

Stroud Area Regional Police Department Monthly Report



September 2021

**Report to
Police Commission**

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INTRODUCTION

October 13th, 2021

Stroud Area Regional Police Commission

RE: Month of September Report to Commission

Dear Commission Member:

Please find attached the report to the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission for the month of September 2021.

If you have specific questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Lyon

Jennifer Lyon, Chief of Police
Stroud Area Regional Police Department



STATISTICS

OVERTIME

Reimbursed OT	Total:	49.25
DEA Task Force	26.00	
FBI Task Force	10.75	
Monroe County Drug Task Force	12.50	
Housing	0.00	
BCRA	0.00	
SARPD OT	Total:	1232.50
Court	66.75	
Detectives	39.50	
Special Details	87.75	
Cover Shift	580.25	
Administrative	114.50	
Training	177.50	
Holiday Worked	156.25	
Total September Overtime		1281.75

SARPD Overtime

	66.75	39.50	87.75	590.25	114.50	177.50	156.25	1232.50
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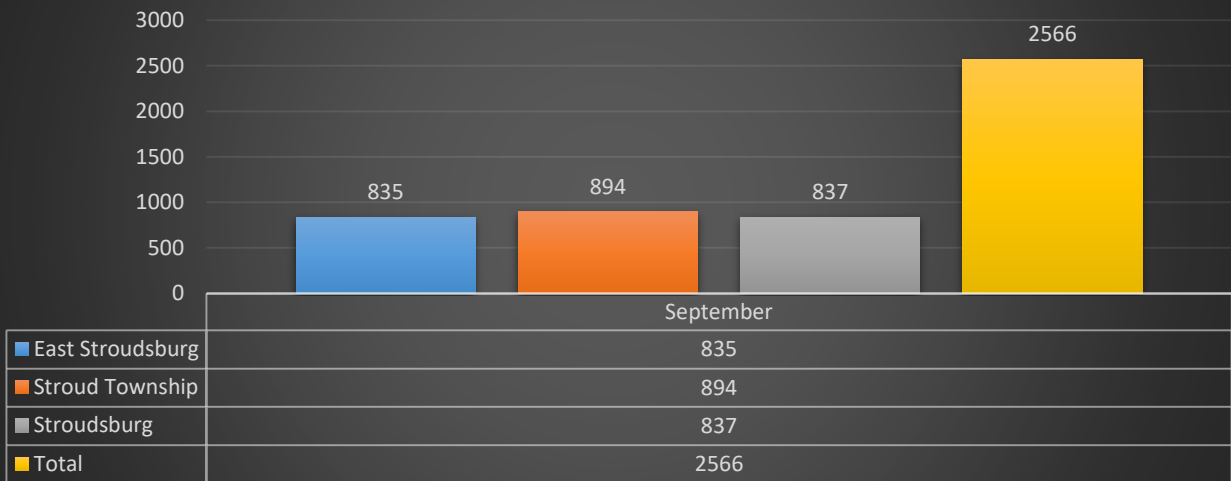
OT- September Comparison by Year

	1576.00	1517.50	962.25	1281.75
	September			
■ 2018	1576.00			
■ 2019	1517.50			
■ 2020	962.25			
■ 2021	1281.75			

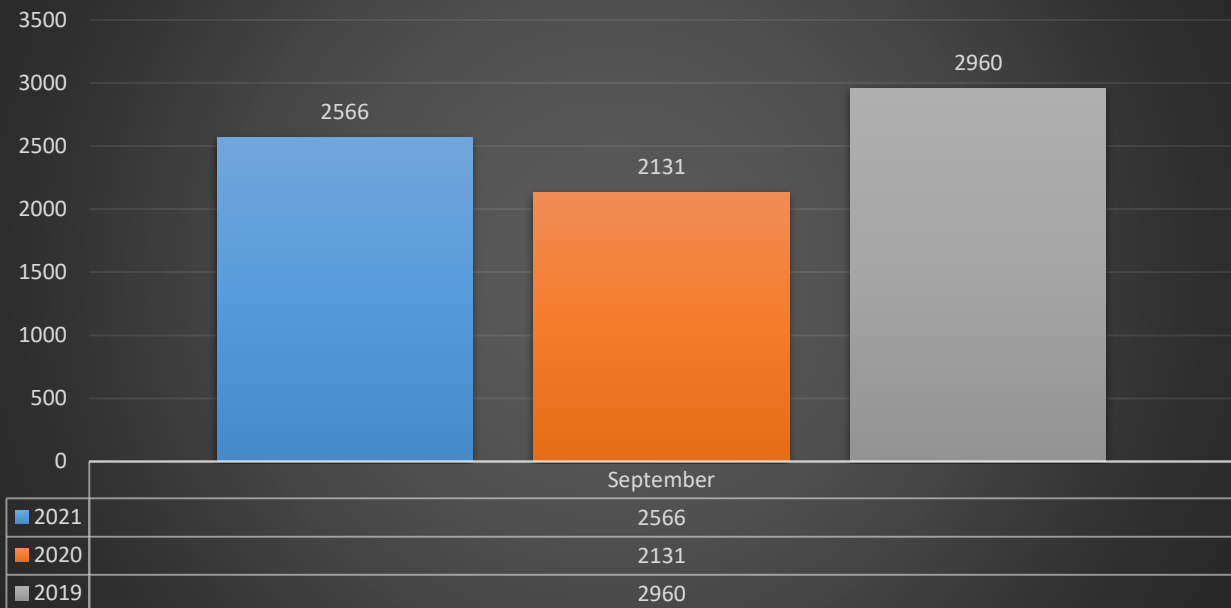
CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for Service	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Total Year to Date
2021	2157	2253	2321	2590	2404	2566	20,115

