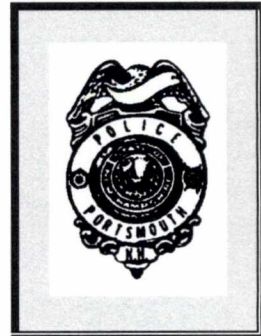


BOARD of POLICE COMMISSIONERS

of the

City of Portsmouth, N.H.



Chairman Joseph J. Onosko...Commissioner Stefany Shaheen...Commissioner Thomas P. Hart

"Providing Citizen Oversight of Your Police Department"

NOTICE: The Police Commission has a dedicated phone number at the police department.

You can call the Commissioners at 603-610-7471 and leave a message regarding your concerns, along with your name and a telephone number. The Commissioners will be advised of your message and someone will return your call in a timely fashion. EMAIL: You can also email the Commissioners directly through the Police Department webpage, by clicking on "Police Commission", and then clicking on any of the Commissioners' names.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: July 28, 2020 (Tuesday)
LOCATION &
TIME: 4:00 p.m., Open Zoom Meeting & Enter Non-Public – See Note Below
5:30 p.m., Resume Public Zoom Meeting

How to Join the Zoom Meeting:

- You are required to register in advance to join the meeting over Zoom.
- To register for this meeting, click on the link below or copy and paste it into your web browser:
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5YVqMKdPTXyMY7GGeV15Pg
- After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. A unique meeting ID and password will be provided as well in the email.
- Please note, this meeting will also be broadcast on the City's YouTube Channel. Public comments for the Commission's consideration can be emailed in advance per the instructions in blue at the top of this page.

NOTE ON THE MEETING START TIME: The meeting will start at 4:00 p.m. via the City's Zoom Platform. It is anticipated the Commission will go into a non-public session immediately, as provided for under RSA 91-A:3 II (d) "Consideration of the purchase, sale, or lease of real or personal property which if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are averse to those of the general community." The public session will then resume after the non-public session is finished, which should be at or about 5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON:

June 23rd, and July 14th, 2020. (Anticipated Action: A motion will be made to accept the minutes of the June 23rd, and July 14th, 2020 meeting as written, or with edits.)

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Individual comment is limited to five minutes.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. POLICE COMMISSION:

- 1.) Update on Building Following Water Damage
- 2.) Summary of the 7/14 Community Forum and Next Steps
- 3.) PD Mask Policy and Officer Safety Supplies

B. CHIEF OF POLICE:

1. Recognitions for Outstanding Police Work
2. Grants & Donations:
 - a. A grant in the amount of \$24,759 from the New Hampshire Dept. of Justice for the Victims of Crime Act Grant Program, SFY '21 Subgrant Award. (Anticipated Action: A motion will be made to accept the \$24,759 for the Victims of Crime Act Grant Program, SFY '21 Subgrant Award, and forward to the City Council for their action.)
3. Equipment Purchase
4. Letters of Appreciation from Outside the Department
5. Accreditation Update
6. Monthly Traffic Stats
7. Financial Report – Karen Senecal
 - a. Strategic Plan

- b. Grant Applications Update
- c. Facilities Report

C. PATROL DIVISION:

This report is included in the commission packet.

VI. COURT OFFICE REPORT

This report is included in the commission packet.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS/OTHER BUSINESS: None

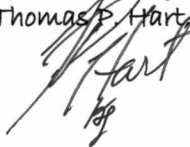
VIII. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at the usual 4:00/5:30 start time. (See note at the beginning of this agenda for a start time explanation.) Please check the meetings calendar on the city's website as the date approaches for cancellations or changes to the time or meeting location.

NOTICE to members of the public who are hearing impaired: Applies only to in-person meetings in Council Chambers - If you wish to attend a meeting and need assistance, please contact City Human Resources at 431-2000 ext. 7270 prior to the scheduled meeting. Thank You.

Kathe Louque, Executive Assistant to the Chief

(Posted on July 24, 2020)

Commissioner Thomas P. Hart, Clerk of the Commission



MINUTES
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PORTSMOUTH POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE JULY 14TH, 2020 POLICE COMMISSION FORUM ON POLICING IN OUR COMMUNITY GOING FORWARD

6:00 p.m. Public Session – Via City's Zoom Meeting Platform

**Joseph J. Onosko, Chair
Stefany Shaheen, Commissioner
Thomas Hart, Commissioner**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The July 14th, 2020 Special Police Commission Forum was called to order at 6:03 p.m. via the City's Zoom Meeting Platform.

