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Annual Town Report 2017 Abington Police Department

It has been my privilege to have the opportunity to again serve as your Police Chief in 2017. Members of the police department continue to attend to the needs of our constituents and community with reverence and pride. It cannot be overstated that I am truly fortunate to work with members of an organization who fully understand and embrace the "*Community Partners*" philosophy of public service. Their dedication to the maintenance of professionalism within the department and commitment to the needs of the public are unwavering. Service and protection while utilizing both problem solving skills, empathy, and compassion remain the foundation of this organization's mission.

In addition to responding to over 21,435 calls for service, investigating 647 offense reports, and filing 702 criminal investigation and arrest reports in 2017, members of the department continue to go above and beyond on a daily basis to serve our residents. Programs and events such as "High Five" Fridays, "Giving and Taking Trees," Cruiser Rides to Benefit the Abington Education Foundation, Halloween Safety Programs, and house or person checks have become mainstay. Outreach programs to assist those struggling with substance abuse or addiction have also become part of the ever expanding services we provide to help those in need.

Our newly established school resource officers have proactively worked with the school district to provide our students with additional support and guidance for a healthy learning environment. Resource officers have actively sought out and requested assistance from outside organizations to help achieve this goal. By way of example, we have partnered with the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office to participate in Internet safety classes during the school year and drug and alcohol resistance programs during the summer. School safety continues to be their highest priority, and they, along with all members of the department, are actively reviewing and training with regards to our response to any critical incident that may occur. Additionally, members of this department along with members of the school district are currently examining the feasibility of implementing an ALICE response within our community.

On another note, the department is cautiously optimistic that we will receive approval in the upcoming budget cycle for the funding to hire two additional police officers. If granted, this will help pave the way to re-establish a detective division that was disbanded over a decade ago due to difficult and turbulent economic times in the Commonwealth. Among other follow-up and investigative responsibilities, the detective division would be primarily dedicated to working on burglary, robbery, fraudulent checks, scams, and drug investigations. After a decade of being predominantly reactive, I believe an energetic proactive police approach is critical to re-establishing and/or maintaining the community's well being in regards to all safety matters.

I would be remiss if I did not mention that under the leadership of Deputy Chief Christopher Cutter and Sergeant Shawn McCollem, this department will once again be re-accredited in May of 2018. This vigorous process ensures that the department is up to date and utilizing the most current and best practices in professional policing. It is not an easy task to accomplish and required total dedication to the process from the both of them, as well as support and buy in from all members of the department.

In closing, I would like to once again thank the officers and support staff of the department, the Office of both the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen, the various boards, and the residents of the town for their continued support. Please be assured that the Abington Police Department will continue to serve the townspeople to in a professional and compassionate manner.

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Offense	Frequency
Forcible Rape	5
Statutory Rape	4
Aggravated Assault	29
Simple Assault	82
Intimidation	29
Robbery	6
Arson	0
Burglary / Breaking and Entering	46
Larceny	76
Fraud (all types)	20
Motor Vehicle Theft	12
Counterfeit/Forgery	11
Drug Narcotic Violations	52
Weapons Law Violations	1
Disorderly Conduct	26
Driving Under the Influence / Liquor Law Violations	75
Destruction of Property	69

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