

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

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

**Staff present:** Captain Mark 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 October 19, 2022, minutes.

**Commissioner O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the October 19, 2022, public minutes as prepared. Commissioner Coope seconded. Members voted, all in favor, the motion passed.**

**Activity Reports**

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

**Incidents:** He reported 78 incidents, an increase from the previous month.

**Offenses by month:** He reported 96 offenses for the month.

**Arrest status report:** He reported an increase from the previous month, a total of 32.

**Collisions YTD report:** He reported 15 collisions.

**Traffic stops YTD report:** He reported 163 traffic stops, a decrease from last month and 16 tickets were issued out of those stops. Resulting in a 9.81% chance of getting a ticket. Still seeing un-inspected and un-registered.

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

**Detectives Report:** Read Report into Minutes. Lt. Maloney gave kudos to Detective Emerson and MCO Calligandes for their work with a recent cat case.

**School Resource Officer (SRO):** Read Report into Minutes.

## Chief's Items

Chief Rondeau presented the warrant article slides to the Commission. The first warrant article presented was for a new police cruiser. The Chief is looking to get a vote to be able to present the warrant article to the Budget Committee. The Chief read the warrant article into the minutes. See attached.

Chairman Wood entertained a motion to accept the warrant article for the police cruiser as written and the Commission supports the Chief in presenting the warrant article.

**Commissioner O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the warrant article for the police cruiser as written and the Commission supports the Chief in presenting the accepted the warrant article. Commissioner Coope seconded. Members voted, all in favor, the motion passed.**

Captain Livie asked the Commission for a vote that would allow for the use of funds from the Detail Revolving account. Kathryn Carpentier will be able to provide the dollar amount of what will be available from the account to offset the cost of the police cruiser.

Chairman Wood entertained a motion to accept the use funds from the Detail Revolving account to offset the cost of the police cruiser and Kathryn Carpentier will be able to provide the dollar amount information that is available from the account.

**Commissioner Coope moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the use funds from the Detail Revolving account to offset the cost of the police cruiser and Kathryn Carpentier will be able to provide the dollar amount information that is available from the account. Commissioner O'Brien seconded. Members voted, all in favor, the motion passed.**

Chief Rondeau continued with the warrant article slides and presented the second warrant article for the addition of an SRO to be placed at the Kingswood Regional Middle School. Currently SRO Devine has over one hundred cases for the month and is in need of help. The kinds of calls going on High School are what they are also seeing at the Middle School. There is a social dynamic change from 2002-2022 with the impact of computers, phones, and screen time. The Chief shared that he had spoken with Principal Donnelly, retired SRO Chris Keaton, and Assistant Super Intendant Heather Cummings for information about the social dynamic changes.

Chief Rondeau read the warrant article into the minutes. See attached. Chief Rondeau went on to summarize that the SRO position is wanted, and it would be budget for half of the year and would be put in the budget. Which is no different from what happens now. He went on to explain that the police department would have the officer hired in June, to get him/her equipped and familiar with the school.

Chairman Wood shared that during the summertime the SRO would come back to the P.D. to help out during busy summer months.

Tom Bell inquired if the Chief knew what impact to the overtime line – maybe a collateral effect or impact to lessen the overtime line.

Chief Rondeau responded that he agrees it could have an impact but no way to calculate that. Having another SRO will decrease SRO Devine's case load and see better outcomes in closing out cases. He thinks there will be a positive effect.

Tom Bell clarified that he was speaking to when the officer comes on during the summertime.

Commissioner Coope asked what is the student population of the entire Kingswood complex?

Chief Rondeau responded he was told 50-52% of the total Governor Wentworth School District population is at the schools at the Kingswood complex.

Chairman Wood entertained a motion to approve the warrant article for the SRO position.

**Commissioner Coope moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to approve the warrant article for the SRO position. Commissioner O'Brien seconded. Members voted, all in favor, the motion passed.**

### **Captain's Items**

None

### **Questions from the Press**

None

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

None

### **Budget Committee's Representative**

None

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Commissioner's Items**

Chairman Wood announced that the next meeting will be on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 4:00 pm in the Bradley Room at the Wolfeboro Public Library.

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

**Commissioner O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to enter into non-public session RSA 91 A: 3, a to discuss Personnel at 4:52 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 5:32 PM.

