

# MARCH 2021 MONTHLY REPORT

The month of March included incidents 2,478 (6,616 YTD). The most frequent emergency calls for service are ambulance calls with 102 (266 YTD) and alarms with 74 (460 YTD). Note that of those 74 alarms, 40 were false alarms.

During March, officers investigated and reported on several incidents. They are listed in the table below:

	Mar 2021	YTD 2021	Mar 2020	YTD 2020
<u>MV Accident</u>	41	110	41	111
<u>MV Incident</u>	17	39	12	40
<u>MV Stops</u>	355	696	158	931
<u>DUI Arrests</u>	2	5	2	7
<u>MV Arrests</u> <u>(Inf/Misd)</u>	116	206	77	329
<u>MV Warnings</u>	175	324	111	575
<u>Adult Criminal</u> <u>Arrests</u>	27	58	19	78

## **Motor Vehicle Accidents**

Most crashes occurred on Tuesday with ten (10) followed by Monday with eight (8). The intersection with the most crashes was Mill St. @ Worthington Ridge with three (3). The top two causative crash factors were Following Too Closely/Unsafe Movement with sixteen (16) and Failure to Grant Right of Way with six (6).

## **Employee Recognition/ Significant Events**

**March 5, 2021:** Complainant called and reported that a male had just tried to open the door of his locked vehicle in his driveway. Officer Lajoie, Officer Correa, Sgt Martin responded and were all on scene in less than a minute. A vehicle was on the dead end section of Worthington Ridge with headlights on. When we pulled up to the vehicle it turned around and drove over the grass from Worthington Ridge onto Rt 5 SB. Officer Correa was able to get the plate 998YWO a Blue VW which was a file 1 out of Norwalk. The vehicle took off at a high rate of speed and was not pursued.

**March 30, 2021:** Ofc Correa investigated a report of a past tense robbery. The victim reported that he was robbed of his wallet and car keys by his girlfriend's niece and an unknown Hispanic male. The victim said that the two suspects showed up at his door and after letting them in they robbed him. His vehicle was not taken, only the keys. Det McMahon responded to assist.

**March 30, 2021:** New Haven PD called and asked for assistance locating a female whom they believed was taken against her will by her estranged boyfriend. Ofc Griffith, Ofc Lagueux, and Ofc Breen responded and located the female who said that she was there of her own free will. During the investigation it was discovered that the boyfriend, Erlis Saladin had an outstanding Prawn warrant from Bridgeport. He was arrested and was bonded out by his girlfriend.

**March 1, 2021:** While conducting self-initiated motel checks, Officer Manning ran a registration check on a vehicle parked at the Days Inn. The owner, had multiple warrants out of Wethersfield. The vehicle was stopped after it left the lot. Schulz was detained until WPD arrived on scene and took custody of him. **2100004415**

**March 5, 2021:** A resident of Prentice Place saw a car with NY registration plates sideswipe a parked vehicle in the lot and drive off. The resident believed the driver to be an Asian male. Ofc. Doski thought that the driver might be a deliveryman for one of the area Chinese restaurants. He checked the Chinese restaurant in his district and asked the adjacent district officer to do the same. He also checked the Chinese restaurant on South Main St. in New Britain. His hunch was correct and his persistence paid off when he located the vehicle and driver at the Happy Garden on New Britain Rd. about an hour later and cleared the case. **2100004763**

**March 13, 2021:** A hiker who was lost in the woods after dark called HQ for assistance. Disp. Petano located him on Rapid SOS, directed him to use the compass on his cell phone, and guided him out of the woods to the Chamberlain Highway. He dispatched an officer to his location to give the hiker and his companion a ride back to their car. Disp. Petano spent ten minutes on the phone with the hiker and was calm and reassuring. He also avoided a FD call-out. **2100005392**

**March 22, 2021:** Dispatch received a call from a male stating he had a gunshot wound. When Officers arrived on scene after several minutes of trying to make contact officers entered the house through an unlocked garage door. After entering the house they made contact with the owner who was upstairs with Bose head phones on so he couldn't hear the Police knocking. He confirmed that his son, who has mental issues lives in Virginia and was able to make contact with him on the phone. Apparently the son made up the story to harass his Father over an ongoing dispute. Hampton Virginia PD was contacted and responded to the address to check on him. Officer Schreiner and Officer Chaffee did an excellent job on this call. **2100006100**

