

Townsend Police Department

Chiefs Report

May 1 – May 31, 2018

Activity Summary

Staffing

One officer is still on medical leave.

Final interviews were held with three candidates. Two candidates are in the background process for part time positions and one for a full-time position.

School Safety

Department personnel continue to be in the schools on a daily basis.

Evacuation drills were conducted at the Spaulding School along with an Alice presentation (conducted by Sgt. Matson) and a drill for Hawthorne Brook Middle School.

I continue to meet with the superintendent and school personnel on safety and security issues.

Administration

I attended two Board of Selectmen's meetings and the Town Meeting, a department head meeting and the health fair held at town hall.

Received correspondence from a community member on excellent service provided by Officer Francis.

I spent time meeting with district court personnel to discuss our procedures and to foster positive working relationships.

Technology

Email and phone continue to be an issue for the department – both fire and police were unable to use email or access files on several occasions. Meetings are consistently held to work with IT to address these issues.

Multiple meetings have been held to continue to work on dispatch issues. Letters were sent to Pepperell regarding their dispatch efforts.

There was an unexpected air conditioning failure that will not be fixed until new parts arrive in June.

Grants

With release of funding from the state, traffic safety patrols were re-established.

Notification was received that a pedestrian grant was awarded that will include enforcement and signage. Funding was also awarded for car seats – the state will provide a direct award of 19 seats.

A bullet proof vest grant was submitted.

Community Events and Initiatives

The department held a memorial ceremony as part of National Police Week. Many members of community attended. TPD is grateful for all of the support during this week and the many cards, letters, and visits we received.

I conducted a training in Citizen Response to Active Shooters for the library.

I attended and participated in the following community events:

- Baptist church dinner
- Memorial Day Parade
- Land Trust trail maintenance with the NM Service Learning Students
- Townsend Business Association Meeting

The Village Commons Child Care Center visited the station for a tour and meet and greet.

The department posted information on motorcycle safety.

I held meetings with community members on issues of importance to them.

I attended community meetings on Craven field and have been working with the Townsend Ashby Youth Baseball and Softball on neighborhood issues and parking.

Girl Scout Troop 64580 invited me to their meeting for a safety talk and presented an appreciation basket for the department.

TPD recognized the schools during teacher appreciation week and Townsend Fire/EMS during National EMS Week.