

## **Police Department**

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

I hereby submit a report of the activities of the police department for the year 2009:

After 26 years with the police department Officer Robert F. Nielson III announced his retirement and completed his last day on the December 31<sup>st</sup> with plans to maintain a part time status as a Special Police Officer. Rosario Messina, formerly with the West Stockbridge Police Department, has been hired to replace Officer Nielson.

The Commonwealth reduced funding to the Community Policing Grant by 23.8 % to \$8,609.84 and indicated it would likely be eliminated for 2010. We were awarded a 2009 Traffic Enforcement and Equipment Grant in the amount of \$8,400. In December we received notice that the state was taking a portion of that money back.

I would characterize 2009 as a quiet year for crime with a significant concentration at the north end of town involving smash and grabs into motor vehicles. I would be remiss if I did not publicly thank the Lenox Police Department whose involvement in similar incidents in Lenox led to the arrest of a Pittsfield man. We were able to solve a number of our incidents and charge him as well. It is interesting to note that all of the criminal activity we were able to solve were committed by career criminals and drug dependant people and were not related to the current recession. Again, a reminder that the 18,229 daily blotter entries continue to reflect better record keeping of proactive police work, administrative and other information that is searchable in the data base system allowing us to be more accountable and better able to retrieve information in a more timely manner.

During the year I was asked by Northwest District Attorney Elizabeth D. Scheibel, Northampton, to be a member of a committee charged with creating a one day conference, for teachers and first responders, which would provide resources and speakers to address the needs of returning combat veterans. Also during 2009 I was asked by Gwendolyn Hampton VanSant, Executive Director of BRIDGE to be a member of a task force committee for a federal grant whose goal was to create a series of events around the topic of "A Community Dialogue on Race." We were fortunate to have Stockbridge resident Homer "Skip" Meade as one of the keynote speakers for the opening forum.

Officer Bruce Stringer and Officer Darrell Fennelly attended the 22nd Annual Colonel Henry F. Williams Homicide Seminar at the New York State Police Academy in Albany, New York. There were a number of nationally recognized experts presenting and their attendance was only possible by virtue of a friendship with the trooper organizing the seminar. We continue to work on the Stackhouse case with Mass State Police Detective Trooper Brian Berkel and District Attorney David Capeless and we appreciate their untiring efforts.

Officer Teutsch has been very active with the Berkshire County Drug Task Force as local and state law enforcement works to deal with the heroin epidemic that is so pervasive in the area, impacting ever increasingly younger children in our communities.

Traffic, in many forms, is always an issue in Stockbridge. Citizens concerned about speeding cars on their streets are urged to call and request radar and are reminded that the squeaky wheel gets the oil. Summer traffic in the business block is always a challenge and I appreciate the efforts of Special Officer Petrescu who worked almost every summer weekend trying to ease the bottleneck on Main Street. When not busy with emergency calls and meetings I managed to attend to the afternoon traffic at Monument Mountain High School 137 days out of the 180 day school year.

As always I appreciate the contributions of all the members of the police department who work to maintain a quality of life in Stockbridge: Officers Robert F. Nielson III, Brian A. Shaw, Bruce J. Stringer, Adelheid I. Teutsch, Darrell G. Fennelly, Rosario Messina and Special Officers Louis J. Peyron, Elizabeth McCormack, Kimberly Shaw, Paul Petrescu, Michael J. Stanton and Administrative Assistant Kristin Garner.

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Daily Blotter Entries	18,229	13,150	9,677	8,982	8,037	8,327	9,245	9,545	9,913	9023
Investigations	449	558	563	553	447	423	485	374	436	282
Motor Vehicle Crashes	91	91	111	102	108	136	149	151	142	117
Uniform Crime Report Offenses	161	155	119	100	104	95	124	112	115	105
Motor Vehicle Citations	997	762	770	693	753	583	491	280	322	255
Parking Tickets	65	59	58	45	46	45	74	36	79	65
Alarm calls	599	644	492	580	449	407	517	563	423	346
Business Doors & Windows Found Open	78	91	25	31	34	43	6	14	11	15

Offenses: National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)  
& Civil Motor Vehicle Infractions  
A reminder that the statistics below include all **reported** crimes  
some of which may later be determined to be unfounded.

Open & Gross Lewdness	2	Larceny by Check Misdemeanor	1
Indecent A&B on a Child Under 14	1	Disorderly Conduct	16
Assault and Battery	13	Disturbing the Peace	18
A&B With a Dangerous Weapon	1	Indecent Exposure	1
Assault With a Dangerous Weapon	2	Lewd, Wanton, Lascivious Conduct	2

Assault	1	Driving Under the Influence	1
Domestic Assault & Battery	1	OUI Drugs	1
Resisting Arrest	1	OUI Liquor	6
Assault to Intimidate	1	OUI Liquor 2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	2
Intimidate a Witness	1	Family Offenses Non-violent	1
Annoying Telephone Calls	7	Under 21 Procure Liquor	1
Threat to Commit a Crime	14	Under 21 possess Liquor	3
Threat to Commit Murder	1	Liquor Open Container MV	4
Extortion by False Report of a Crime	1	Runaway	1
Possession of Firearm w/o a Permit	1	Trespass	18
B&E Building Nighttime felony	16	Trespass with Motor Vehicle	1
B&E Vehicle/Boat Nighttime felony	20	Default Warrant	1
B&E Misdemeanor	5	Arrest Warrant	2
B&E Misdemeanor Motor Vehicle	1	Elder Abuse	1
B&E Daytime Felony	15	Child Abuse	4
B&E Vehicle/Boat Daytime	14	Contribute to Delinquency of Child	2
Larceny From a Building	5	Fail to License Dog	1
Larceny Felony	46	Fail to Muzzle/Restrain Dog	1
Larceny Misdemeanor	19	Unlawful Possession Fireworks	1
Larceny From a Person	2	Violate Abuse Prevention Order	2
Larceny From a Person 65+	1	Kidnapping	1
Shoplifting	1	Criminal Harassment	1
Shoplifting by Asportation	2	False Reporting of Crime	1
Larceny Misdemeanor Person 60+	2	Litter Trash	2
Larceny of a Motor Vehicle	1	Litter from MV	2
Use of a Motor Vehicle w/o Authority	1	Cruelty to Animal	1
Forgery of a Check	1	Attempt to Commit a Crime	13
Utter a False Check	1	Registration Sticker Missing	1
Larceny Felony False Pretenses	1	Passing Violation	1
Identity Fraud	1	Failure to Keep Right	1
Receiving Stolen Property Felony	1	Marked Lanes Violation	4
Vandalize Property	1	Failure to Yield Intersection	1
Tagging Property	1	Unlicensed Operation of a MV	8
Destruction of Property Felony	10	Registration not in Possess	1
Destruction of Property Misdemeanor	15	Improper Operation	2
Drugs/Narcotic Violations	1	Speeding	601
Utter a False Prescription	1	No Inspection Sticker	181
Possess a Class B Drug	1	Operating w/o a License	17
Possess a Class C Drug	1	Operating Unregistered	41
Possess a Class D Drug	2	Defective Equipment	35
Improper Storage Hypodermic	1	Failed to Stop for Stop Sign	26
Discharge Firearm 500' Dwelling	2	Operating an Uninsured MV	4
Electric Stun Gun Possess	1	Carrying a Dangerous Weapon	1