



# AYER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## MEMORANDUM

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

During the month of March 2021 the Police Department logged 1332 events. We assisted the Fire Department on 47 medicals and 14 other Fire Department related calls. Here are some of the highlights:

Offense	Total
Animal Complaint	17
Assault	2
Arson	0
Assist Other Agencies	9
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	1
By-Law Violations	0
Civil Complaint	1
Disturbance	19
Domestic	6
Drug/Narcotic Violations	1
Fraud	3
Intimidation	0
Larceny	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	10
MV Stops	109
Motor Vehicle Theft	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	0
Shoplifting	0
Statutory Rape	0
Vandalism of Property	4
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 submitted our application to the Commission to be assessed and are scheduled for the two-day process on April 27 and 28.

Interviews were conducted this month with Patrol Officer candidates. The Department has one opening, due to a promotion, that we hope to fill soon.

The Department is constantly in the effort of applying for and receiving multiple grants every year. This month we concentrated on funding that would give us the opportunity to purchase, at no cost to the Town, a second inkless fingerprinting machine. This will allow us to continue our efforts to print the general public, mostly for Firearms Licensing, while maintaining COVID-19 protocols.

Complaints against Employees:       None

Commendations to Employees:       None

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

- Fair and Impartial Policing
- Verbal Judo
- Implicit Bias
- Liability for 911 Dispatchers
- School Threat Assessment
- Defensive Tactics
- Taser Recertification
- CPR/First Responder
- Domestic Terrorism
- De-escalation Instructor
- Post Promotional Suicide Prevention
- Helping Officers Manage Stress
- Response to People in Crisis
- Legal Update

In total the Department spent 232.5 hours in training for the month.