

# **Wolfeboro Police Commission**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **April 25, 2013**

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

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

Chairman Goodgame 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 March 21, 2013 and April 16, 2013 (special meeting)***

**Commissioner Ron Goodgame moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of March 21, 2013 and April 16, 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 65 offenses for the month, an increase from the previous month.

**Arrest status report:** He reported 22 arrests last month, an increase from the previous month.

**Personnel Analysis report:** He stated the report is provided showing a synopsis of each officer's reporting for the month.

**Accidents by street name:** He reported 6 accidents last month, a decrease from the previous month.

**Citation analysis report:** He provided the monthly report and noted 52% more stops than last month and as always the focus is education.

**Prosecutor's report:** He reported 26 defendants who answered to 33 offenses, 18 pleas, 1 trial, 8 pretrial conferences and 1 extradition hearing. He also noted the amount of work done by Prosecutor Morgan that they would have to pay overtime for an Officer to do if they did not have him.

**School Resource Officer (SRO):** He reported a high volume of activity at the High School and Middle School.

**Detective's Report:** 16 cases carried over from the previous month, assigned 10 new cases, 1 closed by arrest, 8 closed by other means leaving 17 pending cases.

## ***DISCUSSION:***

Commissioner Copeland questioned if the accidents were relative to the unexpected weather.

Chief Chase replied that he is not sure but can check that. He also discussed some additional reports he provided this month relating to the break down of crimes.

Chairman Goodgame stated that relative to the crimes of society for 2013 and that last year they were able to make several arrest in the string of burglaries and such helps reduce those statistics.

Chief Chase replied that modern day technology has helped in solving crimes.

Chairman Goodgame commended Prosecutor Morgan on his work and referenced an article in the Union Leader on Monday regarding Police Officers as Prosecutors and that Wolfeboro is fortunate to have Mr. Morgan.

### **Chief's Items**

Chief Chase reported the following items:

- The Commission interviewed and approved to hire two seasonal employees to cover the Downtown from June 16<sup>th</sup> through September 7<sup>th</sup> this summer. Officer Mary Devine is a two year veteran of the Wakefield Police Department and is full-time certified by Police Standards & Training. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Hesser College. Deputy Sheriff Paul Bois is an eight year veteran of the Carroll County Sheriff's Department and is also full-time certified by Police Standards. He is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and has a Bachelor's Degree from Gordon College.
- He explained that the hiring of certified police officers to cover the downtown area for thirty hours per week for the summer months is a classic example of the application of the principles of community policing. He read the definition of "Community Policing" as derived from the formal training he received from the faculty of the University of Michigan, the State where community policing began as follows: Community policing is a **PHILOSOPHY of PERSONALIZED POLICING with PATROLS PERMANENTLY PLACED in PROACTIVE PARTNERSHIPS FOR PROBLEM SOLVING.**
- Officer Pat Spera will attend firearms instructor school at Police Standards & Training.
- Full-time, Central Dispatch staff attended a class on Crisis Negotiation at the NH Fire Academy.
- He attended a class at Primex on Social Networking and Policy Development.
- Drug take-back day is this Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00AM-2:00PM. Outdated or unwanted prescription medications can be dropped off in the receptacle in the lobby of the public safety building. There are no forms to fill out or questions to answer. Please, no hypodermic needles or syringes. The goal is to keep prescription medications out of the hands of unintended recipients and to help preserve our environment through approved disposal.
- Walk and Bike to School Day is May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- We have been participating in "Operation Safe Commute". A program that provides extra police patrols during peak travel hours. It is designed to correct bad habits and deter distracted driving.

- They have been doing compliance checks on those licensed establishments that serve alcoholic beverages and he was pleased to announce that in this reporting period, all licensees, with one exception, checked the ID of a questionably aged customer.
- He received a nice message from a grateful motorist for assistance rendered by Sgt. Randy Archambault recently for his patience in trying to help this stranded motorist.
- The Department has received the three new Ford Interceptors. One went into service this week with the other two being set up and decalated. The cars feature a new graphic design that readily identifies us and offers a unique look and appeal. He complemented Senior Patrol Officer Mark Livie, our fleet coordinator on the planning and designing the conversion process of these vehicles.

➤ **DISCUSSION:**

Elissa Paquette of the Granite State News questioned the 250% increase in three months from the Crime Comparison report for crimes against property.

Chief Chase replied that is from January to March.

**Commissioner's Items**

Chairman Goodgame provided an update on the Public Safety Building Open House scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup> and that Lt. Rondeau would provide a further update at their May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. He stated that Officer Llewellyn is working with the local merchants to sponsor baseball cards for the officers and hopefully K9 Blek will be over his sinus infection and able to provide a demonstration at the event. He stated the hot dog cart and band have been secured for the date. He stated they do need to fill out a Temporary Event Permit for the event to be presented to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

Commissioner Copeland noted such seems cumbersome for an event being held on town property.

Sarah Silk (BOS representative) explained the purpose of the request is having uniformity in events in town.

Chairman Goodgame announced the time of the event is 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on June 29, 2013. Police Officers will be at the event as well as members of the Fire Department.

**Board of Selectmen's Representative**

Ms. Silk stated the following:

- She attended a meeting of the Emergency Operations Planning Committee who approved the appointment of the Emergency Management Director/ Fire Chief, Town Manager and Chief of Police as persons of contact for the State's reverse E-9-1-1 system.
- She provided an updated Lakes Region Household Hazardous Waste Product Facility flyer that includes new member Tufonboro. She thanked Lt. Rondeau and Chief Chase for their cooperation on the program.

Chief Chase questioned if Wolfeboro residents could go to the Alton collections.

Ms. Silk replied they can but they don't encourage it as Alton's collection is at their Solid Waste facility on a Saturday and can get very busy.

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

**Commissioner Bob Copeland moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to move to non-public session under RSA 91-A to discuss internal Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Roll call vote, Joe Balboni Jr.-yes, Bob Copeland-yes and Ron Goodgame-yes, being none opposed, the motion passed.**

The Commission re-entered public session at 5:15 PM.

Chairman Goodgame announced that the Commission sealed non-public session minutes of the April 25, 2013, by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote as required by law.

*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 5:16 PM. Commissioner Ron Goodgame seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,  
**Amelia Capone-Muccio**