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PUBLIC NOTICE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Tuesday, February 7th, 2017 -7:00 p.m.
300 STATE HIGHWAY – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AGENDA

Members

Joan Dewey
Chair

Eileen Henrikson
Vice Chair

Norman Ayagalria
Council Representative

Naim Shabani

Julene Webber

Daniel Maczynski

Mary Weiss

Ex-Officio Members

Andre Achee
Chief of Police

William Howell III
Fire Chief

Christina Him
Recorder

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF October 4th, 2016, November 1st, 2016, December 5th, 2016 & January 3rd, 2017
- VI. SPECIAL ITEM OF BUSINESS
 - A. PUBLIC HEARING: On the price and quality of service provided by all regulated vehicles, chauffeurs and dispatch services.
- VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Consideration of a “Neighborhood Watch” program (Commission Member Maczynski)
 - B. Statewide Task Force Update on Heroin (Byron Maczynski, *Council Member*)
 - C. Western Alaska Alcohol & Narcotics Team (WAANT): Regional update report
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. BMC 5.30.120: Insurance Requirements for taxi cabs (Naim Shabani, *Commission Member*)
 - B. School Zones (Chief Achee)
 - C. Change of Scheduled PSTC Meeting Dates (*Joan Dewey, Chair*)
 - D. Rabies (*Joan Dewey, Chair*)
- IX. CHIEFS’ COMMENTS
 - Fire Chief
 - Police Chief
- X. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR’S REPORT
- XI. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE’S COMMENTS
- XII. COMMISSION MEMBER’S COMMENTS
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Christina Him, *Recorder*

POSTED on February 1, 2017

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Next Public Safety and Transportation Commission Meeting will be **March 7th, 2017.**

“Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim”

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

October 4, 2016

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on October 4th, 2016 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Joan Dewey *Chair*
Mary Weiss *Council Representative*
Eileen Henrikson *Vice Chair*
Daniel Maczynski

Absent: Bill Howell *Fire Chief*
Naim Shabani
Julene Webber

Ex-Officio Present: Andre Achee *Chief of Police* (telephonically)
Daron Solesbee *Fire Captain*
Amy Davis *Investigations Sergeant*
Christina Him *Recorder and Transportation Inspector Designee*

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Ray Watson – Stated opposition to the active enforcement of ATV and four-wheeler laws, would like a recommendation that advocates for citizens who use ATV's and who are obeying the laws.

Loni Upshaw - Stated opposition to the active enforcement of ATV and four-wheeler laws.

Leif Albertson – Clarifying City Council's objectives with the active enforcement of ATV and four-wheeler laws.

Rick Robb – Stated opposition to the active enforcement of ATV and four-wheeler laws, however would like to work towards a solution, favors a shared-road system and is proposing an ordinance that will allow ATVs and four-wheelers on the road.

Samuel Hare - Stated opposition to the active enforcement of ATV and four-wheeler laws.

Gary Hanson - Stated opposition to the active enforcement of ATV and four-wheeler laws.

Ira S. Flowers III – Stated opposition to the active enforcement of ATV and four-wheeler laws.

Brian Hughes - Stated opposition to the active enforcement of ATV and four-wheeler laws, would like a compromise for those who are responsible and obeying the laws on ATVs and four-wheelers.

Fedosia Hughes – Stated opposition to the active enforcement of ATV and four-wheeler laws.

Vernon Blevins – Stated opposition to the active enforcement of ATV and four-wheeler laws.

Bridget Hughes Stated opposition to the active enforcement of ATV and four-wheeler laws, would like a compromise for those who are responsible and obeying the laws on ATVs and four-wheelers.

Jennifer Fiess – Stated opposition to the active enforcement of ATV and four-wheeler laws.

Scott Greydanus – Stated opposition to the active enforcement of ATV and four-wheeler laws.

Chief Achee – Clarified the stance of the BPD’s active enforcement of the ATV and four wheeler laws per the Action Memorandum from City Council. The action memorandum asked BPD to strictly enforce ATV/off-road laws and removes all discretion from police officers.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED:	Henrikson	Motion to approve the agenda.
SECONDED:	Maczynksi	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED:	Maczynski	Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of September 6 th , 2016.
SECONDED:	Henrikson	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

VI. CHIEFS' COMMENTS

Captain Daron Solesbee - *See report in commission packet.*

Chief Andre Achee – *No comments, see report in commission packet.*

VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

See Report in Commission Packet.

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Weiss – *As we are very much aware, the City Council did task a resolution that the ATV rule should be enforced and encouraged the Alaska State Troopers to enforce it and then it all turned into the Bethel Police Department as well. There was a pretty active discussion, a lot of it was generated because there are people that are on ATV's and they are reckless and dangerous. There was a lot of back and forth. There was obviously a whole bunch of discussion on basically discretion and what exactly does enforcement mean since it was maintained and they were already enforcing it. We have another City Council meeting coming up. We will be speaking about it a little more down on the agenda.*

MOVED:	Weiss	Motion to relax the formality of the meeting and allow Gary Hanson to ask a question.
SECONDED:	Maczynski	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

Gary Hanson – *Inquired on statistical report provided by BPD on how many citations were issued to ATV drivers that were actually driving recklessly or whether they were just driving on the streets.*

Investigations Sergeant Amy Davis – *Citations in our system is tracked by the Statute, so it doesn't actually break down what each person was doing, but on each citation there is a probable cause segment and the officer writes down on the citation usually what the reason for their stop is. It is written on the citation, as far as tracking goes, it is really difficult to track, because it's tracked by statute number.*

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Statewide Task Force Update on Heroin (*Byron Maczynski, Council Member*)

Not Discussed, Byron Maczynski was unable to attend.

B. Clarification of Roadway Use for ATVs (*Mary Weiss, Council Member*)

See Report in Commission Packet

i. Proposition of Ordinance: Operation of Snow Machines and ATV's on Bethel Roads (*Rick Robb, Mayor*)

MOVED:	Maczynski	Motion to relax the formality of meeting to allow Mayor Rick Robb to speak about proposed ordinance: "Operation of Snow Machines and ATV's on Bethel Roads."
SECONDED:	Henrikson	
MOVED:	Henrikson	Motion to recommend suspending Action Memorandum 16-30, pending the outcome of proposed ordinance of "Operation of Snow Machines and ATV's on Bethel Roads."
SECONDED:	Maczynski	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	
MOVED:	Henrikson	Motion to recommend proposed ordinance: "Operation of Snow Machines and ATV's on Bethel Roads."
SECONDED:	Maczynski	
MOVED:	Henrikson	Motion to amend the proposed ordinance to include that all passengers or operators under the age of 18 be required to wear helmets
SECONDED:	Maczynski	
VOTE ON AMENDMENT	All in favor.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

See Report in Commission Packet

XI. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Eileen Henrikson – *If you guys know anyone that needs a job, there’s a recruitment event next week at the Job Center for Westward Seafood on Wednesday morning at 9am.*

Daniel Maczynski – *I would like to put the “Neighborhood Watch” back on the Agenda for the next meeting. That’s been getting a lot of attention.*

Mary Weiss – *I think this was really an excellent meeting, I think it really served the idea of good governance, I think we got a lot of public input which was what was needed. And I think it was wonderful that Robb was here because we were able to really sit down and talk about what needed to happen. I just want to congratulate everyone; it was nice to see a lot of people come out.*

Joan Dewey - *Chief, this is the second time you’re on your vacation and thank you so much for all that you’re doing for the community, but also helping us with giving us input to help with how we go about considering these issues, appreciate that.*

Chief Achee – *No comment.*

Chief Howell – *Not present to be heard.*

Captain Daron Solesbee – *No comment.*

Sgt. Amy Davis – *No Comment.*

Julene Webber – *Not present to be heard.*

Naim Shabani – *Not present to be heard.*

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED:	Henrikson	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED:	Maczynski	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

Christina Him, Recorder

Joan Dewey, Chair

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

November 1, 2016

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on November 1st, 2016 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Joan Dewey *Chair*
Eileen Henrikson *Vice Chair*
Naim Shabani

Excused Absent: Norman Ayagalria *Council Representative*
Julene Webber
Daniel Maczynski

Ex-Officio Present: Andre Achee *Chief of Police*
William Howell III *Fire Chief*
Christina Him *Recorder and Transportation Inspector Designee*

A quorum was not established of the Commission.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

Christina Him, Recorder

Joan Dewey, Chair

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

December 6, 2016

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on December 6th, 2016 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Joan Dewey *Chair*
Eileen Henrikson *Vice Chair*

Absent: Norman Ayagalria *Council Representative*
Julene Webber
Daniel Maczynski
Naim Shabani
Bill Howell *Fire Chief*

Ex-Officio Present: Andre Achee *Chief of Police*
Christina Him *Recorder and Transportation Inspector Designee*

A quorum was not established of the Commission.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

Christina Him, Recorder

Joan Dewey, Chair

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

January 3, 2017

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on January 3rd, 2017 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 7:08pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Eileen Henrikson *Vice Chair*
Norman Ayagalria *Council Representative*
Naim Shabani

Absent: Joan Dewey *Chair*
Julene Webber
Daniel Maczynski
Bill Howell *Fire Chief*

Ex-Officio Present: Andre Achee *Chief of Police*
Christina Him *Recorder and Transportation Inspector Designee*

A quorum was not established of the Commission.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:09pm.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2017.

