

**Wolfeboro Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2021**

Members present: Chairman Steve Wood and Vice-Chair Bob O'Brien

Staff present: Chief Dean Rondeau, Captain Livie, and Sherri Moore Recording Secretary

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

Consideration of Minutes

Commissioner O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the July 15, 2021, public minutes as written. Commissioner Wood seconded. Roll call vote: Bob O'Brien – yes, and Steve Wood – yes, Members voted, the motion passed.

Activity Reports

Chief Rondeau reported on the following activity reports for the month of July:

Incidents: He reported 51 incidents, a decrease from the previous month.

Offenses by month: He reported 134 offenses last month.

Arrest status report: He reported a decrease from the previous month, a total of 28.

Collisions YTD and Accidents by street name: He reported 15 accidents last month. A 36.34% increase over the previous month.

Traffic stops YTD and location breakdown report: He reported 469 traffic stops last month and 41 tickets were issued out of those stops. Resulting in an 8.74% chance of getting a ticket.

Personnel Analysis report: The report is a synopsis of each officer's reporting for the month. Report included in the Commissioners report only.

Detectives Report: Report attached

School Resource Officer (SRO): School is out for summer – nothing to report.

Chief's Items

Chief Rondeau read his report. Please see attached.

DISCUSSION:

None

Captain's Items

None

Questions from the Press

None

Commissioner's Items

Commissioner O'Brien asked Budget Committee Member Tom Bell if the Budget Committee has been made aware of the new format for the upcoming budget.

Tom Bell responded that there are a number of changes being done by the C.F.O. and it will show more transparency.

Chief Rondeau mentioned that there is a completely new format.

Board of Selectmen's Representative

Luke Freudenberg shared that he thinks the Police Department is doing fantastic. The Tesla looks great and he has seen the bikes out. He has seen Officer Devine out on the bike and it's nice to see them on the very busy path.

Public Comment

Members Kathy Barnard and Susan Repplier from the Planning Board and Short-Term Rental Committee were in attendance to ask for some guidance regarding noise complaints from short term renters. They brought the issue to the Selectmen, and it was suggested that they come to the Police Commission. They came looking for suggestions as to what they can do when people bring noise complaints to the board.

Chairman Wood responded that when it comes to issues with the Town, there are ordinances written by the Town but fall on the Police Department to enforce.

Chief Rondeau replied that he knows there is a noise ordinance. When dispatch receives a noise complaint, officers are sent out to investigate. Sometimes it ends in a warning, a fine or an arrest. He had looked back to noise complaints from last year and there were only four or five. He went on to say that in terms of writing new ordinances it comes down to the Selectmen. The Police don't write the law but enforce the law.

Chief Rondeau also added that with associations they could be more helpful by setting rules, regulations, and fines. We have a number of associations and believes it is up to the associations to take action. He asked if that helped.

Susan Repplier responded that the Committee is being told that the vast majority of short-term rentals are successful and that there are only 2 or 3 neighborhoods that are having problems. The Homeowner's Associations (HOA's) are not handling the problems. She then asked if it is possible to fine the property owner vs. the renters?

Chief Rondeau responded no, but we can take action on the culprit. We cannot hold absentee owners accountable...they are not in violation so you cannot hold them responsible. Chief Rondeau went on to explain how the law works with charging a criminal crime/violation.

Susan Repplier replied that there is legislation coming down on short term rentals. They are waiting for the State to hand down laws on short term regulations.

Chief Rondeau responded that it's the HOA's that could have teeth to hold, and he made note of the HOA in Port Wedeln and the rules they created over golf carts. They did an excellent job with that.

Susan Repplier mentioned that for some reason they are struggling with the short-term rentals.

Chairman Wood added that they (Port Wedeln) have had a lot of issues. Civil matters are out of the Police hands.

Chief Rondeau shared that we just don't get a lot of noise complaints. If this is really a systemic issue, they need to call the department. The first visit may not be punitive, but others may be. The Police may reach out to owners if there are a lot of systemic issues with noise. We want to be helpful but stay on the correct side of the constitution.

