

**Wolfeboro Police Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
July 21, 2022**

**Members present:** Chairman Steve Wood, Commissioner Robert O'Brien and Commissioner Shawn Coope

**Staff present:** Chief Dean Rondeau and Captain Livie

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

*Chairman Wood entertained a motion to enter non-public session to discuss Personnel and Collective Bargaining.*

**Commissioner O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to enter into non-public session RSA 91 A: 3, a to discuss Personnel and Collective Bargaining at 3:01 P.M. 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, Commissioner O'Brien entertained a motion to exit non-public session and re-enter public session.*

**Chairman Wood moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission exit non-public session RSA 91 A: 3, at 3:57 PM. Commissioner Coope seconded. Roll call vote: Shawn Coope-yes, and Steve Wood-yes, the motion passed.**

The Commission re-entered public session at 3:57 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.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Wood entertained the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consideration of Minutes**

Chairman Wood entertained a motion to accept the June 16, 2022.

**Commissioner O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the June 16, 2022, public minutes as prepared. Commissioner Coope seconded. Members voted, all in favor, the motion passed.**

Chairman Wood explained that the Commission Secretary, Sherri Moore, was away on vacation and because of that they did not have their name plates on the table or their table clothes. He went on to introduce the people around the table starting with: Chief Rondeau, Captain Livie, Commissioner O'Brien, himself, Chairman Wood, and Commission Coope.

### **Activity Reports**

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

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

**Offenses by month:** He reported 82 offenses for the month.

**Arrest status report:** He reported a decrease from the previous month, a total of 29.

**Collisions YTD report:** He reported 18 collisions. This is an increase of 100 % from last month. We are seeing a huge increase in traffic, unprecedented. That is the reason why the Chief feels the collision number is up.

**Traffic stops YTD report:** He reported 251 traffic stops last month and 30 tickets were issued out of those stops. Resulting in an 11.95% chance of getting a ticket. The increase is due to seeing huge increases in traffic. Also, impacting this is the Highway Safety Grants. They are in full force and in effect. The Department uses an educational mindset, not all stops end in a ticket.

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

**Detectives Report:** Report attached.

**School Resource Officer (SRO):** Report attached.

### **Chief's Items**

Chief Rondeau read his report. Please see attached.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Commissioner O'Brien inquired if anyone else from the department would be attending the NHGFOA certificate program?

Chief Rondeau shared that it would be good if Captain Livie attended but would stop there. He also feels it would be really good if Budget Committee members attended the program. Chief Rondeau feels the program is invaluable.

### **Captain's Items**

None

## **Questions from the Press**

None

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

None

## **Commissioner's Items**

None

## **Public Comment**

Katy Peternel was in attendance and spoke. She is currently running for a State Representative for the Tuftonboro and Wolfeboro district. She shared that she was there to state her support for Law Enforcement and for all First Responders. She went on to share that she has always had tremendous respect for police officers and has friendships with some of the local police officers and EMT's. She then shared that today there is a "Letter to the Editor" in the Granite State News from Mr. Coope that states that her 'opponents robust support of First Responders and Law Enforcement significantly differs from the opponents in the race for State Representative'. Katy assured the Commissioners and residents of the Town of Wolfeboro, that that statement does not, nor will it ever apply to her. As a State Representative she will always vote or sponsor legislation that supports all Police and First Responders. She thanked the Commission for her time.

Chairman Wood invited Ms. Josephine Amatucci to speak. Ms. Amatucci had requested to be put on the agenda. Chairman Wood addressed Ms. Amatucci and told her he had a couple of guidelines for her time speaking to the Commission.

Ms. Amatucci did not want to hear his guidelines because of her civil rights. She did not want to hear the Chairman Wood speak.

Chairman Wood reminded her that he already advised her and asked her to please listen to him or they would end the meeting. He shared that he had advised her twice; he would insist that there would be no slanderous comments about the Chief and that she would not talk about any old business.

Ms. Amatucci addressed Chief Rondeau and asked him why he accused her of an assault with bodily injury, when he knew she did not cause an assault with bodily injury? She went on to ask him, why did he maliciously prosecute her for causing an assault with bodily injury?

