



# AYER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Town Manager Robert A. Pontbriand  
**From:** Chief Brian P. Gill  
**CC:** file  
**Date:** January 20, 2022  
**Re:** December 2021 Monthly Report

During the month of December 2021 the Ayer Shirley Regional Emergency Communications Center logged 2176 Events, the Ayer Police Department accounting for 1318 of them. We assisted the Fire Department on 30 medicals and 17 other Fire Department related calls.

Here are some of the highlights:

Offense	Total
Animal Complaint	13
Assault	1
Arson	0
Assist Other Agencies	7
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	0
By-Law Violations	2
Civil Complaint	0
Disturbance	12
Domestic	3
Drug/Narcotic Violations	3
Fraud	2
Intimidation	1
Larceny	5
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5
MV Stops	275
Motor Vehicle Theft	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	0
Sexual Assault	2
Shoplifting	0
Vandalism of Property	3
Weapons Law Violation	1

December was a busy month for us for both in call volume and community driven involvement. One of the biggest items was the retirement of Sgt. Austin Cote, who had served the Ayer Police Department for almost 25 years! We will be looking to fill his supervisory position as well as the patrol position due to the promotion.

One of the 1<sup>st</sup> community events we had in December was the Holiday Stroll / Tree Lighting where we worked with the Fire Department to provide a safe atmosphere for the walkers and motoring public. The 2<sup>nd</sup> major community event was the Ayer Santa Tour, where we again partnered with the Ayer Fire Department to safely escort two separate Santa's throughout town.

Officers Michael Bourisk and David Curran successfully completed their Field Training and were assigned to their patrol shifts.

I want to recognize Sgt John MacDonald for conducting another very successful Ayer PD Toy Drive. With the help from members of the Ayer PD, Ayer FD, Ayer DPW, Library, Town Hall, and residents Tom Damour and Russ Anderson, we were able to fulfill all gift assistance requests and then some! It was truly awe inspiring at how the community came together and filled our Community Room with toys.

We had a "Mock" assessment for accreditation in preparation for an actual assessment and the completion, we learned that we were well prepared. This is a big step forward and are eagerly awaiting to be scheduled for our assessment!

#### Complaints against Employees:

- Complaint on Tow Release Policy – Investigated: Policy to be Modified to Better Serve Community
- Complaint on Unprofessionalism – Investigated: Supervisor Spoke with Member

#### Commendations to Employees:

- Chief Recognition: Job Well Done Dispatching Mutual Aid Call – Erin McNulty and Darlene Buelow

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

Patrol and Communications Yearly In-Service Training (On-Going)  
Peer Support Training  
Policy Reviews

In total the Department spent 165 hours in training for the month.