August, 2020

Monthly Report

Chief Leon J. Grim

The mission of the South Heidelberg Township Police Department is to serve the people of the community and those who work in, and visit the Township, through purposed policing that protects our citizens, prevents criminal acts and traffic crashes, and provides the highest quality of law enforcement services available anywhere.

The above banner was donated by local resident Mike Manno and displayed at the Back the Blue rally in Robesonia on August 23rd, 2020

AUGUST CALLS FOR SERVICE

Incidents	2019	2020
South Heidelberg	301	193
Heidelberg Twp.	(0) *	37
Robesonia	(6) *	90
Wernersville	(2) *	80
AUGUST TOTAL	309	400
YEAR TO DATE	1973	2890

*Indicates that calls for the other municipalities are included in the total number of South Heidelberg calls in 2019 and listed as assists to the Heidelberg Township P.D. or the Western Berks P.D.

CITATIONS

CITATIONS	2019	2020
AUGUST	105	174
YEAR TO DATE	563	634

VEHICLE MILEAGE

45-1   126,960   2014   Ford Explorer   (McQuate & Fizz)   1,118 Miles Driven in August

45-2   89,567   2017   Ford Explorer   (Lanza & Doelp)   2,515 Miles Driven in August

45-3   92,661   2014   Ford Taurus   (McMahon & Shaner)   1,813 Miles Driven in August

45-4   55,674   2017   Ford Taurus   (Baxter & Rimby)   1,850 Miles Driven in August

45-5   105,200   2014   Dodge Charger   (Out of Service)

45-6   51,115   2018   Ford Explorer   (Hook & Cooper)   1,807 Miles Driven in August

45-7   18,742   2020   Ford Explorer   (Oxenford & Ranft)   2,131 Miles Driven in August

45-8   85,738   2013   Dodge Charger   (Bell)   495 Miles Driven in August

45-90   13,067   2020   Ford Explorer   (Chief)   1,239 Miles Driven in August

AUGUST 2020

Total Calls for August: 400

August-2020	South Heidelberg	Heidelberg	Robesonia	Wernersville
Abandoned Vehicle	2	1	5	
Accident Related DUI			1	
Accident Non-Reportable	4		1	1
Accident Pedestrian				
Accident Reportable	5	1	1	4
Animal Case	4	2		1
Assist to Children & Youth				
Assist to EMS	3		1	2
Assist to Fire Department	1			1
Assist to other Agency in SH				
Assist to other Agency outside SH	13			1
Attempted Burglary				
Burglar Alarm	7	4	3	5
Burglary				
Child Abuse	1			
Child Custody Issue				
Civil Matter	2	1	5	
Community Relations			2	
Criminal Mischief	1		1	1
Death Investigation				1
Deer Hit	2			
Disabled Vehicle	1		1	
Disorderly Conduct	3		4	3
Dog Incident	5		1	
Domestic	5		5	1
DUI	1			1
Drug Abuse				
Excessive Noise			1	
Fight			1	
Fire	3	1		
Fire Alarm	2	3		1
Fire Works				
Follow-Up Investigation				

Fraud	7	1	1	
General Complaint	2			
Harassment	1			1
Harassment by Communication	1			
Hazardous Condition		1		
Hit and Run			1	1
Hold-up alarm				
Hunters				
Identity Theft				
Illegal Dumping				
Information	3	1		2
Intelligence Information				
Lift Assist				
Loitering				
Medical Alarm				
Mental Subject	4	1		2
Miscellaneous	1			
Missing Adult				
Missing Juvenile				
Neighbor Dispute	1		1	1
News Media				
Open Door/Window				
Ordinance Violation				
Other Type Alarm	2	2		1
Panic Alarm	1			
Parking Complaint			8	2
PFA Information	1		1	
Police Advisory	4	1	5	2
Possession of Controlled Substance	1			2
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia				
Possession with Intent to Deliver				
Property Damage (Non-Offense)				
Property Lost	1			
Property Recovered/Found	1			
Public Drunkenness				
Public Service (Assist Motorist)			1	
Railroad Crossing Malfunction			1	
Rape				
Receiving Stolen Property				
Reckless Driver	2	1	3	2
Recovered Stolen Property				