Christina Him, Recorder

Joan Dewey, Chair



National Crime Prevention Council

Starting a Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch, Block Watch, Town Watch, Apartment Watch, Crime Watch -- no matter what it's called, this is one of the most effective and least costly answers to crime. Watch groups are a foundation of community crime prevention, they can be a stepping stone to community revitalization.

Phase One: Getting Started -- Meetings, Block Captains, and Maps

- Form a small planning committee of neighbors to discuss needs, the level of interest, possible challenges, and the Watch concept.
- Contact the local police or sheriffs' department, or local crime prevention organization, to discuss Neighborhood Watch and local crime problems. Invite a law enforcement officer to attend your meeting.
- Publicize your meeting at least one week in advance with door-to-door fliers and follow up with phone calls the day before.
- Select a meeting place that is accessible to people with disabilities.
- Hold an initial meeting to gauge neighbors' interest; establish purpose of program; and begin to identify issues that need to be addressed. Stress that a Watch group is an association of neighbors who look out for each other's families and property, alert the police to any suspicious activities or crime in progress, and work together to make their community a safer and better place to live.

Phase Two: When the neighborhood decides to adopt the Watch idea

Elect a chairperson.

- Ask for block captain volunteers who are responsible for relaying information to members on their block, keeping up-to-date information on residents, and making special efforts to involve the elderly, working parents, and young people. Block captains also can serve as liaisons between the neighborhood and the police and communicate information about meetings and crime incidents to all residents.

- Establish a regular means of communicating with Watch members—e.g., newsletter, telephone tree, e-mail, fax, etc.
- Prepare a neighborhood map showing names, addresses, and phone numbers of participating households and distribute to members. Block captains keep this map up to date, contacting newcomers to the neighborhood and rechecking occasionally with ongoing participants.
- With guidance from a law enforcement agency, the Watch trains its members in home security techniques, observation skills, and crime reporting. Residents also learn about the types of crime that affect the area.
- If you are ready to post Neighborhood Watch signs, check with law enforcement to see if they have such eligibility requirements as number of houses that participate in the program. Law enforcement may also be able to provide your program with signs. If not, they can probably tell you where you can order them.
- Organizers and block captains must emphasize that Watch groups are not vigilantes and do not assume the role of the police. They only ask neighbors to be alert, observant, and caring—and to report suspicious activity or crimes immediately to the police.
- The Watch concept is adaptable. There are Park Watches, Apartment Watches, Window Watches, Boat Watches, School Watches, Realtor Watches, Utility Watches, and Business Watches. A Watch can be organized around any geographic unit.

Tips for Success

- Hold regular meetings to help residents get to know each other and to collectively decide upon program strategies and activities.
- Consider linking with an existing organization, such as a citizens' association, community development office, tenants' association, housing authority.
- Canvas door-to-door to recruit members.
- Involve everyone -- young and old, single and married, renter and homeowner.

- Gain support from the police or sheriffs' office. This is critical to a Watch group's credibility. These agencies are the major sources of information on local crime patterns, home security, other crime prevention education, and crime reporting.
- Get the information out quickly. Share all kinds of news -- quash rumors.
- Gather the facts about crime in your neighborhood. Check police reports, do victimization surveys, and learn residents' perceptions about crime. Often residents' opinions are not supported by facts, and accurate information can reduce fear of crime.
- Physical conditions like abandoned cars or overgrown vacant lots contribute to crime. Sponsor cleanups, encourage residents to beautify the area, and ask them to turn on outdoor lights at night.
- It's essential to celebrate the success of the effort and recognize volunteers' contributions through such events as awards, annual dinners, and parties. To help meet community needs, Neighborhood Watches can sponsor meetings that address broader issues such as drug abuse, gangs, self-protection tactics, isolation of the elderly, crime in the schools, and rape prevention.
- Don't forget events like National Night Out or a potluck dinner that gives neighbors a chance to get together. Such items as pins, t-shirts, hats, or coffee mugs with the group's name also enhance identity and pride.

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance #17-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE 5.30.120 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR TAXICABS, RIVER TAXIS, LIMOUSINES AND BUSES

SECTION 1. Classification. This is a Codified Ordinance and shall become part of the Bethel Municipal Code.

SECTION 2. Amendments. Bethel Municipal Code Section 5.30.120, Insurance Requirements [for Taxicabs, River Taxis, Limousines and Buses] amended as follows (old language is stricken, new language is underlined):

5.30.120 Insurance required.

- A. Before any permit is issued for any taxicab, river taxi, limousine or bus, the applicant shall furnish to the transportation inspector ~~the insurance policies~~ proof of insurance as evidenced by a copy of the insurance policy currently in effect, ~~required by this section,~~ issued by an insurance company that is authorized to do business within the state.
- B. The insurance required by this section for vehicles with a manufacturer's rated seating capacity of six (6) persons or less; ~~(or, if a mini-van, six (6) persons or less~~ the seating capacity after seat removal to accommodate baggage), shall provide coverage as follows:
1. ~~Combined single limit for all bodily injury or property damage arising from one (1) accident: three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000); and~~
 2. ~~For all persons injured or dead in any one (1) accident caused by an uninsured motorist: one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).~~
 3. One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) per-person bodily injury limit, Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000) per-accident bodily injury limit; and Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) per-accident property damage limit; and
 4. Uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) per-person bodily injury limit, Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000) per-accident bodily injury limit; and Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) per-accident damage limit.
- C. The insurance required by this section for vehicles with a manufacturer's rated seating capacity ~~(or if a mini-van, the seating capacity after seating removal to accommodate baggage)~~ (or if a mini-van, the seating capacity after seating removal to accommodate baggage) of seven (7) persons or more; ~~or if a mini-van, seven (7) persons or more seating capacity after seat removal to accommodate baggage,~~ shall provide coverage as follows:

5. One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) per-person bodily injury limit, Seven Hundred Thousand (\$700,000) per-accident bodily injury limit; and Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) per-accident property damage limit; and
6. Uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) per-person bodily injury limit, Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000) per-accident bodily injury limit; and Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) per-accident damage limit.

D. Every insurance policy or certificate shall contain a clause obligating the insurer or surety to give the transportation inspector written notice no less than thirty (30) days before the cancellation, expiration, nonrenewal, lapse, or other termination of such insurance, unless the specified policy is for a vehicle which will no longer be used as a taxicab. A lapse, cancellation, expiration, nonrenewal, or termination of insurance coverage shall work as an automatic suspension of any permit for so long as the permittee is without insurance as required by this section, and it shall be a violation of this chapter to provide taxicab service with a vehicle not insured as required by this section. The insurance policy shall list the city as a certificate holder.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage by the Bethel City Council.

ENACTED THIS _____ DAY OF MARCH 2017, BY A VOTE OF ____ IN FAVOR AND _____ OPPOSED.

ATTEST:

Richard Robb, Mayor

Lori Strickler, City Clerk

Drug Trends in the YK Delta

This report was prepared by Investigator Todd Moehring of the Alaska State Troopers Western Alaska Alcohol and Narcotics Team (WAANT) for the Public Safety Transportation and Commission meeting of the Bethel City Council. The report was generated in response to a request for a regional update for heroin related issues. The report covers the time periods of 01/01/2015 – 12/31/2015 and 01/01/2016-10/31/2016. The report gives a general overview of who WAANT is, area of responsibility, staffing levels, and a brief breakdown of the cases investigated.

WAANT is a group of Alaska State Troopers investigators that investigate drug and alcohol related trafficking and sales throughout the Western Region of Alaska. The Bethel based WAANT Office is primarily responsible for the 56 rural villages surrounding Bethel. WAANT also assists the regional law enforcement agencies in the investigation of drug and alcohol related matters. Members of WAANT are based in Bethel in an effort to stem the flow of alcohol and drugs to the villages.

This arrangement works the best for enforcement efforts since most commercial flights to the villages originates from Bethel, which means so do the drugs and alcohol. Most villages receive at least three commercial flights a day; and upwards of nine if they are serviced by all three airlines; Ravn, Grant and Yute. The number of flights and people traveling in the region is very high; also drugs and alcohol move around the region by boat, four-wheeler and snow machines, making the enforcement efforts difficult at best.

At the beginning of the 01/01/2015, the WAANT Office was staffed with three investigators and one administrative clerk. The position for a Bethel Police Officer was unfilled, and has not been filled since approximately 2009. By the later part of the year, the office was staffed by two investigators. The drop in personnel directly influenced the number of cases that were able to be reported and investigated as is evidenced below. The following are the number of cases reported and investigated and a brief break down of what was seized:

- 01/01/2016-12/31/2016
 - o 690 cases were initiated
 - 288 cases for drugs in the general category
 - The following controlled substances were seized
 - < 1g of Cocaine
 - 2g of heroin
 - 2729 g of marijuana
 - 61 marijuana plants

- 4g of hash
 - <1g of meth
 - 402 cases initiated for alcohol
 - 405 bottles of alcohol were seized
 - 25 total search warrants served
 - 12 agencies assisted
 - 4 drug presentations given
- 01/01/2016-10/31/2016
 - 183 cases were initiated
 - 81 for drugs in a general category
 - The following controlled substances were seized
 - 289g of cocaine or crack cocaine
 - 84g of heroin
 - 2387 of marijuana
 - 10 marijuana plants
 - 18g of hash
 - 102 cases initiated for alcohol
 - 606 bottles of alcohol were seized
 - 108 search warrants
 - 17 agencies assisted
 - 7 drug presentations given

The numbers clearly show that heroin, cocaine and alcohol seizures greatly increased in the time period reported, while the number for marijuana seizures was slightly down. It also showed the number of cases investigated were down significantly, which can be attributed to the reduction in the number of personnel. Furthermore, the decrease in cases initiated is due also to the time intensive numerous large scale, multi-agency and jurisdictional operations worked by WAANT in order to target the high level heroin, meth and cocaine drug traffickers who have recently implanted themselves within the Bethel region.

