



# LEBANON POLICE DEPARTMENT

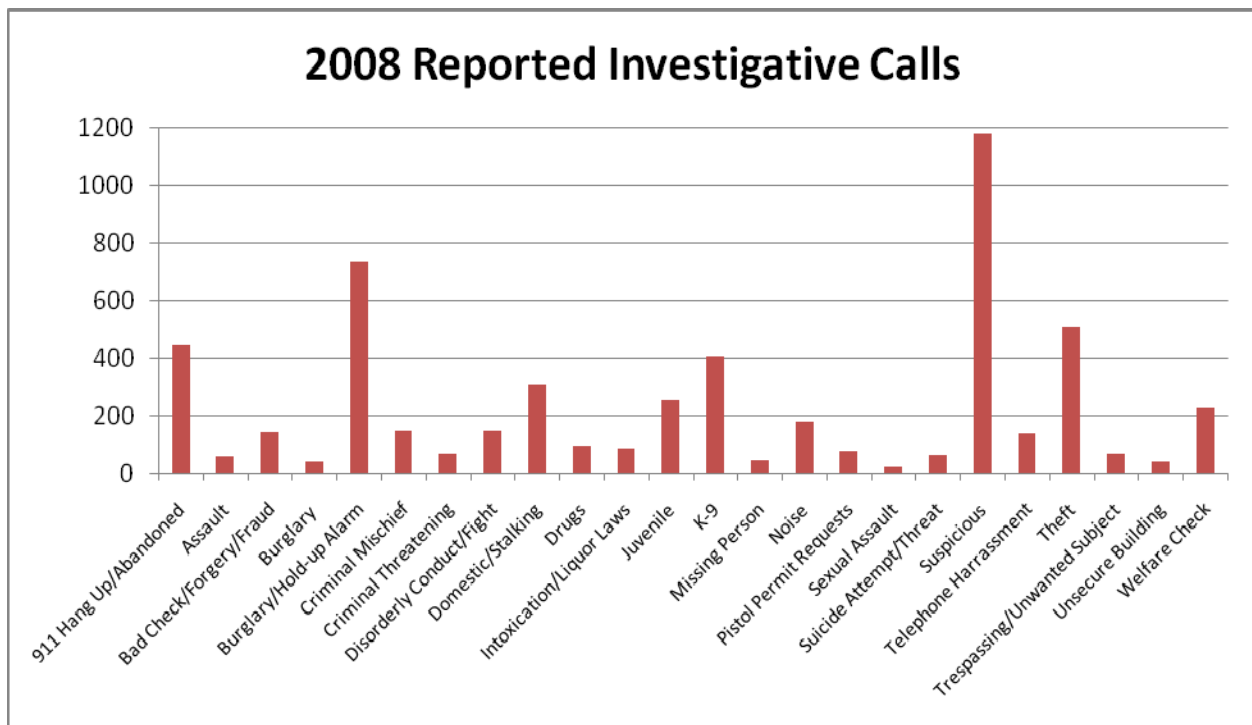
## 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

### POLICE ACTIVITY

#### PATROL DIVISION

A Call for Service is described as a request from the public for services, or to report a crime, concern or question. Some of the different calls we receive are for thefts, suspicious activity, police alarms, motor vehicle complaints, E-911 traces, assaults, domestic disputes, and traffic accidents, to name only a few. During 2008, we received **32,078** Police and Fire Calls for Service, up from 31,203 in 2007.

The total number of Offenses for this year was **2,918** (2,669 in 2007), and there were **1,569** persons arrested (1,272 in 2007), a 23% increase or nearly 300 more people. The Police Department investigated **1,195** reported accidents (1,244 in 2007), which resulted in **108** known injuries (127 in 2007). Officers made a total of **8,145** motor vehicle stops (7,039 in 2007) resulting in **7,180** warnings (6,136 in 2007) and **530** summonses (739 in 2007). A total of **1,010** Parking Tickets (2,119 in 2007) were given out this year.



