

Wolfeboro Police Commission Meeting Minutes April 21, 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 4:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Wood entertained the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Minutes

Chairman Wood entertained a motion to amend the March 17, 2022, as written.

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

Activity Reports

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

Incidents: He reported 45 incidents, an increase from the previous month.

Offenses by month: He reported 58 offenses for the month.

Arrest status report: He reported an increase from the previous month, a total of 21.

Collisions YTD report: He reported 13 collisions. This is a decrease in the number of collisions that occurred last month.

Traffic stops YTD report: He reported 232 traffic stops last month and 11 tickets were issued out of those stops. Resulting in an 4.75% chance of getting a ticket. The officers take an educated minded approach when stopping cars.

Personnel Analysis report: The report is a synopsis of each officer's activity for the month. While reviewing the officer's activity Chief Rondeau reiterated that the Wolfeboro Police Department is one of the very few agencies that offers 24-hour coverage. He also went on to reiterate that the midnight shift may not be the busiest shift, but he considers it the most dangerous shift. He is not trying to be an alarmist. There may not be a lot of activity during the midnight shift, but it is the most dangerous shift.

Detectives Report: Report attached

School Resource Officer (SRO): Report attached. Chief Rondeau added a few points to highlight regarding the SRO...mentioning that the School Compound is very busy. The SRO is using utilizing the Restorative Justice Program as a means of not tying up the courts with juvenile cases. The goal is to keep kids out of the Justice System. Currently SRO Devine has 28 cases and a majority come from the school.

Chief's Items

Chief Rondeau read his report. Please see attached.

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Wood inquired if there was a cost for Officer Peaslee joining the S.W.A.T.

Captain Livie responded it was just the cost of equipment.

Commissioner O'Brien inquired if the Department had to buy a specific piece of equipment (weapon).

Captain Livie replied that one was provided.

Chief Rondeau shared before the meeting ended that a few weeks ago the Captain attended a Technical Review Committee meeting and heard plans of a 90-unit workforce housing to be built – consisting of two apartment buildings. Chief Rondeau thinks that is great because we need more housing. If we look around at what's going on in Wolfeboro regarding the construction of houses (25 homes being built in the Chief's neighborhood, Taylor Community construction and more homes being built out near Commissioner O'Brien) ...there is going to be a lot of construction within the next 5 years. It is all great. What you're looking at is about 1,000 people being added to the current population. When looking at the census we are looking at adding 1/6th of the population in the next five years. He feels that these are the things policy makers need to discuss regarding the impact on Fire/Rescue, EMS, Police, and Water/Electric/Sewer services. It's a worthy conversation to begin having. It will put a stress on the current infrastructure. That's all he wanted to say about that.

Captain's Items

None

Questions from the Press

None

Commissioner's Items

Next Police Commission Meeting will be May 19, 2022, at the Wolfeboro Public Library in the Bradley Room at 4:00 p.m.

Board of Selectmen's Representative

Luke Freudenberg shared that Steve Durgan passed away and there would be a Celebration of Life being held at Goodhue Hawkins from 3 pm to 5 pm on Saturday, April 23, 2022.

Budget Committee's Representative

Tom Bell had nothing to report.

Public Comment

None

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

Commissioner O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to enter into non-public session RSA 91 A: 3, a to discuss Personnel and Internal Practices at 4:33 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.

