



# POLICE COMMISSION

Manchester Police Department  
405 Valley Street  
Manchester, NH 03103

## MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2016 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The Regular Monthly Meeting was held at Police Headquarters on March 2, 2016, at 09:00 hours.

**Present:** Comm. Mark Roy (Chairman), Eva Castillo-Turgeon, Comm. Steven Spain, Comm. Scott Spradling, Capt. Jonathan Hopkins, Capt. Maureen Tessier, Capt. Jim Soucy, Capt. Todd Boucher, Capt. Mark Sanclemente, Lt. Andrew Vincent, and Kim Demers (Secretary).

**Member of the Public:** Carol Robidoux.

**Absent:** Comm. Bill Clifford, Chief Nick Willard, and Assist. Chief Carlo Capano.

### 1. NOTICES POSTED / APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- Comm. Roy led a moment of silence prior to the meeting.
- The Commission was advised that the notices had been posted at City Hall, the City Library, as well as on the MPD's website homepage, event calendar, and blog.
- Commissioners unanimously approved the minutes of the March 2, 2016, meeting.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Carol Robidoux, Publisher/Editor of the Manchester Ink Link newsletter, advised she had no specific comments.

### 3. DIVISIONAL REPORTS

#### Patrol Division – Lt. Vincent:

- Twenty-five officers who completed Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training in March have been IDed as such on the shift rosters.
- ALERRT: 25 officers are scheduled to attend the two-day training, April 25 and 26. Twenty-five more officers will attend another scheduled training June 27 and 28 and another training session planned for August. MPD only NH agency who has all sworn personnel trained. (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training.)
- Several officers have been trained for positions on the Critical Incident Management Team (CIMT). Officer Fraitzl is the head of the in-house team.
- Officers Richard Valenti Jr. and Thomas McAuliffe have been selected as new K-9 officers and will attend the academy scheduled to begin April 19. Ald. Hirschmann conducted a fundraiser and donated proceeds to the K-9 Unit.
- Five officers hired June 2015 have completed their FTO training and assigned to shifts. Three officers are currently out injured and two officers are on long-term military assignments and a third to be deployed in May.
- Lt. Vincent continues to monitor patrol officer schedules and allows vacation days for officers as work schedules permit.
- Traffic Unit will conduct its first sobriety checkpoint in April. They assisted with the funerals of two State Police troopers and they are involved in the planning of walks and footraces.

#### Questions/Comments/Discussion:

- Comm. Roy inquired if MPD had had any word on how the two officers currently on military duty are doing. Lt. Vincent advised that Sgt. Aldenberg, who is the PD's military liaison, reports both are doing fine.

#### Investigative Division – Capt. Soucy:

- The Investigative Division currently has 200 open cases. The Chief and Assistant Chief were recently provided a status update on store robberies.
- Two homicide cases are still continually being investigated. The Pittman homicide, for which Det. Houghton is the lead investigator, had four subjects indicted on March 18. Charges on other suspects still pending. Detectives are following all leads on the Robert homicide.
- Det. Penttinen recently completed a fraud case that involved skimming. The victim was so happy with the outcome of the investigation that he will be making a donation to MPD.
- Since the arrest of Tyler Murray, the burglary numbers have gone down significantly.
- Rewrote policies on storage of firearms in evidence and the process for concealed carry gun licenses.
- Juvenile detectives Tremblay and Solari are very busy with cyber forensics.
- Due to recent child/infant deaths, Lt. Ledoux has been testifying before a Senate committee reference the child endangerment statutes.

### **Community Policing Division – Capt. Boucher:**

- Officers completed rifle training.
- Mounted Unit participated in training in MA with various other agencies.
- Officer Linstad attended a two day school at UNH regarding Managing Tactical Teams.
- Sgt. Biron instructed the new recruit class in CPR, AED, and tactical first aid.
- We assisted SED with Operation Granite Hammer.
- Work with the Railway Police and Alderman Levasseur to address camps in the area of Fisher Cat Stadium.
- Addressing complaints of heavy marijuana usage taking place in the Lakeshore Road area six plus arrests have been made between CP and Patrol.
- Looking into complaints of drug and prostitution activity taking place at the dead end of Robinson Road.
- Investigating complaints of a Backpage prostitution operation at an inner city address.
- MPAL Building on Hope Project continues moving along full speed. BMA approved \$500,000 loan and waived all building permit fees. Thank you to Carol Robidoux for media coverage.
- Held North End and Rimmon Heights watch group meetings.
- Conducted numerous presentations to include: Security surveys, personal safety presentations, Active Shooter Response and lockdown training for a variety of locations
- Officer Linstad conducted a mock crime scene investigation for the Cub Scouts at St Pius Church on Candia Road.
- Lt. O’Keefe participated in a “pie in the face” publicity stunt for the Ringling Brothers Circus. For participating he received 100 free tickets.

