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LONGMEADOW POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

JANUARY 2022

NOTABLE EVENTS:

- January marked the first month the LPD officers began utilizing the “E-Citation” process of issuing citations to motorists. Through a statewide program, the LPD requested the installation of the necessary hardware and software so that we can begin using the Commonwealth’s upgraded statewide citation system. The project includes new printers installed in the police vehicles which print out a computerized traffic uniform citation after the officer inputs the requisite information into the mobile data terminals (cruiser computer). The citations will take the place of hand written citations which can be time consuming and more susceptible to human error. The project was completely funded by the state in an effort to streamline and provide uniformity to agencies across the commonwealth. In order to ensure proper training and “fine tuning” consistent with our department’s needs, LPD Officers currently have the option to issue hand-written or E-citations until they are proficient with the new system. It is anticipated E-citations will be mandated for the LPD beginning July 1, 2022 after the appropriate acclimation phase is completed.
- On January 21, 2022 at approximately 2:00am, Officer Vaclavicek was patrolling his district when his attention was drawn to a motor vehicle operating in violation of Massachusetts General Law. A traffic stop was made and Officer Vaclavicek identified the occupants of the vehicle. While monitoring the event, Sgt. Rex-Bernashe and Officers Almeida and Rowley immediately recognized the names of the subjects as those wanted by the East Longmeadow PD. ELPD was subsequently contacted who, in turn, took the subjects into custody for a larceny which had just occurred in their jurisdiction. Due to their diligence and attention to detail, two individuals were quickly apprehended and charged for their involvement in a larceny of items from our neighboring community.
- The LPD submitted an application for the 2022 Massachusetts Gaming Commission’s Community Mitigation Fund. The Legislature established the grant to mitigate unintended impacts associated with the arrival of a casino. The funds are intended to support communities by offsetting impact costs related to gaming facilities. As such, the LPD submitted a grant seeking funds to offset the costs associated with the implementation of traffic cameras at the intersection of Forest Glen Road and Longmeadow Street. This intersection has been analyzed and identified as a poorly operating intersection due to increased traffic volume. Consequently, accidents increase, pedestrian crossing is hazardous and public safety/emergency response is delayed and hindered due to the gridlock at this main intersection. Cameras will assist in traffic surveillance, congestion monitoring, road construction planning, event traffic management, road surveys, incident support and most importantly, real-time support for asset dispatching and emergency response. DPW, LFD, Regional Dispatch and the LPD will have access to the cameras to enhance their services and respective needs.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY MONTHLY REPORT – JANUARY 2022

A traffic and safety meeting was held on January 19, 2022 at the DPW on Dwight Road. Items on the agenda included the following:

Eversource Gas winter work: Eversource Gas is continuing to work through the winter and into early spring in the Field Road area. Expect construction work in that area to continue Monday – Friday through April dependent on weather.

The “L” Project: The “L” Project which is now being planned for 2025 was discussed with regards to improving traffic flow through the area west of Laurel Street from Converse Street to Forest Glen Road. One suggestion during construction was making Fernleaf Avenue and Woodlawn Place one-way, traveling west and Roseland Terrace, Hazelwood Avenue, Birchwood Avenue, and Benedict Terrace one-way, traveling east.

Safe Route to Schools: The Safe Route to Schools Project in the Blueberry Hill Road area will not start until at least 2023.

There was discussion about a request for speed bumps on Tanglewood Drive to slow traffic. The DPW suggested that when better weather arrives and the tree belts are clear, they will set up traffic analytics to collect data on the volume of traffic as well as the speed of the vehicles traveling through the area. Another request was for a three-way stop sign at the intersection of Redfern Drive and Carolyn Drive. It was determined that a three-way stop at that intersection will greatly interfere with the traffic flow through that area as well as draw complaints from the residents with the constant acceleration / deceleration at the intersection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sergeant Eric Wisnouskas
Supervisor of Community Resources

DETECTIVE BUREAU/DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY UPDATE FOR JANUARY 2022:

Criminal Applications:

- One criminal application sought for assault and battery after a domestic disturbance.
- One criminal application sought for operating a motor vehicle after license suspension and expired inspection sticker after a traffic stop on Converse Street.
- One criminal application sought for unlicensed operation and uninsured motor vehicle after a traffic stop on Frank Smith Road.
- One criminal application sought for assault and battery on an elderly person after an investigation ensued from a reported injury.
- One criminal application sought for operating after suspension, defective equipment and expired inspection sticker after a traffic stop on Converse Street.
- One criminal application sought for failure to yield and uninsured motor vehicle after a motor vehicle accident on Frank Smith Road.
- One criminal application sought for leaving the scene of property damage after a report of a hit and run.
- One criminal application sought for operating with a revoked registration, uninsured motor vehicle and failure to inspect after a traffic stop on Longmeadow Street.

