

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Summary Activities

Calls for Service	25,509
Alarms	1,621
Citations	6,465
Medical Service Calls	1,655
Accidents	972
Arrests	190
Summonses	304
Traffic Enforcement Posts	2,210

Personnel

The Police Department has a present complement of 57 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 Administrative Assistants, 1 Clerk. 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. Chief Cunningham attended the 119th annual International Association of Chiefs of Police conference. Chief Cunningham was elected to the position of fourth vice president of the IACP which represents over 9,000 police chiefs and agencies from more than 100 countries on issues of legislation, policy, best practices and other topics relative to the policing profession.
2. Lieutenant Jack Pilecki was promoted to Deputy Chief.
3. Mark D'Innocenzo, a former Wellesley Police Dispatcher and Brian Shore, were appointed as police officers. Mark Knapp was hired as a dispatcher.
4. Officers Janice Guild and Richard Weaver retired.
5. The department was certified through the Massachusetts Accreditation Commission which required that all of the department's policies and procedures were reworked and met all certification standards. A two day on-site assessment was completed by assessors from the Massachusetts Accreditation Commission. The Wellesley Police Department was found to be in compliance with the Commission's 159 standards for certification.
6. The 13th annual open house was held during Wellesley Weekend.

7. Deputy Chief Pilecki was asked to chair the newly formed Town of Wellesley Traffic Safety Committee.
8. The Department continued its participation in the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council, a consortium of 45 area law enforcement agencies. Chief Cunningham is a member of the executive board. One patrol officer serves on the regional SWAT team, one detective serves on the Computer Crime Unit, one detective serves on the Criminal Investigation Division, one lieutenant is assigned to the Public Information Unit and one officer works in the Mobile Command Post during Metro-LEC operations. Additionally one sergeant and one patrol officer were assigned to a new Metro-LEC accident reconstruction team.
9. Chief Cunningham is a member of the executive board of the Greater Boston Police Council, a non-profit police membership organization responsible for the Boston Area Police Emergency Radio Network (BAPERN). He is also a member of the executive board of the Massachusetts Chief of Police Association which works towards advancing professional police services; promotes enhanced administrative, technical, and operational police practices; fosters cooperation and the exchange of information and experience among police leaders and police organizations.
10. The Department was awarded a Highway Safety Grant of \$3,000, Pedestrian Safety Grant of \$1,500, State 911 Training Grant of \$12,952, a State 911 Support and Incentive Grant of \$61,359. These funds were used to supplement the dispatcher line item, and for equipment upgrades.
11. 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:
 - The detective lieutenant, a sergeant and three detectives attended the New England Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association annual conference.
 - All officers completed firearms recertification, defensive tactics and less lethal use of force training.
 - Detective McLaughlin completed several computer crime investigation courses.
 - Sgt. Whitemore, Officers R. Poirier and J. Rowe attended social media training to further our goal of keeping the public informed utilizing social media.
 - Dispatchers attended training on police and fire dispatching, emergency medical dispatch, suicide intervention, stress management and missing children.
 - Several supervisors attended a proactive leadership training seminar taught by Jack Enter.
 - Several patrol officers attended specialized interview and interrogation training.
 - Officer Cunningham attended two courses for the investigation of truck safety and enforcement regulations.
 - Three officers attended an eyewitness investigation course.

- Sgt. Showstead attended the annual MA Police Accreditation Conference.
 - Two officers attended a crash data retrieval summit.
 - Two officers attended Boston University School of Medicine's course on sexual assault investigations.
 - Officers Fritts, Lemenager, Rowe and, R. Poirier attended a field training officer course.
 - Officers Carrasquillo, Lemenager, K. Poirier and Sgt. Renzella attended a background investigations course for the processing of potential new hires.
 - Lt. Cleary attended a Women's Leadership conference hosted by the International Association of Chiefs of Police.
 - Officers Kane and Rowe attended a training seminar about restorative justice which provides an alternative method of justice outside of the court system for minor crimes committed by first time offenders which involves the victims of the crimes to help make those responsible for the harm make the repair.
 - Supervisors attended quality assurance training for emergency medical dispatching.
12. The Department continued its commitment to keep residents informed of major events in town. The Department mailed information to every home regarding a new service whereby the Department can send text messages to residents' cell phones. Over 5,665 residents have signed up for the service. The Department also maintains an active website, a Twitter account with 6200 followers and a Facebook page with over 1,000 likes on our page. Additionally we have several videos posted to YouTube which have generated over 1.1 million views. These projects are coordinated by Sergeant Scott Whittemore.
13. Police officers and detectives continued to participate in programs aimed at curbing adolescent substance abuse and opening lines of communication.
- Sergeants Brian Spencer and Jeffrey Renzella instructed all sophomore health classes at Wellesley High School on the topic of drug and alcohol abuse.
 - Sgt. Spencer and Officer Rosenberg collaborated with the Youth Commission to offer the 8th annual Youth Police Academy class for middle school students during the summer break.
 - Sergeant Renzella, Officer Rosenberg and Youth Director Maura Renzella instructed 8th grade health classes about the topics of alcohol and drug abuse.
 - Officer Rosenberg 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 Rosenberg served on the WHS and WMS Crisis Teams.
 - Sergeant Spencer served on the PTO Central Council, Youth Commission Board and the Teen Center Board.
 - Officers Tim Barros, Kathy Poirier and Evan Rosenberg coached the girl's powder puff football team. Sgt. Spencer sits on the School Emergency Planning Response Committee.
14. Detectives participated in numerous regional narcotics investigations as members of the NORPAC Task Force.
15. Detectives worked many major investigations throughout the year, a few of which are listed below.
- Detectives investigated the theft of over \$200,000 from a non-profit located in Wellesley. Detectives identified an employee and arrested him.
 - Working with the U.S. Marshal's Service, State Police and several local police departments, detectives solved two break-ins at a Wellesley pharmacy. A man from Lynn was arrested and charged with both break-ins.
 - Detectives identified a man selling cocaine in Wellesley. Following a series of undercover purchases by a detective of the NORPAC Task Force, detectives arrested him and charged him with cocaine distribution.
 - Detectives arrested a student at Mass Bay Community College after finding him in possession of a high capacity semi-automatic firearm.
16. 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