For enforcement efforts to be successful WAANT needs to have cooperation from all members and businesses in the region. This begins by family members identifying a substance abuse problem in the home. Once the problem is identified, the family needs to influence the person to change their behavior, through any number of ways; traditional methods of intervention, modern treatment, community intervention and or law enforcement intervention. If the behavior is not changed on the individual level, no amount of enforcement will change the drug and alcohol problems the region currently faces. The illegal world of drug and alcohol sales is based simply upon the time tested theme of a supply and demand market the same as a legitimate business world relates

to it. If there is a strong supply of users, there will always be dealers, no matter how many are removed.

WAANT would like to remind the members of the Commission of the immense challenges faced in the investigation, seizure, arrest, prosecution and sentencing of drug related crimes in the region. The problems faced are going to need to be addressed on all fronts, starting in the individual household by holding the users accountable in the individual family, in the community by condemnation, in cooperation with law enforcement, in the prosecution of offenders, in the sentencing of offenders, in the incarceration of offenders, and in the re-entry and rehabilitation of offenders to society. Not until our community and law enforcement work together to combat the issues related to drugs and alcohol will there be a decline in the related crime. This is not a problem we can arrest our way out of.

Rabies Transmission



- 1.) Fox is bitten or eats animal with rabies.
- 2.) Virus enters animal via infected saliva.
- 3.) Virus incubates for 3 to 12 weeks.
- 4.) Once virus reaches the brain it passes to the salivary glands. This is when the animal can spread rabies.
- 5.) Animal generally dies in 7 days once there are symptoms.

- ❗ **IF you are bitten by a dog in the village make sure you see a Health Aide and that a Rabies Investigation Report is faxed to OEH (907) 543-6425.**
- ❗ **DO NOT KILL THE ANIMAL-** If the animal cannot be quarantined, properly fed and watered and observed for 10 days the person who is bit will have to undergo treatment.
- ❗ **Signs of Rabies in Animals include changes in behavior, loss of appetite, fear of water, difficulty moving, acting sick, changes in voice, irritability, foaming at the mouth, paralysis, and inability to swallow.**
- ❗ **Please call OEHE (800) 478-6599 with any questions or to serve your community as a trained and licensed lay vaccinator.**



**Contact YKHC Office of Environmental Health & Engineering at
1-800-478-6599 with any questions**



CITY OF BETHEL
Fire Department

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Celebrating 50 Years of Service

DATE: January 29, 2017
TO: Pete Williams, City Manager
FROM: Bill Howell, Fire Chief
SUBJECT: January 2017 Management Report

Current Events

- Our newest ambulance Medic 5 broke down or would not start at least three times this month. Repairs of this vehicle have consumed much of our outside vehicle service budget during FY 17.
- We are reviewing two applications for liquor licenses and have submitted comments to the Manager for Kusko Liquor
- The Department is working with the City Attorney Manager and State fire Marshall regarding annual inspections of Bethel businesses. Review of Fire Department authority to inspect and enforce code and coordination with the State Fire Marshall are topics of interest as this project advances.
- We are working with the Public Works Director and Bettisworth North Architects to determine hydrant placement and fire apparatus access behind YKHC's new clinic building.
- A site visit with the Planner was conducted at the site of the new Bethel Family Clinic building on Main Street. Bethel Fire Department issued tentative approval of their site plans on January 24th.
- Department staff are working on update of our in house map book.
- Our annual fireworks show, though delayed was well received by those attending. Fireworks were postponed to Saturday the 7th of January due to safety concerns from extreme weather and wind on New Year's Eve.

- As of this writing, there have been no further reports of bed bugs in the fire station. We continue to monitor the situation with bed bug traps deployed throughout the living quarters.

Emergency Planning/Homeland Security

- The Department met with Bethel Search and rescue President, Mike Riley regarding searches. Mr. Riley brought forward the possibility of billing the City for reimbursement for searches within City of Bethel limits.
- The Department met with representatives of the Red Cross to discuss Sheltering, Emergency management and their voucher program. Bethel resident Jody Drew was introduced as the new local representative and coordinator of their voucher program. Red Cross is planning on a visit in March to install smoke detectors in Bethel Trailer Court. Bethel Fire will fully support this project with personnel and equipment.
- We are preparing specifications to purchase 13 portable radios with funds obtained through a Homeland Security Grant to strengthen interoperable communications. Several sample radios were received to examine and test.

Training

- On 01-03-17 at 7:00 p.m., an EMT meeting was held at the fire station. Staff and volunteers performed several trauma and medical assessment drills.
- On 01-12-17 at 7:00 p.m., a Fire Meeting was held at the fire station. Staff and volunteers performed several turnout and SCBA donning and doffing drills to maintain proficiency.
- On 01-17-17 at 7:00 p.m., an EMT Meeting was held at the fire station. Staff and volunteers reviewed High-Performance CPR and performed several cardiac arrest management drills.
- On 01-18-17 at 11:00 a.m., a Staff Meeting was held at the fire station. Staff reviewed current department events, expectations, and goals. Staff were assigned new projects and gave status reports for their current projects.
- On 01-26-17 at 7:00 p.m., a Fire Meeting was held at the fire station. Staff and volunteers practiced deploying and loading various pre-connected fire attack hose loads.
- The EMT-1 students completed their State of Alaska Written and Practical Skills Testing on two Saturdays, 01-14-17 and 01-21-17, with 3 out of the 4 students now eligible for certification. One student will complete practical skills testing at a later date. Staff are working on scheduling Firefighter-1 and Firefighter-2 courses. We plan to gain several new volunteers from these programs.

Responses

- The Bethel Fire Department responded to 118 EMS and 10 Fire incidents during the month of January.
- Alcohol-related EMS calls for service represented 34.7% (41 incidents) of the total number of responses during the month of January.
- On 01-05-17 10:09 p.m. medics responded to the area of H-Marker Lake and Tundra Ridge for Search and Rescue bringing in victims of a snowmobile accident. Medics assessed and transported two patients with significant trauma to the hospital.
- On 01-10-17 at 9:44 a.m. medics responded to Trailer Court for the report of a person without a pulse and not breathing. Upon arrival, medics conducted CPR and transported the patient to the hospital.
- On 01-14-17 at 8:48 a.m. medics responded to Standard Oil Road for the report of a snowmobile accident. Medics performed CPR on the patient and transported them to the hospital.
- On 01-15-17 at 12:07 p.m. medics responded to the Yukon-Kuskokwim Correctional Center for the report of a person experiencing chest pain. The patient was assessed and transported to the hospital.
- On 01-15-17 at 11:39 p.m. medics responded to Fifth Avenue for the report of a person who fractured their arm. The patient was assessed and transported to the hospital.
- On 01-17-17 at 3:45 p.m. medics responded to Hoffman Road for the report of a vehicle collision involving an ATV and truck. The patient was assessed and transported to the hospital.
- On 01-22-17 at 1:55 a.m. firefighters responded to the BNC Complex for the report of a fire alarm. Firefighters silenced the alarm and determined it to have been caused by a malfunctioning detector.
- On 01-22-17 at 7:15 a.m. medics responded to Ridgecrest Drive for the report of a person with frostbite on their fingers and feet. The patient was assessed and transported to the hospital.
- On 01-24-17 at 2:05 p.m. firefighters responded to Akiak Street for the report of a vehicle fire. Firefighters found the fire to be out on arrival. The vehicle was checked for hot spots and information was gathered from the owner.

- On 01-25-17 at 8:24 p.m. medics responded to the area of Larson Subdivision for the report of a person who consumed a bottle of Listerine. The patient was assessed, but refused transport to the hospital.
- On 12/18/2016 at 11:08 a.m. medics responded to the area of Owl Street for the report of a person who was not breathing. The patient was declared deceased on scene. The scene was left to Bethel Police Department Officers for the investigation.
- On 12/27/2016 at 11:38 p.m. medics responded to the area of Akakeek Street for BPD requesting medics. Upon arrival, medics found a patient covered in blood. Medics controlled bleeding and transported the patient to the hospital.

Vehicles & Equipment

- The Department's 1980 Ladder Truck is currently out of service due to a non-working boom and defunct pump. The vehicle is currently relegated to equipment transport. Specifications for a new Ladder truck are being developed to replace our 1980 50-foot Tele-squirt.
- Both of the snowplows we own are not working. We are relying on public works to keep up on the snow removal while a solution is being sought.
- Engine 3 our 1986 Grumman reserve pumper is still out of service to repair a leaking tank, relief valve, and tank to pump valve and pump packing. This work is being performed by department staff. The department is trying to locate sandblasting contractor or equipment to descale and epoxy coat the water tank. Failure to treat the water tank in this fashion would result in continued pitting and eventual failure.
- Specifications and drawing have been completed for the new ambulance: Medic Six. Purchasing contracts are being reviewed for compliance with City, State of Alaska and YKHC standards prior to purchase being made. Over half of our vehicle maintenance budget has been drained by ongoing repairs to Medic 5.

