

To: Brattleboro Selectboard
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SUBJ: MARCH 2017 MONTHLY REPORT

Summary of Major Activities /Work Projects:

Officers responded to 901 calls for service/incidents along with making 42 arrests resulting in 55 criminal charges. 57 motor vehicle citations were issued along with 384 verbal warnings. Officers also spent approximately 157 hours on walking patrols in the downtown district and other areas of the Town.

Cases of Interest:

Ervin King was issued a citation for the offense of Aggravated Cruelty to Animals. This citation was issued following an ongoing investigation. The investigation was conducted after a Chihuahua/ Yorkie mixed breed dog was found to have sustained serious injuries. Animal Control Officer Cathy Barrows assisted in the investigation. King was ordered to appear in Windham County Superior Court at a later date regarding the offense.

Detectives from Brattleboro Police's Criminal Investigation Division developed probable cause to charge Jonathan S. Lenois with assault and robbery in connection to a robbery that occurred during the early morning hours on November 16, 2016 at the Gulf Station located at 414 Canal Street. Lenois is currently being lodged at the Southern State Correctional Facility on an unrelated offense.

Officers of the Brattleboro Police Department were on patrol on Canal St. when they noticed suspicious activity going on inside of a residence. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of George Gravatt for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Gravatt will appear in Windham County Superior Court: Criminal Division at a later date to face the charge.

Brattleboro Police responded to Landmark Hill for a report of a hit and run. Upon investigation it was determined that MaryBeth Brown struck a parked vehicle, which in-turn, struck another vehicle. Brown then left the scene and returned a brief time later. There were no injuries. Brown was charged with leaving the scene of an accident and careless negligent operation of a vehicle.

Officers of the Brattleboro Police Department responded to a residence on High St. for a citizen dispute. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Scott Panton for Domestic Assault. Injuries from the assault were minor and no one was transported to the hospital. Panton will appear in Windham County Superior Court: Criminal Division at a later date to face the charge.

Brattleboro Police were dispatched to a local business on Putney Road for a report of Unlawful Trespass. Upon investigation it was determined that Diana Dee violated a No Trespass order that was issued by a business. Dee was issued a citation to appear in court at a later date.

Brattleboro Police Department responded to a business on Main St. in the Town of Brattleboro to investigate a report of an intoxicated male in a bank kiosk refusing to leave. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of James Neveu, 61 year old male of Brattleboro for unlawful trespass and disorderly conduct. Neveu was cited and released from the scene and will appear in Windham County Superior Court at a later date to answer to the offenses.

Brattleboro Police Department responded to a business on Putney Rd. to investigate a report of trespassing. Investigation resulted in evidence that Corey Archer, 36 year old male of Brattleboro was in the business in violation of a current no trespass order. Archer was later located and issued a citation to appear for the offense. Archer will appear in Windham County Superior Court at a later date.

The Brattleboro Police Department responded to Hotel Pharmacy located on Elliot Street in Brattleboro for a burglary alarm. Upon arrival Officers determined access had been gained into the pharmacy by forced entry. The officers conducted a search of the interior and did not locate anyone inside. BPD is currently obtaining and reviewing area surveillance video to aid in the investigation.

Brattleboro Police Department responded to the Transportation Center in the Town of Brattleboro to investigate a report of intoxicated males. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Paul Fournier and James Neveu, both of Brattleboro for unlawful trespass. They were arrested and transported to the Brattleboro Police Station for processing. Both were cited and released and will appear in Windham County Superior Court at a later date to answer to the offense.

Brattleboro Police were dispatch to an area on Putney Road for a male that was trying to make entry into a residence. Upon further investigation it was determined that Matthew Johnson had an Extraditable Warrant for the State of New Hampshire. Johnson was arrested and held at the Brattleboro Police Station until his court date.

The Brattleboro Police Department responded to a residence to investigate a 911 hang up call. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Corey Whidden, 26 year old male of Brattleboro for 6 violations of Criminal Contempt. Whidden was transported to the Brattleboro Police Department where he was lodged and held in lieu of \$250 cash bail and until sober. Whidden will appear in Windham County Superior Court to answer to the offense.

While on patrol Brattleboro Officers observed a suspicious vehicle parked on Canal Street with New York plates. Subsequent investigation revealed the vehicle to be stolen. The operator Eugene Bowling 36 of New York was quickly located and arrested. Bowling was held on bail and issued a citation to appear in Windham County Superior Court to answer the charge at a later date.

