

Middleton Police Department

Annual Report July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

Chief of Police - James A. DiGianvittorio

COMMAND STAFF

Sergeant John Jones

Officer-In-Charge
Scheduling Officer
Juvenile Officer

Sergeant Ronald Carpenter

Facilities Manager
Firearms Instructor
Breathe Test Instructor
Bicycle Officer
ATV Unit Leader
Sex Offender Registry Liaison
Narcotics Investigator

Sergeant Gayle Haley

Detective
Training Officer
Firearms Instructor
Breathe Test Instructor
Domestic Violence Officer
Sex Offender Registry Liaison
Bicycle Officer
ATV Officer
Accreditation Officer

Sergeant James DeCosta

Photo Officer
Fingerprint Officer
Fleet Manager
Court Activity Supervisor

FULL TIME OFFICERS

Officer Robert Currier

ATV Officer
Leaps Representative
Safety Officer
Motorcycle Unit Leader
Honor Guard Unit Leader
Car/Safety Seat Technician

Officer Robert Peachey

Bicycle Officer
ATV Officer
Baton Instructor
Photo/Print Officer

Officer Thomas McParland

DARE Officer
ATV Officer
Bicycle Officer
Motorcycle Officer
Car/Safety Seat Technician
Honor Guard Officer

Officer David Arathuzik

ATV Officer
Motorcycle Officer
RAD Officer/ Instructor
Alternate Fingerprint Officer
Honor Guard Officer
O.C. Instructor
Leaps Representative

Officer Brian Kelley

ATV Officer
Honor Guard Officer

Officer Michael LeColst

Bicycle Officer
Baton Instructor

Officer James Bernhard

Officer Adam Maccini

RESERVE OFFICERS

Officer James Kelley - Honor Guard Officer
Officer Leonard Ferreira
Officer William Corey- Retired May 2008
Officer Richard Mendes
Officer Charles Costigan - Computer Liaison Officer
Officer Raymond Saulnier- Department Mechanic
Officer John Griffith
Officer Gary Lacey
Officer Richard Cardinale
Officer Dale Jenkins
Officer Mathew Armitage- Computer Liaison Officer
Officer Wade Maribito

Officer Richard Kassiotis- Honor Guard Officer
Officer David Bettencourt
Officer Michelle Nowak
Officer Nancy Lyons

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

Nancy McParland
Administrative Secretary
Clerk/ Dispatcher

Erika Ballard
Part-time
Clerk/Dispatcher

Police Incidents

July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

Delegated Patrols	1875
Alarms	550
Medical Aids	465
Traffic Enforcement	351
General Service	314
Fire Alarm	231
Assist Agency	230
Suspicious Activity	209
Accident No PI	185
Suspicious Motor Vehicle	144
Erratic Operator	137
Disabled Motor Vehicle	123
Assist Others	121
Animal Complaint	117
Arrest	104
Motor Vehicle Stop	88
Road Obstruction	87
911 Hangup	82
Citizen Complaint	81
Larceny/Theft	78
Dispute	76
Noise Complaint	67
Request Officer	61
Motor Vehicle Lockout	58
Check Well Being	56
Suspicious Person	55
Accident PI	53
Service 209A	51
911 Call	47
Serve Summons	44
Notification	40
Accident Hit & Run	38
Messenger/Mail Delivery	37
Attempt to Serve Papers	36
Domestic	36
Malicious Destruction	36
Solicitors	36
Damaged Property	32
Harassment	32
Larceny From A Motor Vehicle	32
Property Found	30
B&E Motor Vehicle	29
Motor Vehicle Complaint	28
Unwanted Guest	27
Private Investigator	26
Shoplifting	23

