

2018 ANNUAL REPORT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE
Submitted by Chief James McIntyre

The Stoneham Police Department is committed to providing the highest level of professional police services while respecting the constitutional rights of every person living in or visiting the Town of Stoneham. We achieve this mission by working in partnership with the community and by practicing Community Oriented Policing. Serving with compassion and respect to all members of the public, we remain committed to providing these services with professionalism and integrity.

The Office of the Chief manages the overall operation of the Stoneham Police Department and plans for the future in close collaboration with the Town Administrator.

In 2018, the Stoneham Police Department was comprised of 39 full-time police officers. The civilian administrative staff for the department consisted of office manager Erin Sinclair, part-time office assistants Patricia Quinn and Raymie Parker, and Linda Leis, our domestic violence advocate.

Last year, several personnel changes occurred within the Department. In March, Officer Michael DeCroteau was promoted to sergeant. In June, Sergeant Steven Nims retired after 38 years of distinguished service to the Town of Stoneham. In September, Officers Joseph Cataldo and Zachary Newell graduated from the MBTA Transit Police Academy.

The following is a roster of the Department's police officers as of December 31, 2018: Chief James McIntyre; Lieutenants David Stefanelli and Tony Kranefuss; Sergeants Robert Kennedy, David Thistle, Kenneth Wilkins, Thomas Heller, Christopher Apalakis, Christopher Dalis and Michael DeCroteau; Officers Sheryl Rotondi, Stephen Carroll, Joseph Ponzio, Paul Norton, Thomas Day, Christopher Copan, Edward Fucarile, William Reinold, David Ryan, Patrick Carroll, Kenneth Bowdidge, Laura Engel, Luc Bourgeois, David Szydlowski, Jonathan Mahoney, Derek McShane, Stephen Aprile, John Curtis, Brendan Carr, Michael Colotti, Brian Raffaello, John Burton, Arthur Yeomelakis, Kevin Russell, Christopher Murphy, Michael Prudente, Richard Pacini, Joseph Cataldo and Zachary Newell.

The police department investigated several notable cases in 2018. In January, officers and detectives responded to a Main Street restaurant for a report of a fight. Upon arrival on scene, officers found that a Good Samaritan that attempted to intervene in the fight had been stabbed in the leg. Three combatants had fled the scene and were located by detectives a short distance away. Two of these juveniles had also been stabbed. Over the course of the investigation, it was revealed that the fight was not a random act and was drug related. Seven juveniles were summonsed to court for a range of charges relating to the incident, with one case still active.

In March, a detective was conducting surveillance in a residential neighborhood and observed a drug transaction take place between two vehicles. The detective followed the suspected drug dealers vehicle into the parking lot of a Main Street business. Upon approaching the the male occupants, a substantial quantity of drugs were observed on the driver seat and in the center console. The two males were arrested and charged trafficking in fentanyl and providing false names to the police. Both males were found guilty and are serving an 18 month jail sentence.

Also in March, an officer responded to a Main Street bank after a customer discovered a "skimming device" on an ATM. Skimming devices are used to secretly capture banking information from customers as they use the ATM. It was learned from bank security and the FBI that other skimming devices had been placed at area bank ATMs. While conducting surveillance of the ATM, a male matching the description of the person attaching skimmers at other locations drove to the ATM, appeared to look for the skimming device that had been removed and then quickly drove away. The officer conducted a stop of the vehicle for traffic violations and arrested the operator for unlicensed operation.

