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LONGMEADOW POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

DECEMBER 2020

NOTABLE EVENTS:

The month of December continued with challenges associated with COVID. In-Person training is still suspended in an effort to reduce the chances of our officers of interacting in groups. Steps are underway to initiate vaccinations for the town's first responders. At the time of this writing, a regional vaccination is scheduled to take place in East Longmeadow beginning January 11, 2021 for Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, Wilbraham, Hampden and Chicopee first responders.

The Longmeadow Police Department hosted its inaugural "Stuff a Cruiser" - Toys for Tots drive. The event was organized by Sgt. Eric Wisnouskas and Officer Amanda VanBuskirk. Multiple officers donated their time to staff the event. In addition to the countless toys donated by our residents, *First Responders Children's Foundation* donated five pallets of boxed, new toys. The event was a huge success; in fact, a large box truck was necessary to package all of the toys and deliver them to the regional Toys for Tots headquarters.

The LPD received a Cannondale Electric Tesoro patrol bicycle. The bicycle was donated by Robert Russell and American Pest Solutions. Bob Russell, town resident and owner of American Pest Solutions, delivered to the LPD this new electric assisted patrol bicycle on December 4, 2020. The bicycle provides an electronic boost to the pedal effort, enabling the bike officer to increase their area of patrol and arrive to calls faster and less fatigued. Mr. Russell stated he wants to continue the tradition of supporting the LPD as his father Jim Russell was well known for.

We continue to make efforts to enhance the services provided by WestComm (regional dispatch). Concerns and areas of deficiency are continually forwarded to the WestComm Director - Erin Hastings. On December 26, 2020 a radio failure was experienced affecting both Longmeadow and East Longmeadow police and fire channels. Back-up radio channels were utilized however, the limited resources caused concern. Once the issue was rectified, WestComm Director Erin Hastings was tasked with completing an After Action Report to identify the cause(s) of the communication failure. After Action Plans assist with outlining fail points and lend to the creation of more robust communication plans and protocol development.

Since the implementation of Regional Dispatch, the LPD has been faced with making adjustments to continue to provide the level of service our community has come to expect. One area of concern is the "dark station"; due to the lack of dispatchers present, there are times where a member of the public is required to summon assistance via an intercom in the public lobby. In an effort to provide in-person assistance during peak hours, I have increased the hours of our part-time Public Records Clerk on a trial basis. Our records clerk (Ms. Brittney Kraus) now works 9:00am to 3:00pm M-F with adjusted hours to include one Saturday per month. In addition to public records and handling "walk-in reports", Ms. Kraus is also responsible for processing firearms License to Carry (LTC) applicants. Ms. Kraus' role handling LTC's has freed up an officer from the 4-12 shift who previously was placed out of service at least one shift per week processing LTC applications.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY MONTHLY REPORT DECEMBER 2020:

The Traffic and Safety Committee meeting for December was re-scheduled for January 20th.

On December 12th, a Tots for Tot's toy drive was held at the Longmeadow Police Department. An action plan was developed for toy drop-off in front of the police station from 11:00AM – 1:00PM. Participants were encouraged to park in front of the station while volunteers assisted in collecting the toys keeping interaction to a minimum while practicing social distancing. The event was a success. In addition to receiving donations, members of the LPD took advantage to hand out masks to anyone wishing to receive them.

On December 20, 2020 the LPD assisted the Fire Department with driving Santa around town on one the LFD's trucks to spread cheer and Christmas wishes. The event was planned by the LFD with a predetermined route posted on social media. LPD officers escorted Santa's tour through town which was met with resounding enthusiasm and appreciation from our residents.

A complaint was received from a staff member at the Montessori School for motorists making turns southbound from Williams Street to Longmeadow Street East of the green during school drop-off and pick-up hours. An officer was assigned on directed patrols in that area during those hours to educate motorists that the one-way restriction between Williams Street and Longfellow Drive during school hours still exists during these times of remote and hybrid learning.

Construction in front of the businesses on Longmeadow Street between Belleclaire Avenue and Bliss Road, presented a situation where repairs to the sidewalk created a minor challenge for foot traffic in that area. After a meeting with the construction crew, the area directly in front of the storefronts was detoured for foot traffic. The sidewalk has been repaired and is now open to normal foot traffic.

