

Police Committee
City of Port Jervis
Monthly Meeting
10 June 2015

6:30pm Meeting called to Order by Chairman Mr. Hendrick with the following members in attendance: Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Oney, Mr. Cunningham, and Chief Worden.

Report of Chief of Police:

- Committee discussed selling a surplus patrol vehicle: 2007 Dodge Charger (VIN 2B3LA43G37H791769 to the Port Jervis Volunteer Ambulance Corp “as is” to assist the Corp. with their fleet operations. Committed voted to move proposal to the Common Council for discussion.
- Renditions of the proposed new patrol vehicle design was distributed to members for review.
- A Revised General Order governing the police response to Domestic Incidents was distributed to sworn officers and clerk-dispatch employees.
- The Chief updated the Committee pertaining to the potential of bringing a Community Accountability Board to the City of Port Jervis to provide a restorative justice model to juvenile respondents involved in minor offenses. Information to be distributed to all members pertaining to CAB Boards for future discussion.
- The Chief provided a presentation of the Reality Tour Drug Abuse Prevention Program to members. The Police Department, Neighborhood Watch, Operation PJ Pride, ADAC of Orange County and the Orange County District Attorney’s Office are currently working collaboratively to bring this evidence based drug prevention program to the City of Port Jervis region.
- Update: Interviews for Sergeant and Detective are currently being conducted by a committee. Potential candidates for promotion will be

forwarded to the Common Council for consideration during the monthly meeting scheduled for June 22, 2015.

➤ Update: Patrol Officer Selection Process- The Department is assisting Civil Service with finalizing the current eligibility list by providing a physical agility test on June 13, 2015. An updated list will be forwarded to the department of eligible candidates to fill two existing vacancies in the patrol division that are budgeted for. The department will begin the selection process during the month of July.

➤ The Chief reviewed the May Monthly Report and noted the following highlights:

- Incidents: Total 5,339 down 5% from last May
- Domestic: Total 172 down 16% from last May

Part I Crimes: Year Total Overall: down 14.6% from 2014

- Robbery: Increase from 2 to 6
- Aggravated Felonious Assault: Increase from 7 to 13
- Burglary: Down 37.5%
- Larceny Down 19%
- May Monthly Comparison: Increase by 16% from May 2014

Part II Offenses- Overall year to date: down by 15%

- Controlled Substances: Currently trending with similar #'s from 2014.
- Weapons: down 36%
- Sex Offenses: down 50%
- Frauds: down 33%
- Part II as compared to May 2014: down by 3%
- No significant increases or decreases in other categories.

➤ A Tow of the Day Procedure has been instituted on a trial basis for police department motor vehicle towing requests and impounds. All towing companies registered with the City have been notified and the trial program will operate from July-September 2015. The department command staff will evaluate the effectiveness and availability of the towing companies, solicit input and make a final determination in September if the program becomes permanent. Currently, the department relies on a rotating list of towing companies to provide towing as needed.

➤ The Chief discussed the potential of installing four donated surveillance cameras at the Farnum House for added security of the park. The

department will coordinate with the Recreation Dept and Public Works to complete the install.

The department conducted Workplace Violence and Compliance training, Sexual Harassment and Diversity Training and Bloodborne Pathogens Training. In addition, all city department have been provided access to the training provided free of charge by Trident Insurance to the City via the localgovu.com on-line training network. A policy is currently being researched and drafted for the City pertaining to Workplace Violence Response and will be distributed to the common council for review.

Committee Comments:

Mr. Ritchie inquired about the status of signs being installed for Children at Play on Canal Street near Farnum Park and a Handicapped Parking replacement sign in front of the Rivertown Diner on East Main Street.

Mr. Hendrick requested that the department review the potential of installing a “caution-driveway ahead” sign at 113 Kingston Avenue due to limited sight visibility.

Public Comment:

No public comment received.

7:30pm: Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

William J. Worden

Chief of Police