

Police Department

Over the last 19 years it has been my pleasure to serve you, the residents of Grantham, first in a part time capacity, then as a full time police officer with the Grantham Police Department. Over this time I have witnessed and been a part of many changes within the department and the town.

It seems that Grantham has been in a continuous growth spurt since the early nineties. The population of Grantham has grown from 850 to the estimated 3,000 current residents. There are close to 250 students enrolled in our Elementary School, which is going through another expansion; and the traffic on our roads is to say the least, steady. It has been through the support of you, the residents of Grantham that your police department has been able to grow and evolve to keep pace with our community.

It has come to pass that another change has occurred. With the retirement of Chief Lary on June 30th, I was appointed as your new Police Chief. I will strive to ensure your police department continues to afford the residents of Grantham the best service and protection possible, by staying progressive, maintaining training standards, and staying abreast with available technology and equipment. We will also continue programs and events that afford our officers and residents opportunities to better know each other.

As examples, our D.A.R.E. program is now in its third year and another safe Halloween was provided with the assistance of the Fire Department. The Department assisted the Grantham Activities Committee with their annual Bicycle Rodeo, and sponsored a table at the Grantham Health Fair.

In an effort to accomplish these goals there are several factors that come into play; staffing to provide the necessary coverage, which in turn allows for officers to attend mandatory and elective training in order to provide professional service, and the equipment necessary to perform these duties safely and effectively.

The department currently has one open patrol position and like many departments throughout the state, we are still searching for the right individual, for the town and the department, to fill this position. Over the last twelve months the Grantham Police Department has covered 1,196 calls for service. This reflects a 13% increase over the previous year and, these figures account only for the initial call and in no way accounts for the time involved due to follow-ups and investigations.

Whenever possible, the Police Department applies for Grant monies to offset training and equipment purchases. Most recently the department decided to participate in the Project 54 Program. Project 54 is a system developed at the University of NH in Durham that integrates cruiser equipment controls with a voice activated computer program. This program is funded by federal monies and as a result of our participation in the project; the department received three laptop computers, one new light bar, one new radar unit, and all the necessary electronics to interface this and the current equipment in our cruisers. This equipment and the laptops have since been installed in our three marked cruisers and the systems are functioning very well. All of this equipment, plus installation and training, of which the estimated value is \$22,000.00, was received at no cost to the Town of Grantham.

In closing I wish to thank the residents of Grantham for the support you have shown for your Police Department. This support has allowed us to keep pace with the growth within the Town, and most importantly, has given us the ability to better serve you, the residents of Grantham.

Respectfully Submitted,
Walter A. Madore Sr., Chief of Police



POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008

Burglary	2
Conduct After an Accident	4
Criminal Mischief	14
Criminal Threatening/Intimidation	3
Criminal Trespass	5
Disorderly Conduct	3
Dog Complaint	18
Domestic Violence	1
Driving After Revocation	9
Driving While Intoxicated/Aggravated	3
Harassment (phone)	6
House Checks	30
Identity Fraud	1
Indecent Exposure/Lewdness	1
Issuing Bad Checks	2
Littering/Unlawful Activities	3
MV Accident w/ Property Damage/Injury	44
Possession of Controlled Drug/Narcotic	3
Reckless Operation	2
Runaway Juvenile	3
Simple Assault	2
Theft (all others)	11
Theft (from a building)	1
Theft (from a motor vehicle)	4
Unruly Juvenile	4
Unsecured Buildings Checked	61
All Other Offenses*	956
Traffic Citations/Warnings Issued	849
TOTAL INCIDENTS	2,045



Chief Madore with a future officer



"Ever Smiling" Wendy Wallace

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

Agg. Felonious Sex Assault	Arson	Theft of Motor Vehicle
Theft by Deception	Receiving Stolen Property	Computer Related Crimes
Child Pornography	Loitering or Prowling	Child Protection Act
Transporting Alcohol	Bench Warrants	Resisting Arrest
Offender Registrations	Parking Complaints	Dog Orders Served
Found Property	Gas Drive Off	Bank/Business Alarms
Motor Vehicle Complaints	Noise Complaints	Pistol Permits
Directed Patrols	Missing Persons	Welfare Checks
Operating w/o Valid License	Stop Sign Violations	Dog Control
VIN Verification	Fingerprints	911 Hang-up Calls

Emergency Management

It has been a very productive year here in Grantham. On August 11, 2008 we received our final regional plan of the Upper Valley All Health Hazards Region IV, which encompasses the 13 municipalities of Canaan; Cornish; Dorchester; Enfield; Grafton; Grantham; Hanover; Lebanon; Lyme; Orange; Orford; Piermont and Plainfield. No municipality alone has the resources to respond to a public health emergency, but by combining resources and with advanced planning, the region will be better prepared.

