

BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE

There was a regular meeting of the above referenced subcommittee held on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room #5, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Committee members present were: Councilors Washington and Rivers

Also present were: Chief Paul Hammick, Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager, Pat Braun, EMS

Absent were: Chief William Riley – Center Fire District, Chief Robert Farmer – Blue Hills Fire District and India Rodgers, Clerk of Council

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilor Rivers, seconded by Councilor Washington and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 9, 2015.

POLICE

The police department overall budget including expenditures for overtime remains on track.

Crime

There was a decrease of crime of approximately 10% year to date. Arrest data has also decreased by 3% year to date. There has been a slight increase of assaults at Bloomfield High School. Officer Tiesha Thomas, School Resource Officer has requested additional patrols for the area. In addition, there has been an increase in larcenies in the Copaco Shopping Center, specifically at Burlington Coat Factory, Stop & Shop and CVS.

There were seven juvenile summons issued in the month of March 2015.

The calls for service decreased 17% for the month and 13% year to date.

Traffic Enforcement will continue throughout town at primary accident locations, focusing on speed and unsafe driving.

There were three open investigations in Internal Affairs in the past month. It was noted that one investigation was sustained in which an officer was been suspended. The other two investigations are non-sustained and pending.

There were four citizen complaints in March. Two of the four cases were unsubstantiated and the other two cases remain open.

Personnel Updates

The department is budgeted for 49 sworn officers, there are currently 50 officers on staff with an anticipated retirement on July 1, 2015. Sergeant Shawn Bolden has officially announced that he will retire in May 2015.

On March 23, 2015, Officer Jonathan Sykes began the Hartford Police Academy. There is one candidate in the final stages of the testing process as a goal hire in the town's Affirmative Action initiatives.

Officer Steven Grabowski is doing very well in his recruitment class.

CALEA

Chief Hammick reported that the final assessment for CALEA national accreditation will be conducted on June 15, 2015.

Community Services

Officer Robert Wilkins, the new Community Services Officer is doing very well in his assignment.

The department participated in a safety day at Jacobs Vehicle to educate 200 employees on the dangers of distracted driving.

Officer Wilkins met with 14 Pre-K students at First Congregational Church, issuing Child I.D. kits and information on community police services.

Officer Wilkins is also on task with organizing the Citizens Police Academy, which meets Tuesday evenings from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Animal Control impounded 7 animals, 2 were adopted and 1 arrested was made for cruelty to animals. There was also a \$200.00 donation to the department by a local resident in support of animal control.

It was noted that two bobcats are living in a garage on School Street.

BVA

There were three new volunteers who joined the BVA this past month.

BVA hosted a training at the UCONN Stroke Team along with Windsor and Simsbury Ambulance services.

On July 27, 2015, a golf tournament fundraiser will be held to support this purchase of a second power loader and stretcher.

BVA also sponsored the community services CPR classes in the past two weeks. In addition, the AED's should be installed by Public Works in the near future.

FIRE

There were no representatives available at the meeting to report from the Blue Hills Fire District and Center Fire District.

EMS

Mr. Pat Braun informed the committee that the EMS committee had a great discussion on their overall budget and in-house training.

Lou Blumenthal provided letter of support on the new training methods.

The next EMT class will be held in September 2015.

Mr. Braun also gave pertinent updates regarding the new ambulance.

On July 1, 2017, the 40th Anniversary of the BVA will be held at Birch Meadows.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilor Washington inquired about a dead deer on community roadways. Chief Hammick will inquire about regulations/ordinances regarding this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilor Rivers, seconded by Councilor Washington to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m.