



Calendar year 2014 could be best described as the year of transition as well as enlightenment for the Natick Police Department. With the start of the New Year the town and the police department were awakened to the realization that we were faced with a major epidemic in opiate addiction. We lost young members of our community to this problem and the police department and organizations in the town began its focus on addressing this problem. As a result the police department began to make plans and prepare strategy to attack this issue. Working with the School Department, Health Department, Community Services and Natick Together for Youth the hope is that we will be able to stem this dangerous trend before more lives are lost.

In 2014 the Natick Police Department worked diligently to complete its first Strategic Plan. There were several areas contained in the plan that emerged as priorities and some have been undertaken and implemented during the development of the plan and before it was finalized. These goals and objectives will continue to guide our efforts over the next three (3) years of the plan.

Personnel Updates

The Natick Police Department experienced a large number of retirements of long standing members of the organization during 2014.

Lieutenant Steven Pagliarulo retired after more than 30 years of service

Lieutenant Paul Thompson retired after almost 40 years of service

Officer William Geissler retired after more than 30 years of service

Officer Diane Morrill retired after more than 25 years

Officer Joseph Thurston retired after 15 years of service

Also Officer Thomas Butler was activated for military duty and served the country for the entire year of 2014.

Internal Affair Complaints:

Types:	Abusive Language –	2
	Conduct Unbecoming -	0
	Excessive Force -	1
	Violation Policy -	3
	Violation Rules -	2
Disposition:	Unfounded -	1
	Sustained -	1
	Under Investigation -	2
	Not Sustained -	3
	Exonerated -	1

Department Organization

The chart below depicts the organizational structure of the Natick Police Department as of January 1 2015.



Court Activity

During 2014, 1,203 complaints were forwarded to the Natick District Court for prosecution. In addition the Records Room staff processed 1,578 offense reports, 857 motor vehicle crash reports, and 3,911 citations.

The following illustrates traffic enforcement and crash data for 2014 as compared to 2012 and 2013 data:

Violation Breakdown	2012	2013	2014
Civil Motor Vehicle Infractions	1,260	1,813	1077
Written Warnings	1,189	1,389	2214
Arrests	197	162	143
Criminal Complaints	420	390	477
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Crash Particulars			
Total Crashes	823	890	857
Fatal Injury	2	0	1
Non-Fatal Injury (incapacitating)	18	25	22
Non-Fatal Injury (non-incapacitating)	56	72	59
Possible Injury	83	78	71

Officer of the Year

Christopher J. DiModica was named the Natick Police Department Officer of the Year for the year 2014.

Never For his consistent excellence in police duty throughout the year, were Officer DiModica's talents on more visible display or needed more than one winter's evening while on a detail. As the crew prepared to complete their work, a terrible accident occurred. Officer DiModica immediately realized what was happening, determined what needed to be done and made immediate use of the resources available to him. In an unexpected and horrific circumstance, Officer DiModica was able to maintain his composure and take action to ensure the best chances for survival of the victims.

It is his actions in instances such as these that have led to Officer DiModica being viewed as a leader by his peers and his being considered emblematic of the future of the Natick Police Department.

Animal Control

Animal Control enforces state regulations and town bylaws as it relates to domestic animals and wildlife. The animal control officer also administers to sick and injured animals as well as deceased animals on the roadways within the town borders. The following is a list of Animal Control activity during 2014:

Domestic		Wildlife	
Unrestrained Dog Complaints	87	Sick /Injured Raccoons	36
Barking Dog Complaints	103	Sick/Injured Skunks	49
Dogs Struck By Motor Vehicles	6	Sick/Injured Possums	9
Stray Dogs Reported	29	Sick/Injured Woodchucks	7
Dog Bites Reported	20	Sick/Injured Squirrels	21
Lost Dogs Reported	72	Coyote/Fox Sightings	27
Lost Cats Reported	48	Sick/Injured Fox	19
Stray Cats Reported	51	Sick/Injured Birds Of Prey & Waterfowl	22
Cats Struck By Motor Vehicles	33	Sick/Injured Rabbits	20
Cat Bites Reported	2	Sick/Injured Bats	38
Lost Exotic Birds	4	Deer Struck By Motor Vehicles	18
Lost Ferrets	0	Deceased Animals (Roadways)	118
Informational Statistics			
Animal Cruelty Cases Investigated			31
Wild Animals Removed From Dwellings			27
Citations Issued			18

Written Warnings Issued	55
Mutual Aid To Other Communities	10
Assistance Calls For Service	164
Informational Calls	179
Livestock Complaints	0
Farms/Barns Inspected	33
Kennels Inspected	4

Respectfully Submitted,

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