

2019 ANNUAL REPORT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE
Submitted by Chief James McIntyre

The Stoneham Police Department is committed to providing the highest level of professional police services while respecting the constitutional rights of every person living in or visiting the Town of Stoneham. We achieve this mission by working in partnership with the community and by practicing Community Oriented Policing. Serving with compassion and respect to all members of the public, we remain committed to providing these services with professionalism and integrity.

The Office of the Chief manages the overall operation of the Stoneham Police Department and plans for the future in close collaboration with the Town Administrator.

In 2019, the Stoneham Police Department was comprised of 39 full-time police officers. The civilian administrative staff for the department consisted of office manager Erin Sinclair, part-time office assistants Patricia Quinn and Raymie Parker, and Linda Leis, our domestic violence advocate.

The following is a roster of the Department's police officers as of December 31, 2019: Chief James McIntyre; Lieutenants David Stefanelli and Tony Kranefuss; Sergeants Robert Kennedy, David Thistle, Kenneth Wilkins, Thomas Heller, Christopher Apalakis, Christopher Dalis and Michael DeCroteau; Officers Sheryl Rotondi, Stephen Carroll, Joseph Ponzio, Paul Norton, Thomas Day, Christopher Copan, Edward Fucarile, William Reinold, David Ryan, Patrick Carroll, Kenneth Bowdidge, Laura Engel, Luc Bourgeois, David Szydowski, Jonathan Mahoney, Derek McShane, Stephen Aprile, John Curtis, Brendan Carr, Michael Colotti, Brian Raffaello, John Burton, Arthur Yeomelakis, Kevin Russell, Christopher Murphy, Michael Prudente, Richard Pacini, Joseph Cataldo and Zachary Newell.

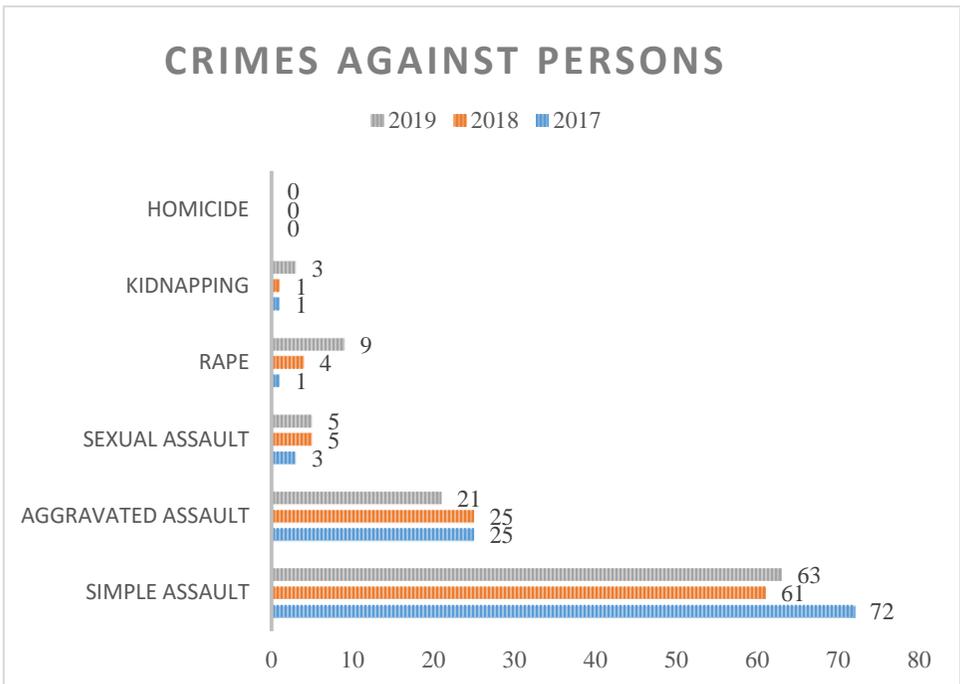
The police department continually strives to improve the services offered to our community. Like other police agencies across the country, we have seen an increase in the number of calls for service that involve a person experiencing some form of mental health crisis. In response to this need, Sergeant Christopher Apalakis has coordinated numerous mental health related training programs for our officers. One accomplishment to note was the training of 16 officers in 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team training. This program is designed to train police personnel on crisis intervention to help individuals with mental health conditions and/or substance use disorders access behavioral health services rather than entering the criminal justice system. The CIT program promotes safety for both the individual in crisis and the officer responding. On a regular basis, officers are being called upon to use the skills acquired in these trainings.