In November 2005, I became active on monthly and sometime weekly meetings to develop this regional plan, and now over three years later region IV has a plan presented to and approved by the State of New Hampshire DHHS Public Health and New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Keep in mind; public health emergencies can be caused by natural disasters; biological terrorism; chemical terrorism or naturally occurring communicable disease outbreaks. We try to minimize the impact of adverse events on our population.

I honestly feel that 70 to 80 percent of Grantham's residents do not realize all that we have in place in the event a crisis occurs. If we should do a better job on public education on this subject, please let your Board of Selectmen know and we can set up a public forum here in town to discuss such things like mass immunizations; medical surge capacity; isolation and quarantine; mass care (sheltering) volunteers...just to name a few!

In April I presented the Grantham School Board with concerns on the addition/renovations being planned for the new school. My biggest concern was the lack of a second egress road as called out in the NESDEC Study on Long Range School Facilities Planning completed in November 2003. I am disappointed from a safety perspective that we still only have one entrance/exit road. With the exception that an emergency footbridge that was completed in the fall, we now have means for any off site evacuation of the students and staff in the event we need it. On September 30, 2008 we used the new footbridge for an off site evacuation of the school to the Town Hall. All involved will say how much safer and quicker it was than to exit on to Route 114 then on to Route 10 south to get to Town Hall. Our thanks to all who made this project happen.

On a different subject, Grantham completed a Hazard Mitigation Plan with a committee along with the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission approved by FEMA in July 2008. The purpose of this plan is to reduce future losses from natural or man-made hazard events before they occur. Without this plan Grantham would not be eligible for funding from FEMA if we applied for it.

In May 2008 I received a copy of the Village District of Eastman's Emergency Response Plan for their public water system. This plan meets all the requirements of the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. This plan for action contains steps to follow should a primary source of drinking water become contaminated or the flow of water disrupted; an important part of Grantham's recent update of overall emergency operation plan. This plan meets all the requirements set forth by the State of New Hampshire and FEMA.

The Town of Grantham Emergency Operation Plan was completed this year. The Town contracted Jane Hubbard Consulting, LLC with grant money of \$5000 and our matching amount for a complete rewrite with standards set by the State of New Hampshire. The last update was done in 2002. The Select Board signed their approval on November 12, 2008.

For the second year we held our Health Fair at the Town Hall on October 10, 2008. I estimate 275 – 300 people came through and 186 received flu shots. Last year we gave 130 flu shots. I would like to thank the Eastman Health and Safety Committee; New London Hospital; Visiting Nurses Association and all who helped make this a success. A big thank you to Police Chief Madore and his department.

As Grantham's Emergency Management Director; it would not be possible to do this job without all the help I get from the Select Board; Town Administrator Tina Stearns; Receptionist Martha Menard (all the typing I have her do) plus all the staff at the Town Hall and the Police Department. I can never say thank you enough.

Respectfully,

EMD F. Robert Osgood

A saying I once saw at a Veterans Club:

*If you think the price for dues is high,
Think of the price that was paid to make it possible
for you to be a member.*

Fire Department

The Fire Department had a busy year with 136 calls in 2007-2008. This is a decrease of 20 calls with false alarms being our most common run. This year we also had a large number of accidents. Please slow down and use your seatbelts. In late 2008 during the power outage, we and fire departments around us responded to many carbon monoxide detector activations. Most of these calls involved the improper use of a portable generator. Please use caution when operating these units as the exhaust fumes can enter your home through many different openings. Remember to change your smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries on a regular basis.

