

RICHMOND POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

April 26, 2016-May 9, 2016

TRAFFIC TICKETS

Speeding: 31

Vehicle not inspected: 10

Operating after suspension (civil): 3

No license: 1

No registration: 1

Using cell phone while operating: 5

Failure to carry registration: 3

Traffic controls: 1

No insurance: 3

Failure to display plates: 1

TOTAL TICKETS ISSUED: 59

WRITTEN WARNINGS ISSUED: 44

INCIDENTS REPORTED

Accidents: 4

Agency assists: 11

Directed patrols: 5

Fraud: 1

DUI: 2

Missing person: 1

Suspicious circumstances: 5

Littering: 1

Property watch: 1

VIN number verification: 1

Alarms: 2

Larceny: 2

Motor vehicle complaints: 2

Citizen disputes: 4

Vandalism: 1

Burglary: 1

Citizen assists: 1

Juvenile problem: 1

Animal problem: 1

Welfare check: 1

TOTAL INCIDENTS REPORTED: 48

ARRESTS

Operating under the influence: 2

Careless & Negligent operation: 1

False token: 2

Petit larceny: 2

Assault: 1

TOTAL ARRESTS/CHARGES: 8

- April 26, 2016@ 16:13 hours, Officer Mat Nadeau began an investigation into a fraud complaint from a Kenyon Road residence. The victim advised that approximately \$1,400.00 was stolen from a bank account after the ex-boyfriend of her daughter forged checks and accounts. The suspect had access to the debit cards and PIN numbers so he would deposit an empty envelope in the machine indicating a \$200.00 deposit then would withdraw the same amount of money directly after, he did this several times. On May 6th, Officer Nadeau obtained the bank security footage and the suspect will be charged with two counts each of false token and two counts of petit larceny. He is well known to the police department and is currently residing somewhere in the Burlington area, possibly one of the homeless shelters.
- April 28, 2016@ 16:41 hours, Officer John Hamlin was on routine patrol when he noticed a brush fire located on East Main Street near Lily Pond Circle. The fire was unattended and the Richmond Fire Department was summoned who then put out the blaze.
- April 28, 2016@ 18:16 hours, Officer John Hamlin stopped a vehicle on Governor Peck Road for speeding (52/35 zone). Upon speaking with the 33 year old male operator he could smell alcohol coming from his person. The operator was then screened for DUI and eventually gave a roadside breath test which registered a BAC of .113%. He was taken into custody and transported back to the office where an evidentiary breath test registered a BAC of .107%. The operator was processed and released to his parents with a citation ordering him into Chittenden Superior Court.
- April 28, 2016@ 16:52 hours, Officer Mat Nadeau assisted the Vermont State Police on Vermont Route 117 while they took the operator into custody. Mat stood by until a tow truck arrived at the scene to remove the vehicle.
- April 29, 2016@ 13:34 hours, myself and Cpl. Rick Greenough assisted the Vermont State Police with a single vehicle injury accident located on Interstate 89 north at the northbound exit 11 on-ramp. The female operator had a tire blow causing her to lose control and strike the guardrails on the right side of the road before coming to rest in the middle of the interstate. We both assisted with traffic control until the scene could be cleared.
- April 30, 2016@ 15:08 hours, Cpl. Brett Lindemuth backed up the State Police with a family fight call in Jericho in which one Trooper was responding.
- May 1, 2016@ 15:36 hours, Officer John Hamlin assisted the Vermont State Police and Richmond Rescue with a call of a suicidal 42 year old female in Bolton. Officer Hamlin and rescue were the first to arrive and it was discovered that the family made the call about the distraught woman who was upset about her son getting deployed and moving in with his girlfriend. A breath test showed the woman had a BAC of .138% and she was taken to the emergency room for evaluation and to detox.
- May 2, 2016@ 15:20 hours, Officer John Hamlin took a citizen dispute call regarding the same home on Kenyon Road that involved the fraud case on April 26th. This time another ex-boyfriend

called regarding theft of his property that the suspect would not return. John made contact with the female suspect and made arrangements to pick up the T.V. and some clothing. No charges were filed in this case.

