

**Wolfeboro Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2022**

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

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

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Wood entertained the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Minutes

Chairman Wood entertained a motion to amend the February 17, 2022, with some minor corrections.

Commissioner O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the February 17, 2022, public minutes as amended. Commissioner Coope seconded. Members voted, all in favor, the motion passed.

Activity Reports

Chief Rondeau reported on the following activity reports for month of February.

Incidents: He reported 37 incidents, a decrease from the previous month.

Offenses by month: He reported 61 offenses for the month.

Arrest status report: He reported a decrease from the previous month, a total of 19.

Collisions YTD report: He reported 20 collisions. This is an increase in the number of collisions that occurred last month.

Traffic stops YTD report: He reported 212 traffic stops last month and 7 tickets were issued out of those stops. Resulting in an 3.30% chance of getting a ticket. A vast majority of stops are educational verse being punitive.

Personnel Analysis report: The report is a synopsis of each officer's reporting for the month.

Detectives Report: Report attached

School Resource Officer (SRO): Report attached. Chief Rondeau also shared that there is a new initiative happening within the schools, a Diversion Program. The goal is trying to solve juvenile problems before going to court. The criminal justice system was never designed to be expeditious; it was designed to be slow and methodical.

Chief's Items

Chief Rondeau read his report. Please see attached.

DISCUSSION:

Chief Rondeau also spoke about the Public Safety Building and that the next PSB Committee meeting will be held on Monday, March 21, 2022. The architect will have updated cost numbers and the Chief suspects it will be around 6.7 million and believes that number will probably come down but not sure how much.

Chief Rondeau also shared that he had sent out an email showing how the designs have been changed to decrease the space. The building looks good and it's very tight. He is paying attention to the residents out there that do not like the location. He has been hearing that the site won't look good. He disagrees, he thinks it will look better. He is also hearing complaints about cars screaming out of the Police Department but that is not how it is.

Chairman Wood shared that he too spoke with residents speaking out about that very point (of cars screaming out of the PD). He suggested that they go and sit at the hospital and observe the comings and goings.

Chief Rondeau shared that by beautifying the area it will help practice noise and light mitigation. He then went on to share that we are one mile from the police building to the bridge downtown. There are other ways around town unlike now. Right now, there is a choke point at Pickering Corner and that is an issue during the summer. The plan going forward is from the Town Manager, Jim Pineo, to build the police station first and then the fire department. This plan will give the fire department a way to expand. People ask why can't we do everything at once? The Chief explained that he found out that fire trucks cannot stay outside during the winter. The fire trucks carry water and chemicals, and they would freeze if left outside and be rendered useless. To build a temporary building would not be cost effective either. Chief Rondeau believes the plan is sound and the Town looked at a lot of locations and there were issues. By using the architect plans on the screen, the Chief went on to explain the layout of the building and grounds. He shared that the building design helps us move towards the next step of the CALEA standard. Body cams will be coming and that will be the next big hurdle with getting the CALEA certification. The Chief will keep the citizens informed every step of the way. He will try to keep everyone happy.

Tom Bell shared that during his last visit with Ron Goodgame, Ron shared an idea of having a "friends of the Police" set up.

Chief Rondeau shared that he thought that is a fantastic idea.

Luke Freudenberg shared that he is working towards that...a 503cb has to be formed. This would give people the opportunity to share in the process and show them how we got here. It would be a way of allowing people to be more informed and educated on the process.

Chairman Wood responded that Luke hit the nail on the head. One of the people's concern is cost and what we have found is a less expensive cost. Chairman Wood went on to speak about that over the last couple of years there has been money set aside in a capital reserve fund for a new Dispatch console. The ideal situation would be to have this console installed in the new building. We are trying to avoid having it

have a catastrophic failure and have to have it installed in the current building and then de-installed and re-installed into the new building. That would cost more money and we are trying to avoid that.

