

Police Committee
City of Port Jervis, New York

April 24, 2018

Members in Attendance: Mr. Foster, Mrs. Mann, Mr. Belcher, Mrs. Randazzo, Mayor Decker, Chief Worden

Meeting called to order at 6:22pm.

Public Comment:

Mr. John Beasley of Sparrowbush, NY, discussed complaints of loud cars passing by his residence in Sparrowbush and passing through the City and requested increased enforcement of noise related violations pertaining to loud mufflers.

Mr. Ed Degroat of Port Jervis discussed parking related issues located at the dead-end of Farnum Street. Chief will meet with Mr. DeGroat to conduct a site visit.

General Report:

Workplace Compliance Training for civilian employees planned for May and June.

Update provided about the new DCJS Hudson Valley Crime Analysis Center and potential department participation with sharing information, data, crime mapping and the potential for a future part time civilian employee being assigned to the center to assist PJPd with the center's intelligence led policing strategies.

New or revised policies are being distributed in the following areas: Tours of Duty, Law Enforcement Survival Kits, Off Duty Arrests. A revised policy is being drafted pertaining to Vehicle Pursuits.

Police Medical Equipment called law enforcement officer survival kits consisting of quick clot, combat dressings and tourniquets are being issued to officers. Training was conducted during the month of January for all sworn staff.

Tours of Duty- Summer staffing levels have been adjusted to accommodate increased call volumes. Dispatchers will be scheduled for weekend overnight shifts to bolster patrol and supervisory presence in the field.

Watershed Patrols with have been occurring on select weekends with Deerpark Police Department on select weekends.

Supervisory meetings are occurring with shift sergeants to review summer policing strategies. Foot Patrols and park and walk patrols have been increased in targeted areas and the Bike Patrol will begin in May after all bicycles have been serviced and prepared for deployment.

2017 Use of Force statistics reviewed with committee.

Front Street Parking Plan discussion: Two-hour parking in the down town area and potential limited parking in select locations to facilitate loading and unloading.

Camera Project Internal- P&N Alarm will be installing nine cameras throughout the interior and exterior locations of City hall to improve public and employee safety. The DPW will be installing the transmission lines to save time and money for the project.

Street Cameras- Currently reviewing bids and will request to meet with council during upcoming council meeting to discuss various bids.

Spring Firearms training currently planned for May.

Defensive tactics and use of force training planned for May and June.

Dealing with Emotional Crisis- 8 hour specialized course provided by DCJS. Several officers assigned to augment mental health training provided to police officers.

CIT Training- An officer has been assigned this 40-hour highly specialized course to improve our response to crisis intervention for persons suffering from emotional crisis.

Command and Control Training was conducted with supervisory and command level staff from six agencies to assist with multi-jurisdictional response to serious and critical incidents.

Active Shooter Multi-Agency Training was conducted at our local schools involving t eh OCSO, PJPd, Deerpark PD, Eastern Pike Regional PD, Mount Hope Police, New York State Police.

School Safety Surveys have been conducted with OCSO and Deerpark PD in all City School District School Buildings.

A Hospital Security Survey will be conducted in May and we are currently preparing for a large scale critical incident drill to occur at the Hospital during the summer.

Discussions were held pertaining to a potential Mutual Aid Agreement with Town of Deerpark PD for enhanced policing services for both jurisdictions through formalizing current practices and sharing resources.

The department is preparing a BVP Body Armor Grant application for funding through the Department of Justice. Essentially, the DOJ Grant will reimburse the City a percentage (50%) of the cost for basic body armor for an officer. Body Armor replacements occur every five years or when necessary for defective vests.

The Department is preparing a 2019 PTS Police Traffic Services Grant application to provide overtime funding for directed traffic enforcement efforts to reduce accidents in our city in 2019.

Executive Session: At approximately 7:49pm, the Committee entered into executive session to discuss a potential retirement agreement. At approximately 8:00pm, the Committee reconvened into the regular monthly meeting.

Committee Comments:

Mrs. Randazzo discussed with the committee the pros and cons of overnight parking and discussions to potentially eliminate the parking restrictions.

The Chief updated the committee of the department's website and social media related costs with a local business per request of Mrs. Trovei.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

William J. Worden

Chief of Police