Service Request	21
Parking Complaint/Violation	20
Stolen Property	20
Threat	20
Lost Item	18
Protective Custody	18
Community Policing	17
Property Turned In	17
Vandalism	17
Debris in Road	16
Assault	15
Fraud/Bad Check	15
B&E Building	14
Disturbed Person	14
Illegal Dumping	14
Civil Matter	13
Missing Property	13
Child Safety Seat	12
Road Rage	12
Selective Enforcement	12
Trespassing	12
Annoying Calls	11
Deer Struck	11
Identity Theft	11
Mischiefous Activity	11
Disorderly/Disturbance	10
Intoxicated Person	10
Motor Vehicle Theft	10
Speeding Motor Vehicle	10
Public Service	9
Skateboarders	9
Abandoned Motor Vehicle	8
Unfounded Call	8
Building Check	7
Domestic Abuse	7
Missing Person	7
Repossession	7
Warrant Arrest	7
B&E Dwelling	6
Disturbing the Peace	6
Motor Vehicle Arrest	6
Uttering	6
Ambulance Assistance	5
Attempted B&E	5
Injury on Duty	5
Detective Investigation	4
Sexual Assault	4
Traffic Hazard	4
Vandalism Motor Vehicle	4
Attempted Larceny	3
Deliver Summons	3

House Fire	3
Keep the Peace	3
Larceny Bicycle	3
Rape	3
Recreational Vehicle Violation	3
Road Closed	3
Runaway	3
Accident-Pedestrian	2
Armed Robbery	2
CHINS	2
Cruiser Damage	2
Forgery/Counterfeiting	2
Gas Line Break	2
Loitering	2
Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicle	2
Towed Motor Vehicle	2
Traffic Obstruction	2
Violation 209A	2
A&B With Weapon	1
Auto For Sale	1
Child Abuse	1
Confiscate Weapon	1
False Alarm	1
Family Offense	1
Gas Drive Off	1
Home Invasion	1
Hunters	1
Indecent A&B	1
Juvenile Offense	1
Lewd/Lascivious	1
Liquor Violation	1
Littering	1
Lost Child	1
Motor Vehicle Repossession	1
Obscene Calls	1
Parking Ticket/Warning	1
Prisoner Transport	1
Radar	1
Recovered Stolen Property	1
Reported Death	1
Robbery	1
Suicide Attempt	1
Suspension License to Carry	1
Unauthorized Entry	1
Unruly Child	1
Vandalism Mailbox	1

TOTAL 7161

ARREST OFFENSE TOTALS

July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

A&B	1
A&B on Police Officer	2
Abuse Prevention Order Violation	2
Alcohol From Open Container in MV, Drink	2
Assault	1
Assault w/Dangerous Weapon	1
Attaching Plates to a Motor Vehicle	4
B&E Daytime for Felony	2
B&E Nighttime for Felony	3
Contributing to Delinquency of a Minor	1
Credit Card Theft	2
Destruction of Property + \$250, Malicious	7
Disorderly Conduct	5
Domestic Assault and Battery	9
Equipment Violation	1
Failure to Use Care In Stopping	1
Firearm In Vehicle, Leave	1
Firearm Without FID Card, Possess	1
Following Too Close	1
Giving False Name to Police Officer	2
Giving False Name/SS# to a P.O. After Arrest	2
Identity Theft	1
Improper Display of Registration Sticker	1
No Inspection Sticker	10
Larceny Over \$250	2
Larceny Under \$250	2
Leaving Scene of Property Damage	2
License Not In Possession	2
License Revoked	6
License Suspended	11
License Suspended, Subsequent Offense	7
Lights Violation	3
Liquor, Person Under 21 Possess	4
Liquor, Person Under 21 Procure	1
Marked Lanes Violation	7
Motor Vehicle VIN, Remove/Alter	1
Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle	1
Number Plate Violation	7
Operating Outside License Restriction	1
OUI Drugs	4
OUI Liquor	7
OUI Liquor, 2 nd Offense	3
Possession Class A Substance	4
Possession Class B Substance	1
Possession Class D Substance	1
Possession Class E Substance	1

