

Hudson Police Department

FY 2014 Town Report

Preface:

It gives me pleasure to share with the citizens of Hudson, your Police Department's FY 2014 Annual Town Report. The following information will summarize the year in a few short pages.

The Town of Hudson has a unique police department; members are very involved with the community and work closely to solve problems, provide programs, and are committed to assisting charitable organizations. I can assure you there are not many police departments that are as close with the community. This partnership will keep Hudson a great place to own a business and an even better place to raise a family.

Once again we saw spikes in thefts from motor vehicles. The victims of this crime often leave their motor vehicle unlocked and have left valuables in plain sight. Please remember to remove valuables from your vehicle and take them inside your residence. In some cases people saw suspicious activity but did not call us. I would like to encourage residents to be attentive to their neighborhoods and call police if you see anything suspicious.

A growing concern for our community has been the increase in drug related overdoses. During the FY 2014 we responded to forty-two (42) overdoses. In four of those instances people died. The rest survived in part due to the response of Hudson Fire and Police personnel. In an attempt to reduce the amount of prescription medication that may end up on the street as a result of it being stolen, we participate in three drug take back programs with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) as well as having a permanent drop off box in our lobby. Last year we took in 351 pounds of unused prescription medication.

We are where we are today because of the diligence of our police department employees; along with assistance from the town of Hudson community, the Board of Selectmen, Town Departments, the School District, many businesses, and many individual contributions. To all of you, thank you.

Statistics:

The Police Department utilizes many policing models to help reduce, prevent and solve crimes. From July 2013 to the end of June 2014, the Police Department responded to 32,863 calls for service.

Activity	7/01/12 -6/30/13	7/01/13 -6/30/14	% Δ
Total Arrests	998	1,006	1%
Juvenile Arrests	120	149	24%
DWI Arrests	152	95	-38%
Drug Arrests	94	89	-5%
Crime vs Person			
Homicide	0	0	N/C
Aggravated Assault	22	31	41%
Simple Assault	168	169	1%
Sexual Assault	18	24	33%
Robbery	7	7	0%
Crime vs Property			
Arson	6	2	-67%
Burglary	87	53	-39%
Criminal Mischief	195	136	-30%
MV Theft	12	16	33%
Theft/Larceny	309	340	10%
Theft/Fraud	89	81	-9%
Motor Vehicle			
State Reportable MVA's	548	578	5%
MV Citations	1,596	1,382	-13%
MV Warnings	7,661	7,075	-8%
Domestic Disturbances	359	350	-3%

Activity	7/01/13 -6/30/14	7/01/14 -6/30/15	% Δ
Total Arrests	1,006	988	-2%
Juvenile Arrests	149	123	-17%
DWI Arrests	95	101	6%
Drug Arrests	89	111	25%
Crime vs Person			
Homicide	0	0	N/C
Aggravated Assault	31	20	-35%
Simple Assault	169	145	-14%
Sexual Assault	24	24	0%
Robbery	7	5	-29%
Crime vs Property			
Arson	2	2	0%
Burglary	53	58	9%
Criminal Mischief	136	121	-11%
MV Theft	10	17	70%
Theft/Larceny	340	314	-8%
Theft/Fraud	81	101	25%
Motor Vehicle			
State Reportable MVA's	578	669	16%
MV Citations	1,382	1,202	-13%
MV Warnings	7,075	7,412	5%
Domestic Disturbances	350	318	-9%

*N/C- not capable of being computed, zero incidents to calculate against for the prior year.

Community Programs and Events:

Citizen Police Academy: Unfortunately this year we did not have enough participants from the community to run a class. This could have been for a few reasons. Perhaps, over the fourteen previous classes we exhausted the list of people who are interested in how their Town works. Or maybe we did not advertise enough. We will try to run this program again this year. We would encourage any resident or business owner to call and reserve your spot for the next academy scheduled for April 2015.

Firearms Safety Class: We did add a Firearms Safety class. This was done as there has been a significant increase in recent years in pistol permit applications. Last fiscal year alone we had 465 people request a permit. A permit is valid for four years. Additionally, Hudson has had two companies start a firearms range within our community. Over the years there have been instances where a person handling a firearm has injured themselves. This is a four hour program taught by Hudson Police Firearms instructors. The class is offered at various times throughout the year.

