

Claremont Police Commission Meeting

Public Minutes

Wednesday, May 18th, 2016 @ 5:30 PM

@ Claremont Police Department, 1 Police Court

- I. Roll call & Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm. Commissioner Courtemanche, Commissioner Raymond and Commissioner Tremblay were all present. Chief Scott was present.

- II. Citizens Forum: No citizens appeared for citizen's forum. The Commission took this time to tour the refurbished criminal division area. The five new work stations with partitions are a nice upgrade and provide a much better working environment for the detectives assigned to work in investigations. This includes a work station for NH State Police Troop C detective which provides consistent and effective cooperation on regional criminal investigations.

- III. Review of Minutes of April 20th, 2016 Public Meeting: After review of the April 20th public meeting minutes Commissioner Courtemanche made a motion to accept said minutes, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Raymond and both voted in favor of said motion. Commissioner Tremblay abstained since he was excused from the April 20th meeting.

- IV. Preview of May and June, 2016 upcoming events: Chief Scott noted that new officer testing is ongoing. A spring / early summer bike auction is being planned. Additionally, usual planning is taking place for both the Memorial Day parade and the Alumni Day parade. Lastly, end of school year events will be covered as well.

V. April 2016 Monthly Reports:

- a. Chief's Office
- b. Investigations
- c. Patrol
- d. Communications
- e. Statistical Reports

The monthly reports were reviewed with particular emphasis on Chief Scott's meeting with a representative of West Central Behavioral Health who covered their effort to get service providers and first responders to think about asking people in distress if they are a veteran since that may explain some of the issues they are facing and provide service providers with more options for addressing the issues. Chief Scott also explained the presentation he and Captain Chase received on REJJI, a computer and app based program for property crime reporting and tracking that links most popular on-line resale sites to track potentially stolen goods and provide mapping data of where thefts are occurring. Chief Scott briefed the Commission on the results of the April D.E.A. Prescription Drug Take Back event during which over 25 pounds of unwanted prescription drugs were turned in. Chief Scott also noted that since December 2015 over 150 pounds of unwanted prescription drugs have been collected in the Police Lobby CVS prescription drug collection box. Chief Scott briefed the Commission on the review of the Claremont Speedway liquor license application and State Liquor Enforcement Lt. Goodno's positive review of the site and plan for service. The Seatbelt Challenge, a team of four high school students competing in a series of timed "buckle up" relays with the winning team attending a state competition in May was reviewed. Additionally, Chief Scott noted that SRO Simonds is well under way with her fundraising and planning for summer 2016 Project Red and Blue. The program was a huge success last summer ultimately earning the praise of Governor Hassan. The program is a summer educational and leadership training day camp for middle school aged students. Lastly, the statistical reports were reviewed noting that all major categories are down from this time last year. At the conclusion of the review Commissioner Raymond made a motion to accept the monthly reports, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tremblay and all three Commissioners voted in favor of said motion.

VI. Correspondence: A thank you note from Laconia PD for Bill Wilmot's assistance with their mock CALEA on-site inspection and a thank you note from the 2016 Post-Grand Committee for our assistance with the Dodgeball Tournament were reviewed.

VII. Accreditation / Grants update:

a. 2015 Recruiting Analysis review: The 2015 Recruiting analysis was reviewed. 2015 was an unusual year in that no recruiting efforts were necessary since we were at full staff. Unfortunately the same will not hold true for 2016 as recruiting efforts are currently under way to fill three vacancies.

b. Accreditation and Grants briefing was reviewed.

VIII. Budget Update:

a. Police: The Chief noted that overall percentages continue to track in an acceptable fashion.

b. 911: The Chief noted that overall percentages continue to track in an acceptable fashion.

IX. Old Business: N/A

X. New Business: N/A

At 6:15 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 Tremblay and all three Commissioners voted in favor of said motion.

- XI. Public Session: The meeting returned to public session **at 6:38 pm**.
- XII. Set tentative meeting(s) Schedule for June 2016 meeting: The June 2016 Claremont Police Commission meeting was tentatively set for June 15, 2016 at 5:30 pm at the Claremont Visitors Center, 14 North Street.
- XIII. Adjourn: **At 6:38 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