Chief Rondeau asked Ms. Amatucci if she drove their (to the Commission Meeting) today?

Ms. Amatucci wanted her question to Chief Rondeau answered, as did Chief Rondeau. However, Ms. Amatucci said she did not have to answer his question and asked the Commissioners if Chief Rondeau has to answer her questions.

Chairman Wood told her that Chief Rondeau is not compelled to answer her questions.

Ms. Amatucci then went on to say that she wanted to tell the people that Dean Rondeau is a criminal.

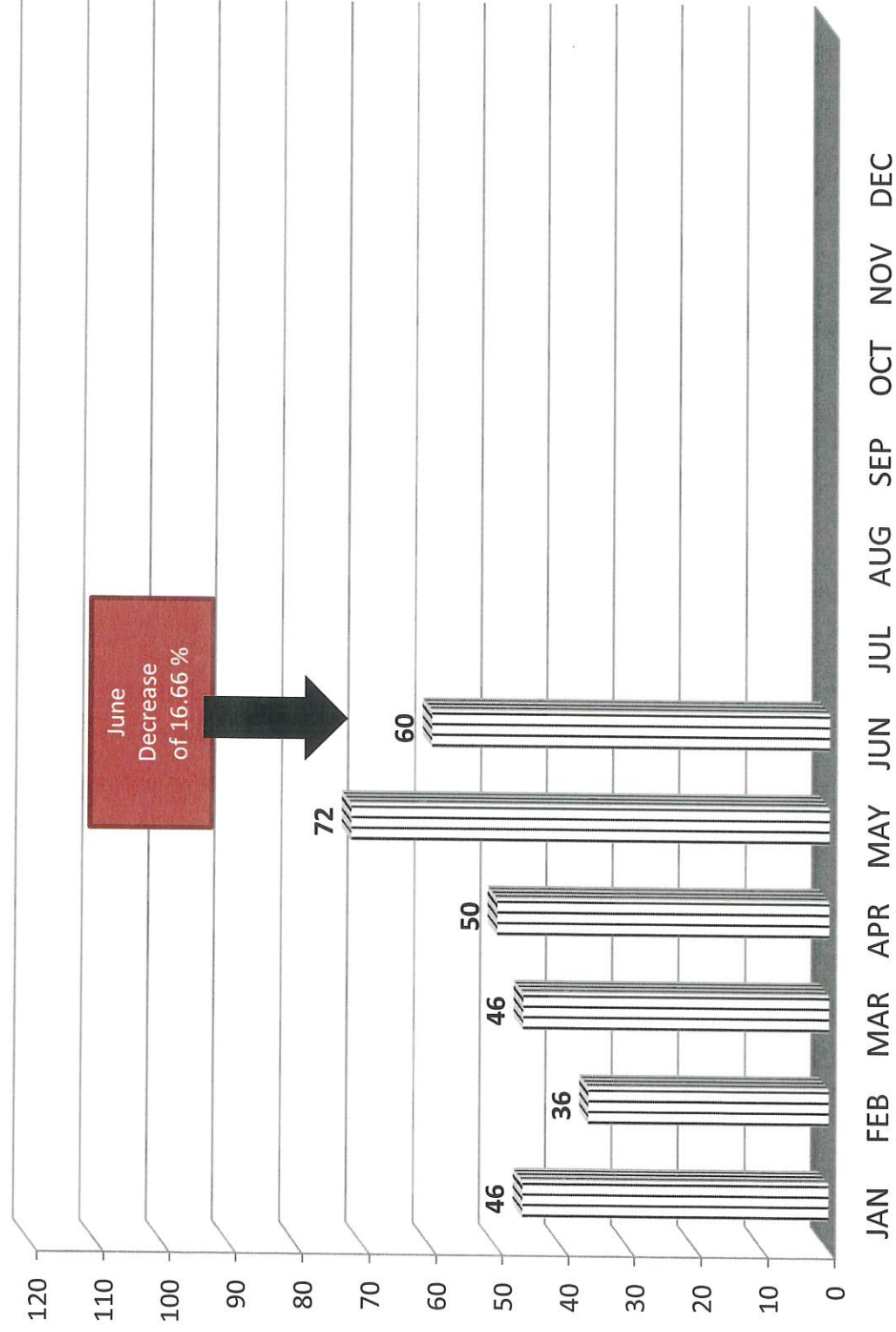
*Chairman Wood entertained a motion to adjourn.*

