

The City of Lewes



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March Activity 2020

Calls for Service

Officers responded to 98 complaints in March.

Lewes Police responded to 5 calls to assist other agencies outside of our jurisdiction: 5 for DSP Troop 7.

- Assist Other Agencies:
 - Senators Development (Missing Person)
 - Nassau Rd and Coastal Highway (Pursuit)
 - Savannah Rd (Alarm)
 - Savannah Rd & Vikings Way (Hit & Run)
 - New Rd & Schaeffer Lane (Suicidal subject)

Miscellaneous Complaints (see attached)

- Theft complaints – 4
 - 1 – identity
 - 3 – property

Criminal Arrest

- 2 adult subjects arrested for a total of 6 criminal charges

Traffic

- 5 - Accidents
 - 5 – property damage
 - Savannah & W. 4th St.
 - LFD parking lot
 - Savannah Rd. & Manila Ave.
 - Kings Hwy & Beach Plum Dr.
 - Queen Anne Ave. & Pilottown Rd.
- 42 – traffic violations
- 20 – traffic warnings

March Activity 2020 (cont'd)

K9 Deployments

- 1 – pursuit
- 2 – foot patrol
- 2 – property checks

Significant Activity

- 117 - Business/Property checks
- 14.5 - Business/Property check hours
- 90 - Foot patrols
- 34.25 - Foot patrol hours
- 2 - Open Window/Doors checks
- 11 – COVID19 Property checks

March Significant Activities and Meetings

- 3/2- Chief Spell and Lieutenant Azato attended the Police Ad Hoc Review Committee Meeting.
Chief Spell presented the FY21 Police Department Budget to the Mayor and City Council.
- 3/5- Chief Spell and Lieutenant Azato attended the Police Ad Hoc Review Committee Meeting.
- 3/13- Chief Spell participated in a Sussex County Police Chief's conference call to coordinate services with Sussex County police Departments.

Members of the Lewes Police Department joined with staff from the Cape Henlopen School District and participated in a cycle fundraiser for the Make-a-Wish Foundation to benefit a CHHS student.
- 3/16- Chief Spell met with Captain Darren Short, DSP, Chief Sam Mackert, Dewey PD, Lt. Jamie Riddle, Rehoboth PD and Captain Harvey, Milton PD to discuss the Covid-19 pandemic and the coordination of future services should it become necessary.
- 3/17- The Lewes Police Department issued Policy 1033, Infectious Disease Response Plan (COVID-19) to all members. Guidelines issued to members to better protect themselves and the public when interacting.
- 3/19- Chief Spell and Lt. Azato participated in a Covid-19 conference call with DEMA and Delaware Police and Fire Chiefs.
- 3/20- The Lewes Police Department procured and distributed PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for all members from the State of Delaware Department of Public Health.
- 3/21- Police Department recommended the closing of all city bathrooms and beach parking lots and instituted daily ATV patrols of the Beaches and Bike Trails.
- 3/22- The police department posted several messages on our Facebook page alerting followers to the restrictions, new business practices and potential scam alerts.
- 3/26- Chief Spell and Lt. Azato participated in a Covid-19 conference call with DEMA and Delaware Police and Fire Chiefs.

Calls for Service – March 2020

CALLS	# of Incidents
Accident/Crashes	5
Alarm	15
Animal	2
Assist other Agency	10
Death Investigation	1
Disabled vehicle	0
Disorderly Conduct	1
Domestic	2
Drug/Narcotic	1
DUI	2
Emergency Order of the Gov	1
Found/Lost Property	0
Fraudulent Check	1
Harassment	3
Intoxicated Person	0
Issuing Bad Check	1
Local Fugitive	2
Marijuana Civil Violation	0
Megan's Law Notifications	0
Miscellaneous Investigation	1
Missing Person	0
Noise	5
Non-Criminal	3
Offensive Touching	0
Open door/Property Check	2
Property Check - Covid19	8
Parked Vehicle	2
Public Assist	10
Suspicious Person	2
Suspicious Vehicle	1
Theft	4
Traffic/Parking	1
Traffic Service	0
Transport	0
Trespass	2
Unlawful Sexual Conduct	1
Violation Warning	0
Welfare Check	9
Total Calls	98