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	This Month	Last Month	Last Year	Year to Date	5 Year
	1/31/2021	12/31/2020	1/31/2020	1/31/2021	
Call Volume	663	661	732	2020-00663	692
CAD Calls	1350	1130	1511	1350	1411
ONIBR Person Crimes	20	8	17	20	12
ONIBR Person Crimes Cleared	14	4	14	14	9
ONIBR Property Crimes	26	21	32	26	34
ONIBR Property Crimes Cleared	5	8	8	5	8

Trends:

Earlier this month the Public Works Department received the permits associated with the Radar Traffic signs for various locations along Main Street and Highway 228. The signs, which are somewhat mobile, should be up and installed soon. This will allow us to start gathering data related to the traffic in our downtown corridor and further east on Main Street. The intent is to use this data and assign patrol units in those areas with the most efficient use of our resources. On a similar topic, our Radar Trailer has been refurbished and repaired by the PW Mechanic and is now being deployed to areas in the Avenues and off of Main Street where we are receiving traffic complaints. One such area is 1st Avenue. We have been assigning vehicles in that area in an attempt to deter speeding.

Our community's response to homelessness remains a key focus of the Police Department. As of the middle of February 2021, there are between 12 to 14 persons staying on the property at the Nazarene Church. The Family Assistance Resource Center Group continues to accept a larger role in the management of the camp that is at the Church. It has provided more support. A significant amount of effort has recently gone into organizing and cleaning the area. A lot of appreciation should go out to the members of the Nazarene Church, the Family Assistance Resource Center Group, and the community volunteers that made this happen.

The end of March is fast approaching and with it, the end of the emergency shelter opportunity that has been hosted by the Nazarene Church. The homeless "sub-committee" that is working towards possible action items and the next steps that will be needed beginning in April when the Nazarene Church site is no longer operating in its current capacity. The group remains active in developing a comprehensive plan to respond to homelessness in our community. Based on the scale of the task of this committee, I do not believe that any site options to potentially replace the existing emergency shelter will be selected and ready. My hope is that soon, we will be able to present a framework of our discussions to the Council and the Community for their input and be able to move forward later in the spring.