Budget/Financial

- The department is working with administration to make a replacement ladder truck a legislative priority. We are also seeking USDA grants/loans and exploring other funding sources.
- The department is operating within budgetary guidelines.
- The department is working with finance to correct a budget error in our purchased services, acct# 10-60-669. This account was erroneously funded at \$4,000 when it has traditionally been budgeted at \$22,500. The department has already spent over \$8,000 from this account. No change to the proposed amount was noted in any of the Council actions during the budget hearings.

- Demands on personnel, career and volunteer have been significant this year with unprecedented call volume. The department is using off duty staff on standby and call back pay to cover open slots in the shifts and provide a minimum of two personnel on duty at all times. Callback and FLSA overtime is being used up rapidly due to unprecedented call volume

Grants

- The Department received \$40,000 in funding for 10 portable radios through the 2016 Homeland Security grant. A vendor has been selected and specifications are being determined.
- The department has VFA grant funds to purchase portable radios. This grant is approximately \$11,000 and requires a 10% city match. A vendor has been selected and specifications are being determined.
- The Department applied to the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for 38 sets of firefighter turnouts. The request totaled \$102,000 with a match of only 5%.

Staffing/recruitment

- The Department is fully staffed.
- Volunteer Firefighters and EMT's are needed. If you or someone you know might be interested, please invite them to contact the Fire Chief or Fire Captain. Applications are available at the fire station or can be emailed to potential applicants.

CITY OF BETHEL POLICE DEPARTMENT



DATE: February 7, 2017
TO: Peter Williams, City Manager
FROM: Andre Achee, Chief of Police 
SUBJECT: January 2017 Monthly Report

Personnel:

Bethel Police Department continues to have recruitment challenges.

The Bethel Police Department is currently budgeted for a total of 14 sworn police positions which includes: (1) Chief of Police, (1) Lieutenant, (1) Sergeant- Investigations, (2) Sergeants- Patrol, (1) Corporal/Investigator, and (8) Police Officers.

Of these positions, we have the following vacancies: (5) Police Officers, (1) Lieutenant.

My staff is working diligently to recruit personnel and process current applications. In December 2016, we extended 2 conditional offers of employment to police officer candidates. One offer has been rescinded and the second offer is still currently pending.

In January 2016, we extended another conditional offer of employment to a police officer candidate. The offer was rescinded due to the candidate failing to report to mandatory testing.

Additionally, we are currently soliciting applications for our non-sworn vacancies. We are currently budgeted for 12 support personnel positions. These positions are: (1) Administrative Assistant, (1) Dispatch / Records Supervisor, (5) Dispatchers, (2) Community Service Officers, and (3) Community Service Patrol Officers (Grant Funded).

In December 2016, we extended a conditional offer of employment to a dispatcher candidate. After accepting the offer, the dispatcher candidate failed to report for duty on their first day of work. We were unable to re-contact this candidate. We therefore rescinded their conditional offer.

We currently have (1) Dispatcher vacancy. My staff have been working diligently to interview applicants for this position to find the most qualified candidate for this position.

Yesterday, a Community Service Patrol Officer tendered her resignation notice. This employee was still in field training and on probation. The employee's resignation was accepted and 30 days' notice was waived.

We have several applicants we will be looking at in our CSP applicant pool.

Total Current Vacancies:

Lieutenant (1)
Police Officer (5)
Dispatcher (1)
Community Service Patrol (1)

Supplemental Police Officer Staffing:

Effective 2/6/2017, the Bethel Police Department no longer have approval to continue our Supplemental Police Officer (temporary) program, by the City.

This program assisted police officers with their staffing needs. Currently, we are below staffing requirements and officers will be required to work overtime shifts to meet these requirements.

Separation / New Hires:

LaShel Campbell-Throop voluntarily resigned as a Community Service Patrol Officer.

Robert Baty resigned from the temporary police officer program, after two weeks' notice was given by the City.

Operations (Patrol / Communications):

During this reported period the Bethel Police Department Dispatch Center (Communications) logged 1,503 calls for service.

Of the 1,503 calls for service the police department investigated this month, 80 were closed by police reports.

(See attached statistics)

Animal Control:

The Bethel Police Department had 62 calls for service related to animal control issues, of which none generated a police report.

Community Service Patrol:

The CSP program for this reporting period, cared for 167 individuals, of which 113 were males and 54 were females. Of the 167 persons contacted by our CSPs, 30 were placed at YKCC, 137 at the Sobering Center, none were placed at the hospital, none were accepted by a private person / residence and none were able to care for themselves.

During this reporting period patrol officers handled 21 individuals, of which 13 were males and 8 were females. Of the 21 persons contacted by officers, 17 were placed at YKCC, none placed at the Sobering Center, 3 person to a private residence, no persons were able to care for themselves, and none were transported to the hospital.

(See attached statistics)

Of Interest:

On Thursday, January 26th, 2017, the Bethel Police Department was invited to a Job/Career Fair at the Bethel Regional High School sponsored by Donlin Gold. Police officers, dispatchers, and administrative staff were present and represented the City of Bethel and the Police Department.

Our employees contacted students and had meaningful dialogue with them about pursuing a career in law enforcement. We had a positive reaction from the students and from the faculty.

During this reporting period, officers responded to the Alaska Commercial Company store parking lot on a report of two cab drivers fighting. Investigations indicated the fight involved a prior dispute between the drivers. Both drivers did not wish to pursue any criminal charges against each other.

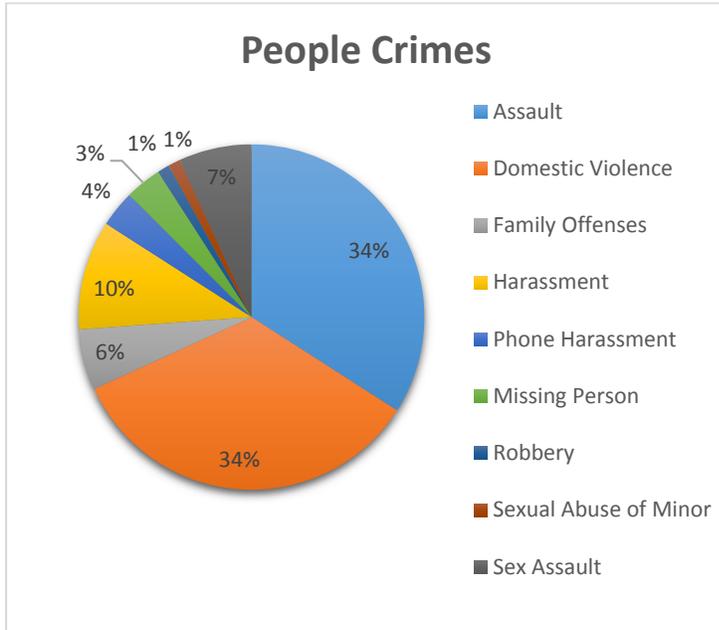
After reviewing the incident and recovered video footages, it was determined the fight was mutual combat between the two drivers.

Both drivers Chauffeur's permits were suspended for 7 days and warned if this type of behavior continued permits may be suspended for a longer time and/or revoked. Additionally both drivers were cited for failing to have operable camera equipment.

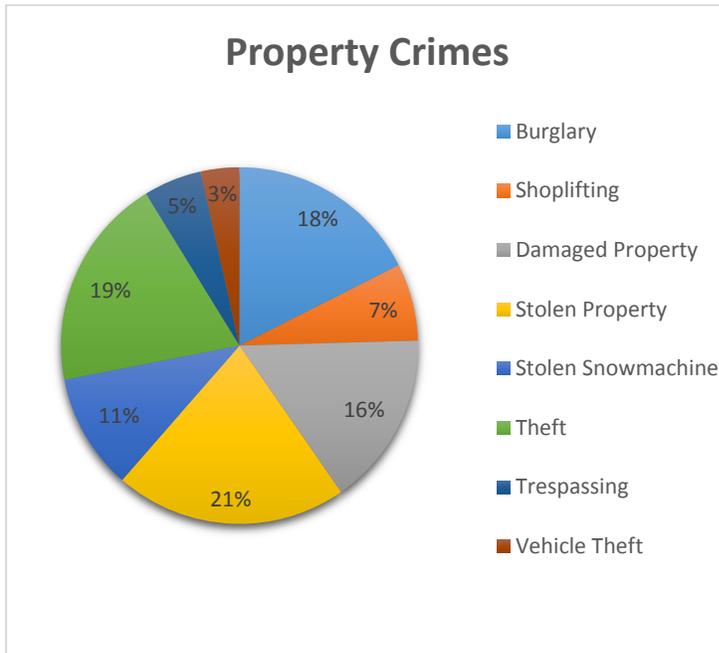


January 2017 Calls for Service

***The following numbers represent calls for service only (CFS) and do not necessarily indicate a crime was in fact committed. Some CFS result in the offense being unfounded, or the subjects are gone prior to officer arrival



