

Lincoln Police Department
Annual Report for 2006

The Lincoln Police department had an extremely busy year. The 2006 statistics on calls for service, felonies and arrests were consistent with that of 2004 & 2005. While 2003 was the busiest year the department had ever encountered; our numbers seem to be stabilizing. Unfortunately with the continued growth it is expected that increased calls for service will effect the department.

The 911 system continues to present problems, in that some homeowners and Associations still use the old numbering system. This situation causes us unreasonable delays up to 20 minutes in location the house. This is delay can be fatal in cases of a heart attack. Anyone who has the old number or is still confused by the change can contact the police or Town Hall for guidance. But the correct numbers need to be put on each building in Town.

The year 2006 was spent trying to recruit officers in a poor job market and develop plans to deal with the increased demand on Police Services.

In 2007 we will continue our effort to provide the services needed by the community and our commitment will remain as high as in the past.

Our department added two members since last year, who replaced officers who made career changes. Joseph Deluca an experienced officer from another agency and Kevin Millar who recently graduated from the NH Police Academy. In dispatch two dispatch positions were replaced with Karen McComisky and Eric Sothard. Karen was with our agency for a number of years before going to Plymouth and Eric is a Lincoln Firefighter.

I am grateful for the support that we have received from the residents and business community. The cooperative spirit has assisted us many times in trying to serve the community

Respectfully submitted

Theodore P Smith
Chief of Police

POLICE ACTIVITY INFORMATION

	2006	2005	2004	2003
Calls for Service	17,734	18,414	17,589	20,138
Felonies	53	52	73	78

“Calls for service are the driving force of any police department. It provides us with a way of determining the amount of incidents that do occur. They range from a traffic stop, business check, lost dog, citizen assist, felonies and arrests.

While they tend to encompass a number of things, each one means that the Police department had some contact with the public and provided assistance of some sort. While the time used might be 5 minutes for a business check, it can also mean 407 ¼ hours for the 2003 incident of the lost boy in the woods. There has been a dramatic increase in calls for service in recent years, as demonstrated by a comparison to activity in 1997, when our police department handled only 3,100 calls for service.

Our agency is one of the most active in the area based on calls for service. This means a delay in service if officers are tied up on other calls. Each call is taken based on its priority and if a danger exists. We are trying our best to handle each call and provide the best service we can on officers availability.

	2006	2005	2003	2004
TOTAL OFFENSES COMMITTED	484	525	600	558
ARREST	186	199	202	232
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	33	38	38	34
JUVENILE CASES	37	16	21	31
RESTRAINING ORDERS	23	17	20	17
ACCIDENTS	85	147	128	133
TRAFFIC CITATIONS/WARNINGS	824	1624	980	1100
PARKING TICKETS	95	135	218	205

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT Annual Report for 2005

The Lincoln Emergency Management program is based on developing and improving coordination with the various public safety agencies in Lincoln, the surrounding area and state agencies.

During the year 2006 the Lincoln Emergency Management was provided by the State of New Hampshire with Medical Trailer that is fully equipped to assist our Ambulance and medical people with the medical supplies needed incase of a medical emergency or major accident. The trailer is maintained at the Linwood Ambulance Service for easy access and to keep the medical supplies at a consistently warm temperature. The supplies will be updated by the state when it is needed.

The Dispatch center and radio system was updated through the use of a new repeater system that allows us to access the police radio system throughout the region.

In 2007 we will be working further to improve our efforts in serving the community, having the Citizen Corps expanded and we will be striving to improve our capabilities for dealing with any future incidents.

Respectfully submitted

Theodore P Smith
Emergency Management Director