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March-2021-Chief Daniel Harrigan

- Meeting with Sergeants to discuss Strategic Plan.
- Worked with the Administrative Assistant on Police survey and post cards to residents.
- Attended Procedural Justice Seminar for Executives.
- Meeting with Recruit Malagisi and Officer Peckham for training.
- Worked on nomination for Officer Coke for IACP Leadership Award.
- Worked on the new parking lot proposal for planning board.
- Attended Traffic Safety Committee.
- Ordered New Live scan machine for the department due to other system becoming outdated.
- Worked on Police Collaboration Plan
- Assisted the Mayor with the BID Hometown Heroes banners for Emergency Services Personnel.
- Scheduled training for Officer Peckham to attend Defensive Tactics training.
- Scheduled training for Officer Peck for to attend Public Information Officer training.
- Worked on Unemployment Fraud case.
- Conducted and Equipment audit of all vehicles.
- Discussed community events ideas with the department Community Coordinators.
- Had a department meeting to discuss implementation of Collaborative Plan as well as surveyresults from the community.
- Worked on the Village Emergency Preparedness Policy.
- Completed Officer in Charge Policy for the department.
- Worked on Junk Vehicles with Building Inspector.
- Worked on outer vest carriers Grant through PERMA.
- Scheduled training for Officer Spaulding was the successful bidder for Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspector for the department.

A-Squad-Sergeants Bean (March-2021)

Chief,

In the month of March, the A squad on days staffed by Sgt. Bean, Officer Iwan, and Officer Peckham madethe transition to 12 hour shifts on March 14. The shift started off with community engagement by walking the Ave on numerous occasions, stopping in to talk to various business owners and employees.

The A squad also continued our presence at the schools during the morning drop offs and afternoon pick-ups.

We had a total of 309 CAD generated incidents, 1 MVA report, and 2 car seat installations. The A squad had a total we had a total of 30 traffic stops. Sergeant Bean and Detective Iwan conducted a child abuseinvestigation along with other law enforcement jurisdictions as well as Child Protective Services which resulted in felony and misdemeanor charges.

We would like to congratulate Officer Peckham and his family on the birth of their new baby girl.

The shift is looking forward to the month of April and being able to interact with the community for theentire month on the 12-hour schedule.

B-Squad- Sergeant Halbfinger (March-2021)

Chief,

The month of March 2021 work schedule was split between 8 hour shifts and 12-hour shifts.

For the month of March 2021, the 8-hour shift B-Tour ran an officer short due to Officer Tooley's retirement creating a vacancy. B-Line responded to 37 complaint calls, 1 motor vehicle accidents, 3 domestic disturbances, conducted 14 traffic stops with 6 tickets issued, made 3 misdemeanor arrests and assisted Scotia Fire with 4 medical calls. In addition to the vacancy Officer Peckham was out for training to become a Defensive Tactics Instructor and did not work patrol during this time. The 12 Hour shift B-Squad is also the shift running short due to the current vacancy. B-Squad responded to 65 complaint calls, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 3 domestic disturbances, conducted 39 traffic stops with3 tickets issued, made 1 misdemeanor arrest, and assisted Scotia Fire with 3 medical calls.

During the month of March, in accordance with recommendations made by the Village of Scotia Police Reform Committee, officers have beendiligently being more visible in the community by conducting walking beats and posted outside of their vehicles at the schools in the morning.

On March 4th, a complaint was forwarded for a scheme to defraud where numerous victims did pay a suspect on-line to be vendors at a craft fair in Collins Park. There is no craft fair actually occurring. Detective Iwan is actively investigating it currently. It is most likely the suspectis in another country but the investigation is still open pending further information from social media and on-line payment websites.

On March 7th, officers took a domestic report for harassing text messages from suspect who had a order of protection against him. A warrantwas filed for Criminal Contempt.

On March 7th, officers responded for a fight call. Upon investigating the fight in which the suspect was gone on arrival, the suspect wasidentified and information was developed that he was a suspect in larcenies of tools from Home Improvement Stores. Information was forwarded to the Capital Region

Crime Analysis Center and he was identified as a suspect in larcenies that were pending investigation by other agencies.

On March 9th, officers responded to Gabriel's Market for a report that a woman who reported that she was possibly shot near the eye with a pellet gun while walking on Mohawk Ave. The victim did not report seeing a pellet gun but heard something. The area was checked and video surveillance was reviewed and did not show any incident occurring consisting with what the victim said happened. The injury was alsonot consistent with a pellet being shot at her. The case was closed as unfounded after investigation.

On March 15th a larceny of retail product occurred at CVS. The video surveillance was sent to the Capital Region Crime Analysis Center andthe suspect was identified. A warrant was filed for petit larceny.

On March 16th a larceny was reported of an ATV from Sixth Street. The case was turned over to investigations. Detectives conductedcanvass of the neighborhood for potential leads.

On March 20th officers responded to 3 separate domestics. No arrests were made and reports were filed.

On March 24th officers took a report for a juvenile creating problems in the neighborhood. Contact was made with the legal guardian of thejuvenile who was advised of his actions and the complainant was given appropriate advice regarding what to do in the future.

