

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council

FROM: Kenneth McLaughlin, Chief of Police 

VIA: Carol S. Houck, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Monthly Update for the Public Safety Department as of July 31, 2020

#### Calls for Service – Summary

- See attached data report.

#### Volunteer Unit

- The volunteer unit logged 194 hours during the month of July.

#### Monthly Police Training Summary

- Duty to Intercede – (Bowden, Bradshaw, Burton, Carter, Caselli, Hall, Hopkins, McLaughlin)
- Sex Crimes Investigations – (Bowden, Harrington)
- Firearms Qualifications (All officers)

#### Community Policing Initiatives

- Speed Trailer Deployment
- Senior Check-In
- House Checks
- Business Checks
- Drug Take-Back
- Bicycle Patrols

#### Miscellaneous

- Bike safety checkpoint conducted on July 15<sup>th</sup>. A total of sixty-five sets of bike lights were installed.
- Chief McLaughlin participated in a committee developing a model use of force policy for the Delaware Police Chief's Council.
- Wanted files validated and updated.
- Many speeding complaints were received during the month of July. In response, officers issued 198 citations for speeding.
- Multiple grants from the Office of Highway Safety targeting Speeding, Distracted Driving, Pedestrian Safety and Drunk Driving were awarded to OVPD. The grants cover overtime costs for officers to target specific violations.
- OVPD applied for and received a grant from the Office of Highway Safety in the amount of \$4,596.48. The funds will be utilized to purchase two new police RADAR units.

Incident Type	JULY
911 Disconnect	
Animal Complaint	1
Assault	
Assist BBPD	2
Assist DSP 4	23
Assist DSP 5	1
Assist DSP 7	
Assist Fire Dept	
Assist Other Agency	1
Assist SBPD	4
Burglar Alarm	12
Burglary	
Business Check	33
Civil Other	1
Criminal Impersonation	
Criminal Mischief	1
Criminal Trespass	1
Death Investigation	1
Disabled Vehicle	1
Disorderly Conduct	1
Domestic	4
DUI	2
Fraud	2
Harassment	
Investigation	
Local Fugitive	
Lost-Found	2
Medical Assist	3
Megan's Law Notification	
Mental Patient	
Misc Title 11	1
Misc Title 16	2
Misc Title 21	
Noise	3
Overdose	1
Parking	1
Public Assist	6
Quick Stop	
Residence Check	3
Resisting Arrest	
Service Other	
Sexual Assault	
Shots Fired	1
SUSCOM Write Off	6
Susp Person	5
Susp Vehicle	1
Terr Threat	
Theft	3
Theft - ID	
Theft - Shoplifting	
Title 16 (Civil)	2
Town Ordinance	
Traffic Collision HR	
Traffic Collision PD	5
Traffic Collision PI	
Traffic Hazard	
Traffic Other	1
Underage Consumption / Poss	1
Unlawful Use Credit Card	1
Welfare Check	34
Grand Total	173

Charge	JULY
Att to Remove Firearm	1
Bicycle Violation	9
Cell Phone	8
Child Seat	
Crim Impersonation	1
Crim Mischief	1
Criminal Mischief	
Disregard Police Signal	1
DUI	3
Endangering Child	2
Equipment	26
Insurance	7
License	11
Local Fugitive	1
Misc Title 21	1
Misc Title 11	
Misc Title 16	2
Misc Title 21	1
Misc Title 4	2
Moving	49
Offensive Touching	2
Parking	15
Pedestrian Violation	1
Poss Controlled Substance	1
Registration	42
Resisting Arrest	1
Seatbelt	2
Shoplifting	
Speeding	198
Terroristic Threatening	1
Theft	1
Title 16 (Civil)	7
Town Code Violation	
Trespass 2nd	
Unlawful Use of CC	1
Veh Assault 3rd	1
Grand Total	399

Arrest Type	JULY
Local Fugitive	1
Summons	289
Warning	87
Warrant	22
Grand Total	399

Incident Category	JULY
Civil	3
Criminal	40
N/A	4
Service	120
Traffic	6
Grand Total	173

Report Type	JULY
Crime/Incident	58
Field Service	110
N/A	5
Grand Total	173

Alcohol Related	JULY
Yes	
Grand Total	

Vehicle Towed	JULY
Yes	4
Grand Total	4

Level	JULY
Civil	28
Felony	9
Misdemeanor	9
Violation	352
Grand Total	398

K9 Deployed	JULY
Yes	2
Grand Total	2

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July 19, 2020

Chief Kenneth McLaughlin  
201 Central Avenue  
Ocean View, DE 19970

Dear Chief McLaughlin,

This letter is to express my appreciation to Cpl. Mark Burton for his action of going above and beyond the call of duty on a busy Saturday afternoon. I had friends using my home for the weekend and they managed to lock themselves out of the house on the porch. Not only did they leave the keys inside the locked house, but they also left their cell phones inside the locked house so they were unable to contact me. Shortly after they got themselves in this predicament, Cpl. Burton pulled in the driveway. (My house is 90 West Avenue. Your officers have had my permission to park in my yard and run radar since I first bought the house 30 years ago. Speeding along West Avenue is, unfortunately, not a new trend.)

Cpl. Burton did not have my phone number, but he remembered that I am friendly with a neighbor a few blocks away. He drove to that neighbor's house, got my number, and called me to see if I had a spare key hidden somewhere on the property. I did and he helped my friends retrieve the key.

I know how crazy a July Saturday afternoon can be and I greatly appreciate Cpl. Burton taking the time to assist my friends in their hour of need. All of your officers have been courteous, pleasant, and always express their appreciation to me for allowing them to park in my yard. I commend you and your officers for ensuring a peaceful community all of these years, especially during these difficult times.

Kind Regards,



Diane Mohr

Joseph and Nancy Re  
17 Columbia Ave  
Ocean View, DE 19970

July 13, 2020

Chief Kenneth McLaughlin  
Ocean View Police Dept.  
201 Central Ave  
Ocean View, DE 19970

Dear Chief McLaughlin

We live in the Cottages at Whites Creek. Earlier this month, Mrs. Re decided to walk her 10 year old rescue dog. I was not concerned since The Cottages is an enclosed area. However, it appears the dog lead her out of the area and she became lost and confused. The heat of the day probably exacerbated the problem. Mrs. Re apparently asked people for directions to our Virginia address. Your department was notified.

I was surprised to see an Ocean View police vehicle pull up in front of our home delivering Mrs. Re and the dog. Please express my appreciation to Officers Dalton and Valentine for their kind attention to Mrs. Re and seeing that she returned home. I observed the same professional courtesy and kindness her father displayed when he was a police officer many years ago.

Again, my thanks to you and the men and woman of the Ocean View Police department for all you do to help the community.

Sincerely,

*Joseph M. Re*