

**Wolfeboro Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2023**

Members present: Chairman Steve Wood and Commissioner Robert O'Brien

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

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Wood entertained the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Minutes

Chairman Wood entertained a motion to accept the December 15, 2022, minutes.

Commissioner O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the December 15, 2022, public minutes as prepared. Commissioner Wood seconded. Members voted, all in favor, the motion passed.

Activity Reports

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

Incidents: He reported 49 incidents, a decrease from the previous month.

Offenses by month: He reported 65 offenses for the month.

Arrest status report: He reported an increase in arrests from the previous month, a total of 31. Chief noted that the low number of arrests in November was an anomaly and he had never seen it that low before.

Collisions YTD report: He reported 16 collisions for the month.

Traffic stops YTD report: He reported 214 traffic stops, an increase from last month and 6 tickets were issued out of those stops. The low number of tickets are a result of most stops being educational and not punitive in nature.

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

Detectives Report: Read Report into Minutes. See attached. Chairman Wood made note that not only is the SRO involved at the schools but also a lot of resources are pulled to include the Detective.

School Resource Officer (SRO): Read Report into Minutes. See attached. Chairman Wood inquired about the truancy officer in the school. Chief Rondeau shared that the truancy position is an administrative position and that sometimes the SRO assists.

Chief's Items

Chief Rondeau informed the Commission that had two items for non-public under Personnel. He went on to read his monthly report into the minutes to include reading the end of year stats for the monthly activity report categories. Report and slides attached.

Captain's Items

None

Questions from the Press

None

Commissioner's Items

Chairman Wood announced that the next meeting will be on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 4:00 pm in the Bradley Room at the Wolfeboro Public Library.

Board of Selectmen's Representative

None

Public Comment

Chairman Wood invited Kathy Fairman, owner of Molly the Trolley, to speak with the Commission.

Kathy Fairman thanked the Commission for their time. She shared that she had attended the Board of Selectmen's (BOS) meeting the night before and they encouraged her to meet with the Police Commission. She had previously provided copies of a report that she had written to the BOS and Chairman Wood...she gave Commissioner O'Brien a copy while present at the meeting. She went on to share how last summer she offered a shuttle service from the high school into town to help with parking issues. She offered the service free of charge to the employees in the downtown businesses. However, they did not utilize the service. She acknowledged that she understands that people would prefer to drive their own car verse take a shuttle. However, she believes there needs to be consequences if we want to see change in the parking situation. She noted that by 10:30 in the morning parking was hard to find. She also added that she attended the school board meeting and better understands the need for another SRO officer and sees the benefit of having an officer that would be used as an SRO during the school year and then patrol during the summer months.

Chairman Wood offered that the addition of an SRO is a Police Commission's initiative. The Commission noticed an uptick in activity last year in the schools. He added that the School Board has voted in favor of it. He went on to share how the warrant article was originally written to show the cost of the officer and that Linda Murray recommended re-writing the warrant article to reflect that the officer would be "on" during the summer months with the Police Department. There will be warrant articles pertaining to the SRO on both the Town ballot and the School Board's ballot. Both votes need to pass in order for the additional SRO position to be added. Chairman Wood noted that he believes we (the police department) will be far better positioned for traffic control downtown this summer.

Chief Rondeau shared that we have precious few resources to be able to enforce the parking violations. Due certain laws the officers can no longer chalk tires. He referred to the Town of Conway going to a Park Mobile and the amount of revenue that brings in and feels that is something that Wolfeboro should consider. The Chief went on to share that we need to get other Town Boards together to talk about this. He also informed Kathy that the Police Department does not write ordinances that is the job of the BOS. It would be up to them to craft a new parking violation ordinance.

Kathy Fairman asked the Chief about something that he had mentioned earlier while reading his Chief reports "if someone has a concern, if they have been drinking, they can call the Police Department?" She acknowledged that one issue is restaurants don't have a place to call when a customer has had too much to drink. She then asked based on what the Chief had previously said that they, a business or patron, could call the Police Department for assistance?

Chief Rondeau said that yes, they can call the Police Department and the department will try to help in some capacity.

Kathy Fairman thanked the Commission for their time and said that she will be supporting the additional SRO position.

Budget Committee's Representative

Tom Bell shared that he had nothing new to share but thrilled with the outcome of the warrant article meeting.

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 5:10 PM. Chairman Wood seconded. Roll call vote: Bob O'Brien – yes, and Steve Wood-yes, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 5:52 PM.