**March 27, 2021:** While Ofc. Musanti was on her way home from day shift she observed a male passed out in the driver seat of a BMW that was parked at Kensington Construction. Officers responded and found the operator asleep at the wheel of the running vehicle. He was subsequently arrested for DUI and Interfering. Ofc. Musanti is alert and observant off-duty as well as on. **2100006552**

**March 10, 2021:** Officer Krzykowski was dispatched to assist a resident at the Days Inn with a complaint that somebody was tampering with his packages. While investigating, Officer Krzykowski noted that the male's complaint was unfounded but that he was in the need of social services. Officer Krzykowski wrote a very detailed report and completed a social services referral. Officer Krzykowski did a great job going the extra mile by

ensuring the male's living conditions were properly documented and by completing the referral so he could get the assistance he needs. **2100005169**

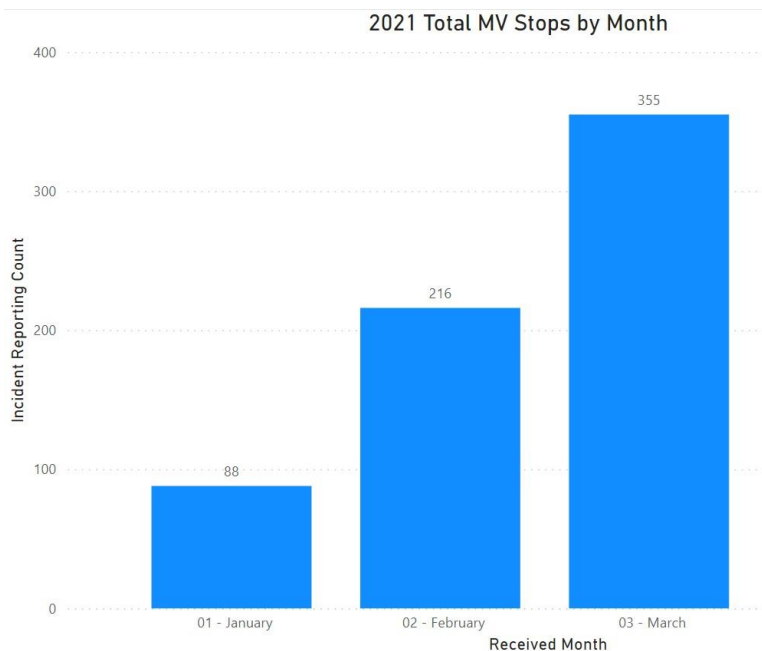
**March 14, 2021:** Officer Krzykowski took it upon herself to update the in-house list of business names and addresses on the Berlin Turnpike. After driving up and down the turnpike and documenting the changes, she provided an updated address list to Dispatch for their records and replaced the outdated list in the FTO books with the updated version.

**March 23, 2021:** A resident made a complaint about a landscaper blowing debris in the road. Disp. Fleisher took his call and Ofc. Chaffee investigated it. He was very pleased with both, citing their professionalism. **2100006215**

