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MEMORANDUM

To: Town Administrator Pontbriand
From: Chief William A. Murray
CC: file
Date: November 18, 2014
Re: October Monthly Report

During the month of October 2014 the Police Department logged 615 events requiring 32 incident reports and 8 arrest reports. We assisted the Fire Department on 52 medicals and 8 fire alarms. Here are some of the highlights:

Offense	Total
Animal Complaint	16
Assault	2
Assist Other Agencies	14
Civil Complaint	0
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	4
Disturbance	11
Domestic	10
Fraud	1
Larceny	10
Motor Vehicle Accidents	17
MV Stops	243
Motor Vehicle Theft	0
Sex Offender Violations	0
Shoplifting	0
Vandalism of Property	5
Weapons Law Violation	0

This month we received three separate grants from EOPSS for equipment and overtime enforcement. One for \$2,970.00 will allow us to put out extra patrols to enforce pedestrian and bicycle laws. Another, for \$2,000.00, will allow us to purchase a supply of car seats to have on hand in the event we find someone in need who cannot afford to buy their own. The last, \$4,900.00, will allow us to conduct Under Age Alcohol stings at establishments in Town.

On October 1 Detective Barhight and I attended 2 seminars sponsored by the District Attorney's Office. The first was on Hoarding and, in particular, how it affects the elderly. The other was on Crimes Against Adults with Disabilities. The former was timely as the Department, along with the FD and COA, then met with the Nashoba Boards of Health, later in the month, to enter into a partnership to assist with hoarding issues in Town.

On the 7th I attended a Chief's In-service training to update my First Responder/CPR certification. Then, at the end of the month, I attended the International Association of Chiefs of Police conference in Florida where I attended several sessions on issues pertaining to small agencies, social media, and medical marijuana.

On the 9th Superintendent Malone, Shirley Police Chief Goulden and I attended the Middlesex Partnerships for Youth "Middlesex County Superintendents and Chiefs Breakfast". Among the presentations we experienced was an update on the new firearms law and how it affected schools (SROs are now mandated for every district), social media sites that are a gathering place for youth and their personal information, the dangers of synthetic drugs, Cyber investigations, and this year's PSA project titled "I am Worth More". This year's project is looking for PSAs that focus on developing self-esteem, combating peer pressure, celebrating differences, and healthy relationships. Though the school district does not normally participate in the annual PSA competition I am hoping this year will be different.

At our monthly School Safety Team Meeting we focused on working to finalize the District's Crisis Intervention & Response Guide. We also discussed our public safety drills (Lockdowns) and a presentation on a trouble notification system called CopSync 911. Since the tragedy in Connecticut more products are emerging to give schools and public safety an edge against school attacks. We will continue to review these products but are usually saddled with the same challenge of lack of funding.

On October 17 I met with John Hillier (Ayer Compassionate Care), a representative from the DPH, and a representative from the security company Mr. Hillier has contracted with. The meeting was requested by the DPH to discuss my concerns over the security measures that are to be put in place to protect personnel and the property. In my estimation Mr. Hillier is going above and beyond and I was very satisfied with his plans. As with any new install of a system it will take time and experience to determine its true effectiveness but John is off to a good start.

I continue to stay up-to-date on the status of EBOLA and what it means for the State. I participated in two conference calls this month on the subject, have received numerous reports detailing best practices, and have had conversations with security personnel at Nashoba Hospital. While it remains unlikely that we will see the outbreak in this state all of us are preparing.

On the 31st we held our Annual Halloween Luncheon at the Council on Aging. As usual the event was well attended and all present were treated to a discussion on Elderly Scams. Also in keeping with Halloween our SRO conducted presentations on safety to the entire Page Hilltop School and treated all the children to Halloween candy collecting bags and glow sticks.