

Stroud Area Regional Police Department Monthly Report



April 2021

**Report to
Police Commission**

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INTRODUCTION

May 12th, 2021

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 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

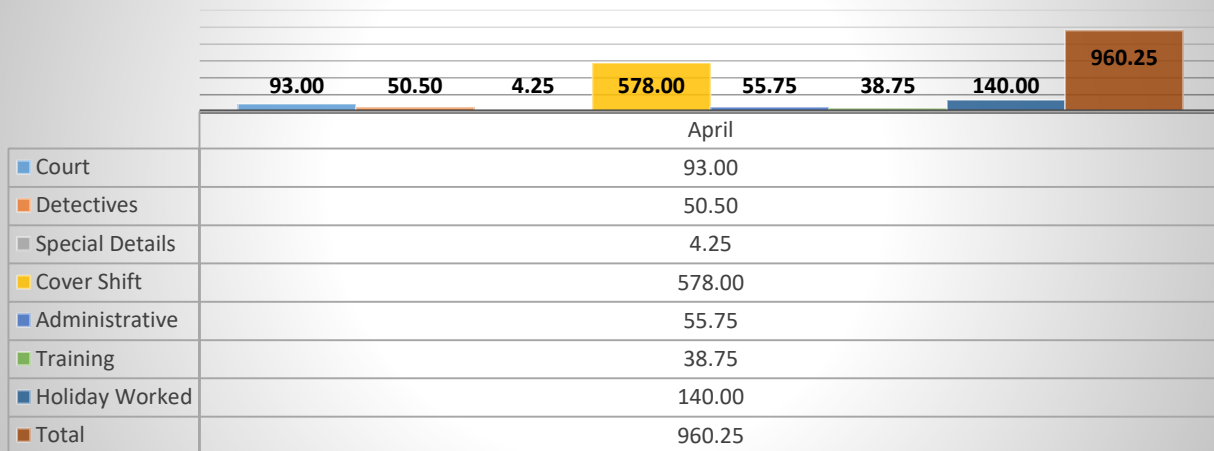


STATISTICS

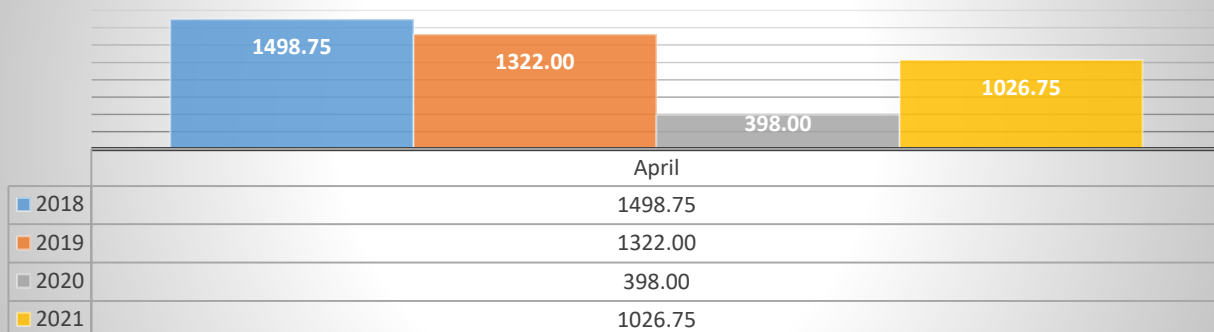
OVERTIME

Reimbursed OT	Total:	66.50
DEA Task Force	26.00	
FBI Task Force	25.00	
Monroe County Drug Task Force	15.50	
Housing	0.00	
SARPD OT	Total:	960.25
Court	93.00	
Detectives	50.50	
Special Details	4.25	
Cover Shift	578.00	
Administrative	55.75	
Training	38.75	
Holiday Worked	140.00	
Total April Overtime		1026.75

