

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 2014, the Stoneham Police Department was comprised of 36 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. At October's Town Meeting, the police department was grateful for the support received from the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Finance and Advisory Board and residents is supporting funding for two additional police officers.

The following is a listing of the department personnel as of December 31, 2014: Chief James McIntyre; Lieutenants Richard McCarthy, David Stefanelli; Sergeants Robert Swasey, Tony Kranefuss, Steven Nims, Robert Kennedy, David Thistle, Kenneth Wilkins, Thomas Heller; Officers Sheryl Rotondi, Stephen Carroll, Joseph Ponzio, Paul Norton, Thomas Day, Christopher Copan, Edward Fucarile, Christopher Apalakis, William Reinold, Christopher Dalis, David Ryan, Patrick Carroll, Kenneth Bowdidge, Laura Fardy, Luc Bourgeois, David Szydlowski, Jonathan Mahoney, Derek McShane, Stephen Aprile, Michael DeCroteau, John Curtis, Brendan Carr, Michael Colotti, and Brian Raffaello.

Over the past year, the department saw the departure of three police officers – Inspector Robert McKinnon retired after serving 27 years as a police officer, Officer Renee Lehmann transferred to the Lowell Police Department and Officer Steven Launie transferred to the Revere Police Department. We wish Bob, Renee and Steve well in their future endeavors.

The police department had several notable cases in 2014. In June, police and fire department personnel responded to a reported house fire on Hersam Street. Once the fire was extinguished, it was discovered that a marijuana growing operation was taking place inside the residence. Nearly 500 marijuana plants in various stages of growth were recovered. The occupant of the apartment was summonsed to court on drug distribution charges.

Also in June, detectives concluded a three month investigation involving drug activity from a Mountain View Drive residence. Members of the North Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council assisted detectives during the execution of a search warrant. Stoneham detectives, along with detectives assigned to the Southern Middlesex Regional Drug Task Force, located 138 grams of cocaine and 61 grams of heroin within the residence. Three suspects were arrested on drug trafficking charges as a result of this investigation.

In October, two males entered a convenience store on Main Street armed with a handgun to commit a robbery. The clerk did not comply with the robbers demands, and was struck by one suspect with the handgun. The clerk fought with one suspect throughout the store while the second suspect attempted to open the cash register. After attempts to open the cash register were unsuccessful, both suspects fled the store. Based upon video evidence and observations made by the clerk, officers arrested one suspect within hours of the incident and the second was taken into custody four days

In November, a male entered a convenience store on Franklin Street armed with a handgun to commit a robbery. Upon seeing the weapon, the clerk fled the store. The suspect fled the store after rifling through the cash register. After watching the surveillance video from the convenience store, as well as video from a nearby restaurant, officers were able to identify the suspect who arrested the following day.

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 security of all evidence, 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 2014, the Bureau included Inspector Christopher Dalis (Juvenile Officer), Inspector David Ryan (Computer Specialist), Inspector Robert McKinnon (Senior Detective), Inspector Paul Norton (Narcotics), Inspector Christopher Copan (Prosecutor) and also welcomed aboard Inspector Stephen Carroll. In October of 2014, Inspector Robert McKinnon retired taking with him a wealth of investigative knowledge and experience. Inspector McKinnon's expertise in the art of interrogation may never be matched and so we thank him for all his dedicated work these past 27 years.

In 2014, detectives attended numerous training seminars that covered a multitude of investigative disciplines. Also, the Bureau processed 203 Licenses to Carry Firearms and 21 Firearm Identification Card applications.

CRIME STATISTICS

Arrests	179
Criminal/Civil summonses	166
Court Hearings	169
Court Trials	37
Homicides	0
Sex Crimes	2
Assaults	58
Robberies	6
Missing Persons	20
Vandalism	107

Larceny	147
Threats/Harassment	127
Breaking and Entering (including attempts)	65
Breaking and Entering (motor vehicles only)	64
Domestic Disturbances	102
Restraining Order & Harassment Order Violations	30
Service/Attempted Service of Restraining/Harassment Orders	148
Firearm Calls	4
Warrants & Summonses Served	238
Animal Calls	158
Disturbance Calls	495
Road Hazards	146
Building/Area/Person Checks	1,628
Medical Aid Calls	1,984
Motor Vehicle Stops	2,157
Motor Vehicles – Stolen	13
Motor Vehicles – Recovered	3
Motor Vehicle Crashes	514
Motor Vehicle (all other calls)	33
Alarms (including fire alarms)	819
Hypodermic Needles Recovered	52
Drug Calls (other than criminal investigations)	20
Mutual Aid/NEMLEC Callouts	57
Directed Patrols	422

SEXUAL OFFENDERS living/working in Stoneham as of December 31, 2014:

(Sex Offender info available on line at www.mass.gov/sorb)

0 - Level Three Offender: risk of recidivism is high and offender information actively disseminated to public.

17 - Level Two Offenders: risk of recidivism is moderate and offender information available upon request.

