

Stroud Area Regional Police Department Monthly Report



November 2021

**Report to
Police Commission**

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INTRODUCTION

December 8th, 2021

Stroud Area Regional Police Commission

RE: Month of November Report to Commission

Dear Commission Member:

Please find attached the report to the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission for the month of November 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

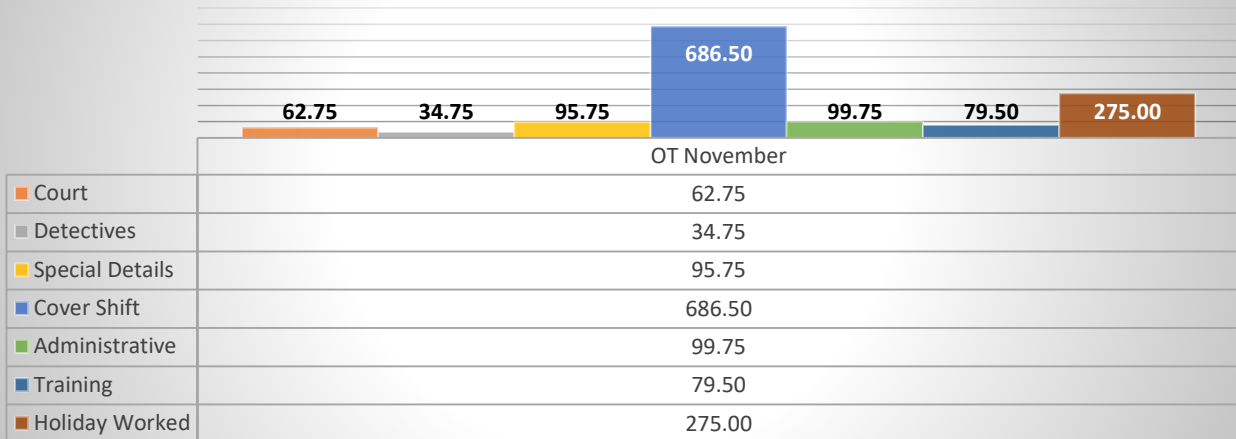


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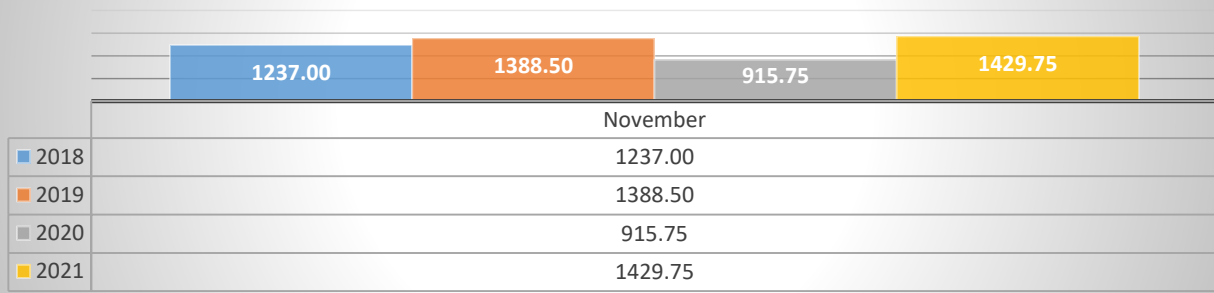
OVERTIME

Reimbursed OT	95.75
DEA Task Force	30.00
FBI Task Force	23.00
Housing Patrol	6.00
Pocono Commons	19.50
Monroe County Drug Task Force	17.25
SARPD OT	1334.00
Court	62.75
Detectives	34.75
Special Details	95.75
Cover Shift	686.50
Administrative	99.75
Training	79.50
Holiday Worked	275.00
Total Overtime	1429.75

