

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Over the past year the Police Department continued its technology growth. The department continued building repairs and improvements. We also held training classes for police officers and dispatchers.

We have had several changes in personnel over the year. In October, Tracy Thibaudeau left the department to spend more time with her children. We hired Rebecca Loiselle, who resigned in December to pursue a career with the Virginia Beach Police Department.

Thanks to a Community Policing Grant the department was able to purchase an additional mobile data terminal (MDT). We now have five police cruisers using this valuable technology. This technology allows our officers to access law enforcement databases from the safety of their cruisers.

The Police Department first installed a LoJack stolen vehicle recovery system about twenty years ago. This system allows the police to track a signal from a vehicle that is equipped with a sending unit. This year the department upgraded to the newest LoJack system and installed LoJack in two additional police vehicles.

We have used some of the Community Policing funds for a "Family Fun Day" during Springfest. This Springfest event featured rides for kids, food and Stow Police baseball caps for all kids, at no cost to the town.

Homeland Security has been a priority in our country since September 11, 2001. All department personnel have completed mandated Incident Command Training.

The department participated in the Youth Public Safety Academy Program under the auspices of the Middlesex County Sheriff's department. This is a program for boys and girls ages 9-12. This educational program gives them an opportunity to see police officers and firefighters at work up close and personal.

We are the first department in Stow to have a paper recycling bin. This service actually pays to recycle paper at \$5.00 per ton. Further we save money because we have fewer trash pickups and recycling is a good thing. All proceeds are given to the Board of Health. Thanks to Beth Tobey for the idea.

Our department first developed a mold problem when we lost our air conditioner last summer. Mold was found in the back portion of the building on clothes, equipment, walls, and furniture. We contacted our insurance company and the building was cleaned of visible mold. Duct work will be replaced and the work will continue into 2007.

We purchased a new security camera system for our building. The new camera system will improve our ability to watch subjects held in custody from the time they enter the parking lot, garage, and booking room and cell area. A monitor in the dispatch center allows the dispatcher to monitor our parking lot area for added security. All video and audio is digitally recorded.

The Police Department participated in the "Click It or Ticket It Program" sponsored by the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau. We were awarded \$3,000 for our efforts and chose to purchase pedestrian crossing signs and reflective traffic cones to be used for motor vehicle accidents or fire scenes.

Special vehicles that were purchased by the Police Department years ago are now shared with the Fire Department. The police boat, which is docked off Davis Road with the permission of Cathy Miles, is used by the Police Department to monitor Lake Boon during the summer months. The Fire Department has full access to using the boat should an emergency situation occur. The All-Terrain Vehicle, which is stored and maintained at the Fire Station, is utilized by the Police and Fire Departments for emergencies in wooded areas, brush fires and department drills. Sharing this equipment has helped speed response times to incidents.

In closing I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, the ITAC Committee, and all other departments. Most importantly, I wish to thank members of the Police, Fire and Highway, and Public Safety Dispatchers for their continued support of the Police Department. Last, but not least, a special thanks to the residents of Stow for their continued support throughout the year.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Accidental 911 Calls	82	108	103				
911 Calls	960	721	985	Domestic Disturbances	6	11	12
Alarms	165	205	212	Found/Lost Property	39	48	26
Animal Calls	84	121	104	General Complaints	415	455	358
Annoying Phone Calls	5	7	9	House Checks	2173	2253	2248
Assaults	3	6	41	Larcenies	45	38	38
Assist Citizens	334	440	243	Medical Calls	288	326	171
Assist Other Agency	193	171	139	Missing Persons	8	10	3
Auto Theft	1	2	2	MV Accidents	150	187	141
Burglary	11	9	17	MV Stops	2886	2105	3026
Bylaw Violations	39	38	9	Suspicious Activity	270	286	207
Citations	1885	1058	1384	Threats	1	7	7
Disturbances	27	30	63	Vandalism	32	39	51
Disabled MV Calls	102	127	71				

Respectfully submitted,

Mark H. Trefry, Chief of Police

Full-time Officers:

William L. Bosworth, Sgt.  
 Ralph Marino, Sgt.  
 Timothy J. Lima, Sgt.  
 Steven B. Sturtevant, Detective  
 Gary P. Murphy, Prosecutor  
 David J. Goguen  
 Kimberly H. Doughty  
 Darren J. Thraen  
 Sean M. Collins  
 Michael Sallese

Special Police Officers:

Robert E. Blanton

John Connors  
 John Fantasia  
 James F. Finneran  
 Lee Heron  
 Sherry J. Morton-Pelly  
 Tracy Thibaudeau  
 Jeremy G. Trefry  
 Enrico F. Maldari

Police Matrons:

Deborah L. Richardson  
 Rachel R. Belanger  
 Darlene D. Trefry

Rachel R. Belanger, Admin. Assistant