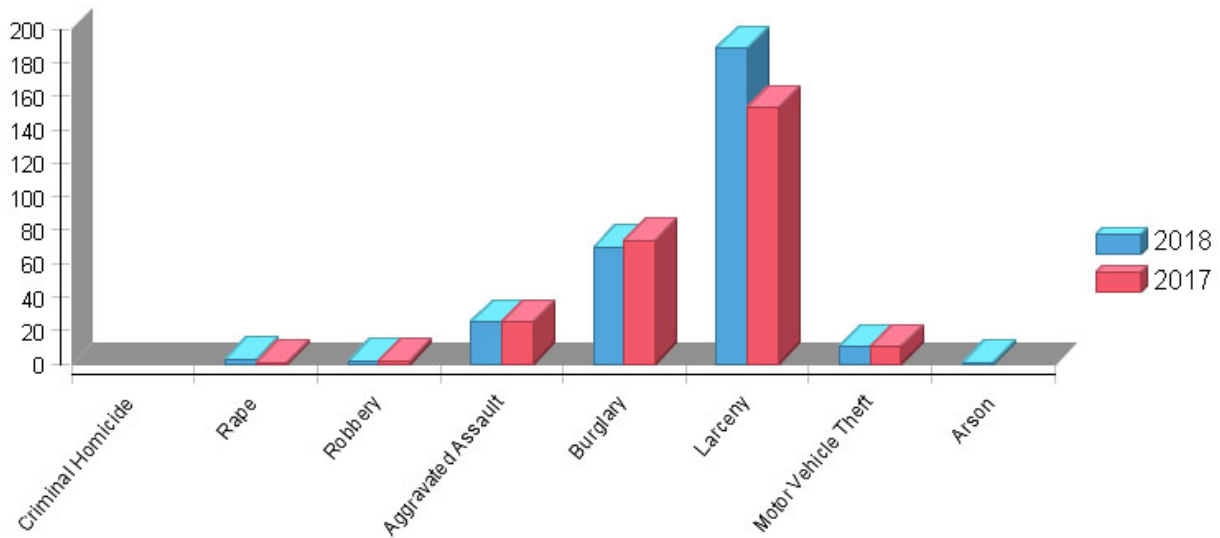
As a result of an extensive collaborative investigation between the Stoneham Police Department and the FBI, which included the execution of multiple search warrants, it was learned that the male taken into custody, as well as his wife, had been involved in similar criminal activity throughout the country. Both parties were arraigned in federal court, with the wife pleading guilty and being deported from the United States. The male is awaiting trial on federal charges.

In November, officers responded to a report of gunshots in a neighborhood adjacent to Stoneham High School. Upon arrival in the area, officers identified a home from which the gunshots appeared to originate, however people in the yard of the home denied being involved. As a result, area schools initiated a "shelter in place" procedure and personnel from the Melrose and State Police assisted with an area search. After some time, a Malden resident visiting the home

admitted to firing his pistol into a tree in the yard for target practice. A criminal complaint was filed against the male with charges including discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling. Two additional parties were charged with other firearms related offenses. The criminal cases are ongoing.

In comparing the crime statistics from 2017 and 2018, the instances of violent crime increased 7% and property crimes increased 14%. The following graph compares the instances of 8 types of crimes during this two year period.

Part 1 Incidents



In closing, I would like to thank the officers and civilian staff of the Stoneham Police Department for all their hard work over the past year.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION
2018 ANNUAL REPORT
Submitted by Lieutenant Tony Kranefuss

The Stoneham Police Department Patrol Operations Section currently consists of 28 uniformed officers; 1 lieutenant, 6 sergeants and 21 officers.

The men and women of the patrol operations section perform the most visible and recognized function within the Stoneham Police Department. They are the ones in uniform and in marked cruisers who are the first to respond to calls. In 2018, there were 18,267 incidents logged which is an 8.14% increase from last year. There were 114 arrests and 17 people placed into protective custody. When officers are not on calls, they patrol the streets promoting public safety through visibility and the education and enforcement of motor vehicle laws. Officers made 2509 motor vehicle stops and issued 1354 citations. Over 2800 parking tickets were issued throughout the year.

Each member of the police department is required to receive a minimum of 40 hours of annual training required by the Municipal Police Training Committee and 16 hours of 911 Training. Officers have gone to various In-Service and 911 trainings including CPR, First Responder, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Integrating Communication, Assessment and Tactics to name a few.

Through the efforts of our department's Grant Administrator, Sergeant Christopher Apalakis, the police department was able to acquire over \$159,000 in Grants from the Department of Mental Health, the State 911 Department and the Executive Office of Public Safety to be used for equipment and training.

The Community Policing Unit has had many successful events throughout 2018. This past year, we once again had a very successful Fishing Derby allowing over 500 participants the opportunity for a great day of fishing, fun and food with your local police department. Coffee with a Cop was another initiative started in 2018 to garner good will with the community and be used as a relaxed forum to meet and answer any questions residents may have of their police department. The Community Policing Unit also runs a booth at the Health Fair once a year at the Middle School discussing such topics to teenagers as teen smoking and drinking; also discussing with parents the raising of a teenager. A large effort of the CPU unit consists of assisting with traffic, road closures, detours and pedestrian control during events such as the Memorial Day Parade, the Prom Promenade, the Veteran's Day Road Race, The Halloween Stroll and The Christmas Tree Lighting.

