

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Summary Activities

Calls for Service	26,625
Alarms	1,817
Citations	8,184
Medical Service Calls	1,419
Accidents	979
Arrests	234
Summonses	331
Traffic Enforcement Posts	2,022

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. Steven Atwood was promoted to sergeant.
2. Kathleen Connors and Timothy Gover, who were formerly dispatchers, and Michael Lemenager, a former Nantucket detective, were appointed as police officers.
3. Officer Dawn Mich retired.
4. The 11th annual open house was held during Wellesley Weekend.
5. 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, the deputy chief and one detective serve in the Criminal Investigation Division, one lieutenant is assigned to the Public Information Unit and one dispatcher works in the Mobile Command Post during Metro-LEC operations.
6. The Department was awarded a Highway Safety Grant of \$4,200, State 911 Training Grant of \$9,253, a State 911 Support and Incentive Grant of \$58,291. These funds were used to supplement the dispatcher line item, and for equipment upgrades.

7. 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 deputy chief, a sergeant, three detectives and one patrol officer attended the New England Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association annual conference.
 - All officers completed firearms recertification, defensive tactics and less lethal use of force training.
 - The Department hosted a training seminar on counter terrorism at Babson College. It was attended by six officers of the Department, and by federal agents and police officers from throughout the northeast United States.
 - Sgt. Atwood completed a leadership course.
 - Officer Spencer completed a course on computer crimes against children.
 - Officer Lemenager completed a course on the reconstruction of accidents involving trucks.
 - Detective McLaughlin completed several computer crime investigation courses.
 - The deputy chief and two detectives 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.
8. The Department continued its commitment to keep residents informed of major events in town. The Department mailed information to every home regarding a new service whereby the Department can send text messages to residents' cell phones. Over 2,000 residents have signed up for the service. The Department also maintains an active website, a Twitter account and a Facebook page. These projects are coordinated by Sergeant Scott Whittemore.
9. Police officers and detectives continued to participate in programs aimed at curbing adolescent substance abuse and opening lines of communication.
 - 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 collaborated with the Youth Commission to offer the 6th annual Youth Police Academy class for middle school students during the summer break.
 - Officer Spencer and Youth Director Maura Renzella instructed 8th grade health classes about the topics of alcohol and drug abuse.
 - Officer 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.
 - Officer Spencer served on the WHS Crisis Team, PTO Central Council, Youth Commission Board and the Teen Center Board.
 - Sergeants Showstead and Renzella and Officer Barros coached the girl's powder puff football team.
10. Detectives participated in numerous regional narcotics investigations as members of the NORPAC Task Force.
11. Detectives worked many major investigations throughout the year, a few of which are listed below.
- Detectives investigated the theft of over \$200,000 from a non-profit located in Wellesley. Detectives identified an employee and arrested him.
 - Working with the U.S. Marshal's Service, State Police and several local police departments, detectives solved two break-ins at a Wellesley pharmacy. A man from Lynn was arrested and charged with both break-ins.
 - Detectives identified a man selling cocaine in Wellesley. Following a series of undercover purchases by a detective of the NORPAC Task Force, detectives arrested him and charged him with cocaine distribution.
 - Detectives arrested a student at Mass Bay Community College after finding him in possession of a high capacity semi-automatic firearm.
12. 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