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

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

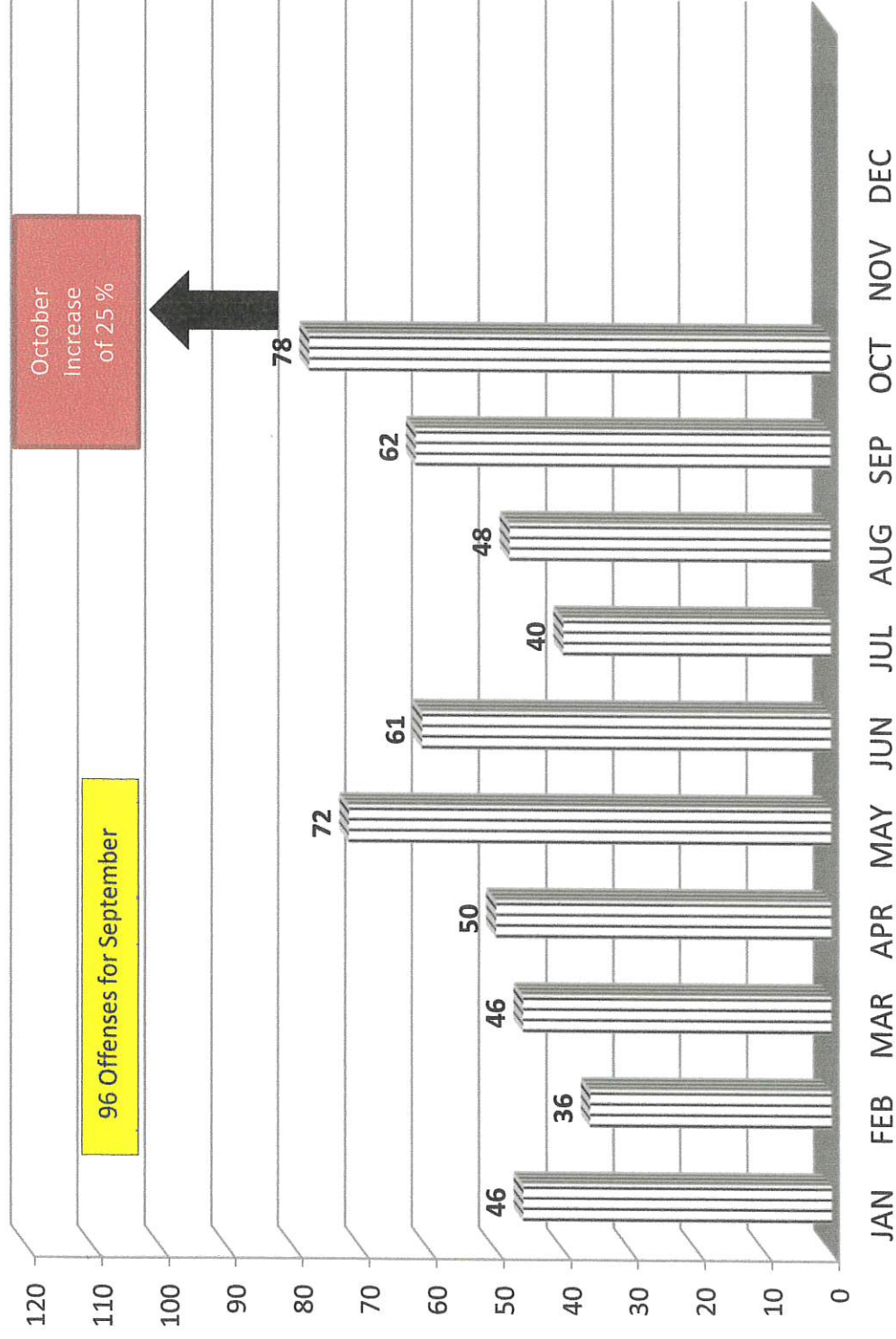
*Being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Wood entertained a motion to adjourn.*

**Commissioner O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 5:32 PM. Commissioner Coope seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Sherri Moore**

