

# NEWPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2016 Annual Report policechief@newportnh.gov

### Administration

James C. Burroughs	Chief of Police
Lisa Morse	Administrative Assistant
Robert E. Ballou	Captain (Ret) Records*

### Detective Division

Ernest G. Rowe	Detective Lieutenant
Shawn Hallock	Detective
Paul Beaudet	School Resource Officer
Matthew J. Hogan	Prosecutor*
James Mayers	Intelligence Liaison Officer*

### Patrol Division

Craig M. Robertson	Lieutenant
Patrick B. Zullo	Sergeant
Charles M. McLeman IV	Sergeant
Shawn C. Seymour	Patrol Officer
Clayton Couitt	Patrol Officer
Dakota Titorenko	Patrol Officer
Brian Lull	Patrol Officer
Alexander Marvin	Patrol Officer
Michael J. Batista	Patrol Officer*
Timothy Julian	Patrol Officer*
Cara LaRoche	Patrol Officer/Communications Specialist*
Deborah Porter	Crossing Guard*

### Communications

Kristal E. Rowe	Communications Specialist
Christina M. Boutin	Communications Specialist
Christopher Conroy	Communications Specialist
William R. Russell Jr.	Communications Specialist
Steve Haselton	Communications Specialist*

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JAMES C. BURROUGHS  
Chief of Police



As 2016 winds down and I begin preparing the Department for 2017 I can't help but to reflect on the last five years as your Police Chief. As always, I proudly promote the mission statement and values of the Police Department which is prominently displayed on the Town's web site located at [www.newportnh.net](http://www.newportnh.net). Please check out the Town's web site for our mission statement and other vital information about the Town, the departments, and current events happening in and around Newport.

Over these last five years the Newport Police Department has made substantial investments in technology and employee development. On the technology side the department now deploys MDT's (Mobile Data Terminals) which are the computers in the cruisers. This technology has made our patrol force and communications a much more efficient operation. The MDT technology has also been adopted by many of the agencies that contract dispatch services from Newport. This brings greater efficiency to the communities that we serve. Another major area that continues to be developed is the emergency communication's radio system. The Police Department plays a substantial role in the Town's communication infrastructure and in the last five years we have modernized the Communications Center while we continue to build redundancy within our systems. The replacement of Police, Fire, EMS and Highway antennas atop the Opera House was a major step in the never ending process of staying current with communication technologies. In the coming years, several vital pieces of the Town's emergency communication will be outside of the factory service life and will require replacement.

As it pertains to employee safety and development, the last five years have seen dramatic changes in how we train and the tools utilized in the performance of our duties. Several years ago the department began utilizing an intermediate less than lethal Taser devices. Since its deployment it has been used several times and has contributed to a reduction in officer related use of force injuries. Another major advancement has come in the form of our patrol fleet. As the last of the old Ford Crown Victoria's go out of service, we have been replacing them with the new Ford Police Utility vehicles. The advancement in cruiser design brings a patrol vehicle that is not only safer, easier to operate and more fuel efficient, but provides consistency with equipment to the departments patrol fleet. The Department's employee development and succession planning is also a never ending and evolving process. With a young patrol force, an experienced supervisory core and senior management, the need to continually develop our employees is vital to the department's overall long term success. Within the last several years, the Department's supervisors have been through the FBI's LEEDA training program. LEEDA stands for Law Enforcement Executive Development Association and consists of a Supervisory Leadership Institute, Command Leadership Institute and an Executive Leadership Institute. Several members of our Department have received the FBI LEEDA Trilogy Award. The Trilogy Award is only given to members who successfully complete all three training institutes and become part of an elite group within law enforcement.

So, that was a brief overview of some of the Department's accomplishments and developments over the last five years. These accomplishments have been achieved while maintaining a near zero increase in operational costs to the tax payer. As I continually prepare the Department for the future, it is important to note that society as a whole and younger generations are developing a different attitude and level of expectations of the law enforcement profession. These changes are having both a positive and negative impact on the profession and will undoubtedly continue to influence how we provide services to our community in the years to come.

As it relates to services we provide the community, it is my pleasure to report that for the first time in many years, we have actually seen a reduction in the number of calls for service. In 2016 the Communications Center logged 17,048 calls for service, which is down 1,150 calls as compared to 2015's 18,198 calls and 18,189 calls in 2014. Typically, our yearly call statistics generally run very consistent, 2016 may be an anomaly or a positive sign for the future.

