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Chief,

A-Squad Staffed by:

Sgt Bean, Ptl. Iwan, and Ptl. Peckham

Statistics:

Alpha squad handled a total of 116 complaints in the month of July which included one motor vehicle accident and 20 medicals/ fire calls. The squad completed 63 property check throughout the month and drove a total of 1,196 miles while on patrol. 23 traffic stops were completed by the squad which resulted in eight uniform traffic tickets being issued as well as two parking tickets. The month of July resulted in four misdemeanor arrests for the squad. Daily walking patrols in the Village were completed by Alpha Squad ensuring public interactions and visibility.

Monthly Developments:

On July 7th, 2021, Ptl. Peckham and Ptl Iwan responded to a person attempting suicide in the area of Cartwheel Drive. Upon arrival the officers made contact with a father who stated his son cut his head off in his bedroom. Patrolman checked the home and found the son in his bedroom, who actually shot himself with a high caliber rifle. Northern Rivers were called and responded to assist with the family during this horrific time. Ptl. Peckham and Iwan secured the scene and called in the on-call Detective to respond. Det Coke responded and processed the scene with the assistance of Peckham and Iwan. The son had an ongoing history of mental health issues. The officers who responded were essential in assisting the family with getting assistance and multiple other issues during the horrendous incident.



On July 29th, 2021 it was announced that Mr. Steinhoff, who was arrested by Det. Peckham with the assistance of Sgt Bean, Ptl. Ecker, and Det. Iwan for multiple counts of rape of a fifteen-year-old victim, plead guilty to rape and sentenced to 7 years in NY State prison. The incident occurred in December of 2020. Mr. Steinhoff was a level one sex offender living in the Village of Scotia at the time. It was found that he was having sexual intercourse with his own daughter's best friend who was fifteen. Furthermore, it was found that Mr. Steinhoff had impregnated the victim and took her to get an abortion. The case was recognized by Schenectady County District attorney Robert Carney and published in the Daily Gazette on the front page. The efforts of the Scotia Police Department as well as the Detectives who worked in securing the witnesses and evidence, ensured a solid case and confirming justice for the victim.

On July 30th, 2021, Sgt Bean and Ptl Iwan responded to a three-year-old who was drowning in the family pool. Upon arrival the officers assisted the Scotia Fire Department and the parents of the child who were actively performing CPR when they arrived. The Officers ensured speedy transition of the child into the ambulance to get rushed to Albany Medical Center for further medical assistance. The child is alive today and in stable condition at this time. The actions of the Scotia Fire Department and the Police officers who responded, ensured the child has a chance of a positive outcome. Sgt Bean is actively investigating the case at this time with the assistance of Child Protective Services.

A Squad (Sgt. Halbfinger)

Chief,

During the month of July Officers completed daily foot patrols on Mohawk Avenue and in Collins Park. Patrols also completed daily property checks of the village parks and businesses. Patrols also maintained a presence in Collins Park during the late afternoon hours due to ongoing issues with juveniles and disturbances in the area.

Staffed By:

Sgt. A. Halbfinger and Ptl. M. Marchesani

Stats:

156 CAD Incidents, 118 Complaints, 10 Medical/Fire Calls, 1008 miles, 4 Domestic Incidents, 2 MVA's, 41 traffic stops, 10 UTT's, 3 Misdemeanors, 1 other, 60 Property Checks.

Significant Events:

On July 23rd, 2021 Officers responded for a report of a fight at one of the ARC houses located on Mohawk Ave. Once on scene it was determined that a staff member had assaulted one of the tenants here, statements were secured and the suspect was charged with Endangering the welfare of an incompetent/physically disabled person (F) and Harassment 2nd (V).

C Squad (Sgt. Brady):

Chief,

C-Squad Staffed by:

Sgt. Brady, Ptl. Coke, and Ptl. Peck

Statistics:

During the month of July 2021, C Squad members responded to 159 complaint calls and logged 1,480 miles. A total of 13 misdemeanor, 4 violation arrests, and 3 felony arrests were made. C Squad conducted 50 traffic stops, which resulted in 21 traffic citations. 48 parking tickets were issued, and 55 property checks were administered.