As noted in Lieutenant Tony Kranefuss' Patrol Operations Annual Report, the Stoneham Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit, consisting of Sergeant David Thistle and civilian advocate Linda Leis, provide substantial support to victims of domestic violence. From the work of the first responding officers to a call involving domestic violence, through the follow-up with victims conducted by Sergeant Thistle and Ms. Leis, our department's response has been held as a model for other agencies to follow.

Under the direction of Detective Lieutenant David Stefanelli, the police department continues our partnership with Elle Simone, the Town of Stoneham’s Community Addiction Coordinator, the Stoneham Fire Department and Action Ambulance, in our community outreach efforts assisting individuals who experience a substance use disorder. Members of this team have been successful in assisting residents into treatment programs as well as offering support and guidance to family members. It is very moving when a person who has been assisted into the recovery process sends a letter to the police department saying how their life was saved as a result of the teams work.

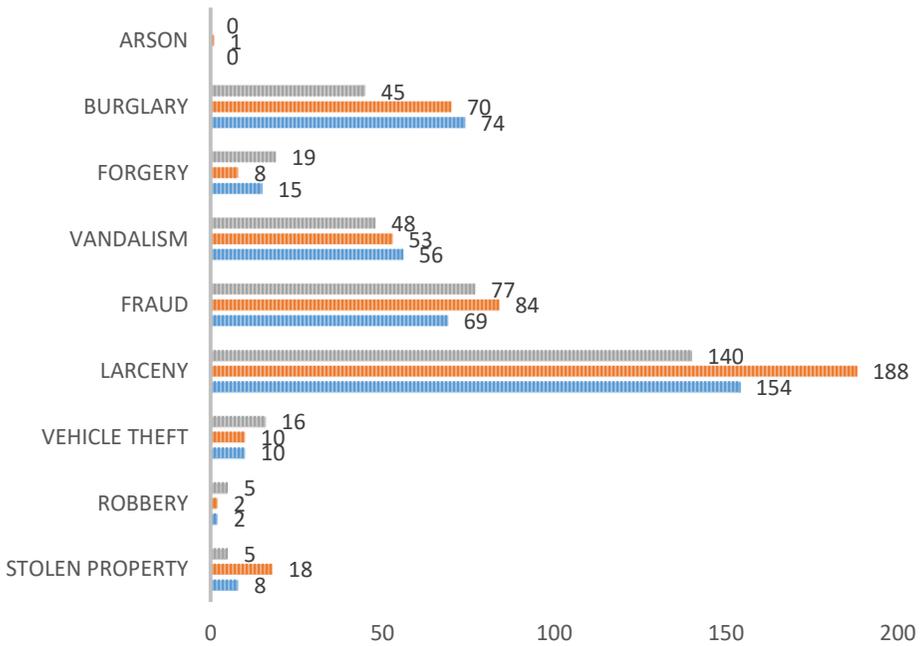
Lastly, I would like to recognize the work of the department’s civilian public safety dispatchers and administrative staff for their efforts over the past year. Our civilian personnel work behind the scenes and their efforts often go unnoticed.

The following graphs that appear below show three-year statistical trends for criminal activity, calls for service, and police related activity.