The Communications Center provides Police, Fire/EMS and Highway dispatching for Newport as well as providing Police Dispatching for the Towns of Grantham and Springfield, and the Town of Goshen receives both police and EMS communication services. In total, the Town received \$44,768.13 in revenue for providing those communication services. The Communications Center is staffed 24/7 with only four full-time personnel and two part-time Communications Specialists.

Even though 2016 was not as busy as last year, the Patrol Division remained very active. The Patrol Division, which is our largest and most visible division, consists of eight full-time officers and three part-time officers. Those officers brought a total of 322 criminal complaints through the part-time prosecutors office with all but two resulting in guilty findings, a very impressive conviction rate! As it pertains to staffing, in 2016 we said goodbye to Officer J. Ethan Yazinski who re-located to sunny Florida to accept a law enforcement position with the Clearwater Police Department. Officer Yazinski had been with the department for just over two years. Also leaving the department and the profession of law enforcement was Officer Joshua Boone. Officer Boone had been with our department for just over three years. Officer Boone accepted a position in the private sector. We wish both Josh and Ethan the best as they explore new opportunities in their lives. Replacing J. Ethan Yazinski is Officer Brian Lull. Brian comes to Newport as a three year veteran of the Claremont Police Department, is a 2003 graduate of UNH, and is a United States Army veteran. Replacing Josh Boone is Officer Alexander Marvin. Officer Marvin comes to Newport as a two year member of the Windsor, VT Police Department and is currently attending Plymouth State College, majoring in Criminal Justice. Officer Marvin will be attending the NH full-time academy in the summer of 2017. Both Alexander Marvin and Brian Lull are from the greater Newport area and we look forward to many years of service to our community. The Town has been very fortunate to have such a speedy hiring process and many qualified applicants. Several area departments have seen sharp decreases in qualified police applicants and are frequently going understaffed for months and even years! This is a credit to the quality environment and employment advantages that Newport has to offer.

As in years past the department sought and received funding through grants and other sources for safety equipment, personnel costs, as well as specialty enforcement patrols. In 2016 the Newport Police Department generated just over \$154,000 in revenue from all sources. New for 2016 was the ILO grant for which Newport was selected. The ILO or Intelligence Liaison Officer is a state funded position that represents the entire Western region of NH to the NH Department of

Homeland Security's Intelligence and Analysis Center. The safety, intelligence and training opportunities that this position brings to Newport is invaluable.

I also want to acknowledge and thank Sturm Ruger Company for their generous donation and outfitting of our officers with the new Ruger American Pistol. This innovative pistol will serve to protect our community and our officers for many years to come. Words cannot express how much we value their continued support of our community and department. Thank you!

One of the highlights for me this year was the acknowledgement of the Town's most senior employee through the creation of the Town of Newport Service Award. The Service Award, much like the Boston Post cane, is passed from the longest serving Town employee to the next upon their retirement and ending of regular service to the Town. The "Service Bowl" is the symbol of the employee's accomplishment and was crafted from an old growth Elm tree that grew along North Main Street in an area originally known as Wilmarth Flat. Newport's current senior employee is Captain Robert E. Ballou who is currently in his 40<sup>th</sup> year of employment with the Town. Capt. Ballou was hired by Chief Norman LaCroix on April 12, 1976 and since that time he has had an exemplary career. His attention to detail and never ending quest for accuracy has set a standard for all to follow and emulate. Over his career he has mentored and developed the careers of many officers and is fiercely loyal to the Town of Newport and the Police Department. His experience and insight are often sought after and his career remains as an example for us all. With no end in sight, his continued service to the Newport Police Department and the Town of Newport is deeply appreciated. Thank you Captain!

As I conclude my report, I want to thank the community and the many talented men and women of the Newport Police Department for making this year successful and safe. I would be remiss if I did not thank the families of our employees. Serving your community often comes with sacrifices and hardships and it is the family that often bear the brunt of our responsibilities. I also want to take this time to welcome and acknowledge our new Town Manager Hunter Rieseberg. I look forward to many successful years of service under his leadership. As we prepare for 2017 please join me in keeping our "Sunshine Town" a truly special place to call home.

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Burroughs  
Chief of Police