

**Rochester Police Commission
Rochester, NH 03867**

Bruce E. Lindsay, Commissioner
Lucien G. Levesque, Commissioner
David R. Stevens, Commissioner

MINUTES OF THE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

The Rochester Police Commission held their regular monthly meeting in City Hall Council Chambers on Wednesday, September 6, 2017. Present at this meeting was Comm. Lindsay, Comm. Levesque, *Comm. Stevens [*see new business, item A*], Chief Toussaint, Dep. Chief Boudreau, Capt. Thomas, Chaplain Cilley and Secretary Warburton as well as members of the Department, and the public.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

A. Pledge. All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Prayer. Chaplain Cilley led the opening prayer.

C. Roll Call. The clerk called the roll marking Commissioner's Lindsay and Levesque present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

A. August 2, 2017 regular meeting.

Comm. Levesque MOVED to accept the minutes of the August 2, 2017, regular meeting as presented. SECOND by Comm. Lindsay and PASSED unanimously.

4. OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Any Old Business for Discussion - None

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Oath of Office for Commission – David Stevens. David Stevens was recently appointed by the City Council to the Police Commission representing Wards 1 & 2, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Derek Peters.

Comm. Stevens retired from the US Army as a Sgt. Major; where he specialized in Anti Terrorism as a military police officer. He served as a part time police officer in the 80's into early 90's for the Rochester PD and Wakefield PD. Comm. Stevens was previously elected to six terms on the City Council, and served one term as the Deputy Mayor. He currently serves on the City's Personnel Advisory Board.

The oath was administered by Executive Secretary Rebecca Warburton.

*Following the oath Comm. Stevens joined the meeting as a member of the board.

B. Oath of Office for Patrol Officer. Officer Jacob Nance, Officer Kyle Danie, Officer Cory Krochmal and Officer Thomas Seager took the oath of office for patrolman, administered by Executive Secretary Rebecca Warburton. Family members were on hand to assist with the pinning.

Chief Toussaint said these officers all have prior law enforcement training and experience. The ability to draw on this experience means we will be able to get them out on the street and working for you more quickly.

Jacob Nance

Jacob comes to us with seven years of law enforcement experience. Prior to relocating to NH he served with the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department in Albuquerque, New Mexico. While with Bernalillo County Jacob served as a

member of the Emergency Response Team as well as a member of the Gang Recognition and Intelligence Patrol Unit and as a Field Training Officer. His assignment there before relocating was as a Detective with the High Enforcement Action Team investigating narcotics trafficking.

Kyle Danie

Kyle has come back to the Rochester Police Department after a brief 8-month departure to explore a career in the private sector. Kyle was an intern with us in 2012 and hired full time in May of 2013. He attended the NH Chiefs of Police Cadet Academy for three years and went on to be a cadet instructor and mentor. Kyle was part of our evidence team, and was a certified firearms instructor. He also was certified as a L.E.A.D. instructor.

Cory Krochmal

Cory comes to us with 12 years of law enforcement experience, the last five working with the Northwood Police Department, where he was Sergeant. Cory also previously worked in Gilmanton, Epsom and as a NH Corrections Officer. He brings much prior law enforcement training and experience to us, including leadership training, firearms instructor, Taser instructor, and he is an armorer. Cory is also SWAT certified and served with the Belknap Special Operations Group.

Thomas Seager

Thomas comes to us as a recent graduate of the NH Police Academy and has about a year of experience with the Bristol, NH Police Department. Thomas was part of the Explorer program in the Town of Gilford, and also part of the criminal justice club at the NH Technical Institute. He was an assistant coach of the Gilford Football team. These are skills that will serve him well with our youth population.

C. 20-Year Service Recognition – Sue Paradis. Animal Control Officer Sue Paradis was recognized with a plaque denoting her 20 years of service to the Citizens of the City of Rochester. Chief Toussaint said he has known Sue for a long time, and in

fact she was his training officer for animal control when they both worked for the City of Dover.

D. Cadet Explorer Academy Graduates Recognition – Lt. Gould gave some background on the Cadet Academy and introduced 4 of the 5 cadets who represented Rochester at the Academy in 2017.

E. Education Incentive – Robert Frechette. Chief Toussaint noted that Det. Frechette was recently conferred an Associate Degree. He commended him for continuing his education. He is eligible under the contract for the incentive.

Comm. Levesque MOVED to award the education incentive to Det. Frechette. SECOND by Comm. Stevens and PASSED unanimously.