Monthly Developments:

Officer Coke conducted thorough investigations of several incidents. One being the tragic suicide that occurred on 07/07. He followed up on a Forcible Touching incident that led to an arrest. He is also continuing to work on a case involving disorderly youths in the Village. While on Patrol on 07/04 Officer Coke discovered a small fire in a trash can and successfully had it extinguished.

Officer Peck arrested one of our repeat offenders for Criminal Trespass 3rd, who continues to be to be a nuisance to the Peace of the Village.

Sgt. Brady and Officer Coke assisted a mother who was having trouble with her teenage son. The mother was very appreciative of the services of the Police Dept. and called Chief Harrigan to thank him.

C Squad was happy to introduce Recruit Officer Tyler Malagisi to Police work. He started his Filed Officer Training this month under the exemplary guidance of Officer Coke.



D- Squad (Ofc. Ecker):

Chief,

Below is Squad D's monthly shift report for July.

C-Squad Staffed by:

Chief, the month of July, 2021 continued to be productive and steady for Squad D. The shift is staffed by the Officer in Charge, Ptl. Spaulding, along with Ptl. Falkowitz, and Ptl. Ecker.

Statistics:

Squad D members responded to 150 complaint calls. The shift worked very hard to stay diligent on patrol, logging a total of 1,998 miles and conducted 73 traffic stops. Altogether, the shift issued 42 Vehicle and Traffic tickets, and logged 11 misdemeanor arrests. The shift also had 1 felony arrest. Squad D issued a total of 12 parking tickets, and completed 197 property checks of local businesses and residences. The shift also assisted the Fire Department with 22 medical/fire calls.

Monthly Developments:

On July 6, 2021, Ptl. Ecker observed a vehicle traveling at an excessive speed of 72 MPH eastbound on Mohawk Avenue. A subsequent traffic stop led to a DWI arrest. The suspect's BAC was 0.15%, almost twice the legal limit.

On July 10, 2021, Ptl. Ecker observed a vehicle traveling outside of its designated lane and below the posted speed limit on North Ballston Ave. A subsequent traffic stop revealed the vehicle operator to be intoxicated. The operator of the vehicle did have a passenger under the age of 15 in the vehicle. The operator was charged with Felony Leandra's Law DWI and returned a BAC of 0.16%, twice the legal limit.



On July 12, 2021, Ptl. Ecker stopped a vehicle on Mohawk Avenue for having a switched New Jersey license plate. The female vehicle operator provided police with an incorrect name and date of birth multiple times. Upon investigation, the female's true identity was revealed and she was found to not have a driver's license and have six open warrants for her arrest. The female was arrested for criminal impersonation along with several Vehicle and Traffic offenses. She was later turned over to Niskayuna PD for one of her outstanding arrest warrants.

On July 29, 2021, Ptl. Falkowitz responded to 16 Vista Drive for a missing person report. Robert Lacy reported that his wife, Pamela Lacy had gone missing on 7/28/21. This is the second incident of Pamela going missing in her vehicle since June 2021. Pamela has a history of dementia and wandering. Ptl. Falkowitz took the initial File 6 Report and BOLO'd the information out to all neighboring agencies. Ptl. Falkowitz also contacted the NYS Missing Persons Clearinghouse who put this information out on all DOT highway signs and the news media. In the early morning hours of 7/30/21, our dispatch was contacted by Franklin Borough County Police Dept in Sussex, NJ. FBCPD advised that they had located Pamela in a Walmart parking lot in their jurisdiction. Ptl. Falkowitz relayed the information to FBCPD and they subsequently transported her to a local hospital for an evaluation.

Members of Squad D have been interacting with the community by continued foot patrols of Collins Park and the Mohawk Ave corridor. Squad D will continue to have high visibility within the community and patrol aggressively through the night time hours to mitigate potential larcenies that always arise during the summer months.