SARPD Overtime



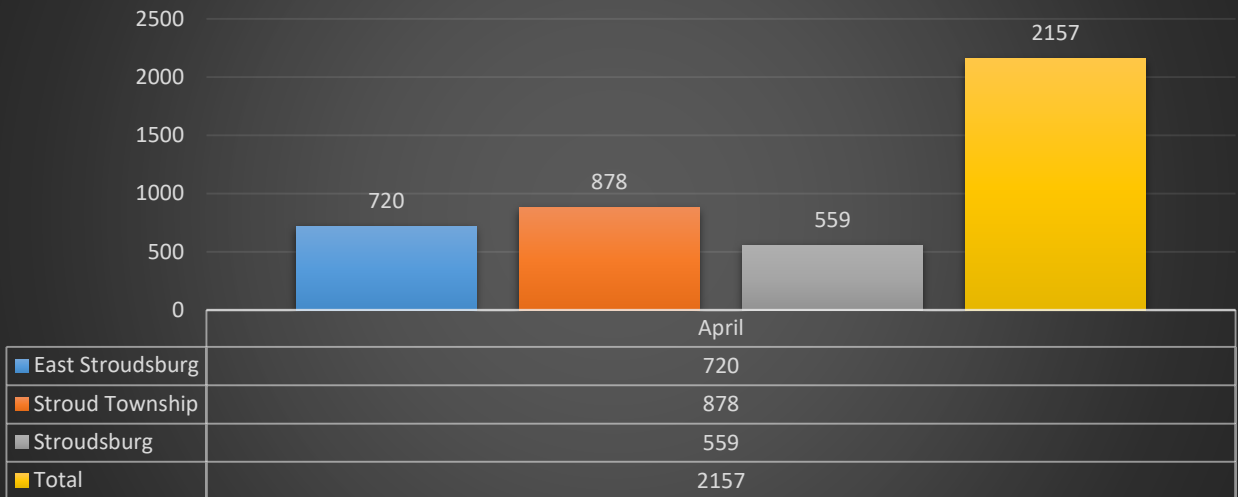
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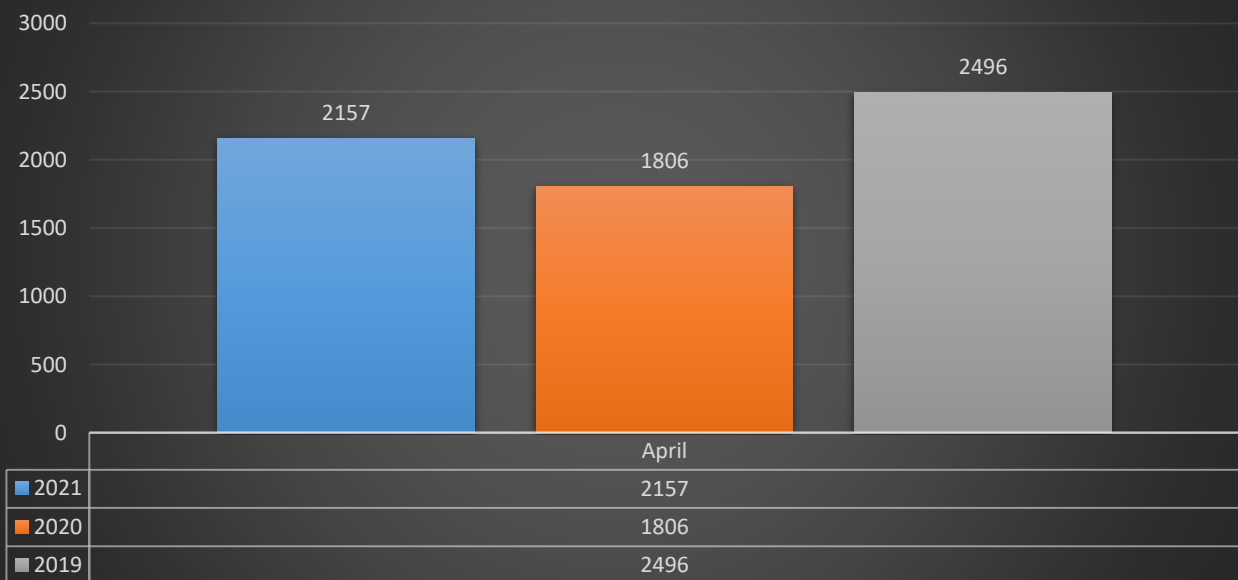
CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for Service	Jan	Feb	April	April	May	June	Total Year to Date
2021	1945	1778	2101	2157			7981

April Calls for Service by Municipality



Calls for Service by Year



UNIFORM CRIME REPORT

April- OFFENSES	NUMBER REPORTED	ADULTS ARRESTED	JUVENILES ARRESTED
MURDER	0	0	0
RAPE	0	0	0
ROBBERY	0	0	0
ASSAULT	13	3	0
BURGLARY	1	1	0
LARCENY/THEFT	42	16	0
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2	0	0
ARSON	0	0	0
FORGERY/COUNTERFEITING	2	0	0
FRAUD	15	0	0
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0	0
RECEIVING/POSSESSING STOLEN PROPERTY	0	0	0
VANDALISM	14	2	0
WEAPONS CARRYING	4	3	0
PROSTITUTION	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES	3	0	0
DRUG ABUSE	14	11	0
GAMBLING	0	0	0
OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY/CHILDREN	9	1	0
DUI	11	11	0
LIQUOR LAW	0	0	0
DRUNKENNESS	14	12	0
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	41	8	0
ALL OTHER	19	0	0
TOTAL	204	68	0