Brattleboro Police were dispatched to a residence on Canal Street in Brattleboro for a report of a verbal fight. Upon arrival, it was determined that the verbal fight had become physical. Investigations lead to the arrest of Richard Strange for Domestic Assault. Strange was fingerprinted, photographed, and lodged at Brattleboro Police Department, where he was released and will appear at Windham County Superior Court at a later date. Neither party required medical transport.

Brattleboro Police were made aware of an extraditable warrant for Amanda Fogg out of the State of New Hampshire. Police were able to locate Fogg driving a vehicle on Canal Street. When police made contact with Fogg she gave a false name and date of birth. Eventually Fogg gave her real identity and she was arrested and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department where she was processed and held on \$5000.00 cash bail.

Brattleboro Police stopped a car on Elliot Street for defective equipment and expired registration. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Anthony Matias for DUI.

The Brattleboro Police Department responded to a residence on Elliot St. to investigate a report of an intoxicated female yelling outside. On arrival the female was determined to be Ronda Mccarron. Mccarron continued to cause a disturbance and was subsequently taken into custody for disorderly conduct. Mccarron was transported to the Brattleboro Police Department where she was ordered held until sober. Mccarron will appear in Windham County Superior Court at a later date to answer to the offense.

Brattleboro Police came into contact with Lisa Gendron on Brook Street. While dealing with Gendron it was discovered she had three active warrants in the State of Vermont. Gendron was arrested and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department. When Gendron was arrested she was found to be in possession of heroin and crack cocaine. Gendron was held at the Brattleboro Police Department until she could be seen in court.

Brattleboro Police began an investigation into an alleged assault. At the conclusion of this investigation, Bryan E. Tompkins was arrested without incident for the offenses of Domestic Assault and Unlawful Mischief. Tompkins was lodged at the Brattleboro Police Department. Tompkins will appear in the Windham Superior Court: Criminal Division to answer to this charge.

Brattleboro Officers responded to a residence on Fairground Rd. regarding a man threatening people with a gun. Upon arrival, Officers arrested Derek J. Root, 36, for Reckless Endangerment. While taking Root into custody he assaulted an officer. Root will appear in court at a later date to face the charges of Reckless Endangerment and Assault on an Officer. No one was treated for injuries. A firearm was seized on scene.

Officers of the Brattleboro Police Department stopped a vehicle that had been reported stolen. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Timothy Wainwright (41, homeless). Wainwright was also found to have an extraditable arrest warrant for multiple felony thefts out the State of New Hampshire. Wainwright was held in lieu of \$25,000 bail and will appear in court to answer to the charges of Possession of Stolen Property, Driving with a Criminally Suspended License and being a Fugitive from Justice.

The Brattleboro Police Department responded to the Whetstone Brook behind 125 Canal St. for a possible body in the water. Brattleboro Police Department arrived on scene and found a male subject who was unconscious and not breathing in the water. There was no danger to the public. The investigation is still ongoing.

Special Meetings/Communications/Events:

Community Equity Collaborative: Their vision is that the greater Brattleboro area is recognized as an open and welcoming epicenter celebrating diversity free of prejudice and discrimination of all kinds. Their mission is to sustain existing and support new initiatives, activities and programs that unify and galvanize our community to achieve our vision. During the quarterly meetings we discuss the impact of current events between law enforcement and their communities, current BPD recruitment and hiring strategy and the celebration of Diversity.

Brattleboro Area Prevention Coalition: Monthly meeting consists of developing strategies in helping others to make smart choices in life. Attendees include representatives from BAPC, BPD, Vermont Department of Health, WCSO, Youth Services, and various mental health agencies.

District Leadership Team holds monthly meetings which are represented by a large audience made up from but not limited to; VT Dept. of Health, Law Enforcement, DOC, HCRS, BACP, Groundworks, Brattleboro Retreat, DCF and various rehabilitation agencies. The goals of the committee are many. To reduce addiction and the destruction it causes to the lives of the citizens in Windham County and help to connect those in need to the proper services.

Officer's and staff also made numerous appearances to meet and discuss the concerns of the citizens at the senior center, elementary schools and community centers. The topics included personal safety, crime trends, homelessness and internet safety. The Brattleboro Police Department continues to make great 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:

Continue to monitor the FY 2017 budget.

Staffing:

The Department is currently down four positions. Officer's Bradley Penniman and Sean Wilson have completed the Field Training Program and are assigned to shifts.

Sgt Adam Belville resigned early this month to take a position with the Springfield (VT) Police Department.

We have one cadet that is currently attending the Vermont Police Academy. Graduation from basic training is in May followed by a three week post basic course held at the Vermont Police Academy.

We are currently conducting background checks on several applicants for the three vacant positions.