**Commissioner O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 4:35 PM.**  
**Commissioner Coope seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Sherri Moore**

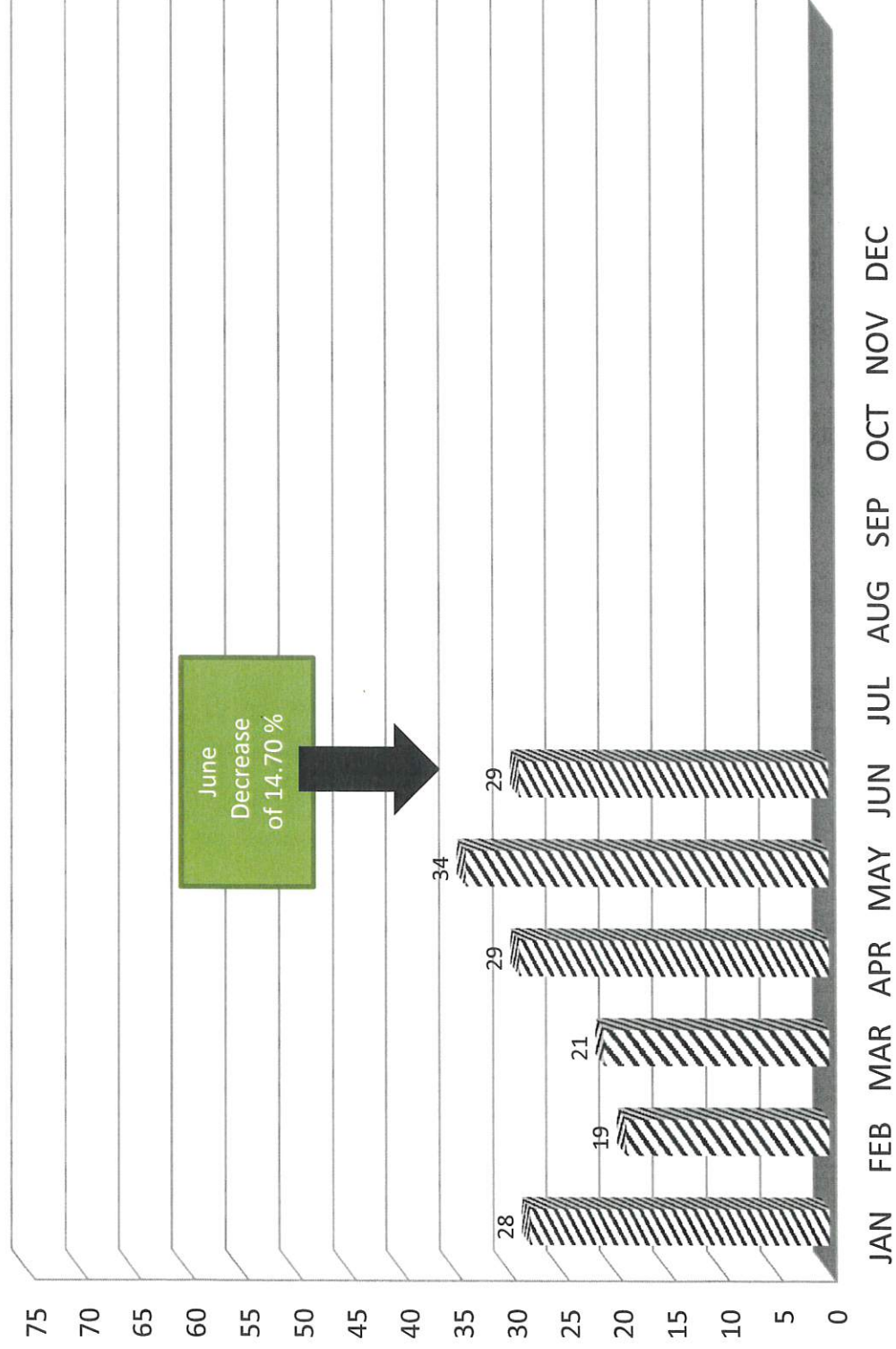
# INCIDENTS (CASES) YTD 2022



Offenses (State Law) By Month

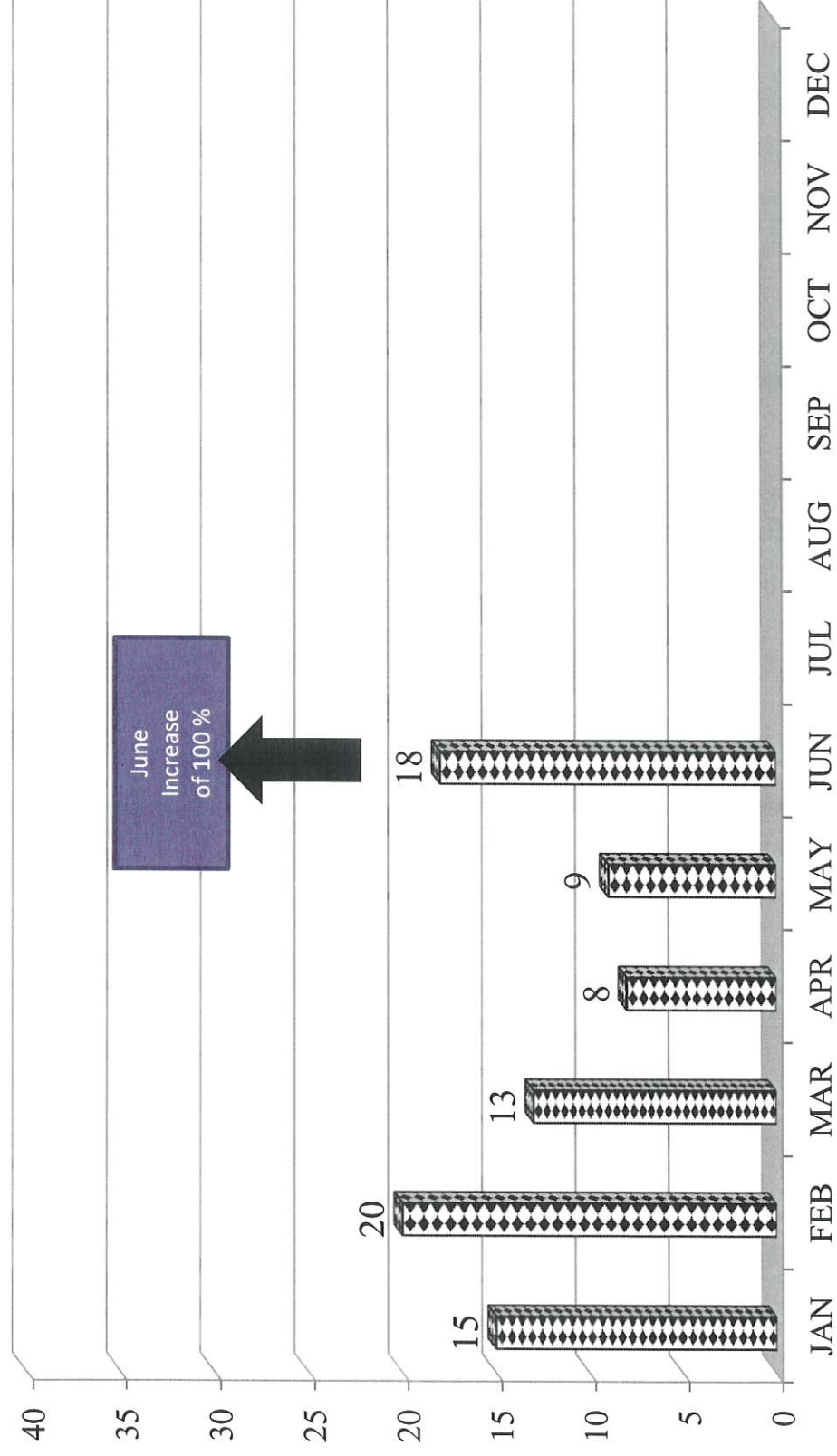
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Simple Assault; Physical Conta	1	1
Simple Assault; BI	1	1
DV; Simple Assault; Physical C	1	1
DV; Crim Threat; Fear of Bodil	1	1
Criminal Threatening - Conduct	1	1
Criminal Threatening - conduct	6	6
Criminal Threatening - deadly	1	1
Burglary	1	1
Theft by Unauthd Taking \$0-\$10	2	2
All Other Larceny	1	1
Theft by Deception \$0-\$1000	2	2
Credit Card Fraud, \$0-\$1000	1	1
Criminal Mischief	2	2
Criminal Mischief	1	1
Transport Drugs in Motor Vehic	1	1
Poss. Marij-Infused Product> p	5	5
Cntrl Drug: Acts Prohibited	1	1
Nonconsensual Dissemination Pr	1	1
Carrying or Selling Weapons	1	1
Disorderly Conduct	3	3
DUI 2nd; Impairment	1	1
Protective Custody - Alcohol	4	4
Endangering Welfare of Child	1	1
Unlawful Possess/Intoxication	1	1
Open Container	1	1
TEMPORARY CUSTODY OF RUNAWAY	1	1
Criminal Trespass	2	2
Poss/Use Tobacco Prod by Minor	5	5
Tobacco Prod/School Grounds	3	3
Dog; Menace, Nuisance, Vicious	1	1
Reckless Conduct	2	2
Involuntary Emergency Admissio	1	1
Protective Custody; Drugs	1	1
Suspension of Vehicle Registra	1	1
Operate after Cert as Habitual	1	1
Abandoning a Vehicle	1	1
License Req'd; Op w/o Valid Lic	1	1
Prohibitions re: Drivers Licen	1	1
Drive after Rev/Sus; Reckless	3	3
Drive after Rev/Sus - subsqt	2	2
Drive after Rev/Suspension	1	1
Conduct After Accident	3	3
Disobeying an Officer	3	3
Uninspected Vehicle	3	3
Arrest on Warrant	2	2
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; VIOLATE PRO	1	1
Duty to Report	1	1
TOTALS	82	82

