

**Wolfeboro Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2014**

Members present: Chairman Joe Balboni Jr. Steve Wood and Ron Goodgame.

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

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

➤ ***Pledge of Allegiance***

Chairman Balboni entertained the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Minutes

- ***Public minutes of October 16, 2014***

Commissioner Steve Wood moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of October 16, 2014 as submitted. Commissioner Ron Goodgame seconded. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Activity Reports

Offenses (State Law) by month: He reported 80 offenses for the month, a 37% increase from last month.

Arrest status report: He reported 23 arrests for last month 1% increase.

Personnel Analysis report: The report is a synopsis of each officer's reporting for the month.

Accidents by street name: He reported 10 accidents for last month with 114 year to date. This is a 15% decrease from the previous year.

Prosecutor's report: He reported 27 defendants answering 31 offenses, with 4 arraignments, 18 pleas, 2 motions, 1 trial and 6 pretrial conferences.

School Resource Officer (SRO): He reported 41 investigations at the High School last month and 7 at the Middle School.

Citation Report: He reported 139 stops last month with a majority of those being non-punitive as the goal is education.

Detectives Report: He reported that the Detective had 19 pending cases going into the month. He was assigned 13 new cases. He closed 1 case by arrest and 3 by other means.

Central Dispatch report: n/a.

Detective's report: n/a.

Chief's Items

Chief Chase stated the following:

- He provided a report on the frequency of crashes at the intersection of South Main Street and Middleton Road as request by Commissioner Goodgame last month. He reported 7 collisions from January of 2009 to 2014 with 9 hours of investigative work on those crashes.
- Central Dispatch received 782 calls in response to the outage which resulting in the inability to make an outgoing call from Central Dispatch or to allow the Dispatch Supervisor to call in to update the informational message. He noted in this recent event the Dispatch Supervisor and Municipal Electric Department Director communicated by text messaging. He noted a Facebook post was viewed by 2,533 people. He noted that that Dispatch communicates the outages to the Electric Department but often are not able to provide information when the power will be restored. Commissioner Wood suggested they look into a designated phone line for staff. Chief Chase noted that in the past the phone lines have been reduced by the Town. The Commission discussed the idea of adding a phone and the minimal cost of this out ways the ability to open up a phone line for department communication.
- Sgt. Keaton addressed a Girl Scout Troop on personal safety tips for Halloween.
- Central Dispatch Employee Michelle Fullerton participated in the Halloween events here at the Public Safety Building. Over 800 glow necklaces were distributed to “trick or treat or treaters” this year.
- Captain Rondeau attended a mental health collaboration group meeting at Huggins Hospital.
- The Department provided Security at the polls on November 4th from 8 AM through closing.
- The final budget presentations will be this evening at 6:00 PM with the budget committee in the Huggins Hospital Medical Arts Conference Room.
- The Wolfeboro Children's Christmas Fund is in full swing under the direction Dispatch Supervisor Mia Lyons. The Department is grateful for the outstanding generosity of our residents. Last year 62 families were referred to us through clergy, Welfare Department and many other means. Donations are tax deductible and anyone interested can contact Central Dispatch at the Public Safety Building.
- Sworn and Civilian staff completed many hours of training in October. This month the Department hosted a 4 hour block on instruction on how to handle those developmentally disabled persons who often are brought to Huggins Hospital. The Staff from Lakeview Rehab provided the instruction.
- On December 3rd sworn personnel will assemble at Police Standards and Training to complete use of force training.
- K9 Update: A handler was selected as previously noted at a past meeting (Office Strauch) and a breeder for the dog will be selected in January or February with assistance of the NH State K9 unit. He stated they have received pledges to get a car outfitted for the K9 and they plan to have the K9 Officer and dog in training in March.

Firearm Disposal Policy

Chief Chase stated at this point they have 8 Firearms that can be disposed of with 32 others for potential disposal as well.

Commissioner Goodgame suggested he let the Commission take a look at the Firearms to be disposed of or some local dealers to determine the value.

Commissioner Wood stated he is familiar with guns but is not qualified to determine value. He has thought about the proposed policy and feels it has been well written and has also been approved by the Attorney General's office. He would like to let the Department do its due diligence as they are in no hurry to dispose of 8 guns. He would like to use someone who would provide the Department with a credit account and have sealed bids to get the best bang for the buck. He stated that having a credit allows them to offset budgetary costs.

It was moved by Steve Wood to accept the Firearm's Disposal Policy with an amendment to page one, paragraph four replacing Interstate Firearm's with "a". Ron Goodgame seconded the motion for discussion.

Discussion:

Commissioner Goodgame would like to amend the document and review a new draft at the next meeting to be clear on the change. He feels they need to be sure local people have an opportunity.

Commissioner Wood stated it is open to all federally licensed Firearm Dealers, which is fair and equitable.

Members voted, being none opposed, the motion passed.

Board of Selectmen's Representative

Ms. Silk stated would like to thank Captain Rondeau and Dispatch Supervisor Mia Lyons for their presentation on the Wolfeboro Children's Christmas Fund at the last Board meeting. She also noted the Board voted at the last meeting to remove the signs at Pine Street, Crescent Lake Ave and Millwood Road as requested by a majority of the residents. She stated the reason the signs were put up was to try and address the speed concerns, but have decided to look into alternative means to address that problem such as looking into one of the signs that show the speed. She was wondering if Wolfeboro could borrow one from another Town.

Chief Chase replied he would look into that.

Captain Rondeau noted that he and the Public Works Director have discussed the idea of purchasing one with grants funds and sharing the costs. The one they were looking into is both a speed limit sign and a bulletin sign.

Elissa Paquette of the Granite State News, questioned if the stop signs were not effective.

Ms. Silk replied it was not an effective solution to the problem.

Elissa Paquette questioned when the policy for the Firearm's would be addressed.

Chief Chase replied that they would begin working on it next week.

Commissioner Goodgame noted on another note the Police Commission wish Judge Varney the best in his retirement and everyone will miss him.

Public

None.

Being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Balboni entertained a motion to enter into non-public session.

Commissioner Ron Goodgame moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to move to non-public session under RSA 91-A II a, b & c to discuss personnel and litigation at 5:01 PM. Steve Wood seconded. Roll call vote, Ron Goodgame-yes, Joe Balboni Jr.-yes, and Steve Wood-yes, being none opposed, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 5:50 PM.

Chairman Balboni announced that the Commission sealed the non-public session minutes of the November 20, 2014, by a 2/3rd vote as required by law.

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

Commissioner Steve Wood moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 5:51 PM. Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
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