

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
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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 K9, 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 participation in the Goods for Guns Buyback and Drug Take Back events; providing Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) Instruction to local businesses; the use of social media, Facebook & Twitter to keep the public informed.

The Spencer Police Department maintains affiliation with the following organizations: Worcester County Detectives; Worcester County Fraudulent Check Association; Street Violence Prevention Group; Tri-Valley Elder Task Force; District Attorney's Opioid Task Force; Worcester County Anti-Crime 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 2017? In response to the Opioid Epidemic, we have employed a multifaceted response. 1. Enforcement. 2. Recovery 3. Drug Take-Back 4. Prescription Monitoring 5. Education 6. Awareness. The recovery segment of our response we call the Champion Program. With the assistance of the "24/7 Addiction Task Force" we trained local citizens to work as Advocates, helping addicted individuals navigate recovery options. Officers provide postcards when responding to overdose calls outlining the program and providing other recovery options. Lastly, the NexGen 911 upgrade we received last year will allow us to begin receiving all cellular 911 calls as part of the "Wireless Direct" Program.

There were several personnel changes in 2017. Officers Patrick Waugh and Christopher Snow of the Barre Police Department were hired to fill the fulltime vacancies resulting from Officers David Allen and Peter Levesque being hired by the Massachusetts State Police.

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; \$43,301 from the State 911 Department for overtime; \$10,000 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for traffic enforcement & equipment; \$1,600 from the Department of Justice for Bullet Proof Vests.

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	0
Armed Robbery	0
Unarmed Robbery	0
Assault & Battery	9
Assault w/Dangerous Weapon	8
Burglary	1
Larceny	24
Motor Vehicle Theft	1
Vandalism	18
Arson	0
Domestic A&B	48
Warrants	37
209A/HPO Violation	8
Misdemeanor – Miscellaneous	18
Felony – Miscellaneous	14
Motor Vehicle – Miscellaneous	65
Minor in Possession of Alcohol	0
Possession of Drugs	11
Distribution of Drugs	8
Disorderly Conduct	24
Protective Custody	48
OUI – Alcohol/Drugs	20
Mental Health 123-12	20
TOTAL	459

OFFENSES

Murder	0
Rape	3
Robbery	0
Assault	30
Burglary	15
Larceny	100
Motor Vehicle Theft	14
Vandalism	44
Total	208

SELECT CALLS

Accidents	523
911 Calls	2644
Medical Calls	1628
Fire Assists	239
Alarm Response	510
Detain Prisoners for Others	79
Disturbances – General	385
Disturbances – Domestic	75

CALLS BY SHIFT:

11p-7a	6495
7a-3p	10440
3p-11a	9263
Total	26198

ANIMAL CONTROL:

Calls	794
Impounds	47
Adopt/Transfer	17
Bylaw Violations	89

CITATIONS

Civil Infractions	110
Criminal	56
Warning	161
Arrest	46
Parking	211
Bylaw – Police	60
TOTAL	644