

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 2010:

“ At the Annual Town Meeting February 10, 1941 – Article 12: Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$480 for payment of an annuity for the current year for Anna Killfoile, widow of Thomas E. Killfoile, a police officer of the Town, whose death resulted from injuries in the performance of his official duties.” 70 years ago Officer Killfoile, age 54, was killed at the intersection of Main and Pine Streets while directing traffic that was exiting a Tanglewood concert. Officer Killfoile became the first of three Stockbridge Police Officers to die in the line of duty. In September of 2010 former Stockbridge Police Officer Vinnie Fruet of West Stockbridge passed away.

A market has been created for stolen copper given its increased value and a number of cottages in the Lake Mahkeenac community were broken into and copper pipes were stolen. Several unoccupied houses in other parts of Stockbridge were also victimized. In addition there were a number of residential and business break-ins in the downtown area. Although most of the breaks were solved we lacked evidence to charge suspects in a number of the cases. Those three individuals are all heroin or crack addicts, one served time, one has cases pending, and one was able to have his case dismissed. Drugs and not the economy were the underlying cause of all the property crimes.

Traffic flow in the center of the town was significantly impacted by the town's water line project and that issue was compounded by Mass DOT's paving of the unfinished portion of the East Street and Mass DOT's Bridge Division's decision to resurface the South Street Housatonic River and railroad bridges. I am grateful to Highway Superintendent Clint Schneyer, Mike Buffoni from the Water Department, as well as Project Manager Robert Crosky for all of their communication and coordination which greatly reduced the number of traffic related problems with the project.

Although we made 26,122 daily log entries a significant number of those were for administrative and proactive policing reasons and something in the range of 9,000 entries would better reflect those entries made for crimes and calls for service. By example we logged 182 calls related to smash & grabs into motor vehicles, breaks into house and larcenies, the majority of those calls being simple larcenies. With only 83 bear calls in 2010 it is clear that people have educated themselves in the use of bird feeders and garbage disposal.

We had 293 entries related to medical calls during 2010 and we are extremely grateful to EMTs Scott Muir and Dan Weston, who for a number of years have faithfully responded to medical calls in Stockbridge. The town of Stockbridge is very fortunate to be the recipients of their timely, skilled and sensitive care.

Special Town Meeting May 18, 1901 Article 3: Voted that the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 192, Section 1 and 2 of the Acts of 1901, to regulate the speed of certain vehicles in the streets of Stockbridge. Section 1: No person shall be allowed except by special permission from the Board of

Selectmen to ride, drive or conduct any vehicle moved or propelled by any power, other than horses, over any road, street, or public place in the Town of Stockbridge at a faster rate of speed than Eight (8) miles an hour, under penalty of law enacted by the Great and General Court. "That Frankenstein monster, the automobile, is out of control and unless we master it pretty soon much of our country won't be worth the trouble of saving it." From Walter Prichard Eaton's 1926 address to the Laurel Hill Association.

With the exception of federal grant money used for seat belt and drunk driving enforcement all grant money has been eliminated. That Traffic Enforcement Grant has been reduced to \$2,700 for three enforcement periods, which have historically allowed us to provide stationary radar on problem streets. That reduction in funding is reflected in the drop in the number of citations issued in 2010 as compared with 2009. Conversely we hope to see a reduction in motor vehicle smash and grabs, a crime that has necessitated enhanced patrols, allowing for more speed enforcement on those streets where residents have requested our presence.

On July 15, 2010 Officer Heidi Teutsch was invited to sing the National Anthem at Fenway Park for a Red Sox home game. Officer Tuetsch has volunteered to sing at a number of police and community functions in Western Mass. That sense of Community Policing is a shared philosophy exhibited daily by Officers Brian A. Shaw, Bruce J. Stringer, Darrell G. Fennelly, Rosario Messina; Special Officers: Louis J. Peyron, Robert F. Nielson, Michael J. Stanton, Elizabeth McCormack, Kimberly Shaw and Paul F. Petrescu. With the able help of administrative assistant Kristin Garner I am able to survive the daily onslaught of paperwork.

