



LEBANON POLICE DEPARTMENT

2007 ANNUAL REPORT

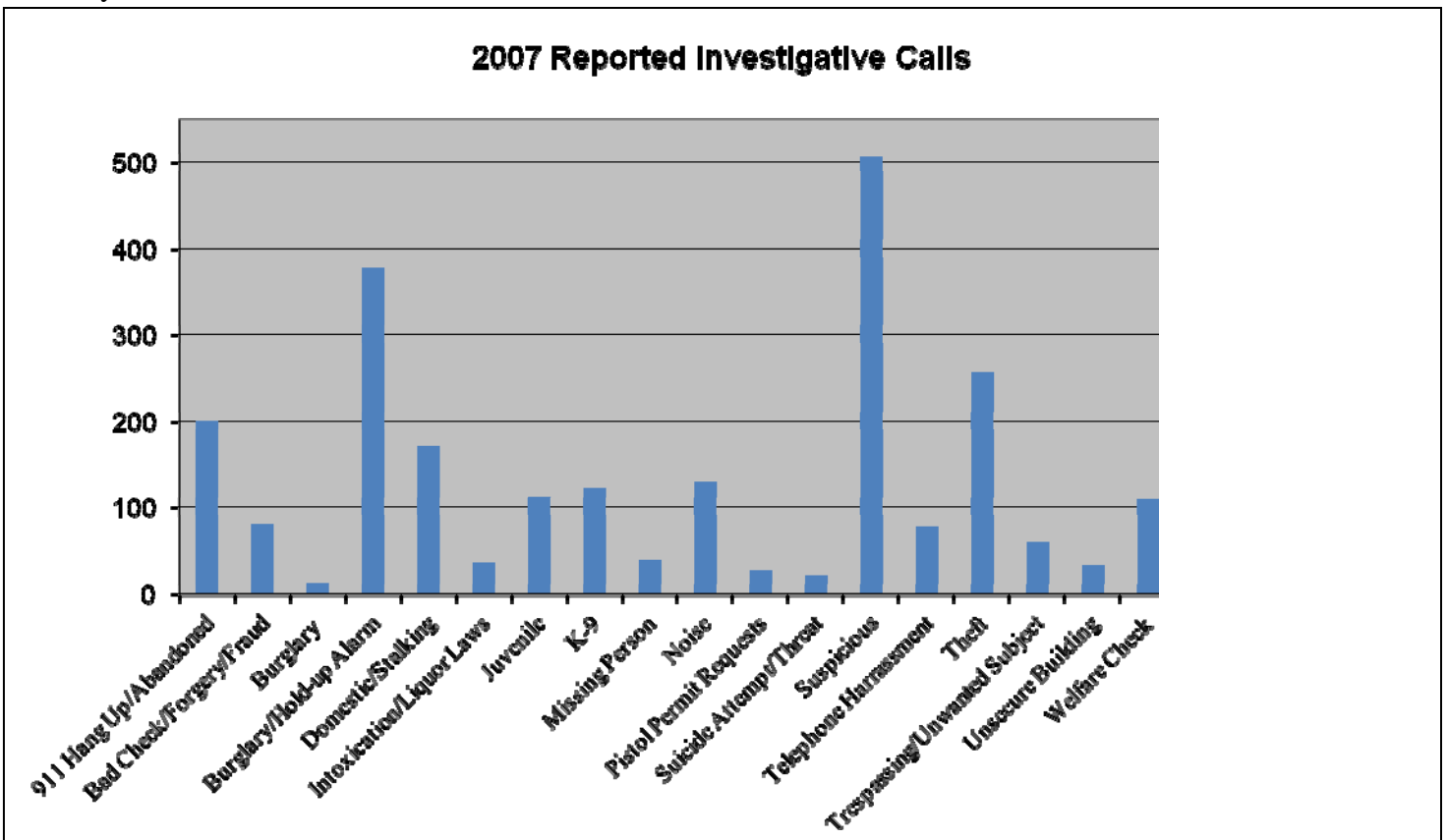
POLICE ACTIVITY

PATROL DIVISION

A Call for Service is described as a request from the public for services, or to report a crime, concern or question. Some of the different calls we receive are for thefts, suspicious activity, police alarms, motor vehicle complaints, E-911 traces, assaults, domestic disputes, and traffic accidents, to name only a few. During 2007, we received **31,203** Police and Fire Calls for Service, down from 31,879 in 2006. Essentially the call volume was comparable to 2006.

