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William A. Murray
Chief of Police

MEMORANDUM

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

During the month of July 2015 the Police Department logged 683 events requiring 45 incident reports and 9 arrest reports. We assisted the Fire Department on 67 medicals and 13 fire alarms. Here are some of the highlights:

Offense	Total
Animal Complaint	26
Assault	5
Assist Other Agencies	15
Civil Complaint	2
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	5
Disturbance	9
Domestic	3
Fraud	0
Larceny	9
Motor Vehicle Accidents	9
MV Stops	235
Motor Vehicle Theft	0
Sex Offender Violations	0
Shoplifting	0
Vandalism of Property	6
Weapons Law Violation	0

From last month:

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.

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As a follow-up: we have interviewed a consultant who will assist us with determining what we need for equipment and are waiting for a quote for services back from him. There is nothing new from Windham but we continue to push for a resolution.

The July 4th celebration went off with very incidents and only 2 missing children who were both quickly found and returned to their parents. On this front the Command Vehicle that we borrow from Acton PD was extremely useful as all the visitors at the park know to head to the post to get assistance. We cannot get this vehicle every year but are always thankful when we can. Many thanks go out to Officer Chris Prehl, a town resident, who works at Acton and is instrumental in our use of the post.

Among our other grants and initiatives we have been awarded a small grant to conduct Under Age Alcohol Enforcement. We ran one sting this month resulting in an arrest for procurement of alcohol and will run more in the near future.

Our new Animal Control Officer, Julie Thomas, began this month and though not yet trained she hit the ground running and has already resolved several cases. She shows a genuine concern for all animals and a willingness to work with citizens to resolve their issues. I think Julie is going to do well.

The Department continues to maintain a stock of children sized bicycle helmets that we give out for free to anyone who asks. This month Officer Krasinskas, who along with SRO Jennifer Bigelow was instrumental in obtaining the helmets, passed out and fitted 2 helmets. There are no requirements other than asking so I urge all residents who need helmets for their younger children to come on down.