September Calls for Service by Municipality



Calls for Service by Year



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UNIFORM CRIME REPORT

September- OFFENSES	NUMBER REPORTED	ADULTS ARRESTED	JUVENILES ARRESTED
MURDER	0	0	0
RAPE	1	0	0
ROBBERY	2	1	0
ASSAULT	16	6	0
BURGLARY	4	0	0
LARCENY/THEFT	47	11	0
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1	0	1
ARSON	1	0	0
FORGERY/COUNTERFEITING	0	0	0
FRAUD	39	0	0
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0	0
RECEIVING/POSSESSING STOLEN PROPERTY	0	0	0
VANDALISM	21	1	0
WEAPONS CARRYING	2	1	0
PROSTITUTION	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES	2	1	0
DRUG ABUSE	20	13	0
GAMBLING	0	0	0
OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY/CHILDREN	8	0	0
DUI	17	19	0
LIQUOR LAW	0	0	0
DRUNKENNESS	33	29	0
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	49	24	0
ALL OTHER	47	17	0
TOTAL	309	120	1

REPORTED
STOLEN PROPERTY

\$25,787.00

RECOVERED
STOLEN PROPERTY

\$3,805.00

ACCIDENTS

Accidents

EAST STROUDSBURG**STROUD TOWNSHIP****STROUDSBURG****TOTAL**

September 2021	2020	2019	2018
14	9	23	26
44	39	51	37
20	17	23	23
78	65	97	86

NUMBER INJURED

2

4

7

10

FATALITIES

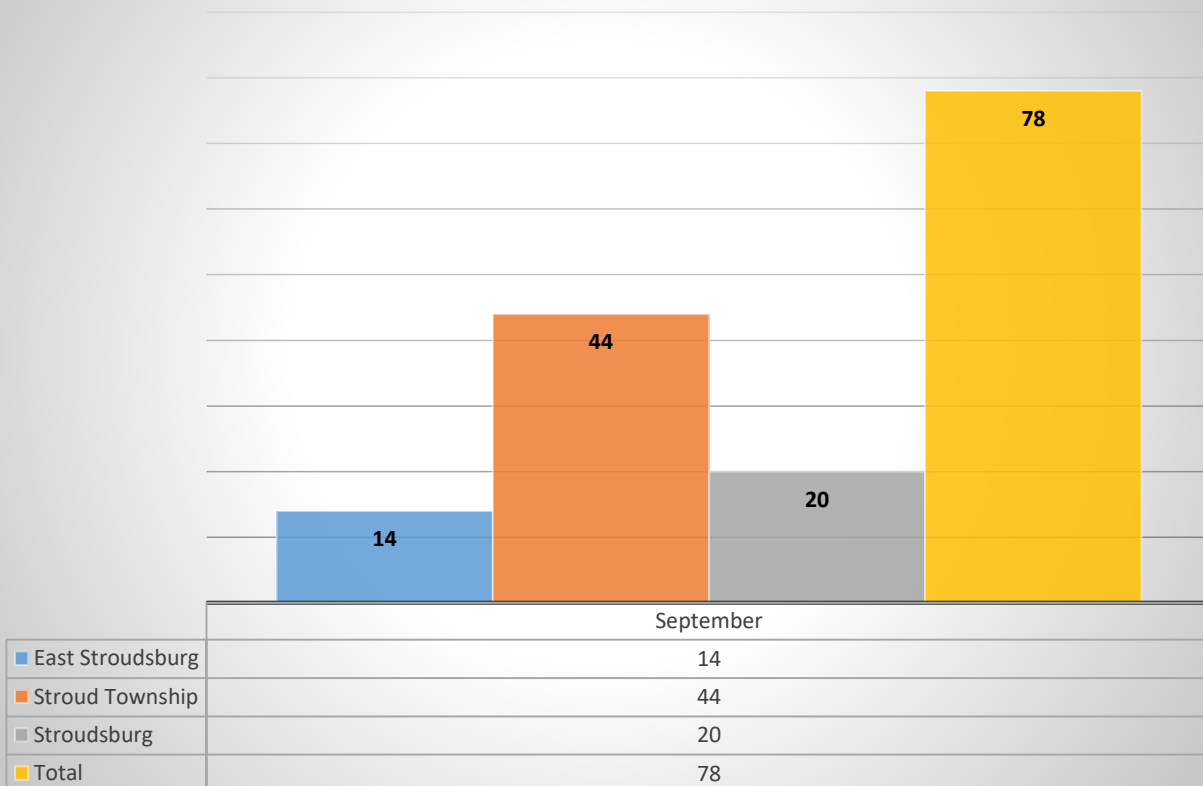
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September Accidents by Municipality



