WINDHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT – ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Mission Statement
The mission of the Windham Police Department is to provide the citizens of the town of Windham a safe, secure community in which the protection of life and property are the highest priority. The members of the Windham Police Department pledge to offer the highest quality police services by working with the residents of Windham and by maintaining a highly professional, well-trained staff to accomplish the department’s functions.

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Farewells, Welcomes & Congratulations!
The only one thing constant in life is change, and this year again presented the Windham Police Department with many changes.

In June 2019, Officer Derek Axelsen announced his departure from law enforcement. We wished him well in his new future endeavors.

We hit the ground running in the month of July as the search began to fill our 29th officer position and refill the recently vacated 28th slot. A deep pool of applicants provided our interview panel with several great candidates. After our extensive hiring process, we were happy to welcome Officer Michael Foley (November 2019) and Officer Aaron Sinclair (December 2019) into our department. Both Officers Foley and Sinclair are currently attending the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for the 18-week Basic Law Enforcement Training Program. Upon graduation in early May, they both will then join the department’s 14-week Field Training Officer program where they will expand on the knowledge and training they received while at the academy, producing high-quality officers patrolling the streets of Windham.

2019 also produced several milestone anniversaries:

- Detective Eugene Gallant – 20 years
- Officer Paul Cox – 30 years
- Officer Ernest MacVane – 20 years
- Sergeant Peter Fulton – 30 years

The department has over 388 years of combined law enforcement experience (several officers having decades of service with other agencies are not included in that total)! CONGRATULATIONS to all that serve!

Community Policing in 2019

- TRIAD
- Sand for Seniors
- National Night Out
- Tip a Cop – Special Olympics
- Public Safety Day
- Wreaths Across America (WAA)
- Holiday Tree Lighting
- Kids & Cops Reading @ Windham Primary School
- Rise & Shine Check-In
Dive Team
Detective Eugene Gallant started in diving in 1991 when he obtained his open water diving certification. In 2005 Detective Gallant was selected to join the Cumberland County Sheriff’s Department Dive Team. From 2005 to present he attained the following certifications:
- Advanced Open Water Diving
- Master Diver
- Ice Diving
- Dive Master
- Assistant Dive Instructor

As part of these certifications Detective Gallant has completed specialty training in the areas of:
- Deep diving
- Under water navigation
- Stress and rescue diving
- Low light and low visibility diving

Detective Gallant has also attended training from the Department of Homeland Security in the underwater search of ships and the detection of hazardous devices on those ships.

Members of the dive team are prepared for any underwater emergency or investigation in, but not limited to, the waters of Cumberland County. The dive team maintains a training program that targets the interests of public safety, diver safety, and thorough underwater investigation.

Team members are prepared for both self-contained underwater breathing apparatus (SCUBA) as well as surface air supply (SAS) diving. Divers train 9 months a year to ensure they are prepared for any type of weather including ice diving, and are available 24-hours a day.

Cumberland County Emergency Services Unit (ESU)
The Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office Emergency Services Unit (ESU), is a multi-jurisdictional tactical team. The ESU provides services in the areas of Search and Rescue, High-Risk Prisoner Transport, Woodland Operations, Warrant Service, Civil Disturbance, Corrections Facility Unrest, Hostage or Barricade related matters, Executive Protection, and incidents considered high-risk, which the Sheriff deems relevant based on the unit’s resources and training.

As a multi-jurisdictional ESU, members hail from many of Cumberland County’s municipal law enforcement agencies, in which the Windham Police Department current has 2 members on this team; one working with crisis negotiations (Officer Patricia Buck, a 17-year veteran of force), and the other specializing in mechanical breaching of structures (Officer Thomas Hamilton, with 7+ years with the Windham Police Department).

In order to ensure seamless operations, the team trains regularly and in many instances with all branches of emergency services in the area.

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle – Drone
The Windham Police Department’s UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) Unit was started in 2018. The unit is run by Segeant Jason Burke and Detective Eugene Gallant. This continues to be a very successful program and has saved countless work hours by reducing the amount of time spent at crime/crash scenes. In most cases the UAV cuts scene mapping time in half. It has also saved on follow up investigation time by minimizing the amount of computer aided design (CAD) work that needs to be completed. The unit has flown approximately 75 missions ranging from fatal motor vehicle crashes and fugitive apprehension to training flights and demonstrations. The unit currently utilizes a DJI Inspire 2 aircraft outfitted with a Zenmuse X4S camera and a DJI Mavic Enterprise dual outfitted with M2ED FLIR camera and M2ED visual camera.
Honor Guard

Many traditions within the police department have roots in military history. One such area is the police honor guard. Military honor guards were traditionally formed to provide funeral honors for fallen soldiers and to display and escort the national flag during certain ceremonies. Many police departments have taken on this tradition and are generally considered to be elite units within their respective departments.

In 2003, the Windham Police Department formed an honor guard consisting of 6 members. Since then the honor guard has grown to its current compliment of 9 members. Officers are selected for the honor guard based on their knowledge of drill and ceremony, dedication, knowledge of flag etiquette, and attention to detail. Officers who are assigned to the honor guard spend hours preparing for presentations, making sure their uniforms and equipment are in top shape.

Honor guard members train regularly, both in house and with other units. Several years ago some officers had the opportunity to train with the Maine Military Funeral Honors Program. Officers spent five days training and practicing with members of the Maine Army National Guard and police honor guards from around the country.

Along with parades and funerals, the Windham Police Department Honor Guard has participated in DARE Graduation, ceremonies at the Windham Veteran’s Center, Portland, Sea Dog’s games, Boston Red Sox’s games, Vietnam Veterans Traveling Memorial Ceremony and town meetings to name a few. The current honor guard members are: Det. Sgt. Jason Andrews, Det. Eugene Gallant, Officer Matthew Cyr, Sgt. Rob Hunt, Sgt. Jason Burke, Det. Brandon Ladd, Officer Steven Stubbs, Officer Seth Fournier and Officer Joshua Katuzny.

Animal Control Division

Calls for Service

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When a stray dog or cat is picked up by the ACO or a Windham police officer efforts are made to reunite the animal with its owner. Once that effort has been exhausted, the animal is transported to the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland. Owners may pick up their pet after first providing proof of rabies vaccination, licensing and payment of $25.00 in addition to any other veterinary medical fees incurred during their stay.

To report an animal complaint call the Windham Police Department dispatch center a 207-892-2525.
This is a summary of the most common calls the police department responds to on a regular basis.

* The term Index Crimes refers to the most common crimes that are tracked by the FBI for statistical purposes.