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**Monthly Activity Report**  
**May 2020**  
**(01 MAY – 31 MAY 20)**

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**INTRODUCTION:**

May 2020 statistics show a 20.34% decrease in calls for service from May 2019 (2326:1853). Arrest and Citation data between May 2019 and May 2020 show a 49.41% decrease (682:345).

As always, these numbers will be detailed for you in the Workload / Performance section of the report.

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS:**

None

**Training and K9 Activity:**

As always, officers maintained their Class 1 Law Enforcement licenses via online training provided by the SC Criminal Justice Academy, and continued to receive their mandated in- service hours through the SC Criminal Justice Academy online.

PFC Pinto and K9 Sif conducted 27.5 hours of training, consisting of obedience, tracking and narcotics detection. K9 Sif and PFC Pinto had 4 deployments consisting of 1 positive article search of weapon.

**WORKLOAD / PERFORMANCE:**

As usual, we've included our Monthly Activity Report (along with the same period last year and monthly spreadsheet for comparison purposes).

In the month of May 2020, the Police Department answered 1,853 calls for service that resulted in 42 custodial arrests, 284 citations, and 19 criminal arrest warrants. (2 warrants related to drug possession/distribution). SBPD personnel transported 16 prisoners to J. Rueben Long Detention Center and 22 prisoners to the Myrtle Beach Police Department Detention Center. No prisoners posted a cash bond at the police department.

SBPD officers issued 136 written warnings in May in lieu of Uniform Traffic Tickets or to record vehicles stopped for non-traffic related reasons (these are not reflected in our database totals).

### **NOTABLE EVENTS / INFORMATION**

**Staffing:** As of June 18, 2020, the Police Department has all sworn personnel back from COVID-related furloughs. Three sworn personnel are not certified through the SC Criminal Justice Academy. We are working to get these officers certified as quickly as possible as the Academy is resuming its operations.

**Memorial Day Operations:** I wanted to take a moment to provide the Town Council and community with a follow-up from the Police Department's Memorial Day Operations. I appreciate the Town Administrator's consideration in allowing four of our six police officers to return from furlough status. In light of the events that occurred in Myrtle Beach in the weeks leading up to Memorial Day and the numbers of visitors the town saw, statistics show that we needed the extra staffing for the holiday. Our staffing was supplemented by four agents supplied by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED).

I am happy to report to you that we had no major events or critical incidents over the weekend. I am confident that our presence and proactive approach to the weekend prevented incidents that could have negatively impacted public safety.

Below are generalized summaries of activities for both 2019 Memorial Day operations and 2020 Memorial Day operations for comparison purposes. While we saw a reduction in the number of warnings and citations issued, please see that there was a slight increase in certain violations such as intoxicated pedestrians, golf cart violations (juvenile operation, operation at night, alcohol in golf cart), and fireworks complaints.

We noticed an increase in the number of open container violations in and around the bars and restaurants in the pier area. We met with owners and suggested that signage be placed to discourage patrons from taking alcohol off-premises. This confusion should subside once the outside dining allowances are rescinded. Bar management was cooperative in addressing the issue.

#### **Summary:**

During the Memorial Day operational period of May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 to May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the police department answered 546 calls for service that resulted in 26 custodial arrests, 142 citations, and 18 criminal arrest warrants. (11 warrants related to drug possession/distribution). SBPD personnel transported 15 prisoners to J. Rueben Long Detention Center and 6 prisoners to the Myrtle Beach Police Department Detention Center. No prisoners posted a cash bond at the police department.

During the Memorial Day operational period of May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the police department answered 580 calls for service that resulted in 14 custodial arrests, 110 citations, and 0 criminal arrest warrants. (0 warrants related to drug possession/distribution). SBPD personnel transported 4 prisoners to J. Rueben Long Detention Center and 9 prisoners to the Myrtle Beach Police Department Detention Center. No prisoners posted a cash bond at the police department.

I am very proud of the efforts of the police department personnel that worked long hours over the holiday to ensure that the residents and visitors had a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend and holiday. I hope that you share that sentiment and know that I appreciate the resources you provide us to do our jobs.

