

2020 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to present the Fiscal Year 2020 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 2019. 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 2020, the Deerfield Police Department fulfilled this mission with a force of eight (8) full-time officers, one (1) part-time officer, and a full-time administrative assistant.

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. Training topics included: Interview and Interrogation, De-Escalation and Conflict Resolution, Human Trafficking, Problem Oriented Policing, Breath Test Operator, Fair and Impartial Policing, Internal Affairs Investigations, Ethics in Law Enforcement, and Patrol Drug Investigations, to name but a few of the classes that were attended by our officers in 2020. The Deerfield Police Department remains committed to providing as much relevant training as our budget allows.

The pandemic had a significant impact on the way that we normally conduct business. We had to implement many changes in order to limit our exposure to Covid-19. These changes affected how we conduct traffic stops and responded to calls for service. It also, unfortunately, eliminated all the community events that we either sponsor, or participate in. The Deerfield Fair, Old Home Days, National Night Out, Haunted Barn and the D.A.R.E program were all cancelled because of the pandemic. It is my hope that we can return to some semblance of normality in 2021, and continue on with our community outreach programs.

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 our 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 extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to the officers of the Deerfield Police Department. During a very challenging year they continued to perform their duties admirably, and with dedication and professionalism. It is an honor and privilege to work with such outstanding people.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Duquette
Chief of Police