

## **Police Department Office of the Chief of Police**

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 all facets of 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 2013, the Stoneham Police Department was comprised of 33 full-time police officers. The civilian administrative staff for the department consisted of office manager Mary Zatta and part-time office assistants Patricia Quinn and Raymie Parker. Ongoing economic and budgetary issues resulted in a delay in filling three open police officer positions within the organization. Any reduction of personnel has an impact on our ability to deliver service, however, we make every effort to minimize the impact those reductions have on our ability to deliver service in emergency situations. As a reference, the Stoneham Police Department had a complement of 34 officers in 1967.

The following is a listing of the department personnel: Chief James McIntyre; Lieutenants Richard McCarthy, David Stefanelli; Sergeants Robert Swasey, Tony Kranefuss, Steven Nims, Robert Kennedy, David Thistle, Kenneth Wilkins, Thomas Heller; Officers Robert McKinnon, Sheryl Rotondi, Stephen Carroll, Joseph Ponzio, Renee Lehmann, Paul Norton, Thomas Day, Christopher Copan, Edward Fucarile, Christopher Apalakis, William Reinold, Christopher Dalis, David Ryan, Stephen Launie, Patrick Carroll, Kenneth Bowdidge, Laura Fardy, Luc Bourgeois, David Szydowski, Jonathan Mahoney, Derek McShane, Stephen Aprile, and Michael DeCroteau.

As in all communities, the issue of domestic violence and related crimes continue to be a problem. Over the past year, our department investigated two cases of domestic violence involving the attempted strangulation of the victim. In both cases, the suspects were arrested and charged with attempted murder. The police department continued to receive funding from the Department of Justice's Office of Violence Against Women supporting our efforts in preventing and responding to domestic violence. The grant provided funding for a part-time domestic violence advocate to work at the police station 15 hours per week. Over the past year our violence has assisted 72 victims of domestic violence, providing safety planning and locating support resources. Sergeant David Thistle, the police department's domestic violence officer, worked closely with the Middlesex District Attorney's Office and victims to ensure a successful prosecution at trial.

Throughout the year, several events had an impact on not only our department, but the entire Stoneham community. In April, our community was affected by the Boston Marathon Bombing, where several of our residents were injured. Within three hours of the bombing, Sergeant Thomas Heller and Officer Stephen Carroll, assigned to the North Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council Regional Response Team, responded to the City of Boston to augment the resources of the police department. Over the next five days, Sergeant Heller and Officer Carroll worked twelve hour shifts providing a heightened police presence at federal buildings, within the financial district and other events throughout the city, including President Obama's visit.

On the evening of Thursday, April 18, Sergeant Heller was supervising NEMLEC's SWAT team when they were dispatched to the Town of Watertown as the pursuit of the bombing suspects began. Sergeant Heller's team was one of the first tactical units to begin the search for the remaining suspect. Over the next eighteen hours, the SWAT team conducted door-to-door searches throughout neighborhoods of Watertown.

Sergeant Heller and his team were positioned in a home adjacent to the boat, ready to provide tactical support as the second suspect was taken into custody.

Both Sergeant Heller and Officer Carroll were recognized by the Board of Selectmen and Stoneham Strong for their work.

Several days following the Watertown shooting, Stoneham was the location for MIT Police Officer Sean Collier's funeral. The Stoneham Police Department was assisted by other NEMLEC agencies in providing traffic and security for the services.

In May, Officer John Curtis resigned from the police department to accept a position in bank security. We wish John well in his new position.

On July 3, Stoneham Police Dispatcher Steven Sabella received a 9-1-1 call reporting a shooting with multiple victims on Micah's Pond Way. Sergeant David Thistle, along with Officers Jonathan Mahoney, Stephen Aprile and Michael DeCroteau responded to the scene and found two victims shot. One victim, Stoneham resident Joseph Puopolo, Jr., died from his injuries. Over the next four days, Detectives Paul Norton and Christopher Dalis worked tirelessly to identify, locate and arrest the two suspects responsible for the shooting.

Also in July, Officer Steven Launie returned from his one-year overseas deployment to Qatar with the Massachusetts National Guard. This was Officer Launie's third military deployment since joining the police department in 2007.

In September, Brendan Carr, Michael Colotti and Brian Raffaello were appointed Student Police Officer and began their training at the Reading Police Academy. It is anticipated that the student officers will graduate in February 2014.

In December, Officer Stephen Carroll was assigned to the Detective Bureau and will be responsible for collaborating with our community partners on drug/alcohol education and prevention programs. Officer David Ryan was assigned to the Detective Bureau responsible for maintenance of the department technology systems and investigating computer related crimes.

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.

