



# Webster Police Department

357 Main Street, Webster, MA 01570  
Phone: 508-943-1212 • Fax: 508-949-3898  
www.websterpolice.com



Timothy J. Bent  
Chief of Police

Michael D. Shaw  
Lieutenant

*Community Committed*

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Many argue that police work is all about statistics. If that is the case, then the following statistics should be an outrage. There have been one hundred forty (140) officers killed in the line of duty in the United States during the year 2016. Two (2) of those officers are close to home. The Webster Police Department still mourns the deaths of Massachusetts State Trooper Thomas Clardy (killed in the line of duty, March 16, 2016) and Auburn Officer Ronald Tarentino (killed in the line of duty, May 22, 2016). We attended the services for both of these outstanding men, and will continue to honor their memory going forward.

An integral function of every police department is community relations. We have always felt that the Webster Police Department is second to none in terms of community policing. We partnered with several other agencies and companies to bring exciting programs to the community in 2016. From participating with the public and private schools in assisting with various programs, to hosting the ever popular "Senior Lunch" at Point Breeze Restaurant on the fourth Wednesday of every month, we have been busy beyond our call of duty. Again this year we brought "Big Time" Wrestling to the Town Hall, the Junior Police Academy, the Citizens Police Academy, Hoops for Hope, National Night Out, Winter Wonderland, The Toy Drive, as well as assisting with basketball at North Village. We also helped chaperone a Red Sox game at Fenway Park with North Village and Winn Residential. These were some of the vital programs that enable us to stay connected with the community we serve. Thank you to all the officers and outside agencies that make this happen. A special thank you to Winn Residential, TCU at Webster, Webster Manor, Lanessa Extended Care, Brookside Rehabilitation & Health Care, and AJ from Point Breeze Restaurant for all you do. This is the essence of community policing, keeping with our motto of being "*Community Committed.*"

Several of our officers received awards and recognition for their heroism throughout the year. Officers Young Sr., Larochelle, and Donovan were presented several awards and commendations for saving a woman's life in a house fire. At the State House, Governor Baker presented the "George Hanna Medal of Valor" to Officers Ela and Whiting for their work in an officer involved shooting. Also in Boston, Sergeant Wheeler received the "Investigative Excellence Award" for his work with the DEA Task Force. These officers are a credit to this department and the community they serve. We thank you for your service.

As opioid issues continue to plague our communities, our officers were trained in the administration of Nasal Naloxone (Narcan). Thank you to Webster EMS for training and supplying the police department with this life saving drug. As you will recall, Narcan blocks the effects of opioids and reverses the overdose. Our marked police cruisers will be equipped with the drug, and we will continue to work with Harrington Hospital and other agencies to combat this ever increasing problem.

We welcomed two (2) additional officers to our ranks this past year. Officers Robert Rockwood and Timothy Dufresne completed the Police Academy and all required training. The new officers filled the void left by retirements last year. Both are progressing well and have helped tremendously with our mission of protecting the town. On a sad note, Lee Ellen Olmstead, retired Administrative Assistant to the Chief, passed away on October 18, 2016. We miss you, Lee, and we thank you for your nineteen (19) years of service.

From the shores of  
*Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg*



# Webster Police Department

357 Main Street, Webster, MA 01570  
Phone: 508-943-1212 • Fax: 508-949-3898  
www.websterpolice.com



Timothy J. Bent  
Chief of Police

Michael D. Shaw  
Lieutenant

---

## *Community Committed*

It now seems redundant due to their fervent support for many years, but thank you to the Fels Family Foundation for your generosity this past year. As always, the Fels family has been instrumental in assisting us. The foundation has financed two (2) additional officers' positions to address our department's needs. These officers will play a vital role in servicing the town. At the writing of his report, we are in the final stages of hiring the additional officers. I have asked this so many times in the past, but what would we do without the Fels' support and vision for the Town of Webster?

Our calls for service remained fairly consistent with last year, while our total number of in-custody arrests observed an 8.5% increase. I'm pleased to report that the total number of traffic accidents logged a 7.8% decrease. There was a notable increase in operating under the influence of alcohol cases as well as disorderly person arrests. Assaults observed an increase as well. Although we cannot totally control crime patterns, one thing remains consistent, our patrol and detective divisions will work tirelessly to protect our citizens.

As always, thank you to the men and women of the Webster Police Department for your ongoing dedication and commitment. You honestly care for the Town of Webster, and it shows. Residents, and visitors, are safer because of your professionalism.

The Police Department logged three (3) complaints against officers during the course of the year. There were no Internal Investigations opened. Citizen complaints regarding police department personnel may be directed to the shift supervisor who, in turn, will either investigate the complaint or forward it to the Chief's office for further investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Bent  
Chief of Police

From the shores of  
*Lake Chargoggagogmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg*