

# **Wolfeboro Police Commission Meeting Minutes August 18, 2022**

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

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

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 4.02 PM.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Wood entertained the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Consideration of Minutes**

Chairman Wood entertained a motion to accept the July 21, 2022.

**Commissioner O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the July 21, 2022, public minutes as prepared. Commissioner Coope seconded. Members voted, all in favor, the motion passed.**

## **Activity Reports**

Captain Livie reported on the following activity reports for month of July.

**Incidents:** He reported 39 incidents, a decrease from the previous month.

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

**Arrest status report:** He reported a decrease from the previous month, a total of 24.

**Collisions YTD report:** He reported 10 collisions. This is decrease from last month.

**Traffic stops YTD report:** He reported 236 traffic stops last month and 28 tickets were issued out of those stops. Most of the stops are a result of the Highway Safety Grants.

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

**Detectives Report:** No Report.

**School Resource Officer (SRO):** No Report.

## **Chief's Items**

Captain Livie read Chief Rondeau's monthly report. Please see attached.

## DISCUSSION:

Chairman Wood brought up the fact that SRO Devine is inundated up at the schools. He inquired if anyone has approached the SAU about having another SRO on campus?

Captain Livie said that recently they had a great conversation about that.

Commissioner O'Brien shared that it would be ideal to have a back up person at the schools.

Captain Livie responded that that would be nice.

## **Captain's Items**

None

## **Questions from the Press**

None

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

None

## **Commissioner's Items**

Commissioner Wood wanted to make the public aware that next month there will be a discussion on school safety at the Police Commission Meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2022. The discussion will also have the new Superintendent of schools in attendance. This will be a safety forum on school safety given the climate with school shootings. The Police Department and Police Commission are taking a proactive approach. This should be a good meeting to get input from the public.

Commissioner Wood also addressed why there is a lack of police presence downtown. The short answer being that the Police Department is down two officers. The Department's newest officer is currently attending the Police Academy. There will be another officer coming on at the end of August. There is also the issue of managing the gas numbers. The Chief by law can not overspend the bottom line of the budget. The Chief has to mitigate this issue as best he can.

## **Public Comment**

Cate Kelly-Valente came to speak to the Police Commission about some issues she has been having with the Police Department with regard to a 91:A Right to Know request. She had submitted the request back in June and it still has not been supplied to her. She shared her frustrations with how the request has or has not been handled. She would like people (*Staff*) informed about 91:A requests.

Chairman Wood assured her that he would look into this and want to make sure we (*the Department*) are timely in our response.

Captain Livie shared that her documents are available at the police station, along with a requested recording. He also informed Cate that the same documents had been mailed the previous day and had been delivered today as of 2:05 pm.

Chairman Wood shared that we pride ourselves in doing things right and he appreciates her coming down today.

Mike Kelly-Valente addressed the Commission briefly to share that there were a couple of incidences that the police denied, and Cate felt suffocated. He asked if it's possible to have a policy posted for the public to know how to obtain a 911 request and who to contact.

Captain Livie responded that the policy is being updated and will be posted on the website and at the Police Department.