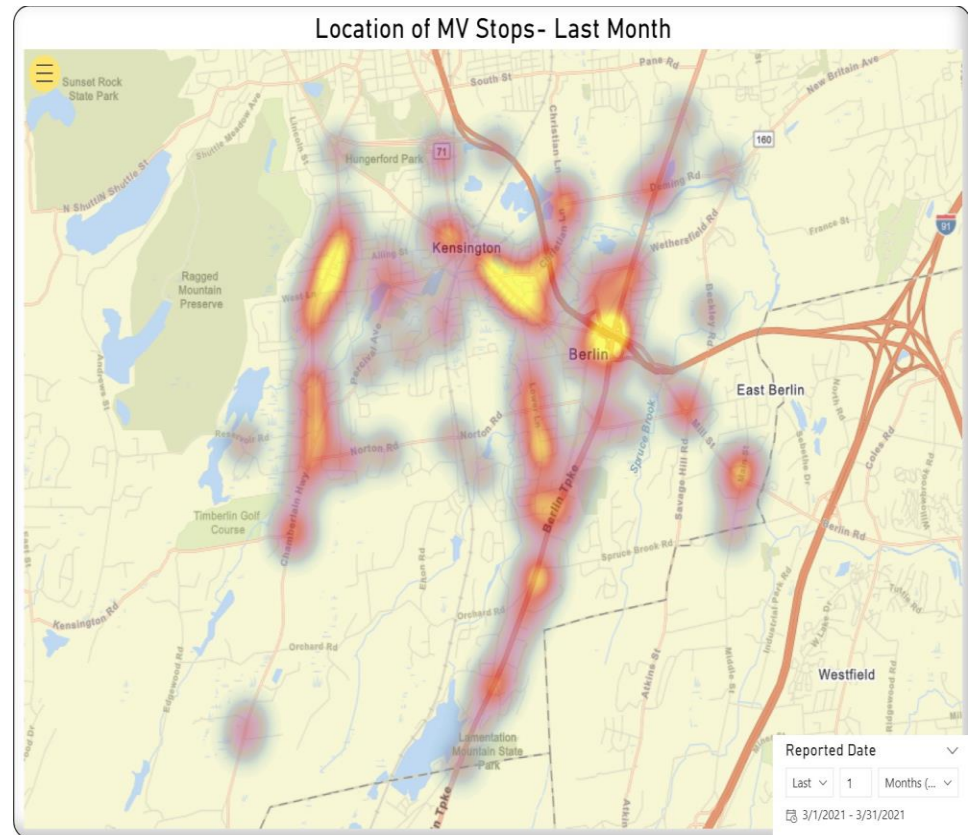
**March 25, 2021:** The victim/witnesses reported that a black male wearing a mask/face covering held a large (approximately 9inch) knife to the neck of a Berlin Auto Sales employee during a dispute over vehicle repairs. Officer Rohon and Detective McMahon took statements from all witnesses and through these interviews were able to identify a suspect. Officer Rohon and Officer Krzykowski (along with NBPD Officers) went to speak to the suspect's girlfriend in New Britain and upon their arrival also located and interviewed the suspect. Officer Rohon was able to develop probable cause to arrest the suspect for Threatening/BOP2nd/Reckless Endangerment 2<sup>nd</sup>/Possession of a Dangerous Weapon. All involved officers did a great job handling this chaotic incident. **2100006398**

### **March MV Activity Analysis**

During the month of March, Patrol Officers did a great job in increasing MV activity efforts. This effort was successful in that MV Stops were increased to 355 which is back in line with pre-pandemic levels.

