

## 2017 Annual Report of the Sandwich Police Department

The writing of this report this year has been extremely difficult for me. Usually, I have no problem writing out four or five pages of information recollecting the past year for you. This year, however, there is much that I want to say, I just do not know how to say it sufficiently.

I want to thank you all so much for the kindness, support, and love that all of you showed me and my family when my wife Carol died in August. I do not think that I need to say how the past several months have been extremely difficult for me and my family; while we are still grieving, we are also getting better. Your support and words of encouragement have been extremely helpful during this time - thank you so much. At the time of her death Carol and I had been together for 26 years; March 2018 we would have celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Yes, we were babies ourselves when we were married. Carol loved this town so much, and she was a member of the Baked Goods Committee at the Sandwich Fair for several years; her favorite category was of course the children's category. She was 'the Boss' when it came to the Sandwich Toy Drive, buying many of the gifts and sorting them, always making sure that each child had a great Christmas. She played Mrs. Claus at the Community Christmas Party, and she adored Sandwich Lot Baseball. One of her most favorite places in the entire world was Beede Falls. I miss her terribly, but I am blessed to have all of you to help me through my grief. Thank you from my family and from the bottom of my heart.

**Year in review:** Once again, this year drug and substance misuse and addiction played a major role in the operations of the police department.

In February, the department along with the Samuel Wentworth Library hosted another NARCAN distribution event with our partner the Carroll County Coalition for Public Health. This was the second such event we have hosted and out of these two events we have distributed twenty-five NARCAN kits.

In May, the department hosted the "Pathways From Silence To Solutions: Carroll County Responds to Substance Misuse Disorders" forum at the Sandwich Fairgrounds. Over one hundred people from Behavioral Health, Addiction Services, Recovery, Healthcare, Education and Law Enforcement came together to network and work on creating solutions in our communities. Also in May, the department conducted a joint investigation with the Moultonborough Police Department stemming from a robbery that occurred in Moultonborough and came over into Sandwich. During the investigation, methamphetamine and marijuana were seized. The three subjects were arrested on multiple felony and misdemeanor charges and convicted.

Throughout the course of the year, the department investigated three overdose cases, of which only one was opiate related; everyone survived. The department also handled several incidents of collecting needles found on our streets.

In March, the Town endured Winter Storm Stella. High winds and snow brought down trees and power lines. Frigid temperatures made it miserable for many who lost power for weeks. All town departments worked well together to get you the services you needed or a warm place to go to charge electronics and get a cup of coffee or cocoa.

The department experienced some personnel changes in 2017. Officer Chris Keaton left the department on June 1 to become the Chief of Police for the Town of Bartlett. We hired Officer John Curran, Jr. in November. Officer Curran is a thirty-one year veteran of NH Law Enforcement. Officer Curran retired after serving as a trooper with the NH State Police for twenty-five years.

**Crime Trends:** The department saw a decrease in **Crimes Against Persons** by 73%, (4/15). We saw an overall decrease in **Property Crime** of 26%, (31/42). Burglary was down 29%, (5/7). Theft decreased slightly (15/16). Fraud offenses were up (3/2), and vandalism saw a 45% decrease, (6/11). **Crimes Against Society** saw a huge increase with drug related offenses seeing the largest increase (7/3). We also investigated one weapons violation, one explosives violation, and one case of unexploded ordinance. **Group B** crimes saw an overall decrease of 15%, (1472/1728). Family offenses saw a significant increase (9/2).

**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:

- NH Traffic Safety Conference - NH Highway Safety Agency
- NH Attorney General's Child Abuse Protocols - NH Dept. of Justice
- Hot topics in Investigation and Prosecution - County Attorney's Office
- Slips, Trips and Falls - Primex
- Opioid Forum - Carroll County Coalition for Public Health.
- Sign Language for Law Enforcement - All Hands on Deck
- Exculpatory Evidence Schedule - NH Dept. of Justice
- Current Trends in Use of Force and Mental Health - Daigle Law Group
- Hot Topics in Employment Law for Law Enforcement Executives - Atstupenas Law Group
- Leadership Framework for Law Enforcement - New England Chiefs of Police
- New England Community Policing Forum - New England Chiefs of Police and Roger Williams University

