

Claremont Police Commission Meeting

Public Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 16th, 2016 @ 5:30 PM

@ Visitor's Center/Planning & Development Office, 14 North Street

- I. Roll call & Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm. Commissioner Courtemanche, Commissioner Raymond and Commissioner Tremblay were all present. Chief Scott and Captain Chase were present.

- II. Citizens Forum: No citizens appeared for citizen's forum.

- III. Review of Minutes of October 19th, 2016 Public Meetings: After review of the October 19th, 2016 Public Meeting Minutes Commissioner Courtemanche made a motion to accept said minutes, the Motion was seconded by Commissioner Raymond and all three Commissioners voted in favor of said motion.

- IV. Preview of November and December, 2016 upcoming events: Chief Scott and Captain Chase outlined that there are no specific upcoming events other than the holiday season and attendant increase in shopping traffic.

- V. October 2016 Monthly Reports:
 - a. Chief's Office
 - b. Investigations
 - c. Patrol
 - d. Communications
 - e. Statistical Reports

The monthly reports were reviewed with particular focus on the New Hampshire Association of Chief's of Police McDonalds fund raiser event held on October 5th. Both Chief Scott and Captain Chase participated in the informational event at McDonald's and were able to interact with a number of customers. Every McDonalds in the state participated in this event. The October 22nd Drug Take Back event was reviewed with Chief Scott noting that over 21 pounds of unwanted prescription medication was collected and over 100 pounds was collected in the CVS Take Back Box in the Police Department Lobby between September and October. Captain Chase outlined that the "fire ground" two-way radio frequency allows firefighters to use that channel while on an active scene leaving the regular fire channel open for fire command to communication with the Communications center or other responding units. After review and discussion of the monthly reports Commissioner Raymond made a motion to accept said reports, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tremblay and all three Commissioners voted in favor of said motion.

- VI. Correspondence: Chief Scott reviewed a thank you note from the Claremont Middle School 8th grade class thanking him for his participation in a panel discussion as a part of the 8th grade class's reading assignment of the book "A Child Called It".

- VII. Accreditation / Grants update: The Commission reviewed Accreditation Manager Wilmot's Remote Assessment Review. The Claremont Police Department was one of seven accredited agencies selected by CALEA to be a beta test site for the new reaccreditation assessment model. The review noted that the largest agency to participate was Florida's Lee County Sheriff's Office with 1024 full time personnel and Claremont PD was the smallest with 31 full time personnel. There was also a discussion of the annual Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification that is completed every year as part of our forfeiture fund accounting and auditing.

- VIII. Budget Update:
 - a. Police
 - b. 911

Chief Scott noted that overall percentages continue to track in an acceptable fashion. Despite the City's concerns with health insurance increase, Chief Scott noted he did not anticipate any issues with this based on employee turnover.

IX. Old Business:

- a. Recruiting update – Review of National Law Enforcement Recruiting Challenges: The Commission reviewed an article from Police One.com New outlining current recruiting challenges. Chief Scott emphasized that the Claremont Police Department is impacted by these same challenges which include lower interest in the policing profession, fewer qualified applicants, and fewer applicants able to pass fitness testing and background testing.

X. New Business:

- a. Administrative Review of September 25, 2016 Officer Involved Shooting: The Commission reviewed Chief Scott's report and noted their appreciation for its thoroughness. The Commission did not have anything it wished to add to the report.

- b. September and October 2016 New Hampshire Drug Monitoring Initiative Reports. The Commission reviewed the September and October DMI's noting their concern that the opioid issue clearly continues to be a challenge for the State of New Hampshire and Sullivan County. There was also discussion about what that potential impact may be of both Maine and Massachusetts voting to legalize marijuana.

At 6:30 pm Commissioner Courtemanche made a motion to go into non-public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3, II (a) personnel, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Raymond and all three Commissioners voted in favor of said motion.

XI. Public Session: The meeting returned to public session **at 6:51 pm**.

- XII. Set tentative meeting(s) Schedule for October 2016 meeting: The December meeting of the Claremont Police Commission was scheduled for Wednesday December 21, 2016 at 5:30 pm at the Claremont Visitor's Center, 14 North Street.

XIII. Adjourn: **At 6:58 pm** Commissioner Courtemanche made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Raymond and all three Commissioners voted in favor of said motion.

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Prepared by:

Chief Scott