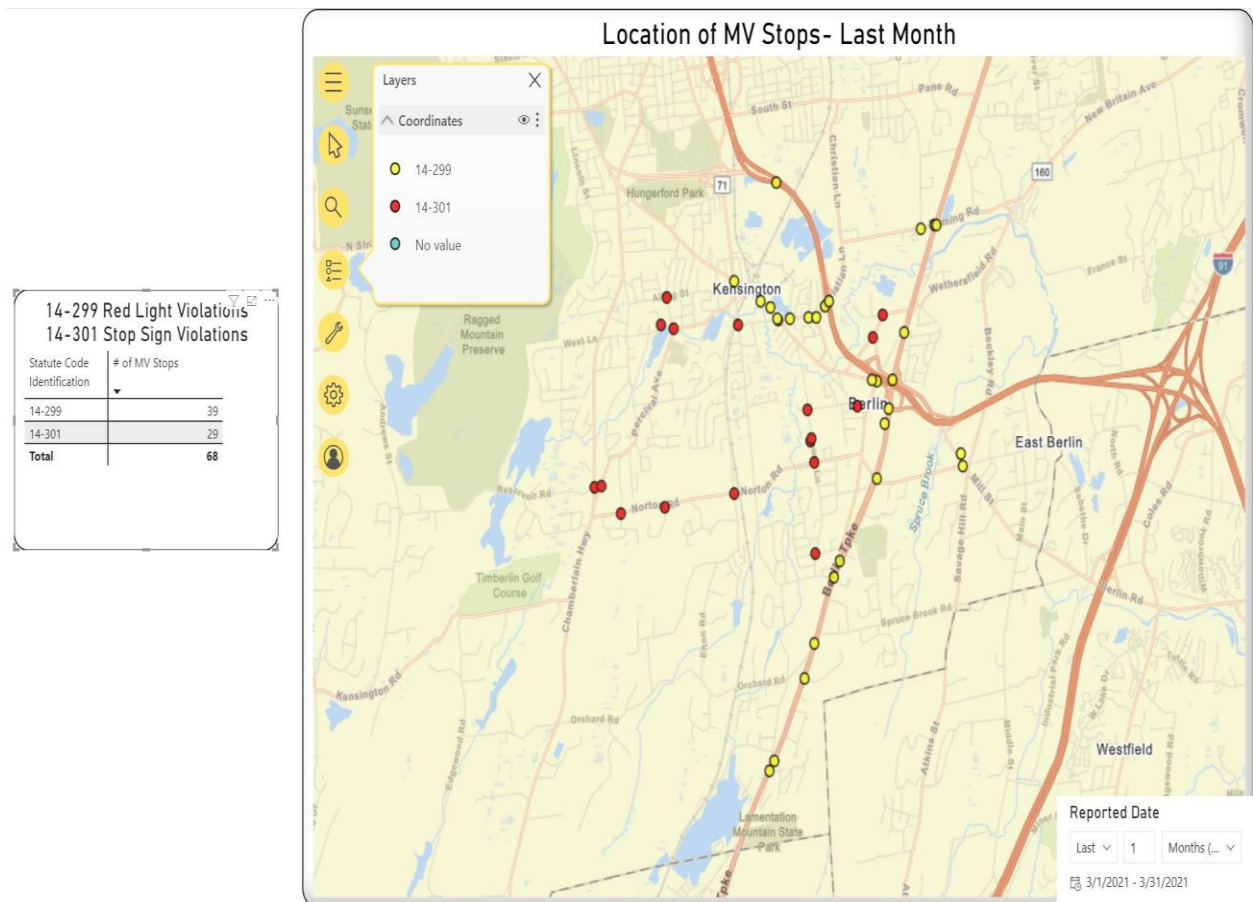


Officer MV Stops		
Officer	STOP	Total
Rohon, David A	51	51
Musanti, Maegan L	40	40
Lajoie, Christopher J	22	22
Fowler, Mark R	20	20
Chaffee, Kevin J	18	18
Ithier, Daniel A	18	18
O'Connor, Sean K	17	17
Veach, Jeffrey T	17	17
Bobok, Thomas W	15	15
Manning, Michael W	15	15
Doski, Richard T	13	13
Rethis, Achilles	12	12
Dubuc, Jeffrey S	10	10
Fuini, Theodore D	10	10
Krzykowski, Aimee D	10	10
O'Leary, Drew P	10	10
Delgado, Isabella P	9	9
Griffith, Wade T	9	9
Lagueux, Brandon M	9	9
Correa, Marco	8	8
Schreiner, Scott C	8	8
Breen, Dylan A	6	6
Cyr, Tyler J	3	3
Griffin, Catherine A	2	2
Gaffey, Colin F	1	1
Gould, Ryan N	1	1
Solek, Shawn D	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>355</b>



Initial Reason for MV Stop and Enforcement Action Taken							
Reason for Stop	INFRACTION TICKET	MISDEMEANOR SUMMONS	NO DISPOSITION	UNIFORM ARREST REPORT	VERBAL WARNING	WRITTEN WARNING	Total
14-218a	41	5	1		21	96	164
14-299	6				18	15	39
14-301	6	1			9	13	29
14-219(b)	10					8	18
14-96b					11	3	14
14-296aa(b1st	7					3	10
14-96c	1	1			6	2	10
14-96e					4	2	6
14-218					5		5
14-219					4		4
14-298					2	2	4
14-96a(a)					4		4
14-218(a)					2	1	3
14-36(a)	3						3
14-100a(c)(1)						2	2
14-12a					1	1	2
14-18(a)		2					2
14-218a*					2		2
14-219(a)(1)						2	2
14-241		1				1	2
14-12(a)*					1		1
14-147		1					1
14-18(2)					1		1
14-213	1						1
14-219b					1		1
14-222		1					1
14-230(a)						1	1
14-232(1)					1		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>355</b>

