

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

I herein respectfully submit for your information and review the Annual Report of the Police Department for 2004.

At the present time, the Department is made up of 28 permanent Officers. We answered 17,692 calls for service this past year, up 2,221 from last year. We drove 386,483 miles patrolling your streets.

We have been an active member of S.E.M.L.E.C., (Southeastern Mass Law Enforcement Council), which is collaboration of twenty neighboring Cities and Towns. The purpose of which is to provide various mutual aid programs and services to member agencies in the event of terrorist or enemy actions, natural disaster, fire, flood storm, earthquake, aircraft or marine accident, search and rescue operations, school or workplace violence, riots, mob action, civil disturbances, natural or man-caused incidents requiring exceptional police action, private police details, various types of special investigative services, technological assistance or any situation that may be beyond the resources of any one agency.

I have been elected the Control Chief for S.E.M.L.E.C.'s Land Search and Rescue Unit. The purpose of the unit is to aid in the location of lost, missing or wanted persons. While the unit is in it's infancy stages, with the use of grant and donated funds we have acquired a Bloodhound, a Kubota RTV and a laptop computer with topographical software to aid us in this endeavor. The Bloodhound has already been a proven asset and is credited with his handler to have saved at least one life this past year by finding a missing/lost person with a serious head injury.

I would like to give special recognition to Dispatcher Jennifer Scott. She, while working her normally scheduled shift, answered a 911 call for assistance. What made this call different from most others and how she handled it changed the outcome of several lives including her own. When Jennifer picked up the phone and said, "911 Recorded line what is your emergency" she was greeted by a hysterical young female that had just come home to find her father attempting to hang himself in the basement. What complicated matters more; the call did not originate from the Town of Westport. It was transferred here because the caller was on a cell phone. Dispatcher Scott was able to calm the hysterical caller, ascertain the location of the victim and dispatch Police and EMS services out of our jurisdiction, while keeping the caller on the line until help arrived. The victim made it to live another day, due in part by the actions of Dispatcher Jennifer Scott. I am sure that Jennifer felt she was just doing her job. Thank you, Jennifer for doing your job. You have made a difference in someone's life. For that, you should be proud. We as members of the Police Department are.

I am also pleased to announce for the upcoming year the "Whistle Defense Program". Through the use of grant funding, we were able to purchase high quality brass whistles that coupled with some defensive mindset training should prove to be an effective weapon in the fight against victimization. Thanks to the cooperation with School Department, we will begin the program in the High School. Any adult organization interested in participating should contact the Office of the Chief of Police.

We, as a department, are especially pleased to have worked along side the Fire Department, the Board of Health, the Highway Department, the Board of Selectmen, the Town Hall Employees, and the School Department to make Westport a better place to live.

Chief of Police
Keith A. Pelletier

Deputy Chief
John R. Gifford

Administrative Assistant
Nancy A. Braga

Lieutenant(s)
Paul E. Holden

John J. Bell (Acting)

Sergeants
Jeffrey F. Majewski
Michael D. O'Connor
Antonio J. Cestodio

Thomas R. Plourde
Johnny P. Couto

Regular Police Officers

Michael R. Roussel	Gary M. Foley	David Simcoe	
Marshall A. Ronco			
Mario D. DaCunha	Gary L. Cambra	Scott W. Arrington	Francois
A. Napert			
David B. Arruda	Michael D. Silvia	Daniel R. Sullivan	
Robert E. Thatcher			
Todd C. Oliver	Christopher A. Dunn	Kristen R. Barboza	
Christopher M. Mello			
Ryan S. Nickelson	Bryan C. McCarthy	David M. Leite (Trainee)	

E-911 Dispatchers

Jennifer J. Scott	David M. Leite (Leave)
Stacy A. Rose	Conrad J.
Lafontaine	
Tara E. Souza (part time)	

Reserve Police Officers

Mark Andrade	Barry F. Beaulieu	David E. Bellavance	Ernest P.
Belliveau			
Eugene J. Benevides	Eric Bush (resigned)	Kristine M. Carreiro	Ernest M.
Chretien			
Maurice E. Dore	Paul M. Douglas	Thomas Garrity	Stephen D.
Kovar Jr.			
Conrad J. LaFontaine	Thomas H. Lemieux	David M. Leite	Keith J.
Novo			
John R. Pereira	Michael S. Perry	Richard J. Rodrigues	Mark C.
Rosinha			
Brian D. Souza	Eric J. Vanasse		

