

**CITY OF GROTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
FY 2018-2019 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 16,039 calls for service during fiscal year 2019. 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 2018-2019**

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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	905	63	40	57	98	12	177	85	99	2	23	74
August	1,252	49	33	52	77	18	248	92	158	1	23	405
September	1,047	43	46	48	80	13	182	80	101	5	16	299
October	1,416	54	22	53	63	20	158	70	87	2	17	667
November	1,527	40	37	33	73	12	134	51	84	3	15	891
December	1,219	42	25	40	74	17	115	38	81	4	17	626
January	1,245	48	46	49	69	10	151	48	103	4	16	540
February	892	39	20	23	60	11	136	43	87	4	15	330
March	1,380	39	30	39	67	12	152	54	106	2	12	726
April	1,583	35	38	33	62	11	138	54	84	5	11	940
May	1,947	53	25	35	67	13	179	34	141	4	14	1,200
June	1,626	50	41	36	73	13	141	34	106	4	12	872
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16,039</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>1,911</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>1,237</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>7,570</b>

**DEPARTMENT GENERATED REVENUE FY19**

Parking Revenue	<b>\$39,530</b>	House & Machine Licenses	<b>\$220</b>	Copies & Photographs	<b>\$1,851</b>
Peddlers Permits/Licenses	<b>\$4,270</b>	Rooming House Licenses	<b>\$500</b>	Solicitor Permits	<b>\$225</b>
Pistol Permits	<b>\$3,500</b>	Raffle Permits	<b>\$2,559</b>	Misc	<b>\$232</b>
Fingerprints	<b>\$2,960</b>				

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The 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, Autism and Law Enforcement Education Coalition (ALEC) instructor has trained other departments. The City of Groton and the Town of Stonington entered into an agreement for the Town of Stonington and New England GeoSystems' CCM Award winning Citizens with Autism Safety System (CASS). The CASS system was designed to assist first responders in addressing the needs of our residents and visitors who are on the Autism spectrum.

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. 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 and the regional community enhancement 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 change(s): Deputy Chief Michael Guillot retired; Lieutenant Erick Jenkins retired and was appointed Captain; Sergeant Jason Brucker was promoted Lieutenant; Officers Patricia Lieteau and Jamon Jennings were promoted to Sergeant; Officers David Holliday and Brittany Duclos were promoted to Corporal, and new Officer Christopher Ewing was hired.

**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