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

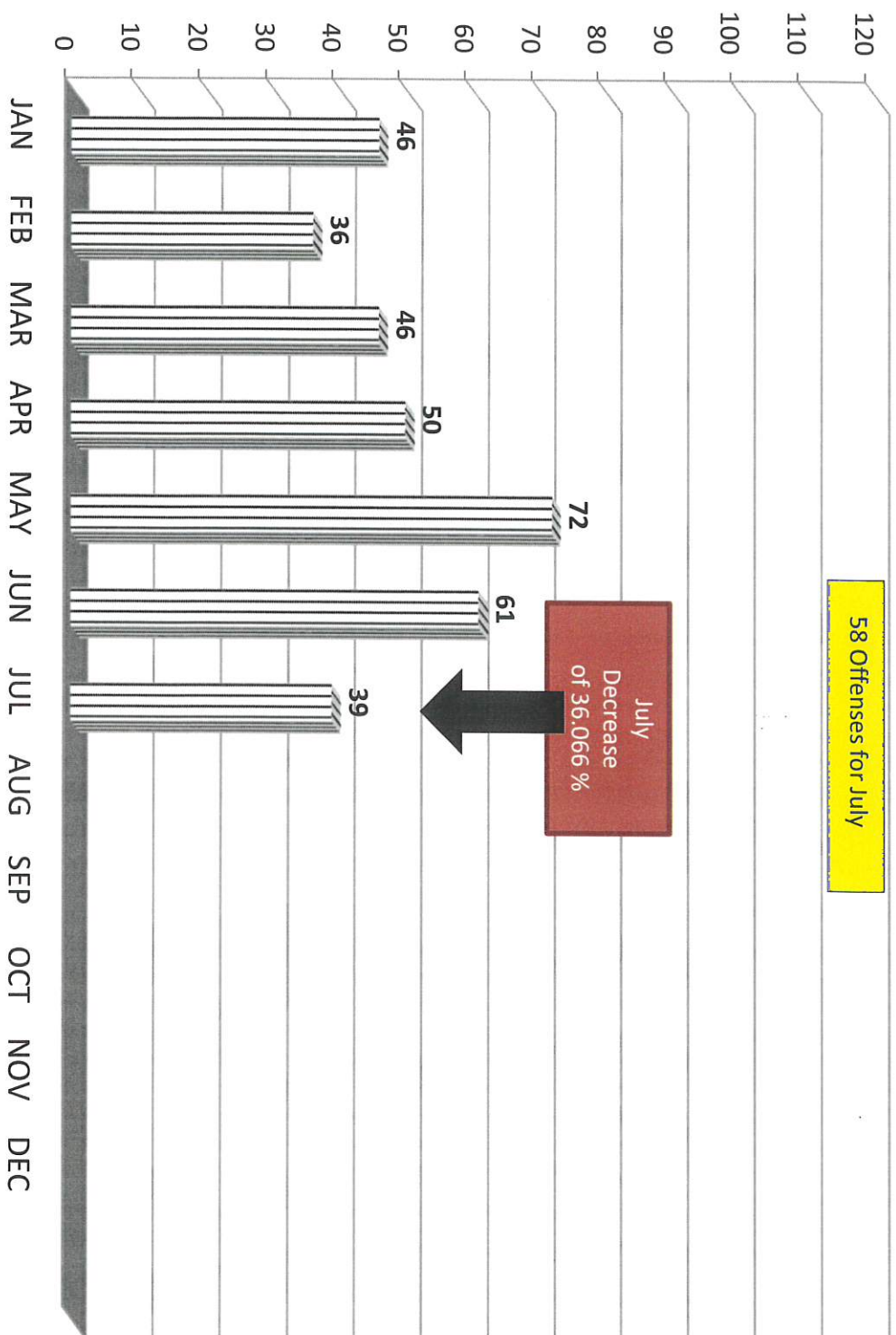
*Chairman Wood entertained a motion to adjourn.*

**Commissioner O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 4:55 PM.**  
**Commissioner Coope seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Sherri Moore**

