

# TABLE SETTING

Good afternoon everyone,

Let me start by stating the obvious, Chief Kraker will be missed. His contribution to the town was significant. His vision for the police department was well executed. Chief Kraker had prepared the department for his eventual retirement. Now that has transpired and we are able to continue on without turmoil or fear of the unknown. The stability of the agency is ensured and our commitment to the community remains unchanged.

Having just returned from an extended absence, I have been getting caught up on everything that has occurred and what needs to be addressed. Sgt. Heitzenrater filled me in on the vehicle thefts, vehicle burglaries and catalytic converter thefts that have been occurring. Sgt. Heitzenrater organized and proposed an operational plan to address this issue. The operational plan needed the support of other agencies and I'm happy to say that everyone is on board. These crimes and especially the magnitude of occurrence throughout the county is unacceptable.

Our officers have been doing a great job addressing narcotics problems in the town as well. Officers arrested an individual who received a large quantity of methamphetamine and had intended to distribute that dangerous drug into our community.

SRO Rector has been diligently working to serve our schools and ensure safety for the students and staff. Due to COVID, SRO Rector has had to adjust to an ever changing environment and ever changing demands. He has been serving well during this continuing pandemic.

Code Enforcement Officer Carlson has been working hard this winter to make sure that our codes are followed. We have had minimal complaints of winter related code compliance issues. Prior to Officer Carlson joining our staff, winter code related complaints were a frequent occurrence.

Moving forward it will be on the Town Manager and Town Board's discretion as to how to proceed in reference to installing an official Chief of Police. As a department you have our support and assurance that our focus will be on keeping the Granby Police Department a community minded, service oriented partner in our great community.

Thank you,

Sgt. Stark