

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

There was a regular meeting of the above referenced subcommittee held on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room #5, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Committee members present were: Councilors Washington, Merritt, Neuwirth and Rivers

Also present were: Chief Paul Hammick, Chief William Riley – Center Fire District, Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager, Pat Braun - EMS, India Rodgers, Clerk of Council

Absent were: Councilor Hypolite and Chief Robert Farmer – Blue Hills Fire District

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Councilor Rivers, seconded by Councilor Merritt and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 13, 2015.

**POLICE**

The police department overall FY 2014/2015 budget including expenditures for overtime remains on track.

Crime

There was a decrease of crime of 19% for the month of April and approximately 10% year to date. Arrest data has also decreased by 2% year to date. There has been a decrease in larcenies and burglaries.

The calls for service decreased 10% for the month and 12% year to date.

Traffic Enforcement will continue throughout town at primary accident locations, focusing on speed and unsafe driving. The department also received a state grant geared toward distracted drivers and DUI enforcement. Chief Hammick also reported increased parking enforcement for overnight parties.

Motor Vehicle accidents are slightly up from last month and approximately 25% year to date.

There were three open investigations in Internal Affairs in the past month. As a result of an investigation, there were two suspensions and one written reprimand. It was noted that a previous investigation discussed remains open.

There were no use of force incidents of officers for the month.

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 and Sergeant Nick Aliano also announced that he will retire in October 2015. Chief Hammick informed committee that seven additional employees are eligible to retire by year end.

Officer Steven Grabowski is doing very well in his recruitment class as the Class Sergeant.

Officer Jonathan Sykes continue to do well in the Hartford Police Academy. Chief Hammick hired Officer Alicia Aldridge, she will begin on May 18, 2015.

There are preliminary steps in place for the next recruitment class, beginning summer 2015. The department will also began the recruitment efforts for the Police Cadet Program this summer as well.

### **CALEA**

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

An Executive Summary of the CALEA Accreditation was submitted to the committee for review. The department has completed all authorizations for the final assessment phase.

Councilor Neuwirth inquired about specifics regarding personnel suspensions and reasons for retiring officers.

Councilor Rivers noted the current sentiment of police officers handling the public differently. Chief Hammick stated that his message at each role call is to make all officers aware of consistent and precise communications, addressing nationwide concerns, training and meeting with supervisors on a regular basis.

Councilor Merritt inquired about reasons or standard of use with deadly force with the public.

Councilor Washington inquired about the past sergeant exam and applicants categorized as goal hires under the Affirmative Action Plan. It was noted that the exam ended two weeks ago and results are forthcoming. The detective exam was conducted as well and ended on May 8, 2015.

### **BVA**

All AED's have been installed in the various town buildings. Several employees were trained in CPR and additional trainings will be scheduled for other employees in town departments.

On May 20, 2015, the department will participate in a Compression and CPR training at Metropolitan Learning Center (MLC) with over 700 students and faculty.

The Town EMS Plan is set to be completed by the end of May 2015.

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

### **FIRE**

On May 31, 2015, Chief William Riley of the Center Fire District and his crew will participate in festive activities at Auer Farm, in charge of food concessions.

Chief Riley also reported that the Annual Budget Meeting was held and the budget was passed for the next fiscal year.

There were five new certified members that joined the Center Fire District.

Chief Riley also informed the committee that the Junior Auxiliary program began in February 2015 and currently have six members.

### **EMS**

Mr. Pat Braun informed the committee that the EMS committee received positive responses regarding the installation of the power loader. The BVA Fund will explore fundraising campaigns for a second power loader. It was suggested that \$30,000 would finance the installation of the second power loader. The BVA Fund pre-approved \$18,000, they will continue to raise funds for the remaining amount. A business fund drive will be distributed in the next several months.

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 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the BVA will be held at Birch Meadows.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Councilor Rivers, seconded by Councilor Merritt to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.