# INCIDENTS (CASES) YTD 2022

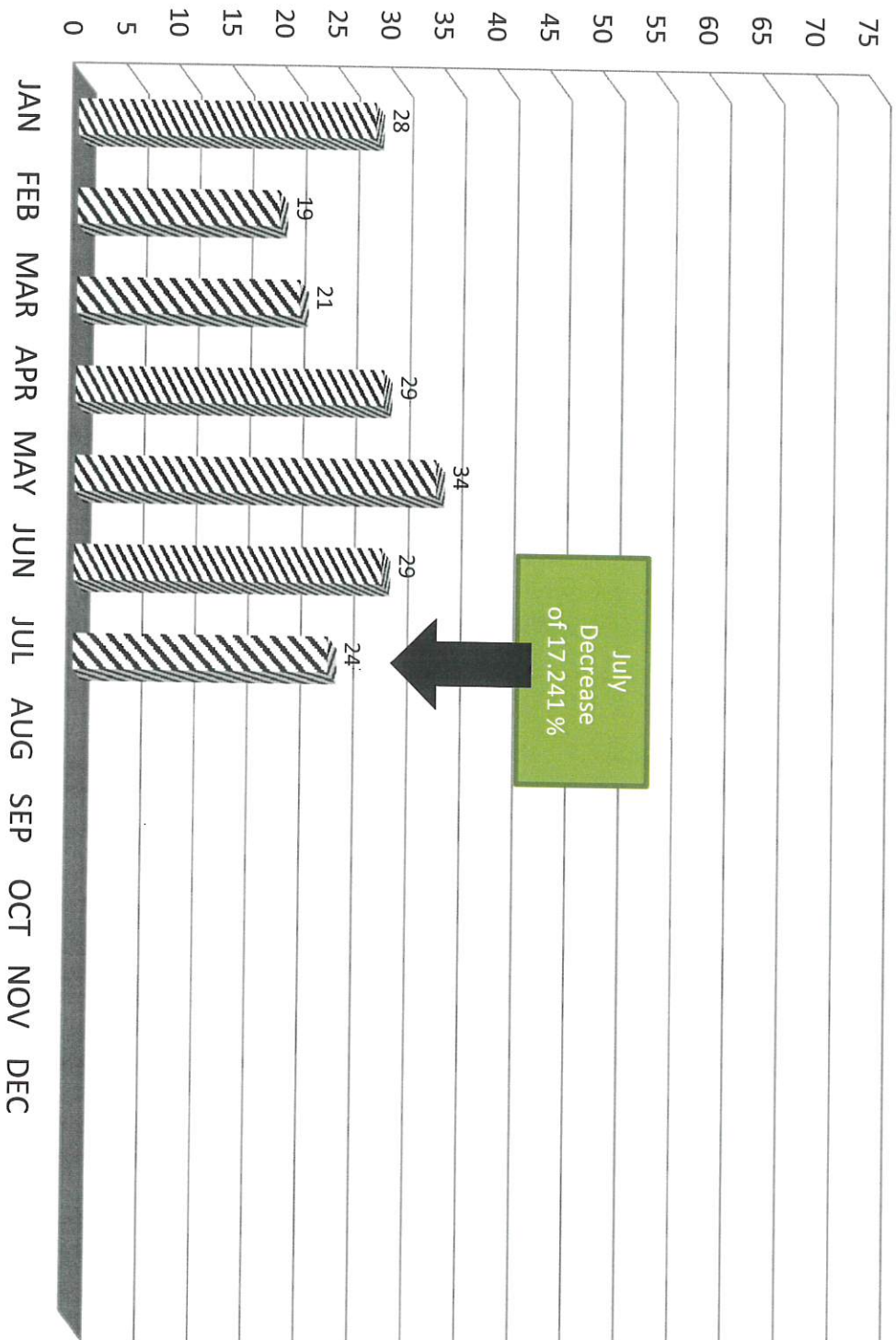


