

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

### Summary Activities

Calls for Service	26,838
Alarms	1,797
Citations	8,347 (\$188,515 in fines)
Medical Service Calls	1,508
Accidents	723
Arrests	185
Hearings/Summonses	284
Traffic Enforcement Posts	1,980

### Personnel

The Police Department has a present complement of 62 full-time employees, allocated and performing in the following positions: Chief of Police, Deputy Chief of Police, 3 Lieutenants, 6 Sergeants, 35 Police Officers, 1 Animal Control Officer, 11 Public Safety Dispatchers, 2 Secretaries, 1 Clerk, and 2 Custodians. The Police Officer positions include three Detectives, the Court Prosecutor, the Safety Officer and the Systems Manager. Three of the 35 Police Officers positions are currently vacant and unfunded.

### Significant Activities

The following events of significance occurred during the past year:

1. Officer Rick McArdle retired from the Department after over 40 years of dedicated service. Frank Masiello, Matthew Farwell, Evan Rosenberg and Conor Ashe were appointed as police officers. .
2. The 10<sup>th</sup> annual open house was held during Wellesley Weekend. Officer Spencer collaborated with the Youth Commission to offer the 5th annual Youth Police Academy class for middle school students during the summer break.
3. In December, Chief Cunningham was sworn in as the president of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association. The ceremony was attended by the Governor and Attorney General as well as members of the Board of Selectmen and law enforcement officials from throughout Massachusetts.
4. The Department continued its participation in the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council, a consortium of 43 area law enforcement agencies. Chief Cunningham serves as First Vice President. One patrol officer serves on the regional SWAT team, one detective serves on the Cybercrime Unit, the deputy chief and one detective serve on the Criminal Investigation Division, one sergeant is assigned to the Public Information Unit and one dispatcher works in the Mobile Command Post during Metro-LEC operations.
5. The Department was awarded a grant by the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau for traffic enforcement.

6. All police officers attended in-service training in topics such as criminal law, motor vehicle law, CPR, use of force, and firearms. In addition, officers attended specialized training in statement analysis, interview and interrogation, the Street Survival Seminar, driver training, car seat inspection, stress management (dispatchers), accident reconstruction, police liability, court prosecution, speed radar, search warrants and critical incident management. The deputy chief attended the national AMBER conference as part of the Metro-LEC Child Abduction Response Team (expenses paid by federal government). The deputy chief, detective lieutenant and two detectives attended the New England Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association annual conference and Chief Cunningham attended the annual conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.
7. In an effort to improve communication with residents, the department's web site underwent a major overhaul. Additionally, residents can now follow major events involving the Department by following it on Twitter, or they can sign up for alerts sent to their email and cell phones by signing up at Nixle.com, or by visiting the department's web site at WellesleyPolice.com. These projects were all led by Sergeant Scott Whittemore.
8. Police officers and detectives continued to participate in programs aimed at curbing adolescent substance abuse. Sergeants Scott Showstead and Jeffrey Renzella and Officer Brian Spencer instructed all sophomore health classes at Wellesley High School on the topic of drug and alcohol abuse. Officer Spencer and Youth Director Maura Renzella instructed 8<sup>th</sup> grade health classes about the topics of alcohol and drug abuse and Officer Spencer provided instruction on Internet safety for fifth, sixth and eighth graders. Members of the department also provided instruction at the high school in law and police work.
9. Detectives continue to participate in regional narcotics enforcement with the NORPAC Task Force. The task force's federal funding was cut in October the first time since its inception in 1987.
10. Detectives worked many major investigations throughout the year, a few of which are listed below.
  - o Following a nine-month human trafficking investigation with assistance from the FBI, detectives executed search warrants on Cedar Street and at a Brockton home arresting a man and his wife on prostitution charges.
  - o In August, detectives charged a Boston man with a nighttime break-in at Patriot Petroleum.
  - o A Wellesley resident was arrested by detectives and charged with two incidents of indecent assaults on children.
  - o In October, detectives working with NORPAC raided a Hastings Street home and charged the occupant with selling cocaine.

- Break-ins occurred at two pharmacies, one in September and one in November. Prescription narcotics were stolen in both.
- In December, detectives working with NORPAC arrested a Needham man in Needham and charged him with selling cocaine.
- In December a resident reported the theft of expensive jewelry. Detectives questioned movers who had been in the home and charged one with stealing the jewelry. The suspect returned the jewelry.
- In January, a laptop was stolen from a car parked at Wellesley Country Club. The laptop had software that allowed its location to be tracked electronically. Detectives traced the laptop to Cambridge and when they arrived they found a man logged on and using the computer inside an office. He admitted that the laptop was stolen and was charged with receiving stolen property.
- From March through July, Wellesley detectives worked with the FBI and NORPAC Task Force on a series of bank robberies. Two of the eight robberies allegedly committed by the subject, who would become known as the U30 Bandit, were committed in Wellesley. In three of the eight, the subject used a hoax bomb device in addition to a handgun. Two subjects were arrested by detectives and agents in Needham immediately following the eighth hold-up.
- In May, two bomb threats were emailed to the middle school causing full evacuations of the building. An investigation implicated a student who was charged in juvenile court.

11. The Wellesley Police Department continues to fulfill its community policing mission by collaborating with all segments of the Wellesley community and by conducting an ongoing evaluation of existing community policing initiatives.

In closing, in my capacity as the Chief of Police, I would like to express my appreciation to the community for the support and assistance that the Police Department and its staff have received during the last year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Terrence M. Cunningham  
 Chief of Police