



# AYER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Town Manager Pontbriand  
**From:** Chief William A. Murray  
**CC:** file  
**Date:** November 14, 2019  
**Re:** October Monthly Report

During the month of October 2019 the Police Department logged 606 events. We assisted the Fire Department on 72 medicals and 13 other Fire Department related calls. Here are some of the highlights:

Offense	Total
Animal Complaint	16
Assault	2
Assist Other Agencies	14
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	1
Civil Complaint	0
Disturbance	8
Domestic	4
Fraud	3
Larceny	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	12
MV Stops	219
Motor Vehicle Theft	0
Sex Offender Violations	0
Shoplifting	0
Vandalism of Property	1
Weapons Law Violation	0

We participated in the National Coffee with a Cop Day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> by holding an event at the Ayer Library. Designed to bring citizens and the police together over a cup of coffee to discuss subjects of import, the event was one of our most successful and well attended to date.

Our yearly DCJIS (Department of Criminal Justice Information Services) audit was conducted, and passed, this month. The audit seeks to ensure that proper records are being kept when accessing Criminal Justice information, that policies are up to date, and that all personnel have completed mandatory update training before being allowed to access information.

For Fall Firearms Qualification this year we employed the use of the Middlesex County Sheriff's Shoot Trailer. This unit is the size of the trailer end of a TT that has been modified to accommodate the use of live ammunition within. Officers face a projection screen that is controlled from behind them by a technician and Sgt. Pearson, our Firearms/Defensive Tactics Instructor, who can play and control video scenarios that officers must react to. Not every video has a deadly use of force option so officers get a chance to use all the tools at their disposal. A debrief and discussion is conducted after each scenario.

SRO Bigelow, with assistance from Detective Kularski, Officer Davis, Deputy Gill and I, conducted Run, Hide, Fight scenario training for senior faculty and teachers at the High and Elementary schools this month. The event was part of our ongoing program of Active Attacker safety training at the schools.

The 26<sup>th</sup> was the annual Downtown Ayer Halloween. We provide safety and security for the event and this year enlisted the assistance of the in training Security Force at the Shriver Job Corps Center. Seven students assisted us with monitoring crosswalks and ensuring that families were able to cross the street safely. The students did a great job and will be a welcome addition to next year's event as well as considered for others.

Our annual COA Halloween Pizza lunch, this year led by Officer Chris Rogers, was again a huge success. We served lunch to 50 guests and conducting a safety presentation and fielding the many great questions we always get. Kudos to Director Karin Swandfelt for starting this event so many years ago and keeping it going through the years.

I attended "Question, Persuade, Refer Suicide Prevention" training this month hosted by District Attorney Marion Ryan. The training, provided by the Riverside Trauma Center, provides a new prevention method that stresses open and frank communication and dispels the use of commonly misused phrases and characterizations. This session was directed at Police Chiefs. Future sessions will address rank and file and I will be sending as many members of the department as possible.

Complaints against Employees:       None

Commendations to Employees:

- Officer Timothy Ialeggio for the selfless act of providing a supply of food to a disabled person, who has been down on his luck, and not seeking recognition or praise.

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

Traffic Incident Management  
MPY School Safety Summit  
Public Records Law  
Firearms Qualification  
Defensive Tactics  
EMD Recertification  
Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events  
Managing and Conducting Internal Affairs Investigations  
School Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design  
  
QPR Suicide Prevention

In total the Department spent 241 hours in training for the month.