

REPORT OF THE MIDDLEBOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

For 2017, we respectfully submit the one hundred and eighth annual report of the Middleborough Police Department.

In 2017 we saw two long time members of the department retire. In April, the Chief's Administrative Assistant Irene Hudson retire after a 25 year career with the department. Mrs. Hudson served the last three chiefs of police and truly ran the day to day "business" of the department. We thank her for her service and wish her well in retirement.

In September, Officer Steven Nelson retired after a thirty year career in law enforcement. Officer Nelson came to us in 1999 from the West Bridgewater Police Department. Officer Nelson was a dedicated officer and respected by all of those he came in contact with. He will be missed by everyone in the department.

The modern day version of an annual report can be viewed as it happens, on a daily basis for all to see. Please follow us on Facebook and Twitter for a more comprehensive and timely account of what your police department does throughout the year.

DETECTIVE DIVISION

The Middleborough Police Detective Unit is comprised of four detectives on a rotating 8am-4pm day shift and 4pm-12am night shift. The unit is tasked with follow-up of major incidents and proactive response to citizens' needs throughout the town. These include but are not limited to: larceny, cybercrime, sexual assault, robbery, narcotics and unattended deaths. The Detective Unit also serves in administrative positions serving in the issuance of firearms licensing and the Sex Offender Registry Board. In 2017, Detectives served 15 search warrants, made 61 arrests, investigated 104 major incidents and assisted the patrol division in another 38 incidents.

Starting in November of 2016, Middleborough Detectives began an investigation in to street level heroin/fentanyl sales in the Town of Middleborough and its surrounding communities. In an effort to stem the flow of narcotics into our community, a detective was assigned full time to the Drug Enforcement Administration between August and September of this year to assist in a multi-state narcotics trafficking investigation. Over the course of the investigation, 28 individuals were arrested resulting in the seizure of 13 kilograms of Fentanyl and

21 kilograms of cocaine. Additionally, approximately \$160,000.00 in United States Currency and over \$350,000.00 worth of assets were seized.

The Opioid Epidemic continues to affect the Town of Middleborough. While the total number of overdoses remains constant with 89 reported overdoses in 2017, the number of fatal overdoses is decreasing with 4 reported overdose deaths in 2017. Middleborough continues to be involved in the Plymouth County Outreach program which is a system of documenting and scheduling follow-ups of opiate overdose victims. The program which is now implemented county-wide provides a detective to accompany a service provider to speak with victims and offer recovery options.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The Middleborough Police Department has had a relatively quiet year when it comes to the Technology Department. With the impending move in 2018 into the new police station, the main focus has been maintaining our current equipment and replacing components when needed. The main upgrade completed this year is a Windows upgrade on all PCs in the department; which allowed us to add some additional features and to stay within the security parameters required by the State. Cruiser laptops remain at status quo since we are able to equip all cruisers with their own laptop. This change has decreased the wear and tear on each unit and has allowed us to spend E911 grant money on other areas.

Improvements to our server system are taking place constantly and are still in the process of being finalized. Some of these improvements have allowed us to upgrade our internal dispatching and reporting modules through Tritech, formerly IMC. Major server upgrades are coming with the new police station building.

In 2016 the Middleborough Police Department's website was completely revamped and its information is updated as needed. We continue to monitor and update both Twitter and Facebook and the experiences we've had with social media have been extremely successful and rewarding with very positive feedback. We can be found at www.middleboroughpolice.com, and we ask that you follow us on Twitter @MiddleboroughPD and look for Middleborough Police Department on Facebook.

ELDERLY AFFAIRS

Detective Simonne Ryder continues to work with our older residents providing support and assistance with issues that affect this demographic. Detective Ryder works hand in hand with Old Colony Elder Services, Oak Point, the Health Department, Fire Department, Council on Aging, Middleborough Housing Authority as well as the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department. Detective Ryder continues to attend events at Oak Point, Nemasket Apartments, Riverside Apartments, and the Hillcrest Tenant's Association. The Department is still active in issuing Senior ID's, File of Life, and Project Lifesaver.

Please be alert of all scams via internet, telephone calls, emails, fax, postcard or letter. Never wire funds to strangers, give out your bank or credit card information, or allow a courier to pick up your money. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Detective Simonne Ryder at (508) 923-4636.

