

**To:** Brattleboro Select board  
**Via:** Peter Elwell, Town Manager  
**From:** Michael R. Fitzgerald, Chief of Police  
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**SUBJ: JANUARY 2019 MONTHLY REPORT**

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

Officers responded to 861 calls for service/incidents and made 39 arrests resulting in 44 criminal charges. Included in these calls for service were 8 overdoses with 0 resulting death. This does not mean there were only 8 overdoses in Brattleboro for this period. It merely means that these are the numbers that were responded to by police.

45 vehicle operation citations were issued along with 250 warnings. Officers spent approximately 232 hours on foot patrol in the downtown area as well as other neighborhoods and parks in Town.

**Cases of Interest:**

Brattleboro Police executed a search warrant at a residence on Oak Street after receiving a complaint of an assault that took place in December 2018. It was reported the female victim was forced to fight another person while a male, identified as Chyquan Cupe was threatening her and the person she had to fight with a gun. During the search warrant police recovered multiple guns from the residence. Also found was approximately 220 grams of crack and crack cocaine and several unprescribed drugs to include oxycodone, morphine and amphetamine. At the time Cupe was not at the residence and a warrant has been requested for his arrest for the charges of: aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, unlawful restraint, reckless endangerment, possession of cocaine, possession of a controlled or regulated drug and contempt of court. Two subjects were arrested at the time of the search warrant: Peter James for possession of crack cocaine Cornelia Rivera for possession of heroin Both were issued citations to appear in court.

Brattleboro Police responded to a residence on Main Street for a report of a disturbance involving a male and female. The male identified as Michael P. Travers had left the scene. Investigation revealed that Travers had violated his court ordered conditions of release by having contact with the female party. Travers was later located by Vermont State Police in Townshend, and issued a citation ordering him to appear in Windham County Superior Court.

Officers of the Brattleboro Police Department observed a vehicle on Elliot Street driving with a flat tire and flagged it down to stop. The operator of the vehicle was identified as Shamel Trowell. Officers noticed an odor of intoxicants emanating from Trowell which prompted a DUI investigation. Trowell was subsequently arrested and transported to the police department where he was processed for DUI. Trowell was later released on a citation to appear at court to answer to the charge of (DUI) Criminal Refusal.

Brattleboro Police observed a vehicle known to them for drug activity leave a residence on Canal St. known for drug activity. Police observed the operator, knew her to have a suspended license, and conducted a motor vehicle stop. A passenger, Terry Dukette, was found to have prescription drugs on her person without a prescription for the drugs. Dukette was issued a citation for possessing the drugs. Dukette will appear at Windham County Superior Court to answer her charge.

Brattleboro Police responded to a residence on Upper Forest Street for a citizen dispute. During investigation it was determined that Alexander M. Munroe had assaulted his girlfriend. Munroe was placed under arrest and was transported to the Brattleboro Police Department for processing. He was issued Conditions of Release, ordered held until sober and was issued a citation to appear in court.

Officers of the Brattleboro Police Department responded to a residence for a report of a Violations of Conditions. Subsequent investigation revealed that Alexander Munroe violated his court ordered conditions of release in that he went to a residence that he was not allowed to and had contact with a female that he was not allowed to. Munroe was located and placed under arrest for the violation. Munroe was transported to the Brattleboro Police Department where he was processed, cited and released on new conditions to appear in Windham County Superior Court: Criminal Division to answer to the charge.

The Brattleboro Police Department was dispatched to a local grocery store in reference to a subject in the store who was concealing items in her purse. As the subject left the store, she was stopped by an Officer and identified as Elissa R. Wagner. During the investigation it was learned that Wagner had concealed a total of 25 items, with a value of \$86.83, in her purse and failed to pay for those items prior to leaving the store. Wagner was issued a citation for Retail Theft and ordered to appear at the Vermont Superior Court – Windham Criminal Division.

Officer's from the Brattleboro Police Department responded to Second Level Drive for a report of a disturbance. Following an investigation, Mitchell Barber was arrested for Disorderly Conduct and Unlawful Trespass. Barber was ordered held on \$200 bail and ordered to appear at the Vermont Superior Court – Windham Criminal Division.

Brattleboro Police responded to a residence on Dummer Ave for a report that one of the residence's vehicle windows was smashed out. Investigation led to the arrest of Cassy Strange for unlawful mischief. She was issued a citation to appear in court to answer the charge.

