

**To:** Brattleboro Selectboard  
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**From:** Michael R. Fitzgerald, Chief of Police  
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**SUBJ: MAY 2018 MONTHLY REPORT**

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

Officers responded to 922 calls for service/incidents and made 57 arrests resulting in 87 criminal charges. Included in these calls for service were 10 overdoses with none resulting 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.

19 vehicle operation citations were issued along with 261 warnings. Officers spent approximately 169 hours on foot patrol in the downtown area as well as other neighborhoods and parks in Town.

**Cases of Interest:**

The Brattleboro Police responded to a local business on Canal Street for a report of fraud. Upon investigation it was determined that Sylvester P. Little had committed the offense of disorderly conduct. Little was issued a citation to appear at Windham Superior Court to face the charge.

Brattleboro officers responded to a residence on Valley Road on a report of a Citizen Dispute. Upon arrival officers learned that a male Arthur G Styles had gotten into a verbal confrontation with members of his family and began smashing items around the home with a baseball bat. Styles fled into a wooded area when officers arrived and was located a short time later. He was placed under arrest for Disorderly Conduct and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department. He is scheduled to appear in Windham County Superior Court to answer to the charge.

Brattleboro Police were driving down Main Street when a female subject was observed yelling at two other individuals on the sidewalk. The female subject was identified as Meagan L. Morse. After investigation it was determined that Morse was caught stealing from inside a business on Main Street and the individuals she was yelling at were the owners. Morse was issued a citation to appear in court to answer the charge.

The Brattleboro Police Department responded to a report of a male causing a disturbance at a business on Canal St in Brattleboro. The male was later located at a motel on Canal St. After a brief investigation, officers were led to a room at the motel. While speaking with another male in the room of the motel, it was discovered that there was suspected heroin in the room. A search warrant was applied for and granted. Officers executed the search warrant and located in excess of 500 bags of heroin and a large amount of crack cocaine. The occupant of the room, Cheldon J. Greene, was found to have 2 active arrest warrants in the State of Vermont for previous assaultive charges. Greene was also charged with providing false information to a police officer after giving several false names. Greene was ordered held in lieu of \$20,000.00 bail. Greene will appear in Windham County Superior Court, Criminal Division, to answer to the charges of Possession of Heroin with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Crack Cocaine with Intent to Distribute and False Information to a Police Officer.

While on foot patrol in the downtown district, Brattleboro Police noticed Trent W. Johnson in a local business. Johnson currently has warrants issued for his arrest. Upon investigation, it was determined that Johnson was in possession of heroin and brass knuckles. Johnson was arrested and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department where he was processed for possession of the illegal items. Johnson was issued a citation to appear in Windham Superior Court to face the charges.

The Brattleboro Police Department were on patrol on Canal St. when they came into contact with Qadir Murray. Murray had an outstanding warrant out for his arrest. Officers arrested Murray and held him in lieu of bail. Murray will appear in Windham County Superior Court: Criminal Division to face the charge.

Officers of the Brattleboro Police Department were on patrol on Elliot St. when they encountered Walter Swift, who was in violation of his Conditions of Release, which included a 24-hour curfew at his residence. Swift was issued a citation for Contempt of Court, and will appear in Windham County Superior Court: Criminal Division to face the charge.

Brattleboro Officers responded to the Transportation Center in response to citizen complaints regarding disorderly and/or intoxicated subjects. Upon arrival Officers arrested Melvin H. McCall for Unlawful Trespass. McCall will appear in court to face the charge.

Brattleboro Police responded to a residence on South Main Street for a citizen's dispute. Upon investigation it was determined that Joshua G. Johnson was disturbing the peace during an altercation between himself and a female. Johnson was issued a citation to appear in Windham Superior Court to face the charge.

Brattleboro Police responded to an apartment complex on Canal St for a report of a fight between two individuals. Upon arrival Police encountered Tameeka Ellis and Avery Ready. Based upon witness statements and observations while on scene, it was determined that both parties acted in a disorderly manner, and caused excessive noise in the night time. Both parties were placed under arrest, and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department. They were both later released on citations and conditions of release. Both will appear at Windham County Superior Court to answer their charges.

Brattleboro Officers responded to a residence on Oak St. in an attempt to locate a wanted subject. Mary E. Graves was contacted and provided a false identity to officers. Graves was arrested on two active warrants, and issued a citation for False Information to Law Enforcement. Graves will appear in court to face the charge.

Brattleboro Officers responded to a residence on Canal St. in an attempt to locate a wanted subject. On arrival, officers searched the residence and located crack cocaine. Matthew Gonyea was arrested for Possession of Cocaine. Gonyea will appear in court to face the charge.

Brattleboro Police responded to an establishment on Putney Road for a drug overdose. While clearing the scene, Police spotted a suspicious vehicle being operated by an individual known to police to have a history with illicit drug activity. After observing several motor vehicle infractions, a motor vehicle stop was initiated. A search of the vehicle uncovered a felony amount of marijuana, and packaging/distribution materials. Shawn Johnson claimed the marijuana. He was subsequently placed under arrest. Johnson was transported to the Brattleboro Police Department, where he was processed, and held on \$2k bail. Johnson will appear in court to answer to his charges.