The following is the breakdown for calls between July 2007 and June 2008:

Fires - 20	July 2007	11	January 2008	9
Vehicle Accidents - 34	August	23	February	16
False Alarm - 44	September	5	March	14
Rescue - 1	October	11	April	10
Service Call - 5	November	17	May	7
Medical Assist - 2	December	3	June	10
Carbon Monoxide, smoke or odor call - 16				
Hazardous Condition - 14				

As I write this report our new Rescue Pumper has just arrived at the Firehouse. I would like to thank the residents of Grantham for their support in our purchase of the new Rescue Pumper and also for your support throughout the year.

If you've ever considered volunteering to help your community the Fire department could be what you're looking for. Currently our membership is on the low side and new members are needed to help reduce the load on our very busy crew. Even if you don't wish to respond to calls we can probably find duties within your skill level. If you're interested in joining the Fire department please feel free to stop by the station and talk with a member. You may also call the station at 863-5710.

I would like to thank all the Fire/Fast/Aux. Members who have given many hours of their time to the Fire Dept. Your commitment and dedication are Very Much Appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Benoit
Fire Chief

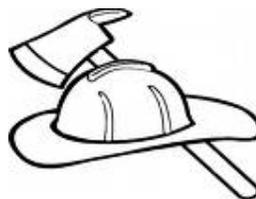


Jay Fountain, Kevin LaHaye
911 Ceremony

Current active members and years of service:

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| Michael Benoit, Chief - 31 years | Chris Palermo, Deputy Chief - 19 years |
| Michael Durkin - 6 years | David Beckley - 6 years |
| Donald Barton - 36 years | Richard Coville - 5 years |
| Douglass Demers, Captain - 13 years | Bill Rigby - 3 years |
| James Goucher - 2 years | Kevin LaHaye - 2 years |
| Robin Palermo - 16 years | Melissa Hautaniemi - 1 year |
| James Palermo, Lieutenant - 20 years | Rosie Bard - 18 years |
| Jeremiah Fountain, Lieutenant - 13 years | Justin Hastings - 8 years |
| Wayne Small - 5 years | Chris Boyes - 1 year |

New Member: Jeremy Labombard



F.A.S.T. Squad

Grantham’s Emergency Medical Service is an all-volunteer, non-transport agency of state certified medical personnel who serve the town of Grantham and exist and function as part of the Grantham Volunteer Fire Department.

Call Statistics: The Grantham EMS responded to 118 “911” emergency calls from July 2007 through June 2008. This is a pretty good reduction from last year’s all time high of 167 calls. It’s also nice to see this down trend after experiencing several years with a steady increase in call numbers. The following is a general break down of those calls.

MVA.....	23
Trauma – Fall.....	17
Trauma – Other.....	7
Medical – Cardiac / Chest Pain.....	8
Medical – Stroke / CVA / Seizure.....	8
Medical – Breathing difficulty.....	8
Medical – Other.....	37
Alcohol + OD.....	3
Behavioral / Psychological.....	2
Fire support and CO alarm.....	2
Medical Alarms and Lift Assists.....	3



Membership: Our membership and squad officers are as follows:



Stuart Gillespie	EMT-I, Coordinator
Jeff Figley	EMT-I, Asst. Coordinator
Susan Figley	EMT-I, Secretary
Jane Chipman	EMT-I, Treasurer
Jill Davis	EMT-P
Jay Fountain	EMT-I
Bruce Chipman	EMT-I
Kristi O’Conner.....	EMT-I
Lori Avery.....	EMT-B
Kevin Lahaye.....	EMT-B

We were sorry to say goodbye to some members this past year. Nancy Banville and her husband moved to Memphis TN. Morgan Figley graduated from Virginia Tech. and decided to stay in Virginia. Tony Le Jeune moved to Alberta CA. And last, but not least, William Roy left to start his undergraduate studies at Norwich Academy. Fortunately, we were lucky to have Kristi O’Conner return to town and the squad.

Grantham EMS is an active participant in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee EMS Region and the New London EMS district C-5. Our Medical Resource Hospital for providing Medical Control is New London Hospital and our primary patient transport agency is New London Ambulance Service.

If you have any interest joining or learning about the squad, we are always looking for new volunteers. Please feel free to speak to one of the members, visit our new web site, which you can reach through the town’s site <http://www.granthamnh.net/>, and e-mail one of us, or just stop by at one of our monthly meetings. These are held on the 3rd Thursday of each Month at 6:00pm.

We as a squad would like to thank the people of Grantham and our town officials for their continued support and wish you all a safe and healthy 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Stuart Gillespie, Coordinator