

# *Stroud Area Regional Police Department Monthly Report*



**April 2020**

**Report to  
Police Commission**

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## INTRODUCTION

May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Stroud Area Regional Police Commission

RE: Month of April Report to Commission

Dear Commission Member:

Please find attached the report to the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission for the month of April 2020.

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



## COVID-19 Pandemic

### Policing in the Pandemic

For this month report we took a look at how the stay-at-home orders, the closing of non-essential businesses, and other restrictions may have affected crime rates and the activity levels of officers. We compared crimes rates for **April of 2020 to crime rates of April of 2019** for a comparison.

**Violent Crime:** Overall violent crime for our jurisdiction decreased approximately 26%. This includes categories such as Robbery, attempted Robbery homicide, aggravated assault and arson.

**Domestic Violence:** Aggravated and Simple assault crimes associated with domestic violence have increased approximately 270% due to the increased calls for these types of cases. The increase in Domestic violence cases was anticipated due to the stay-at-home orders.

**Offenses against family's/sex offenses:** These crimes have decreased approximately 25%. This was also an anticipated change due to a majority of child abuse cases being reported by child caregivers and school type settings.

**Property crimes-** Burglaries, theft, retail theft: Property crimes have also decreased over 30% in our jurisdiction. Last month we saw an initial increase of over 35% in retail theft type offenses. Then as the large box stores began limiting the number of people in their stores at one time, those number began dramatically decreasing, leading to an overall decrease in all property crimes for April.

**Alcohol Violations:** DUI arrests have increased approximately 45% in April. Public drunkenness has decreased by 15% and disorderly conduct citations have decreased more than 40%. This would all coincide with the bars being closed and less people out while intoxicated.

**Traffic Accidents:** Traffic accidents that are classified as reportable accidents (injury or towing) have decreased over 60%. This was also an anticipated outcome with less vehicles on the roadways and people under stay-at-home orders.

**Calls for Service:** Compared to April of 2019 calls for service have also decreased approximately 690 calls for the month. Typically, this time of year we see the calls for service increasing as the weather gets warmer and more people are outside.

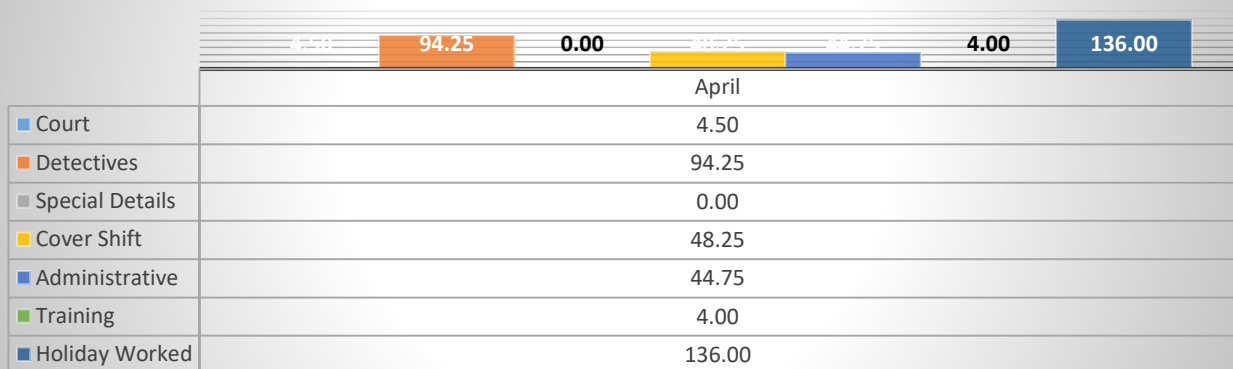
**Traffic Contacts:** Traffic contacts have become almost non-existent while policing in a pandemic state. Contacts dropped from April of 2019 with 289 traffic contacts to only 8 traffic contacts in April of 2020. Officers were instructed early on, that they needed to avoid unnecessary physical contact with the public in order to protect their health. Officers still stop vehicles that jeopardize the safety of the public, such as reckless driving or DUI but ignore minor violations such as expired inspection stickers.