MV Stop Enforcement	
Disposition	% of Total
WRITTEN WARNING	44.73%
VERBAL WARNING	28.21%
INFRACTION TICKET	22.51%
MISDEMEANOR SUMMONS	3.42%
NO DISPOSITION	0.57%
UNIFORM ARREST REPORT	0.57%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



## **Goal Progress**

### **Officer Safety:**

- There were (0) reportable incidents in the LEOKA report for March. We will continue to strive for zero reportable incidents each month.
- Officers are updated daily of all procedural changes and safety measures that are implemented for Covid -19.
- There were no reported officers injured in the line of duty during the month of March.

### **M/V Crash Reduction:**

Patrol officers are being utilized to carry out Traffic Officer Bobok's crash reduction plan which has been updated for 2021. Ofc. Bobok will be reporting progress toward this goal.

### **DUI Enforcement:**

There were 2 DUI arrests in March. Both arrests were the result self-initiated activity. Ofc. Manning had 1 DUI arrest and Ofc. Krzykowski had 1 DUI arrest which resulted from Ofc. Musanti (off duty leaving work) spotting a possible impaired driver.

### **Community Service:**

During the month of March, officers have continued to safely resume community contacts while maintaining proper social distance and precautions adhering to COVID-19 considerations.

During the month of March there were **(10)** school walkthroughs recorded.

**Crime Reduction-** Officers have been targeting residential areas in response to significant increase in MV Thefts and Thefts from MV's.

Also see the Monthly Report from the Community Relations Team.

### **Reserve Officer Program**

Reserve Officer Gosselin worked four (4) private duty jobs in February 2021. There were eight (8) unfilled assignments for the month.

### **March Pro Active Contacts**

	<b>March 2021</b>	<b>YTD 2021</b>
<b>Building Checks</b>	<b>1020</b>	<b>3050</b>
<b>Community Relations Visits</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>187</b>
<b>Business/School Walkarounds</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>118</b>
<b>Traffic Stops</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>657</b>

### **Investigations Unmarked Patrol March 2021**

Tuesday, March 9, 2021	2.0 hrs	District 2 & 3
Tuesday, March 16, 2021	1.5 hrs	District 1
Monday, March 22, 2021	1.5 hrs	District 2 & 3
Tuesday, March 23, 2021	1.0 hrs	District 1
Tuesday, March 30, 2021	2.0 hrs	District 1 & 3



2021

Offense Description	01 - January	02 - February	03 - March	04 - April	Total
⊕ <b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>
⊖ <b>Theft From Vehicle</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>63</b>
Attempted	8	10	13	0	31
Completed	7	2	23	0	32
⊕ <b>Theft of MV Parts or Accessories</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>107</b>

### **March- 4th Officer Overtime**

In an effort to combat increased crime, the department has continued instituting a 4 officer minimum for all patrol shifts. For the month of March the department incurred at total of 248 ¼ hours of OT costs. Although it is difficult to quantify the impact of an extra officer, especially the increased omnipresence associated with another marked cruiser patrolling the town, I have compiled an activity chart to show some of the activity associated with the 4<sup>th</sup> officers which were staffed with OT. March OT cost \$10,833.80.

Type of Activity	Calls for service	Visible Neighborhood Checks	Business Checks	Motor Vehicle Enforcement	Registration Checks/ Suspicious MV	Overtime Hours Assigned	Motel Checks
<b>Total</b>	20	41	118	91	11	175	6

### **Motel Checks :**

During the month of March there were 74 Motel Checks logged by Patrol units. As a result of the checks, 1 lost/stolen license plate was recovered and one (1) wanted person arrested.