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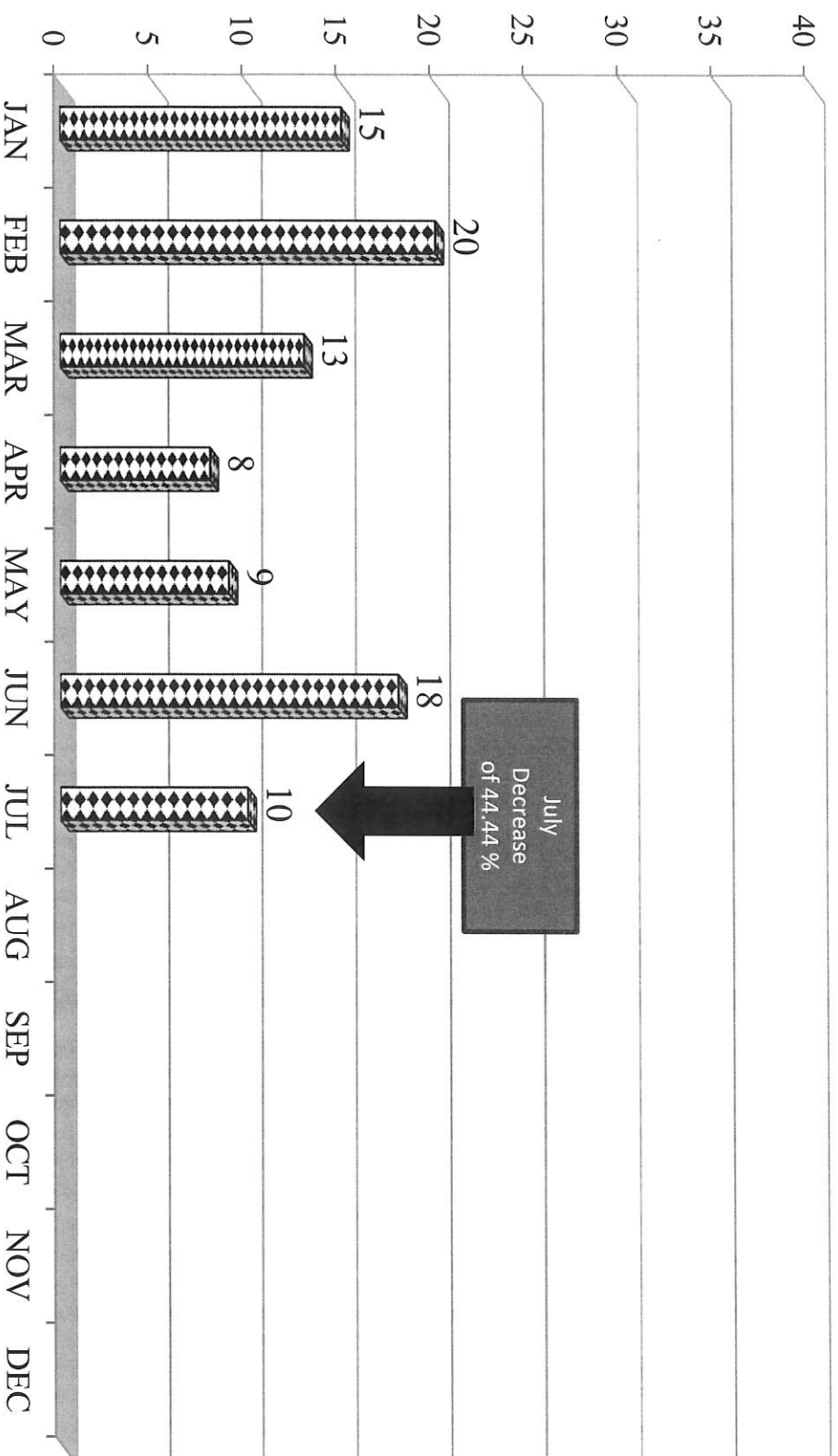
Offenses (State Law) By Month