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

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

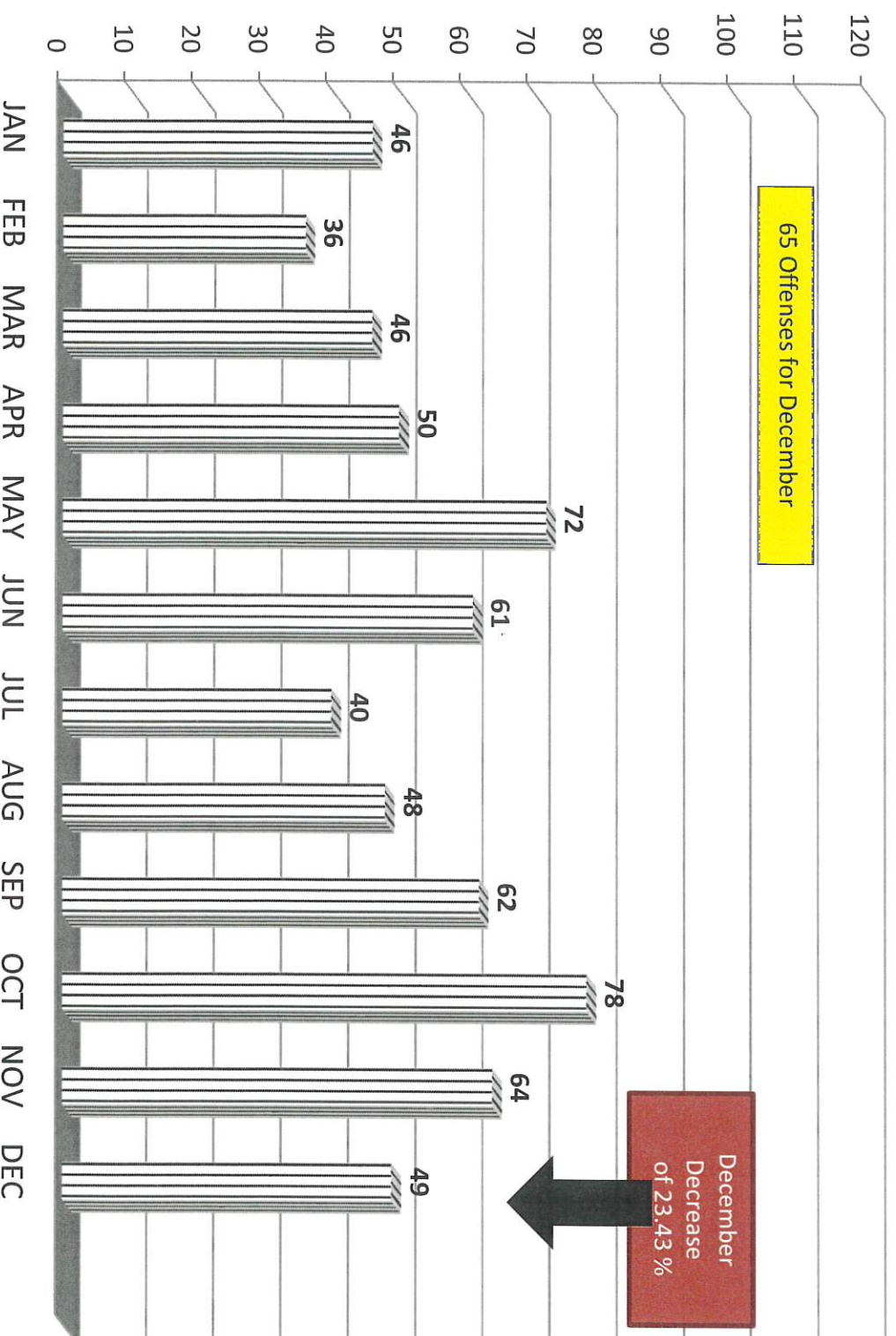
Being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Wood entertained a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 5:53 PM.
Chairman Wood seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

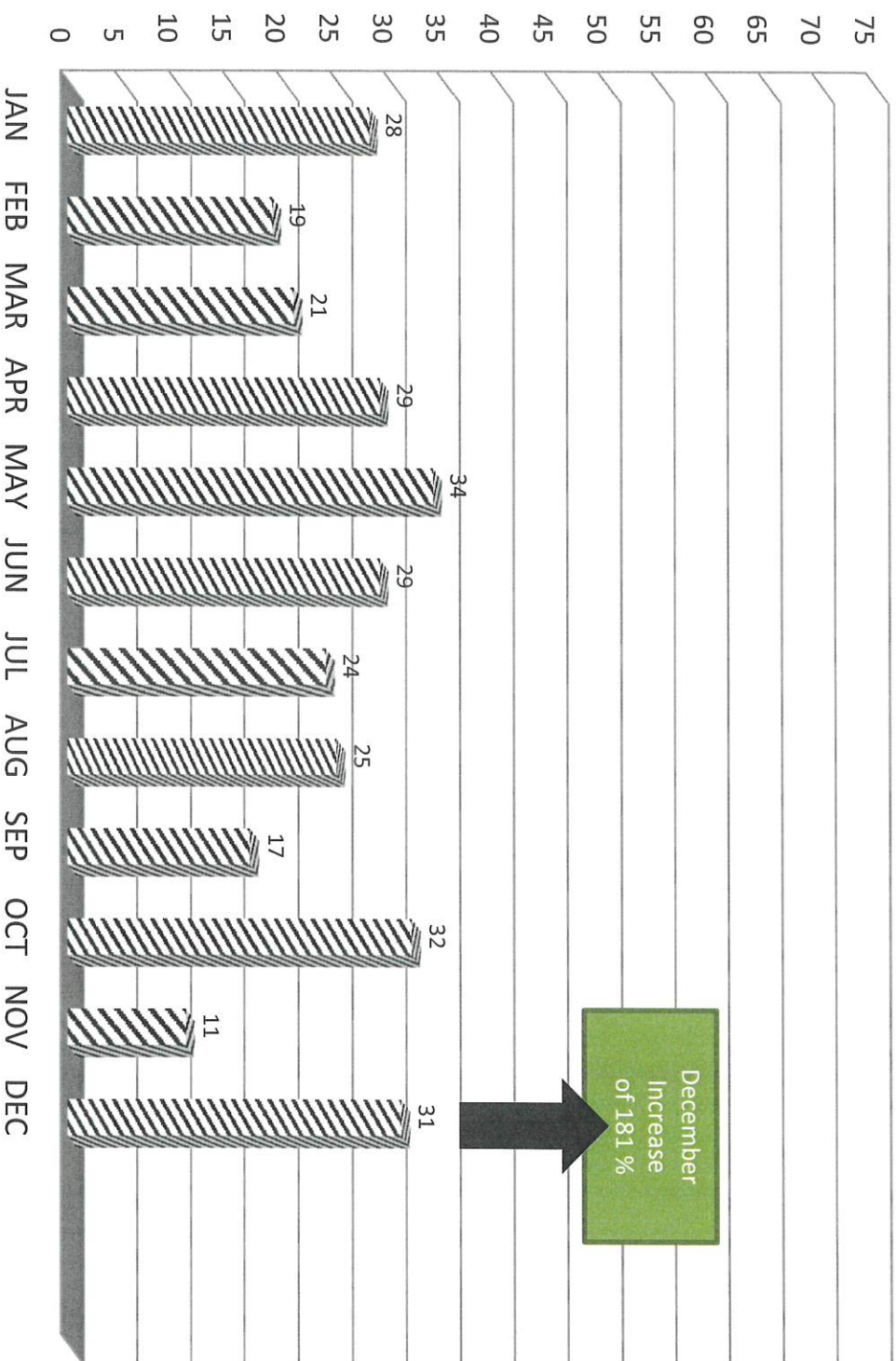
Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Moore

