MEDFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Residents of the Town of Medfield:

I am pleased to present the 2019 Medfield Police Department's Annual Report which highlights the activities and accomplishments throughout the calendar year.

This has been a transitional year for the Department and we experienced many personnel changes. It has been my pleasure to step into the role as the new leader of this fine organization. I continue to marvel at the dedication of the men and women that serve this community and the overwhelming support of the citizens in Town. This year, the Department had two retirements, Deputy Chief John Wilhelmi who proudly served since 1982, and Sergeant Ray Burton, who proudly served since 1988. We wish them well in their retirement. In a continuing effort to encourage advancement from within the Department, I was honored to promoted Larz Anderson to the position of Deputy Chief and Ryan Maxfield to Sergeant (nights). They have embraced their new roles and I am fortunate to have their leadership.

The Department also hired a new officer, Conor Ashe who transferred from Franklin and three new Special Officers, Kailee Lutz, Richard Forrester, and Brendan Pasco.

The department applied for and received the Stanton Grant, Vest-a-Dog, E991, Medproject, and Byrne Grants. Two of these grants allowed us to introduce new recources - a K9 trained in patrol functions, search, and narcotics detection and a Crisis Intervention Team to assist in follow-up and alternate solutions to arrest for our most vulnerable populations.

In an effort to enhance community policing, we established regular walking posts on Main Street throughout the summer and holiday season. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive from the residents and officers alike.

The Department is currently undertaking a complete review of its policies and procedures while issuing new directives which meet or exceed State Accreditation Standards.

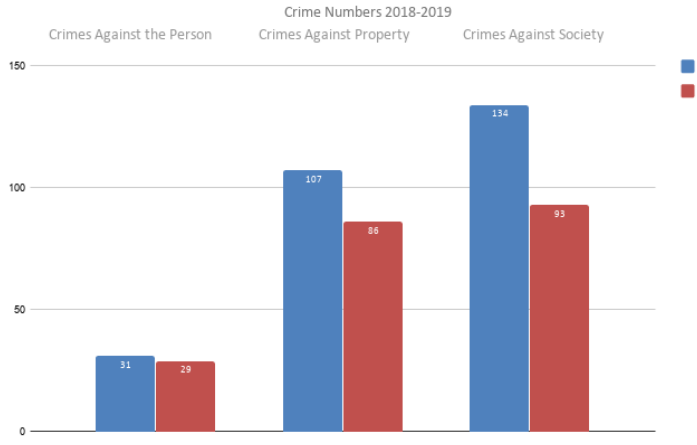
Traffic enforcement issues remain a priority for the Department and residents. This year we saw an increase of 23.2% in motor vehicle accidents. With increased distractions to drivers, we can only surmise that many of these accidents could have been avoided. The Department is looking forward to enforcing the new Hands Free initiative to enhance safety for all.

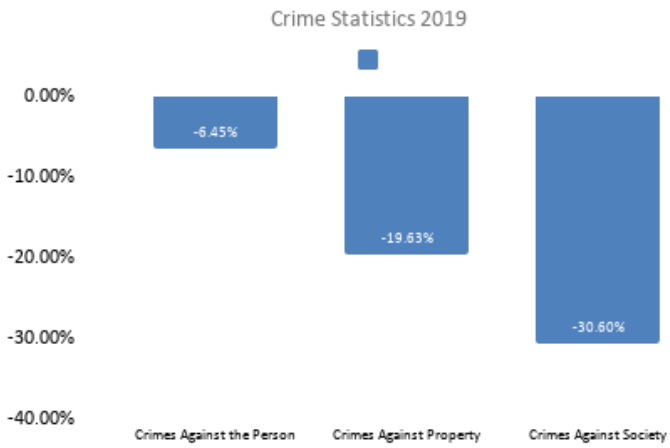
We are pleased to report a complete reduction in crime this year in all categories. We experienced an overall increase in call volume of 24.1%. We strongly believe that the community's trust in our officers has resulted in a cooperative effort between the community and Police Department to willingly report crime and suspicious activity. This had a direct correlation in our crime reporting trending downward.

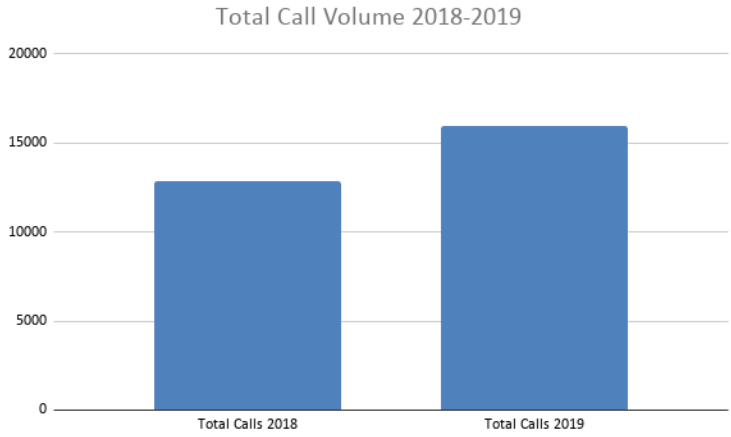
In closing, I would like to extend a warm thank you to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Town Department Heads and residents for welcoming me into this community. I would especially like to thank the men and women of the Medfield Police Department for embracing many changes this year and demonstrating their commitment to the citizens they serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle D. Guerette
Chief of Police


Crime Numbers 2018-2019
Crimes Against the Person
Crimes Against Property
Crimes Against Society
150
100
50
0
31
29
107
86
134
93


Crime Statistics 2019
0.00%
-10.00%
-20.00%
-30.00%
-40.00%
-6.45%
-19.63%
-30.60%
Crimes Against the Person
Crimes Against Property
Crimes Against Society


Total Call Volume 2018-2019
20000
15000
10000
5000
0
Total Calls 2018
Total Calls 2019