

**Police Committee**  
**City of Port Jervis**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**6 May 2013**

Meeting called to order at 1830 hrs by Mr. McCarthy with the following members in attendance: Chief Worden, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Oney, Mr. Siegel, Mr. Hendrick, Mr. Decker, and Mayor Potter.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Mike Meyer and Mrs. Laura Meyer, owners of Floral Laura located at 186 Pike Street complained about parking on Pike Street and loitering in front of businesses.

**Report of Chief of Police:**

Budget Expenses: Chief updated committee on repair costs to the fleet and narcotics investigation expenses that the department has encountered and the potential impact on the budget.

A Port Jervis Middle School lock-down and evacuation drill planned for May 8, 2013 involving a multitude of emergency services agencies.

Health and Wellness Fair scheduled for May 7, 2013 at the Port Jervis High School.

Youth Safety Day is scheduled for May 18, 2013 from 10am-2pm at Save-A-Lot Parking Lot.

The Recent Prescription Take Back Program netted approximately 15lbs of assorted medications.

Discussion was held pertaining to the 2013 COPS Hiring Grant for School Resource Officers. The cost of \$3,000 to retain grant writer, James Roach, will be shared by the City and School District. Committee to forward to Common Council.

Memorial Day Parade and Services scheduled for May 27, 2013. The Department's Color Guard has traditionally participated in the parade.

2013 Traffic Safety Initiatives related to the Buckle Up program and the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program was discussed.

St. Mary's Corpus Christie Procession scheduled for June 2, 2013 at the conclusion of the 11:15am mass.

The Chief apprised the committee that he is scheduled to meet with Mr. Joseph P. Donat, Director of Grants for Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney on May 10<sup>th</sup> 2013, in Mayor Potter's Office. The Chief discussed several department needs with committee members included in the department's capital plan and invited all committee members to attend.

The Chief apprised the committee that he was investigating the feasibility of assigning an officer to the Orange County Child Abuse/Sex Abuse Unit to investigate crimes against children in Port Jervis and Orange County in conjunction with a task force of police officers and Dept of Social Services Case

Workers. The Chief will gather all pertinent information such as cost reimbursements and present at a future meeting.

The Chief apprised the committee of upcoming training events for the following activities:

- Firearms and Use of Force
- Defensive Tactics, Use of Force
- Emergency Vehicle Operations
- Search and Seizure

The Chief has additionally procured a compliment of on-line training free of charge through the City's Insurance carrier, Trident Insurance.

The Chief reviewed 2012 Use of Force Statistics to all committee members. These statistics will be disseminated to all officers for training during upcoming defensive tactics training.

The 2012 Year end report was discussed.

Sergeants interviews are planned for May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013. Three candidates will be interviewed for one position.

Detective Interviews will be held during the summer with an anticipated replacement in August, 2013 after the recruits graduate from the police academy.

The Chief discussed a partnership with Orange County Rape Crisis Services and a grant application to promote prevention, education and awareness.

An update was provided regarding dispatchers and negotiations with the PBA.

The Orange County Police Chief's Association will be reviewing submissions for their awards ceremony scheduled for June.

#### **Committee Comments:**

Mr. Hendrick:

- Discussed a problem with tractor trailers using Third Street to avoid the underpass and damaging overhead wires as they travel on the street. Signs are located on 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street prohibiting tractor trailer traffic. Chief will order a sign to be installed prohibiting tractor trailer traffic on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- A Ward meeting is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup> at West End Fire Station.

Mr. Decker:

- Inquired about the cost of writing Port Jervis City Code related traffic tickets utilizing a new software program opposed to the NYS Tracs Program.

Mr. Ritchie:

- Discussed teens walking in the middle of the street and in front of cars in the vicinity of Pine Street and Sullivan Avenue.
- Inquired about problems with disorderly patrons during the evenings and weekends at a local tavern.

Mr. Oney:

- Inquired about the law regulating 24 hour parking on residential streets.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted

William J. Worden

Chief of Police