This year the police department's bike unit was able to train (5) five new officers and was graciously given a wonderful donation of (2) two new mountain bikes to assist in patrol of the Town's new Tri-Community Bike/Greenway.

Over 180 police chiefs, all members of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, pledged to train 100 percent of their officers in Mental Health First Aid by committing to the One Mind Campaign — a bold initiative of the International Chiefs of Police Association — to ensure that officers have the skills to safely and responsibly respond to situations involving people with mental illness or substance use disorders. A key component of the pledge is training 100 percent of all sworn officers in Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety. The Stoneham Police Department was able to complete this task and has 100% of its officers trained.

Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety is an actionable public safety training program that gives police officers a simple, effective way to intervene during any mental health crisis, from an immediate crisis that endangers the public or the officer to non-crisis situations, like approaching someone who is exhibiting symptoms of a mental illness or overdose. It equips every officer with the necessary skills to recognize the symptoms of mental illnesses and substance use, engage the person in crisis, de-escalate the incident and connect the person to needed care.

The police department also has (10) ten officers trained in CIT training, Crisis Intervention Team training, a 40 hour training which is a collaboration between police and local mental health services focused on police officers using less lethal force and non-lethal force. CIT also aims to reduce arrests while helping people obtain mental health services needed. The police department also had (2) two officers trained in crisis negotiation.

Sergeant Christopher Apalak is instrumental in starting the Stoneham Mental Health Stakeholders meeting. A quarterly meeting which discusses mental health issues in our community with our community partners.

Sergeant David Thistle is our department's Domestic Violence Officer and heads up the Stoneham Police Department Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) which consists of a sergeant and a civilian advocate, Linda Leis. Patrol officers responded to 192 reports of domestic violence in 2018. That number is under represented due to the fact that some calls to our dispatch center involving domestic violence are initially dispatched as an unknown disturbance or a 911 hang-up. The department assisted 13 people with applying for emergency restraining orders. We investigated 17 reports of restraining order violations and served 97 restraining orders. The Domestic Violence Unit of the Stoneham Police Department is committed to assisting victims of domestic violence and holding offenders accountable for their actions. This is accomplished with our close working relationship with the Middlesex County District Attorney's office and our partnership with RESPOND Inc. We also work collaboratively with the Department of Transitional Assistance, the Department of Children and Families, Mystic Valley Elder Services, the Middlesex County Sheriff's Department, the Massachusetts Probation Service, and other victim centered organizations. Sgt. Thistle also continues to work with the Middlesex County District Attorney's office to provide training to other members of law enforcement (police officers and prosecutors). This training is focused on the identification of high risk domestic violence investigations, investigating and documenting reports of strangulation, and how trauma will affect a victim's presentation on scene as well as their memory of the incident. The Stoneham Police Domestic Violence Unit also works closely with the Stoneham Alliance Against Violence (SAAV). SAAV works to raise awareness to the problem of domestic violence within our community. SAAV provides training, education and support to survivors of domestic violence, organizes relative programming for all members of the community.

Part time civilian victim advocate, Linda Leis, conducted follow-up outreach with 85 victims of the 192 plus reported incidences of domestic violence in 2018. Part of the outreach is to assist victims in obtaining restraining orders, safety planning, finding shelter, locating legal services, and emotional support. Linda collaborates with officers to assure their safety as well as victim safety and to maintain accurate records of all restraining and harassment orders in our department. Linda also represents the department on several committees including domestic violence high risk team for Woburn District Court, TRIAD group focusing on issues facing our elders, Stoneham Alliance Against Violence providing outreach to victims as well as offering programs on raising awareness about violence in our community, Melrose/Wakefield Healthcare collaboration with healthcare providers to assist them in their response to domestic violence situations, and assisted the Town of Stoneham's Human Resource department with formulating a sexual harassment policy. Linda has received training this year on: "Sexual Misconduct in the Workplace" presented by the DA's office, "Sexual Violence Prevention and Response" offered by Boston Area Rape Crisis Center. In her collaboration with SAAV, Linda was responsible for organizing a program for our middle school dealing with bullying -200 5th graders took part in the program, a Rape Aggression Defense program for women and plans to bring a Resisting Aggression Defense for children to our elementary schools this spring. Stoneham Alliance Against Violence is a non-profit group which raises funds locally and all funds are used to either support community awareness programming or directly aid victims of domestic violence (ie hotel vouchers, food, clothing, transportation)

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION
2018 ANNUAL REPORT
Submitted by Detective Lieutenant David Stefanelli

The Criminal Investigations Division (Bureau) of the Stoneham Police Department is responsible for investigating criminal offenses to include crime scene processing, evidence collection, storage and security. We also assist the Middlesex District Attorney's Office with the criminal prosecutions of these offenses. In addition to investigating crimes, we also provide many services to the community.

