

# Weatherly Borough Police Department 2021 Report



Weatherly Borough Police Department

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## Message from the Chief

2021 was like no other in the history of the Weatherly Borough Police Department. It proved to be challenging for the police department and for the community, but, in the same respect it was an extremely productive year. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic and the continued upheaval related to police use of force issues nationwide, Weatherly Police Department held steadfast to our core values of integrity, professionalism and respect. The department updated its standard operating guidelines and training to meet a multitude of different obstacles with success. The Officers of the Weatherly Police department continue to demonstrate their professionalism and willingness to face any and all challenges by adapting to the changing environment. While contracting COVID-19 and possibly bringing it home to family members weighed heavily on each of our Officers, the officers continued to arrive prepared for duty and to provide an exceptional level of service to the community and both its residents and visitors. Weatherly Police Department responded to 3200 calls for service in 2021 despite all these challenges.

Thanks to the support of the Borough Manager, Mayor, and counsel, the department was able to move forward with settling into the new station, filling two full time officer positions and placing a new patrol unit into service.

In closing, 2021 was a very interesting and unique year. Day after day, Weatherly Officers display outstanding professionalism and performance in a variety of difficult and dynamic situations. These Officers consistently demonstrate their commitment to the highest level of police service for the community. We look forward to continuing to work with the community to improve quality of life for residents, and to protect individual rights and property. I would like to thank you for continued support in 2022.

Sincerely,



Chief Brian Markovchick



## WEATHERLY BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

### MISSION STATEMENT

It is our mission to improve the quality of live by providing the highest level of professional police service through a partnership with the community. We are committed to creating a safe, crime free environment by enforcing the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the U.S. Constitution. We will accomplish this by practicing our core values of integrity, professionalism and respect.

### INTEGRITY

The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; moral uprightness.

### PROFESSIONALISM

The competence or skill expected of a professional.

### RESPECT

Due regard for the feelings, wishes, rights, or traditions of others.

# Overview

## Borough of Weatherly

The Borough of Weatherly is located in Carbon County, Pennsylvania with an approximate population of approximately 2,639 residents. Just 8 miles southeast of Hazleton and 44 miles north of Allentown. Weatherly is situated at an elevation of 1,100 feet in the Ridge-and-Valley Province of the Appalachian Mountains, between Spring Mountain and Round Head Mountain to the north and Broad Mountain to the south. Weatherly was founded by Benjamin Romig in 1825 through the purchase of a 400-acre piece of land. The Borough of Weatherly was then incorporated on October 8th, 1863. Starting with the timbering industry and moving forward with the development of the railroad and transportation of coal, the population of the town grew dramatically. Throughout the years, Weatherly remains a rural community of people that love their legacy, cherish the wholesome lifestyle, and bask in the beauty of their natural surroundings.

### Department Allocations:

5 Full-time Officers

7 Part-time Officers

# Police Department Roster

**Police Chief**

**Brian Markovchick**



**Sergeant**

**Michael Bogart**



**Officer**

**Edward Kubert**



**Officer**

**Joshua Silfee**



**Officer**

**Danilo Garcia**



**Officer**

**Ashley Harris**



**Officer**

**Jon Yaskiewicz**



**Officer**

**John Molosky**



**Officer**

**Chris Belles**



**Officer**

**Sofia Hantz**



**Officer**

**Zach Wargula**



**Officer**

**Michael Eyer**



## Police Department Fleet

The Weatherly Police Department currently maintains a fleet of Ford police vehicles. The department has several fully marked patrol units for patrol operations. The department also has unmarked police vehicles that are utilized for patrol and special operations. The department also secured a fully operational crimes scene unit as well all-terrain vehicles for specialized needs of the department.

All vehicle utilized for patrol are equipped for the everyday tasks to protect not only the citizens of Weatherly but as well as surrounding communities when requested to assist. The vehicles are equipped with computers, video/ audio recording, radios, medical and trauma supplies, fire suppression equipment, patrol rifles/ shot guns and spike strips.

Mileage of Police vehicles as follows:

Marked Patrol Unit 971: 88926 Miles

Marked Patrol Unit 972: **OUT OF SERVICE**

Unmarked Patrol Unit 973: 69965 Miles

Mobile Crime Scene Unit 974

Marked Patrol Unit 975: 13784 Miles

\*Mileage subject to change due to day to day patrol operations.\*



## School Zone Safety

Weatherly has three schools in the borough, making up the Weatherly Area School District. The Weatherly Area School District is a public school district in Carbon County, Pennsylvania. It is centered on Weatherly and also serves the borough of East Side, plus Lehigh, Packer, Lausanne, and northern Kidder Townships. The district features one elementary school, one middle school, and one high school.



Officers provide routine patrol throughout the school day and targeted enforcement of both pedestrian and vehicular traffic during the arrival and dismissal of students each day. The officers also provide periodic school checks which include a walk-through of the school checking in with faculty and staff and making sure doors are secured. Officers also get to interact with the students in a positive environment which promotes better community relations. Weatherly Police try to leave a positive impact on students despite unique and increasing challenges placed on our youth today.