The following are some noteworthy reported Investigative CALL statistics of comparison from 2007 to 2008:

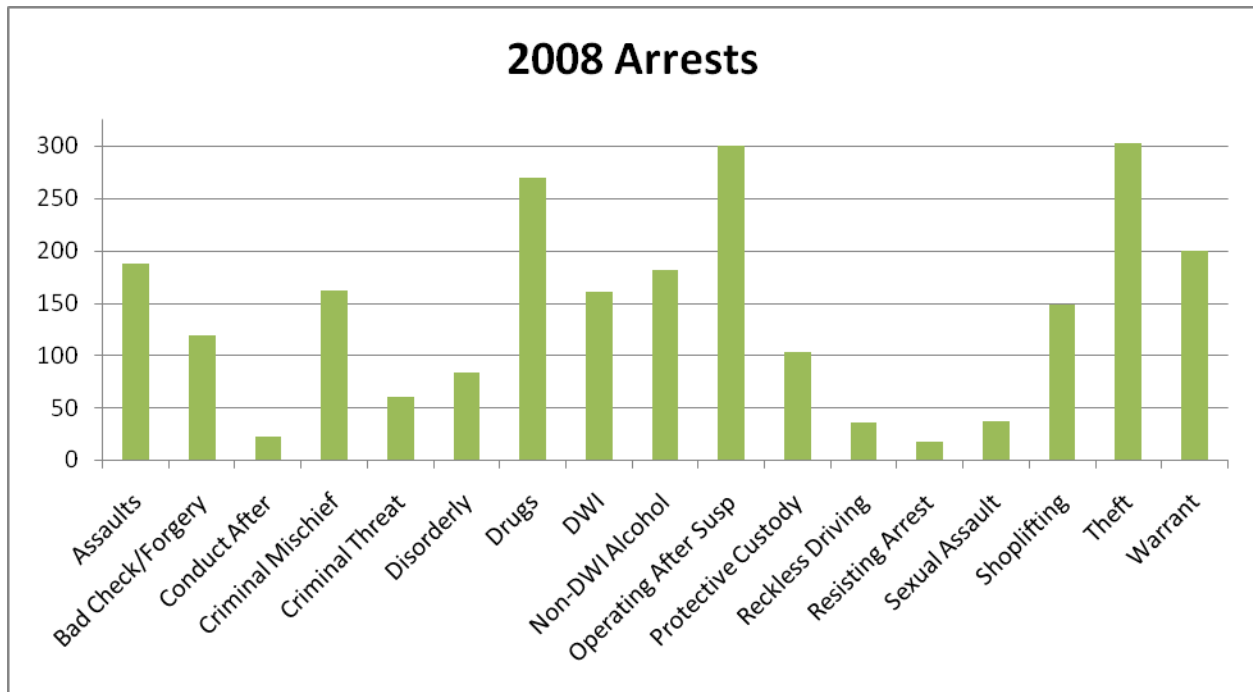
The number of 911 Hang Up/Abandoned calls for 2008 was 445 (compared to 438 in 2007), a **1.6%** increase.

The number of Domestic Disturbance/Stalking calls for 2008 was 310 (compared to 335 in 2007), a **8%** decrease.

The number of noise complaints for 2008 was 180 (compared to 130 in 2007), a **38%** increase.

The number of missing persons for 2008 was 45 (compared to 66 in 2007), a **46.6%** decrease.

The number of suicide attempts/threats for 2008 was 61 (compared to 46 in 2007), a **32.6%** increase.



The following are some noteworthy ARREST statistics of comparison from 2007 to 2008:

Sexual Assault arrests decreased by **16.2%** (37 in 2008 compared to 43 in 2007).

Drug arrests increased by **36.4%** (270 in 2008 compared to 198 in 2007).

