



West Lake Hills Police Department West Lake Hills, TX



Public Safety Report 2nd Quarter (April - June), 2020

Statistical Highlights

During the 2nd quarter (April - June) 2020, there were 19 reported UCR part 1 offenses, compared with 34 for the 1st quarter of 2020 and 17 during the same period last year. Officers made 24 in-custody or field release arrests in Q2 compared to 17 in Q1.

Officers responded to 12 Traffic Crashes in Q2, compared to 32 in Q1. This reduction in crashes was probably due to many drivers limiting their driving time. Most of our crashes happen on Bee Cave Road.

In Q2, our officers made 3 traffic stops, resulting in 2 violations (66.7%), and 0 warning (0.0%). These numbers reflect officers not conducting traffic stops on a regular basis due to the COVID-19 restrictions that were in place and to reduce the chances of passing on or contracting the virus.

During Q2, West Lake Hills Police Officers responded to 534 calls for service, compared to 543 calls for service in Q1. During the quarter, 83 reports were generated. Officers also conducted 58 close patrol checks for residents who were out of town, compared to 110 for Q1.

Investigations

During this quarter, Detectives Stewart and David were assigned 33 new cases. Detectives Stewart and David currently have 31 open cases that they are investigating.

Training

Officers completed 203 hours of training during this quarter, compared to 291 during Q1. Most of the classes taken this quarter were online and included Civil Issues facing Street Officers, Civil Disturbance and Riot Control, Basic Criminal Investigations, De-escalation Techniques, Using Social Media in Law Enforcement, and many classes in how to be safe online.

COVID-19

Due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus and our attempt to reduce face-to-face contacts, we made some changes to our procedures on March 14th. We reduced traffic enforcement and arrests, per the guidelines provided by Travis County Sheriff's Office. We also started handling some property related calls over the phone and cancelled all in-person training. These procedures negatively impacted some of our enforcement numbers, but we felt it important to do our part to proactively practice social distancing and lead by example.