# Public Information

## Medicine Box

The Weatherly Borough Police Department Cabinet for medication drop off. located in the main lobby of the Weatherly Borough building and police station. It can be accessed 24 hours a day 7days a week 365 days a year. Pills can be left in original containers or placed in a bag.

Please refrain from dropping liquids and or saves and creams in the box

Weatherly Borough Police Department collected approximately 57 lbs. of pills/ capsules, and several boxes of syringes, epi pens, lancets and patches in 2022.

## Property Checks

When you are planning away from your home for a period of time for any reason, the Weatherly Police Department will periodically check your residence and notify you or your designee if any serious problems are discovered.

- Property checks are offered to Weatherly Borough residents free of charge.
  - Property Check submissions must have an end date specified.
- As call volume allows, Officers will perform periodic inspections of your property while you are away.

### Property checks include:

- A perimeter check consisting of a physical and/or visual check of all doors and windows
  - Verification of vehicles left on the property
- Verification of any people found on the property -\*Should the need arise; we will have the information available to contact you or another responsible party.
- Only portions of the residential property with direct access will be checked by Officers

### The Property Check service is NOT:

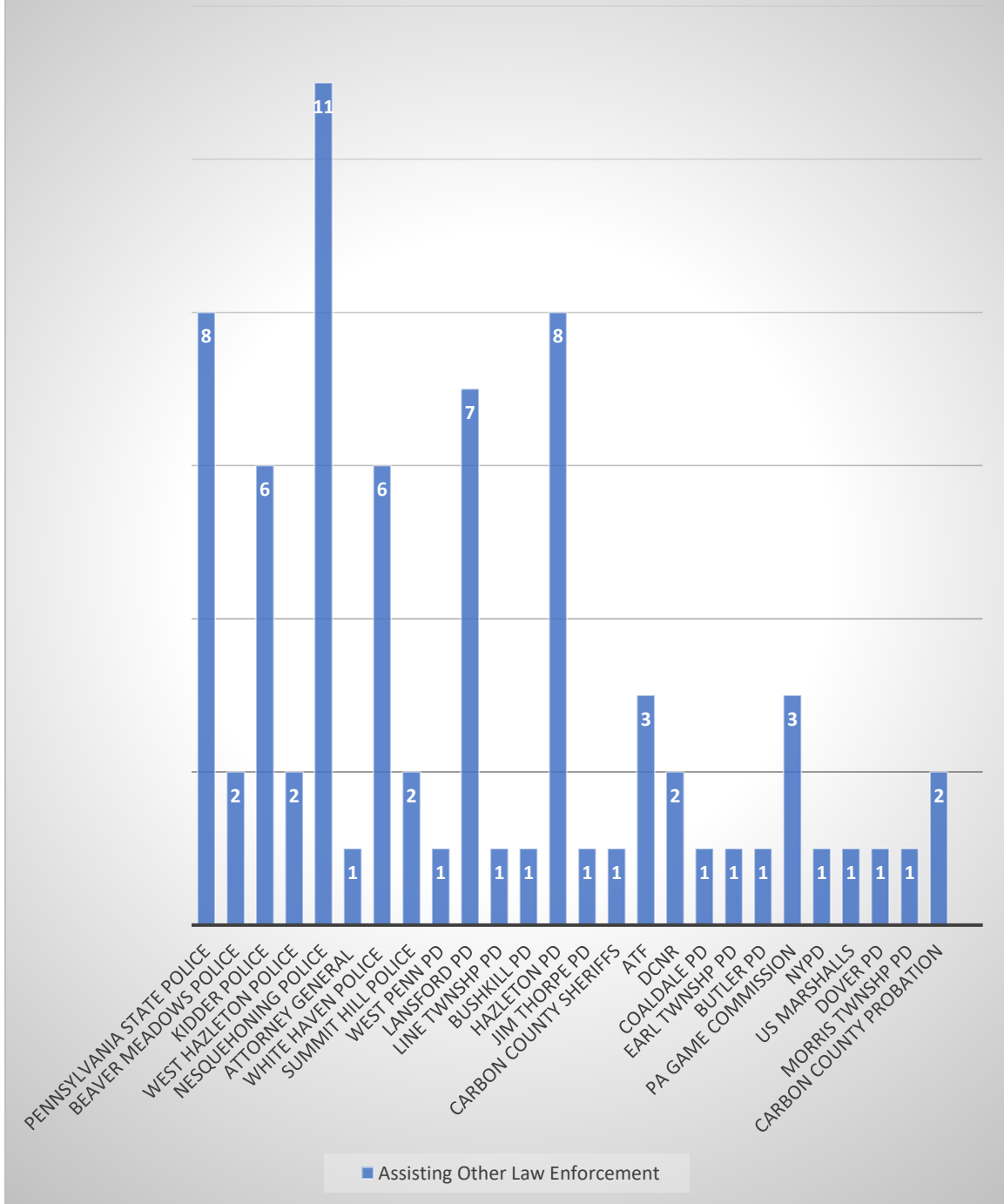
- A guarantee that the property is safe or that it will not be burglarized
  - A guarantee that the property will be checked
  - A substitute for an alarm system
- For properties in which someone is staying at the residence