The total number of Offenses for this year was **2,669** (2,478 in 2006), and there were **1,272** persons arrested (1,315 in 2006). The Police Department investigated **1,244** reported accidents (1,282 in 2005), which resulted in **127** known injuries (135 in 2006). Officers made a total of **7,039** motor vehicle stops (6,803 in 2006) resulting in **6,136** warnings (6,177 in 2006) and **739** summonses (779 in 2006). A total of **2,119** Parking Tickets (2,127 in 2006) were given out this year.

2007 Reported Investigative Calls



The following are some noteworthy reported CALL statistics of comparison from 2006 to 2007:

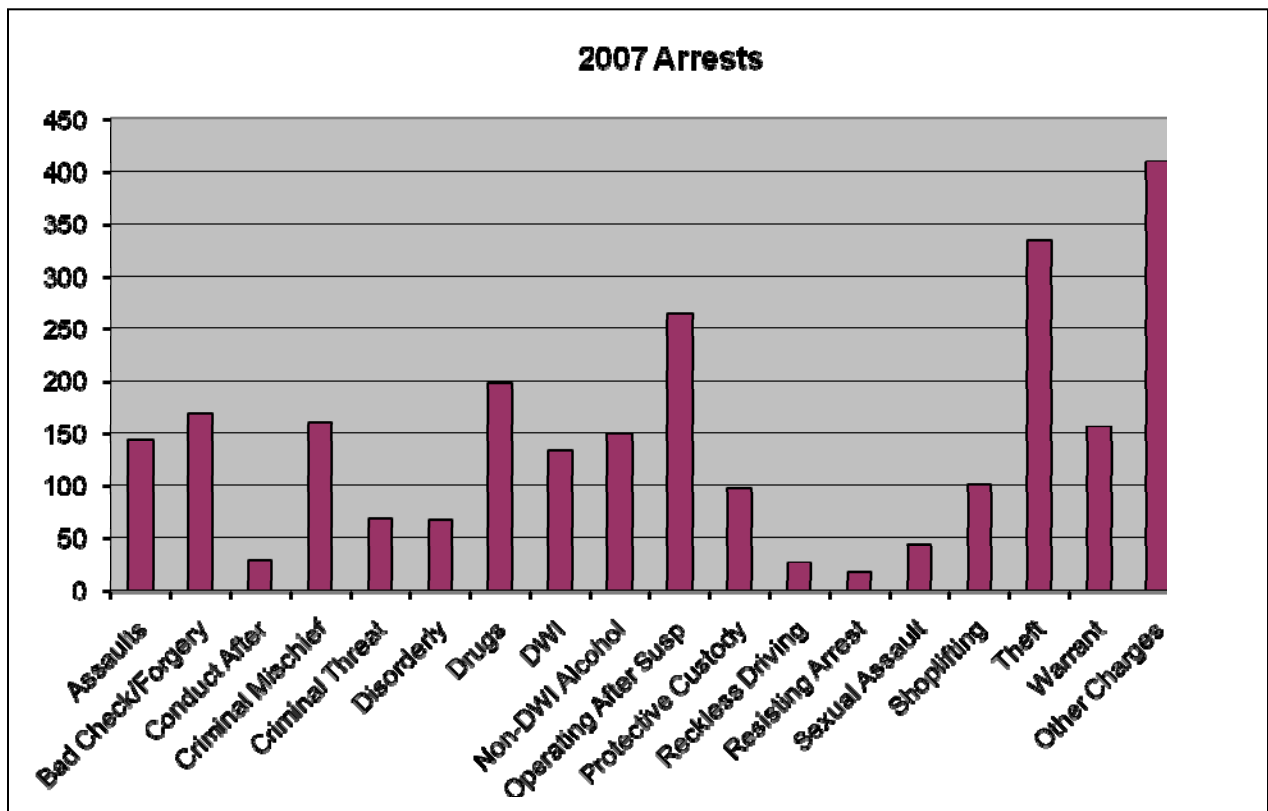
The number of 911 Hang Up/Abandoned calls for 2007 was 438 (compared to 380 in 2006), a **15.3%** increase.

