

To: Brattleboro Selectboard
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SUBJ: MARCH 2018 MONTHLY REPORT

Summary of Major Activities/Work Projects:

Officers responded to 803 calls for service/incidents and made 28 arrests resulting in 51 criminal charges. Included in these calls for service were 10 overdoses with 1 resulting in a death. This does not mean there were only 10 overdoses in Brattleboro for this period. It merely means that these are the numbers that were responded to by police.

43 vehicle operation citations were issued along with 329 warnings. Officers spent approximately 172 hours on foot patrol in the downtown area as well as other neighborhoods and parks in Town.

Cases of Interest:

Brattleboro Officers stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. Subsequent investigation revealed the operator John C Carrington to be in the possession of crack cocaine. Carrington was arrested and transported to the Brattleboro police Department where he was fingerprinted and photographed. He was later ordered released on Conditions by a Judge. He was issued a Citation ordering him to appear in Windham County Superior Court to answer to the charge.

Brattleboro Police Department responded to a residence on Elliot St. for a report of an assault. Upon investigation it was determined that, Kristina E. Fletcher committed the offence of Simple Assault. Fletcher was cited for this incident and will appear at Windham Superior Court to face this charge.

Brattleboro Police responded to Brattleboro Memorial Hospital for a report of a disorderly subject. Investigation revealed that Melissa Hrabovsky had created a disturbance inside the hospital by yelling and using obscene language. At one-point Hrabovsky threw a cup of coffee at a female. The female victim was not injured during the incident. Hrabovsky was issued a citation to appear at court to answer to the charges of Disorderly Conduct and Aggravated Disorderly Conduct.

Brattleboro Police Department, Brattleboro Fire Department and Rescue Inc responded to a report of a stabbing at a residence on Main Street. Responding officers learned from their investigation that Cathryn Courville had stabbed a male subject. The male was transported to Brattleboro Memorial Hospital with serious injuries. Courville was arrested and held in lieu of \$10,000 bail. Courville is to be seen in to answer to the charge of 1st Degree Aggravated Domestic Assault.

Brattleboro Police were at a local Hotel/Motel on Putney Road performing a motor vehicle unlock. An employee approached police, stating that he believed an assault was taking place in one of the rooms. Police contacted the individuals in the room, Homer Parker and Gina Taylor. It was determined that the argument was only verbal in nature. Both Parker and Taylor had previously been trespassed from the establishment. Taylor had been trespassed for suspected drug activity, and Parker for multiple noise complaints and refusing to vacate when asked by

management. Both were placed under arrest and transported to the Brattleboro Police Station where they were processed and released on citations. They will both appear at Windham County Superior Court to answer their charges.

Brattleboro Officers observed a suspicious vehicle parked on Elm Street and contacted its occupants. They were identified as Tyler J Taitague, Andrea L Veroneau and Jocelyn Pond. Subsequent investigation revealed that Taitague was operating a vehicle while having a Criminally Suspended driver's license. His passenger Veroneau was found to be in possession of heroin and Pond was found to be in possession of crack cocaine. All three were arrested and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department where they were fingerprinted and photographed. They were later ordered released by a Judge on Conditions. Taitague, Veroneau and Pond are scheduled to appear in Windham County Superior Court to answer to the charges.

Brattleboro Police responded to a business on Main Street for a motor vehicle collision. Upon arrival, it was discovered that a gray 2007 Mazda 3i had struck a traffic barrier pole in front of the business. Christopher J. Ferraina was operating the vehicle and ran a red light at an intersection. Sheldon S. Roland was operating a white 2018 Ford F-250 and struck the Mazda as it was driving through the intersection. The collision caused the Mazda to lose control and crash into the traffic barrier. There were no injuries. The entrance to the business was alternating one lane traffic until the investigation was completed

Brattleboro Officers took a complaint of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card at a business on Canal Street. Subsequent investigation led to a Citation being issued to Qadir Murray. Murray is being charged with False Pretenses or Token. He is scheduled to appear in Windham County Superior Court to answer to the charge.

Brattleboro Police responded to a residence on Elliot Street for a citizen dispute. It was reported that a female subject kicked in a door of a tenant and threatened her. Upon arrival, officers located Courtney D. Jacobs in her vehicle in the middle of Elliot Street. After speaking with the female complainant, it was determined that Jacobs kicked open her door, causing damage, and threatened the complainant. Jacobs was placed under arrest and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department for processing. Jacobs was later released with a citation to appear in court.

Brattleboro Police were called to a residence on Guilford St. A resident called to report that a female had shown up at her doorstep, and had claimed to have been robbed and abandoned on the road. Police arrived and spoke with the individual. The individual could provide two names, with one being Rebekah Alex. The victim stated that she was in a vehicle with Rebekah and another associate, when Rebekah accused her of stealing money. The victim was subsequently ordered out of the car, and ordered to empty her pockets. Rebekah then took the victim's cell phone, and drove away. The victim then walked approximately 1 mile seeking help. Police then contacted Rebekah, who was in possession of the phone. Rebekah was placed under arrest, and transported to the Brattleboro Police Station. There she was released on a citation, and will appear at Windham County Superior Court to answer her charge.

