

CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

2019

**LT. Robert Brown
Officer in Charge**

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To: Mayor Julia Fahl, Lambertville City Council, Alex Torpey BA
From: LT. Robert Brown, Officer in Charge
SUBJECT: Annual Report 2019
Date: January 23, 2020

The City of Lambertville Police Department is a progressive, pro-active, community oriented law enforcement agency. We are a full-service department staffed by nine police officers and one special officer that is operational around-the-clock, seven days a week. Primarily a uniformed patrol based operation we also provide a criminal investigative function through the assignment of a detective (when feasible) and conduct periodic specialized patrol in the form of a Bicycle Patrol Unit. Our police officers receive continuous, up-dated in-service training relating to both existing and new policies, procedures, firearms proficiency, and other areas relevant to the law enforcement function. Most of our officers have attended advanced classes, covering many diverse topics that include traffic accident and criminal investigations, Interview and Interrogation, Bias Crime Reporting and Investigation, Cultural Diversity, Terrorism, Internal Affairs, Narcotics Enforcement, Methods of Instruction, Handling the Emotionally Disturbed, Evidence Management, Autism Awareness, and Computer Crime/Identity Theft. The administrative staff includes an office manager, part-time secretary, a full-time parking enforcement officer and several part-time parking enforcement officers. I am proud to say that the caliber of our officers and civilian staff is second to none.

It is the philosophy of this department to perform our duties consistent with modern, community policing practices. We routinely solicit citizen input in addressing crime and quality-of-life issues and always strive to identify and solve problems by maintaining open lines of communication with the community. We take these responsibilities seriously and continually look for ways to improve our performance.

I respectfully submit for your review the 2019 Annual Report for the City of Lambertville Police Department. This report details operational statistics, administrative activities and functions and a general assessment of department productivity in a variety of areas.

In 2019 we continued to operate with a reduction in force of one police officer (10% of department) that took effect in 2011 and the police director position in 2019. The civilian police director's responsibilities have been assigned to the police lieutenant who is currently the officer in charge. This staff reduction resulted in the elimination of a dedicated investigator's position. This slot had been crucial with respect to our ability to conduct timely and efficient initial and follow-up investigation of reported crimes, and all other type of investigations such as background checks, domestic violence case follow-up, ABC, firearms, taxicab, and vending machine licensing. These responsibilities are presently shared with Detective Vincent Albani and Detective Matthew Bast. However, both officers remain assigned to the regular duty chart and are still required to perform all routine patrol duties and respond

to calls for service. Detective Albani also serves as the department's Evidence/Property and Project Medicine Drop Program Officer.

In 2019, the department handled 11,221 calls for service, which was an increase of 753 calls. The department conducted 300 investigations, which was an increase of 135 investigations and 2,218 non-criminal investigations.

In 2019 the department had 84 arrests, compared 88 arrests in 2018. Total parking summonses issued in 2019 was 4,440, compared to 3,510 in 2018. Total ParkMobile transaction for 2019 was 39,064. See Table #1 for additional statistics.

Part I UCR crimes in 2019 totaled 26, compared to 46 in 2018. See attachment B for detailed analysis.

There were 171 motor vehicle accidents in 2019, compared with 153 reported in 2018. No fatalities resulted from these accidents. Two pedestrians were struck in 2019, compared to Six (6) pedestrians were struck in 2018. Four motor vehicle accidents resulted in DUI arrests. The top two accident locations were once again occurred in the general vicinity of Routes 165/ 518 and Route 165/179.

Although the responsibilities and challenges to police departments in general have become increasingly demanding, all of our members remain committed to providing first-class police service and a safe, secure environment for all Lambertville residents and visitors.