13 - Level One Offenders: risk of recidivism is low and no offender information available.

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

Thirty one (31) drug overdoses were reported in 2014, therefore the 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 2014, Detective Ryan completed his first full year as the department Computer Specialist and was responsible for a number of projects to keep the Stoneham Police Department up to date with current technology. Detective Ryan finalized the implementation of Jivasoft OnDuty, which is a new scheduling/time off system to be used by the police department. The SPD used OnDuty for the entire year in 2014 which provided additional data to assist management with their budgeting. The department also began the roll out of a new police detail system, Jivasoft XtraDuty, to help streamline with the issuing, invoicing and collections of police details into one system. Additional technology enhancements included the implementation of a new innovative way to track prisoners while in police custody, updating the departments record management system to include the installation of an application which allow officers to move from hand written crash reports to completing them electronically, a SPD Twitter page was created to assist in the dissemination of important police information to the general public in a timely manner. Currently, the SPD Twitter page has over 1,800 followers. The police computer specialist is also responsible for the daily management of all network computers/servers, cruiser laptops, software systems, phones and printers throughout the department and the monthly submission of NIBRS reports to the State. 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 continues to work 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/Detective Richard McCarthy

Patrol Operations

The Stoneham Police Department Patrol Operations Section currently consists of 27 uniformed officers. There is 1 Lieutenant, 7 Sergeants and 19 Officers. In January, Officer Stephen Carroll was assigned from patrol operations to detective division as a night investigator. Officers Brendan Carr, Michael Colotti and Brian Raffaelo graduated from the Reading Police Academy on February 13th. Officer Renee Lehmann transferred to Lowell Police Department in April and Officer Steven Laurie transferred to Revere Police Department in May. Officer John Curtis, who had previously resigned from the department in May 2013 to pursue a different career, was reinstated in July.

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 2014, there were 13,066 incidents logged. There were 179 arrests and 33 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 over 2100 motor vehicle stops and issued 787 citations. Over 1200 parking tickets were issued throughout the year.

Each member of the police department is required to receive a minimum of 40 hours of annual in-service training required by the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) as well as 16 hours of 911 In-Service Training. Officers have gone to various In-Service and 911 trainings including CPR, First Responder, Legal Update, Defensive Tactics, Interacting with the Mentally Challenged, Stress Identification and Management, Human Trafficking and Testifying in Court to name a few. Lt. Stefanelli and Sgt. Kennedy completed ICS-400, Advanced Incident Command System.

The police department also sponsored its annual firearms qualification and Sergeants Robert Kennedy and Thomas Heller coordinated with the Middlesex Sheriff's Department and brought the firearms/use of force simulator trailer to Stoneham for training in January. Both Sgt.'s have recertified in Rifle Armorer Certification. Officers Ed Fucarile, Pat Carroll, Luc Bourgeois, David Szydowski, Derek McShane, and Stephen Aprile assisted the Reading Academy with Applied Patrol Procedures during the last week of the recruit academy attended by our three new officers. Overall, uniformed officers attended more than 1700 hours of training.

Sergeant David Thistle is the departments Domestic Violence Officer and sits on the board for both the Middlesex District Attorney's Office Domestic Violence Unit (MDAO-DVU) and Stoneham Alliance Against Violence (SAAV). He assisted MDAO with training the Waltham Police Department in a program to determine high risk domestic violence cases. This program was implemented two years ago by the Stoneham Police Department and has been instrumental in identifying several people in town as high risk of severe injury or death as a result of domestic violence. He also continues to work closely with Respond, Inc., a Somerville based domestic violence non-profit (the first in New England and the second in the nation) which provides training, education, safety planning, support and emergency shelters for people impacted by domestic violence. Sgt. Thistle completed the 2014 Boston Marathon raising over \$5,000.00 for Respond. Sgt. Thistle is also the Fire Investigator for the police department. He attended a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) sponsored four day training on Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings at New Mexico Tech in Socorro, NM and became certified as an instructor. He also completed a six day Advanced Fire Investigation class held at the Massachusetts Firefighter Academy. There were two investigations conducted to determine the origin and cause of fires that occurred in Stoneham.

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 Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team to assist in high-risk operations, 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) to assist during a school related emergency, as well as other specialized units, investigative tools and personnel.

Sgt. Heller and Detective Stephen Carroll are assigned to the SWAT and RRT units respectively. Sgt. Kennedy is assigned to the STARS team and is the Assistant Commander. He led the rewriting of STARS Tool Kit, which is the emergency response plan used by all NEMLEC communities during a school crisis. He reviewed the critical incident plan for all Stoneham Public Schools and was a member of the subcommittee for the Governor's Council on School Safety. He coordinated K-9 searches with NEMLEC at both the Stoneham High School (SHS) and Stoneham Middle School as well as emergency evacuation drills with the SHS and South School. During this past year, NEMLEC officers from Stoneham provided assistance to other police departments on 16 occasions. NEMLEC assisted the Stoneham Police on two occasions. In June, a high risk warrant was executed that resulted in the arrest of 3 individuals and the seizure of over 200 grams of cocaine and heroin. In November, an armed barricaded subject was arrested and charged with firearms violations amongst other charges.