# INCIDENTS (CASES) YTD 2022



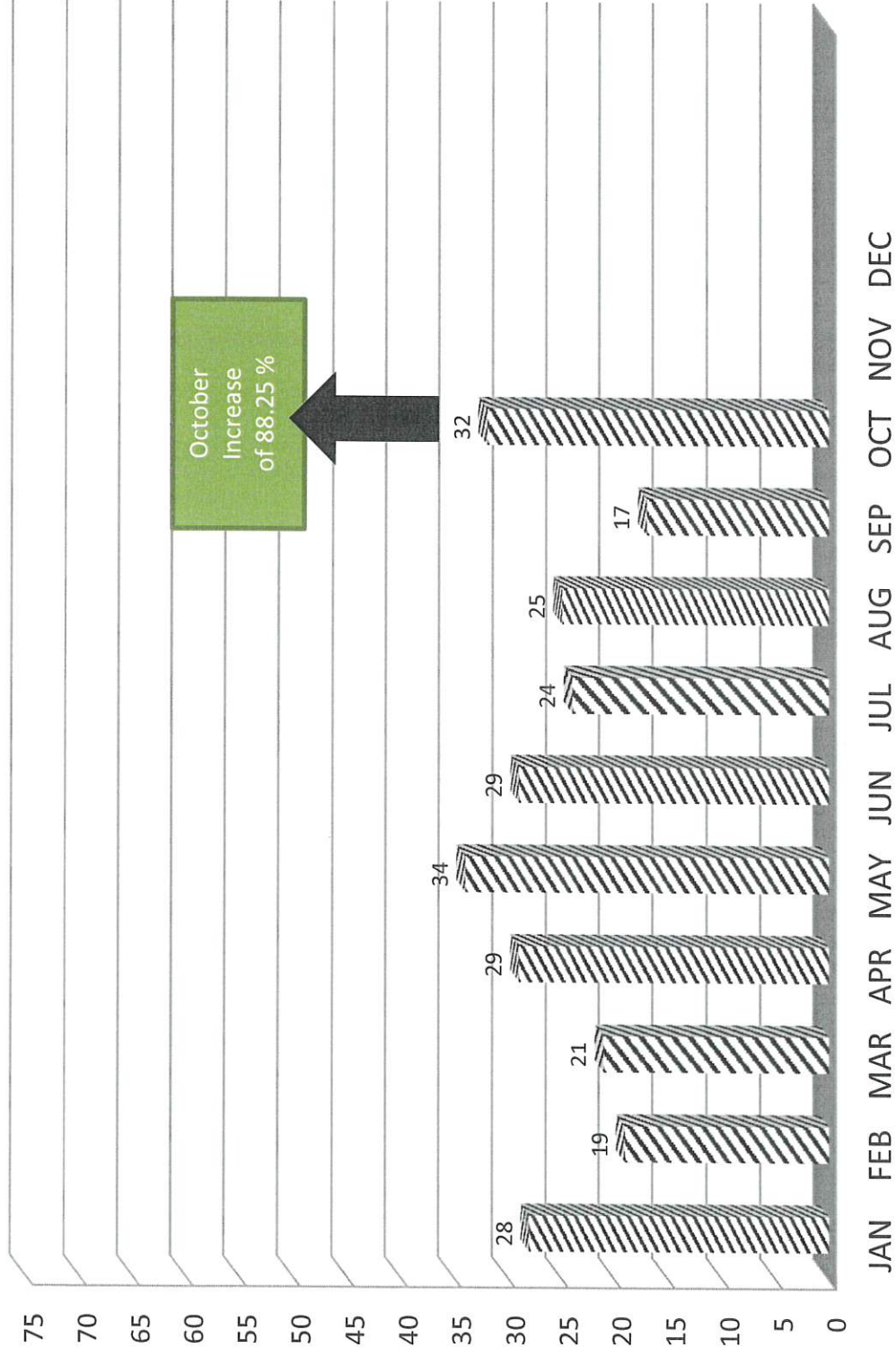
Offenses (State Law) By Month

	OCT	TOTALS
DV; False Imprisonment	1	1
2nd Degree Assault; Strangulat	1	1
Simple Assault; Physical Conta	3	3
Simple Assault; BI	2	2
Simple Assault, Mutual Combat	1	1
DV; Simple Assault; Physical C	2	2
Criminal Threatening - Conduct	1	1
Criminal Threatening - conduct	1	1
Stalking; Domestic Violence; O	1	1
Theft by Unauthd Taking \$1501+	1	1
Willful Concealment, theft	1	1
Theft by Unauthd Taking \$0-\$10	2	2
Theft by Unauthd Taking \$1501+	1	1
Theft by Deception \$0-\$1000	1	1
Theft by Deception \$1501+	1	1
Recv Stolen Prop; \$0-\$1000	1	1
Criminal Mischief	6	6
Criminal Mischief	1	1
MARIJUANA	1	1
Cntrl Drug; Acts Prohibited	1	1
Possess Marij; 3/4oz or less;	1	1
Cruelty to Animals; Negligent	1	1
Disorderly Conduct	7	7
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED	1	1
DUI - impairment	3	3
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY OF INTOXICA	1	1
Protective Custody - Alcohol	3	3
Endangering Welfare of Child	2	2
Open Container	1	1
Criminal Trespass	3	3
Sale of Tobacco to Minor	1	1
Poss/Use Tobacco Prod by Minor	4	4
Tobacco Prod/School Grounds	4	4
Dog; Menace, Nuisance, Vicious	3	3
Bench Warrants	1	1
Breach of Bail Conditions	2	2
2nd Degree Assault	1	1
Crim Neglect of Elderly	1	1
Stalking; Domestic Violence; O	1	1
False Report to Law Enf; False	1	1
Obstruct Report of Crime/Injur	1	1

Resist Arrest/Detention	3	3
False Fire Alarms	1	1
Harassment	1	1
Involuntary Emergency Admissio	4	4
Misuse of Plates	1	1
Unregistered Vehicle	1	1
Original/Youth Op. License	1	1
Conduct After Accident	5	5
Stop Signs; Yield Signs	1	1
Speeding - Existing Conditions	1	1
Negligent Driving	1	1
Front Lights - Auto	1	1
Duty to Report	2	2
TOTALS	96	96