Explorer Post #305 - by Deputy Chief John R. Gifford, Post Advisor

Law Enforcement Exploring is a worksite-based program for young men and women who have completed the eighth grade and are 14 years of age, or are 15 years of age but have not yet reached their 21st birthday. Law Enforcement Explorer posts help youth gain insight into a variety of programs that offer hands-on career activities. For young men and women who are interested in careers in the field of law enforcement, Exploring offers experiential learning with lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities that promote the growth and development of adolescent youth.

Our superactivity for 2004 was a Masonic Child Identification Program (CHIP) held at Westport High School on May 22nd. The event was a huge success as we processed 130 youngsters. We also participated in Safety Day and Christmas in the Village. Post participants have included Nathan A. Dufault, Brian Moniz, Brian S. Parent, Steven N. Phipps, and Tara E. Souza. We are constantly trying to recruit new members.

Training has been a large part of Post meetings again this year, as our members work towards attaining a number of proficiency awards.

The following awards were earned by Post members during this calendar year:

1 Year of Tenure	Nathan A. Dufault Brian S. Parent
NRA Explorer Marksmanship	Brian S. Parent
Perfect Attendance	Tara E. Souza
Explorer of the Year	Steven N. Phipps

Ms. Tara E. Souza currently holds the rank of lieutenant within the Post. Steven N. Phipps was awarded the rank of sergeant.

Detective Report - by Lieutenant John J. Bell

During the past year, the Detective Division investigated 109 complaints. This included 27 Breaking and Entering complaints [of which 15 were cleared], 5 identity theft complaints, 4 sexual assault investigations and 6 narcotic investigations.

The Detective Division had 36 arrests, 29 warrant requests and 6 subjects were summons into court. Detectives also served 5 search warrants during the year.

Detectives from the Detectives Bureau also serve on a regional task force consisting of Detectives from New Bedford, Fall River, Dartmouth and Fairhaven. The task force meets regularly to share information on a vast array of subjects from Breaking & Entering's to narcotics trafficking. The task force also sponsors training sessions that are routinely attended by Westport Detectives.

If you have information you want to share with detectives and wish to remain anonymous, you can call the Westport Police Tip Line at 508-636-3508.

"Are You Ok" - by Officer Gary M. Foley

The Westport Police Department in partnership with the Westport Council on Aging has established a program that places telephone calls to senior citizens at a predetermined time to check on their well being.

The program uses a computer system and software to make automated calls to subscribers and will alert 911 dispatchers in the event two calls go unanswered. The dispatcher can then send a Police Officer or any other appropriate emergency personnel to the subscriber's residence to personally check on their well being. The system also contains emergency contact information for the subscriber's next of kin, key holders etc. The service is free, and maintained by the Police Department. Interested parties can contact the Westport Council on Aging to subscribe.

School Resource Officer (Westport Middle School) - by SRO Gary M. Foley

I have once again been assigned as the Westport Middle Schools Resource Officer, for the second year. This position will reinforce the established position at the High School held by Officer Roussel. My duties include teaching the D.A.R.E. program to the entire 5th grade class as well as many visits to the 7th grade health classes to reinforce the many segments of the health curriculum. I also have begun an anti bullying program that is being taught to the 6th grade class.

My duties also include enforcing laws and bringing criminal charges when necessary. I am pleased to report, as of this writing, I have only had to bring criminal charges against 2 students. I feel this low number is due to the interaction I have with the students, making it possible to address problems before they happen. I look forward to serving in this capacity for years to come and help establish a strong bond between police and the youth of our community.

D.A.R.E. Program - by Officer Gary M. Foley

The Westport Police D.A.R.E. division is once again striving to teach youths to refrain from the use of drugs, and avoid violence. Officer Foley has instructed all 5th grade classes with the core curriculum. As of this writing, Sgt. Cestodio and Officer Barboza are in the planning stage for the 1st and 3rd grade classes.