## Assisting Other Law Enforcement

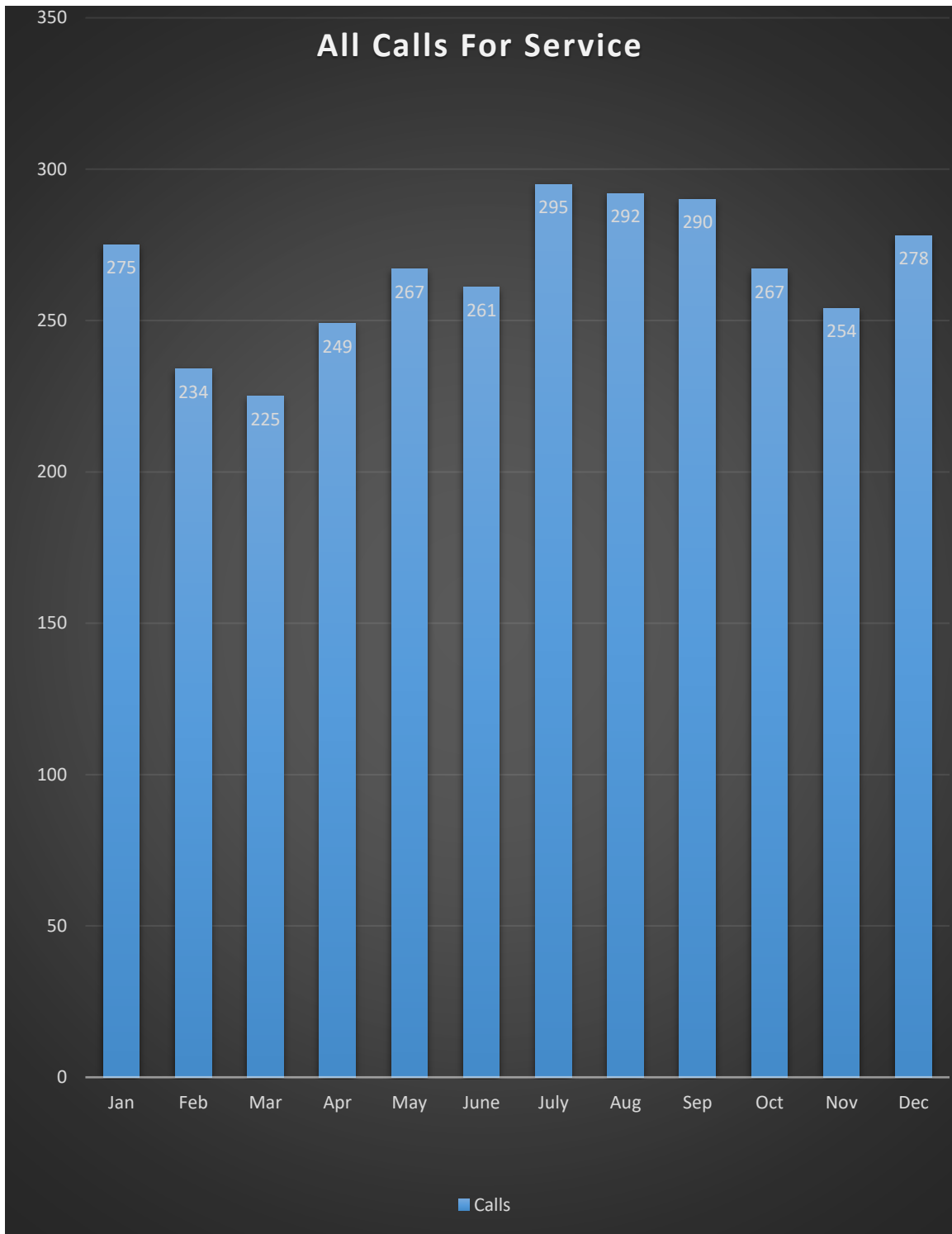
The Weatherly Borough Police Department is comprised of several men and women who work day in and day out to provide the best services possible to the Borough of Weatherly. The officers also have the same dedication and core values when called upon to provide assistance to their agencies and communities. It is an honor to have such a great working relationship with not only neighboring department but also neighboring states. Weatherly Police Department assists multiple state and federal agencies on a multitude of different calls and incidents. Some of these agencies require types of assistance that only Weatherly Police Department can offer such as use of specialized equipment, working as part of a designated task force, or use of technology that nobody else in surrounding areas possess, like a mobile fingerprint identification device.



## Assisting Other Law Enforcement



Weatherly Police Department assisted federal, state, and local law enforcement a total of 73 calls of assistance.



Weatherly Police Department had a call volume of approximately 3,200 incidents for the year of 2021. These calls and incidents range in severity from traffic warnings to violent crime and narcotics offenses.