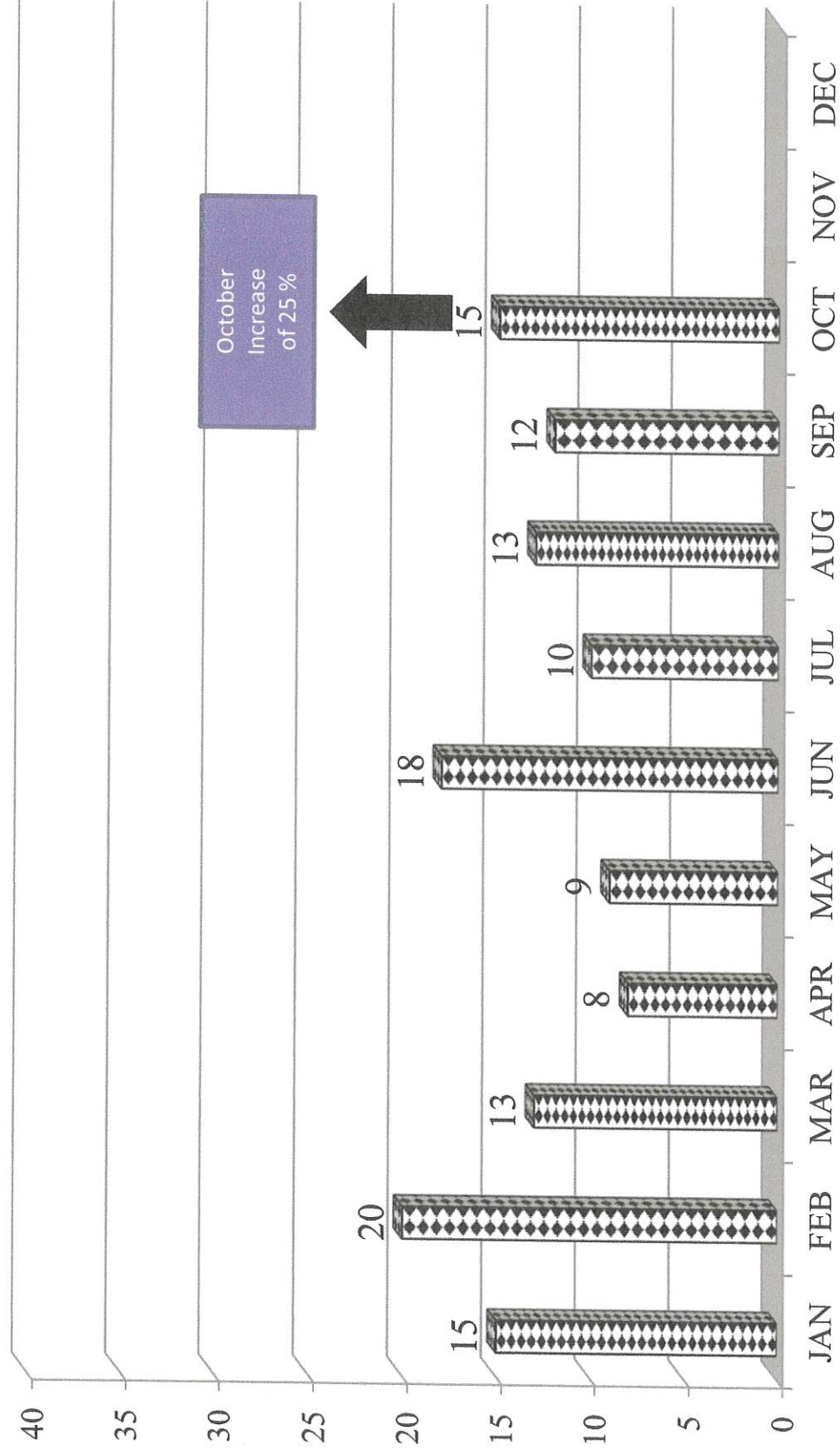


# ARRESTS YTD 2022



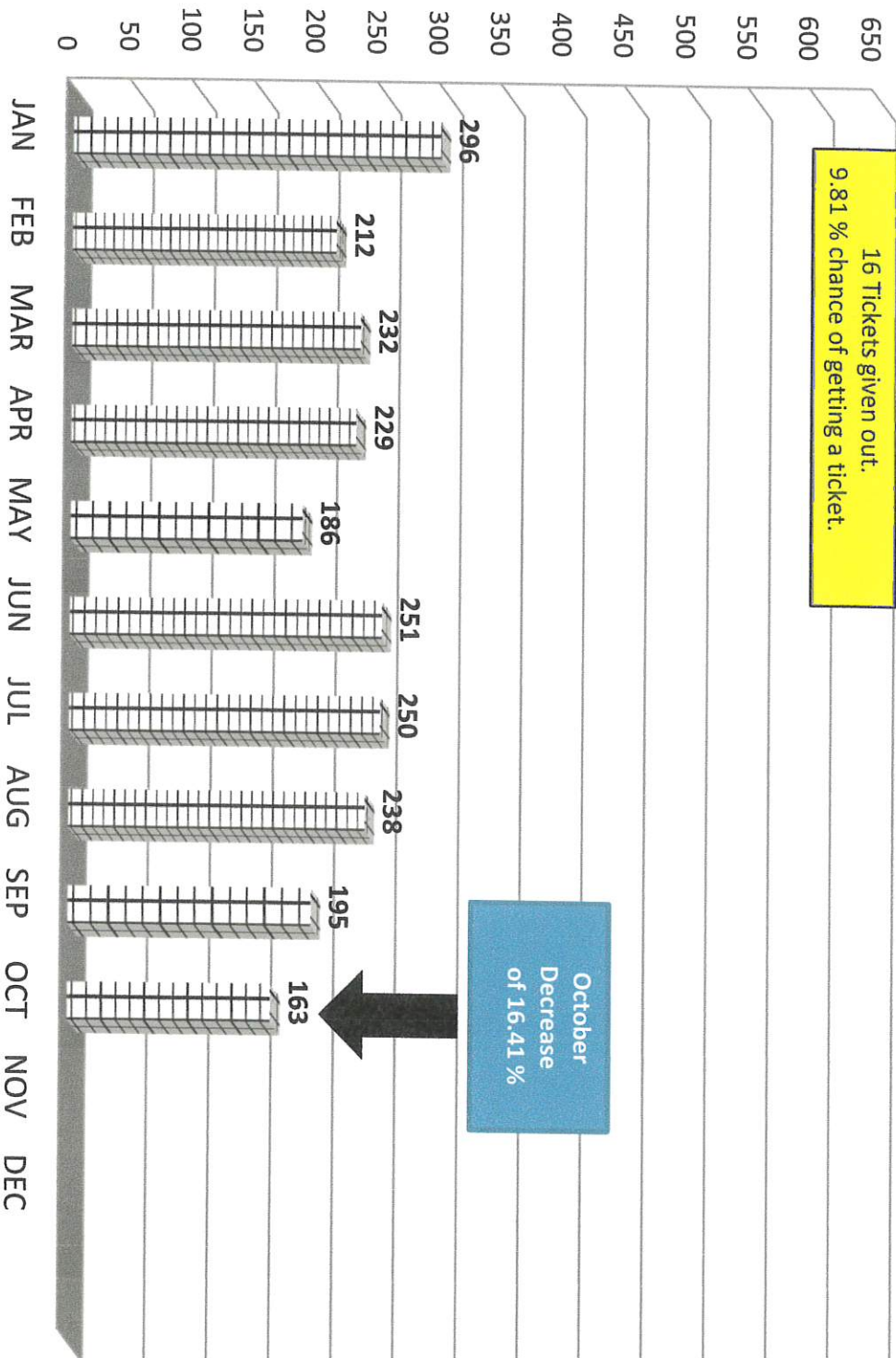


# COLLISIONS YTD 2022



# TRAFFIC STOPS YTD 2022

16 Tickets given out.  
9.81 % chance of getting a ticket.



### **Monthly Activity for October 2022**

Detective Emerson executed a search warrant on a residence where approximately 25 cats were removed from a residence. The residence was deemed inhabitable, and the town of Wolfeboro posted the residence Condemned as it was unsafe and healthy for living.

Detective Emerson handled two (2) fraud cases, a dog bite case and investigated a theft from a local store.

Detective Emerson located a wanted subject with and active warrant for his arrest. Subject was arrested.

### **Cases Assigned/Investigated/Assisted With**

2 Fraud

1 Theft

1 Search Warrant (Animal Neglect)

1 Dog Bite

1 Arrest Warrant (EBW)

Percentage of cases closed this month 78%

Percentage of new cases closed by arrest during the month 22%

Percentage of entire case load closed 76%

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

October was the second month of school for SRO Devine with twenty (20) full days of school. SRO Devine responded to several incidents in the High and Middle Schools. SRO Devine responded to a minor motor vehicle crash. SRO Devine wrote eighteen (18) offense reports which included disorderly conduct, criminal threatening, runaway, truancy, possession of weapons, theft, receiving stolen property, possession of drugs, possession of tobacco products, two mental illness reports one of which the Wolfeboro Fire Department and Stewarts Ambulance assisted: and an assist by the Wolfeboro Fire Department and Stewarts Ambulance for a medical emergency. SRO Devine assisted DCYF and reported incidents to DCYF Central Intake for abuse and or neglect. Numerous bus incidents regarding auto-drivers avoiding flashing bus lights and stop signs in multiple towns. Wolfeboro PD officers were made aware and were asked to follow buses during the morning and afternoon route.

Most disturbingly, SRO Devine investigated two second degree assaults (strangulation), one at the high school and the other at the middle school this past month. The reports have or will be forwarded to Juvenile Probation and Parole for a CANS assessment (Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths). This program started in Carroll County on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The program is to be used prior to a delinquency petition filed in court to foster youth success. A JPPO will attempt to voluntarily meet with the child and family to limit probation to youth who have committed serious and repeat offenses and pose a (high) risk to public safety. The JPPO will facilitate a family-engaged, case planning process and use incentives and opportunities to explore youths' interests and develop their skills. All of this with a goal in mind to build partnerships with families and community organizations to connect youth with positive role models and constructive activities in their neighborhoods. As of October 27<sup>th</sup>, SRO Devine has submitted three CANS referrals with one pending.