Respectfully submitted by Chief James McIntyre

### Detective Bureau

The Detective Bureau is responsible for all adult and juvenile criminal investigations, narcotic investigations, computer crime investigations and all subsequent prosecutions. Additionally, the Detective Bureau is responsible for the processing of all gun permits and the local dissemination of all Sex Offender information. The Bureau also assists residents that require their fingerprints recorded for job applications and adoption purposes.

In 2013, the Bureau included Inspector Christopher Dalis (Juvenile Officer), Inspector David Ryan (Computer Specialist), Inspector Robert McKinnon (Senior Detective), Inspector Paul Norton (Narcotics) and Inspector Christopher Copan (Prosecutor).

In 2013 detectives attended twenty five (25) training seminars that covered a multitude of investigative disciplines.

In 2013 the Bureau processed 309 License to Carry Firearms/Firearms Identification Card applications.

#### CRIME STATISTICS

Arrests	134
Criminal/Civil summonses	152
Court Hearings	158
Court Trials	104
Homicides	1
Sex Crimes	9

Assaults	64
Robberies	3
Missing Persons	49
Vandalism	101
Larceny	301
Threats/Harassment	130
Breaking and Entering (including attempts)	77
Breaking and Entering (motor vehicles only)	45
Domestic Disturbances	105
Restraining Order & Harassment Order Violations	47
Service/Attempted Service of Restraining/Harassment Orders	175
Firearm Calls	14
Warrants & Summonses Served	141
Animal Calls	130
Disturbance Calls	522
Road Hazards	197
Building/Area/Person Checks	1,734
Medical Aid Calls	1,898
Motor Vehicle Stops	1,623
Motor Vehicles – Stolen	26
Motor Vehicles – Recovered	13
Motor Vehicle Crashes	603
Motor Vehicle (all other calls)	690
Alarms (including fire alarms)	863
Hypodermic Needles Recovered	47
Drug Calls (other than criminal investigations)	34
Mutual Aid/NEMLEC Callouts	87
Directed Patrols	235

SEXUAL OFFENDERS living/working in Stoneham as of December 31, 2013:  
(Sex Offender info available on line at [www.mass.gov/sorb](http://www.mass.gov/sorb))

- 0 - Level Three Offender: risk of recidivism is high and offender information actively disseminated to public.
- 14 - Level Two Offenders: risk of recidivism is moderate and offender information available upon request.
- 11 - Level One Offenders: risk of recidivism is low and no offender information available.

DEATHS: All sudden deaths were reported to the Medical Examiner. All, except one, were determined noncriminal at this time.

Investigation of narcotic incidents continues to be an ongoing priority. Joint effort and assistance came from surrounding communities within the Southern Middlesex Regional Drug Task Force, the Middlesex District Attorney’s State Police Task Force, the Attorney General’s State Police Task Force, the United States Drug Enforcement Agency and the Internal Revenue Service

In April of 2013, Officer Ryan took over the duties of the Department Computer Specialist position after Detective Lehmann stepped down. Numerous projects were worked on including the installation and configuration of 6 new virtual servers which host the department’s record management system database, email database, file sharing database, scheduling and time off database, domestic violence database, as well as running numerous virtual thin client computers throughout the department. Implemented and trained department personnel on the new scheduling/time off system, Jivasoft, which is a Windows based system used for scheduling personnel and managing time off records. Continued the daily management of all network computers/servers, cruiser laptops, software systems, phones and printers throughout the department. Submitted

monthly NIBRS reports to the State, as required. The data included in these NIBRS reports is used to establish national crime statistics, which assists law enforcement agencies in obtaining both physical and financial resources.

The members of the Detective Bureau continue to participate in the monthly Northeast Middlesex Law Enforcement Council Detective meetings. These meetings act as a forum for the exchange of information between as many as seventy agencies. These agencies include not only local, state and federal law enforcement agencies but private agencies as well.

The Detective Bureau works in conjunction with Patrol Operations in conducting follow up investigations and surveillance for both ongoing criminal activity and persons wanted on outstanding arrest warrants.

Respectfully submitted by Lieutenant Richard McCarthy

## **Patrol Operations**

The Patrol Operations Section of the Stoneham Police Department consists of 26 uniformed officers. There is 1 Lieutenant, 7 Sergeants and 18 patrol officers. Officer Lehmann at her request was assigned from the detective division to patrol operations and Officer David Ryan was assigned from patrol operations to the detective division in March. Officer John Curtis resigned in May to pursue a career in the banking industry. Officer Steven Launie returned from Military Leave in July after serving one year deployed overseas. This was Officer Launie's third overseas tour. Three student officers were hired on September 16th and are currently attending the Reading MPTC Police Academy and the graduation date is February 13, 2014.