The following people were present: Commissioners Onosko, Shaheen, and Hart, Chief Robert Merner, Admin. Manager Karen Senecal, Exec. Assistant Kathleen Levesque, members of the Department and the public.

- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Onosko led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- III. **INTRODUCTION:**
The Commission Chair gave a brief overview of the Department's organizational chart. Commissioner Shaheen added the Police Commission is an elected body, and each Commissioner serves a 4 year-term.

- IV. **CHIEF MERNER:**
Using a PowerPoint for the benefit of the public, Chief Merner gave a thorough overview of the Portsmouth Police Department's practices, starting with our rigorous hiring process. He asked each of the following members of the Command Staff to speak to their areas of responsibility:

- Lt. Kinsman spoke about the comprehensive training Portsmouth Police Officers receive. In particular, he covered de-escalation training in response to resistance, which every officer receives. De-escalation is also part of defensive tactics training.

Note: Commissioner Shaheen asked if the training timeline required to equip a new officer could be explained for the public. Lt. Cummings laid out the process new officers go through. A total of 160 days are required to prepare an officer to work solo on the street, providing public safety. For officers coming to Portsmouth from another police department, this period is a bit shorter.

- Capt. Maloney – The Captain explained the structure in place to provide internal oversight on an ongoing basis over every officer, at every rank, every shift. He also referred to the organizational structure put in place by Chief Merner that places a street sergeant on-scene providing direct supervision of responding officers in real time. This was not always possible in previous staffing models used for patrol. Captain Maloney also briefly touched on how complaints from citizens about the conduct of officers are handled by the Department.
- Capt. Sergeant – Under Chief Mara, a Professional Standards Department was created and every SOP was reviewed line-by-line. A lieutenant at the time, Capt. Sargent re-wrote nearly every Standard Operating Procedure, and completely overhauled the Department's Rules & Regulations.
- Accreditation Manager Jackie Burnett – Ms. Burnett described the accreditation process the Department began under Chief Mara and continued by Chief Merner, to achieve CALEA certification. She also outlined the continual process required by CALEA to demonstrate to the national accrediting body the Portsmouth Police are following the standards set forth. This includes the collection and submission of 1,000 proofs of compliance every single year, along with a remote annual file review. In addition to the annual review, every two years the Portsmouth Police must conduct a community satisfaction survey and every four years the Department undergoes an on-site audit and file review.
- Capt. Newport – The Captain reviewed the extensive community network the Department is involved in primarily through the Community Policing Liaison Officer, but also through the Command Staff and other individual officers. These provide community outreach services, trainings, and other police/community events, both large and small. Chief Merner added some information on what we have in place to provide support and outreach to persons dealing with mental health challenges.

V. FORUM TOPICS:

a.) “8CantWait” – As he did at the monthly Commission Meeting in June, Chief Merner spoke to each of the eight elements of this document developed by the **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)**. He asked Lt. Kinsman to briefly review the comprehensive reporting required by the Portsmouth Police Department should any of an officer’s law enforcement equipment be deployed in response to resistance, or an accident involving an officer, a vehicle pursuit, etc. The Lieutenant described a very strict and rigorous process of reporting and committee review.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chair open the Forum up to questions and suggestions from the public. The following individuals offered comments and/or questions to either Chief Merner or to the Commissioners:

1.) Henry Klementowicz – Mr. Klementowicz said he is a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union. He asked if Portsmouth could provide reporting on the racial make-up of all persons who have interactions with police. Chief Merner addressed the issues raised by Mr. Klementowicz, and directed the public to the Department website where the CALEA-mandated reports on this subject are posted.

2.) Lisa Wolford – Ms. Wolford thanked the Commission and the Department for the work they do. Her question addressed funding. After providing a context, she said she felt the root causes for many of the reasons people have contacts with police (i.e. food insecurity, mental health issues, homelessness, etc.) also need to be addressed and she felt the police needed to be part of that conversation and part of the solutions developed.

She also asked if government institutions were just pouring money into the criminal justice system, or were they in fact addressing underlying issues that precipitate someone finding themselves in the system.

3.) Mike Ippolito – Mr. Ippolito felt there were many people here in Portsmouth who feel they are targeted by police; people who do not feel safe, but feel threatened by police. He said he didn’t think this forum provided a safe space for anybody who feels threatened by police, because of the presence of police command staff on the panel. He didn’t think the Commission had provided a space where they could voice their criticisms.

