

City of Port Jervis Police Committee

Monthly Meeting Minutes

1 April 2013

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mr. McCarthy with the following members in attendance: Mr. Waligroski, Mr. Hendrick, Mr. Decker, Mr. Ritchie, and Mr. Oney.

Chief's Summary Report:

Cross walk safety discussion pertaining to upcoming enforcement initiatives and experimental line painting to enhance visibility of crosswalks. Mr. Decker inquired about the costs related to purchasing additional signage to augment current crosswalk signage.

Traffic Safety Grant Enforcement Overview

- STEP Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (accident causing behaviors)
- BUNY Buckle Up New York (seat belts)
- STOP DWI Program
- Focus: Speed, crosswalk, cell phone.
- Operation Safe Stop (school bus safety)

Current Traffic Studies and Signage:

- Reducing the size of two parking spaces on Orange Street in response to complaint of visibility near the intersection with Pike Street.
- Investigation of rear access road to Front Street store fronts in response to complaints pertaining to parking and blocking access to roadway.
- Potential condition related to flashing Tri-State Traffic Lights.

Training:

The department recently conducted a four hour Multi-Agency Active Shooter Response Training involving the Port Jervis, Town of Deerpark and Easter Pike Regional Police Departments.

April:

- Policy Reviews Shift Training
- Search and Seizure

- DWI Conference

Drug Abuse Task Force Update

Meetings:

- Steering Committee: April 2, 2013
- Regular monthly meeting: April 18,2013

Outreach:

- Child Id Cards: Prepared for Project Discovery
- Participated in Shop Rite Safety Weekend
- Dr Seuss Read across America
- Youth Safety Day: May 18th 10am-2pm, Information to be distributed via email.
- Chief of Police re-appointed to Orange County Police Advisory Board for a term expiring 12/31/2015.
- City-wide Neighborhood watch meeting being planned at the Drew United Methodist Church Hall for April 25th at 7P.M. Topic: Follow-up presentation pertaining to Drug Abuse in our Community.
- Updated Crime Mapping Software being investigated for police analysis.
- National Night out against Crime being planned for August 6, 2013.
- Committee was briefed regarding a grant proposal on behalf of the OC Department of Mental Health to create a "Court Connections" Program in Port Jervis City Court to provide court oversight for treatment programs of non-violent offenders who suffer from mental illness.
- The Chief of Police has been appointed to the Orange County Criminal Justice Committee on Domestic Violence.

Personnel:

- Recruits are adapting fine to the academy transition.
- Dispatcher memorandum of agreement being reviewed by PBA.

Committee Comments:

Mr. Decker:

- Inquired about potential line painting to prevent traffic from blocking access to the intersections of Ulster Place, Ferguson Avenue and Kellogg Avenue with East Main Street.
- Appraised the committee about a "teddy bear on patrol program".
- As Code Committee Chairperson, the Chief requested Mr. Decker check into the feasibility and legality of legislating in the City Code the powers and authority of the Animal Control Officer to carry a firearm in the course of his duties.

Mr. Ritchie

- Inquired about obtaining a video presentation pertaining to crosswalk safety to be aired on Tri-23.

Mr. Oney

- Discuss the status of the police vehicles (Car 14 DARE Vehicle) and K-9 Vehicle parked in the municipal parking lot. Car 14 is currently assigned to the four recruits for basic academy training and will be deployed by sergeants after the completion of basic training. K-9 vehicle will be turned over to Newburgh PD.
- Discussed potential active shooter response as mutual aid in the state of Pennsylvania.

Mr. McCarthy:

- Inquired about organizing a West End and Acre area neighborhood watch meeting after receiving interest from several citizens.

Mr. Waligroski:

- Addressed the committee about concerns over pedestrian safety during the monthly cruise nights.

Meeting was concluded at 715pm.

Respectfully Submitted

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Chief of Police