	<u>JUL</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; SEXUAL ASSA	1	1
Simple Assault; Physical Conta	1	1
Criminal Threatening - conduct	1	1
Theft by Extortion \$0-\$1000	1	1
Theft by Unauthd Taking \$1001-	1	1
Property w/o Serial#; Alter/Re	1	1
Theft by Unauthd Taking \$0-\$10	1	1
Theft by Deception \$1001-\$1500	1	1
Criminal Mischief	1	1
Poss. Marij-Infused Product> p	3	3
Cntrl Drug: Acts Prohibited	1	1
Felon in Possession of Dangero	2	2
Indecent Exposure / Lewdness,	1	1
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED	1	1
DUI - impairment	2	2
Violation of Probation or Paro	1	1
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY OF INTOXICA	1	1
Protective Custody - Alcohol	1	1
Endangering Welfare of Child	7	7
Open Container	1	1
Criminal Trespass	2	2
Poss/Use Tobacco Prod by Minor	1	1
Violation of Restraining Order	1	1
Dog; Menace, Nuisance, Vicious	2	2
Dog at Large	2	2
Breach of Bail	1	1
Breach of Bail Conditions	2	2
Simple Assault; Physical Conta	1	1
Involuntary Emergency Admissio	1	1
Misuse of Plates	1	1
Unregistered Vehicle	1	1
Drive after Rev/Sus; DUI	1	1
Drive after Rev/Sus - subseqt	2	2
Conduct After Accident	2	2
Yellow/Solid Line Violation	3	3
Disobeying an Officer	2	2
Reckless Operation	1	1
Uninspected Vehicle	1	1
Duty to Report	1	1
TOTALS	<u>58</u>	<u>58</u>

