

## 2018 Annual Report of the Sandwich Police Department

It is hard to believe but this is my ninth Annual Report to you as your Police Chief. I am honored to be your Chief and am very grateful and appreciative of the support that you have for your police department. We work very hard to both maintain order and serve the needs of this community and, in so doing, 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 secure and maintain the respect and approval of the public means also



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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*

### Year in review

For the past couple of years we have seen a declining trend in area law enforcement in calls for service and arrests. However, the calls we are responding to and the arrests we are making have been more serious in nature. Area law enforcement has also seen our Juvenile/Family services numbers remain high. Sandwich, unfortunately, is no different. As you will read further, for the second time in three years our violent crime numbers rose, and our Juvenile/Family Service numbers remained high, but about the same as the previous year. Motor vehicle crashes remained at about the same level. The causations of the majority of crashes were: animal strikes, weather – operating too fast for road condition, or with defective equipment. Other causations included: failure to yield right of way, disregard for traffic control device, unsafe backing, and driver inattention. It goes without saying that in inclement weather, winter or summer, you need to slow down and adapt to the conditions that are being presented to you.

### Crime Trends

**Group A Crimes:** The department saw a disturbing increase in **Crimes Against Persons** by 200%, (12/4). We saw an overall decrease of 23% in **Crimes Against Property** over last year, (24/31). Burglary was up 20%, (6/5). Theft saw a decrease from last year (11/15). Fraud offenses (not including scam calls) were down (1/3), and vandalism saw an increase of 17%, (7/6).

**Crimes Against Society** saw a large decrease this year, 80%, (2/10) which was very welcomed. The department made two drug-related arrests, had two incidents of found needles, and we investigated one non-fatal overdose, which was for marijuana – edibles. Yes, contrary to popular belief, you can overdose on marijuana! The Drug Monitoring Initiative Report indicated that in the past year (October 2017 through November 2018), 1 to 10 doses of NARCAN were administered in Sandwich. We also investigated one weapons violation.

**Group B Crimes:** saw an overall decrease over last year of 17%, (1220/1474). Family Offenses steady from the previous year (15/16).

### 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:

- L.E.A.D. Kindergarten through eighth grade Instructor certification
- L.E.A.D On the Street Instructor certification
- L.E.A.D National Conference and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Marijuana Symposium
  - School Safety and The Law – Pepperdine University
  - Legalization and Advertising both Promotion and Prevention. Carlisle University
  - Status of Cannabis Reform and Regulatory Options to Promote Public Health. Carnevale Associates, LLC, California
  - The Challenges of Marijuana Impaired Driving Post Legalization. Colorado State Attorney General’s Office
  - Cannabis Enforcement: What Legalization Means for You. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Control Board
  - Law Enforcement Response to Legalization. Colorado Police Chiefs
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Century Marijuana Symposium
  
- Managing Liability in High Risk Operations. NE Police Chiefs/ Daigle Law Group
- Employment Law 1st Amendment and Social Media. NE Police Chiefs/ Daigle Law Group
- The Pulse Nightclub Shooting After Action Report as Presented by Orlando Police Department SWAT. NE Police Chiefs
- Use of Force Simulator. Primex
- Professional Police Decision Making. St. Cyr Training, LLC
- 24 Trauma, Crime Scene Biological Hazards. 24 Trauma
- State NCIC and CJIS Compliance Training. NH State Police NCIC Unit
- Employment Law: Employee Privacy and a Manager’s Right to Know. Primex
- Firearms Instructor Re-certification.
- Choose Love Forum. Scarlett Lewis

## Community Outreach

We continue to administer several community programs in town. *Project Good Morning* is brought to you in partnership with the Selectmen's Office, and *The House Watch Program*.

The department had two Drug Take-Back Days at the Transfer Station. One was held in April, the other in October, and we were able to collect and dispose of forty pounds of prescription medication.

In June we held a Touch-a-Truck event with the Fire Department as part of the Spring Festival and another in August at the Public Safety Appreciation BBQ that was hosted by the Sandwich Community Church. Thank you very much to our hosts and to who attended.

We also work closely with the Inter-Lakes School District to provide Drug Prevention Education to the sixth grade classes and parents. Sandwich and Meredith Police Departments teach the L.E.A.D. program which utilizes the "Too Good For Drugs" curriculum. Another school program we have at Sandwich Central School (SCS) is Project Flag, a class on the history of, the care for and display of the United States Flag, to the sixth grade class, as they are responsible



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for raising and lowering the flag each school day. We continued our partnership with the Inter-Lakes Christmas Fund this year and delivered Christmas presents to thirteen families and care packages to 11 of our identified elderly. As part of the response to the Parkland, FL shooting the Sandwich and Meredith Police Departments also presented a class on "Civilian Response to an Active Shooter Event" (CRASE) to all School District Employees. Meredith Police instructed the class at the High School in Meredith for district employees, and Sandwich Police instructed the class at SCS for District employees in Sandwich.