He felt this forum was not a space where such people could bring their concerns forward. He felt there needs to be different forms of dialogue that do not include police at all. The Commission Chair addressed his concern, indicated a second forum would be held in the fall, probably in September. The Chair added he continually invites citizens to reach out to him or the other Commissioners personally, or through the website, where all the Commissioner's cell phone numbers are published. He said in his five years on the Commission, very few people have contacted the Commissioners, who are themselves citizens, to express the kinds of concerns Mr. Ippolito spoke about.

4.) Ms. Danielle Miles – Ms. Miles asked the following questions:

- She wanted to know if the Portsmouth Police have specific language that bans choke holds. Chief Merner addressed her question and asked Lt. Kinsman to read the actual language from our SOP.
- She also wished to know if as a department, did Portsmouth Police have any goals to make the demographic of the department match the demographic of the city with regard to race and gender. Lt. Cummings explained what the Department is doing to address this area of recruiting.

NOTE: Ms. Wolford, who had spoken earlier, said she would take Commissioner Shaheen up on her offer to meet regarding interactions that she personally has had with officers in Portsmouth.

Questions from Ms. Miles, cont'd.:

- Are there specific provisions in place in the form of training to address implicit bias and cultural competency for our officers. Chief Merner indicated Lt. Cummings is currently culling through the plethora of offers currently flooding the market in response to the tragedy in Minneapolis. He said he wants to insure the Department spends its training dollars on sound, well-grounded training in this area, and that requires considerable vetting of what is on the market.

5.) Mr. Richard Samdperil – Mr. Samdperil is a defense lawyer. Attorney Samdperil said he believes there is a risk for the Commissioners and the Chief to feel that because of all the things the Portsmouth Police are already doing and have in place, there might be this false sense of security that there is no risk of a tragedy occurring here.

- He asked the Panel what has changed for them in the last two months about how they as Commissioners and as the Chief look at the police budget and at the types of people being looked at as officer candidates? All three of the Commissioners addressed his question and added their own

concerns and ideas. Chief Merner added information on what is being looked at currently to fill in the gaps experienced by under-served and disadvantaged persons or their children. He said we (the police) can serve as a conduit to help such people access the services that are needed; very often, police officers are the responders of last resort for much of this population. Atty. Samdperil asked if the current police budget structure is the right budget structure to have in place in light of these things.

6.) Stephanie Hausman – Ms. Hausman is a public defender. She said her primary concern is systemic racism in policing. She wanted to know how the Department handles a complaint of racial profiling or bias. Chief Merner explained that we have an early warning system in place which allows us an overall look at a particular event, as well as a look at the history of the officer(s). Lt. Kinsman added additional information about the early warning system.

- Ms. Hausman asked in the event there is a motion to suppress in a particular case, is there a mechanism in place that would let the judge know if the officer has done anything unconstitutional. Capt. Sargent explained if there is a motion to suppress, there would be a hearing and that officer would have to testify. Chief Merner said he felt the court would notify the department, but also felt some aspects of the reporting mechanism between the police and the court could be improved.

7.) Mr. Bill Downey – Mr. Downey asked if the department or the city have a COVID policy, and wanted to know how the Chief or the Commission felt about the mask-wearing policy being considered by the City. Chief Merner explained the Department's early response steps and policies which have been in place starting back on March 2nd. He also indicated he felt it was not effective policy to place police officers in the position of having to issue summonses to private citizens who are not wearing masks.

8.) Mr. Arthur Clough – Mr. Clough described a number of adverse contacts he and members of his family have had over the course of many years with Portsmouth Police Officers, most of whom are no longer with the Department, though a couple are. He still does not personally feel people can feel safe in coming forward to make complaints against members of the Department. He said he has PTSD as a result of his police interactions, and still feels fearful of the Portsmouth Police.

VII. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

There being no other persons wishing to address the Commission or Chief Merner, the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn.

Action: Commissioner Shaheen moved to adjourn the July 14th, 2020 Special Police Forum on Policing in Portsmouth Going Forward.

Seconded by Commissioner Hart.