The number of Domestic Disturbance/Stalking calls for 2007 was 335 (compared to 357 in 2006), a **6.3%** decrease.

The number of Missing Person calls for 2007 was 66 (compared to 52 in 2006), a **26.9%** increase.

The number of noise complaints for 2007 was 130 (compared to 218 in 2006), a **40.4%** decrease.

The number of suicide attempts/threats for 2007 was 46 (compared to 38 in 2006), a **21%** increase.



The following are some noteworthy ARREST statistics of comparison from 2006 to 2007:

Sexual Assault arrests decreased by **10.4%** (43 in 2007 compared to 48 in 2006).

Drug arrests increased by **5.9%** (198 in 2007 compared to 187 in 2006).

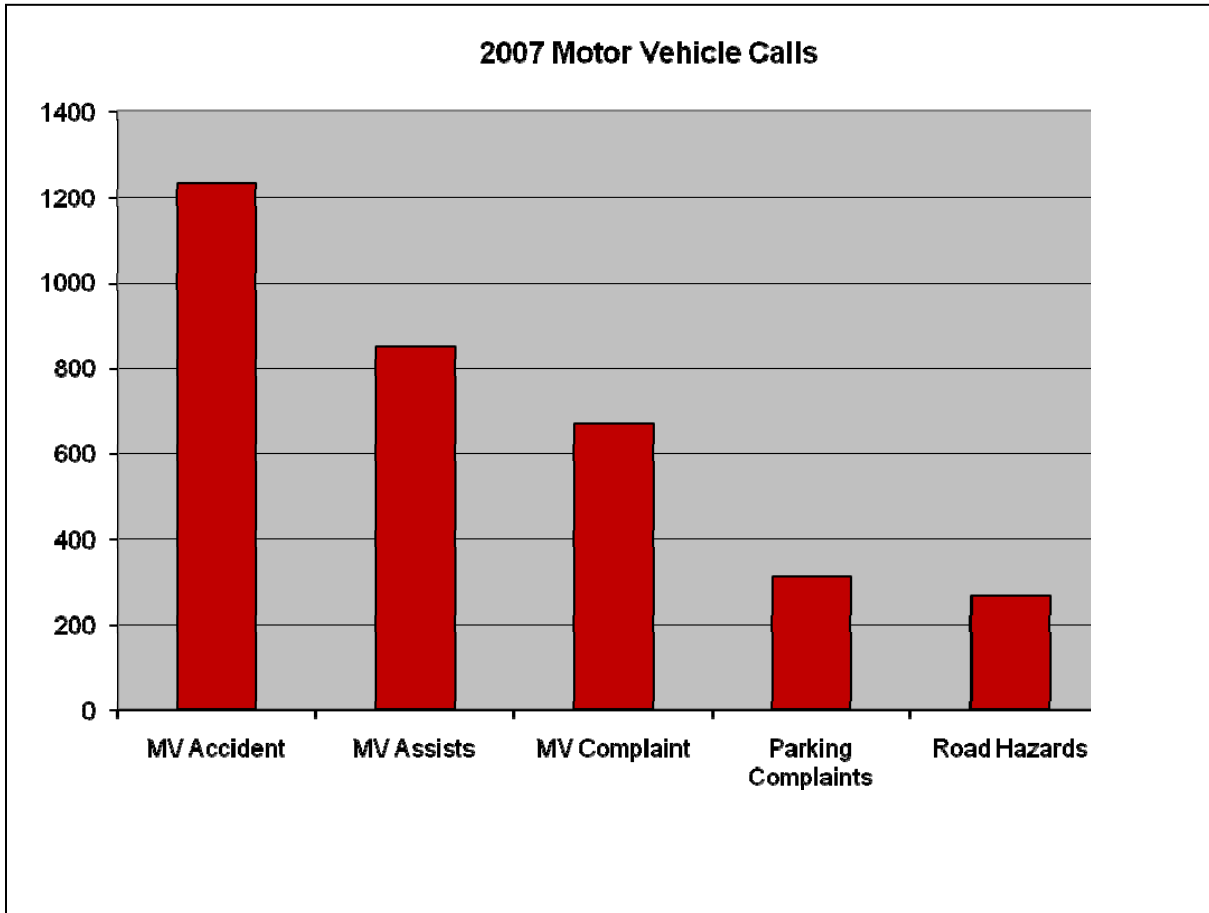
Shoplifting arrests decreased by **25.2%** (101 in 2007 compared to 135 in 2006).

