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Police Report – April 2019

Statistics

There were 452 total incidents in April which includes 7 crashes and 18 reported crimes. 104 traffic citations were issued and 45 warnings were given. There were 12 criminal arrests. 4,479 miles were traveled in April. Crimes reported include; 1 each of Criminal Mischief, Scattering Rubbish, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Harassment, Curfew, Recklessly Endangering Another Person, Harassment by Communication, Open Lewdness / Resisting Arrest, Public Drunkenness, 2 Thefts (1 cash, 1 firearm), 3 DUIs and 3 Retail Thefts. 48 hrs. of Vacation time was utilized and 2 hrs. of Sick time utilized. There were 36 hrs. of training completed – All officers were trained on the new Police Records Management System.

Arrests and incidents of note:

- On 4/6/19 at approx. 1030 PM Officer Vital came upon an occupied vehicle while on routine patrol of the Silvermine Park. A 56 year old male from Lancaster was found to be in possession of a small amount of marijuana and charged with such.
- On 4/9/19 at approx. 5:45 PM, Officer Byrnes was dispatched to a fight which had just occurred on the basketball court at the Pequea Elementary School. The incident was between two juveniles and no injuries were reported.
- On 4/10/19 at approx. 1230 AM Sergeant Burger preformed a vehicle stop in the 400 Blk. of Long Ln. A 58 year old female from Conestoga was found to be the driver. She was extremely intoxicated, attempted to drive away during the stop and resisted arrest. She was found to be under the influence of alcohol and in possession of an unmarked container of a variety of prescription medication.
- On 4/12/19 at approx. 9:30 PM Officer Byrnes conducted a vehicle stop in the 100 Blk. of Marticville Rd. The driver of the vehicle was found to be a 61 year old male from Martic Twp. who was under the influence of alcohol.
- On 4/14/19 at approx. 1 AM Officer Byrnes encountered three males in the 2100 Blk. of New Danville Pike. A 16 year old, and 17 year old male, both from Conestoga, were cited for a Curfew Ordinance Violation.
- On 4/17/19 at approx. 10:30 AM, Sergeant Burger was dispatched to a possible suicidal person with shots fired in the 100 Blk. of Rawlinsville Rd. The 56 year old male resident had made suicidal statements before firing a handgun out a window. The male was still in the residence with multiple firearms refusing to come out. Sergeant Burger enlisted assistance from various neighboring jurisdictions and the Lancaster County Special Emergency Response Team. A perimeter was set up and the roadway closed by volunteer fire police. The resident refused to come out unless he was able to speak with Chief Michener. Chief Michener was not on duty at the time, but was contacted at home and called the resident. Chief Michener was able to successfully talk the resident into leaving the residence unarmed. He was taken into custody without incident and transported to the hospital for evaluation. He was charged with Recklessly Endangering Another Person.
- On 4/20/19 at approx. 9:30 AM, Officer Muir conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 3000 Blk. of Willow Street Pike. The driver was a 16 year old male from Quarryville. He was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and charged accordingly.
- On 4/22/19 Officer Byrnes took a report of a stolen firearm from a residence on Candlewyck Ct. The resident stated that he had family over for Easter on the 21st. On the 22nd he learned that a 24 year old male family member had stolen a 9mm handgun from the residence and already sold it on the street. The suspect is currently in an inpatient treatment facility and the case is pending his release from that program.

- On 4/23/19 Officer Byrnes took a report for harassing phone calls being received at a residence on Autumn Way. The 33 year old female resident had received multiple harassing phone calls from a 41 year old female from Coatesville. The suspect was contacted and advised to cease communications. The suspect then called again leaving three separate threatening messages. The suspect was charged with Harassment Via Communications.
- On 4/26/19 at approx. 7:40 PM Officer Byrnes was dispatched to a disturbance in the 1100 Blk. of Millwood Rd. He arrived to find a 19 year old male resident to be in the street naked, under the influence of unknown drugs and combative. He was taken into custody without incident and charged with Open Lewdness, Resisting Arrest, Public Drunkenness, and Disorderly Conduct.
- On 4/27/19 at approx. 11:45 PM Officer Byrnes was dispatched to a disturbance at the Circle M Campground. A 36 year old male from Elkton Md. Was charged with Public Drunkenness.
- Over the latter half of the month Sergeant Burger handled multiple reports of retail theft at EM Herts. Surveillance footage was obtained and the same male was seen on three occasions stealing chainsaws from the business. On the fourth occasion he was noticed by staff who then called 911. Officer Muir arrived within minutes and the male was taken into custody and charged with multiple counts of Felony Retail theft.
- On 4/29/19 Officer Muir took a report for Scattering Rubbish on Shultz Rd. in the area of Millwood Rd. Overnight, unknown persons had dumped a large amount of trash and debris. Trash was located with an address in Lancaster City which was found to have been abandoned and sheriff seized to a bank. The bank was contacted and the investigation continues into who was tasked with cleaning the property.
- On 4/29/19 Chief Michener took a report that sometime during the previous week unknown actors had cut the lock to the entrance to the mine at Silvermine Park. The entrance has been re-secured.
- Sergeant Burger filed charges of Retail Theft on a 39 year old male from Lancaster for an incident which occurred in January at EM Herts.

Crashes:

4/6/19 – 8:45PM – Marticville Rd. at New Danville Pk. - 2 vehicle / no injury – driver took foot off brake and drifted into vehicle in front of them

4/8/19 – 5:55 AM – 400 Blk. Marticville Rd. – 1 vehicle, no injury- driver fell asleep went off roadway

4/13/19 – 3:15 PM – New Danville Pk. / Tanyard Rd.- 2 vehicle with injuries – driver ran stop sign and struck other vehicle. Possibly under the influence of alcohol (pending toxicology)

4/19/19 – 7PM – 272 South at W. Penn Grant Rd. – 1 vehicle VS. Deer – no injury.

4/25/19 – 4PM – 272 North at E. Boehms Rd. – 2 vehicles W/ injury – Vehicle turned left in front of north bound vehicle. 2 juveniles in north bound vehicle injured not wearing seatbelts.

4/26/19 – 6AM – Utley Dr. – one vehicle vs. parked car, no injury – caller distracted by spilt drink.

4/27/19 – 2:30PM – Marticville Rd. at Sprecher Rd. – 2 vehicle / no injury – box truck ran stop sign.

Other Information:

The weather is nice and school will be out soon. Please slow down and be on the watch for kids walking, biking and playing on the road. Also remember to look twice for motorcycles. Limit distractions and stay alert on the roadways.

Please report suspicious activity right away. You can call 911 or the non-emergency dispatch line at 717-664-1180. Anonymous tips of any suspicious or criminal behavior can be left on our webpage although in progress incidents should be called in to the above numbers. We also remind you to lock your vehicles and keep valuable items out of sight.

Visit our website at www.pequeatownship.org and sign up for email updates to receive press releases on warrants, arrests and other incidents. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter to stay up to date with your police department.