REPORTED
STOLEN PROPERTY

\$44,187.00

RECOVERED
STOLEN PROPERTY

\$16,127.00

ACCIDENTS

Accidents

EAST STROUDSBURG

STROUD TOWNSHIP

STROUDSBURG

TOTAL

April 2021	2020	2019	2018
20	4	24	23
44	14	55	38
17	6	25	15
81	24	104	76

NUMBER INJURED

8

1

12

13

FATALITIES

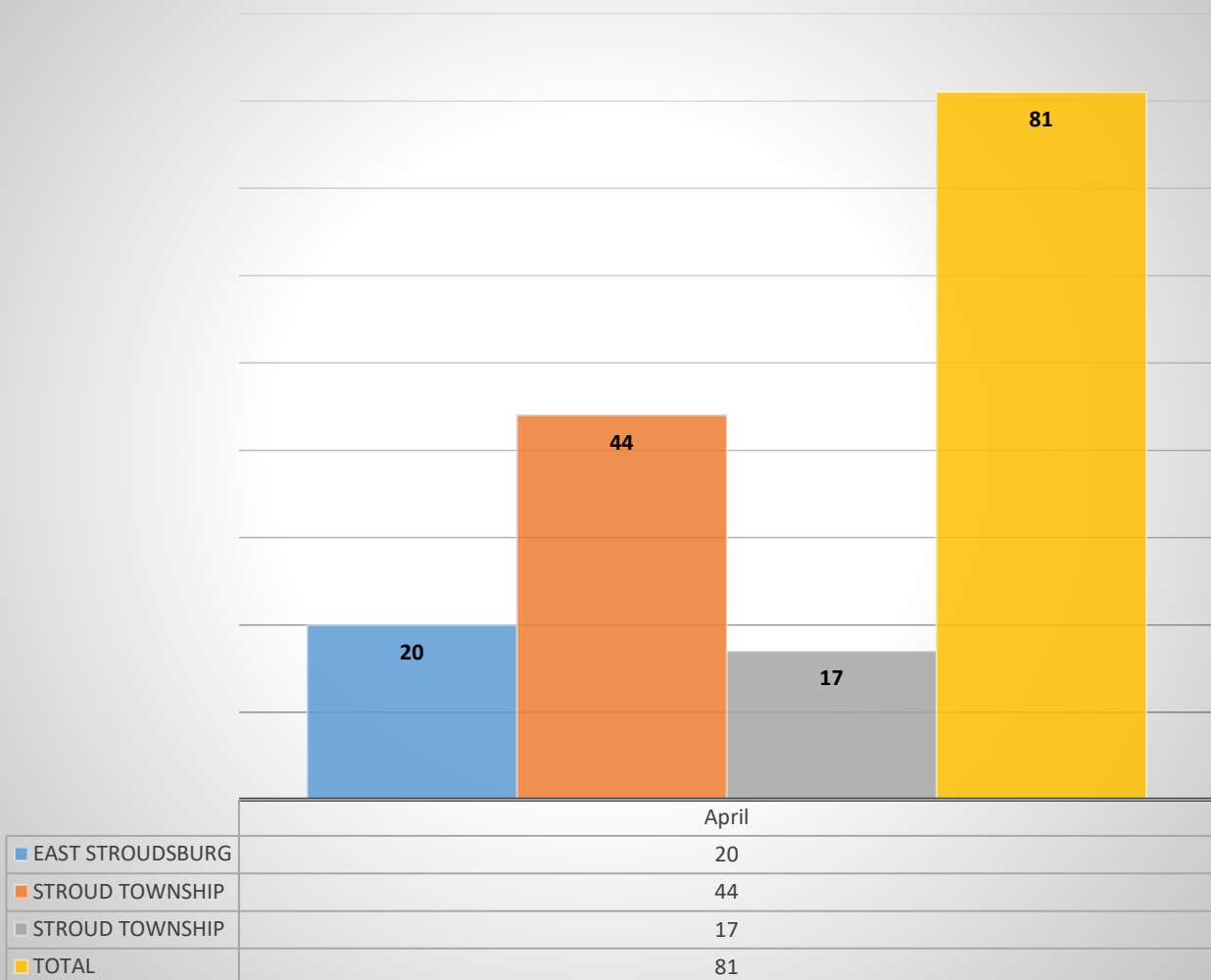
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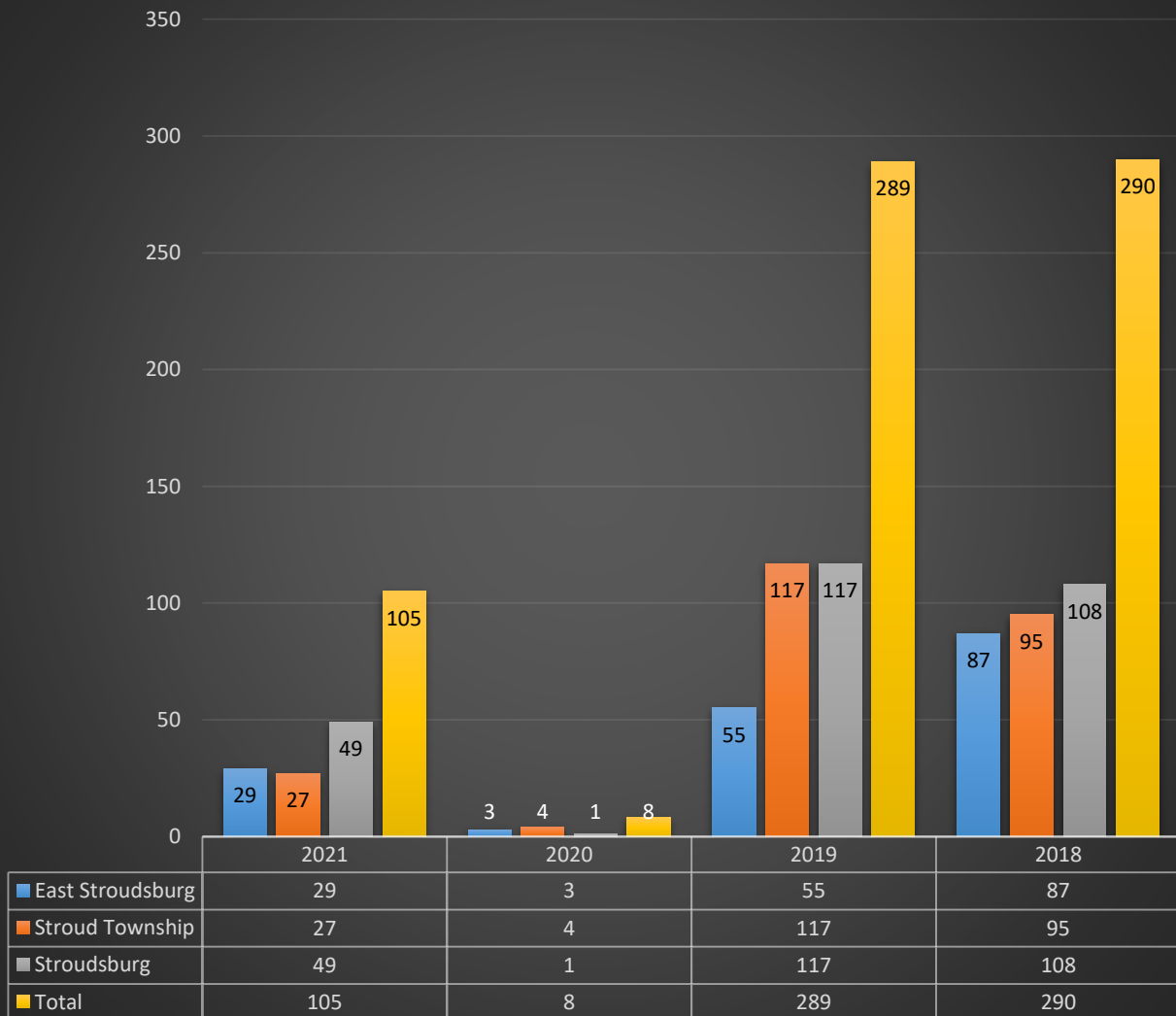
April Accidents by Municipality