- May 4, 2016@ 13:40 hours, I took a theft complaint from the owner of the Parkside Kitchen restaurant regarding the theft of the large wooden business sign that had been hanging outside. She indicated the sign which was valued at \$5,000.00 was taken sometime between 042916 and the morning of 050316. I was able to determine that the theft occurred on April 29TH (Friday) at 23:30 hours. A neighbor witnessed a pickup truck, believed to be a General Motors product and a car pull into the lot and two males remove the sign and then head down Bridge Street towards either Huntington or Hinesburg. The witness did not call in the information at that time. We have posted the information along with a picture of the sign on the Department's Facebook account; however no further information has been forthcoming.
- May 4, 2016@ 08:57 hours, Cpl. Rick Greenough took a report of a missing person from a Cochran Road home. The adult male is suffering from early onset dementia and had walked off several hours earlier. When Cpl. Greenough took the call he knew he had seen the gentlemen walking on Kenyon Road about an hour earlier and proceeded in that direction finally located him on lower Hinesburg Road. He was given a ride back to his wife at their home.
- May 4, 2016@ 11:32 hours, Cpl. Rick Greenough responded to a West Main Street home for a reported burglary. It appears that there was no burglary of the unoccupied home and that the door had been unintentionally left open at some time in the recent past.
- May 5, 2016@ 16:40 hours while on my way home I came across an accident that just happened on Route 117 between Bradley Bow Road and Barber Farm Road. A dump truck towing a trailer with a 20,000 pound excavator had rolled over blocking the entire roadway while trying to avoid a car that went across both lanes of travel after the operator fell asleep. Traffic had to be diverted at Barber Farm Road and at Rt. 117 and Governor Peck Road. The Fire Departments from Richmond, Underhill/Jericho responded as well as Richmond Rescue, Vermont State Police, DMV Commercial Vehicle Inspector, AOT supervisor and two large tow trucks and trailer from Tailhook. It took more than three hours to remove the vehicle and to repair the road surface before traffic could pass again. While at this scene I was dispatched to an injury accident at 18:30 hours along with Richmond Fire and Richmond Rescue as well as Officer Mat Nadeau to West Main Street.
- May 5, 2016@ 18:30 hours, Officer Mat Nadeau along with myself, Richmond Rescue, Richmond Fire and Williston Police responded to a single vehicle rollover accident on West Main Street just west of the Conant Farm. The 30 year old male ended up being transported to the emergency room for non-life threatening injuries. Officer Nadeau investigated this accident and screened the operator who gave a roadside breath test of .044% BAC. A subsequent consent search of the vehicle revealed marijuana, hash, marijuana pipe and four empty whipped cream cans in the vehicle. The accident scene showed that the site was flat and straight and the operator simply drifted off the right side of the road while heading east into a drainage ditch and overturned. Officer Nadeau has submitted an affidavit of probable cause to the States Attorney for Careless & Negligent operation.

- May 6, 2016@ 19:46 hours, Officer Mat Nadeau was dispatched to the Richmond Park & Ride located at exit 11 for a reported citizen dispute. Upon further investigation it was determined that during a child exchange a male suspect assaulted the 12 year old child's mother. The male involved once all the statements are received will be charged with assault.
- May 7, 2016@ 22:55 hours, Officer John Hamlin clocked an east bound car on West Main Street near the Crate Escape for doing 55 in a 40 zone. The vehicle was stopped near 212 West Main Street. While speaking with the 47 year old female operator alcohol could be detected. Officer Hamlin had her performed field sobriety test roadside which she failed and she refused a roadside breath test at which time she was taken into custody. At the office she was processed for DUI but was uncooperative and it took nearly two hours to get an evidentiary breath sample which registered a BAC of .136%. After processing she was released with a citation to the custody of her mother.

SUBMITTED BY:

Alan F. Buck

Chief of Police

SHORT HISTORY OF THE RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT

BY CHIEF ALAN BUCK

The Richmond Police Department started on July 1, 1972, as a two-person agency and was initially located in the back of the Masonic Building which also housed the Town offices. The police stayed at this location until approximately 1976 when it then moved to the current Fire Department Building located on East Main Street. At that location, the Police Department occupied what is now the training room and bathroom located at the front of the building where the Department stayed until 1992 when it moved to its current location at the Town Center located on Bridge Street. The first Chief of Police hired was John G. Jacobs. Chief Jacobs was hired as on December 20, 1971, to organize and maintain the police department. He completed a six-week refresher course at the Vermont Police Academy in Pittsford and, by mid-February 1972, a police cruiser was purchased and available for his use. In March 1973, Patrolman Charles Eade was hired to "lighten the work load being carried by Chief Jacobs." A major portion of the expenses for this program for the first two years of operation were borne by the Federal Government under the then Emergency Employment Act. Funds for the purchase of the communications equipment were to be made available from the Governors Crime Control Commission. The first full year's budget was a total of \$16,285.00 which was broken down to \$7,800 for salaries, \$3,603 for one cruiser, \$2,360 for uniforms, equipment and supplies, and \$601.00 to remodel the office.

The Police Department was initially established by the voters to deal with a constant issue of what was alleged to be the bad behavior of the youth in town who were accused of constantly harassing anyone walking along Bridge Street, especially those who were trying to conduct business at the town offices and those trying to utilize the business also located in and around the Bridge Street area. Additionally, Richmond had a relatively high crime rate for that year and it was expected to continue to rise. FBI statistics showed that as crime decreased in urban areas such as Burlington, crime increased in rural areas. This tendency was very pronounced in Chittenden County, and as a result there had been an "intolerable" increase in crime levels in the rural areas. Up until that point, Richmond was covered by the Vermont State Police but it was the Town's residents' belief that they would be better served having their own police department. Since the inception of Richmond Police in 1972, the Department has grown from two officers to its current staffing of five full-time patrol positions and the Chief of Police with one of those positions serving as a school resource officer four days a week which was initially funded by a federal grant for the first three years and has since been picked up by the school district. Crime rates in the county and the town continue to grow which you will see from the table below the difference between 1972 and the last full fiscal year 2015.

| | 1972 | 2015 |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| CASES | 541 | 1319 |
| ARRESTS | 12 | 112 |
| TICKETS | 33 | 1211 |
| WARNINGS | - | 1175 |

Since Chief Jacobs there have been a total of six Chiefs in the town. The longest serving was Chief William "Joe" Miller who served from 1996 to 2011 before retiring with over 40 years of service between the Vermont State Police and Richmond. The following is a list of the current and past Chiefs.

JOHN G. JACOBS, 1971-1978
DONALD "MOOSE" WHITE, SR., 1978-1989
OSBORNE "OZZIE" GLIDDEN, 1989-1992
JOHN J. O'HARA, 1992-1996
WILLIAM "JOE" MILLER, 1996-2011
ALAN F. BUCK, 2011-PRESENT