

COTTAGE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report



August 2020

“To Protect and Serve”

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Calls Handled

August

Abduction	0
Accident	0
Alarm Commercial	2
Alarm Residential	0
Animal Complaint	2
Assault	0
Breaking and Entering	0
Check Perimeter	44
Check Person	0
Check Welfare	15
Death	0
Disorderly	7
Domestic	6
Fight	2
Fraud	1
Gunshot Noise	1
Loud Noise/Music	5
Missing	0
Premises Check	0
Property Damage	0
Stolen Vehicle	0
Suspicious Person	1
Suspicious Vehicle	0
Theft	2
Theft from Auto	1
Threat	0
Trespassing	0
Vandalism	0
Total	89

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COMPLAINTS/CRISIS HANDLED

COVID 19 CRISIS

- During the month of July, the CCPD has continued, to provide food and supplies to residents. With our strong relationships, with several stakeholders, we can continue to keep our food and supply pantry well stocked.
- We are well stock with water, masks, hand sanitize and gloves. The CCPD has purchased two thermometers, to check staff and guests that come into the building.
- Commissioner Wheatly was able to continue the Diaper HUB Program. Every 2nd and 4th Saturday our residents will be able to come to the Town Hall and receive a month supply of diapers.

ANIMAL COMPLAINT

The complainant, Ms. Johnson, resides next door to a neighbor with cats, and has advised that she is still having issues with the cats entering her property. Ms. Johnson made a complaint back in February and listed below are the actions taken then.

listed below are actions that were taken, to address Ms. Johnson's complaint back in February 2020.

1. On 02-05-20, I visited 4106 Shepherd Street and noticed several County and City Code Violations. Photos were taken of the cats, trash and debris in yard, as well as open storage violations.
2. Knocked on the owner's door, with no answer and left my business card.
3. Returned to the station and placed a call to Prince George's County Animal Management (301-780-7200) and put in a request for assistance to address the stray cat issue.
 - Spoke with Mr. Amaju Mejebi who entered the complaint and provide case numbers (A20-099064).
 - Mr. Mejebi advised that they will investigate and send the homeowner a letter informing him of his violations.
 - * PG County Code Subtitle 3 Animal Control Section 3-131 - Manner of keeping animals; prohibition of nuisances.
 - * PG County Code Subtitle 3 Animal Control Section 3-132 - Public nuisance conditions and animals; procedures; appeals.
 - * PG County Code Subtitle 3 Animal Control Section 3-133 - Sanitary conditions for care and maintenance of animals.
 - * PG County Code Subtitle 3 Animal Control Section 3-135 - Animals at large prohibited.
4. The Cottage City Police Department also sent the homeowner a Code Violation Notice, listing all noticeable violations. See Attached documents that were sent to the homeowner.

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5. This complaint will also be turned over to the Town's new Code Compliance Officer (Officer Berry Wade) for further actions and follow up visits.

I also gave Ms. Johnson information on cat/animal repellent products. Eucalyptus oil, Vinegar, rosemary, lemon juice and during the spring and summer time plant marigolds flowers....

This video was sent to Ms. Johnson to help her create a cat repellent spray.

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Vinegar+Cat+Repellent&&view=detail&mid=3F063F0E83F0112E95323F063F0E83F0112E9532&&FORM=VRDGAR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3DVinagar%2BCat%2BRepellent%26FORM%3DVDMHRS>

To address this newest complaint, I contacted Chief Taylor of the Prince Georg's County Animal Management and advised him that the problem was still occurring. He sent an Animal Management Officer over to speak with the homeowner with the cats.

[Below is a copy of Chief Taylor's update email.](#)

Chief Ayers below is the result of the investigation at 4106 Shepherd Street Cottage City. I will be discussing this issue with Alley Cats Rescue.

Note from Animal Management Officers-

8/19/2020 957am. Spoke to Mr. Simpson. Front door sitting open upon arrival. Saw four cats on front porch, none appears to be ear tipped. Stated he was feeding cats. Stated there is only four outdoors cat and four inside of house. Stated he had proof for the four cats indoor for rabies vaccination, however would not provide me with proof of this nor would he allow to view the. Had several boxes outside on left side of house that's covered by tarp and have boxes in for shelter. Stated some were ear tipped and placed there by Alley Cat Allies, however stated that they would not know about them. Your feeding of stray animals is causing a public nuisance condition by virtue of section 1-132,3-139, and 3-135. In order to abate the nuisance, you must stop feeding the animals our humanely trap the cats. If you continue to create a nuisance, you will be considered the owner of the animals and must provide proof of license and rabies vaccination. Failure to comply can result in fines and other legal action taken. Mr. Simpson did not want to take responsible for cats stating that they are not his, However he also stated that he just spent \$700.00 on vet care for cats. He did not want to let us in house, however you could see several cardboard litter boxes inside of hallway of house through front door....K.Adams#914/A.Barbour#904

[My email response.](#)

Good Afternoon Chief Taylor.

Thanks for the follow-up information.

What will be the next step, after speaking with Alley Cats Rescue? He has been avoiding compliance since February of this year. He will not stop feeding the cats and he advised me, back in February, that he was adding more fencing to keep the cats on his property. No fencing was added and the cats continuously enter onto neighbors properties, damaging flower beds and urinating all over neighbors yards causing a strong odor.

Chief Ayers

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[Chief Taylor's email response.](#)

I will give you an update on next steps after taking with cat group. This may be a situation that need to go before the Commission for Animal Control for a Public Nuisance Hearing if so your team will be needed to testify.

We will continue to work with Animal Management to address this issue.

