

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

I respectfully submit the Abington Police Department's Annual Report to the residents of Abington. The department's top priority continues to be working with the townspeople and it's leaders to help resolve the issues and challenges that we face together as a community. To accomplish this goal, members of this department continue to carry out their duties with a high level of professionalism, commitment, and compassion.

As we all know due to the widely reported nature of the issues, there is an increase of both drugs and violence in the region, and our department continues to do our part by proactively addressing these issues. By way of example, over the past twelve months, members of the department have arrested or criminally charged a record 1,074 suspects and completed nearly 1,000 offense reports. Additionally, officers answered 23,695 calls for service from its residents. Although the officers do their job effectively and efficiently, the number of calls for service is a strain to a department that is already operating with two fewer police officers than in the late 1990s.

As both our town and surrounding communities continue to grow over the coming years, one of the town's greatest challenges will be to find a steady funding source that will support an increase in personnel. It is my honest belief that a well-planned, incremental increase in personnel is essential for protecting our community and preserving your quality of life.

On another note, I would like to thank all of the members of the Police Station Building Committee for their tireless efforts. The new Abington Police Station is slated to be operational in July of 2008. We hope to have an open house sometime during the early summer so that all residents can see the facility first hand.

In closing, I would like to once again thank the officers of the department, the various boards, and the residents of the town for their continued support. I am extremely proud of the police department and look forward to serving the townspeople as their police chief for many years to come.

Sincerely

David G. Majenski
Chief of Police