



Calendar year 2015 was one of education and support for members of our community facing challenges in their lives affected by opiate addiction. In 2015 the Natick Police Department dedicated much of our time partnering with local organizations and families to educate ourselves on this epidemic. In 2014 we lost young members to this trend and 2015 did not show any signs of stopping what is becoming more prevalent. We have dedicated our resources and our planning around this issue. We have partnered with several local organizations as well as the Governor's Opiate Task Force. We realize the role of first responders is crucial in this area. In 2015 the Natick Police Department trained all of our officers in the administration of Naloxone (Narcan). With support from the MetroWest Health Foundation all officers on patrol that may respond to an overdose will have available this life saving treatment. We began working with our local partners in the School Department, Health Department, Community Services and Natick Together for Youth to develop education materials to be distributed to families with members struggling. Understanding that every resident in town can play a role in reducing this problem the Natick Police, in partnership with the Natick Health Department, installed a prescription drug drop off box available 24 hours at the police station. Knowing that the abuse of prescription drugs plays a major role in addiction providing this resource to get unused drugs out of the home is critical. It does not appear that 2016 will see any slowdown in this issue so more diligence will be needed as we move forward.

Personnel Updates

The Natick Police Department saw the retirement of Sergeant Robert Dunlop in 2015. He served the Town of Natick for almost 30 years.

Elizabeth Heffler was named the Natick Police Department Officer of the Year for the year 2015.

Beth started her career as a Natick Police officer in October of 1996. She currently serves as the School Resource Officer for all Natick elementary and middle schools, a position she has held since 2011.

Beth is passionate and selfless with her service to the youth of Natick. Beth’s dedication and commitment to the Town of Natick, the Natick Police Department and most importantly, the youth of Natick is immeasurable.

Court Activity

During 2015, 1,245 complaints were forwarded to the Natick District Court for prosecution. In addition the Records staff processed 1,658 Offense Reports, 898 motor vehicle crash reports, and 4,136 traffic citations.

The following illustrates traffic enforcement and crash data for 2015 as compared to 2013 and 2014 data:

| Violation Breakdown | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civil Motor Vehicle Infractions | 1,813 | 1,077 | 662 |
| Written Warnings | 1,389 | 2,214 | 2,753 |
| Arrests | 162 | 143 | 196 |
| Criminal Complaints | 390 | 477 | 457 |
| OUI | 54 | 50 | 68 |

| Crash Particulars | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Total Crashes | 890 | 857 | 887 |
| Fatal Injury | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Non-Fatal Injury (incapacitating) | 25 | 22 | 26 |
| Non-Fatal Injury (non-incapacitating) | 72 | 59 | 64 |
| Possible Injury | 78 | 71 | 79 |

Animal Control

The following is a list of Animal Control activity during 2015:

| Domestic | | Wildlife | |
|-----------------------------|----|------------------------|----|
| Unrestrained Dog Complaints | 32 | Sick /Injured Raccoons | 13 |
| Barking Dog Complaints | 40 | Sick/Injured Skunks | 6 |

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| Dogs Struck By Motor Vehicles | 3 | Sick/Injured Possums | 1 |
| Stray Dogs Reported | 75 | Sick/Injured Woodchucks | 0 |
| Dog Bites Reported | 15 | Sick/Injured Squirrels | 6 |
| Lost Dogs Reported | 28 | Coyote/Fox Sightings | 57 |
| Lost Cats Reported | 43 | Sick/Injured Fox | 8 |
| Stray Cats Reported | 18 | Sick/Injured Birds Of Prey & | 28 |
| Cats Struck By Motor Vehicles | 14 | Sick/Injured Rabbits | 6 |
| Cat Bites Reported | 1 | Sick/Injured Bats | 4 |
| Lost Exotic Birds | 0 | Deer Struck By Motor Vehicles | 23 |
| Lost Ferrets | 1 | Deceased Animals (Roadways) | 51 |

Informational Statistics

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| Animal Cruelty Cases Investigated | 29 |
| Wild Animals Removed From Dwellings | 4 |
| Citations Issued | 11 |
| Written Warnings Issued | 27 |
| Mutual Aid To Other Communities | 1 |
| Assistance Calls For Service | 125 |
| Informational Calls | 81 |
| Livestock Complaints | 1 |
| Farms/Barns Inspected | 30 |
| Kennels Inspected | 3 |

Internal Affairs Complaints:

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|--------------|-----------------------|---|
| Types: | Abusive Language – | 1 |
| | Conduct Unbecoming - | 1 |
| | Excessive Force - | 4 |
| | Violation Policy - | 3 |
| | Violation Rules - | 4 |
| Disposition: | Unfounded - | 4 |
| | Sustained - | 3 |
| | Under Investigation - | 4 |
| | Not Sustained - | 1 |
| | Exonerated - | 1 |

Respectfully Submitted

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