Respectfully,

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Officer in Charge

UCR Statistics

<u>Crime / Offense</u>	<u>Total 2017</u>	<u>Total 2018</u>	<u>Total 2019</u>
1. Homicide	0	0	0
2. Rape	0	0	0
3. Robbery	2	0	0
4. Aggravated Assault	3	1	0
Simple Assault (part 2 offense)	13	12	7
5. Burglary	5	5	2
6. Larceny	37	34	23
7. Motor Vehicle Thefts	3	6	0
8. Arsons	1	0	0
Total UCR Crimes (Part 1 offenses only)	51	46	26

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ANNUAL TRAINING

All police officers received mandatory in-service, semi-annual training (28- hours) in the following areas: Firearms Proficiency, Use of Force, Vehicle Pursuits, Domestic Violence, Pepper Spray-ASP Baton Use and Tactics, Right to Know, Bloodborne Pathogens, Chemical Safety and Hazardous Materials Awareness, CPR, AED Certification and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace. Members also attended advanced training at certified academies and training facilities throughout the state in: CLEAR Training, Criminal Investigation, Bias Crime Reporting and Investigation, Dealing With Special Needs Individuals/Mental Illness, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training relating to handling emotionally disturbed individuals, Recognition, Response and Risk Management, AlcoTest Operator Course, Bail Reform Act training, Work Zone Safety, NJSP CJIS TAC Officer Update, Uniformed Crime Reporting Update, Evidence Management, and Internal Affairs Investigations.

POLICIES, PROCEDURES, OTHER DIRECTIVES

The Department continued to review existing policies and procedures and updated or promulgated directives as necessary. Additionally, various Prosecutors' Office directives and Attorney General Directives and/or guidelines were received and disseminated as appropriate.

Five post conditions and eleven personnel orders were issued in 2019. These directives covered areas that included community policing and enforcement activities, directed patrols, post assignments, personnel appointments, special event coverage and other operational and/or administrative subjects.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS SUMMARY

In 2019 the department investigated five Internal Affairs Complaints. (1) Demeanor, and (4) Other Rule Violations. Four complaints were from citizens and one complaint was an agency complaint. Four cases were sustained and one case was unfounded. See attached Yearly IA Complaint Summary.

SPECIAL EVENTS/DETAILS

- Annual Shad Festival
- Annual Hunterdon Healthcare Shad Run
- Annual Memorial Day Parade
- Lambertville Unity Celebration/Picnic
- Public School Events
- Enhanced December Holiday Patrol Coverage
- Annual Pet Masquerade
- Annual Historical House Tour
- "Mischief Night" and Halloween Deployments
- Annual Halloween Parade (LPS)
- Annual Holiday Tree & Menorah Lighting
- Drive Sober
- Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot
- Various Block Parties
- Various road repair/construction projects throughout city requiring contractual traffic control details
- Lambertville-New Hope Celebration Parade
- Friday Night Fireworks

ONGOING PROGRAMS

- Child Safety Seat Installation Program
- Bicycle Registration Program
- Bicycle Patrol Unit
- Project Child Safe Gun Lock Program
- Increased Patrol Details at LPS

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Tyler Clark (Appointed Special Police Officer, 1/18/19)

Kyle Czerniak (Resigned Full-Time Police Officer, 2/11/19)

Tyler Clark (Appointed Full-Time Police Officer, 3/08/19)

Aaron Edler (Appointed Special Police Officer, 5/20/19)

Tara Barlow (Resigned Part-Time Secretary, 7/12/19)

Jaden Jesse (Appointed Part-Time Parking Officer, 7/29/19)

Gerard Malek (Appointed Class 3 Police Officer, 8/12/19)

Xiomara Oppenheimer (Appointed Part-Time Secretary, 9/16/19)

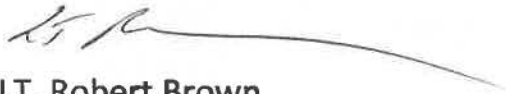
Jaden Jesse (Resigned Part-Time Parking Officer, 11/24/19)

John Wachob (Appointed Part-Time Parking Officer, 12/2/19)