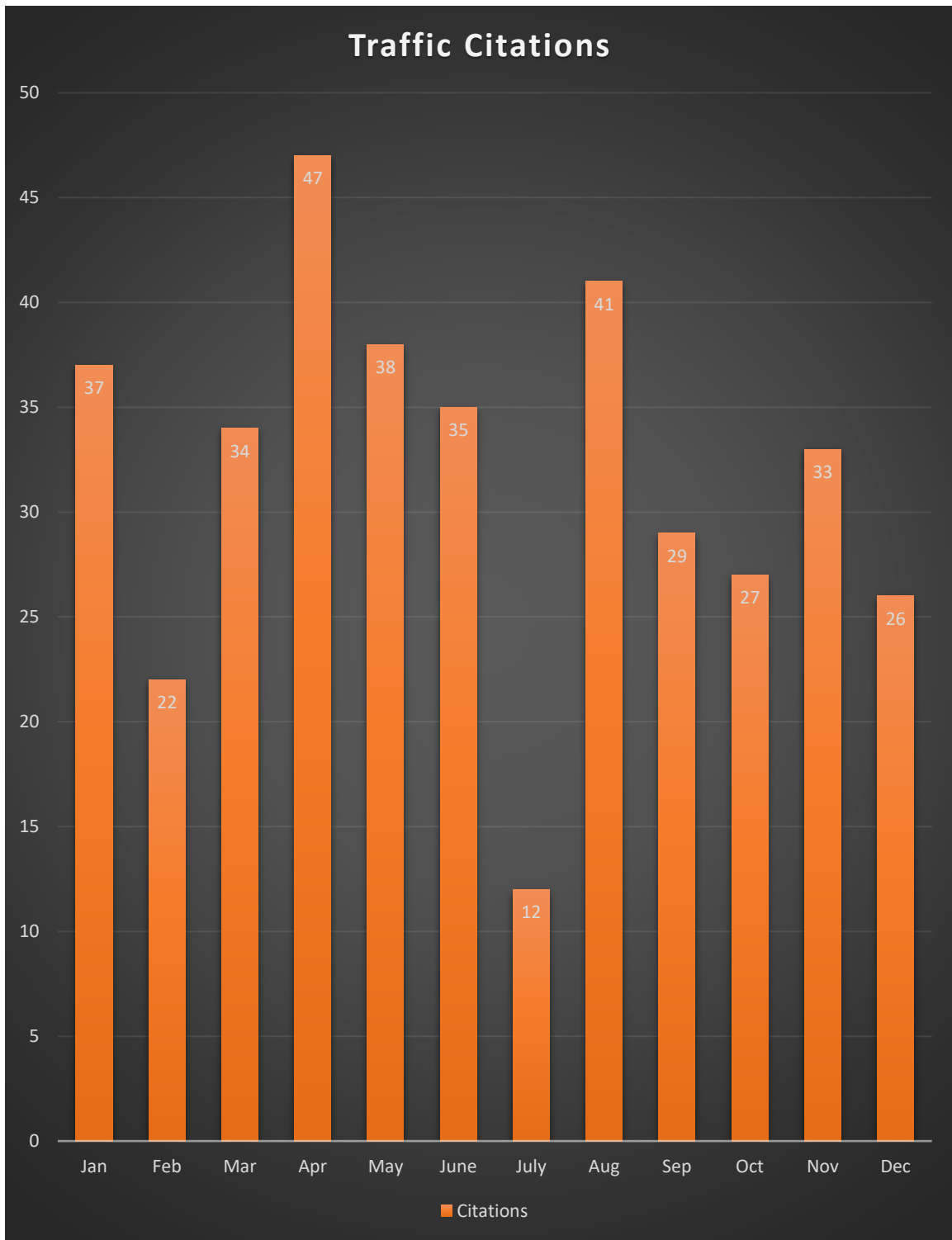
# Criminal Arrests for 2021

In 2021 Weatherly Police Department arrested approximately **60 offenders**. These crimes range in severity from possession of narcotics to violent crime.

In 2021 approximately **40 offenders** were placed in custody in our holding cells located at Weatherly Police Department.

These criminal arrests added up to **312 criminal charges filed**.