PROSECUTOR

Officer Richard Harvey is the Police Department Prosecutor. In 2017, there were 518 scheduled events (Trials, Motions, Hearings, Probation Surrenders, Warrants of Apprehension, Grand Jury Investigations, and Judge Appeals) in the District and Superior Courts that required the attendance of Middleborough Police Officers. Officer Harvey represented the Middleborough Police Department in Clerk Magistrate Hearings for 352 civil motor vehicle hearings and 224 criminal summons hearings.

There were 508 requests from the District Attorney's Office for supplemental materials to prosecute cases including: 412 recordings of telephone calls and radio transmissions, 36 recorded interviews, and 56 surveillance CD's/tapes. These requests are handled in house by the Prosecutor. Plymouth County Bureau of Criminal Investigation assisted in many cases obtaining forensic evidence involving fingerprints, and the use of cellphones and computers among other duties.

Citation appeals have increased sharply due to the formation of a Traffic Unit in an effort to further protect our citizens. It should be noted that Middleborough is the busiest jurisdiction in the Wareham District Court.

GRANTS

Sergeant Deborah Batista and Sergeant David Beals are in charge of obtaining grants for the Middleborough Police Department. In FY17, the department received funds in the amount of \$108,452.00 from the State 911 Department. These monies were used to pay for mandatory in-service training for officers and dispatchers trained on the 911 system. Additional monies were used to purchase Mobile Data Terminals as well as costs associated with officers working on the desk answering 911 calls.

The Middleborough Police Department also received \$6,721.00 in grant money for traffic enforcement campaigns including “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over”, “Click it or Ticket” as well as distracted driving.

ENHANCED 911

The total number of inbound E911 calls answered for 2017 were 6,374. This averages out to approximately 18 E911 calls per day. There were 2,283 calls transferred to other departments. Middleborough Fire Department received 201 calls. Brewster ambulance service received 2,075 calls.

The following streets were named in 2017: Stony Point Road located off Marion Road, Pocksha Drive located off Stony Point Road, Harvestwood Lane off Old Center Street, John Perkins Way off Highland Street, and Evergreen Drive (The Woodlands Apartments located off West Grove Street). There were two access paths named in 2017, Paige’s Path and Juno Path, both located off Precinct Street. Property numbering and other issues presented by other departments were researched and resolved including Black Brook Path, South Main Street, Oak Street, Pearl Street, Precinct Street, Wood Street and Center Street. Proof of address changes continue to be provided when needed.

The database for court issued Restraining Orders (209A) and Harassment Orders (258E) continues to be updated daily. By keeping these files meticulously maintained, officers are able to quickly locate pertinent information regarding the stipulations issued in these orders. No Trespass orders and Firearms Licenses continue to be maintained in the IMC (Tritech) database.

The excessive false alarm program continued in 2017. If warranted, an officer hand delivers a warning letter and then billing takes place if the problematic alarm isn’t rectified. Excessive alarm fees of \$1,035 were collected over the past

year and the amount of nuisance alarms was significantly reduced which is the goal of the program.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The School Resource Officer is Sergeant Gregory Trask. The full-time designation has been a valuable asset within the district, forging and developing relationships with future generations of this community. The partnership with the School Administration is a collaborative effort to ensure and improve the safety, security, and well-being of the students, staff, and community as a whole.

This year, the District along with D.E.R.T. (District Emergency Response Team) has been able to train additional personnel hired over the summer in the A-B-C's to response options and has added another trained instructor. The team continues to aid and assist surrounding communities in training their students and staff in the very practices utilized in the Middleborough School District.

The D.E.R.T. team with the assistance of other trained instructors from neighboring communities was able to train the students and staff the Memorial Early Childhood Center (preschool and kindergarten age children) in safety strategies and preparedness.

The forecast for D.E.R.T. this year is to complete the Safety Flip Charts and Emergency Manuals and disseminate them throughout the district. It is also the wish of D.E.R.T. to research a Visitor Management System for each school and to determine the viability of such.

The Middleborough Police Department in collaboration with the schools was able to partake in a "High Five" event in November at the Elementary Complex. The bond between students and officers was strengthened at the Mary K. Goode and Henry B. Burkland schools thanks to this fun event.

In light of the opiate overdose epidemic, Chief Perkins and Sergeant Trask have been active with the Middleborough Matters Opiate Coalition efforts which include members throughout the Town of Middleborough and members from the school and town entities. A group of students, "The Sachem Supporters", have been instrumental in leading the charge against this horrific war on addiction that has affected this community and others.

