

BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE

There was a regular meeting for the above-reference subcommittee held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 11, 2012 in Conference Room #5, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Committee members present were: Councilors Washington and Banks. Also present were: Chief Paul Hammick – Bloomfield Police Department, Chief William Riley – Center Fire District and India Rodgers, Clerk of Council.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilor Washington, seconded by Councilor Banks and voted unanimously to approve the minutes from May 14, 2012.

POLICE

The status of the Police Department is on track with the FY 2011/2012 operating budget. The department is 86% expended through their operating budget and trending well. The overtime in the Patrol Division has slightly increased. However, funds are available in the current operating budget to cover additional costs.

The Community Services Division personnel attended a follow-up meeting with the ASCEND Mentoring Program this past month.

There were 20 participants who graduated from the 2nd class of the Citizens Police Academy. The next class will begin in September, 2012.

On May 18, 2012, Officer Angel Valentin made a presentation to seniors at the Bloomfield Senior Center regarding Internet Safety and Elder Fraud.

On May 19, 2012, Chief Hammick, Lieutenant Fredericks, Detective Laiuppa, Officers Grant and Fox attended a K-9 Suds Dog Wash Fundraiser.

Also on May 19, 2012, the department participated in a Child Safety Seat Clinic and Fun Fair at Home Depot.

Crime Report

Crime statistics are down 11% last month and 7% year to date. Officer initiated activity has increased to 100% in the last month and 30% year to date. Calls into the police department continue to decrease, which is a positive development. Arrest activity has decreased by 2% year to date as well.

Personnel Updates

Captain Steven Hajdasz began his first day of employment with the Bloomfield Police Department on May 29, 2012.

Chief Hammick also reported that Sergeant Michael Garrish resigned from the department after 19 years of service.

The special assignment of School Resource Officers (SRO's) was up for bid after a 3 year allotment period. The current SRO's and a few other officers applied for this assignment post of 2 positions located in Carmen Arace Middle School (CAMS) and Bloomfield High School (BHS) respectively. All candidates interested were required to write a letter of interest as well as participate in a panel interview. It was determined that Officer Angel Valentin, (CAMS) and Officer Tiesha Thomas (BHS) were reappointed at the school as resource officers for the next 3 years.

FIRE

Center Fire District

Chief Riley reported that both departments responded to an auto accident and fire on Tyler Street, in which a car crashed airborne in to the home directly in front of Rockwell Avenue. The home has been deemed inhabitable.

Both departments also receive a response in activation of the Taskforce 52 in response to the Somers Mill Fire. This fire remains under investigation with possible arson as a cause.

EMS

The EMS Committee did not meet this month as of yet. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 20, 2012.

OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS

Councilor Banks addressed public safety concerns relative to an unprotected pool at 15 Arnold Drive. The committee decided this issue was not in the scope of public safety and should be referred to the Building Department, Zoning Enforcement Officer.

ADJOURNMENT

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