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# LONGMEADOW POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## LONGMEADOW POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

### FEBRUARY 2022

## **NOTABLE EVENTS:**

In March of 2019, the LPD was awarded full Accreditation through the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission (MPAC), making us the first Accredited municipal law enforcement agency in Hampden County.

Once Accredited, an agency must then be re-assessed every three years to maintain their status. The LPD's re-assessment took place February 22-24, 2022, during which time four MPAC assessors evaluated our policies and documentation of compliance in addition to touring our facility to ensure that the LPD has adhered to 326 individual MPAC standards (257 mandated, 69 optional). Combined, these standards ensure this agency has adopted the best practices while maintaining the highest level of professionalism in the delivery of police service.

After the grueling three day assessment, the MPAC assessors concluded that the Longmeadow Department met and/or exceeded the requisite standards. We are very proud of this accolade and the fact that we continue to be the only police agency in Hampden County to be accredited is something equally impressive.

I would first like to thank all of the officers and staff for their cooperation and assistance throughout this process. This has been a team effort and the input and cooperation from our supervisors, patrol officers and our civilian staff has been invaluable. I would especially like to recognize Capt. Mazzaferro, our Accreditation Manager, who spent countless hours ensuring our policies and practices were in compliance with MPAC standards.

The MPAC standards focus on high-liability, high-risk areas of law enforcement operations, including:

- Agency Authority and Jurisdiction
- Use of Force
- Recruitment, Selection, and Promotion of Personnel
- Training, Discipline and Internal Affairs
- Patrol, Traffic Operations and Criminal Investigations
- Victim/Witness Assistance
- Emergency Response Planning
- Prisoner Transportation and Holding Facilities
- Records and Communications
- Collection and Preservation of Evidence
- Property and Evidence Control

The benefits of Accreditation include the following:

- Prevent and reduce loss in professional liability claims within a risk management framework.

- Provide a norm for an agency to judge its performance.
- Provide a basis to correct deficiencies in an agency's operations before they become public problems.
- Require agencies to commit policies and procedures to writing.
- Promote accountability among agency personnel and the evenhanded application of policies.
- Provide an independent evaluation of agency operations.
- Provide a quality assurance review of the agency.
- Enhance the reputation of the agency while promoting public confidence.

## **TRAFFIC AND SAFETY MONTHLY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2022**

A traffic and safety meeting was held on February 16, 2022 at the DPW on Dwight Rd. Items on the agenda included the following:

A request for a solar powered traffic signal for the crosswalk at Laurel Street and Farmington Road. The crosswalk is new at this location and the sign was requested to alert drivers for pedestrians crossing. The DPW will look into getting a solar powered sign. A portable sign has been placed in that crosswalk.

The traffic light on the Rt. 91 off ramp at the entrance to Forest Park has been an issue for commuter traffic. When that sign is triggered, usually when someone is turning around to head north on Rt. 91, traffic will back up in town as well as on the off ramp. The DPW will contact the Springfield DPW engineers to see if that signal can be programmed to be on “flash” at those times.

There was a request for traffic calming signs on Blueberry Hill Rd. The DPW will consider those requests and determine where they should be placed. The DPW is looking into the Shared Streets and Spaces Grant Program which is for purchasing new equipment.

On March 26th from 11AM to 1PM, the Longmeadow Police Department will be teaming up with Fleet Feet for a “Stuff the Cruiser” event at the Longmeadow Shops. They will be collecting gently used sneakers, new socks, and non-perishable food items to benefit Rachel’s Table and Girls on the Run.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sergeant Eric Wisnouskas  
Supervisor of Community Resources

## **DETECTIVE BUREAU/DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY 2022:**

### **Arrests:**

- One arrest for receiving a stolen motor vehicle after a report of a vehicle stolen out of Suffield, CT was mapping in Longmeadow.
- One arrest for operating to endanger, marked lanes violation, failure to stop for police, speeding, equipment violation and uninsured motor vehicle after a motor vehicle crash.
- One arrest for an active warrant after a suspicious persons report.
- One arrest for operating under the influence, unsafe lane change, operating to endanger, speeding and open container after a motor vehicle crash.

### **Criminal Applications:**

- One criminal application sought for unlicensed operation after a traffic stop.
- One criminal application sought for minor in possession of alcohol, open container, unlicensed operation and speeding after a traffic stop.
- One criminal application sought for two counts of domestic assault and battery after a domestic disturbance.
- One criminal application sought for negligent operation, leaving the scene of property damage, junior operator violation and speeding after a motor vehicle crash.