# ARRESTS YTD 2022



# COLLISIONS YTD 2022

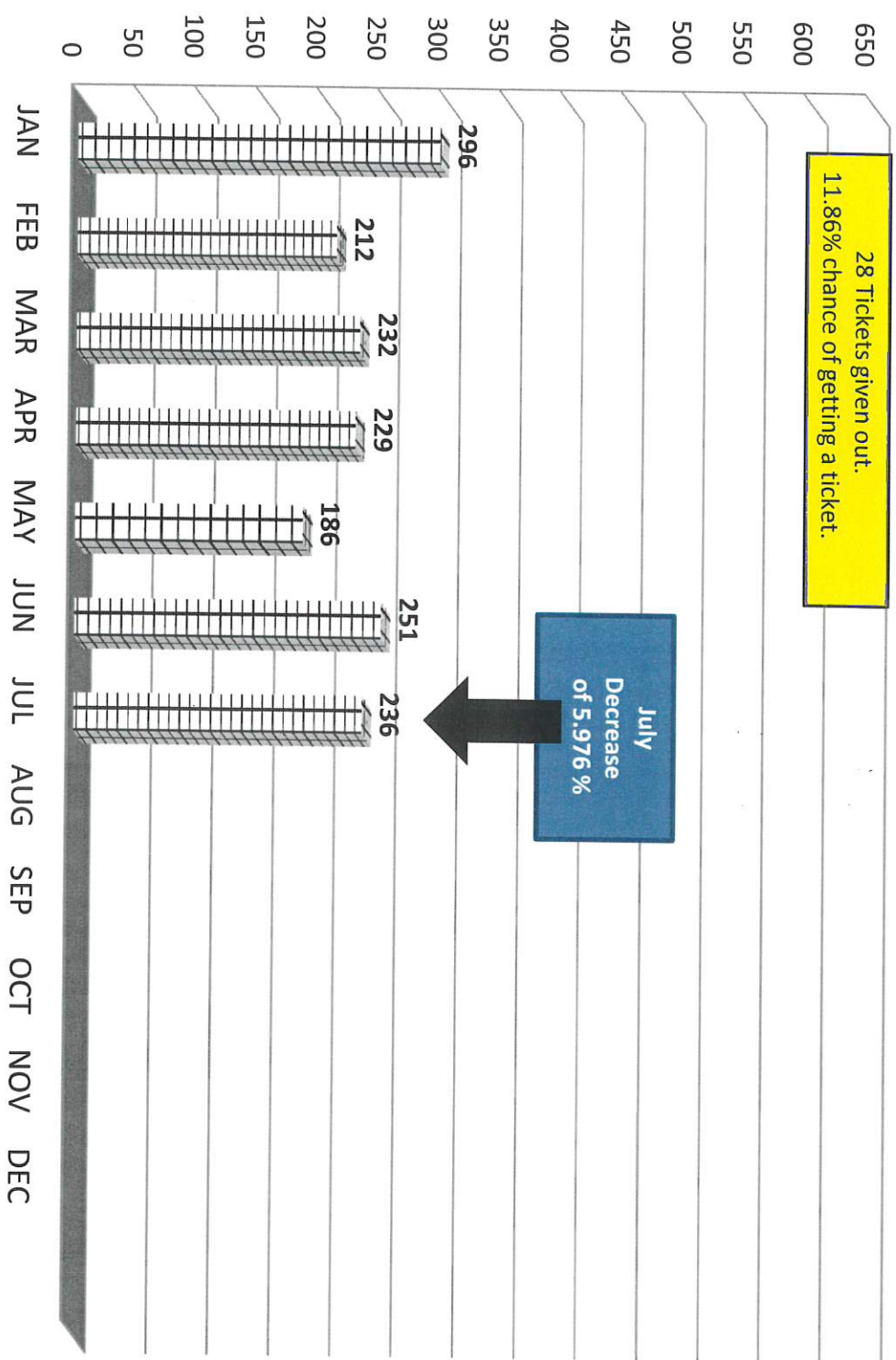




# TRAFFIC STOPS YTD 2022

28 Tickets given out.  
11.86% chance of getting a ticket.

July  
Decrease  
of 5.976 %





TO: Wolfeboro Police Commission

FROM: Dean J. Rondeau  
Chief of Police

SUBJ: Chief's Items (July 2022) for 18 August 2022 Wolfeboro Police  
Commission meeting

DATE: 10 August 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 (Third Quarter) review after the Chief's presentation during the Sept Police Commission meeting. Right now, we are doing just "ok" with Police and Dispatch Budgets. We are projecting for a "within the bottom line" ending to both budgets, but it will be close. Gas and oil are still running hot and are projected to be between 5 to 10K dollars over budget due to the low forecast of the FY 22 gas process. This is with the Police Department's gas constriction plan, had we not done that we would have been over by anywhere between 15-20 K.

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. 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 left 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.

Additionally, we have started construction of the FY 23 budget.

**PERSONNEL:** Officer Aiden Steadman is on duty and at the Police Academy. All is going well, and I will keep the Commission informed. Officer Chris Dustin will

be on full time duty at the end of Aug and is schedule to go to the Academy in January 2023.

#### **Training:**

##### **Police**

Corporal Shanks – advance crash investigation

Both Chief and Staff Sgt taught at the academy

SRO Devine – School Safety Summit

Corporal Boucher – School Safety Summit

Peaslee – Swat Training X 2

##### **Dispatch**

Heather Calligandes - Week long training at UNH

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

In terms of Police investigations, prosecutions, and operations, the month of July was slow, with only twelve (12) 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. The Court schedule ran from 6 July through 20 July, with time off for the Judges during the summer.

##### **Detective and SRO**

There is no SRO or Detective report this month. The Detective was off almost the entire month of July with the Holiday and his annual vacation; additionally, there was no school in July. -therefore, there is no SRO repot. Any case from July for the detective will be briefed in Sept during the August report.

#### **Prosecutions:**

The month of July saw twelve (12) defendants responded to twelve (12) charges. Of those, twelve (12) charges, 5 were plead or found guilty (05) plead or were found guilty at trial, and six (6) charges were Placed on File (POF) pending good behavior, restitution, classes, or counseling as part of their agreement; one remaining charge was Nolle prosed due to the death of the offender in Massachusetts.

The conviction rates this past month is one hundred percent (91.67%) with \$2232.00 dollars in fines, restitution, and penalties meted out by the Courts.

**Safety and Security matters:** July proved to be a busy month for traffic. However, the good news is that we were down by 44.44 percent in traffic crashes. 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 Captain Livie, 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 fall months, we stand ready for any snap SPOTS inspections the State wishes to unleash on us

**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!

#### **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.

This past month the public safety Building Committee picked an architectural firm, Banwell Inc. The location has been accepted by the BOS as the 109 East Location where the Fire Substation is located. The project is moving forward.

**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!