

## **Lincoln Police Department Annual Report for 2003**

The Lincoln Police department had an extremely busy year during 2003.

The long awaited 911 numbering system was finalized and the department conducted several meetings, mailed out information and had an officer go door to door to provide the updated numbering information. This was a challenging undertaking, but it will provide for quick emergency response service in the future for all of Lincoln.

Two major surveys—business and residential—were undertaken during the year. The findings reflected our success in striving to maintain a friendly and professional image. The majority of those who responded thought we have done a great job, but most people were unaware of how busy the Department was. The survey also requested input on problems in the community, and in 2004 we plan to address these issues, which mainly deal with traffic, drugs and crime.

The year also saw us reach the highest calls for service we have ever had (20,000) with the highest number of felonies (78) ever reported. It represented the busiest year ever for the Police Department. We continue to focus on making Lincoln a safe and

comfortable place to live, work and play.

A number of major incidents occurred during the year, including the Patric McCarthy search and, in the same week, the drowning of a hiker in the area of the Lincoln Woods. The Police Department expended close to 500 hours on these two incidents alone, working closely on the investigation, search, and coordination of overall efforts. Officers, after working long hours, volunteered their own time to join others in the search.

I am grateful for the support that businesses and people in Lincoln and throughout the state offered us during this time. The coordination of efforts was difficult, but was made much easier by the assistance offered by so many.

If anyone has any questions or special issues they feel I can assist them with, please do not hesitate to contact me at 745-2238.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore P. Smith  
Chief of Police

## POLICE ACTIVITY INFORMATION

	2001	2002	2003
<b>Calls for Service</b>	15,106	12,278	20,138
<b>Felonies</b>	48	25	78

“Calls for Service” are the driving force of any police agency. 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 407-1/4 hours for the recent incident in which a 10-

year-old boy was lost 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 the Lincoln Police handled 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 your calls and have an excellent staff to assist you.

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
<b>Total Offenses Committed</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>600</b>
Arrests	137	97	104
Warrant Arrests	167	62	71
Summons Arrests	54	11	27
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>202</b>
Protective custody	35	27	38
Juvenile Offenses	23	8	21
Juvenile turned over to guardian	15	5	11
Restraining Orders	19	9	20
Accidents	135	116	128
Traffic Citations/or Warnings	2407	1115	980
Parking Tickets	100	37	218