### **Criminal Activity:**

- Employee of Pride Gas Station reported an individual was taking parts off of an ATM. An ATM skimming device was later recovered from the scene. Camera footage was obtained of the suspect and suspect vehicle. A federal agency is assisting with the ongoing investigation.
- Resident reported being a victim of fraud, regarding unemployment benefits. He was advised to file a report with the Mass. Unemployment Office.
- Resident reported a past attempted breaking and entering. The resident noticed alerts on her security cameras from the early morning hours. She observed two individuals attempt to gain entry through a rear door. Detective processed the scene and was unable to obtain any prints, due to the suspects wearing gloves. Investigation is ongoing.
- Report of a dumpster crashing through a window in the rear of Williams Place Mall. Upon arrival, officers located a fully smashed rear window and a dumpster inside the window. Currently awaiting one of business's camera footage.
- Contractor reported a past breaking and entering for a residence he is conducting work at. The property is currently under renovations and the residents are not currently living there. The scene was processed and prints were sent to the MSP Crime Lab for analysis. A canvas of the area produced no camera footage. Ongoing investigation.

- Resident reported being a victim of fraud. Money was wired out of her bank account without her approval. Administrative subpoenas have been requested for all the banking information. Investigation is ongoing.
- Resident reported falling victim to an online scam. Resident attempted to purchase a dog online, where they were ultimately scammed out of the money. Investigation led to address in Georgia, where detectives in Georgia advised they had launched their own investigation due to the multiple fraud reports involving the same address. Awaiting administrative subpoenas in attempt to gain suspect information.
- Resident reported one of her vehicle's license plates were stolen and the other one was bent, as if it was attempted to be pried off. The license plate was entered into NCIC as stolen. No cameras in the area. At this time, it is unsure where and when the plate was taken from the vehicle.
- Student at Bay Path University reported her catalytic converter was stolen off her vehicle. Security footage was obtained from Bay Path. Suspects and a vehicle were observed. The license plate of the vehicle was obtained through traffic cameras. Through an investigation, it was determined the license plate did not belong to the suspect vehicle as it was wrongfully attached. The license plate had been stolen from an individual who did not notice it had been stolen until officers arrived.
- Resident reported fraud and possible elder abuse. Investigation is ongoing.

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	<b>February 2022</b>	January 2022	February 2021
209A Service/Violation	<b>1</b>	10	1
Abandoned 911	<b>66</b>	129	60
Accidents	<b>23</b>	16	15
Alarm	<b>61</b>	55	65
Animal	<b>23</b>	25	18
Arrests	<b>8</b>	8	5
Assist Other Agency	<b>41</b>	27	7
Assist Schools	<b>7</b>	25	3
Assist	<b>54</b>	93	35
Articles Lost/Found	<b>12</b>	12	8
Assault	<b>1</b>	1	0
Bank/Property Checks	<b>259</b>	328	481
B & E Auto	<b>0</b>	2	0
B & E Residence	<b>1</b>	2	0
B & E Business	<b>0</b>	0	0
By-Law Violation	<b>14</b>	16	12
Check Security/Wellbeing	<b>27</b>	36	13
Disabled M/V	<b>10</b>	7	9
Disturbance	<b>6</b>	3	13
Domestic Disturbance	<b>13</b>	13	5
Drug/Narcotic Activity	<b>0</b>	1	0
Fire Assist	<b>40</b>	33	7
Fraud/Identity Theft	<b>6</b>	9	11
General Info	<b>51</b>	35	9
Harassment	<b>7</b>	7	4
Larceny	<b>5</b>	7	3
Medical Emergency/Crisis	<b>89</b>	130	92
Missing Persons	<b>1</b>	4	3
Motor Vehicle Complaint	<b>13</b>	14	7
Motor Vehicle Stops	<b>92</b>	99	52
Annoying Phone Calls	<b>0</b>	0	0
Parking Violations	<b>2</b>	5	6
Park & Walks	<b>54</b>	76	115
Robbery	<b>0</b>	1	0
Safety Hazards	<b>29</b>	19	23
Shoplifting	<b>0</b>	0	1
Stolen Vehicle/Plate	<b>0</b>	1	0
Summons Service/Warrant	<b>4</b>	3	1
Suspicious Activity/Person	<b>39</b>	33	31
Threat	<b>0</b>	0	0
Traffic Control	<b>293</b>	336	368
Trespassing	<b>0</b>	2	3
Vandalism/Mal Damage	<b>8</b>	3	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1571</b>	1827	1750