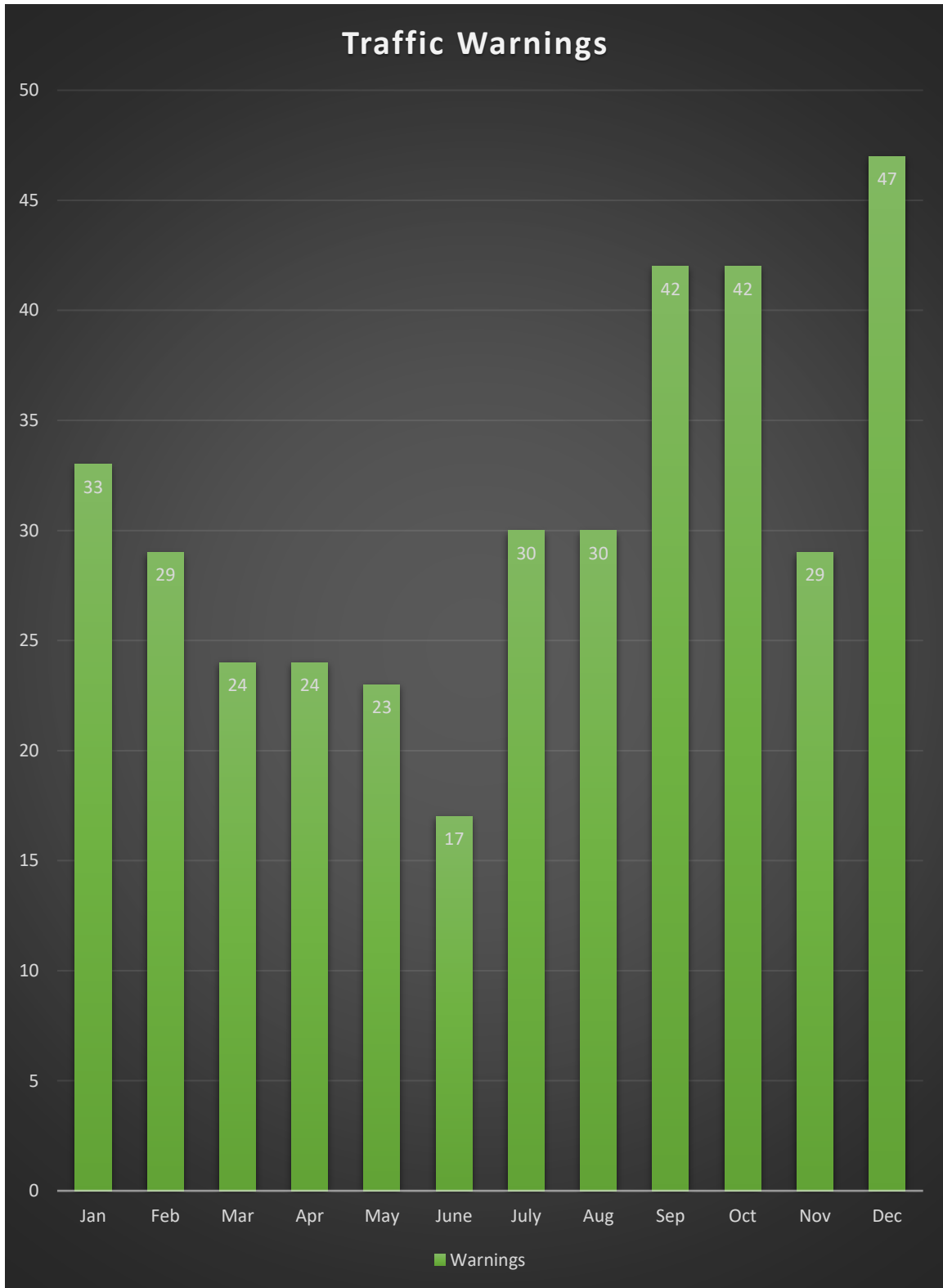
A total of 381 traffic citations for violations of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code were issued and filed for the year of 2021.