The Brattleboro Police Department arrested Philip Patoine on a Fugitive from Justice charge. Patoine had extraditable warrants in the State of New Hampshire for Bail Jumping and two counts of Receiving Stolen Property. Patoine was taken into custody and lodged at the Brattleboro Police Department for lack of \$50,000 bail. Patoine is scheduled to appear at the Vermont Superior Court – Windham Criminal Division.

Brattleboro Police observed a vehicle operating in an erratic manner on Estey St. Based on their observations, police initiated a motor vehicle stop. The operator, Logan Turner-Renaud was found to be under the influence of alcohol. Turner-Renaud was placed under arrest and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department. There he was processed and released on a citation for DUI and Negligent Operation. Turner-Renaud will appear in court to answer his charges.

The Brattleboro Police Department responded to a Horton Place residence for a report of an ongoing dispute. Subsequent investigation revealed that James A. Douglas had been creating a disturbance among neighbors by inciting conflict and blocking paths. Douglas was issued a citation and released to appear at court to answer to the charge of Disorderly Conduct.

Officers of the Brattleboro Police Department were dispatched to a possible fight occurring on Elliot St. While responding, officers were advised that the subjects had gone their separate ways. Following an investigation, it was learned that AnnMarie Ford, Richard Edick and Jayson Ford had chased after the victim after confronting the victim outside of an Elliot St residence. AnnMarie Ford, Richard Edick, and Jayson Ford were all issued citations for Aggravated Disorderly Conduct and ordered to appear at the Vermont Superior Court – Windham Criminal Division.

Brattleboro Police Department responded to a residential area for a report of a male going into vehicles. Upon arrival, Misbah A. Abdul-Kareem was located. Abdul-Kareem had items which had been stolen from unlocked vehicles throughout Brattleboro. He was arrested and issued a citation to appear at Windham County Superior Court, Criminal Division to answer to several counts of Petit Larceny from vehicles.

Officers from the Brattleboro Police Department responded to a local community center for a report of a physical altercation. Upon arrival officers observed a large group of individuals standing around the parking lot with 2 males appearing to be having a verbal argument. The 2 males identified as James Douglas and Thomas French denied there having been any physical altercation. Staff at the community center reported the fight had been physical and disruptive to the staff and clients. Both males were issued citations to appear at the Windham Superior court, Criminal Division on the charges of disorderly conduct.

Brattleboro Police responded to a residence on Marlboro Ave for a report of a theft from a motor vehicle. Upon arrival Police viewed the surveillance footage and recognized the male as Misbah A. Abdul-Kareem. Kareem was later located and issued a citation for Petit Larceny. Kareem will appear at the Windham County Superior Court to answer his charge.

The Brattleboro Police Department was on foot patrol in the downtown area when officers encountered a subject in the Harmony Parking Lot. The subject was identified as Dorothy E. Quinones. A check of Quinones for active warrants revealed that Quinones had active extraditable warrants in New Hampshire for Bail Jumping. Quinones was arrested and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department. Quinones was ultimately held on \$1,000 bail.

Brattleboro Police, Fire and Rescue Inc. personnel responded to a residence on Clark St. for a 19-year-old female that had been assaulted. The female was assaulted in her residence by two men wearing ski masks. The two men allegedly struck her multiple times in the head with handguns, then fled the residence. The female received life-threatening injuries, and was transported from the scene by Rescue Inc. This investigation is ongoing.

**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. Along with other members of the Town's staff, we are preparing the FY2020 budget.

**Staffing:**

We have 3 officers currently undergoing the 12-week FTO program at the BPD. Completion date is anticipated to be mid-March 2019.

There are 2 candidates attending the 107<sup>th</sup> Basic class at the Vermont Police Academy. They are scheduled to graduate in May 2019, and will start the 3-week post Basic course. It is anticipated that they will be back at the BPD in late June 2019. At that time, they will begin their 12-week FTO training with a completion date in late September 2019.

We currently have 2 applicants that are in the hiring process. These applicants are for the 108<sup>th</sup> Basic class starting in August 2019. If these applicants successfully complete the hiring process, the Department will have no open positions. We are continuously accepting applications as we will anticipate filling vacancies from turnovers and retirements.