The Brattleboro Police Department responded to a residence on Bonnyvale Road for a report of two males fighting and one male was threatening to kill the other male. Upon investigation it was determined that Steven A. Rec repeatedly punched the victim and smashed the door of the

residence. It was determined that Rec committed the offence of Unlawful mischief, disorderly conduct, and domestic assault. Both males were transported to the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital for non-life threatening injuries. Rec was arrested and transported to the Brattleboro Police Station after being treated and released for his injuries. Rec was issued a citation to appear at Windham Superior Court to face the charges.

Officers from the Brattleboro Police Dept. responded to the area of Canal St and Fairground Rd for a report of a motor vehicle accident. The victim reported the vehicle that hit them had left the area. There were no reported injuries. The vehicle sustained minor damage when the suspect vehicle sideswiped them on Fairground Rd. The operator of the offending vehicle was later identified as Axis Balsley. Balsley was processed for the crime of Leaving the scene of an accident and issued a citation to appear at the Windham Superior Court, Criminal Division.

Officers of the Brattleboro Police Department were on patrol on Canal St. when they noticed a vehicle acting suspiciously. Officers stopped the vehicle on Rt. 91. Subsequent investigation revealed that one of the passengers, Clayton Whitten, had an extraditable warrant from New Hampshire for possession and sale of cocaine. Whitten was arrested and charged as a Fugitive from Justice, and held on \$10,000 bail. Whitten will appear in Windham County Superior Court: Criminal Division on to face the charge

Brattleboro Police responded to a residence on Pleasant Street for a reported noise disturbance. Upon investigating the complaint, Officers located Tonya L. Camolli inside an apartment at the residence. It was determined that Camolli was in violation of an active trespass order that had been issued for that apartment. Camolli was taken into custody, before being released with a citation ordering her to appear in Windham County Superior Court.

Officers received a report of a vehicle that had been stolen from a residence on Pleasant Street. Investigation revealed that the vehicle was taken without the owner's consent by Tonya Camolli. Camolli was later located on Canal Street, where she was taken into custody for this offense as well as multiple violations of her court ordered conditions of release. Camolli's conditions indicated that she had been prohibited from driving a vehicle or committing any further criminal offenses. Camolli was lodged at the Brattleboro Police Department in lieu of \$500.00, and is scheduled to appear in Windham County Superior Court.

Brattleboro Officers responded to a residence on Pleasant Street for a report of Criminal Threatening. Subsequent investigation revealed that Marquis D Lafayette had committed the crime of Criminal Threatening, violated two court orders and, Interfered with someone's access to emergency services. Marquis was later located and arrested. He was ordered held on \$5000 bail. He is scheduled to appear in Windham County Superior Court to answer to the charges.

Brattleboro Police were called to a residence on Pleasant St for a trespassing complaint. Investigation revealed that Tonya Camolli had violated her court ordered conditions of release by contacting several individuals she had been ordered not to. Camolli had also destroyed a cell phone when one of the complainants threatened to call the police. Camolli was located later and issued a citation for Contempt of court, Unlawful mischief, and interference to access to emergency services. Camolli will appear at Windham County Superior Court to answer her charges.

Brattleboro Police responded to 3 separate incidents at food establishments in the down town area. All 3 establishments stated that a female, later identified as Phyllis Parent entered and demanded that the employees empty the register drawers and give her all of the money. Parent never threatened violence or furnished a weapon. Parent received no money from 2 of the businesses, however stole a small amount of cash from the employee tip jar at a third location. Due to cooperation from employees at the businesses, along with surveillance footage, Police could identify the female as Parent. Through the course of the investigation it was determined that Parent had current court ordered conditions of release which she violated. Parent was released on a citation along with updated conditions of release. She will appear at Windham County Superior Court to answer her charges.

Brattleboro Police responded to Pleasant Valley Road for the report of a male passed out in his vehicle on the side of the road. Police located the vehicle on Meadowbrook Road and conducted a motor vehicle stop. During the stop an investigation took place and the driver, Matthew Momaney was arrested for DUI. Momaney was transported to the Brattleboro Police Department for processing and released on a citation to appear in court.

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 2018 budget.

Staffing:

The Department is currently down 6 positions. In the month of March we had 1 officer resign to take a position with an out of state agency and a candidate attending the Vermont Police Academy resigned for personal reasons. Two candidates are currently attending the Vermont Police Academy for the next 19 weeks. Upon graduation they will participate in the Brattleboro Police Department 12-week Field Training program. Interviews for the remaining open positions took place in December 2017. Out of that process there were six candidates selected to move forward into the background phase. Two applicants have either withdrawn their application or did not successfully pass the background investigation. The remaining four candidates were screened for the August 2018 academy class. Out of that screening process we were left with 3 candidates for the August class. One candidate is enrolled while the other 2 are currently placed on the waiting list.