

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

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

Officers responded to 1068 calls for service/incidents and made 31 arrests resulting in 44 criminal charges. Included in these calls for service were 7 overdoses with 0 resulting death. This does not mean there were only 7 overdoses in Brattleboro for this period. It merely means that these are the numbers that were responded to by police.

33 vehicle operation citations were issued along with 193 warnings. Officers spent approximately 197 hours on foot patrol in the downtown area as well as other neighborhoods and parks in Town.

**Cases of Interest:**

Brattleboro Police responded to a gas station on Putney Road for a citizen dispute. Through investigation it was found that Lakeesha Jones-Birks had swung at an employee at the gas station after a brief verbal altercation. There were no injuries. Jones-Birks was issued a citation to appear in court to answer the charge.

Brattleboro Police responded to a business on Putney Road for a shoplifting complaint. Upon arrival, Brattleboro Police met with employees of the business and Brian C. Pennington. Pennington was apprehended by employees outside of the business after taking items without paying for them. Pennington was issued a citation to appear in court to answer the charge.

Brattleboro Police responded to a residence on South Main Street for a report of a dispute. Upon investigation, it was determined that Timothy A. Wainwright, 45, and Cynthia R. Radcliffe, 34 both homeless were part of a loud yelling dispute which involved smashing a glass bottle on the street, and disorderly conduct. Wainwright and Radcliffe were both arrested and issued a citation to appear in Windham Superior Court to face the charge.

Members of the Brattleboro Police department responded to a parking lot in West Brattleboro for a 911 call reporting a dispute. The female complainant reported her boyfriend was attempting to break into her vehicle that she was currently occupying. Upon arrival the male subject was identified as Kyle J. Jobin 19 of Brattleboro. Jobin was issued a citation for Disorderly conduct, to appear at the Windham Superior Court.

The Brattleboro Police department responded to a local business for a report of shoplifting. It was reported the male subject walked out of the store with a case of beer and has since left the area on foot. The area was checked, and the male subject was not located. The store provided video surveillance of the subject who was identified as Kevin Cameron. A record check through dispatch showed Cameron had been previously trespassed from that business. Cameron was later located and issued a citation to appear at the Windham Superior Court for the charges of Retail theft and Unlawful trespass.

Brattleboro Police responded to a physical dispute on South Main St. Upon arrival it was determined that Brandon Buckley and Travis Beaudoin had a physical altercation in the parking lot of an apartment complex. Both were issued a citation for Disorderly Conduct and will appear at Windham County Superior Court. No parties were seriously injured.

The Brattleboro Police Department responded to Elm Street to investigate. During the investigation Officers encountered Walter Swift. Swift was arrested for violating his court order of 24-hour curfew at his residence. A search of Swift was conducted, and he was found to be in possession of crack cocaine and a regulated drug. Swift was released on a citation to appear at the Windham Superior Court Criminal Division.

Brattleboro Police received a call concerning a vehicle that had just left a residence, and the caller believed the operator to be intoxicated. Shortly after another complainant called, stating that someone had just struck their parked vehicle, and took off. Shortly after John D. Mudge, a 39-Year-Old Male from Brattleboro turned himself in to the Brattleboro Police Department, claiming responsibility for the crash. Mudge was placed under arrest for Leaving the Scene of an Accident and DUI. Mudge was processed and released on a citation. There were no injuries.

Brattleboro Police received a call from the Brattleboro Retreat that Justin E. Clough, a 38-Year-Old male from Brattleboro had been on the grounds. Clough had previously been trespassed from the retreat for an incident where he allegedly placed a fake explosive device, causing a panic. Due to these actions Clough was ordered by the court to not return to retreat grounds. Clough was issued a citation for Unlawful Trespass and Violating his conditions of release. Clough will appear at Windham County Superior Court to answer the charge.

Brattleboro Police were monitoring traffic on Putney Rd. Police initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle for a motor vehicle violation. Police contacted the operator, Ryan Anthis, an 18-Year-Old male from Texas. Subsequent investigation determined that Anthis was under the influence of alcohol while operating a motor vehicle. Anthis was placed under arrest and processed at the Brattleboro Police Department. Anthis was released on a citation and will appear at the Windham County Superior Court.

Brattleboro Police were monitoring traffic on Putney Rd, when they initiated a motor vehicle stop due to several equipment infractions. Subsequent investigation determined that the operator, Courtney D. Jacobs, a 20-Year-Old female from Brattleboro had a criminally suspended license due to prior motor vehicle infractions. Jacobs was also found to be in violation of her court ordered conditions of release. Jacobs was placed under arrest and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department. There she was processed and released on a citation for DLS and Contempt of court, to appear at the Windham County Superior Court.

Brattleboro Police arrested Bobby Bethune on an active arrest warrant. Bethune was found to be in possession of suspected Heroin at the time of the arrest. The suspected Heroin was later field tested and tested positive for Fentanyl. Bethune was issued a citation to appear in court on to answer the charge.