Kathy Barnard thanked the Commission for their time.

Tom Bell spoke on behalf of the Budget Committee to share with us that they trying to keep a level budget on discretionary items.

Chief Rondeau responded that in terms of discretionary spending he is not seeing any major changes. He does not have any "big asks". The Department has saved a tremendous amount with the Tesla donation and will save a lot of money moving forward.

Being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Wood entertained a motion to re-enter non-public session to discuss personnel.

Commissioner O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to enter into non-public session RSA 91 A: 3, a to discuss personnel at 4:47 PM. Commissioner Wood seconded. Roll call vote: Bob O'Brien - yes and Steve Wood-yes, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 5:25 PM.

Chairman Wood entertained a motion to seal the Non-Public Minutes.

Commissioner O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to seal the Non-Public Minutes. Commissioner Wood seconded. Roll Call vote: Bob O'Brien-yes, and Steve Wood-yes, the motion passed.

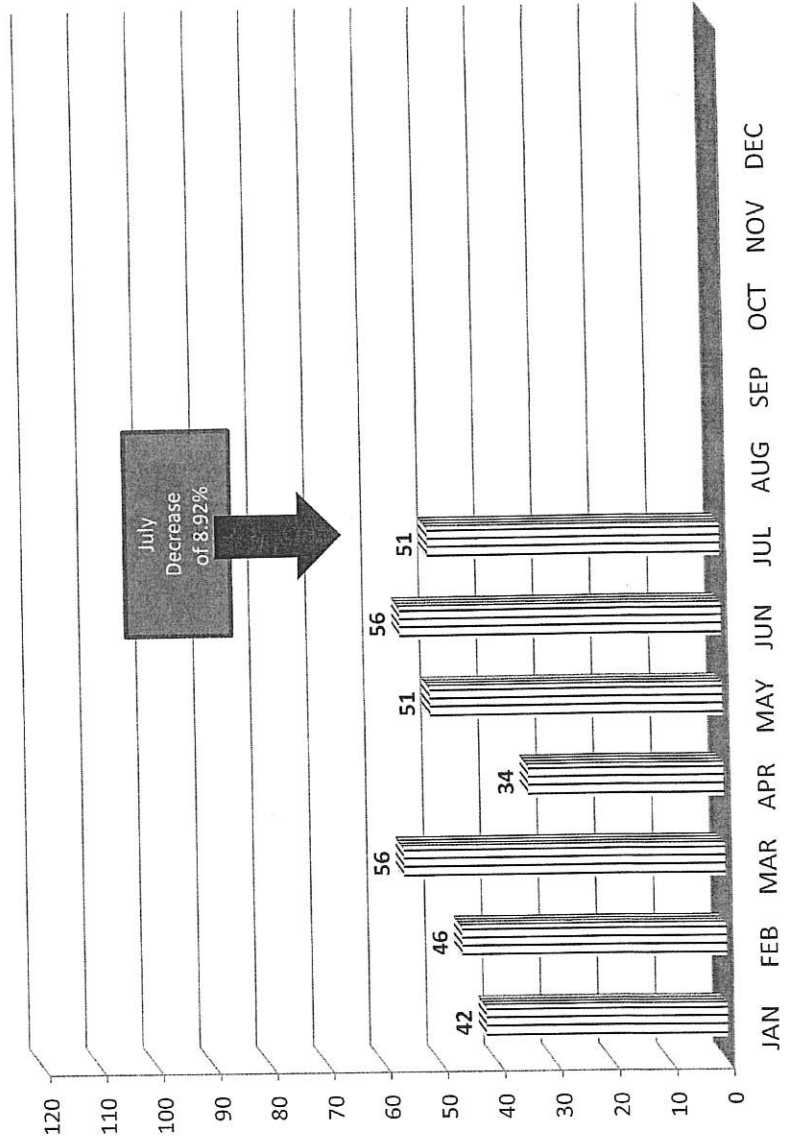
Being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Wood entertained a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 5:26 PM.
Commissioner Wood seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

