

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

Summary of Major Activities/Work Projects:

Officers responded to 1033 calls for service/incidents and made 54 arrests resulting in 77 criminal charges. Included in these calls for service were 10 overdoses with 0 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.

31 vehicle operation citations were issued along with 229 warnings. Officers spent approximately 229 hours on foot patrol in the downtown area as well as other neighborhoods and parks in Town.

Cases of Interest:

Brattleboro Police were dispatched to a suspicious call at a local Hotel where large amounts of marijuana were found in a guest's hotel room. Brattleboro Police Officers seized the room and applied for a search warrant. A search warrant was granted and executed. Brattleboro Police seized 5 pounds of marijuana. The room was registered to Chad Parker age 45 of New Portland ME. Parker was charged with Possession of Marijuana and is scheduled to appear in Windham County Superior Court Criminal Division.

Officers from the Brattleboro Police Department were conducting a walking patrol of the park at 42 South Main St. Officers located two males acting suspiciously at the gazebo. Officers contacted Tyler Partyka who gave a false name. Partyka true identity was later confirmed and he was located, arrested on an active Vermont arrest warrant and charged with False information to a police officer. Partyka is scheduled to appear in Windham County Superior Court Criminal Division.

Brattleboro Officers responded to Elliot Street on a report of a male dressed in female clothing taking a wallet from someone. Upon arrival, a description of the suspect was given, and officers conducted a search for the suspect. During the course of the investigation officers learned that the identity of the suspect was Jamie A Douglas. Douglas was later located and admitted to taking the wallet. Douglas was issued a Citation ordering her to appear in Windham County Superior Court to answer to the charge.

Brattleboro Police observed a vehicle operating on Putney Rd in an erratic manner. This vehicle was subsequently pulled over. Investigation revealed that the operator, Russell J. Ryan was operating the vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. Russell was placed under arrest and transported to the Brattleboro Police Station. There he was processed, and released on a citation for DUI, along with violating his conditions of release. Russell will appear at the Windham County Superior Court to answer his charges.

Brattleboro Officers observed a male standing in front of a Canal Street residence. Officers knew the male from prior Law Enforcement contacts and knew the male to be Charles R Cassell.

Officers were aware that Cassell had recently been released from Southern State Correctional Facility and knew that he had a 24-hour curfew at a residence in Whitingham. A records check confirmed this, and he was issued a Citation. Cassell is scheduled to appear in Windham County Superior Court on 10/09/18 to answer to the charge.

Brattleboro Police Department responded to a parking lot in downtown Brattleboro for a report of a male that was yelling profanities and being disorderly. Investigation revealed that James A. Douglas was acting in an aggressive manner and using profanity at patrons of the parking lot. He was later located and issued a citation to appear at Windham County Superior Court.

Brattleboro Police Department responded to a business on Main St for a report of a theft. After a brief investigation, James A. Douglas was determined to be the person who had stolen the item. Douglas was later located and arrested for retail theft. He was released on a citation to appear at Windham County Superior Court, Criminal Division.

Brattleboro Officers responded to a business on Putney Road for a report of Retail Theft. Upon arrival, officers contacted the two suspects, Joyce V. Baker and Brooke A. Class. Both subjects were found to have active Trespass Warnings for the business. Both subjects were issued Citations for Retail Theft and Unlawful Trespassing. They are scheduled to appear in Windham County Superior Court to answer to the charges.

Brattleboro Police responded to a report of a family fight at a Main Street residence. Investigation revealed that Samuel Schaner had physically assaulted a female victim. The victim sustained non-life-threatening injuries but declined medical treatment. Schaner was subsequently arrested and held in lieu of \$5,000 bail. Schaner, who was also on probation, was held at Southern State Correctional Facility for a probation violation. Schaner is to appear in court to answer to the charge of Domestic Assault.

The Brattleboro Police Department, Brattleboro Fire Department and Rescue Inc responded to a single vehicle crash at the intersection of Black Mountain Road and Fox Farm Road. Investigation showed that the operator of a 2017 Jeep Cherokee, Christie L. Thereault had misjudged the position of her vehicle and rolled it down an embankment. Thereault was not injured. Further investigation revealed that Thereault had been operating her vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. Thereault was arrested and later released with a citation to appear at court to answer to the charge of Driving Under the Influence.

Officers of the Brattleboro Police Department responded to Elliot St for a disorderly male subject. Brattleboro Dispatch received several calls from individuals reporting a male subject walking down Elliot St screaming obscenities and threatening people. Upon arrival the male was identified as Justin Clough. Clough was asked several times to calm down. He became aggressive and combative with an Officer who then placed Clough under arrest for Disorderly Conduct. Clough was transported to BMH by rescue Inc for an evaluation. He was issued a citation to appear at the Windham Superior Court, Criminal Division.