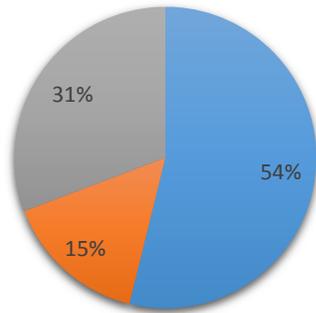
Assault	30
Domestic Violence	30
Family Offenses	5
Harassment	9
Phone Harassment	3
Missing Person	3
Robbery	1
Sexual Abuse of Minor	1
Sex Assault	6
Total	88



Burglary	10
Shoplifting	4
Damaged Property	9
Stolen Property	12
Stolen	6
Snowmachine	6
Theft	11
Trespassing	3
Vehicle Theft	2
Total	57



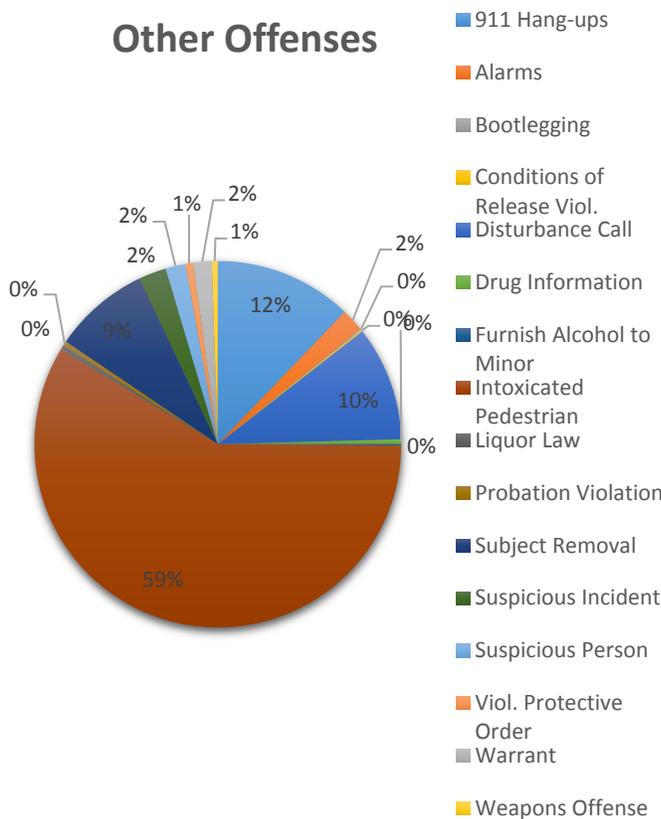
Death and Suicide



■ Attempted Suicide ■ Completed Suicide ■ Unattended Death

Attempted Suicide	7
Completed Suicide	2
Unattended Death	4
Total	13

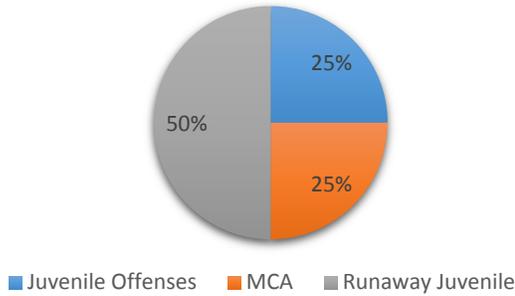
Other Offenses



911 Hang-ups	90
Alarms	15
Bootlegging	1
Conditions of Release Viol.	1
Disturbance Call	75
Drug Information	3
Furnish Alcohol to Minor	1
Intoxicated Pedestrian	434
Liquor Law	3
Probation Violation	3
Subject Removal	63
Suspicious Incident	18
Suspicious Person	13
Viol. Protective Order	5
Warrant	12
Weapons Offense	4
Total	741

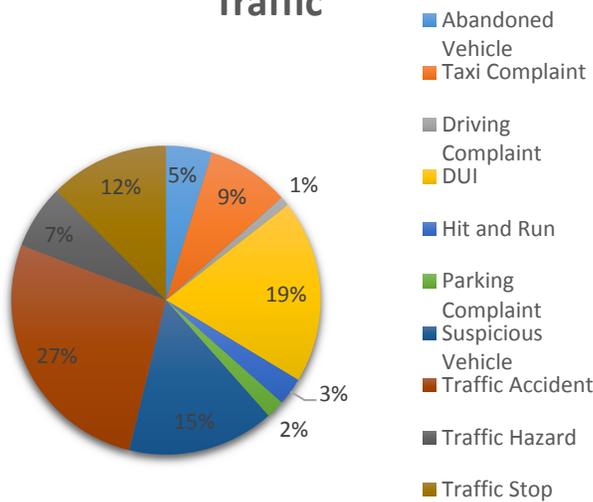


Juvenile Calls



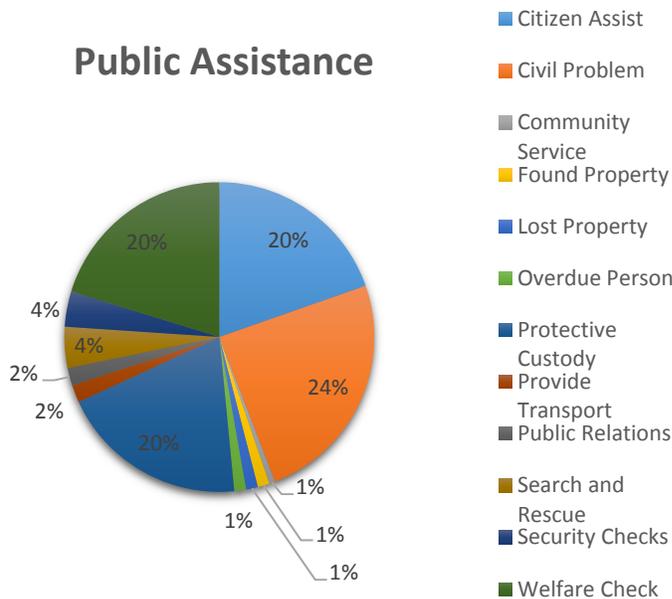
Juvenile Offenses	1
MCA	1
Runaway Juvenile	2
Total	4

Traffic



Abandoned Vehicle	5
Taxi Complaint	9
Driving Complaint	1
DUI	20
Hit and Run	3
Parking Complaint	2
Suspicious Vehicle	16
Traffic Accident	28
Traffic Hazard	7
Traffic Stop	13
Total	104

Public Assistance



Citizen Assist	32
Civil Problem	40
Community Service	1
Found Property	2
Lost Property	2
Overdue Person	2
Protective Custody	32
Provide Transport	3
Public Relations	3
Search and Rescue	7
Security Checks	6
Welfare Check	33
Total	163

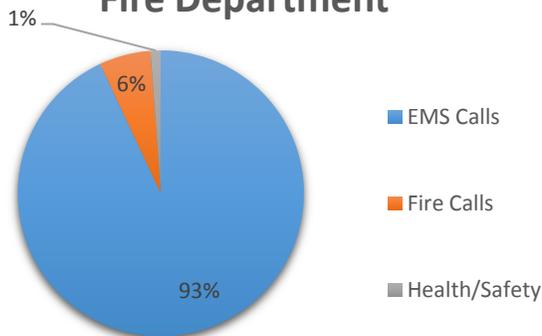


Agency Calls



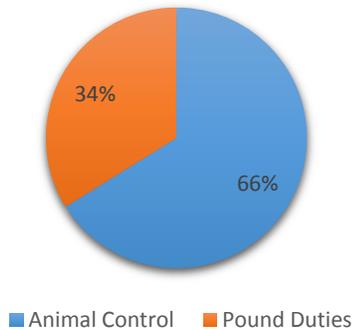
Background Check	11
Agency Assist	61
AST Calls	19
Court Paperwork	19
Warrants Received	5
Follow-up	22
Fire Alarm Testing	12
Duress Alarm Testing	17
Protective Order Service	12
Subpoena/Summons Service	7
Total	185

Fire Department



EMS Calls	80
Fire Calls	5
Health/Safety	1
Total	86

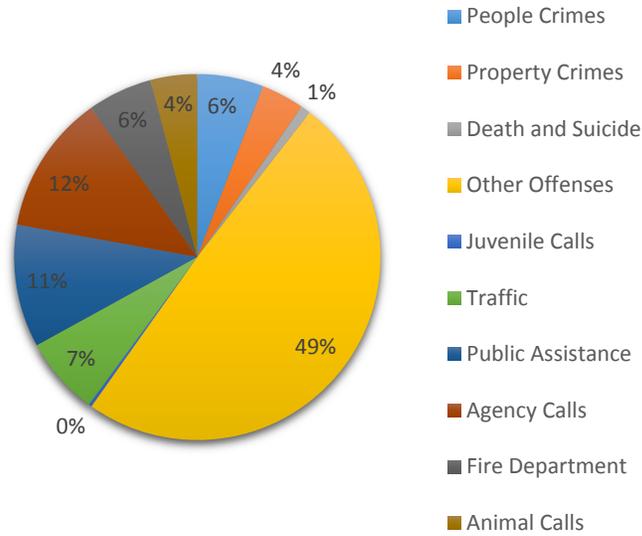
Animal Control



Animal Control	41
Pound Duties	21
Total	62

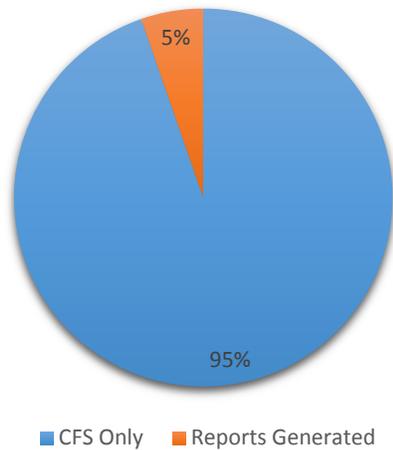


All Calls for Service



People Crimes	88
Property Crimes	57
Death and Suicide	13
Other Offenses	741
Juvenile Calls	4
Traffic	104
Public Assistance	163
Agency Calls	185
Fire Department	86
Animal Calls	62
Total	1503

