

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

There was a regular meeting of the above referenced subcommittee held on Monday, July 14, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room #5, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Committee members present were: Councilor Washington

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

Absent were: Councilors Hypolite, Neuwirth and Merritt and Chief Robert Farmer

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

**POLICE**

The police department ended FY 2013/2014 in the black within normal levels. There was overtime savings in all divisions. The budget currently supports 49 sworn officers and civilian staff, totaling 61 personnel.

*Personnel Updates*

Chief Hammick reminded the committee of the anticipated retirement of Sergeant Santo Pizzo in September 2014.

Chief Hammick reported that Interviews are scheduled for certified candidates.

The testing process began with a written test on June 28, 2014 for non-certified candidates. There were approximately 150 applicants for this exam.

On June 24, 2014, promotional exams were administered for the positions of Lieutenant and Sergeant. Interviews will be conducted in the near future for anticipated vacancies.

On June 23, 2014, the department participated in a State Emergency Preparedness – Mock Simulation Training.

The department received one Citizens Complaint for the month. The complaint was non-sustained for rudeness and the technical allegations were unfounded during the investigation.

There was a use of force case reported in which an officer was handcuffing a detainee resisting arrest.

*Crime*

- Crime is down 1% for the month of June 2014. Officer initiated activity is up 40% year to date and up 3% in citizen calls.

- There was a noise complaint received by the Town Manager’s Office from a resident residing at 19 Cadwell Road during the July 4 holiday. A warning was given to the homeowner to reduce to noise, however the issue still persisted in which additional warnings and infractions were issued.
- Traffic Enforcement will continue on Maple Avenue and Woodland Avenue.

### Community Services

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

- On June 3, 2014, the department participated in the Youth Adult Council Recognition Event.
- On June 7, 2014, a Car Clinic was held at Farmington Bank.
- On June 21, 2014, the department also participated in the Strawberry Festival Event, in which they did a helmet giveaway and bike rodeo.
- At the end of June, officers will participate in a Rope Building Course with the Police Explorers.
- The Animal Control Officer received 61 calls animal calls for service, mostly 30 complaints of foxes in the west end of town and black bear sightings. The department created an information pamphlet to educate homeowners on safety with bears in town.

### BVA

BVA received three new volunteers that began work this month.

There are currently 28 new students registered for the next EMT class beginning on September 2, 2014. Three of those slots are registered to the Police Explorer participants. The cost of the class is \$400.

It was noted that the marketing strategies for recruitment of the next scheduled EMT classes has been very well received by the public. In addition, the instructor is very enthusiastic about teaching. Overall, there is a high percentage rate of individuals passing the State exam. Councilor Washington suggested to compile statistics during an exit interview of this process.

### FIRE

Chief Riley of the Center Fire District reported that there will be a 3 week training program focusing on Hazmat Awareness. A mock simulation will be held at the Drill Tower.

The Insurance Services Organization (ISO) will be surveying the district for updated ratings. Currently, the district has a “4” rating, which depends on manpower availability. They will review components of equipment, communications, water availability/pressure and response times.

Mr. Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager mentioned that the ISO inspects the town building department as well.

## **EMS**

Mr. Pat Braun reported that 22 individuals completed the last EMT class held this past spring. The Ambulance Committee met and will continue to work on the specifications for purchasing a new ambulance, which would cost approximately \$160,000.

The BVA Fund Drive will be held in September 2014. The next meeting of the EMS Committee is scheduled for the third week in September.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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