

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Summary Activities

Calls for Service	27,017
Alarms	1,635
Citations	8,738 (\$199,650 in fines)
Medical Service Calls	1,428
Accidents	814
Arrests	256
Summonses	432
Traffic Enforcement Posts	2,057

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 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. Marie C. Cleary was promoted to lieutenant, making her the first female lieutenant in the Department's history.
2. Sergeant Deborah Ordway retired after over 22 years of service.
3. The 11th annual open house was held during Wellesley Weekend.
4. The Department continued its participation in the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council, a consortium of 43 area law enforcement agencies. This year, Chief Cunningham was elected 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.
5. The Department was awarded a \$7,000 grant by the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau for traffic enforcement.
6. The Department received a 911 training grant of \$8,873.00, and a 911 support and incentive grant of \$53,618. 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 and completed a three-week program at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.
 - 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 and defensive tactics training.
 - Two patrol officers completed a course in pedestrian and bicycle accident investigation.
 - Sgt. Renzella and Lt. Cleary completed a leadership course.
 - Officer Barros completed the Car Seat Certification class.
 - Officers Fritts and Dennehy completed the Police Mountain Bike Training course.
 - Detective McLaughlin completed several computer crime investigation courses.
 - Several officers attended advanced Interview and Interrogation training.
 - Lt. Cleary and Officer Rowe attended a three-day "Woman in Law Enforcement" conference.
 - Officer Farwell completed a "Response to Terrorist Bombings" course, and then conducted training for all officers of the Department.
8. In continuation of a project began last year, many residents signed up to follow major events involving the Department on Twitter, and registered to have alerts sent to their email and cell phones via Nixle.com. 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. Following negotiations between the Town and the two unions representing Wellesley police officers, an agreement was executed whereby the unions would support the Town's efforts to remove the Police Department from the civil service system. In April, Town Meeting voted in favor of the removal, meaning that all future hiring and promotion would occur outside civil service.
11. Detectives continued to participate in regional narcotics enforcement with the NORPAC Task Force.
12. Detectives worked many major investigations throughout the year, a few of which are listed below.
- A man who stole a laptop from Sun Life was chased into Boston and arrested by detectives. He was tied to several other thefts of laptop computers.
 - A string of over 40 breaks into cars in various neighborhoods was solved with the arrest of two young men. Search warrants executed on one home and two vehicles yielded some of the stolen property.
 - Ashland and Wellesley detectives located a man hiding out in an apartment in Wellesley who was wanted for a non-fatal shooting in Ashland. A search warrant led to the recovery of cocaine and clothing worn during the shooting.
 - Wellesley detectives solved a series of thefts from gym lockers when they identified the subject from a posting of a surveillance photo on the MassMostWanted.org web site.
 - A resident of Sagamore Road reported that her home had just been broken into and provided a description of two men and their car. Special Officer Gover spotted the car and pulled it over arresting one of the men. The other fled and was captured nearby.
 - A man who robbed a bank on Route 9 and four banks in Newton became known in the press as the Southside Bandit. Wellesley and Newton detectives investigated the series of hold-ups with the FBI. Agents and detectives arrested a suspect in May as he attempted to rob a Methuen bank.
 - Wellesley detectives arrested a couple for attempting to entice an elderly relative into leaving the state with them, allegedly to compromise her finances.
 - Detectives executed a search warrant at a dorm room at Wellesley College after learning that the student was making false identification documents.
 - Detectives assisted the Office of the Attorney general in the investigation of a nursing home employee accused of sexually assaulting residents of the home.

13. 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