SARPD OT



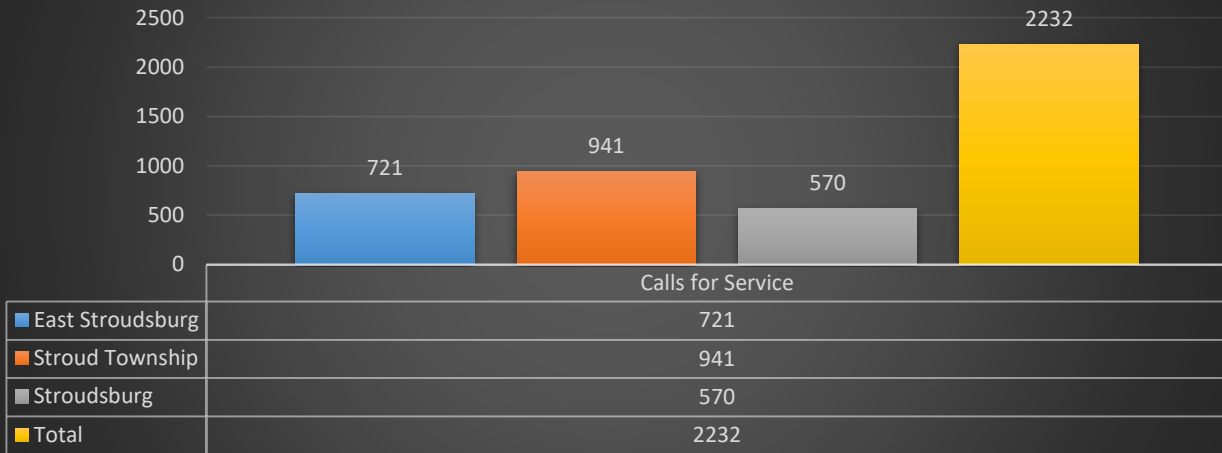
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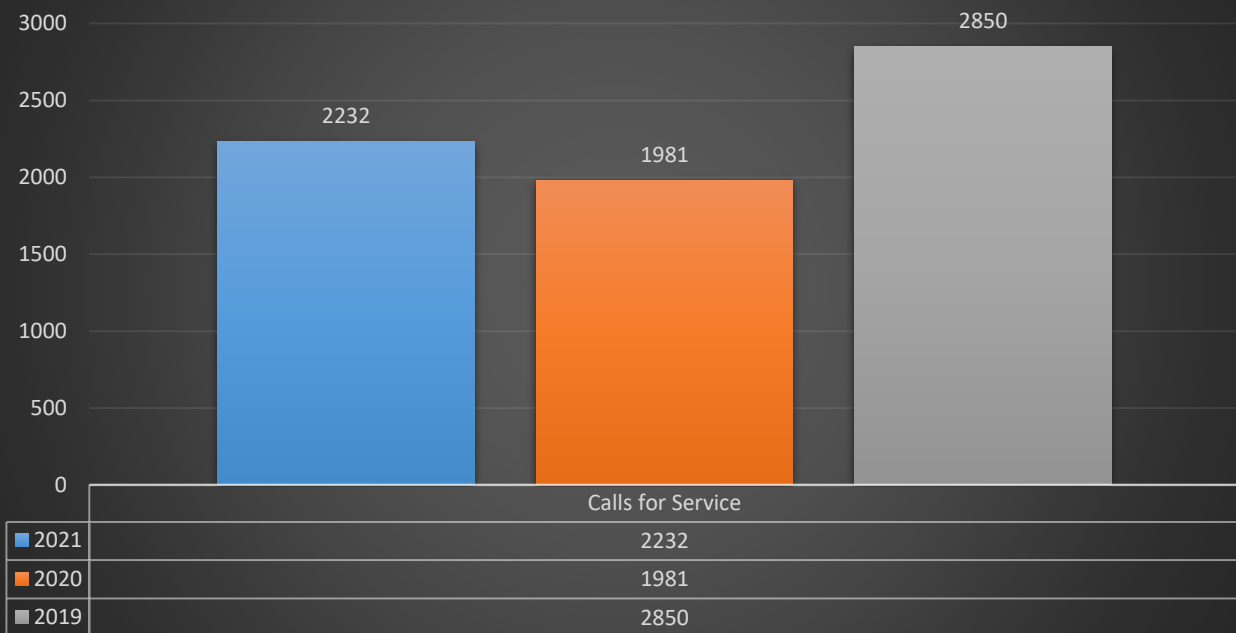
CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for Service	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Total Year to Date
2021	2253	2321	2590	2404	2566	2541	2232	24,888

November Calls for Service by Municipality



Calls for Service by Year



UNIFORM CRIME REPORT

November- OFFENSES	NUMBER REPORTED	ADULTS ARRESTED	JUVENILES ARRESTED
MURDER	0	0	0
RAPE	1	0	0
ROBBERY	1	0	0
ASSAULT	24	19	3
BURGLARY	3	1	0
LARCENY/THEFT	45	14	0
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2	0	0
ARSON	0	0	0
FORGERY/COUNTERFEITING	0	0	0
FRAUD	22	0	0
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0	0
RECEIVING/POSSESSING STOLEN PROPERTY	0	0	0
VANDALISM	12	1	0
WEAPONS CARRYING	5	2	0
PROSTITUTION	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES	14	0	0
DRUG ABUSE	7	4	0
GAMBLING	0	0	0
OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY/CHILDREN	9	0	0
DUI	19	17	0
LIQUOR LAW	1	0	0
DRUNKENNESS	14	13	0
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	41	20	0
ALL OTHER	24	12	0
TOTAL	244	103	3

REPORTED
STOLEN PROPERTY

\$34,546.00

RECOVERED
STOLEN PROPERTY

\$16,473.00

STROUD AREA REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT: NOVEMBER 2021 MONTHLY REPORT

