

REPORT OF THE WIRE INSPECTOR

To The Inhabitants of the Town of Abington:

The Wire Inspector submits his Annual Report for 2006:

The following is a breakdown of new inspections and permit requests for 2006:

Residential (includes 156 condo/apt. units)	316
Commercial.	94
Municipal / Town property	15
Total	<hr/> 425

Selectmen's Inspections and Reports	24
Emergency Issues & Fire Department calls	28 hours

Deposits to General Fund from Electrical Permit Fees \$50,194.00

Along with the normal inspections, we were requested to perform several inspections by the Board of Selectmen. We were also called out on numerous occasions this year by the Abington Fire Department, to assist in the investigation of fires, safety issues and storm related concerns.

The town has lost a very capable and willing Assistant Wire Inspector this year. Bob Longabard has moved out of the area to enjoy the summer in New Hampshire and the winter in Florida. I wish him the best in his retirement as we miss his dedication and enthusiasm for the electrical trade and fire related investigations. He was an enormous help to me and the Abington Fire Department for the past 8 years.

In order to fill the opening created by the retirement of Bob Longabard the Town Manager appointed James R. Paul Jr. Jim is currently the Chief Wire Inspector for the Town of Rockland and has supported us since July performing routine inspections as well as emergency issues. Jim brings years of experience and knowledge to this department.

As in the past we would like to give special thanks the Abington Fire Department and the Board of Selectmen for their continued support and guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter G. Watters, *Wire Inspector*
James R. Paul Jr.,
Alternate Wire Inspector