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|                                       | <u>08/31/20</u> | <u>07/31/20</u> | <u>08/31/19</u> | <u>YTD</u>         | <u>5 Yr Avg</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Call Volume:</b>                   | <b>811</b>      | <b>823</b>      | <b>903</b>      | <b>2020 - 5633</b> | <b>6271</b>     |
| <b>CAD Calls:</b>                     | <b>1596</b>     | <b>1525</b>     | <b>1911</b>     | <b>10943</b>       | <b>11938</b>    |
| <b>ONIBR Person Crimes</b>            | <b>20</b>       | <b>12</b>       | <b>15</b>       | <b>105</b>         | <b>108</b>      |
| <b>ONIBR Person Crimes Cleared:</b>   | <b>14</b>       | <b>12</b>       | <b>10</b>       | <b>81</b>          | <b>73</b>       |
| <b>ONIBR Property Crimes:</b>         | <b>64</b>       | <b>37</b>       | <b>46</b>       | <b>333</b>         | <b>380</b>      |
| <b>ONIBR Property Crimes Cleared:</b> | <b>22</b>       | <b>8</b>        | <b>17</b>       | <b>106</b>         | <b>126</b>      |

#### **Trends:**

The ongoing concerns regarding the surrounding forest fires have resulted in a significant increase in the workload of our dispatchers. Below is a chart of the number of phone calls that our dispatcher received during the first three days of the fire events.

|                       |                                                | Total Incoming Calls | 911 Calls | Business Lines |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Fire Event            | Mon, 07 Sep 2020, 6PM to Thu, 10 Sep 2020, 9AM | 996                  | 33        | 963            |
| Same Period Last Year | Mon, 09 Sep 2019, 6PM to Thu, 12 Sep 2019, 9AM | 250                  | 19        | 231            |
| Same Period Last Week | Mon, 31 Aug 2020, 9AM to Thu, 03 Sep 2020, 9AM | 197                  | 18        | 179            |
|                       |                                                |                      |           |                |
| Jamboree 2019         | Thu, 01 Aug 2019, 6PM to Sun, 04 Aug 2019, 9AM | 206                  | 24        | 182            |
| Jamboree 2018         | Thu, 02 Aug 2018, 6PM to Sun, 05 Aug 2018, 9AM | 262                  | 17        | 245            |
| Jamboree 2017         | Thu, 03 Aug 2017, 6PM to Sun, 06 Aug 2017, 9AM | 325                  | 32        | 293            |

From 6:00 PM Monday (09/07) through 9:00 AM Thursday (09/10) our dispatchers received 996 phone calls. The staggering increase in phone calls is revealed when we compare these three days with a three-day period associated with the Oregon Jamboree. The 2017 Oregon Jamboree was the busiest in terms of calls received by our dispatch center. The phone calls regarding the fire event resulted in a 206% increase over the 2017 Oregon Jamboree.

We were able to augment our dispatch staffing on very short notice to deal with the dramatic increase in calls. Our dispatchers, and the rest of our staff, did an amazing job of providing needed information to our community in a time of need.

COVID-19 continues to be a concern for us. The concern has remained around infection rates and keeping our employees as safe as possible while dealing with some increase in calls for service. We continue to monitor trends in several types of calls for service to determine what effects the current 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 August.

|                                 | <b>Mar-Aug 2020</b> | <b>Mar-Aug 2019</b> | <b>Difference</b> |         |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Domestic Violence/Dispute Calls | 259                 | 246                 | 13                | 5.02%   |
| Child Abuse(Physical/Sexual)    | 169                 | 261                 | -92               | -35.25% |
| Suicidal Calls                  | 45                  | 49                  | -4                | -8.16%  |
| Mental Health Calls             | 218                 | 92                  | 126               | 136.96% |
| Burglary                        | 14                  | 20                  | -6                | -30.00% |

The increase in the number of mental health calls and the decrease in the number of child abuse calls have remained a concern. Our attempts to work closer with Linn County Mental Health to address some of the uptick in mental health calls has not come to fruition yet. A meeting is still planned for the near future to attempt to increase the availability of the Linn County Mental Health Crisis Liaison. Without access to additional mental health resources I do not see a solution for these types of calls for service. We will continue to work on various options to address this.

**Person Crimes are defined as:**

|                                | <b>August 2020</b> | <b>August 2019</b> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Assault                        | 6                  | 3                  |
| Child Neglect                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| Criminal Homicide              | 0                  | 0                  |
| Criminal Mistreatment          | 0                  | 0                  |
| Elder Abuse                    | 0                  | 0                  |
| Forcible Rape                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| Harassment                     | 6                  | 3                  |
| Menacing                       | 2                  | 1                  |
| Other Sex Offense              | 1                  | 4                  |
| Person All Other               | 2                  | 0                  |
| Reckless Endanger              | 0                  | 0                  |
| Violation Court Stalking Order | 1                  | 0                  |
| Violation Restraining Order    | 2                  | 4                  |

**Property Crimes are defined as:**

|                     | <b>August 2020</b> | <b>August 2019</b> |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Arson               | 0                  | 0                  |
| Burglary            | 9                  | 2                  |
| Criminal Mischief   | 11                 | 9                  |
| Forgery             | 0                  | 1                  |
| Fraud               | 2                  | 0                  |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 10                 | 0                  |
| Reckless Burning    | 1                  | 0                  |
| Recovered Stolen    | 3                  | 0                  |
| Robbery             | 0                  | 0                  |
| Theft               | 28                 | 34                 |