

**Wolfeboro Police Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
September 22, 2021**

**Members present:** Chairman Steve Wood, Vice-Chair Bob O'Brien, Commissioner Shawn Coope

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

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Wood entertained the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consideration of Minutes**

**Commissioner O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the August 19, 2021, public minutes as written. Commissioner Coope seconded. Roll call vote: Bob O'Brien – yes, and Steve Wood – yes, Members voted, the motion passed.**

**Other Business**

Chairman Wood introduced the Commission and Police Staff members present. He then announced that he would be suspending the normal agenda and invited Jessica Williams to the microphone. Jessica had asked to be put on the Agenda and Chairman Wood wanted to be respectful of her time and did not want to have her wait until the end of the meeting to speak. He also cautioned Jessica to not say anything that would incriminate herself.

Jessica Williams came to the Police Commission Meeting with the following list of items to address:

1. RTK Requests and Delivery to Chief Rondeau
2. GWRSD Mask Policy and Adoption of Said Policy
3. NH 91A Overview and pertinent statutory law
4. Charges/Arrest of Members of the Public at a Public Meeting on 9/13/21

Jessica thanked the Commission for allowing her to come today and give her more than five minutes to speak. She then went on to read a multi-page document that she had prepared based on the topics she had submitted for the agenda. Some of the things she shared were: she reviewed her background and experience; she mentioned she was one of five persons arrested at the Sept.13, 2021 School Board Meeting and spoke of her innocence; She feels the school board has no right to make policy for the public to follow based on RSA 189:15; she referred to school board's "Stay Open Plan" and it has no policy to wear masks...no mention of visitors or members of the public; She filed a 91:A request directed to Chief Dean Rondeau; she questioned who does the Chief work for – the School Board or the people...and went on to read the Wolfeboro Police Department's mission statement; She filed a misconduct against Chief Rondeau and accused the Chief of being corrupt; she feels all charges should be dropped against all members who were falsely arrested and deprived of their rights.

## **Public Comment**

Chairman Wood invited members of the public to speak and feel free to speak. He reminded them that they would only have fifteen minutes to speak. He asked that the comments be kept cordial and respectful.

Jody Persson spoke and mentioned that he had attended the School Board meeting. He wanted to apologize to Chief Rondeau for his outburst at the School Board meeting. He acknowledged that these are uncharted waters and he wish he had an answer.

Diane Sebastian spoke and was also at the School Board meeting. Her point to the Commission was that it all seemed planned and that the School Board seemed to know all that they were going to do. It left a bad taste in her mouth.

Chairman Wood mentioned that the Commission cannot speak to anything regarding the School Board. That is not within their purview, and they have no direct or indirect relationship with them. However, he understands Diane's point very clearly. He asked if anyone else wanted to speak. He thanked everyone for coming and appreciates seeing people gather and attend meetings. The Commission will take everything under advisement, and they take this seriously and will act accordingly.

Chairman Wood asked if anyone had any questions for the Commission before they leave?

Paul Swanick spoke and asked if there are any charges against the School Board for obstructing a government proceeding?

Chairman Wood replied not that he is aware of and again that is not really in their purview.

Chief Rondeau responded that he did not see anything like that. He then went on to suggest that Paul contact the Public Integrity Unit at the Attorney General's Office.

## **Board of Selectmen's Representative**

Luke Freudenburg spoke that the Selectmen will be starting the budget proceedings. He has had some good conversations with the Chief about the budget for this upcoming year. He acknowledged the issues with increased cost of insurance, fuel, and retirement. He wants to give a clear picture to the public but needs for them to understand about fixed cost items. There is a lot of work that the departments do to prepare their budgets. He gave an example of the process using the Police Department's Budgets; it is reviewed by the Police Commission, the Town Manager, the Selectmen, the Budget Committee, and then to public vote. He wants the public to know how many eyes look at the hundreds of hours of work that goes into building a budget. He thanked the Chief and Commission for, what looks like, a fiscally sound budget.