SRO Devine investigated the sale and distribution of tobacco products to minors. She also participated in an undercover compliance check with the NH Liquor Commission after receiving information from students where they purchase tobacco products. The compliance check was conducted on October 18<sup>th</sup> with one arrest from a clerk at a local store in Wolfeboro for Sale of Tobacco Products to a minor.

Officer Devine also participated in meetings regarding the Kingswood Next Steps Team. The mission of the Kingswood Next Steps Team is to provide intervention and support for identified at risk students to increase overall positive behaviors and academic success. SRO Devine and Corporal Boucher participated in the Crisis Intervention Team meeting at middle school.

# **WOLFEBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER CPL. BOUCHER**

### **MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 2022**

October was Cpl. Boucher's first month in the schools (Crescent Lake and Carpenter Schools) as a part-time SRO. Cpl. Boucher covered 5 full days at KRHS and KRMS for SRO Devine while she was on much needed R&R. Cpl. Boucher, during his other time in the month of October, floated between Carpenter School and Crescent Lake School, introducing himself to the staff and kids. Cpl. Boucher got set up with IT with a laptop and email so he could access to all the video feeds no matter what school he is in. As an aside, Cpl. Boucher is also responsible for Carpenter School crossing in the morning. Cpl. Boucher was involved with the following events during the month.

Cpl. Boucher handled 4 Criminal Mischief cases involving an unknown person at this time, keying, kicking, and just flat-out causing damage to other student's vehicles on campus. The vehicles in questioned were parked in an area where there is no camera coverage. Cpl. Boucher is working with school staff to locate the individual responsible for the damages. Sgt. Strauch also took a case over the weekend involving damage to a student's vehicle on campus. Cpl. Boucher reviewed video for this incident but found there was no damage to that vehicle for the times period Cpl. Boucher was given. Cpl. Boucher called the student in and checked another day which also turned up negative results. Cpl. Boucher emailed Sgt. Strauch back with his findings.

Cpl. Boucher is investigating damage to a \$2500 Promethean Board that was shattered in a classroom when a student threw a magnet (size of a nickel) which struck the board. Principal Tatro conducted her own investigation which narrowed the suspect pool down to 3 with 1 being primary. She would like the student to come forward prior to having it turned over to the pd but that did not happen. Cpl. Boucher will interview students with parents when SRO Devine returns to work.

Cpl. Boucher investigated a Hit & Run involving a Concord Coach Lines bus dropping off a team for a sporting event on campus. Cpl. Boucher worked with Sarah Custeau and they were able to locate the video and Cpl. Boucher followed up with the Safety Superintendent of the bus company who agreed to pay for all damages. Principal Donnelly was happy with this outcome.

Cpl. Boucher worked with school staff on a fight in a female bathroom that led to both students being suspended. The fight was over a vape pen which is illegal for them to possess and have on school property.

Cpl. Boucher assisted the MS with a couple of disturbances during the month with kids having a bad day along with Crescent Lake School a young man having a bad day as well. All handled by the school.

Assisted Ossipee PD and a parent reference a suspended student for a violent attack on another student in school was sending threatening messages to kill another kid. Info was gathered and emailed to the OPD for their follow-up.



TO: Wolfeboro Police Commission

FROM: Dean J. Rondeau  
Chief of Police

SUBJ: Chief's Items (October 2022) for 17 November 2022 Wolfeboro Police  
Commission meeting

DATE: 14 November 2022

**Non- Public:** We have a need for a non-public meeting tonight dealing with  
personnel budgetary items.

**GENERAL BUDGET ITEMS:** There will be an end of year budget (Fourth Quarter FY 22) review after the Chief's presentation during the February Police Commission meeting. This will close the books on that budget. Right now, we are doing just "ok" with Police and Dispatch Budgets (See the Town Finance Officer's financial analysis report for the entire budget including the PD for the end of third Qtr. attached to this email.) We are projecting for a "within the bottom line" ending to all three budgets, but it will be close. Gas and oil are still running hot and are projected to be approximately 5-8K dollars over budget due to high gas process. This ending 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. Incidentally, based on a meeting and guidance received from the Town Manger's Office in Aug, I have ended our gas constriction plan effective 25 August 2022; as the Town has come online in writing and said that they will cover any gas overages from their budget, if we stay within our forecasted gasoline usage-which we have. We are under that usage and are projected to remain so through the end of the year. Lastly, though we are doing well, remember that as we get closer to the end of the year, we have several holidays and OT requirements which cause this part of the year to be very expensive on all three budgets.