Assault arrests increased by **7.5%** (144 in 2007 compared to 134 in 2006).

There were 480 investigated Theft cases in 2007 (compared to 456 in 2006), an increase of **5.3%**. There were 335 Theft arrests in 2007 (261 in 2006), an increase of approximately **28.4%**.

Reckless driving increased by **50%** (27 in 2007 compared to 18 in 2006).

DWI increased by **35.4%** (134 in 2007 compared to 99 in 2006).



The number of reported motor vehicle accidents decreased by **1%**, (1,232 in 2007 compared to 1,244 in 2006).

The number of known injuries from motor vehicle accidents decreased by **5.9%**, (127 in 2007 compared to 135 in 2006).

The number of motor vehicle complaints increased by **10%**, (671 in 2007 compared to 610 in 2006).

Also during the year, highly visible enforcement campaigns were conducted on Route 12-A where motorists were targeted for speed, traffic light violations, and blocking intersections.

The goal of the Lebanon Police Department with this campaign was to seek voluntary compliance.

LEBANON POLICE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION TEAM

As part of the Department Strategic Goals for 2007 an Accident Investigation Team was developed. This Team currently has nine officers assigned who are highly trained and proficient in the investigation and reconstruction of motor vehicle accidents.

They are trained in accident reconstruction, scene photography, interviewing, scene processing, and prosecution. There is an Administrative Commander and Operational Team Leader and they all meet regularly for training to stay proficient.

They will be used to assist Patrol in investigating serious bodily injury and fatal accidents. The Team is up and running and has been used recently to assist with a Fatal Accident within the City.

With the assistance of a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency we were able to purchase a "Total Station" and train officers in its use. This piece of equipment will assist the Accident Investigation Team in its ability to complete a more detailed documentation of accident scenes.

LEBANON POLICE K-9 UNIT

The Lebanon Police K-9 Unit consists of two teams. In September 2007, Officer David Zuger was forced to retire his K-9 partner Tabor due to health reasons. They had started in 2004 and throughout their time were a tremendous asset to the Department and the community as a whole. Officer Jonathan Tracy with his K-9 partner Cody started in 2006. K-9 Cody is a Certified Narcotics Detection, Patrol and Tracking Dog. Officer Jeremy Perkins and his K-9, Diessel, purchased via a dealer from the Netherlands, became our new unit in October. Officer Perkins and Diessel will be receiving their training in the Spring of 2008 and will be ready for service in the Fall of 2008. The K-9 Units are highly trained and attended 541 hours of combined training in 2007. This training was extensive and included 367 hours in Narcotic Training and 53 hours in Tracking. When K-9 Diessel and Officer Perkins graduate from the Vermont K9 Police Training Academy (a New England Certifying Authority), both K-9 teams will be certified in patrol work including building, area, article, lost person searches, criminal apprehension, and public relation details.

During the year, the K-9 Unit was very active. Officer Zuger and K-9 Tabor were successful in a number of drug searches resulting in arrests. Drugs such as cocaine, heroin and marijuana were located by the team. Overall, they conducted 20 drug searches of residences and cars in 2007. K-9 Tabor was also able to conduct a search of suspected drug money which gave probable cause to believe the money had been in close proximity to illegal narcotics and helped to build a strong case against drug trafficking suspects. On a cold night in April, Officer Zuger and K-9 Tabor were able to track and locate a runaway juvenile and bring him safely home.

In May of 2007, Officer Tracy and K-9 Cody assisted during a search warrant and found drugs to include cocaine. The team also had an extremely successful track in August where a psychiatric ward patient walked away from DHMC. This was an extensive track across a grassy area and into woods. K-9 Cody was able to locate the patient lying, covered by leaves, in the woods. K-9 Cody also successfully assisted Hanover Police with a criminal track of a mentally ill male involved in a domestic dispute. These tracks show the training and skills Officer Tracy and Cody have received to be extremely beneficial to keeping members of the community safe.