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

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

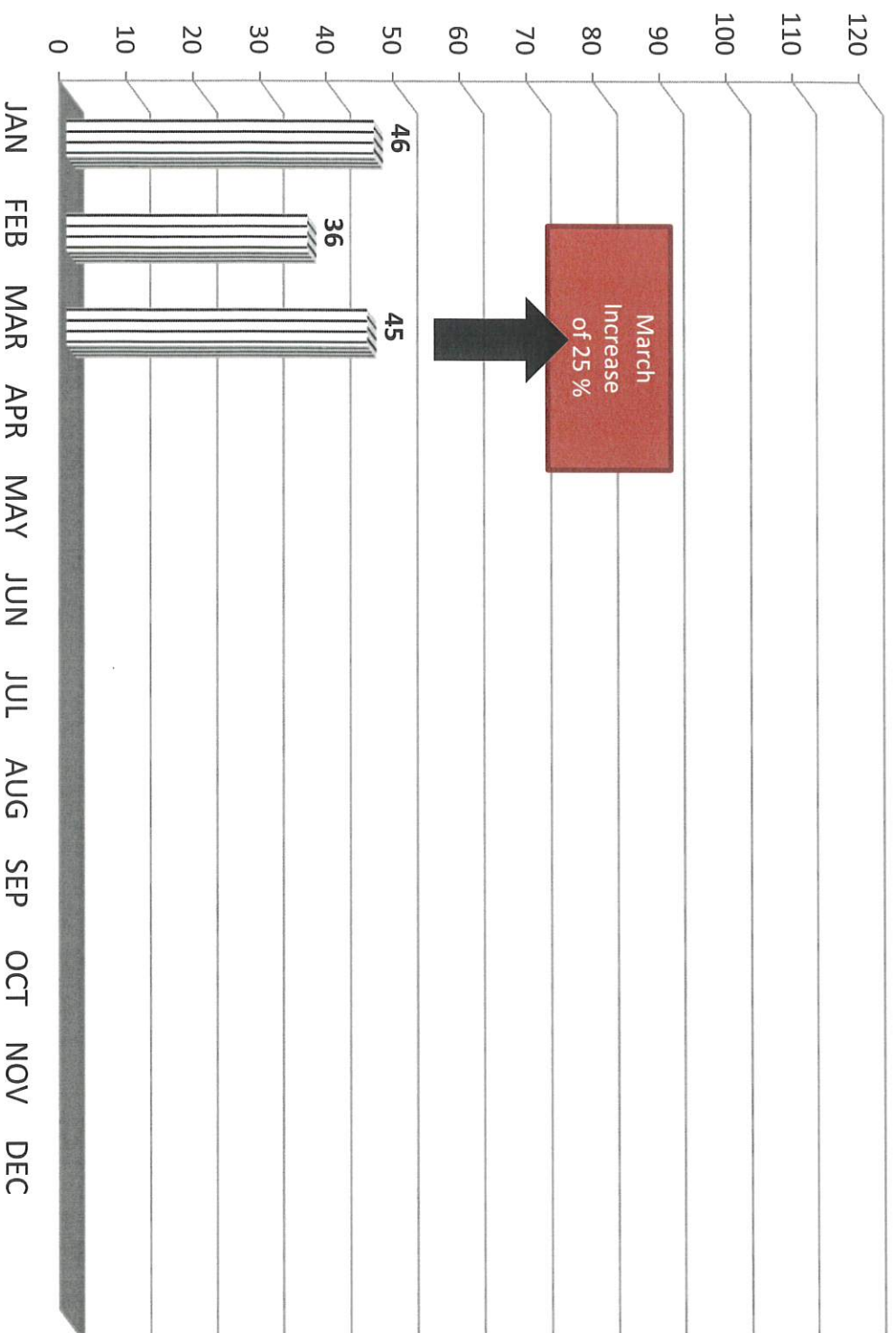
Being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Wood entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