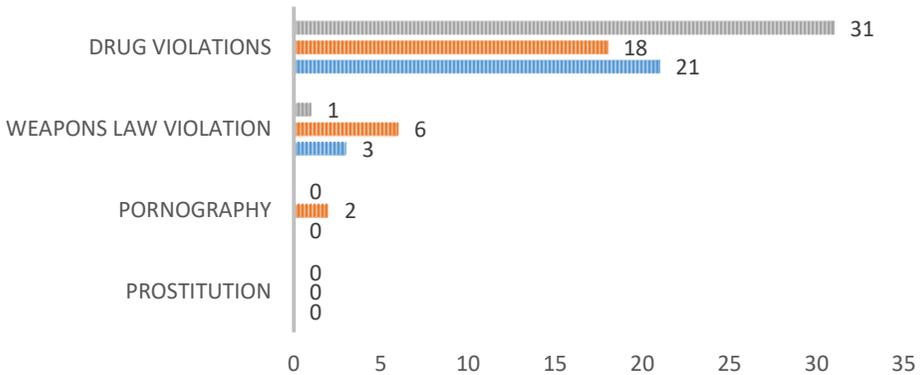
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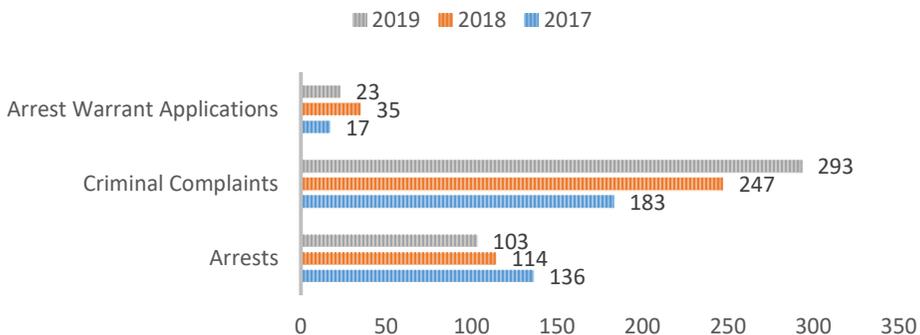


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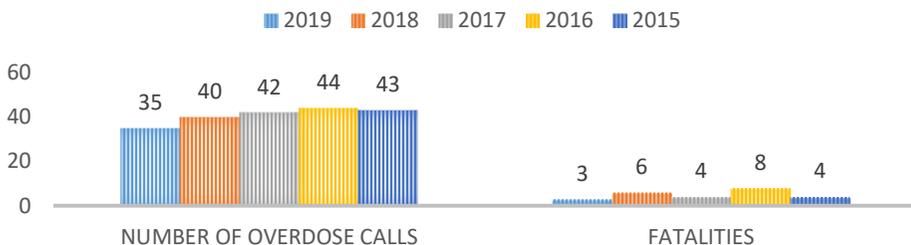
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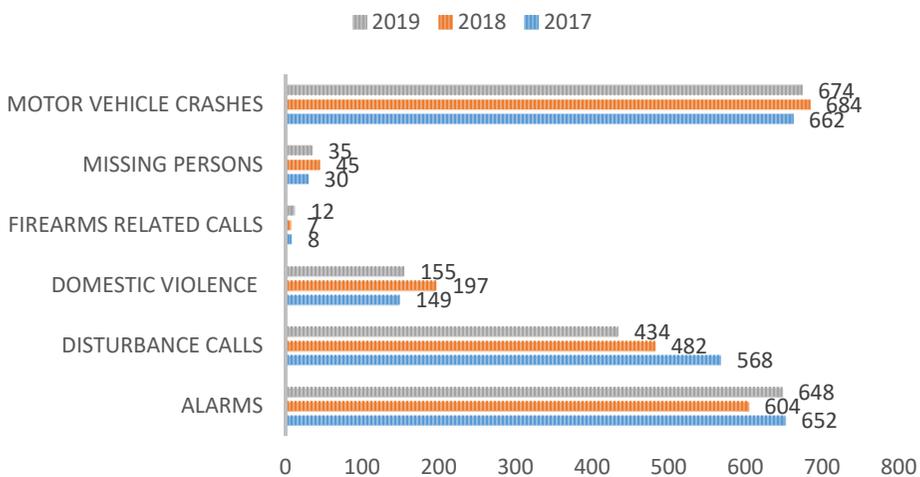
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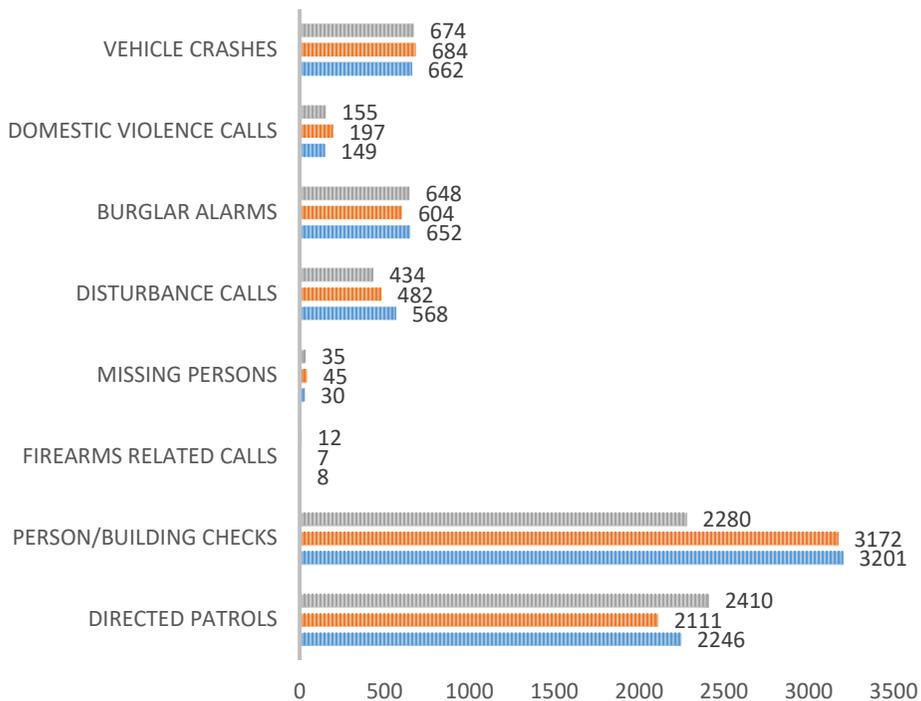


