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## Annual Report of the Police Department

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I am pleased to present the Fiscal Year 2017 Deerfield Police Department Annual Report for review.

The intent of this report is to provide an overview of activity and events that occurred during FY 2017. The officers of the Deerfield Police Department work very hard all year long to provide quality police services to this community and, as a result, Deerfield continues to be a safe place to live, work, and visit.

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

***It is the mission of the Deerfield Police Department to deliver quality services and provide safety to our community in an effective, responsive, and professional manner.***

In Fiscal Year 2017, the Deerfield Police Department fulfilled this mission with a force of eight (8) full-time officers and two (2) part-time officers. While those numbers reflect a full complement of officers, we were short staffed for a better part of the year. There was a separation of service with three officers during the year, two full-time officers and one probationary officer, attributable to various reasons. After an extensive hiring process we were able to fill two out of three vacant positions in 2017. Officer Mitchell Newell was hired in the spring and graduated from the New Hampshire Police Academy in August. He is now a full-time certified officer who has completed all of the necessary training and is fulfilling his duties in the Town of Deerfield. Officer Lucas Bernier was hired in the fall and graduated from the New Hampshire Police Academy in December. He is currently in our Field Training Program, which every full-time Academy graduate must complete prior to going on duty as a solo officer.

### **Department Roster**

#### **Full-Time Officers**

*Chief Gary Duquette  
Det. Lt. Dan Deyermund  
Sergeant Michael Lavoie  
Corporal Joel Hughes  
Officer Alexander Molet  
Officer Mitchell Newell  
Officer Lucas Bernier*

#### **Part-Time Officers**

*Officer Roger St. Onge  
Officer Glenda Smith*

#### **Administrative Assistant**

*Glenda Smith*

Our officers are required to complete eight (8) hours a year of ongoing training (exclusive of firearms qualifications, first aid and CPR certificate renewal, and defensive tactics refresher). The training topic can be any topic the agency head deems relevant, but may not be the same topic every year. Our officers completed many more hours of training beyond the annual requirement to maintain certification. Some of the topics include: Use of Force, Responding to Human Trafficking, Leadership-Liability-Lessons Learned, OC Instructor, Conducting Physical Fitness Testing, Traffic Radar Operator, Victims of Investment Fraud, Landlords, Tenants & Police Response, and Legal Updates to name but a few of the classes that were attended by our officers in 2017. Training is another area that is affected by short staffing, but we remain committed to providing as much relevant training as we can.

Our department members participated in community events held during 2017, such as Old Home Days and the Christmas Parade. Our officers supported the 2017 Dragon Dash Triathlon sponsored by the Deerfield Community School (DCS) and Parent Teacher Association (PTO) by providing traffic control at various strategic locations throughout the race venue. One of our officers was on hand for Career Day at DCS to answer questions related to law enforcement and also to demonstrate some of our tools of the trade. Everyone in our department was present in October to assist with a large Haunted Barn event that we put on at the Deerfield Fairgrounds just before Halloween. We also enjoyed the assistance of several members of the Fire Department and Rescue Squad, who helped make this a very successful event.

We received a grant from the Bureau of Highway Safety in the amount of \$6,000 to be used for technology upgrades in our front line cruisers. This grant offset the cost of replacing our Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) in the marked patrol vehicles. Anything that an officer would do on a desktop computer, (i.e. reports, entering info, etc.), can be done on an MDT. This allows the officers to spend more time being visible on the roadways and less time spent at the station during their shifts.

Our activity in 2017 shows a slight drop in some of the numbers. This is attributable to being short-staffed for most of the year, which certainly affects our ability to as proactive as we would like to be. The following is a brief statistical overview showing a comparison for the past three (3) years:

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	<b>2,780</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>2,348</b>
<b>ARRESTS</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>118</b>
<b>DRUG ARRESTS</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS</b>	<b>1,155</b>	<b>1,266</b>	<b>1,204</b>
<b>TRAFFIC CITATIONS</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>111</b>
<b>TRAFFIC WARNINGS</b>	<b>1,005</b>	<b>1,174</b>	<b>1093</b>
<b>TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>96</b>

Even though we operated through most of the year with a reduced number of officers, we remained committed to providing uninterrupted service to the community. I am proud of our performance this past year and we look forward to serving this community in the year ahead. With that being said, I ask the residents of Deerfield to continue assisting **your** police department by contacting us with information, issues, or concerns; and to report anything you consider dangerous or suspicious.

In closing, I would like to thank the community, department heads, and elected officials for their continued support of the police department. I would also like to thank our officers for their dedication and professionalism.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Duquette  
Chief of Police