



# AYER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## MEMORANDUM

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

During the month of November 2020 the Police Department logged 959 events. We assisted the Fire Department on 30 medicals and 15 other Fire Department related calls. Here are some of the highlights:

Offense	Total
Animal Complaint	11
Assault	1
Arson	0
Assist Other Agencies	4
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	1
Civil Complaint	1
Disturbance	10
Domestic	4
Drug/Narcotic Violations	0
Fraud	2
Impersonation	0
Intimidation	0
Larceny	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	14
MV Stops	82
Motor Vehicle Theft	0
Sex Offender Violations	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	0
Shoplifting	0
Vandalism of Property	6
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 early in the new year.

At the beginning of the month, the new Communications Center was opened and became fully operational! 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.

The Winter Parking Ban commenced on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Residents are reminded not to park on the roadways any day between Midnight and 6AM or during a snow event.

We continued the hiring process this month to fill 2 open Police Officer and 1 Communicator positions and expect to have recommendations to the Town Manager for appointment sometime next month. Even with the concerns confronting the nation over COVID and the incomprehensible actions of a few in the law enforcement field, we had one of the largest pools of candidates we have had in recent memory.

Complaints against Employees:       None

Commendations to Employees:       None

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

- Firearms Qualification
- Implicit Bias
- Responding to Pandemics
- Longevity in LE
- MA Police Accreditation Assessor
- Recruiting & Hiring for LE
- Breath Test Operator Recert

In total the Department spent 116 hours in training for the month.