

Hollis Police Department 2016 Annual Report

The mission of the Hollis Police Department is to protect life and property, and to maintain order within the Town in a fair and impartial manner.

On behalf of the Hollis Police Department, it is my privilege to present the Department's 2016 Annual Report.

The challenges facing law enforcement in the past few years have had significant impact on the profession particularly in the areas of recruiting, retention and morale. By all accounts, morale among police officers across the country is as low as many can ever remember. Despite the long history of generations of families willing to serve, a recent poll of over 3400 officers revealed that 81% would not encourage a son or daughter to enter the field. The reason most cited by those polled is a lack of public support for the profession and media and political cynicism. I am proud to say however, that support for the police here in Hollis is as strong as ever. In fact, the negative national climate regarding law enforcement so affected a group of Hollis residents, led by Tina Carlson, that they organized a series of police appreciation events including field day and comedy show fundraisers. This incredible outpouring of support raised over \$16,000 for the Hollis and Brookline Police Benevolent Associations and more importantly, illustrated just how much the greater community appreciates the profession and understands its difficulties.

To ensure that we continue to earn a high level of support, we have embraced many of the recommendations made by the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. This task force was commissioned by the President in light of recent events that have strained relations and threaten police legitimacy. The final report of the task force advances six main topic areas or "pillars" that provide a foundation of sound policing practices that promote effective crime reduction while building public trust and strengthening community relations. In furtherance of incorporating recommendations from the report into our policies and protocols, Lt. Richard Bailey attended a symposium at the White House on the report and it has been the focus of my work on the Community Policing Committee for the International Chiefs of Police Association. Currently, the Hollis Police Department has a vibrant array of community policing programs designed to engage the citizenry in order to improve the delivery of efficient police services. You can find information about our programs, social media accounts, and about the community notification systems the department employs to convey emergency and non-emergency information to residents on our website (hollispd.com).

We continue to use the resident survey conducted in 2015 to inform our patrol practices and have targeted our efforts to the areas of highest concern to residents (traffic, drugs, burglaries) and of our state (opioid abuse). Officers increased their motor vehicle enforcement 9% (over 6500 car stops in 2016), stepped up drug interdiction efforts

increasing drug arrests by 34%, and continued enhanced patrols in neighborhoods during the day resulting in the lowest number of burglaries ever recorded by the department. This statistic is particularly impressive when one considers our overall increase in calls for service (2%) and significant increases in motor vehicle accidents (40%) and arrests (30%). The department was awarded in excess of \$20,000 in enforcement grants in 2016 to continue our traffic enforcement efforts targeting impaired/distracted driving and speed enforcement.

The department is in the second year of the “self-assessment” phase of accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The CALEA Accreditation Award is granted when an agency demonstrates that it has developed a comprehensive and uniform set of written directives that promote the use of "best practices" in meeting their mission. These policies and procedures provide a solid foundation for making evidence-based decisions, limiting liability and risk exposure. Accreditation will strengthen our commitment to accountability and excellence within the organization. We have developed an aggressive time line and have put financial resources in place in hopes to schedule a mock assessment in January 2018.

On the personnel front, the department welcomed Lieutenant Joseph Hoebeke who was hired in March 2016 and three new patrol officers: Officer Craig Conant, Officer Matthew Poulicakos, and Officer Adam Kushmerek. Lieutenant Hoebeke comes to us after serving with the Hudson Police Department since 2001, last assigned as a Sergeant in the Patrol Division. Officers Matthew Poulicakos and Craig Conant were hired in May and are both currently assigned to the patrol division. Officer Adam Kushmerek was hired in December and is currently attending the police academy slated to graduate in the spring. A number of veteran officers were recognized for their efforts in 2016 as well. Officers David Turgeon and Joseph Wallent were recognized as Master Patrol Officers, Officers Lucas Ilges and Phillip Landsteiner were awarded Letters of Commendation for their outstanding enforcement efforts, and Officer Richard Bergeron was named the Veterans of Foreign War's Officer of the Year and was awarded the McDonald's Community Involvement Award.

Our entire department remains committed to doing our best to maintain the high quality of life enjoyed in the Town of Hollis. I ask for your continued support as we move forward, and thank you for the opportunity to serve as Chief of Police.

Respectfully submitted,

James P. Sartell
Chief of Police

Summary of Police Activity 2016

The call activity numbers below reflect initial calls for service and are not the number of crime/incidents investigated by the Hollis Police Department.

Call Reason Breakdown

CALL REASON	2016
ABANDONED / HANGUP 911	33
ABANDONED M V	1
ALARM / AUDIBLE	1
ALARM / HOLD-UP	6
ALARM / OTHER	2
ALARM / PANIC	25
ALARM / BURGLAR	398
ANIMAL / DOMESTIC	211
ANIMAL / WILDLIFE	63
ASSAULT	12
ASSIST CITIZEN	37
ASSIST FIRE/MEDICAL	813
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	86
BAD CHECK	1
BURGLARY IN PROGRESS	1
BURGLARY	3
BUSINESS CHECK	4060
COMMUNITY POLICING	187
CHECK CONDITIONS	161
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	50
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF IN PROGRESS	2
CIVIL STANDBY	50
CRIMINAL THREATENING	7
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	14
DEBRIS IN ROADWAY	64
DIRECTED PATROL	506
DISTURBANCE	20
DISABLED M V	135
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	27
DOMESTIC ISSUE	30
FINGERPRINTING	310

FORGERY	
FOUND PROPERTY	62
FRAUD	25
FIREWORKS	8
GIVE ADVICE	241
GUNSHOTS	27
HARASSMENT	32
HOUSE CHECK	2299
HOUSE CHECK REQUEST	232
IDENTITY THEFT	12
JUVENILE ISSUE	47
JUVENILE TRUANT	7
JUVENILE COMPLAINT	8
JUVENILE RUNAWAY / MISSING	3
LITTERING	8
LOUD NOISE / MUSIC	9
LOST PROPERTY	19
LANDLORD / TENANT DISPUTE	7
MISSING PERSON	7
M V A WITH INJURY	11
M V A NO INJURY	81
M V A UNKNOWN INJURY	76
M V COMPLAINT	169
M V A HIT AND RUN	8
M V LOCKOUT	31
M V STOP	6563
NEIGHBOR DISPUTE	9
NOTARY	28
O H R V COMPLAINT	7
POLICE INFORMATION	302
PARKING COMPLAINT	36
PURSUIT	4
PROWLER	2
POLICE SERVICE	60
SERVE RESTRAINING ORDER	4
ROAD RAGE	2
SCHOOL BUS COMPLAINT	5
SEX OFFENSE	1
SHOPLIFTING	
SNOW VIOLATION	20
SOLICITING COMPLAINT	1

SUSPICIOUS M V	224
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	46
SUICIDE ATTEMPT	4
SERVE PAPERWORK	152
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	5
THEFT	50
THEFT IN PROGRESS	2
TRAFFIC CONTROL	18
UNSECURED PREMISE	37
VIN VERIFICATION	62
VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER	6
SERVE WARRANT	39
WELFARE CHECK	58
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	18492
ARRESTS	253