

Minutes of the Hopkinton Police Commission Meeting of 7/13/2023

The meeting was called to order at 3:38pm. Present: Chief Palmer, Captain Carrier, Det. Howard Mills, Geoff Cook and Phil Scalise. No parties acknowledged their presence on the provided conference line.

Old Business: Review of the past month's activity:

Chief Palmer reported that there were five dui's this past month; one suicide death, six mental health issues; a minor with a knife who was suicidal, a 22 yr. old female, a 23 yr old male who was combative during a traffic stop, and others. There was a 22 yr. old male who was arrested for unwanted contact as well. There were no overdose deaths, but there were two overdoses that were responded to. Companion dog walk throughs are continuing and number about 15-20 per month. In addition, Det. Forbes responded to Wood River Health to deescalate a mental health situation with our compassion dog, Officer Raymond.

It has been reported that there is finally a big uptick in the amount of 911 numbers being issued. This is a good sign, and over time will serve to make residences identifiable in short order, allowing for faster response times for those who need help.

New Business: Chief demonstrated a new device to assist with de-escalation situations. He showed us how a special set of gloves that has the ability to deliver an electrical charge, and can be utilized in situations with an aggressive assailant. In other new technology updates, the dept. will receive Axon X10 tasers. We will be the first dept. in the state with this new tool.

Employee retention: Both new officers are currently working under instruction of another officer as the final stage of their training leading up to their full service.

The minutes of 4/13/23 as amended, were re-reviewed to account for the fact that our agenda had advertised the wrong date. Det. Mills made a motion to accept them as presented, the motion was seconded by Geof Cook and the motion carried. The minutes of 5/25/23 were also reviewed. . Det. Mills made a motion to accept them as presented, the motion was seconded by Geof Cook and the motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 4:32 pm by Geoff, seconded by Howard, and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted for review

Philip Scalise, Secretary,

Hopkinton Police Commission

