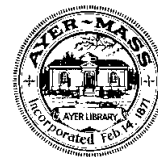




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William A. Murray
Chief of Police

MEMORANDUM

To: Town Administrator Pontbriand
From: Chief William A. Murray
CC: file
Date: November 18, 2013
Re: October Monthly Report

During the month of October 2013 the Police Department logged 622 events requiring 62 incident reports and 14 arrest reports. We assisted the Fire Department on 49 medicals and 14 fire alarms. Here are some of the highlights:

Offense	Total
Animal Complaint	18
Assault	7
Assist Other Agencies	21
Civil Complaint	1
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	5
Disturbance	12
Domestic	15
Fraud	1
Larceny	11
Motor Vehicle Accidents	8
MV Stops	190
Motor Vehicle Theft	0
Sex Offender Violations	0
Shoplifting	0
Vandalism of Property	0
Weapons Law Violation	0

I attended the first of an eight part monthly series of Executive Chief's Seminars on October 1. The series satisfies a requirement that all police officers in Massachusetts attend 40 hours of In-Service training yearly in order to maintain qualification as a police officer. Though the State no longer funds this mandate, pushing the cost off to the cities and towns, for ranks below Chief, it does do so for chiefs. This session was a qualifier for CPR and First Responder.

On the third we were notified that we once again received a Pedestrian/Bike Safety Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. As we have done in the recent past we will use these funds to conduct overtime traffic enforcement, including crosswalks, in the downtown area as well as purchase more signs for the crosswalks.

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On October 9 & 10 the police departments of Ayer and Shirley joined the Regional School District in performing Lock-Down Drills at all the schools. These were basic drills that test the idea of sheltering in place. As all went well we will next be training and testing the additional idea of running away.

This month officers had the opportunity to train in shoot/don't shoot scenarios utilizing a Shoot Trailer. The trailer is just that, the trailer part of a tractor/trailer unit. This one is modified to allow for live fire of the firearms at a projection screen. The computerized scenarios are monitored by a technician who can change the action based on the officers response to the situation portrayed. Other than overtime and ammunition the use of the trailer is free and is made available to us by the Middlesex County Sheriff's Department. While the trailer was on sight we offered it's use to the surrounding towns and to the DOD police on Devens.

On the 16th Lieutenant Gill and I attended the monthly Regional School District Safety Meeting. At these meetings we collaborate on safety issues concerning the schools and plan training and scheduling for Regional Lock Down Drills.

October 18-23 I attended the annual International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference. This year the conference was held in Philadelphia. While there were many educational sessions offered a main focus of mine was to attend several classes on school shootings/violence, School Resource Officers, and the use of social media for police.

On the 25th Fire Chief Pedrazzi and I attended the annual MMA Conference held in Boxborough. During this conference we receive updates to Labor Relations/Human Resources law and best practices.

On October 28 I attended the Fall Town Meeting not only as the Officer on scene, as required by statute, but also to seek the Town's approval of the passage of an article signifying the Town's adoption of MGL C40, S8G (mutual police aid programs). The adoption of this law is required in order for the Town to join others in Mutual Aid pacts to share services and equipment. I am extremely grateful to the citizens for this article's passage and for the support shown by the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator.

On October 31 we held our annual Halloween Luncheon at the Council on Aging Center. Not only is this an opportunity for the attendees to get a great meal it also gives them an opportunity to talk with us, and us with them, about any issues of concern.