On a Roll Call Vote: The motion passed to adjourn the July 14th, 2020 Special Police Forum on Policing in Portsmouth Going Forward. The Forum ended at 8:35p.m. The vote was as follows:

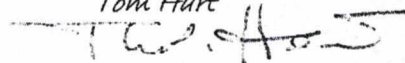
Commissioner Onosko:	"Aye"
Commissioner Shaheen:	"Aye"
Commissioner Hart:	"Aye"

END OF MEETING

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*Respectfully Submitted By Kathleen Levesque, Executive Assistant
Reviewed By Commissioner Thomas P. Hart, Clerk of the Commission*

Tom Hart



PORTSMOUTH POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23RD, 2020 POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
5:30 p.m. Public Session – Zoom Meeting Platform

Joseph J. Onosko, Chair
Stefany Shaheen, Commissioner
Thomas Hart, Commissioner

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The June 23rd, 2020 monthly Police Commission meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Wm. Mortimer Room of the police department for the purpose of going into non-public session.

The Chair called for a motion to go into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91:A, 3-II (d), “consideration of the purchase, sale, or lease of real or personal property...”

Action: Commissioner Shaheen moved to enter non-public session for the purposes delineated above.

Seconded by Commissioner Hart.

On a Roll Call Vote: The motion passed to go into non-public session at 4:00 p.m. the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Onosko	“Aye”
Commissioner Shaheen	“Aye”
Commissioner Hart	“Aye”

The public session was called back to order at 5:41 p.m. via the city’s Zoom platform.

The following people were present via Zoom: Commissioners Onosko, Shaheen, and Hart, Chief Robert Merner, Admin. Manager Karen Senecal, Exec. Assistant Kathleen Levesque, two Portsmouth Residents.

- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. MOTION TO SUSPEND THE AGENDA:

The Chair asked for a motion to suspend the agenda and move to the first item under the Chief's Report.

Action: Commissioner Shaheen moved to suspend the agenda and take up the first item under the Chief's Report.

Seconded by Commissioner Hart.

On a Roll Call Vote: The motion passed to suspend the agenda and move to the first item under the Chief's Report. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Onosko	"Aye"
Commissioner Shaheen	"Aye"
Commissioner Hart	"Aye"

IV. A. CHIEF OF POLICE:

1. Chief Merner acknowledged the retirements of two long-time police employees: Auxiliary Lieutenant Dave Succi, who served 32+ years in the auxiliary unit, and Mr. James Gaskell, who served 12 years as an emergency dispatcher, and 20 years as an Evidence Technician, retiring with 32 years of service and a National Certification in Forensic Evidence Management.

The Chair returned to the agenda and asked for a motion to accept the minutes.

V. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

The Chair asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the May 26th 2020 meeting, as written or with corrections.

Action: Commissioner Shaheen moved to accept the minutes of the May 26, 2020 meeting as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Hart.

On a Roll Call Vote: The motion passed to accept the above captioned meeting minutes as written. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Onosko:	"Aye"
Commissioner Splaine:	"Aye"
Commissioner Shaheen:	"Aye"

- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT:** (The following is a brief summary of each person's comments, and represents the speaker's personal opinion. The entire meeting can be viewed online by going to the City's website and scrolling down the home page of the City's website to "Recent Meeting Broadcast", or "City YouTube Channel..." which is in the blue box just below it.)

Jay Lieberman, 269 Wiberd Street – Mr. Lieberman commented on what he believes is too much emphasis on the militarization of police departments. He asked the Police Commission and the Chief if they would assure Mr. Lieberman that drones will not be used to surveil private citizens.

Lisa Wolferd – 111 Newcastle Avenue – Ms. Wolferd expressed interest in hearing whether or not the Commission is looking at the issues that have arisen from recent national events and public protests. She indicated that in looking at tonight's agenda for the Commission, she did feel these issues were going to be addressed, and said she would stay on the Zoom meeting to hear what was discussed.

There being no other persons wishing to speak, the Chair closed the public comment session.

- VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. POLICE COMMISSION:

1. Public Forum: Policing in Our Community Going Forward. – This event is planned for Tuesday, July 14th, 2020 from 6-8 p.m. It will be an in-depth look at current policing in Portsmouth and will include documents and data that will be made available ahead of time. People are encouraged to ask questions and express their ideas.
2. Summary: Recent Police Protests in Portsmouth:
May 4th, 2020: Black Lives Matter Event, (a protest and march). The Department was able to connect with the event organizers. The program consisted of a march and a speaking program. Participants numbered between 1200-1300 people. Counter-protesters exercising their first amendment right were a possibility, and our first priority always is assuring people's safety. Chief Merner went into some detail explaining the Department's use of a PD drone during this event. He also indicated there was an individual at the protest who was exercising his second amendment right by openly carrying an

AR-15. In this instance, the drone was very helpful in supporting our ability to make sure everyone's rights were upheld while maintaining public safety for the entire assembly.