## STATISTICS

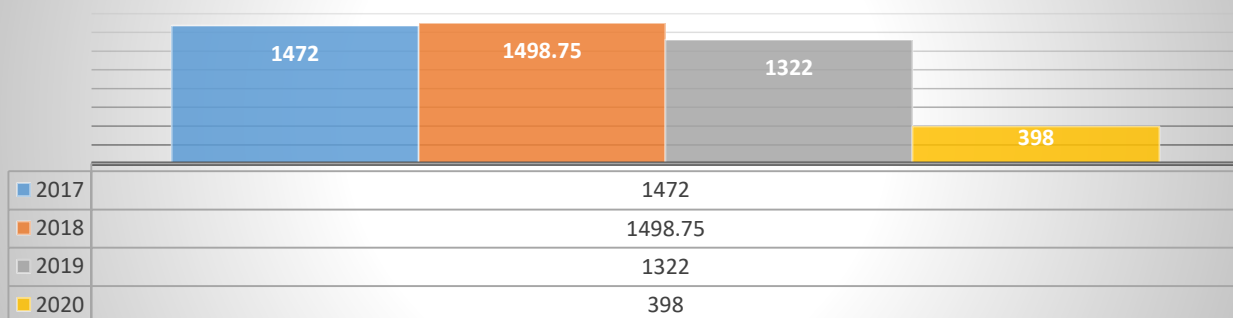
### OVERTIME

<b>Reimbursed OT</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>66.25</b>
DEA Task Force	24.00	
FBI Task Force	40.25	
Housing Patrol	0.00	
Monroe County Drug Task Force	2.00	
<b>SARPD OT</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>331.75</b>
Court	4.50	
Detectives	94.25	
Special Details	0.00	
Cover Shift	48.25	
Administrative	44.75	
Training	4.00	
Holiday Worked	136.00	
<b>Total April Overtime</b>		<b>398.00</b>

### SARPD Overtime



### OT- April Comparison by Year

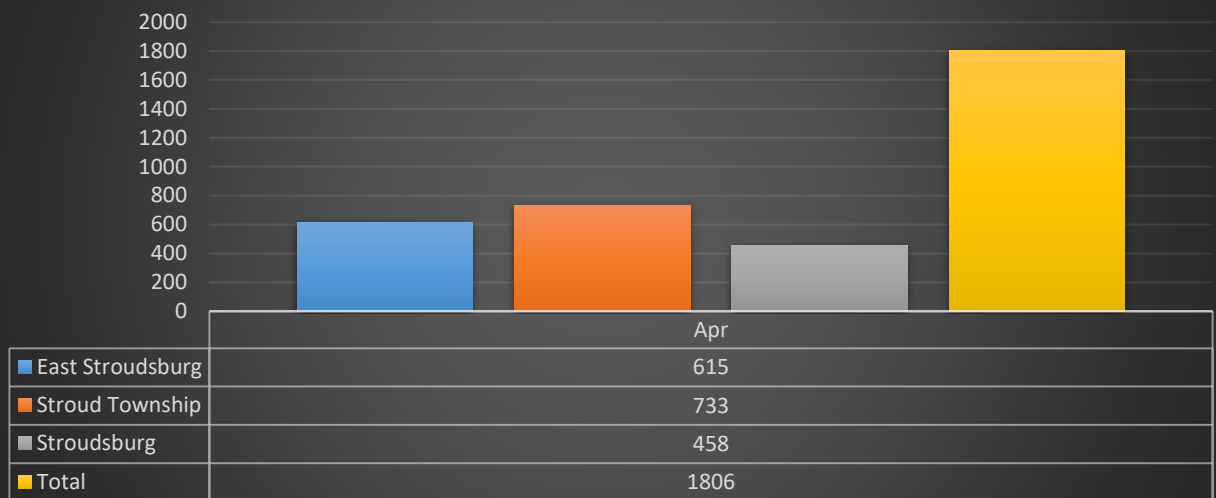


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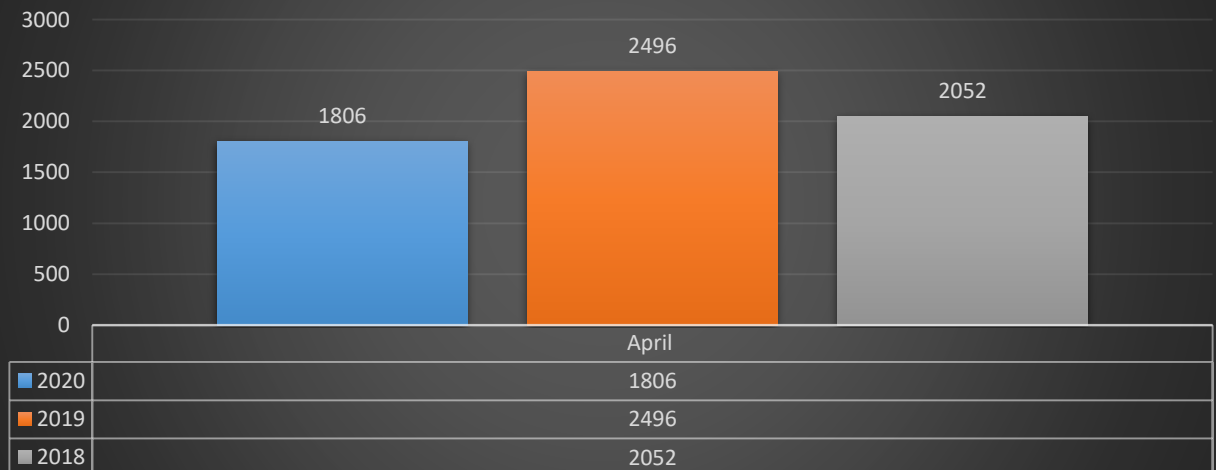
## CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for Service	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	Total Year to Date
2020	2775	2605	2559	1806	0	0	9745