Chief Rondeau responded that he also wanted to add to what has been said and address locations that have been looked at for the new building. Yes, we did look at the bank building, yes, we looked at the Zimmerman property and that owner will not sell to the Town...as well as other locations. There have been significant issues with each of the properties. Some of the issues being soil remediation, which can be tricky. We have come up with a very good plan.

Captain's Items

None

Questions from the Press

None

Commissioner's Items

Next Police Commission Meeting will be April 21, 2022, at the Wolfeboro Public Library in the Bradley Room at 4:00 p.m.

Board of Selectmen's Representative

Luke Freudenberg shared that he is happy all the warrant articles passed including the Public Safety Building.

Budget Committee's Representative

Tom Bell shared the same sentiments as Luke and that it was a very smooth process. He also asked if the Commission know about the passing of Ron Goodgame.

Chairman Wood responded yes, he had and that the Commission and Police Staff are saddened to hear the passing of Ron. He was a great guy all around and will be deeply missed.

Public Comment

None

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

Commissioner O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to enter into non-public session RSA 91 A: 3, a to discuss litigation and personnel at 4:59 PM. Commissioner Coope seconded. Roll call vote: Bob O'Brien – yes, Shawn Coope – yes and Steve Wood-yes, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 5:28 PM.

Commissioner O'Brien entertained a motion to seal the Non-Public Minutes.

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

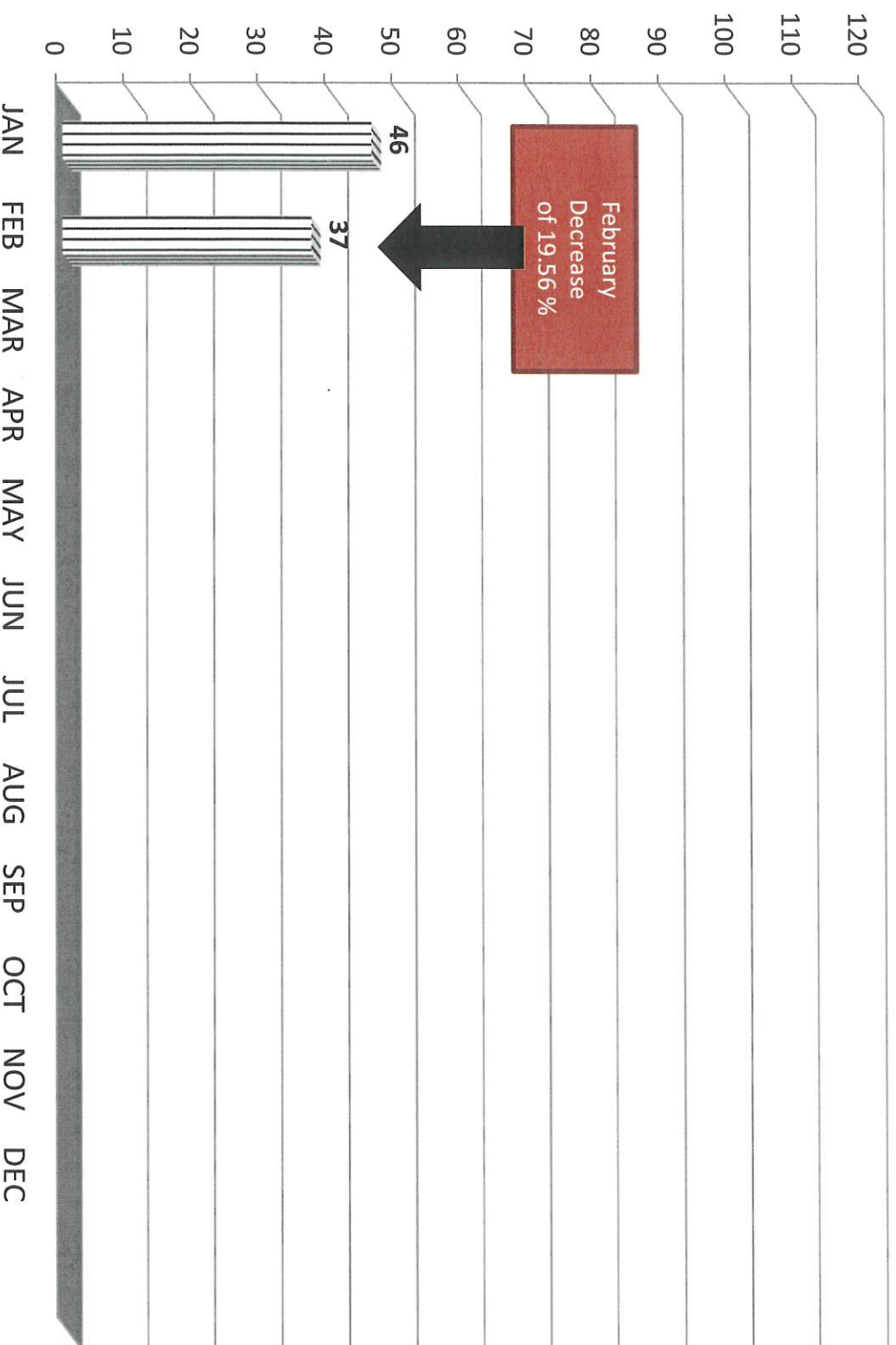
Being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Wood entertained a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 5:29 PM. Commissioner Coope seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

