

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Summary Activities

Calls for Service	27,843
Alarms	1,611
Citations	7,901
Medical Service Calls	1,531
Accidents	1,001
Arrests	173
Hearings/Summonses	259
Traffic Enforcement Posts	2,021

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. Officer Rick McArdle retired from the department after over 40 years of dedicated service. Christopher Connelly, Nathan Derby and Ronald Poirier were appointed as police officers. Laura Zani and Daniel Navin were hired as dispatchers.
2. The 9th annual open house, held during Wellesley Weekend, was a great success. Also during Wellesley Weekend, members of the department provided security and traffic management for an outdoor concert by the Beach Boys. Officer Spencer collaborated with the Youth Commission to offer the 3rd Youth Police Academy class for middle school students during the summer break.
3. 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. One patrol officer serves on the regional SWAT team, one detective serves on the Cybercrime Unit, the deputy chief and one detective serve in the Criminal Investigation Division, one sergeant is assigned to the Public Information Unit and one dispatcher works in the Mobile Command Post during Metro-LEC operations.
4. The department was awarded several grants, including one to support its Community Policing initiatives and one by the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau to assist the department with traffic enforcement.

5. All police officers attended in-service training in topics such as criminal law, motor vehicle law, CPR, officer survival, use of force, and firearms. In addition, officers attended specialized training in heavy equipment theft (1), sexual assault (5), Incident Command System (2), crime prevention through environmental design (2), domestic violence and risk assessment (2), autism (4), child abduction response (1) and investigation of grade crossing (railroad) collisions (3). One sergeant attended a firearms instructor's course. The deputy chief and three detectives attended a three-day program by the FBI on investigative analysis. An officer assigned to accident reconstruction attended six weeks of training. Two command officers attended the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Command Institute. One sergeant attended a two-week law enforcement photography course at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The Chief of Police, deputy chief and all three lieutenants attended Incident Command System training with members of the command staff of the fire department. Dispatchers attended training in managing critical incidents, terrorism, legal update and hostage situations.
6. Police officers and detectives continued to participate in programs aimed at curbing adolescent alcohol abuse. Sergeants Scott Showstead and Jeffrey Renzella spoke to sophomore health classes at Wellesley High School on the topic of drug and alcohol abuse. Officer Spencer and Youth Director Maura Renzella instructed 8th grade health classes about the topics of alcohol and drug abuse. Members of the department also provided instruction in law and police science.
7. On August 31, the department participated in a joint sobriety checkpoint with the Massachusetts State Police on Route 9. Over eleven hundred vehicles passed through the checkpoint. Eight motorists were arrested, five for operating while under the influence of alcohol.
8. Detectives continue to participate in regional narcotics enforcement with the NORPAC Task Force. This year the task force received federal funding for the 20th consecutive year.
9. Detectives solved several cases of identity theft including one where a company employee compromised the identity of customers and one where they executed a search warrant and recovered 27 of the 28 items stolen by the subject. Detectives arrested two men for shooting with a pellet gun a DPW worker who was driving a town street sweeper. Detectives arrested two bank robbers for unrelated bank robberies. Detectives solved several break-ins. In one case they recovered the latent fingerprint of the subject inside a home where \$100,000 in jewelry had been stolen. Detectives arrested a local man for selling a stolen boat and trailer. In June, Wellesley detectives and FBI agents executed six search warrants and arrested two subjects following a nine-month investigation into a prostitution ring.
10. 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