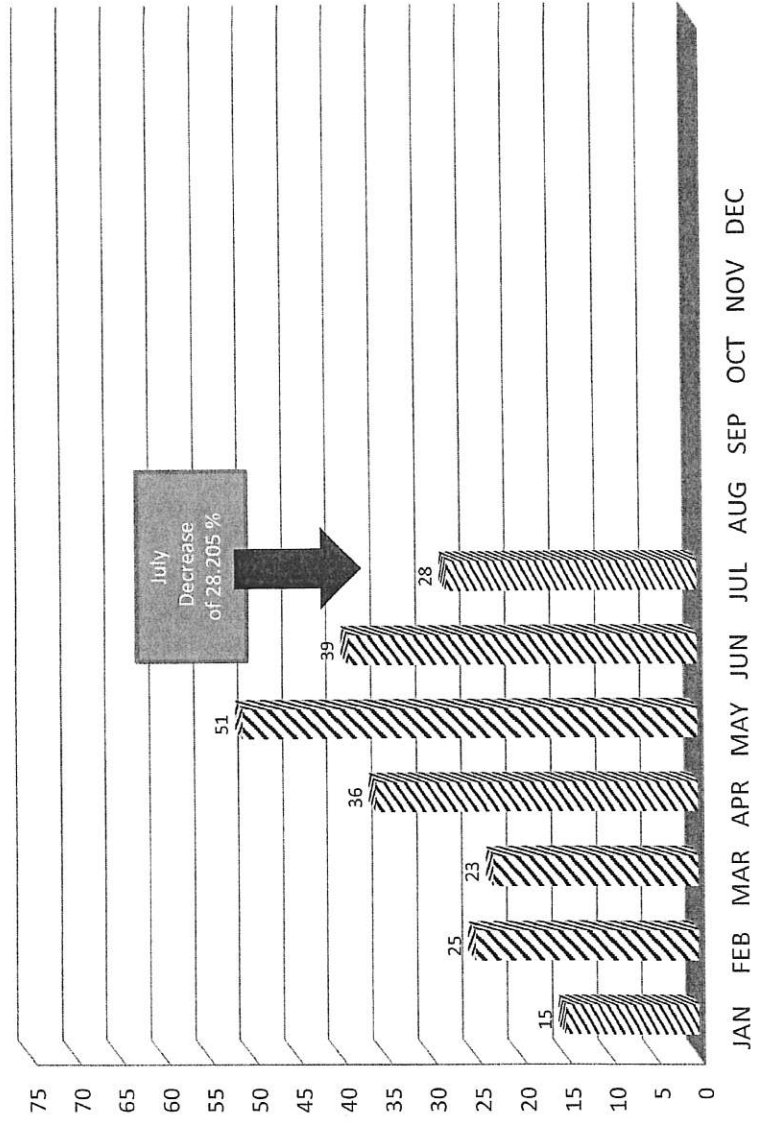
Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Moore