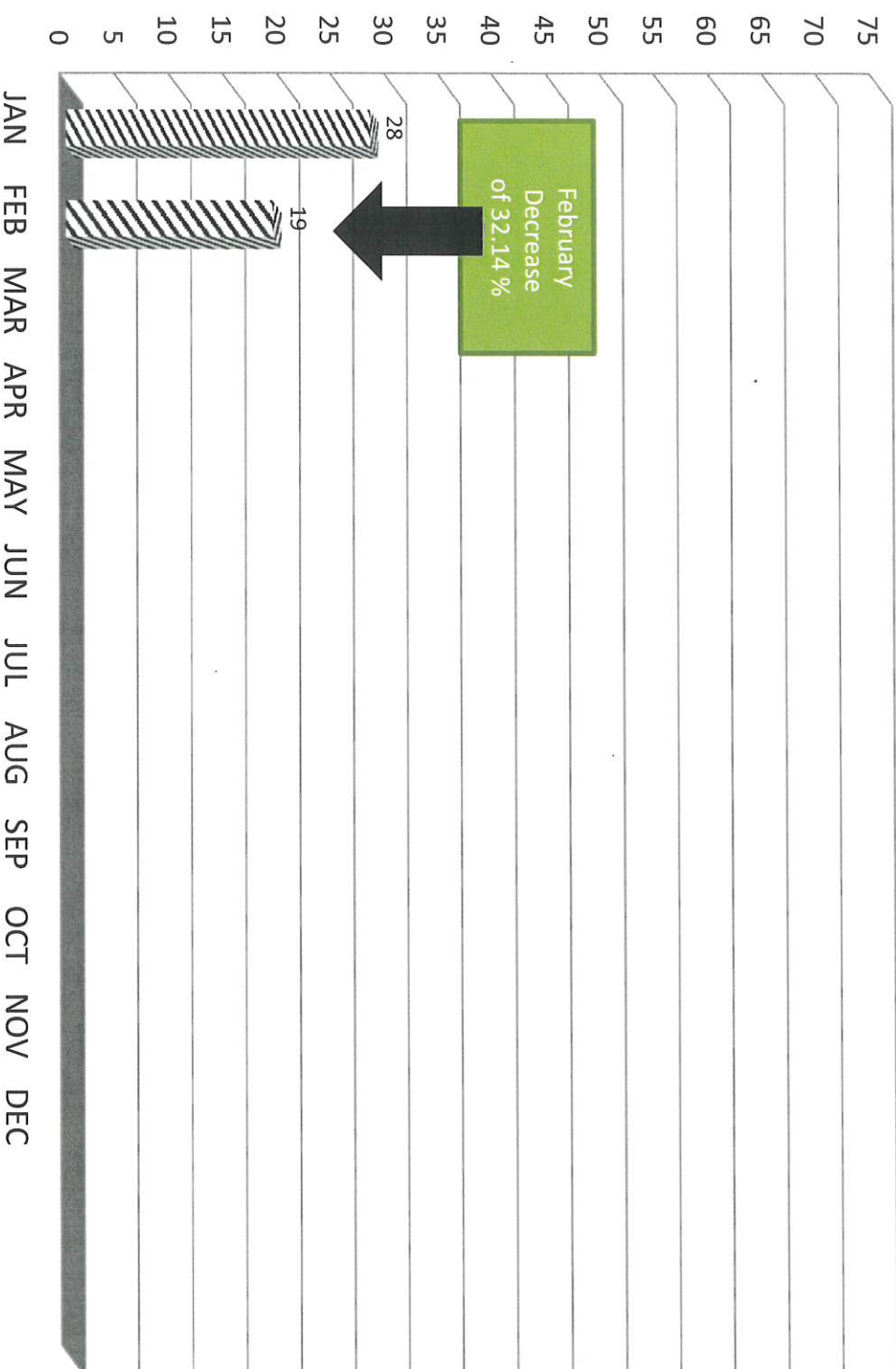
Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Moore