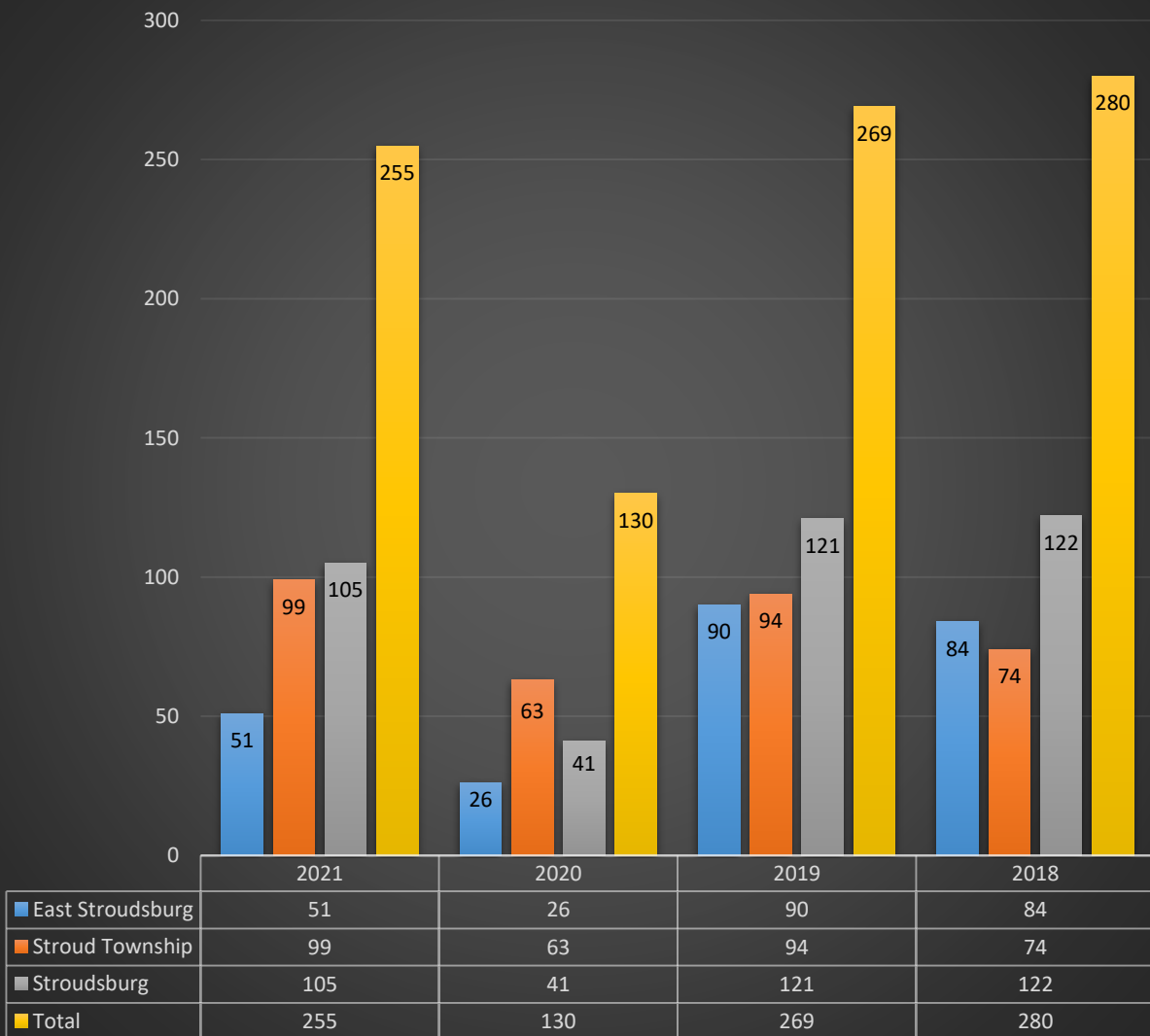
TRAFFIC CONTACTS

September Traffic Contacts

EAST STROUDSBURG**STROUD TOWNSHIP****STROUDSBURG****TOTAL****Parking**

2021	2020	2019	2018
51	26	90	84
99	63	94	74
105	41	121	122
255	130	269	280
283	189	269	181

Traffic Contacts - September



NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS

Non-Traffic Citations

EAST STROUDSBURG**STROUD TOWNSHIP****STROUDSBURG****TOTAL****September**

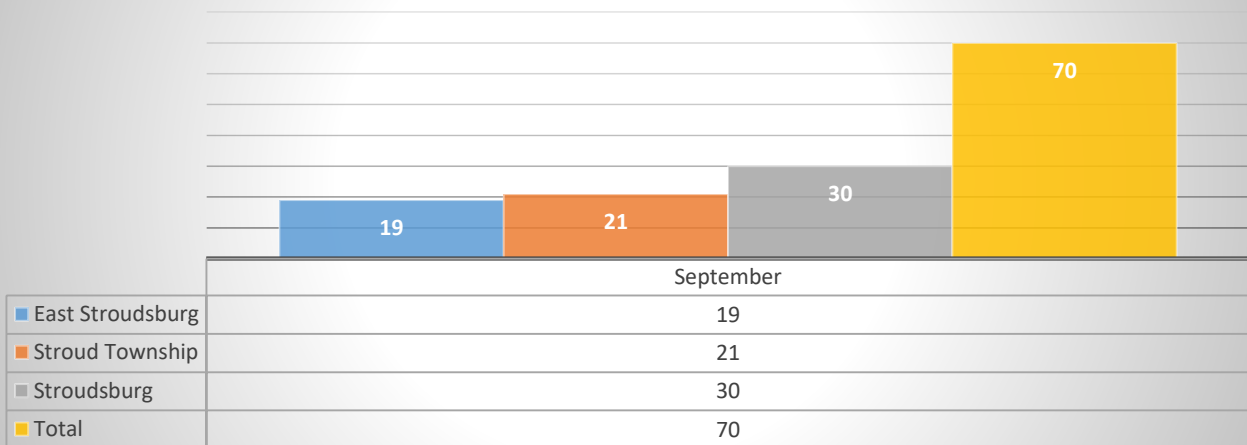
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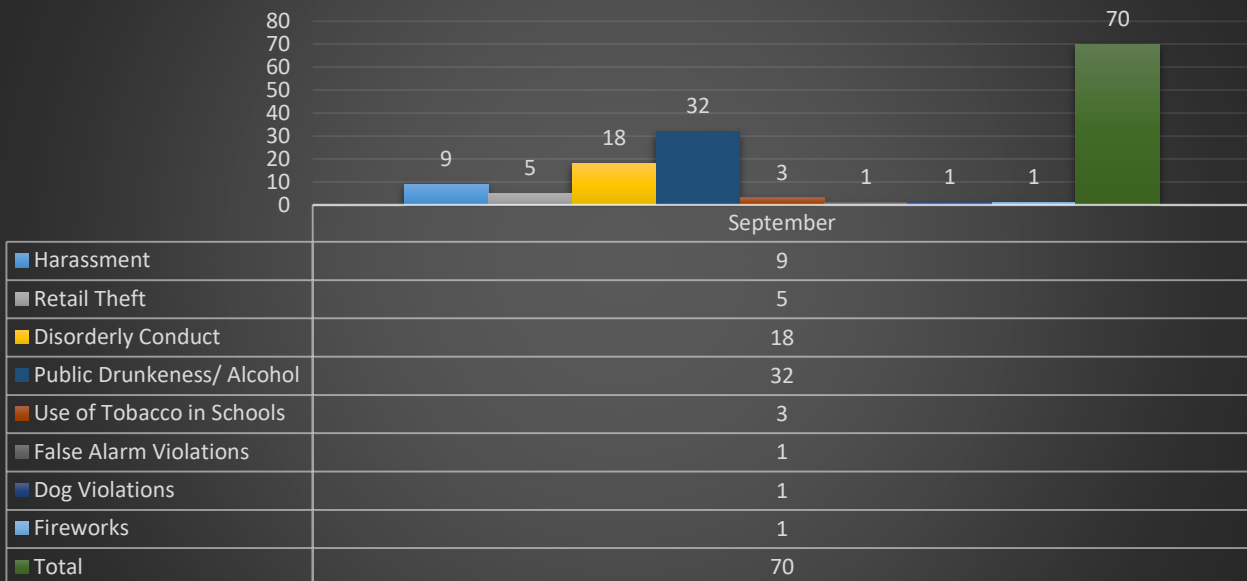
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Non-Traffic Citations