The Bureau is responsible for maintaining the Sex Offender Registry Information (SORI) on individuals that live, work or attend school in town. We are also responsible for fingerprinting door to door solicitors, ice cream truck vendors and dealer applicants in second hand merchandise. Fingerprinting services are also provided to town residents for employment and adoption purposes. We provide the background investigations for prospective police officers and other employees deemed by the Chief of Police. We process all new and renewal applications for gun permits and we provide town inspections of various business establishments.

The Bureau is comprised of 8 full time detectives. Det. Lt. David Stefanelli is the Commander of the Bureau and Det. Sgt. Robert Kennedy is the Supervisor. Det. Stephen Carroll is the day detective and also maintains SORI. Det. Steve Carroll was part of a task force that investigated many house breaks in various communities including Stoneham. After a several month investigation, a father-son team, both with extensive criminal records, were charged with these crimes. Det. S. Carroll also investigated and charged an individual for stealing over \$4,000 in merchandise from his place of employment and then selling the items. Other investigations included commercial, residential and motor vehicle breaks and shopliftings. Det. Paul Norton is the Juvenile Detective and is a day detective. In addition to handling many juvenile investigations, he has also investigated motor vehicle breaks, larcenies and shopliftings. Det. Christopher Copan is the Court Prosecutor and Evidence Officer in addition to processing gun licenses. Det. Copan does an excellent job handling these three time consuming tasks. Det. David Ryan is our Information Technology Computer Specialist. Det. Ryan was the lead investigator in a case in March which through the collaboration with the FBI and other agencies were able to arrest and prosecute two individuals involved in a credit card skimming ring stemming from Brazil. Det. Ryan wrote and executed four search warrants and conducted many other successful investigations for ID fraud, credit card fraud and other financial crimes. Det. Patrick Carroll is our Night Detective. Det. Pat Carroll started his year as the lead investigator of an incident where three victims were stabbed. Criminal charges were brought against the individuals involved. Det. P. Carroll conducted many investigations throughout the year bringing criminal charges to over 30 individuals as a result of his investigations. Some of the notable cases included a commercial break where thousands of dollars in merchandise was recovered, a residential break where a neighbor gained access from a hidden key, employee thefts, stolen checks, identity theft, financial crimes and many shopliftings. We also have a full time Narcotics Detective whose name is not mentioned because of the nature of his work. He wrote 7 search warrants and arrested 5 individuals. Bureau members also worked with the U.S. Postal Police in a financial fraud investigation where Stoneham residents were scammed out of nearly \$100,000. That investigation resulted in an out of state arrest and further investigation by the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office and the U.S. Postal Police.

Each year, detectives in the Bureau attend numerous meetings, seminars and trainings. Each detective attended 32 hours of annual In-Service training, 16 hours of 911 training, mental health training, annual firearms and electronic control device training. Additionally, to highlight some of the trainings and certifications attended, Det. Lt. Stefanelli was certified as a Hostage and Crisis Negotiator and attended an Internal Affairs Training. Det. Sgt. Kennedy attended several firearms trainings, Internal Affairs Training and recertified as a TASER Instructor. Det. Copan attended Court Prosecutor Training and Firearms Law. Det. Ryan became a member of the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators (IAFCI) and attended trainings in financial crimes, iPhone investigations and Instagram/Facebook investigations.

Det. Sgt. Kennedy also has additional duties as an Assistant Commander of NEMLEC STARS (Northeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council School Threat Assessment and Response System). Sgt. Kennedy, School

Resource Officers Fucarile and Colotti as well as Officer Day and Engel completed ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training drills for the public and private schools as well as the library and some local businesses. Det. Sgt. Kennedy was awarded the prestigious Crystal Apple Award by the Stoneham School Committee for his continued support to the public school system.