**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. "Project Flag" is taught to the sixth grade class at Sandwich Central School (SCS). The "House Watch Program" is in full swing this time of year. Drug Prevention Education will be making a change this year at SCS. In 2018 instead of DARE, we will be presenting "Too Good For Drugs" through LEAD (Law Enforcement Against Drugs) to the sixth

grade class. Another change in 2017 was The Sandwich Toy Drive. For many reasons, this year we partnered with the Inter-Lakes Christmas Fund to administer this program with us. Sergeant Varney presented a class on "Civilian Response to an Active Shooter Event" (CRASE) to all town employees. Sergeant Varney is an Active Shooter Instructor and a former SWAT team Assistant Commander. I was one of the panel members at Substance Misuse Forums in Sandwich, Wolfeboro and Meredith during the year.

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 Vice 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 work group 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.

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. Thank you to the Sandwich Fire Department, Selectmen's Office, Town Clerk's Office, Parks and Recreation, Samuel Wentworth Library and the Highway Department. Thank you to the Sandwich Fair for their partnership for some of our programs. Thank you to our other Law Enforcement partners: Carroll County Sheriff's Office, Moultonborough Police Department, NH State Police, NH Fish and Game, and the US Forest Service. Finally, thank you to all of you for your continued support of your police department.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas F. Wyman, Jr.  
Chief of Police

~ Chris Keaton's  
swearing in as Bartlett's  
new Police Chief ~

L to R: Sheriff Richardi,  
Retired Chief Champlin,  
Sgt. Varney, Chief Wyman,  
Chief Keaton,  
Chief Rondeau and  
Chief Shagoury.



<b>CRIMINAL OFFENSES REPORTED</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Physical Assault	2	9	3	4	3
Sexual Assault	0	1	0	2	0
Intimidation (Threats/ Stalking)	1	5	0	1	1
Burglary	5	7	7	11	5
Theft (All Larceny)	16	20	21	29	24
Fraud	16	46	24	18	9
Issuing Bad Checks	0	0	1	0	0
Criminal Mischief	6	11	14	39	13
Trespassing	7	10	16	10	11
Harassment and Phone Harassment	1	1	1	2	8
Illegal Dumping	4	10	4	5	7
Recovered Stolen Property	0	1	3	12	4
<b>CALLS FOR SERVICE SAMPLING</b>					
Domestics and Restraining Orders	5	16	12	13	10
Child Services: Delinq, CHINS, Neglect	18	11	8	6	15
MV Complaints/ Erratic Operation	30	42	43	42	48
VIN Verifications	27	35	40	23	32
Mental Health: Suicide/ Attempted Suicide	2	2	3	4	0
Overdoses	3	7	3	0	0
Unattended Death Investigations	2	2	3	3	2
Call-Outs	14	31	19	30	41
Suspicious Activity	32	33	45	51	48
Assists to Motorists and Citizens	89	94	157	150	125
General Service Calls	490	542	635	670	653
Dogs (Loose, Viscious, Nuisance, in Veh.)	45	61	50	42	50
Wildlife Involved Calls (Bears, etc.)	9	18	10	32	13
Assist to Fire-Rescue	54	70	43	63	61
Alarms	40	33	54	45	59
<b>TOTAL OFFENSES/ CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	<b>1922</b>	<b>2268</b>	<b>2942</b>	<b>3226</b>	<b>3189</b>
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS</b>					
Total Police Reports	31	39	39	33	45
Persons Injured	10	10	9	3	12
Persons Killed	0	1	0	0	0
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT</b>					
MV Warnings/ Summons	250	175	254	130	306
Parking Tickets	60	92	66	66	83
<b>ARREST OFFENSES CHARGED FOR 2016</b>					
Domestic Violence Assault	1	Sworn Falsification			1
Domestic Violence Threatening	1	Protective Custody - Drugs			2
Simple Assault	1	Disobeying a Police Officer			2
Criminal Mischief	1	Operating w/ out Valid License			2
Conduct After Accident	1	Reckless Operation			2
Negligent Driving	1	Transporting Drugs			3
Animals In Motor Vehicle	1	Driving After Suspension			3
Driving Under the Influence	1	Criminal Trespass			3
Protective Custody - Alcohol	1	Resisting Arrest/ Detention			3
Protective Custody - Mental Health	1	Possesion of Narcotics			3
<b>TOTAL ARRESTS</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	20	26	20	22	16