

## **REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE**

### **Summary Activities**

Calls for Service	25,203
Alarms	1,914
Citations	8,183
Medical Service Calls	1,313
Accidents	1,133
Arrests	375
Hearings/Summonses	513
Traffic Enforcement Posts	1,830

### **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. 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. Sergeant Robert E. Meaney left the Wellesley Police Department after 23 years of service to accept the position of Chief of Police in the Town of Medfield.
2. Janet Moura and Jenny Gonsalves were appointed as the department's first Portuguese speaking police officers. Janet Moura was a police academy graduate and was assigned directly to field duty. Jenny Gonsalves attended the basic recruit police academy and will be assigned to field duty upon graduation.
3. The 10<sup>th</sup> Citizen Police Academy Class was held in the Kingsbury Room at the Wellesley Police Department. The 7<sup>th</sup> annual open house, held during Wellesley Weekend, was a great success. Officer Spencer collaborated with the Youth Commission to offer the 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Police Academy class for middle school students during the summer break.
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. Two patrol officers serve on the Regional Response Team, one detective serves on the Cybercrime Unit, one patrol officer on the Public Information Unit and one dispatcher works in the Mobile Command Post during Metro-LEC operations.
5. Detectives continue to participate in regional narcotics enforcement with the NORPAC Task Force. This year the task force received federal funding for the 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

6. The department was awarded several grants, including one to support its Community Policing initiatives. The department received two grants from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau; one for the Click It or Ticket Campaign aimed at increasing seatbelt compliance, and one to increase the department's inspection and installation of child safety seats. The department also received a grant to fund the purchase of bicycle helmets. Members of the department were supplied with soft body armor provided through a federal grant.
7. Deputy Chief William Brooks received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the New England Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association. Officer Brian Spencer received the prestigious Director's Community Leadership Award from the Boston office of the FBI. This honor is bestowed upon one person from each field division each year.
8. A hands-on training session was held for all officers for the safe resolution of critical incidents. This training seminar was organized and conducted by Sergeant Whittemore and Officers Amalfi and Popovski.
9. Police officers attended in-service training in topics such as criminal law, motor vehicle law, CPR, officer survival, use of force, and firearms. Public safety dispatchers attended training in fire dispatch, hazardous materials, and other related topics.
10. Police officers and detectives continued to participate in programs aimed at curbing adolescent alcohol abuse. Detective Scott Showstead and Sergeant Jeffrey Renzella, spoke to sophomore health classes at Wellesley High School on the topic of drug and alcohol abuse. Officer Spencer with the Youth Commission spoke to 8<sup>th</sup> grade health classes about the topics of alcohol and drug abuse. The Deputy Chief and Officer Spencer collaborated with the Youth Commission in conducting a Teen Alcohol Forum.
11. The Wellesley Police Department has continued in its efforts to further the community policing efforts within the Wellesley community. These efforts include continuation of the civilian police academy, initiation of the Summer Youth Academy and 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