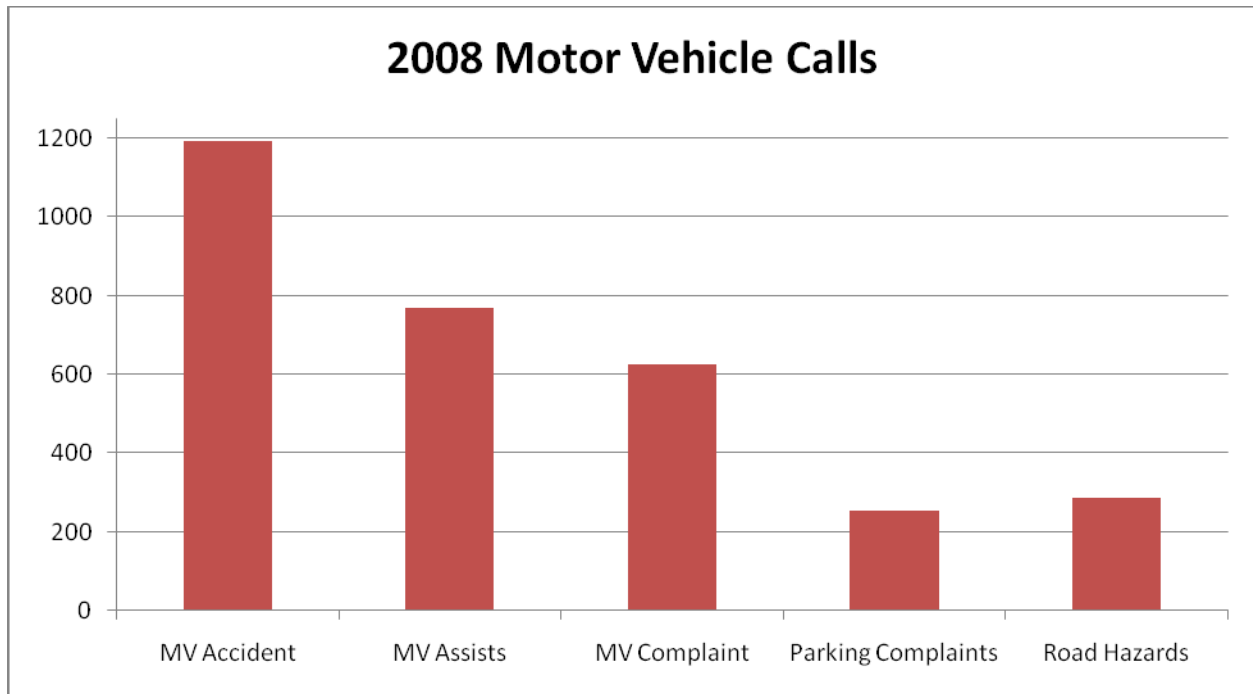
Shoplifting arrests increased by **46.5%** (148 in 2008 compared to 101 in 2007).

Assault arrests increased by **30.6%** (188 in 2008 compared to 144 in 2007).

Disorderly conduct arrests increased by **22.1%** (83 in 2008 compared to 68 in 2007).

Reckless driving increased by **33.3%** (36 in 2008 compared to 27 in 2007).

DWI increased by **20.1%** (161 in 2008 compared to 134 in 2007).



The number of reported motor vehicle accidents decreased by **3%**, (1,195 in 2008 compared to 1,232 in 2007).

The number of known injuries from motor vehicle accidents decreased by **17.6%**, (108 in 2008 compared to 127 in 2007).

The number of motor vehicle complaints decreased by **7.2%**, (626 in 2008 compared to 671 in 2007).

## LEBANON POLICE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION TEAM



In 2007 the Accident Investigation Team was developed as part of the Department Strategic Goals. It has nine officers assigned who are highly trained in investigation and reconstruction of motor vehicle accidents. In 2008 they trained several times with members of the New Hampshire State Police Accident Team.

