



West Lake Hills Police Department West Lake Hills, TX



Public Safety Report 1st Quarter (Jan. – Mar.), 2020

Statistical Highlights

During the 1st quarter (January - March) 2020, there were 34 reported NIBRS part 1 offenses, compared with 26 for the 4th quarter of 2019 and 13 during the same period last year. Officers made 17 in-custody or field release arrests in Q1 compared to 16 in Q4.

Officers responded to 32 Traffic Crashes in Q1, compared to 53 in Q4. This reduction in crashes was probably due to many drivers limiting their driving time. Most of our crashes happen on Bee Cave Road.

In Q1, our officers made 775 traffic stops, resulting in 392 violations (50.6%), and 501 warnings (64.6%). Of the violations that were cited, 224 (57%) were for speeding, including 76 for speeding in a school zone. Officers also wrote 12 citations for failing to stop or remain stopped for a school bus. In the 15 targeted enforcement zones, we issued a total of 47 violations and 67 warnings.

During Q1, West Lake Hills Police Officers responded to 543 calls for service, compared to 662 calls for service in Q4. During the quarter, 131 reports were generated. Officers also conducted 110 close patrol checks for residents who were out of town, compared to 188 for Q4.

Investigations

During this quarter, Detectives Stewart and David were assigned 47 new cases. Detectives Stewart and David currently have 29 open cases that they are investigating.

Training

Officers completed 291 hours of training during this quarter, compared to 411 during Q4. Classes included Crisis Intervention Training, Crime Scene Investigation, Criminal Investigations, and De-escalation Techniques.

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. 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, even in law enforcement.