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2nd Quarter Report

The second quarter of FY 23 has seen up ticks in almost all statical categories. As a result, this causes a decease in other statical categories. In the end the second quarter of FY23 was busier than the first quarter.

Station Projects – The HVAC Upgrade Project as mentioned in the first quarter report went out to bid, however the Town only received one bid which was more than expected. We are working on rebidding the project in the third quarter and hope for a better result. All other projects are on hold until the fourth quarter and nicer weather.

Regarding cruisers, we are happy to announce that we have recently taken procession of both the FY22 Hybrid SUV and FY21 F150 Interceptor. In corresponding moves cruiser 17 has been surplus and decommissioned, cruiser 27 will be assigned to Officer Welch for academy duty and decommissioned at the end of the fiscal year. The BWC Program is currently in a holding pattern following the release of POSTCs' policy and procedure on use. In the spring the department will be able to place four stationary radar devices throughout the community. Two units will be fixed signs that have been upgraded with solar panels and two units will be portable radar trailers.

As many residents may have seen from our departments' Facebook page Officer Duplessis will be stepping away from patrol duties effective 01/01/2023. Officer Duplessis will continue to be employed by the department in his current part-time capacity performing all other duties and responsivities assigned to him other than patrol. The fact remains that our lack of part-time officers available for patrol, greatly hinders our capability to fill open patrol shifts, and this will only get worse with time. The Commonwealths' poorly thought-out police reform legislation and creation of the POST Commission has affected all the police departments in the Commonwealth especially those in Central and Western Massachusetts. Things will only get worse in the future and not better as it stays right now for our community and department. Department Activity Analysis from 10/01/2022 to 12/31/2022:

	1 st	2 nd
ACO	99	137
Arrests	18	15
Assist Another Agency	45	61
Incident/investigations	126	147
Restraining Orders	11	15
Parking Tickets	0	3
MV Citations	149	132
MV Accidents	14	32
FID/LTCs Issued	70	98
Police Calls for Service	3,983	4,730
Total Calls to Dispatch	5,582	7,139

Respectfully,

Michael R. Bennett Chief of Police