INCIDENTS (CASES) YTD 2022



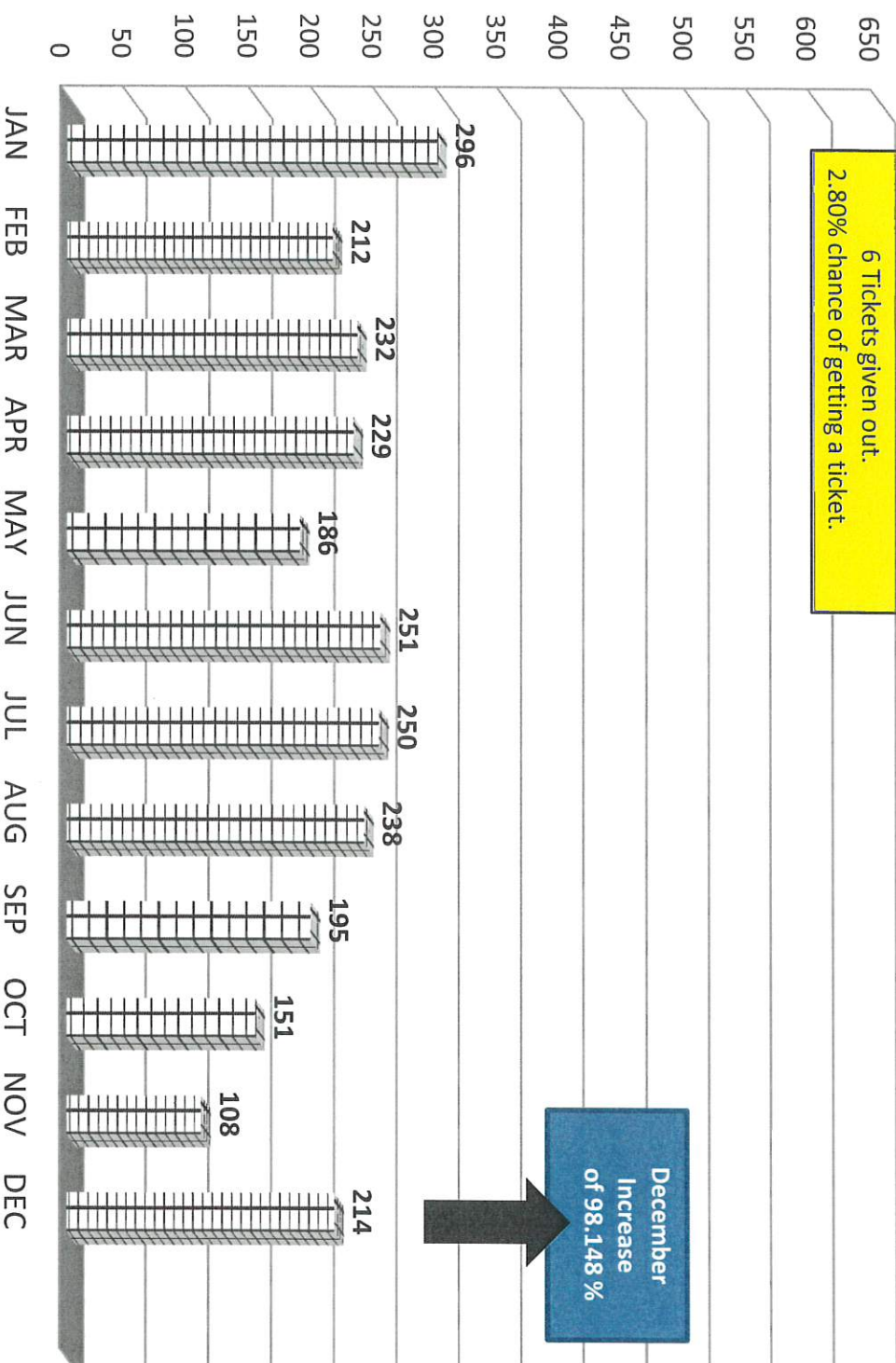
ARRESTS YTD 2022



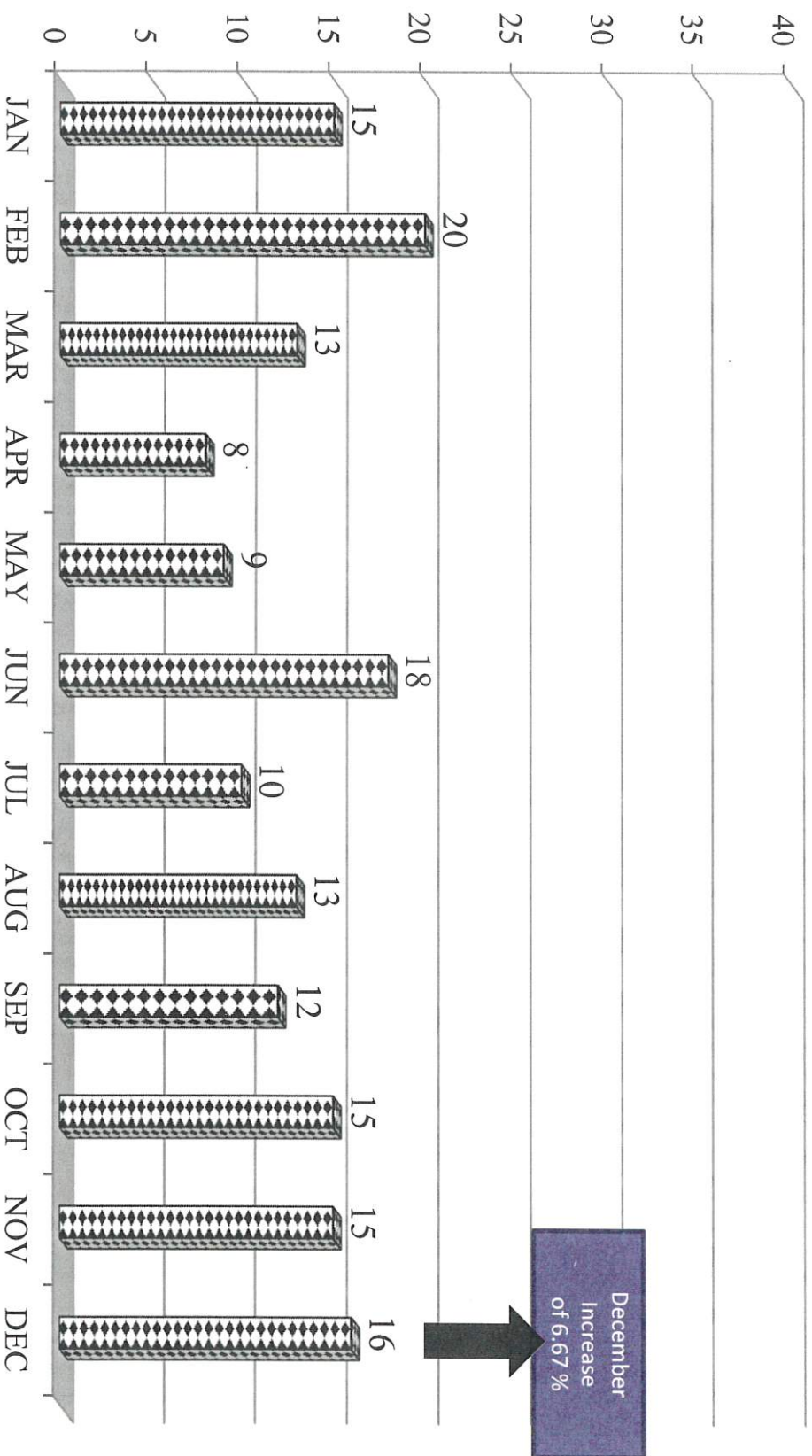
TRAFFIC STOPS YTD 2022

6 Tickets given out.
2.80% chance of getting a ticket.

December
Increase
of 98.148 %



COLLISIONS YTD 2022



Monthly Activity for December 2022

During the month of December, Detective Emerson received information regarding a restraining order violation. A week or so prior, a male subject was arrested for threatening his wife with a firearm during a domestic dispute between the two of them. Fearing for the safety of the protected female in the restraining order, which was a result of that arrest, Sgt. Beaulieu and Detective Emerson checked known locations for the individual. The male subject was located in the vehicle with the protected female and was arrested.

In another matter, Detective Emerson's investigation into a theft by deception case resulted in the arrest of the suspect.

