

**Town of Auburn**  
**AUBURN POLICE COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 11, 2022**  
**7:00 PM**

**D. Dion:** Calls meeting to order at 7:00 PM and leads with the Pledge of Allegiance

**Present:** David Dion-Police Commissioner, Patrick Bergeron-Police Commissioner, Chief Pelton, Lieutenant Chabot

**Also Present:** Steve Grange- Neighborhood Watch Leader

**Absent:** Dennis McCarthy-Police Commissioner

**REVIEW MINUTES**

**P. Bergeron** -Motion to accept public minutes of December 14, 2021 as presented. **D. Dion** second. All in favor. **Motion passes**

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

5 officers along with 2 Town of Auburn civilians had been out with Covid-19. Most of those infected had been vaccinated.

Despite the apparent increased infections, Police and Fire are doing a great job and still responding as needed.

Chief advises that tomorrow, NH Highway safety will be visiting with us here at the station. It will basically be a meet and greet so that we may meet our new rep. NH Highway Safety is responsible for distributing grant money for various motor vehicle enforcement initiatives.

Chief comments that out of the 112 arrests in 2021 19 are for DWI related offenses

Officers are again able to work the vaccination sites for those who want boosters.

**P. Bergeron** mentioned that mobile vaccine clinics will go to your workplace and vaccine the employees

Tomorrow there will be a "tabletop" training exercise at AVS. The police will be participating and there will be additional training in the spring.

Training calendar for 2022 will be coming out shortly.

## **LIEUTENANT'S REPORT:**

Lt Chabot recaps the 2021 stats and comments that it was a busy year for the officers and reiterates that there were 19 DWI related arrests. Some of those arrests are for drugs which can be more difficult to detect.

Officers are out there doing what they are supposed to be doing and that they're doing a good job

Pursuant to a question from **D. DION** Chief Pelton advised that we should be getting 2 new hybrid cars in the spring and only one of them will require an upfit because we will swap out equipment from a car that is coming out of service

**P. Bergeron** observed that 10,000 calls for service seemed like a lot and wanted to know how that related to our staffing levels

Lt Chabot advised that despite the number of calls the volume seems to be manageable and not overwhelming.

Steve Grange asked if there was a way to show how much the calls have increased over the last 10 years or so. Lt Chabot advised that he would ask the records clerk compile the numbers

## **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE:**

**D. Dion-** Questions Mr Grange about anything new with Neighborhood Watch.

S. Grange stated that he would like to have a group leader meeting concerning communications within the watch. They currently use Facebook and email. Emails have not been going out because there isn't a lot to report and maybe there is something that should be going out that he is not aware of. New members have asked why there isn't anything going out. Steve Grange suggested maybe sending out bulletins or anything we came across that would be of interest

**D. DION** suggested that a short meeting be organized with the leaders and then possibly put out a communication to all the members.

## **Old Business:**

**D. DION** observed that there are no 2021 Budget figures. Lt Chabot advised him that his understanding is that the full 2021 budget has not been reconciled because the Town is still working on it. Chief advised that it is usually completed February or March and we should be in good shape

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**P. Bergeron**-motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Kevin Cashman, award him a step increase from Sergeant rank 12 to Sergeant rank 13. **D.Dion second.** All in Favor. **Motion passes**

**D. Dion-** motions to adjourn at 7:18 pm and second by P. Bergeron. All in favor. Motion passes.  
**Meeting closed at 7:18pm**