

**BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE**

There was a regular meeting for the above-reference subcommittee held at **6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2013** in Conference Room #5, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Committee members present were: Councilors Washington and Jacobs. Also present were: Councilor Rivers, Chief Paul Hammick – Bloomfield Police Department and India Rodgers, Clerk of Council.

Absent was: Chief Robert Farmer, Blue Hills Fire District, Chief William Riley, Center Fire District, Pat Braun, EMS Committee and Councilor Donna Banks

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

**POLICE**

*Crime Report*

Chief Hammick reported that there was an upward swing in crime statistics for the month of January, 2013. Crime statistics were up by 4% for the month from year to date. The increase was related to categories such as: Other Crimes, Robberies, Burglaries and Assaults.

Officer initiated activity continues to increase in the community. It has increased by 26% over prior year. There were a total of 75 custodial arrests over the month, which has decreased over 10% from prior year.

Councilor Jacobs asked for clarification regarding the categorization of crime statistics. Chief Hammick explained the reasons for tracking all crimes in the community and the measurement of what is going on around town.

*Personnel Updates*

On January 2, 2013, the following new officers began the police academy: David Bartley, Henry Rodriguez and Kyle Sandberg.

On January 27, 2013, Detective Matt Suplee was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. In addition, Officer Robert Spellman was promoted to the rank of Detective.

On February 15, 2013, Officer Gary Fitzpatrick will retire from the department.

Chief Hammick stated that there are currently 4 vacancies, and the department has a total of 8 uniformed officers on patrol. There are also 2 ½ vacancies remain in Dispatch.

On February 12, 2013, Mr. Warren Plummer will begin employment as the new IT representative at the Police Department.

It was decided by Chief Hammick and Louie Chapman, Jr., Town Manager to have two pools of interested persons for the overall recruitment process. A non-certified and certified list will create the new recruitment process for police officers. Thus far, there have been 6 certified candidates to apply.

Chief Hammick stated that the department added another officer per shift to address any accidents or community related issues during Blizzard Charlotte. The Emergency Operation Center (EOC) was open for the duration of the storm. It was noted that there were no outages reported.

### **FIRE**

Chief Riley of the Bloomfield Center Fire District and Chief Robert Farmer of the Blue Hills Fire District were absent. No updated report.

### **EMS**

Pat Braun of the EMS Committee was absent. No updated report.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Councilor Washington, seconded by Councilor Jacobs and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.