### April Calls for Service by Municipality



### Calls for Service by Year





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## UNIFORM CRIME REPORT

April- OFFENSES	NUMBER REPORTED	ADULTS ARRESTED	JUVENILES ARRESTED
MURDER	1	0	0
RAPE	2	0	0
ROBBERY	3	0	0
ASSAULT	7	5	0
BURGLARY	2	1	1
LARCENY/THEFT	28	16	0
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	0	0
ARSON	0	0	0
FORGERY/COUNTERFEITING	2	0	0
FRAUD	22	2	0
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0	0
RECEIVING/POSSESSING STOLEN PROPERTY	0	0	0
VANDALISM	16	1	0
WEAPONS CARRYING	8	1	0
PROSTITUTION	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES	5	1	0
DRUG ABUSE	11	7	0
GAMBLING	0	0	0
OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY/CHILDREN	2	1	0
DUI	4	3	0
LIQUOR LAW	0	0	0
DRUNKENNESS	4	4	0
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	32	8	0
ALL OTHER	33	19	0
	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1</b>

REPORTED  
STOLEN PROPERTY

**\$9,005.00**

RECOVERED  
STOLEN PROPERTY

**\$1,308.00**

# STROUD AREA REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT: APRIL 2020 MONTHLY REPORT

## ACCIDENTS

Accidents

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

April 2020	2019	2018	2017
4	24	23	27
14	55	38	30
6	25	15	27
24	104	76	84

**NUMBER INJURED**

1

12

13

6

**FATALITIES**

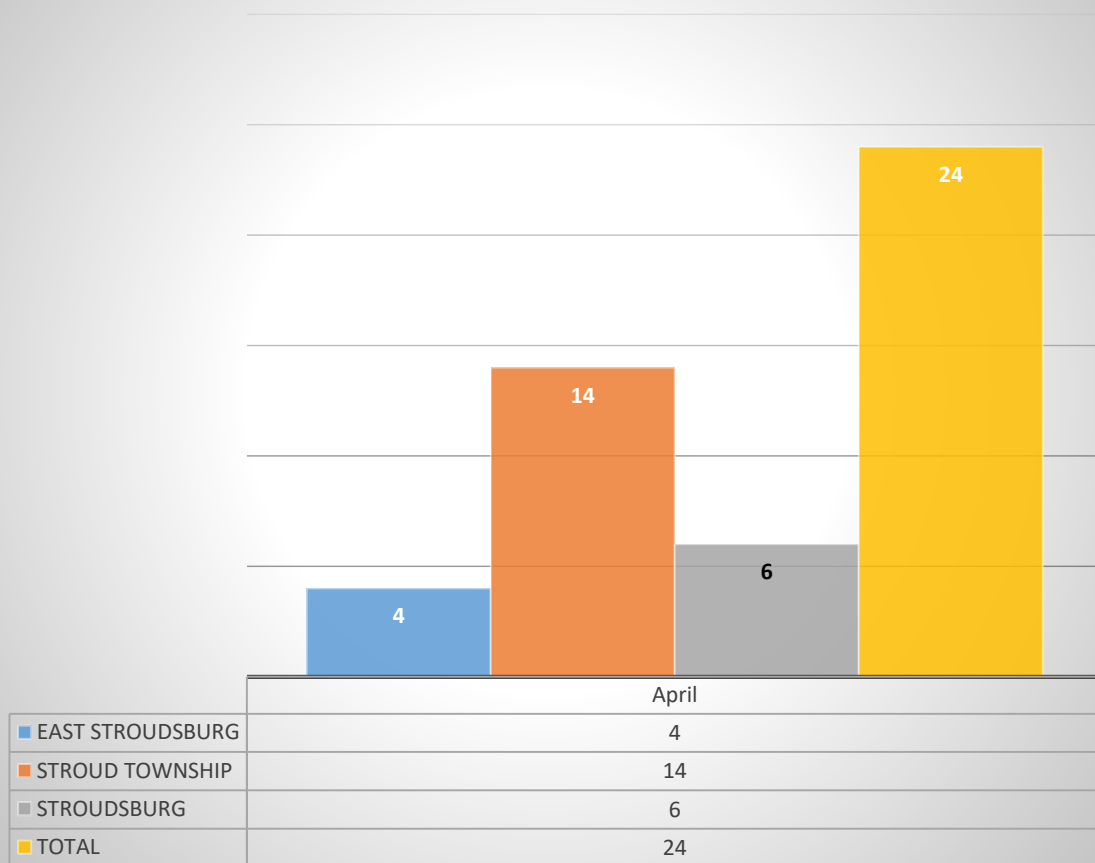
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## April Accidents by Municipality