# Vehicle Code Section Break Down

<u>1101. Certificate of Title</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>1301. Registration and certificate of title required-</u>	<u>84</u>
<u>1332. Display of registration plate-</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>1371. Operation following suspension of registration-</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>1372. Unauthorized transfer or use of registration-</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>1501. Drivers required to be licensed-</u>	<u>42</u>
<u>1504. Classes of licenses-</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>1543. Driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked-</u>	<u>42</u>
<u>1786. Required financial responsibility-</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>3111. Obedience to traffic-control devices-</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>3303. Overtaking vehicle on the left-</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>3308. One-way roadways and rotary traffic islands-</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>3323. Stop signs and yield signs-</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>3334. Required position and method of turning-</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>3345. Passing of School Bus</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>3353. Prohibitions in specified places-</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>3354. Prohibited Parking</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>3360-3369. Speed Restrictions-</u>	<u>114</u>
<u>3714. Careless driving-</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>3717. Trespass by motor vehicle-</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>3736. Reckless driving-</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>3745. Accidents involving damage to unattended vehicle or property-</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>3809. Restriction on alcoholic beverages-</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>4103. Vehicle Equipment Standards</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>4301-4310. Lighting Equipment-</u>	<u>18</u>
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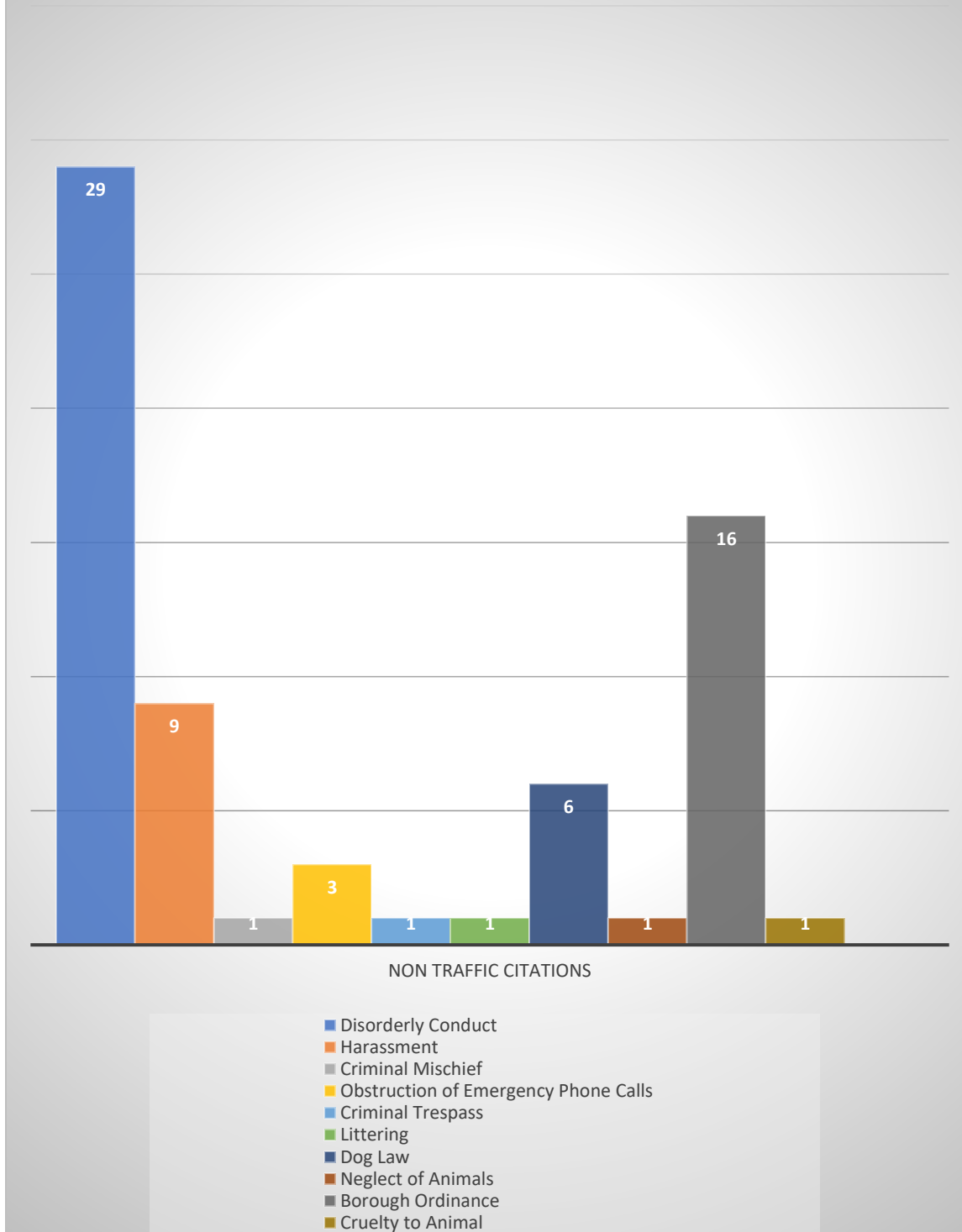


<u>4524. Windshield obstructions and wipers-</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>4525. Tire equipment and traction surfaces-</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>4581. Restraint systems-</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>4703. Operation of vehicle without official certificate of inspection-</u>	<u>53</u>
<u>4902. Restrictions on use of highways and bridges-</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>6311. Enforcement Authority</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>7721. Operation on streets and highways-</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>7726. Careless driving of an ATV</u>	<u>1</u>



