

CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

OCTOBER 2020 MONTHLY REPORT





The following report represents the work performed by the
Chesterfield Police Department in October 2020.



DEPARTMENT WIDE STATISTICS

Events	Monthly Totals
Radio Assignments	4500
CARE Reports	228
Custodial Arrests	63
Summons Issued in Lieu of Arrest	64
DWI	12
Traffic Citations	537
Warnings	692
Total Crashes	105
Fatality Crashes	0
Injury Crashes	21
Property Damage Crashes	84
Citizen Fingerprints	0

The Chesterfield Police Department routinely tracks deer related incidents including deer and vehicle collisions, as well as tagging deer carcasses when located on roadways to better evaluate their impact on the safety of the community.

Incident Type	October 2019	October 2020	YTD 2020
Vehicle Collisions	7	5	27
Other	1	2	11
Carcass Tags	7	1	11
Total	15	8	49

BUREAU OF UNIFORMED PATROL

The Bureau of Uniformed Patrol is the largest bureau of the department, consisting of three Lieutenants, six Sergeants and thirty-six Police Officers. These officers provide a visible, uniformed presence within the community, 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. The bureau is responsible for responding to all calls for service; to include crimes in progress, crimes discovered, alarms sounding, traffic crashes and hazards, emotionally disturbed persons, and a myriad of other requests for service. In addition, officers perform preventative patrols of neighborhoods, businesses and parks to detect and deter criminal activity, as well as routinely conducting traffic enforcement to improve traffic safety. Several officers assigned to the bureau are cross trained as Crime Scene Officers whose responsibility is to seize evidence and process crime scenes for forensic evidence. A number of Chesterfield officers have received extensive training to be certified as Crisis Intervention Team officers, which enables them to provide acute and follow-up support to those experiencing a mental health crisis.

Calls For Service	2339	Open Garage Door Notifications	180
Self-Initiated	1207	Crime Scene Supplements Entered	43
Open Door Reports	9	Field Interview Reports Entered	10

ASSAULT/ KIDNAPPING

On October 9th, a 20 year old woman was held against her will and beaten in a room at a local hotel. The suspect was her 23 year old ex-boyfriend, who was arrested in the hotel lobby. The following day, warrants were obtained for domestic assault 2nd, domestic assault 3rd, kidnapping 2nd and stealing under. \$100,000 cash bond was set and an ankle monitor was required upon release.

UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON/ POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

A suspicious vehicle check resulted in an occupant running across a field and jumping into a nearby creek. Officers waded into the creek and took him into custody. Investigation revealed the VIN plate removed from his vehicle and the suspect was a felon in possession of an altered firearm and felony drugs. He was charged with Violation of National Firearms Act, UUW - Felon in Possession, UUW - Gun with Felony Drugs, Possession of Controlled Substance, Felony Resisting, Possession Drug Paraphernalia, and Removing/Defacing ID Number on Mobile Equipment. Further, the suspect was wearing an ankle monitor and had previously violated the conditions of his parole (burglary) and a state detainer was on file with the Missouri Department of Corrections. Suspect was released to County jail. State and federal warrants to be sought at a later date.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT UNIT

The Bureau of Traffic Enforcement is responsible for the safety of Chesterfield's residents and visitors as they travel throughout the 244 miles of traffic-ways that wind throughout the 32 square miles of Chesterfield. Additionally, the Unit is charged with coordinating enforcement, safety and security for all special events, such as the annual Independence Day celebration, various runs, and other events held within the City. The Traffic Unit maintains primary responsibility for directed traffic enforcement, accident investigation and special event traffic management throughout the City of Chesterfield.

TOP CRASH LOCATIONS	
Chesterfield Airport Road and Boones Crossing	4
Clayton and Schoettler Rd.	3
Clarkson and Baxter	3
Chesterfield Airport and Spirit of St. Louis Blvd.	3
Eatherton Road and Lions Head	3
Total Clarkson/Olive Corridor	18
Total I-64 Accidents	9

TOP TICKET LOCATIONS	
Olive and 141	65
I-64 and Boones Crossing	54
I-64 and Long Road	30
I-64 and Chesterfield Parkway West	27
Clarkson and Baxter Road	15

Priority Street Enforcement Activity

The Priority Street Traffic Enforcement program identifies numerous streets throughout the City where enhanced enforcement efforts are conducted. These streets are selected based on crash statistics and/or citizen complaints. The majority of these locations are within subdivisions where complaints of speeding and/or stop sign violations have been received. Officers assigned to the Traffic Enforcement Unit and the Bureau of Uniformed Patrol are expected to routinely monitor these locations and take enforcement action when necessary.

