



Date: July 15, 2019

To: Hampton Board of Selectman

From: Richard E. Sawyer, Chief of Police

Re: 2019 2nd Quarter Report

General Overview:

Personnel:

Full Time:

Current Staffing Level: 36 Sworn

Authorized Staffing Level: 36 Sworn

At the March Town Meeting SAU 90 sponsored a warrant article to fund an additional School Resource Officer (SRO). The warrant article passed increasing our full time staffing level from 35 to 36. In May Officer Brandon Whitehead was selected as SRO/Detective. SRO/Detective Whitehead has been assigned to Marston Schools filling the newly created position. SRO/Detective Demarco remains assigned to the Hampton Academy and SRO/Detective Shannon Feeley is assigned to the Center School.

On April 22nd Special Part-Time Officer Anthony Shriber was appointed as a Full-Time Officer and will attend the 180th New Hampshire Police Academy commencing in September 2019.

Officer Zachary Terenzoni began the 179th New Hampshire Police Academy in May and will be graduating on August 23rd. Upon graduation Officer Terenzoni will return to the Patrol Division to complete a Field Training Program.

On June 1st Lt Daniel Gidley a 31 year veteran of the Hampton Police Department retired. Dan worked his way through the ranks starting as a Special Part-Time Officer in 1988. Throughout his career Dan has excelled in a variety of critical assignments to include Motorcycle Instructor, Special Response Team, SERT Team Leader for Crisis Negotiators, Accident Reconstruction Team Leader, and assignment to the DEA for Operation Beach Head which lead to the dismantling of a major cocaine distribution ring operating in southern New Hampshire and Massachusetts. In addition to these assignments Dan has been an intricate part of the leadership team for over 18 years. Dan will remain with the Department as a Part-Time Officer.

On June 3rd Special Part-Time Officer Kevin Smith was appointed as a Full-Time Officer and will attend the 180th New Hampshire Police Academy commencing in September 2019.

On June 14th we began our summer season. Each summer the Department appoints Corporals to meet the increased need for supervision. Officer Jayson Jackson, and Officer Christopher Keyser were selected to serve as Corporals. The Corporals serve as direct supervisors for our Part-Time Special Officers during our busiest times at the Beach.

Part-Time:

Current Staffing Level: 32 Sworn

Authorized Staffing Level: 70 Sworn

We currently have 32 Part-Time Officers on our roster. 3 Part-Time Officers are currently on a Leave of Absence bringing the number of working Part-Time Officers to 29. The Department brought on 7 new Special Part-Time Officers this summer;

Preston Leonard
Dylan Chevalier
Patrick Tufts
Michael Ricci

Andrew Marsden
Calico Traynor
Chance Spinney

Of the working Part-Time Officers 14 are on probationary status with less than 2 years of service to the Department.

Recruitment:

The Department conducted testing for Part-Time Officer applicants on Saturday April 13, 2019. There were 46 applicants scheduled to take the test. There were 7 no shows and 4 withdrawals. This left 31 applicants taking the written test with 25 scoring a passing grade and moving on to the physical agility test. After the physical agility test there were 17 applicants scheduled for Oral Board Interviews. At the conclusion of the oral boards 11 were given conditional offers of employment and begin the next phase of the hiring process which included a thorough background investigation, polygraph examination, and psychological evaluation.

After this extensive process the Department has enrolled 4 recruits for the 278th New Hampshire Part-Time Officer Academy beginning on August 10, 2019. The Departments next Part-Time Officer testing process will be conducted on October 5, 2019. Anyone interested in employment with the Hampton Police Department should visit our website hamptonpd.com and file an application electronically. This testing process will be for placement in the Part-Time Officer Academy beginning in February 2020.

Department Operations:

Ongoing issues with heroin have plagued the region. Hampton has 2 overdose deaths attributed to opioids in the first half of 2019. We continue to work with our local, state, and federal partners to combat this issue.

Our pre-season Beach activity started out slow due to the wet and cool weather experienced in the region. Our officers did an outstanding job maintaining order during those hot busy days when large crowds descended upon Hampton Beach. We have continued the program of bringing in experienced officers from other municipalities to augment our staffing levels. This has proven to be very helpful in maintaining order and providing for good traffic flow through the Beach area.

Special thanks to the New Hampshire State Police, University of New Hampshire Police Department, Epping Police Department who all provided personnel and equipment to assist with the pre-season.

The Department continues its operational planning for the many special events scheduled out to the fall to include Children's Week, Labor Day Weekend, Seafood Festival, and a variety of running and bicycling events that extend to Columbus Day weekend.

Activity:

Our 2019 Police Activities compared to the same period previous year January 1 – June 30:

CATEGORY	% CHANGE	2018	2019
Calls for Service	Down 15%	10637	9031
Motor Vehicle Stops	Down 41%	2974	1742
Arrests	Down 11%	405	360
DWI	Up 82%	66	120
Drug Offences	Down 30%	32	31
Incidents Reported	Up 17%	462	542
Offences	Down 4%	915	878
Felonies	Up 16%	87	73
Parking Tickets	Down 24%	632	479
Accidents	0%	193	193