The traffic trailer has been removed from Laurel Street and is slated to be placed on Dover Road to remind motorists of the speed limit and also to show the speed that they are travelling on that street. A new traffic trailer has also been acquired through a grant to augment our safety program. This trailer can be used for speed awareness, public notifications, traffic counts and other functions as well. There has been a growing demand from our residents for a traffic trailer to be placed in neighborhoods town wide for speed awareness and having a second trailer will help with those demands.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sergeant Eric Wisnouskas
Supervisor of Community Resources

DETECTIVE BUREAU/DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY UPDATE FOR DECEMBER 2020:

Arrests:

- One arrest for operating a motor vehicle under the influence after a traffic stop that occurred on Frank Smith Road.
- One arrest for assault and battery on a pregnant victim after a domestic disturbance on.
- One arrest for assault and battery on a household member after a domestic disturbance.
- One arrest for violation of a protection order after a disturbance that occurred.
- One arrest for operating a motor vehicle under the influence, leaving the scene of property damage, open container, negligent operation and failure to stop at a stop sign after a motor vehicle accident on Longmeadow Street.

Criminal Applications:

- One criminal application sought for larceny by stealing in a building after a report of theft.
- One criminal application sought for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and speeding after a traffic stop on Longmeadow Street.
- One criminal application sought for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and leaving the scene of an accident with personal injury after a motor vehicle accident on Williams Street.
- One criminal application sought for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and speeding after a traffic stop on Frank Smith Road.
- One criminal application sought for uttering a counterfeit note, possessing a counterfeit note, larceny by single scheme and conspiracy after an incident that occurred on Bliss Road.
- One criminal application sought for operating a motor vehicle on a revoked registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle after a traffic stop on Converse Street.
- One criminal application sought for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and failure to stop at a stop sign after a traffic stop that occurred on Maple Road.
- One criminal application sought for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and speeding after a traffic stop on Longmeadow Street.

Criminal Activity:

- Multiple reports of fraud for unemployment benefits reported throughout town. Reports are documented and victims advised to report with Mass. Unemployment Office.
- Employee of Big Y reported a shoplifting incident. The suspect fled in a vehicle, which was later identified. Contact with the driver of the vehicle was made. Investigation currently ongoing. Charges pending.
- Resident received threatening emails from an individual he has previously interviewed for a book he wrote. Per the resident's request, contact was not made with the suspect as he only wanted the incident documented.

- Resident reported a breaking and entering at their residence. The suspect entered through an unlocked exterior door and stole several items. Camera footage was obtained. Several interviews were conducted. Investigation ongoing.
- Multiple reports of email and phone call scams throughout town. Investigations revealed scammers utilized temporary phone numbers and email addresses to contact victims. Investigations were suspended, awaiting results of administrative subpoenas.
- Four separate incidents involving traffic stops which led to pursuits. The operators of the vehicles failed to stop for police and fled. The pursuits were terminated. The operators of the vehicles were unable to be identified during pursuit.
- Passerby on Pondsides Road reported property damage to the town gazebo.
- Resident of Longmeadow Street reported bicycles were stolen from their garage, through an unlocked exterior door. Cameras on the residence did not capture any activity. No other cameras in the area. Online marketplaces monitored daily.
- Resident reported they were approached by a suspicious individual in a vehicle while walking the dog. The driver was identified, located and spoken to about the suspicious allegations. After a thorough investigation, it was concluded that there were no criminal elements to the encounter.
- Uniformed patrol officers responded to an active alarm call on Overbrook Road. Search of the property revealed a door to the residence had been forcefully opened. No items reported missing. No cameras on the residence. Investigation ongoing.
- Resident reported their vehicle was entered overnight and cash was taken. No cameras in the area and no other reported car breaks that night.

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	December 2020	November 2020	December 2019
209A Service/Violation	4	2	2
Abandoned 911	86	0	16
Accidents	34	19	20
Alarm	57	56	36
Animal	36	38	28
Arrests	5	0	1
Assist Other Agency	25	93	19
Assist Schools	0	0	0
Assist	75	66	103
Articles Lost/Found	6	11	10
Assault	0	0	0
Bank/Property Checks	412	358	88
B & E Auto	1	7	5
B & E Residence	1	1	2
B & E Business	0	0	0
By-Law Violation	35	20	25
Check Security/Wellbeing	24	101	20
Disabled M/V	12	5	21
Disturbance	11	7	8
Domestic Disturbance	5	10	8
Drug/Narcotic Activity	0	0	1
Fire Assist	13	11	22
Fraud/Identity Theft	32	98	7
General Info	63	63	49
Harassment	4	4	1
Larceny	5	3	4
Medical Emergency/Crisis	94	88	137
Missing Persons	1	2	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	10	16	7
Motor Vehicle Stops	85	64	147
Annoying Phone Calls	0	1	0
Parking Violations	10	4	0
Park & Walks	154	126	282
Robbery	0	0	0
Safety Hazards	16	37	36
Shoplifting	1	0	2
Stolen Vehicle/Plate	0	0	2
Summons Service/Warrant	0	0	2
Suspicious Activity/Person	61	69	21
Threat	4	0	0
Traffic Control	303	326	130
Trespassing	0	0	1
Vandalism/Mal Damage	1	9	4
TOTAL	1911	1950	1276