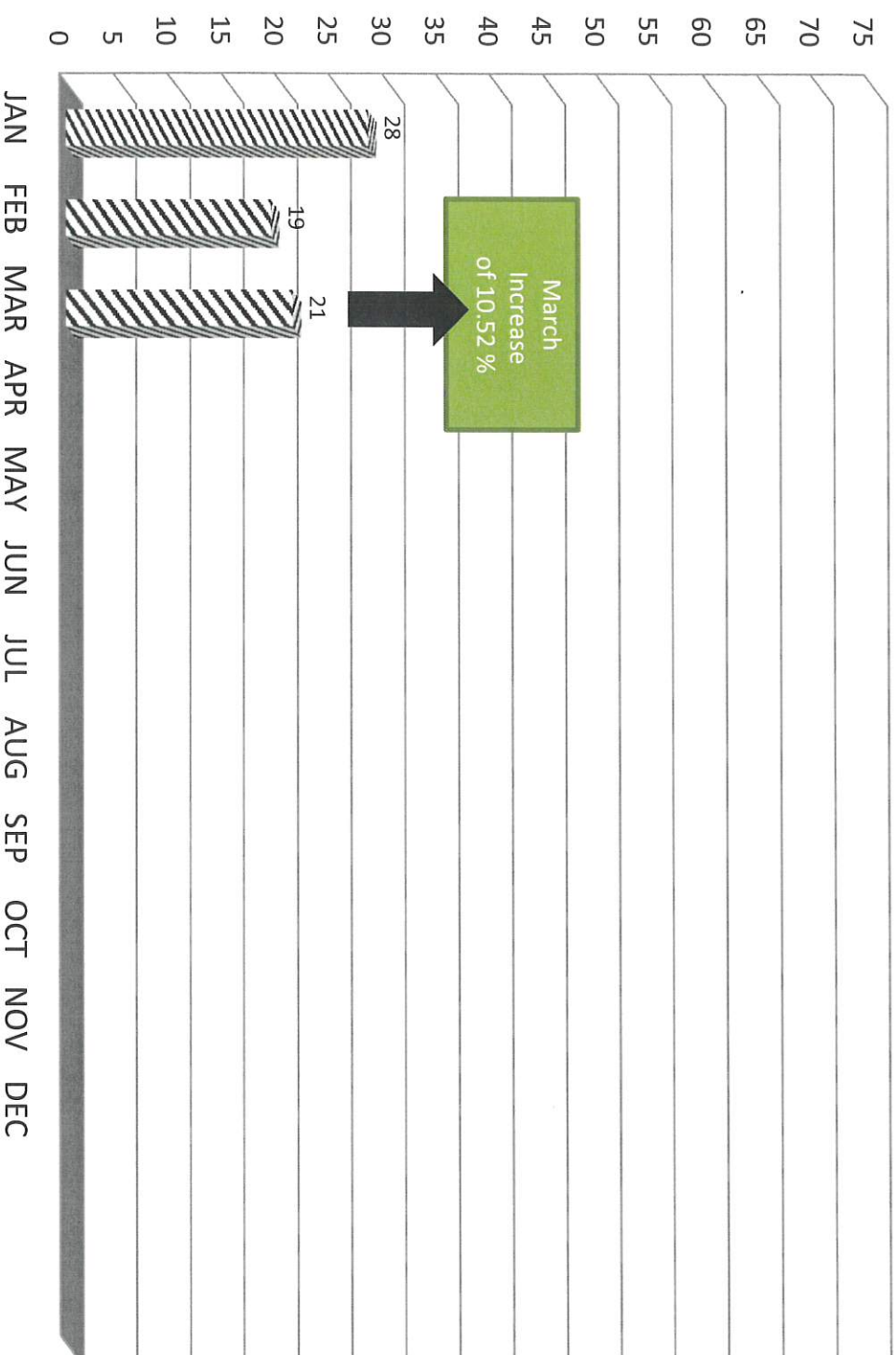
Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Moore

