



In 2019 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.”

This mission statement continues to drive our actions and planning. The quality of life issues have become very complex for all law enforcement usually placing the police department in partnerships which would not have been imagined in the past. The Town of Natick has an extensive grassroots network to address many areas of concern and the Natick Police Department will partner with these groups to add support where needed. In Natick two areas that have garnered a lot of our attention and support have been combating substance abuse and mental health.

Substance Abuse Disorder continues to be a major concern in our community. With 45 overdose responses (32 Opioid related) in 2019 and 6 overdose deaths both indicate an increase over the 2018 figures. Another factor shows that the use of Narcan in public safety response increased in 2019. All indicators demonstrate that work still needs to be done. The Town of Natick has committed to fight this crisis and the Natick Police Department will continue to be a partner.

In 2019 the Natick Police Department increased its response to the growing issue related to mental health. All Natick Police Officers have received training related to this complex subject. To assist with our overall response the department received a grant from the Department of Mental Health to start a Jail Diversion Program. We have partnered with Advocates Inc. to provide a fulltime clinician embedded within the Natick Police Department. This clinician is available to co-respond along with officers to calls where a

mental health nexus may be present to provide on-scene crisis intervention. This allows for immediate services to be provided therefore preventing transports to emergency rooms or arrests. This program started in April 2019. In 2019 there were 113 referrals, 16 with behavioral health were diverted from the criminal justice system (cost savings \$40,320) and 34 diverted from Emergency Room (cost savings \$136,000). Total estimated cost savings in 2019 was \$176,320. The intent is to expand the clinician into other areas amongst Town groups that can use the services.

### **Personnel Updates**

The Natick Police Department saw a tremendous amount of turnover. Four (4) Officers left the department for various reasons. Two (2) long serving officers, James Ordway and John Doherty, Jr., retired. Five (5) new Officers joined the ranks of the department, Jamie Verner, Derek Butler, Jackson Dwyer, Steven Gould and Benjamin Shea.

**Sean Taylor** was named the Natick Police Department Officer of the Year for the year 2019.

Officer Taylor is a 2005 graduate of Natick High School and a 2009 graduate of Curry College where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice. In 2013 he graduated from the Municipal Police Training Academy in Reading and began his career with the Natick Police Department in August of 2013.

Officer Taylor is described by his Supervisors to have good situational awareness and is tactically sound at all times. He has a positive and friendly personality, he is well liked by his peers, and has a proactive rather than reactive work ethic. Officer Taylor is very reliable, polite, hardworking and possesses a good temperament. He is willing to take a leadership role when there is no patrol supervisor available. He always plays by the rules, no matter how trivial the rule may seem. He is always very professional and respectful of rank. Officer Taylor possesses the unique and admirable

ability of being able to be both a strict law enforcer and a community police officer. He treats everyone fairly and with kindness. He has empathy for others and is a great ambassador of the Natick Police Department

**Court Activity**

During 2019, 689 complaints were forwarded to the Natick District Court for prosecution. In addition the Records staff processed 1,566 Offense Reports, 816 motor vehicle crash reports, and 2,127 traffic citations.

The following illustrates traffic enforcement and crash data for FY2019 as compared to CY2017 and FY2018 data:

<b>Violation Breakdown</b>	<b>CY2017</b>	<b>FY2018</b>	<b>FY2019</b>
Civil Motor Vehicle Infractions	478	491	358
Written Warnings	2,323	2,100	1406
Arrests	116	108	82
Criminal Complaints	369	355	277
OUI	51	42	40

<b>Crash Particulars</b>			
Total Crashes	904	848	889
Fatal Injury	0	1	1
Non-Fatal Injury (incapacitating)	29	13	15
Non-Fatal Injury (non-incapacitating)	76	68	76
Possible Injury	92	72	74

**Animal Control**

The following is a list of Animal Control activity during CY2019:

<b>Domestic</b>		<b>Wildlife</b>	
Unrestrained Dog	36	Sick /Injured Raccoons	36
Barking Dog Complaints	43	Sick/Injured Skunks	11
Dogs Struck By Motor	7	Sick/Injured Possums	2
Stray Dogs Reported	78	Sick/Injured Woodchucks	1
Dog Bites Reported	14	Sick/Injured Squirrels	5
Lost Dogs Reported	28	Coyote/Fox Sightings	12

Lost Cats Reported	29	Sick/Injured Fox	8
Stray Cats Reported	16	Sick/Injured Birds Of Prey	27
Cats Struck By Motor	7	Sick/Injured Rabbits	2
Cat Bites Reported	0	Sick/Injured Bats	1
Lost Exotic Birds	0	Deer Struck By Motor	20
Lost Ferrets	0	Deceased Animals Removed (Roadways)	64
		Bobcat Sighting	1
<b>Informational Statistics</b>			
Animal Cruelty Cases Investigated	46		
Wild Animals Removed	7		
Citations Issued	11		
Written Warnings Issued	86		
Mutual Aid To Other	1		
Assistance Calls For Service	171		
Informational Calls	26		
Livestock Complaints	0		
Farms/Barns Inspected	0		
Kennels Inspected	4		

### **Internal Affair Complaints CY2019:**

Types:	Excessive Force -	1
	Violation Policy -	9
	Violation Rules -	6
	Conduct Unbecoming -	2
	Abusive Language -	0
Disposition:	Unfounded -	3
	Sustained -	8
	Under Investigation -	1
	Not Sustained -	1
	Other -	3
	Exonerated -	2