

2019 Annual Report of the Sandwich Police Department

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Officer Stephen J. Rowe

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Parking Enforcement Officer Aubrey Sapala

This is my tenth annual report as your Police Chief. I am honored to be your Chief and am very grateful and appreciative of the support that you show for your police department. We work very hard to both maintain order and serve the needs of this community in many ways, and in so doing that we "recognize always that the power of the police to fulfill our functions and duties is dependent on public approval of our existence, actions and behavior, and on our ability to secure and maintain public respect." Additionally, to "recognize always that to secure and maintain the respect and approval of the public means also the securing of the willing co-operation of the public in the task of securing observance of laws." And to that end "recognize always that the test of police efficiency is the absence of crime and disorder, and not the visible evidence of police action in dealing with them." *Sir Robert Peel*

The Year in Review:

Over the past year we have seen a decrease in motor vehicle crashes, property crime, and overall calls for service. However, our children's services related calls remain high, as do our domestic violence numbers. The department responded to a total of five non-fatal overdoses,



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which required medical intervention. Two of these incidents were a result of THC intoxication (yes, marijuana) and two were for Methamphetamine intoxication, the fifth was combination of drugs. While our State remains in a drug crisis, it is important to remember that this crisis affects all communities and knows no socio-economic boundaries. It is also important to remember that it is not just heroin or fentanyl that is the problem.

Personnel Changes:

In July, Sergeant Shawn Varney was recognized for his many years of diligent and excellent service to the Town of Sandwich and the Police Department by being promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. Congratulations! The department added two additional part-time officers. We were able to hire Officer Sean Welch, who is a full-time officer at Moultonborough Police Department and

we brought back a very familiar face, Officer Rich Young, who currently works as a Deputy Sheriff for the Carroll County Sheriff's Office. Welcome aboard! Parking Enforcement was handled this past summer by Dr. Aubrey Sapala, DVM who came to town after graduating from Ross University School of Veterinary medicine. Dr. Sapala worked for us while waiting to take her board exams to begin her internship program.

Professional Standards:

In order to provide you with the highest degree of law enforcement service and to maintain our certifications to practice law enforcement in the State of New Hampshire, we attended the following classes and seminars:

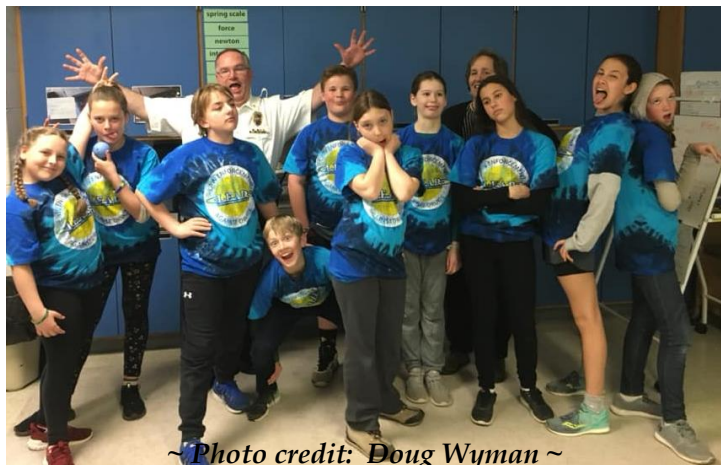
- LEAD National Conference/ LEAD
- LEAD Instructor K-8/ LEAD
- LEAD Trainer of Trainers/ LEAD
- Implicit Bias and Procedural Justice/ Fog Break
- Servant Leadership/ Fog Break
- The Nantucket Project
- 1st Amendment Issues in Police Operations/ Daigle Law Group
- After Action Report on the Dallas Sniper Shooting/ Dallas Police Dept.
- After Action Report on the San Antonio Serial Bombings/ Bureau of ATF
- Trouble above Tree Line/ Primex
- Law Enforcement Stress, Officer Wellness and Resilience/ Bluehelp



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Community Outreach:

In January, Chief Monaghan and I were selected to work with the Nantucket Project and were awarded fellowships with them as Keepers of the Commons. Our work with them resulted



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in the production of a 15-minute movie entitled "Inside the Box". The movie is now part of their Neighborhood Project, Season 2 Episode 3. Chief Monaghan and I have developed a presentation on law enforcement stress and officer wellness and resilience that we rolled out in December at the New England Chiefs of Police Command Training School at Roger Williams University; First Line Supervisor Course.

