

**To:** Brattleboro Select board  
**Via:** Peter Elwell, Town Manager  
**From:** Michael R. Fitzgerald, Chief of Police  
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**SUBJ: AUGUST 2018 MONTHLY REPORT**

**Summary of Major Activities/Work Projects:**

Officers responded to 998 calls for service/incidents and made 27 arrests resulting in 39 criminal charges. Included in these calls for service were 11 overdoses with 1 resulting death. This does not mean there were only 11 overdoses in Brattleboro for this period. It merely means that these are the numbers that were responded to by police.

17 vehicle operation citations were issued along with 203 warnings. Officers spent approximately 205 hours on foot patrol in the downtown area as well as other neighborhoods and parks in Town.

**Cases of Interest:**

Members of the Brattleboro Police Department responded to an area of the Whetstone Brook downtown after receiving a report of a male acting in a sexually inappropriate manner. Investigation revealed that John W. Oja (46) was nude and was engaged in sexually inappropriate acts directed at a group of juveniles swimming in the brook. Oja was arrested for the offense of Lewd and Lascivious Behavior and will appear in Windham County Superior Court to answer the charge.

Brattleboro Police responded to the area of High St for the report of two males going through cars. Cyr Solari and Taylor Bell were located on Western Avenue and matched the description given of the two males. Through investigation it was determined Solari and Bell had entered multiple vehicles in the area and taken items from the vehicles. Solari and Bell were still in possession of these items. Solari and Bell were issued citations ordering them to appear at the Windham County Superior Courthouse to answer to the charges.

Officers from the Brattleboro Police Department were dispatched to a domestic disturbance on Maple St. in the Town of Brattleboro. Upon investigation Tyler Birchmore (27) was taken into custody and charged with domestic assault. Birchmore was released on conditions and issued a citation to appear in Windham County Superior Court Criminal Division.

Brattleboro Police were called to a local bank due to an individual stating that he was being forced against his will to cash a fake check. Brattleboro Police arrived on scene and attempted to execute a motor vehicle stop on the involved vehicle, which fled the scene. The victim alleged that he had been held against his will in Massachusetts and transported to VT where he was forced to attempt to cash the bad check at two separate locations. The vehicle that had fled the scene was located in Massachusetts where a brief pursuit ended with the suspect vehicle crashing and the occupants fleeing on foot. Later a suspicious vehicle that was thought to be involved was pulled over in Guilford, where MA State Police, Leyden Police, Vermont State Police, and Brattleboro Police all arrived. Two males were located, while one male again fled the scene. It was determined that both males were involved, however one of the male's involvement occurred only in MA. Brashad De'Anthony Termaine Jeanes, a 22-year-old male from Georgia, was placed under arrest, and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department. There Jeanes was

charged with Kidnapping, Unlawful Restraint in the 1<sup>st</sup> degree, two counts of extortion, and uttering false pretenses or tokens. Jeanes was ordered held without bail and will appear at the Windham County Superior Court to answer his charges.

The Brattleboro Police Department responded to a motel on Canal St for a report of a male that was smashing windows out of the motel. Upon arrival, officers contacted Marcus M. Brandy, 30, from North Carolina, who had smashed out several windows. Brandy was arrested for Disorderly Conduct and Unlawful Mischief. Brandy was released on a citation to appear at Windham County Superior Court.

Brattleboro Police were asked to respond to a Canal Street address for two people having intercourse on the porch of the building. When police arrived, they made contact with Samantha Scott and James Owens. After speaking with witnesses' police issued citations to both Owens and Scott to appear in court for the charge of lewd and lascivious.

The Brattleboro Police Department responded to a report of an altercation occurring on South Main St. with a female being chased by a male. Upon arrival in the area, it was discovered that Michelle Bibens and Bobby Bethune had been involved in a minor altercation. Both were arrested and issued citations Disorderly conduct to appear at Windham County Superior Court, Criminal Division.

Brattleboro Police were called to a Main Street business for a trespassing complaint. When police arrived, they found Trent Johnson had entered a business he had previously been trespassed from. Johnson was later located and issued a citation to appear in court.

Brattleboro Police were called to a residence on Green St for a report of vandalism. The caller reported that a male had broken an object, and glass was involved. While in route, police received a medical call for a male with an injury. Police located the male, and through investigation determined that the injured male, Dylan M. Chambers, a 21-Year-Old male from Nevada, sustained the injuries during the vandalism. Chambers was transported to Brattleboro Memorial Hospital for medical treatment and issued a citation for Unlawful Mischief. Chambers will appear at Windham County Superior Court to answer his charge.

Brattleboro Police Department were on patrol on South Main St. when they encountered Corey L. Hastings. Hastings had an outstanding warrant out for her arrest. During the course of the arrest Hastings was found to be in possession of cocaine. Hastings will appear in Windham County Superior Court: Criminal Division to face the charge underlying the warrant and will appear at a later date to face the charge of Possession of Cocaine.

The Brattleboro Police Department were on patrol on Frost St. when they encountered Melvin H. McCall. McCall had an outstanding warrant out for his arrested. McCall was arrested and held in lieu of bail and will appear in Windham County Superior Court: Criminal Division to face the underlying charge.

Officers from the Brattleboro Police Department responded to a residence on Cotton Mill Hill for a report of a fight. After an investigation, Jeffrey Obrien was arrested for Domestic Assault. Obrien was brought back to the Brattleboro Police Department for processing and was released on citation to appear in court at a later date.

Brattleboro Police responded to Canal St for the report of an altercation between Elio Lopez and Tracy Gadreault. Through investigation it was determined a vehicle was damaged and Gadreault

and Lopez were causing a disturbance in public. Both were issued citations to appear at the Windham County Superior Courthouse to answer to the charges of Disorderly Conduct and Unlawful Mischief.

**Special Meetings/Communications/Events:**

Officer's and staff continue to make numerous appearances to meet and discuss the concerns of the citizens at the senior center, elementary schools, with various organizations and community centers. The topics included personal safety, crime trends, homelessness and internet safety. The Brattleboro Police Department continues to make strides in educating and informing the citizens of our activity and to solicit their feedback on how we can improve our services.

**Budget Concerns/Impacts:**

We are continuing to monitor the FY 2019 budget.

**Staffing:**

The Department has 3 open positions.

Two officers are undergoing the 12-week Officer Field Training Program at the BPD. Upon successful completion of the FTO program they will be assigned to the patrol division. The completion date is in mid to late September.

There are 3 candidates attending the 106<sup>th</sup> class at the Vermont Police Academy. They are scheduled to graduate in November and will start the 3 week post Basic course. It is anticipated that they will be back at the BPD in late December. At that time, they will begin their 12-week FTO training with a completion date in late March 2019.

We currently have two applicants registered to attend the 107<sup>th</sup> class at the Vermont Police Academy starting in February 2019.