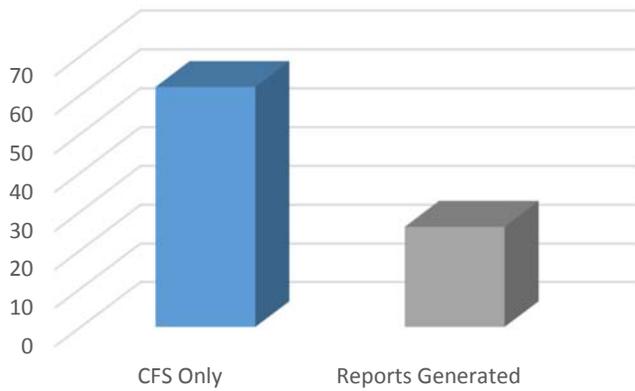
All Calls For Service



CFS Only	1423
Reports Generated	80
Total Calls	1503

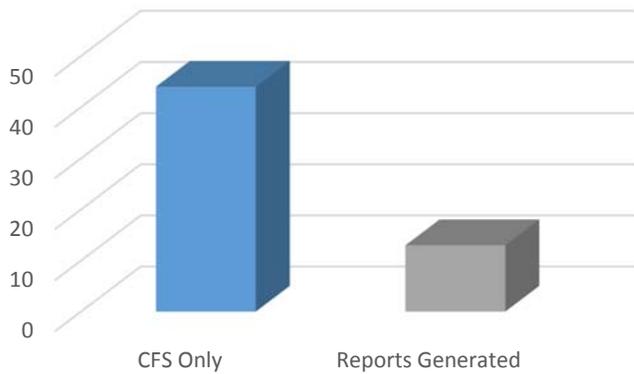


People Crimes



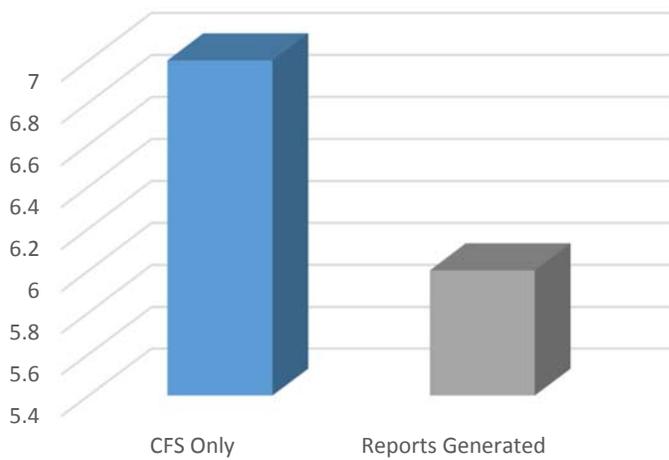
CFS Only	62
Reports Generated	26
Total Calls	88

Property Crimes



CFS Only	44
Reports Generated	13
Total Calls	57

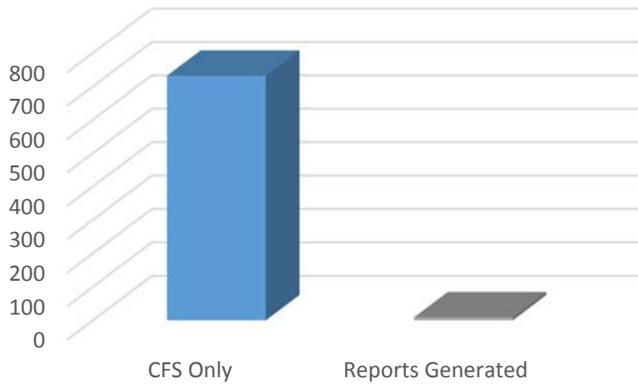
Death and Suicide



CFS Only	7
Reports Generated	6
Total Calls	13

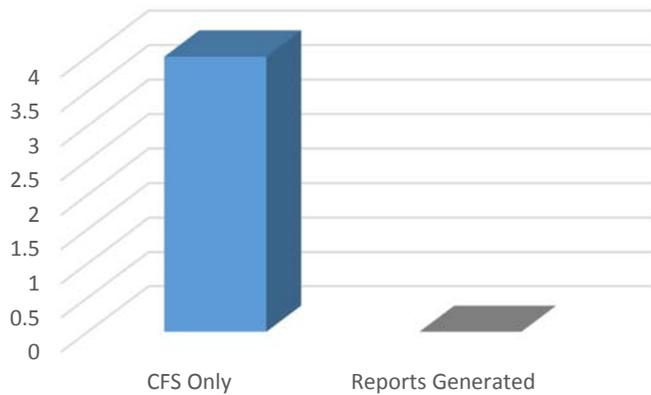


Other Offenses



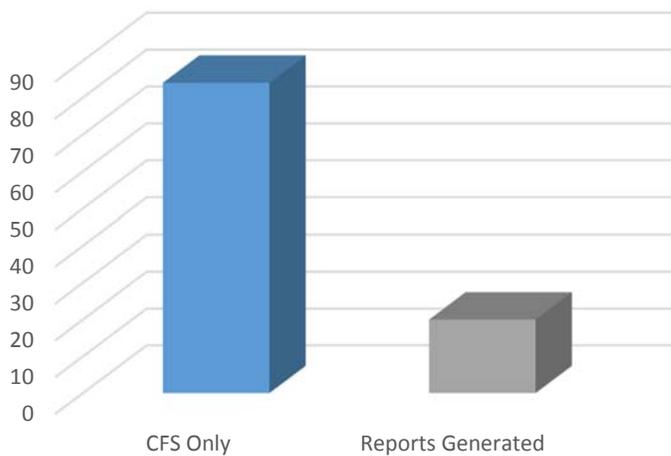
CFS Only	732
Reports Generated	9
Total Calls	741

Juvenile Calls



CFS Only	4
Reports Generated	0
Total Calls	4

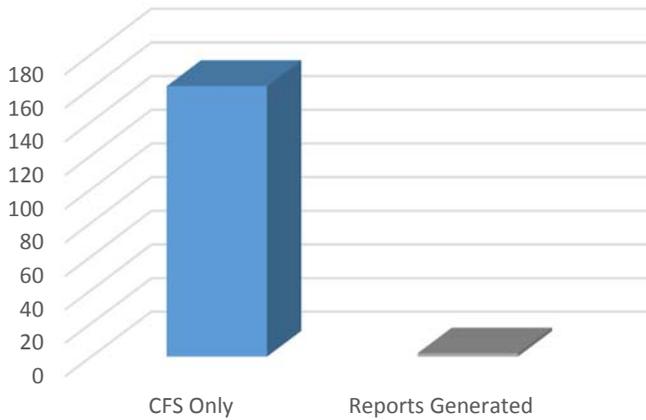
Traffic



CFS Only	84
Reports Generated	20
Total Calls	104

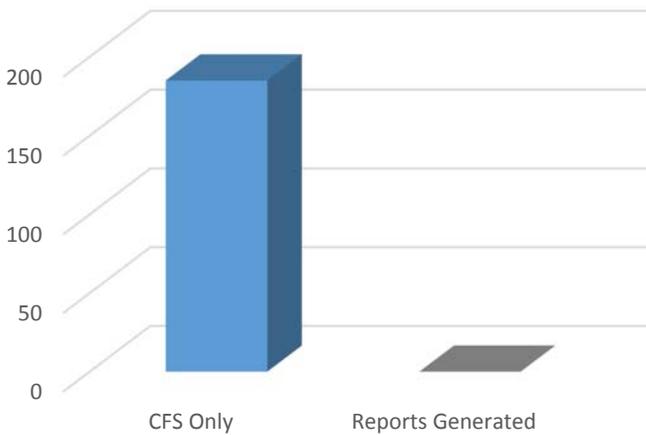


Public Assistance



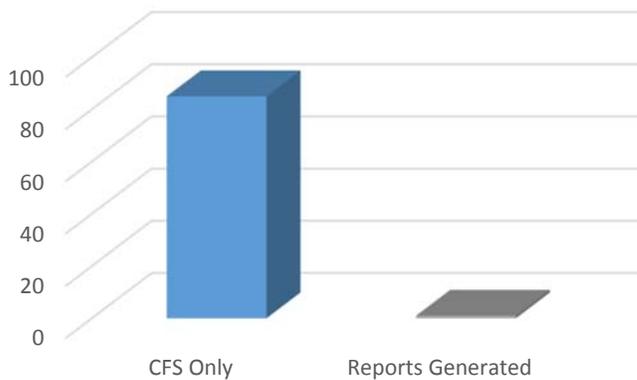
CFS Only	161
Reports Generated	2
Total Calls	163

