

Townsend Police Department

Chiefs Report

May 1 – May 31, 2019

Activity Summary

This report provides a summary of activity for the month.

Staffing

Recruitment continues to fill the positions vacated by recent retirements. Oral boards were held with candidates.

School Safety

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

Reviewed initial safety report prepared by the SRO.

Administration

The May department head meeting was canceled.

The Deputy Chief and I attended town meeting.

I attended Planning Board and Board of Selectmen's meetings.

Participated in multiple meetings/discussions on the budget.

Met with a community member on concerns related to a police response.

Remained in contact with the family of John Johnson and the District Attorney related to the hearings for the defendant.

Responded to multiple public records requests and license to carry questions.

Addressed ongoing concerns of community members.

Ensured directed patrols to address speeding.

Cleared use of the high school for National Night Out with the superintendent.

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 19 stops and an arrest for operating after a suspension of OUI.

Community Events and Initiatives

I attended and participated in the following community events:

- Participated in the Memorial Day Parade
- With community volunteers, participated in flag placing on veteran's graves
- Baptist church dinner
- Meeting with the clergy and volunteers
- Met with a community member on restorative justice.

I prepared a proclamation for Police Week.

I attended a gathering hosted by the FBI Director at which time discussions were held on inter agency collaboration.

I attended a meeting at the invitation of the Attorney General. During this time, I was able to meet with law enforcement representatives from across the county to discuss current issues affecting agencies.

I met with the Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services to discuss programming and training opportunities.

I attended both the candlelight vigil and memorial service for National Police Week.

Discussed class project for students connected with the Molly Bish Center and established protocols for their visit to Townsend.