Brattleboro Police were conducting foot patrol on Main St. Police observed Calijah B. Lindvall, an 18-year-old male from Brattleboro walking down the middle of the road, yelling, and disrupting traffic. Police contacted Lindvall, who was also intoxicated. Lindvall had been issued court ordered conditions of release forbidding him from drinking alcohol. Lindvall was placed under arrest and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department. Lindvall was processed and released on a citation for Disorderly Conduct and Contempt of Court. Lindvall will appear at Windham County Superior Court to answer his charges.

Officers from the Brattleboro Police Department responded to a public building on South Main Street for a report of a male threatening people with a knife. Upon arrival the male suspect had

left the scene. After an investigation took place police later located and arrested Robert Shipley. Shipley was held on \$5,000 cash bail or surety. Shipley is scheduled to appear in the Windham District Court.

The Brattleboro Police responded to a parking lot for a report of a male that was laying down near a pay and display location. Upon investigation, it was determined that Melvin H. McCall, 39, of Brattleboro was violating a No Trespass Order. McCall was arrested and transported to the Police Department for this violation. McCall will appear at Windham Superior Court to face the charge.

The Brattleboro Police Department encountered Douglas McDurfee at a business on Canal St. McDurfee had an active warrant out for his arrest. McDurfee was placed under arrest and transported to the department. McDurfee was bailed out and will appear in Windham County Superior Court: Criminal Division to face the underlying charge.

Officers of the Brattleboro Police Department encountered Van-Christian Schryver while on patrol on Elliot St. Schryver had an outstanding warrant in Vermont for Aggravated Assault, and an outstanding extraditable warrant from Connecticut for a probation violation stemming from an Attempted Assault 1st degree/ serious physical injury, Carrying a Pistol without a Permit, and Reckless Endangerment 1st Degree. Schryver will appear in Windham County Superior Court: Criminal Division to face the charges.

Brattleboro Police met with a female subject on High Street regarding a theft of her purse. The female reported she was walking on Green Street when a male subject came up from behind her and grabbed onto her purse which was tucked under her left arm. The female reported there was a struggle with the male and the male ripped the purse from her possession. As the male was running away, he fell and dropped the purse causing her wallet to fall onto the ground. The male then took her wallet and continued running. The description of the male that was provided matched the description of James A. Douglas Jr. During investigation officers were able to determine that one of the female's debit cards was used shortly after the theft at a business on Canal Street. The employee at the business reported that Douglas had used the card to purchase cigarettes. Officers were able to locate Douglas at a public building on South Main Street. When Douglas was taken into custody he resisted arrest and assaulted a police officer. Douglas was transported to the Brattleboro Police Department where he was processed and lodged. Douglas was issued Conditions of Release, a citation to appear in court and was held in lieu of \$1,000 cash bail.

Brattleboro Police, Fire, and Rescue Inc responded to Highland St for a single car motor vehicle crash. The vehicle had left the roadway and was on an embankment. Highland St. was shut down for approximately 1.5 hrs. Subsequent investigation revealed that the operator, Suzanne McNeary, a 49-year-old female from Brattleboro was under the influence of alcohol while operating the vehicle. McNeary was placed under arrest and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department. She was processed and released on a citation. McNeary will appear at Windham County Superior Court to answer her charge. Only minor injuries occurred because of the crash.

Brattleboro Officers responded to a motel on Putney Rd. regarding drug paraphernalia left in a room. Officers contacted Thomas J. Stafford, the registered guest. Stafford was arrested on a warrant and was in possession of 453 bags of suspected heroin. Stafford will appear in court on to face the charges.

Brattleboro Police responded to a residence on Washington St for a report of a burglary. The complainant stated that she knew who broke in, and identified her as Tonya Camolli, a 34-Year-Old Female from Brattleboro. The complainant described the vehicle that Camolli was seen

leaving in, which was a vehicle that was familiar to officers involved in the investigation. A short while later officers located the vehicle and Camolli on Pleasant St. Vermont State Police responded as well. Camolli was taken into custody by Vermont State Police for separate, yet similar charges, and was issued a citation by Brattleboro PD. Camolli was charged with Burglary into an occupied dwelling, and numerous counts of Contempt of Court. Camolli will appear at Windham County Superior Court to answer her charges.

**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 is currently down 6 positions. Two candidates are currently attending the 12-week Officer Field Training Program at the BPD. There are 3 candidates slated to attend the 106<sup>th</sup> Basic Training Academy on 30 July 2018.

Interviews for the remaining open positions took place in June. Out of that process, 4 candidates were selected to move forward into the background investigations phase. 1 applicant has since accepted an offer from a New Hampshire agency and another failed to successfully pass the background investigation. The remaining 2 candidates have assigned seats at the VPA to attend Basic training in February 2019.