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William A. Murray
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MEMORANDUM

To: Town Manager Pontbriand
From: Chief William A. Murray
CC: file
Date: November 18, 2020
Re: October Monthly Report

During the month of October 2020 the Police Department logged 1038 events. We assisted the Fire Department on 44 medicals and 22 other Fire Department related calls. Here are some of the highlights:

Offense	Total
Animal Complaint	17
Assault	3
Arson	0
Assist Other Agencies	10
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	0
Civil Complaint	1
Disturbance	16
Domestic	5
Drug/Narcotic Violations	5
Fraud	2
Impersonation	1
Intimidation	2
Larceny	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	16
MV Stops	85
Motor Vehicle Theft	0
Sex Offender Violations	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	0
Shoplifting	0
Vandalism of Property	4
Weapons Law Violation	0

During this time of COVID-19 our numbers of calls for service and motor vehicle stops have significantly dropped. Our mission is focused on ensuring resident quality of life through high visibility and assisting the Board of Health with necessary SOP enforcement. In this midst of COVID-19 uncertainty and fear, the men and women of Ayer PD report every day to their assigned positions ready and willing to assist.

In spite of COVID-19 the Department continues on in its effort toward Certification. We have regained the services of our Consultant, while adhering to strict COVID-19 guidelines and we remain on track to be assessed sometime later this year.

This month I was honored to sit on a Police Chief Interview Panel for the Town of Lunenburg. Not only is mentoring the next leaders of the APD important to me so too is the quality of the law enforcement leaders of our neighboring communities. The panel interviewed several highly qualified and impressive candidates before submitting a final name for approval.

On the 19th we said a sad goodbye to Officer Matthew Harty who retired after serving in the law enforcement community for 32 years. Matt is one of those cornerstone officers who forms the base that we build upon in providing excellent service to the community. Not easily replaced and will be sorely missed.

Deputy Gill and I attended the virtual International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference this month. Though not as visually pleasant as travelling to New Orleans would have been, thanks a lot COVID, it was still 3 days' jam packed with educational sessions that do not disappoint.

At the end of the month the entire Communications Room was moved to the adjoining Records Office in preparation for the next week's installation of all new equipment, furniture, and flooring. This \$500,000.00+ project, overseen by Communications Supervisor Herrstrom and Deputy Chief Gill, was completely funded with grants from State 911. It upgrades the area and adds a third back-up workstation that could be made a primary should the Regional Center take on more communities.

Complaints against Employees: None

Commendations to Employees: None

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

- Firearms Qualification
- Use of Force
- CJIS Recert
- MA Civil Rights for LE
- ICS 100
- ICS 700

In total the Department spent 58 hours in training for the month.