

Windham Police Department

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Opiate Crisis: The opiate crisis continues to be an area of serious concern state wide, unfortunately Windham is no exception. During the month of July, we had five overdoses calls. Although toxicology reports are pending it appears we had three deaths during the month of July. To help combat this problem the department has undertaken several projects. Like last year we have collaborated with the Gorham Police Department to assign officers throughout the summer months to focus on drug trafficking investigations. This effort has already resulted in several cases put together to include a search warrant executed as the result of neighbors reporting suspicious activities and the arrest of a female and subsequent seizure of a significant amount of Fentanyl, a very potent synthetic form of opiate which is causing increased overdose deaths. A more comprehensive report on these efforts will be submitted after the summer months.

On the emergency response component of this crisis, the police department has participated in a state program that provides Nasal NARCAN to police departments free of charge. In order to participate, we had to develop a policy on the use of NASAL NARCAN and provide training to our officers. We have completed this project and our officers now carry this life saving drug. NASAL Narcan is a mist form of the drug, when administered reversed the effects of the opioids that cause an overdose and the subsequent respiratory arrest that occurs during an overdose. Another project undertaken is that we have collaborated with the Westbrook, Gorham and Buxton Police departments to submit a Maine Grants for Substance Abuse Assistance Projects grant. This grant seeks approximately \$120,000 in funding, to hire and provide a “Recovery Liaison” employee to collaborate with the departments’ designated point of contact officer in order to facilitate connecting residents living with opioid use disorder to available treatment and support programs. If successful in procuring grant funding it would be for 21 months, after which the town may be asked to help sustain the project in the fiscal year 2018-19 budget process.

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MONTHLY STATUS

REPORT

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Calls for service	1659	
Arrests	42	Includes physical arrests & non traffic summonses
INDEX CRIMES *	REPORTED	CLEARED CASES
Criminal Homicide	0	
Rape	0	
Robbery	0	
Assault	6	3
Burglary	4	
Larceny/Theft	25	10
MV Theft	2	
Arson	0	
RECENT TOPICS		
Drug related calls	14	2 arrests
Fraud Complaints	13	
Fireworks	13	
Animal Complaints	115	
TRAFFIC		
Total Traffic Stops	277	
Total Citations	26	
Total Warnings	105	
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Total MV Accidents	77	
Fatal	0	
Personal Injury	11	
Property damage	61	
Hit & Run	0	
Non -reportable	5	

Community outreach: Community outreach is an important function for the Police Department. Recently several law enforcement agencies to include the Windham Police Department had participated in the National Night Out. This is a nationwide community policing event where Law Enforcement agencies can display equipment, do demonstrations and meet the public. Several area agencies gathered at the Sheriff's department in Portland. Several Windham Officer were on hand to do K-9 demonstrations, show our Motorcycle and cruiser equipment. We hope to do this next summer here in Windham.

An upcoming event that we are excited about is our safety day planned for Saturday October 1, 2016 at the public safety building. The Police and Fire Departments will be on hand to have various displays, provide instruction on fraud prevention, fire prevention and safety. We will also be doing our drug take back that day where citizens can turn in unused and unwanted medications. Another focal point of the day will be working with AARP to provide paper shredding opportunities, for people to shred paperwork that may have private information on it, that is obtained by the wrong person could be used to cause fraud related incidents for people, we are looking forward to this community event and hope for a large turnout.