

CITY OF PORT JERVIS

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Police Committee Meeting Minutes

7 December 2022 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm with the following members present: Mayor Decker, Mr. Siegel, Ms. Mann, Mr. Decker, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Simmons, Ms. Newhauser, Chief Worden.

Public Comment: No public comment received.

New Business:

- The committee reviewed key statistical information involving crime, traffic accidents and calls for service from the November monthly report.
- The department is preparing a 1st Quarter training plan for 2023 to include de-escalation and active shooter training using the firearm simulator, general in-service to include de-escalation, ABLE, wellness, domestic violence, mental health response, compliance training and on-line training programs.
- The department is finalizing drill preparations for the multi-agency drill at Bon Secours Community Hospital scheduled for December 10th.
- The committee was apprised of a \$250,000 Dept. of Justice De-escalation Grant Award received in partnership with Orange County Police Academy, City of Middletown PD, and the Orange County Police Chiefs Association. The grant will provide overtime reimbursement for costs incurred to train officers in deescalation programs including ICAT and ABLE.
- The committee discussed the department's Vehicle Replacement Plan. The department is in need of replacing aging patrol vehicles to include a 2014 Dodge Charger with engine problems, two 2015 Ford patrol vehicles, and one detective support vehicle (2010 Chevrolet Impala). The chief is reviewing the purchase of two left over 2022 Dodge charger vehicles for a discounted price currently on Onandaga County contract and a 2023 Chevrolet Malibu.
- Department received a grant totaling \$2545.00 from the Orange County Stop DWI Committee for DWI Crack Down Funding to support on-going supplemental patrols during key holiday weekends to detect impaired motorists and improve traffic safety.

The IMA between the county and the city to be reviewed by the common council for approval.

- The committee was updated on staffing changes involving two co-located programs: Ms. Kayla Felton has been appointed to serve as the peer mental health specialist for the Forensic Connections Program, a co-located service provided at the Port Jervis Municipal Building through Orange County Dept of Health and Independent Living and Ms. Ashely Margillo, RRRP Project Coordinator co-located at the Port Jervis Police Department to provide direct domestic violence advocacy and support for Fearless! Hudson Valley.

Old Business: Updates

- Range Building Bid- The range building pole barn plans and bid specifications are finalized and will be submitted to the common council for solicitation.
- Body Cameras- department trainers Sgt. Tom Kimiecik and Officer Chris Mehedin have been selected to provide training and implementation of the body worn camera program to officers and patrol sergeants. All hardware, software and storage installations are being finalized.
- Tri-State Signage – North Maple Avenue- Signage will be installed on North Maple Avenue/East Main Street to restrict tractor trailer traffic from entering North Maple Avenue.
- Front Street Parking – The police department, DPW and Fire Inspector have conducted a site visit at the Front Street business district and have developed a plan to improve Fire Zone signage at the dead end of Sussex Street and Front Street access road, install Handicapped Signage at key locations on Front Street and eliminate three parking spaces located adjacent to cross walks on Front Street to increase visibility and improve safety for pedestrians and motorists.

Outreach

- Santa Tour is scheduled for December 10th.
- The department and PBA will be participating in Salvation Army Christmas initiatives including the Angel Tree program, bell ringing, and the Salvation Army annual Christmas outreach scheduled for December 21, 2022.
- Easter Seals Christmas Initiatives- The department and PBA are providing support to Easter Seals food pantry and Christmas outreach programs. Officers will assist during

the annual Christmas outreach scheduled for December 19th with carrying food and other items for individuals seeking the pantry's services.

- Toys for Tots- The PBA has donated a large container filled with childrens toys in support of the local Toys for Tots program and their December 11th event.
- Senior Safety- The department has partnered with Orange County Health Dept to sponsor a series of senior safety outreach programs for Hillside Terrace Apartments, Machackemach Village Apartments and Water's Edge.
- DARE- Officer Nicholas Osowick has been appointed DARE officer to replace former DARE Officer Kyle Mitchell who has been promoted to detective. Officer Osowick will be attending the two week DARE Officer Basic Certification course at the New York State Academy of Fire Science located in Montour Falls during the month of January 2023.

Committee Comments:

Ms. Newhauser reported on a potential parking condition that is limiting visibility at the intersection of Orchard Street and Fowler Street where motorists are parking vehicles adjacent to the stop intersection.

Mayor Decker reported receiving a complaint regarding the lack of visibility for motorists traveling east on West Main Street at the intesection with Park Avenue.

Public Comment: No comment received.

Executive Session: Committee entered executive session at 8:00pm to discuss a part time dispatcher appointment.

Committee reconvened the open meeting at 8:12pm and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

William J. Worden
Chief of Police