**Augusta Police Department – 2019 Annual Report**

**Message from the Chief:** The Augusta Police Department has accomplished its commitment to build relationships with our community members while providing the highest level of service to keep our citizens safe. As the Chief of Police, I will maintain and continue to improve on providing our on-going efforts with the community in order to maintain and build public confidence. The citizens of Augusta receive outstanding service from the men and women of the Augusta Police Department who are constantly thinking of new and better ways to serve. Community policing is at the heart of our organization and is emphasized at every level. The Augusta Police Department is dedicated to reaching the highest standards of professionalism through policies, procedures, training and technology. While the overall crime rate for the entire state, including Augusta, are focus still remains on the Opioid Crisis which is one of the causation factors for many of our crimes; improved Domestic Violence approaches, and quality of life issues.

**Crime Statistics**

The crime statistic below are not all inclusive of crimes handled by the Augusta Police Department, but crimes that are required to be reported to the FBI. * Not required to be reported to FBI. These numbers are drawn from the APD record management system and may not reflect the final totals reported by the State of Maine.

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<td>Homicide</td>
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<td>Rape</td>
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<td>Aggravated Assault</td>
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<td>146</td>
<td>158</td>
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<td>*Drug Offenses</td>
<td>330</td>
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<td>*Vehicle Stops</td>
<td>6286</td>
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**2017 Reports**

- Investigative 4269
- Arrest 1538
- Crash 1254
- Traffic Summons 1765

**2018 Reports**

- Investigative 3475
- Arrest 1592
- Crash 1255
- Traffic Summons 1841

**2019 Reports**

- Investigative 3435
- Arrest 1541
- Crash 1300
- Traffic Summons 1371
Communications Center: The Augusta Police Department communication center services Augusta Police and Fire/EMS as well as Hallowell Police and Fire. “Calls for service” only reflect the calls where a call entry is made and do not reflect the total calls coming into the communications center that do not generate a call entry.

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<td>48,200+</td>
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<td>49,500+</td>
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<td>41,700+</td>
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<td>32,400+</td>
<td>36,900+</td>
<td>30,900+</td>
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<td>Augusta Fire/EMS</td>
<td>6,300+</td>
<td>6,180+</td>
<td>5,500+</td>
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The Augusta Police Calls for service does not reflect all the work of the Augusta Police Department.

Grants Awarded to the Police Department

2019 Bulletproof Vest Partnership $ 6,106.28
2019 Justice Assistant Grant $ 16,810.94
2019 IF&W Spring Round of ATV Enf. $ 1,000.00
2019 IF&W Fall Round of ATV Enforcement $ 1,000.00
2019 BHS-Impaired Driving $ 25,600.00
2019 BHS-Seatbelt $ 25,600.00
2019 BHS-Speed $ 25,600.00
2019 BHS-Distracted Driving $ 24,999.00
2019 BHS-ARIDE Team –PENDING $ TBA
2019 BHS-Pedestrian $ 24,999.00
2019 S. Kennebec Und. Drink. (Multi-Agency) $ 12,000.00

• 2019 Walmart Grant $ 3,500.00
• 2016 COPS Hiring Grant (over 3 years) Ends 2019 $ 125,000.00
• 2019 Dirigo Safety Underage Drinking Grant $ 4,500.00
• 2019 Maine Municipal (spring) vests $ 1,488.74
• 2019 Maine Municipal Scholarship $ 500.00
• 2019 Maine Emergency Management Active Shooter Training $ 8,000.00
Community Events and Participation

Ride to School in a Police Car Certificate Program
Crisis and Counseling 1 and 5K
Sexual Assault and Crisis Celebrity Dinner
National Drug Takeback Day
Roadside sobriety check vehicle partnership
Monthly Coffee with a cop
RAD classes
Hire a Veteran Program at the Armory
Swim Torch Run
Sawtelle Strong Trunk or Treat
Cop Camp
Fallen Officer Vigil
Capitol Clubhouse
Tread Fest
safety campaign
Clinics
Cony HS safe teen driving presentation
Car Seat Checks and Installations
Augusta Age Friendly
Wreath Laying at Mount Hope Cemetery
1 in 5 5k
Children’s Center visit
Clear Paths Program
Read a Thon at Elementary Schools
Camp Post Card
Drive sober or get pulled over campaign
Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks
Kennebec River Rail Trail Half Marathon and 5K
Salvation Army Christmas Adopt-a-Family
Taco Challenge
Civilian Police Academy
Night Out
Blue Lives Matter Softball Tournament
Cops on top Hike
Otto Von Schnoodle Event-Glenridge Apartments
Serving Lunches at school
Underage Drinking crackdown - Dirigo and state grants
Hands Free Media Event at Wal Mart
NAMI Code 3 event in Hallowell
Travis Mills 5K
Rise and Shine 5K
Vo-Tech Advisory Board LE
Cony Active Shooter Training with Staff
Save Your Breath 5K
Walk for Hope
Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving campaign
NAMI and ESM Golf tournament
Child safety event at Old Navy
Chat with the Chief on YouTube
Camp Sunshine motorcycle run
Wanderers Program
Salvation Army Food drive
107.9 Interviews Every Month
Safety Day at Sam’s Club
Kids Day at Capitol Park NHTSA Thanksgiving
National Texting and Driving Campaign Rabies
JMG Food Drive cony high
YMCA triathlon
Click it or Ticket campaign
DARE charity softball tournament
Mutt Strut
LE Shooting challenge - SRT Scarborough
Lobby e-commerce zone
Cony Middle School tour of APD
Kennebec Church Easter Egg Hunt Augusta
Kidabaloo at Civic Center
Salvation Army Kettle Drive
Holiday Tree Lighting
Tip-a-Cop
Halloween Downtown
Law v. Saints basketball game
Started SnapChat social media account National
7th Up Biz Tour 2019
Corporal Cole Memorial Run
KJC Knitting/Crocheting with Inmates
Gaga Ball Field Day Activities
No Shave and pink line flags for charity
Hands Free clinic at VW
911 Remembrance
Color Guard Events
Trek Across Maine
International Literacy Day Community Forum
## Awards and Commendations

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Accomplishments 2019

- Several New collaborations with treatment centers for opioid addiction.
- Enhanced Neighborhood Safety through traffic enforcement, unmarked patrols and neighborhood watch.
- Continue to deploy safety tips/advice on scams through our social media sites and radio station 107.9 to keep the public as informed as possible. This includes our TIP411 App that has enhanced or crime reporting capabilities.
- Pedestrian Safety through enforcement and engineering safe crossings by adding extra patrols and partnering with the state.
- Further collaboration with the hospital regarding Mental Health Calls to improve services.
- Focus on collaboration with more culturally diverse groups.
- YouTube Channel and “Chat with the Chief” to Improve our education to the community on what our day to day operations entail.
- Building Improvements-exploring a new police station

Goals for 2020

- Building Improvements-getting the new police station approved.
- Explore workload reduction/dispersal in our dispatch center.
- Enhanced Domestic Violence Investigations, follow-up and exploring the new yellow/red flag law.
- Developing a program to detect and enforce hand to hand deals in parking lots.
- Continue to focus on the higher level dealers who are using trap houses to distribute narcotics.
- Continue to seek collaborations with prevention and rehabilitation groups.

- Explore how we can assists code enforcement and the fire department as they address dangerous and blighted properties.
- Additional officers on the street to detect operating under the influence, pedestrian and other traffic safety offenses.
- More collaboration with Parks and Recreation for both youth and adult sporting events and community policing.
- Look at more ways to have a presence in the schools.
- Increase our community forums allowing the public we serve more ways to meet and ask questions.