In 2018, the Bureau continued its work with the town's full time Community Addiction Coordinator Elle Simoni and we have been part of a follow up team to include the fire department, local hospitals and EMS where we share information and then reach out to families and individuals in order to provide them with treatment and resources. The program was expanded in 2018 to include individuals with alcohol and prescription addiction issues and has been very successful in providing people with short and long term treatment options as well as counseling services and education.

The Bureau has an anonymous drug tip line which is (781-832-0156) and a general tip line (781-832-0292). Both lines have the capability of voice to text and also accept text. You can also follow the Stoneham Police Department on Twitter @StonehamMAPD.

The following is the number of registered sexual offenders living or working in Stoneham as of December 31, 2018. Additional sex offender information is available online at www.mass.gov/sorb.

Total: 22 1 offender both resides and works in town and is counted twice (Level 2).

Level 1: 10 6 reside in town, 4 work in town.

RISK OF RECIDIVISM IS LOW, NO OFFENDER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.

Level 2: 12 4 reside in town, 5 work in town, 3 list Stoneham as a secondary address, and 1 is homeless.

RISK OF RECIDIVISM IS MODERATE, OFFENDER INFORMATION AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

Level 3: 0 There are no Level 3 offenders registered that live, work or attend school in Stoneham.

RISK OF RECIDIVISM IS HIGH, INFORMATION ACTIVELY DISSEMINATED TO PUBLIC.

2018 Crime/Data Statistics (partial listing)	Total
ARRESTS	114
ARREST WARRANT APPLICATIONS	35
REQUESTS FOR MAGISTRATES HEARINGS/SUMMONS	247
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	17
CALLS FOR SERVICE	18267
INCIDENT REPORTS	2015
PARKING TICKETS	2838
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	2509
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS DURING DIRECTED PATROLS	714
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	1356
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	683
STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLES RECOVERED	6
MOTOR VEHICLES STOLEN	14
OUI-DRUGS	5
OUI-LIQUOR	9

DIRECTED PATROLS	2111
MEDICAL AID CALLS	2553
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CALLS	197
PROTECTION ORDERS SERVED	141
PROTECTION ORDERS ISSUED	117
PROTECTION ORDER VIOLATIONS	72
COURT SUMMONS SERVED	185
EVIDENCE DISPOSED OF	78
EVIDENCE RECEIVED	341
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS	176
ALARMS	604
ANIMAL CALLS	137
BUILDING/PERSON CHECKS	3173
DISTURBANCE CALLS	482
DRUG OVERDOSES	40
DRUG CHARGES FILED	63
FIREARMS RELATED CALLS FOR SERVICE	7
MISSING PERSONS	45
THREATS/HARASSMENT CALLS	117
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	25
SIMPLE ASSAULT	61
INDECENT ASSAULTS	5
FORCIBLE RAPE	3
STATUTORY RAPE	1
ALL OTHER TYPES OF LARCENY	101
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	234
ARSON	1
BURGLARY/BREAKING AND ENTERING	70
BUYING, RECEIVING, SELLING STOLEN GOODS	18
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	8
CREDIT CARD/ATM MACHINE FRAUD	3
DESTRUCTION/VANDALISM PROPERTY	53
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	12
FALSE PRETENSES/SWINDLE/GAME	55
IMPERSONATION	32
INTIMIDATION	16
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	1
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	10
SHOPLIFTING	79
THEFT FROM BUILDING	9
ROBBERY	2

**SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER
2018 ANNUAL REPORT
Submitted by Officer Michael Colotti**

As one of two School Resource Officers (SRO) for the Stoneham School District, I am responsible for Stoneham High School, Colonial Park Elementary School and SEEM Collaborative. As this is my first year assigned to the SRO program, I have spent much of time simply attempting to make connections with the students, staff and parents of the district that I serve. I have successfully completed the National School Resource Officer (NASRO 5 - Day) Training, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT - 5 Day), Fentanyl Awareness Training (1 - Day) and Vaping and JUULing Training (1 - Day). The attendance and completion of these trainings have prepared me to better serve the Stoneham School District. In addition to these trainings, I also regularly attend monthly Community Based Justice meetings within Stoneham School District as well as the Wakefield Vocational School which services students from this town. Since becoming an SRO with Stoneham School District I am active in the Spartan Strong Task Force, Stoneham Substance Abuse Coalition and District Health and Wellness Committee. These groups meet monthly to discuss current issues and resolutions within the town and schools.

