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	This Month	Last Month	Last Year	Year to Date	5 Year
	10/31/2020	9/30/2020	10/31/2019	10/31/2020	2020-07095
Call Volume	722	740	684	13985	741
CAD Calls	1542	1499	1545	13985	1512
ONIBR Person Crimes	20	15	13	140	14
ONIBR Person Crimes Cleared	16	11	12	108	10
ONIBR Property Crimes	62	44	39	439	52
ONIBR Property Crimes Cleared	12	16	10	134	14

Trends:

Since April of this year, we continue to monitor trends in several types of calls for service to determine what effects the current COVID-19 pandemic situation has on them. The calls that we are monitoring include thefts, domestic violence calls, child abuse calls (physical and sexual), suicide calls, mental health calls and burglaries. Below is a comparison of those types of calls through the end of October.

	10/01/2020-10/31/2020	10/01/2019-10/31/2019	Difference	
Domestic Violence/Dispute Calls	44	26	18	40.91%
Child Abuse(Physical/Sexual)	30	32	-2	-6.25%
Suicidal Calls	5	2	3	60.00%
Mental Health Calls	29	10	19	65.52%
Burglary	3	4	-1	-25.00%

Domestic dispute/violence calls are continuing to increase. Through the end of October 2019, the Sweet Home Police Department had received a total of 372 calls for service associated with domestic disputes/violence. During the year 2020, ending in October, we have received a total of 434 calls for service associated with domestic disputes/violence. This equates to over 16% increase. I attribute some of this increase to our current pandemic and economic climate that many are struggling with. Our Community Services Officer is investigating/researching resources that are available in our immediate area that Officer's who are that DV calls could provide to families.

As some may be aware, Teresa Culley retired on Monday, November 9th, after more than 33 years as a dispatcher at the Police Department. Teresa began her career in 1987 as a dispatcher. In 2010 she became the department's record clear while still covering dispatch on an as needed basis. And in 2013,

Teresa also began serving as the department's property-evidence specialist. We wish Teresa nothing but the best during her retirement. She has earned it.

Officer Steve Carlson completes and graduates from the DPSST Police Academy at the end of the third week in November. He has spent 4 months training at the academy and is looking forward to returning to the Department. Steve will continue with the field training and we hope to see him progress and reach solo status sometime after the first of the year. Officer Ean Mason will leave and begin his 4 months of training at the academy on November 30. We are excited to get both officers back and up to speed to replenish our patrol staff.

Traffic enforcement, particularly speeding issues along Main Street, remains a point of concern to many citizens. With those concerns in mind, when we have a full team of two officers on duty, one is to be assigned to focus on traffic enforcement along Main Street. Their focus will continue to be on gaining compliance whether that is through a citation or a verbal warning.

On November 18th, the Governor of Oregon issued an Executive Order aimed at flattening the curve associated with the spike in COVID-19 cases. Similar to several of the previous Executive Orders, there have been a number of questions about how the Sweet Home Police Department will enforce them. Many of the questions revolved around the order that restricts social gatherings to six people from no more than two households.

Just as we did with previous Executive Orders issued by the Oregon Governor, SHPD will continue to focus on an education first strategy. Our officers will not be proactively patrolling residential areas looking for non-compliance with the Orders. Our primary focus will be on responding to calls for service and keeping the public safe. We can play an important role with educating the public and every effort will be to gain voluntary compliance.

The Sweet Home Police Department has no plans on issuing citations to residents for failing to comply with the limits on social gatherings. Our priority is on exercising discretion and common sense to educate the public in following the rules and regulations in place of taking any enforcement actions.

Our goal is to ensure that Sweet Home has a happy and safe holiday season.