

**CITY OF GROTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
FY 2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

The City of Groton Police Department serves the residents and visitors of the City of Groton with honor, integrity, trust and service. We work closely with other city departments and other state, local and federal law enforcement agencies to provide an effective and coordinated law enforcement response and the investigation and apprehension of offenders. In addition, the police department provides a wide spectrum of services to residents including a law enforcement presence in our schools, drug and gang resistance education for our children, child safety seat installation, criminal investigations, motor vehicle enforcement of moving and parking violations, and quality of life investigations. We embrace and apply a Community Policing Model.

The City of Groton Police Department responded to 18,416 calls for service during fiscal year 2020. In addition to criminal complaints and motor vehicle crashes, calls for service include requests for medical assistance, vehicle lockouts, animal complaints, alarms, disturbances, and escorts. Officer initiated activity includes items such as motor vehicle traffic stops and building security checks. Our calls for service are outlined in the following chart.

ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

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Month	<u>Calls for Service</u>	<u>Non-Criminal Investigations</u>	<u>Criminal Investigations</u>	<u>Criminal Arrests</u>	<u>Medical Assists</u>	<u>Motor Vehicle Accidents</u>	<u>Motor Vehicle Stops</u>	<u>MV Citations</u>	<u>MV Warnings</u>	<u>DWI Arrests</u>	<u>Domestic Violence Investigations</u>	<u>Patrol Checks</u>
July	1,176	49	32	51	58	24	130	52	84	2	21	1,052
August	1,485	40	42	33	63	12	114	41	75	2	19	782
September	1,218	37	27	28	64	7	117	29	85	1	15	578
October	1,519	53	33	23	63	12	135	34	99	6	11	778
November	1,172	53	46	26	59	15	84	18	65	3	17	568
December	1,182	36	28	25	79	9	74	15	62	5	11	631
January	1,502	47	38	40	77	14	176	49	126	3	14	805
February	1,208	34	24	24	58	17	149	44	108	1	14	654
March	2,021	33	30	25	63	4	102	30	76	2	19	1,497
April	2,246	24	23	14	51	8	7	4	6	0	14	1,951
May	1,743	40	27	36	50	9	23	12	16	4	17	1,333
June	1,944	48	33	33	72	10	13	13	11	2	25	1,434
TOTALS	18,416	494	383	358	757	141	1,124	341	813	31	197	12,063

DEPARTMENT GENERATED REVENUE FY20

Parking Revenue	\$23,475	House & Machine Licenses	\$70	Copies & Photographs	\$1,602
Peddlers Permits/Licenses	\$3,785	Rooming House Licenses	\$300	Solicitor Permits	\$50
Pistol Permits	\$1,510	Raffle Permits	\$1,202	Misc	\$105
Fingerprints	\$4,780				

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The City of Groton Police Department worked with many city agencies and area police departments to provide a safe venue for the Sailfest July fireworks celebration. We are involved with a number of youth oriented initiatives including City Day, the West Side Middle School Fall festival, the City Halloween Party, "Trick or Trunk" at the beach, and the holiday party in December. We do not do this alone. We have many great partners from other city agencies and from the private sector. For example, the Groton Elks Lodge donates bicycle helmets that our officers fit on our children during City Day. The DARE® and GREAT® programs at area elementary schools and at West Side Middle School were coordinated by Officer Scott LeSage, the Department's Youth Officer. Officer LeSage was also the Department's liaison with the multidisciplinary child abuse investigation team dedicated to the safety of our children in the Groton New London region. Officer Bobby Harris completed the training with the Autism and Law Enforcement Education Coalition (ALEC) as instructor (believed to be the first in the State of Connecticut) where he will be able to spread the program and curriculum in our state and region.

The opioid epidemic is still an ongoing concern nationwide. We participate with our partners at Community Speaks Out to assist those struggling with addiction who ask for help in finding treatment following the Gloucester MA model. Our patrol officers are the first line of support for this initiative. Officer Alejandro Rosa serves as our agency liaison to Community Speaks Out. We also provide training for our officers in meeting the needs of residents of our city on the autism spectrum and their families. We also participate in the statewide narcotics task force where Detectives work in a team approach to target the purveyors of heroin, who negatively impact our community. Our Detective unit works in close partnership with area state, federal and local law enforcement agencies to work other cases that cross-jurisdictional lines with the goal of improving the quality of life in our city.

This fiscal year saw a number of personnel changes: Corporal Fernando Goncalves retired, Records Clerk Carol Morth retired, and we hired Elizabeth Hundley as a Records Clerk.

Our department is committed to preventing and solving crime and improving the quality of life in our community. Our core values are honor, integrity, trust and service. We are a partnership. If you see something, please say something. We are responsible for each other and success is never final. We are committed to a Community Policing Model and care deeply about our citizens and this community.



Michael J. Spellman
Chief of Police