



Police Department Report

It seems that just yesterday I was appointed to the position of Police Chief and yet, this will be my second annual report. Since assuming this position, my main objective has been to keep the safety and needs of the Town of Grantham foremost in the daily operations of the police department while at the same time, providing our officers with the equipment and training necessary to effectively and safely accomplish their duties. It is only through the support of our residents, that the Grantham Police Department is where it is today, and we are grateful for your support.

Since January 1st 2009, the Grantham Police Department has responded to 1339 calls for service and issued 939 motor vehicle warnings and citations. These numbers represent an 11% increase over our calls for the previous year. The department also experienced an unprecedented increase in arrests for 2009, which translated to a 96% increase over our 2008 numbers. This increase in arrests has kept our officers and Sgt. Parsons, our department prosecutor, very busy with case preparations and prosecutions in addition to their patrol duties.

Following voter approval at last years Town Meeting, in-cruiser video cameras were purchased and installed in our three marked cruisers. I am happy to report that after some initial glitches, the systems are working fine and the video evidence gathered has been a valuable asset in obtaining convictions in a variety of cases. The department applied for, and received a matching grant for the video systems, through the NH Highway Safety Agency which reimbursed the Town of Grantham \$7,125.00 of the purchase and installation costs of these units.

As I compose this report, Officer Matthew Merrill, who is also a member of the Vermont Army National Guard, is undergoing training in preparation for his upcoming deployment to Afghanistan in support of the war against terrorism. We wish Matt well, as he will be deployed for 12 months and anxiously look forward to his return.

Aside from our regular duties, the department again offered the D.A.R.E. program to the fifth grade students at Grantham Village School. Sgt. John Parsons instructs this drug awareness program and 26 students received graduation certificates.

A Hunter Education Course was sponsored, and instructed by members of the department, with 18 new hunters awarded certificates.

The department sponsored a table at the annual Health Fair handing out safety items and pamphlets provided by NH Highway Safety Agency. Once again a safe Halloween was had by all of our young folks; as our officers, in conjunction with the Fire Department

provided Light Sticks to all Trick or Treaters, and were out in force to ensure a safe environment.

In closing I wish to again thank all of you for the support you have shown the Grantham Police Department and look forward to your support in the future.

Thank You,

Walter A. Madore Sr.

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Chief Of Police



On October 25, 2009 we lost Ed Masone our Police Chief from 1979 to 1988. After his retirement he continued to serve Sullivan County as a Deputy Sheriff. Law enforcement and the citizens of Grantham will miss him.



POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009

2nd Degree and Simple Assault	9
Assists (Other Police Dept/Public)	119
Business/Fire/Residence Alarms	94
Criminal Mischief	12
Criminal Trespass	7
Disorderly Conduct	5
Dog Control Law	26
Dog/Wild Animal Complaints	31
Domestic Disturbance	9
Driving after Susp/Operating w/o Valid License	16
Fingerprints	57
House Checks	42
Lockouts (vehicle/building)	47
Medical/Ambulance Calls	87
Motor Assist	71
Motor Vehicle Accidents	45
Motor Vehicle Complaints	28
Noise Complaints	8
Possession of Drugs/Narcotics	7
Runaway Juvenile	8
Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity	66
Thefts (all categories)	27
Unsecured Building Checked	50
Welfare Check	14
	Sub-total
	885
All Other Offenses *	454
Traffic Citations/Warnings Issued	939
TOTAL INCIDENTS	2,278

*All other incidents include, but are not limited to:

Sexual Assaults	Criminal Threatening	Harassment
Computer related Crimes	Forgery	Fraudulent Use of Credit Cards
Issuing Bad Checks	Driving While Intoxicated	Child Custody Issues
Littering	Unruly Juvenile	Littering
Breach of Bail Conditions	Fugitive from Justice	Cruelty to Animals
Sex Offender Registration	Record Check	Parking Complaint
Found Property	for Information	Wires Down/Tree Limb on Wires
Paperwork Served	Untimely Death	Protective Custody
Attempted Suicide	Missing Person	Passing a School Bus
Lost Property	Civil Standby	911 Hang-up Calls
Repossession	Warrant Arrests	FireRequest
Complaints Chimney/Grass/Structure		VIN Verification
Reckless Operation/Negligent Driving		