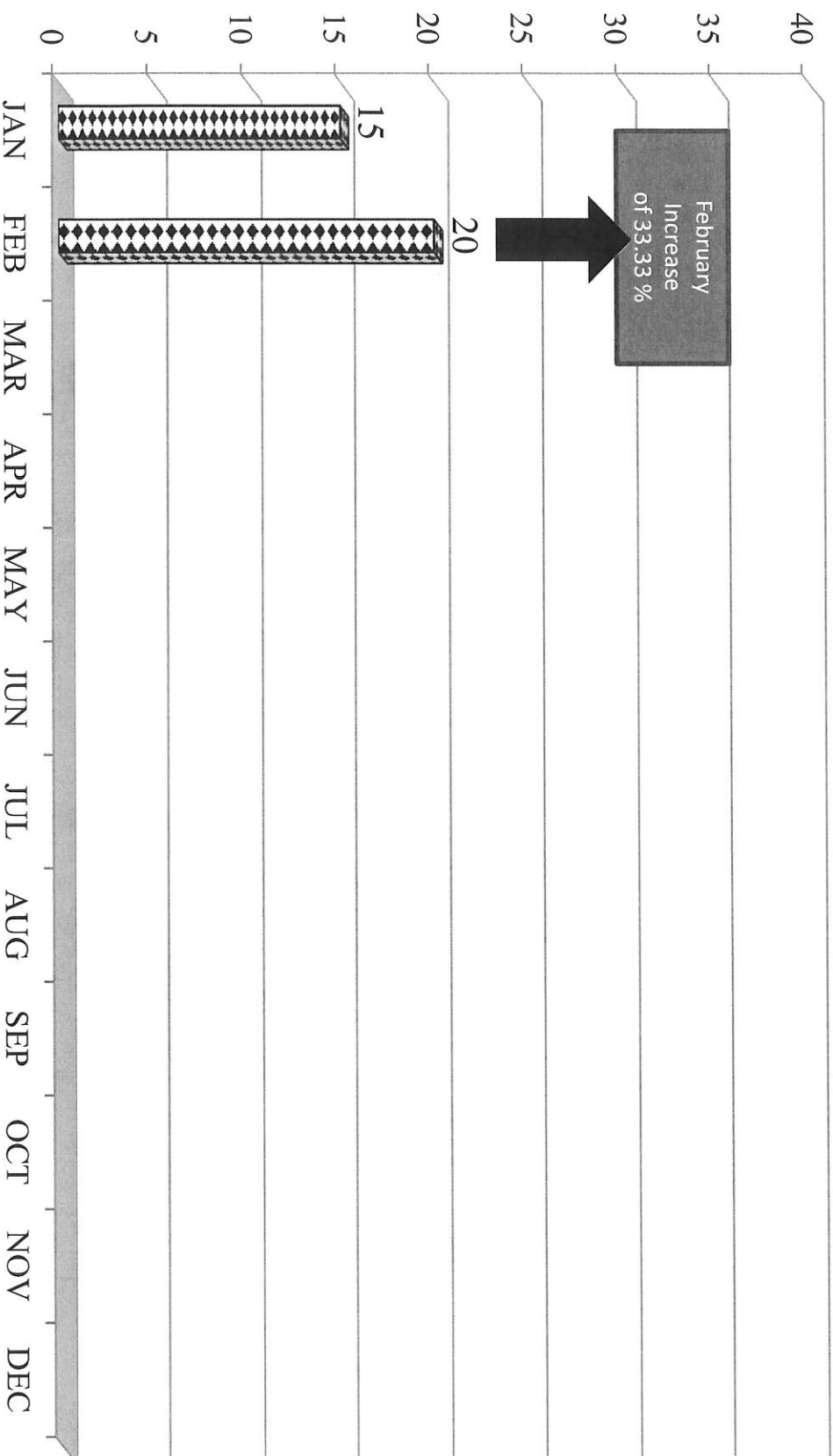
INCIDENTS (CASES) YTD 2022



ARRESTS YTD 2022



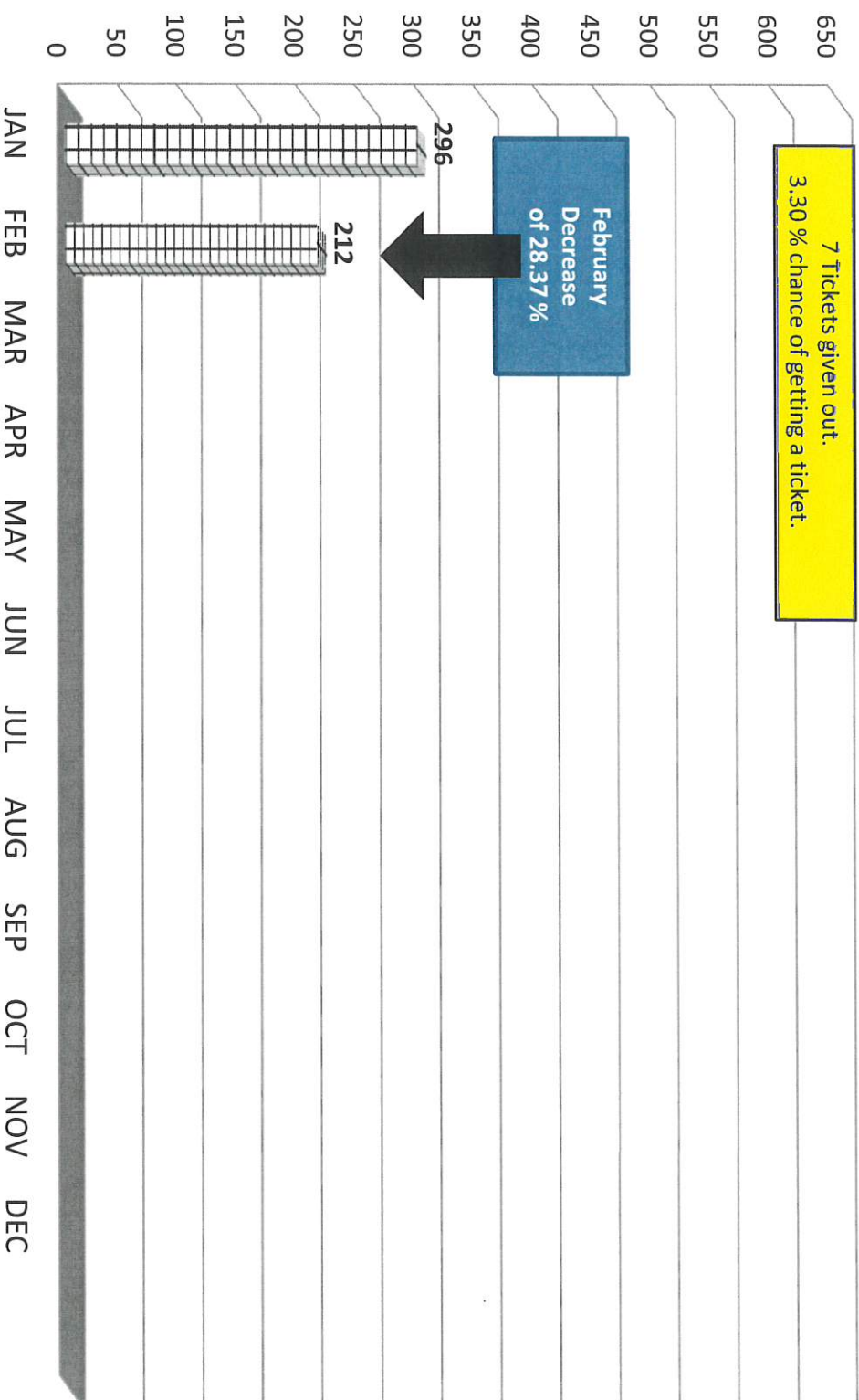
COLLISIONS YTD 2022



TRAFFIC STOPS YTD 2022

7 Tickets given out.
3.30 % chance of getting a ticket.

February
Decrease
of 28.37 %





	Incidents	Asst Inc	Detective	Arrests	Asst Arr	Booking	Orders	Citations	Accidents	Asst Acc.	Park Tks	Field Int	Asst FI	Warrants
Beaulieu, Jared	2	4	0	4	11	3	0	0	34	1	0	0	0	0
Boucher, Jason	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Church, Benjamin	0	2	0	4	1	4	0	0	58	2	0	0	0	0
Devine, Mary	18	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
DUSTIN, CHRISTOPHER	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	17	2	0	0	0	0
Emerson, Shane	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LaRochelle, Eric	6	0	0	3	3	4	0	0	24	6	0	0	0	0
Livie, Mark	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lyons, Mia	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MALONEY, GUY M	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morgan, Tim	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