Officers' Additional Assignments

- Lieutenant Robert Brown- Officer in Charge, Training Officer, IT-Alt TAC Officer, Terrorism Task Force Representative, Domestic Violence Liaison Officer, Special Event coordinator.
- Sergeant Anthony Memolo- Firearms Instructor/Department Armorer. Evidence/Property Supervisor, Internal Affairs Officer.
- Sergeant Michael Gramlich- Radar Instructor, AlcoTest and PBT coordinator, TAC Officer, School Security Coordinator, UCR Supervisor.
- Officer Joe Weber- Primary UCR Reporting Officer, Press Releases.
- Officer Vincent Albani- Criminal, background and other investigations, Gang Officer, Juvenile Officer, ABC Licensing Inspections, Vending Machine Inspections, Primary Evidence/Property Officer, Project Medicine Drop Coordinator.
- Officer Matthew Bast- Criminal/Background Investigations, Backup UCR Officer.
- Officer Allen Wurplel- Bicycle Patrol Child Car Seat Inspection/Installations, Motor Vehicle Accident Analysis and Reporting.
- Officer Lauren Balaity - Firearms Application Investigations
- Officer Edler- Probationary Officer
- Sally Lelie- Office Manager, Customer Service, Records Maintenance/Processing, OPRA.
- Xiomara Oppenheimer- Part-time Police Secretary, Discovery, Daily Data input, Reports, Customer Service.

- Officer Michael Vecchio- parking enforcement, meter revenue processing, meter maintenance, mail runs, motor pool coordinator and court security. Monitors social websites and reports to Police Director regarding any issues impacting city. Worked all special details for the department during year.
- Stephen Balaity Jr.- Part-Time parking enforcement officer
- John Wachob- Part-Time parking enforcement officer
- School Crossing Guard Vernon Barlow- Dependably protecting LPS students throughout the year and working special details for P.D.