## **Commissioner's Items**

Chairman Wood announced the date of the next Police Commission Meeting will be Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at The Great Hall at Town Hall.

Chairman Wood asked the Chief about getting data on specific cruiser gas usage.



Commissioner O'Brien asked if there will be significant savings with the hybrid cruisers?

Chief Rondeau replied that had come up with the Town Manager. He went on to say that we would see an average of about a 30% savings. He then went on to say we have only had one hybrid vehicle in the fleet for nine months. It takes a solid ten months from the time of ordering the vehicle, having it delivered and then put into operation. Overtime, as we have these vehicles in operation you will see greater cost savings.

### **Activity Reports**

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

**Incidents:** He reported 60 incidents, a decrease from the previous month.

**Offenses by month:** He reported 94 offenses last month.

**Arrest status report:** He reported an increase from the previous month, a total of 34.

**Collisions YTD and Accidents by street name:** He reported 17 accidents last month. A 6.25% increase over the previous month.

**Traffic stops YTD and location breakdown report:** He reported 355 traffic stops last month and 17 tickets were issued out of those stops. Resulting in an 4.78% 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 was still 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

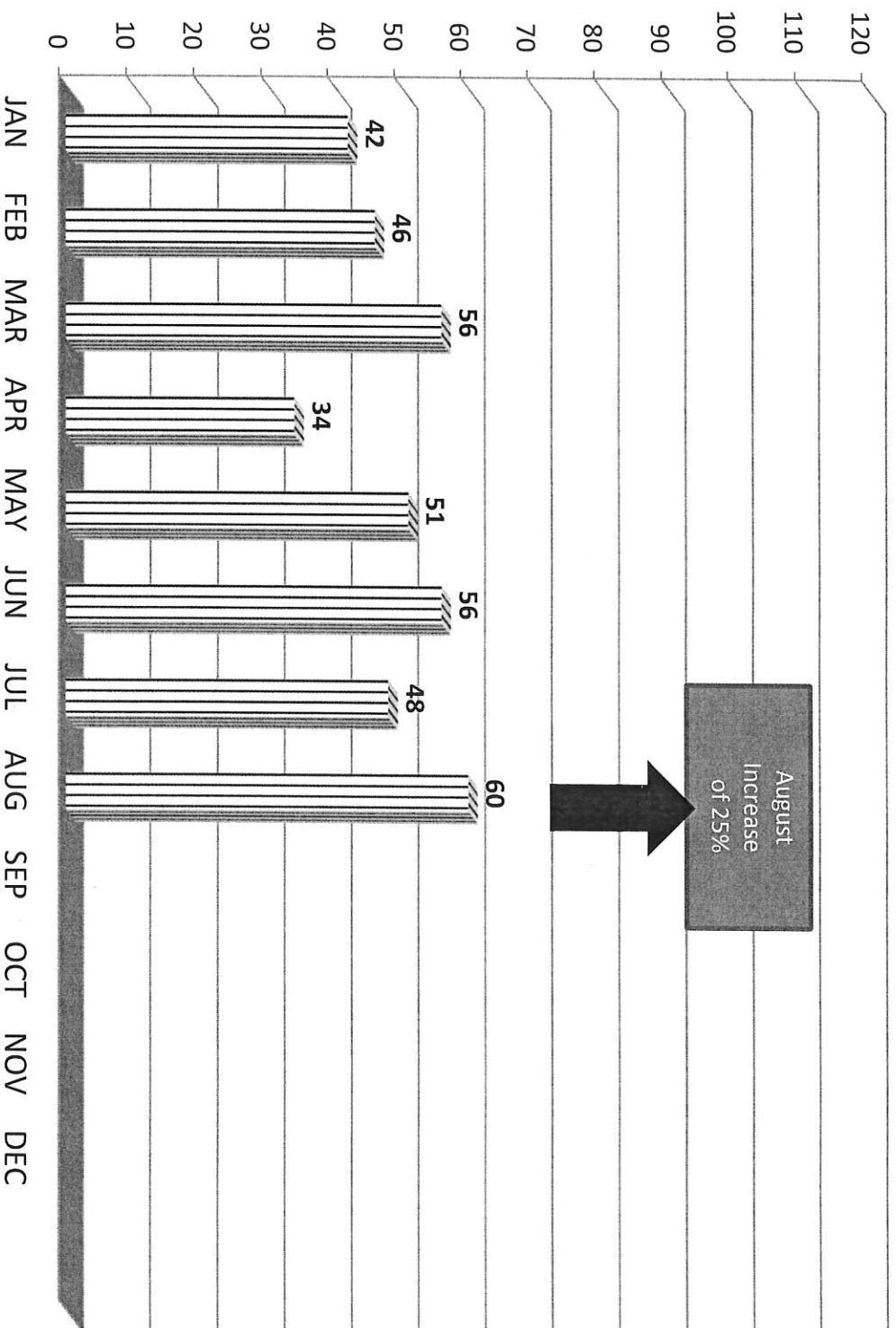
*Being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Wood entertained a motion to adjourn.*