The teams have also been highly visible in the community. They are often doing street time in high activity areas of the city such as Main Street and downtown mall areas. This year they completed several public relation details including a demonstration for several Cub Scouts at a Jamboree and a demonstration at Alice Peck Day Hospital's 75th year celebration, where very positive feedback was received from the community.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The School Resource Program is in its third year in both the Lebanon High School and Junior High School. The SRO is working to create relationships and key contacts with school faculty, staff, and students. The SRO has responded to events at the schools, which in the past would have taken an officer away from the street. The SRO has been involved with 54 cases since taking over the position at the end of March. These have ranged from thefts, false public alarms and fights, to sexual assault (not on school grounds), child abuse and disorderly conduct. She has visited classrooms speaking about police related topics, and team taught classes on such topics as Substance Abuse, DWI, depression and suicide and assisted one student on a fingerprinting presentation. The SRO takes part in the student's day by attending gym and health classes and helping out faculty and staff when able. The SRO has also attended after school events such as dances, sporting events, and graduation.

During the summer break from school, the SRO worked within the Detective Division staying involved in juvenile cases such as sexual assaults. The SRO assisted Detectives with Child Advocacy Center interviews, as our SRO is a trained forensic interviewer. She also worked as part of a weekly drop in program with children at Romano Circle. Our SRO organized and attended a trip to a New Hampshire Fisher Cats baseball game with 14 local children and other members of the Police Department. Our SRO also provided assistance to the Patrol Division during school vacations and snow days.

If anyone has any questions regarding the School Resource Program, please call our SRO at the Lebanon High School (603-448-2055) or the Lebanon Police Department (603-448-1212).

DETECTIVE DIVISION

The Detective Division investigates major crimes involving adults and juveniles. Examples of investigations include sexual assaults, burglaries, drugs, offenses against children, thefts, forgeries, and fraud cases. Several of the arrests outlined in the Patrol section are felony cases completed by our Detectives. The Division also works with the Court Diversion Program for juvenile offenders. Some of the activity for 2007 included **3,971** hours of investigation, **19.5**

hours on Juvenile matters, **593** hours processing evidence, **319.5** hours of public relations (which includes Child Health & Safety Programs, R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense), Police Department facility tours, and speaking to civic groups), **142.5** hours assisting patrol, **131.5** hours registering sex offenders, and **167.5** hours reviewing and presenting cases for Grand Jury. The Detective Division also had **691.5** hours of training.

Several search warrants were executed successfully with the seizure of drugs (mostly marijuana, heroin, and crack cocaine) and sometimes weapons.

SUPERIOR COURT STATISTICS

The Lebanon Police Department presented **92** individuals, a **27.6%** decrease, (127 in 2006) for indictment on felony and enhanced penalty misdemeanors to the Grand Jury at the Grafton County Superior Court during this year, which resulted in **155** indictments (199 indictments in 2006).

JUVENILE COURT STATISTICS

Juvenile cases are handled by Prosecution and the Detective Division. There were **19** Arraignments, **17** Adjudications (trials), and **11** Dispositional Hearings and **27** other hearings which included **80** hours in juvenile court and **90** hours of juvenile case preparation.

PROSECUTION

A total of **1,155*** cases were handled by Prosecution this year. Of these cases, there were **856*** arraignments, **73*** trials, and **930*** other hearings. Some other activities during this year for the Prosecutor included **1061*** hours for case review and court preparation, **824*** hours at court, and **71** hours of administration (meetings and personnel issues).

*Due to a change in Personnel handling Prosecution since April 2007, quarterly report numbers were not accounted for in the same manner as previously reported. This has been corrected and the numbers shown above are correct.