On March 25th officers did arrest a suspect who had an active domestic assault warrant.

Officer Peckham attended a 2-week Defensive Tactics Instructor Class and Sgt. Halbfinger attended a Taser instructor class which was bothonline and in person and attended an online training class for the Police Traffic Services grant.

Sgt Halbfinger assisted the internal information technology support by working with Repeat Business and Pulsiam to resolve computer issuesthat occurred during the month. Sgt Halbfinger did also install a new LiveScan Booking Computer and two new internet devices in two vehicles. He attended a Schenectady County Stop-DWI meeting, a Traffic Safety Liaison Meeting for the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, and a meeting for a marathon that is occurring in May of this year in Schenectady County. Sgt. Halbfinger also reviewed numerous policies in Lexipol and started a tracking sheet to monitor progress with the policies, started writing the Police Traffic Services
Grant for 2022, and implemented vehicle repair sheets in PlanIt Software.

Squad-C– Sergeant Brady (March-2021)

Chief,

The month of March was big month for the Scotia Police Department. We experienced some significant changes and initiatives. The most influential was the development and adoption of the Police Collaboration Reform Plan. InJune of 2020, Governor Cuomo mandated that all Police Departments in New York State must work with their communities to develop a strategic plan to better serve their residents. This mandate, also known as Executive Order #203, needed to be completed by April 1, 2021. Chief Harrigan, and a committee of resolute Village residents and employees ensured its completion.

A survey was created and put out to the public to examine the chief concerns of Village Residents and their satisfaction of the Scotia Police Department's Performance. The Department had overwhelming positive reviews by survey takers. However, there was a common request by residents to see Scotia Police Officers engage more with the community on a personal level. They wanted to see more walking patrols, bike patrols, and more time spent out of the patrol cars. The village residents want to know their Police Officers better.

After conducting a review of the survey in a department meeting with the chief and the mayor. The department as awhole immediately upon learning began to implement the changes outlined in the department plan. We have conducted daily foot patrols, more school interaction, and generally try to go out of our way to engage community members more. We are implementing these initiatives as we continue our mission of crime prevention and victim assistance.

The departments training is always crucial to our performance. Officer Peckham successfully completed two weeksof Defensive Tactics training in Westchester County. Officer Peck attended Public Information Officer school at the State Police Academy, and Sgt. Halbfinger completed Taser Instructor Recertification. The newest member of the Department, Recruit Malagisi, continues his basic training at the Zone Five Police Academy in Schenectady.

Another very significant change to our Department is the commencement of our twelve-hour shift pilot program. Beginning on March 14th, the department changed from working three 8 hour shifts to two 12 hour shifts in a 24-hour period. It was a smooth transition and the assessment of the trial period is ongoing.

The officers on C squad continue to be dedicated to serving the Village of Scotia's residents, businesses, and guests.It is an honor to be employed in a community that appreciates and supports what we do.

D-Squad- Officer Ecker (March-2021)

Chief,

The month of March, 2021 proved to be productive for the newly formed D squad. Our 12-hour shifts started on March 14th. The shiftis staffed by Ptl. Spaulding, Ptl. Falkowitz, and Ptl. Ecker.

The members of D-squad responded to 55 complaint calls.

The shift worked very hard to stay diligent on patrol, logging a total of 1,095 miles and conducted 43 traffic stops. Altogether, theshift issued 10 UTT's, logged 5 misdemeanor arrests, and 2 felony arrests. The shift also issued a total of 27 parking tickets, and completed 103 property checks of local businesses and residences.

Officer Falkowitz had a stellar month, as a burglary call resulted in two felony charges on March 20th. Members of the shift have continued to make it a priority to limit the number of vehicle larcenies that occur during the overnight hours, by being proactive, logging extra miles, and engaging with persons that are walking and riding bicycles on the streets have made a difference in reducingcrime throughout the Village.

The members of D squad will continue to make property and business checks a priority. Squad D plans to ramp up foot patrol andvisibility within the community throughout the summer months.

Members of squad D squad will continue to be proactive and stay diligent while on patrol.

Scotia Police Department
Monthly Activity Report
March 2021

Activity	Number	2021 Total
Traffic Stops	259	680
V&T Arrests	56	302
DWI Arrests	0	2
Misdemeanor Arrests	51	153
Felony Arrests	10	16
Other Arrests	12	29
Parking Tickets	56	163
Calls for Service	412	1,058
MV Accidents	8	33
Medical/Fire	32	89
Property Checks	459	1,560
Assit Other Agency	9	28
Warrant Checks	1	6
Miles Driven	6,246	18,870
Street Lights Reported	0	0

Activity	Hours	2021 Total
Hours Worked	1785	5,112
Grant Overtime	0	0
Patrol	751	2,299
Call Time	349	786
Traffic Details	231	641
Reports	63	189
Admin	270	828
Complaint Follow-up	34	66
Arrests	16	55
Investigations	28	141
Schools	11	15
Bike Patrol	0	0
Training	124	185
Court	9	10
Special Events	3	8