



# AYER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Town Manager Pontbriand  
**From:** Chief William A. Murray  
**CC:** file  
**Date:** February 20, 2021  
**Re:** January 2021 Monthly Report

During the month of January 2021 the Police Department logged 1001 events. We assisted the Fire Department on 55 medicals and 15 other Fire Department related calls. Here are some of the highlights:

Offense	Total
Animal Complaint	13
Assault	0
Arson	0
Assist Other Agencies	9
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	0
By-Law Violations	1
Civil Complaint	0
Disturbance	17
Domestic	2
Drug/Narcotic Violations	0
Fraud	8
Intimidation	2
Larceny	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	11
MV Stops	83
Motor Vehicle Theft	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	0
Shoplifting	0
Statutory Rape	1
Vandalism of Property	3
Weapons Law Violation	0

During this continued 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 concluded our Self-Assessment and participated in a 2-day Mock Assessment to help ensure we were ready for the actual Assessment. We have submitted our application to the Commission to be assessed and are waiting for a reply.

Testing for our open Sergeant position was conducted this month. Seven candidates participated; the largest number in a small agency that the proctor had ever seen. Next month we will hold Oral Board Interviews with those that pass the exam.

Rob Lebel began training this month as a new Communicator to fill an open position. Rob is a local resident, our favorite pool to take from, who wants to give back to his community and help make it a better place.

Our yearly Point in Time count of the homeless for the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development was conducted on January 27. We conduct this count every year to try and identify any homeless persons living “on the street” who might benefit from the services of the MDHCD. Thankfully our count this year was 0.

Complaints against Employees:       None

Commendations to Employees:       None

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

- Town Policy on Sexual Harassment
- State Ethics and Conflict of Interest
- Implicit Bias
- Field Training Officer
- CPR/First Responder
- Responding to Pandemics
- CJIS Recert
- Dispatcher and Domestic Violence
- High Risk Warrant Planning

In total the Department spent 324 hours in training for the month.