## TRAFFIC CONTACTS

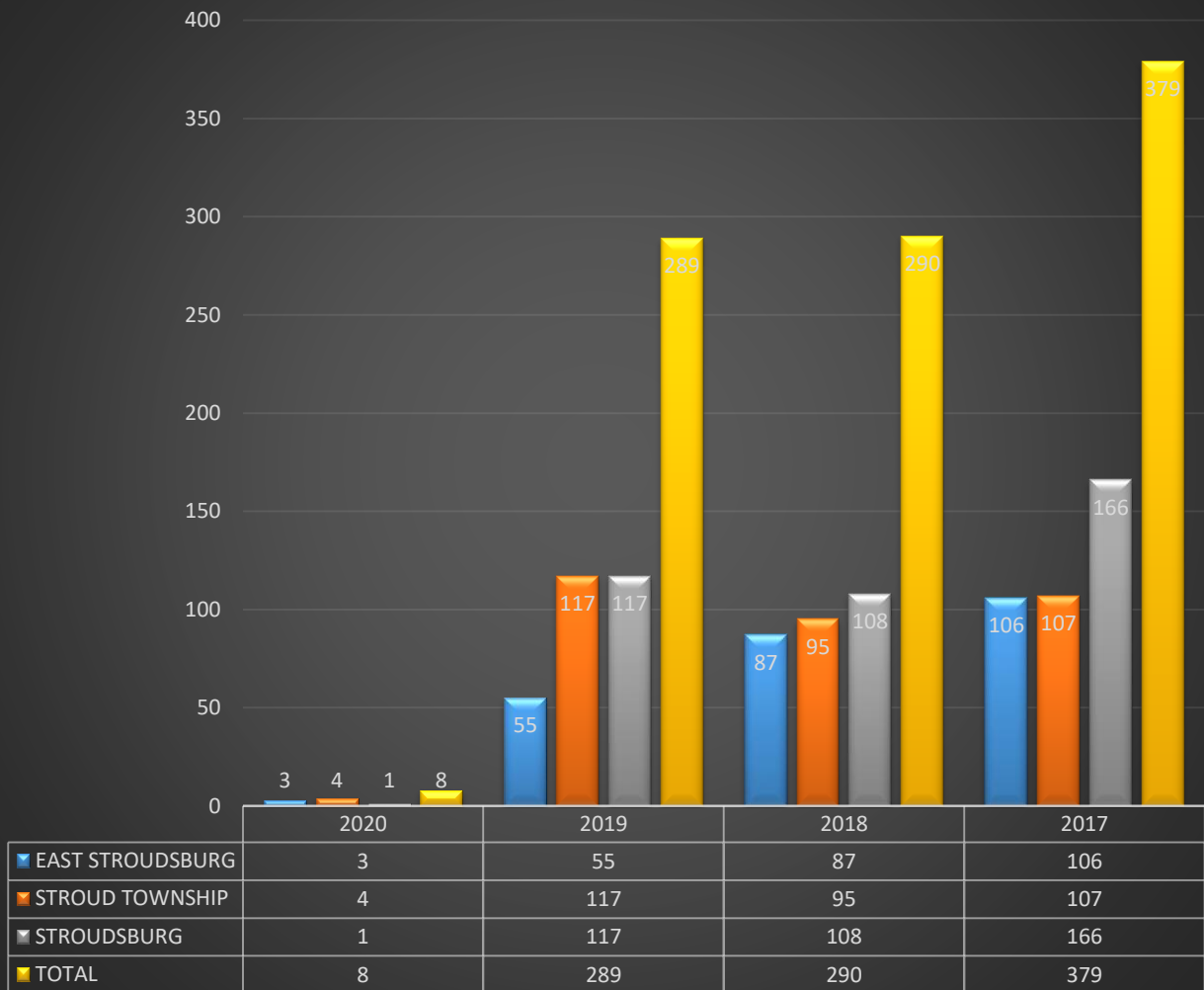
April Traffic Contacts

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

2020	2019	2018	2017
3	55	87	106
4	117	95	107
1	117	108	166
8	289	290	379

**Parking****12****197****115****234**

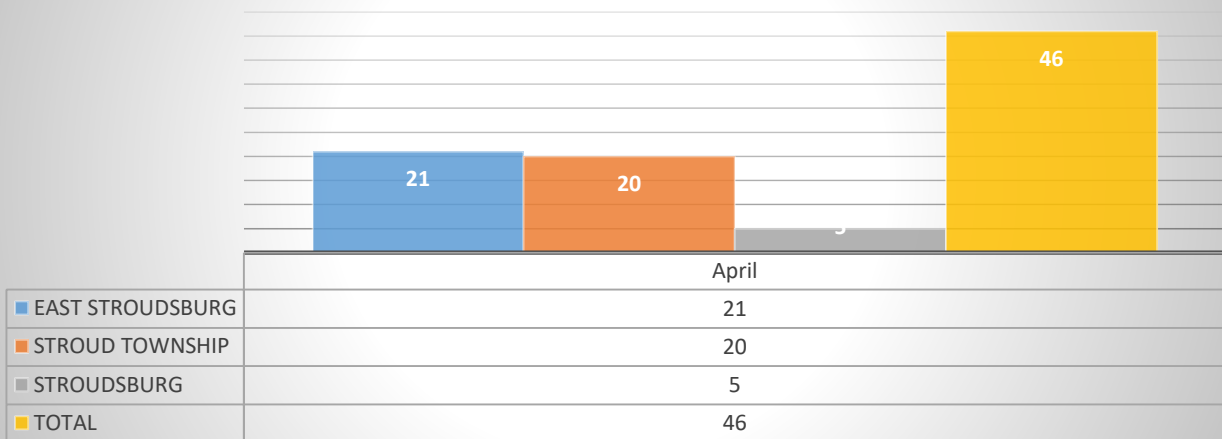
## Traffic Contacts - April



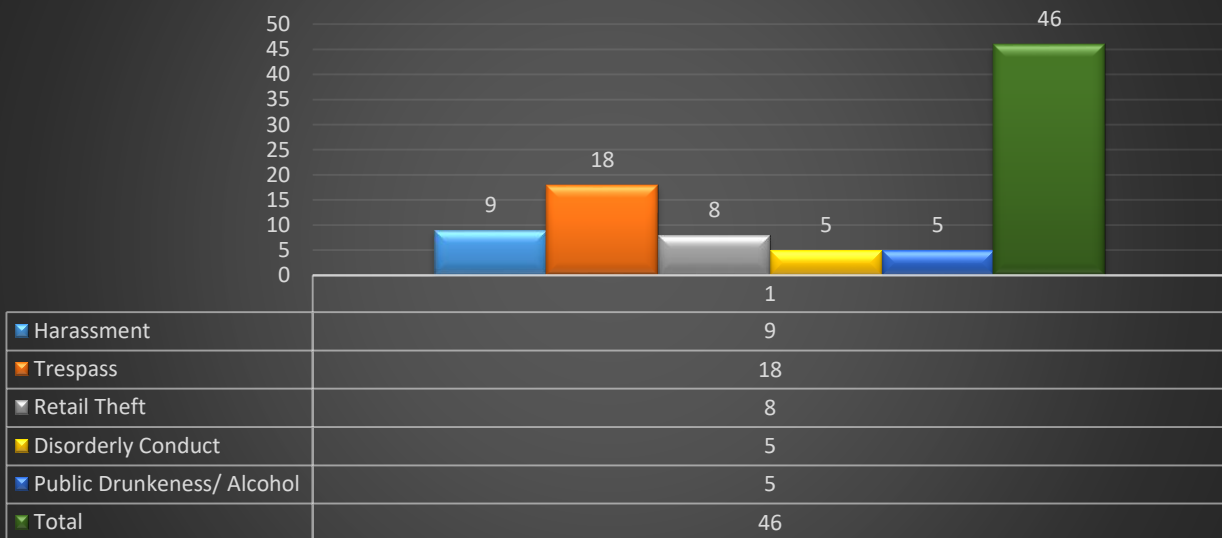
## NON TRAFFIC CITATIONS

Non-Traffic Citations	April
<b>EAST STROUDSBURG</b>	21
<b>STROUD TOWNSHIP</b>	20
<b>STROUDSBURG</b>	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	46

## Non-Traffic Citations- April



## Non-Traffic Citations by Offense



## SUPPORT STAFF

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Phone Calls Total	933	Administrative Assists	20
Personal Contacts Total	62	Officer Assists	27
Right to Know Requests	11	Warrants In/Out	0
Reports Requested (Subpoena/Gov Agencies)	33	Dissemination Log	63
Accident Reports Requested	37	Gun Permits Look Up & Entries	1
Background Lookup & Entries	65	Expungements	4
Filing Case Files	10	Validations	9
Chits Total	6	Property Releases	0
ALERT Superperson Corrections	809	Fingerprints Entered	9
PFA's - New & Removed	9	MCCF Corrections	17
Parking Tickets Total	12	Children & Youth 104s	16
Other	10	Evidence Attachments in Alert	219

## TRAINING REPORT



## Training Report April 2020



***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

Due to COVID-19 pandemic and the changes made throughout the department, all training has been either cancelled or postponed in April.

*Submitted by:  
Lieutenant Scott Raymond*

## DETECTIVE UNIT REPORT

### April 2020

*Detective Sergeant Susan Charles*  
*Detective Corporal Emily Raymond*  
*Detectives: Dan Munch, Robert Transue, George Dobson*  
*Joseph Susinskas and Dan Knowles*

For the Month of April 2020, 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

#### Homicide Investigation

On Wednesday April 1, 2020 at approximately 5:05 p.m. the Stroud Area Regional Police were dispatched to the area of Cornerstone Way and Liliun Lane in Stroud Township for an unresponsive black male observed lying in the grass on the side of the roadway. The male was transported by ambulance to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. An autopsy was conducted on Thursday April 2, 2020. The cause of death was determined to be multiple stabs wounds to the torso area. The victim was identified as 19-year-old Justin Pinkney-Terry who lived in Stroud Township, PA.