The Community Policing Unit (CPU) is made up of officers who wish to participate and was successful with many events this year. In the spring, CPU officers participated in the Senior Promenade, the Stoneham High All Night Grad Party, the Memorial Day Parade, Stoneham Family Day, Health & Wellness Expo, Touch-A-Truck and the Stoneham Strong Road Race. Detective Paul Norton and other CPU officers held the 15th annual fishing derby with great success. In the fall, CPU officers assisted with Halloween safety talks, Stoneham Town Day and the Stoneham Road Race as well as the Pumpkin Festival 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 Detective David Ryan headed our annual CPU Christmas Party for local children along with many CPU officers including Safety Officer Ponzo and retired Detective Thomas Marshall.

The Stoneham Police Department was also the recipient of over \$75,000 in state grant funds for 911 support and training as well as targeted traffic enforcement.

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/CPR 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	Eugenio Ianniciello - Patrolman
David Luciano – Lieutenant	John Lazzaro - Patrolman
George Lessard – Sergeant	Christopher Ponzo - Patrolman
Daniel Marsden – Sergeant	Juan Yopez - Patrolman
Geoffrey Buchanan – Patrolman	James Juliano – in training
David Delling – Patrolman	Eric Buckley – in training
Maurice DiCicco - Patrolman	

In the year 2014, 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 the 16 full-time traffic directors and 4 part-time traffic directors that are responsible for crossing pedestrians around our schools, as well as 5 part-time parking enforcement officers. The parking enforcement officers assist the police department in enforcing parking regulations and the town's parking placard program in and around Stoneham Square. This parking enforcement program has been extremely effective in keeping the parking spots available for patrons who wish to use our local businesses.

Additional responsibilities of the Safety Officer include reviewing site plan applications for both the Planning Board and Building Department to provide recommendations to enhance safety. I routinely meet with the Department of Public Works to address signage issues throughout town.

For the past 13 years, I have worked with the P.T.O. from the Middle School to distribute gifts to needy families during the holiday season. With the addition of the new fifth grade at the Central Middle School, a record 75 gifts were distributed making this another successful year.

I continue to educate the children of the elementary schools in programs such as Stranger Danger, Halloween Safety, assisted by "McGruff, the Crime Dog," and how to properly use the 9-1-1 system. These programs have been received by students and staff with open arms.

Each month, I attend the Massachusetts Safety Officer's League meetings, where relevant pedestrian and vehicle safety issues are presented. Through this association, I continue to gain contacts from different police departments, the Registry of Motor Vehicles and AAA, which benefit the Town of Stoneham. Many of the topics discussed in my weekly safety officer newspaper article result from these meetings.

Once again, in conjunction with the Registry of Motor Vehicle's inspectors, this office has conducted surprise inspections of the smaller school buses in town, commonly referred to as 7D buses. These inspections ensure the safety of the students who are transported by the busses each day. I continue to investigate complaints and suggestions regarding a gamut of safety problems such as traffic safety and school safety to help improve the quality of life for the students and residents of the Town of Stoneham.

Respectfully submitted by Officer Joseph Ponzio

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 a combined dispatch center located in the police station.

During the course of 2014 over 13,000 calls for service were processed through the dispatch center. The center received over 5,900 of these requests for service 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: 11,124 involved the Police Department, 2,689 involved the Fire Department and 2,511 involved an ambulance. Added together, these numbers total 16,324 incidents as many calls for service involve a multi-agency response.

The day shift dispatched 5,216 calls for service, the evening shift dispatched 5,459 calls for service and the overnight shift dispatched 2,352 calls for service.

During the year, dispatch personnel attended training classes covering topics such as: 911 Legal Issues, Non-Emergency Call Handling, Protecting Law Enforcement Responders, 9-1-1 Dispatching: Active & Potential Suicides, Public Safety Telecommunicator 1, Missing persons and Domestic Violence Intervention.

In February, Dispatcher Michael Sweeney was appointed to replace Dispatcher Stephen Sabella, who becoming a police officer for the Everett Police Department. Dispatcher Sweeney came to us with a background in EMS and EMS dispatching.

In March, Dispatcher Sweeney was recognized by the Malden City Council after he stopped to assist a Malden Police Officer who was alone and performing a CPR on an individual on the sidewalk. Due to the efforts of the Malden officer and Dispatcher Sweeney the individual survived.

Dispatcher Brian Johnston continues to manage the "At Risk Program", which he developed several years ago. The "At Risk Program" allows a person who may be at risk of wandering from normal surroundings to be registered with the department in the event they became missing. Persons most likely to benefit from this program are adults with Alzheimer's or Dementia, as well as adults or children with developmental issues. Please do not hesitate to contact Dispatcher Johnston about the program.

Respectfully submitted by David Luciano, Head Dispatcher