Receive Stolen Property - \$250	2
Reckless Operation of Motor Vehicle	1
Red Light Violation	1
Registration Not In Possession	2
Resisting Arrest	3
Revoked Registration, Operating On	2
Right Lane, Fail Drive In	1
RMV Document, Forge/Misuse	1
Seat Belt, Fail Wear	3
Shoplifting by Concealing Mdse.	1
Shoplifting by Concealing Mdse. 2 nd Offense	2
Shoplifting by Concealing Mdse. 3 rd Offense	1
Speeding	5
Stop for Police, Fail	1
Trespassing	2
Uninsured MV/Trailer	3
Unlawful Possession of Ammunition	1
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle	8
Unregistered Motor Vehicle	3
Unsafe Lane Change	1
Uttering a False Prescription	2
TOTAL	191

There were 104 Arrests and 18 Protective Custodies which are included in the above 191 Arrest Offense Charges.

Motor Vehicle Citations

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Liquor, Person Under 21 Procure	1
Liquor, Person Under 21 Possess	1
Motor Veh VIN, Remove/Alter	1
Resisting Arrest	1
Improper Display of Registration Sticker	5
Cracked Windshield	4
Failure to Use Care In Stopping	10
Following Too Close State Highway	4
Failure to Use Care Entering Roadway	1
Mass Pike-Weight Viol While Speeding	1
Lights Violation	1
Following Too Close	3
Overweight on Posted Road	1
Keep Right for Oncoming MV, Fail to	1
Passing Violation	13
Marked Lanes Violation	44
Breakdown Lane Violation	1
Right Lane, Fail Drive In	3
Emergency Vehicle, Willfully Obstruct	1
Emergency Vehicle, Obstruct	2
Red Light Violation	214
Unsafe Lane Change	4
Failure to Yield Right of Way	16
Yellow Light Violation	3
Junior Operator Violation	2
Unregistered Motor Vehicle	40
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle	22
License Not In Possession	37
Registration Not In Possession	56
Improper Operation of MV, Allow	5
Unsafe Operation of MV	4
Seat Belt, Fail to Wear	197
Turn, Improper	7
School Bus, Fail Stop for	10
Signal, Fail to	8
Speeding	398
Speeding While Overweight in Viol Permit	2
Speeding in Violation Special Regulation	32
Safety Standards, MV Not Meeting RMV	2
Inspection Sticker, No	270
License Revoked, Oper MV With	14
License Revoked as HTO, Operate MV With	2
License Suspended, OP MV With	15
License Suspended, OP MV With, Subsq. Off.	5
Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID	1

Registration Suspended, OP MV With	5
Leave Scene of Property Damage	9
Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle	2
OUI Drugs	4
OUI Liquor	8
OUI Liquor, 2 nd Offense	6
Reckless Operation of Motor Vehicle	6
RMV Document, Forge/Misuse	4
RMV Document, Possess/Use False/Stolen	2
Alcohol from Open Container in MV, Drink	3
Stop for Police, Fail	4
Name/Address Change Fail to Notify RMV of	7
Uninsured MV/Trailer	24
Number Plate Violation	27
Brakes Violation, MV	3
Lights Violation, MV	57
Equipment Violation, Miscellaneous MV	62
Motorcycle Equipment Violation	1
Child Under 6 Without Car Seat	1
Child 6-12 Without Seat Belt	1
Tire Tread Depth Violation	1
Learners Permit Violation	1
Impeded Operation	1
Registration Sticker Improperly Attached	1
Revoked Registration – Operating On	13
Give False Name to Police Officer	1
Fail To Dim High Beams	1
Operating Outside License Restriction	2
Possession Class D Substance	1
Possession Class E Substance	1
Total	1724

ACCIDENT TOTALS BY STREET

July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

Bishop Lane	1
Boston Street	11
Central Street	2
DeBush Avenue	1
East Street	6
Elm Street	2
Essex Street	2
Flint Farm Road	1
Forest Street	4
Lake Street	1
Lakeview Road	1
Liberty Street	1
Manning Avenue	1
Maple Street	26
Mill Street	1
Mill Street Extn.	1
North Liberty Street	1
North Main Street	39
Peabody Street	4
River Street	6
School Street	4
South Main Street	71
Village Road	4
Total	191

Chief James A. DiGianvittorio

Biography of Chief DiGianvittorio

Chief James A. DiGianvittorio began his law enforcement career with the Danvers Police Department Auxiliary force in 1982. He then worked as a Special Police Officer for the Town of Danvers at Hunt Hospital from 1984 to 1988. He was hired as a Reserve Police Officer for the Town of Middleton in 1986, and then made permanent fulltime Police Officer in 1988. He graduated from the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Academy in December of 1988 was promoted to Sergeant in 1995 and then to Acting Captain in 2005. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration.

