



# AYER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## MEMORANDUM

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

During the month of April 2021 the Police Department logged 1164 events. We assisted the Fire Department on 48 medicals and 18 other Fire Department related calls. Here are some of the highlights:

Offense	Total
Animal Complaint	26
Assault	3
Arson	0
Assist Other Agencies	11
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	0
By-Law Violations	2
Civil Complaint	0
Disturbance	14
Domestic	6
Drug/Narcotic Violations	3
Fraud	3
Intimidation	0
Larceny	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	10
MV Stops	77
Motor Vehicle Theft	1
Pornography/Obscene Material	0
Shoplifting	0
Statutory Rape	0
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.

The big news for this month is that the Department was assessed for initial Certification by the MA Police Accreditation Commission and we passed! All the information obtained during our Assessment will be submitted to the Commission for a second review before a final determination on Certification is made. While we wait for this process to conclude we are continuing on and preparing to request an Assessment for full Accreditation. We anticipate to be ready for this by early fall of this year.

SRO Bigelow, Deputy Gill, and I participated in a Clap-In at the High School and Elementary school on the 5<sup>th</sup> to welcome students back to school after their hiatus due to COVID. Certainly a bright day and a hopeful indicator of a light at the end of this terrible tunnel.

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
- School threat Assessment
- Women in Command
- Taser Recertification
- Armors School
- CPR/First Responder
- Domestic Terrorism
- Defensive Tactics
- Firearms Recert
- Town Sexual Harassment Policy
- Bulletproof Leadership
- Legal Update

In total the Department spent 300 hours in training for the month.