Non-Traffic Citations by Offense



SUPPORT STAFF

SUPPORT STAFF SEPTEMBER 2021

Phone Calls Total	1154	Administrative Assists	21
Right to Know Requests	41	Officer Assists	67
Reports Requested (Subpoena/Gov Agencies)	35	Warrants In/Out	0
Accident Reports Requested	33	Dissemination Log	114
Background Lookup & Entries	58	Gun Permits Look Up & Entries	58
Filing Case Files	14	Expungements	2
Chits Total	6	Validations	13
ALERT Superperson Corrections	373	Property Releases	0
PFA's - New & Removed	36	Fingerprints Entered	325
Parking Tickets Total	283	MCCF Corrections	114
Other	9	Children & Youth 104s	11
		Evidence Attachments in Alert	0

TRAINING REPORT



Training Report September 2021



According to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, police are expected to be more proactive and strive to prevent crime, while building relationships within the community. This is a delicate balance that is difficult to achieve and maintain. To that end, police training involves more than knowing how to pat down someone that's detained, or how to shoot a gun, it's also about listening to people, watching for trends, and preparing for outcomes. SARPD Officers maintain a high level of moral and ethical values, and will continue to achieve this through training and education.

Training

September 2nd, Lt. Raymond conducted the SRT Physical Fitness Exam at the Stroudsburg High School stadium. 4 out of 5 of the candidates successfully passed the exam and moved on the Oral Exam and Firearms Practical Exam.

September 13th-24th, Cpl. Miller and Cpl. Dobson attended "Technical Collision Investigation" training in State College, PA.

September 15th, Officer Cohen attended "Mastering Search and Seizure", in King of Prussia, PA.

September 16th, Cpl. Hettel, Officer Chica, Officer Cohen, and Officer Capone attended "Introduction to Commercial Vehicles", at the Monroe County Public Safety Center. The Pennsylvania State Police conducted the training.

September 17th and 18th, Officer Britt participated in Operation Nighthawk. The operation included a 2-hour training each day, followed by DUI Roving patrols.

September 20th, Lt. Raymond attended "Achieving Greater Equity in Traffic Safety Enforcement and Engagement". This training was a webinar that focused on many aspects of traffic enforcement, including crime reduction, and the thought process behind enforcement as opposed to education.

September 25th-October 1st, Officer Yosh and Chica attended the "Basic Police Sniper" training in Keene, NH. The training was put on by Crosshair's Inc.

September 28th, members of the SARPD SRT team participated in their monthly training. The following were in attendance: Sgt. Brown, Officer Cohowicz, Cpl. Petrosino, Officer Labar, Detective Knowles, Officer Eilber and Officer Macedo. The primary focus of the training was on Duty Handgun Drills and Dry Fire Incapacitation Drills.

Lieutenant Scott Raymond



DETECTIVE UNIT REPORT



*Lieutenant Susan Charles
Detective Corporal Emily Raymond
Detective Corporal John Miller
Detectives: Dan Munch, Robert Transue,
Joseph Susinskas and Dan Knowles*

September 2021

For the Month of September 2021, the Detective Unit was involved in several activities within the member municipalities of Stroud Township and the Boroughs of Stroudsburg and East Stroudsburg.

Details of some of these activities follow:

MAJOR CRIMES ASSAULTS

For the month of September 2021, 6 aggravated assault were reported to the Stroud Area Regional Police Department.

