

PLAINFIELD POLICE REPORT

The Covid 19 world wide pandemic dominated the department's work in 2020. Our officers had to devote a lot of time and attention to new protocols for handling all of the various types of calls for service. The department has been able to continue most operations; many things just take more time now. Invaluable to the department has been the efforts of Human Service Director Stephanie Schell. Our public safety team's commitment to serving all the residents of our community remains unchanged in these very odd times.

The department spent the entire year with reduced staff and hiring new police officers is a challenge these days. This situation has been further complicated when at the very beginning of 2021 the Selectboard accepted the resignation of Chief Paul Roberts who served as Chief since 2010. Sargent Anthony "Tony" Swett is now serving as Interim Chief. The hope is to get back to two full time officers and two part time officers during 2021. Special thanks are due to residents Roland and Wanda Daniels. Roland is a retired police officer who has kept his certifications and has filled in a lot of shifts for us. Wanda is a retired police administrator who now works for us part time and is helping with the department's administrative work load.

Despite all that has gone on in 2020 the department handled 4,233 calls in 2020 as compared to 3,809 in 2019 and 4050 in 2018. A sampling of the call types can be found on the next page.

In closing, the Selectmen's office thanks Chief Roberts for his service. We offer our full support and assistance to Interim Chief Anthony Swett as he leads us through this period of transition.

Stephen Haller Town Administrator

Police Department Statistical Data

	2020	2019	2018
Accidents no injury	34	44	66
Accidents w/injury	18	52	17
Administrative	93	77	79
Alarms	47	48	60
Animals	94	54	96
Arson-Fire Invest.	00	00	00
Assault	03	02	00
Assist other PDs	19	50	100
Auto theft	02	00	00
Bad checks	02	02	02
Burglary	03	01	02
Car Unlocks	09	09	18
Civil	01	01	05
Court Appearance	09	25	21
Criminal mischief	06	09	03
Criminal threats	06	04	03
Deaths	00	03	02
Disorderly	06	03	02
Domestic violence	04	28	15
DWI	08	06	03
Drugs	01	03	08
E 911 calls	12	31	28
Fire calls	00	27	72
Firing of weapons	08	06	04
Fraud	21	26	14
House/Property	410	296	271
Intoxication	02	00	00
Juvenile Matters	02	03	08
Medical Emer.	74	74	126
Missing person	07	01	00
Motor vehicle	58	88	54
Motorist assist	14	47	63
Open doors	14	15	10
Pistol Permits	21	16	16
Sex Off. Reg.	05	10	11
Sexual assault	02	04	05
Suspicious Persons	86	99	137
Theft	32	18	14
Trespassing	05	05	02