Agency Calls

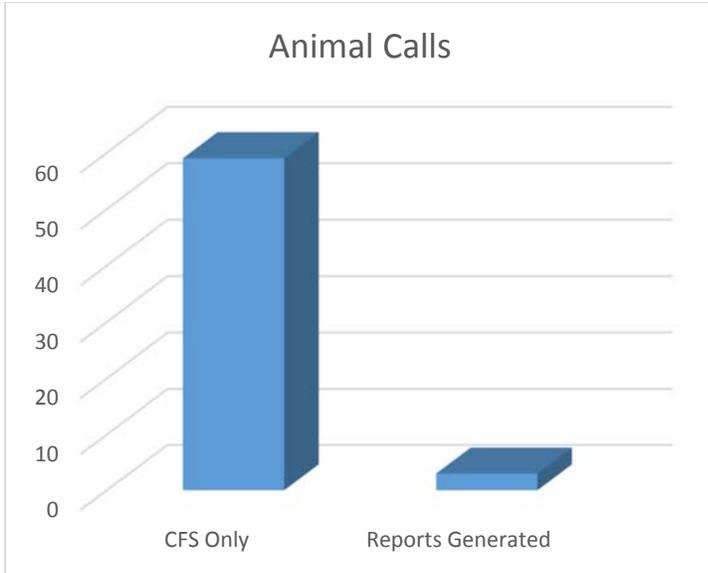


CFS Only	185
Reports Generated	0
Total Calls	185

Fire Department



CFS Only	85
Reports Generated	1
Total Calls	86



CFS Only	59
Reports Generated	3
Total Calls	62



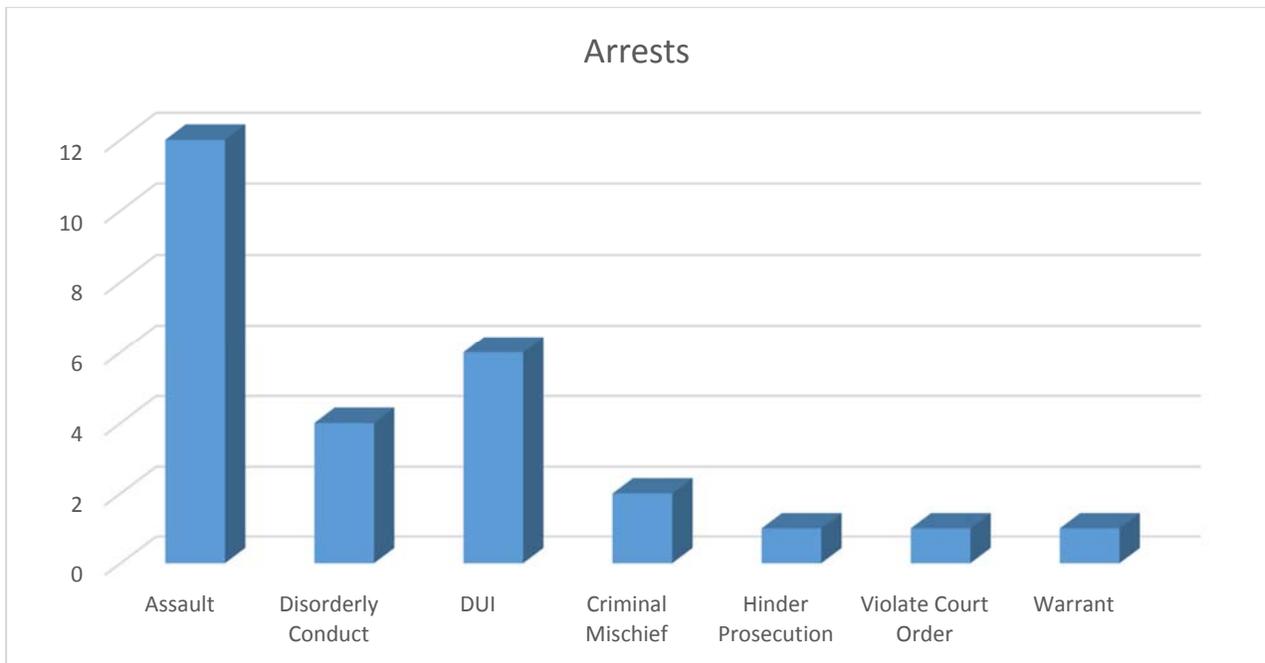
Arrest Report

***The following reflects the number of arrests by the Bethel Police Department.

***Many times a Call for Service will initially come in as one call type, but further investigation reveals a different crime.

***Juveniles referred to BYF and otherwise released to their parent or guardian are not classified as an arrest.

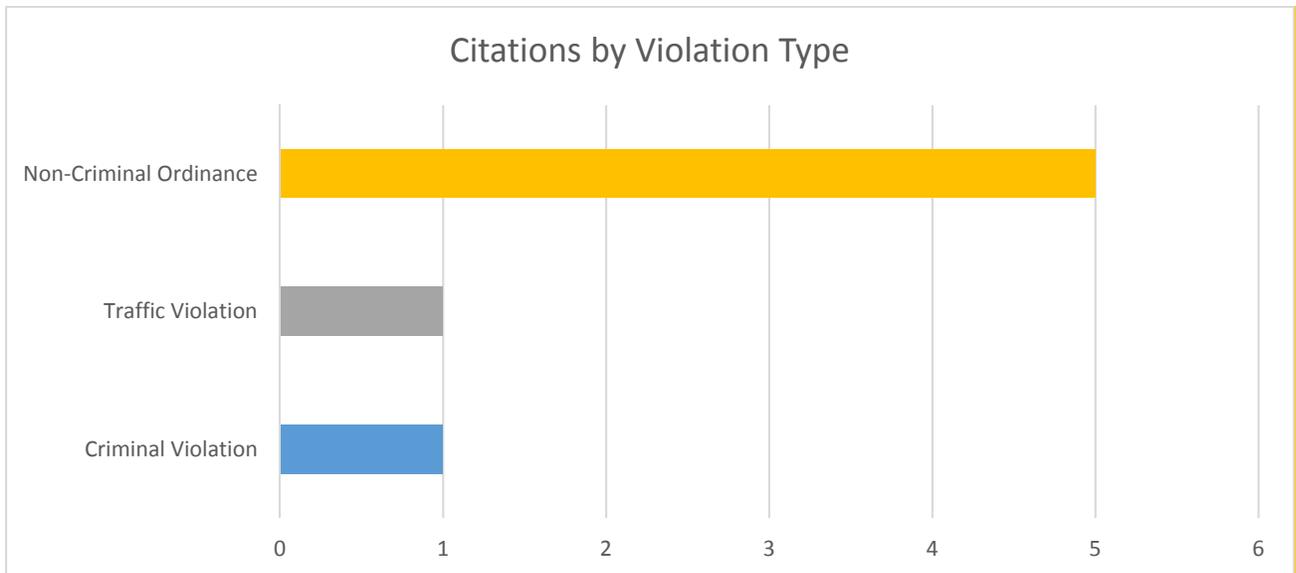
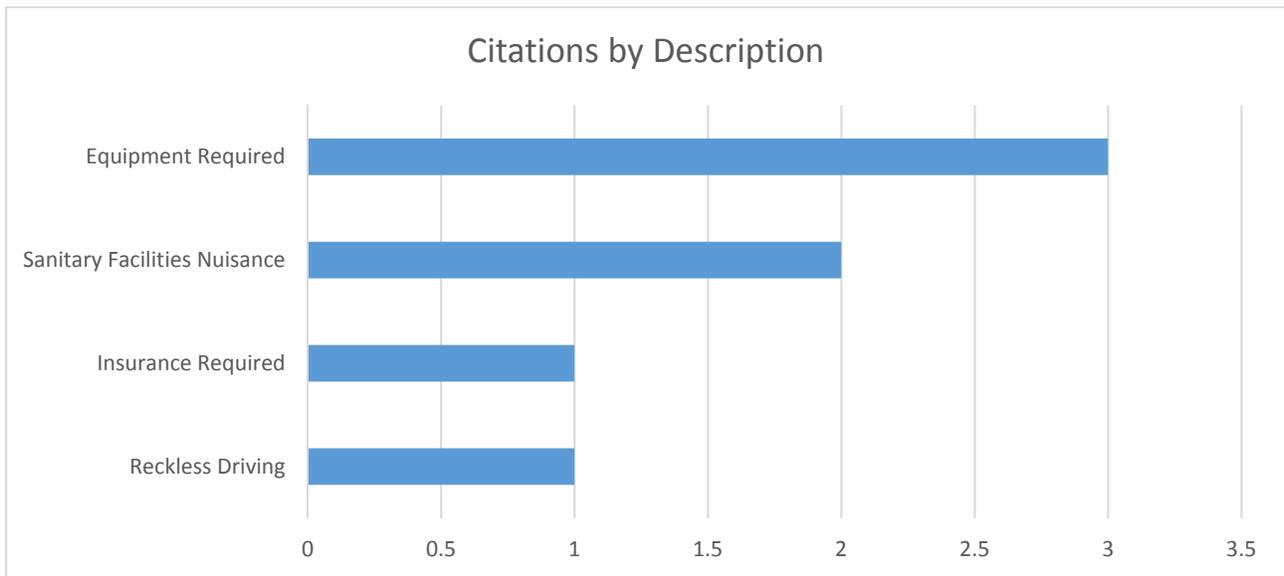
Classification	Number of Arrests
Assault	12
Disorderly Conduct	4
DUI	6
Criminal Mischief	2
Hinder Prosecution	1
Violate Court Order	1
Warrant	1





