



Webster Police Department

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REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

After six years in the planning stages, the Town of Webster held the Police Station Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on September 15, 2014. It's hard to believe that our first Building Committee meeting was July 31, 2008. We would like to publicly thank the Fels and Becker families for their generous donations toward this incredible facility. A heartfelt thank you goes to the citizens of Webster for their support as well. We would also like to thank the Police/Fire Station Building Committee members for their commitment and dedication throughout this long process. Those members include: Chairman Brian Perry, Secretary Randy Becker, Town Administrator John McAuliffe, Police Chief Timothy Bent, Deputy Police Chief Rodney Budrow, Mark Dowgiewicz, Gordon Forrester, Fire Chief Brian Hickey, and Deputy Fire Chief Chris Jolda.

Opening ceremonies began with an appreciation dinner on September 12, 2014 in the new community room. The Owners Project Manager, CDR Maguire, hosted the event. Plaques for the Fels and Becker families were unveiled in appreciation of their support. Public tours were then held on September 13th and 14th. This was a time to show the citizens of Webster how the new facility would serve the public. As stated earlier, the weekend festivities concluded with the ribbon cutting ceremony on the 15th. This state of the art facility will serve the needs of the community for the next fifty years. I can't articulate enough words to express my gratitude to everyone who made this project possible. At the writing of this report, the Building Committee continues to work on the next phase of the project, updating the Fire Station.

With the opening of the new police station, another milestone was achieved. The South Worcester County Communications Center began with the Towns of Webster and Dudley. The center will provide emergency dispatching for both towns, with the capability of adding more towns in the future. The Communications Center, located in the Webster Police Station, has been highly anticipated. So far, it has exceeded our expectations. The Communications Center Director, Gregory Lynskey, has prepared a year-end report as well.

On September 6, 2014, at the Webster Latin American Festival, I accepted the "*Excellence in Service to the Latino Community Award*" from the Latino Business Net of Central Massachusetts on behalf of the Webster Police Department. As it was explained to me, the Latino Community feels safe and respected by the Webster Police Department. The award "recognizes exceptional dedication and commitment to serving the community". It was an honor and a privilege to accept this prestigious award on behalf of our department.

As is always the case, our Patrol Division did an excellent job of maintaining order and answering calls for service: 21,607 to be exact. Our officers investigated 398 motor vehicle accidents and issued 1,620 citations. The department collectively made 658 in custody arrests and summonsed 539 people to court for various offenses.

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As a department, we recorded a slight increase in crimes against the person: for example, simple assaults. We recorded a dramatic decrease in the robbery category and a decrease in the shoplifting category. Crimes against property, such as larcenies and thefts from buildings, recorded slight fluctuations depending on the category. Drug/narcotic violations remained consistent with prior years. Our officers are committed to maintaining law and order and improving quality of life issues for our residents and visitors.

We continue to provide quality programs and events for the citizens of Webster. Outreach programs for our youth and senior citizens remain strong. Our “Hoops for Hope” program and the “Junior Police Academy” remain popular with our youth. We partner with the Webster Manor and Lanessa Extended Care in providing the “Senior Memories Dance” bi-yearly and the “Senior Citizen Luncheon” each month. Thank you to Point Breeze Restaurant for all you do in making this such a popular event; without them it would not be possible. We had another successful “National Night Out” (thanks again Point Breeze for providing and cooking the food). We held another wonderful and well-attended “Winter Wonderland” at Memorial Beach (thank you Officer Johnson and all our Police, Recreation Committee, and High School volunteers). Our ever popular “Toy Drive” provided much-needed help for over three hundred children this Christmas season. This is by far the largest “Toy Drive” in the county. Our community should be proud of the compassion and generosity it displays in supporting this program. Our Fraternal Order of Police provided twenty-five families with Thanksgiving meals and were happy to do so.

Webster Police Sergeant Michaela Kelley retired this past year. Detective James Hoover was promoted to Detective Sergeant, obviously well-deserved. Officer Robert Larochelle, who returned to the Worcester Police Department last year, laterally transferred back to the Webster Police Department. This is the second time in recent memory that an officer has left our department and transferred back. This speaks volumes regarding the quality of our department. On a sad note, retired Sergeant Joseph Smith III and retired Officer Richard Mason passed away. We have fond memories of both officers.

The Police Department logged eight (8) complaints against officers during the course of the year. Two complaints developed into Internal Investigations, one resulting in a *sustained*, and one *not sustained*, findings. Citizen complaints regarding police department personnel may be directed to the shift supervisor who, in turn, will either investigate the complaint or forward the same to the Chief’s office for further investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town of Webster Crime Report 2014

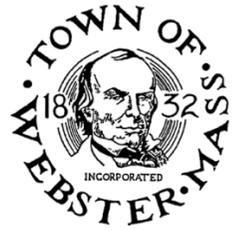
Kidnapping/ Abduction	1
Forcible Rape	9
Statutory Rape	12
Forcible Fondling	23
Robbery	8
Aggravated Assault	80
Simple Assault	246
Intimidation	65
Arson	6
Burglary/ Breaking and Entering	91
Pocket-Picket	4
Purse-Snatching	4
Shoplifting	77
Theft from Building	99
Theft from Motor Vehicle	30
All Other Larceny	134
Motor vehicle Theft	23
Counterfeiting/ Forgery	60
False Pretenses/ Swindling	86
Credit Card/ Automatic Teller	12
Impersonation	41

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Embezzlement	15
Stolen Property Offenses	16
Destruction/Vandalism/ Damage	207
Drug/ Narcotic Violations	91
Pornography/ Obscene material	7
Prostitution/ Assisting Promoting Prostitution	2
Weapons Law Violations	14
Bad Checks	28
Disorderly Person	140
Driving Under The Influence	50
Drunkenness	105
Family Offenses, Non-Violent	1
Runaway/Missing Person	12
Liquor Law Violations	25
Trespass of Real Property	27
All Other Offenses	245
Traffic, Town By law Offenses	672
Total Number of Calls	21607
Total Number People Arrested	658
Total Number of People Summoned in For Various Offenses	539
Total Number of Citations Issued	1620
Total Number of Traffic Accidents	398

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