

POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Residents of Medfield:

I hereby submit my annual report as Chief of the Medfield Police Department for the year ending December 31, 2008.

Two personnel changes occurred during the year. Officer Andrew Clark transferred to the Marblehead Police Department due to a residence change. James O'Neil was appointed to the Department in November and entered the Boston Police Academy in December. He will complete his training in June and after a period of field training will join the Department as a patrol officer. Jim grew up in Medfield and has a degree in criminal justice from Marist College.

The Department received funding at the 2008 Town Meeting to purchase and install mobile data terminals in the cruisers. This will allow officers to access a database that includes information regarding vehicle registrations, operator licenses and history and obtain current information regarding persons wanted by law enforcement agencies. Having this information is a significant asset that will enhance officer safety and make for more efficient operations.

Modifications were made to the traffic lights at North Street and Main Street to allow traffic to flow more efficiently. Specifically, a left turn arrow was added so that more vehicles on North Street can pass through the intersection with each light cycle. As funding is made available more modifications of this nature will be made to enhance traffic flow throughout the Town.

The Department was challenged by several significant and varied incidents during the year. As a result, Department personnel conducted investigations in cooperation with other local communities, the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office, the Massachusetts State Police and federal authorities. The result was not only the resolution of these incidents but also in two separate cases, the seizure of drugs and weapons. Medfield can be proud of the manner in which the officers carried out these investigations.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Medfield Police Department for their diligent attention to the variety of duties that they are requested to perform on a daily basis. Also, my thanks to the various Town Departments for the outstanding assistance and cooperation received over the past year.

In closing, I would also like to express my appreciation to all those who make up the community that is Medfield. In my position I am often made aware of the

various acts of kindness that are done on behalf of others. Whether you live, work or volunteer here, you are all part of a network that is outstandingly supportive of one another. It is all part of what makes Medfield a unique place. Thank you one and all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert E. Meaney
Chief of Police

This is a summary of the 2008 calls that the Police Department handled:

Aggravated Assault	0
Annoying Calls	173
Arrests	43
Arson	2
Assists	426
Bad Checks	6
Breaking and Entering	12
Burglar Alarms	431
Credit card Fraud	10
Disorderly Person	7
Disturbances	63
Drug Violations	3
Drunkenness	1
Fire Alarms	131
Forgery	2
Homicides	1
Intimidation	1
Juvenile Offenses	1
Larceny	51
Liquor Law violations	9
Malicious Destructions	36
Medical Assists	42
Miscellaneous Complaints	263
Mischief	53
Missing persons	11
Motor Vehicle crashes	467
Motor Vehicle citations	375
Operating Under Influence	3
Parking Tickets	39
Protective Custody	2
Prostitution	1
Restraining Orders	56
Sex Offenses	3
Shoplifting	3
Simple Assault	18
Suicide	2
Threats	9
Trespass	1
Vandalism	79
Weapon Violation	1
Wire Fraud	6