

The meeting was called to order at 3:31pm. Present: Chief Palmer, Captain Carrier, Howie Mills, and Phil Scalise. No parties acknowledged their presence on the provided conference line.

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

Chief Palmer reported from the Jan. docket, that the dept. responded to four domestic disturbances. HPD also supported efforts in Hope Valley surrounding the wake and funeral of Hope Valley Fire Chief Gardiner. It was an amazing turnout as anticipated, and three officers were assigned to appropriately handle all aspects of that event, which was a great tribute to this man's great contribution to his community. There were also five mental health calls, three attempted suicides, and one overdose (survived) that the dept. responded to and supported. Additionally, one person was charged with felony for B/E of vehicles in Hope Valley. In an unrelated item, one person was charged with felony assault, and there were four duis. The Feb. 23 summary, recorded five mental health calls, three attempted suicides, one overdose(survived), one vehicular b/e in Hope Valley, and one person was charged with felony assault. There also were four duis, and officers conducted a score of walk thoughts at local schools and pre-schools.

In other reports: the department presented issues experienced with Brushy Brook; and on the compassion dog. Chief reported that the hard drives had failed on the department's surveillance camera system, which will cost \$23.5k, which is currently covered, but there is an additional \$2800 to be spent on the required back up batteries. On Feb. 4th there was active shooter training held at Charitho HS, with excellent results. The training was well received by all. The dept. received a 'swatting call', which it responded to per appropriate protocols. A call by a female in a 'cold house' was responded to; a missing person case is being worked, an additional couple of mental health issues were responded to; one with a resident who has demonstrated similar behavior previously. One 'mushroom' overdose received and an additional suicide attempt (both survived). The dept. received an accreditation award formally, in Smithfield last month. There was some 'sneaker thefts' reported, where minors in CT had to be extradited to resolve. Our compassion dog was called in to help aid a troubled teen, and had very positive results, where previously there was no headway made. Officer Raymond also participated at the Hope Valley School stem meeting and review. As always he is well received.

New Business: Body worn cameras are now deployed, with 14 systems in use, and on network.

The minutes of 1/02/23 were reviewed. Det. Mills made a motion to accept them as presented, the motion was seconded by Phil Scalise. Captain noted that Det. Forbes is participating in the "Race for Raymond" which is a 5k run/walk at Camp Yawgoog to raise funds to support our compassion dog, on May 7th. Another upcoming event is "Dogs for Donuts" being held at Crandall Field on the 25th of this month. On 3/26 Officer Mac Hindle will be supporting the special Olympics plunge, fund raiser at Salty Brine park in Pt. Judith, RI at noon. In other updates, the latest new police car is at Tasca Ford being key coded and having the computer system installed. It should be in service very soon.

Employee Retention: Chief Palmer, Captain Carrier, Det. Ahern, Patrolperson Dasso and Commissioner Scalise attended the final day of training at the Police Academy at the National Guard Facility in NorthKingstown, where both of our impressive cadets passed their final certification tests. Det. Mills suggested the possibility of inter departmental training. The group discussed the many upside possibilities of this idea, and agreed that it should be pursued. Motion to adjourn at 5:02 pm by Geoff, seconded by Howard, and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted for review

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