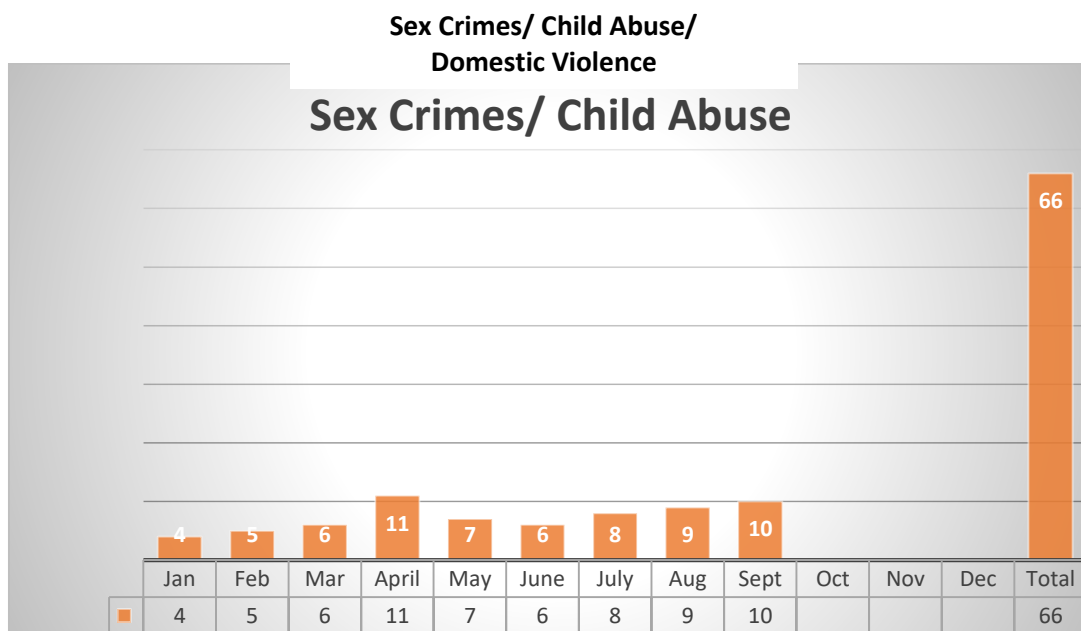
- 4 occurred in **Stroudsburg Borough**
- 1 occurred in **Stroud Township**
- 1 occurred in **East Stroudsburg Borough**

On September 18, 2021, Patrol Officers were dispatched to the 700 block of Main Street for a report of a male that was stabbed. Upon the Officers arrival a male was located laying on the sidewalk with a stab wound to his left side of his stomach/chest area and his left leg. The victim was able to tell the Officers he did not know who stabbed him and he was transported to the hospital. The on call Detective was contacted and requested to respond. Patrol Officers attempted to locate witnesses. The Detective responded and took over the investigation. As a result of the ongoing investigation a subsequent arrest had been made for attempted homicide and aggravated assault to include a confession to the assault.

While Officer's were on scene with the stabbing victim other Patrol Units called out notifying of a large disturbance on Main Street in front of the Philly Pub to include a shot fired. Multiple Patrol Units responded and located a male victim with a gunshot to his arm. The victim was transported to the hospital for medical attention. The on call Detective diverted his response to the shooting scene and notified the Pennsylvania State Police forensic unit to respond to process the area. Multiple Law Enforcement Agencies assisted with the crowd control. The Detective Unit has located multiple video surveillance footage that has assisted with the investigation. The lead Detective has located footage that shows the same group of actors were involved in a physical altercation prior to the shooting also near Main Street in Stroudsburg. The investigation is still on going.

SEX & FAMILY CRIMES

For the month of September 2021, 10 new sex crimes and possible child abuse cases were reported to the Stroud Area Regional Police Department, 8 cases were referred to the Detective Unit for further investigation.



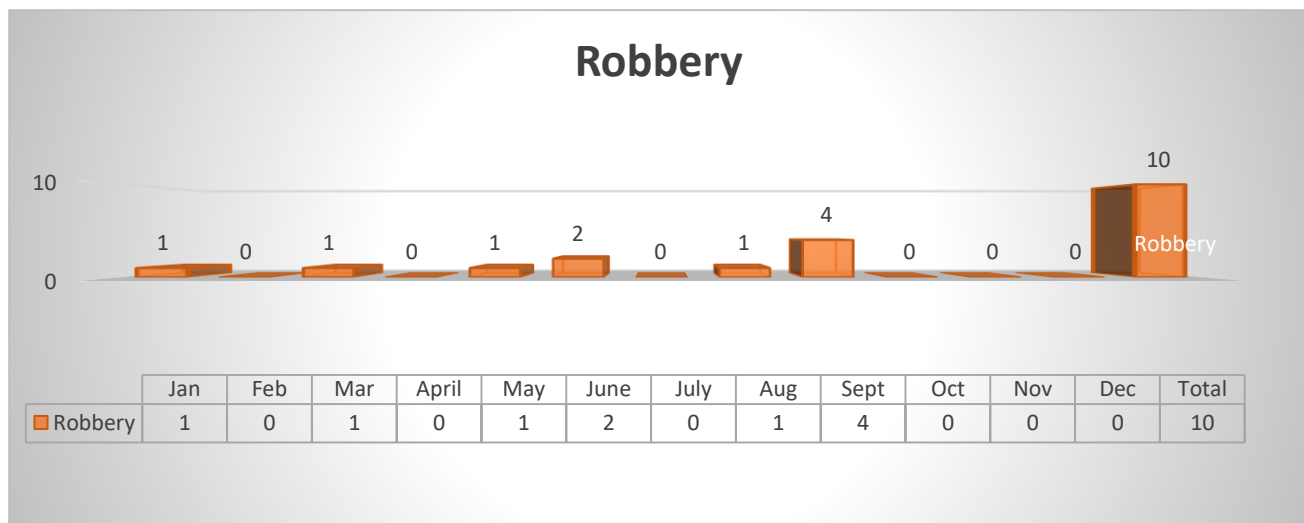
In relation to the above assigned cases 2 were sex crimes, and 6 were suspected child abuse cases.

Of the 8 cases referred to the Detective Unit subsequently 6 cases remain under investigation and 2 have been closed.

In the majority of these open cases, the alleged perpetrators are known or have been identified through investigation. The investigations are still ongoing to determine if an actual crime was committed and if so to establish enough probable cause to make an arrest. Due to the nature of these crimes and/or the age of the victims no further information can be released at this time.