This unit has been a great resource to the patrol shifts throughout the year when there has been a serious motor vehicle accident. By having them up and running, it allows the patrol units on shift to get back to other patrol responsibilities within the city instead of tying them up at the scene. They have the expertise and focus to properly and professionally handle a serious crash which may result in necessary court litigation or criminal charges.

The team has been used at numerous serious accidents throughout the year including one fatal accident. They have also used their specialized training to help at some less serious accidents to help prove a case in court by advanced evidence gathering techniques.

Also through a grant we received this year we obtained a “Vericom” unit which is a valuable tool in accident reconstruction. This along with the “Total Station” that was obtained through a grant last year has allowed the team access to the newest equipment available in accident investigation and reconstruction, as we strive to analyze complex accidents.

## **TACTICAL CONTAINMENT TEAM (TAC)**

As part of the Department Strategic Goals for 2008, a Tactical Containment Team (TAC) was developed. The purpose is so that local officers will be able to quickly respond, handle, and contain a high risk/ hostage or armed standoff scene until the New Hampshire State Police SWAT Unit arrives and takes primary tactical responsibility for the incident. This team is also used independently to conduct warrant entries in cases where a greater caution is needed than average search and arrest warrants, due to the nature of the crime or intelligence gathered.

The New Hampshire State Police SWAT Unit has been involved in the development and training of this Team. They have also agreed to continue this support in the future.

The TAC currently has eight officers assigned. It is the intent of the department to assign and train two additional officers in 2009.

## **LEBANON POLICE DEPARTMENT BIKE UNIT**



In 2008 we purchased a second mountain bike. There are now four officers who have attended training in bike patrol. The officers assigned to the bike unit were very active this summer. They patrol all kinds of different areas throughout the city including some areas that are not possible with a cruiser. The officers have patrolled everywhere from downtown to the Boston Lot property. They have also been able to patrol on the Rail to Trails system in Lebanon during high use times.

The bike unit has allowed the officers to have contact with citizens in neighborhoods, as well as the areas noted above. The department has received very positive feedback from citizens.

The bike unit also assisted the department in its overall fuel savings plan.

## **LEBANON POLICE K-9 UNIT**

As part of our focus in dealing with drug issues, the Lebanon Police K9 unit increased its drug searches from 42 in 2007 to 99 in 2008. This is a dramatic increase and the K9 teams netted marijuana, cash (used as drug money), hashish, heroin, oxycodone, and a multitude of illegal prescription drugs during searches on vehicles, buildings, and residences.

In 2008, Officer Jeremy Perkins and K9 Max attained both their K9 Narcotic and Patrol Certifications and have been extremely busy on the road with drug work, tracks, building searches, public relation appearances, etc. K9 Max, a Belgium Malinois, took the place of K9 Diessel who had training issues which could not be overcome during his first week in K9 School. K9 Max was brought into the training and partnered with Officer Perkins in the middle of training and the two worked hard to catch up then keep up with classes at the Vermont Police Canine Training Academy. Since then, the two have become an exemplary team which has enjoyed tremendous success.



Officer Jon Tracy and K9 Cody were kept busy this year as well. The team was instrumental in drug searches, article searches and tracks, as well as maintaining their certifications through training during the year. Officer Tracy and K9 Cody also did numerous public appearances to happy audiences including a demonstration at the West Lebanon PTO picnic, a demo at Camp Kaleidoscope, and a demo at Genesis Elder Care among others. It is clear that the K9 program relates well to the community, both young and old.



Please see Unit Highlights and yearly numbers below.

## January 2008

Officer Tracy and K9 Cody assisted in locating a combative psychiatric ward patient who had run from DHMC on a very cold night. This was a very difficult track.

## February 2008

Officer Tracy/Cody assisted with building searches, drug sniffs, and assisted in the drug investigations which included heroin suspects.

