



In 2018 the Natick Police Department continued to focus efforts on our core mission “To enhance the quality of life for all citizens, we will cooperate with other agencies and groups to resolve community concerns.”

We continued to build partnerships to assist in resolving issues in the community that have an effect on quality of life. Traffic concerns still remain an area that produce the most response when conducting informal surveys. Due to staffing levels within the department, as well as the numerous issues that are reported, we have struggled to fulfill all of the concerns but continue to develop strategy, utilizing technology, to assist in these efforts.

Substance Abuse Disorder continues to be a major concern in our community. Therefore the Natick Police Department continues to make this a priority in our efforts and partnership building. With 33 overdose responses (27 Opioid related) in 2018 and 3 overdose deaths (2 Opioid related) in 2018 we still have work to do and the Natick Police are committed to be an active partner in these efforts.

The Natick Police Department is also focusing on communicating better the future needs of the organization as we see growth within the community. We will see increased need for police services and want to make sure we are proactive in educating the need to staff the department effectively and support the officers with the equipment, technology and wages needed as we move forward.

In 2019 the Natick Police Department is looking forward to continuing two programs that have been successful in engaging the youth of the community and building the partnership with police officers. The Natick Police Youth

Academy for middle school students and the Red Hawk Festival for High School students have proven to be a great catalyst for officer interaction with these youth.

## **Personnel Updates**

The Natick Police Department saw the addition of two (2) new officers who joined the ranks of the Natick Police Department. Andrew Watkins completed his self-sponsored training and began patrol duties in 2018. Katelyn Pfeifer began her training in September 2018 and will complete it in early 2019. We also saw the retirement of Officer Robert Murphy after more than 32 years of service to the Natick Police Department. Christian Rodriguez and Christopher DiModica left to pursue other careers and options.

**Patrick Grady** was named the Natick Police Department Officer of the Year for the year 2018.

In 2015, Patrick graduated from the Boston Police Academy and was hired upon graduation by the Town of Sherborn Police Department. His goal was always to work in his beloved hometown and in 2016 he was able to realize his goal when he became a Natick Police Officer.

Officer Grady has consistently gone above and beyond. Officer Grady is a highly dedicated and well-rounded officer who is recognized for his work ethic, professionalism, leadership ability, and attention to detail. Currently assigned to the midnight to eight am shift, where he is viewed by his peers and supervisors as a quiet leader who is thorough and tenacious in his pursuit of justice. These characteristics were on display during several incidents where he took control of the situation and while working with his fellow officers brought these incidents to successful conclusions.

## **Court Activity**

During 2018, 864 complaints were forwarded to the Natick District Court for prosecution. In addition the Records staff processed 1,537 Offense Reports, 881 motor vehicle crash reports, and 2,631 traffic citations.

The following illustrates traffic enforcement and crash data for FY2018 as compared to CY2016 and CY2017 data:

<b>Violation Breakdown</b>	<b>CY2016</b>	<b>CY2017</b>	<b>FY2018</b>
Civil Motor Vehicle Infractions	537	478	491
Written Warnings	2,531	2,323	2100
Arrests	156	116	108
Criminal Complaints	400	369	355
OUI	55	51	42

<b>Crash Particulars</b>			
Total Crashes	850	904	848
Fatal Injury	4	0	1
Non-Fatal Injury (incapacitating)	21	29	13
Non-Fatal Injury (non-incapacitating)	52	76	68
Possible Injury	65	92	72

## **Animal Control**

The Animal Control Division would like to remind residents that coyotes and bobcats exist within the community. It is up to you to protect your pets and make sure they are not left unattended. Also, never leave or feed pets outside. These wildlife are not going away but we can limit our interaction with them if all follow these simple steps.

The following is a list of Animal Control activity during 2018:

<b>Domestic</b>		<b>Wildlife</b>	
Unrestrained Dog	30	Sick /Injured Raccoons	23
Barking Dog Complaints	46	Sick/Injured Skunks	8
Dogs Struck By Motor	7	Sick/Injured Possums	2
Stray Dogs Reported	94	Sick/Injured Woodchucks	2
Dog Bites Reported	16	Sick/Injured Squirrels	6

Lost Dogs Reported	38	Coyote/Fox Sightings	64
Lost Cats Reported	28	Sick/Injured Fox	19
Stray Cats Reported	16	Sick/Injured Birds Of Prey	23
Cats Struck By Motor	12	Sick/Injured Rabbits	6
Cat Bites Reported	0	Sick/Injured Bats	4
Lost Exotic Birds	9	Deer Struck By Motor	28
Lost Ferrets	0	Deceased Animals Removed (Roadways)	64

<b>Informational Statistics</b>	
Animal Cruelty Cases Investigated	79
Wild Animals Removed	15
Citations Issued	6
Written Warnings Issued	41
Mutual Aid To Other	2
Assistance Calls For Service	153
Informational Calls	47
Livestock Complaints	23
Farms/Barns Inspected	0
Kennels Inspected	3

### **Internal Affair Complaints 2018:**

Types:	Excessive Force -	1
	Violation Policy -	9
	Violation Rules -	5
	Conduct Unbecoming -	1
	Abusive Language -	3
Disposition:	Unfounded -	3
	Sustained -	4
	Under Investigation -	3
	Not Sustained -	4
	Other -	3
	Exonerated -	2