SELECTED CALLS FOR SERVICE



GENERAL STATISTICS

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PATROL OPERATIONS DIVISION
2019 ANNUAL REPORT
Submitted by Lieutenant Tony Kranefuss

The Stoneham Police Department Patrol Operations Division currently consists of 28 uniformed officers; 1 lieutenant, 6 sergeants and 21 officers.

The men and women of the patrol operations section perform the most visible and recognized function within the Stoneham Police Department. They are the ones in uniform and in marked cruisers who are the first to respond to calls. In 2019, there were 18,204 incidents logged. There were 103 arrests and 22 people placed into protective custody. When officers are not on calls, they patrol the streets promoting public safety through visibility and the education and enforcement of motor vehicle laws. Officers made 2544 motor vehicle stops and issued 934 citations. Over 1300 parking tickets were issued throughout the year.

Each member of the police department is required to receive a minimum of 40 hours of annual training required by the Municipal Police Training Committee and 16 hours of continuing education relating to the 9-1-1 System. Officers have attended various in-service and 9-1-1 trainings including CPR, first responder, criminal law, criminal procedure, police survival & investigations involving animals to name a few.

Through the efforts of our department's Grant Administrator, Sergeant Christopher Apalakis, the police department was able to acquire over \$190,000 in Grants from the Department of Mental Health, the State 911 Department and the Executive Office of Public Safety to be used for equipment and training.

The Community Policing Unit has had many successful events throughout 2019. The Cops and Kids Fishing Derby, Stoneham Chamber of Commerce Health and Wellness Expo, Memorial Day Parade, Stoneham High School Prom Promenade, Veterans Day Road Race, Chamber of Commerce Christmas Tree Lighting, Whip Hill Christmas, Halloween Stroll, Stoneham Housing Authority Kids Christmas party and Santa sleigh present delivery.

In 2019, the police department's bike unit received three new bikes, one of which was acquired through Target's "Community Engagement Fund". Sergeant Apalakis, Officer Rotondi, Officer Engel, Officer Pacini, Officer Cataldo participated in the Tri-Community Greenway ribbon cutting. Bicycle safety courses for Boy Scouts of America, Stoneham Boys and Girls Club, Stoneham Central Middle School student assembly were held. Stoneham police bicycle helmet safety initiative was held partnering with local business during the summer and the Central Middle School during the fall.

Sergeant David Thistle is our department's Domestic Violence Officer and leads the Stoneham Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) which consists of a sergeant and a civilian victim advocate, Linda Leis. Patrol officers responded to 155 reports of domestic violence in 2019. There were 20 arrests made for domestic violence related crimes and 4 people were arrested for violating restraining orders. The department assisted 12 people with applying for emergency restraining orders when court was closed, investigated 12 reports of restraining order violations and served 101 restraining orders.

The Stoneham Police Department is committed to assisting victims of domestic violence and holding offenders accountable for their actions. This is accomplished with our close working relationship with the Middlesex County District Attorney's office and our partnership with RESPOND Inc..

