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Command Review Board

A Command Review Board concluded on June 20, 2018, concerning an investigation into the check-on procedures of three day-shift Lieutenants: Lt. Dennis Bolender, Lt. Cleven Wyatt, and Lt. Cynthia Davis. The Board concluded the allegations of improper procedures and falsification were sustained.

Lt. Bolender chose to retire before the conclusion of the board. Lt. Wyatt and Lt. Davis were demoted two steps, to officer.

Summary:

On January 29, 2018, the Office of Professional Standards received an anonymous tip that three Lieutenants assigned to the day shift of the Uniform Services Bureau were not following proper check-on procedures. An investigation was initiated using data and information from various electronic platforms to include: Kronos (payroll) System, the Mobile Positioning System (MPS on laptop computer), the Automated Vehicle Locator (AVL) System and the Stanley Proxcard System (entry swipe card). In addition, there was a review of all paper check-on/check-off sheets. The electronic data goes back six months, so the investigator checked from August 1, 2017, through January 28, 2018.

In general, the investigation found the three Lieutenants claimed work time when they were not properly checked on, were outside of their assigned work area, and when they were driving to and from work from their homes. This is in violation of Departmental General Orders and City Rules and Regulations. As a Lieutenant within the Department, they are responsible for overseeing most day-to-day operational aspects of the Police Department and ensuring the safety of the City by effectively supervising all personnel under their command while on-duty.

1. Lt. Bolender was sworn with St. Petersburg Police Department on 11/8/86 and was promoted to Lt. on 2/28/2005.
2. Lt. Wyatt was sworn with the St. Petersburg Police Department on 10/10/87 and was promoted to Lt. on 8/14/2006.
3. Lt. Davis was sworn with the St. Petersburg Police Department on 6/17/96 and was promoted to Lt. on 12/12/16.