

# NORTON SHORES POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

September 2020



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Submitted by  
Jon Gale, Chief of Police

**ADMINISTRATION**

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the members of the Norton Shores City Council regarding the activities of the Police Department during the month of September 2020.

**MAJOR ACTIVITIES**

Chief Gale attended the following activities for the month;

On September 1, attended a monthly Zoom meeting for the Governor's Mental Health Diversion sub-committee for law enforcement training.

On September 4, attended a Zoom meeting with Representative Roger Victory's office reference a Speed Bill.

On September 1, attended a monthly Zoom meeting for the Governor's Mental Health Diversion committee for jail diversion.

On September 9, attended the Muskegon area Chiefs of Police monthly meeting via Zoom.

On September 9, attended the Drug Free Muskegon quarterly meeting.

On September 9, attended a meeting with the courts and magistrates to improve the warrant signing process.

On September 15-16 attended the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police Accreditation conference in Mount Pleasant.

On September 17, attended the Juvenile response team monthly meeting.

On September 17, attended a meeting with the prosecutor.

On September 19, attended the Ginka Golf outing fund raiser.

On September 21, attended a meeting with Tim Wheeler of Rockatoons.

On September 22, attended a meeting with Robertson's Protect the Protectors program.

On September 25, attended a State of Michigan audit visit at Health West reference Mental Health grants.

On September 29, attended a media event at Walgreens.

On September 30, attended a Handle with Care meeting sponsored by the Intermediate School District.

WORK RELATED EMPLOYEE INJURIES

There were no work-related injuries during the month of September.

Date	Injury	Medical Treatment	Time Lost
	None		

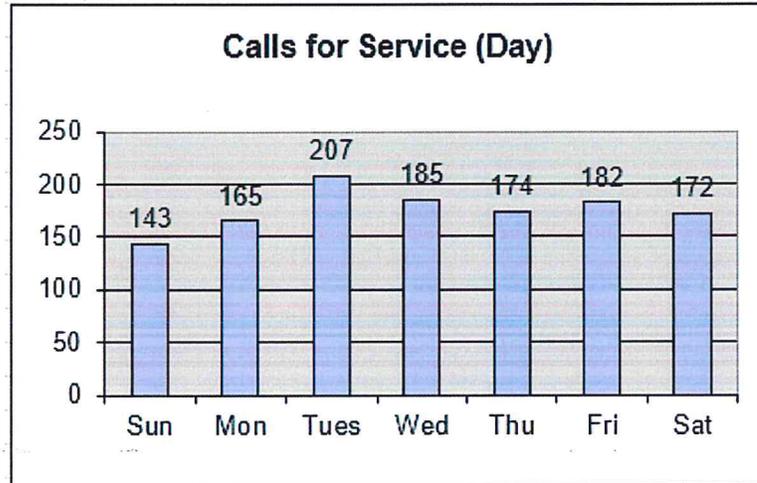
CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

	Month			Fiscal Year 2020		
	2020	2019	Chng	FY2021	FY2020	Chng
Group A Offenses	112	82	30	278	267	11
Group B Offenses	52	46	6	212	177	35
<b>TOTAL OFFENSES</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>46</b>

Class A type crimes (more serious) were up 36% for the month compared to the same month last year and up 4% for the year. Class B type crimes were up by 13% for the month and up 19% for the year. Total crimes were up by 28% for the month and up by 10% for the year.

See the attached tables for more information

CALLS FOR SERVICE



During the month of September 2020, the Department recorded 1,273 Computer Aided Dispatch events which is down from last month's total of 1,390, including 1,228 calls for service. A total of 731 written reports were generated during the month. The highest number of calls for service occurred on Tuesday.

The following chart shows the number of calls for service by hour of day.



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT DATA

Department personnel issued 2 parking tickets and 52 traffic citations in September (see attached), which includes those issued as the result of crash investigations. Citations were issued in 48% of the traffic crashes that occurred this month.

TRAFFIC CRASH DATA

The Department investigated 52 traffic crashes during the month of September which included the following:

Property Damage .....	47
Personal Injury .....	5
Fatal.....	0
Total Accidents.....	52

The following special circumstances were involved in this month’s crash totals:

Hit and Run.....	0
Deer.....	6
Construction zone.....	3

**PATROL DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS**

Patrol Division responded to twenty retail fraud complaints during September. Eighteen cases were closed by an arrest warrant for the offender. In other incidents, the subject was not identified, or the victim did not want to press charges.

Patrol Division investigated twelve fraud and counterfeiting complaints. The majority of the reports were related to online or phone scams.

Patrol Division responded to forty-four complaints that involved individuals with mental health issues or were suicidal. The reports came from different areas of the city, which required two officers to respond. The officers assisted the people by getting them help through Health West or the Mobile Crises Team. Other times the officers transported the individual to the Community Mental Health hospital, or ProMed transported the individual to Mercy Health Partners-Hackley Campus.

Assault reports totaled seventeen for September. All the cases were cleared by arrest, warrants, or other means.

Patrol Division responded to thirty-seven larceny complaints. Twelve unlocked vehicles were entered, and seven cars had their catalytic converters stolen.

The total cruiser millage for September 2020 was 24,109 miles.

**Patrol Division Commander**

Lieutenant VanderStelt attended the following activities for the month;

On September 9, attended a meeting with NSFD and NSDPW about the old DPW garage and the training facility.