O'keefe, Timothy	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Oswalt, Joseph	4	1	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peaslee, Joshua	15	4	0	8	2	8	1	0	48	3	0	0	0	0
Shanks, Joseph	9	2	0	17	3	17	1	0	65	7	0	0	0	0
Spera, Patrick	7	1	0	3	2	2	0	0	142	0	0	0	0	0
Strauch, Michael	5	0	0	3	2	2	0	0	19	6	0	0	0	0
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TOTALS

Monthly Activity for February 2022

For the month of February 2022, Det. Emerson investigated four (4) new cases.

Detective Emerson was assigned a new Internet Crimes Against Children cyber-tip (ICAC) involving Sextortion of a minor. Detective Emerson is also investigating a Felonious Sexual Assault case. Detective Emerson is currently investigating four (4) ICAC cases. Detective Emerson worked with the Division of Child Youth and Families (DCYF) with a Child Abuse case.

Detective Emerson went to Berlin NH., where he executed a search warrant and searched a residence. As a result of that search, Detective Emerson was able to locate and seize items in that residence that where evidence of a sexual assault crime of a minor that took place in Wolfeboro.

Cases Assigned/Investigated

1 Runaway Juvenile

1 Child Abuse cases

1 Sextortion of a Minor

1 Theft

Percentage of cases closed this month 25%

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

Percentage of entire case load closed 62%

**WOLFEBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DEVINE
MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 2022**

February was the sixth month of school for SRO Devine with eighteen (18) full days of school. SRO Devine responded to several incidents in the High School and Middle School. SRO Devine wrote one arrest report and six incident reports. She also went to the Carroll County Family Division District Court as a witness for a Criminal Threatening case at the Middle School. She participated in meetings regarding the Kingswood Next Steps Team. Incidentally, SRO Devine participated at the Kingswood Youth Center with a discussion regarding drug prevention.

