

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following is a list of arrests, investigations and activities by the Great Barrington Police Department for Fiscal Year 2019.

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| 911 Calls:               | 2,623   |
| Arrests:                 | 125   |
| Protective Custody:      | 29  |
| Accidents:               | 446   |
| Breaking & Entering:     | 13  |
| Larcenies:               | 97  |
| Malicious Destruction:   | 25  |
| Assaults:                | 19  |
| Sexual Assaults:         | 2   |
| Stolen Vehicles          | 2   |
| Summons Arrests:         | 80 (people charged with a crime via a summons, not arrested.) |
| Missing Persons          | 16  |
| Noise Complaints         | 114   |
| Motor Vehicle Complaints | 288   |
| Domestic Disturbances    | 56  |
| Alarms                   | 763   |
| Lock Outs                | 179   |
| Disturbances             | 125   |
| Trespass Complaints      | 170   |

Parking Tickets Written 1,054

Fines collected from parking tickets: \$20,115

Revenue from issued firearm licenses: \$2,050

Fines returned from the courts for motor vehicle citations & other fines: \$12,889.92

Revenue from administrative fees assessed for paid details: \$10,311

Revenue from regional dispatching/lock-up agreements: \$1,816.05

Alarm permits and false alarm charges: \$10,650

Insurance Reports: \$910.26

Grants:

Federal grant for body armor: \$1,396

Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Grant to purchase a cruiser radio: \$2,460

State 911 Department to be put toward dispatcher's salary: \$43,345

State 911 Department for Emergency Medical Dispatching Training: \$12,080

Federal Justice Assistance Grant for 3 portable radios: \$20,000

K9-Unit Grant \$500

Donations: \$2,500 from Hillcrest Educational Centers for a computer in our Emergency Operations Center and toward the cost of a Mental Health First Aid training class for officers.

I'd like to mention some of the highlights and projects the department has worked on in the past year.

We continue to be the only police department in Berkshire County to be accredited by the Massachusetts State Accreditation Commission. We continue to work hard for re-accreditation in the Fall for another 3 years.

The President's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing Report established 59 recommendations on community policing and building community trust for law enforcement agencies to follow. We began the task of reviewing the recommendations described and have bi-monthly meetings to plan implementation of many of them into our department. We launched an open data portal with a variety of statistics on our website to increase transparency. This open data portal can be found on the police page <https://greatbarringtonpolice.com> under "open data portal."

The GBPD has taken the One Mind Campaign Pledge which seeks to ensure successful interactions between police officers and persons affected by mental illness. The commitment required 100% of our officers to be trained in Mental Health First aid and we fulfilled that requirement.

Officers continue to make several saves through the use of Narcan.  
We have made Narcan available for our K-9 in case of exposure.

We continued a partnership with Muddy Brook Elementary School, Monument Valley Middle School and Monument Mountain High School called 'Park and Walk'. Officers stop in at the schools periodically on an informal basis to walk the hallways to mingle with students and staff. Sometimes we eat at the cafeteria or play basketball outside. It's been a huge success in establishing closer relationships with all.

Community Policing Programs: TRIAD—National Prescription Take Back Day-Gun Lock Program-Summer DARE Ropes Challenge Course-School Internships-House Checks-Bi- weekly lunch at the Senior Center. We invite local groups to use our Community Room by calling us to reserve it.

We are an active member of the Southern Berkshire Health Coalition; supporting their parent education programs and grant program.

We have a representative on the Fairview/Great Barrington Opioid Abuse Prevention Task Force.

We invite everyone to check out our website and FACEBOOK under [www.townofgb.org](http://www.townofgb.org).

We're located under Town Departments. You can find much information on firearms licensing, sex offender information, identity theft, department activities, various forms, press releases and much more.

Officer Richard Keefner retired this year after .....years of service. We thank him for his service and wish him well in retirement.

Complaint Procedures: The procedures that the public may follow to file an employee complaint can be found on the GBPD website or in the lobby of the police station.

In summary, the future holds many challenges but the ability to meet those challenges is what makes us strong and vital. To all our residents and visitors, thank you for allowing us to serve and protect a GREAT community.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief of Police