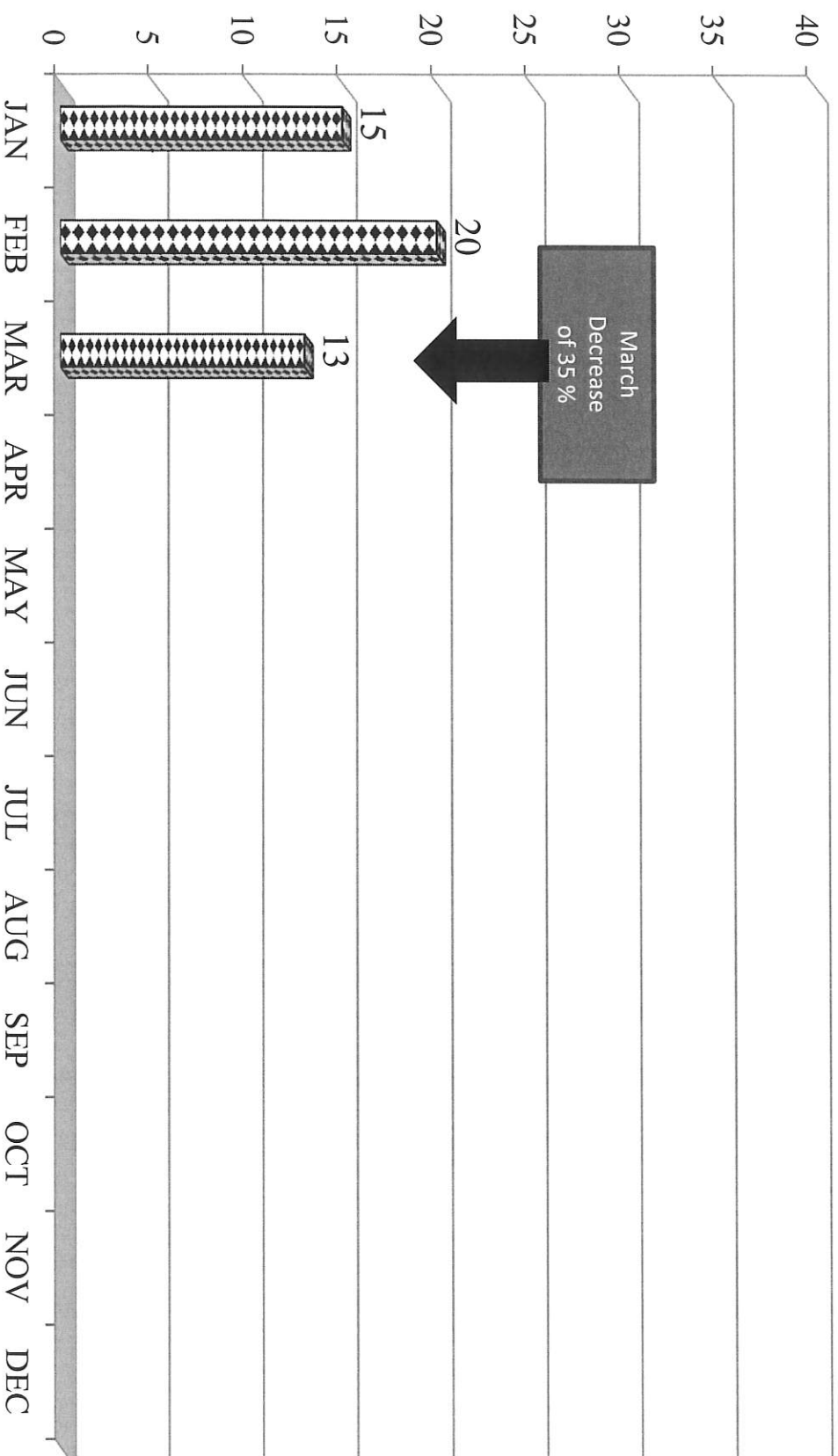
INCIDENTS (CASES) YTD 2022



ARRESTS YTD 2022

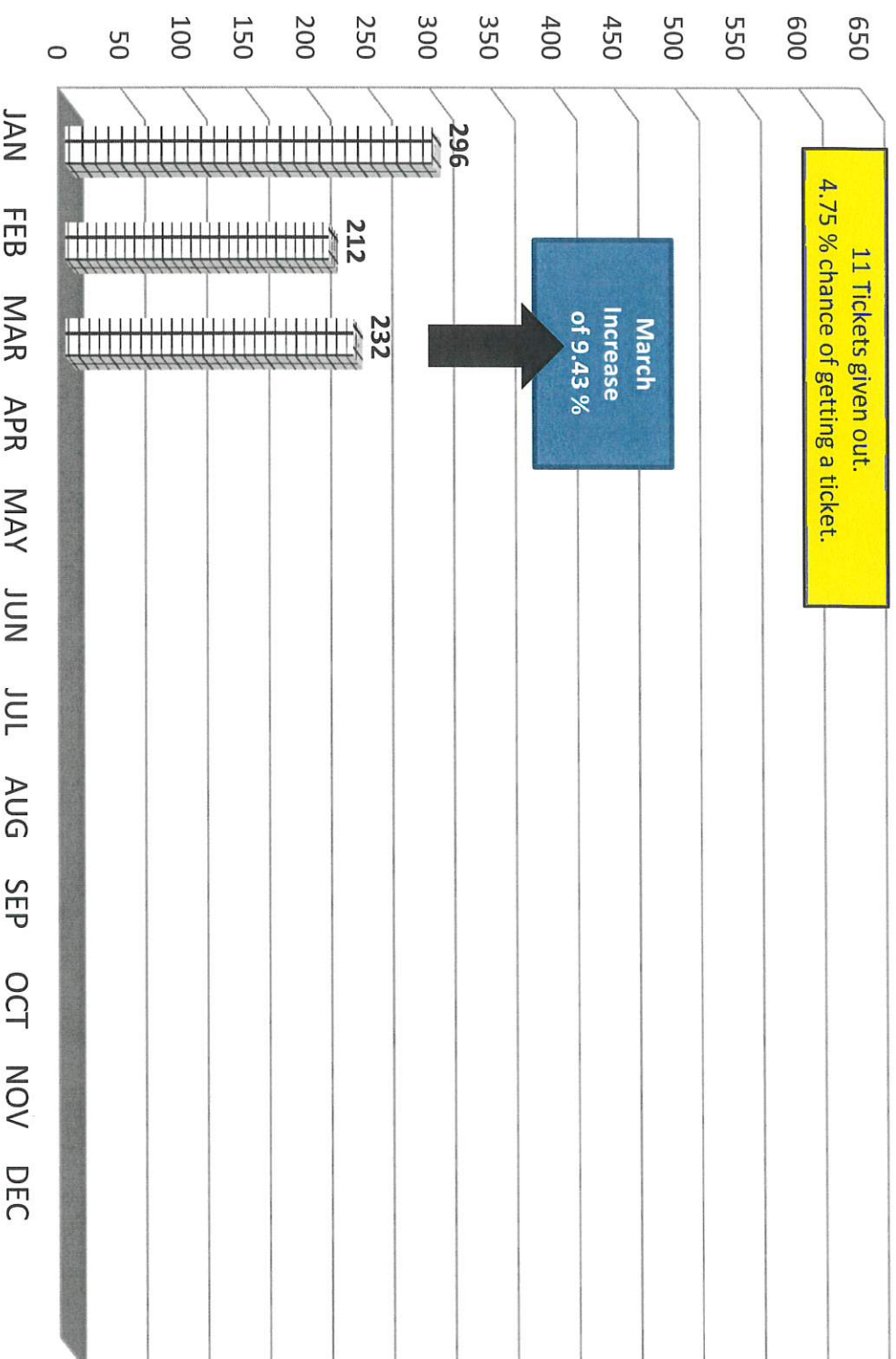


COLLISIONS YTD 2022



TRAFFIC STOPS YTD 2022

11 Tickets given out.
4.75 % chance of getting a ticket.





Wolfeboro Police Department
Personnel Analysis Reports
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	<u>Incidents</u>	<u>Asst Inc</u>	<u>Detective</u>	<u>Arrests</u>	<u>Asst Arr</u>	<u>Booking</u>	<u>Orders</u>	<u>Citations</u>	<u>Accidents</u>	<u>Asst Acc.</u>	<u>Park Tks</u>	<u>Field Int</u>	<u>Asst FI</u>	<u>Warrants</u>
Beaulieu, Jared	5	5	0	7	11	6	0	47	4	0	0	0	0	0
Boucher, Jason	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Church, Benjamin	1	3	0	4	2	4	0	66	5	0	0	0	0	0
Devine, Mary	28	0	0	3	1	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
DUSTIN, CHRISTOPHER	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	23	2	0	0	0	0	0
Emerson, Shane	7	1	0	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
LaRoche, Eric	12	0	0	6	3	7	0	32	6	0	0	0	0	0
Livie, Mark	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Lyons, Mia	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MALONEY, GUY M	7	0	0	1	1	2	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0
Morgan, Tim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oswalt, Joseph	9	1	0	4	3	5	1	66	3	0	1	0	0	0
Peaslee, Joshua	18	6	0	9	2	9	1	92	7	0	0	0	0	0
Rondeau, Dean	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shanks, Joseph	11	2	0	23	4	23	1	226	0	0	0	0	0	2
Spera, Patrick	9	2	0	3	2	2	0	54	10	0	0	0	0	0
Strauch, Michael	8	0	0	5	5	4	0	51	5	1	0	0	0	1
TOTALS	127	22	0	68	42	68	4	661	48	1	2	0	0	4

Monthly Activity for March 2022

For the month of March 2022, Det. Emerson investigated six (6) new cases and arrests.

Detective Emerson was assigned a sexual assault case involving a minor, an assault case which was the result of a domestic altercation, a fraud case, and a harassment case.