May 6th, 2020: March and Speaking Program. The march stepped off from Traip Academy in Kittery, went over the Memorial Bridge into the square and finished in a closed off area of Pleasant Street, spilling onto Congress because of the crowds. The Portsmouth Police adjusted the logistics in real-time as needed to protect the safety and guaranteed freedoms of the assembly, which are our first priorities.

May 7th, 2020: This was a very large assembly in excess of 2000, maybe as much as 3000 people. Again, working collaboratively, this was a safe, successful event. Chief Merner complimented the protesters, the organizers, and Portsmouth's residents; he said we hosted three large events in four days, on very short notice, and all three were orderly, peaceful, and successful.

Pop up Protest: Without prior notice, about 250 people assembled who did not want to work with the police, and insisted on marching against traffic, endangering their own safety. Nevertheless, we accommodated them, again making adjustments in real-time, as they walked toward the African Burial Grounds where they had a short speaking program.

Both Commissioner Hart and Commissioner Onosko offered comments on their first-hand experiences attending one or more of these marches.

3. NAACP & Campaign Zero's "8 Can't Wait" Policing Recommendations: The Commission Chair shared his screen, which showed a poster-like graphic that summarized these recommendations. He asked Chief Merner to comment on each of the items. Taking each one individually, the Chief explained what the Portsmouth Police Department already has in place through policy and training to address these high liability areas. He emphasized the high standard we are held to as a CALEA-certified agency.
4. Drones, Public Safety & NH Gun Laws: Commissioner Shaheen talked about recent drone use by the police department and reiterated the Commission's and the Department's commitment to constant review of our drone policies and to keeping the public informed.

The Chair reminded the public that information on every single drone deployment will be posted on our website. Chief Merner added if anyone has questions about our drone use they are welcome to reach out to Chief Merner and we will be happy to make drone flight information available.

5. **Body Cameras:** The Chair said he had received about ten requests to revisit our decision regarding body cameras. The Chair summarized the 9-month research process undertaken by the department to look at this issue. By a vote of 6 to 1, that committee of representative stakeholders voted not to pursue the acquisition of body cameras at this time. The Chair referred interested persons to the department's website where they can read the full report compiled at the end of this process, and can listen to the two radio broadcasts where Chief Merner discussed this issue.

Commissioner Shaheen added that body cameras really aren't the panacea that people think they are. The Minneapolis Police had body cameras on them, and the tragedy there occurred anyway. Citizen's and victim's right to privacy is also a big factor, along with the reality that body cameras only present a one-directional view of what is happening. For example, cameras cannot show if someone is approaching the officer from behind.

6. **Redefining P.D. Responsibilities:** The Commission expressed the need to consider whether calls for service that have a mostly social service component to them might be better handled by a psychiatrist, or a counselor, or another type of service provider. The Chair stated that attached to this is the reality of needing to provide for the personal safety for whoever it is that might go out to such a call.

Chief Merner talked about the real benefit of providing social service providers who would work alongside police on appropriate calls. The Chief has first-hand experience policing alongside social service providers is a model he worked to develop during his many years of experience in Boston. He said officers see many needs everyday as they respond to calls. He talked about creating a network of relationships as being the most effective way to support the work that police officers respond to as the caregivers of last resort. He said he would love to have a psychiatrist or a counselor available to work with the police as they are called to deal with persons-in-crisis.

Commissioner Shaheen briefly described the Adverse Childhood Event response team that is being tested in Manchester.

7. COVID-related Updates

B. CHIEF OF POLICE, cont'd:

2. Letters of Appreciation from Outside the Department
Chief Merner added a Commendation for the work of the two primary officers, Sgt. Aubin and Det. Hester, who investigated the arson fire at the Portsmouth Middle School. He read the Commendation into the record, along with several thank you notes sent to him by citizens and Portsmouth residents.
3. Accreditation Update
Lt. Kinsman and Accreditation Manager Jackie Burnett are developing a citizen survey to be completed by residents this year. CALEA requires a survey be done every two years.
4. Financial Report – Karen Senecal
 - a. Strategic Plan
 - b. Grant Applications Update
 - c. Facilities Report

IX. PATROL DIVISION:

This report was included in the 6-23-20 commission meeting packet.

X. COURT OFFICE REPORT:

This confidential report was included in the 6-23-20 commission meeting packet.