ROBBERY

For the month of September, the Stroud Area Regional Police Department received two reports of robbery and two reports of attempted robbery



On September 12, 2021, Patrol Officers were dispatched to the area of Colbert Street, Borough of Stroudsburg, for a report of a male and female stating someone was trying to steal their money. Upon Police arrival, it was learned that the male and female were robbed at gunpoint by three individuals, two white males and one black male. Both victims explained that they were talking to an individual on Facebook market place about buying a vehicle. The victims reported that they were told to meet at a certain location and waited for the person to arrive. The victims parked on Colbert Street and waited in their vehicle. They saw a small white Honda pull into the driveway and park. The victims stated that the male named Louis arrived and they were walking with him down a dark alley to see the vehicle that subsequently was not there. At this point three individual jumped out of nowhere and assaulted them. Both white males were reported to have handguns. The female was thrown to the ground, and the male victim had a gun pointed to the middle of his back and then his head. The male victim's wallet and cell phone were taken. The wallet contained \$850.00 in cash. The actors ran off and the victims returned to their car and called 911. During the initial investigation, Patrol Officers detained several persons fitting the description and were later

released due to lack of identification. The on call Detective was notified; the investigation has been referred to the Detective Unit and is ongoing.

On September 25, 2021 Patrol Officers were dispatched to a robbery that occurred at Brewskies II, located in the Borough of Stroudsburg. The victim reported that a male entered the store and approached the counter holding a large kitchen knife. The male actor told the victim to give him the money. The victim stated he is familiar with the actor as he has into the store before. The responding Officers were able to develop a potential ID through description and surveillance footage. Patrol Officers contacted the on call Detective and requested he respond.

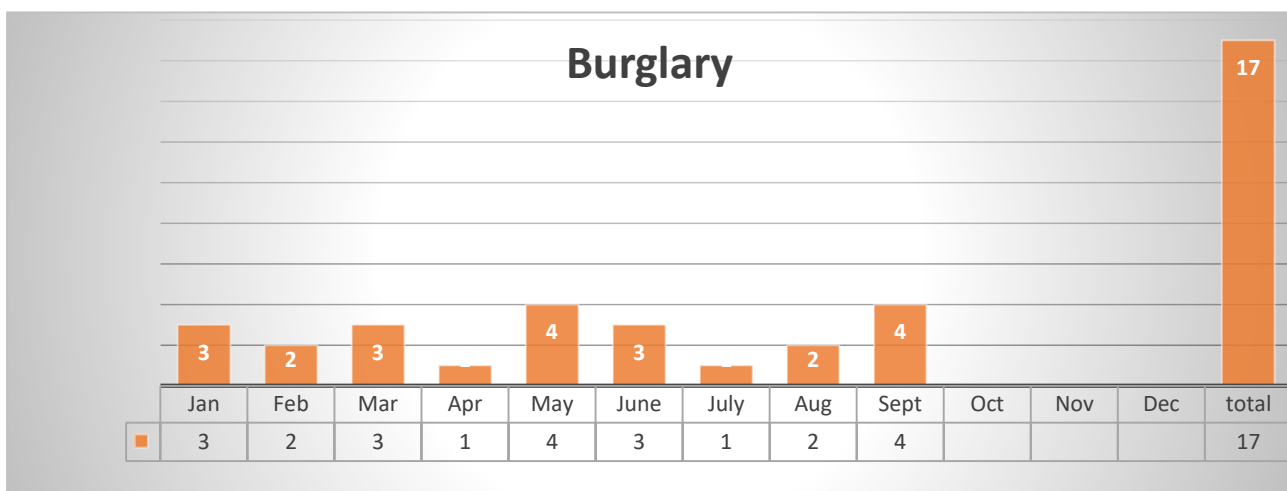
While the Officers were conducting the initial investigation they received another dispatch for a robbery at the Walgreens located on North Ninth Street. The caller reported a white male with long black hair, blue jeans and a green t-shirt entered into the store demanding he open the register and give him money. The caller believed the male had a handgun covered in his shirt. The male fled the store without any money.

Patrol Units received another dispatch for robbery a short time later at the Weiss Gas Station located on North Ninth Street. The caller's description matched the previous robbery suspect. The caller stated the male entered the store and pulled his shirt over his face and demanded money from the clerk. The male had his hand hidden as he did in Walgreens. The male fled without any money. The male suspect was positively identified and located nearby. The on call Detective completed the arrest.

BURGLARY

For the month of September, the Stroud Area Regional Police Department responded to 4 residential burglary calls that were reported within the member municipalities. Of these burglary reports;

- 3 occurred in **Stroudsburg Borough**
- 0 occurred in **Stroud Township**
- 1 occurred in **East Stroudsburg Borough**



On September 27, 2021 Patrol Units were dispatched to North Ninth Street in Stroudsburg for a Burglary report. The caller reported an unknown Hispanic male was inside her house and last seen in her attic. The male was reported to wearing khaki pants and a grey button down shirt. Prior to arrival Monroe County Control Center advised the male fled towards Main Street. Upon the arrival of Officer's, they found the front door broken and off its hinge and leaning into the residence. The resident was very excited and scared and stated that while she was sleeping in her bedroom she heard footsteps or the floor creaking. She thought her 14-year-old son whose bedroom is right beside hers, was walking around. She went to check and found her son sleeping. She went back to bed and continued to hear footsteps. At this point, she exited her room again and saw a Hispanic male standing in the hallway holding a long skinny knife in his hand. The male stated to the victim, "I'm just trying to find a place to sleep" and ran up to the stairs to the third floor of the residence which is a loft/attic. She chased the male yelling at him to get out. She grabbed a hammer and the male actor stated, "Just let me leave". The male actor jumped over the staircase and ran out the front door and broke the door from its hinges. The on call Detective was notified later and responded and processed the scene. Lineups have been created and multiple interviews have been conducted. The investigation is ongoing.

On September 27, 2021 Patrol Units were dispatched to 817 Ann Street located in the Borough of Stroudsburg for a report of a Burglary. The caller reported that her eight-year-old daughter woke up to an unknown male standing over top of her. The caller stated she found an open window downstairs. The male actor was described as a Hispanic male. Multiple Detective responded and processed the scene. The child victim was forensically interviewed at the Monroe County Children's Advocacy Center and multiple interviews have been conducted. The investigation is ongoing.

