

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

There was a regular meeting for the above-referenced subcommittee held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2016 in Conference Room #5, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Present were: Councilors Leon Rivers and Joseph Merritt

Also present were: Philip K. Schenck Jr., Town Manager, Chief Paul Hammick, Chief William Riley, Chief Robert Farmer and India Rodgers, Clerk of Council.

Absent were: Councilors Derrick Seldon, Joseph Washington and Joel Neuwirth

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

**POLICE**

The police department is currently on budget with no unexpected expenditures. Chief Hammick stated that he is preparing for the FY 2017 budget.

*Personnel Updates*

The department has a total of 61 employees of which, there are 49 budgeted sworn officers. However, the department currently has 46 sworn police officers. There is an anticipated resignation and retirement at the end of the month.

Officer Graham Brown is progressing well during his Field Training period. He is scheduled to be completed in a few weeks.

The department hired Mr. Tyrone Ward as a Part-time Dispatcher. He will begin his employment on November 19, 2016.

**Recruitment**

Recruit Jalisa Cuevas will graduate from the Police Academy on December 12, 2016. Recruit Tiffany Allison is doing well in the Police Academy and has adjusted well thus far.

Chief Hammick reported that two candidates being considered have some issues with the State of Connecticut mandatory test. There were a few failures with the polygraph and psychological exams.

Oral panel interviews are in progress with certified police officer candidates.

The department will continue to do background investigations for non-certified candidates. They are also actively recruiting for Police Cadets. There is currently one vacant Police Cadet Position.

### Crime

Chief Hammick reported that crime is down for the month of November. However, the main area of focus is on shoplifting issues. There has been a decrease in Copaco plaza in the past month.

There were three citizen complaints in the month of November. There are no further issues or actions under investigation. There have been eleven complaints from year to date.

There were two incidents of use of force during the month of November. One incident is under review involving issues with a suspect taken into custody. The second incident involved an officer that was injured involving use of a taser. The officer is currently out of work due to this incident. Once the officer returns, Chief Hammick will interview him and make a decision regarding this incident.

### Community Services

The Community Services Division participated in the Turkey giveaway with the Senior Center. They also participated in donating to Social & Youth Services for Christmas presents for children in need.

Chief Hammick reported a reassignment of the School Resource Officer from the Middle School and the High School to cover patrol shifts.

### Body Cameras

The department has received all of the equipment for installation and training of the new body camera systems. The car systems will be installed in the cruisers as well. Chief Hammick anticipate that officers will be trained on December 14, 2016 and will go live with the body camera units on December 16, 2016. A new policy will also be distributed to all personnel.

### Radio System

Chief Hammick will continue to work diligently with both Fire departments (Blue Hills and Center Fire), Bloomfield Volunteer Ambulance, Public Works department and the Board of Education regarding the final draft for the new radio system.

### **BVA**

Chief Hammick reported that there are currently 19 students enrolled into the fall EMT class and observation ride times. The department has plans to host a spring 2017 EMT class.

The BVA Fund recently donated new power structure (lift) for one of the ambulances. This lift will be installed in January 2017.

The department is also in the process of updating the Town emergency operations plan.

## **FIRE**

### *Center Fire District*

Chief Riley reported that the month of November was uneventful. The fire district participated in donating 45 turkeys to Foodshare for the Thanksgiving holiday. On December 3, 2016, the department participated in stuffing a truck, which was more successful this year with an additional \$400 in monetary donations.

### *Blue Hills Fire District*

Chief Farmer reported the district handled 40 incidents, with over 30.4 hours of manpower.

The mutual aid agreement was enacted with the Town of Manchester and Town of South Windsor Fire Department for assistance with a condo fire.

The strike team was activated in Taskforce 52 for an old farmhouse fire in Suffield, CT.

Chief Farmer also reported that he is working on drafting a Violent Hostile Policy and Mass Destruction Policy. He will concur with the Bloomfield Police Department for their review and professional advice. Chief Farmer will meet with Sgt. Ellen White to review the emergency management plan for Hazmat in all town buildings.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There was no quorum present for an Approval of Minutes.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Councilor Rivers, seconded by Councilor Merritt and voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 7:00 p.m.