ACCIDENTS

Accidents

EAST STROUDSBURG

STROUD TOWNSHIP

STROUDSBURG

TOTAL

November 2021	2020	2019	2018
16	18	24	18
52	45	67	59
24	13	21	26
92	76	112	103

NUMBER INJURED

9

6

8

9

FATALITIES

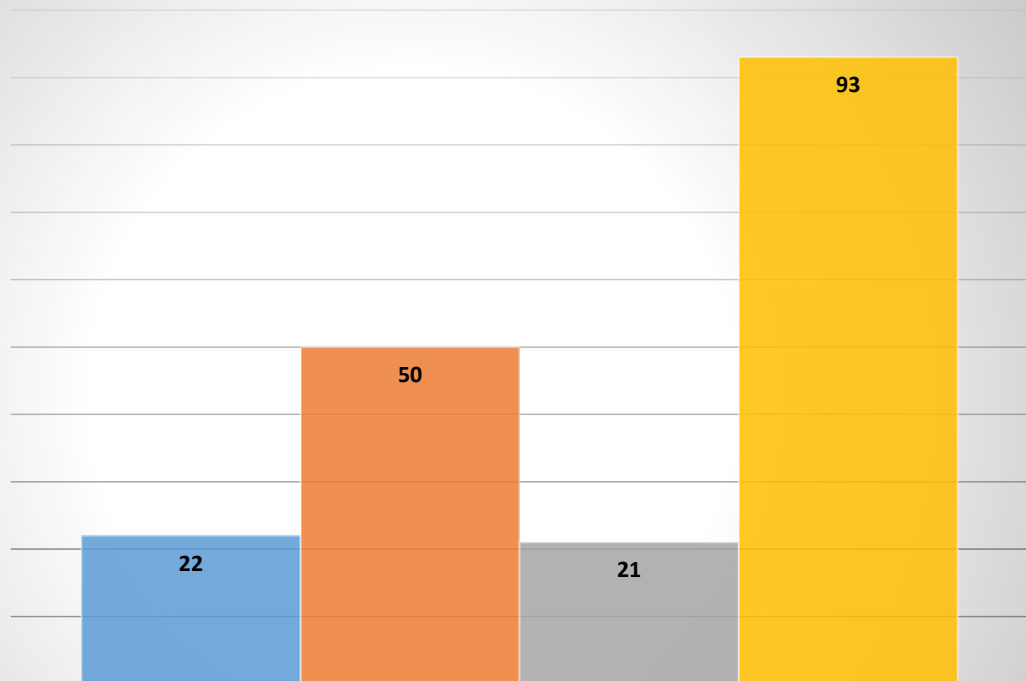
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November Accidents by Municipality