Brattleboro Police Department responded to a motel for a report of a vehicle that had been struck by another vehicle. After an investigation it was determined that Tadros K. Hoth, had struck another vehicle and drove away. He was later located and issued a citation for Leaving the Scene of a Crash. He will appear at Windham County Superior Court, Criminal Division to answer to this charge.

Brattleboro Police responded to a single car motor vehicle accident on Marlboro Rd. Investigation revealed that the operator, Robert V. Kane was under the influence of alcohol. Investigation also revealed that Kane had paid money to a female with promise of sexual favors.

Kane was placed under arrest, and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department, where he was processed. Kane was released on a citation for DUI and Unlawful Procurement. Kane will appear at the Windham County Superior Court to answer his charges. There were no injuries resulting from the crash.

Brattleboro Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a motor vehicle violation. While speaking with the operator, Officers observed an open container of beer in the center console and detected the odor of intoxicants coming from the operator. Subsequent investigation determined that Christopher C Robinson was intoxicated at the time of operation. A search of his vehicle revealed that he was also in possession of cocaine. Robinson was placed under arrest and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department where he was processed. He is scheduled to appear in Windham County Superior Court to answer his charges.

While conducting a warrant check, officers located Cynthia Radcliff on Washington Street. Radcliffe had multiple active warrants out of the State of Vermont. Radcliffe was arrested and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department and held on \$400.00 Bail. While at the police department police found Radcliffe to be in possession of heroin. It was also found Radcliffe had active court ordered conditions of release which she had violated. For these charges Radcliffe was issued a citation to appear in court.

Officers from the Brattleboro Police Department responded to Main St for a report of an individual acting aggressively. Upon arrival to the area Officers spoke with one victim who reported "Justin" later identified as Justin Clough was screaming profanities in his face and refused to go away when asked. Clough was also reported to be yelling and jumping at other pedestrians in the area. Officers located Clough walking on Putney Rd where he was arrested and transported to the Brattleboro Police station and processed for Disorderly Conduct. Clough was released on citation to appear at the Windham Superior Court, Criminal Division.

Brattleboro Police responded to an apartment on Putney Road for a report of a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival, investigation revealed that during an altercation, Jason E. Haskins held a female acquaintance down on the floor, applying pressure to her neck and causing injury. The female was evaluated at the scene by members of Rescue, Inc. and did not require any further medical treatment. Haskins was arrested and processed at the Brattleboro Police Department. Per the Windham County Superior Court, he was held without bail and will appear in court to answer the charge.

Brattleboro Police responded to an apartment on Western Avenue after receiving a report of a male that had unlawfully entered the residence. Investigation revealed that Dominic Graves entered an occupied apartment without the consent of the occupants. Graves left the residence after a brief altercation in which he sustained minor injuries. He was later located and charged with the offense of Unlawful Trespass into an occupied dwelling. He was issued a citation to appear in Windham County Superior Court. There were no weapons involved in the incident and no serious injuries were reported.

Brattleboro Officers observed a motor vehicle on Canal Street. Officers knew from prior Law Enforcement contact that the operator had a Criminally Suspended Driver's License. The vehicle fled from Officers and was later located. Jacobs was issued a Citation for Grossly Negligent Operation, Attempting to Elude, Driving while criminally suspended and false info to an Officer. She will appear in Windham County Superior Court to answer to the charges.

A concerned citizen reported a vehicle was operating erratically northbound on Putney Road in Brattleboro. While in the area, police received another call about a female, later identified as Michelle A. Sault attempting to leave a restaurant on Putney Road who appeared intoxicated and was with a child. Upon arrival, Brattleboro Police confirmed this was that same vehicle from the

first call about the erratic operator. Investigation led to Sault's arrest for driving under the influence. She was arrested without incident and was processed at the Brattleboro Police Department. She was released to a sober person on citation to appear in court at a later date. A family member came to the restaurant and picked up the child.

The Brattleboro Police Department responded to a report of a male subject threatening employees at a Main Street business. Investigation revealed that Edward S. Dodge had created a disturbance by yelling and screaming in the business. Dodge continued his behavior when threatening to kill an employee. Dodge was located and issued a citation into court to answer to the charges of Disorderly Conduct and Aggravated Disorderly Conduct.

