

# **Townsend Police Department**

## **Chiefs Report**

**April 1 – April 30, 2019**

## **Activity Summary**

This report provides a summary of activity for the month.

### ***Staffing***

Officer Rochette resigned on April 12.

An officer was presented to the Board of Selectmen for appointment pending the medical and final background.

### ***School Safety***

The SRO continued to be in the schools to act as liaison between the department and the schools/students.

I personally conducted several walk-throughs at NMRHS.

Supported the SRO with his handling of incidents at the high schools.

Provided assistance to the Superintendent with his addressing of school issues.

### ***Administration***

Assisted with traffic control during a crash.

Held several internal meetings on hiring and vehicles.

Attended meetings with the Board of Selectmen.

Addressed a mandatory referral from the Planning Board.

Met with representatives of the rail trail and discussed areas of mutual concern regarding roadway and bicycle safety.

Reviewed resources related to officers responding to community members with Autism.

Addressed community member concern over accessing police reports related to an incident.

Reviewed town meeting warrant and budget book.

Completed annual report for inclusion in the town report.

Participated in discussions with the school superintendent on the SRO.

Reaffirmed that 1. SRO's are not mandatory as per the state and that 2. The MA State Police do not provide safety officers.

### ***Grants***

Officer Giles conducted a highway safety grant patrol focusing on safe driving. These patrols also help provide visibility in the community. The effort resulted in 26 stops. Several stops were related to texting and driving.

### ***Community Events and Initiatives***

I attended and participated in the following community events:

- Baptist church dinner
- Conducted CPS training for certifications.
- Participated in MA Chief of Police event to learn about new technology and training.
- Sr. Citizen lunches

Assisted a community member with their car seat.

Attended a COIN meeting to continue to address Opioid issues and police response.

Met with Sr. Center Director to plan cookout.