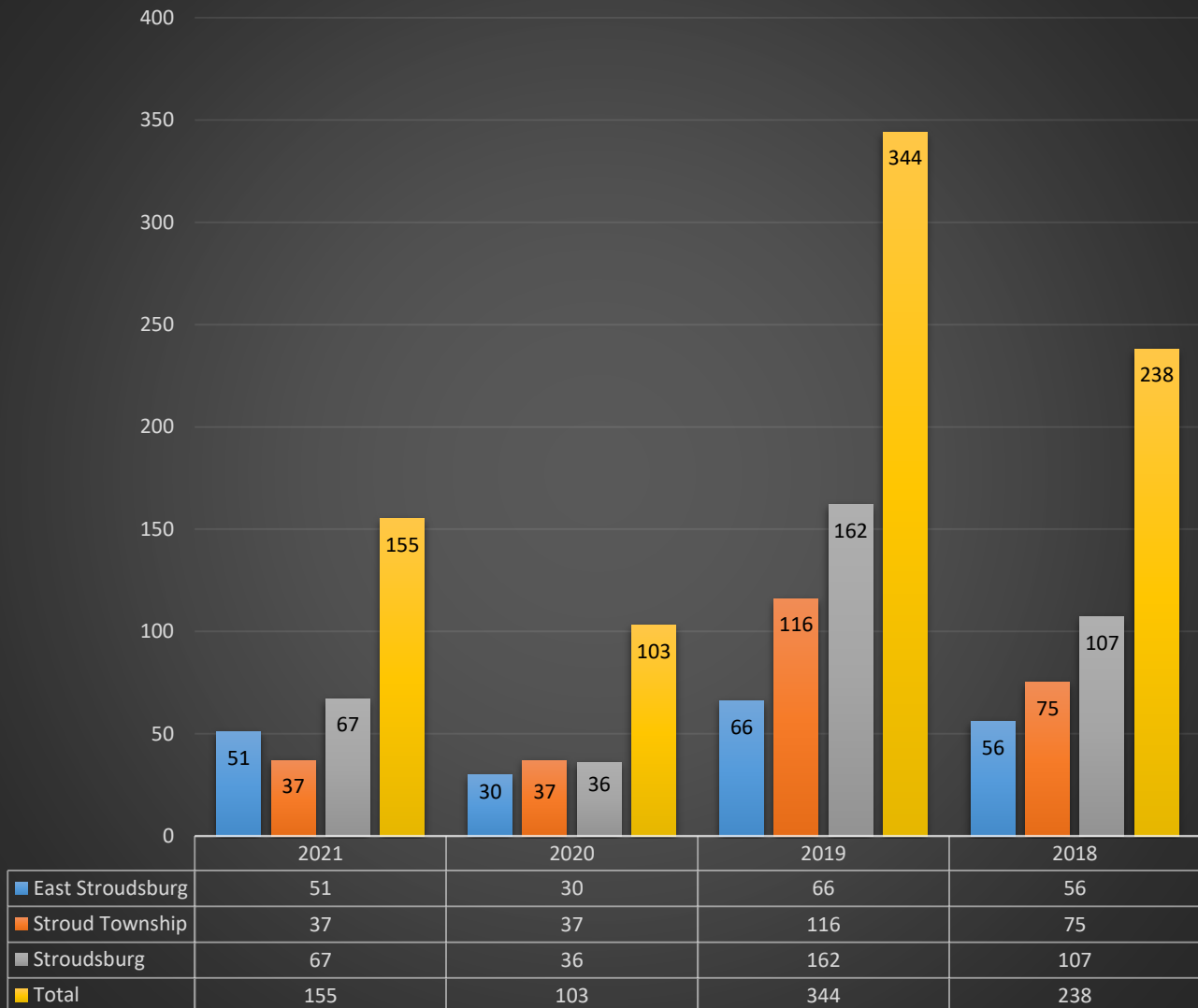


November	
East Stroudsburg	22
Stroud Township	50
Stroudsburg	21
Total	93

TRAFFIC CONTACTS

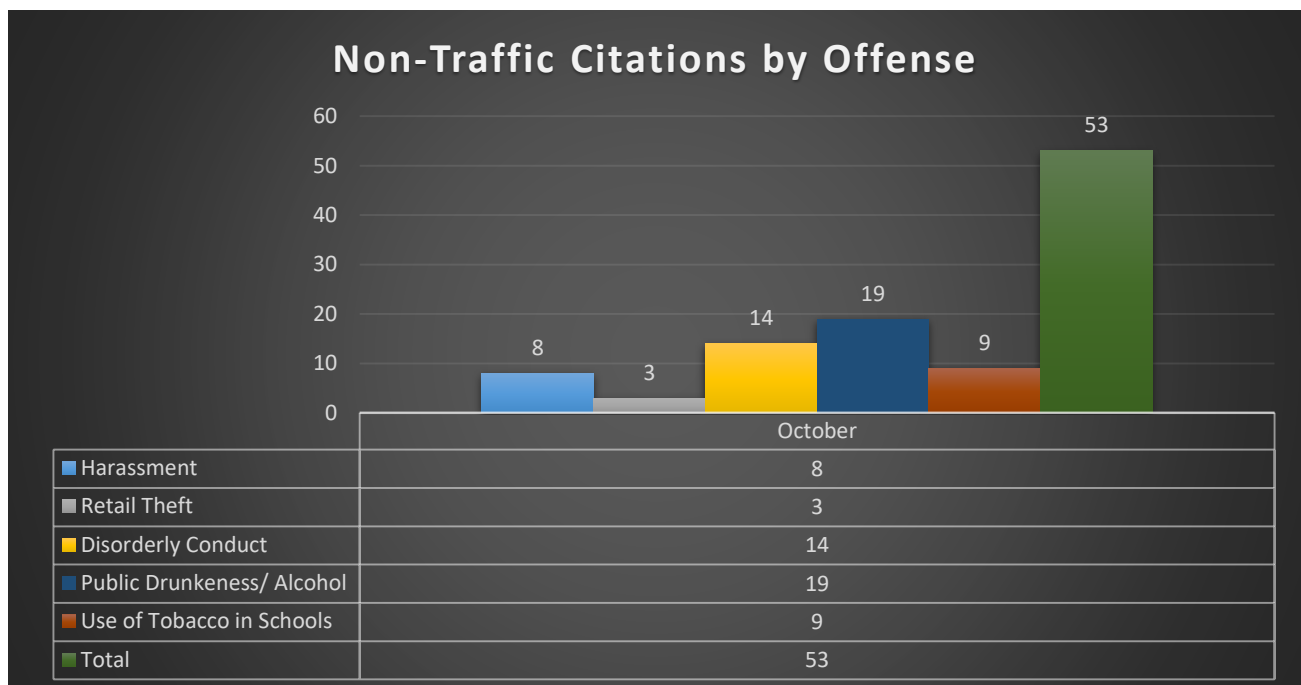
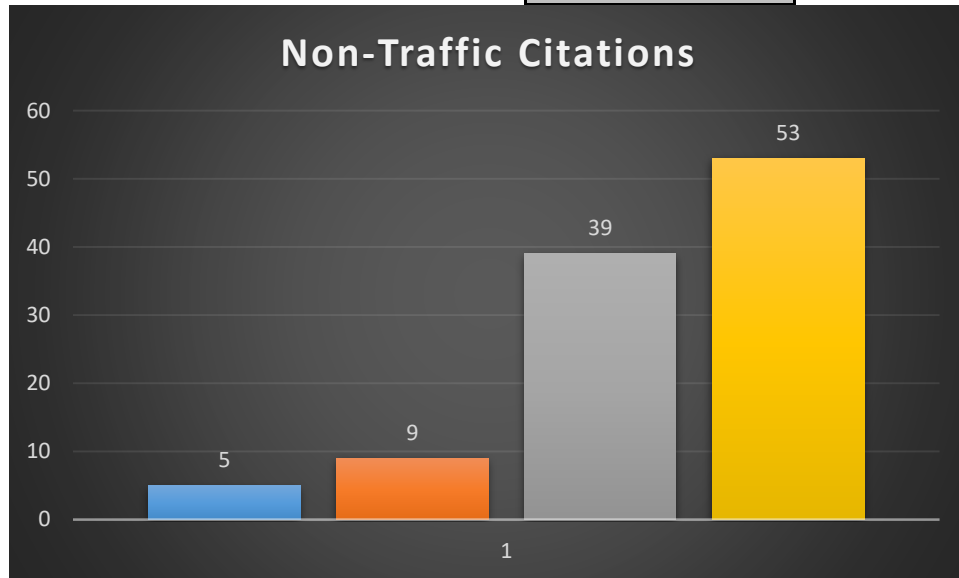
November Traffic Contacts	2021	2020	2019	2018
EAST STROUDSBURG	51	30	66	56
STROUD TOWNSHIP	37	37	116	75
STROUDSBURG	37	36	162	107
TOTAL	155	103	344	238
Parking	50	181	344	209

Traffic Contacts - November



NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS

Non-Traffic Citations	November
EAST STROUDSBURG	5
STROUD TOWNSHIP	9
STROUDSBURG	39
TOTAL	53



