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Police Committee City of Port Jervis December 10, 2015 Monthly Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:34pm by Chairman Mr. Hendricks with the following in attendance: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Ritchie, and Chief Worden.

Report of Chief of Police:

Tactical equipment bags currently being outfitted with emergency equipment for all patrol cars to address active shooter situations and other emergencies. Small pry bars have been recently purchased and added to the tactical bags to assist officers with emergency entries.

Outreach: the department has attended, conducted, and or participated in over 132 outreach events and community meetings thus far in 2015. Officer outreach and visibility in the community is vital for promoting and fostering police/community partnerships and building trust.

Animal Control Vehicle: the committee was apprised to the status of converting former car 14 (2004 Ford Expedition) from patrol to animal control use. Rust and paint damage to the vehicle is currently being repaired. The vehicle logos will be stripped and re-stripped in 2016. Anticipated re-deployment: April 2016.

Sign Request: Sacco's Liquor Store located on Pike Street has requested a 15 minute parking sign be installed in front of the store to replace a 90 minute parking spot. Chief is reviewing matter.

Camera update: Cameras have been installed at Farnum Park. Awaiting a solution to connect cameras to police headquarters. Cameras have been donated for the Front Street business district. The cameras are fixed cameras that will be utilized to cover areas of the business district to increase security. The department is working with volunteer, Mr. Niel Haidt, to develop an installation plan.

The Chief discussed the "It's On Us" Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Program launched by the Orange County District Attorney's Office and the department's participation. All members provided literature on the program.

Too Good for Drugs Program: The Chief provided the committee with an update pertaining to the results of the first session of the Too Good for Drugs Prevention Program provided to 8th grade students at the Port Jervis Middle School. The Pre and Post Test results were reviewed which demonstrated evidence that student knowledge increased greatly pertaining to prevention information during the program presented by PO McGowan and Ms. Presto. In addition, the program resonated with students prompting 18 students to attend a listening session moderated by Ms. Mary Alice Presto from Orange County ADAC where she obtained a survey



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from the students regarding current drug prevention and violence observations, student needs and perceptions. The survey results were reviewed with the committee.

The next session of Too Good for Drugs is scheduled for February, 2016.

The department will be distributing a special order to all personnel related to investigating overdose deaths.

The Department discussed the requirement to send Officer Nicole McGowan to mandatory DARE Instructor School from January 18, 2016 – January 29, 2016. The cost of the training is \$995.00 inclusive of meals and lodging.

Potential Budget Impact on Staffing:

The chief outlined with the committee the potential staffing impacts that the proposed 2016 budget will have on patrol and supervisory staffing in FY 2016. Vacancies in the patrol officer ranks, currently 3, reduction in dispatch hours, one vacancy in patrol supervisory ranks, and the elimination of full budgeting of vacancy salaries to assist with financing overtime backfill will provide a difficult task to maintain a minimum staffing level that is safe and responsive to community needs and demands. The chief discussed the impact of training, injuries, court, investigations, potential employee leave and vacation time on the current shift deployment resources.

Warrant Initiative: The Chief reported that the agency currently holds approximately 887 active bench and arrest warrants for various crimes and offenses. The Department is utilizing the assistance of the NYSP and US Marshall's Office to assist with identifying and locating the persons wanted for these various warrants under the department's expanded enforcement efforts planned for 2016 for addressing arrest warrants. Further, an initiative is planned for December as the first of many specific warrant enforcement operations planned for 2016.

The Chief requested the committee consider an application by Lt. John Fitzpatrick to carry over ten vacation days from 2015 to 2016 resulting from the inability to use leave time due to restructuring and staffing changes. Request to be discussed by common council.

NYCOMCO is currently installing three in-car cameras in new patrol cars.

Public Comment: No Comments received from members of the public.

Committee Comment: No Comments.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45pm



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Respectfully Submitted,

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