**Commissioner O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 4:43 PM.**  
**Commissioner Coope seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.**

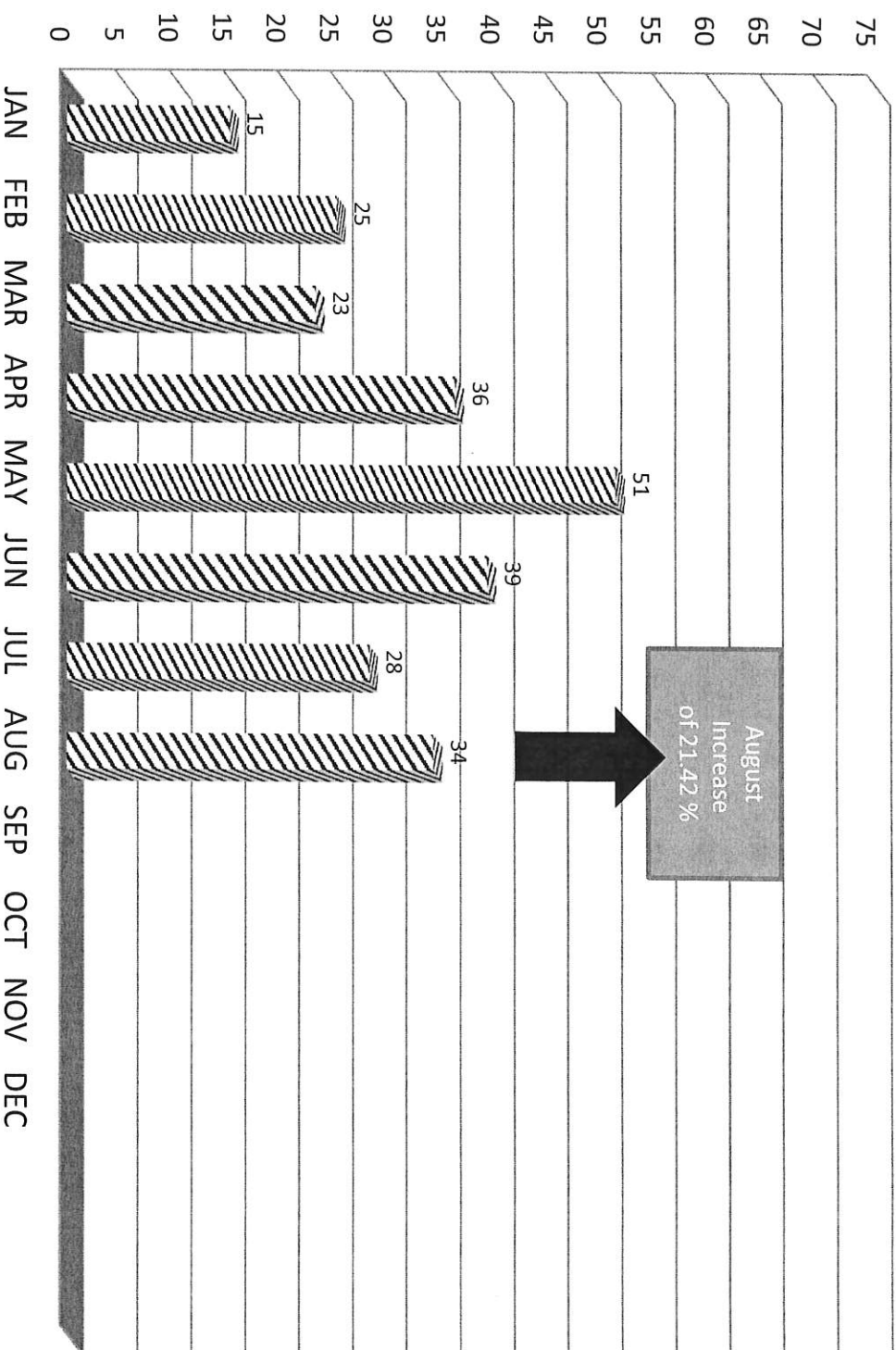
Respectfully submitted,

**Sherri Moore**

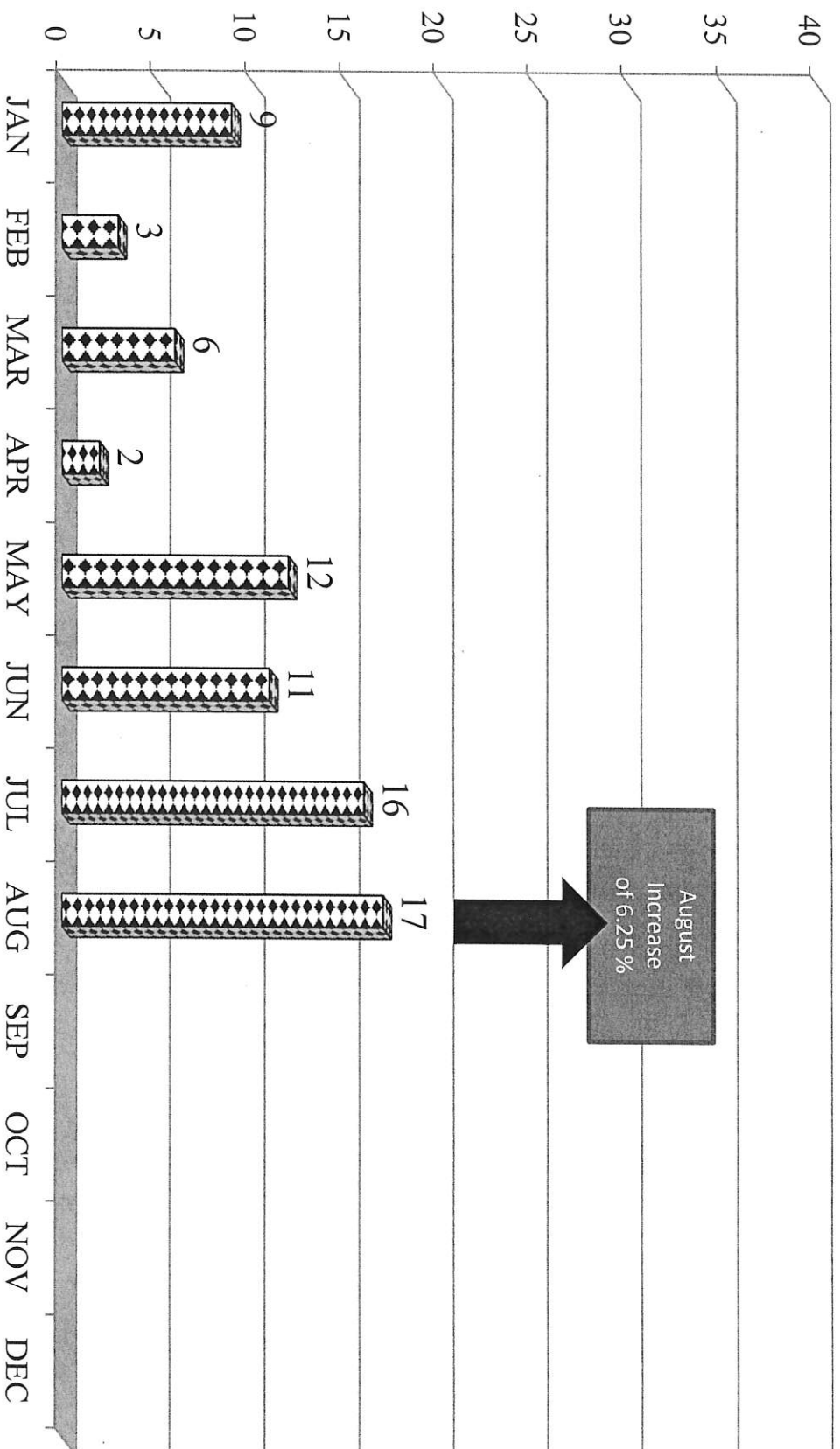
# INCIDENTS (CASES) YTD 2021



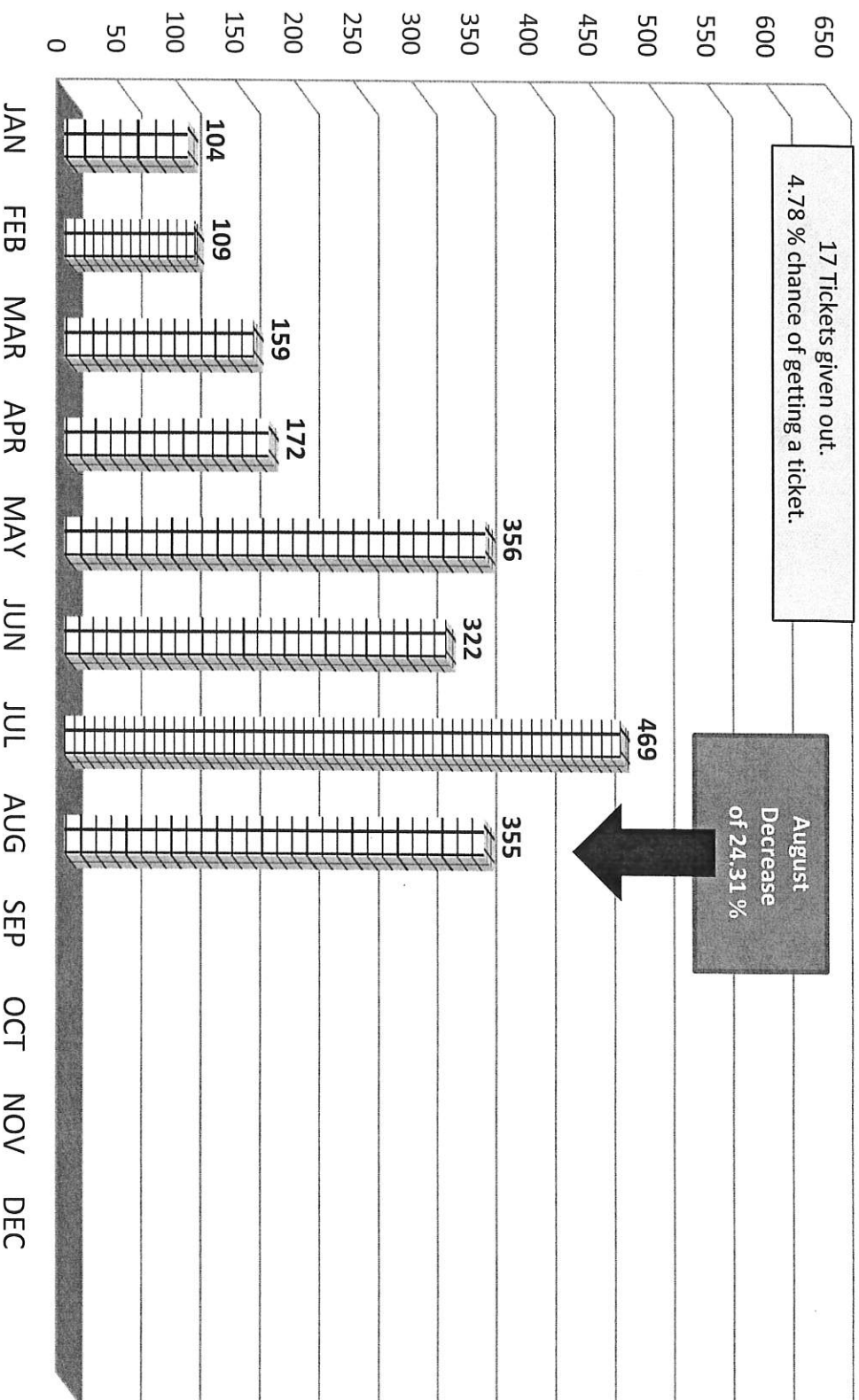
# ARRESTS YTD 2021



# COLLISIONS YTD 2021



# TRAFFIC STOPS YTD 2021





### Monthly Activity for August 2021

For the month of August 2021, Det. Emerson investigated four (4) new cases. The cases below represent all the incident and arrest for the month of August.

All four (4) cases were investigated as Misdemeanor's level offenses.

In addition to Detective Emerson's assigned case's, Detective Emerson assisted State and Federal agencies in Town on multiple occasions. Detective Emerson assisted agents from the Manchester Police and their Counter Terrorism Division which falls under the