



# WILLIAMSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## TOWN MANAGER REPORT

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Since the last report on 11/18/21:

### Notable Events:

- Town Counsel is in the process of approving our language for job descriptions for Public Safety Dispatcher, Patrol Officer, Sergeant and Lieutenant.
- A format that allows for initial and then annual review of employees has been adopted by Chief Ziemba who will soon start employee reviews.
- We continue to institute new policies.
- The DOJ group is moving along having chosen a date in March and a location to host the meeting. Next steps are approving a draft invite to the public, ensuring all people have a voice should they choose to, and finding 25 facilitators that will be trained by the DOJ to help lead the small group discussions.
- This week Chief Ziemba and Officer Sacco participated in a two day training for the new Northern Berkshire Hub Initiative which is being organized by the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition. The Hub model brings together many service providers from different areas of expertise to meet (initially) once a week to discuss cases and specific needs in the northern communities. Once identified, the service workers will offer resources to these persons so they don't slip through the cracks. Homelessness, Substance and Alcohol Abuse and Mental Health concerns will most likely be the primary issues faced locally.
- On 12/4 a truck from Holland Company in Adams, MA began to have a leak of Aluminum Sulfate that left residue on roadways from North Adams, through Williamstown, and into Pownal where the driver discovered the issue. Multiple jurisdictions worked to identify the locations and treatments needed, and assisted with the leak at the vehicle itself.

**Motor Vehicle Crashes:** There were twelve (12) crashes reported:

Animal (3): **Bridges Rd** (Vehicle Struck Deer), **Bulkley St** (Vehicle Struck Deer), **Cold Spring Rd** (Vehicle Struck Deer)

Intersection (1): **Cold Spring Rd @ Thornliebank Rd** (Vehicle Failed to Stop for Turning Traffic).

Parking/Parked (3): **Main St** (Minor Collision While Parking), **Main St** (Delivery Truck Backed into Vehicle), **Hopper Rd** (Vehicle Rolled into Ditch)

Roadway (5): **Woodcock Rd** (Vehicle into Ditch), **Simonds Rd** (Failure to Stop with Traffic), **Taconic Trail** (Vehicle Slide into Guardrail), **Taconic Trail** (Truck Slide off in Runaway Ramp), **Oblong Rd** (Vehicle Struck Fence)

**Motor Vehicle Crash Demographics (If cited):**

Criminal (0)

Civil (0)

Warning (3): White Female (1), White Male (2).

**Motor Vehicle Stops:** Twenty (20) traffic stops were conducted during this reporting period.

**Motor Vehicle Stop Demographics:**

Warning (19): White Male (13); White Female (6).

Civil Citation (1): White Male (1).

**Total: 20**

**Motor Vehicle Violations:** Thirty three (33) violations were cited on the following roadways: Cold Spring Rd (12), Cole Ave (1), Lindley Ter (1), Main St (6), New Ashford Rd (4), North St (1), Simonds Rd (2), South St (1), Water St (4), Woodcock Rd (1).

**Parking Violations:** Twenty seven (27) violations were cited:

All Night Parking: Cole Ave (1), Elm St (2), Jerome Dr (1), North St (8), Park St (4), Spring St (2), Spring Street Lot (8).

Prohibited Area: North St (1).

**Town Bylaw Citations:** (0)

**Non-MV Citations/Demographics:** (0)

**Protective Custody:** (1)

White Male (1)

**Criminal Summons:** (0)

1. Operated with Suspended License.
2. Assault on Family/Household Member, Vandalizing Property (x2).

**Criminal Arrests:** (1)

1. Open Warrant (Resulting in a Biohazard exposure for the arresting officer requiring evaluation at the hospital).
2. Violation of Abuse Prevention Order.

**Warrant Request:** (0)

**Criminal Charge/Protective Custody Demographics:** (5)

White Male (4), Black Male (1)

**Dispatch:** Five hundred and forty one (541) calls for service were recorded at Dispatch from Thursday, 11/18/21 (0700) to Wednesday, 12/8/21 (0700):

- Police - 454
- Ambulance - 69
- Fire - 18