Chief DiGianvittorio has been married for 23 years. He has two daughters and one son. He loves the ocean and scuba diving.

Chief DiGianvittorio was sworn in as Middleton's Police Chief on February 1, 2007.

Letter from the Chief.

I'm proud to lead a department of outstanding men and woman who are all dedicated in preventing crime and enforcing the laws of the Commonwealth. The Middleton Police Department proudly employs a dedicated group of professional men and woman who work daily in a concerted effort to deliver the best possible policing services to our residents, business community, and our visitors.

In addition to my professional and personal responsibilities, I am committed to giving the citizens of this community and various community organizations my utmost support and cooperation. I encourage any resident or business owner to contact me at the police station during regular business hours at (978) 774-4424 or via the police department website www.middletonpolice.com, for your questions or concerns.

The Middleton Police Department is dedicated to preserving the public safety for all citizens of Middleton and the visiting community. We are fortunate to have a staff of professional officers and civilians who are also committed to this goal. The Police Department is a pro-active department. As a pro- active community policing agency, the department has made great strides in providing a safe environment for the citizens while developing a strong partnerships within the community.

I am proud to say that we are a multidimensional agency and one of the most progressive police departments in the area. A premier agency staffed with officers who are innovative, highly trained, technically proficient and culturally sensitive which is key to maintaining public support and trust.

I was asked when I was competing for the Chief's position "What were my Goals and Objectives if I became Police Chief". My answer now is the same as it was then. "My main goal is to make sure that each and every member of the department goes home safe after each tour of duty, and to provide an innovative, honest, responsible leadership program." This enables me to provide realistic departmental guidelines and policies that

carry us forward in insuring that all officers and staff will be kept up to date on relevant information and legal issues for their specific areas of assignments.

Since February 2007, the department has hit the ground running and hasn't looked back since. The department has gone through some major changes in recent months. The biggest accomplishment and one of the highest priorities for me vying for this job was to open the doors of the police station around the clock. This took place when Officers Bernhard and Maccini graduated from the police academy in February 2008. We have been able to have a police officer in the station manning the phones, assisting the officer's on the road with dispatching duties and dealing with walk in traffic from the hours of 4PM-12AM, and 12AM-8AM. Having these officers in place allowed the first 24 hour station coverage in the police department's history. Occasionally, however, when man-power and budget issues have dictated, we have had to revert back to the days of switching the phones and locking the doors.

We have also been able to promote two well qualified officers to the rank of Sergeant and we created a Detective Sergeant's position. Officer Gayle Haley and Officer James DeCosta were both promoted to the rank of Sergeant and Officer Haley was chosen to fill the Detective Sergeant position. This position will allow the department to move forward in having a go-to person for assistance with investigations, a liaison to all the other area detectives and also allow us a better structured follow-up investigation policy.

Another goal and objective high on my priority list was to re-structure the command staff to improve the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the department while continuing to work on becoming a statewide accredited police department. I have put in place a new innovative approach towards my goal in maintaining the commitment to this community of enforcing the quality of life by providing better trained and educated police officers through the new "Command Staff Leadership Program". The objective of this program is to assign each Sergeant a new role as a group leader. Each group leader is responsible for five or six full-time and part-time officers and required to sit with each officer in their group on a weekly basis in order to keep an open line of communication and positive atmosphere within the department. The intention is to allow the staff to become more involved in the department by collaborative problem solving and by disseminating information and ideas and allow officers the opportunity to voice their suggestions and concerns. Then, on a monthly basis, I meet with the Command Staff and we network information back and forth in order to address all the concerns and issues that arise from the weekly meetings.

