms. Silk replied that she could discuss such with the Board but noted that Main Street is a State road and she is not sure how much signage can be added.

Juvenile Detention

Chairman Goodgame questioned where they put juveniles at the station and what the protocol is.

Lt. Rondeau replied they can put them in the interview room, holding room or another room that is monitored and sound segregated from adult offenders. They typically hold them until their parents can pick them up. It is very rare they would have them overnight and in such case they would need a Judge to issue a warrant to transport them to a juvenile holding facility.

Chairman Goodgame questioned what they did when they had several from the underage drinking party.

Lt. Rondeau replied not all of them were juveniles (17 years and younger) some of them were minors (17-21). He explained that a 16 year old can be treated as an adult.

Fleet

Chief Chase gave a brief overview of the Police Department's Fleet of vehicles he stated such will be used for the 2013 budget process and they have road tested the Ford Police Inceptor as they will be in the market for three new vehicles in the Fleet this year.

K2/Bath Salts

Chief Chase stated that the Police Department in Plaistow confiscated Bath Salts from a local store selling them after they were asked by the Department not to. He stated this is a rising epidemic in New England and a highly dangerous drug.

Lt. Rondeau noted that these are not Bath Salts and are actually a chemical drug that mimics cocaine and is highly dangerous.

Detective Report

Chief Chase provided the Detective's report and he has a busy schedule. He made 238 contacts last month as well as participated in 56 hours of training.

Commissioner Copeland questioned if any of it was on overtime.

Chief Chase replied he has an occasional use of overtime. He had 5 new cases in May, plus the 25 burglaries he is working on.

Chairman Goodgame questioned if the patrol officers would have been expected do the work the Detective is doing.

Chief Chase replied that some of them are capable of Detective work others would need help from Supervisors, but such work would take away from their Patrol duties.

Chairman Goodgame stated he would like to measure the Detectives time in order to know if they will need an additional Detective in the future.

Chief Chase noted that for example, because of the Detective, property was recovered and suspect was apprehended in a jewelry theft.

Health Insurance Advisory Committee-Update

Commissioner Balboni reported the Health Insurance Advisory Committee has met and are getting educated on the town's plans. He stated the meeting was very informative and they will be meeting again in June 26th.

Board of Selectmen Representative

Ms. Silk stated that there seemed to be a question regarding the location of the Household Hazardous Product Facility and it is located at 400 Beach Pond Road. They hold Hazardous waste collections the third Saturday from May to October with two Medicine collections in June and August.

Press

None.

Public Comment

None.

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

Commissioner Bob Copeland moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 5:30 PM. Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
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