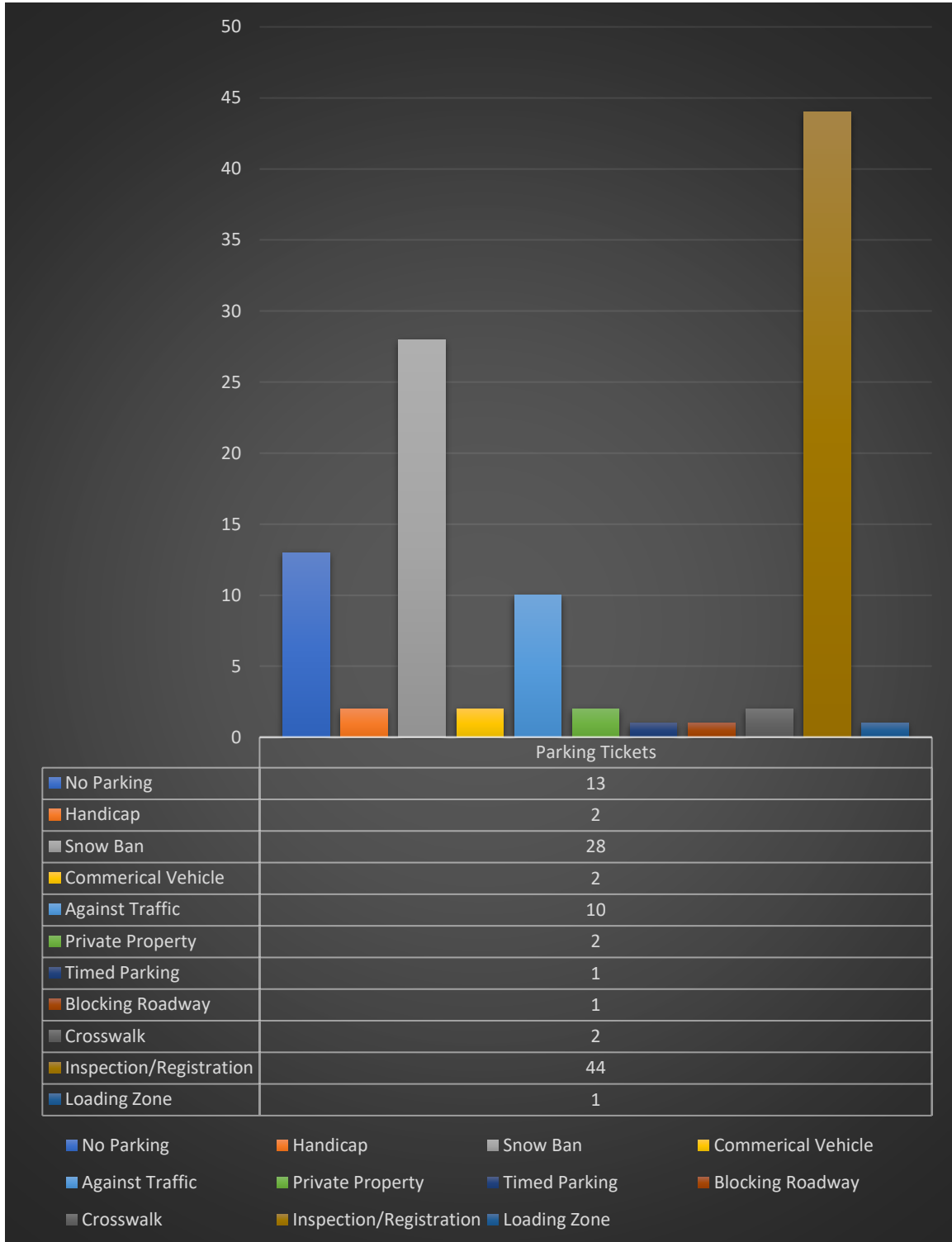
A total of 370 warnings were given for motor vehicle violations for the year of 2021.

## Non Traffic Citations Filed in 2021



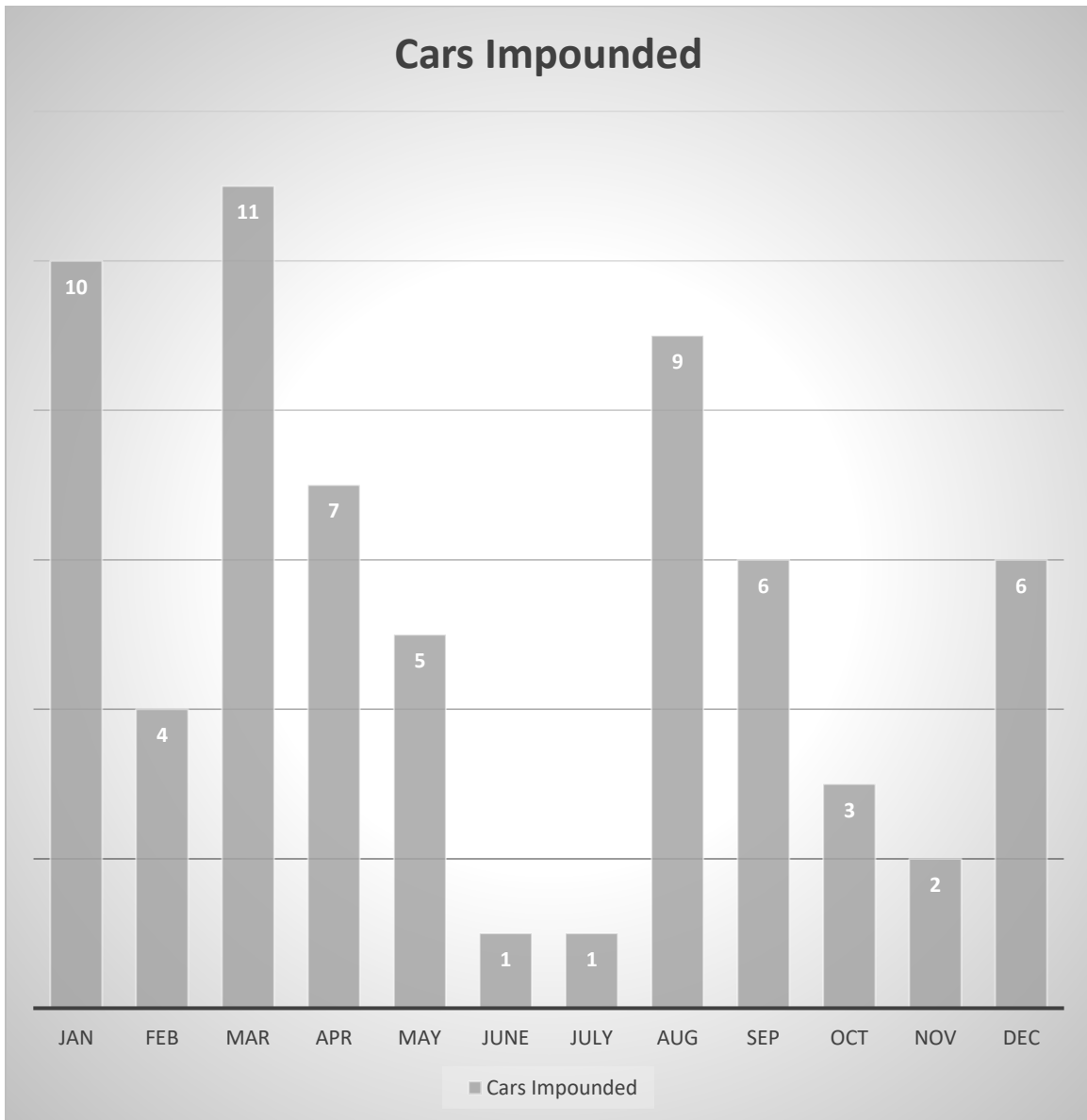
A total of 67 Non-Traffic citations were filed for the year of 2021.