SUPPORT STAFF

November 2021

	11		
Phone Calls Total	52	Administrative Assists	17
Right to Know Requests	82	Officer Assists	37
Reports Requested (Subpoena/Gov Agencies)	78	Dissemination Log	138
Accident Reports Requested	22	Gun Permits Look Up & Entries	40
Background Lookup & Entries	47	Expungements	41
Filing Case Files	14	Validations	14
Chits Total	10	Property Releases	0
		Fingerprints Entered	145
ALERT Supersperson Corrections	58	MCCF Corrections	136
PFA's - New & Removed	29	Children & Youth 104s	26
Parking Tickets Total	50	Crimes Code Entries	2

TRAINING REPORT



Training Report November 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

November 1st and 2nd - Officer Ortega and Officer Macedo attended ARIDE (Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement) training at the Pike County Public Safety Center. The training focused on Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Review, the seven major drug categories, signs and symptomology, physiology of drugs, drug combinations, courtroom testimony and report writing.

November 4th - Officer Cohen attended a training class titled the "Ivory Tower", in Montgomeryville, PA. This training addresses officer wellness and career enhancement through the self-evaluation process as well as other innovative techniques.

November 4th - Officer Petruzzi and SRO Cohowicz attended a Glock Armorer's course, so they can continue to repair and update our duty weapons.

November 8th-10th - Officer Chica attended Standardized Field Sobriety Testing in Lehigh, PA.

November 9th- members of the SARPD SWAT team attended movement training. Members that were in attendance included, Detective Knowles, Officer Cohowicz, Sgt. Brown, Cpl. Miller, Cpl. Petrosino, Officer Petruzzi, Officer Eilber, and Officer Macedo.

November 16th - HIRING UPDATE!!!!

SARPD conducted a Police Officer Recruit Exam, to create an eligibility list for hiring in 2022. Out of 73 applicants, 63 participated in the exam. A total of 34 applicants passed the exam. The physical ability test is scheduled for December 11th, 2021 at the Koehler Fieldhouse, on the grounds of East Stroudsburg university. The oral exams are scheduled for December 20th and 21st.

November 19th- Sgt. Charles, Cpl. Raymond and Cpl. Miller attended Crisis Negotiation Training in Allentown, PA.

November 22nd- Officer Sampere, along with Bendix, attended K-9 training near Harrisburg, PA.

Lieutenant Scott Raymond



DETECTIVE UNIT REPORT

November 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 November 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

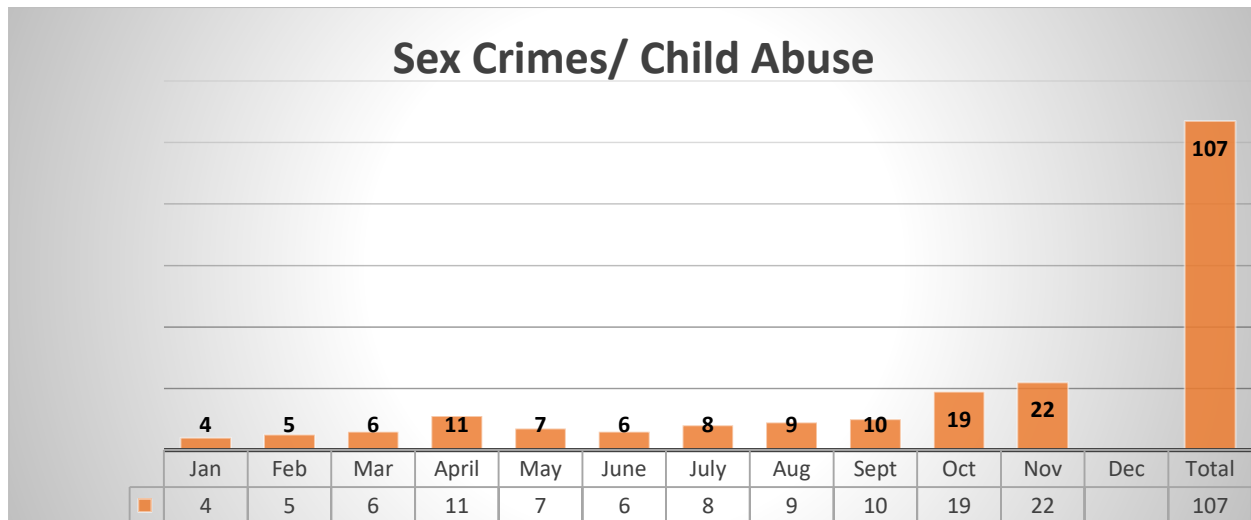
For the month of November 2021, 12 aggravated assault were reported to the Stroud Area Regional Police Department.

- 3 occurred in **Stroudsburg Borough**
- 6 occurred in **Stroud Township**
- 3 occurred in **East Stroudsburg Borough**

On November 20, 2021 Patrol Units were dispatched to the area of North 2nd Street for a report of approximately six gunshots heard in the area. Monroe County Control Center received multiple calls reporting the same. Multiple Units responded and began searching the area in an attempt to locate any evidence of the shots fired reports. While on scene an Officer was approached by a male who had subsequently reported his vehicle had been shot at and sustained multiple bullet holes. The reporting male was not injured. The vehicle was parked on 2nd Street. Further investigation located four bullet holes with an additional in the steering wheel. Patrol Officers canvased the area and located two witnesses that reported a black sedan had parked along the roadway and reported 4-5 juvenile males exited the vehicle and started walking. The males were reported to be wearing all black clothing. The witness further reported they saw one of the males display a firearm and fired 6-7 shots toward a vehicle. The males then ran from the area. The on call Detective was contacted and requested to respond. Multiple Detectives responded and conducted interviews, processed the scene. The investigation is currently ongoing.