Due to overwhelming support of school officials and parents, the program has enjoyed great success. In June of 2004 Officer Foley, Sgt. Cestodio and Officer Barboza attended a re-certification in a new and exciting curriculum that has been written to keep the program current with the new millennium. Officer Foley attended a weeklong summer camp sponsored by the Bristol County District Attorney's Office held in August and attended by several Westport students. The Program continues to build strong bonds between the Police and the community.

The Westport Police D.A.R.E. program will continue to strive to build positive community bonds with the students not only during the school year, but for a lifetime.

Training - by Sergeant Thomas R. Plourde

During 2004, in addition to the mandatory In-Service Training, officers on the Westport Police Department received specialized training in the following areas:

- Radar Certification: Officers Beaulieu, Troia, Benevides and Douglas (16 hours)
- Lidar Certification: Officers Troia and Beaulieu (8 hours)
- Interview and Interrogation: Officers Sullivan and Arrington (40 hours)
- Street Survival Techniques: Officers McCarthy and Dunn (40 hours)
- Search Warrants: Officers McCarthy and Dunn (8 hours)
- Patrol Rifle: All full and part time officers: (4 hours)
- K-9 Certification : Officer Barboza (80 hours)
- Basic Motorcycle Instruction: Officer Cestodio (40 hours)
- Standard Field Sobriety Testing: Officers Troia, Beaulieu, Souza, Vanasse, O'Connor (24 hrs)
- Fingerprinting Techniques: Officers Dunn and McCarthy (8 hours)
- Breath Test Re-certification: Officers Cambra, Arruda, Arrington, Silvia, DaCunha, Cestodio and Troia (8 Hours)
- Search and Seizure: Officers Sullivan and Dunn
- Aggressive Teens Seminar: School Resource Officers Foley and Rousel
- Search Warrant Execution: Officers Sullivan and Arrington (40 hours)
- Breath Test Re-certification: Sergeant Majewski and Officer Nickelson
- Writing Telephone Subpoenas: Detective Dunn

- Suicide Prevention: Officer Vanasse
- 21 Week Basic Recruit Academy: Officer Leite

K-9 Report - by Officer Kristen Barboza

During 2004 "Ben", my 18-month old bloodhound, and I were extremely busy. In addition to the bi-weekly in-service, which we attend throughout the year, we also attended a one-week National Police Bloodhound Association Training Seminar in Salamanca, N.Y. and a one-week training seminar and certification sponsored by The Massachusetts State Police. These training seminars consisted of various aspects of tracking and scent recognition. During this training, Ben and I were expected to track suspects through wooded and residential areas, brooks and streams, and across busy roadways. The most interesting training was when the Massachusetts State Police Helicopter flew Ben and me to a site where we then tracked a suspect. This training allowed us to experience a scenario of being quickly brought to a scene where our services are required. All in all my training experiences have been overwhelming. Our entire training thus far has been at no cost to the town.

Throughout the year Ben and I have been called for service several times for various reasons. The first call for service was to assist in locating a suspect that had been breaking into vehicles in town. This incident occurred only a few weeks after I received Ben. We were able to track this suspect through the woods and across both sides of Route 195 to where the suspect left the area in a stolen truck. In another incident I was called to locate a seriously injured male who had struck a 2,000-pound horse that was in the roadway. We were able to locate the injured male who was disoriented and had wandered into an abandoned house that was down the street. After paramedics transported the male to the hospital I was informed that due to locating him quickly we saved his life, as he had possible life threatening injuries. We were also utilized in locating a suicidal male on East Beach.

Ben and I have been called for service by Fall River for a bank robbery, Somerset for a missing two-year old, Marion for a missing ten-year old, Freetown for a missing Alzheimer's patient and Tiverton, R.I. for a suicidal male that ran away after injuring himself.

In addition to these calls for service, Ben and I have performed K-9 demonstrations for Safety Day, Macomber Primary School's Field Day, Wal-Mart's (Fall River) Public Safety Day, the D.A.R.E. and Bullying programs, and the Boy Scouts. During my patrol duties I have also utilized Ben as a public relation tool and have been able to pass on information to youths as to what to do if they become lost.