While I serve the Stoneham School District, the majority of my time is spent at Stoneham High School. I feel these students require the most attention as they prepare for graduation and the future endeavors of their life. Throughout the school day, I typically spend my time in the following ways:

- Monitor morning traffic and greet students as they enter the building
- Review reports and emails pertaining to school students in the district
- Attend both lunch periods so that I may connect further with students
- Engage students in the hallways or free periods
- Assist with disciplinary matters passed on by school administration

In addition to these daily tasks at Stoneham High School, I also assist with a new diversion program for students. This program includes meetings and diversionary provisions to keep students from formal and traditional disciplinary actions. Outside of the diversion program I also meet with students that have in or out of school discipline or legal issues in an attempt to counsel them. Included in my day to day interactions, I have assisted the administration with residency checks and regular drills (ALICE/Evacuation/Fire). I have remained active in attending out of school sporting events as a way to connect with the students out of police uniform and in a less formal setting to build community policing roles. Several times over the first semester I have attended classes at teachers' requests. In these classes, I inform students on my path of education starting at Stoneham High School through college. I then explain my role as an officer and member of the community. I was also fortunate enough to have Det. David Ryan and Officer Stephen Aprile join me in speaking to several technology classes regarding computer crimes and fraud.

Outside of Stoneham High School, I make visits to Colonial Park Elementary to greet the students in the morning. I feel this is an important role as it is a positive experience I making the younger students aware of the helpers in their community. I look forward to setting up programs in the future regarding community policing and community helpers for these students.

As I progress into the second semester of my first year as SRO, I look forward to not only continuing my personal education and training but also connecting further with the students, faculty and parents that I serve in the district.

PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH
2018 ANNUAL REPORT
Submitted by David Luciano, Head Dispatcher

The Public Safety Dispatch Department provides 24-hour civilian dispatching for the Police Department, Fire Department and contract ambulance. The department is comprised of six full-time dispatchers and two part-time dispatchers that operate from a combined dispatch center located in the police station.

During the course of 2018 over 18,200 calls for service were processed through the dispatch center. The center processed over 4,800 of these via the 9-1-1 system. Residents are highly encouraged to use 9-1-1 to report police, fire and medical emergencies. These calls for service do not include the numerous business or public information calls that are received by the center or walk - in reports to the Police Station that must also be processed by the dispatch staff.

Of the calls for service: 14,058 involved the Police Department, 4,682, involved the Fire Department and 3,104 involved an ambulance. Added together, these numbers total 21,844 incidents, as many calls for service involve a multi agency response.

The day shift dispatched 7,134 calls for service, the evening shift dispatched 6,403 calls for service and the overnight shift dispatched 4,730 calls for service.

In December, the State's Next Generation 911 Emergency Call System started accepting text to 911 call, with the promotional slogan of "Call if you can, text if you can't".

During the year, dispatch personnel attended training classes covering topics such as: Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety, Dynamics of Domestic Violence, Constitutional Law, Gordon Graham, Emergency Communications Leadership, Alzheimer's and Dementia for Dispatchers, Basic Critical Incident Response, Rapid Intervention for Dispatchers and Customer Service the 9-1-1 way.

2018 ANNUAL REPORT
STONEHAM AUXILIARY POLICE DEPARTMENT
Submitted by Sergeant Thomas Heller

The Stoneham Auxiliary Police Department is volunteer organization designed to augment the Stoneham Police Department. Some of the responsibilities of the Auxiliary Police are to provide additional patrols of Town owned property, assist with traffic at community events such as Town Day, and the Holiday tree lighting on the common. They will also offer assistance during a Town emergency. When working Auxiliary Police Officers possess the same police powers as a full time police officer. Prior to working as an Auxiliary Officer the candidate is required to attend the Basic Reserve Police Officer Academy sponsored by the Municipal Police Training Committee. In addition to this basic training all Auxiliary Officers are required to re-certify annually in first aid/CRP as well as firearms qualification sponsored by the Stoneham Police Department.

Currently, there are eleven active members on the Auxiliary Police. The following is a list of the active members:

August Niewenhous - Chief

David Luciano – Lieutenant

George Lessard – Sergeant

Daniel Marsden – Sergeant

Geoffrey Buchanan – Patrolman

David Delling – Patrolman

Eugenio Ianniciello - Patrolman

John Lazzaro - Patrolman

Christopher Ponzo - Patrolman

Juan Yopez – Patrolman

Maurice DiCicco – Patrolman

In the year 2018, these individuals donated approximately 200 hours to the Town of Stoneham.