Detective Emerson responded to the Kingswood Regional Middle School for a report of a male subject on the second floor of the school with a gun. Detective Emerson assisted with the safety and security of the school. Detective Emerson also assisted with the investigation and interviews.

Detective Emerson was asked by the ICAC Commander, to take part in an invitation only, Internet Crimes Against Children two (2) day training. The training was specific to investigations related to Child Sexual Exploitation crimes. Detective Emerson, who is currently a member of the ICAC Task Force, completed the training. The training was an excellent opportunity that will help Detective Emerson and the ICAC Task Force with investigations not only just in our community but also statewide.

Cases Assigned/Investigated/Assisted With

- 1 Theft by Deception (Arrest)
- 1 Theft/Identity fraud
- 1 Restraining order violation (Arrest)
- 2 Criminal Threatening (Arrest x 2)
- 1 Criminal mischief

Percentage of cases closed this month 81%

Percentage of new cases closed by arrest during the month 66%

Percentage of entire case load closed 83%

WOLFEBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER MARY DEVINE

MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 2022

December was the fourth month of school for SRO Devine with seventeen (17) scheduled days of school, one snow day. SRO Devine responded to several incidents in the Kingswood High and Middle School and took numerous school bus related complaints. SRO Devine wrote five arrest reports and fifteen incident reports.

SRO Devine contacted the Division of Children Youth and Families (DCYF) regarding a Child In Need of Services (CHINS) for a student who had runaway several times from the middle school and ran from the police. After the call to DCYF, SRO Devine walked the student to the bus each afternoon to make sure he got home. The student is currently involved with juvenile probation.

SRO Devine contacted DCYF and the Tuftonboro Police Department for a welfare check and truancy on a student in Tuftonboro. SRO Devine contacted the Middleton Police Department for a welfare check on a student who had missed an extensive amount of school. SRO Devine spoke with a student who reported a sexual assault that occurred in another jurisdiction. The information was passed along to the police department that has jurisdiction. SRO Devine spoke with a student who reported being solicited online in another jurisdiction. The information was passed along to the New Durham Police Department. SRO Devine spoke with a student regarding a stalking order violation. It was determined that the violation happened in Ossipee and was referred to the Ossipee Police Department.

SRO Devine took four reports of students in possession of tobacco products on school grounds. Each report resulted in school discipline. SRO Devine took a report of air pods that were stolen from a student in middle school and were destroyed. SRO Devine connected each parent of the students involved to get reimbursement. SRO Devine spoke with a student who reported being assaulted at home. The information was given to an officer from the Wolfeboro Police Department to investigate.

SRO Devine responded to the middle school regarding a student stating he wanted the school bombed, wanted to wear body armor and bring guns and a hand grenade to school. The student was brought to the police department and SRO Devine wrote juvenile petitions for the student to appear in court which is pending.

On December 21st, SRO Devine and Cpl. Boucher responded to the middle school regarding a student who had a gun. The student was taken into custody immediately and transported to the Wolfeboro Police Department. The gun was found to be fake, not capable of firing ammunition. During the investigation while the middle school was still on lockdown, investigation led to another student being taken under arrest for stating he would shoot up the school with the gun. The NH State Police assisted with a bomb detection k-9 prior to the school being released from lock down. The k-9 did not detect any live rounds, firearms or bombs and materials. The school was then released from lockdown. The students arrested were transported to the Carroll County Court and were seen by a judge. One student was sent to the SUNUNU Center and the other, house arrest until their hearing on January 9, 2023. The SUNUNU Center is a 24-hour secure treatment facility that offers intensive treatment for New Hampshire's detained and committed youth.

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SRO Devine sent four referrals to the Juvenile Probation and Parole for a CANS assessment (Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths). The referrals were from assaults at the high school after a group of students jumped another in a bathroom. SRO Devine investigated a criminal threatening report on a school bus that occurred in Middleton. Middleton PD was made aware, and SRO Devine referred the case for a CANS assessment. Another assault was referred to the White Mountain Restorative Justice for diversion.

SRO Devine 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 Boucher met with Superintendent Arakelian, Principal Donnelly, and Vice Principal Charland reference school security and getting training for the staff for an Active Killing Event.

TO: Wolfeboro Police Commission

FROM: Dean J. Rondeau
Chief of Police

SUBJ: Chief's Items (December 2022) for 19 January 2023 Wolfeboro Police
Commission meeting

DATE: 11 January 2023

Non- Public: We have a need for a non-public meeting tonight dealing with litigation and personnel.

GENERAL BUDGET ITEMS: There will be an end of year budget (Fourth Quarter FY 22) review after the Chief's presentation during the February 2023 Police Commission meeting. This will close the books on the FY 22 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. (which will be sent as soon as it done.) Though the numbers are still being calculated, we are projecting for a "within the bottom line" ending to all three budgets, but it will be close. Gas and oil figures are included, and we came in at approximately 87.7 percent spent, or approximately 12 percent underspent in Gas and Oil (See attached). We were approximately \$113.7 percent overspent based on low fuel estimates by Town Hall. This amounted to an over expenditure of \$3123.2 dollars.