SEX & FAMILY CRIMES

For the month of November 2021, 22 new sex crimes and possible child abuse cases were reported to the Stroud Area Regional Police Department, 21 cases were referred to the Detective Unit for further investigation.



In relation to the above assigned cases 13 were sex crimes, and 8 were suspected child abuse cases.

Of the 21 cases referred to the Detective Unit subsequently 17 cases remain under investigation and 3 cases 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

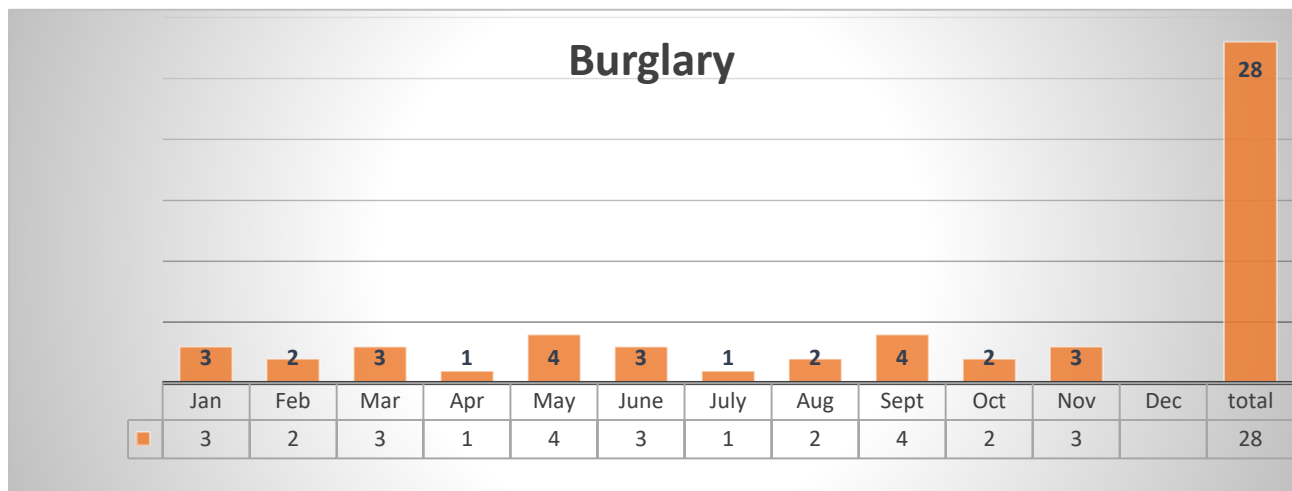
For the month of November, the Stroud Area Regional Police Department did not receive any reports of robbery.



BURGLARY

For the month of November, the Stroud Area Regional Police Department responded to 3 non-residential burglary calls that were reported within the member municipalities. Of these burglary reports;

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



For the month of November 2021 there were 2 actual and 1 attempted residential burglaries reported. The on call Detectives were not contacted to process the scenes on the reported cases.

UNATTENDED DEATHS

For the month of November, 2021 there were 7 death cases. The on-call Detective was notified regarding all death cases.

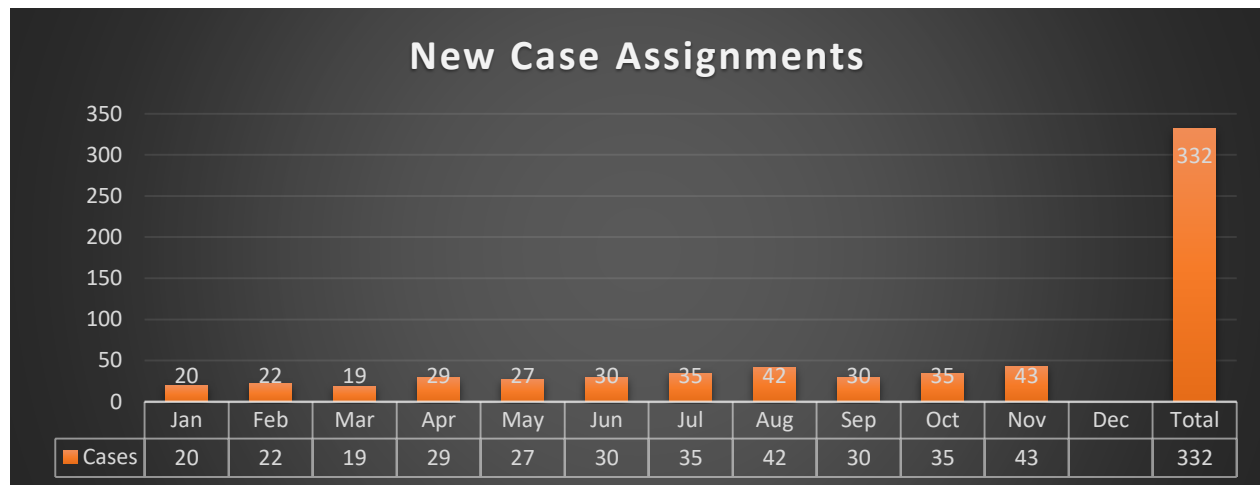
For the month of November 2021 there was 5 unattended deaths that Detectives were notified and or responded to the scene. There were 2 suspicious deaths that Detectives subsequently responded to the scene, and the investigations are ongoing. The Detectives conducted multiple interviews, processed the scenes and continued to work with the Monroe County Coroner's office in addition to attending autopsies if required.