This first year has been a fantastic learning experience for Ben and I and I look forward to assisting our officers as well as other departments in the coming years. As he and I gain experience through our continued training we hope to further sharpen our skills.

K-9 Report - by Officer Mario DaCunha

The Westport Police K-9 Division had another good year in crime prevention. Cezar and I were called out on several occasions to help the patrolman in all types of situations. The calls consisted of but not limited to housebreaks, domestic assault and battery situations, serving search warrants and looking for wanted suspects as well as residents who were lost in wooded areas.

Cezar and I have also been called out to aid area Departments including Tiverton, Fall River, Dartmouth and Little Compton. On several occasions Cezar and I were called to aid several area departments as a combined effort to control the riots, which took place at UMASS-Dartmouth.

We were also invited to conduct several K-9 Demonstrations for the Westport School Department as well as area businesses. We also participated in Demonstrations that were held by other departments including The Bristol County Sheriffs Office K-9 Division. All the demonstrations were held to educate the public on the need and usefulness of the K-9 as a tool in crime prevention.

Firearm Licensing - by Lieutenant John J. Bell

During the past year, there were a total of 337 firearm licenses issued. The total fees collected were \$25,250.00 of which, 25% of that comes back to the town.

Firearms licensing takes place on Monday and Wednesday evenings. If you need an appointment please call the Police Department. You will need the following:

- Fully completed and signed application
- Two passport size photographs of yourself
- Check or money order for \$100.00 made payable to the Town of Westport. If you're over 70 years old the license is free.
- If this is not a renewal, you will need a certificate from an approved firearms safety course.

Fees, Fines And Reimbursements Received - by Administrative Assistant Nancy Braga

The following fees, fines and reimbursements were received by the Westport Police Department and turned over to the Town Treasurer, George Foster, during the year 2004.

For Court Default/Subpoena/Witness Fees
\$ 946.80

For Firearms Licenses/Permits Issued
 24,425.00
 For Firearms Safety Class Fees
 4,185.00
 For Photostatic Copies of Police Reports
 1,506.00
 For Administrative Service Charge (off-duty details)
 19,071.60
 For Fines and Restitution (Fall River and New Bedford District
 Courts/Bristol County Juvenile Court)
 10,725.00
 For Motor Vehicle Citations (Registry of Motor Vehicles)
 114,050.00
 For Parking Violations
 34,352.75
 For Police Career Incentive Program (C.41, S.108L)
 74,130.32
 For Federal Drug Forfeiture Account
 26,105.84
 For Police Department Gift Account
 4,700.00
 For Police Explorer Gift Account
 207.00
 For Reimbursements to Budget Line Items
 5,531.90

 For Vehicle Insurance Account (cruisers)
 7,726.57
 Total Monies
 \$327,663.78

Cruiser Mileage Report – by Lieutenant Paul E. Holden

Unit Number	Year	Make	Model	Status	Start 1/1/04	Finish 12/31/04	Miles <u>Traveled</u>
1	2004	Ford	Explorer	Unmarke d	20	9,732	9,712
2	1997	Ford	Crown Vic	Unmarke d	55,312	62,180	6,868
3	1995	Chevy	Impala	Unmarke d	156,777	171,280	14,503
4	1998	Ford	Explorer	Unmarke d	92,611	107,518	15,207
5	2004	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	5,196	39,222	34,026

6	1995	Chevy	Caprice	Marked	170,983	4,003	
					174,986		
7	2004	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	7,726	64,630	
					72,356		
8	2001	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	82,832	13,927	
					96,759		
9	2003	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	41,660	45,271	
					86,931		
10	2003	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	45,794	47,052	
					92,846		
11	2003	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	69,980	38,522	
					108,502		
12	2001	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	101,378	8,540	
					109,918		
14	1995	Chevy	Caprice	Marked	162,835	11,685	
					174,520		
SRO 15	1999	Ford	Taurus	Marked	55,940	5,182	
					61,122		
17	2000	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	174,486	16,938	
					191,424		
K9-1	1997	Ford	Explorer	Marked	134,330	7,969	
					142,299		
185	2005	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	20	3,004	
					3,024		
19	1999	Chevy	Tahoe	Marked	104,207	1,826	
					106,033		
MC 1	2000	Harley	Motorcycle	Marked	8,975	1,977	
					10,952		
Det. 3	2000	Ford	Taurus	Unmarked	45,964	16,435	
					62,399		
						Total:	386,483

