

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Summary Activities

Calls for Service	27,975
Alarms	1,682
Citations	8,040
Medical Service Calls	1,654
Accidents	971
Arrests	160
Summonses	262
Traffic Enforcement Posts	2,070

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, 10 Public Safety Dispatchers, 2 Administrative Assistants, 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. Brian Spencer was promoted to sergeant.
2. Officer Evan Rosenberg was reassigned as the departments Youth/Safety Officer replacing Brian Spencer.
3. Kevin Joseph who was formerly a Special Police Officer for the town, Kevin Brooks and James Lindelof, a former Babson College Police Officer were appointed as police officers.
4. Officer Richard Potter retired.
5. The 12th annual open house was held during Wellesley Weekend.
6. The Department continued its participation in the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council, a consortium of 45 area law enforcement agencies. Chief Cunningham serves as its president. One patrol officer serves on the regional SWAT team, one detective serves on the Computer Crime Unit, one detective serves on the Criminal Investigation Division, one lieutenant is assigned to the Public Information Unit and one officer works in the Mobile Command Post during Metro-LEC operations.

7. The Department was awarded a Highway Safety Grant of \$6,600, State 911 Training Grant of \$14,286, a State 911 Support and Incentive Grant of \$60,452. These funds were used to supplement the dispatcher line item, and for equipment upgrades.
8. All police officers attended in-service training in topics such as criminal law, motor vehicle law, CPR and use of force. In addition, officers attended the specialized training listed below:
 - Chief Cunningham attended the annual conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.
 - The detective lieutenant, a sergeant and three detectives attended the New England Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association annual conference.
 - All officers completed firearms recertification, defensive tactics and less lethal use of force training.
 - Sgt. Spencer completed a leadership course.
 - Sgt. Showstead and Officer Lemenager took an extensive exam and are not both certified by the Accreditation Commission for Traffic Accident Reconstruction.
 - Detective McLaughlin completed several computer crime investigation courses.
 - Officers Fritts and Lameiras attended a course for crime prevention and security training.
 - Sgt. Showstead and Officer Lemenager attended Boston University School of Medicine's course on medico-legal death investigation.
 - Dispatchers attended training on managing multi-agency incidents, emergency medical dispatch, suicide intervention, stress management and missing children.
9. The Department continued its commitment to keep residents informed of major events in town. Over 4,900 residents have signed up for a free service whereby the Department can send text messages to residents' cell phones or emails to inform them about road closures, severe weather alerts, active criminal investigations. The Department also maintains an active website, a Twitter account and a Facebook page with a combined following of over 3,000 people. These projects are coordinated by Sergeant Scott Whittemore.
10. Police officers and detectives continued to participate in programs aimed at curbing adolescent substance abuse and opening lines of communication.
 - Sergeants Scott Showstead, Brian Spencer and Jeffrey Renzella instructed all sophomore health classes at Wellesley High School on the topic of drug and alcohol abuse.
 - Sgt. Spencer and Officer Rosenberg collaborated with the Youth Commission to offer the 7th annual Youth Police Academy class for middle school students during the summer break.

- Sergeant Spencer, Officer Rosenberg and Youth Director Maura Renzella instructed 8th grade health classes about the topics of alcohol and drug abuse.
 - Sergeant Spencer provided instruction on Internet safety for fifth, sixth and eighth graders.
 - Members of the Department provided instruction at the high school in law and police work.
 - A five week course on risk taking, decision making skills and internet safety was offered to fifth graders. The other grades attended programs on bus, bike, pedestrian and Halloween safety.
 - Presentations were conducted for parent groups on Internet safety and alcohol and drug abuse.
 - Sergeant Spencer and Officer Rosenberg served on the WHS Crisis Team, PTO Central Council, Youth Commission Board and the Teen Center Board.
 - Officers Tim Barros, Kathy Lameiras and Evan Rosenberg coached the girl's powder puff football team.
11. Detectives participated in numerous regional narcotics investigations as members of the NORPAC Task Force.
12. Detectives worked many major investigations throughout the year, a few of which are listed below.
- Detectives investigated the theft of several pieces of computer equipment from the Wellesley Middle School. Detectives identified an employee was responsible for the thefts and arrested him.
 - Detectives identified a woman responsible for an armed robbery at a gas station in Wellesley. She was charged with armed robbery and assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon.
 - Detectives identified and arrested two individuals responsible for breaking into a residence in town.
 - Detectives arrested several individuals in Wellesley following a series of undercover purchases by detectives of the NORPAC Task Force, detectives arrested them and charged them with marijuana and LSD distribution.
 - Detectives arrested two men for stealing large amounts of copper wire from a construction site in town.
13. Officer from the department participated in a sobriety checkpoint on Route 9 which covered both east and west bound lanes. Thirteen arrests were made as a result of the checkpoint.
14. 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