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 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.

For the month of November there were 7 medical emergency overdose cases not resulting in death

NEW CASE ASSIGNMENTS



During the month of November 2021, 43 new cases and assignments were referred to the Detective Unit.

*Submitted by:
Lieutenant Susan Charles*

ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION UNIT

November 2021 Monthly Report

Corporal Kenneth Palmer

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

During the month of November:

- 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.

November 2021:

- **Quality of Life (QOL)** Below is a summary of the QOL events for November:
 - QOL patrols was scheduled several weekends in the month of November. QOL worked a total of 18 **hours** of patrol during the month. Quality of Life Patrol started on September 3, 2021 and have been successful in their efforts. Quality of Life Patrol was utilized during Thanksgiving eve, which is one of the busiest nights for bar business in the area.
 - 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 offenses.
 - 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 known "Party House(s)" that have been issued DCR or DCR warnings in the past
 - **Violation totals were:**
 - 01 Non-Traffic Citations for Disorderly Conduct and Open Container
 - 01 DCR's Warning
 - 01 Traffic Written Warnings

Panhandling Complaints: SARPD received 1 panhandling complaint in November.

On **November 10, 2021** at approximately 4:45 pm the Stroud Area Regional Police Department was dispatched to the area of Brown Street and Lincoln Avenue, located in the Borough of East Stroudsburg, for a report of an individual panhandling in the roadway and approaching cars while holding a baseball bat and frying pan.

The initial Officer arrived on scene and attempted to make contact with the individual, later identified as Daniel Koltun. Koltun was belligerent, uncooperative and threatened physical violence as he

grabbed a hand truck with a generator attached and fled across the street walking south on Lincoln Avenue towards the Wal-Mart parking lot.

Additional Officers were called to assist and also attempted to speak to Koltun. Koltun fled into the Walmart parking lot with his hand truck. Koltun was given multiple commands to stop, which he ignored while continuing to walk and wave the frying pan threatening officers. As Officers approached, Koltun let go of the hand-truck and generator and continued to maneuver himself around vehicles in the parking lot to avoid Officers. One Officer moved the hand-truck and generator off of the parking lot into a grassy area as it was impeding the traffic flow. Koltun saw the Officer move the hand-truck and began advancing towards the Officers yelling "don't touch my stuff". Koltun then pulled out what appeared to be a black hand gun and started firing towards the officer. Officers immediately identified the gun to be an air-soft style gun fired by a CO2 cartridge. Koltun was given further commands to stop and drop the gun, which he ignored, put the gun into his waistband and walked away. By this time the K9 unit had also arrived on scene. Koltun was commanded again multiple times to stop, that he was under arrest and the K9 would be deployed if he did not comply. Koltun attempted to retrieve the baseball bat that he was carrying on his back and began running through the parking lot, away from Officers. K9 Bendix was deployed and apprehend Koltun. While Koltun was being apprehended by K9 Bendix, Koltun punched K9 Bendix in the head and upper body area repeatedly and continued to resist arrest until he was successfully taken into custody by Officers.

EMS was summoned for Koltun's K9 bite to his upper right arm. Koltun was transported to a local hospital for treatment where he continued to be uncooperative.

Along with the air soft handgun, baseball bat and frying pan, Koltun was also found to be in possession of a knife.

Daniel Koltun, a 42-year-old male, currently homeless, has been arrested and charged with the following crimes:

- 7 counts of Aggravate Assault (Felony- to include assaults on officers and police K9)
- Flight to avoid Apprehension (F3)
- Possession of Instruments of a Crime (M1)
- Terroristic Threats (M1)
- Resisting Arrest (M2)
- Pedestrians Soliciting (Summary)
- Disorderly Conduct (summary)

Koltun was placed in the Monroe County Correctional Facility. He was arraigned by District Justice Mancuso and bail set at \$10,000.



COMMUNITY POLICING

November 2021



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.

November 3rd - Corporal Fenner attended the ceremony at the Salvation Army for the dedication of Samuel Newman Way.

November 7th, Corporal Fenner and Lt. Raymond escorted the annual Veteran's Day Parade. Motor Officers Carfi and Capone escorted via motorcycle. Officers Gable, Labar and Corporal Sampere also assisted with traffic.

November 12th, Officer Shelly and Sergeant Lemond received a donation to the OCW from Prolific Design Center and from Bloom Flower's and Gifts.

November 19th – The OCW held an event at the Baymont to help raise money for three amazing organizations. The event was a huge success and benefitted the OCW, Schyler Strong and the CAC. During this event Kelly Quaresimo was recognized by Senator Mario Scavella and PA State Rep. Rosemary Brown for her continuous support to the community.



November 21st – Corporals Fenner and Hettel, Sergeant Strunk and Officer Petruzzini assisted with the Scott Ewing 5K Run in Stroudsburg Borough

November 22nd - Officer Ortega provided traffic control for the Salvation Army Food Drive

November 24th - Corporal Fenner and Hettel escorted Dunkelberger's Tree Service from Shafers School House Road to Courthouse Square with the Stroudsburg Borough Christmas Tree.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

School Resource Officer Program

Stroudsburg Area School District

2020/ 2021 School Year

November 2021- Monthly Report

Officer Robert Cohowicz

November 2021



The 2021/2022 school year continues to have its challenges as the COVID-19 Pandemic is still under way. There have been many issues throughout the district involving students use of vaping, in addition to, social media misconduct. The month of November was one of our worst months regarding possession of Vapes on school property and fighting in school.