# of Streets	# of Times	# of days	Time Spent	Tickets	Warnings
31	261	31	132:23	42	87

- ⇒ On Friday night October 30th, in conjunction with the Halloween weekend celebration, the Traffic Unit conducted a DWI Saturation Patrol:
 - ⇒ One Traffic Sergeant, three Traffic Officers and two Patrol Officers participated
 - ⇒ 50 traffic stops were made
 - ⇒ 30 MUTTs were issued
 - ⇒ 31 warnings were given
 - ⇒ One DWI arrest made

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT UNIT

The Special Enforcement Unit is responsible for handling all calls for service and providing a high level of uniformed visibility in all of the City's parks, walking trails and the four primary retail centers within the City Limits of Chesterfield.

Warrants Issued	4
Property Recovered	\$2,834.44
Park Patrol Hours	416:50

Arrests	11
Felony Charges	7
Misdemeanor Charges	17

POSSESSION OF A THEFT DEVICE

A 34 year old from Denver, CO got off the bus by Macy's. He was carrying a backpack with several sheets of aluminum foil in plain view. Officers found this suspicious and began speaking with the individual. It was soon revealed he intended to steal from Macy's. A further search of his backpack discovered drugs, drug paraphernalia and stolen items. Subject was arrested.

TICKET SWITCHING

Two 19 year old subjects from Ballwin changed stickers from less expensive items to more expensive items and checked out from the self-checkout lanes (aka "ticket switching"). Both were stopped and arrested as they left Walmart.

LARCENY

While conducting plain clothes operations, Officers observed a 43 year old subject from St. Louis conceal two cell phones in her purse at Walmart. When they attempted to arrest her outside, she initially resisted arrest, but was soon secured and the property was recovered.

CLARKSON VALLEY

On October 1, 2017 the department entered into a contractual agreement with the neighboring City of Clarkson Valley to provide comprehensive police services; 24-hour uniform patrols, traffic enforcement, response to calls for service, court and meeting security and community engagement programs.

Police Activity Report			
Radio Calls	59	Self-Initiated	155
Reports			
Crime/Incident Reports	5	Alarms	9
Open Door	0	Open Garage Door Notifications	27
Crash Reports			
Injury	1	Non-Injury	3
Traffic Enforcement			
Moving	41	Non-Moving	8
Warnings	28	Parking Violations	1
Total (Tickets & Warnings)		78	
Arrests			
Felony	0	Misdemeanor	1
Fugitive	0	Summons Issued	0

Crimes/Incidents Reported
⇒ Domestic Assault: 2000 block of Kehrsdale
⇒ Mental Health Crisis: 15000 block of Kehrsmill Estates- Mediated by CIT Officer
⇒ Firearm Surrendered: 16000 block of Kehrsmill Estates- Firearm brought to PD for destruction
⇒ Identity Theft: 1600 block of Trotting Trail Rd– Fraudulent account opened in victim’s name

Marquette High School Reports
⇒ A deceased turkey was hung from the football goalpost with a shoelace.
Crestview Middle School Reports
⇒ None

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

The Bureau of Criminal Investigations is responsible for the follow-up investigation of all active offenses. The Bureau has one detective assigned to all juvenile cases and one detective detached to the St. Louis County Drug Task Force. The Unit is also responsible for major crime scene management, electronic forensic examinations, intelligence information management and personnel background investigations.

Active Cases Assigned	55
Follow-Up Phone Call	6
Cases Cleared	53
Arrests	6
Summons Issued	1
Warrants Issued	10
Family Court Referrals	0
Recovered Property	\$75,060

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

HARRASSMENT

Municipal summons were issued for a suspect who was intimidating a judge. The judge was presiding over a family matter in which the suspect was upset over.

LAWN MOWER THEFTS/ BURGLARY

Two Detectives were lead investigators on the recent car clutter/car thief cases. One main suspect and associates were responsible for 44 cases in which 22 cars were stolen, 9 homes burglarized and 5 firearms were stolen. These Detectives' efforts resulted in the identification and arrest of multiple suspects.

FUGITIVE ARREST

The Department's sex crimes Detective assisted investigators from Kentucky in apprehending a suspect wanted for sex crimes with a minor in their state.



Officer Schlemmer is assisted by Volunteers in Policing at the October 24th drug take back event in Clarkson Valley.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