On September 23, attended the city safety committee meeting.

On September 24, attended a site walk-through for the intersection camera project.

On September 24, attended a Zoom leadership meeting for the Muskegon County Brain Health group.

On September 30, attended a webinar on comprehensive strategies for preventing law enforcement suicide.

**TRAINING**

On September 15 and 17, the department conducted its annual use of force training.

Three officers attended a week-long training for Crisis Intervention presented by the FBI.

All ERT members completed their biannually physical agility testing and firearms qualification.

Two Corporals attended a Field Training Officer update course.

**DETECTIVE BUREAU HIGHLIGHTS**

During September 2020, the Detective Bureau investigated 17 new cases with 12 being closed. Five cases are currently under investigation.

**NOTABLE ACTIVITY**

On September 13 at around 3:00 am, an 81-year-old Norton Shores resident called 911 and reported a break in at his home. Road Patrol responded and took the initial report from the victim. Detectives were called in the following day to process the scene and canvas the neighborhood. The victim advised that someone had broken into his home and threatened him with a screwdriver.

Evidence has been collected and video reviewed. The incident remains under investigation by the Detective Bureau.

**WARRANTS**

The Detective Bureau signed a total of 33 arrest warrants this month, which included warrants from the Patrol Division. Detectives spend multiple hours per week at the county building swearing to warrants, picking up paperwork, and meeting with prosecutors. We are currently working on procedures to reduce the amount of time our Detective staff devotes to warrants.

**MEETINGS ATTENDED**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>MEETING</b>	<b>ATTENDEES</b>
September 9	Safe Seniors & Crimes Against Woman team meetings	D/Sgt Hoeksema
September 9	Warrant committee	D/Sgt Hoeksema
September 21	MSART (Virtual)	D/Sgt Hoeksema
September 24	Child Abuse MDT (Zoom)	Det Swanker

**WEST MICHIGAN ENFORCEMENT TEAM (WEMET)**

During the month of September, WEMET executed three search warrants and arrested 11 offenders. A total of 66 grams of Methamphetamine was removed from the streets along with four firearms.

**SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS**

RECORDS BUREAU

In addition to processing the citations and incidents previously reported, the Records Bureau staff processed the following during the month of September 2020:

Court files prepared .....	70
Felony Warrants Issued .....	13
Felony Arrests w/o warrant .....	7
Felony Arrests with warrant .....	7
Felony Arrests Total .....	14
Misdemeanor Warrants Issued.....	20
Misdemeanor Arrests w/o warrant .....	8
Misdemeanor Arrests with warrant .....	8
Misdemeanor Arrests Total .....	16
Juveniles Referred to Court .....	2
Total Misdemeanor, Felony, Juvenile Arrests.....	30
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Pistol Registrations.....	81
Stolen Vehicle Reports.....	4

**PROBLEM ORIENTED INTELLIGENCE-LED NEIGHBORHOOD TEAM (P.O.I.N.T.)**

- During September, POINT Officers transitioned the CARES program into its “off-season” status so that Officers can be fully involved in the safety and security of the 4,000 students
  - Officers remain available to their contacts in the CARES communities on a as needed basis
- On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, POINT Officers provided several static displays for the Michigan Accreditation Team during the on-site visit, including:
  - Hunter Safety Program
  - School Resource
  - Ride with Pride

- Traffic Crash Reconstruction
- On September 8<sup>th</sup>, School Resource Officers returned to full time duties in their assigned buildings
  - Ofc. Passchier- Mona Shores High School
  - Ofc. Trombley- Mona Shores Middle School
- On September 8<sup>th</sup> through September 11<sup>th</sup>, POINT Officers attended the drop off and pick up times for Churchill, Lincoln Park, and Ross Park schools to welcome back elementary students
- On September 18<sup>th</sup>, Ofc. Passchier attended the monthly Muskegon ALL meeting
- On September 21<sup>st</sup>, POINT Officers attended a meeting with Wheeler Creative Studies to further efforts on Ride with Pride and youth engagement
- On September 29<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Hibler attended a presentation by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police on “Faith and Blue”, a program designed to help communities find new ways to connect
- On September 30<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Hibler and Ofc. Passchier attended a Muskegon County Zoom call on “Handle With Care” which aims to connect Police and Schools in taking care of students that have experienced trauma

Due to the Covid-19 Emergency Orders and advice of health professionals, the following events were canceled for the month of September:

- Coffee with the Cops
- Sailor Salute
- Public Safety Open House

The POINT Division remains committed to its role as both a problem solving and community relations team. While physical events are still restricted, we remain committed to being connected socially with the community.

## **TRAFFIC & MARINE HIGHLIGHTS**

- Canceled: Car Seat Safety Checks at Fire Station #3
- During the month of September, POINT Officers have conducted focused traffic enforcement around our local schools, particularly during drop off and pick up times
- The POINT Division continues to take in neighborhood driving complaints and provide appropriate traffic enforcement as needed

- “Radar Signs” and “Speed Trailers” continue to be deployed in driving complaint areas
- On September 25<sup>th</sup>, Ofc. Shevokas and members of the Parks & Rec Division installed new “Slow No Wake” signs in the Mona Lake channel by utilizing the Police Department’s patrol boat
- On September 28<sup>th</sup>, the Department’s patrol boat was taken out of the water, cleaned, and put into storage for the winter