

To: Brattleboro Selectboard
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SUBJ: NOVEMBER 2017 MONTHLY REPORT

Summary of Major Activities/Work Projects:

Officers responded to 816 calls for service/incidents and made 25 arrests resulting in 34 criminal charges. Included in these calls for service were 11 overdoses with 1 resulting in a death. This does not mean there were only 11 overdoses and 1 OD-death in Brattleboro for this period. It merely means that these are the numbers that were responded to by police.

32 vehicle operation citations were issued along with 434 warnings. Officers spent approximately 224 hours on foot patrol in the downtown area as well as other neighborhoods and parks in Town.

Cases of Interest:

While on a foot patrol downtown an officer noticed two suspicious men behind a business. The officer investigated and found one of them was preparing to use heroin. He was arrested for possession of heroin and in addition to being cited into court, was referred to community resources available to him for treatment.

Brattleboro police responded to a report of a man yelling, swearing, and gesturing with fists at people in the downtown area. An officer located the man and cited him for disorderly conduct. The officer suspected the subject may be struggling with mental health issues. The department social worker is aware of the situation as well and may be able to assist the subject.

Brattleboro police responded to a report of a pedestrian collision on Canal Street near Clark Avenue. The collision occurred near an intersection and was very slow speed. No injuries or property damage were reported.

A man who suffers from significant substance abuse problems and is homeless was arrested six times for trespassing in the transportation center. BPD continues to work with pre-trial services, the state's attorney's office, and other service organizations to obtain assistance for him.

Brattleboro police responded to a report of a hit and run vehicle collision on Main Street near Elliot Street. A 26 year old woman on scene claimed that she had been driving. With the help of several citizens in the area BPD determined that a man had been driving and fled the scene before police arrived. The woman was arrested for providing a false statement to police. Following an investigation the 26 year old man was identified and arrested for leaving the scene of a collision.

An officer in the downtown area saw a suspect running from employees of a local business. The 42 year old man was caught and arrested for retail theft. He also had an outstanding warrant for another retail theft offense. He was held on \$5,000 bail. All of the stolen property was recovered.

Brattleboro Police responded to Western Ave. for a report of a cyclist crash. Investigation determined that a male traveling east on Western Ave. drove his bicycle into a parked vehicle as he turned his head to check for traffic. The male sustained non-life threatening injuries and was transported to the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital. The vehicle sustained substantial damage to its rear-end. The vehicle was able to be driven from the scene and it was unoccupied during the incident.

Brattleboro Police responded to the area of 972 Putney Road for a report of a motor vehicle collision. It was advised that an operator of one of the vehicles fled on foot. Brattleboro Fire and Rescue Inc. also responded. Upon arrival, witnesses advised a male who was operating a red 2006 Ford Focus had fled on foot to a motel on Putney Road. The other operator had suffered minor injuries. Brattleboro Police were able to locate Keith A. Harvey at a motel on Putney Road. Through investigation it was determined that Harvey was the operator who fled on foot. Harvey was subsequently placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence and Leaving the Scene of an Accident. Harvey was transported to the Brattleboro Police Department where he was lodged and ordered held until sober. Harvey was later issued a citation to appear in court on 12/05/2017 to answer the charges.

Brattleboro officers responded to a local business on Main Street on a report of a theft. The business was able to provide officers with video surveillance footage of the suspect. Officers were later able to identify the suspect as William J Cayton 23 of Jamaica Vermont. He was later located and charged with Retail Theft.

On officer on foot patrol downtown located a subject trespassing in a public lot. The subject had been previously banned from the lot for drinking alcohol in an open container in public. The 30 year old man was arrested and issued a citation for unlawful trespass.

While conducting a car stop an officer located illegally possessed prescription drugs in the possession of a passenger. The 21 year old man from New York was arrested and issued a citation to court.

Brattleboro Officers were conducting a routine patrol and observed Delmas Ortiz in a vehicle traveling east on Elm Street. Ortiz was known to have multiple outstanding felony warrants. Officers tried to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle and Ortiz jumped out of the vehicle and began running. Officers gave chase and later set up a perimeter. Ortiz was eventually located and placed under arrest. In addition to the warrants, he was charged with resisting arrest and violating conditions of release. He was transported to the Brattleboro Police Department where he was lodged.

Brattleboro Police were dispatched to a residence on Elliot St for the report of an intruder. Through investigation, it was determined that a physical altercation took place between the 19 year old suspect and a 21 year old female who resides at the residence. The man had previously been trespassed from the residence and was arrested and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department. He was charged with trespassing and domestic assault.

Brattleboro police responded to a complaint of a 37 year old man violating an abuse prevention order by contacting the plaintiff in the order. Following an investigation the man was arrested and cited to court.

Brattleboro police responded to a single vehicle collision on Gibson Road. The 19 year old operator was treated by Rescue Inc and taken to the hospital for non-life threatening injuries. She was subsequently arrested for DUI.

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.

Some examples of the type of work we do include:

- 1) An officer meeting with five of the six kindergarten classes in town to discuss police officers and police work.
- 2) Two officers went to neighborhood homes on the south end of town and did home safety inspections and offered advice.
- 3) Officers met with parents at sporting events at the West River Park and the skating rink and discussed student and athlete safety.
- 4) Overnight shift officers met with staff from various hotels to discuss best practices when interacting with suspicious people and the police.
- 5) Attended "Battle of the Bands" and interacted with youth and parents.
- 6) An officer spoke to 5th and 6th grade leadership committee students from Green Street and Oak Grove Schools.

Budget Concerns/Impacts:

We continue to monitor the FY 2018 budget. We have prepared and submitted a budget proposal for FY19 to the town manager and look forward to participating in the annual budget development process.

Staffing:

The Department is currently down five positions.

Three candidates were extended a "conditional offer of employment" for the February 2018 academy class providing they successfully complete the background investigation, physical fitness test and orientation. They have successfully completed the background investigation requirements and will attend training next year, provided they pass the final fitness test in January.

Applications and interviews for the remaining open positions will take place in December 2017.