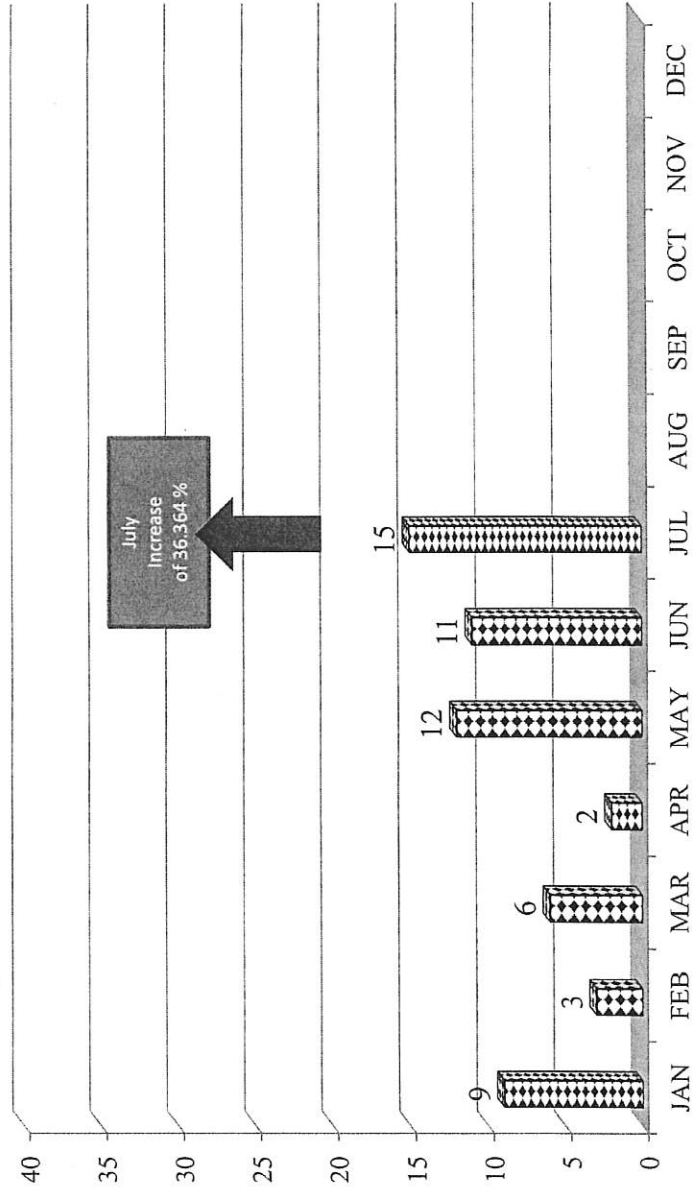
INCIDENTS (CASES) YTD 2021



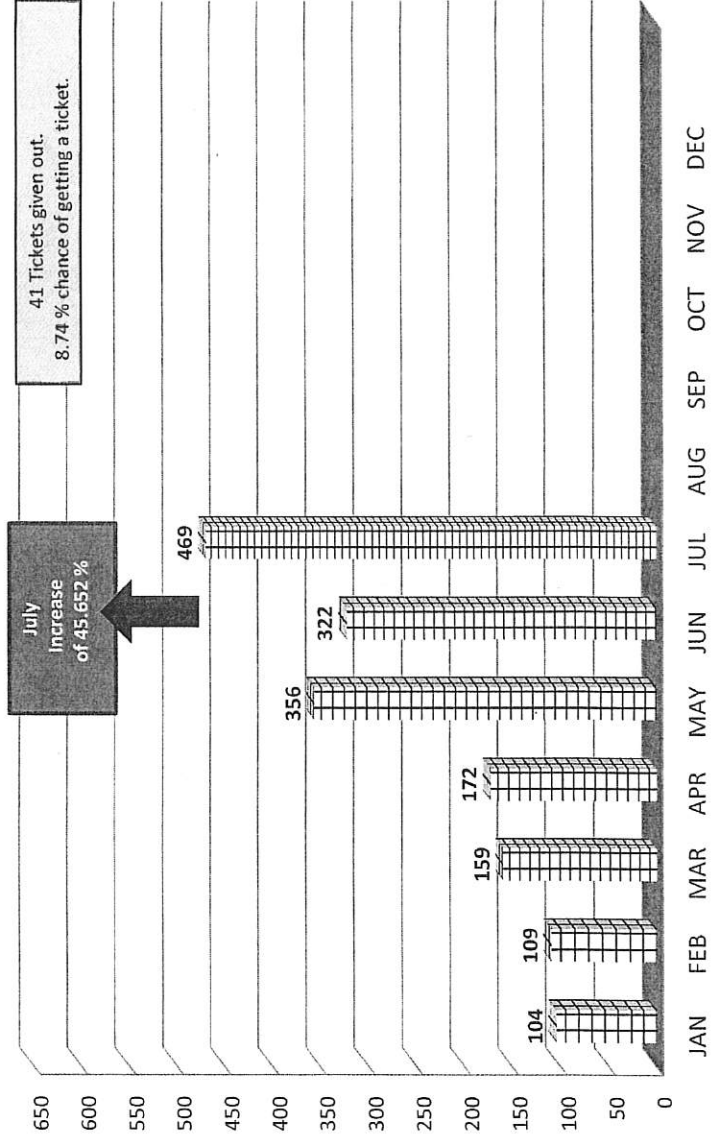
ARRESTS YTD 2021



COLLISIONS YTD 2021



TRAFFIC STOPS YTD 2021



Monthly Activity for July 2021

For the month of July 2021, Det. Emerson investigated eight (8) new cases. The cases below represent all the incident and arrest for the month of July.

Four (4) cases were investigated as Misdemeanors, three (3) cases were investigated at the Felony level and one (1) case was a citizen assist (non-criminal event). Detective Emerson also assisted the US Marshalls Office attempting to locate a Fugitive from justice.

Additionally, Detective Emerson responded to a report of a missing elderly woman. Detective Emerson assisted the family and Detective Emerson was able to have New Jersey State Police locate the missing woman in her vehicle on the highway in their State-she was safe and kept so my Detective Emerson's fine actions.

Cases Assigned/Investigated

1 Violation of Privacy/Sexual Gratification

1 Intercept-Not Party to Communications

1 Mail Theft

1 Criminal Threatening with a deadly weapon

1 Theft of Services

1 Theft/Shoplifting

1 Hit and Run

1 Missing Person (located)

Percentage of cases closed this month 62%

Percentage of new cases closed by arrest during the month 0%

Percentage of entire case load closed 68%

TO: Wolfeboro Police Commission

FROM: Dean J. Rondeau
Chief of Police

SUBJ: Chief's Items (July 2021) for 19 August 2021 Wolfeboro Police
Commission meeting

DATE: 03 August 2021

Non- Public: I have no items for Non-public Session.

GENERAL BUDGET ITEMS:

Presently the PD continues to execute the FY 21 budget well and are still showing a slight under expenditure of approximately 2 percent-this fluctuates each week. This is normal. Throughout the course of a year, there are always minor cost savings that are realized throughout the season which contribute to these minor amounts of unexpended appropriations. The next quarterly FY 21 Budget review will be at the October Commission meeting for the end of Sept budget review. This will be the Town's end of the third Qtr. Budget (4th Qtr. Federal) following the "Chief's Items" presentation.