Detective Emerson also was involved with two motor vehicle stops that resulted in arrests, one on a warrant, and the other in plain view, for possession of drugs.

In addition to all this, Detective Emerson is currently still investigating the four (4) ICAC cases that he was assigned by the ICAC task force. These cases are extremely lengthy and require a lot of time and are quite methodical.

Also, this month, Detective Emerson lent his expertise to the Officers in a search warrant execution of a vehicle suspected of transporting drugs. Drugs were indeed found. Lastly, Detective Emerson conducted numerous interviews of suspects and witnesses for multiple cases that he is currently investigating. Arrest warrants for some of these cases are presently being drafted.

Cases Assigned/Investigated

- 1 Sexual Assault
- 1 Domestic Assault
- 1 Fraud
- 1 Harassment
- 1 Warrant arrest

1 Possession of drugs arrest

Percentage of cases closed this month 46%

Percentage of new cases closed by arrest during the month 61%

Percentage of entire case load closed 67%

WOLFEBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DEVINE MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR MARCH 2022

March was the seventh month of school for SRO Devine with eighteen (18) full days of school. During that time, SRO Devine responded to several incidents in the High School and Middle School. Officer Devine wrote one arrest report and eleven incident reports. She also participated in meetings regarding the Kingswood Next Steps Team. Incidentally, SRO Devine participated in the Kingswood High School, NH State Police and the NH National Guard with the fitness testing for the Guardians of the Granite State, this is a joint effort by the NH State Police, Local Police and the NH National Guard to host a High School Fitness program. The student participants compete to win cash prizes issued through the NH State Police and the NH National Guard, and it may open doors for future employment opportunities. for the young physically fit and competitive students.

