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August (partial)/September/October Report to Selectmen

August

- Acting Chief Walker and SRO Det. Diethofer attended a school safety and security meeting for SAUs 21 and 90 at Winnacunnet High School.
- Seabrook Detectives led an investigation, aided by Detectives from Amesbury and Salisbury PDs, which resulted in the arrest of eight (8) people for a variety of drug-related offenses to include sale of heroin/fentanyl in the Seabrook community.
- Lt. Allen and SRO Det. Diethofer attended a briefing on the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School incident.
- Several Seabrook officers attended the swearing in of Seabrook Fire Captain Adam Lebor at the Seabrook FD.
- Acting Chief Walker and Acting Deputy Chief Gelineau attended the Police Academy graduation ceremony for new Seabrook Officers John DiFrancesco, Anthony Robinson, and Stephen Stewart in Concord.
- Seabrook officers participated in active shooter training at the Seabrook Schools.
- August 12th marked the 46th anniversary of the line of duty death of Seabrook Police Chief Charles S. "King" Knowles who died in the line of duty on August 12, 1973.

September

- Acting Chief Walker attended a Rockingham County Chiefs of Police meeting at the Stratham PD.
- The Town recognized recently retired Detective/Prosecutor Scott Mendes for his 20+ service during a Board of Selectmen's meeting.
- Acting Chief Walker attended Drug Court graduation at the Rockingham County Superior Court in Brentwood.

October

- Acting Deputy Chief Gelineau was in attendance as Ofc. Giarrusso, Hampton Lifeguards Chief Patrick Murphy, and Shaun and Jessica Murray were honored for their actions on Seabrook Beach in August 2018 at the NH Congressional Law Enforcement Awards held at the NH Police Standards and Training facility in Concord.
- Acting Chief Walker attended a meeting for the Rockingham County Sheriff's Drug Task Force.

- Several officers, most notably Ofc. Hersey and K9 Henry, had a special visit at the PD with 7-year-old Aiden Moore of Derry who is battling Duchenne muscular dystrophy.
- Acting Chief Walker, Acting Deputy Chief Gelineau, and SRO Det. Diethofer assisted in a lockdown drill at the Seabrook Elementary and Middle Schools.
- Seabrook Police and Fire participated in the National Walk to School Day.
- More than 20 Seabrook officers participated in the Beards for Bucks fundraiser which benefits the Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County. As of October 30th, the Seabrook PD is fourth in donations for Rockingham County behind the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office, Newmarket PD, and Portsmouth PD.
- Seabrook PD participated in the Pink Patch Project which helps to raise awareness for breast cancer and breast cancer research. Several officers replaced their traditional uniform patches with the pink patches for the month. We also traded patches with agencies around the country.

Regular activities

- Attended monthly SERT meetings.
- Attended various budget and negotiations meetings.
- We continued the Coffee with a Cop program as a means of connecting with residents. In August it was hosted by the Rockingham Village Apartments in their community room. In October, Dunkin' on Rte 1 hosted National Coffee with a Cop Day.
- Officers DiFrancesco, Robinson, and Stewart are in Field Training. They're doing a great job and getting to know the Town better. We expect them to be on their own patrolling the Town by the end of the year.

Seabrook officers continue to participate in numerous drug and opioid reduction initiatives to combat the sale and distribution of illegal drugs in Seabrook and surrounding areas.

Drug Overdose Statistics are as follows:

2019 YTD OVERDOSES - 40
2019 YTD OVERDOSE DEATHS - 9

We continue to use our social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram as means of communicating with the public. This has proved to be an effective means of providing information to and interacting with the public. The Seabrookpd.com website had a Twitter feed at the bottom for people who do not utilize social media.

Full-time dispatcher Amanda Eaton started in September and is in training with Dispatcher Ganley. She is doing a great job and should be ready to go by spring 2020. We have two vacancies for full-time patrol officers which will be filled in the near future.

Seabrook Police staff members continue to provide the community with a high level of service despite being short-staffed for an extended period of time and having an ever-increasing call volume. As of October 30th we have had 12,107 calls for service.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Walker
Acting Chief of Police