2009 Police Department Annual Report

It is my pleasure and privilege to present the departments 2009 Annual Report. I sometimes am asked about the trends in crime and how they affect the community of Pembroke. It's not always a simple question to answer. But, in 2009 two trends emerged that are disturbing. The town experienced a rash of night time residential burglaries in the early spring and late summer. Night time residential burglaries are rare. Most burglars' strive to avoid contact with people. Someone who is willing to enter a home at night and risk encountering a home owner creates a very dangerous situation. The likelihood of someone being injured in this sort of a confrontation is great. If you think someone is in your home call 911 immediately.

2009 will be marked as the year that youth street gangs arrived in town. For a number of years we have been watching this type of criminal activity slowly creep towards us from the south infiltrating; Nashua, Manchester, and Concord. This year they arrived here. One group has been identified as operating with in Pembroke and Allenstown. They have been linked to thefts, drug sales, weapon violations, and assaults. Street gangs bring a culture of violence and disrespect to a community. The department has a zero tolerance to this sort of criminal activity and will pursue those individuals associated with it vigorously.

Change is perpetual in a police department. This year was no exception. The department welcomed back Off. Karl Hanson to our ranks after a one year deployment to Iraq with his Army Reserve unit. We are very proud of Off. Hanson's service to our country. His personal sacrifice in defending our freedoms is greatly appreciated. In February we bid a fond farewell to Sgt. Glenn Northrup who retired after a 20 year career with the department. His kind smile and friendly demeanor will be missed by all who had the pleasure of working with him, or being served by him.

We added two new faces to the department's ranks this year. Off. Jon Adinolfo came to us after spending 5 years as a correctional officer at the State Prison on Concord. While there he rose to the rank of Corporal. He is a certified firearms instructor and is certified in several defensive tactics disciplines. Off. Adinolfo grew up in Allenstown and graduated from Pembroke Academy in 1998. He was awarded an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from the NH Technical Institute in Concord in 2003.

Off. Valarie Xenakis joined us in September. Ms. Xenakis is a 2009 graduate of Stonehill College in Easton, MA where she earned a Bachelors of Arts degree in Criminology. While at Stonehill she was a 4 year member of the women's Lacrosse team. Ms. Xenakis has lived in Warner, NH for the last 10-years.

I am exceptionally proud of the men and women who unselfishly serve to keep Pembroke a safe place to live and work. We would not be able to accomplish all we do without the continued support of the Town Administrator, The Board of Selectmen, The Budget Committee, and most importantly, the good people of Pembroke. The department is here to serve you. If you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at 485-9173 or via e-mail at slane@pembroke-nh.com.

Respectfully,

Scott J. Lane, Chief of Police

TABLE OF ORGANIZATION

CHIEF OF POLICE

Scott J. Lane

Serving since 1985

LIEUTENANT

Dwayne R. Gilman

Serving since 1992

PATROL DIVISION SERVING SINCE

Sgt. Michael Crockwell 1990 School Resource Officer

Sgt. Gary Gaskell 2007 Patrol Supervisor

Off. Ian Nickerson 2003 Firearms Instructor, Drug Recognition Expert

Off. Gary Allen 2005 Accident Reconstructionist, Drug Recognition Expert

Off. Karl Hanson 2007 Patrol Officer

Off. Christopher Cunha 2007 Patrol Officer, SOU Operator

Off. Angela Bergeron 2008 Patrol Officer, D.A.R.E. Officer

Off. Jon Adinolfo 2009 Patrol Officer

Off. Valarie Xenakis 2009 Patrol Officer

CRIMINAL DIVISION

Sgt./Det. Dawn Shea 2002 Defensive Tactics Coordinator, Field Training Officer

ADMINSTRATIVE DIVISION

Mary Ann Ricciotti 1993 Administrative Assistant

Annette Alley 1997 Receptionist

SUPPORT SERVICES

Rev/Lt. Dan Stauffacher 1995 Chaplain

Dennis Leroux 2004 Building Maintenance

Rick Bilodeau 1985 Radio Repair

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Career development continues to be one of the most important functions of the police department. The commitment a police department makes to its training program is a direct reflection on how the agency values the growth and development of its employees. It is an important consideration for police officer candidates who want to work for an agency that values them. Additionally, well trained officers reduce liability as the likelihood of poor performance is reduced. Proper training allows the officer to perform more efficiently and helps them bring the best possible services to the residents of the town.

Officers completed over 600 hours of training in 2009. A sample of some of the training received is listed below.

