

Police Committee

City of Port Jervis

August 3, 2015 Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:36pm by Chairman Hendrick with the following members in attendance: Mr. Belcher, Mr. Cunningham, Mayor Decker, Mr. Oney, and Chief Worden

General Report:

Police Chiefs of Orange County Police Academy Graduation scheduled for August 21, 2015.

PO Kimiciek will be required to complete at least ten weeks of supervised state field training before being authorized to conduct solo patrols.

Animal Control Replacement Vehicle: The current animal control van is approximately 15 years old and experiencing mechanical and physical deterioration. The Chief has been reviewing options to replace the vehicle including the conversion of a 2004 Ford Expedition Special Service Patrol Vehicle to an animal control vehicle. This conversion would require the expenditure of funds to remove and replace decaling, conduct minor body repairs, painting, interior cage adjustments and changes to the lighting system.

Chief Worden was appointed by the District Attorney of Orange County to serve on the newly established Conviction Review Committee.

The committee was updated regarding potential new protocols for investigating police custody deaths by the New York State Attorney General's Office.

The committee was updated pertaining to the City of Port Jervis draft workplace violence prevention program.

Det. Robertson will be attending a 40 hour basic juvenile officer training course in Syracuse from August 31, 2015-September 4, 2015 with tuition being paid for courtesy of a grant obtained from the Orange County Probation Department.

The Chief discussed preparing an updated vehicle replacement plan for unmarked support vehicles. Currently, the department utilizes unmarked Chevrolet Impalas as old as 2006 for investigative and support vehicles. The Chief will review the feasibility of leasing replacement vehicles for the 2016 and 2017 budgets to begin replacing support vehicles.

The Chief updated the committee regarding the status of the Reality Tour drug abuse prevention program currently being planned by Operation PJ Pride, ADAC of Orange County, Port Jervis PD, Orange County District Attorney's Office, and Neighborhood Watch.

The Reality Tour is an evidence based program that provides reenactments of various scenes of addiction from peer pressure to drug usage, arrest, overdose and death. District Attorney David Hoover has offered to purchase the licensing fee to begin the project.

The new speed monitor is being deployed in various neighborhoods by Sgt. Flynn, program supervisor. Council persons wishing to have a street studied should contact Sgt. Flynn or the Chief to schedule a study. A discussion regarding potentially lowering the speed limit to 25 on narrow side streets occurred by the committee for potential further review.

Too Good for Drugs Program: Port Jervis PD, Port Jervis Middle School, Operation PJ Pride, Bon Secours Community Hospital, Catholic Charities and ADAC of Orange County are pleased to announce that the crime prevention program will begin in September, 2015 at the Port Jervis Middle School. Planning for this program has occurred for approximately two years to provide ten weeks of drug abuse and effective decision making training to all 8th grade students at the Port Jervis Middle School. Trainers will be PO Nicole McGowan, PO Matthew Curreri, Det. Scott Robertson, Health Teacher Rick Graham and MaryAlice Presto from the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council of Orange County. Bon Secours Community Hospital will purchase the materials. A ten week program in the fall and ten week program in the spring, one day each week will allow the team to provide effective training and education to the students to better prepare them for making important decisions to remain drug and violence free. The team will make a presentation to the Common Council during the September monthly meeting.

The department submitted a grant request for up to \$10,000 towards the purchase of a booking live scan system through the Dept. of Criminal Justice Services.

The committee discussed criminal mischief occurring at Riverside Park during the late evening hours.

The committee discussed information pertaining to the pros and cons of enacting curfew legislation.

An update was provided to department efforts to reduce the incidents of persons blocking vehicular traffic by walking in the middle of the street.

7:10pm: The committee convened in executive session to discuss potential candidates for detective.

7:40pm: The committee reconvened the regular committee meeting.

Public Comment: No Comments Received

Committee Comments:

Mr. Oney inquired about recent recalls for dodge vehicles.

Mr. Belcher discussed a request for a “Blind Pedestrian” sign on Kingston Avenue near the intersection with Pine Street.

Mayor Decker discussed the need to begin planning potential the future replacement of all city street cameras and using city budgeted resources in the future to finance this purchase.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted

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Chief of Police