The High School Police Intern Program remains a popular option for high school seniors which attracted 13 applicants to which four applicants were chosen. The hope is with the completion of the new police station, the internship program

might have the opportunity to take more students based on the increase of training space.

It is the position of the Middleborough Police Department that the School Resource Officer position has proven to be an effective tool for School Administration in dealing with incidents that rise to the criminal level. This partnership is imperative in maintaining the safety, security, and the well-being of students and staff in all schools in the district. The fostering of relationships with students throughout their adolescence and into adulthood has proven to be a major asset and mentoring tool. The hope in the future would be to add an additional School Resource Officer to bring education and awareness into the classroom regarding numerous topics that affect the youth and community.

MIDDLEBOROUGH POLICE K9 UNIT

Sergeant Jerry Donahue and his partner, K9 Phalen, are assigned to the Patrol Division and work the 12am to 8am shift. The K9 Unit assists both the Patrol and Detective Divisions of the department as well as provides mutual aid to surrounding communities.

Sergeant Donahue and Phalen are a dual purpose K9 Team, trained in both patrol work and narcotic detection. The K9 Unit assists the patrol division in locating and apprehending suspects who have been involved in crimes such as housebreaks, domestic violence incidents, and robberies. Assistance is also provided to several other towns and agencies as well as the SEMLEC regional tactical and search teams.

Sergeant Donahue and K9 Phalen provide demonstrations to local groups, schools, and organizations. The demonstrations are offered to educate and demonstrate the skills and abilities of the K9 Team. These demonstrations are provided at no cost to any interested group.

Sergeant Donahue would like to thank all those who have made this program an ongoing success.

FIREARMS LICENSING

Lieutenant Robert Ferreira and Detective Timothy Needham are assigned to process Firearms License applications. During 2017, The Middleborough Police Department processed a total of 531 License to Carry Class A applicants, 28 Firearms Identification Card applicants, and 8 other license types.

Firearms License Applications are processed on scheduled dates. The dates and times are posted in the Police Station Lobby each month or can be heard by calling the Middleborough Police Station at 508-947-1212 ext. 128. The schedule can also be seen on our Twitter and Facebook pages.

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

In 2017, the Middleborough Police Department sent Sergeant Nathan Ferbert and Detective Sergeant Kristopher Dees to be trained at the Sex Offender Registry Board in Salem, Massachusetts. Sergeants Ferbert, Dees, and Pontes all handle the town's Sex Offender Registry at the Department. Patrol Officers and Supervisors conducted comprehensive in-person verifications of Level 1-3 Sex Offenders' work, school and living addresses which is required by state law. The Town of Middleborough has six Level 3 and 22 Level 2 Offenders living in town. There are four Level 3 and eleven Level 2 Offenders who work in town, and one Level 2 offender who attends school in the Town of Middleborough.

In 2017, the Middleborough Police Department arrested five Level 2 offenders and three Level 3 offenders for failing to register, one Level 2 offender for a probation violation, and obtained a warrant for one Level 3 offender who moved out of state and failed to notify the department. For public information on Level 3 offenders in town or anywhere in the state, you can log on to the Sex Offender Registry Board at www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/sorb. Level 2 Sex Offender information is not disseminated but can be obtained through request only by filling out a form at the Police Department.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Joseph M. Perkins

LIEUTENANTS

Peter J. Andrade

Robert D. Ferreira, Jr.

Todd K. Bazarewsky

SERGEANTS

Deborah A. Batista

Mark A. Pontes

John H. Graham

Jerry J. Donahue

Cory P. Mills

David A. Beals

Gregory E. Trask

Nathan J. Ferbert

PROSECUTOR

Richard W. Harvey, Jr.

LIEUTENANT IN CHARGE OF DETECTIVES

Peter J. Andrade

DETECTIVES

Sgt. Kristopher S. Dees Simonne M. Ryder

Alan J. Cunningham Timothy G. Needham

JUVENILE RESOURCE OFFICER

Gregory E. Trask

K9 OFFICER

Jerry J. Donahue

PATROL OFFICERS

Dennis F. Amaral

Steven T. Avelino

Antonio L. Botta

Jeffrey M. Brown

Kevin P. Frazier

David M. Howard

Jeffrey J. Irr

Angelo J. Lapanna

Michael C. Lonergan

Matthew C. Mansir

Boaz S. McMahon

Mark E. Meaney

Terry M. Meleski

Kevin A. Nardi

Stephen R. Nelson

Wheldon F. Nelson

Scott R. Phillips

Zachary C. Porter

Stephen A. Robbins

Robert B. Rullo, Jr.