## March 2008

In a unique use of the K9 Unit, Officer Tracy / Cody completed an article search for a lost master key to a large apartment complex in the City. K9 Cody located the key under leaves, etc., in an open area almost three days after it was lost.

## April 2008

Officer Tracy and Cody did excellent public appearances this month at places like Powerhouse Mall, the Downtown Mall, Glen Road Skate Park, West Lebanon Store Fronts, and others.

Officer Perkins/Max completed and graduated from the Vermont State Police K9 Academy's K9 Drug Detection School. This certifies them as a dual purpose K9 team.

## May 2008

The K9 Teams took part in two outstanding demos – one at the West Lebanon PTO picnic at Seminary Hill and one at West Lebanon Supply as part of K9 Awareness Day. Both were well received and well attended.

Also during the month, the teams completed several drug scans which resulted in the seizure of marijuana and several arrests. These searches were completed both in vehicles and during two residential searches.

## June 2008

Officer Tracy and K9 Cody conducted successful drug searches including one vehicle search where K9 Cody located an area in a car used to conceal drugs (in the ceiling/roof of the vehicle). The team further completed a search for a distraught 46-year-old man with mental issues who had wandered off and was missing for two hours. He was tracked by the team and located hiding within tall grass under trees in the area of the CCB.

K9 Max and Officer Perkins had a search of note when a driver ran off from another officer and threw something while running into a brook at Storr's Hill. K9 Max pulled Officer Perkins to the brook, went into the water and located a floating baggie containing marijuana that had come to rest in weeds next to a rock in the water. The man was subsequently arrested and charged.

## July 2008

K9 Cody and Officer Tracy completed multiple street times in areas like Colburn Park, DHMC, Glen Road Skate Park, the Hanover Street Mall area, etc. and made many positive community contacts. Further they completed a demonstration at Camp Kaleidoscope which was well received by the kids. Also, during this time period, the team completed several drug searches on vehicles and buildings which netted finds of marijuana and crack cocaine.

Officer Perkins and K9 Max assisted with several vehicle drug searches and found quantities of marijuana. They completed several street time / PR issues in areas including Colburn Park, Lebanon Airport, West Lebanon Supply, Lebanon High School, and others.

#### August 2008

Officer Tracy and K9 Cody completed K9 Demonstrations at the following venues: Mount Lebanon School for day camp, First Steps Preschool, and Genesis Elder Care. All were well received and the team proved to be a great ambassador to the community during the demos. Also, they completed numerous street time contacts in various areas of the City.

Also during the month, the team completed several drug searches during traffic stops and an apartment search. K9 Cody and Officer Tracy located illegal prescription drugs, white powder, a pill crusher, marijuana and other drug paraphernalia.

Also of note, on August 30<sup>th</sup>, Enfield Police reported a man, possibly armed distraught and possibly suicidal. Officer Tracy used K9 Cody to track the man from his residence on Bridge Street in Enfield, onto the rail to trails, up a dirt path off of the trail, on to Route 4 and there located the man who was taken into custody without incident.

#### September 2008

During the month, Officer Tracy and K9 Cody completed a well-received demonstration at the DHMC Childcare Center. There were multiple children and adults there on a very hot day, but the team performed well and all got a chance to pet Cody and see the K9 cruiser.

The team also completed drug searches which netted seized marijuana from an apartment, a bag containing cocaine in a locked safe within an apartment, marijuana in a vehicle, heroin bindles during a car stop, a baggie of marijuana in a vehicle, and completed multiple street times at various businesses, schools, and areas of populace within the City.

#### October 2008

During the month, K9 Cody assisted with drug searches of vehicles, and netted the finds of marijuana and paraphernalia.

The team also completed a PR Detail for Home Schooled children from throughout the Upper Valley area. During the demo, the team completed demonstrations in drug detection, article searches, aggression work, and obedience. The team also conducted a meet and greet with students and parents.