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PERSONNEL ROSTER

January 14, 2020

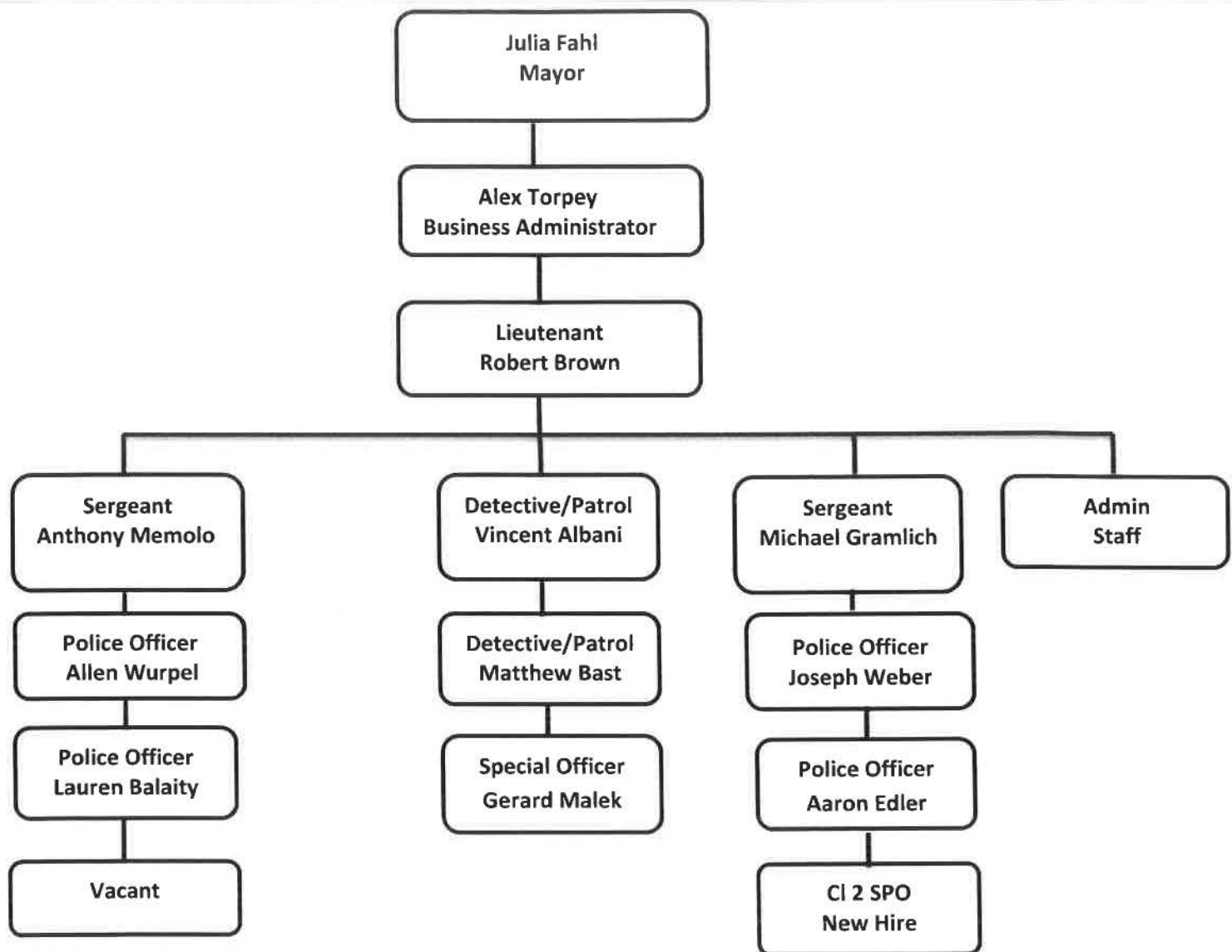
<u>RANK/TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>OPER. #</u>	<u>DATE APPOINT.</u>
Lieutenant	Robert Brown	Op # 2	July 15, 1996
Sergeant	Anthony Memolo	Op # 3	February 6, 2003
Sergeant	Michael Gramlich	Op # 4	February 1, 2004
Police Officer	Joseph Weber Jr.	Op # 10	March 18, 2002
Detective	Vincent Albani	Op # 11	May 20, 2005
Detective	Matthew Bast	Op # 12	May 1, 2014
Police Officer	Allen Wurpel	Op # 13	December 29, 2014
Police Officer	Lauren Balaity	Op # 14	December 19, 2017
Class 2 SPO	Aaron Edler	Op # 16	February 27, 2018
Class 3 SPO	Gerard Malek	Opr# 20	August 12, 2019
Class 2 SPO	Vacant	Op #	
P/T CL 2 SPO	Vacant	Op #	

SUPPORT STAFF

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHEDULE</u>	<u>DATE APPT</u>
Office Mgr.	Sally Lelie	Mon-Fri (0800 X 1530)	June 22, 1992
P/T Secy.	Xiomara Oppenheimer	Mon-Fri (1330 X 1630)	September 16, 2019
Parking Enforcement			
Officer (F/T)	Michael Vecchio	Mon-Fri (various)	March 18, 2015
Officer (P/T)	Stephen Balaity Jr	Various	April 4, 2019
Officer (P/T)	John Wachob	Various	December 2, 2019
School Crossing			
Guard	Vernon Barlow	Mon-Fri (various)	Dec 18, 2014

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LAMBERTVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION CHART 2019



Administrative/Support Staff

Sally Lelie-Administrative Assistant
Xiomara Oppenheimer-P/T Secretary
Michael Vecchio-Parking Enforcement Officer
Stephen Balaity Jr-P/T Parking Enforcement Officer
John Wachob-P/T Parking Enforcement Officer
Vernon Barlow-School Crossing Guard



MISSION STATEMENT

“The City of Lambertville Police Department’s primary mission is to protect lives and property and provide the highest quality police service to all persons; professionally, impartially and within the framework of community policing ideals. We are committed to achieving this mission by adhering to the highest ethical standards and developing a well trained and disciplined workforce.”