In 2019, Linda Leis conducted follow-up outreach with 78 victims of the 155 plus reports of domestic violence in 2019. Part of the outreach provided to victims includes, but is not limited to: assisting victims in obtaining restraining orders, safety planning, finding shelter, locating legal services, and emotional support. Mrs. Leis collaborates with officers to insure their safety as well as victim safety and to maintain accurate records of all restraining and harassment orders in our department. Mrs. Leis also represents the department on several committees including domestic violence high risk team for Woburn District Court, TRIAD group focusing on issues facing elders. Mrs. Leis serves as vice chair and community outreach coordinator for Stoneham Alliance Against Violence providing outreach to victims as well as assisting in raising funding and offering outreach programs for schools and the community at large.

Mrs. Leis also has a collaborative working relationship with Melrose/Wakefield Healthcare providers to assist them in their response to domestic violence situations. Mrs. Leis also attends Mental Health Stake Holders meetings; has established a collaboration with Stoneham's Substance Abuse Coalition and attended Stoneham's Human Rights Commission meetings. Mrs. Leis coordinated the first annual "Unplugged Stoneham Challenge" promoting healthy relationships which was a community wide effort providing people with various opportunities to unplug and connect with other people; coordinated fundraising and organization of a support group for teens focusing on Healthy Relationships to be offered at our high school in the near future; coordinated second annual fundraiser at Ceramica for funding to directly assist victim and attended recertification class for the Address Confidentiality Program thru Secretary of State Galvin's office which helps in assisting DV victims in relocating. Mrs. Leis has also attended a conference presented by the Bureau of Substance Addiction Services for "Women In Recovery Relationships" dealing with the impact of abusive relationships and substance abuse and supporting mothers who are recovering addicts while raising children and are survivors of violent relationships.

Sgt. Thistle continues to work with the Middlesex County District Attorney's office to provide training to other members of law enforcement (police officers and prosecutors). This training is focused on the identification of High Risk domestic violence investigations, investigating and documenting reports of strangulation, and how trauma will affect a victim's presentation on scene as well as their memory of the incident. .

A few notable arrests for the Patrol Operations Division are:

- In Jul 2019, Sergeant Christopher Apalakis and Officer Zachary Newell, conducting an Underage and Alcohol Enforcement investigation, arrested an adult male for drug distribution, attempting to sell drug paraphernalia to minors, possession of marijuana, and resisting arrest. This arrest culminated in the removal of 18 THC vaporizers, 18 grams of THC oil concentrate and over 37 grams of marijuana.

- In May 2019, during a traffic stop, Officer Stephen Aprile along with Officer John Burton arrested a male on a warrant. The male, who did not possess a license to carry firearms, was carrying an unlawful firearm on his person along with a large fixed blade knife. Located in the suspect's vehicle was a sawed-off shotgun and ammunition for both firearms. The suspect was subsequently charged with the unlawful possession of a loaded double barrel sawed-off shotgun; the unlawful possession of a firearm; the unlawful possession of ammunition and the carrying of a dangerous weapon (fixed blade knife).
- In August 2019, Officer Richard Pacini and Officer John Curtis were taking a male into custody on a Warrant of Apprehension and located approximately 17.5 grams of fentanyl, 23 pills of clonazepam, 26 pills of clonidine and 22 pills of codeine on the party. The male was subsequently charged with trafficking fentanyl (10 grams or more) and possession of class C (clonazepam, codeine).
- In August 2019, Officer Richard Pacini responded to the police station after a male had walked into the lobby after being stabbed. The individual was initially treated by officers and EMT's in the lobby of the police station then subsequently transported to Lahey Hospital. During treatment, the injured party advised officers that the stabbing was due to a drug deal gone bad. The injured party stated that the person he was to meet came to the drug deal with the intention of robbing him. A fight ensued and the victim was stabbed. Shortly after the incident, the juvenile suspect was arrested and charged with armed robbery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (serious bodily injury).
- In September 2019, while performing a "Pedestrian Bike Safety" initiative, Officer Joseph Cataldo and Sergeant Christopher Apalakis pulled a vehicle over for texting while driving. The operator of the vehicle was being evasive with his true identity, but through the officer's diligence and investigation they were able to eventually identify the operator of the vehicle. While attempting to ascertain the true identity of the operator, the officers found in the car 18.4 grams of cocaine, false documentation, credit cards not belonging to the suspect and over \$6200 dollars. The suspect was subsequently charged with trafficking cocaine; texting while driving; possession of false RMV documentation; identity fraud; operating on a suspended license; furnishing false ID to law enforcement and receiving stolen property.
- In August 2019, Sergeant Christopher Apalakis and Officer Richard Pacini responded to a call of an emotionally disturbed person under the influence of narcotics. Sergeant Apalakis spoke to his family was told the individual did not want help. Further, the person stated if the police tried to intervene that he wouldn't go down without a fight and would rather commit suicide by cop than be apprehended. A short time later, Officer Pacini located the individual who immediately turned aggressive towards the officer. The individual, who was armed with a knife, came at the officers. Sergeant Apalakis deployed his TASER deescalating a possibly lethal situation and with the help of Officer Pacini, the individual was taken into custody and transported to the hospital. The individual was subsequently charged with two outstanding warrants; assault and disorderly conduct. This was the first instance in which a member of the department deployed their TASER since they were issued to officers in 2018