TRAFFIC CONTACTS

April Traffic Contacts	2021	2020	2019	2018
EAST STROUDSBURG	29	3	55	87
STROUD TOWNSHIP	27	4	117	95
STROUDSBURG	49	1	117	108
TOTAL	105	8	289	290
Parking	181	197	115	234

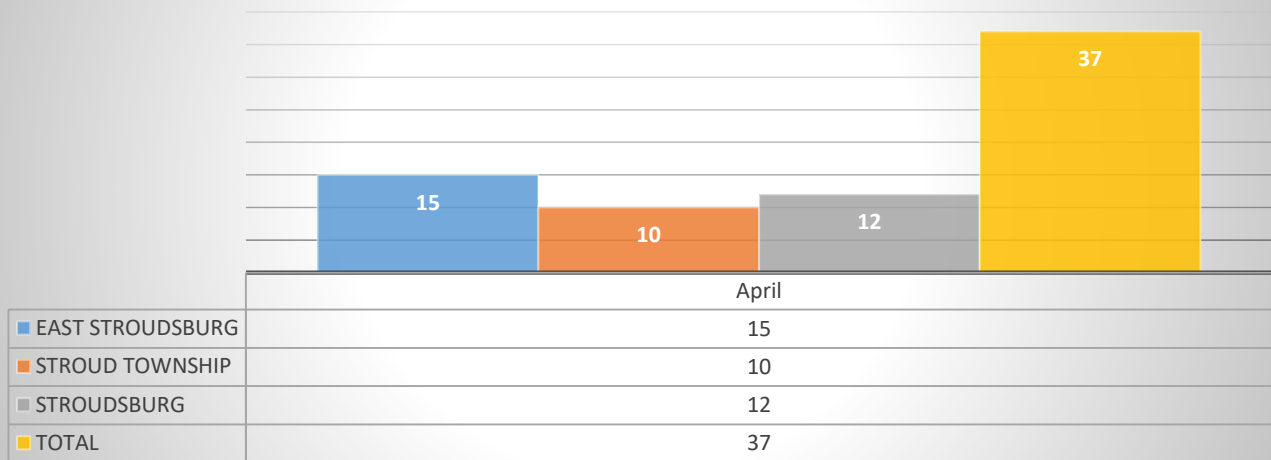
Traffic Contacts - April



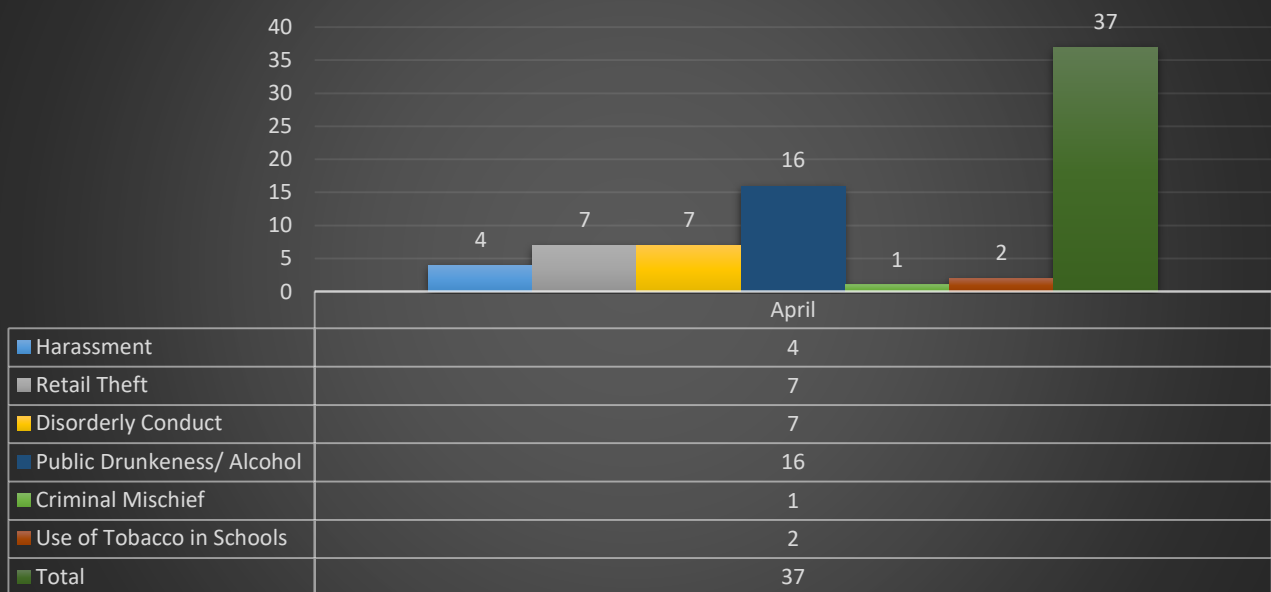
NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS

Non-Traffic Citations	April
EAST STROUDSBURG	15
STROUD TOWNSHIP	10
STROUDSBURG	12
TOTAL	37

Non-Traffic Citations



Non-Traffic Citations by Offense



SUPPORT STAFF

SUPPORT STAFF APRIL 2021

Phone Calls Total	1186	Administrative Assists	21
Personal Contacts Total	232	Officer Assists	49
Right to Know Requests	84	Warrants In/Out	3
Reports Requested (Subpoena/Gov Agencies)	26	Dissemination Log	140
Accident Reports Requested	30	Gun Permits Look Up & Entries	86
Background Lookup & Entries	68	Expungements	7
Filing Case Files	21	Validations	12
Chits Total	4	Property Releases	1
ALERT Supersperson Corrections	242	Fingerprints Entered	86
PFA's - New & Removed	18	MCCF Corrections	104
Parking Tickets Total	181	Children & Youth 104s	13
Other	44	Evidence Attachments in Alert	0

TRAINING REPORT



Training Report April 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

Throughout the month of April, Officer Cohowicz, Officer Petruzzi and Cpl. Dobson set up and conducted scenario based "Use of Force" training through the firearm's simulator. The majority of officers in the department went through the training in March. Officers that missed the March trainings completed this training in April.

April 12th, 2021 through the 16th, Officer Cohowicz attended the Pennsylvania State Police Instructor Development course.

April 12th, 2021, K-9 Officer Sampere attended his bi-weekly training in Lancaster, PA.

April 13, 2021, members of the SARPD Special Response Team attended bi-weekly training at the Brushy Mountain Range. Members worked to improve on the team's shooting skills and weapon handling through the use of established drills and training methods. Members that were in attendance, included Instructor Mike Petruzzi, Cpl. Petrosino, Detective Knowles, Officer Taylor, Officer Labar, and Officer Eilber.

