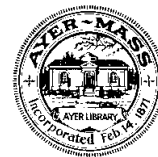




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*Chief of Police*

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Town Administrator Pontbriand  
**From:** Chief William A. Murray  
**CC:** file  
**Date:** November 5, 2012  
**Re:** October Monthly Report

During the month of October the Police Department logged 1,312 events requiring 64 incident reports and 12 arrest reports. We assisted the Fire Department on 92 medicals and 15 fire alarms.

Offense	Total
Animal Complaint	9
Assault	3
Assist Other Agencies	20
Civil Complaint	1
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	7
Disturbance	23
Domestic	13
Fraud	2
Larceny	15
Motor Vehicle Accidents	10
MV Stops	194
Motor Vehicle Theft	2
Sex Offender Violations	1
Shoplifting	1
Vandalism of Property	1
Weapons Violation	1

I attended the annual IACP Convention from September 28 to October 4 in San Diego, California. As usual there were many great opportunities to attend sessions on a myriad of topics but I found the entire track dedicated to Small Agencies to be the most useful. Never having been to San Diego I took particular note of the dozens, if not hundreds, of homeless people in and around the city. In speaking to the LEOs there I learned that San Diego is a perfect area for these people given the year round warm temperatures and lack of rain. It was also interesting to learn that the PD and City deal with the issue nearly exactly the same as the Town of Ayer does.

On October 4 our School Liaison Officer attended the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual School Safety Summit where updates and best practices were discussed and shared. Also on this date Lieutenant Gill and Officer Pearson presented an Electronic Control Device orientation class, in three sessions, to the staff of Deaconess Nashoba Hospital. The idea for this training was brought to me by Lt. Gill after he observed that the

surrounding towns that use these devices were bringing their “tazed” subjects to the hospital for barb removal but had never given the hospital any overview on how the devices worked. We felt this important especially since we have started carrying the devices and may need to deploy them inside the hospital setting.

On October 10 and 24 the Regional School Active Shooter Workgroup met and completed its work in developing a policy for the schools. Next the respective police agencies will be conducting facility security evaluations while the schools conduct initial training on the policy. Since the policy cannot be situationally focused the PDs will join in the training to address common sense actions that can be taken as well as answer the specific “what if” concerns.

Officer Matthew Callahan, who had been deployed with the National Guard since July, returned to duty on October 12.

On October 16 Lieutenant Gill and Officer Bigelow joined with the Regional School District and the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center in presenting a “Bullying and Cyberbullying” class to the Middle and High School students.

Lieutenant Gill and I attended our annual Firearms Legal Update, instructed by retired Chief Ronald Glidden, on the 17<sup>th</sup>. This day long seminar addresses changes in firearms law as well as firearms licensing issues.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> all officers participated in our semi annual firearms qualification training. While the State only mandates yearly training the Department has long recognized the value of working on firearms skills on a more frequent basis.

Chief Pedrazzi, Superintendant Wetzel and I met for our monthly Major Department Head Breakfast Meeting on October 19. The Fire Chief and I started these meetings when Dan Nason was with the Town as we saw a need for the three departments to formally and regularly meet to discuss issues that affected us and to ensure that the lines of communication between our departments remains open.

On October 20 Deaconess Nashoba Hospital held its annual Health Fair. At the Fair Officer Bigelow and Dispatcher Roche were present to dispense bicycle helmets and safety paraphernalia while answering general questions from the community.

On Friday, the 26<sup>th</sup>, while I participated in a noon time MEMA conference call on Hurricane Sandy, Lt. Gill, Marcia Gilson, and Officers Wilson, Bigelow, and Kularski served a pizza lunch at the Council on Aging. We conduct these meals four or five times a year as a Community Policing effort to keep the lines of communication with the Town’s elderly population open.

Chief Pedrazzi and I attended the annual MPPA Labor relations seminar on October 31. This day long seminar provides updates in a variety of labor relations issues as well as turn out sessions on specific topics. Topics this year were a PERAC Primer, Collective Bargaining, and Social Media. Also on this day Officer Bigelow and Lt. Gill presented Halloween Safety Tips to the entire student body at the Page/Hilltop. The presentation was given in several smaller sessions allowing for personalized interaction between the officers and the students.