



# City of Nome Police Department

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Statistical Report for the Public Safety Commission

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## 2020 Statistics

Dates of comparison are from start of year 1-1-2020 to 10/27/2020, compared with the same timeline to 2019, and with the exception of 2019 year sexual assault data.

*REQUEST: (A) Review periodic reports prepared by the public safety department to detect trends evident in Nome as portrayed through police statistics, separated by race and sex, including general information regarding the number of sexual assault and domestic violence calls, status of sexual assault and domestic violence cases including status of victim follow-up, the number of public inebriation calls, the number of alcohol and drug abuse calls and the number of felony investigations.*

*Data was obtained from Crimestar RMS.*

### Calls for Service (These are calls generated by the Nome Police Dispatch Center)

*March, 2020 is when we started noticing a trend in the increases for calls for service, specifically related to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

2019	2020
Total: 9701	Total: 12721
Alcohol Involved: 3569 (36%)	Alcohol Involved: 3956 (31%)

We are showing a current (31% increase, or 2880) in calls for services. We have 31% current alcohol involvement. Last year to date we were at 37% total alcohol involvement. We believe the decrease has been due to an increase in other call types such as security checks, traffic stops, disorderly conduct, domestic violence offenses, and family disturbances (due to quarantine) that did not have alcohol involve. However later you will see under reports, we are still maintaining a high volume of alcohol involvement which is a better portrayal.

### Sexual Assault

Sexual Assault statistics are determined by two different call types in our record management system "Sexual Assault" and "Sexual Abuse."

2019	2020
70	115

Sexual assault current cases have an (64% increase)

At the current rate of cases if it stays consistent we will reach approximately 120-130 for the year.

2020 Sexual assaults current status:

105 completed

10 open

#### **2019 For the entire year 1-1-2019 to 12-31-2019**

Total: 88

Completed: 86

Open: 2

2 – Awaiting DNA Analysis (Still as of 10/27/2020 Sent to BODE)

#### **Cold Case Sexual Assaults**

Investigator C. Murray

Investigator S. Weaver

See their report.

Community Liaison (DV/SA Coordinator) – former Sharon Sparks was rehired to start November, 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

#### **Arrest and Bookings (This is the total charges submitted for prosecution)**

2019	2020
1024	1846
92 Felonies	139 Felonies
795 Misdemeanors	1461 Misdemeanors
137 Other (Probation Violations)	246 Other (Probation Violations)

Currently we have a (80% increase) in charges. We also have a (51% increase) in felonious charges, which we believe is from more domestic assaults occurring in the community. As far as general increase in charges we are seeing an extreme level of lenience by the Alaska Trial Courts due to the Covid Bail Schedule set in the state to release prisoners at this time, increasing the chance of re-offending.

#### **Incidents (Reports) – this is after a Call for Service is generated that would require more written narrative such as arrests, investigations, charges, death investigations, etc.**

2019	2020
865 Reports	1101 Reports
502 Alcohol Involved (58%)	811 Alcohol Involved (73%)
160 Domestic Violence Related	336 Domestic Violence Related

Overall, 73% of all reports created by patrol staff are alcohol involved this is a realistic picture of how often alcohol is involved in an officers shift. **We are up 110% currently in Domestic Violence cases.**

#### **Intoxicated Person's Down**

"Intoxicated Person" Is the criteria used to obtain our intoxicated person down statistics.

2019	2020
1198	<b>636 (53% decrease)</b>

We currently have a (47% decrease) in these types of calls. We believe the shelter moving to the Mini Convention Center has allowed easily access for intoxicated person's calls to be handled and move into a safe location for them, not requiring police response. However the majority of intoxicated person down calls has been from this location alone.

### **DUI (Driving Under the Influence)**

2019	2020
35	34

Current driving under the influence cases is readily on par for years past.

Drug related calls to date: 25

- Possible Heroin, Kratom, Pill selling, marijuana
- Cases get referred to Alaska State Troopers, to WANT (Western Alaska Narcotics Team)

### **Traffic Stops**

Note, the amounts do not add up to the exact amounts because some end up in impounds, assistances completed (drivers in need of help, broke down, etc.)

2019	2020
Total Stops: 298	Total Stops: 421
Warnings: 194	Warnings: 273
Citations: 104	Citations: 148

We currently have a (41% increase) in traffic enforcement. We currently have a 64% warning rate in efforts with our community policing. These traffic stops are both proactive enforcement and education or REDDI reports (Report every dangerous driver immediately.)

We will also be participating in some High Visibility Enforcement grants by the AHSO (Alaska Highway Safety Office) for impaired driving and occupant protection.

We've equipped three vehicles with RADAR enforcement and also got a Grant for TraCS tablets and software to help improve data accuracy with the courts.