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	This Month <u>9/30/2020</u>	Last Month <u>8/31/2020</u>	Last Year <u>9/30/2019</u>	Year to Date <u>9/30/2020</u>	<u>5 Yr Avg</u>
Call Volume	740	811	713	2020-06373	7059
CAD Calls	1499	1596	1566	12443	13450
ONIBR Person Crimes	15	20	20	120	122
ONIBR Person Crimes Cleared	11	14	13	92	84
ONIBR Property Crimes	44	64	37	377	417
ONIBR Property Crimes Cleared	16	22	5	122	138

Trends:

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 September.

	09/01/2020-09/30/2020	09/01/2019-09/30/2019	Difference	
Domestic Violence/Dispute Calls	60	47	13	21.67%
Child Abuse(Physical/Sexual)	30	25	5	16.67%
Suicidal Calls	4	9	-5	-55.56%
Mental Health Calls	18	17	1	5.56%
Burglary	2	3	-1	-33.33%

There are two items that are worth pointing out on the above call numbers. First, during September the mental health related calls for service have finally dropped back to a consistent level with 2019. This comes after experiencing a sharp increase from April through August. The second part to notice is that our domestic dispute/violence calls are increasing. The increase in September was not drastic but we will be keeping a close watch on those numbers to determine if we need to begin changing our response associated with them.

Property crimes, particularly thefts associated with the Unlawful Entry into Motor Vehicles have increased this year. Because of this, we have altered how we are responding to address these crimes. Our response is comprised of three areas which include community awareness, data-driven patrol, and bike patrols. Promoting community awareness of the increase in these types of crimes has been

primarily through the use of our social media accounts. The vast majority of these thefts involve unlocked or unsecured items that are visible to would-be thieves. By encouraging and reminding the community to lock and secure their valuables, we hope to drive down thefts.

Sergeant Cummings has also done a significant amount of work to address UEMV's over the last two years. He has recently revised the officer's "patrol zones" and utilizes the most recent crime data to determine where conduct focused patrols.

Lastly, we are beginning to utilize bike patrols more. We have had officers on the bike at different times during the day, evening, and early morning hours. Bike patrol offers the benefit of less visibility and more stealth than typical patrol vehicles.

Last month Detective Cyndi Pichardo chose to resign to pursue other interests outside of law enforcement. Cyndi had been with the Department for 21 years. The majority of those years she was assigned as a Detective. For over 15 years, she investigated all major crimes for us. Those crimes included homicides, sexual assaults, physical assaults, child abuse and property crimes. She has been a valuable member of our community. Her knowledge and experience will be hard to replace. Keenan Martin is now assigned as our Detective and will assume Cyndi's responsibilities. He has big shoes to fill but I have the utmost confidence in him and his abilities.

Sergeant Chris Wingo has accepted a position as a patrol officer with the Woodburn Police Department. Chris has been with our Department for 13 years, the last three as a Patrol Sergeant. He has served as our defensive tactics instructor and has played a major role in designing the department's training program. Chris also received the Medal of Valor in 2018, the Chief's Medal of Merit in 2017 and the Lifesaving Medal in 2014. He has made a positive difference in our community and our Department.

Both Chris and Cyndi will be missed. I wish both of them the absolute best as their careers and lives move in other directions.

These personnel changes have allowed us to evaluate our current Department structure and believe there may be various options that will allow for some improvement. In the near future I will be presenting ideas to the City Manager for consideration and discussion. Hopefully, I will have more to discuss with Council during upcoming meetings.