Criminal Offenses

<u>CRIME</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Assault & Battery With A Dangerous Weapon	34
Annoying Telephone Calls	20
Arrest On A Warrant	29
Arson	1
Assault & Battery On Police Officer	4
Assault And Battery	26
Attempt To Commit A Crime	3
Attempted Breaking & Entering	2
Breaking & Entering Motor Vehicle	15

Break & Entering	91
Burglary	4
Conspiracy To Violate Drug Law	4
Counterfeiting	1
Criminal Harassment	7
Cruelty To Animals	2
Disorderly Conduct	18
Disturbing School Assembly	12
Disturbing The Peace	8
Domestic Assault & Battery	48
False Report Of A Crime	1
Forgery	24
Identity Theft	16
Improper Use Of Credit Card	5
Indecent Assault & Battery	7
Intimidating A Witness	12
Kidnapping	1
Larceny By Check	13
Larceny By Credit Card	6
Larceny From A Building	31
Larceny Over \$250	162
Larceny Under \$250	67
Littering	3
Minor In Possession Of Alcohol	4
Motor Vehicle Theft	25
Open And Lewdness	2
Operating Under The Influence	40
Possession Hypodermic Needle	10
Possession Of Burglarious Tools	4
Possession Of Class A Substance	6
Possession Of Class B Substance	2
Possession Of Class D Substance	29
Possession Of Class E Substance	7
Possession Of A Dangerous Weapon	2
Possession Of Fireworks	3
Rape Of A Child	2
Receiving Stolen Property Over \$250	15
Receiving Stolen Property Under \$250	1
Resisting Arrest	8
Runaway	1
Shoplifting	3
Stalking	1
Statutory Rape	4
Threats To Commit A Crime	23
Trespassing	9
Utter False Instrument	21

Vandalism	214
Violation Of 209A	17
Robbery	1
Possession Class B With Intent To Distribute	4
Improper Storage Of Firearm	8
Possession Of Alcohol Under 21	6
False Obtaining Computer Services	1
Town By Law Violation	2
Unlicensed Used Car Lot	2
Total	1,157

Motor Vehicle Citations

<u>MOVING VIOLATION</u>		<u>CIVIL</u>	<u>WARNING</u>	<u>ARREST</u>	
<u>CRIMINAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>				
Allow Improper Person To Operate	23		1	2	26
Breakdown Lane Violation			1		1
Child Not Properly Restrained	3		1		6
Drinking Alcohol From An Open Container	3		1	1	5
Drug Violation	1		21	1	23
Equipment Violation	114	32	7	9	162
Failure To Give Signal	6	1	3		10
Failure To Notify Change Of Address	2	2			2
Failure To Report Accident				1	1
Failure To Slow At An Intersection	17	16	1	2	36
Failure To Stop At A Stop Sign/ Red Light	105	88	4	8	205
Failure To Wear Seatbelt	166	4	8	9	189
Giving False Name To Police Officer			13	1	14
Improper Use Of Handicap Plate	3	16		1	20
Junior Operator License Violation	14		1	2	17
Leaving The Scent Of MV Accident				3	3
License/Registration Not In Possession	108	6	10	6	130
Marked Lanes	56	30	12	9	107
No Valid Inspection Sticker	750	116	42	24	932
Number Plate Violation	27	15	3	2	47
Operating As To Endanger			78	62	140
Operating Under The Influence			40		40
Operating With Suspended/Revoked License	2		90	130	222
Passing Violation	23	7	6	4	40
Recreation Vehicle Violation	8		2		10

Speeding	979	487	43	29	1528
Uninsured Motor Vehicle	1		17	58	76
Unlicensed Operation			17	58	67
Unregistered Motor Vehicle	76	17	12	33	138
Unsafe Operation	2		1		3
Violation DPW Rules And Regulations	18	35	1		60
Window/Obstruction/Non Transparent	1			0	1
Totals	2,508	872	436	445	4,221