In the morning hours of 5/9/18 Brattleboro Police observed a vehicle parked beside a house in the downtown area known to police for illicit drug activity. A check of the vehicle's registration showed that the plate did not belong to the vehicle and that the registration was expired. As the officers approached the vehicle, the vehicle began to drive away. A motor vehicle stop was conducted for plates not assigned and an expired registration. Initially all 3 occupants tried to distance themselves from the vehicle. All were detained for investigation. Investigation revealed that the operator, Kenneth Rochefort had a criminally suspended license. One of the passengers, Jodi Clement was arrested for providing false information to police officers. Both parties were cited and released on scene. Both will appear at the Windham County Superior Court to face their charges.

Brattleboro Police responded to the intersection of Canal St and Fairview St for a motor vehicle accident involving a pedestrian. Members of Brattleboro Fire and Rescue Inc. responded to the scene as well. A 28-year-old female was transported to Brattleboro Memorial Hospital and was treated for non-life-threatening injuries. The operator of the vehicle, Marissa Heath was issued a VCVC for failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk. Traffic was temporarily delayed on Canal St for approximately 15 minutes.

Brattleboro Police took a report of a Burglary at a residence in West Brattleboro. At a later date and at a separate location, Brattleboro Police responded to a dispute. During the investigation of the dispute, police recovered property that was reported stolen from the burglary. Police seized a motor vehicle, obtained a search warrant, and located more stolen property from additional burglaries. Holly Rhodes and Shane Branch were both charged with Possession of Stolen Property. Rhodes was also charged with Uttering Forged or Counterfeited Instrument.

Brattleboro Police conducted a traffic stop with a vehicle on Putney Road after observing several violations. Investigation revealed that the operator, identified as Nathan R. Fiset was impaired and his driver's license was criminally suspended in Vermont. Additionally, Fiset was the subject of an active arrest warrant. Fiset was arrested, and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department where he was lodged in lieu of \$1000.00 bail related to the arrest warrant. He was issued a citation for the criminal charges, ordering him to appear in Windham County Superior Court.

Officers of the Brattleboro Police Department responded to a residence on Pleasant St. for a citizen dispute. Subsequent investigation revealed that Tonya Camolli was inside the residence in violation of a No Trespass Warning and active Conditions of Release, and further violated her Conditions of Release by contacting a man inside the house. Camolli was arrested and later released with a citation for Unlawful Trespass and Contempt of Court: Violation of Conditions. Camolli will appear in Windham County Superior Court: Criminal Division to face the charge.

Brattleboro Police conducted a traffic stop due to a moving violation. Upon speaking with the operator and occupants, police located a criminal amount of marijuana, along with marijuana packaged for sale. Police also located cash, and a substance packaged for sale mimicking cocaine. Police also located a realistic CO2 pellet gun. The juvenile passenger was charged with possession of a controlled substance, intent to distribute said controlled substance, intent to distribute a non-controlled substance as a controlled substance, and use of a firearm during a

drug transaction. The juvenile was issued a citation to appear at Windham County Superior Court: Family division. The operator faces no criminal charges

Brattleboro Police responded to a residence on School Street for a reported disturbance in progress. Vermont State Police also assisted in the investigation. This investigation revealed that a female was assaulted by several people whom had unlawfully entered the apartment. The female victim sustained minor injuries, and was not hospitalized. There were no weapons involved in the incident. Several suspects were identified as a result of the investigation. Two subjects, identified as Chyquan M. Cupe and April B. Garcia were later located and arrested for the offenses of burglary and simple assault. Cupe was lodged at the Brattleboro Police Department in lieu of \$25,000 bail, while Garcia was lodged at the BPD in lieu of \$5,000 bail. Both subjects will appear in Windham County Superior Court.

Brattleboro Police responded to a Main Street business for a reported theft. When police arrived, they found Brandon Porter had gone into the store and walked around picking items off the shelves and eating them. Police also found Porter was previously trespassed from the business. Porter was later located and issued a citation to appear in court.

The Brattleboro Police Department were dispatched to a citizen dispute at a residence on Central St. At the conclusion of the investigation, Officers found that Brandon Porter had entered a residence on Central St. which violates his current conditions of release, and violates a no trespass order that had been previously served on Porter for that location. Porter had taken the phone away from the victim to prevent the police from being called. Porter was later located and taken into custody where he was fingerprinted and photographed. Porter was ordered held on \$2,500 bail is scheduled to appear in Windham County Superior Court Criminal Division.

### **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 and closing out the FY 2018 budget.

### **Staffing:**

The Department is currently down 6 positions. Two candidates are currently attending the 3-week post training at Vermont Police Academy. At the end of June, they will report to the Brattleboro Police Department to participate in the Department's 12-week Field Training program. There are 3 candidates slated to attend the 106<sup>th</sup> Basic Training Academy in August 2018. Interviews for the remaining open positions will take place later in June. Candidates that successfully completed the hiring process will be scheduled to attend Basic training in February 2019.