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MEMORANDUM

To: Town Administrator Pontbriand
From: Chief William A. Murray 
CC: file
Date: July 20, 2015
Re: June Monthly Report

During the month of June 2015 the Police Department logged 666 events requiring 43 incident reports and 8 arrest reports. We assisted the Fire Department on 45 medicals and 15 fire alarms. Here are some of the highlights:

Offense	Total
Animal Complaint	18
Assault	10
Assist Other Agencies	12
Civil Complaint	1
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	1
Disturbance	22
Domestic	10
Fraud	3
Larceny	12
Motor Vehicle Accidents	21
MV Stops	254
Motor Vehicle Theft	0
Sex Offender Violations	0
Shoplifting	0
Vandalism of Property	5
Weapons Law Violation	0

Training dominated the activity of the department for the month of June. June 1 through June 5 Sgt. Crumpton attended the Next Generation Leadership Summit at Fitchburg State College where he attended seminars on communications, race relations, managing employee conflict, generational issues, and a program that teaches officers how to think rather than what to think.

On June 10 and 11 Lt. Gill, Detectives Barhight and Kularski, and Officer Pearson attended Behavioral Observation and Suspicious Activity Recognition training with the State Police at Logan Airport. Following the classroom training the officers went into the field in the airport terminal to practice their new skills during role playing activities. During this portion of the training Lt. Gill identified a person of interest, who was not part of the classroom exercise, who then became a target of the State Police for further investigation.

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Later in June all officers and dispatchers attended an in-service update on Domestic Violence laws and suicide prevention.

We had a visit from the local scout troop on June 30 who were greeted and spoken to by Sgt. Crumpton.

Preparations were underway the entire month by Sgt. Cote for the upcoming July 4 celebration. A great deal of work is conducted by the PD for this celebration and thanks in great part to the efforts of the sergeant the Department will be ready.

On June 25 I attended an Army Community Partnership Meeting on Devens where I met with fellow area chiefs and the Lieutenant in charge of the Devens Police. Together we are partnering to provide training to our respective officers by using the expertise each has to offer and the vast facilities on Devens. Memorandums of Understanding were signed and we will begin the scheduling process for a years' worth of training over the next few months.

Over the years the Department has been plagued with inadequate radio communications that we have been able to mitigate but with the narrow banding of the communication channels those efforts are no longer sufficient. At the heart of our concerns is officer safety and as we lack the technical knowledge to proceed with corrections we will be hiring a consultant to assist us. We have also been in a long battle with the Town of Windham New Hampshire who was given the same frequency assignment as us, though we received it first. This was not an issue until the narrow banding but now with their stronger and better equipment they are interfering with our use of portable radios. We have involved state and federal agencies to move Windham off our frequency but the progress is slow going.