

TOWN OF NORTHWOOD
POLICE COMMISSION
8/15/2023

Chairman Scott Bryer called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm at the town hall.

PRESENT: Chairman Scott Bryer, Commissioner John Schlang, Commissioner Justin Miller, Police Chief Glendon Drolet, Police Commission Administrator Linda Smith.

Minutes: Motion is made by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Schlang to approve the minutes of 7/18/2023 as printed. **Vote: 3/0.**

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Drolet reports the following statistics for July 2023

| Calls for Service | Arrests | Motor Vehicle Accidents | MV Warnings Issued | Motor Vehicle Summons | Business/Property Checks |
|-------------------|---------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 379 | 18 | 10 | 139 | 18 | 353 |

2023 Budget

Chief Drolet reports there is 48.57 % remaining in the police department budget and 99.83% remaining in the ACO budget.

PURCHASE ORDERS:

Chief Drolet distributed three purchase orders for review and signature:

1. Stellar (formerly Two Communications) 1050.15, monthly IT
2. Badge and Wallet 1204.50, badges

OLD BUSINESS

Chief Drolet states that the Talbot accident is going to trial on August 21. This is a civil case. Chief Drolet reminds the commission that the department had addressed numerous Right to Know requests about this matter. Sgt. Zobel and former Northwood Officer Gilon have been subpoenaed.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Drolet states he recommends that the commission increase the detail rate for Special Duty work. He states that he has checked with the surrounding area and the rate is in the range of \$60 and up for the officer. He adds that Northwood is currently at \$45. He is recommending the rate be increased to \$101.50 which breaks down to \$65 for the officer, \$15 for cruiser, and 21.50 for benefits. After discussion on the current and proposed rates, **motion is made by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Schlang to increase the Special Duty detail rate as recommended by Chief Drolet, effective 8/21/2023. Vote: 3/0.**

Chief Drolet reports that an incident occurred on August 2 on Priest Road. It was originally a disturbance call and two officers responded. It escalated with the subject pointing a gun at the officers and threatening them. Chief Drolet stated he requested

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support from the State Police SWAT response. There was a 13 hour standoff before the subject was taken into custody. He was originally charged with two felony counts. Chief Drolet reports that the next day he was notified by the AG's office that the charges had been dropped to misdemeanors. He spoke with the County Attorneys' office to discuss the concern over the change. He will be working with others on legislation to change the law that allowed this to occur.

Chief Drolet reports that he was contacted by Town Administrator Johnson, on behalf of the selectmen, who requested he review safety concerns on Route 4 following the recent motorcycle fatality. Chief Drolet stated he recently met with the selectmen and provided his analysis for the period January-July 31, 2023. Chief Drolet provides the commissioners with a copy of the report and goes over the highlights of the statistics in the report.

Chief Drolet reports that he completed the Citizen Response Active Shooter class he teaches annually at Coe Brown Academy.

Commissioner Schlang notes that a neighbor praised the department for their handling of the incident on Priest Road. Chief Drolet adds that the Rafaels provided personal assistance to the officers at the scene.

Commissioner Miller suggests that the commission start the process of selecting a new attorney as Attorney McGee will be retiring at the end of the year. Ms. Smith will contact the attorney recommended by Attorney McGee and invite him to the next commission meeting.

Correspondence: None

Motion to adjourn is accepted at 5:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Smith, Police Commission Administrator