

Police Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Stockbridge:

I hereby submit a report of the activities of the police department for the year 2012:

2012, in terms of crime, was one of the quietest years in recent memory. Statistical information below reveals how significant that change is from activity over the last several years. That information is, however, of little comfort for those who were victims of crime, especially that sense of violation felt by Stockbridge homeowners whose homes were broken into and had valuables and heirlooms stolen.

The area of greatest concern remains the number of house breaks, 14 for the year, even though that is 11 less than 2011. Either from evidence gathered at the scene, or a review of modus operandi, it is clear that they are all related to drug addiction. We had six motor vehicle breaks during the year, and for the most part at locations where the parked cars are somewhat isolated, such as Gould Meadows. Included among those car break-ins were unlocked cars with valuables in plain view.

Grants, during their peak years, contributed almost \$35,000 on an annual basis to the police department's budget. In 2012 we received no grant money from the state or federal government. Through the Western Regional Homeland Security Council, the Berkshire County Chiefs, the Berkshire Law Enforcement Council and the Berkshire County Sheriff's Department we collectively continue to receive federal homeland security grant money, currently totaling more than two million dollars, for the upgrade of the Berkshire County radio communications system and other emergency response equipment. That Homeland Security money will continue to flow into the county with the stipulation it serve regional needs.

One impact of the loss of grant money is reflected in our ability dedicate blocks of time to run radar on streets where residents have expressed concern about speeding cars. We are now sandwiching in radar between calls, patrols and investigations, which means running radar anywhere from 5 minutes up to an hour at a time at any given location.

Tanglewood celebrated its 75th anniversary season in 2012, and, as we have since its genesis, we continued to provide a range of services this past summer in chorus with the Lenox Police and the Berkshire County Sheriff's Department.

Policing in Stockbridge is a team effort and as always I am grateful to the following Officers for their help and support during the year: Brain A. Shaw, Bruce J. Stringer, Adelheid A. Teutsch, Darrell G. Fennelly, Rosario Messina and Special Officers Robert F. Nielson, Michael J. Stanton, Elizabeth McCormack, Kimberly Shaw, Paul F. Petrescu and Neil H. Raymond.

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Daily Blotter Entries	24,022	24,323	26,122	18,229	13,150	9,677	8,982	8,037
Investigations	351	445	505	449	558	563	553	447
Motor Vehicle Crashes	58	70	99	91	91	111	102	108
Uniform Crime	67	122	152	161	155	119	100	104

Report Offenses								
Motor Vehicle Citations	418	440	653	997	762	770	693	753
Parking Tickets	13	37	42	65	59	58	45	46
Alarm Calls	573	500	592	599	644	492	580	449
Business Open Doors	234	118	83	78	91	25	31	34

Offenses: National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) & Civil Motor Vehicle Infractions The statistics below include all reported crime, which may later be determined to be unfounded.			
A&B With Dangerous Weapon	1	Assault With Dangerous Weapon	2
A&B On a Cognitively Limited Person	1	Assault & Battery	3
Rape	1	A&B on Ambulance Personnel	1
Threat to Commit a Crime	4	B&E Nighttime, Felony	5
B&E daytime, Vehicle	6	B&E For Misdemeanor	1
B&E Daytime For Felony	10	B&E Vehicle Daytime For Felony	6
Child Endangerment	1	Destruction of Property Over \$250	13
Destruction of Property Under \$250.00	5	Resist Arrest	1
Disorderly Conduct	1	Disturbing the Peace	1
Driving Under The Influence, Alcohol	2	Larceny From a Building	10
Identity Fraud	1	Larceny by Check Over \$250	1
Larceny Over \$250	20	Larceny Under \$250	7
Larceny from a Person over 60.Disabled	2	Larceny under \$250 false pretense	1
License Operate a MV Suspended	5	Leave the Scene of Property damage MVA	2
Leave the Scene Personal Injury MVA	1	Malicious Damage to a MV	1
Harassment , Criminal	3	Marked Lanes, Fail to Stay In	6
Reckless Operation of a MV	2	Negligent Operation of a MV	4
Trespass	5	OUI Liquor	1
Telephone Calls, Annoying	5	OUI Liquor, 2 nd offense	1
Trash, Litter	8	Witness, Intimidate	1
Use a Motor Vehicle w/o Authority	1	Vandalize Property	5
Tagging Property	1	Destruction of Property Over \$250	2
Receive Stolen Property	1	Disorderly Conduct	1
Disturbing the Peace	1	Shoplifting by Concealment	1
Indecent A&B on a Person 14 or Older	1	Firearm, Store Improperly	1
Indecent Exposure	1	OUI Liquor	1
OUI Liquor, 2 nd Offense	1	Child Endangerment	1
Trash Disposed in Inland Waterways	1	Deer Tagging Violation	1
Abuse Prevention Order Violation	2	Attempt to Commit a Crime	2
Operate a MV with a Suspended License	5	Reckless Operation of a Motor Vehicle	2
Uninsured Motor Vehicle	1	Unregistered Motor Vehicle	1
Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle	2	Speeding Citations	329

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