

**REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**By Chief David B. Darrin**  
**2015**

The Spencer Police Department continues to conduct policing on a proactive basis. In today's society, Police Officers can no longer just react to crime. They must instead, respond to the wide variety of issues and problems impacting the fear of crime and quality of life in our community.

The Spencer Police Department continues to participate in the Central Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council, which allows access to specialized assets including a SWAT Team along with Motorcycle and Collision Reconstruction Units. The Spencer Police Department currently has one Officer assigned to the Collision Reconstruction Team.

The Spencer Police Department conducts a variety of community outreach programs, including the deployment of our speed radar dolly, the installation and inspection of child safety seats, the performance of residential and commercial security surveys, and the facilitation of the Officer Phil Child Safety Program at the Wire Village School.

The Spencer Police Department maintains affiliation with the following organizations: Worcester County Breaking and Entering Task Force, Worcester County Fraudulent Check Association, Street Violence Prevention Group, Tri-Valley Elder Task Force and the Massachusetts Financial Crimes Task Force.

Continued and comprehensive training of all Spencer Police Department personnel is of paramount importance in the areas of law enforcement and public safety. On an annual basis, Officers attend Firearms Qualification and Proficiency training. In addition Officers and Dispatchers participated in an internet based in-service training program provided by the Massachusetts Police Institute in accordance with standards promulgated by the Massachusetts Police Training Committee and State 911 Department.

What was new in 2015? The Police Department participated in a regional gun buy-back program. In addition we have made available kiosks for the public disposal of unwanted pharmaceuticals and used syringes.

There were several personnel changes in 2015, Sgt. John Agnew, Dispatcher Donna Anderson and Animal Control Officers Carol & Peter Gaucher all retired after distinguished careers. Officer David Sullivan left to join the Grafton Police Department and was replaced by Peter Levesque of the Monson Police Department. Officer Norman Hodgerney was promoted to Sergeant. Joelyn Durgin and Lynne Porretti were hired as Animal Control & Inspection Officer and Alternate respectively.

Whenever possible the Spencer Police Department makes application for Federal and State grants. Grants are important, as they allow a community to address issues that may be beyond their financial resources. This year the Spencer Police Department was awarded a variety of grants, including: \$10,000 from the State 911 Department for training, \$36,280 from the State 911 Department for overtime, \$7,500 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for traffic enforcement, \$1,500 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for Child Safety Seats, \$95,000 (13 Towns) from the Department of Justice for Criminal Investigations.

In closing, I wish to thank the members of the Spencer Police Department for their dedication and support. I also wish to thank the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, along with all other Town Officials, Boards and Departments for their assistance in providing the citizens of Spencer with exceptional public services.

## ACTIVITY REPORT

### ARRESTS:

Murder	0
Rape	1
Armed Robbery	2
Unarmed Robbery	0
Assault & Battery	22
Assault w/Dangerous Weapon	20
Burglary	9
Larceny	29
Motor Vehicle Theft	1
Vandalism	13
Arson	0
Domestic A&B	65
Warrants	95
209A/HPO Violation	14
Misdemeanor – Miscellaneous	35
Felony – Miscellaneous	10
Motor Vehicle – Miscellaneous	52
Minor in Possession of Alcohol	13
Possession of Drugs	9
Distribution of Drugs	4
Disorderly Conduct	40
Protective Custody	44
OUI – Alcohol/Drugs	21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>499</b>

### OFFENSES

Murder	0
Rape	2
Robbery	1
Assault	53
Burglary	28
Larceny	188
Motor Vehicle Theft	7
Vandalism	96
<b>Total</b>	<b>375</b>

### SELECT CALLS

Accidents	490
911 Calls	2393
Medical Calls	1569
Fire Assists	272
Alarm Response	559
Detain Prisoners for Others	82
Disturbances – General	425
Disturbances – Domestic	85

### CALLS BY SHIFT:

11p-7a	4430
7a-3p	10493
3p-11a	8485
<b>Total</b>	<b>23408</b>

### ANIMAL CONTROL:

Calls	885
Impounds	35
Adoptions	11
Bylaw Violations	36

### CITATIONS

Civil Infractions	103
Criminal	57
Warning	225
Arrest	35
Parking	329
Bylaw – Police	73
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>822</b>