



Town of Milford POLICE DEPARTMENT

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I am pleased to present the 2012 Milford Police Department Annual Report.

The Milford Police Department is comprised of 25 sworn officers and 9 civilian full and part time employees. All of our employees are dedicated to providing professional, effective and efficient police services to the citizens of the Town of Milford.

In 2012, the Milford Police Department experienced some change within personnel. Police Chief, Frederick Douglas, who began his Milford police career in May of 1979, retired. Chief Douglas was promoted to the Chief of Police position in 2000 and he held that position until he retired.

Officer Dean Hardwick, an 18 year veteran with the department also retired in 2012. During his career with the department, he worked in the Operations division as a Road Patrol Officer, K-9 Officer and Field Training Officer.

On August 1, 2012, I was honored to be sworn in as the new Chief of Police for our department. In September of 2012, Officer Richard Addonizio was hired and then he attended the New Hampshire Police Academy. Officer Addonizio has since graduated from the academy and is now currently in the department's Field Training Officer program.

Throughout the changes, our employees have remained very positive and professional. Our sworn officers have conducted themselves in a professional manner and they have worked tirelessly to ensure that the town is safe and secure. Our civilian staff continues to provide support to our divisions and we could not function efficiently without them.

The men and women of the Milford Police Department are committed to excellence, which is expected by our community. Our overall goal is to ensure that the town remains a safe place for the citizens to live, work and visit.

For 2013, members of the Milford Police Department look forward to building a partnership between the town and the department and increasing the quality of life for our citizens. We will continue in our commitment to community policing philosophy and proactively explore and utilize techniques to decrease and deter criminal activity within the Town of Milford.

Patrol Division

2012 proved to be a challenging year for the Patrol Division. In 2012 we saw increases in crimes against people which include assaults, robberies and sexual

assaults. There were also other noticeable increases in drug violations, thefts, vandalism and disorderly conduct.

The Patrol Division has recognized these increases and has increased visibility, and enforcement in problem areas in town. We have also started working with the community through Neighborhood Watch programs to educate and inform citizens of crimes within their neighborhoods and how to deter and report crime. We hope to increase the amount of neighborhoods in the watch program which will increase the community's awareness to these crimes. We realize the importance of working together with the community to help deter, and solve crime within the community.

As a result of these increases the Patrol Division is setting goal strategies for 2013 to implement effective crime control measures aimed at reducing crime and the perception of crime, and maintaining a partnership with the citizens so they can be informed and educated. It is the hope of the Patrol Division by partnering with the community we will be able to increase the community's confidence in its Police Department, and to share concerns, perspectives, ideas and solutions to crime and disorder issues.

In 2012, the Patrol Division continued to have dedicated and hard working individuals who efficiently and effectively got the job done regardless of the situation. All the officers in the Patrol Division understand the importance of commitment and service to the people of the Town of Milford, and worked to their best ability to make sure that was accomplished. On behalf of the Patrol Division, we look forward to serving you in 2013 and years to come.

2012 Police K-9 Unit

The K-9 Unit continues to be an asset to this agency. The K-9 Unit is a valuable tool utilized to investigate and detect criminal activity and interact with the community through contacts and demonstrations.

This year, K-9 handler Officer Jason Palmer continued to assist the patrol division and outside agencies in locating evidence, locating missing / suicidal subjects, searching buildings, assisting with high-risk search warrants and drug detection. In 2012, Officer Palmer and K-9 Oryx conducted several demonstrations at local daycares, schools, community events and impromptu meetings with members of the public.

In 2012, Officer Palmer and K-9 Oryx completed their narcotics detection certification. This rigorous training curriculum encompassed several hours of handler / dog training teaching the dog how to detect different kinds of drugs via smell. K-9 Oryx can detect cocaine, marijuana, crack cocaine, heroin, ecstasy and methamphetamines. Officer Palmer and K-9 Oryx currently train with the United States Police Canine Association.

