

2018 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to present the Fiscal Year 2018 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 2018. 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 2018, the Deerfield Police Department fulfilled this mission with a force of eight (8) full-time officers and two (2) part-time officers. There was only one personnel change in 2018. Officer Todd Carr was hired as a full-time patrol officer in February. He graduated from the Academy at the end of August, and has since completed our Field Training Program, and is out patrolling on his own. He is doing an excellent job for us and has proven himself to be an excellent addition to our team. The hiring of Officer Carr brought us to our full complement of officers, after operating short staffed through 2017.

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
Officer Todd Carr

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: Juvenile Delinquency and Justice, DWI Investigations, Marijuana DWI Investigations, Less Lethal Impact Munitions Instructor, D.A.R.E. Instructor, TASER Instructor, Firearms Instructor, Officer as the Prosecutor, Nasal Narcan Administration, and Legal Updates, to name but a few of the classes that were attended by our officers in 2018. The Deerfield Police Department remains committed to providing as much relevant training as we can.

Our department members participated in community events held during 2018, such as Old Home Days and the Christmas Parade. 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 the 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 and the Town Clerk, which helped make this a very successful event.

We made some upgrades in regards to technology and equipment in 2018. Our records keeping system was independent and limited solely to Deerfield PD. We upgraded the system to the next level, which consolidates us with Rockingham County Dispatch. We are now connected directly to them, which offers several advantages over the old system. Information is now transferred automatically from the Mobile Data Terminals in the cruisers to the desktop computers in the station, as opposed to having to download the information to a thumb drive. The new system also allows for cross agency checks with other agencies in Rockingham County, which we could not access in the old system. System updates are now the responsibility of Dispatch, where the old system was the responsibility of our in house IT person, which saves our agency \$4,000 annually in software support fees. As far as equipment is concerned, we were able to replace the TASER units that our officers carry as a less-lethal force option. The old ones were obsolete and were no longer being manufactured. More importantly, we were no longer covered liability wise by the company for the old models, which required us to replace them. It is important that we provide our officers with the tools they need to do their job.

Our activity in 2018 represents a 12% increase in calls for service. There was also an 80% increase in motor vehicle stops compared to 2017. One of our regular complaints is in regards to traffic issues, and we have attempted to address these issues with more aggressive traffic enforcement. While we have stopped many more vehicles compared to 2017, only 13% of those stops resulted in traffic citations. Our department has also, unfortunately, seen a 50% increase in calls for domestic disputes, as well as an 80% increase in calls for theft. The following is a brief statistical overview showing a comparison for the past three (3) years:

	2016	2017	2018
CALLS FOR SERVICE	2,450	2,348	2,637
TOTAL ARRESTS	153	118	117
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED	15	18	20
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	1,266	1,204	2,173
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	92	111	168
TRAFFIC WARNINGS	1,174	1,093	2,005
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	93	96	112

We remain committed to providing professional, responsive policing services to the community of Deerfield. 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