Moreover, the Birch Hill cat case bills (animal abuse case) were paid in FY 22 through the MCO budget which put that budget overspent for the year-but was made up for by savings in the PD budget. We will apply to the State for 75 percent of that money to be returned under the "Cost of Care Law" in the State, and the rest will be obtained through prosecution as restitution back to the Town- we have a warrant for her, and we are trying to have her served-she is hospitalized right now in Portsmouth, so she is out of our jurisdiction.

Once those monies are awarded, they will be applied to the general fund in FY 23 or FY 24, whenever they are received. This will take some time to get back. Those bills right now are expected to be approximately \$23K dollars.

Budget snapshot prepared by Captain Mark Livie: (see attached Excel Spreadsheet.)

Police Budget:

FY 23 Budget process:

We have all but completed the construction of the FY 23 budget and attended three late night meetings with the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee during the week of 9-13 January. All our warrant articles have been approved by the BOS and we are now waiting on the Town's Deliberative Session which is scheduled for 7 February 2023 at 1900 hours (7: P.M.) in the Great Hall. With the Non-union COLA's added by Town Hall, we are up approximately 3.6 percent in the PD Budget; 6.7 percent in Dispatch, and 6.5 percent in the Municipal Conservation Officer Budget. We meet or exceeded the Town Manager's guidance of 8 percent or less overall increase. We had a very successful presentation to the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen this past year in my opinion.

PERSONNEL: Based on constant PT Test failures I have withdrawn the conditional offer of employment to our latest candidate, and I think the Commission needs to move forward with the selection of a new candidate from our order of merit list, I suggest we discuss this tonight in non-public session under personnel.

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
Sgt. Strauch - K-9 Training
SRO Devine- Special Olympics NH conference.

All Officers except Officer Peaslee completed their Implicit Bias, Ethics, and De-escalation training. We will catch officer Peaslee up at a later point in time.

Dispatch: NSTR

Operations (Criminal Investigations and Prosecutions):

In terms of Police investigations, prosecutions, and operations, the month of December was slow due to the Courts, and the Christmas Holidays. We did have two high profile incidents which occurred at the Kingswood regional School Complex. Press releases were sent out by the SAU Administration. Both these incidents took considerable time away from the Patrol Division and is indicative of the types of threats that I think we can

expect for the foreseeable future. I dare say violence, and the threat of violence is increasing in Society as a whole; and in NH I have noticed that there seems to be an increase in gun and weapons related violence in the State. I do not think that our community is immune from these ills which plague society. As always, my police department stands ready to respond to crises and emergencies, and we look to prevent, mitigate and if necessary, restore the peace when and where they occur.

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 December was another terrible month for our ability to dispense with cases. The Courts allowed many "continuances" and our prosecutorial team was only able to get through thirteen (13) cases, eleven (11) of which were found guilty or plead guilty, and two (2) were Placed on File (POF). The conviction rates this past month is one hundred percent (100.00%) with \$2920.00 dollars in fines, restitution, and penalties meted out by the Courts.

Safety and Security matters: December proved to be a busy month for traffic, and we edged higher for traffic crashes up six and one-half or so (6.67%) percent with one additional crash over last month. We are still realizing significant increase in traffic volumes. Incidentally, up this past month were traffic stops, to 98.14 percent. It was a heavy traveled holiday season. I suspect the traffic to our Town will continue to be heavy all year 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 State and Town public work crews who are out on the roads during and just after the storms cleaning up the snow, slush, and ice. 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.

OUTREACH AND MATTERS OF INTEREST:

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

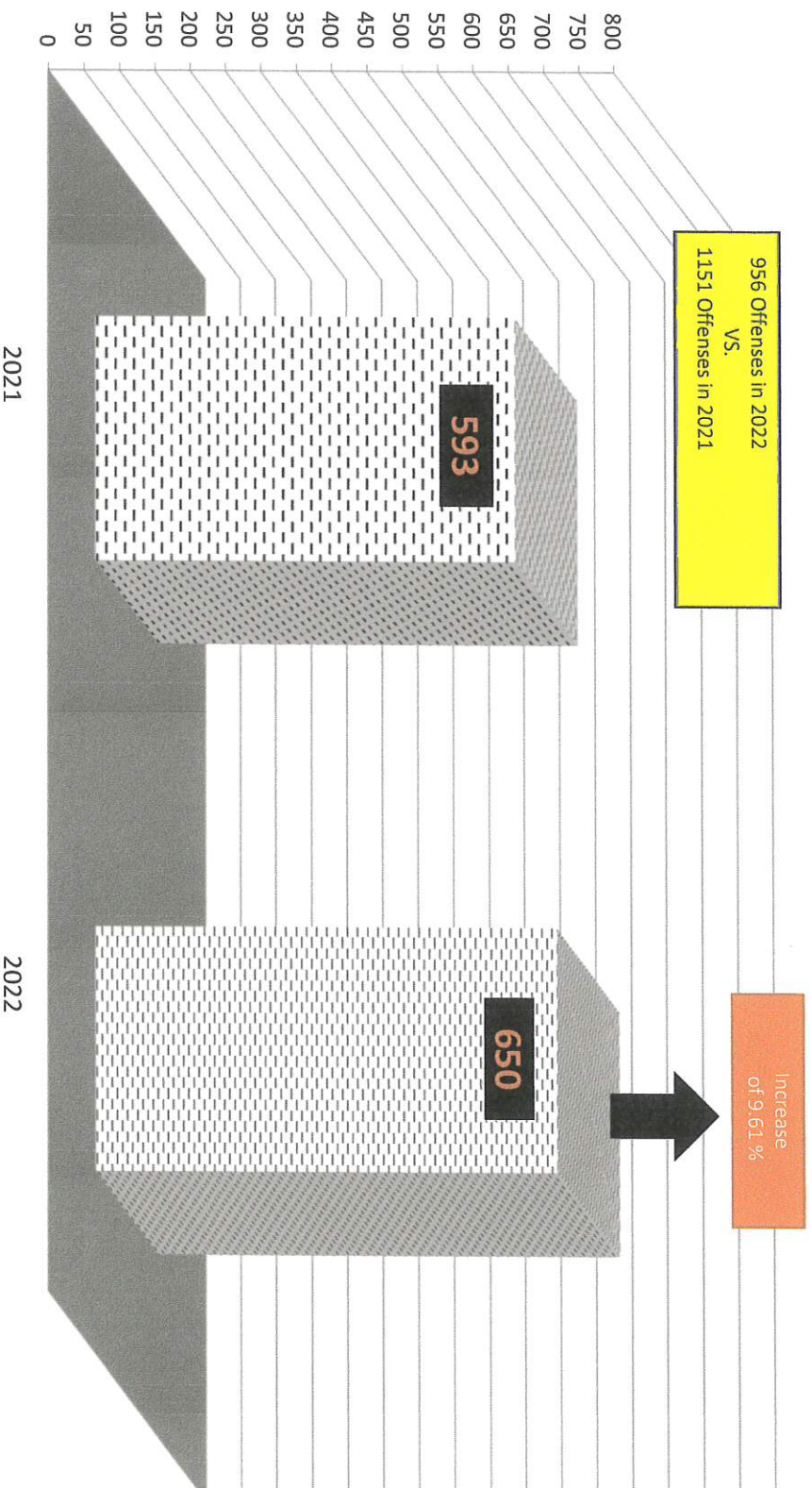
Safety Tip of the Month: January, let's all take a breather and slow down. The holiday season is behind us, and we know from past experiences that the months

of January and February will be snowy, and driving will be treacherous. Let's all take a break and get some rest-thanks.

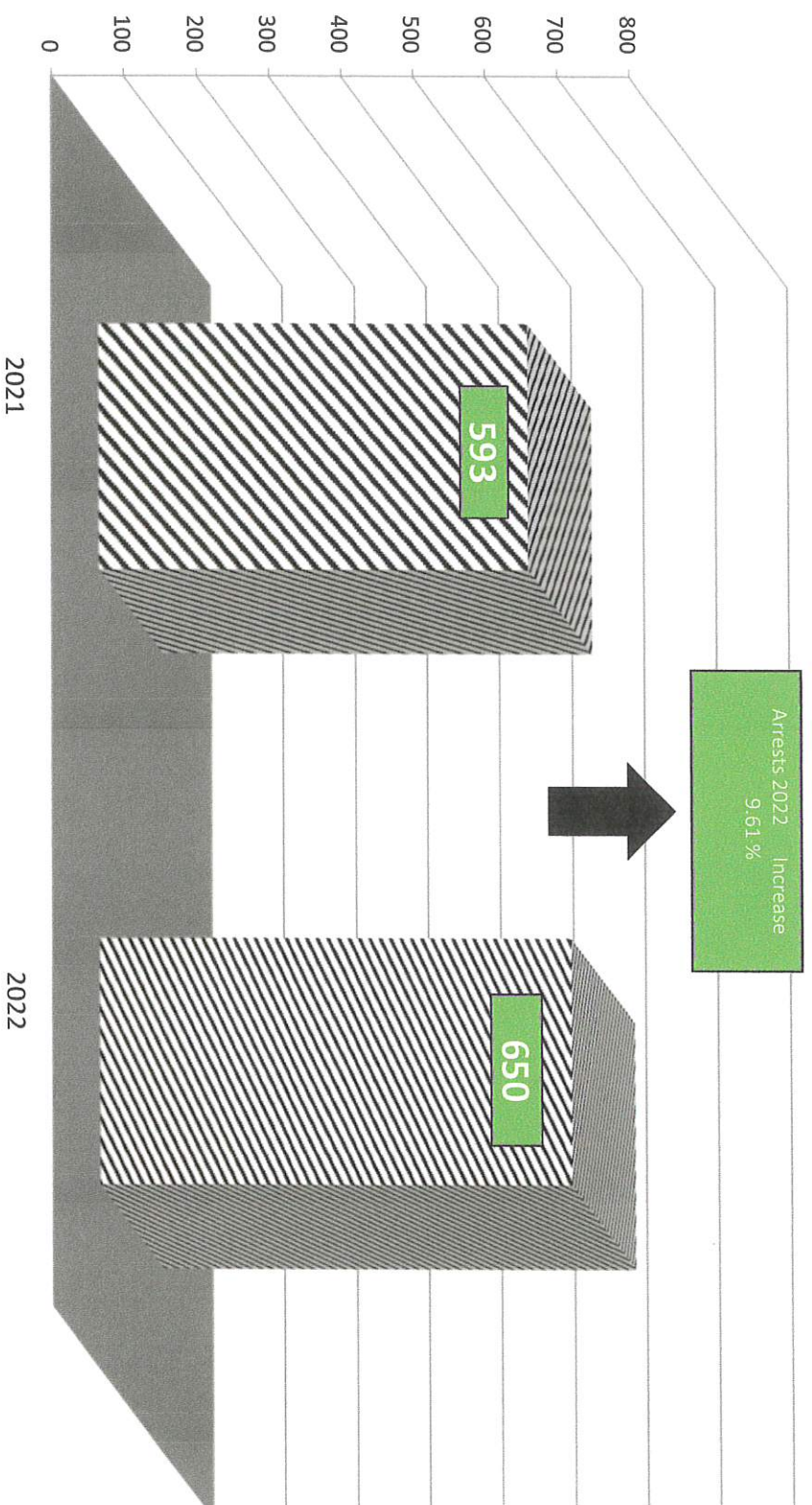
Lastly, if you have too much to drink and can't figure out a safe way to get home, call the PD and we will figure out something for you, so you don't hurt yourself or someone else. Our Dispatch number is: (603) 569-1444-thank you in advance.