2012 Police Motorcycle

This year Officer McKenna, Officer Joki, and Sergeant Plumer completed an intensive training course in order to become certified motor officers bringing the total number of certified Milford officers to six. This training consists of motorcycle control, braking, evasive maneuvers, and police tactical operations. The course is specifically

designed for law enforcement purposes and police officers. With the addition of these three officers the police motorcycles were able to be used more effectively this year as compared to 2011.

The motorcycles continue to be used to enforce motor vehicle and speeding violations in high traffic areas such as work and school zones. In addition they were effective in helping police patrol crowded events such as the Milford Pumpkin Festival, highly publicized political events, and the annual parades.

Total Calls for Service/Officer Activity 45,749

<u>Criminal</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>% Difference</u>
Arson	3	2	-33%
Arrest	530	470	-11%
Assaults	140	180	28%
Burglary	48	46	-4%
Disorderly Conduct	42	53	26%
Drug Violations	125	145	16%
Domestic Violence	225	202	-10%
Forgery	57	28	-51%
Fraud	61	63	3%
Homicide	0	0	0%
Kidnapping	0	0	0%
Robbery	7	8	14%
Theft (all)	325	354	9%
Stalking	8	6	-25%
Sexual Assaults	26	36	38%
Stolen Vehicles	11	11	0%
Vandalism	217	255	17%
Weapons Violations	14	7	-50%
<u>Non-Criminal</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>% Difference</u>
Animal Complaints	215	371	72%
Accidents (Reportable)	322	263	-18%
Alarms	447	503	12%
Citizens Assist	423	500	18%
Escorts/Civil Standbys	1,095	1,074	-2%
Fire Assist	200	226	13%
Medical Assist	489	676	38%
Missing Person	21	27	28%
Mutual Aid	33	28	-15%
Runaway Juveniles	24	12	-50%
Suicide / Attempted Suicide	15	16	7%
<u>Motor Vehicle Statistics</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>% Difference</u>
Summons	391	268	-31%
Warnings	6,104	5,580	-8%
Fatal Accidents	4	1	-75%
Parking Tickets	374	114	-69%
Total Patrol Activity	48,714	45,749	-6%

Note: Not all calls and activities listed

Examples: Business checks, area checks, service of DVP's, disturbance etc.

2012 Total K-9 Deployment

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>% Difference</u>
Building Searches (Alarms/Open Doors)	56	40	-28%
Security /Search Warrant Assist	5	19	280%
Field Searches (Criminal Suspects/Fugitives/Missing Persons)	27	15	-44%
Public Demonstrations	7	4	-42%
Mutual Aid to Neighboring Police Agencies	12	1	-91%
Totals	107	79	-26%

2012 Police Motorcycle Unit

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>% Difference</u>
Motor Vehicle Stops	801	1,141	42%
Shifts Patrolled	47	98	108%
Average Stops per Shift	17	12	-29%
Total Miles Patrolled	2,170	5,749	165%

Support Division

The Support Division experienced a very busy year in 2012. Detectives investigate the department's serious cases including felonies, misdemeanor cases that involve extensive follow-up, and all serious non-criminal investigations. Detectives focused on major drug investigations this year. Drug use and distribution is a far reaching problem, not only in our own community, but throughout the state and country. There were two drug investigations that highlighted our efforts to combat this problem. One investigation culminated in the execution of a search warrant at 6 Orange Street, Milford, NH, where numerous arrests were made for felony level drug offences. These arrests also cleared several thefts and burglaries. A second drug investigation resulted in the arrest of a local drug dealer, and the confiscation of heroin, firearms, and cash. Our detectives worked closely with the Patrol Division on these investigations and will continue these efforts into the New Year.

