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MEMORANDUM

To: Town Administrator Pontbriand
From: Chief William A. Murray 
CC: file
Date: January 19, 2017
Re: December Monthly Report

During the month of December 2016 the Police Department logged 760 events requiring 38 incident reports and 17 arrest reports. We assisted the Fire Department on 57 medicals and 13 fire alarms. Here are some of the highlights:

Offense	Total
Animal Complaint	18
Assault	4
Assist Other Agencies	13
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	0
Civil Complaint	0
Disturbance	11
Domestic	4
Fraud	2
Larceny	6
Motor Vehicle Accidents	21
MV Stops	323
Motor Vehicle Theft	0
Sex Offender Violations	0
Shoplifting	3
Vandalism of Property	2
Weapons Law Violation	0

Radio Follow-up: The Town's radio project has hit yet another snag and the development of the RFP for Phase 1 has been delayed. It is hopeful that this delay will not go beyond the beginning of February and that the project will remain on time.

On December 1 I attended the first meeting of the Town's Safety and Risk Assessment Committee. During this meeting we were addressed by Greg Nickerson from MIIA who provided information on the Town's insurance loss history and offered some best practices for the committee to consider.

We graduated our 17th Citizen's Police Academy this month with a ceremony held at Town Hall. Attendance at this academy was our greatest ever and so was the number of family and friends who turned

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out to congratulate the graduates! Extremely kind words for the PD were offered by student James Stephens and echoed by the entire assembly.

Our newest patrol officer, David Lansing, began his employment with the Town this month. For the next 11 weeks David will be enrolled in our Field Training Program where he will learn and be tested on all aspects of being a police officer for the Town. We have no doubt that he will successfully pass this training and we look forward to him joining the full time force sometime in March.

On the 5th of the month Detective Barhight and SRO Bigelow represented the Department at the White House 21st Century Regional Policing Briefing held in Canton, MA. The briefing was a chance for representatives from the White House to personally highlight and review the report from the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

The Town's first annual Holiday Stroll was held on the 10th with the PD in attendance to provide crowd and traffic control as well as security. The event was well attended and provided no unexpected challenges for us.

Also on the 10th I celebrated the beginning of my 30th year working for the Town! It has truly been a roller coaster of a ride that I have thoroughly enjoyed. I am very grateful to have been given the opportunity to serve this community and to have received such grand support from the citizens, businesses, the BOS, my colleagues and staff. The ride isn't over and I look forward to the opportunities ahead.

On the 21st Lt. Gill and Detective Barhight presented a Safety Presentation to the entire staff of the Town Hall. The presentation was an extension of our Run, Hide, Fight program, which we use in the schools, that was tailored to adults and the physical environment of Town Hall.

Officer Matt Callahan attended a Christmas celebration at the Nashoba Park Assisted Living Center on the 23rd and helped hand out presents as well as address the concerns of our seniors residing there. Matt is part of a three member team that I formed to specifically and proactively address concerns related to the business and service organizations in town.

On the 28th through the 30th we conducted RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) training at the high school. The training was led by SRO Bigelow with assistance from Dispatcher McCarthy and Officers Krasinskas and Person. This particular class was attended by high school seniors and college students.

During the course of the month I attended an intense 6 day Instructor Development training course held at MSP New Braintree. My successful completion of this training certifies me to instruct classes for the Municipal Police Training Council (MPTC). Of particular interest to me is a new and innovative 5 day First Line Supervisor training course developed by a team led by one time Ayer Lt., now Harvard Police Chief and Doctor Ed Denmark. Due to my experiences and other trainings over the past 29 years the MPTC has granted me a level 3 designation for this course which signifies that I can act as lead instructor at all MPTC Academies. I look forward to working with Chief Denmark and teaching this course at the Boylston Academy.

Other training classes attended by officers of the department, either collectively or individually, were in the areas of:

- UMASS Lifeflight Symposium
- Mental Health First Aid
- Glock Armorer Certification
- Risk Management
- E911 Foundation Recertification

In total the Department spent 111 hours in training for the month.