XI. MISCELLANEOUS/OTHER BUSINESS:

The Chair asked about loud motor cycle noise enforcement. Chief Merner explained that COVID protocols impacted all types of motor vehicle enforcement. He said the department resumed regular enforcement activity in this area in June and he would have a full month of stats for the July Police Commission meeting.

XII. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next regular monthly commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 28th, 2020 with the public session beginning at 5:30 p.m. on the city's Zoom platform.

XIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the Commission, the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn.

Action: Commissioner Hart moved the June 23rd, 2020 Police Commission Meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by Commissioner Shaheen.

On a Roll Call Vote: The motion passed to adjourn the June 23rd, 2020 Monthly Police Commission Meeting at 7:23 p.m. The vote was as follows:

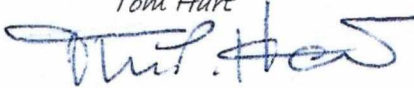
Commissioner Onosko:	"Aye"
Commissioner Splaine:	"Aye"
Commissioner Shaheen:	"Aye"

END OF MEETING

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*Respectfully Submitted by Kathleen Levesque, Executive Assistant
Reviewed by Commissioner Hart, Clerk of the Commission*

TOM HART



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POLICE COMMISSION – NEW BUSINESS

JULY 28TH, 2020 MEETING

V. NEW BUSINESS:

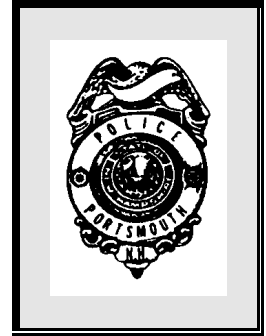
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CHIEF'S REPORT

BOARD of POLICE COMMISSIONERS

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July 28th, 2020*



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- **Recognition of Officers Conall Loughlin, Joe Melanson, Jordan Wells, Matt Loureiro, and Public Safety Dispatchers Victoria Bemis and Allison O'Brien**

**ATTORNEY GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

33 CAPITOL STREET
CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03301-6397

GORDON J. MACDONALD
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JANE E. YOUNG
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

June 25, 2020

Robert Merner
Chief of Police
Portsmouth Police Department
3 Junkins Avenue
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Re: **Victims of Crime Act Grant Program – SFY 21 Subgrant Award**

Dear Chief Merner:

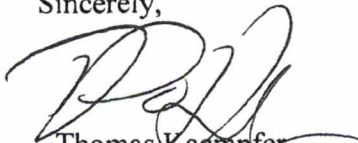
I am pleased to inform you that grant funding in the amount of \$24,759 has been approved to the Portsmouth Police Department. The time period for this funding is from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

A Microsoft Excel expenditure report will be available from this office following the start of the grant period. Expenditure reports must be submitted to this office on a quarterly basis, with a due date of 15 days after the end of the previous quarter. For example, with an award that begins on January 1 – your first quarterly report is due on April 15th or 15 days after the close of the first quarter on March 31. Your final quarterly expenditure report will be due on July 15, 2021.

Should you have any questions concerning your grant project, please contact Rhonda Beauchemin of the NH Department of Justice Grants Management Unit by email at Rhonda.Beauchemin@doj.nh.gov or by phone at 603-271-7820.

Congratulations on this grant. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of crime victims in New Hampshire.

Sincerely,


Thomas Kaempfer
Administrator II

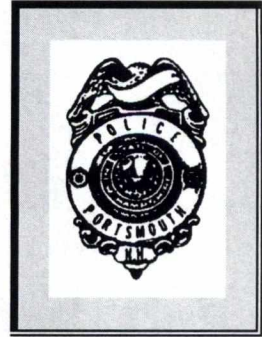
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Portsmouth PD (SFY21)