# Parking Violations



# Impound Report

Weatherly Police Department is unique in that it has its own impound lot which is managed solely by Weatherly Police personnel. A vehicle will be impounded if it was used in the commission of a crime or if it is illegally parked at the time a violation occurs and it is unable to be removed to a location which is legal parking zone, such as the operator not having a valid license.



Weatherly Police Department impounded approximately 65 vehicles for the year 2021.

# 2021 Training

Our officers participate in many law enforcement training updates and classes. All police officers of the commonwealth are required by the Municipal Police Officer's Educations and Training Commission (MPOETC) to attend annual legal updates, as well as perform an annual firearms qualification, in order to maintain their police officer certifications.

The Weatherly Police Department goes above and beyond the mandatory training requirements established by MPOETC. We are committed to providing our officers with the proper training to carry out their duties, effectively, and safely. Our commitment to training goes hand in hand with our dedication to provide a professional approach, integrity, and respect to anyone we may encounter.

Officer Jonathan Yaskiewicz-

- Basic Tactical Medicine Instructor Training:24 Hours

Officer Ashley Harris-

- ATV safety certified:8 Hours

- Taser Certification:8 Hours

- Intoximeter:2 Hours

- Tactical Medicine for First Responder:8 Hours

- Spike Strip Certified: 2 Hours

Officer Edward Kubert-

- Basic Tactical Medicine Instructor Training: 24 Hours

Chief Brian Markovchick-

- Basic Tactical Medicine Instructor Training: 24 Hours

- ATV safety certified: 8 Hours

- Certified Fire Investigator IAAI

# 2021 Training Continued

Officer Joshua Silfee-

- Taser Certification: 8 Hours
- First Aid/CPR Recertification
- OC Spray Certified
- Non-Traffic Equivocal Death Investigations: 12 Hours
- Standardized Field Sobriety Practitioner: 24 Hours
- Basic Tactical Medicine Instructor Training: 24 Hours
- Bloodstain Pattern Documentation, Preservation, and Collection: 8 Hours
- Latent Prints and DNA Collection at Crime Scenes: 16 Hours
- Basic Narcotics Investigations: 40 Hours

Officer Chris Belles-

- Intoximeter: 2 Hours
- Tactical Medicine for the First Responder: 8 Hours
- Crime Scene Processing: 24 Hours
- Taser Certification: 8 Hours

Officer Sofia Hantz -

- Trauma Management: 16 Hours

Officer Danilo Garcia-

- Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement: 16 Hours
- Non-Traffic Equivocal Death Investigations: 12 Hours

## 2021 Training Continued

Sergeant Michael Bogart-

- Mobile Device Investigations: 40 Hours
- Instructor Development: 40 Hours
- Use of Force Instructor Training: 40 Hours
- Basic Tactical Medicine Instructor Training: 24 Hours
- Digital Photography for Fire Investigations: 2 Hours
- Internet Investigations and Intelligence: 2 Hours
- Fire Scene Photography: 3 Hours
- Taser Instructor recertification: 16 Hours



# Community

The challenges brought on by COVID-19 reduced Weatherly Police Departments ability to get involved in a way we always have in years past. Our officers want to feel a bond to the community they serve and it is difficult to coordinate and plan events around the pandemic. Unfortunately, Weatherly Police Department was limited on actions that could be taken to re-enforce wholesome community-oriented policing. Despite the pandemic our officers could still be found around the Borough of Weatherly interacting in a positive way with youth and adults alike. Our officers seize every opportunity to pause everyday patrol operations to play a game of basketball with our youth at Eurana Park, or stopping at a fundraiser to let the public know that we see them, or just enjoying holiday celebrations with the community like Weatherly Police Department always has.