There were 11,894 incidents logged. There were 134 arrests and 12 people placed into protective custody. The patrol division made over 1600 motor vehicle stops and issued 741 citations. Over 1400 parking tickets were issued throughout the year. One of the goals of the department is to provide for public safety through education and the enforcement of motor vehicle laws.

In 2013, there was much time and effort focused on finding free and low cost training in addition to mandated training. Each member of the police department is required to receive 32 hours of annual in-service training required by the Municipal Police Training Committee as well as 16 hours of 911 In-Service Training. These trainings are designed to keep officers current with changes in laws, first responder, CPR/AED training as well as a refresher in 911 call taking and proper procedures. Officers have gone to various 911 trainings including active shooter, hostage negotiations, suicide intervention and other topics. The police department also sponsored its annual firearms qualification as well as an annual rifle qualification for rifle officers. In January, Sergeants Kennedy and Heller coordinated with the Middlesex Sheriff's Department and brought their firearms/use of force simulator trailer for winter training. The Domestic Violence Unit hosted a high risk domestic violence response seminar. The police department also sent personnel to individualized and specialized trainings on topics including awareness of specialized populations including elderly, hearing impaired, Alzheimer's and Autism. Officers also attended seminars about juvenile law updates, school violence and bullying, drug identification and interdiction as well as street gangs and organized retail crime. Several supervisors also re-certified as breath test operators. Lieutenant Stefanelli attended a NEMLEC Senior Leadership program sponsored by Roger-Williams University. Sergeant Thistle became a certified Basic Fire and Explosive Investigator and was also named to the Middlesex District Attorneys Office Domestic Violence Board. He is an instructor to other police departments on responding to, investigating and documenting high risk domestic violence incidents. Overall, uniformed officers attended more than 1600 hours of combined training.

The Stoneham Police Department continues its membership in the North Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC), which is a consortium of 58 law enforcement agencies within Middlesex and Essex Counties. As a member of NEMLEC, our department is able to call upon the resources of the organization for support and assistance when a need arises. These resources include a SWAT team, a Regional Response Team (RRT) to assist in maintaining public order during a demonstration or disaster, a Motorcycle Unit to assist with traffic control, a School Threat Assessment and Response System (STARS) which assists during a school related emergency, as well as other specialized investigative tools and personnel. Sergeant Thomas Heller and Officer Steven Carroll are assigned to NEMLEC's SWAT and RRT units respectively. Sergeant Robert Kennedy is assigned to the STARS Team and was named Assistant Commander. During the past year, these officers provided assistance to other police departments on numerous occasions for incidents ranging from

maintaining order at large scale public events, labor disputes, missing person searches, school related safety issues, to executing search and arrest warrants.

More specifically, this year NEMLEC was a priceless resource to have at our disposal and hit close to home for several reasons. On April 15th, six people injured in the Boston Marathon bombings, Marc Fucarile, JP Norden, Paul Norden, Jarrod Clowery, Jacqui Webb and James Costello were Stoneham residents. Marc Fucarile, who lost his right leg and received severe burns and shrapnel wounds, was the last of all victims released from the hospital on July 24th. His brother Ed is a Stoneham Police Officer and was working uniformed patrol at the time of the bombings. Sergeant Heller and Officer Steven Carroll responded to the bombings and were also on hand later in the week during the manhunt which followed after MIT Police Officer Sean Allen Collier was fatally shot, and Transit Police Officer Richard Donohue Jr. was seriously injured. NEMLEC was instrumental in assisting the Stoneham Police Department with personnel, equipment and expertise in the following days when Officer Collier's private wake and funeral were held in Stoneham. Less than one month later, Stoneham again needed the services of NEMLEC to execute a high risk search warrant where two people were arrested and drugs were seized. NEMLEC is also routinely used to assist Stoneham in K-9 searches of the middle and high school.

The Community Policing Unit (CPU) headed by Sergeant Nims was successful with many events this year. In the spring, CPU officers participated in the Senior Promenade, the all night graduation party, the Memorial Day Parade, Stoneham Family Day, Health & Wellness Expo and Touch-A-Truck. Detective Paul Norton and other CPU officers held the annual fishing derby with great success. In the fall, Halloween safety talks were given at various schools along with a visit from McGruff the crime dog. CPU officers assisted with Stoneham Town Day and the Stoneham Road Race as well as the Boston Strong Road Race and the Trick or Treat Stroll. In the winter, we assisted in the Stoneham Common Tree Lighting as well as Whip Hill's Holiday event and had our annual CPU Christmas Party for local children coordinated by Detective David Ryan. A special thanks to retired Chief Herb Moore and retired Detective Tom Marshall for helping raise money and assisting Detective Ryan with coordinating this event.