Statement Analysis Hostage Negotiations

CPR Training Sleep Smarts

Workplace Sexual Harassment DWI Refresher

Domestic Violence Lethality Assessment Police Prosecutor School

Resilience Training for Police Officers

Alzheimer's Behavior for Police

Introduction to IDPA handgun shooting Performance Evaluations

Emergency Operations Center Management Microsoft Excel

Stevens Advance Car Control Leadership Institute I

Leadership Institute II Tazer Instructor

CRIMINAL DIVISION

Whether the numbers are low or high, the statistics reflect the economy. As you can see during 2009, there were 16 Burglaries reported and investigated. There were three attempted burglaries. Attempted meaning something or someone, possibly a neighbor or the homeowner, scared them off. Both considered violations of a person's privacy by being on the property removing or attempting to remove something.

A direct reflection of the economy is the number of Thefts by Unauthorized Taking. This means exactly that. Someone has taken the property of another and had no right to do so. The total is based on thefts from cars, homes and any other locations someone might have access to. Quite often, items are pawned and or sold for cash in exchange for a quantity and type of drug.

At this time, Prescription Drugs are in demand. Some thefts support a habit or to facilitate someone else's habit. Thieves will take Prescription Drugs from homes and cars whether they have access or not. The numbers below are a direct reflection of our community of young adults and the issues with drugs.

In 2009, the Criminal Division made a conscious effort to identify and monitor recent gang activity now upon our community. The definition of a gang is, "A group of three or more people who may have a common identifying sign, symbol or name and who individually or collectively engage in criminal activity." The Pembroke Police has identified a local gang within its community as well as other communities. In other words, "they are here" and the Pembroke Police will dedicate time and resources to stay ahead of this type of activity and to continue to monitor these groups.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lieutenant Dwayne Gilman

Property Crime	2009	2008	2007	2006
Burglary / Residential and Commercial	16	14	22	19
Attempted Burglary	3	1	7	2
Robbery	2	0	1	2
Theft from a Building	11	12	8	14
Forgery (check)	3	1	7	3
Issuing Bad Check	12	13	18	22
Theft by Unauthorized Taking/Larceny	57	42	4	21
Motor Vehicle Related	2009	2008	2007	2006
Theft from a Motor Vehicle	42	37	15	23
Theft of a Motor Vehicle	3	9	7	6

CALLS FOR SERVICE	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Dispatch Calls Received	11,303	10,960	9,703	12,630	9,228	11,167
Station Calls Received & walk in	11,365	11,922	9,845	XX	XX	XX
complaints						
911 Calls	99	84	109	137	166	180
Citizen Assist	646	624	477	782	561	562
Assist other agency	627	502	555	894	507	550
Building/House Check	661	549	579	323	293	480
Juvenile Involved	272	197	232	304	232	244
Alarm Calls	316	313	335	300	359	369
Domestic Disturbance/Related Calls	106	81	89	112	101	133
Animal Complaints	299	274	239	261	237	295
Motor Vehicle Stops	1,548	1,965	2,137	2,506	1,653	2,596
Defective Equipment Tags	327	148	393	364	229	335
Parking Tickets	389	543	622	716	553	960
Motor Vehicle Warnings	866	1,568	1,276	969	605	1,188
Motor Vehicle Summons	205	395	481	651	520	750
Motor Vehicle Collisions	159	136	176	140	147	181
Juvenile Missing/Runaway	17	12	36	12	51	38
Driving While Intoxicated	26	32	30	28	18	21
Liquor Law Violations	15	22	34	37	21	25
Simple Assault	61	52	60	61	67	58
Sexual Assault/Related	19	14	7	10	15	12
Aggravated Assault	12	3	5	1	3	8
Harassment/Stalking/Criminal	34	38	40	31	52	57
Criminal Mischief/Vandalism	142	120	121	141	83	103
Criminal Trespass	12	16	21	16	11	17
Drug Possession/Use/Sale	53	38	61	55	50	39
Fraud//Theft of Services	19	12	38	40	49	35
Forgery/Theft by deception	6	2	7	5	18	21
Armed Robbery	2	0	1	2	1	0
ACTIVITY STATISTICS						
Total Offenses Committed	947	975	966	1079	845	981
Total Crime Related Incidents	594	962	602	777	522	626
Total Felonies	109	94	97	96	119	105
Total Non Crime Incidents	54	73	49	61	56	114
On view Arrests	133	236	169	199	135	153
Arrest on Warrants	125	127	139	217	159	169
Summons Arrests	30	16	23	52	9	15
Protective Custody	32	32	29	28	23	43
Juvenile Arrests	67	78	82	121	50	104