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT AWARD		
Recipient Name: Portsmouth Police Dept (SFY21)		Vendor No.: 177463 B007
Program Name: Crime Victim Assistance		Amount: \$24,759.00
Grant Start Date: 7/1/2020	State Grant Number: 2021VOC61	
Grant End Date: 6/30/2021	Recipient DUNS #: 073976706	
Acct. No.: 02-20-20-201510-5021-072-500574		PO Number: To Be Assigned
Head of Agency	Project Director	Fiscal Officer
Karen Conrad City Manager 1 Junkins Ave Portsmouth NH 03801 (603)610-7201	Robert Merner Chief of Police 3 Junkins Ave Portsmouth NH 03801 (603)610-7457	Karen Senecal Administrative Manager 3 Junkins Ave Portsmouth NH 03801 (603)610-7416
Federal Grant Name: OVC FY19 VOCA Victim Assistance Formula		
Federal Agency: United States Department of Justice		
Bureau/Office: Office of Justice Programs		
CFDA Number: 16.575		
Federal Grant Number: 2019-V2-GX-0050		
Federal Award Amount: \$9,627,656.00		Fed. Award Date: 9/13/19
Federal Start: 10/1/18	Federal End: 9/30/22	
Purpose of Grant: Victim Advocacy [Non R&D]		
Program Requirements: Adherence to Program Conditions and Guidelines.		
Match Requirements: Match must be spent on program allowable activities.		
Program Income Requirements: Program Income must be reported and spent on program allowable activities.		
Reporting Requirements: Monthly or quarterly Financial reports. Required Performance reports and audit. Adherence to Program Conditions and Guidelines. Completion of Monitoring forms and processes.		

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**FINANCIALS: FY '20 Year End Projection will be available for the
August Police Commission Meeting**

PATROL DIVISION REPORT

Crime Comparison Report For the period ending 06/30/2020

Group A Crimes Against Persons

Crime IBR Category	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Kidnaping/ Abduction	2020		1	2										3
	2019		2			1								3
	Pct		-50%	n/a		n/a								0%
Forcible Rape	2020	2	2	1		2								7
	2019				1	2	2							5
	Pct	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0%	n/a							+40%
Forcible Sodomy	2020													
	2019	1												1
	Pct	n/a												n/a
Forcible Fondling	2020	1		1	1									3
	2019	1		3			1							5
	Pct	0%		-67%	n/a		n/a							-40%
Aggravated Assault	2020	1	1	2	1									5
	2019	2		3		3	2							10
	Pct	-50%	n/a	-33%	n/a	n/a	n/a							-50%
Simple Assault	2020	10	16	8	10	12	11							67
	2019	14	8	23	13	20	13							91
	Pct	-29%	+100%	-65%	-23%	-40%	-15%							-26%
Intimidation	2020	16	2	2	3	3	3							29
	2019	8	15	11	12	12	10							68
	Pct	+100%	-87%	-82%	-75%	-75%	-70%							-57%
Incest	2020	1												1
	2019													
	Pct	n/a												n/a
Statutory Rape	2020	1			1									2
	2019	1				1								2
	Pct	0%			n/a	n/a								0%
Total Crimes Against Persons	2020	32	22	16	16	17	14							117
	2019	27	25	40	26	39	28							185
	Pct	+19%	-12%	-60%	-38%	-56%	-50%							-37%

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Group A Crimes Against Property

Crime IBR Category	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Robbery	2020													
	2019	1												1
	Pct	n/a												n/a
Arson	2020					1								1
	2019													
	Pct					n/a								n/a
Burglary/ Breaking and Entering	2020	1		2	1	3								7
	2019	2	3	4	4	1								14
	Pct	-50%	n/a	-50%	-75%	+200%								-50%
Extortion/ Blackmail	2020			1	1	1								3
	2019		1	1										2
	Pct		n/a	0%	n/a	n/a								+50%
Larceny (pick-pocket)	2020		1											1
	2019					1								1
	Pct		n/a			n/a								0%
Larceny (shoplifting)	2020	9	4	2	4	6	2							27
	2019	10	10	7	6	9	8							50
	Pct	-10%	-60%	-71%	-33%	-33%	-75%							-46%
Larceny (from building)	2020	3	6	2	1	6								18
	2019	6	2	5	4	7	3							27
	Pct	-50%	+200%	-60%	-75%	-14%	n/a							-33%
Larceny (from coin operated machines)	2020													
	2019				1									1
	Pct				n/a									n/a
Larceny (from motor vehicles)	2020	2	2	3	1	3	3							14
	2019	4	1	2	4	5	6							22
	Pct	-50%	+100%	+50%	-75%	-40%	-50%							-36%
Larceny (of motor vehicle parts)	2020		1	1		2								4
	2019		1			1								2
	Pct		0%	n/a		+100%								+100%
Larceny (all other)	2020	8	4	3	4	8	8							35
	2019	8	9	10	11	9	13							60
	Pct	0%	-56%	-70%	-64%	-11%	-38%							-42%
Motor Vehicle Theft	2020	1		2	2	3	2							10
	2019	1		2	5	3	1							12
	Pct	0%		0%	-60%	0%	+100%							-17%