UNATTENDED DEATHS

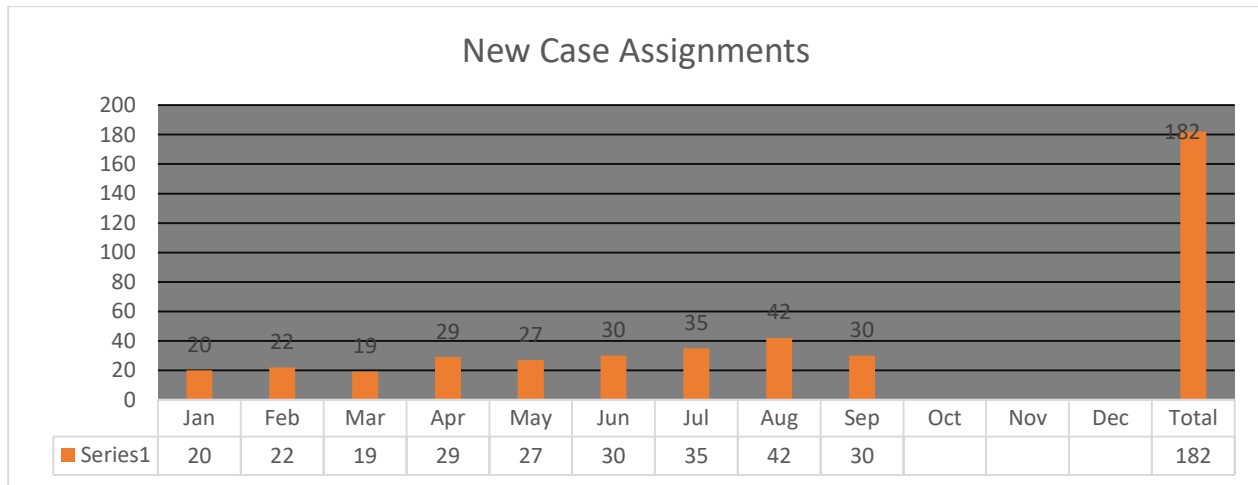
For the month of September, 2021 there was one death case. The on-call Detective was notified regarding the death and responded to the location to process the scene. The case has been closed due to medical. There was an additional medical emergency case that subsequently has been deemed an overdose death as a result of the victim passing away in the hospital.

For the month of September there were 6 medical emergency overdose cases not resulting in death.

The DDRD, (drug delivery resulting in death) are joint investigations with the Monroe County District Attorney's Office and County Detectives as required by the Monroe County death protocols. The investigation includes scene processing, multiple search warrants, cell phone analysis, multiple interviews and continued efforts with the County Detective to uncover additional intelligence to locate the individual that sold the narcotics to the decedent. The case is considered a homicide investigations and continue to be investigated as such.

The Detective Unit was contacted on all of the above death cases and continues to work with the Monroe County District Attorney's Office and Monroe County Coroner's Office as required with equivocal deaths.

NEW CASE ASSIGNMENTS



During the month of September 2021, 30 new cases and assignments were referred to the Detective Unit.

*Submitted by:
Lieutenant Susan Charles*

ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION UNIT

September 2021 Monthly Report

Corporal Kenneth Palmer

Corporal John Miller, Corporal Brandon Fenner, Corporal George Dobson, Officer Steven Cohen

During the month of September:

- Accident Reconstruction members continued to assist SARPD Patrol Officers with accident investigations that required further investigation, but did not rise to the level of a reconstruction investigation.
- SARPD continues to participate with the Highway Safety Network. Lieutenant Scott Raymond and Corporal Kenneth Palmer continue to attend monthly meetings.

*Submitted by:
Corporal K. Palmer*

QUALITY OF LIFE



The following report contains data from known quality of life issues that affect our community. SARPD has a "Quality of Life" patrol, to deter and prevent underage and dangerous drinking behaviors. Officers on patrol also contribute to known quality of life issues in our community by providing foot patrols and keeping an eye on known "hot spots" for current violations.

September 2021:

- **Quality of Life (QOL)** Below is a summary of the QOL events for September:
 - QOL patrols was scheduled several weekends in the month of September. QOL worked a total of 26 **hours** of patrol during the month. Quality of Life Patrol started on September 3, 2021 and have been successful in their efforts. After a long pandemic ESU students returned on August 28th and 29th, 2021. ESU had Family Weekend on September 17th – 18th, 2021.
 - QOL cited numerous individuals for open containers, disorderly conduct and urinating in public. Traffic stops were also conducted in these party areas which resulted in several traffic offences.
 - Quality of Life Patrol checked the known party spots in East Stroudsburg, Stroudsburg and checks were also conducted on Stroud Township parks for any issues.
 - QOL patrol regularly assists patrol with issues that arise with the downtown bar crowds as needed and officer assist on priority calls.
 - **"Party House(s)"** QOL still closely monitors the following known "Party House(s)" that have been issued DCR or DCR warnings in the past, which include the following locations: 106 Analomink (Warning) 61 and 63 Smith Street (Warning), 106 Grove Street (Warning), 97 Ridgeway Street (Warning) and 189 Meyers Street (Warning).
 - **Violation totals were:**
 - 04 Non-Traffic Citations for Disorderly Conduct and Open Container
 - 01 Fireworks Complaint
 - 00 DCR's Filed
 - 05 DCR's Warning
 - 00 Parking Tickets
 - 01 Traffic Tickets
 - 05 Traffic Written Warnings
 - 01 Criminal Arrest for Drug Possession/ Warrant Service.

Panhandling Complaints: SARPD did not receive any panhandling complaints in September.



COMMUNITY POLICING September 2021 Monthly Report



Stroud Area Regional Police Community Policing Report



Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies that support the systematic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime. In order for a police department to accomplish this, the police need to know their community members and the community member need to know their police officers. The SARPD believes in the community policing approach and strives to know their community on a one to one basis.