During the month, Officer Perkins and K9 Max attended the Basic Patrol School full-time with the VT State Police K9 academy while working towards their patrol team certification and received high marks from evaluators and trainers and attained their tracking certification.

#### November 2008

During the month, Officer Tracy and K9 Cody completed many high visibility Street Time, assisted with detecting drugs including marijuana, oxycodone and vicadone, assisted in a residential search warrant from which the team recovered 1.5 ounces of marijuana, and assisted in a building search of Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital which saved a large amount of time from Officers doing the same search in a large, unsecured building.

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, Officer Perkins and K9 Max completed the Vermont Police Canine Academy and thus attained their Patrol Team certification. This makes them a dual purpose team through National Certification. Since their return, they completed several drug find assists and also assisted in controlling multiple disorderly subjects during a fight at McDonald's in West Lebanon.

December 2008

Among other calls during the month, Officer Tracy and K9 Cody completed a unique search for drugs when a man had left illegal drugs in shorts hanging on a clothing rack at a local retail business to avoid being caught with the drugs by police. Officer Tracy and K9 Cody searched the area and quickly located the drugs within the shorts.

Officer Perkins and K9 Max assisted in the recovery of over 200 heroin bindles, syringes, used heroin paraphernalia, and drug money in a local apartment. The team also assisted in the seizure of other drugs during the month including marijuana, cocaine, and assorted drug paraphernalia during multiple roadside motor vehicle stops.

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Article Search	0	1
Assist Other Agency	13	14
Building Search	19	9
Criminal Track	12	10
Disorderly Persons	0	1
K9 Drug Search	42	99
Lost Person Track	3	5
Public Relations	5	15
Street Time	148	251
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>405</b>

**SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

The Lebanon Police Department is pleased to introduce a new school resource officer in 2008, Officer Greg Parthum. Officer Parthum has been busy in the school this year after taking over the post in September, and has quickly become a viable source of information, teaching, counseling, and assists in many school related activities.

The Lebanon Police SRO works in both the Lebanon High School and in the Bank Street School (Junior High grades). During the 2008 year, the program offered teachings to students in substance abuse, DWI, coping with depression, search and seizure laws, theft, and assisted in other various topics. The SRO takes part in the students' day to day school experience by attending gym and health classes and helping out faculty and staff when able. Officer Parthum has also attended numerous after school events such as dances, sporting events, and even runs with the cross country team during practice.

Of course, the SRO also keeps busy working with many cases that are brought to his attention by students and faculty. While some of the cases handled this year did not necessarily originate on school grounds, having Officer Parthum at the schools on a regular basis gives students a familiar face to report issues to. Among the types of crimes he investigated this year are assaults, arsons, bomb threats, sexual assaults, drugs, drug dealings, thefts, weapons violations, motor vehicle complaints, child abuse / neglect, fraud cases, runaway juveniles,

harassment and bullying issues. It is important to have an officer that can not only handle these cases from start to finish, but also that can work with parents and faculty in finding reasonable solutions and conclusions to cases. Having the SRO available inhibits the process of closing the loop of all that are involved in juvenile related cases, and offers a sense of consistency to parents, students, and teachers in working with the Lebanon Police Department.

The School Resource Officer also acts as a liaison between students and community services such as Headrest, Second Growth, West Central Services, WISE, and other sources of assistance available in our community. Officer Parthum has developed good relations with several Upper Valley agencies and has an excellent grasp of what resources apply to situations as they occur. The SRO program is in its fourth year in Lebanon, and has developed into a full service community based experience for students, teachers and parents alike.

## **DETECTIVE DIVISION**

The Detective Division investigates major crimes involving adults and juveniles. Examples of investigations include sexual assaults, burglaries, drugs, offenses against children, thefts, forgeries, and fraud cases. Several of the arrests outlined in the Patrol section are felony cases completed by our Detectives. The Division also works with the Court Diversion Program for juvenile offenders. Some of the activity for 2008 included **4,208** hours of investigation, **33** hours on Juvenile matters, **581** hours processing evidence, **198** hours of public relations (which includes Child Health & Safety Programs, R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense), Police Department facility tours, and speaking to civic groups), **207** hours assisting patrol, **114** hours registering sex offenders, and **296.5** hours reviewing and presenting cases for Grand Jury. The Detective Division also had **707** hours of training.