Another major accomplishment has been to construct a state of the art training facility at Police Station. This facility was made possible through funds allocated at the Town meeting and with the help of the North Shore Vocational School's carpentry and electrical departments. We have been able to provide a training room which has been used by law enforcement officers from across the state. This new room has also benefited us by allowing our officers seats at no-charge for training that normally would have come with a cost. We have also allowed other town organizations the use of this room free of charge.

This year and for the first time in six years we were able to re-intuition the DARE Program utilizing a Middleton police officer in our elementary schools. Budget cuts in recent years forced us to use out-of-town police officers to teach our children this vital program. I commend those out of town officers for their hard work and dedication to this

community. However, our students need the connection with a Middleton Police Officer and hopefully this experience will carry them through the rest of their school years and beyond.

The Department has been working with the local school district and has initiated a new program called “STARS” School Threat Assessment and Response System.

The Department has also, for the first time, teamed up with our local counterparts Topsfield and Boxford Police to provide a pilot program at the Masconomet Regional High School. A Police Officer from each community will be acting in a School Resource Officer capacity. Each department has allocated funds to split up the coverage at the school enabling us to be at the school during school hours and act as the liaison officer for the school and students alike.

During the first months as Chief I re-designed the look of our cruisers with a change to traditional Black and White police vehicles. The theory behind this is that these colors represent law enforcement universally around the world. Due to the fact that this country is one of the largest melting pots and home to numerous ethnic diversities it only made sense to follow along with the current trend to keep consistency and uniformity across the region.

We have also introduced the first police motorcycle to our fleet. Three seasoned officers were sent to training and have been certified to ride this unit. We have been able to utilize this vehicle to assist us with the growing traffic concerns in the town. The increase in gas prices were off set by the use of this vehicle. Each officer has related to me that not only has this been a valuable tool in the day to day operations, it has also been a tremendous community policing tool in breaking down the barriers with some of the youth in town who now will walk up to the officer on the motorcycle and feel less intimidated then walking up to an officer in a police car.

We are open to your suggestions on how we can work together to address crime issues within our boundaries. I would enjoy the opportunity to meet with you and your organizations regarding a topic of interest related to a crime or a community safety issue.

Each and every one of our members plays a vital part in the success of our department. Our most important goal is to insure the safety and well being of the employees and the citizens of this community.

Respectfully Submitted,

James A. DiGianvittorio

James DiGianvittorio,
Chief of Police

Town Report

Training

During the past fiscal year the Middleton Police Department has gone through a dynamic change in personnel as well as in philosophy. James DiGianvittorio, a department veteran and acting Captain took the helm following the retirement of Chief Paul Armitage. Chief DiGianvittorio took over well into the fiscal year, in February. His immediate focus was to expand the patrol division by adding two full-time Officers. With the addition of James Bernhard in March and Adam Maccini in June the department moved one step closer to manning the Police Station around the clock; a feat that has been unsuccessfully attempted several times over the years.

The plan suffered a minor set back when the Municipal Police Training Committee postponed the recruit academy forcing some plans to be put on hold. Both Officer Bernhard and Maccini entered the academy in July of 2007 with a graduation date of February 14, 2008. Upon their graduation each Officer will fill a shift allowing twenty-four hour coverage for the station.

A new Chief and two new full-time Officers are not the only changes. Chief DiGianvittorio also made plans to expand his command staff and give the Department a full-time Detective. Four Officers will be tested in August followed by interviews. Appointments are expected to be made in September.

Training is also a priority for the new Chief. With the recent renovation of unused space within the station a new training room was outfitted giving the Department a state-of-the-art facility to conduct in-service training and host specialized training. The Department has recently become involved in collaborative training with the Police Departments of Topsfield and Boxford. In March full-time Officers took part in rigorous training with the Tri-Town Departments at Masconomet Regional High School in responding to and preventing an active shooter in the school. The training was repeated in August at the North Shore Technical High School for Reserve Officers.

