



The Community Beat

Buxton Police Department



A Community Newsletter

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Welcome to our new monthly newsletter!

One of the missions of Buxton Police Department is to develop and support positive relationships with our community. To do that, fostering and keeping open lines of communication with our residents is key.

We are excited to launch a new monthly newsletter that will give the public a glimpse into the department's activities, be used as a tool to relay important information related to public safety, and share news from within our department such as new hires, milestones and upcoming events.

Along with our monthly newsletter, we will also be preparing a more detailed quarterly report that we will present to the Board of Selectmen starting in July.

As we develop and grow our newsletter, we welcome your feedback on information you think would be helpful to include. Please send your comments and suggestions to Court Officer/Crime Analyst [TammyJo Girard](#).

We look forward to sharing our newsletter with you every month and hope that our community finds this an informative and helpful tool!



Chief Cline, Disp. Supervisor Lathrop, Disp. Pennell & Campobasso, and Officer Blackwell

BUXTON PD CELEBRATES NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

Our dispatchers are a hard working and critical part of our public safety team. The dispatch staff was recognized during the week of April 13 for their dedication to the safety of our citizens, police, fire, and rescue staff.

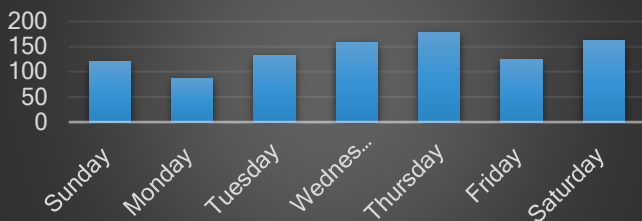
MONTHLY CALLS FOR SERVICE

When police, fire, or EMS respond on a call, a Call for Service (CFS) is generated to document details, such as who the caller was, what service was requested, what unit(s) responded, and call outcome. CFS can also be generated based on staff actions, such as an officer serving paperwork or making a traffic stop. Some CFS are created solely for informational purposes, such as a road closures or to document the release of a report to another agency. CFS are the bones of our reporting system and the best source of information to grab a snapshot of overall call volume.

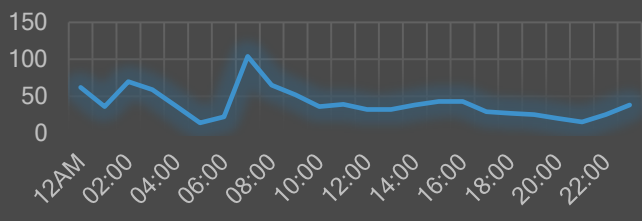
April Calls for Service

Total Calls for Service (includes Police/Fire/EMS)	963
Police Responses	644

Calls by Day of Week



Call Volume by Hour



COVID-19 IMPACT

On March 18, 2020, Governor Janet Mills issued an executive order telling Mainers to stay home to prevent the spread of COVID-19. With businesses and schools closed, and people sheltering in place, life has slowed down.

As a result, the overall call volume for the month of April 2020 is lower than normal for this time of year.



Welcome to the Team!



Officer Olivia Wentworth was sworn in as a patrol officer on April 9. (left)

Kaden Flynn joined Buxton PD as our new Animal Control Officer. (right)



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

One of the most frequent complaints from the community is that of speeding vehicles.

For 2020, overall traffic enforcement is down. This is directly related to both a staff shortage and a decrease in traffic related to the COVID-19 stay home order. As new officers are hired and trained and traffic returns to normal with restrictions slowly lifting, there will be increased traffic enforcement actions.

As a reminder to drivers, while there may be less traffic on the road for the time being, the rules of the road still apply. Officers are stopping motorists for traffic violations and will continue to issue traffic citations when warranted. Please be aware of your driving habits, follow the traffic laws and drive safe.

Traffic Related Enforcement & Incidents

Traffic Stops	56
Warnings	47
Summonses & Citations	8
Arrests	1
Radar Details (area specific enforcement)	10
Traffic Accidents	13

DID YOU KNOW?

Buxton PD has conducted 12,380 traffic stops over the past 5 years, an average of 2500+ traffic stops annually. Many of those have resulted in traffic citations ranging in cost from \$79 to over \$300.

