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Chief of Police

MEMORANDUM

To: Town Manager Pontbriand
From: Chief William A. Murray
CC: file
Date: June 20, 2019
Re: May Monthly Report

During the month of May 2019 the Police Department logged 1041 events. We assisted the Fire Department on 95 medicals and 20 other Fire Department related calls. Here are some of the highlights:

Offense	Total
Animal Complaint	51
Assault	4
Assist Other Agencies	15
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	1
Civil Complaint	2
Disturbance	32
Domestic	2
Fraud	1
Larceny	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	30
MV Stops	308
Motor Vehicle Theft	0
Sex Offender Violations	0
Shoplifting	0
Vandalism of Property	3
Weapons Law Violation	0

May 2019 was a milestone month for me; it ended 32 years of service to Law Enforcement and 11 years as Chief of Police for the Town. 31½ of those 32 years have been spent in service of the Town of Ayer. I have had a great career and enjoy serving this community every bit as much now as when I first started!

Radio Follow-up: Testing of the fully installed system commenced this month with positive results thus far. The testing will continue into June when it is anticipated to be concluded and the project deemed finished.

Detective Kellie Barhight completed a Domestic Violence Trainer the Trainer Recertification this month allowing her to continue to train department members on this important subject. She also is a Trainer for the Massachusetts Police Training Committee and routinely teaches at both the Academy and any Department who requests in-house training.

Deputy Gill and I attended a Public Records Law update training to get the latest information on this sometime confusing topic. The Deputy is the designated Records Access Officer for the Department and is charged with fulfilling all requests for our records.

Over a weekend this month members of the Ayer and Shirley Police and Fire Departments participated in Active Shooter Scenario Training taught by the State Police using the Middle School. The training utilizes simunition paint balls to replicate live fire with real life “good guys and bad guys”. We conduct this training yearly and are grateful to have the expertise of the State Police to guide us.

This month we hosted an intern from the Acton/Boxboro High School. We routinely do this with a number of High Schools allowing seniors to shadow the Detectives and participate in ride-a-longs with the Patrol Officers to get a taste of what police work is like.

It was “give the lunch ladies a break day” on the 20th at the Ayer-Shirley Regional School District-Page-Hilltop School! SRO Ptl. Jen Bigelow, Sgt. Eric Pearson and Deputy Chief Brian Gill gave the lunch ladies some time away from the serving line and served up lunch to over 300 K-5 kids. After serving the lunch to each grade, the officers sat with some of the kids and learned how their day was going, signed arm casts and rumor has it there is a video of some of the kids trying teach the Deputy Chief how to “Floss” and other popular quick dances! We are so appreciative of Principal Deppe’s inviting us up to serve lunch; the kids enjoy seeing their police in non-traditional situations and interacting with them, and we enjoy the bond we create with the kids. We also have a great time and fun with the lunch ladies; our hats go off to them for the job they do every school day and always with a smile!

Training classes that officers attended during March, either collectively or individually, were in the areas of:

- Mental Illness
- In-service
- Your Role in Suicide Prevention
- Active Shooter
- Homeland Security for Telecommunicators
- Public Records Law Update
- CPR/First Responder
- Domestic Violence Train the Trainer
- Stress Identification and Management

In total the Department spent 520 hours in training for the month.