AARP: We conducted three AARP Safe Driving classes during the year. This two day (four hours each day) is personalized for people over 55 years of age, and many may benefit with a discounted insurance rate just by taking the course. Participants are reminded of safe driving habits and are made aware of various dangers encountered while driving.

We conducted two successful Red Cross sponsored blood drives, hosted the Special Olympics Torch Run, sponsored CHiPS “Fright Night”, participated in the “Toys for Tots” drive, collected donations at the annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing, and participated in many other charity events.

Goings and Comings:

Goings:

- Officer Bill Emmons retired from HPD to pursue other career opportunities in law enforcement. Ofc. Emmons spent his time in the patrol and detective divisions. He will mostly be remembered for his time as a School Resource Officer at the middle school. We wish Ofc. Emmons well in his future endeavors.
- Officer Jim Stys retired from HPD to also pursue other career opportunities in law enforcement. Ofc. Stys spent his time in the patrol and detective division. His last few years were as a DARE Officer. He will always be remembered for his time carrying a large pumpkin and leading the costume parade at FRIGHT Night and the “Toys for Tots Drive”.
- Officer Chris Manni resigned to seek other career opportunities.
- Dorothy Carey, the Administrative Secretary. Dorothy retired after 28 years of service with the Town. She witnessed firsthand the transformation from this department which had its issues in the 1980’s to being a nationally recognized organization of excellence through CALEA. Dorothy help “raise” many officers over the years from aiding them through a hiring process, registering them at the police academy, ordering uniforms, to sewing on a button that popped off a uniform or getting a band-aid on an officer, and bringing in home baked foods. Dorothy was a valued partner and I thought of her as the neck of the agency, always making sure the head was looking in the right direction. Her retirement is well deserved and we thank her family for sharing her with us all these years. She will be missed by all.
- One dispatcher was terminated.

Comings: We had been working with a shortage of officers. It was great to have the support of the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee to allow these positions to be filled. Their support will allow us more opportunities to keep our roads safer, reduce crime in our community, and investigate and arrest people who commit crimes. I would like to thank the sworn personnel for stepping up over recent years while we had to operate short staffed.

- Officer Nathan Glowacki came to us from Hillsboro NH Police Department. He has a brother who is an officer in another part of the state.
- Officer Melissa Caflish came to us from the TSA from the Boston Manchester Regional Airport. She was also a woman’s ski coach at Plymouth State University.
- Officer Ronald Cloutier was raised in Hudson, NH. After retiring from the Army as a 1st Sargent he came back to his home town to keep his community safe.
- Officer Michael Corey served three years in the US Army and was stationed in Washington. He is also a graduate of St. Anslem’s College.

- Officer Daniel Donahue was a part-time Police Officer in Hampton, New Hampshire and he was a K9 bomb dog working for the IRS building in Massachusetts. Ofc. Donahue's father is a retired Nashua, NH Police Officer.
- Officer Bryan Genovese was a practicing business attorney. A number of his family members also practice law. His ambition however was to become a police officer and he did so.
- Officer Matthew Topper was also raised in Hudson, NH. He is a graduate of Keene State College. We are pleased to have him giving back to his community.

Goals and Objectives for 2014:

- To continue to ensure our officers receive the best training in modern day police practices.
- Host community based programs to reduce crime and to foster our Partnership with the Community.
- Reduce the number of motor vehicle collisions on the three main arteries in Hudson through education, motor vehicle enforcement and police presence.
- Continue to identify and arrest sexual predators and to provide educational programs to parents and children through our schools.
- Continue to focus our resources on identifying and arresting drug dealers in our Community.
- Continue coordination and collection of CALEA proofs of standard compliance in preparation for future re-accreditation.
- Continue to utilize the Police Department's Directed Patrol System with emphasis on neighborhood presence to reduce criminal activity.

Closing:

On behalf of the Hudson Police Department I would like to thank the Citizens of Hudson, the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator Steve Malizia, and Department Heads for their continued support.

To the employees of the Hudson Police Department; thank you for all your efforts in keeping our agency one of the best in the State. The honor is mine to represent you. I look forward to working with the community in (as I said earlier) keeping Hudson a great place to own a business and an even better place to raise a family.

Sincerely,

Jason J. Lavoie
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Town of Hudson, NH