# ARRESTS YTD 2022



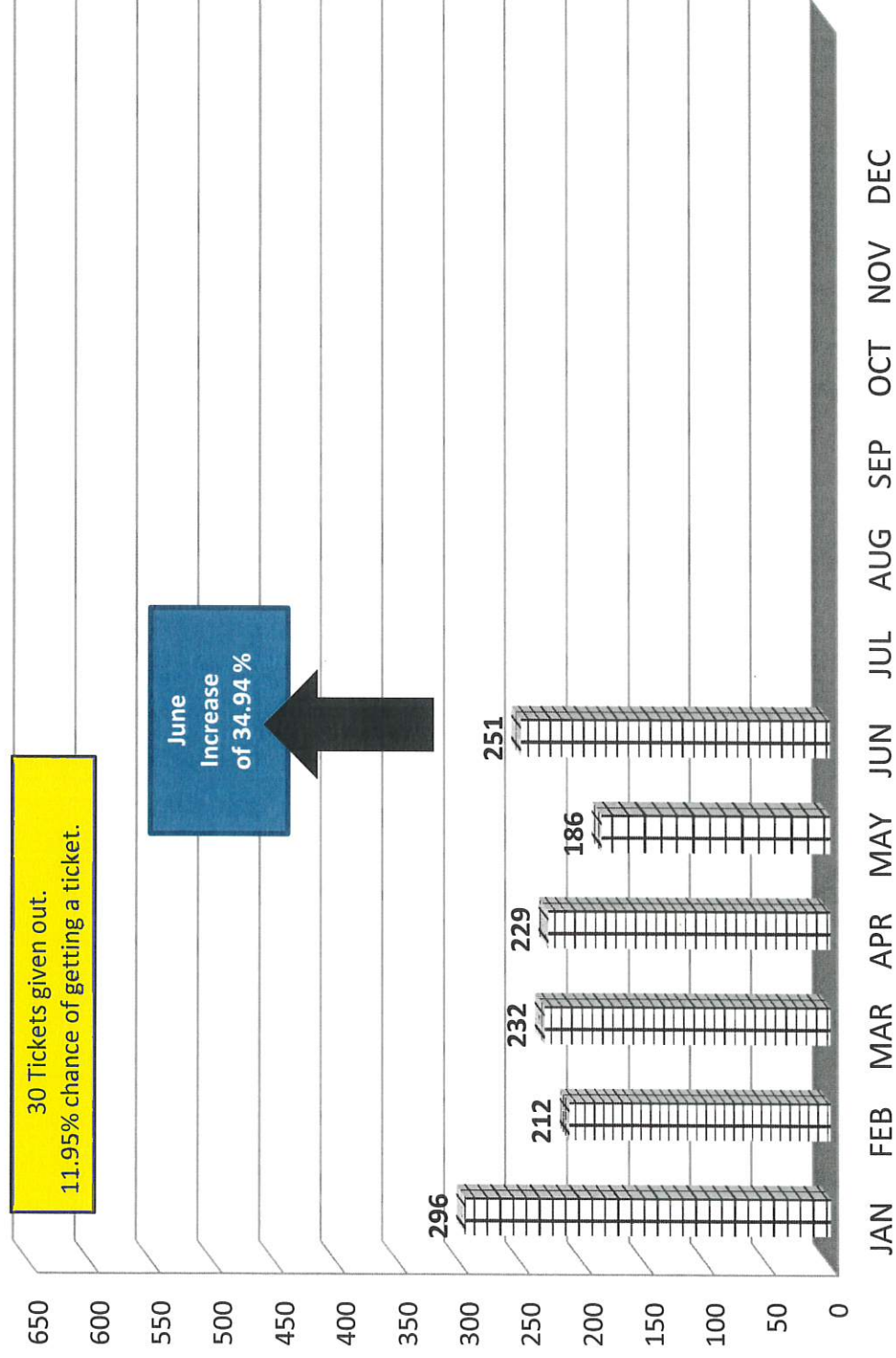


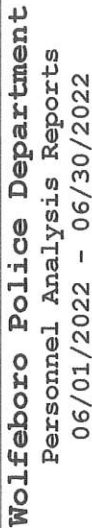
# COLLISIONS YTD 2022





# TRAFFIC STOPS YTD 2022



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**TOTALS**

60	13	0	29	17	4	225	18	2	16	0	2
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### **Monthly Activity for June 2022**

For the month of June 2022, Det. Emerson continued working his Detective duties, and assisted with Patrol when required.

While assisting and or covering Patrol shifts, Emerson handled and or assisted with multiple Patrol related activities throughout the month.

Detective Emerson assisted DCYF with follow up on a previous case. Additionally, he assisted SSG Maloney with fingerprint lifting and analysis on a case the SSG was working on.

Detective Emerson also transported approximately 75lbs worth of old drug evidence and other items to Wheelbater for proper destruction with court orders. This is a very time consuming task.

#### **Cases Assigned/Investigated**

1, Theft

2 Fraud

Percentage of cases closed this month 66%

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

Percentage of entire case load closed 68%

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

June was the tenth month of school for SRO Devine with fourteen (14) days of school. SRO Devine responded to several incidents in the High School and Middle School. SRO Devine wrote two arrest reports and sixteen incident reports relating to criminal mischief, nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images, reckless conduct, criminal threatening, disorderly conduct and theft. SRO Devine participated in meetings regarding the Kingswood Next Steps Team.

This past month SRO Devine investigated one physical altercation at the Middle School. Additionally, SRO Devine took a report of a prior suicide attempt in another jurisdiction. The report was then forwarded to the responsible investigative agency outside of our jurisdiction. SRO Devine assisted the following agencies involving investigations; DCYF, Carroll County Sheriff's Office and the Ossipee Police Department.

Multiple first-time offenders at the high and middle schools received school discipline for possession of vape pens and other smoking instruments. K9 Riggs and Sgt. Strauch assisted SRO Devine with a drug search at the High School. SRO Devine also investigated a report of littering at the high school and located the suspect.

