

POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Residents and Taxpayers of Newton, NH

Every year through the Annual Town Report we try to keep Newton residents informed on what the police department has accomplished during the past year, and what we hope to accomplish in the coming year. The department's main focus for the past several years has been finding a new police facility. This past year was no different.

Throughout the past year the department has continued to train and operate in a proactive fashion. As our Mission Statement states, the goal is "to strive to be a better police agency and to contribute to an enhanced quality of life for the residents and taxpayers of the Town of Newton." I think we've been able to accomplish this despite an extremely stubborn and stale economy and having one (1) of our full time officers deployed in Afghanistan.

I am overjoyed this year to report that the Town has come to an agreement with the Bearce family concerning the lease of 2,200 square feet of office space at 8 Merrimac Road. The lease will cost the taxpayers essentially the same as the operational costs of our current building and the department gains a much needed additional one thousand (1,000) square feet. The move also gets the department out of the "sick" and cramped building (1,200 sq ft) we are currently in and allows us additional and necessary operational flow.

In March the town will be presented with a warrant article for the purchase of the Bearce property which includes the garage stall building located on the left, and five and one half (5.5) acres of land. Under the proposed warrant article the town would purchase the property over ten (10) years. The Bearce's have agreed to sell the property for \$800,000 and they would hold the note at no interest for ten (10) years. The approximate cost to a taxpayer with an appraised evaluation of \$250,000, which is the Town's average evaluation, would be \$43.50.

I think there is very little question about whether or not the police department needs to make a move. Over the past five (5) years we've presented three (3) proposals for a new building. The two (2) most recent proposals have only involved the police department and they were presented at costs of \$924,000 and \$748,000. Each of those was over a million dollars (\$1,000,000) when the interest rate was added. The last proposal received fifty-four (54%) of the required sixty (60%) vote. The biggest advantage to the Bearce proposal is that it includes numerous possibilities for the entire community.

Over the next few months we will be providing more information to the community, including an "open house" which will hopefully allow you to make an informed decision in March. In the meantime, thank you for the continuing trust, confidence and support given to me and the Newton Police Department and we look forward to continually serving this community.

Respectfully submitted,
Lawrence E. Streeter
Chief of Police

POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

ARRESTS:

All Other Larceny	4
All Other Offenses	15
Aggravated Assault	1
Bad Checks	1
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	6
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	8
Disorderly Conduct	4
Driving Under the Influence	16
Drug/Narcotic Violations	11
Drunkenness	17
Intimidation	4
Liquor Law Violations	3
Shoplifting	1
Simple Assault	15
Stolen Property Offenses	1
Traffic, Town By-Law Offenses	44
Trespass of Real Property	1
TOTAL ARRESTS	152

CALLS FOR SERVICE:

911 Hangup/Abandoned Call	28
Abandoned Motor Vehicle	1
Administrative	30
Administrative, Other	881
Alarm	201
Alcohol Related	5
Animal Complaint	266
Application to Peddle/Solicit	3
Assault	3
Assist Fire Department	82
Assist Officer	65
Assist Motorist	67
Assist Other Agency	244
Assist Rescue	143
Attempted Suicide	4

Bad Check	4
Burglary	8
Business Check	601
Child Car Seat Assist	7
Civil Dispute-Domestic Related	2
Civic Problem	24
Civic Standby	43
Code Enforcement	1
Community Service	25
Court	15
Criminal Mischief	24
Criminal Mischief	9
Criminal Trespass	6
Cruiser Maintenance	646
Despondent Person	4
Directed Patrol	6821
Disturbance	28
Domestic Related	43
Domestic Disturbance	40
Drug Related	5
Dumping, Illegal	7
Emotionally Distressed Person	1
Escort/Transport	26
Field Interview	10
Fight/Brawl	4
Fingerprint Non-Criminal	16
Fireworks Complaint	4
Follow-up	622
Forgery	1
Fraud	15
Harassment, Other	14
Harassment, Phone	19
Juvenile Problem	25
Lockout, Residential	1
Lockout, Motor Vehicle	5

CALLS FOR SERVICE Continued:

Mental Incompetent	1	Seabrook Station-Unusual Event	1
Message Delivery	6	Seabrook Station-Event Terminated	1210
Missing Person	16	Serve Paperwork	294
Motor Vehicle Accident	59	Serve Dog Fine	2
Motor Vehicle, Other	89	Serve Dog Summons	5
Motor Vehicle, Speed Reckless	31	Sex Offender Registration	14
Motor Vehicle Stop	1210	Sex Offenses	4
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	Shoplifting	1
Mutual Aid	51	Smoke/Fire Investigation	3
Natural Disaster	1	Soliciting/Sales	1
Neighbor Dispute	16	Speed Enforcement	166
Noise Complaint	37	Special Event	8
Non-Criminal	14	Suicide, Threatened	6
OHRV Complaint	4	Suspicious Circumstance	130
Park & Walk	4	Suspicious Vehicle	79
Parking Complaint	30	Theft	45
Police Complaint	2	Town Permit	1
Police Information	434	Tree Down/Wires Down	42
Prisoner Transport	2	Traffic Enforcement	82
Property Damage	6	Traffic Hazard	55
Property Loss	6	Truancy Check	1
Property Damage, Unknown	2	Unattended Death	1
Property Recovered	16	Underage Drinking Patrol	1
Public Assist	125	Unwanted Subject	5
Report Writing	456	Vin Verification	89
Reported Hazard	23	Vacation Watch	173
Restraining Order	7	Serve Warrant	42
Restraining Order Violation	3	Well-Being Check	56
Ride Along Application	2	Weapons Related	18
Road Agent	3		
Safe School Act	8		
School Crosswalk	57	TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	15,201

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