Additionally, this past month, SRO Devine investigated four physical altercations at the Middle School and High School with multiple students who are in the process of diversion with the White Mountain Restorative Justice. Two other students are currently in the process of diversion regarding separate incidents related to sexting, bringing a weapon to school, and criminal mischief. SRO Devine took three reports from students regarding prior sexual assaults. Two of which happened in other jurisdictions. Those reports were then forwarded to the responsible investigative agencies outside of our Town. Lastly, a motor vehicle crash was reported on campus during school hours which SRO Devine investigated, and one student was cited for possession of a vape pen as this was his second offense.

TO: Wolfeboro Police Commission

FROM: Dean J. Rondeau
Chief of Police

SUBJ: Chief's Items (March 2022) for 21 April 2022 Wolfeboro Police
Commission meeting

DATE: 05 April 2022

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

GENERAL BUDGET ITEMS: There will be an end of quarter Budget review next month for the First Quarter of the FY 22 budget. Presently, and at the time of the writing of this memo (05 April 2022) we seem to be doing well at approximately a little better than 3 percent underspent (3.012% or \$74,841.21 dollars) combined for all three budgets (Police, Dispatch and Animal Control.) Fuel costs are still a concern and we have instituted a five-tier plan to constrain fuel costs. Presently, we are in the first tier of that constraint plan. The tiers move from least to most restrictive depending on our fuel consumption rate each month. As well can be imagined, they do have an impact on our policing operations in terms of visibility and enforcement operations.

PERSONNEL: As you all are aware, Officer Joe Oswalt has finished his time at the Wolfeboro PD and is now with Wakefield PD, and Officer Ben Church is expected to leave on or about 5 May 2022 to go to the New Hampshire State Police. We have two candidates in mind for our open positions. Lastly, Officer Joshua Peaslee has been accepted onto the Belknap County SWAT Team. This allows us to have the SWAT team called into Wolfeboro should we need their services for a standoff or active shooter situation-remember we have two high Schools in Wolfeboro. This gives us added resources for these critical incidents should they arise. We are also examining the benefits of joining the Belknap County Technical Crash Reconstruction Team. This team will assist us when needed with Technical Crash Reconstruction, and the team brings with it much needed equipment and expertise not readily available or present in the PD.

Operations (Criminal Investigations and Prosecutions):

In terms of Police investigations, prosecutions, and operations, the month of March was active. Our Prosecutor continues to work through the extraordinary 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!

Prosecutions:

The month of March saw fifteen (15) defendants responded to eighteen (18) charges. Of those, fourteen (14) plead or were found guilty at trial. Three (3) charges were Placed on File (POF) pending good behavior, restitution, classes, or counseling as part of their agreement. And one (1) charge was nolle prossed (withdrawn).

The conviction rate is this past month is one hundred (99.82%) percent with \$5354.00 dollars in fines, restitution, and penalties meted out by the Courts.

Safety and Security matters: March 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. Additionally, please be mindful of sand and other debris still on the roads after the long winter. This will hinder a vehicle's stopping ability. Please give our very talented road crews the space and time they need to get our roads cleaned up, and please be careful when passing them-thanks.

Dispatch: Nothing Significant to Report (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 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.

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. Spring is 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:

SSG. Maloney -- Accreditation training - Finished and passed the exam – 90%

Sgt. Strauch – FBI Leeda Class – Supervisor Leadership institute - 4 1/2-day program built especially for first-line supervisors and middle managers with the goal of enhancing their leadership competencies. Officers will be engaged in personality diagnostics, leadership case studies, mentoring, developing your people, performance management, risk management and credibility. This institute is student-centered and rich in facilitated dialogue and group work.

Staff Sgt and Chief Rondeau - Taught at the Academy, Collision Investigation

Sgt. Strauch – K-9 Training

Officer Peaslee was accepted into the Belknap Swat team. Training Thursdays twice a month. Consist of an oral board, PT test, and accepted by the Team.

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: Watch for our road work crews who will be alongside our roads getting them cleaned up from the long winter. Give them the space they need to work safely, and please slow down when passing them on the sides of our roads-thank-you.