umbrella of the FBI. Detective Emerson located the individual they were searching for and was asked to participate in their questioning of that individual.

Detective Emerson worked with New Hampshire State Police Detective's after Detective Emerson received information out of Florida of possible evidence in a suspicious death case.

Detective Emerson met with an agent of the FBI who was attempting to locate an individual. Detective Emerson was able to locate that individual for them.

Detective Emerson assisted in locating a male subject spotted in town who had an active warrant for his arrest. Arrest was made without incident.

### Cases Assigned/Investigated

3 Theft investigations

1 Possession of Drug's

Percentage of cases closed this month 69%

Percentage of new cases closed by arrest during the month 25%

Percentage of entire case load closed 71%

TO: Wolfeboro Police Commission

FROM: Dean J. Rondeau  
Chief of Police

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

DATE: 17 Sept 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 (4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Lasty, 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: NSTR**

### **Operations (Criminal Investigations and Prosecutions):**

In terms of Police investigations and Operations, the month of Aug was busy. our numbers are consistent to our past busy summers.

The department has concluded its investigation into the five (5) car motor vehicle crash investigation which occurred last Nov. The investigation has proved that the driver of the offending vehicle suffered a medical emergency which could not have been prevent. No charges will be forthcoming, though administrative actions are likely to occur.

This past month (17) cases were heard charging (19) separate offenses. Of those (17) defendants charged, (14) were found guilty or plead guilty at trial. Three others were placed on file pending good behavior and restitution and other classes as part of their agreement.

The conviction rate is this past month is one hundred percent (100.00%) with \$6178.00 dollars in fines, restitution, and penalties meted out by the Courts.

**Safety and Security matters:** Traffic and activity in Wolfeboro remains high as folks try to get in the last vestiges of summer. I suspect that it will be this way at least until the Columbus Day week. We will be out and about in Town and in the compact portion of Town maintaining a systemic presence as always.

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.

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.

**Training:**

**SGT Strauch-K-9 training**

**DISPATCH: NSTR**

**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: September is here! It is pumpkin spice season-finally! 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 remnants of summer before heading back to school-thanks!**