April 20th, 2021, members of the SARPD Special Response Team attended bi-weekly training. This training focused on team movements. Members that attended this training included Sgt. Brown, Cpl. Miller, Officer Petruzzi, Officer Cohowicz, Cpl. Petrosino, Officer Labar, Officer Eilber, and Detective Knowles.

April 26th, 2021, K-9 Officer Sampere attended his bi-weekly training in Lancaster, PA.

Lieutenant Scott Raymond



DETECTIVE UNIT REPORT

April 2021



Lieutenant Susan Charles

Detective Corporal Emily Raymond

Detective Corporal John Miller Detectives: Dan Munch, Robert Transue, Joseph Susinskas and Dan Knowles

For the Month of April 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 April, 2021 there were 4 aggravated assaults reported to the Stroud Area Regional Police Department. Of these assaults:

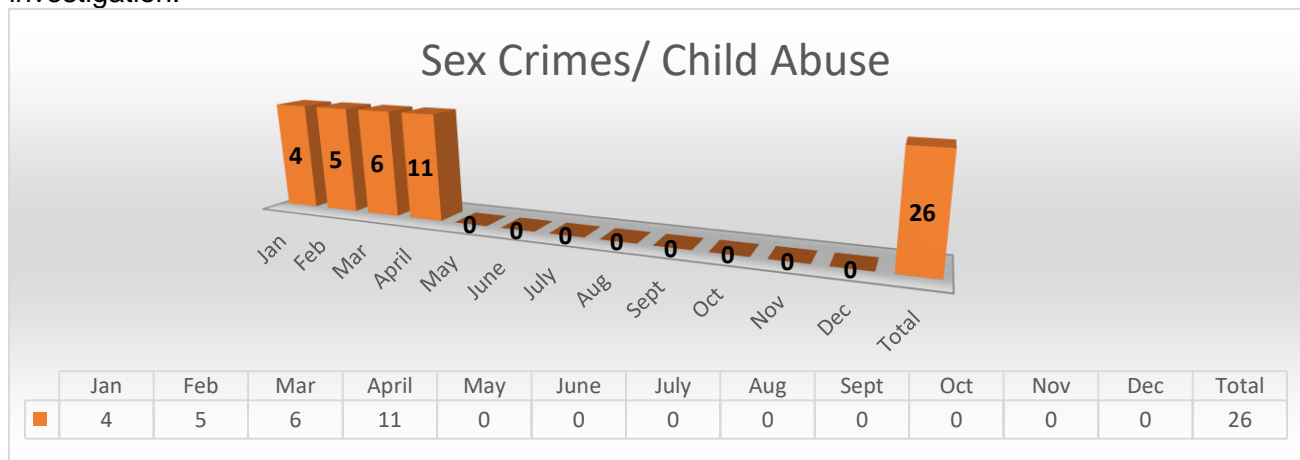
- 1 occurred in Stroudsburg Borough
- 1 occurred in Stroud Township
- 2 occurred in East Stroudsburg Borough

On April 10, 2021, Patrol received a call from crisis advising a male was at the Lehigh Valley Pocono Hospital ER with a stab wound. Patrol was advised the victim was going to be transported to Lehigh Valley Hospital Cedar Crest for additional treatment. Patrol responded to the hospital to take an initial statement from the victim. It was learned the victim lived with a male roommate that he subsequently had been in a dispute with. During the argument, the male had a knife in his hand and became very angry and while talking with his hands he cut the victim in his face. The victim stated he was not sure if it was on purpose. The Detective Unit was notified and the on call Detective took over the investigation.

On April 22, 2021, Patrol Units were dispatched for a report of a physical domestic assault with injury in the Borough of Stroudsburg. Upon the arrival of multiple Patrol Units, a female was found with multiple injuries and was bleeding; an ambulance transported her to the hospital. Shortly after, a male was located and it was determined he was the actor in the domestic assault and detained by Patrol Units. The on call Detective was contacted and responded to the scene. Search warrants were obtained for location of the incident and the body of the male actor. Another Detective responded to the hospital to conduct a full interview with the female victim. Pennsylvania State Police Forensic Unit was contacted and subsequently assisted by processing the scene. The Monroe County District Attorney's Office and the County Detective Office was notified as per County protocol.

SEX & FAMILY CRIMES

For the month of April 2021, 11 new sex crimes and possible child abuse cases were reported to the Stroud Area Regional Police Department, 9 cases were referred to the Detective Unit for further investigation.



