

**BERLIN POLICE COMMISSION  
MONTHLY MEETING  
PUBLIC SESSION**

**DATE:** MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022  
**TIME:** 2:00 P.M.  
**PLACE:** BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Comm. Nault at 1:59 P.M.

**II. Roll Call:** Commissioners Nault, Tremblay, and Morin were present.

**Others Present:** Chief Buteau, Capt. Lemoine, and Jenn Cloutier.

**Recorded by:** Kimberly Bijeau

**III. Acceptance of Minutes of June 9, 2022:** Minutes were unanimously accepted as printed, on a motion by Comm. Tremblay, seconded by Comm. Morin.

**IV. Monthly Financial Report:** Discussion reference the Computers and Support, Clothing Allowance, and Longevity line items. The report was unanimously accepted on a motion by Comm. Morin, seconded by Comm. Tremblay.

**V. Old Business**

**A. 2023 Budget:** Passed as is with no changes.

**B. SRO Candidate:** Another candidate coming in next week. From N.C. and is certified but will need to get his NH Certification. Have a meeting set up with the school. A conditional offer has been issued to Madyson Wentworth.

**C. ATV Festival Planning:** Final meeting next Tuesday. The Sheriff's department typically assists with patrol out on the trails. Expect ATV traffic to start picking up this weekend and go through the next couple weeks. Tim Godin and Danny Arguin will be helping out during the festival. Roland Gosselin will assist with traffic control.

**D. Other:** Nothing.

**VI. New Business**

**A. Lamontagne Retirement:** Tried to get Roland to attend today's meeting, however he was called in to work. Would like to do a presentation in front of the Commission.

**B. Granite Shield Warrant Sweep:** Target dangerous drugs in the area. Grant runs July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 and is a multiagency grant. Recent warrant sweep arrested 13 people on various drug related warrants.

- C. **Active Shooter Policy:** Reviewing PD policy. Have had one meeting and have an additional meeting scheduled.
- D. **P.E.T. Officer Position:** (Prevention Enforcement Treatment Officer) Multiyear grant. Cpl. Stapleton has shown an interest in the position. Will meet with victims/families to try to get people into treatment. The department is one of the first to get the final approval to move forward and make use of the monies.
- E. **Drug Overdose Meeting:** Seen an uptick in suspected drug overdoses. Capt. Lemoine advised that there has been 14 deaths since October with two being in the past five days. Met with local DTF and various other agencies. 13-20 people plan to meet Thursday to discuss how best to deal with the issue including subjects from the CDC, DEA, SP, and DTF.
- F. **AVH Meeting:** Assisted with going over hospital security ref active shooter issues.
- G. **Special Olympics Presentation:** NHCOP donation check presented to Karen Turgeon.
- H. **Legislative Changes:** First Responder: classifies dispatchers as 1<sup>st</sup> responders. OHRV law changes discussed and effective August 30, 2022. Discussion ref person's carrying a loaded firearm while operating an OHRV. HB 1178 discussion with ref to legislation pertaining to the right to carry and executive orders vs. states.
- I. **Cross Machine Cell Quote:** Quote to redo the cell area: \$77,000 including demo, supplies, and installation.
- J. **Generator Issues & Cost:** Circuit control board: over \$3,000 cost.
- K. **Furnace Issues & Cost:** Discussion with ref to the use of KR Heating & Repairs vs Grafton Mechanical.
- L. **Training:** Nothing recent; lighter during the summer months.
- M. **Hiring:** Conditional offer to Madyson Wentworth; brother and father both worked in Littleton.
- N. **Statistics:** Statistics were reviewed and discussed.
- O. **Correspondence:** The chief highlighted several thank you notes and cards.
  - National blood tube shortage
  - 988 up and running: suicide hotline as of July 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - 91a request from WMUR
  - US Forest Service assistance in Kilkenny.
  - SAU3 ref helping with Homeland Security Report.
  - Attaboy for Dispatcher Laflamme from BFD Gary Peters.
- P. **Other:** Nothing

**VII. Public Comments:** None.

**VIII. Adjournment of Public Meeting:** At 3:02 p.m., Comm. Tremblay motioned, with a second by Comm. Morin, to move into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II (c), (d), and (e). The Commission entered non-public session by roll call vote with all members voting in the affirmative. Public session reconvened at 3:50 p.m. There were no decisions made in non-public session, and minutes were sealed on a motion by Comm. Tremblay, seconded by Comm. Morin, carried unanimously by Comm. Nault, as their release could adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a member of the Commission.

Comm. Morin then motioned, with a second by Comm. Tremblay, to adjourn the public meeting; so moved. Due to scheduling, there will be no August meeting unless an immediate need arises. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 12th at 2:00 p.m.