

Lincoln Police Department Annual Report for 2005

The Lincoln Police department had a busy year. The 2005 statistics for calls for service, felonies, and arrests were consistent with those of 2003 and 2004. While 2003 was our busiest year, our numbers now seem to be stabilizing.

The charts below provide annual comparisons of our department's activities. "Calls for service" measure incidents that could range from a traffic stop, business check, lost dog, or citizen assist, to felonies and arrests. Not included in these statistics are thousands of phone calls we receive in which callers are seeking general assistance or have inquiries that are of a non-emergency nature. There has been a significant increase in calls for service in recent years, as demonstrated by a comparison to activity in 1997, when our

department handed only 3,100 calls for service.

The 911 system continues to present problems, in that some homeowners and condominium associations still use the old numbering system. This can cause delays of up to 20 minutes in locating a residence. This could be fatal in the event of a heart attack or other life-threatening event. Anyone who still has the old number displayed or is still confused by the change should contact the police or Town Hall for guidance. *It is critical that the correct numbers be put on each building in town.*

In 2005 the department focused on consolidation, improving services and developing plans to deal with the increased demand on police services. In 2006 we will continue our efforts to provide superior service to the community.

POLICE ACTIVITY INFORMATION

	2005	2004	2003	2002
CALLS FOR SERVICE	18,414	17,589	20,138	12,278
OFFENSES				
Arrests	377	232	202	170
Felonies	52	73	78	25
Protective custody	38	34	38	27
Juvenile cases	36	31	21	8
Restraining orders	17	17	20	9
Accidents	147	133	128	116
Traffic citations/other	1,624	1,100	980	1,115
Parking tickets	135	205	218	37

Our commitment to excellence is unwavering. Also, we are dusting off the kilts and we look forward to assisting the Town in welcoming back the Highland Games to Lincoln this fall.

I am grateful for the support we receive from the residents of this town and from the business community. This cooperative spirit enhances our ability to serve the community in an effective manner.

Emergency Management Annual Report for 2005

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

During 2005 we applied for and received a number of federal grants. These were used to improve radio communications, provide training, and to upgrade our command center and incident command capabilities. The funding also enabled us to acquire a radio repeater to be placed on the Loon Mountain Tower. This will result in greater coverage and will enable us to offer better communications in the areas of our community that are now difficult to contact.

Our Citizen Corps program was started but not implemented due to a lack of state instructors to provide the requisite training. To compensate for this, Bob Haley, who is a

volunteer firefighter, Police Lt. Cecil Cooper, and I received the required training in New York. We intend to offer the course in 2006 to get the program underway. This certified training program will give our Citizen Corps volunteers the knowledge to enable them to effectively augment public safety units in the event assistance is required during an emergency.

In 2006 we will be working to further improve our efforts to serve the community and we will strive to advance our capabilities to respond to emergency incidents.

Respectfully submitted,

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Management