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MEMORANDUM

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

During the month of September 2015 the Police Department logged 519 events requiring 22 incident reports and 7 arrest reports. We assisted the Fire Department on 51 medicals and 13 fire alarms. Here are some of the highlights:

Offense	Total
Animal Complaint	17
Assault	0
Assist Other Agencies	13
Civil Complaint	1
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	4
Disturbance	22
Domestic	7
Fraud	0
Larceny	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	10
MV Stops	139
Motor Vehicle Theft	0
Sex Offender Violations	0
Shoplifting	1
Vandalism of Property	2
Weapons Law Violation	0

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.

Additional follow-up: the hiring of a consultant has fallen through and we are back where we started with no prospects to get assistance. This is very disappointing news as we do not possess the expertise to rectify our communication issues and problems continue to exist.

With the beginning of school came our first meeting of the Regional Crisis Team where we put the finishing touches on the regions written Safety Protocols. The manual will give guidance to all concerned individuals/groups on a wide variety of situations.

In concert with Shirley PD we conducted our first of four lock-down drills for the region and were very happy to see such positive results from the students. Chief Goulden and I, along with our staffs, also met with and addressed the faculty of the Middle School on the subject of lock-downs.

Interviews with seven police officer candidates occurred this month. The long process of background investigations has begun and we hope to be ready to present two applicants to the BOS for appointment sometime in November. These positions are replacements for Officer Daniel Morrison who retired earlier in the month and Officer James Wilson who will retire towards the end of October.

The 26th was National Drug Take Back Day. We have always participated in this one day event and continue to maintain our drop off box at the PD that is available to anyone all year round. At the conclusion of the event we submitted almost two hundred pounds of unused prescription medications for destruction.