	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Daily Blotter Entries	26,122	18,229	13,150	9,677	8,982	8,037	8,327
Investigations	505	449	558	563	553	447	423
MV Crashes	99	91	91	111	102	108	136
Uniform Crime Report Offenses	152	161	155	119	100	104	95
Motor Vehicle Citations	653	997	762	770	693	753	583
Parking Tickets	42	65	59	58	45	46	45
Alarm Calls	592	599	644	492	580	449	407
Business Doors & Windows Found Open	83	78	91	25	31	34	43

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.			
Rape	1	Speeding	301
Rape, Aggravated	1	Reckless Operation of a MV	8
Lewdness, Open & Gross	3	Operating an Uninsured MV	7
Robbery, Unarmed	1	Identify Fraud	2
Assault & Battery	4	Receive Stolen Property over \$250	1
A&B with a Dangerous Weapon	1	Receive Stolen Property under \$250	1

Assault With a Dangerous Weapon	1	Destruction/Damage/Vandalize	1
Failing to Stop for a Police Officer	3	Vandalize a Building	1
Assault & Battery on a Police Officer	4	Vandalize Property	2
Resisting Arrest	2	Destruction of Property over \$250	10
Threat to Commit a Crime	18	Destruction of Property under \$250	15
Annoying Telephone Calls	9	Malicious Damage to MV	2
Extortion by Threat of Injury	1	Vandalize a Cemetery	1
Burglary/Breaking & Entering1	1	Possession to distribute Class B drug	4
Breaking & Entering Nighttime for Felony	23	Possession to distribute Class C drug	1
B&E a Motor Vehicle	23	Possession Class B Drug, Cocaine	1
B&E Misdemeanor	1	Possession Class C Drug	1
B&E Daytime Felony	17	Possession Class D Drug, Marijuana	4
Larceny from a Building	7	Possession of Hypodermic	1
Larceny over \$250	37	Indecent A&B on a Child Under 14	1
Larceny under \$250	16	Distribute Obscene Matter	1
Larceny of Drug	1	Possession of Firearm without License	1
Shoplifting by Asportation	2	Discharge of a Firearm within 500 dwelling	1
Shoplifting by Concealing Mdse	1	Larceny by Check over \$250	1
Theft from MV	1	Disorderly Conduct	21
All Other Larceny	1	Disturbing the Peace	24
Larceny of a Motor Vehicle	2	Lewd, Wanton & Lascivious Conduct	3
RMV Document Forgery	1	Operating under the Influence Drugs	1
Horse Dealing, Unlicensed	1	OUI Liquor	3
Larceny over \$250 +60, disabled	3	OUI Liquor 2 nd Offense	2
Larceny over \$250 by False Pretense	1	OUI Liquor 3 rd Offense	1
Family offenses, Non-Violent	2	Person under 21 Possession Alcohol	2
Open Container Alcohol MV	2	Trespass	15
Trespass with a MV	1	CHINS (Child in Need of Service)	1
Child Abuse, Mandated Reporter	6	Horse, Transport without Bill of Sale	1
Dog fail to Muzzle or Restrain	5	Junk car	3
Elder abuse, Fail to Report	1	Violate an Abuse Prevention Order	1
Missing Person	2	Wanton & Reckless with Child	1
Civil Rights Violation	2	Criminal Harassment	4
Use of another's Com Dumpster	1	Trash, Litter	3
Trash, Litter from a MV	2	Animal Cruelty	1
Attempt to Commit a Crime	9	Junior Operator time violation	1
Conspiracy to Violate Drug laws	2	State Highway Violation	1
Passing Violation	1	Marked Lanes Violation	11
Operate with Restricted License	1	Unlicensed Operation of a MV	12
No Inspection Sticker	123	License to Operate evoked	3
License to Operate Suspended OUI	3	Leaving Scene of a Property Damage MVA	15

Respectfully Submitted, Richard B. Wilcox, Chief of Police