Several search warrants were executed successfully with the seizure of drugs (mostly marijuana, heroin, and crack cocaine) and sometimes weapons.

## **SUPERIOR COURT STATISTICS**

The Lebanon Police Department presented **110** individuals, a **19.6%** increase, (92 in 2007) for indictment on felony and enhanced penalty misdemeanors to the Grand Jury at the Grafton County Superior Court during this year, which resulted in **190** indictments (155 indictments in 2007), a **22.6%** increase.

## **JUVENILE COURT STATISTICS**

Juvenile cases are handled by Prosecution and the Detective Division. There were **14** Arraignments, **16** Adjudications (trials), **10** Dispositional Hearings and **24** other hearings which included **62** hours in juvenile court and **123** hours of juvenile case preparation.

## **PROSECUTION**

A total of **1,135** cases were handled by Prosecution this year. Of these cases, there were **1,193** arraignments, **65** trials, and **745** other hearings. Some other activities during this year for the Prosecutor included **1390** hours for case review and court preparation, **925** hours at court, and **65** hours of administration (meetings and personnel issues). There were **63** diversion cases.

## **TRAINING DIVISION**

Officers received 4,080 hours of training this year. Some of the training included the following:

145<sup>th</sup> Police Academy; Leading Effective Organizations; At Scene Crash Investigation; Technical Crash Investigation; Baton Instructor; Police Mountain Bike Patrol; Oral Advocacy; Sobriety Checkpoint; Dust & Bust; School Resource Officer; Basic K-9; RAD International; Homicide & Death Investigation; New NH License Format; Trauma & Witness Memory; Felony Blood Drawing; Child Exploitation; On-Star Pursuit Procedure; 233<sup>rd</sup> FBI National Academy; Patrol Interdiction; DWI Detection & SFSTs; ID Theft Investigation; Drug Investigation – Overdose America; TAC Team; K-9 Urban Trailing, Glock Armorer.

## **POLICY AND PROCEDURE REVISIONS**

The Administration worked on issuing updated and more efficient operational policies, to include:

Serving Paperwork at DHMC; Exercise Room Access; Aggravated DWI Access; Line of Duty Deaths; Enforcement of Bicycle Laws; License to Carry Concealed Pistol/Revolver; Traffic Enforcement/ Traffic Enforcement Unit; Public Interaction and/or Foot Patrol; Cruiser Equipment Checklist and Cruiser Checks; Mutual Aid Responses to Municipalities Whom We Do Not Have An Agreement With; OnStar Equipped Stolen Vehicles; Arrests; National Tracing Center (NTC) for Weapons; Bullet Trap: Use for Department Weapons; Criminal Record Checks; DHMC “Code Pink” Child Abduction; Domestic Violence Orders; Major Crime Investigations; Automated External Defibrillators; Department Call For Service & Dispatch Log; Handling of Evidence; Found Property; Tactical/ Containment Team (TAC); Case Management; Amber Alert Plan; Disclosure and Retention of Personnel Records; Response to Resistance and Force; Livescan Fingerprinting; Use & Operation of Dept. 2008 Expedition & 2000 Explorer; Meal and Mileage Reimbursement; Gas Saving Initiatives.

