

Wolfeboro Police Commission Meeting Minutes November 21, 2013

Members present: Vice Chairman Bob Copeland and Joe Balboni Jr.

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

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

Consideration of Minutes

- ***Public minutes of October 17, 2013***

Commissioner Bob Copeland moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of October 17, 2013 as submitted. Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. 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 reported 70 offenses for last month, which is a 29% increase from the previous month. He reported 791 year to date.

Arrest status report: He reported 34 arrests last month, a 61% increase from last month.

Personnel Analysis report: He provided the monthly report which breaks down each officer's activity for the month.

Arrests of View: He stated this is a report he and the Lieutenant use to provide best staffing and deploy the officers.

Accidents by street name: He reported 13 accidents last month and 135 year to date. He noted this is an increase over 97 to date last year.

Citation analysis report: He provided the monthly report noting that as always education is their main focus, but reported 173 citations last month (includes verbal).

School Resource Officer's Report (SRO): He reported 26 investigations at the High School and stated that he assisted Senior Patrol Officer Cooper on a call last month and noted he has a lot of patience.

Detective's Report: 19 cases were pending, assigned 15 new cases; he closed 5 by arrest and 5 by other means. He has 24 cases going forward.

Prosecutor's report: He reported; 41 defendants who answered 46 offenses, 11 arraignments, 11 pleas, 3 trials, and 21 pretrial conferences. He reported \$8,114 in fines and assessments.

Chief's Items

He reported the following items:

- He provided a photo sketch of a person of interest that The Wolfeboro Police, Troop E detectives from the NH State Police and the Carroll County Attorney's Office are asking for the public's assistance in identifying this person of interest who may have been a witness to an incident that occurred on October 20, 2013 in Wolfeboro. The person is described as a white male, between 20 & 30 years old, with a noticeable "droop" under his left eye.
- A background investigation is underway on a candidate for a part-time position in Central Dispatch.
- He attended four hours of instruction on critical stress debriefing at Police Standards & Training.
- The Department's annual four hour Use of Force training will occur within the next several weeks.
- Dispatch Supervisor Lyons attended an FBI class on-Terminal Agency Coordinator class in Concord.
- He presented the 2014 budget proposals to the Board of Selectmen on October 10th and with minor changes they move on to the Budget Committee hearing on Tuesday, November 26th at 6:00PM, at the Wolfeboro Inn, Ball Room.
- The Police Department & Central Dispatch gathered on October 18th for an awards event which was held aboard the Winnie Belle. A great evening of fellowship and sincere recognition for outstanding work by our entire staff. Thanks to the Wolfeboro Inn for partnering with us and a special thanks to Sheriff Domenic Richardi and Major Richard Young for providing a Deputy to cover calls in Town while we were on the water.
- Another successful effort to assure the proper disposal of pharmaceuticals which can otherwise be diverted for improper use or discarded in a manner harmful to the environment was held at the Public Safety building (a regional drop-off site) for the recent, DEA prescription drug turn in program.
- Considerable community interest in providing financial support towards the purchase of a new K9 to replace our retired German shepherd, Blek has been received and we are grateful for the community's generosity. Donations may be made to the Wolfeboro Police Benevolent Association, earmarked for the K9 program as the start-up costs are considerable and we are not seeking taxpayer supported funding to jump-start the program.
- He reported that a large, old pine tree fell across power lines on Filter Bed Road, causing a large power outage in parts of Wolfeboro and there was close to 800 phone calls made to central dispatch during the outage. The automated system handled 665 of those inquiries and although the recording has a prompt which can connect someone with dispatch, we encourage callers to simply listen to the recorded informational message. He explained the recording is updated whenever we receive status reports from the Municipal Electric Department and the dispatcher is not likely to know how long

the power will be out, nor are they responsible for the outage or required to endure verbal abuse.

- Sgt. Archambault received a letter of thanks for assistance rendered to motorists who were stranded on Rt. 28
- Senior Patrol Officer Greg Cooper received a “thank you” card from an elderly couple who needed directions while driving in Wolfeboro.
- Senior Patrol Officer Mike Strauch is recognized for defusing a volatile situation at Huggins Hospital involving a patient awaiting transfer to Concord Hospital.
- Sgt. Archambault, Sgt. Keaton, Officer Mike Strauch and Deputy Sheriff Paul Bois are acknowledged for the rapid apprehension of two burglary suspects who had entered a Middleton Road residence while the home owner was present. The youthful offenders were stopped a short distance from the scene after a witness provided an in-depth description of the suspects and the vehicle they were operating.

Commissioner’s Items

None.

Board of Selectmen’s Representative

None.

➤ Questions from the Public

None.

Commissioner Bob Copeland moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to move to non-public session under RSA 91-A II to discuss personnel at 4:18 PM. Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Roll call vote, Bob Copeland-yes, Joe Balboni Jr.-yes, being none opposed, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 5:00 PM.

Vice-Chairman Copeland announced that the Commission sealed non-public session minutes of the November 21st, 2013, by a 2/3rd vote as required by law.

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

Commissioner Bob Copeland moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 5:02 PM. Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Capone-Muccio