The Detective Unit was notified and multiple Detectives responded. The Forensic Services Unit, (FSU) of the Pennsylvania State Police was contacted at the request of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office to process the scene, located in Blue Mountain Lakes, and to process the male victim.

Multiple search warrants, interviews and processing requests have been completed and more are to be completed. The investigation is ongoing with the assistance of the District Attorney's Office and the County Detective Unit.

#### ASSAULTS

During the month of April, 2020 there were 8 aggravated assaults reported to the Stroud Area Regional Police Department. Of these assaults:

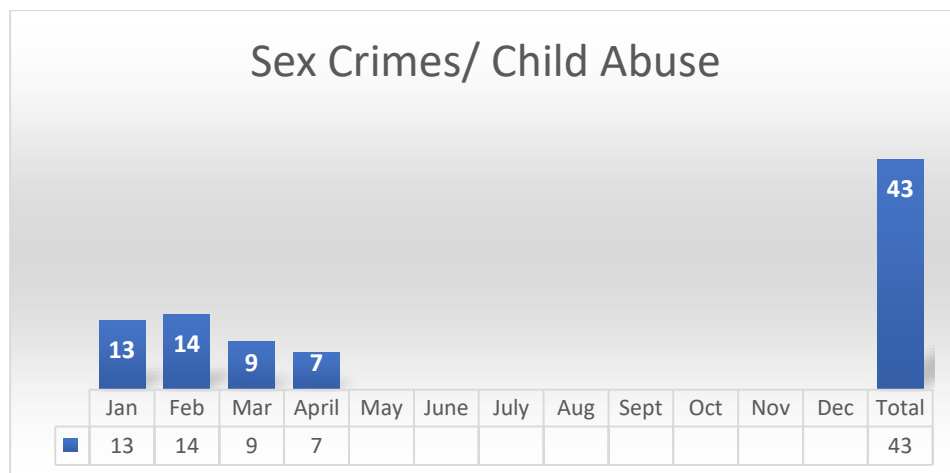
- 4 occurred in Stroudsburg Borough
- 1 occurred in Stroud Township
- 3 occurred in East Stroudsburg Borough

Of the assault cases reported 3 cases were crimes of domestic violence. The Patrol Division responded due to the immediate nature of the calls and made arrests on scene, two cases involved strangulation. Of the remaining cases- 3 involved knives, 1 involved a vehicle and subsequently the remaining involved physical violence. The reporting victims in 2 case declined to prosecute and arrests were made on 6 cases.

On Friday April 17, 2020 Patrol was dispatched for an EMS call in relation to an assault. Upon the arrival of Patrol Unit's Officers discovered a 77-year-old female victim. The victim reported her caregiver had assaulted her the night prior. The elderly victim was transported to the hospital for immediate medical attention. The Detective Unit assisted Patrol in the investigation by preparing multiple search warrants, conducting interviews and assisting with the victim at the hospital. The offender was arrested on the same date.

### SEX & FAMILY CRIMES

In April, 2020, 7 new sex crimes, and possible child abuse cases were reported to the Stroud Area Regional Police Department, 7 cases were referred to the Detective Unit for further investigation.



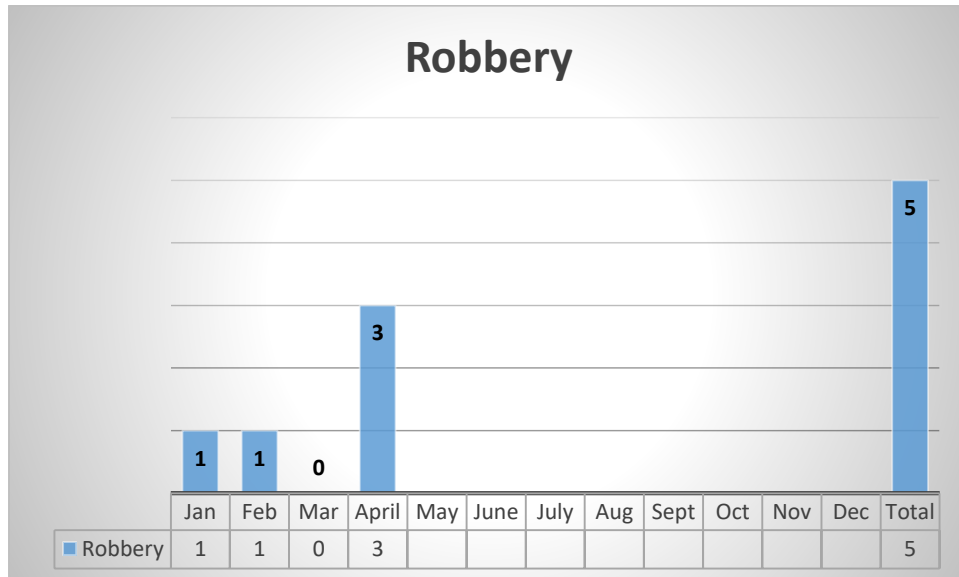
In relation to the above assigned cases 6 were sex crimes, 1 was suspected child abuse cases.