One school threat was made at the middle school and investigated by SRO Devine and assisted by a local police department. The incident resulted in numerous protective order petitions being drafted and issued. The investigation led to an arrest of a juvenile offender who is currently in process of diversion through the White Mountain Restorative Justice.

SRO Devine took a report of a student who had a weapon on a school bus. The student was found with another weapon upon their belongings at school incident to a search based on the initial event. The student was arrested and is currently in process of diversion through the White Mountain Restorative Justice.

SRO Devine spoke in three Health classes at the High School regarding the dangers of drinking and driving. Additionally, students "tested" out the impairment goggles while SRO Devine put them through field sobriety tests. She educated students on what to expect when someone drinks alcohol or smokes marijuana and drives.

TO: Wolfeboro Police Commission

FROM: Dean J. Rondeau  
Chief of Police

SUBJ: Chief's Items (June 2022) for 21 July 2022 Wolfeboro Police  
Commission meeting

DATE: 08 July 2022

**Non- Public:** We have a need for a non-public presentation tonight regarding personnel hiring process, and the re-organization of the Wolfeboro Police Department.

**GENERAL BUDGET ITEMS:** There will be an end of quarter budget (semi-annual) review for the Second Qtr FY 22 after the presentation of the Chief's items tonight. This will mark our half-way point through the FY 22 Budget. Along with this will also be a status update on our FY 22 Goals and objectives. At present Bottom Line Up Front (BLUF) we are doing "ok" with just about 2 percent underspent in the FY 22 budget. Its tight but we are managing. Our Gas and Oil line is over expended by about 09% percent (we are at percent spent) due to a low gasoline forecast for FY 22 (\$2.56 per gallon) and an ever-increasing gas cost. Nothing so far is stabilizing, and I am anticipating between a \$5,000 to \$10,000 dollar over expenditure based on what happens in July and the rest of the year with the new gas contract and the ever-increasing gas prices. As the Commission knows, we are NOT locked in for gas pricing, and we pay "RACK plus 27 cents" at the time of fill up each month. The Town Manager has told us all at a Town Department head meeting that we are responsible to cover the cost of this over expenditure and to stay within our forecasted gasoline usage forecasted. Additionally, and even though there have been some promises made by the Town regarding covering any over-expenditure, an email from the Town Manager said that NOT all departments will be "covered" depending on their usage and budgets. I don't know what that means, but we are taking what I think are responsible steps to curb our expenditures. Presently, we are in still in the first tier of our gasoline constraint plan with recently added enhancements. As you know, our constraint plan has five tiers to it, with the first tier being zero (0) or "Steady State Operations." The tiers move from lest to most restrictive depending on our fuel consumption rate each month. As well can be imagined, they do have a negative impact on our policing operations in terms of visibility and enforcement operations. At the time of this writing, I am still waiting on the Town's gas expenditure reports which I do not have access to, and must wait until they finish their analysis before I can do my own.

**PERSONNEL:** Aiden is on duty with the Wolfeboro PD and is schedule for the Police Academy entrance PT test. All is going well, and I will keep the Commission informed; Officer Chris Dustin will be on full time duty in Aug and is schedule to go to the Academy in January 2023.

**Training:**

Officer Peaslee attended SWAT training

Officer Shanks completed his second of three Technical Crash Investigative Courses. He is well on his way to becoming a certified NH Technical Crash reconstructionist and will join myself and SSG Maloney once he is finished with this third course of instruction. He claimed that the math was the most difficult he has ever faced!

Sherri and I attended the NH Finance and accounting officers conference held at the end of June. It was very well attended, and the instruction as awesome. Of note we both completed our training in this area and were awarded our training certificates from the NHGOA. It is a great program of instruction, and I recommend this to all who are in Government Administration. It is well worth the time!

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

In terms of Police investigations, prosecutions, and operations, the month of June was active with 20 defendants. 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 May saw twenty (20) defendants responded to twenty (20) charges. Of those, twenty (20) charges, eleven (11) plead or were found guilty at trial, and seven (7) charges were Placed on File (POF) pending good behavior, restitution, classes, or counseling as part of their agreement; the two remaining charges were "nolle proded" due to one of the defendants being incarcerated at Strafford County House of Corrections, and the other paying restitution and voluntarily admitting himself into Residential Therapy.