LAMBERTVILLE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SUMMARY REPORT FORM

Agency: Lambertville City PD

County: HUNTERDON

Reporting Year: 2019

TABLE 1 – COMPLAINTS FILED

Type of Complaint	Anonymous Complaints	Citizen Complaints	Agency Complaints	Total Complaints
Excessive Force				
Improper Arrest				
Improper Entry				
Improper Search				
Other Criminal Violation				
Differential Treatment				
Demeanor		1		1
Domestic Violence				
Other Rule Violation		3	1	4
TOTAL		4	1	5

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TABLE 2 – AGENCY DISPOSITIONS

	Sustained	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Administratively Closed	Total Dispositions
Excessive Force						
Improper Arrest						
Improper Entry						
Improper Search						
Other Criminal Violation						
Differential Treatment						
Demeanor	1					1
Domestic Violence						
Other Rule Violation	3			1		4
TOTAL	4			1		5

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TABLE 3 – COURT DISPOSITIONS

Court	Cases Dismissed	Cases Diverted	Acquittals	Convictions
Municipal Court	0	0	0	0
Superior Court	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0

INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS MONTHLY ACTIVITY-DECEMBER 2019

OFFICER	M.V.	PARK	IND	DP	DUI	SICK	VAC	OT HRS	TRN HRS	CDS	ORD VIOL	WARR	JUV
LT Brown	24	1	0	0	1	4	0	21	8	2	3	0	0
YTD	125	32	1	1	3	28.5	15	207.5	79.75	3	9	0	0
SGT Memolo	0	1	0	0	0	55	0	5	8	0	0	0	0
YTD	118	8	0	5	1	192.5	107.5	96	32.5	0	8	6	0
SGT Gramlich	19	1	0	0	0	0	24	16	0	0	0	1	0
YTD	168	42	0	0	4	12	117	106	32	1	6	1	0
PO Weber	9	1	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
YTD	53	47	2	0	1	107.5	144	34.5	24	0	6	0	0
PO Albani	2	1	0	0	0	0	12	8	0	0	0	0	0
YTD	61	37	0	1	3	24	127.5	92.5	71	0	3	1	0
PO Bast	15	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
YTD	233	72	2	1	3	24	120	86.5	73.75	6	6	9	0
PO Wurpel	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0
YTD	151	31	0	0	0	36	36	54.5	71.5	0	7	3	0
PO Balaity	10	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0
YTD	206	21	0	1	2	36	33	26	49.5	1	10	2	0
PO Czerniak/Resigned	0	0											
YTD	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
PO Clark	15	1	0	0	1	0	12	21	0	1	1	1	0
YTD	251	67	2	5	1	0	48	130.5	91.5	1	10	4	0
CLII SPO Goccia/Resigned	0	0											
YTD	1	734	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
CLII SPO Edler	20	63	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	2	1	0	0
YTD	93	578	0	1	1	0	0	62	190	2	3	2	0
PEO Vecchio	0	50	0	0	0	14.75	19.5	0	2	0	0	0	0
YTD	0	1565	0	0	0	22.75	43.5	0	2	0	0	0	0
P/T PEO Barlow	0	0											
YTD	1220	3898	7	12	16	377.5	703	745	661.75	9	50	25	0
P/T PEO Balaity JR		80											
YTD	0	825	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
P/T PEO Jesse/Resigned	0	0											
YTD	0	157	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P/T PEO Wachob		21											
YTD		21											
MTHLY TOTAL	130	223	0	0	3	73.75	76.5	83	46	5	8	2	0
YEARLY TOTAL	1469	4431	7	15	19	483.25	791.5	896	733.5	14	64	28	0

TABLE #1: LCPD KEY DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS December 2019