Additionally, we have started in earnest on the construction of the FY 22 budget. So far all is going well, and I am not expecting any major requestions for appropriations. Because of the Tesla donation, we will not be asking for a vehicle this year, so there is a very nice savings to the Town. As we have been directed by Town hall to prepare the Budget using new Budget Guidelines, there will be a slight delay in gathering our budget construction team which consist of the Commission, our Three LNO's to the budget Committee and our BOS LNO. To achieve what we have been directed to do; we must "rebuild" the budget in a new format. This takes time. I will call for a meeting when we have the numbers and budget finally constructed.

Incidentally, with this new budget, I will be re-writing my new FY 22 Goals and Objectives. As I sated last meeting, this document forms the basis of the FY 22 budget and ties the budget directly to my goals and objectives. I will send this document out once it is completed for review, discussion, and charges pursuant to the wishes for the Police Commission.

Lastly, I am happy to report that I have no major issues with the FY 21 budget-please keep your fingers crossed-as always-hoping to avoid any unforested financial requirements (UFRs) I will continue to keep the Commission informed.

PERSONNEL:

With the retirement of Jason Boucher, effective 1 August 2021, we hired Joe Oswalt, on 2 August 2021-he is in a modified FTO program as he is an experienced Officer already certified by two Police Academies. We are back up to full strength at 14 full time Officers. CPL. Boucher will be staying with us as a part-time officer.

