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PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Department

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Concord Emergency Management Agency

Police Department

Animal Control Officer

POLICE DEPARTMENT

William Chase
Interim Chief of Police

The Concord Police Department delivers a wide range of public safety services to the community with an authorized staff of thirty-five sworn officers. By supporting community based services, the Department continues to be proactive in collaborative problem solving, criminal investigations, traffic control and enforcement, parking control and enforcement, school crossing safety, elder services, and emergency response and management. The Department supports and participates in several community programs such as, crime prevention, youth services, D.A.R.E. and R.A.D. instruction, as well as utilizing a school resource officer, installation of child passenger safety seats, and processing a variety of permits, licenses and applications.

Partnered collaboration continues to grow within the community based programs of the Domestic Violence Services Network (DVSN), and the Communities for Restorative Justice (C4RJ), which provide a resource sharing system and referral network for the Department. Concord Police Officers and Public Safety Dispatchers, alike, continue to participate in training for both programs. Officers educate students in the CCHS Driver's Education Program, providing valuable tools and information to assist students with their new driving experience.

The Concord Police Department continues to be an active member in the creation and implementation of the Central Middlesex Assessment for Safety Team (CMAST). The program was developed through the collaboration of stakeholders who recognized the need for a community approach to better protect and serve victims of

domestic violence. CMAST is now one of seven Domestic Violence High Risk Teams within Middlesex County and has been met with overwhelming success. Sergeant Jack Kennedy, one of the founding members of the program and department representative, continues to be an instructor for area departments. He has collaborated with DVSN in an eight-hour Continuing Education Program for Emerson Hospital staff, focusing on police response to domestic violence in a hospital setting.

The Public Safety Communications Center is staffed and supervised by the Police Department. All emergency and non-emergency communications for Police, Fire, and EMS are handled through this call center. Dispatcher Michael La Cure joined the Department in December.

The Concord Police Department continues to be an active member of the North Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC). NEMLEC is a regional consortium comprised of fifty-three police departments in Middlesex and Essex Counties, and includes two County Sheriff's Departments. Their mission is to strengthen individual communities through resource sharing and mutual aid responses to non-typical scenarios. Concord Police officers are assigned to various functions in NEMLEC, including the Motor Cycle Unit, SWAT, Regional Tactical Team, K-9, and the STARS Team (School Threat



Sergeant Christopher Troiano, Officer Jeffrey Shelley, Officer Sylvia Toumayan and Officer Michael Burgess assisted NEMLEC this past April during the Boston Marathon Bombings, and responded to Watertown to assist in locating one of the suspects involved in the bombings. Their efforts and assistance with other law enforcement agencies from across the

Assessment and Response System).

*Commonwealth brought the search to a successful resolution.
(Photo Credit: Courtesy Concord Police)*

The Department is currently certified, and continues working toward becoming a fully accredited agency with the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission, Inc. The Statewide standards for accreditation impact officer and public safety, address high liability/risk management issues, and promotes operational efficiency throughout the agency. Currently, the Department is in the self-assessment phase of the program.

The Department continues to work toward enhancing its sustainable energy practices with the continued use of hybrid cars and continues replacing some of the fleet with more fuel-efficient vehicles. Additionally, the Department is continuing its anti-idling initiatives, including the “Park, Lock, and Walk” program with officers walking or riding bicycles in the downtown business districts and recreational areas. These practices aid considerably in achieving the goals of reducing fuel consumption.

Dispatcher Tia Manchuso was hired as a Police Officer this past year and is currently attending the Reading Police Academy. She will graduate the academy in February 2014, and assume her duties as a Police Officer on a twelve-week Field Training Program, assigned to a Department Field Training Officer (FTO).

Anne Mauro retired after forty plus years of service as a Crossing Guard for the Department, the community, and the public schools of Concord. Ms. Laura Rizzitano-Wallen joined the Department in May as a Crossing Guard.

Chief Barry Neal, Detective Jeff Melisi and Officer Barryn Carlton all retired in 2013 after serving the Department and the community of Concord.

State and Federal grant funding provide the Department with opportunities purchase new equipment and technology, and fund existing programs. The Department was awarded and administered grants for underage alcohol enforcement, pedestrian and bicycle safety, and traffic enforcement initiatives, which were funded by the State, EOPSS, and Highway Safety Division. The Department was awarded and administered grant funding through the Massachusetts State 911 Department for dispatcher training and personnel support

services.

2013 INCIDENTS

(PARTIAL LISTING)

Arrests (various)	131
Summons	257
Assaults	46
Suspicious Activity	979
Motor Vehicle Crashes	606
Motor Vehicle – Deer	30
Operating Under the Influence	33
Protective Custody	8
Traffic Citations	2,439
Criminal Traffic Summonses	166
Larceny Investigations	226
Domestic Violence Investigations	74
Narcotics, Drug Investigations	7
Medical Assists	1,445
Animal Control	271
Vandalism Complaints	60
Alarms – Commercial/Residential	948
Breaking & Entering Investigations	22
Log Items	18,984