**Budget snapshot prepared by Captain Mark Livie:**

**Police Budget:**

**Payroll week – 44– 84.615%**

**Cluster of Five:**

**Hourly Wage:** underspent by 4.238% or \$33,625.65. A difference from last week \$1545.13



**Part-time: overspent by -4.29% or \$ -5,464. A difference from last week of \$242.94**



**Overtime: Overspent by -22.003% or \$-27,198.79. A difference from last week of \$799.78. This line is overspent by \$8,180.47.**



**Social Security: Overspent by -1.666% or \$-617.41. A difference from last week of \$88.29.**



**Retirement: Underspent by 4.293% or \$16,263.49 A difference from last week of \$1,782.31.**



**Total underspent by \$16,608.94 A difference from last week of \$2,354.91.**



**PD budget underspent by 2.426% or \$48,325.97. A difference from last week of \$6,135.37.**



#### **Dispatch Budget:**

**Part-time: Overspent by -.1749% or \$-645.59. A difference from last week of \$490.57**



**Overtime: underspent by 4.774% or \$1,288.98. A difference from last week of \$146.22**



**Social Security: Underspent by 7.858% or \$2,268.05. A difference from last week of \$133.92**



**Retirement: Underspent by 4.722% or \$2,178.66 A difference from last week of \$79.67.**



**Total: Underspent by \$5,090.10. A difference from last week of \$478.14.**



**Total Dispatch budget underspent by 1.565% or \$8,001.77**

**This is a gain from last week of \$1237.33 (This is good – we are starting to see items catch up-from our annual purchases made in Jan and Feb.)**

#### **Municipal Conservation Officer Budget (formally Animal Control budget)**

**MCO Budget underspent by 66.807% or \$9,914.82 A difference from last week of \$283.92 (Remember that we had just over \$10,000 dollars come out of this line for a Dispatch IT item, and we were using this line as a potential bill payer for the overages in gas and oil.)**



**Total all three budgets underspent by 3.092% or \$76,838.52.. A difference from last week of \$8,001.94**





Gasoline line has \$426.95 remaining. November and December average total prediction spent \$4,000 – I believe we will be over the line around \$3,600.00 or so- but time will tell.

Overall Analysis of the budget with 8 weeks remaining.

Overall, we are doing well; Over the last two weeks we gained some monies in various lines, but remember, we are getting toward the end of the year where expense often double.

**Police:**

140 - overtime - remember our cluster of 5 stay we need to stay within.

635 - gasoline - remaining \$426.95. Prediction decreases as the officer's usage was the lowest all year in October.

810 - travel and meetings - Overspent by \$1,571.03

820 Professional Development - Overspent by \$4,764.03 - This is good! Officers and Dispatchers are getting more training.

**Communication:**

117 -Part-time This line will be over. We have increased this line for next year.

**Municipal Conservation Officer (Animal Control)**

**We will spend this remaining budget –**

(Town taking IT - \$10,296 removed this year. \$56,802.01 underspent projection YTD for week 39 of FY 22. (This money has not been taken out of the MCO budget yet.)

**FY 23 Budget process:**

We have all but completed the construction of the FY 23 budget and have met the Town Manager's suspense of 2 September 2022 for its turn in. COLA's and the Union Contract funds have yet to be completed. We are up approximately 2.5 percent overall-well under the Town Manager's guidance of 8 percent. We had a very successful presentation to the Budget Committee. Next, will be warrant articles which will be heard on 27 Dec at 1800 hours at the library. I am sure there will be some last-minute changes as the budget now moves through the approval process. All updates made at the Commission's September and October meetings have been completed.

**PERSONNEL: NSTR**

**ADMINISTRATION:** Myself and Captain Livie continue work with the Town Manager and the rest of the team on the public safety building build

**Training:****Police:**

Officer Peaslee - SWAT Training X2

Sgt. Strauch - K-9 Training

Corporal Boucher and Officer Devine - Training Concord – Threat assessment

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

In terms of Police investigations, prosecutions, and operations, the month of October was slow due to the Courts. Our Prosecutor continues to work through the extraordinary case load created by the Courts in terms of their response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Prosecutions:**

The month of October was a terrible month for our ability to dispense with cases. The Courts allowed many "continuances" and our prosecutorial team was only able to get through six (6) cases. Five (5) of which were found guilty or plead guilty, and one (1) was Placed on File (POF). Six defendants were brought before the Court. The conviction rates this past month is one hundred percent (100.00%) with \$2184.00 dollars in fines, restitution, and penalties meted out by the Courts.

**Safety and Security matters:** September proved to be a busy month for traffic, but we edged higher for traffic crashes up 25% percent, three crashes over 12 in the previous month. We are still realizing significant increase in traffic volumes because of a variety of reasons as briefed in preceding 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.

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 from the fall leaf drop. 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:** Pursuant to the vote of the Commission, we asked that the Town purchase the Dispatch switch from unexpended appropriations from the ACO budget. They have done so and you will notice that has come out of that budget.

**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.

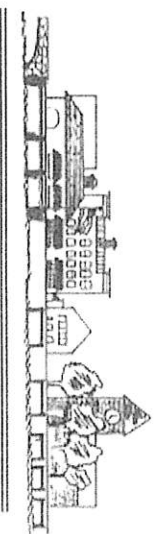
A matter of note: we are still seeing significant numbers of vehicles with overdue registrations and inspection stickers. Tickets issued this past six months for like offenses were just at 85, mostly Inspections, registrations, and various Driver's Licensing issues! Starting in Nov our NH Highway Safety Patrols have been renewed and enhanced, if you are in the habit of failing to get your car or license renewed, you are running at great peril to yourself or family members. Please have these vehicles registered and inspected and check your license regularly so you know when it expires. The time you save may be your own!