Bradley A. Savage

Steve Valerio

Peter J. Vanasse

Ryan S. Whiteside

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF
MUNICIPAL E911 COORDINATOR**

Amy L. Dowler

CLERKS

Marion L. Gunning
Senior Clerk

Lori A. Sousa
Clerk

DISPATCHER

Daniel F. Newton

E911 DISPATCH COORDINATOR

Jessica A. Priestly

KEEPER OF LOCKUP

Joseph M. Perkins

SPECIAL QUALIFIED POLICE OFFICERS

Retired Special Officers

Charles Armanetti
John Bettencourt
Ronald Costa
John Guenard
Benjamin Mackiewicz
David Mackiewicz
Lorin Motta

Paul Rose
Gary Russell
Steven Schofield
David Shanks
Clyde Swift
Gerald Thayer
Stephen Verhaegen
Bruce Whitman

SPECIAL OFFICERS

Non-Retirees

Dylan Adams
George Andrade Jr.
Adam Beadling
Lawrence Berghaus
William Comeau
Frederick Conley
James Doherty
William Ferdinand
Mark Foster

Matthew Foye
Bryant Irish
Kelly Jarabek
Michael Johnson
Nichole Lapham
Wayne Lee
Charles Lemieux
Serge Loiselle
Scott McDaniel

Raymond Meleski
Patrick Mills
Daniel Newton
Kendra Perry
John Ponte
Joseph Sullivan
Zachary Trocki
Kurt Vanderzeyde

<u>TRAINING</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
Firearms Training	394
Field Training	840
In Service Training	504
E911 Emergency Dispatch Training	803
Firearms Legal Updates	30
Juvenile/SRO	48
Leadership	32
Social Media	336
Supervisory Liability	40
Investigations	16
CPR Instructor	16
Drug Class	24
Command School	80
Public Records	16

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

<u>Classifications</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Vandalism	174	144
Criminal Homicide	0	0
Rape	18	24
Robbery	8	4
Assault & Battery	267	231
Breaking & Entering	89	102
Larceny	189	236
Motor Vehicle Thefts	28	21
Arson	2	2
Kidnapping	2	1
Traffic Accidents	812	832
<u>Citations</u>		
Arrest	112	116
Warnings	292	805
Criminal	188	254
<u>Arrest</u>		
Male	624	685
Female	217	201
Juvenile	40	62
Protective	68	42
Cases Prosecuted	901	900
Man Hours	1705.5	1639.50
209A Violations	41	36

Following are all calls received by the Middleborough Police Department in 2017. Please visit www.middleboroughpolice.com to view the action breakdown per call. The numbers presented in the Statistical Report can differ due to reclassification.

209A Violation.....	36
258E Violation.....	16
E911 Abandoned Call.....	40
E911 Hang-up Call.....	74
E911 Silent Call.....	12
Abandoned Motor Vehicle.....	1
Alarm Business.....	362
Alarm Residential.....	322
Alarm Town School.....	40
Alarm Town Building.....	36
Alcohol Compliance Checks.....	0
Animal Complaint.....	218
Arrest.....	27
Assault.....	63
Assist Citizen.....	179
Assist Non-PD Gov't Agency.....	164
Assist Other PD.....	197
Assist Private Agency.....	23
ATV/Dirt Bike Complaint.....	59
Barking Dog.....	3
B&E Building.....	29
B&E Dwelling.....	25
B&E Motor Vehicle.....	45
B&E Other.....	1
Bomb Scare.....	0
Check Well-Being.....	341
Building Check.....	1797
Civil Complaint.....	47
Community Services.....	39
Non-Domestic Court Order.....	3
Car Seat Installation.....	9
Cruiser Wash.....	8
Desk Call, Non-Criminal.....	85
Directed Patrol.....	121
Disturbance, Family.....	234
Disturbance, General.....	336
Disturbance, Noise - Fireworks.....	7