In February, Chief Cormier and I were selected to take part in a Drug Control and Prevention Policy meeting at the White House, Washington, DC with Vice President Pence and Jim Carroll, the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

The Department participated in the two National Drug Take Back Days in April and October, each event netting approximately 20 lbs of prescription drugs.

We continue to instruct LEAD and Project Flag at Sandwich Central School with the sixth grade class, and we continue to instruct Driver's Education with our partners at Driver's Edge and Red Hill Driving School.

The Department held two community talks on the drug crisis and other issues at Town Hall. Additionally, at the invitation of Ladies Aid, we conducted a presentation on Scams. We also were asked to provide a block of instruction on Active Shooter to the First Christian Church in Wolfeboro. The Department also participated in a community conversation about suicide and its effects on the community with our partners at the Off The Docks Theatre Company and the Carroll County Coalition for Public Health.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of the Police Department for their outstanding work over the past year. I would also like to thank Chief Call and the Sandwich Fire-Rescue Department, Cathy, Jennifer and Kelly at the Selectmen's Office, the Town Clerk's Office, Parks and Recreation, and the Highway Department. I would also like to thank our other law enforcement partners for their assistance over the past year: Carroll County Sheriff's Department, Moultonborough Police Department, NH State Police, NH Fish & Game, US Forest Service, US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, US Secret Service, Internet Crimes Against Children Unit - ICAC. Finally, thank you to all of you for your continued support of your police department.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas F. Wyman, Jr.
Chief of Police



POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

CRIMINAL OFFENSES REPORTED	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Physical Assault	2	6	2	9	3
Sexual Assault	0	2	0	1	0
Intimidation (Threats/ Stalking)	1	4	1	5	0
Child Pornography	2	0	0	0	0
Burglary	2	6	5	7	7
Theft (All Larceny)	12	11	16	20	21
Fraud	1	30	16	46	24
Issuing Bad Checks	0	1	0	0	1
Criminal Mischief	5	7	6	11	14
Trespassing	4	5	7	10	16
Harassment and Phone Harassment	0	3	1	1	1
Illegal Dumping	4	5	4	10	4
Recovered Stolen Property	0	5	0	1	3
CALLS FOR SERVICE SAMPLING	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Domestics and Restraining Orders	4	11	5	16	12
Child Services: Delinq, CHINS, Neglect	11	15	18	11	8
Civil Stand-by (DV-DCYF Related)	5	6	5	15	6
Mental Health: Suicide/ Attempted Suicide	4	2	2	2	3
Overdoses	5	1	3	7	3
Unattended Death Investigations	5	4	2	2	3
Found Needles	1	2	4	1	0
Call-Outs	10	8	14	31	19
Suspicious Activity	8	15	32	33	45
Assists to Motorists and Citizens	40	58	89	94	157
VIN Verifications	9	16	27	35	40
Other Category Calls	478	410	490	542	635
Dogs - (Loose, Viscious, Nuisance, in Veh.)	21	55	45	61	50
Wildlife Involved Calls, (Bears, etc.)	6	16	9	18	10
Assist to Fire-Rescue	56	60	54	70	43
Alarms	30	44	40	33	54
TOTAL OFFENSES/ CALLS FOR SERVICE	1396	1594	1922	2268	2942
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS					
Total Police Reports	21	30	31	39	39
Persons Injured	2	4	10	10	9
Persons Killed	0	0	0	1	0
MOTOR VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT					
MV Warnings/ Summons	140	130	250	175	254
Parking Tickets	91	53	60	92	66
Dog Control Citations	2	15	2	4	2
ARREST OFFENSES CHARGED FOR 2019					
Criminal Trespass	1	Driving Under the Influence		1	
DV Crim. Threat w/ Firearm	1	Driving Under the Influence - Aggravated		1	
DV Simple Assault	2	Driving Under the Influence - 2nd Offense		1	
Bench Warrant	3	Disorderly Conduct		3	
Protective Custody- Drugs	3	Violation of a Protection Order		1	
Protective Custody - Alcohol	2	Breach of Criminal Bail Order		1	
Involuntary Emergency Admission (IEA)	3	Fugitive From Justice, (CT)		1	
TOTAL ARRESTS	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
	17	9	20	26	20