

POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

<u>Activity</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Accidental 911 Calls	95	110	120				
911 Calls	869	1215	1469	Domestic Disturbances	13	11	6
Alarms	188	194	224	Found/Lost Property	56	51	60
Animal Calls	191	204	216	General Complaints	198	207	298
Annoying Calls	11	5	13	House Checks	1069	1418	1741
Assaults	27	18	22	Larcenies	36	35	29
Assist Citizens	448	476	394	Medical Calls	353	348	298
Assist Other Agency	288	220	250	Missing Persons	6	3	3
Auto Theft	1	1	2	MV Accidents	101	96	105
Burglary	12	12	16	MV Stops	3487	3289	2411
Bylaw Violations	8	19	12	Suspicious Activity	394	317	258
Citations	2455	2312	1207	Threats	3	1	4
Disturbances	13	18	24	Vandalism	60	30	31
Disabled MV Calls	108	92	97				
				TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE			
					17,756	16,996	13,993

FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department provides the Town of Stow with Emergency Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The dedicated individuals of this department work tirelessly, around the clock, responding to a wide range of emergency calls.

Our new Command vehicle went into service in August 2010. This new vehicle has proven to be a great addition to our emergency fleet. It is equipped with four-wheel drive and multiple radios so we can communicate with Police, Highway and surrounding area fire departments. We are very thankful to the taxpayers in Stow.

2010 was again a very busy year for the Fire Department. Your department responded to 900 combined fire and medical calls. Some of the major calls we answered are as follows. We responded to structure fires on Hudson Road, Sandy Brook Road, Warren Road and two fires on Great Road. We responded mutual aid to structure fires in Harvard, Hudson, Boxborough, Bolton and to assist Concord twice and Acton once with fire station coverage assignments during recent fires. We also responded to a multiple alarm fire at Cavicchio Greenhouses in Sudbury, a brush fire in Bolton at Camp Resolute, an eight alarm fire in Marlborough, a serious motor vehicle accident and early morning structure fire in Maynard.

The department responded to 70 motor vehicle accidents. Fire Prevention was once again a major focus for your Fire Department in the year 2010. Under the direction of Captain John Paul

Benoit, the Fire Department completed 343 inspections for smoke detectors, wood stoves, oil burners and propane tank installation for all new construction as well as homes being sold. Our department also issued 486 Open Burning Permits.

The Fire Department continues to upgrade our education program for the children of Stow. During Fire Prevention Week, the Fire Department, in conjunction with the S.A.F.E. program, visited schools and day care centers to teach the children about general safety. At other times during the year, again working with the S.A.F.E. program, we performed other educational events (such as our annual Fire Prevention Week open house in October) where the children and adults learned about fire prevention. The Fire Department members also conducted many tours and safety talks throughout the year. We also participated in a Juvenile Firesetter prevention coalition.

Training for our emergency personnel continues to be a major focus. As the scope of our jobs continues to change and broaden, it is essential that your Fire Fighters and E.M.Ts be properly trained in all areas of Firefighting and E.M.S. services as well as Hazardous Materials, Confined Space Rescues, Auto Extrication, Firefighter & E.M.T. Safety and Survival, and Water & Ice Rescue. Members of the department conduct training drills monthly and on weekends. We also attend classes offered by the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy and the National Firefighting Academy. Our firefighters conduct an extensive recruit class every year to recruit and train new firefighters. Ongoing EMS training is continuous throughout the year. All our EMTs must complete a recertification class every two years along with 28 hours of continuous education hours approved by OEMS.

Apparatus and Maintenance

Stow Fire is fortunate to have an excellent mechanic on staff as a full time firefighter/EMT. Firefighter Greg Vogel holds the position of Department Mechanic and other members of the department assist when possible. He does an excellent job keeping everything running, saving the Fire Department and the Town of Stow substantial money and minimizing equipment down time. We continue to provide maintenance to all our equipment and current apparatus in-house whenever possible.

Grants

Last year, we applied for a grant to move the Stow Fire Department over to a new radio frequency. The federal grant will defer the cost from our taxpayers to funding provided by a Home Land Security grant through FEMA. In order to enhance our chances of gaining the funding, we entered into a three-town regional grant application with Boxborough Fire, Littleton Fire and Stow Fire. FEMA places a higher award status to regional grants involving more than one community. The Town was gracious enough to provide us with the 10% grant co-pay last year. We are hopeful that we will receive the grant funding before the end of fiscal 2011.

SCBA Upgrade. We applied for a similar FEMA grant this year for updating our self contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs). The cost of upgrading the equipment to current NFPA standards is \$120,000 with a 5% co-pay (\$6,000). We do anticipate some funding from FEMA for the coming calendar year. The cost to replace all our air packs would be approx. \$180,000.

This past year we were awarded funds from US Fish & Wildlife, MA Department of Conservation & Recreation - Forestry and SAFE funding from the Department of Fire Services. In 2010 we finalized our turnout gear which was funded jointly by a \$53,000 FEMA Grant and a matching amount from the Town. All our firefighters are now equipped with the NFPA compliant gear. This is a vital component in ensuring firefighter safety.

Thanks from the Chief

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Stow Fire Department for your help and support during this past year. Your dedication, commitment and professionalism make a department that we can all be proud of.

I would also like to thank all the citizens of the Town of Stow, the business community, the Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen, Building Inspector, Board of Health, Planning Board and all other town departments for their support of the Fire Department. I would especially like to thank the Police Department, Communications Center and the Highway Department for all your help and support during the year. The State Fire Marshall, Stephen Coan also deserves special thanks for his continued help and support over this past year.

A special thanks to the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for all their ongoing support especially with emergency shelter operations.

Thank you all! I look forward to another year of progress and teamwork in the Town of Stow.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike McLaughlin, Fire Chief

Fire / Rescue – Full-time

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John Paul Benoit, Captain
Barry Evers, Lieutenant
Mark W. Guerin, Lieutenant
Michael Stevens
Gregory A. Vogel

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Jonathan Gray
Tim Gray
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Matt Magazu
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Jonathan Murphy
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