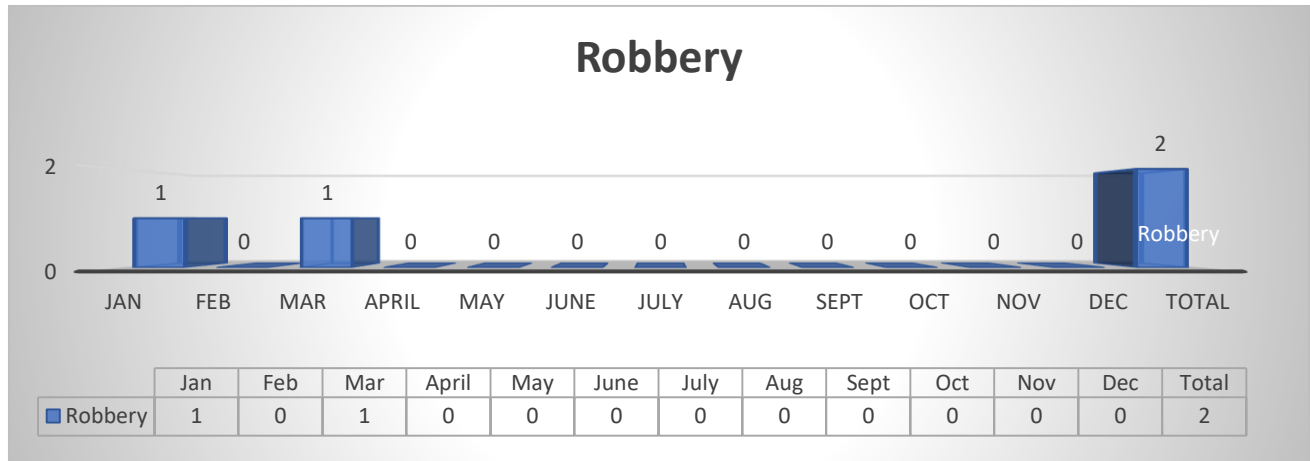
In relation to the above assigned cases 3 were sex crimes, 6 were suspected child abuse cases.

The 9 cases referred to the Detective Unit 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, 2021 the Stroud Area Regional Police Department did not received any robbery reports.

**BURGLARY**

For the month of April 2021, the Stroud Area Regional Police Department responded to 1 burglary calls that were reported within the member municipalities. Of these Burglary reports;

- 1 occurred in Stroud Township



On April 20, 2021, Patrol Units were dispatched to a residence in Stroud Township for a report of a possible burglary in progress. The caller reported an unknown vehicle at a neighbor's home with a male driver loading items into his trunk. Upon the arrival of the dispatched Officer, he encountered a male on the property and with the assistance of 2 sheriff deputies that respond the male was taken into custody. During the initial investigation, the homeowner arrived on scene and confirmed

he did not know the male and did not give him permission to be on his property or remove any of his property that was in the vehicle. The Detective Unit was not requested to process the location.

UNATTENDED DEATHS

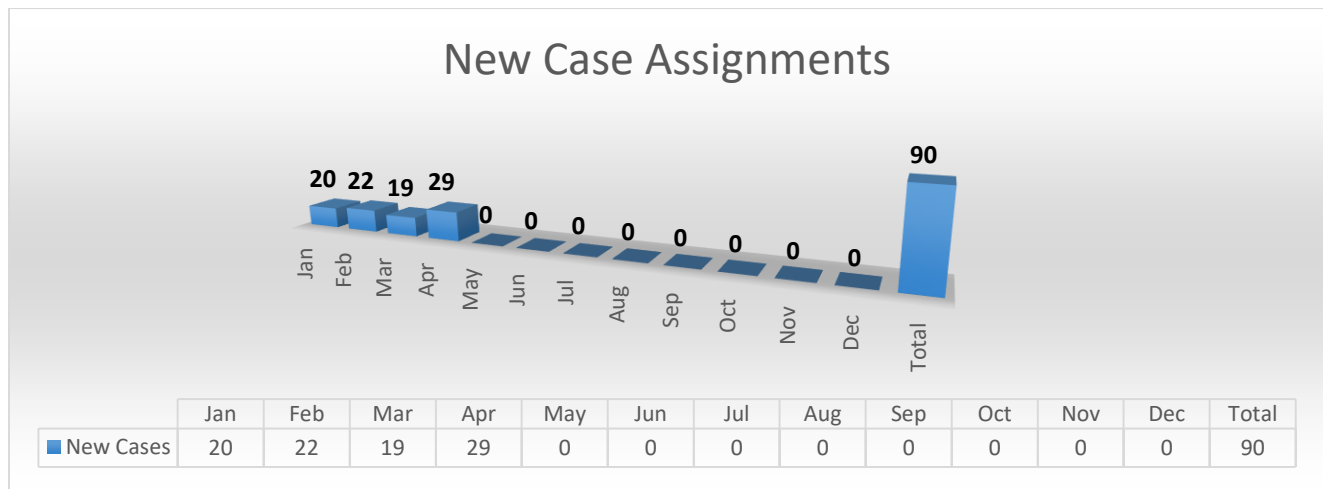
For the month of April, 2021 there were 2 death cases, and through investigation 1 case has been closed due to natural/medical condition. Detectives did respond to the one equivocal death investigation. The on call Detective was notified and responded to the scene. Multiple Detectives assisted with processing the scene, conduct multiple interviews, and making necessary contacts as per protocols. The death remains under investigation.