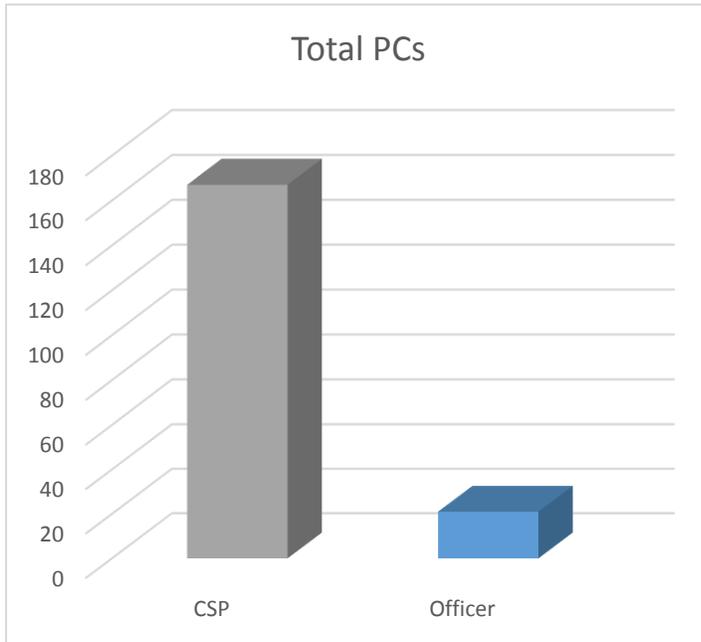
Citation Report

Violation Type	Description	Number of Citations
Criminal Violation	Reckless Driving	1
Traffic Violation	Insurance Required	1
Non-Criminal Ordinance	Sanitary Facilities Nuisance	2
Non-Criminal Ordinance	Equipment Required	3

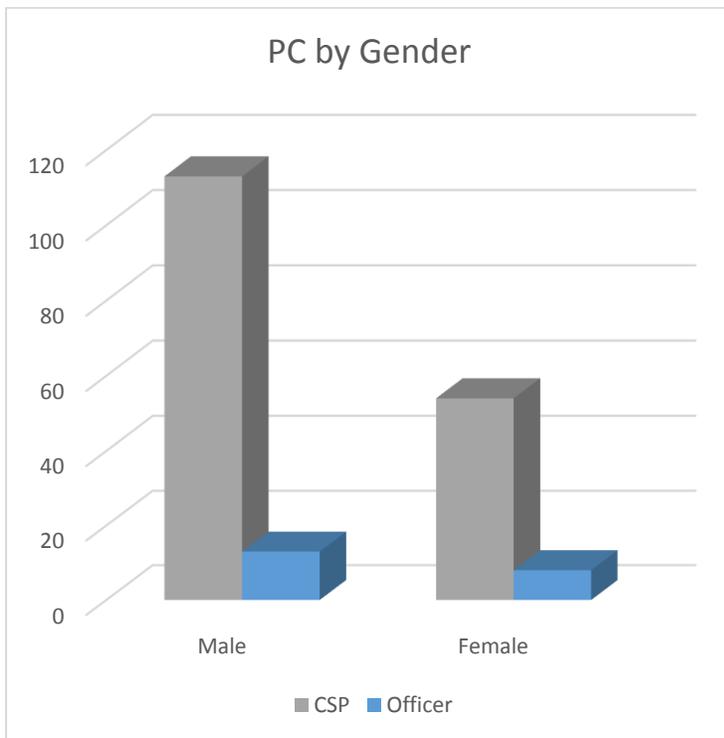




January 2017 PC Statistics



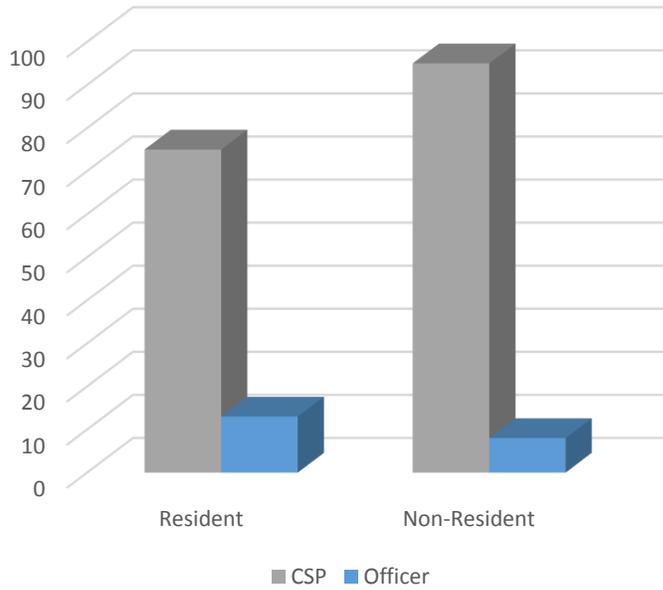
CSP	167
Officer	21
Total	
PCs	188



	<i>CSP</i>	<i>Officer</i>
Male	113	13
Female	54	8

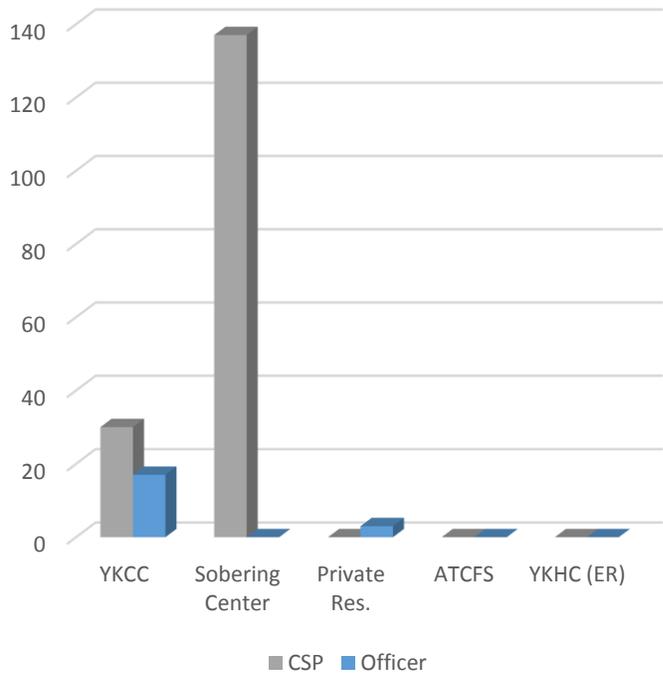


Residency



	<i>CSP</i>	<i>Officer</i>
Resident	75	13
Non-Resident	95	8

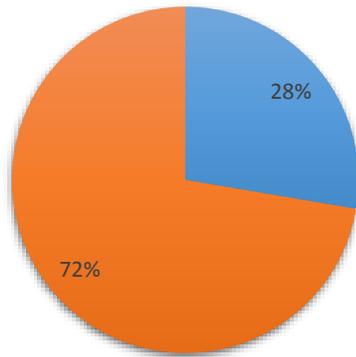
Locations



	<i>CSP</i>	<i>Officer</i>
YKCC	30	17
Sobering Center	137	0
Private Res.	0	3
ATCFS	0	0
YKHC (ER)	0	0



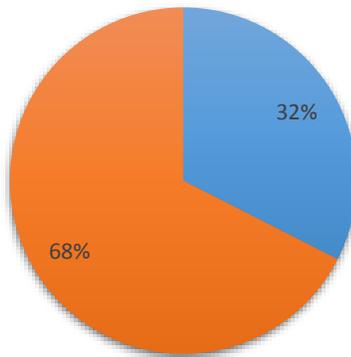
All Calls for Service



■ Alcohol Involved ■ Non-Alcohol Involved

Alcohol Involved	416
Non-Alcohol Involved	1087
Total CFS	1503

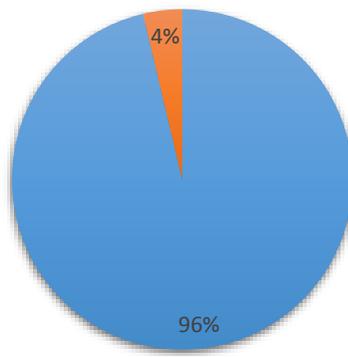
Reportable Calls



■ Alcohol Involved ■ Non-Alcohol Involved

Alcohol Involved	26
Non-Alcohol Involved	54
Total Reportable	80

Arrests



■ Alcohol Involved ■ Non-Alcohol Involved

Alcohol Involved	26
Non-Alcohol Involved	1
Total Arrests	27

CITY OF BETHEL
POLICE DEPARTMENT



TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT: **December 2016**

2016	December
New Chauffeurs	1
Chauffeur Renewals	0
Chauffeur Transfers	0
Vehicle Permit Renewals	0
Vehicle Transfers	0
Inspections	0
Revocations	0
Temporary Permits	0

- There were no semi-annual inspections scheduled or conducted in the month of December.
- There were 3 complaints made this month, most were driving complaints and all were followed up by either an Officer or myself.