#### **OUTREACH AND MATTERS OF INTEREST:**

We are still engaged in a wide variety of public engagements, and busy with Town of Wolfeboro committee programs.

**Safety Tip of the Month:** November is a busy month here in Wolfeboro as folks plan their last visits to the North Country before the heavy snows set in, and folks head over the hill to grandma's house for Thanksgiving dinner. Additionally, November is a time of merriment as we all enjoy those last fall get-togethers and parties. Please be safe while taking in these events, and or driving around our busy Town roads realizing that this month brings with it increased travel because of the end of season festivities.

# TOWN OF WOLFEBORO



## 2023 WARRANT ARTICLE PRESENTATION

VER 1 21 SEPT 2022

# ARTICLE XX: POLICE CRUISER

**Issue:** Police Cruiser Replacement and ancillary cruiser equipment.

**Discussion:** As with all mechanical items, equipment fails or becomes obsolete the same is true for vehicles. This coming year, the Wolfeboro Police Department plans to dispose of one older, worn Ford Taurus cruiser, which is approximately eight years old; has significant rust issues and other mechanical problems, including but not limited to one failed transmission. It has well over 100,000 miles and will likely fail inspection next September 2023, when it is due. Additionally, the items inside the cruiser are required for the Officers to perform their jobs. These items are essential in any police cruiser and help the officers perform their core tasks of responding to Calls For Service (CFS), general patrol work, crime prevention, physical security, general criminal investigation, and traffic enforcement.

**Solution:** In 2006, Warrant 23 was established to fund Police Special Details. It is a revolving fund. Presently, there is approximately \$XX surplus (monies not committed and readily available) in that fund. Article XX proposes that the Town use approximately \$XX dollars from that account to defray the cost of this cruiser purchase (from \$XX to \$XX).

# ARTICLE XX: POLICE CRUISER PURCHASE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,985 to be used to purchase a replacement Police Cruiser (\$45,056 for the vehicle \$20,929 for ancillary cruiser equipment). Said appropriation to be offset by \$XX? dollars of already existing capital in the Police Special Detail Revolving Fund created in 2006. Additionally, this warrant article also grants permission to the Wolfeboro Police Commission to dispose of one existing cruiser by sale, auction, trade, or disposal, whichever is in the best interest of the Town, and any said monies from such sale to be deposited into the Town's General Fund.

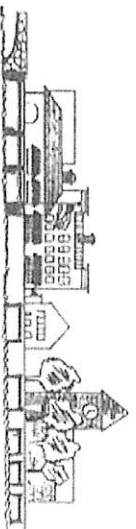
Tax impact \$0.02 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of )

(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of )

(Recommended by the Police Commission by a vote of)

# TOWN OF WOLFEBORO



## PD DRAFT 2023 WARRANT ARTICLE SRO PRESENTATION

VER 2 15 NOV 2022



# ARTICLE XX: SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Issue:** The Kingswood Campus requires a second Full Time Police Officer to ensure the safety of the campus and respond to criminal complaints when school is in session.

**Discussion:** SAU49 currently has one Full time Police Officer assigned to the Kingswood Campus Complex (High School) for Safety and Security purposes, this Officer is known as an SRO or School Resource Officer. This position was created in 2000 to deal with the increase in school related law enforcement issues, and to provide campus security to the students, faculty, and staff. The Kingswood campus has grown considerably since that program's inception. There are now four (4) schools located at that complex they are: The High School, The Vocational School, The Middle School, and Crescent Lake School. According to the SAU, over fifty (50%) percent of SAU49 student population is at that campus daily on any given week when school is in session. Additionally, when fully operational, that campus has over two-thousand students, faculty and staff on the grounds during the school year.

**Solution:** Add additional Full Time SRO to the PD rolls (SRO at the Middle School during the school year) funded through a cost sharing initiative between the Wolfeboro PD and SAU49; splitting the cost 50% of pay and benefits for the additional Police Officer for approximately 180 school days.

# **ARTICLE XX: SCHOOL RESOURCE POLICE OFFICER FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,653 for a School Resource Police Officer position (SRO) for the Middle

School to be added to the Town of Wolfeboro's Police Department Budget with the SAU49 paying the Town 50% of payroll and benefits for this position for up to 73 school days (August 2023 – December 2023). The SAU will raise and appropriate \$22,338 to be given to the Town in year one for August 2023 thru December 2023. This position will be filled only if both the Town warrant article and the SAU49 warrant article pass. If both articles are successful, then this position will start in June 2023 and be 100% funded in future years with the SAU49 paying half of payroll and benefits for up to 180 school days.

**Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023 \$.02 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation.**

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of)**

**(Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of**

**(Recommended by the Police Commission by a vote of)**