

Town of Auburn
AUBURN POLICE COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 2019

D. Dion – calls the meeting to order at 6:47 PM

Present: David Dion, Police Commissioner, Dennis McCarthy, Police Commissioner, Michael Rolfe, Police Commissioner, Chief Pelton, Lieutenant Chabot and Lillian Deeb.

Also present: Steve Grange, NW Leader and Bill Herman, Town Administrator.

D. Dion - motion to go into non-public pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) and (c). **M. Rolfe** – seconds and polled the members having received the affirmative from all. **Motion passes.**

D. McCarthy – motion to seal non-public minutes. **M. Rolfe** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

D. Dion – asks everyone to stand and leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW MINUTES

D. McCarthy - motion to accept the September 10, 2019 public minutes as presented. **M. Rolfe** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief – mentions the department experiences and uptick in overdose calls and homeless issues along the Bypass area. He mentions the possibility Manchester might have step up enforcement again which displaces the homeless in Manchester downtown area and mentions the weather getting colder there have been some vacant homes broken into likely looking for shelter. He mentions the increase in mental health calls experienced and comments the Lieutenant will get more into the statistics of past month. He comments on the department's community outreaching events over the past month. He mentions to Citizen's Academy begin it's six weeks, which will give citizens insight into the operations of the police department and it is getting positive feedback from attendees. He mentions the PD had a good participation in the Footrace for the Fallen going from 2 team members last year to 17 this year. He mentions Lieutenant started Beards for Bucks to support CAC. **C. Chabot** – comments for the month of October participants can grow facial hair and people are able to go on the Child Advocacy's website and sponsor or make donations to help support the CAC who assist child victims of crimes. **Chief** – mentions the upcoming Truck or Treat event on October 31st at the Safety Complex. He mentions the Drug Take Back event on October 26th, sponsored by DEA. He mentions the Department's night-shoot coming up. He mentions the department has been receiving an increased number of speeding complaints, due possibly to kids back in school. He comments the department has been using the Radar trailer to get statistics and shift patrols around to cover issues. **D. Dion** - asks if Hooksett Rd continues to be a trouble area, compared to Wilson's Crossing and other places he has seen the trailer. **Chief** – comments Hooksett Rd

continues to be the worst. **D. McCarthy** – questions whether the department's trailer has ability to print out traffic counts and speeding percentages. **Chief** – affirms reports can be printed mentioning there are several types. He mentions trailer was up on Steammill Rd and since the stop sign was put up the speed has dropped 5 mph. **B. Herman** – mentions vehicles are rolling through the new stop sign. **Chief** – comments the general idea was to slow down drivers.

LIEUTENANT'S REPORT

C. Chabot – comments past month was busy with 298 car stops, mentioning Officer Hanson made quite a few stops for non-inspected, with every car stop an opportunity to detect criminal activity. He comments on number of reports and arrests mentioning the calls for service for the month were 1031. **D. McCarthy** – questions the asterisk. **C. Chabot** – mentions dispatch calls may come in a burglary in progress but once officer arrives it's determined Amazon was delivery a package and opened door. He mentions there has been an increase in noise complaints which are generating lots of questions about a noise ordinance. **D. Dion** – questions the types of noises. **C. Chabot** – mentions equipment, music and shooting are a few. **D. Dion** – asks about the road closed sign at AVS. **Chief** – comments the school puts that sign in morning.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

D. Dion – asks if there is anything new with NW membership numbers. **S. Grange** – mentions gaining some members early summer but status quo. He mentions he has been very busy but moving forward will pick up the efforts again. **D. Dion** – mentions the ad in Crier about joining the Neighborhood Watch.

OLD BUSINESS

D. Dion – none.

NEW BUSINESS

D. McCarthy – motions to accept the satisfactory evaluation of Officer Dan Goonan and award him a step increase from Labor Grade 11, Step 12 to Step 13. **M. Rolfe** – second. All in Favor. **Motion passes.**

Chief – mentions as it gets to the end of the year the department is looking to use surplus funds and comments on discussions had at the Selectmen's meeting about funds. He mentions the department need for Data Terminals, commenting two cost approximately \$10,000 and looking to use surplus funding to purchase. He comments the other two items were the shelving unit and lockers which not sure could be covered under costs of addition. He mentions the shelving was approximately \$6300 and lockers \$2289. He comments he is letting the commission know because these are items likely be discussing with Selectmen. **D. Dion** – asks about funding from the town towards the addition. **Chief** – comments town has been very generous, mentioning many of the vendors have been donating time or discounting rates. He mentions the next phase deals with the interior of the addition and Selectmen Eaton will be addressing costs at Selectmen's meeting. **D. Dion** – questions if the 2019 budget contained funding for laptops. **Chief** – affirms and comments those were purchases and the additional ones being requested are in addition to those and will make it so the duty cruisers all will have laptop. **D. Dion** – comments he would be alright with this expense and looks to the other commissioners. **D. McCarthy** – comments since the Selectmen are dealing with the addition project funding, these ideas should be raised with them. **Chief** – comments on the second cruiser the

department purchased. He updates the commissioners there will be a slight increase on cruiser line because it's a 2020 cruiser. **M. Rolfe** – comments hearing issue with the new Ford cruisers. **Chief** – comments many departments jumped on purchasing the hybrid 2020 Ford and our agency is going to wait a few years before considering the hybrid. **C. Chabot** – comments he wanted to correct he referred to August stats, but they were September.

D. McCarthy - motion to adjourn at 7:23 PM. **M. Rolfe** - second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Meeting closed at 7:37 pm.

Minutes approved by _____ on _____.