

Windham Police Department

Monthly Report –November 2015

SUMMARY:

The mission of the Windham Police Department is to provide the citizens of the Town of Windham a safe, secure community in which the protection of life and property are the highest priority. The members of the Windham Police Department pledge to offer the highest quality police services by working with the residents of Windham and by maintaining a highly professional, well -trained staff.

Staff Changes: November marked the end of an era within both the police department and high school. After 26 years of service with the Town in the Police Department and 10 years assigned to the high school as our School Resource Officer, Officer Jeff Smith had resigned to join the ranks of the Falmouth police department. Jeff was recognized at an open house reception at the high school where both the police and school department employees as well as numerous students wished Jeff well and made various presentations in recognition of Jeff's exemplary service over the years.

With Jeff's departure, became a need to fill the School Resource Position. After interviews of four candidates, Officer Seth Fournier was chosen to become our next School Resource Officer. Seth has been with the department for more than three years and brings a lot experience in athletics and coaching at the high school level. We are excited and look forward to what Seth will bring to the program. Currently, we are in the process of hiring for a new officer to fill the created vacancy to allow us to maintain our staffing level of 26 sworn.

Work Space Allocation: As reported earlier, we have sold the former dispatch work stations. Our goal is to reallocate the former communications work space, to a usable and functioning work space to meet our current mission. An internal committee has been formed and is currently developing proposals to procure new furnishings and work space design, to make what will become our records / reception area as well as our patrol officers squad room more effective, comfortable and efficient for our staff, and in turn provide more personalized service for customers who come to the public safety building during the day

Calls for service

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Calls for service	1582	
Arrests	34	
Index crimes	Reported	Cleared
Rape	0	
Robbery	0	
Assault	0	3
Burglary	8	0
Larceny / Theft	12	4
MV theft	0	
Arson	0	
Recent Issues		
Juvenile Problem calls	7	
Truancy	1	
Fraud complaints	14	
Property checks	332	
Total traffic stops	404	
Total citations	73	
Total warnings	126	
OUI	5	
Total MV Crashes	60	
Personal Injury	10	
Fatality	0	
Property damage	46	
Non-reportable	4	

Community outreach: November marked the first TRIAD meeting held in Windham since our joining the Gorham, Westbrook, and Windham TRIAD. The meeting was well attended and we look forward to our continued involvement and future meetings and trainings here in Windham.

D.A.R.E.: Drug Abuse Resistance Education is a comprehensive 17 week curriculum taught to the fifth grade classes at the Windham Manchester School. This program's focus is to educate children in resistance to drugs and violence. D.A.R.E. was developed and started in 1983 by members of the LAPD and the Los Angeles Unified School District. The emphasis of the D.A.R.E. Program is to help students recognize and resist the many subtle pressures that influence them to experiment with drugs, gangs, and violence. In addition program strategies are planned to focus on feelings relating to self-esteem, interpersonal and communication skills, decision making and positive alternatives to drug abuse behaviors.

The D.A.R.E. Program is still running strong at the Manchester School. We teach the program to all fifth grade students (ranging from 180-240 students annually). The program is provided at no cost to the schools or the students. All funds for D.A.R.E. are donated to the police department from the Windham Police Association (Patrol Members). The support from the schools administrators and teachers has been overwhelming. Input from parents has been and still is very positive, but most of all, the students have been very enthusiastic about the program.

Dare Middle school Program: The Department also provides the DARE Middle School Program. This curriculum provides the necessary follow through that the DARE program had been lacking here in Windham in past years. Our goal through the Community Services Office and DARE is to provide the youth of this community with the skills needed to resist drugs and violence. The DARE Middle School Program provides these skills to our children through a ten lesson curriculum taught in a more mature fashion than the fifth grade program. The middle school program is taught to all 7th grade students. These lessons, as well as the fifth grade curriculum meet many of the federal learning standards for health curriculum and have actually been written into the Windham School System's Health Curriculum. For more information got to www.dare.com.

Reading program: December will mark the beginning of a monthly reading program at the primary school. Several officers will spend time in the class room at primary school with teachers and guidance counselor to help in presenting monthly personality themes that the school is promoting. December's theme will be responsibility!!

We look forward to this participation and reporting on the future success of the program.