

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

There was a regular meeting of the above referenced subcommittee held on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room #5, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Committee members present were: Councilors Washington and Neuwirth

Also present were: Councilor Rivers, Chief Paul Hammick, , Chief William Riley, Pat Braun, Philip K. Schenck, Town Manager and India Rodgers, Clerk of Council

Absent were: Councilors Hypolite and Merritt, Chief Robert Farmer

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

**POLICE**

The police department remains on target with budget and expenditures within normal levels. Overtime has been managed appropriately in all divisions.

**Personnel Updates**

There were no retirements for the month of March 2014.

Chief Hammick reported that Mr. David Bartley, police recruit for the department did not complete his Field Training Officer program successfully. Mr. Bartley was unable to demonstrate proficiency in several areas and key tasks.

Officer Courtney Benitez entered the police academy on March 21, 2014.

The other three new officers have successfully completed their respective Field Training Officer programs.

Chief Hammick recently hired Officer John Barrett on April 3, 2014. Officer Barrett will begin the Post Police Academy on April 4, 2014. The department is conducting background checks for several potential candidates. There is one available vacancy in the upcoming police academy class.

Councilor Rivers and Neuwirth inquired about how the Town of Bloomfield decided on the ranking structure.

There have been no citizen complaints received for the month of March 2014.

**Crime**

- Crime is down 5% for the month of January 2014. However, in the eastern area of town, there has been an uptick of burglaries. In addition, there was also a slight increase in larcenies in the Copaco Shopping plaza.

- There was a 41% increase for calls for service. The department conducted forty traffic details at the Cottage Grove Road – Blue Hills Avenue corridor as well as the Maple Street area of town.
- There were 462 motor vehicle stops, which is an increase over prior month.

### **Community Services**

Chief Hammick reported that the department has participated in the following community service events:

- Programming with the Bloomfield Youth Adult Council – Police Crusaders
- Identity Theft workshop with the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce
- Security detail assistance provided for President Barack Obama’s visit to New Britain.
- Kick-off event of the Police Explorers program
  - There are currently 11 youth registered for the program. An open house was held on March 26, 2014 at the Police Department. The explorers are planning to present to the full Council in May.
  - Their first training session will be held on April 10, 2014. The explorers will train in traffic control activities in preparation for the Memorial Day parade.

### **BVA**

There has been some discussion to develop a building committee to begin research and planning for an ambulance purchase.

There are currently 24 persons enrolled in the current EMT class.

Six BVA members are attending the Annual EMT Conference at Mohegan Sun on May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

### **FIRE**

#### **Center Fire District**

Chief William Riley reported that recruiting efforts are underway for firefighter volunteers. The department has increased their volunteer pool by five over the last few months. Three of the five volunteers are certified with Firefighter I qualifications and two are in classes at headquarters.

The department continues to utilize various marketing strategies to attract new volunteers. Currently, the department has received five new applications and will begin interviews over the next several weeks.

### **EMS**

- No meeting was held in March 2014.
- The next EMS Committee meeting will be held on April 23, 2014. New members attending the EMS Committee will begin the discussion on purchasing a new ambulance. The BVA Fund will meet in May.

## **Adjournment**

It was moved by Councilor Neuwirth, seconded by Councilor Washington and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.