All full-time Officers spent four full days at the Municipal Police Training facility at Camp Curtis Guild in Reading for the annual in-service training. Here Officers recertified in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), the Automated External Defibrillator (AED), First Responders and the uses of Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray. Officers also got briefings on legal updates, illegal drug trends and gang activity.

Sergeant Ronald Carpenter and Officer Gayle Haley filled in the void left by the promotion of Chief DiGianvittorio by completing intense instructors training in firearms. Each is now a certified firearms instructor and a member of the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors' and Armorers' Association. Both Carpenter and Haley also trained and became certified as Breathalyzer Instructors.

Officer Thomas McParland was certified as a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) instructor and reintroduced the program into the Town's elementary schools.

Officer David Arathuzik took part in the demanding Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) instructors program and obtained his certification in March. Plans are underway to bring the program to the women of Middleton.

Officers were also afforded the opportunity to attend training in Domestic Violence Prevention, Identifying Gang Activity, Methamphetamine Labs and Emergency Vehicle Operation. All Officers trained and re-qualified in the use of their weapons as well as use and deployment of the patrol rifle.

Plans are already being made for multi jurisdictional training with the Departments of Wenham and Danvers. These collaborations allow shared resources which bring

beneficial training and networking to each community involved. It is the hope of this Department to act as a host for specialized training from renowned instructors which will afford our own members the opportunity to take part in the training at little or no expense.

Respectfully Submitted:

Det. Sgt. Gayle Haley

Court Officer

As court officer it is my job to make sure all paper work going to court is correct. I also work closely with the District Attorneys Office for any files they may need on a case. I handle all hearings, civil and criminal.

Years ago when you got a citation you could appeal it and you and the officer who wrote it would go to court and be heard. Today all departments have a court officer who takes care of the hearings. You go before a clerk magistrate and present your defense. I will present the officers story. If the clerk should find against you, you can appeal to a judge. This will cost you \$20.00, non refundable, for court cost. At this point you will be given a new day to come back and the officer will be brought in to tell his story. If the clerk finds in your favor this will be the end of it. If I feel strongly about the case I have a right to appeal the clerk's decision for the Town of Middleton.

I also do the hearings on minor criminal matters. Again we go before the clerk magistrate. Both sides present their case. The clerk will then form an opinion as to probable cause that is enough evidence to show a crime was committed.

Sometimes we can resolve it at this stage. If not then the complaint will go forward and it will go upstairs to go before a Judge. This is the arraignment stage, the start of the trial.

I do motor vehicle hearings every other Friday. We try to do criminal hearings at the same time to avoid being down an officer while I'm out of town.

Respectfully submitted;
Sgt. James DeCosta

D.A.R.E.

As the D.A.R.E. Officer for the Town of Middleton, I have the privilege of interacting with the children of Middleton. The D.A.R.E. Program is taught at the Howe Manning School to the sixth grade, however, during my time spent at the school I also have a chance to meet and speak with other students while conducting my daily duties.

I became the D.A.R.E. Officer for Middleton in 2001 and taught the program for one year. Unfortunately, in 2002, the State of Massachusetts stopped issuing Grants for the program. The Middleton Police Department, then under the direction of Chief Armitage, did not wish to pick up the cost of the program. In 2006, newly appointed Chief DiGianvittorio, believing as I do that the D.A.R.E. Program is vital for the health and safety of the town's children, began funding the program.

D.A.R.E. stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. It is a drug abuse prevention education program designed to provide elementary, middle and high school children with the knowledge of drug abuse, the consequences of abuse and skills for resisting peer pressure to experiment with drugs, alcohol and tobacco. Currently in Middleton only the core elementary program is being taught. This consists of ten lessons to sixth grade students. In the future it would be nice to have the funds to present the whole elementary program as well as the middle and high school programs to the children of Middleton.

D.A.R.E. is taught throughout the United States and in 36 countries around the world.

Sincerely,

Thomas McParland
D.A.R.E. Officer