DRAINAGE ISSUES ON 43RD AVENUE - UPDATE

On Thursday September 3, 2020, Code compliance Officer Wade was able to schedule a meeting with County Engineer Moses Fadiran.

Moses Fadiran
Section Head
Engineering Services Section
Sustainability Division
Prince George's County Department of the Environment
Work: 301-883-5768
Email: mfadiran@co.pg.md.us

The meeting occurred on 43rd Avenue at 1330 hrs. (1:30 pm)

Listed below are the individuals that were in attendance:

- Commissioner Demetrius Givens
- Town Manager Consuella Barbour
- Maintenance Director Greg Pinkney
- Code Compliance Officer Wade
- Chief Anthony Ayers

During the meeting we discussed the many issues that were occurring on 43rd Avenue.

- Homes with sump pumps are discharging water into the street.
- Groundwater issues (water is flowing from ground and into the street and sidewalks).
- Stormwater not flowing into storm drain and settles in street.

Mr. Fadiran gave us the listed advice to address the above issues.

- Sump Pump issues: Town should install 8-inch PCV pipe, into ground, along homeowners' property line and the sidewalk. It should extend from the highest point and end connecting to the sewer line. At every dwelling or business, there would be a T split so the owner could connect their discharge pipe to the Town's main discharge line. It would be every owner's responsibility to connect to the Town's main discharge line. Those owners that do not connect can be fined.
- Groundwater issues: With the Town's discharge pipe installed, owners would be able to connect yard draining systems to the Town's main discharge system. With proper connection, heavy rain fall should be able to drain efficiently so the groundwater table would not get so high that it starts coming out of the ground.

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- Stormwater issues: 43rd Avenue is a street that only has one storm drain that is located on the opposite side of the lying water that causes puddles and icy conditions during cold weather. Mr. Fadiran advised that the County has a grant that assist Towns to install new storm drains. To be granted the funds, the Town would have to prove that the stormwater is not properly moving into the existing storm drain. 43rd Avenue has several grading issues that causes the stormwater to lay in pockets and flow away from the existing storm drain. Installing a new storm drain will assist with reducing large puddles and lying water.

Mr. Fadiran stated that the Town street is in poor condition and could be eligible for a street improvement grant. He further suggested that we should first address the above issues before we apply for the County's Street Improvement Grant.

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TASKS ASSIGNED & COMPLETED

<p>CHIEF</p>	<p>Anthony Ayers – Active Chief of Police.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Worked on Lexpol Police Polices and Procedures. - Worked with County’s State’s Attorney on Community Action Programs. - Located food and supplies for pantry. - Picked up diapers for Diaper Hub - Managed Food and Supply Program. - Picked up pantry supplies and food. - Delivered food and supplies to residents. - Assisted with Saturday Diaper Hub events. - Worked on new electric vehicle purchase - Acquired used Chevy Blazer from Prince George’s County Automotive Services and registered vehicle with MVA and insurance with LGIT - Worked on acquiring 15 passenger van for youth and senior programs. - Patrolled community.
<p>DC</p>	<p>Tanya Smith – Took over managing front office and finding organizations and businesses to donate to the food and supply pantry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Worked on Lexipol - Worked on Back to School Backpack Giveaway event. - Building contacts for outreach initiatives. - Working on staff and community training programs. - Build relationships with community stakeholders that donated food and supplies to our

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	<p>food pantry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Worked on Body Warn Camera policies. - Work on gas and vehicle maintenance agreement between the Town and County Vehicle Maintenance.
SGT	N/A
CPL	<p>Carlos Batenga – Ordered supplies and reorganized property room.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ordered and received supplies. - Located new community stakeholders to donate to the Town’s food and supply pantry. - Prepared patrol schedules. - Approved RLC violations that need supervisory approval. - Managed calls for service reports. - Worked on new Police Explorer Program - Checked RMS Reports. - Assisted in food deliveries. - FTO (Field Training Officer) - Patrolled community.
CPL	<p>David Thompson – Activated new daily reporting logs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visited the commercial business during the month. - Worked on building strong relationships between us and our commercial businesses. - Maintained vehicle fleet and conducted weekly vehicle inspections. - Assisted Code Compliance Officer Wade, with ensuring that all business were complying with the Governors Executive orders. - FTO (Field Training Officer) - Assisted in delivering of food. - Patrolled community.
PFC	N/A
PO	<p>Aaron Perez – Officer Perez is doing very well in his Field Training. He is a</p>

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	<p>great addition to our agency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Officer Perez is still under the Field Training Program.- Assisted in picking up supplies and equipment.- Assisted in delivering food.- Patrolled community.
POLICE CLERK	<p>Angella Dines – Ms. Dines has been reorganizing Departments files.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Maintaining records, approving RLC Tickets, handling phone calls, ordering supplies, and assisting citizens at our front window.
CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER	<p>Barry Wade – See Attached Report *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Worked on code issues and dumping complaints.- Working on new Code forms and stickers.- Worked on drainage issues on 43rd Avenue.

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AUGUST 2020

RECEIVED, MADE, AND FULFILLED CODE BUSINESS BY PHONE.

RECEIVED AND FOLLOWED UP ON CODE COMPLIANTS. MAILED AND POSTED VIOLATION NOTICES.

WARNINGS: 32

COMPLIANCE: 28

OPEN: 4

REQUESTED 2 ABATEMENTS. ONE RESIDENT COMPLIED ON GRASS VIOLATION, ONE AWAITING APROVAL FOR ABATEMENT.

CONTINUED TO INTRODUCE MYSELF THE COTTAGE CITY CITIZENS TO CITIZENS.

SUMITED BY

CCO Barry Wade Sr. 9/6/2020