APRIL SAFETY TIP



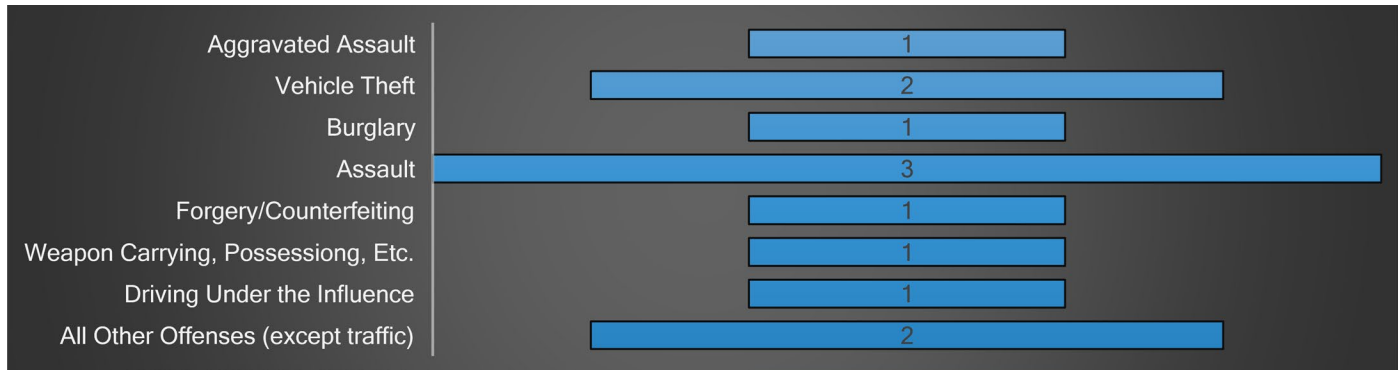
- Keep your antivirus & malware software updated
- Use strong passwords and change them often
- Never give out personal information such as passwords, social security number or bank account information online or over the phone
- Be cautious of downloads on your computers, tablets, and cellular devices

Cybercriminals are continually changing tactics in order to scam people of their money or personal info. Over the past few months, several scams have surfaced with the scammers using the COVID-19 pandemic to sell fraudulent personal protective equipment and hock fake tests and “cures”. There are emails and social media ads that seem to be asking for donations to agencies battling the COVID-19 virus but are fraudulent sites that steal your money. And, with folks now expecting stimulus money to hit their bank accounts, cybercriminals have been sending emails and text messages that are masked to look like they are coming from federal or state agencies asking for personal info. These emails and texts, in reality, are ploys to steal your personal banking account information.

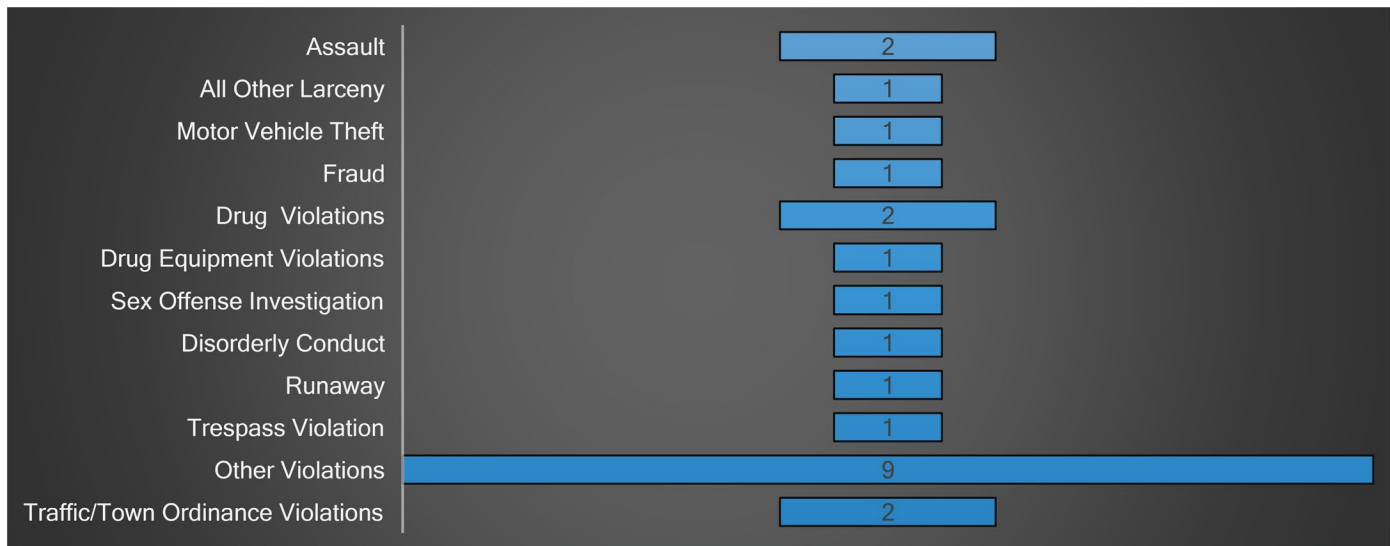
The Federal Trade Commission has received 18,235 fraud complaints this year alone, costing victims more than \$13.4 million dollars. Be smart – do not allow yourself to fall victim to cybercrime by always following safe internet practices.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES

During the month of April 2020, officers arrested or summonsed for the following offenses:



During April 2020, officers investigated the following offenses. Some of these may be open investigations and other may have been deemed unfounded.



Officers were also involved in 17 incidents that investigation revealed were not criminal offenses.

ANIMAL COMPLAINTS

Animal Control Officer Kaden Flynn joined the department mid-month and has taken several complaints since. He has responded on 10 animal complaints made by members of the public and has been following up on several calls related to past incidents of neglect. If you have not licensed your dog for 2020 yet, please make sure to do so as soon as town hall opens for business. Those who do not license their dog are subject to fines and late fees.

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