- ⇒ Officers from the Police Community Relations Unit completed the following work during the month of October:
 - ⇒ The DEA Drug Take Back Event was a success with Chesterfield City (141 pounds), Clarkson Valley City Hall (58.4 pounds) and Friendship Village (42.7 pounds) locations totaling 242.1 pounds of unwanted/unused medication collected. Participated in National Night Out along with Department VIPs
 - ⇒ Conducted a Police Presentation for the Daisy Troop at Incarnate Word School
 - ⇒ Conducted a Residential Site Security Survey in Clarkson Valley
 - ⇒ Taught the Code Enforcement/COPPS Update training three times for In-Service Training
 - ⇒ Served as Firearms Instructors for a combined five In-Service Training dates
 - ⇒ Staffed two Open Range Days (for both Police Employees and City Employees)
 - ⇒ Conducted numerous Neighborhood Show-ups and bike patrols in several neighborhoods around Chesterfield with the goal to raise awareness around Lock It or Lose It.
 - ⇒ Participated in the Senior Sampler Drive Thru Event at Central Park
 - ⇒ Five Birthday or Special Occasion Parades were planned by this unit for the month
 - ⇒ Attended the Alliance for Healthy Communities Meeting via Zoom
 - ⇒ Three bandit signs were entered by the Community Oriented Policing & Problem Solving Unit
 - ⇒ Pop-Up Event at the Big Muddy Trailhead



Officers visit with residents October 7th to celebrate National Night Out.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The School Resource Unit serves as resources and department liaisons at nineteen public and private schools located in Chesterfield and Clarkson Valley. The agency has ten full time officers assigned to the program. Six of the School Resource Officers (SROs) are individually assigned to the three public high schools and three public middle schools located in the two cities. The high school and middle school SRO programs are partially funded by the Parkway School District and the Rockwood School District representing one of the department's many successful community partnerships. In recent years, the department has added four additional officers to the unit that serve a similar role in the City's elementary schools, the Elementary SRO program (ESRO).

All 4 Elementary School Resource Officers returned to their assigned schools during the month of October with Parkway Schools beginning in-person learning on 10/21/20. A total of 347:15 hours were spent in their assigned schools by the Officers.



On October 9th the Original Pancake House brought the Department pancakes and bacon for breakfast.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Code Enforcement Unit is responsible for responding to complaints of nuisance violations, housing code violation and other quality of life issues that affect members of our community. The department's Code Enforcement Inspector works closely with offending property owners to abate the violation(s); however, legal remedies will be sought when those efforts fail. As noted in the table below, this unit is able to resolve the vast majority of violations, through voluntary compliance.

Total Complaints	36	No Violation	9
Letters Sent	27	Hearings	0
Abated	18	Summons Issued	0
Cases Forwarded to P.A.	0	Community Inquiries	28

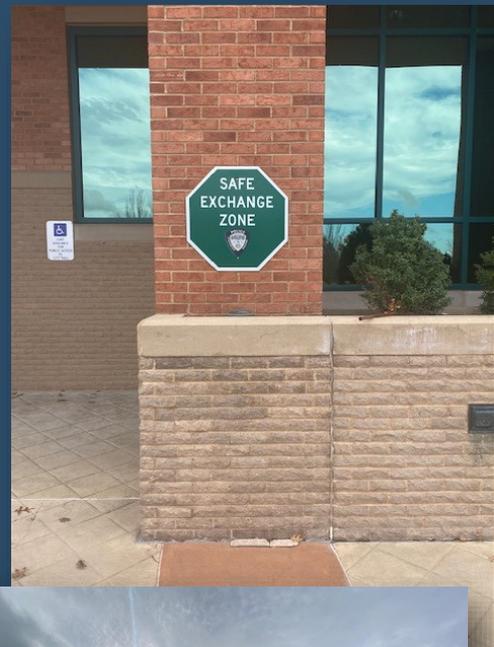
DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT

Safe Exchange Zone

In the interest of providing a safe means of conducting private sale transactions, the Chesterfield Police Department established a 'Safe Exchange Zone' in 2015. This area, located on City Hall property, provides a public space for personal exchanges such as Facebook Marketplace sales.

A sign placed in the courtyard on the north side of the City Hall building indicates the area for these exchanges. The area is monitored by video, but is not manned with police personnel.

The intent of the Safe Exchange Zone is to provide a safe means of conducting these transactions. This response has come as a result of an increase in the number of personal sale and trade transactions taking place in unsafe environments, which can sometimes result in criminal activity. For further information about the 'Safe Exchange Zone,' please contact the City of Chesterfield Police Department at (636)537-3000.



RECORDS AND PROPERTY

The Bureau of Records and Property is responsible for record storage and release, the proper storage of evidence and property, fleet maintenance and administration of the department's in-car and body worn camera program.

New Cases Entered Into Computer Based Evidence Tracking System	116	
Items of Evidence Logged	484	
Bonds Processed	4	totaling \$1,857
Including Bonds Processed for Other Agencies	1	totaling \$500
Police Reports Released	153	
Telephone Calls Received	3405	

140.5 pounds of medication were properly disposed of from the City Hall lobby prescription drop box program.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Body Worn Cameras

Beginning in January 2018, every Police Officer at the Chesterfield Police Department was assigned a body worn camera which must be worn at all times while the Officer is on Duty. The camera, attached to the front of the Officer's uniform, records the majority of the Officer's interactions with the public.