## **DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC GOALS MET IN 2008**

Department Strategic Goal: *Employ progressive delivery of services and superior protection in our community.*

- ✓ Tactical Containment Team assembled of professionally trained Lebanon officers
- ✓ Held seven trainings at the department to reduce the amount of money used to train officers in various locations

Department Strategic Goal: *Increase opportunities for positive progressive interaction with our community. Facilitate public awareness and education through forums on crime prevention and other issues or concerns.*

- ✓ Bike patrol continued in Lebanon and West Lebanon
- ✓ Held two community forums, both on identity theft

Department Strategic Goal: *To enhance our interaction, responsiveness, and services with community juveniles and related issues.*

- ✓ Completed 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament to raise funds for Child & Health Safety

Department Strategic Goal: *Utilize technology wherever possible to enhance all forms of communication. Continue to improve the Police Department’s website and its ability to enable users to directly interact with the department via the website.*

- ✓ Added State Accident (operator) Form, Alzheimer Assistance Program information and form, Upper Valley Alcohol/Drug Party line, specific divisions of the department and their duties to the website

## **COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ACTIVITY**

The Communications Center serves as the emergency center for the City of Lebanon. It serves as the primary contact point for the City's Police, Fire, and Ambulance services. Emergency and non-emergency calls are received and transmitted to the proper agencies. Every request for service, from unlocking a vehicle, to vehicle accidents, criminal calls, 911 emergency calls and building fires are dispatched and documented by the Communication Specialists. The Center receives after hours requests for the Police Department's Records and Administrative Divisions (accident reports, parking tickets, pistol permits, excavation permits, burial permits), as well as several other City Departments, and notifies the appropriate agency contact (highway, water, wastewater, airport). The Communications personnel oversee the maintenance of the telephone and radio systems and associated equipment for the Police Department. The Communications Center also maintains emergency operational plans and contact information for local businesses and buildings, monitor and bill nearly 300 alarm user accounts, also enter, query, and audit items in Local, State, and National databases (warrants, criminal histories, and protective orders), maintain a computerized listing of canines and bicycles registered with the City, collects and verifies enhanced 911 address information for the New Hampshire Emergency Communications Bureau, and assists various other agencies such as Grafton County Probation and Parole, New Hampshire State Police and other area public safety agencies with routine requests, such as computerized checks, directions or telephone numbers.

On some calls, multiple agencies and/or jurisdictions respond to the same call, therefore, the number of calls per agency is higher than the actual number of calls. An example of this type of call would be a motor vehicle accident with injuries on I-89 in Lebanon. In this scenario, both Lebanon Police and Lebanon Fire/EMS would respond to the scene.

During this year, there were 32,811 Calls for Service (down from 32,997 in 2007).

These calls breakdown as follows:

Lebanon Police	26,336
Lebanon Fire	4,067
Other Police/Fire	2,408

Of the number of calls listed above, 41.5% were received between 7am and 3 pm; 35% were received between 3pm and 11pm and 23.5% were received between 11pm and 7am.

## **DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY AND EVENTS**

Events and fundraisers held during this year included:

We completed two community forums this year, one at Quail Hollow on identity theft and one at Rogers House on Elder Victimization.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament was held on July 31<sup>st</sup> at the Lake Morey Country Club in Fairlee, Vermont. This tournament benefits the various Child Safety and Health Programs sponsored throughout the year by the Police Department.

The Annual Bike Auction was held on June 19<sup>th</sup>. This was the most successful Bike Auction we have held. We raised over \$400, which is more than any other year.

The Annual Bike Rodeo was held on May 31<sup>st</sup> which was co-sponsored with the Lebanon Lions and Kiwanis Clubs. Approximately 34 kids participated and also registered their bikes. Bike helmets received through a grant from the NH Department of Safety, were handed out to children who didn't have one.

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, Lebanon Police Officers and family members assisted with the Annual Project Graduation BBQ in Colburn Park. This is a major fundraiser for the graduating class at Lebanon High School for their substance free graduation party.

## **PERSONNEL UPDATES**

Welcome ~     April 20     Paul C. Gifford, Officer  
                         October 12     Brett H. Quillia, Officer  
                         November 30     Ashley Anderson, Communications Specialist