Sergeant Varney continues his work with local driver education programs teaching traffic safety, law and traffic stop etiquette.

I was the keynote speaker at drug forums in Tamworth and Wolfeboro. In Sandwich I had a L.E.A.D. Parent's Night and spoke at the Library CHAT in July. I also participated in the

Straight Talk event for parents at Huggins Hospital in April. I was also interviewed twice by NHPR on Drug Prevention Education and the State Opioid Crisis.

In January I received an appointment by Governor Chris Sununu to serve as the NH Chiefs of Police Representative on his Advisory Council for Diversity and Inclusion. In August I was named the national L.E.A.D. Instructor of the Month.

I continue to serve on the Executive Board of Directors of the New England Association of Chiefs of Police. I am the Vice President of the Carroll County Association of Chiefs of Police, the Chairman of the Executive Committee for the Public Health Advisory Council of Carroll County and serve on the Behavioral Health and Substance Misuse Disorder Continuum of Care workgroup of the Public Health Advisory Council, and I serve on the Governmental Relations, Legislative/ Retirement and the Membership/Mentoring Committees of the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police.

During the year I was able to speak about and give information on civil rights and drug law legislation. I was part of a state-wide workgroup of police chiefs and educators trying to secure drug prevention education funding for the State. Working with our partners at Granite United Way we were able to secure a grant for drug prevention education at Inter-Lakes School District.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of the police department. These fine people are truly dedicated, motivated and work very hard to bring you the best service possible. Thank you ladies and gentlemen for your hard work! I would also like to thank the other town departments with whom we work closely to provide you with the best overall municipal services possible: Sandwich Fire Department, Selectmen's Office, Town Clerk's Office, Parks and Recreation, Samuel Wentworth Library and the Highway Department. Thank you to our other Law Enforcement partners for their assistance over the past year: Carroll County Sheriff's Office, Moultonborough Police Department, NH State Police, NH Fish and Game, the US Forest Service, and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. Finally, thank you all for your continued support of your police department.

Respectfully submitted,

*Douglas F. Wyman, Jr.*  
Chief of Police



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## POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>CRIMINAL OFFENSES REPORTED</b>					
Physical Assault	6	2	9	3	4
Sexual Assault	2	0	1	0	2
Intimidation (Threats/ Stalking)	4	1	5	0	1
Burglary	6	5	7	7	11
Theft (All Larceny)	11	16	20	21	29
Fraud	30	16	46	24	18
Issuing Bad Checks	1	0	0	1	0
Criminal Mischief	7	6	11	14	39
Trespassing	5	7	10	16	10
Harassment and Phone Harassment	3	1	1	1	2
Illegal Dumping	5	4	10	4	5
Recovered Stolen Property	5	0	1	3	12
<b>CALLS FOR SERVICE SAMPLING</b>					
Domestics and Restraining Orders	11	5	16	12	13
Child Services: Delinq, CHINS, Neglect	15	18	11	8	6
Civil Stand-by (DV-DCYF Related)	6	5	15	6	2
Mental Health: Suicide/ Attempted Suicide	2	2	2	3	4
Overdoses	1	3	7	3	0
Unattended Death Investigations	4	2	2	3	3
Found Needles	2	4	1	0	0
Call-Outs	8	14	31	19	30
Suspicious Activity	15	32	33	45	51
Assists to Motorists and Citizens	58	89	94	157	150
VIN Verifications	16	27	35	40	23
Other Category Calls	410	490	542	635	670
Dogs (Loose, Viscious, Nuisance, in Veh.)	55	45	61	50	42
Wildlife Involved Calls, (Bears, etc.)	16	9	18	10	32
Assist to Fire-Rescue	60	54	70	43	63
Alarms	44	40	33	54	45
<b>TOTAL OFFENSES/CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	<b>1594</b>	<b>1922</b>	<b>2268</b>	<b>2942</b>	<b>3226</b>
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS</b>					
Total Police Reports	30	31	39	39	33
Persons Injured	4	10	10	9	3
Persons Killed	0	0	1	0	0
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT</b>					
MV Warnings/ Summons	130	250	175	254	130
Parking Tickets	53	60	92	66	66
Dog Control Citations	15	2	4	2	1
<b>ARREST OFFENSES CHARGED FOR 2018</b>					
Simple Assault	1	Involuntary Emergency Admission			1
Domestic Violence Aggravated Assault	1	Domestic Violence Simple Assault			2
Criminal Threatening w/ Deadly Weapon	1	Burglary			2
Theft By Unauthorized Taking	1	Protective Custody - Drug Intoxication			2
Tampering with Witness	1				
<b>TOTAL ARRESTS</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	9	20	26	20	22