

Annual Report of the Police Department

This has been another year of re-building for the department.

From July 2006 to December 2006, Sergeant Denise Wickland attended and completed the full time police academy held at STCC, in Springfield MA.

Sergeant Wickland is Williamsburg's full time police sergeant. Payment for this training was a joint venture between the towns of Williamsburg and Chesterfield.

During this year two officers moved on.

Officer Sean Hoyer is now Trooper Sean Hoyer, Massachusetts State Police.

Officer Dan Warner started his own business; he continues working in Hatfield.

Promoted:

Officer William Chapman was promoted to Detective.

Officers:

Officers Aimee Wallace, Michael Wayne and Jeffery Brooks, have been and continue to be the back bone of the department, keeping the station open five plus days per week, and providing patrol coverage on a random basis.

Police Chaplain:

Reverend Joshua Davis from the Williamsburg Congregational Church was appointed Chaplain for the Williamsburg Police Department.

The police department is committed to saving energy.

Installation of a programmable energy saving thermostat, has helped save heating fuel.

Energy efficient light bulbs have been installed, replacing incandescent bulbs.

The department is scheduled to replace our 2001 Ford police cruiser. Manufactures are now producing police cruisers which could save up to twenty percent on gasoline consumption. If one of these vehicles will meet our needs for a police cruiser, I hope town meeting members will approve the purchase.

Hours of operation:

At present, the department is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Wednesday evening the department is open from 4:00PM to 8:00PM.

The department owes a big "thank you" to the Meekins Library and Lisa Wenner Library Director. Police Officers from Williamsburg and surrounding towns have attended training sessions held in the Hawkins Hayden Community room during the past year.

On going training is very important to maintaining professional police officers. The availability of this room, allows for local training, saving trips to Springfield or other long distance training sites.

I extend an open invitation to residents of Williamsburg to stop at the Police station, meet the officers and tour the facility.

John W. Cotton
Chief of Police