



2017 was a year that the Natick Police Department focused a large part of our efforts on the core priorities of our 2015 Strategic Plan and our Mission Statement. This includes “Maintain Partnership with Natick Public Schools and Other Youth Organizations that Support the Youth of the Community” and “To enhance the quality of life for all citizens, we will cooperate with other agencies and groups to resolve community concerns.”

With four officers completing their training in 2017 our staffing levels reached our approved compliment. As a result we were able to add an additional School Resource Officer to the Middle School Community. This position will prove to be a key component in supporting the youth of the community. We have already seen success in programs such as the Youth Academy and the Welcome Back to School event. This police school partnership will prove to have a positive effect on the future of our community.

Substance abuse and addiction continues to be a major crisis in our community. This has a tremendous impact on the quality of life in the community. The Natick Police has confirmed its commitment to be a partner to all agencies and groups working on this issue. The entire department has been trained to be a resource to those individuals and families that may need help and not just an enforcement organization. The philosophy has changed so that those in crisis are offered assistance instead of being stigmatized. In 2017 our community had 27 overdoses with 4 deaths compared to 2016 with 25 overdoses and 3 deaths. We have a lot of work to do moving forward and the Natick Police Department remains committed to partnering to solve this problem and help our families that are suffering.

## **Personnel Updates**

The Natick Police Department saw the addition of four (4) new officers who completed their training and joined the ranks of the Natick Police Department, Aaron Carter, William Crisafulli, Derek Kane and Jennifer Stoller completed training and began patrol duties in 2017.

**Christopher G. Showstead** was named the Natick Police Department Officer of the Year for the year 2017.

Officer Showstead started his career as a Natick Police officer in October of 2008. He attended the Plymouth Police Academy 51<sup>st</sup> Municipal Police Officers Class and graduated March of 2009 where he received the Academy Top Gun Award. Officer Showstead wrote on his Natick Police Department application the reason he wanted to be a Police Officer, "is, simply want to help people". This statement epitomizes Officer Showstead and his service to the Community of Natick over the past nine years.

Chris currently serves in the Patrol Division on the evening shift, is a Field Training Officer and is also the Department liaison with the Brandon School. This role involves some of the most challenging and heartbreaking cases where he is making a proven difference in their lives. On a recent Sunday morning Officer Showstead demonstrated his strong work ethic by responding off duty to a volatile situation at the school where he assisted on duty patrol units in diffusing the situation and bringing a state of normality to this residential youth facility.

Although the community caretaker clearly defines him, Officer Showstead is also one of the most proactive officer on the department. He is able to seamlessly transition from one role to the other.

## **Court Activity**

During 2017, 1,028 complaints were forwarded to the Natick District Court for prosecution. In addition the Records staff processed 1,695 Offense Reports, 914 motor vehicle crash reports, and 3,337 traffic citations.

The following illustrates traffic enforcement and crash data for 2017 as compared to 2015 and 2016 data:

<b>Violation Breakdown</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Civil Motor Vehicle Infractions	662	537	478
Written Warnings	2,753	2,531	2323
Arrests	196	156	116
Criminal Complaints	457	400	369
OUI	68	55	51

<b>Crash Particulars</b>			
Total Crashes	887	850	904
Fatal Injury	3	4	0
Non-Fatal Injury (incapacitating)	26	21	29
Non-Fatal Injury (non-incapacitating)	64	52	76
Possible Injury	79	65	92

## **Animal Control**

The following is a list of Animal Control activity during 2017:

<b>Domestic</b>		<b>Wildlife</b>	
Unrestrained Dog	46	Sick /Injured Raccoons	33
Barking Dog Complaints	23	Sick/Injured Skunks	4
Dogs Struck By Motor	11	Sick/Injured Possums	3
Stray Dogs Reported	122	Sick/Injured Woodchucks	0
Dog Bites Reported	19	Sick/Injured Squirrels	8
Lost Dogs Reported	38	Coyote/Fox Sightings	34
Lost Cats Reported	41	Sick/Injured Fox	24
Stray Cats Reported	22	Sick/Injured Birds Of Prey	42
Cats Struck By Motor	7	Sick/Injured Rabbits	13
Cat Bites Reported	6	Sick/Injured Bats	4
Lost Exotic Birds	8	Deer Struck By Motor	33

Lost Ferrets	0	Deceased Animals (Roadways)	48
<b>Informational Statistics</b>			
Animal Cruelty Cases Investigated	51		
Wild Animals Removed From	15		
Citations Issued	6		
Written Warnings Issued	19		
Mutual Aid To Other	3		
Assistance Calls For Service	114		
Informational Calls	86		
Livestock Complaints	0		
Farms/Barns Inspected	0		
Kennels Inspected	2		

### **Internal Affair Complaints 2017:**

Types:	Excessive Force -	1
	Violation Policy -	8
	Violation Rules -	3
Disposition:	Unfounded -	4
	Sustained -	2
	Under Investigation -	3
	Not Sustained -	1
	Other -	2