Detectives investigated numerous sexual assaults, burglaries, and robberies. These investigations are time intensive and require specialized training. Our investigators are provided with training in evidence collection, interview techniques, homicide and death investigations, computer crimes, etc. In August, detectives investigated the missing person report and subsequent death investigation of Lorinda White, which was deemed to be an accidental death. This tragedy impacted the entire community and our detectives expended great resources in completing this investigation. In June, detectives investigated the Armed Robbery of the Subway Restaurant on Elm Street, Milford, NH. This investigation was concluded with the arrest of Matthew DiBona who is currently awaiting trial.

While the detective's focus is on the investigation of various crimes, our prosecutor is focused on presenting these cases, as well as all Milford cases, before the courts. Attorney McCall advocates for the victims in the court setting. He has worked to ensure that these investigations, and subsequent arrests, are completed with a just finding in the court system. Attorney McCall works closely with our officers, the District

Court staff, and the County Attorney's Office presenting major felony cases before the Grand Jury for indictment.

Our Juvenile Officer continues to focus on Milford's younger population, working closely with the Juvenile Probation Officer at the Milford District Court. 2012 was the second year for the Milford Area Diversion Program. This has been an important program which affords first time, non-violent offenders the opportunity to avoid the court process by participating in other required programs. The diversion program focuses on providing the juvenile with the tools necessary to ensure they learn from their mistakes and do not become repeat offenders. This has been incredibly successful, and will not only benefit the juvenile, but the entire community. Our Juvenile Officer works closely with the Milford Schools and regularly spends time in the school interacting with the students and faculty. We will continue this effort to ensure a safe and healthy environment for our children's education.

Our Crossing Guards continue to provide safe passage for our children to and from the schools. They serve faithfully each school day and are a positive influence on the children.

The Support Division is responsible for providing adequate training to all our officers. The training provided includes state mandatory training such as Use of Force and Firearms qualifications, but this is just a small part of our training program. We endeavor to provide training that will ensure the officers are professional, and well prepared to serve the community at the highest level possible. This year we provided training such as Autism Awareness, CPR/AED/Basic First Aid, Superior Court Boot Camp, Accident Investigations, and Felony DWI.

The Support Division continues to work with all other divisions and personnel in our department, working to support the overall goals and objectives of the Milford Police Department. We look forward to the New Year (2013) with the new challenges it will provide. Our staff is well prepared to handle what lies ahead, and the Support Division will do their part in providing the best services possible to the Town of Milford.

2012 Prosecution

Category	2011	2012
Arrests	528	470
O/T Hours	625	557
O/T Paid Out	22,507	20,922
Scheduled Arraignments	559	514
Schedule Trials		
Trials, PC Hearings, Misc. Hearings	947	1,025
Juvenile Petitions Filed	81	74
Total for Milford District Court	128	136
Milford's % of Petitions Filed in MDC	63%	54%
Diversion Cases Brought by Milford Police	14	11
Total Diversion Cases in Milford District Court	28	32
Milford's % of Diversion Cases Brought Forward	50%	34%

2012 Detective's - Felonies & Serious Investigations

Category	2012
Cases Assigned	129
Cases Closed (overall)	94
Cases Closed by Arrest(s)	49
Cases Suspended	16
Cases Still Open	19
Closure Rate	72%

NOTE: The 'Cases' information listed above does not include all calls, reports, and activities

Juvenile Officer

Category	2011	2012
Total Cases Involving Juveniles	675	427
Assault Relates	61	77
Thefts/Burglaries	51	56
Vandalism	34	28
Alcohol Violations	17	14
Drug Violations	15	12
Gang Related	3	0
Graffiti Cases	30	32
Juvenile/Parent Contacts	2481	2232

Juvenile/Parent Contacts represent one on one contacts where the Juvenile Officer interacts directly with the juvenile or his/her parent(s)

In closing, I would like to thank the men and women of the Milford Police Department for their hard work and dedication that they display on a daily basis to the people that live, work and visit the Town of Milford. I would also like to thank the citizens and business community for their continued support as we work together to improve the quality of life and to provide a safe and secure community.

Respectfully submitted,

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