The 7 cases that were assigned subsequently remain under investigation. 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 April, 2020 the Stroud Area Regional Police Department received 3 reports of robbery.

Patrol Units responded to and are handling the three reported robberies and subsequently arrested on 1 case. The Detective Unit was not requested to assist in the above cases.

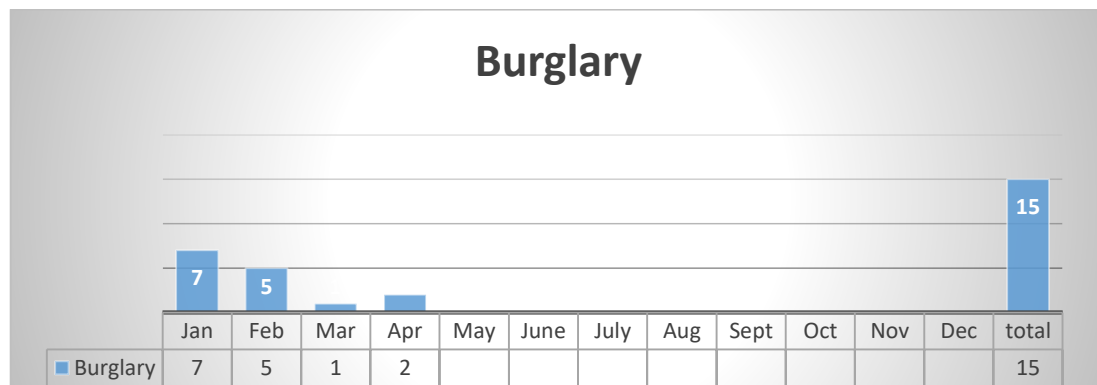


## BURGLARY

The Stroud Area Regional Police Department responded to 2 burglary calls that were reported within the member municipalities in the month of April, 2020. Of these Burglary reports,

- 0 occurred in Stroudsburg Borough
- 0 occurred in Stroud Township
- 2 occurred in East Stroudsburg Borough

On April 26, 2020 Patrol Units were dispatched to a residence located on Normal Street, located in the Borough of East Stroudsburg for a burglary investigation. Patrol Units arrived on scene and interviewed the reporting victim and learned she was upstairs in the apartment and heard pounding on the front door. The female came out of her bedroom and observed a male actor and a female actor rummaging through her daughter's bedroom. The reporting female yelled at the actors to get out and they fled on foot. The female reported the male actor was the same male that entered the residence on a prior date. Investigation is ongoing.

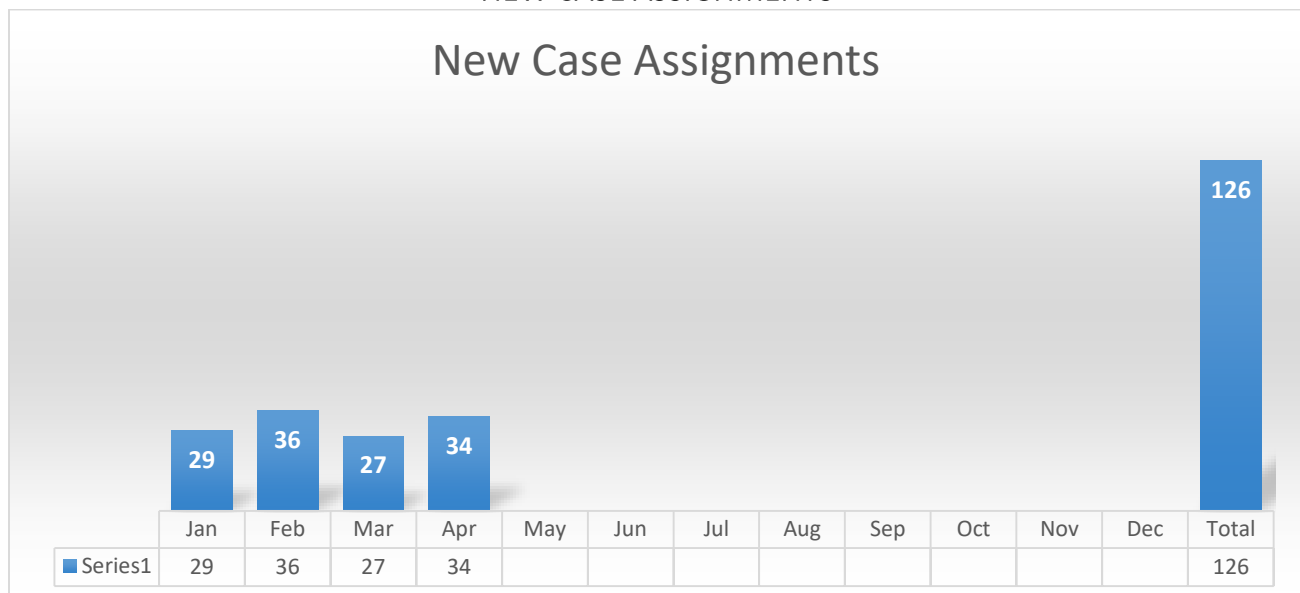


### UNATTENDED DEATHS

During the month of April, 2020 there were 9 death cases. Through investigation 8 cases have been closed due to determining them to be medical or natural death, 1 case was determined to be suicide and it subsequently was referred to the Detective Unit to investigate and determine the identity of the deceased male. The on call Detective was notified by Patrol Units on each case.