This past month a report was taken of an assault at the Middle School for which diversion with the White Mountain Restorative Justice is in process. SRO Devine took three reports from students regarding incidents that happened in other jurisdictions. Those reports were then forwarded to the responsible investigative agencies outside of our jurisdiction. A motor vehicle accident was reported on campus after school was let out.

SRO Devine and members of the police department were called to assist in finding a student who is a habitual runaway and had run away from campus. The student was located safely. Additionally, she investigated three incidents regarding vapes in possession of students on campus. Two were issued warnings as they were first offenders and received school discipline. One of the offenders was issued a summons as it was his second offense, and had previously been issued a warning.

TO: Wolfeboro Police Commission

FROM: Dean J. Rondeau
Chief of Police

SUBJ: Chief's Items (February 2022) for 17 March 2022 Wolfeboro Police
Commission meeting

DATE: 09 March 2022

Non- Public: We have a need for a non-public presentation tonight regarding collective bargaining negotiations and personnel.

GENERAL BUDGET ITEMS: The Budget passed by a wide majority.

PERSONNEL: NSTR

Operations (Criminal Investigations and Prosecutions):

In terms of Police investigations, Prosecutions, and Operations, the month of February was slow due to a holiday weekend, being the middle of winter and the Ossipee Circuit being closed for one week (School vacation.). ur Prosecutor continues to work through the incredible case load created by the Courts in terms of their response to the COVID-19 pandemic. I am afraid this will continue for quite some time, I forecast even into 2023! The Court taking a week-off in Feb does not help either.

Prosecutions:

The month of February saw eleven (11) defendants responded to eleven (11) charges. Of those, nine (9) plead or were found guilty at trial. Two (2) were Placed on File (POF) pending good behavior, restitution and other classes or counseling as part of their agreement.

The conviction rate is this past month is one hundred (100%) percent with \$\$4464.00 dollars in fines, restitution, and penalties meted out by the Courts.

Safety and Security matters: February proved to be a busy month for traffic. We are still realizing significant increase in traffic volumes because of a variety of reasons. We believe that the population of Wolfeboro has grown a bit beyond the 2020 census mostly due to folks escaping the major population centers to ride out COVID-19. I suspect the traffic to our Town will continue to be heavy all season long, so please plan for this in advance and leave earlier for destinations.

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. Stay OFF THE ICE unless you know for a fact that the ice can support your weight! There was a recent fatality of a 70 year old on the ice in Moultonborough when his truck crashed through the ice.

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.

As a matter of note: if you have a blue inspection sticker or registration anywhere on your vehicles' now-you are wrong! Please check your vehicles for proper registration and inspections. Soon, Spring will be here, and we will start our enhanced motor vehicle enforcement operations. When that happens, we will be checking ever so closely for compliance with our NH registration and inspection laws. If you are found to be out of compliance, you could subject yourself to various punitive measures, and of course, your vehicle could be towed from the scene if it is absent registration-just a word to the wise in this respect. I am still seeing far too many blue inspection and registration stickers on the road-please take care of those issues now-while you have time-you all now have been informed!

Training:

Sgt. Beaulieu – Leadership Development for First Line Supervisors
Staff Sgt. Maloney – APCO training continued every month 8 hours.
Officer Oswalt – Basic Death Investigation – Weeks class 40 hours
Sgt. Strauch – K-9 Training

Chief Rondeau Staff Sgt. Maloney taught at the Academy

DISPATCH: NSTR

OUTREACH AND MATTERS OF INTEREST:

We are still engaged in a wide variety of TV and talk shows along with Town of Wolfeboro committee programs.

Safety Tip of the Month: Check with NH Fish and Game before you venture out onto the ice-in some places the ice is not thick enough to support human weight, let alone a motor vehicle, even though we have had some very cold temps. Moving water takes a long time to freeze-that's because it freezes from the top down, not the bottom up.