

“It is the mission of the Bristol Police Department to provide services with integrity and dedication, to preserve life, to enforce the law, and to work in partnership with the Newfound Lake Community to enhance the quality of life in the Town of Bristol.”

The Bristol Police Department continues to employ traditional enforcement methods along with the concepts of Community Policing to reduce crime in Bristol. This year has been a very busy year for the Bristol Police Department. We responded to 15,018 calls for service over the course of the year. With record breaking summer temperatures and almost every weekend filled with sunshine, the demand on the Police Department was high throughout the year.

Along with record breaking weather the Police Department’s Support Service Division and Patrol Division have seen a spike in crimes involving the internet and social networking sites. The internet, smart phones and social networking sites have enhanced our world’s ability to communicate like no other resource. However, at the same time, its existence allows criminals to use modern technology to prey on innocent victims. Each one of these cases only draws one case report, however some of these cases take 40+ hours each to solve. I am proud to say that each felony level case that has been submitted to Grafton Superior Court has returned with an indictment on the individual(s) charged. This shows that the Bristol Police Department produces quality cases to our court system. Felony level cases have increased **48%** in one year. This increase of serious criminal behavior has caused more demand for Detectives.

The Bristol Police Department Patrol Division has had a busy year. The Department received \$7,200.00 in grants from the NH Highway Safety Agency to assist us in additional traffic enforcement. The Police Department had a DWI Patrol every weekend over our summer months, Speed Enforcement Patrols throughout the year and Seatbelt Enforcement around our schools. It is efforts like this that minimize the potential for serious motor vehicle accidents and our statistics show that our proactive enforcement is working. The Town of Bristol did not have any fatal motor vehicle accidents in 2010.

The Bristol Police Departments Records Division received \$48,740.87 in revenues from parking tickets, pistol permits, police reports, outside details, fines and other accounts, all of which has been turned back to the Town of Bristol.

This was a tough budget year with the economy, although it seems to be rebounding. The Department was faced with some challenging decisions. Two major cuts were made within the 2011 budget. These included a reduction of \$54,000.00 within the dispatch line item, and a reduction of \$2,600.00 within in the SOU (SWAT TEAM) line item. It is our goal to provide the Town of Bristol with professional, dedicated service that the community deserves at the lowest price possible.

For years, the Town of Bristol has conducted studies on space needs. In 1998, over 13 year ago, an independent company rated the Police Department was the number one need for more space. Since that time several community committees have been formed to look at the Departments space needs and what laws are in place that must be followed by the Department to be within guidelines. In more recent years the Town has presented warrant articles for new structures as well as renovated buildings, all of which have not passed with a 2/3 vote at Town Meeting. It is my opinion that the tax payers of Bristol acknowledge the need for a new police building, however don't feel comfortable with the costs associated. I share these same concerns and this is why I feel a new Town Office building is the outlook the Town should be leaning towards. One of the major costs in any project is the purchase of land. Behind the current Town Office Building/PD, there is enough land to house a new Town Office Building (studies have already been completed), without any purchase of new land. This is a savings of upwards of one million dollars, and doesn't remove any current building off the tax rate. By cost savings with not having to purchase land, these costs can be put towards the new Town Office building and reduce the overall cost of the project. If a new Town Office was built, the Police Department could utilize the current Town Office building as a Police Station (which is already designed). My goals are to educate the community on the importance of the space needs of the Police Department and the Town Office staff over the course of 2011, gain the support of the community and Elected Officials, and present a project at the 2012 Town Meeting.

As always, we are most appreciative of the support of our community partners, the citizens of Bristol, the Business Community, Bristol Police Explorer Post and Neighborhood Associations.

It is my distinct honor and privilege to serve the community as the Chief of Police. The accomplishments and service to the community could not have been met without the extraordinary contributions of the police officers and civilian staff of the Bristol Police Department. I am very proud of the dedication and compassionate work that they perform in such a professional manner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael F. Lewis
Chief of Police

Bristol Police Department Report

Below is a list of statistics of several areas handled by
The Bristol Police Department in 2010

COMPLAINTS

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| Total Incidents reports | 1,123 |
| Assaults | 39 |
| Burglaries | 12 |
| Thefts | 65 |
| Motor Vehicle Thefts | 9 |
| Thefts from Motor Vehicles | 9 |
| Sexual Assaults | 10 |
| Criminal Mischief (Vandalism) | 51 |
| Drug/Alcohol Violations | 101 |
| Restraining Orders Served | 30 |
| Juvenile Arrests | 42 |
| Rape | 2 |
| Robbery | 3 |
| Theft from a motor vehicle | 29 |
| Aggravated Assault | 6 |
| Fraud | 126 |

COURT CASES

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| Total Arrests | 341 |
| Reported Felonies | 71 |

TRAFFIC

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| Total Accidents | 79 |
| Total Citations Issued | 162 |
| Total Motor Vehicle Stops | 1,970 |
| Parking Tickets Issued | 25 |
| Fatal Collision | 0 |

DISPATCH

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| Calls For Service | 15,018 |
| Emergency | 911 |
| Dispatch Center | 744-2212 |
| Business Line | 744-6320 |