During the month of April there were 3 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 investigation and continues 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 April 2021, 29 new cases and assignments were referred to the Detective Unit.

*Submitted by:
Detective Sergeant Susan Charles*

ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION UNIT

April 2021 Monthly Report

Corporal Kenneth Palmer

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

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. 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.

April 2021:

Panhandling Complaints: SARPD did not receive any complaints for panhandling in the month of April.



COMMUNITY POLICING April 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.

- **April 14th**, Staples Store provided SARPD with care packages to show their support for the Police Department.
- **April 15th**, The OCW did a Christmas in April for a couple of families that were in need of assistance. One of the families lost all of their belongings in a fire and the other had their final treatment for cancer.



- **April 17th**, SARPD officers assisted the Little League with their annual Parade.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

School Resource Officer Program

Stroudsburg Area School District

2020/ 2021 School Year

April 2021- Monthly Report

Officer Robert Cohowicz

April 2021

Voted #1 in our area!



The 2020/2021 is coming to an end on June 9th, 2021. A large majority of students returned to school on a 4 day in person school day with all students learning from home on Wednesdays. Next school year the district is planning on having students return five days a week for in-person learning with the only alternative being cyber school.

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



- Investigated a report of an ATV on school property riding around the bus loop. There were no students in school on this day for Easter holiday. Located same riding slowly. Moved him along to his residence.
- Called to Principal Sodl's office for a student who was being questioned on plagiarism. Conversation became heated and Principal Sodl ordered student to remove himself from the office but he was refusing and attempting to speak with the principal. He eventually had to be escorted out of the office. I was able to calm the student down in my office.
- Report from SASD bus driver reporting a suspicious male telling him not to park where he was pulled off on Chipperfield Drive.
- Student searched by Assistant Principal and (4) vape pens were found and furnished to me. Devices were all negative for THC. Student cited for Use of Tobacco Products in Schools Prohibited.
- Student in possession of a vape pen recovered by Assistant Principal and furnished to me. Same tested positive for the presence of THC oils. After discussion with DA's office and speaking with student and family, student was filed a citation for Use of Tobacco Products in Schools Prohibited.
- Counseled a student who was having an issue with one of her ex's. Provided some guidance.
- Called to second floor G hallway bathroom by school nurse for a student passed out in bathroom stall. Called EMS. Student was transported to St. Luke's hospital by Suburban EMS.

- SASD transportation reported a bus red light violation occurring at Dreher Avenue and West Main Street. Investigation revealed a rental car.
- Assist HS administration team in tracking different students in (3) separate incidents cutting class.
- Filed juvenile referral against student from prior incident involving terroristic threats

B. F. Morey Elementary

- Nothing to report for the Month of April

Chipperfield Campus Incidents

Chipperfield Elementary School

- Nothing to report for the month of April

Arlington Elementary School

- Nothing to report for the month of April

Middle School

- Investigated a male who was at the school picking up a book for a student. School security believed the male was carrying concealed. Male did not cause an issue and left without issue. Later reported to me and male was identified. Insufficient evidence was presented as to whether male actually possessed a firearm. School video shed little clarity. Incident closed at this time.

Stroudsburg Jr. High School

- Investigated a student who posted in a Zoom chat about hearing that someone was going to shoot up the 8th and 9th grade. Investigation revealed student was autistic and was making an April Fool's joke.
- Interview of student with parent from a prior sexting investigation. After speaking with DA's office, victim, and offender parent, student will be completing an essay. Topic is to research, identify, and explain the charges to Harassment by Communication and Transmission of sexually explicit images by minor.
- Met with Assistant Principal and a student who made prior comments at the afternoon bus ramp about saying to the AP as he walked by "welcome to the hit list". Student was in emotional support. I had a long conversation with student about how his actions and words

can affect him not only today but in the future. During the final week in April I stopped up to the school to follow-up with the student who has made a positive change.

- Investigated a juvenile female student who was jumped by two juvenile female students in a hallway. Citation pending.

Activities and Law Related Education

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

Officer Cohowicz attended the following:

- Attended Emergency Operation Planning Committee Zoom meeting
- Attended (1) school board meeting
- Conducted (2) active shooter drills at SHS
- Conducted (3) counseling sessions with students
- Attended a week long Instructor Development training by the Pennsylvania State Police which focuses on teaching/presenting and public speaking.
- Investigated (2) bus violations

Arrests

Stroudsburg High School

Numerous investigations resulted in the issuance of **2 Non-Traffic citation, 1 juvenile petitions, and 2 School Bus Red Light Investigations.**

Of the citations issued:

NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS: 2

Use of Tobacco on School Property(2)

CRIMINAL ARRESTS/ JUV. PETITIONS: 1

Terroristic Threats

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: **0**

CRIMINAL ARRESTS/ Written Allegations:: **0**

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

***Note: Two harassment citations are pending and anticipate being filed during the month of May for fight at Junior High School reported above. Those will be reflected on that month's arrest report.*



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