

Walpole Police Department Report ~ 2009

Walpole Police Department handled 3727 calls for service in 2009. We had **151 Criminal Incidents, 135 Arrests, 887 Motor Vehicle Stops, 66 Accidents, 982 Non-criminal Field Interviews, 7 Restraining Orders, 11 Trespass Orders, and 20 DWI Arrests, etc.** Below are some offenses that have risen from 2008.

Larceny up 117% from 2008

Destruction of Property/Vandalism up 107% from 2008

Drug/Narcotic Violations up 122% from 2008

DWI Arrests up 54% from 2008

As you will see our officers have been extremely busy throughout 2009 protecting our community and investigating criminal activities.

Our department has been awarded two Highway Safety Project Grants in 2009. One for Speed Control that is active from December 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 and DWI Patrol which is active from December 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010.

Pamela Dansereau our Administrative Assistant started with our Department in February 2009. Pam has brought several years of experience from Arizona. She has demonstrated exemplary organizational skills, sophisticated communication ability and performs with excellence in the area of time management. The concept of “teamwork” has been in the forefront of her work ethic throughout her time of employment this past year. She has been a great asset to this department.

In 2009 we applied for the COPS CHRP (COPS Hiring Recovery Program) Grant. Although our agency was not selected during the July 28th announcement, they advised us that our request **has not** been denied.

Currently our CHRP application remains under a “pending” status within the COPS Office. This means that the proposal is still under consideration. Once the COPS Office receives their Fiscal Year 2010 appropriations they will know whether additional hiring funds are available and can then determine how best to proceed with the pending requests. This grant would allow us to hire a Full-Time Officer for 4 years. The Town would be responsible to pay only for the 4th year of service. The first three years will be paid for by the Grant. The next announcement is coming near the end of February or the first week of March 2010.

We would like to thank Wal-Mart from Claremont for donating three computers and 4 vests for our officers. The estimated cost they have saved us is \$5,000.

The Walpole Police Department would also like to thank the Selectboard, Teresa Kissell, Audrey Clinger and Janet Clough for the support they have given us in 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

David C. Hewes
Chief, Walpole Police Department