Disturbance, Noise – Music.....	31
Disturbance, Noise – Non Spec.....	93
Disturbance, Noise – Party.....	13
Disturbance, Neighbor.....	67
Disturbance, School.....	76
Disturbance, Noise – Gun Shot.....	37
Disabled MV.....	297
Drug Law Violation.....	18
Drug Paraphernalia Recovery.....	50
Employee Hazardous Exposure.....	23
Elderly Services.....	17
MPD Employee Reported Injury.....	27
Erratic MV.....	387
Escort.....	10
Electronic Weapon Deployment.....	14
Family Offenses – Neglect.....	3
Fire, Alarm.....	28
Fire, Structure.....	20
Fire, Other.....	30
Fire, Assist.....	47
Fire, Vehicle.....	6
Fireworks Complaint.....	36
Forgery.....	2
Fraud – Internet.....	19
Fraud – Other.....	66
258E Harassment Order Service.....	47
Hunting Complaint.....	2
Internal Affairs Complaint.....	0
Incapacitated Person.....	48
Inter-Dept Services (Mail).....	129
Field Investigation.....	277
Juvenile Offenses.....	16
Keep the Peace.....	31
Larceny by Check.....	2
Larceny from Person.....	26
Larceny, Identity Theft.....	13
Larceny of Motor Vehicle.....	22
Landlord/Tenant Issue.....	12
Larceny, Other.....	142
Lift Assist.....	92
Liquor Offense, Person.....	0
Lock-Out.....	197
Medical Emergency.....	2298
Mental Health Services.....	179
Medical – Overdose.....	78

Message Notification.....	91
Missing Person.....	92
MVA, Personal Injury.....	72
MVA, Leaving Scene.....	125
MVA, Property Damage.....	841
Motor Vehicle Stops.....	4131
Notification, Town Department.....	59
Parking Complaint.....	122
Operating Under Influence.....	0
Overdose Follow-up.....	17
Harassing Calls/Emails.....	76
Prisoner Transport.....	12
Prostitution.....	0
Power Outage.....	1
Prowler.....	0
Property, Damaged (No Crime).....	30
Property, Found.....	52
Property, Lost.....	26
Property, Returned.....	56
Property, Recovered Stolen.....	16
Property, Stolen.....	13
Prisoner Injury.....	0
Rape.....	6
Recovered Stolen MV.....	5
Reported Death.....	11
Repossessed MV.....	47
Road Obstruction.....	226
Robbery.....	4
209A Property Recovery.....	17
Rubbish on Property.....	13
Section 35, Alcohol.....	3
Section 35, Drugs.....	8
SEMLEC Response.....	8
Sex Offenses.....	30
Shoplifting.....	16
Shuttle Assist.....	16
Speed Enforcement.....	131
Soliciting.....	3
Service, Summons.....	115
Sex Offender Registry Info.....	102
Suspicious Activity, Tel Call.....	17
Suspicious Activity, Email.....	6
Suspicious MV.....	366
Suspicious Activity, General.....	792
209A Service.....	257

Search Warrant.....	12
Threat to Injure.....	65
Trans to/from Juvenile Facility.....	7
Tow from Private Property.....	3
Trans to Plymouth House.....	36
Trans to Court.....	109
Traffic Control.....	658
Training.....	9
Trespass Person.....	45
Trespass – MV.....	4
Unwanted Guest.....	51
Vandalism.....	85
VIN Verification.....	11
Service, Warrant.....	161
Matron Hours.....	745.25
Summer Specials/Bike Patrol.....	395.50
Town By-law Violation.....	2
Weapons.....	10
Wires Down.....	34
Youth Gathering.....	2
Youth in Street.....	9

I submit to the Board of Selectmen and the residents of the Town of Middleborough the annual report and statement of duties performed by the Middleborough Police Department for the calendar year January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph M. Perkins
 Chief of Police

AUXILIARY POLICE

The Middleborough Auxiliary Police currently maintains an active roster of 26 officers who have designated their time and efforts to both the Middleborough Police Department and the community. Their present duties include walking beats, cruiser training, dispatch, traffic control during parades and events and training at the Plymouth Police Academy. A collective summation of hours the group has offered is as follows:

Administrative/Meetings	276 hrs
Special Duties – Events	368 hrs
Parade Events	92 hrs
Walking Beats	276 hrs
Academy Training	736 hrs
Cruiser Training	<u>552 hrs</u>
Total Hours of Service	2,320 hrs

In closing, the Middleborough Auxiliary Police Unit and its staff would like to extend its appreciation to the Middleborough Board of Selectmen and Police Chief Joseph Perkins for the opportunity to serve the Middleborough community throughout 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Officer Steve Valerio