	South Heidelberg	Heidelberg	Robesonia	Wernersville
Retail Theft				
Road Condition	3			
Robbery				
Runaway	1	1		
Security Check	2			1
Sex Offense				
Shot Heard	1	1		
Simple Assault				
Soliciting				
Special Detail	10		1	1
Speed Enforcement Detail	1	1	1	
Subject Stop	1			
Suspicious Activity	11	3	1	3
Suspicious Person	1			1
Suspicious Vehicle	1	1		
Telephone Detail	13	1	5	3
Theft	1		3	1
Theft From Building				
Theft From Vehicle				
Theft of Services				
Threats				
Tobacco Compliance Check				
Traffic Control	5		1	3
Traffic Light Malfunction		1		1
Traffic Violations	23	4	16	15
Tree Down	3	2		
Trespasser				1
Unauthorized Use				
Vacation Check	1		1	
Vehicle Lock-out	1			
Vehicle Repossession		1		
Vehicle Theft				
Walkaway				
Wanted Person			1	
Warrant Service	2			
Weapons	1	0	0	0
Welfare Check	13		5	11
Wires Down				

	South Heidelberg	Heidelberg	Robesonia	Wernersville	Grand Total
Totals	193	37	90	80	400

CALLS OF INTEREST

Incident # 45-20-02753 Robesonia Borough

On 18 August, 2020, at 5:33 P.M., at 123 S. Robeson Street, Robesonia. A 26-year-old male from Birdsboro violently assaulted his 25-year-old girlfriend that lives at the address after she attempted to end their relationship. The male punched the female with a closed fist on her left eye, bit her on the face, held her down, and put her in a head lock cutting off her breathing. The female was able to break free and run to her Neighbor's house at 117 S. Robeson Street where she was able to call the Police. The male fled the scene on foot as soon as the Police were called but was located by responding Officers at the funeral home at the intersection of Penn Avenue and Old West Penn Avenue and taken into custody.

The male was charged with Strangulation, Simple Assault, Harassment, Possession of marijuana, and drug paraphernalia, and taken for an immediate arraignment at the Berks County Courthouse

Incident # 45-20-02819 Wernersville Borough

On Saturday night, August 22nd around 9:46 P.M. in the area of Penn Avenue and Walnut Street in Wernersville, South Heidelberg Township Officer Bryan Baxter stopped a vehicle for an expired registration, and upon making contact with the 20-year-old driver, he immediately smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from the car. When questioned about the presence of marijuana in the car, the 21-year-old female passenger stated that she had a medical marijuana card, but when asked, admitted that the marijuana in the car was not part of her medical prescription.

Upon searching the car, Officer Baxter, along with SHPD Corporal Mike Fizz and Officer Marc Oxenford discovered a large amount of marijuana packaged for sale, over 100 pods of THC oil, a container of THC wax, several containers of LSD, a digital scale, packaging material and $442 in cash.

The items were all seized and will be sent to the Pennsylvania State Police laboratory for analysis. Both women are cooperating and were released at the scene with charges pending upon completion of the lab results (We need to have a correct analysis on the substances to properly charge the correct statute)

One of the women is from Wernersville, the other is from West Lawn.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Corporal Rimby and Officer Cooper assisting Helping Harvest in Wernersville during their food distribution event in August

On August 13th, Austin and Lindsay Kurshuk dropped off a gift of cookies for the Police Officers

South Heidelberg Officers attended a car-wash fundraiser for the Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue hosted by the children and staff at SpringRose Childcare

BACK THE BLUE RALLY

On August 23rd, Robesonia Borough hosted a "Pro America/Back the Blue" rally at the Borough Baseball Fields. Over 400 persons attended the patriotic event, which presented several speakers including Mayor Randy Gartner, Sgt. Don Aiman, and survivor Trish Wertz

TRAINING

South Heidelberg Township Officers conducted Armed Vehicle Defense Training at the Cushion Peak Rod and Gun Club. Officers practiced shooting from, into, and around vehicles. This training was conducted by a Vigr Training group and allowed the Officers to enhance their marksmanship skills while integrating real world training scenarios.

On August 4th, Conrad Weiser School District, School Resource Officer Sergeant Dave McQuate, and South Heidelberg Township Police Department Corporal Patton attended ALICE training at Conrad Weiser High School. ALICE <u>Active Shooter Response Training</u> (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) was conducted by Brandon Rhone (Pictured Center) and provided Officers with techniques to counter threats to our schools and best practices should an emergency occur.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Chief Leon J. Grim