

**CITY OF GROTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
FY 2016 – 2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

The City of Groton Police Department serves the residents and visitors of the City of Groton with honor, integrity, trust and service. We work closely with other city departments and other state, local and federal law enforcement agencies to provide an effective and coordinated law enforcement response and the investigation and apprehension of offenders. In addition the police department provides a wide spectrum of services to residents including a law enforcement presence in our schools, drug and gang resistance education for our children, child safety seat installation, criminal investigations, motor vehicle enforcement of moving and parking violations, and quality of life investigations. We embrace and apply a Community Policing Model.

The City of Groton Police Department responded to 10,223 calls for service during fiscal year 2017. In addition to criminal complaints and motor vehicle crashes, calls for service include requests for medical assistance, vehicle lockouts, animal complaints, alarms, disturbances, and escorts. Officer initiated activity includes items such as motor vehicle traffic stops and building security checks. Our calls for service are outlined in the following chart.

ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

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Month	Calls for Service	Non-Criminal Investigations	Criminal Investigations	Criminal Arrests	Medical Assists	Motor Vehicle Accidents	Motor Vehicle Stops	MV Citations	MV Warnings	DWI Arrests	Domestic Violence Investigations	Patrol Checks
July	747	46	46	34	66	11	67	35	39	2	13	47
August	791	57	83	47	68	16	58	35	33	2	19	37
September	1078	66	62	37	78	14	74	55	36	1	17	320
October	1026	30	43	58	57	11	85	53	42	0	22	380
November	757	31	59	29	46	15	116	63	57	0	16	100
December	804	33	45	41	59	15	140	62	83	4	14	97
January	834	31	43	36	95	18	162	90	79	1	16	62
February	798	34	50	27	78	20	185	81	111	3	12	52
March	885	36	39	42	66	13	199	102	90	2	8	122
April	797	55	53	41	80	16	125	70	61	5	9	59
May	845	43	42	55	55	15	171	105	68	6	24	62
June	861	41	33	48	61	20	145	78	71	5	31	77
TOTALS	10,223	503	598	495	809	184	1,527	829	770	31	201	1,415

DEPARTMENT GENERATED REVENUE FY16

Parking Revenue	\$39,215	House & Machine Licenses	\$210	Copies & Photographs	\$1,586
Peddlers Permits/Licenses	\$3,685	Rooming House Licenses	\$500	Solicitor Permits	\$4
Pistol Permits	\$5,390	Raffle Permits	\$35	Misc	\$110
Fingerprints	\$2660				

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The police department worked with many city agencies and area police departments to provide a safe venue for the Independence Day fireworks celebration. We are involved with a number of youth oriented initiatives including City Day, the West Side Middle School Fall festival, the City Halloween Party, "Trick or Trunk" at the beach, the holiday party in December and the annual DARE Community picnic held at Branford Manor. We do not do this alone. We have many great partners from other city agencies and from the private sector. For example, the Groton Elks Lodge donates bicycle helmets that our officers fit on our children during City Day. The DARE® and GREAT® programs at area elementary schools and at West Side Middle School were coordinated by Officer Scott LeSage, the Department's Youth Officer. Officer LeSage was also the Department's liaison with the multidisciplinary child abuse investigation team dedicated to the safety of our children in the Groton New London region.

We also face an opioid overdose epidemic which is a nationwide problem. We participate with our partners at Community Speaks Out to assist those struggling with addiction who ask for help in finding treatment following the Gloucester MA model. Our patrol officers are the first line of support for this initiative. We also provide training for our officers in meeting the needs of residents of our city on the autism spectrum and their families. We also participate in the statewide narcotics task force and the regional community enhancement task force where Detectives work in a team approach to target the purveyors of heroin, who negatively impact our community. Our Detective unit works in close partnership with area state, federal and local law enforcement agencies to work other cases that cross jurisdictional lines with the goal of improving the quality of life in our city.

This fiscal year saw a number of personnel changes: Chief Thomas Davoren retired and we hired new dispatcher Emily Williams.

Our department is committed to preventing and solving crime and improving the quality of life in our community. Our core values are honor, integrity, trust and service. We are a partnership. If you see something, please say something. We are responsible for each other and success is never final. We are committed to a Community Policing Model and care deeply about our citizens and this community.

Michael J. Spellman
Chief of Police