

Oakham Police Quarterly News

10/05/2023

We started off the quarter with the annual fourth of July fireworks display hosted by Pine Acres and Lake Dean campgrounds. As always, traffic is a concern with folks gathering around the guard rail area on RT.148 and standing in the travel lanes. I always post an officer in this area to keep the public safe. Overall, the night was a success with a good time for everyone.

July also saw an increase in illegal dumping. The area of East Hill Rd. that connects to East Hill Rd East. is a popular area for this type of activity. We received several calls of dumping. One had a large amount of building debris. In August we received another call for dumping just off Flint Rd. The area at the first bend if driving in from Spencer Rd. It turned out to be hazardous waste. One large 55-gallon drum and a trash bag containing Tyvek suites, boots and breathing apparatus. Oakham Fire activated the Hazmat Team (unit made up of men and women who

specialize in hazardous materials cleanup and disposal). It was determined that the barrel contained some unidentified organic material. The land it was dumped on was in the jurisdiction of the MDC, so the DCR Rangers were notified and arranged for the cleanup. This event was a good opportunity for Oakham Fire and Police to utilize our training in unified command. Both departments worked well together, Thank you OFD.





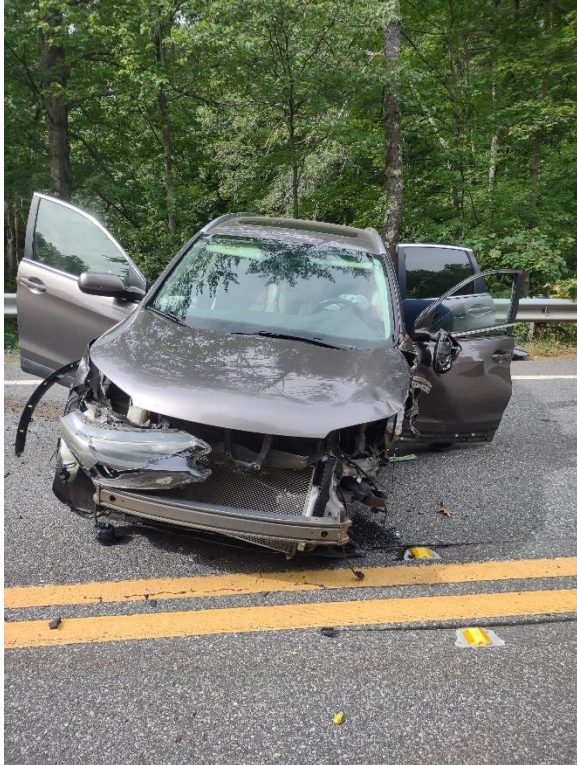
On August 14th Sergeant Marderosian was dispatched to Worcester Rd. (Rt.122) between mile marker 42.3 and 42.4 (Rail Trail crossing area), for a report of a person who fell. The report came in from an Apple Watch. After a search of the area, Sergeant Marderosian and Lieutenant Gleason, from Rutland Fire, located a male on a bicycle on the banking just before the trail head on the south bound side of the road. The male individual was still on his bicycle and was being propped up by a small tree sticking out of the embankment. It took a second ambulance and crew to help extract the individual from the embankment. The individual was conscious and alert, but complaining of neck pain. He was transported to the hospital, where I discovered at a later date, he had succumbed to his injuries.

The department applied for several grants over the summer months. FY24 Body worn camera grant program, Burne grant for technology and Highway safety grant for equipment. We received notification from the Highway Safety Grant that we would be receiving a trailer mounted radar sign as soon as they release the funds. This sign will

be utilized to study traffic on Rt. 148 for different periods of time during the course of a year. For three weeks the sign will be in place to collect data. Once the data is collected and uploaded to the department of transportation, we can place the sign anywhere we would like to reduce speed in town.

We were also notified in writing from the Office of Grants and research that we were awarded \$11,744.21 for body worn cameras. This will help start a camera worn program for the department and will be able to purchase six cameras and a four-terabyte server for video storage. The Burne grant for technology awards will be announced at the end of October, fingers crossed.

On September 15th I responded to a report of a head on collision that occurred on Rt. 122 just north of Rt. 148. A vehicle traveling north crossed over the double lines in the corner and struck a vehicle in the south bound lane. Even though it was a very serious accident, both operators of the vehicles involved had superficial wounds. Both operators were transported for precautionary reasons.



Total Crimes

- Total Offenses committed, 17
- Total Felonies, 4
- Total crime related incidents, 9
- Total non-crime related, 24
- Total arrest on view, 0
- Total warrant arrests, 1
- Total Summons arrests, 2
- Total Arrests, 3
- Total orders, i.e., restraining/refrain from abuse, 2

Motor Vehicle

There was a total of 70 motor vehicle stops with a grand total of \$3280.00 written in fines.

Accidents

- Total for the month of July, 2.
- Parmenter Rd., 1
- Rutherford Rd., 1.
- Total for the month of August, 1.

North Brookfield Rd., 1.

Total for the month of September, 2.

Old Turnpike Rd., 1.

Worcester Rd., 1.

Total, 5 accidents this quarter.