F. Monthly Reports

1. Operations. Capt. Thomas reported that three of the six wards met in August. There were no major issues brought up. Areas that were discussed included staffing, crime trends, home safety tips and a sidewalk issue in Ward 6.

The Honor Guard presented the colors at the CHaD battle of the badges baseball game on August 8 and also at the Buddy Ball game at Roger Allen Park.

The K9 team had 5 tracks and two drugs searches, as well as two community policing events.

Comp Stat report shows that motor vehicle work is down due to staffing. However of the ten arrests from traffic stops, two were drug related. There has been an uptick in thefts from motor vehicles. We have two persons of interest in these cases.

In the support bureau there were 54 cases sent up for review and currently 81 open cases. There were 36 cases sent to the grand jury and all returned true bills. We logged in 384 pieces of evidence, and were able to purge 874 items.

There were ten phones analyzed with the Cellebrite machine. There were three call outs for death investigations and a burglary. There were also five backgrounds and two polygraphs completed.

There were 20 police related calls for housing. Officer Blair completed ten background checks, attended the senior breakfast and has also been working with the new recruit officers. Teen travel camp finished the year on August 16. It was another successful year.

2. Administrative. Dep. Chief Boudreau said that we have ordered the new cruisers. The dealership anticipates a 6-10 week delivery time. We are working with our radio vendor to get all necessary items in stock.

We are already using the new Cellebrite software. The upgrade has increased our proficiency.

An update on the carbon monoxide issues in the Fords. We borrowed a CO detector from the Fire Department, and created different scenarios of operating the cruisers. There was a spike in CO during rapid and aggressive acceleration, which decreased at normal driving speeds. We did purchase some small visual detectors for the SUV's.

Chief Toussaint added that Ford did put out notice that they were aware of the problem. They thought most of the problem consisted of after-market drilling and installation of equipment. They note they are not having an issue with the non-police packages. They requested police departments bring the cars to the local dealer for safety inspections, which we did. So we have done the recall and purchased CO monitors.

We are going before the finance committee on September 12 to talk about our CIP purchase for Taser. When we presented the budget in the spring, part of the plan was to phase in the taser replacement. Since then taser has offered the taser 60 plan, which is essentially a locked in 5-year payment plan. The positive side of this is you get all new units all at once. Our current units are 9 years old. To phase these in as

planned we would be subject to price increases. This plan offers about a \$17,000 savings. We will be looking for the finance committee input. This is a good option because if the CIP was not funded one year, we would have just 30 days to return all of the units. If we buy sixty of them, we will get two spares.

Do all officers carry them? Dep. Chief Boudreau noted that there are a couple of officers who have elected not to carry them.

We are watching our clothing lines closely. Outfitting all the new officers last month we are 42% spent in that line, and only 16% into the year. This should level out now that the officers are hired. We do use existing items when we can; some things are specially fit, such as vests, or boots. These expenses should taper off, but this will be a tough year in the clothing line.

The new Bridging the Gaps coordinator Julie Perron is out and meeting people. And the new crime analyst Alexandra Freeman has started as well. She trained with Lexis Nexis, and then with IMC, and she is meeting the officers and getting acclimated.

The four officers at the Academy are in week 2. The other three are working on in house training and we expect to move them into field training in a couple of weeks. Officer Nance will begin studying the law package.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence for the month included: Det. Oake Carlson of Dover PD and Commander of the Strafford County Regional Tactical Operations Unit thanks Lt. Bossi for his professionalism during a call out on Winter Street in Rochester in July. Off. Lambert is thanked for his assistance to Nashua PD seeking to identify a person of interest in a case in their community. Lt. Swanberry is thanked for his vigilance during a business check on the midnight shift while encountering a suspicious person, putting others at the scene at ease. A resident thanks Off. Benjamin for his professionalism while investigating a theft of family heirlooms. Officer's Garneau, Murphy and Sgt. Powers are recognized for assisting a resident who was locked out of their home.

7. INFORMATION:

A. None.

8. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: (Pursuant to: RSA 91-A:3)

Commissioner Levesque MOVED to enter a nonpublic session at 8:03 P.M. pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3, paragraph II, section A (personnel) and section E (legal.) SECOND by Comm. Lindsay. The motion PASSED by roll call vote 2 – 0 with Comm. Lindsay and Comm. Levesque voting in the affirmative. A five-minute recess was called. The non-public session closed at 8:14 P.M. on a MOTION by Comm. Lindsay. SECOND by Comm. Levesque and PASSED unanimously.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Lindsay MOVED to adjourn. SECOND by Comm. Levesque at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

**Rebecca J. Warburton
Secretary**