School was not in session November 22-29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday

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

High School Incidents

- Investigated a fist fight between two male students which occurred in the first floor “C” hallway. One student cited.
- Student found a “roach” in the locker room bathroom. Student informed teacher who provided it to SRO. Item was discarded.
- Student in possession of an ENDS device on school property. School investigation led to another student in possession of an ENDS device on school property. Both students cited.
- Student in possession of an ENDS device on school property. Device tested positive for THC. Student cited.
- Investigated two female student involved in a fist fight in the first floor “C” hallway. Both students cited.
- School investigated a tip of a student in possession of an ENDS device. Student found to be in possession. 2nd offense in three weeks. Student cited.
- School investigated a tip of a student in possession of an ENDS device. Student found to be in possession and said device tested positive for THC. Student cited.
- Investigated a fist fight between two female students which occurred in the first floor “A/G” bathroom located outside of the nurse’s office. Both students cited.
- As a result of the above fist fight, one of the female students was found to be in possession of an ENDS device. Student cited.
- School investigated tip that a student was vaping in the bathroom. Student found to be in possession of an ENDS device. Student cited.
- Investigated two males who were involved in a fist fight which occurred in the first floor “C” hallway. The main aggressor who started the fight was found to be in possession of a knife and marijuana by school administration. Student charged with possession of a weapon on school property, possession of a small amount of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, disorderly conduct and harassment.



- Two female students involved in a fist fight in the Wawa parking lot on their way to school. Both students cited.
- Student reported to SRO that a friend of his wrote a suicide letter and showed picture of same. Investigation revealed student was sent to Colonial Academy. Contacted the SRO from the Academy and forwarded him all the information as the student was in school that day.
- School security located a male who had a strong odor of marijuana. Student was searched by school administration and found to be in possession of a small amount of marijuana. Student charged with possession of a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.
- School security came across a female vaping in the cafeteria bathroom. Student cited.
- School security received a tip from a student that a male student in the cafeteria was in possession of marijuana edibles. Student was located and searched by school administration and found to only be in possession of an ENDS device. Student cited.
- School administration received a Safe to Say Something tip that a female student has been consuming alcohol in school. School administrators located and searched the female who was found to be in possession of a bottle containing vodka and a THC vape cartridge. Student cited with possession of alcohol.

B. F. Morey Elementary

- Nothing to report for the Month of November

Ramsey Elementary

- Received a request from school superintendent after school hours to send patrol to Ramsey as he received a report a tree fell on the school. Patrol responded and located a branch on the front stoop of the old school with no damage reported.
- Received a complaint from the school district that there is an abandoned vehicle to the rear of the property. I checked and confirmed same. I completed necessary Penndot paperwork for abandoned vehicles on private property and the vehicle was removed by Weiss towing.

Chipperfield Campus Incidents

Chipperfield Elementary School

- Nothing to report for the month of November

Arlington Elementary School

- Nothing to report for the month of November

Middle School

- 7th grade parent called to report his daughter was slapped by another student and requested the offending student be arrested. After speaking with school administration I learned that an altercation did occur; however, it was seemingly minor and school was handling through discipline. No police action taken.

Stroudsburg Jr. High School

- Investigated 14-year-old female who was ignoring school administrations requests to leave a classroom. Student was very vulgar, defiant, and persistently disorderly. Incident resulted in the arrest of the student. Student was transported to hospital for evaluation. Criminal charges filed against student.
- 911 hang-up reported to the rear of the building. Security checked and all was good.

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:

- Conducted (1) counseling session with student regarding vaping
- Taught in (2) English classes regarding Sex/Human trafficking
- Attended (1) Safety committee meeting

Arrests

Stroudsburg High School

Numerous investigations resulted in the issuance of **16 Non-Traffic citation, 2 written Allegations, and 0 School Bus Red Light Investigations.**

Of the citations issued:

NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS: (16)

Tobacco on school property: (9)

Harassment: (1)

Disorderly Conduct: (5)

Possession of Alcoholic: (1)

CRIMINAL ARRESTS/ JUV. PETITIONS: (2)

- **Possession of Weapons on School Property, Possession of Small Amount of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Harassment, Disorderly Conduct**
- **Possession of Small Amount of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia**

THEFTS: 0

***Note:** Since the spring of 2021 SRO Cohowicz has had communications with the District Attorney's office regarding the possession of vape pens containing THC by minors and that they were illegal to use. The DA's office has recently changed their position on the THC vape pens reporting these devices which contain .03% or less THC have been removed from the Federal and State controlled substance acts. There is no criminal charge at this time for these products. The device itself still fits the definition of a tobacco product. All prior written allegations for these violations have been withdrawn and only citations for possession of tobacco product on school property will be issued moving forward.



Chipperfield Campus

Numerous investigations resulted in the issuance of **0 Non-Traffic citations**, **1 Written Allegations**, and **0 School Bus Red Light Investigations**.

Of the citations issued:

NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS: (0)

0

CRIMINAL ARRESTS/ Written Allegations:: (1)

- **Aggravated Assault - 3 counts, Simple Assault - 3 counts, Persistent Disorderly Conduct (1) (A)(3), Persistent Disorderly Conduct (1) (A)(4)**

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.



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