The department believes that it has developed a culture where its employees provide a high level of customer service, value the constitution, practice fair & impartial policing, and use force only when necessary. The department believes that the actions of its officers are a matter of public record and welcomes the opportunity to enhance transparency through the use of BWCs.

The long-term goal of this program is to provide a higher degree of transparency to the public which we hope in turn will foster trust and a more positive relationship with the community.



TRAINING & PERSONNEL

The Personnel and Training Unit directly assists the agency and the Police Personnel Board in the recruitment, hiring, and promotion of police department personnel, as well as the continuing education and training of the existing members of the agency. One member of the unit, a commissioned police officer, is currently detached to the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy where he serves as an academy instructor.

Hours of In-service Training	328
Hours of Academy Sponsored Training	80
Hours of Other Training	40
Hours of Police Legal Science Online Computer Training	106

TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

- ⇒ The Training Unit conducted socially distant outdoor firearms training and physical agility testing at the Department's firearms range.
- ⇒ Three in-service training days included classroom instruction on Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving, electronic evidence and digital currency investigations. These trainings were completed in much larger facilities which allow for significant social distancing.

PERSONNEL

- ⇒ Throughout the month of October, the Bureau of Administrative Services administered the Sergeant's promotional process which then enabled Chief Johnson to promote Detective John Bodi to the rank of Sergeant.
- ⇒ Three written testing dates were administered to candidates for the position of Police Officer. Applications continued to be screened for consideration of moving to the next step in the hiring process.
- ⇒ The position for a Records Clerk was posted and the Department began to accept applications.

PROMOTIONS AND AWARDS



On October 7th, Officer Tim Carter was awarded the Chief's Commendation for his actions in rescuing a semi-conscious pilot from a plane crash that occurred near the parking lot of Parkway West Middle School on August 22nd. He was joined at the presentation by the pilot who survived the crash and who PO Carter pulled to safety that day.

On October 20th, Katie Oberlander received the Employee Recognition Award. During the ceremony, her willingness to help others was highlighted. Katie has established herself as the go-to person for all aspects of the police department with one goal in mind, making Chesterfield a better place.



On October 30th, Detective John Bodi was promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant.

Sgt. Bodi has been a member of the Chesterfield Police Department for over 20 years. Throughout his tenure with the department, he has served as a Traffic Enforcement Officer, a Drug Recognition Expert and an Accident Reconstructionist.

Sgt. Bodi shared his expertise with our newest officers as he served as a "Field Training Instructor." Sgt. Bodi also served as an Investigator on the Greater St. Louis Area Major Case Squad. Congratulations Sgt. Bodi!

CRIME REPORT

REPORTS	OFFENSES REPORTED THIS MONTH			TOTALS YEAR TO DATE			CLEARANCES CURRENT	
	2019	2020	CHANGE	2019	2020	CHANGE	MONTH	YEAR
MURDER	0	0	N/A	1	0	-	0	0
MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A	0	0
NON-FORCIBLE RAPE	0	0	N/A	2	0	-	0	0
FORCIBLE RAPE	1	0	-	3	6	+	0	1
SEXUAL OFFENSE	2	0	-	14	10	-	0	3
ROBBERY	1	0	-	4	6	+	0	1
ASSAULT	19	9	-	112	114	+	3	68
BURGLARY								
RESIDENTIAL	7	4	-	41	40	-	3	5
COMMERCIAL	4	3	-	19	50	+	1	22
LARCENY								
FELONY	15	13	-	155	116	-	7	19
MISDEMEANOR	46	59	+	408	375	-	20	80
AUTO. THEFT	5	12	+	44	82	+	19	24
ARSON	0	0	N/A	1	2	+	0	0
CHECKS/FRAUD	20	16	-	196	183	-	3	30
VANDALISM	3	6	+	54	44	-	2	9
DRUG VIOLATIONS	21	19	-	167	200	+	19	192
D.W.I.	8	12	+	81	91	+		
TOTAL	152	153	+	1302	1319	+	77	454
ARREST								
ADULT	151	127	-	1448	1186	-	N/A	N/A
JUVENILE	11	0	-	45	81	+	N/A	N/A
TRAFFIC								
VEH. ACCIDENTS	126	105	-	1356	1074	-	N/A	N/A
MVA FATALITIES	0	0	N/A	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
MVA INJURIES	22	21	-	272	157	-	N/A	N/A
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	608	537	-	6269	4790	-	N/A	N/A
WARNINGS ISSUED	771	692	-	8051	6339	-	N/A	N/A
PARKING SUMMONS	11	6	-	101	46	-	N/A	N/A
RECOVERED VEHICLES	1	4	+	18	67	+	N/A	N/A
RADIO ASSIGNMENTS	5046	4500	-	48944	42990	-	N/A	N/A
ALARMS	84	67	-	941	787	-	N/A	N/A