Operations (Criminal Investigations and Prosecutions):

In terms of Police investigations and Operations, the month of July was busy. In addition to the 4 July Fireworks and Parade, our numbers were consistent to our past busy summers.

The department also remains involved in the five (5) car motor vehicle crash investigation which occurred last Nov. The investigation is active, and I will continue to keep the Commission informed. This is indeed a lengthy inquiry, and I hope to have this wrapped up by Nov.

Because of the three-day 4 July weekend and summer vacations, Court has been slow. Only eleven (11) cases were heard this past month. Of those eleven (11) defendants charged, (4) were found or plead guilty at trial. Two (2) were placed on file pending good behavior and restitution and other classes as part of their agreement, and another five (5) were forwarded to diversion.

The conviction rate is this past month is one hundred percent (100.00%) with \$2294.00 dollars in fines, restitution, and penalties meted out by the Courts.

Safety and Security matters: We are realizing significant increase in traffic volumes because of the ending of pandemic precautions. I dare say these volumes are at or near all-time highs. I suspect the traffic to our Town will continue to be heavy all season-plan for this in advance and leave earlier for destinations-it is summer in Wolfeboro!

Lastly, during significant weather events if you don't have to go out-don't. A vast majority of our crashes occur during periods of inclement weather. Plan for needs ahead of these storms, cancel non-important appointments or events, if possible, please be safe.

Dispatch: NSTR

Motor Vehicle Enforcement: In an effort to mitigate the traffic crashes we realize monthly; we will be continuing a strong proactive approach to motor vehicle enforcement-this can be seen in our monthly briefing slides. We will be conducting aggressive speed reduction patrols in all through Town-so please if you are in a habit of

speeding-don't! Lastly, we continue to deploy assets and patrols to our identified problem areas-Safety First!

The Department is continuing its enhanced speed enforcement operations in the following areas: Lehner Street, Forrest Road, Cotton Valley and College Road to Stoddard Road; Beach Pond Road with a focus on the area between Pine Hill Road and North Line Road, Center Street, North Main Street, 109 East, Bay Street and Sewell Road. The reason for these speed enforcement operations is due to citizen complaints and data collected and analyzed by our radar trailer. We will continue our efforts in these areas until we are sure that the speeds have come down. If you travel these roads, please be mindful of the posted speed limits.

Lastly, "speeding" represents a danger on Town roads. All our roads are posted accurately. Our speed limit signs, and radar warning devices are there to keep driver's safe. I said last month if I catch you speeding on our roads, or racing our radar warning signs, you will be issued several summonses and have your license to drive revoked-a license is a privilege-not a right. Please obey the posted speed limit signs-they are there for your safety, and that of the public.

Training:

SRO Devine, SRO training-week long class.

As of the end of March, almost all the PD members have met their annual training requirements in terms of non-discretionary training.

DISPATCH: NSTR

Training note: **We do have on-line Training through Lexipol/Police One-it is available to all for training* Dispatch as well as Officers.

OUTREACH AND MATTERS OF INTEREST:

Both the Captain and I continue to meet with concerned citizens regarding a wide range of issues and community topics.

I am still conducting our talk radio show with Erick Scot of WASR. Please be our guest on this show each Monday at 12 Noon. Please call in and ask your questions and join in the discussion-let's get involved and solve community issues or simply have a good time! All are welcome!

The Both the Captain and I spoke on Wolfeboro Community TV this past month.

Captain Livie continues to be part of the Master Planning process, the Technical Review and Joint Loss committee.

I continue to serve on the Governor's Commission for the humane and ethical treatment of animals.

Lastly, please be our guest on Coffee and Connections with the Chief.

Safety Tip of the Month: August is upon us. The temps will be dropping soon, and Fall is on the way. Please be mindful of the Children out and about trying to eke out the last vestiges of summer before heading back to school-thanks!