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION
2019 ANNUAL REPORT
Submitted by Detective Lieutenant David J. Stefanelli

The Criminal Investigations Division (Bureau) of the Stoneham Police Department is responsible for investigating criminal offenses to include crime scene processing, evidence collection, storage and security. We also assist the Middlesex District Attorney's Office with the criminal prosecutions of these offenses. In addition to investigating crimes, we also provide many services to the community.

The Bureau is responsible for maintaining the Sex Offender Registry Information (SORI) on individuals that live, work or attend school in Stoneham. We are also responsible for fingerprinting door to door solicitors, ice cream truck vendors and dealer applicants in second hand merchandise. Fingerprinting services are also provided to town residents for employment and adoption purposes. We provide the background investigations for prospective police officers and other employees deemed by the Chief of Police, process all new and renewal applications for gun permits as well as provide town inspections of various business establishments.

The Bureau is comprised of 8 full time detectives. Det. Lt. David Stefanelli is the Commander of the Bureau and Det. Sgt. Robert Kennedy is the Supervisor. Det. Stephen Carroll is the day detective and also maintains SORI. Det. Paul Norton is the Juvenile Detective and is a day detective. Det. Christopher Copan is the Court Prosecutor and Evidence Officer in addition to processing gun licenses. Det. David Ryan is our Information Technology Computer Specialist. Det. Patrick Carroll is our night detective. We also have a full time Narcotics Detective whose name is not mentioned because of the nature of the work.

Each year, detectives in the Bureau attend numerous meetings, seminars and trainings. Each detective attended 32 hours of annual in-service training, 16 hours of 9-1-1 training, annual firearms and electronic control weapon training. Some other noted trainings include Recovery Coach Academy, Blue Courage, understanding terrorism, officer involved shooting investigations, background investigations and training in mental health, cognitive impairment and substance use disorder.

Financial frauds are a growing national problem and Stoneham is unfortunately not exempt. Some common frauds and scams include elder, electronic funds, romance, identification and credit card fraud. Detective David Ryan was the lead investigator in a national payroll compromise case which began in February of 2019 and culminated in October of 2019 where the suspect was arrested and deported from the country. Det. Ryan was able to recover thousands of dollars from this case and return it to the victim. Det. Ryan was also the lead investigator in a mail theft case that began in September of 2019 and involved numerous victims from Stoneham and throughout the state. This case is still being investigated along with the assistance of the District Attorney's Office, United States Postal Police, and other local police agencies.

In 2019, Det. Ryan wrote and executed 10 search warrants and conducted many other successful fraud and scam investigations. Det. Ryan continues to be a member of the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators and CrimeDex, which is an

online community comprised of fraud, loss prevention and law enforcement professionals dedicated to stopping crime. He has received numerous trainings in the areas of financial crimes, iPhone investigations, social media investigations and various other scams. This year, Det. Ryan started a program where he speaks with seniors in places such as Stoneham Housing Authority and the Stoneham Council on Aging, about the current scams affecting the Stoneham community and teaching them what they can do to prevent being a victim of these scams.

