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A-Squad-Peckham (May-2021):

Chief,

A Squad is staffed by Det Sgt Bean, Ofc/Det Iwan, and Ofc/ Det Peckham.

In May, A Squad responded to 1,687 CAD Incidents resulting in 30 SJS reports. We had a total of 31 Traffic Stops and responded to 2 Motor Vehicle Accidents. We issued a total of 18 UTT's and had 2 Felony arrest and 10 Misdemeanor Arrest.

In May the Village of Scotia had multiple larcenies which were investigated by the detectives. The detectives were able to develop a suspect as a result of their investigation. The suspect was subsequently arrested and charged with multiple offenses. The case has been indicted by Schenectady DA's office, the charges include, Grand Larceny, Criminal Possession of a Weapon, as well as resisting arrest. We were able to locate accomplice that was working with the suspect during the larcenies, a warrant of arrest has been requested for that subject. \

The A Squad has been working hard at our community policing by completing walking beats throughout our business district on Mohawk Ave and Collins Park.

The A squad will continue to work hard to serve out our mission and remain committed to public safety for all our residents.



B-Squad-Halbfinger- (May-2021):

Chief,

For the month of May 2021, the 12 Hour shift B-Squad is the shift running short due to the current vacancy. B-Squad responded to 148 complaint calls, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 3 domestic disturbances, conducted 46 traffic stops with 18 tickets issued, made 6 misdemeanor arrest, 1 felony arrest, 2 other arrests, and assisted Scotia Fire with 10 medical calls.

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

On May 5th, a fraud complaint was reported where a relative was seeking bail from the victim. The case was investigated and determined to be a scam. The victim did not lose any money due to police intervention.

On May 11th, officers took a complaint of drug activity at an apartment with squatters. The apartment was secured with the landlord and 3 individuals did leave the apartment at the landlord's request. Patrol is now giving extra attention to the area.

On May 14th, officers responded for a domestic, order of protection violation. A warrant was filed for Criminal Contempt.

On May 19th, officers responded to a possible accident. Upon arrival it was discovered that it was a stolen vehicle from Schenectady that was being chased by the owner who was tracking the vehicle on his phone. The suspect was arrested on scene and charged with felony Criminal Possession of Stolen Property.

On May 20th, officers responded for a domestic. The victim stated that the suspect hit him and threw coffee on him in the presence and proximity to his 8-month-old child. The suspect was arrested and charged with Endangering the Welfare of a Child and Harassment.

On May 20th officers responded for a check the welfare. Upon making entry a woman was discovered unresponsive but breathing. SFD was advised to respond, and it appeared she was suffering from a mental health condition. She was transported to Ellis Hospital for mental health treatment.

On May 25th officers took a report for criminal mischief at the station. A warrant was filed for Criminal Mischief. Sgt. Halbfinger conducted the departments Spring Range Weapons Qualification with Officer Iwan this month. The Buckle Up New York Seatbelt campaign was scheduled and completed the last week of May. Officers assisted with traffic control for the Miles on the Mohawk Marathon on May 30th.



C-Squad- Sgt. Brady- (May-2021)

Chief,

During the month of May C Squad members responded to 123 complaint calls. The squad logged a total of 1,373 miles, conducted 54 traffic stops, and issued 41 Vehicle and Traffic Law tickets. The shift made 1 Felony arrest and 11 Misdemeanor arrests. The squad also issued a total of 51 parking tickets and completed 66 property checks of local businesses and residences.

Officer Peck made a DWI arrest of a motorist with a high intoxication level. The Defendant had a B.A.C. of .22% and Peck did a real service to the community by removing a dangerous individual from the roadway. Peck also made an arrest for a domestic incident offense. With the assistance of Schenectady PD, the squad was able to track the subject to an address in Schenectady where he was apprehended.

Officer Coke made a felony arrest of a motorist with a terrible driving record. The Defendant had a revoked license with 24 suspensions. Most of those suspensions were for failure to appear for Court.

We attended firearms training at the beginning of the month. All C squad Officers exceeded the standard for marksmanship using all Department issued firearms. Included with the firearms training was taser certification.

At the end of this month the department began to use our Park Security Officers in Collins Park. With the coming summer weather and the decrease of Covid, we expect to see a busy season. Michael Beals and Daniel Keenan are returning to Park Patrol, and we welcome a new member, Kyle Ostrander, to the team.

C squad made significant community engagement efforts in May. We started Bicycle Patrol and conducted 12 dedicated Foot Patrols. Village residents are always happy to see us and many like to engage in conversation. Members of the community have a genuine appreciation for their Police Department and often express their gratitude.



D-Squad- (Ofc.Ecker)

Chief,

Chief, the month of May 2021 was busy for Squad D. The shift is staffed by the Officer in Charge, Ptl. Spaulding, along with Ptl. Falkowitz, and Ptl. Ecker.

Squad D members responded to 88 complaint calls. The shift worked extremely hard to stay diligent on patrol, logging a total of 1,585 miles and conducted 56 traffic stops. Altogether, the shift issued 20 Vehicle and Traffic tickets, and logged 7 misdemeanor arrests. The shift also issued a total of 16 parking tickets and completed 180 property checks of local businesses and residences.

On May 16, Ptl. Falkowitz and Ptl. Spaulding responded to a call in Cambridge Manor Drive for an active dispute Issues stemming from an ongoing breakup. The suspect was alleged to have been sending the victim multiple harassing text messages and that out of anger, he punched a window in the victim's residence, causing a fan to fall and break. A warrant for arrest was applied for by Ptl. Falkowitz.

Also on May 16, Ptl. Ecker and Ptl. Spaulding responded to 5 Livingston Ave Apt #1 Left, for an active domestic dispute. This address is familiar to officers from previous police encounters. The tenant was accused of putting his hands on the female victim and pulling her away from a kitchen wall during a verbal argument, causing the victim to have to fight back. The suspect did also inject heroin into his arm prior to police arrival. This all occurred while the victim's three-year-old child was in the residence. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Schenectady County Sheriff's Office to be held as a pre-arraigned detainee. CPS was immediately notified of the incident.

On May 19, Ptl. Ecker and Ptl. Falkowitz responded to the Jumpin' Jacks parking lot for a vehicle that reportedly hit a yield sign at Mohawk Ave/Schonowee Ave, then continued into the parking lot of Jumpin' Jacks' and pulled into a parking spot. Patrols interviewed the operator of the vehicle. The driver was visibly intoxicated, became extremely uncooperative with officers and was placed under arrest for DWI and various other VTL offenses. The arrestee was subsequently transported to Ellis Hospital for a medical and crisis evaluation.



Additionally, Ptl. Falkowitz and Ptl. Ecker have been working with Chief Harrigan and the Lincoln Elementary School administration to put together a bicycle safety presentation for students. The presentation will be given in June, with both Scotia Police and Glenville Police participating.

Members of Squad D have been interacting with the community by completed foot patrols of Collins Park and the Mohawk Ave corridor. The Village has become noticeably busier with foot and vehicle traffic as the warmer weather arrives. Squad D plans to increase visibility within the community and patrol aggressively through the overnight hours to mitigate potential larcenies that typically tend to rise during the summer months.