TRAINING DIVISION

Officers received 4,038 hours of training this year. Some of the training included the following:

143rd Police Academy; 144th Police Academy; DEA Methamphetamine Labs; Cyber Crime; R.A.D. Basic Self Defense Instructor; Sexual Offender Registration; Stalking & Technology and Traffic Crash Reconstruction; Hostage Negotiations; Firearms Instructor; Digital Photography for Law Enforcement; Traffic Safety Conference; 2007 Local Emergency Preparedness Conference; Grant Writing for Law Enforcement; Statewide Summit on School Violence; Basic Defensive Tactics; Crime Scene Processing; Project Safe Neighborhoods; Impact of Domestic Violence on Children; First Line Supervisor Course; Total Station Training; Cyber Crime Fundamentals; Train the Trainer-Motor Carrier Supplement Accident Report; School Resource Officer Course; Sexual Exploitation of Children; Rifle Instructor; Skid Car Driving School; Field

Training Officer Course; Incident Command System 200 Course; Responding to Utility Emergencies; Shotgun Instructor; Breath Test Operator; Armorers Course; Basic Police Prosecutorial School; Primex Supervisor 2 Academy.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE REVISIONS

The Administration worked on issuing updated and more efficient operational policies, to include:

Recognition – Medals and Awards; Dealing with Mentally or Developmentally Disabled Persons; Recruitment; Mountain Bike Patrol Unit; Use of Force to include six Addendums; Routing of Paperwork; Police Wrecker Service; Citizen Complaints/ Internal Investigations to include four appendices; Animal Complaints, Found Animals, and Dog Bites; Accident Investigation and Reports; Accidents Involving Lebanon Police Department Vehicles; Accident Investigation Team; Administrative Review of Operator’s License; Dealing with Hazardous Materials Incidents; Photographic Arrays; Bad Check Complaints; Under-Age Possession of Tobacco Products; Minors Possessing/ Transporting Alcohol; Sex Offender Registration; Clandestine Laboratories; Vehicle Pursuit with Addendum Stinger Spike System; Ride-Along Program with five appendices; Use of Department Computers; Uniform & Equipment Appearance; Use of Tobacco in the Workplace; Uniform Dry Cleaning; Extended Police Authority Agreement – Hartford; Compensatory Time-Off Use Policy.

DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC GOALS MET IN 2007

Department Strategic Goal: *Employ progressive delivery of services and superior protection in our community.*

- ✓ Accident investigation team assembled of professionally trained Lebanon officers

Department Strategic Goal: *Increase opportunities for positive progressive interaction with our community. Facilitate public awareness and education through forums on crime prevention and other issues or concerns.*

- ✓ Bike patrol
- ✓ Held three community forums, two on methamphetamine and one on internet safety

Department Strategic Goal: *To enhance our interaction, responsiveness, and services with community juveniles and related issues.*

- ✓ Completed 16th Annual Golf Tournament to raise funds for Child & Health Safety
- ✓ Completed Second Annual Book ‘Em Literacy Program
- ✓ Continue reading in schools through the spring

Department Strategic Goal: *Utilize technology wherever possible to enhance all forms of communication. Continue to improve the Police Department's website and its ability to enable users to directly interact with the department via the website.*

- ✓ Added numerous forms and information, such as sound permit application, records request form and fees, statement form, Business Emergency Contact Program Form, alarm permit application form, Lebanon Alarm Ordinance and false alarm prevention guide, bad check guidelines and Department strategic plan and goals, to the website to be readily available to the public

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ACTIVITY

The Communications Center serves as the emergency center for the City of Lebanon. It serves as the primary contact point for the City's Police, Fire, and Ambulance services. Emergency and non-emergency calls are received and transmitted to the proper agencies. Every request for service, from unlocking a vehicle, to vehicle accidents, criminal calls, 911 emergency calls and building fires are dispatched and documented by the Communication Specialists. The Center receives after hours requests for the Police Department's Records and Administrative Divisions (accident reports, parking tickets, pistol permits, excavation permits, burial permits), as well as several other City Departments, and notifies the appropriate agency contact (highway, water, wastewater, airport). The Communications personnel oversee the maintenance of the telephone and radio systems and associated equipment for the Police Department. The Communications Center also maintains emergency operational plans and contact information for local businesses and buildings, monitor and bill nearly 300 alarm user accounts, also enter, query, and audit items in Local, State, and National databases (warrants, criminal histories, and protective orders), maintain a computerized listing of canines and bicycles registered with the City, collects and verifies enhanced 911 address information for the New Hampshire Emergency Communications Bureau, and assists various other agencies such as Grafton County Probation and Parole, New Hampshire State Police and other area public safety agencies with routine requests, such as computerized checks, directions or telephone numbers.