CATEGORY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Total Calls	941	873	964	1003	903	852	935	922	932	936	994	966	11221
Criminal Investigations	24	19	32	36	23	25	23	33	20	14	23	28	300
Non-Criminal Investigations	175	164	180	206	216	200	211	205	167	177	157	160	2218
Administrative Assignments	15	12	12	12	14	10	15	13	19	21	16	10	169
Fire Calls	9	11	13	10	15	18	12	15	10	23	17	13	166
EMS Squad Calls	43	32	29	37	41	40	56	31	28	39	36	37	449
M V. Accidents	12	9	13	11	10	15	25	24	15	12	14	12	172
Parking Summonses	202	338	299	421	579	506	472	480	267	334	310	202	4410
Moving Violations	97	154	107	177	153	132	118	118	78	86	119	130	1469
Indictables	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	7
Disorderly Persons Arrests	0	1	3	1	0	4	0	1	1	2	2	0	15
DUI Arrests	0	2	2	0	1	1	2	4	1	2	0	3	18
CDS Arrests	0	1	2	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	5	14
Warrant Arrests	0	2	4	2	3	6	2	1	3	3	2	2	30
Domestic Incidents	1	3	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	2	1	3	15
Juvenile Incidents	1	1	0	3	2	0	1	2	0	3	2	4	19
Alarms	16	20	15	17	34	14	11	32	16	19	12	12	218
Assist Other Agencies	10	5	10	9	10	16	6	12	7	9	6	10	110
Overtime (Hours)	11.5	39.5	76	59	96	91.5	103.5	80.5	96.5	83	68	83	888
Sick (Hours)	25	38.00	84	12	24	12	20	12	121	29.5	32	73.5	483

OT Hours Break Down: Shift Coverage (73.5), Training (0), City Events (0), Invest (3), Court (6.5)

CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH STATISTICS

2019

		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
MVA'S BETWEEN 00:01 HOURS & 12:00 HOURS		2	0	6	5	3	5	6	6	7	4	6	3	53
MVA'S BETWEEN 12:01 HOURS & 24:00 HOURS		10	9	6	6	7	10	19	18	8	8	8	9	118
MVA'S OCCURANCE UNKNOWN									1					1
MVA'S HIT & RUN		2		1	3			2		1	3	5	3	20
MVA'S INVOLVING PEDESTRIANS									1				1	2
MVA'S INVOLVING BICYCLES														0
MVA'S INVOLVING MOTORCYCLES														0
MVA'S WITH DEER		1	1	1			1	1	2					7
MVA'S INVOLVING TRACTOR TRAILERS				1			1	1	1				1	5
MVA'S WITH INJURIES		1					1	1	1			1		5
MVA'S INVOLVING A FATALITY														0
MVA'S INVOLVING DUI ARREST						1	1	1			1			4
MVA'S INVOLVING PROPERTY DAMAGE		1	1	1	1	1	1		2			1		9
MVA'S INVOLVING ONLY ONE VEHICLE				3	1	2	3	1	6		1	2	1	20
MVA'S INVOLVING A PARKED VEHICLE		8	6	5	6	7	5	14	8	5	7	9	7	87
MVA'S INVOLVING MULTIPLE VEHICLES					2			2		1				5
MVA'S AT INTERSECTIONS		2	3	7	2	3	5	11	7	5	5	3	2	55
MVA'S CAUSED BY WEATHER FACTORS				1										1
MVA'S AT HIGH RISK INTERSECTION Rt 165/S Franklin				1	2	1	1	2	2	1	1		1	12
MVA'S AT 2ND HIGH RISK INERSECTION Bridge/Main				2				1			1			4
TOTAL OF SUMMONS ISSUED		7	3	4	5	8	10	13	11	1	6	4	6	78
TOTAL NUMBER OF MVA'S		12	9	12	11	10	15	25	24	15	12	14	12	171