

2009 Town of Deerfield Police Department Annual Report

For the first time in several years, the Town of Deerfield did not have any major weather tragedies. That does not mean that all Town Emergency and Public services were not busy. It always seems that there is something to keep us all busy.

As for the Police Department, we continued to be busy. We were short handed again this year, as Ofc. Marchio left the department to move to North Carolina in May and Ofc. Maloney retired at the end of November. Congratulations and good luck to both of them.

General calls for service continued to rise in 2009. Because of that the Police Department continued to be busy. Some of the items that were up included Thefts (up 65 %), Bad Check cases (up 45 %), Suspicious Person/Motor Vehicles Complaints (up 33 %) and Simple Assault cases (up 40 %).

Investigations from several of those calls for service required that warrants be drawn up on suspects from those crimes. Warrants were up 50 % for the year compared to 2008. Arrests were also on the rise, going from 94 in 2008 to 109 in 2009. Juvenile cases also doubled in 2009 (24) compared to 2008 (12).

We continued to be there for the Fire Department and Rescue Squad. We assisted the fire Department on 57 calls for service and the Rescue Squad on 144 calls. The Fire Department and Rescue Squad numbers were pretty much the same from last year.

There were several calls for service that went down in 2009. Some of those include Alarms/Open Doors (down 35 %), Criminal Mischief (down 55 %) and DWI (down 22 %). Seeing a continued decrease in the DWI cases hopefully means that people are finally getting the message that they should not be drinking and driving. That is a message that we have been, and will continue to be, diligent on for years to come.

Motor vehicle accidents went up slightly from 73 in 2008 to 77 in 2009. Of those accidents in 2009, the injuries reported went down. We are hoping that the decline in injuries is due to the increased use of seatbelts and the fact that we continue to do our jobs slowing down traffic. There was only one fatality as a result of an accident in 2009. That accident was actually an OHRV accident, not a regular motor vehicle accident.

Motor vehicle stops went up for the year 2009. This Department is a proactive Department when it comes to the safety of the public and the Town's citizens. If it takes the Police Department stopping motor vehicles to slow them down, then that

is what we will do. It is not a way for the Town to make revenue, but an additional way for us to protect the citizens of Deerfield.

We as a Police Department continue to be working hard to protect the community. The problem we have is that we can not be everywhere all the time. Sometimes we need the public to assist us. If you see anything that appears to be suspicious, please call and report it. The smallest thing could be very important to solving a case. We do appreciate all the help from the public.

Finally, as I do every year, I would be wrong if I did not thank the men and women of the Deerfield Police Department. They continue to do their best to protect the Town and make Deerfield a safe place for people to raise their families. I would not trade any one of the employees that I have for anything.

Fulltime Officers

Part-time Officers

Chief Michael Greeley
Cpl. Eric Hardy
Det. Daniel Deyermond
Pfc. Michael Lavoie
Ofc. Joel Hughes
Ofc. Douglas Trottier

Ofc. Glenda Smith
Ofc. Roger St. Onge
Ofc. Alan Wilson
Ofc. Craig Maloney

Respectfully submitted,

Michael P. Greeley
Chief of Police
Deerfield Police Department