Detective Patrick Carroll criminally charged more than 15 individuals resulting in numerous arrests. Cases include armed robbery, assault & battery with a dangerous weapon, breaking and entering, forgery, larceny from a building and various other criminal acts. Fingerprints that had previously been submitted in a breaking and entering case investigated by Det. Carroll returned a positive identification of a suspect that was subsequently charged. Det. Carroll was also the lead investigator in the incident that received national attention where a video surveillance camera showed four juveniles being struck by a car and the driver fleeing from the scene. After many days of work, the suspect was identified and charged criminally for her actions.

Detective Stephen Carroll has investigated more than a dozen sexually criminal offenses in addition to other investigations including kidnapping, felony assaults and property crimes.

Juvenile Detective Norton investigates criminal cases in addition to handling delinquent child and youthful offender cases. He often works with community and government agencies to guide juveniles to early intervention or diversion when deemed appropriate.

Detective Sergeant Kennedy, in addition to his daily supervisor duties in the Bureau, has additional responsibilities as an Assistant Commander of NEMLEC STARS (Northeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council School Threat Assessment and Response System). He continues to conduct ALICE trainings with the schools. ALICE is an acronym for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate which is a training program designed as an option based response to an active shooter.

Detective Copan has worked tirelessly in handling his many time consuming duties and has been instrumental in working with the Commonwealth to conform to the new laws regarding sexual assault evidence and the new Track-Kit tracking system.

In 2019, the Bureau continued its work with the town's full time Community Addiction Coordinator, Elle Simoni, and we have been an integral part of a follow-up team comprised of personnel from the fire department, local hospitals and Action Ambulance. The follow-up team shares pertinent information regarding individuals with a substance use disorder and then reach out to families and individuals in order to provide them with treatment and resources. The program was expanded to include individuals with alcohol and prescription addiction issues and has been very successful in providing people with short and long term treatment options as well as counseling services, education and other resources.

On January 1st, in addition to tracking suspected fatal and non-fatal drug overdose data locally, we started using the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP). This program provides near real-time data across jurisdictions to support

public safety and public health efforts to mobilize an immediate response to a sudden spike in overdose events.

The Bureau has an anonymous drug tip line which is (781-832-0156) and a general tip line (781-832-0292). Both lines have the capability of voice to text and also accept text. You can also follow the Stoneham Police Department on Twitter @StonehamMAPD.

The following is the number of registered sex offenders living or working in Stoneham as of December 31, 2019. Additional sex offender information is available online at www.mass.gov/sorb.

Total: 20 1 offender (level 2) resides and works in town and is counted twice.

Level 1: 7 6 reside in town, 1 works in town.

RISK OF RECIDIVISM IS LOW, NO OFFENDER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.

Level 2: 13 6 reside in town, 4 work in town, 2 list Stoneham as a secondary address, and 1 is homeless.

RISK OF RECIDIVISM IS MODERATE, OFFENDER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

Level 3: 0 There are no Level 3 offenders registered that live, work or attend school in Stoneham.

RISK OF RECIDIVISM IS HIGH, INFORMATION IS ACTIVELY DISSEMINATED TO PUBLIC.

2019 ANNUAL REPORT
SAFETY OFFICER
Submitted by Officer Joseph Ponzio

The Safety Officer's office supervises 18 permanent traffic directors, 3 spare traffic directors and 5 part-time parking enforcement officers. The parking enforcement officer's work a combined 20 hours per week issuing parking violations for illegally parked motor vehicles as well as enforcing the town's parking placard program. With the help of the school department and the department of public works, several motor vehicle enforcement signs have been placed throughout the town and the schools to help facilitate the safe passage of all motor vehicles.

I continue to work with the planning board and the building department in reviewing dozens of site plans and often meet with town department heads to coordinate their needs of the police department.

This year, this office handed out over 100 Christmas gifts to the students of the Middle School. This program is currently in its fifteenth year and with the help of the Central Middle School P.T.O and private donations this program was once again a huge success.

I continue to attend the monthly Massachusetts Safety Officer's League meetings once a month, where I continue to gain contacts from several different police departments as well as department's such as the Registry of Motor Vehicles and AAA. While attending these meetings I obtain different pieces of safety information to help write safety articles that are published in both of Stoneham's weekly newspapers.

I am a member of the Traffic Advisory Commission that consists of the fire chief, police chief, town administrator, town clerk, town planner and DPW director. This commission meets monthly to discuss matters of safety and to make recommendations to improve these safety issues throughout town.