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Group A Crimes Against Property

Crime IBR Category	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Counterfeit/ Forgery	2020	1					1							2
	2019	4	3	3	5		1							16
	Pct	-75%	n/a	n/a	n/a		0%							-88%
Fraud (false pretense;swindle)	2020	8	2	5	5	4	2							26
	2019	8	9	6	6	6	3							38
	Pct	0%	-78%	-17%	-17%	-33%	-33%							-32%
Fraud (credit/debit card;ATM)	2020	2	1	1	2	2	2							10
	2019	1		2	1	6	4							14
	Pct	+100%	n/a	-50%	+100%	-67%	-50%							-29%
Fraud (impersonation)	2020	4	5	7	1	6	3							26
	2019	10	6	3	1	3	4							27
	Pct	-60%	-17%	+133%	0%	+100%	-25%							-4%
Fraud (wire)	2020		1											1
	2019			1										1
	Pct		n/a	n/a										0%
Embezzlement	2020		1	1										2
	2019				1	1								2
	Pct		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a								0%
Stolen Property	2020	2		1	1		4							8
	2019	1		2	3	1	1							8
	Pct	+100%		-50%	-67%	n/a	+300%							0%
Destruction of Property/Vandalism	2020	17	11	6	14	15	9							72
	2019	5	5	14	9	15	16							64
	Pct	+240%	+120%	-57%	+56%	0%	-44%							+13%
Total Crimes Against Property	2020	58	39	37	37	60	36							267
	2019	61	50	62	61	68	60							362
	Pct	-5%	-22%	-40%	-39%	-12%	-40%							-26%

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Group A Crimes Against Society

Crime IBR Category	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Drug/ Narcotic Violations	2020	8	11	4	2	7	8							40
	2019	17	15	17	7	7	6							69
	Pct	-53%	-27%	-76%	-71%	0%	+33%							-42%
Pornography/Obscene Material	2020	1		2										3
	2019		1	3	1	1	1							7
	Pct	n/a	n/a	-33%	n/a	n/a	n/a							-57%
Prostitution	2020	1												1
	2019				1									1
	Pct	n/a			n/a									0%
Assisting/Promoting Prostitution	2020													
	2019				1		1							2
	Pct				n/a		n/a							n/a
Weapon Law Violations	2020	1	2			1	1							5
	2019	1	1	1										3
	Pct	0%	+100%	n/a		n/a	n/a							+67%
Total Crimes Against Society	2020	11	13	6	2	8	9							49
	2019	18	17	21	10	8	8							82
	Pct	-39%	-24%	-71%	-80%	0%	+13%							-40%

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Group B Crimes

Crime IBR Category	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Bad Checks	2020		2	1										3
	2019	2	4	1	2									9
	Pct	n/a	-50%	0%	n/a									-67%
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	2020													
	2019						1							1
	Pct						n/a							n/a
Disorderly Conduct	2020	2	4		2	1	2							11
	2019	5	10	5	6	5	5							36
	Pct	-60%	-60%	n/a	-67%	-80%	-60%							-69%
Driving under Influence	2020	3	8	8	2	4	3							28
	2019	6	9	7	7	3	4							36
	Pct	-50%	-11%	+14%	-71%	+33%	-25%							-22%
Drunkenness	2020	4	8	4	3	3	13							35
	2019	8	8	8	7	8	11							50
	Pct	-50%	0%	-50%	-57%	-63%	+18%							-30%
Family Non Violent Offenses	2020		1	1		1								3
	2019	3				1	5							9
	Pct	n/a	n/a	n/a		0%	n/a							-67%
Liquor Law Violations	2020	4	1			1								6
	2019	2	2	3			3							10
	Pct	+100%	-50%	n/a		n/a	n/a							-40%
Runaways (under 18yr old)	2020	1		6										7
	2019		1	3										4
	Pct	n/a	n/a	+100%										+75%
Trespass of Real Property	2020	4	1	2	3	4	7							21
	2019	6	2	3	3	6	6							26
	Pct	-33%	-50%	-33%	0%	-33%	+17%							-19%
All Other Offenses	2020	23	21	11	15	14	19							103
	2019	28	27	20	24	24	23							146
	Pct	-18%	-22%	-45%	-38%	-42%	-17%							-29%
Total Group B Crimes	2020	41	46	33	25	28	44							217
	2019	60	63	50	49	47	58							327
	Pct	-32%	-27%	-34%	-49%	-40%	-24%							-34%

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