The Stoneham Police Department was also the recipient of over \$75,000 in state grant funds and has an active award from a federal grant from the Office on Violence Against Women for which the department has received an overall award for a four year period in the amount of \$176,735.00.

Respectfully submitted by Lieutenant David J. Stefanelli

### **Auxiliary Police**

The Stoneham Auxiliary Police Department is volunteer organization designed to augment the Stoneham Police Department. Some of the primary 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 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 thirteen active members on the Auxiliary Police. The following is a list of the active members:

August Niewenhous - Chief	Michael Eastman- Patrolman
David Luciano – Lieutenant	Eugenio Ianniciello - Patrolman
George Lessard – Sergeant	John Lazzaro - Patrolman
Daniel Marsden – Sergeant	Christopher Ponzo - Patrolman
Geoffrey Buchanan – Patrolman	Juan Yepez – Patrolman
David Delling – Patrolman	Maurice DiCicco – Patrolman
Douglas Eames – Patrolman	

In the year 2013, these individuals donated approximately 250 hours to the Town of Stoneham.

Respectfully submitted by Sergeant Thomas Heller

## **Safety Officer**

As the Stoneham Police Department's Safety Officer, I supervise 16 full time civilian traffic directors, 4 part time traffic directors and 6 part time parking enforcement officers. The parking enforcement officers work in and around Stoneham Square enforcing parking regulations and the Town's parking placard program. In working with the Department of Public Works, this office has been able to install several new signs to address parking related problems throughout Stoneham.

I have reviewed and approved several site plans submitted to the police department from the Building Department and made appropriate safety related recommendations. On a weekly basis, I meet with the Stoneham Fire Department, D.P.W., Stoneham Senior Center and Stoneham School Department regarding an array of safety issues.

I have continued to work with the Middle School administration and P.T.O. on the annual program where holiday gifts are delivered to approximately 65 students whose families are in financial need.

On a regular basis, I speak with residents concerning traffic and parking related concerns. The police department's speed monitor is placed at various locations depending on the area of these complaints with follow up traffic enforcement.

I continue to work with several of the schools, including the Purpose School and the Stoneham Boys and Girls Club, teaching programs such as "Stranger Danger," Halloween Safety" and "Bicycle Safety".

I continue to attend the monthly Massachusetts Safety Officer's League meetings held at the beginning of each month to keep important contacts in agencies such as the Alcohol and Beverage Control Commission (ABCC) and the Registry of Motor Vehicles. These contacts help me with programs such as school bus enforcement throughout town.

With the recent enactment of several of the new cell phone laws, I have been enforcing these laws, mainly in the area of the High School at the beginning and end of the school day and continue to enforce bus laws under a program known to the Registry of Motor Vehicles as "operation yellow blitz."

This office has recently been revamping the livery license procedure, working very closely with the Selectman's Office in order to make taxi and livery licensing more effective. I have also written and continued to publish approximately 36 safety articles to our local newspapers. I continue to receive both positive and negative input regarding the safety of all residents and find ways to use this advice to improve the quality of life for each and every person living and traveling through the Town of Stoneham.

Respectfully Submitted by Officer Joseph Ponzo

## **Public Safety Dispatch**

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 the Police Station.

During the course of 2013, over 11,800 calls for service that required emergency personnel from the Police Department, Fire Department or ambulance to respond were processed through the dispatch center. The center received over 6,200 calls via the 9-1-1 system. These calls for service do not include the numerous business or public information calls that come into the center or walk in reports to the Police Station that must also be processed by the dispatch staff.

Of the calls for service: 9,886 involved the Police Department, 2,583 involved the Fire Department and 2,414 involved an ambulance. Added together, these numbers total over 14,883 incidents, since many calls for service involve a multi agency response.

The day shift dispatched 4,302 calls for service, the evening shift dispatched 4,947 calls for service and the overnight shift dispatched 2,645 calls for service.

During the year dispatch personnel attended training classes which covered several topics, including: 911 Call-Taker Legal Issues, Crisis Negotiations for Telecommunicators, Dispatch Legal Issues, Handling Calls Missing/Exploited Children, Disasters and The Dispatcher, Non-Emergency Call Handling and a presentation by the Terrorist screening Center.

In September, part-time Dispatcher Brendan Carr was appointed a Student Police Officer with the Stoneham Police Department and is currently in the police academy in Reading.

November saw the departure of Dispatcher Stephen Sabella, who accepted a police officer position with the Everett Police Department. Stephen served the town for four years and will be missed by his fellow dispatchers and other co-workers.

Respectfully submitted by David Luciano, Head Civilian Dispatcher