Officers of the Brattleboro Police Department responded to a local restaurant for a report of a female who was attempting to leave without paying her bill. Upon arrival Officers contacted the business owner who reported the female patron, Barbara Andic, had consumed over \$70 in food and drink and then announced she didn't have any money to pay the bill. Andic was arrested and transported to the Brattleboro Police station where she was issued a trespass warning for the business and a citation to appear at the Windham Superior Court, Criminal Division.

Brattleboro Officers attempted to stop a vehicle on Canal Street which did not have its lights on. The operator jumped out of the vehicle without putting it into park and ran from officers, jumping over a fence into neighboring yards. Multiple Brattleboro units and Vermont State Police arrived on scene. A perimeter was set up and a search for the suspect was conducted. The suspect was not located at that time. Later, officers on patrol observed the suspect in the same general location and made contact with him. The suspect again attempted to run. The suspect was apprehended. He was placed under arrest and was found to be in possession of cocaine. While handcuffed, the suspect attempted to escape. He was identified as Chyquan M Cupe. Cupe was transported to the Brattleboro Police Department where he was processed and ordered held on \$2500 bail. He is scheduled to appear in Windham County Superior Court to answer to the charges.

Brattleboro Officers were at a residence on Canal Street searching for a suspect involved in an assault. While searching the residence, Officers observed a male hiding in a rear room closet and ordered him out. Officers recognized the male from prior law enforcement contact as Charles Cassell and knew that he had a 24-hour curfew requiring him to reside at a different residence. A records check confirmed this, and he was arrested. Cassell is scheduled to appear in Windham County Superior Court to answer to the charge.

Brattleboro police responded to the Hotel Pharmacy at 20 Elliot Street for a report of a man who claimed to have a bomb and a gun and was demanding drugs. Police arrived about three minutes later and established a perimeter around the building. The first officer on scene had been on a walking foot beat in the downtown area. After about 7 minutes on scene, based on statements and actions of the suspect, police determined there was imminent risk of further action by the suspect and made entry into the building. The suspect was taken into custody and identified as Devin T. Scott. No firearm or explosive device was located on Scott's person. As part of this investigation police executed a search of Scott's room at a nearby substance abuse treatment facility and additional evidence was seized. No explosive devices were located. Scott was ordered held on \$5000 bail.

Brattleboro Police responded to a residence on Birge Street for a report of a fight. The investigation led officers to look for Jess Forrett, who was believed to still be in the area. Officers located Forrett hiding behind a nearby building on Canal Street. Forrett was taken into custody without incident. He was held on bail to appear in court for the following charges: Second degree domestic assault, reckless endangerment, fourth degree arson, disorderly conduct and unlawful mischief.

Brattleboro Police Department conducted a welfare check at a residence on Canal Street. Investigation revealed that Gary Ewens caused serious bodily injury to another person. Ewens also has previous convictions for domestic assault. Ewens was arrested and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department for processing. Ewens was held in lieu of bail and will appear in Windham Superior Court: Criminal Division to answer to the charges.

The Brattleboro Police Department responded to a residence on Western Avenue for a trespassing complaint. Officers contacted the victim who reported an assault. Investigation revealed that Kristian P. Branley had engaged in an assaultive behavior causing injury and fear to the victim. The victim sustained non-life-threatening injuries. Branley was later located with assistance of the Dover Police Department and the Vermont State Police. Branley was charged with 2nd degree aggravated domestic assault, interference with access to emergency services and an offense committed within the presence of a child. Branley was held without bail and is scheduled to appear in Windham Superior Court: Criminal Division.

Brattleboro Police Department was dispatched to a report of a domestic dispute occurring at the Mountain Home Trailer Park. Investigation showed that Catherine R. Adams-Besancon had assaulted a 31-year-old male. The male sustained non-life-threatening injuries and declined medical assistance. Adams-Besancon was arrested and later released on court ordered conditions and a citation to appear at the Vermont Superior Court – Windham Criminal Division to answer to the charges of Domestic Assault and Interference with Access to Emergency Services.

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 1 officer currently undergoing the 12-week FTO program at the BPD. Completion date is anticipated to be in late December 2018 or early January 2019.

There are 3 candidates attending the 106th class at the Vermont Police Academy. They are scheduled to graduate November 16, 2018 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 2 applicants registered to attend the 107th class at the Vermont Police Academy starting in February 2019.

The Department currently has 1 open position. We are continuously accepting applications as we will anticipate filling vacancies from turnovers. The next available seats at the Vermont Police Academy is for the August 2019 108th class. If successful in all training modules, candidates of the 108th will be certified to work independently at the departments in March of 2020.