

POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021 – 5:30 PM
Police Department

ATTENDING

Mayor Jo Brown, Councilor Karen Testerman, Councilor Ted Starkweather, Councilor-Elect George Dzujna, Councilor-Elect Valerie Blake, City Manager Judie Milner and Chief David Goldstein.

RADIO SYSTEM STATUS

Chair Testerman inquired about the upcoming dispatch upgrade. Chief Goldstein said that Communications Supervisor Kulacz is in touch with Ossipee Mountain Electronics to get a more concise timeline of the stages of the upgrade. He will pass that along to the committee as soon as he can.

POWER POINT PRESENTATION

Chief Goldstein gave the committee a power point presentation. The presentation included the National statistics, Franklin Police Department statistics, law enforcement stresses to consider as well as law enforcement scenarios. The committee stated they thought it was very informative and expressed the benefit for the general public to see something similar.

REVIEW OF CURRENT STATUS/HEALTH OF THE DEPARTMENT

Chief Goldstein advised the committee that the department has hired two new female officers. This will bring the department to full staff. He also stated that there are two full-time local officers who are coming to retirement and have shown interest to work part-time for the department. Two officers recently attended Bicycle Instructor Training and are now certified to train other officers within the state. Chief Goldstein also advised a SWAT/Riot Unit has been created which consists of officers that have received special training.

CURRENT OR ANTICIPATED CHALLENGES

Chief Goldstein stated there has been an uptick in crime. He also stated that although previously mentioned of being full staff it is also the same staffing that the department has had for 25 years. Chief Goldstein mentioned that there was going to be some changes coming to the current locker rooms to provide more private access.

Chair Testerman expressed her concern for the increase in the tourist population this summer due to Mill City Park opening and trying to be ready for that as well.

OTHER

City Manager Milner brought up the need for the impound lot to be moved to the police department. The money has been encumbered for this project. The committee discussed this option. Chief Goldstein stated he would provide more detailed plans.

Mayor Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Councilor Starkweather seconded.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Penny Stephens
Chief's Secretary