### **Special Enforcement Division – Capt. Sanclemente:**

- Operation Granite Hammer 8 conducted March 8. Totals for the eight operations include: 94 arrests and seizures of drugs, firearms, vehicles and cash.
- Conducted a search warrant at 432 Shasta Street, shutting down a major source of drugs.
- Detectives Dan Doherty and Matt Jajuga attended a two-week basic narcotics school in Rhode Island.
- Several members of the SWAT team attended leadership and liability training.
- The SWAT team welcomed Officer Andrew Choi as a new member and bid farewell to Sgt. Knight for his 13 years of service.
- SWAT trained at the Sig Academy and snipers trained in Auburn.
- Several members of the department attended a Verizon arena tabletop exercise at the fire department emergency operations center. The exercise played out an active shooter scenario and the overall consensus was that the exercise was well done and well worth the efforts put forth.
- SIU continues efforts to target drug trafficking organizations.

### **Legal Division – Capt. Tessier:**

- Pretty much business as usual in Legal and Records.
- OVB had a bit of a backlog entering parking tickets when the handheld devices used by parking control officers had to be sent out for repairs.
- The Sex Offender Compliance Unit continue to be busy with registering and monitoring 522 offenders. Will be partnering with the US Marshals Service, which has grant moneys to finance compliance checks.
- Conducted a workload assessment of Records personnel and as a result redistributed some of the duties, especially with regard to removing some court duties from the unit’s supervisor so she can direct more time to supervisory responsibilities.
- A Veterans’ Court is to be implemented and will run on the bases of the current family court. Many crimes committed by veterans are rooted in PTSD. Veterans will be able to receive services tailored specifically for them through the VA hospital.
- Juvenile prosecutor Candice Thomas has been working on some “riot” cases in which a number of juveniles have ganged up and beaten one individual. She recently did a “warrant blast” for nine subjects with a warrant for a tenth subject to come. Eight out of the nine subjects were detained.

### **Questions/Comments/Discussion:**

- Comm. Spradling inquired as to the timeline for start of the Veterans’ Court. Capt. Tessier did not have an exact date, but it should be soon.
- Comm. Roy inquired if there was grant funding available for veteran housing. Capt. Tessier did not have an answer.

### **Administrative Division – Capt. Hopkins:**

- Communications hired two new dispatchers on April 4. There is still one vacancy, due to a recent resignation. Applications to fill the vacancy are currently being reviewed.

- A new Records Management system is being looked at.
- Fleet has acquired ten new PD vehicles for fiscal year 2016. Route cars have been replaced and some old vehicles were kept as spares.
- Will be getting some painting done inside the building.
- Recruits hired April 4 are doing well. Still four vacancies to fill and will be holding a police officer test August 6.

**Questions/Comments/Discussion:**

- Comm. Spradling recalled mention at previous meetings of problems with the mobile terminals in the cruisers. Capt. Hopkins advised the issues had been resolved.
- Comm. Roy inquired if the SUV style cruiser is working out well. Capt. Hopkins advised that there have been no issues, although they are more costly to repair when involved in accidents.

#### **4. RETIREMENTS / RESIGNATIONS**

- Dispatcher John Mulvey resigned effective March 29, 2016, after serving with MPD since October 2013.

#### **5. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING / MOTION TO ADJOURN**

The date of the next commission meeting was set for:

**WEDNESDAY, May 4, 2016, AT 09:00 HOURS**

There being no further business to discuss, the regular session of the meeting adjourned at 9:40 hours.

#### **6. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Commission entered Executive Session and the content of the session shall remain confidential.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Kim Demers, Secretary

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