Happy New year everybody!

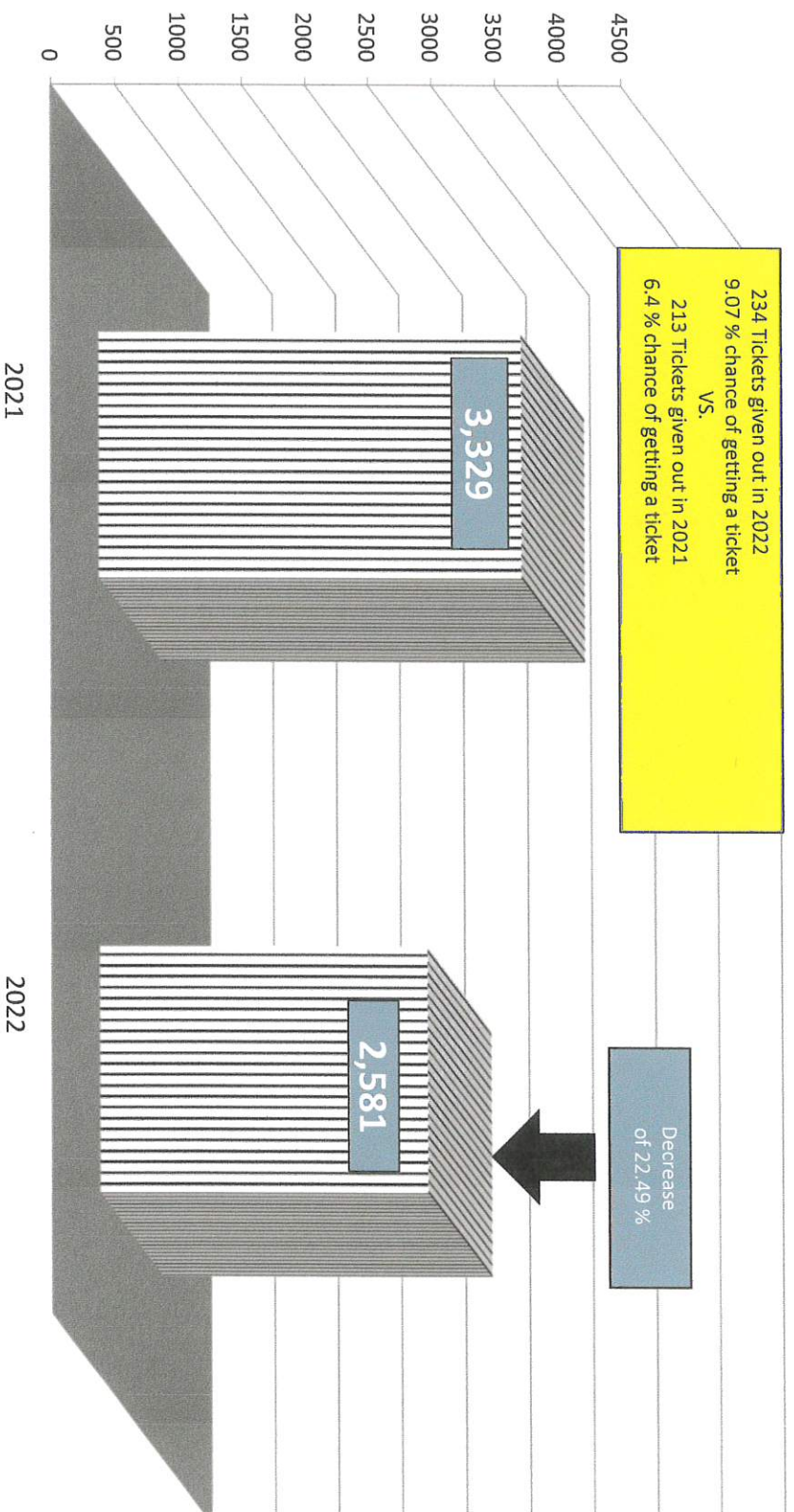
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