During the month of April, 2020 there were 4 medical emergency drug overdoses not resulting in death.

### NEW CASE ASSIGNMENTS



For the month of April 2020, 34 new cases and assignments were referred to the Investigators currently staffing the Detective Unit.

*Submitted by:  
Detective Sergeant Susan Charles*



## ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION UNIT

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Corporal Kenneth Palmer

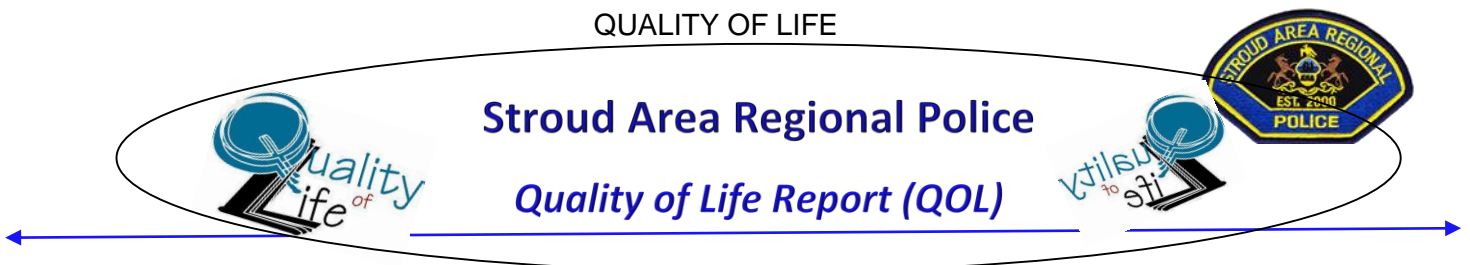
Corporal John Miller, Corporal Steven Cohen, Officer Brandon Fenner, Detective George Dobson

During the month of April:

- 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 at the monthly meeting, which is usually held at the PA State Police barracks at Stroudsburg, but due to COVID19, the meeting was conducted virtually. Officers from SARPD who participated was Lt. Scott Raymond, Sergeant James Wielgus and Corporal Kenneth Palmer.
- Meetings scheduled with the Monroe County DA's office were held at the SARPD training facility due to social distancing recommendations. Final drafts and charges in reference to the triple fatal collision investigation that occurred along State Route 209, in September of 2018 were presented for peer review and final approval by the District Attorney's Office.

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.*

#### **April 2020:**

There were no QOL patrols for the month of April

- **Panhandling Complaints:** There were no panhandling complaints in April.



## COMMUNITY POLICING



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Throughout the month of April, the Stroud Area Regional Police provided 9 "Birthday Parades" for residents across our jurisdiction.

Good job SARP in making this kids birthday special for him, things like this make our community 🥰❤️👍 Stroud Area Regional Police Department

This is what small towns are all about!!! Stroud Area Regional Police Department is always going above and beyond in community relations.

Happy Birthday, Griffin, I hope you have a great birthday!! I'll bring your present by when I can visit again.



April 24 at 6:04 PM · 🌐

Today I witnessed something that touched my heart. While I was out walking my dog, I couldn't help but notice squad cars from Stroud Area Regional gathering on the street next to my house. My first thought was that somebody must have done something really bad to have this many officers responding. Well, when the balloon car pulled up, I realized what was going on. Your officers were taking time from their busy day to bring birthday joy to a child in my area. How kind!! Thank you Stroud Area Regional, and thank you to the officers who participated. Be safe out there, and God bless

During the month of April, the community we serve, gave back to SAPRD in many ways. The department received food, masks, cleaning supplies and more. We have an incredible community!! Below is a list of those who gave:

- The Cinder
- Giant
- Walmart
- Lowes
- Ann Mullen and Linda Ross
- Silverback Distillery
- Harry and David
- Judy Magan and John Christy and family
- The Bronsky Family
- Abby Deardoff
- Huaxi Chinese School



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

## School Resource Officer Program

Stroudsburg Area School District

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*Officer Robert Cohowicz - Officer Mike Palmer*

# April 2020



- On 3/14/20 Governor Wolf announced the closure of all public schools beginning on Monday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Public schools remained closed for the remainder of March.
- On 4/9/20 Governor Wolf closed all PA schools for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year
- School Resource Officers Palmer and Cohowicz have been reassigned to assist the Patrol unit.