**COVID-19:** The Police Department continues to exercise precautions related to COVID-19 exposure. To date, we have only had to self-quarantine officers on 2 occasions, but have had no known positive COVID infections of police personnel. Our supplies of Personal Protective Equipment are thin but we are able to obtain small quantities at a pace that keeps officers safe.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

**AND**

**SUPPORTING MATERIALS**

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Surfside Beach Police Department

Agency CFS CallType By Month For 01/01/2020 - 05/31/2020

Surfside Beach Police Department													
CallType	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
911 HANG UP	16	3	2	9	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54
ABANDONED PROPERTY	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
ACCIDENT PROPERTY DAMAGE	15	9	17	11	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65
ACCIDENT W/INJURIES	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
AGENCY ASSIST	15	10	7	8	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
ALARM BUSINESS	15	21	12	25	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83
ALARM RESIDENCE	18	19	20	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77
ALCOHOL VIOLATION	0	1	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
ANIMAL CALL	11	14	20	18	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79
ASSAULT GENERAL	2	3	3	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
B&E AUTO	6	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
BEACH ALCOHOL	0	0	20	1	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
BEACH ANIMAL	0	0	3	3	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
BEACH DISTURBANCE	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
BEACH HAZARD	0	0	6	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
BEACH PATROL	1	0	7	17	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66
BEACH SMOKING	0	0	20	1	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
BEACH TENT	0	0	3	1	91	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95
BREACH OF TRUST	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
BURGLARY BUSINESS	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
BURGLARY RESIDENCE	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
CIVIL MATTER	4	10	11	11	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
COVID BEACH ACCESS	0	0	1	66	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68
COVID BEACH FRONT	0	0	0	107	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	107
COVID CROWD	0	0	25	7	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
COVID OTHER	0	0	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10

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COVID PARKING	0	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
COVID PUBLIC CONTACT	0	0	2	65	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73
COVID RENTAL	0	0	2	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
COVID WELFARE	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CREDIT/DEBIT CARD FRAUD	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
DEATH INVESTIGATION	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
DECOY CAR	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
DEFRAUD INNKEEPER	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
DISABLED VEHICLE	2	6	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	2	6	3	5	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
DISPATCH TRAINING	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
DISTURBANCE DOMESTIC	12	5	8	9	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
DISTURBANCE NOISE	2	6	11	9	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
DRUG OFFENSE	0	4	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
ESCORT GENERAL	4	4	6	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
FIGHT	0	2	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
FIREWORKS	1	1	0	2	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
FOOT PATROL	22	62	98	11	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	209
FORGERY	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
FOUND PROPERTY	3	8	5	13	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
FRAUD	7	2	6	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
HARASSMENT/PHONE	2	3	4	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
HARASSMENT/STALKING	1	3	1	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
IDENTITY THEFT	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
INCORRIGIBLE JUVENILE	3	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
INFORMATION	10	10	11	11	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
INTOXICATED DRIVER	3	3	9	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
INTOXICATED PEDESTRIAN	6	4	2	4	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32

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KEEPCHECK	453	460	334	316	380	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1943
KIDNAPPING	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
LARCENY GENERAL	9	2	6	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
LARCENY VEHICLE	2	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
LEAVING SCENE W/PROPERTY DAMAGE	1	2	4	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
LITTERING	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
LOST PROPERTY	0	5	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
MAIL TAMPERING	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
MALICIOUS DAMAGE PROPERTY	5	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
MALICIOUS DAMAGE VEHICLE	4	0	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
MEDICAL EMERGENCY	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
MENTALLY ILL SUBJECT	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
MESSAGE DELIVERY	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MISSING JUVENILE	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
MISSING PERSON	2	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Not Specified	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
OPEN DOOR BUSINESS	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
OPEN DOOR RESDENCE	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
OPEN DOOR VEHICLE	4	4	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
ORDINANCE VIOLATION (SEE NOTES)	2	2	7	8	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
PANHANDLING	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
PARKING VIOLATION	18	19	12	19	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	118
PRIVATE PROPERTY TOW	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
PROPERTY DAMAGE	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
PROPERTY FOR DESTRUCTION	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	8	3	7	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
PUBLIC CONTACT	151	170	124	85	177	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	707

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PUBLIC WORKS CALL	3	2	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
RADAR TRAILER DEPLOYMENT	0	0	0	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
REPOSSESSION	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
RESIDENT CHECK	21	18	23	27	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	112
ROADBLOCK/CHECKPOINT	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ROBBERY	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
RUNAWAY	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
SHOPLIFTING	6	4	2	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
SHOTS FIRED	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
SOLICITATION COMMERCIAL	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
SUICIDE ATTEMPT	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
SUSP CIRCUMSTANCES	8	13	8	12	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	15	20	19	23	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	15	7	11	13	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54
THREATS	2	1	4	2	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	6	5	10	12	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
TRAFFIC CONTROL	0	1	0	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
TRAFFIC HAZARD	8	12	10	17	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
TRAFFIC STOP GOLF CART	4	5	7	2	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92
TRAFFIC STOP VEHICLE	209	337	193	13	274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1026
TRANSPORT INMATE	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
TRESPASSING	4	2	5	5	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
UTILITY PROBLEM	0	2	2	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
WARRANT SERVICE	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
WELFARE CHECK	8	10	13	14	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63
<b>Agency Total</b>	<b>1177</b>	<b>1351</b>	<b>1190</b>	<b>1173</b>	<b>1853</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6744</b>