The conviction rates this past month is one hundred percent (90%) with \$3782.00 dollars in fines, restitution, and penalties meted out by the Courts.



**Safety and Security matters:** June proved to be a busy month for traffic. We were up significantly (100%) in traffic crashes from 9 to 18. Welcome summer. This attests to just how busy the Town has become in the recent months, and to the increase in traffic I have been mentioning in our past Commission meetings. We are still realizing significant increase in traffic volumes because of a variety of reasons as briefed in previous meetings. 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. Additionally, I believe our population density has increased significantly over the last year, and I am forecasting that it will continue to increase for the next three to five years as folks continue to escape our major population centers and move to less densely populated areas of our Country.

As a matter of significant concern: This past 11 July I happened upon a major motor vehicle crash which had just occurred at the Golf Course cart crossing on Route 28. The crash was in the South Bound Lane of Travel. This was unfortunately caused by a driver, who despite having the "right of way" decided to stop in traffic to allow the golfers and carts to cross South main Street! He wrongfully assumed that there is a cross walk at that location, and even pointed to a Yellow Warning sign posted a few feet from the crossing area. Well, let me explain a few things here: First, there is no cross walk located there. There is a crossing point for golf carts and golfers who must STOP before crossing the street. NH State Law requires drivers to yield the right of way to those in cross walks, not those crossing streets. NH State law requires pedestrians and others (Bikers and RV vehicles and yes-Golf Carts) to stop and cross ONLY when safe to do so, and the LAW does not give them the "Right of Way" when NOT in a cross walk!!! Secondly, even though you see golfers and others who may want to cross the road, and YOU decide to stop, the drivers behind you have no idea what you are about to do, and therefore, have difficulty REACTING to a "sudden" or "abrupt" stop in the flow of traffic. This is just COMMON SENSE! In the crash mentioned above, the driver stopped, and in my opinion abruptly judging from the skid marks made at the scene of the crash in both directions; and three cars all rear-ended each other. All had to be towed from the scene, all three I am sure, are totaled or close to being totaled. Where it is nice to be altruistic and kind to one another, please do so when you affect only yourself, and have consideration for those who are driving behind you. Even at moderate or low speeds, drivers still need time to react to sudden perceived hazards in the roadway. Lastly, and I say this because I too golf, although not as well as the Captain, if one is out on a golf course, they are there to enjoy the fresh air, and exercise. They are most likely playing for recreational purposes and have all the time in the World. They are most likely on a day off or are retired-in short, their time is their own. They can wait a few extra minutes to cross the roadway, and I am sure they will not freeze or starve to death while waiting for you to pass. Please follow the "Right of Way" You and everyone else will be safer! Please, keep this in mind when traveling through Wolfeboro-thanks!

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:** Dispatch continues to work hard, and we will soon be gearing up for our busy summer months.

*Fall*  
**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: we are still seeing significant numbers of vehicles with overdue registrations and inspection stickers. Our Highways Safety patrols are now out in force, and you are running at great peril to yourself or family members if you allow improperly registered or inspection vehicles to operate on our ways. Please have these vehicles registered and inspected. This is a word to the wise-you will get caught!

**Training:**

**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. We also briefed Congressman Pappas on our plans for a new Police and Fire Station. The meeting was attended by him, his staff, me, and Deputy Fire Chief Nate Nicholas. The meeting went well and ended with a pledge to support the new stations, and an offer to write, on the Town's behalf, letters of support for all our grant applications toward our construction of the Public Safety buildings mentioned. The Captain and the Commission attended the Public Hearings at Town Hall regarding the locations for the new stations.

**Safety Tip of the Month:** Keep your eyes and ears tuned to weather channels this summer as you are out and about. Thunder and Lightning storms can appear even during sunny days. When they do-please seek shelter immediately, and if on the water get off or out of the water as soon as you hear the thunderclaps. The life you save may be your own!