



On January 3, 2011 the Board of Selectmen voted to appoint James G. Hicks as the next Chief of Police for the Natick Police Department. Chief James Hicks was welcomed by the Town of Natick on March 25, 2011 as he was sworn in as Chief taking over for Lieutenant Nicholas S. Mabardy who served as Interim Chief since the retirement of Chief Dennis R. Mannix after more than 20 years as Chief of Police of the Natick Police Department.

Although Chief Hicks has spent a majority of his tenure in 2011 evaluating the needs of the organization and plotting its future there were many noteworthy events and activities worthy of reporting.

**Department Organization**

The chart below depicts the organizational structure of the Natick Police Department as of July 1, 2011:



### **Personnel**

After more than 40 years of service, Interim Chief Nicholas S. Mabardy retired in April. Chief Mabardy served as Interim Chief from June 2009 until a permanent Chief was appointed in March of 2011.

Dispatcher Daniel Ciocca, who originally joined the Department as a part-time dispatcher, became full-time in June.

Sergeant Cara Rossi-Cafarelli was promoted to Lieutenant in October 2011

Patrol Officer John Doherty, Jr was promoted to Sergeant in October 2011

Patrol Officer Alan Graham was promoted to Sergeant in October 2011

Officer Christopher DiModica was appointed in November 2011 as a transfer from Malden

Officer Michael Mabardy was appointed in November 2011

### **Emergency Preparedness**

During 2011 two events occurred that allowed us to test our emergency preparedness. August 8, 2011 the area was hit with Hurricane Irene. On October 30, 2011 we were hit with an early snowstorm that blanketed the area. These events demonstrated to us that we must always be ready to respond and commit to the needs of the community in these situations.

### **Court Activity**

During 2011, 1,182 complaints were forwarded to the Court for prosecution. In addition to these complaints, Records Room staff processed 1,485 offense reports, 885 motor vehicle crash reports, and 2,868 citations.

The following illustrates traffic enforcement and crash data for 2011 as compared to 2009 and 2010 data:

<b>Violation Breakdown</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Civil Motor Vehicle Infractions	1,714	1,321	1,090
Written Warnings	1,551	1,335	1,382
Arrests	426	287	332
Criminal Complaints	570	538	697
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<b>Crash Particulars</b>			
Total Crashes	825	879	876
Fatal Injury	2	4	2
Non-Fatal Injury (incapacitating)	16	12	15
Non-Fatal Injury (non-incapacitating)	54	88	49
Possible Injury	83	91	74

### **Officer of the Year**

For his outstanding dedication to duty, the youth of Natick and wide range of investigation skills, Detective Richard P. Halloran was named Officer of the Year for 2010.

A member of the Natick Police Department for more than 27 years, Detective Halloran has served as the department's Juvenile Officer as well as handling investigatory duties within the department. He has been able to combine these skills with his interpersonal skills to build relationships within the community to increase the trust between the police and the youth of the community. Detective Halloran's outstanding dedication to duty, the youth of Natick and wide range of investigation skills reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Natick Police Department.

### **Animal Control**

Animal Control enforces state regulations and town bylaws applicable to wild and domestic animals and administers to the sick and injured animals within the town's borders. The following is a list of Animal Control activity during 2010:

<b>Domestic</b>		<b>Wildlife</b>	
Unrestrained Dog Complaints	121	Sick Raccoons Reported	57
Barking Dog Complaints	101	Sick Skunks Reported	20
Dogs Struck By Motor Vehicles	3	Sick Possums Reported	34
Stray Dogs Reported	142	Sick Woodchucks Reported	5
Dog Bites Reported	29	Sick Squirrels Reported	44
Lost Dogs Reported	126	Coyote Sick Or Sighted	32
Lost Cats Reported	153	Fox Sick Or Sighted	49
Stray Cats Reported	44	Sick/Injured Birds Of Prey	9
Cats Struck By Motor Vehicles	44	Sick/Injured Waterfowl & Birds	61
Cat Bites Reported	17	Deer Struck By Motor Vehicles	21
Lost Exotic Pets	11	Deceased Animals (Roadways)	217
<b>Informational Statistics</b>			
Animal Cruelty Cases Investigated	30		
Wild Animals Removed From Dwellings	19		
Citations Issued	17		
Written Warnings Issued	102		
Mutual Aid To Other Communities	9		
Assistance Calls For Service	148		
Informational Calls	142		
Livestock Complaints	10		
Farms/Barns Inspected	28		