I continue to investigate complaints and suggestions regarding a gamut of safety problems such as traffic safety and school safety to help improve the quality of life for the students and residents of Stoneham.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER
2018 ANNUAL REPORT
Submitted by Officer Michael Colotti

As one of two School Resource Officers (SRO) for the Stoneham School District, I am responsible for Stoneham High School, Colonial Park Elementary School and the SEEM Collaborative. In my second year assigned to the SRO Program, I continue to build partnerships with the school staff and administration as well as make positive bonds with the students I interact daily with. I continue to meet regularly with students to help them navigate simple day to day issues as well as complex issues involving school discipline and legal issues. In my role I continue to seek trainings and conferences geared towards improving my role as the SRO while remaining active with the Spartan Strong Task Force, Stoneham Substance Abuse Coalition and District Health and Wellness Committee. Furthermore, in this school year I have joined the Crisis Team and work hand in hand with school administration to make our schools a safer place. These groups meet regularly to discuss current issues and resolutions within the town and school.

While I serve the Stoneham School District, the majority of my time is spent at Stoneham High School. I feel these students require the most attention as they prepare for graduation and the future endeavors of their life. Throughout the school day, I typically spend my time in the following ways:

- Monitor morning traffic and greet students as they enter the building
- Review reports and emails pertaining to school students in the district
- Attend both lunch periods so that I may connect further with students
- Engage students in the hallways or free periods
- Assist with disciplinary matters passed on by school administration
- Complete residency investigations for the superintendent's office

In addition to these daily tasks at Stoneham High School, I also set up and assist with regular drills (ALICE/Safety/Evacuation/Fire). On occasion, I have had the pleasure of attending classes where I speak with students with topics ranging from community service careers, substance abuse and criminal law. I have had the opportunity to bring in guest speakers to assist in classes with such topics as investigation techniques during class projects.

When outside of Stoneham High School, I still make regular visits to Colonial Park School. I use this time to meet and greet the elementary students so that they understand my role in the community. During these visits I also speak with staff regarding their concerns in and out of school.

As the need for student supports grow, the SRO plays an important role in the development of all students in the Stoneham School District. I look forward to growing with the program and giving all staff, parents and students a positive experience while navigating the sometimes difficult times in their lives.

**2019 ANNUAL REPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH
SDAVID LUCIANO, HEAD DISPATCHER**

The Public Safety Dispatch Department provides 24-hour civilian dispatching for the Police Department, Fire Department and contract ambulance. The department is comprised of seven full-time dispatchers and two part-time dispatchers that operate from a combined dispatch center located in the police station.

During the course of 2019 over 18,200 calls for service were processed through the dispatch center. The center received over 4,300 calls via the 9-1-1 system. Residents are highly encouraged to use 9-1-1 to report police, fire and medical emergencies. These calls for service do not include the numerous business or public information calls that are received by the center or walk - in reports to the Police Station that must also be processed by the dispatch staff.

Of the calls for service: 14,019 involved the Police Department, 4,619, involved the Fire Department and 3,154 involved an ambulance. Added together, these numbers total 21,792 incidents, as many calls for service involve a multi agency response.

The day shift dispatched 7,331 calls for service, the evening shift dispatched 6,517 calls for service and the overnight shift dispatched 4,356 calls for service.

In March, the department began participating in the State 9-1-1 Department's "Wireless Direct" program. When possible, cellular 9-1-1 calls made from Stoneham come directly to the dispatch center, bypassing the State's regional dispatch center. This change reduces the time it takes to process and dispatch a 9-1-1 call.

Also in March, Dispatcher Amanda Farrington was added to the staff. Dispatcher Farrington comes to us with a background in campus law enforcement.

In December, Dispatcher Joshua Paciga was appointed to replace Dispatcher Kathleen Mawn, who retired after twenty five years of dedicated service to the Town. Dispatcher Paciga is a Coast Guard veteran.

During the year, dispatch personnel attended training classes covering topics such as:, Alzheimer's & Dementia for Dispatcher and Calltakers, Dispatcher Response to Persons with Mental Illness, School Violence - Lessons Learned, Handling Mental Health, Cognitive Impairment and Substance Abuse Calls, Dispatchers and persons with Autism and Rapid Intervention for Dispatchers