

Town of Auburn
AUBURN POLICE COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2021

D. Dion – calls the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: David Dion, Police Commissioner, Dennis McCarthy, Police Commissioner, Patrick Bergeron, Police Commissioner, Chief Pelton, and Melissa Gates.

Also present: Steve Grange, Neighborhood Watch Leader, Michael Dipietro

REVIEW MINUTES

D. Dion - motion to seal the minutes from non-public. **P. Bergeron** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

D. McCarthy - motion to accept the March 16, 2021 minutes as presented. **P. Bergeron** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief – comments with the warm weather, the department is getting busier. He comments PPE supplies are very good and Auburn FD continues to provide necessary supplies and replacement supplies are quickly attainable. Drug Take Back Day is April 24th 10AM to 2PM, which is also noted on the towns website. **D. Dion**- Comments that after hours or any time, there is also a box in the lobby to turn in unwanted items. Chief – confirms that is correct. Awards night with the fire department, will be this Thursday 4/15/21 New cruiser is in, and is being set up and will be done by next week. **D. Dion**- inquires if it is an unmarked or regular patrol car. **Chief**- comments it will be a regular patrol car, fully marked. The old vehicle has been turned over to the town hall. The Body Cams are fully up and running and they have been issued, it appears to be going very well, department has been using them about a month. The radar trailer is back out and running great, it is currently set up on Winter's Way.

LIEUTENANT'S REPORT

Chief- comments DWI arrests are up, we have had a few distracted driver patrols. **D. Dion** – Comments there were only two stops according to the monthly statistics. **Melissa** – The grants took place after the first of April and will show in the April Stats. **Chief**- The department continues to get calls for thefts at the parking areas. There have been a lot of calls related methamphetamines that in previous years. A catalytic converter was stolen from a camper on Wilson's Crossing Road. There was also a recent arrest of a suspicious person, that could be involved in recent catalytic converter thefts from a different area of town. Department assisted Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force with a search warrant service on Hooksett Road in Auburn. **D. Dion** – inquires if they confiscated computers and hard drives type equipment. **Chief**- Yes. Continues that the department assisted New Hampshire State Police last week making local arrest in reference to the YDC abuse case. **D. Dion**- inquires if anyone has any questions for the Chief's report or Lieutenant's report. **S. Grange**- inquires if the catalytic converter theft that was mentioned, is that the unconfirmed reported one on social

media on Monday 4/12. **Melissa**- confirms it is the same one. **D. Dion** – Inquires if the complex is still a “Safe Station” location, or should the sign be updated or taken down. **Chief**- comments the safety complex is still a safe place for anyone looking for help. **M. Dipietro**- inquires if the speeding issue on Anderson Way has been addressed. **Chief**- Yes, the residents are working with one of the officers.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

D. Dion – looks for update from Steve Grange. Comments that the leaders are doing a great job with social media, emails, monthly newsletters and Crier articles. He has noticed that the membership has jumped significantly in the last couple of months. **S. Grange** – There is an upcoming meeting for leaders to make sure they have one master members list. Things seem to be going very well, and a lot of renewed or new interest. **D. McCarthy** – comments that he noticed it is much more active.

OLD BUSINESS

D. Dion – mentions the budget report, and everything appears to be in line where it should be.

NEW BUSINESS

D. Dion – mentions last on agenda is one employee evaluation. **D. McCarthy** – motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Sergeant James Huard to award him a step increase from Labor Grade 12, Step 9 to Step 10. **D. Dion** – second. All in Favor. **Motion passes.**

D. Dion - motion to adjourn at 7:16 PM. **D. McCarthy** - second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Meeting closed at 7:16 pm.

Minutes approved by _____ on _____.