On some calls, multiple agencies and/or jurisdictions respond to the same call, therefore, the number of calls per agency is higher than the actual number of calls. An example of this type of call would be a motor vehicle accident with injuries on I-89 in Lebanon. In this scenario, both Lebanon Police and Lebanon Fire/EMS would respond to the scene.

During this year, there were 32,997 Calls for Service (down from 34,307 in 2006).

These calls breakdown as follows:

Lebanon Police	28,134
Lebanon Fire	3,069
Other Police/Fire	1,794

Of the number of calls listed above, 46.4% were received between 7am and 3 pm; 37.8% were received between 3pm and 11pm and 15.7% were received between 11pm and 7am.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY AND EVENTS

Events and fundraisers held during this year included:

We completed three community forums this year discussing the topics of Methamphetamine and Internet Safety. These were well attended and allowed the Department to interact with the community and offer information about these important topics. We held two forums to discuss Methamphetamine and educate the public on the common chemicals used in the production of Meth, the dangers associated with it and a general overview of how individuals behave who are abusing Meth. Our community forum on a "Parent's Guide to Internet Safety" was held on Tuesday, October 30 at the Lebanon High School. Attorney General Kelly Ayotte was our presenter. A relevant and interesting presentation was made by the Attorney General followed by a questions and answers period with the members of the school district and the Chief joining Attorney General Ayotte.

On Saturday, October 27, the Lebanon Police Department, in cooperation with the Lebanon Library, Lebanon School District, and local residents, sponsored the Second Annual Lebanon Book 'Em Fair at the Lebanon High School. Despite the rainy weather, many people came out to support our community's literacy programs. Many community members donated time, effort and in some cases financial supports. We are grateful for all the cooperation in this endeavor. A majority of the proceeds from the event's book sales were donated to the Lebanon Book 'Em program which supports literacy programs in Lebanon.

The 16th Annual Golf Tournament was held on August 29th at the Lake Morey Country Club in Fairlee, Vermont. This tournament benefits the various Child Safety and Health Programs sponsored throughout the year by the Police Department.

The Annual Bike Auction was held on August 23rd. This was the most successful Bike Auction we have held. We raised over \$300 which is triple the amount made in other years.

The Annual Bike Rodeo was held on May 20th which was co-sponsored with the Lebanon Lions and Kiwanis Clubs. Approximately 40 kids participated and also registered their bikes. Bike helmets received through a grant from the NH Department of Safety, were handed out to children who didn't have one.

On May 19th, Lebanon Police Officers and family members assisted with the Annual Project Graduation BBQ in Colburn Park. This is a major fundraiser for the graduating class at Lebanon High School for their substance free graduation party.

PERSONNEL UPDATES

We began the year with open police officer positions. Three completed their basic Police Academy and Field Officer Training this year, one was already a Full-Time Certified Officer who is finishing up his Field Officer Training the beginning of January 2008 and the other two new officers will begin the Police Academy in January 2008.

Welcome ~ February 11 Adam J. Leland, Officer
April 30 Richard A. Norris, Officer
May 29 Nicholas J. Alden, Officer
August 20 Elizabeth W. Beraldi, Administrative Assistant
October 14 Jeffrey O. Cibulski, Officer
October 21 Christopher P. McGillicuddy, Officer
December 2 Brian R. Mack, Officer
December 30 Maureen O'Neil-Gove, Communications Specialist

Promotions ~ March 3 Sergeant Phillip J. Roberts to Lieutenant
Corporal Matthew S. Isham to Lieutenant

March 18 Officer Shawn P. Freitas to Sergeant
Officer Todd A. Lique to Corporal

December 2 Corporal David A. Young to Sergeant

December 30 Senior Officer Michael S. Roberts to Corporal

Retirement ~ September 28 Communications Supervisor Jean A. Corsetti retired after serving over 15 years with the Police Department as Communications Specialist and Supervisor. We held a party on October 5 for Jean's friends, family and co-workers who wished her well in her retirement.