

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Summary Activities

Calls for Service	31,439
Alarms	1,662
Citations	8,596
Medical Service Calls	1,874
Accidents	1,031
Arrests	199
Summonses	374
Traffic Enforcement Posts	2,355

Personnel

The Police Department has a present complement of 57 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. The Police Officer positions include three Detectives, the Court Prosecutor, the Safety Officer and the Information 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. Chief Cunningham attended the 120th annual International Association of Chiefs of Police conference. Chief Cunningham holds the position of third vice president of the IACP which represents over 9,000 police chiefs and agencies from more than 100 countries on issues of legislation, policy, best practices and other topics relative to the policing profession.
2. Sergeant Scott Whittemore was promoted to Lieutenant.
3. Kathleen Lee and Katlyn McSweeney were hired as dispatchers.
4. The department worked towards Accreditation through the Massachusetts Accreditation Commission which requires that all of the department's policies and procedures were reworked and met all certification standards. A two day on-site assessment will be completed by assessors from the Massachusetts Accreditation Commission in early July 2014.
5. Deputy Chief Jack Pilecki was asked to serve on the Bicycle Safety Committee and Morses Pond Safety Committee.
6. The 14th annual open house was held during Wellesley Weekend.

7. The Department continued its participation in the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council, a consortium of 45 area law enforcement agencies. Chief Cunningham is a member of the executive board. 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, one officer and one dispatcher work in the Mobile Command Post during Metro-LEC operations. Additionally one sergeant and one patrol officer were assigned to a new Metro-LEC accident reconstruction team.
8. Chief Cunningham is a member of the executive board of the Greater Boston Police Council, a non-profit police membership organization responsible for the Boston Area Police Emergency Radio Network (BAPERN). He is also a member of the executive board of the Massachusetts Chief of Police Association which works towards advancing professional police services; promotes enhanced administrative, technical, and operational police practices; fosters cooperation and the exchange of information and experience among police leaders and police organizations.
9. The Department was awarded a Highway Safety Grant of \$4,500, Pedestrian Safety Grant of \$1,500, State 911 Training Grant of \$13,166, a State 911 Support and Incentive Grant of \$61,359. These funds were used to supplement the dispatcher line item, and for equipment upgrades.
10. Detective Bob Gallagher received his Master of Science Degree in Forensic Science from the University of New Haven, CT. He was also certified as a Senior Crime Scene Analyst by the International Association for Identification.
11. The Wellesley Police Department's command staff attended an extensive one day Boston Marathon tabletop exercise in preparation for the 118th running of the 2014 Boston Marathon. The tabletop exercise involved over 400 senior members of local and Federal public safety agencies that also included Governor. The department worked with several outside agencies to ensure the safety of the 2014 Boston Marathon. Over 200 law enforcement officers were deployed along the Marathon route in Wellesley, in what was to date, the largest multi-jurisdictional law enforcement event in Wellesley.
12. 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:
 - 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.
 - Lt. Cleary attended and completed the 256th session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

- Detective McLaughlin completed several computer crime investigation courses.
- Several Wellesley Police officers attended a three day instructor program on dealing with violent encounters in schools and the workplace. The program was free to the department, and sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security.
- Dispatchers attended training on police and fire dispatching, emergency medical dispatch, suicide intervention, stress management and missing children.
- Several patrol officers attended specialized interview and interrogation training.
- Detectives attended training on death investigations, latent fingerprint development course and a DNA biological screening course.
- Sgt. Showstead attended the annual MA Police Accreditation Conference.
- Lt. Cleary attended a Public Information Officer seminar.
- Officer Gover attended a one week crime scene investigation course.
- Several Wellesley Police Officers and Detectives attended a two day suspicious behavior recognition program. This program teaches advanced techniques in recognizing subtle body behaviors indicative of criminal and/or terrorist activity
- Officers Barros, Fritts and Wagner attended a training seminar about restorative justice which provides an alternative method of justice outside of the court system for minor crimes committed by first time offenders which involves the victims of the crimes to help make those responsible for the harm make the repair.

13. 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 5,665 residents have signed up for the service. The Department also maintains an active website, a Twitter account with 9,600 followers and a Facebook page with over 1,680 likes on our page. The department has reached 1.6 million views on our YouTube page, and continues to produce videos of public safety events and activities in Wellesley. The department is ranked #4 nationwide for Twitter followers for police departments with 26-49 officers by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). These projects are coordinated by Lieutenant Scott Whittemore.

14. Police officers and detectives continued to participate in programs aimed at curbing adolescent substance abuse and opening lines of communication.

- Sergeants 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 8th annual Youth Police Academy class for middle school students during the summer break.

- Sergeant Renzella, Officer Rosenberg and Youth Director Maura Renzella instructed 8th grade health classes about the topics of alcohol and drug abuse.
 - Officer Rosenberg 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 Rosenberg served on the WHS and WMS Crisis Teams.
 - Sergeant Spencer served on the PTO Central Council, Youth Commission Board and the Teen Center Board.
 - Officers Kevin Brooks, Kathy Poirier and Evan Rosenberg coached the girl's powder puff football team. Sgt. Spencer sits on the School Emergency Planning Response Committee.
15. Detectives participated in numerous regional narcotics investigations as members of the NORPAC Task Force.
16. Detectives worked many major investigations throughout the year, a few of which are listed below.
- Detectives investigated a report of a past breaking and entering into a residence and worked with surrounding police departments, ultimately identifying and charging the suspect in the break.
 - Detectives responded to a bank robbery in December and posted the bank surveillance photos to Mass Most Wanted. The following day a tip led to the identity and subsequent arrest of the suspect.
 - During the holiday season detectives increased efforts to curb shoplifting and larcenies from the retail areas in Wellesley. Detectives working with uniformed officers identified a suspicious person in Wellesley Square and conducted a motor vehicle stop which yielded thousands of dollars in stolen merchandise from different retail stores in the Wellesley Square. Two parties were arrested and charged with numerous crimes.
17. 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