September 3rd, East Stroudsburg held the Big Bang fireworks on Crystal Street. Sergeant Strunk and Officer Chica attended this event.

September 4th, Stroud fest was held in Courthouse Square and Main St. Cpl. Petrosino and Officer Labar attended this event.

September 13th, McDonalds held the "Coffee with a Cop" event at their Main St. location. Lt. Raymond, Sgt. Lemond, Cpl. Hettel, Cpl. Palmer, Cpl. Fenner and Officer Shelly assisted at the event.



September 25th, Officer Shelly and others held the OCW event at Rudy's. This event included a Motorcycle ride through our coverage area spearheaded by Cpl. Fenner and Officer Capone.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

School Resource Officer Program

Stroudsburg Area School District

2020/ 2021 School Year

September 2021- Monthly Report

Officer Robert Cohowicz

September 2021



Shown above are some of the many items seized from students during the month of September. Most are nicotine products while some contain cannabis. The use and possession of ENDS (Electronic Nicotine Delivery System) devices is prevalent this school year.

The 2021/2022 school year will continue to have its challenges as the COVID-19 Pandemic is still under way. Parents flooded the school board meeting on August 18, 2021 to protest mandatory mask wearing in the school. The SASD proceeded with mandatory mask wearing and as of August 31, 2021. The governor's office has since mandated mask wearing for all K-12 schools. As of this report, police presence has been crucial for school board meetings

This month at the Stroudsburg School District, Officer Cohowicz investigated and took reports on the following:



High School Incidents

- Investigated a student who was caught vaping in Café bathroom
- Council two female students and one male student in reference in inappropriate social media behavior between the group
- Contact with a suspicious male who was seated in his car at the administration building for over in hours. Determined to be in the wrong location as he was meeting with central registration
- Investigation where multiple bathrooms were vandalized causing damage by removing soap dispensers and spraying red dye on walls. Investigation led to the identification of the actor; however, witness who identified student was unwilling to cooperate. School discipline administered to student suspect by school officials
- As a result of the bathroom vandalism incident, a student was searched by school officials where it was discovered the student was in possession of an ENDS device which field tested positive for cannabis
- Council female student who reported inappropriate social media conversation with a boy who resided in Alabama. Upon reading some of the messages they did not appear overly inappropriate; however, female student was encouraging the conversation. Spoke with her regarding the dangers of this type of behavior
- Investigation regarding student vaping in "B" hallway of building. School officials searched student and discovered a nicotine ENDS device

- Investigation regarding student vaping in bathroom. Student was searched by school officials and found to be in possession of nicotine pouches
- SARPD officers Cohowicz and Sampere conducted a K9 sniff of first floor "C" hallway rooms C115, C113, and C111 along with corresponding lockers in that vicinity. Request made by Principal Sodl via letter. This incident resulted in a vial of *Umbrella Labs Pure Research Ostarine* being confiscated by a student's locker by school officials. Ostarine is a performance enhancing supplement similar to that of steroid. It is banned by all athletic leagues.
- Incident involving adult male parent of student who had a school banned product in her locker. Parent lost his control with Principal Sodl and needed to be escorted off property by school security. After obtaining statements the parent was cited for disorderly conduct
- Investigation involving a female student who was caught with two ENDS devices. Due to her IEP and being in the school PARTIAL program, no citation filed for this incident.
- Male student was identified by PARTIAL program student above to be in possession of an ENDS device. Male student was searched by school officials and found to be in possession of said device. Due to his IEP and recent diagnosis of schizophrenic tendencies and his involvement in the PARTIAL program, he will not be cited for this incident.
- Took a report of suspicious circumstances involving two homeless individuals at the Stroudsburg High varsity football game.
- Investigation regarding a student sent to school nurse for appearing drugged. School officials searched student who was found to be in possession of a Black & Mild cigar.
- Investigation regarding a student vaping in school bathroom. School officials searched student who was found to be in possession of an ENDS device.

B. F. Morey Elementary

- Nothing to report for the Month of September

Chipperfield Campus Incidents

Chipperfield Elementary School

- Nothing to report for the month of September

Arlington Elementary School

- Nothing to report for the month of September

Middle School

- Nothing to report for month of September

Stroudsburg Jr. High School

- Investigation regarding multiple bathrooms being vandalized by students by ripping soap dispensers off walls and attempting to remove urinals. Students were identified by school officials.
- Investigation of a reported aggravated assault involving a knife and theft which occurred off property at the Stroud Mall between two students. These two students were involved in a small incident on school property in school the day of the alleged incident. Investigation closed for small incident on school property. Investigation ongoing for mall incident; however, should any charges stem from mall incident, that arrest data will not be calculated into SRO report arrest data.

Activities and Law Related Education

This month in the Stroudsburg Area School District School Resource Officer attended the following events:

Officer Cohowicz attended the following:

- Attended (2) varsity football games at SHS
- Attended (1) school board meeting
- Conducted two counseling sessions with student

Arrests

Stroudsburg High School

Numerous investigations resulted in the issuance of **5 Non-Traffic citation, 1 juvenile petitions, and 0 School Bus Red Light Investigations.**

Of the citations issued:

NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS: (5)

Tobacco on school property: (4)

DC: (1)

CRIMINAL ARRESTS/ JUV. PETITIONS: (1)

Drug Paraphernalia (1)

THEFTS: 0



0 thefts were reported for a total value of **\$0.00** and **0 items** were entered into NCIC and **\$0.00** in stolen merchandise was recovered .

Chipperfield Campus

Numerous investigations resulted in the issuance of **0 Non-Traffic citations, 0 Written Allegations, and 0 School Bus Red Light Investigations.**

Of the citations issued:

NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS: (2)

Criminal Mischief (2)

CRIMINAL ARRESTS/ Written Allegations:: 0

THEFTS: 0



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