Criminal Activity:

- Resident reported their vehicle was stolen overnight. The vehicle was unlocked with the keys left inside. Vehicle was later recovered in Hartford, CT. The vehicle was processed by a Longmeadow Detective.
- Resident reported the catalytic converter of their vehicle was stolen. The vehicle was located in a parking lot in town, during business hours, when the theft occurred. Investigation ongoing.
- Resident reported the catalytic converter if their vehicle was stolen. The vehicle remains parked in one of the public lots in town and the owner did not have any timeframe for the theft, as it was not used for several weeks. Area businesses were checked for footage, however, no camera captured the area in which it was parked.
- Resident reported tires and wheels were stolen out of his garage overnight. Resident provided camera footage of the incident. The suspects were fully masked and unable to be identified. It is believed the suspects were operating stolen vehicles, based on reports from Springfield PD. Identified suspects from the stolen vehicles were unable to be linked this case.
- Resident reported an attempted vehicle break at their residence. Patrol was immediately notified and responded to the area, with the description of the

suspect vehicle. Camera footage was obtained of the incident. Investigation ongoing.

- Resident reported their garage was broken into overnight. No items were taken and no cameras in the area.
- Resident reported being a victim of fraud. Her social security account was hacked and her direct deposit information was changed. The month of January she did not receive a check, as it was deposited into an unknown bank account listed in her social security account. Detectives are working with the banks in attempts to obtain the account holder for the unknown bank account. Investigation is ongoing.
- A contractor reported several pieces of work equipment were stolen from their work trucks. The work trucks were parked on Pondsides (old DPW) overnight. Investigation is ongoing as the Detective Bureau awaits for further information from the contractor.
- Resident reported being a victim of fraud, regarding unemployment benefits. He advised he already made a report with Mass. Unemployment Office.
- Patrol officers responded to an armed robbery in progress at the Pride Gas Station. The suspect was armed with a brick. It was confirmed to be an attempted robbery; however no items were taken. Active, ongoing investigation.
- Resident reported a fraudulent check had been written from his bank account. The victim suffered a significant monetary loss. Due to a thorough investigation, the funds were replaced into the victims account. Investigation is still ongoing for suspect identification.

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	January 2022	December 2021	January 2021
209A Service/Violation	10	5	10
Abandoned 911	129	89	77
Accidents	16	38	19
Alarm	55	88	50
Animal	25	24	29
Arrests	8	13	10
Assist Other Agency	27	33	16
Assist Schools	25	13	0
Assist	93	101	60
Articles Lost/Found	12	16	7
Assault	1	0	0
Bank/Property Checks	328	386	495
B & E Auto	2	5	7
B & E Residence	2	1	0
B & E Business	0	0	0
By-Law Violation	16	11	6
Check Security/Wellbeing	36	41	26
Disabled M/V	7	13	5
Disturbance	3	5	8
Domestic Disturbance	13	11	7
Drug/Narcotic Activity	1	2	0
Fire Assist	33	13	20
Fraud/Identity Theft	9	8	21
General Info	35	36	21
Harassment	7	14	5
Larceny	7	3	4
Medical Emergency/Crisis	130	105	118
Missing Persons	4	2	2
Motor Vehicle Complaint	14	18	8
Motor Vehicle Stops	99	118	51
Annoying Phone Calls	0	1	0
Parking Violations	5	4	6
Park & Walks	76	76	101
Robbery	1	0	0
Safety Hazards	19	18	10
Shoplifting	0	0	0
Stolen Vehicle/Plate	1	0	2
Summons Service/Warrant	3	0	1
Suspicious Activity/Person	33	43	59
Threat	0	0	2
Traffic Control	336	329	342
Trespassing	2	1	3
Vandalism/Mal Damage	3	6	2
TOTAL	1827	1918	1882