



Rochester Police Commission Rochester, NH 03867

Derek J. Peters, Commissioner
David R. Stevens, Commissioner
David E. Winship, Jr. Commissioner

MINUTES OF THE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

The Rochester Police Commission held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in City Hall, Council Chambers. Participants in this meeting: Comm. Peters, Comm. Stevens, Comm. Winship, Chief Boudreau, Dep. Chief Swanberry, Capt. Aucoin, Secretary Warburton and invited guests.

Chaplain Cilley was excused.

The meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

All participated in the pledge of allegiance.

A. Roll Call. The clerk called the roll marking Comm. Peters, Comm. Stevens and Comm. Winship present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: No one was present to offer any public comment.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

A. September 6, 2023

Comm. Stevens MOVED to accept the minutes of the September 6, 2023 meeting. Comm. Winship SECONDED the motion. The motion to accept the minutes as presented PASSED unanimously.

4. OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Body Cameras: Chief Boudreau noted that the body cameras are up and running. We are addressing some small hiccups. There has been good feedback on them so far.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Oaths for Promotion

1. Thomas Seager to Sergeant

Chief Boudreau did a brief recap of Sergeant Seager's career to date. Secretary Warburton then administered the oath for promotion.

A five minute recess was called.

B. Accept Resignations

1.) Officer Terrero

Comm. Winship MOVED to accept the resignation of Officer Terrero. Comm. Stevens SECONDED the motion. The motion PASSED unanimously.

C. Monthly Reports

1). Operations. Captain Aucoin noted that all of the Honor Guard uniforms to outfit new members have been received. There are no current planned events.

Officer Hatch and K9 Ripley attended a couple of community events, including pops with a cop (popsicles) at the Library with officers and staff.

In the support side currently there are 106 cases being investigated. 28 new cases were opened this period. There were 11 cases, all true bills heard before the grand jury. 13 phones were analyzed with the Cellebrite software. There were two call outs this period.

Comm. Peters asked now that we have more staff in investigations is that working out well?

Chief Boudreau said that it is. Felony cases require the greatest amount of follow up. Patrol will do the initial leg work and then it is sent to investigations where more in depth work is done, in areas like analyzing electronics, obtaining bank records and things of that nature. It allows patrol to be out and more mobile.

Capt. Aucoin said the community engagement officer has been very active this month. He helped to organize and attended various events including the RPBA and Crimeline golf tournament, Pride Day downtown, the Senior Breakfast with other staff, story time and POPs with a cop at the Library, and he is working with Celeste from the Government Channel on a public service announcement for crosswalks.

The problem oriented policing unit is investigating 12 cases and are focusing on issues with thefts from motor vehicles and speeding violations in designated areas of the City.

Communications Center has two in training and one background underway. There are still two openings. The Communications Center Supervisor met with the Chiefs' of Police and Fire to discuss an active shooter training. Two of our dispatchers were commended and recognized with a fire services unit award for their work during a structure fire. One of our per diem dispatchers was also recognized for his calm strength and courage in reporting a fire at his home.

The School Resource officers are back in the schools and getting settled into the school routines. The Explorer Post had their first meeting of the year.

Comm. Stevens inquired how many are in the program.

Chief Boudreau stated he is not sure of the numbers this year, but last year there were roughly 15 cadets.

The St. Charles School reached out to us about the LEAD Program and we will be presenting it there as well.

2. Administrative. Dep. Chief Swanberry reported that there were two purchases over the \$5,000.00. We bought four portable radios for staff and will be outfitting the new backline car (addition) to the fleet. We are still working on outfitting the other vehicles, and are in the queue at NEVO.

We are 25% into the fiscal year and all lines are in great shape and where we expect them to be.

A couple of training highlights this period include that both Officers' Hill and Settele were released to solo patrol. Officers' Ball and Bernstein graduated from the Academy on September 29, 2023. And Officers' McCann and Adams are in week 9 of the current Academy.

We hosted a class entitled "All types of drug interdiction" where we garnered three free seats for our agency for hosting. Officers also attended an American sign language class. All members completed Taser recertification as well.

3. Other

Chief Boudreau said that we are still on the hunt for a crime analyst. Our contracted vendor is has been advertising, but people that are applying are withdrawing from the process when findind out the salary and having to relocate. They did present a proposal that is a significant increase over our current budget, which will require a discussion with the City Manager.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was received this month: Officer Marshall, Officer Birmingham and Lt. Bossi are recognized for building a rapport and distracting a young child during an investigation at the home. Officer Granatowski is recognized for going above and beyond in getting a personal item back to the owner. Officer Lombardi and Sgt. Alexander are recognized for their quick

response to a 911 call at the Library. Det. Garstin was assisted with a retail crime investigation encompassing several New England States where the value of goods was close to \$250,000. There was a successful prosecution of this case. The following staff are recognized for their assistance in their areas of expertise during the Citizen's Police Academy: Lt. Anthony Bossi, Lt. Turner, Lt. Miehle, Sgt. Benjamin, Sgt. Williams-Hurley, Sgt. Krochmal, Sgt. Deluca, Det. Govoni, Det. Livingstone, Det. DeCost, Det. Garstin, Det. Danie, Det. Johnson, Off. Colson, Off. Brinkman, Off. Jackson, Off. Hatch and K9 Ripley and ACO Suzanne Paradis.

Comm. Peters asked the Chief to talk about the Citizens Academy and asked if we plan to host another one.

Chief Boudreau said that we usually host the academy in the Spring. The list of officers you see all participated and shared their expertise. This is labor intensive for the staff. Citizens learn about all the different aspects of the Department. They sit in dispatch, go on a ride along, and get to see the inner-workings of the Department. A lot what is portrayed by Hollywood and on the television is not accurate. They make it look very exciting. But there is a lot of things that go on behind the scenes in the successful running of an agency. We've been doing this for a dozen or more year and get fantastic feedback.

7. **INFORMATION:** There was nothing for discussion.

8. **NON-PUBLIC SESSION: (Pursuant to: RSA 91-A:3)**

Commissioner Stevens MOVED to enter a nonpublic session at 7:30 P.M. pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3, paragraph II, section A (personnel) and section E (legal). Comm. Winship SECONDED the motion. The motion PASSED by roll call vote 3 – 0 with Comm. Peters – yes, Comm. Stevens – yes, Comm. Winship - yes.

The non-public session closed at 7:41 P.M. on a MOTION by Comm. Stevens. Comm. Winship SECONDED the motion. The motion PASSED by roll call vote 3 – 0 with Comm. Peters – yes, Comm. Stevens – yes, Comm. Winship - yes.

9. **MISCELLANEOUS:**

Comm. Stevens MOVED to accept the evaluations of Officer Smith (top of grade) and to approve the merit track advancements as presented for Officer Zachary Masse (track 2), Officer Jonathan Labosier (track 6), Officer Hattie Johnson (track 6). Comm. Winship SECONDED the motion. The motion PASSED unanimously with all Commissioner's voting in the affirmative.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Stevens MOVED to adjourn. SECOND by Comm. Winship at 7:43 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca J. Warburton
Secretary

APPROVED BY COMMISSION: 11/1/2023