

# **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **A. Wayne Sampson Chief of Police**

The Shrewsbury Police Department currently has an authorized strength of 44 sworn officers, eight civilian dispatchers, and seven civilian clerks, as well as responsibility for oversight of the Animal Control Officer and School Crossing Guards. During 2006 we were involved in 22,367 incidents.

2006 continued to be a difficult year for personnel shortages within the Police Department. During parts of the year, we had as many as nine officers in the police academy at the same time, several officers were out injured for a good part of the year, as well as Ptl. Robert Dexter and Ptl. James Lonchiadis being on active military duty.

We would like to welcome the new police officers that were hired during 2006. Ptl. Jason Palmatier, Ptl. Brendan Donahue, Ptl. Tyson E. Mohr, Ptl. Stephen J. Humber,

Ptl. Lawrence P. Napolitano, Ptl. Christopher M. Boudreau, Ptl. R. Ryan Chartrand, Ptl. Derek M. Mroczek, Ptl. Peter S. Kinnas, Jr., and Ptl. Sean Maynard.

We would like to congratulate and say thank you to Det. Lt. James Hurley who was promoted to Chief of the Leicester Police Department. Lt. Hurley was a dedicated member of this department who worked tirelessly on behalf of our community. We would also like to thank Ptl. Michael Giordano who retired as a result of a line of duty injury. Our congratulations to Sgt. Michael Cappucci who was promoted on January 29, 2006.

With an always increasing number and complexity of calls each year, it is difficult and dangerous to be running with a minimum number of personnel on each shift. Our requests for next fiscal year represent an acknowledgement that we need proper staffing on each shift and we must have officers available to provide specialty services to appropriate segments of our community.

The dangers that police officers face every day were never more evident than the shooting of Shrewsbury Ptl. Steven Rice in July. What should have been a routine call turned into what will be the most critical call of many officers' careers. We wish Officer Rice a speedy and full recovery.

We must start thinking about a new police headquarters in the near future. We have completely outgrown the existing facility and there is no room left in the building for expansion. As the town grows, so do the support services needed for police operations. It is not just the officers that work on the road but all of the auxiliary services that require additional space. Some of these services include, administration, clerical, communications, investigative, lock up, property and evidence, and storage.

As in any company, our employees are a critical component. The Town of Shrewsbury can be extremely proud of the performance of our employees. We thank each and every employee for their dedication and service.

We have been working closely with the Towns Web designer so as to provide useful information on the Police Department Web page. Please check out our Web page at [www.shrewsbury.ma.com](http://www.shrewsbury.ma.com)

We are grateful to all of those individual residents and community organizations that form such important partnerships with the Police Department including, but not limited to, other Town Departments, ADVISE, Shrewsbury Community Services, and especially our relationship with the Shrewsbury School Department.

We truly believe in our department motto of "Serving Our Community With Pride".

On the following pages you will find the statistical information regarding the Shrewsbury Police Department for the year 2006.

I would like to personally thank our residents for their support during the last 34 years of service to the Town of Shrewsbury. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve our community during this time. Our community and the profession of law enforcement has changed greatly during this time. I am confident that our Police Department will meet the challenges facing Shrewsbury in the coming years. This is an exciting time for the Police Department and I would ask that you continue to support the new Chief and the department in the future.

On behalf of all our employees, we thank our residents for your continued support.

A. Wayne Sampson  
Chief of Police

## Personnel Summary

### Police Officers Hired

Jason Palmatier	April 6, 2006	Lateral Hudson Police
Brendan Donahue	June 5, 2006	Civil Service List
Tyson E. Mohr	June 5, 2006	Civil Service List
Stephen J. Humber	June 5, 2006	Civil Service List
Lawrence P. Napolitano	June 5, 2006	Civil Service List
Christopher M. Boudreau	August 28, 2006	Lateral - Hudson Police
R. Ryan Chartrand	July 13, 2006	Lateral -Wrentham Police
Derek M. Mroczek	August 28, 2006	Lateral - Provincetown Police
Peter S. Kinnas, Jr.	August 10, 2006	Lateral - Williamstown Police
Sean Maynard	August 28, 2006	Lateral - Palmer Police
Michael Cappucci	January 29, 2006	Sergeant

### Dispatchers Hired

Christopher Grilli	January 17, 2006
Paul Pinto	January 17, 2006
Sean Bohdiewicz	June 22, 2006
Jodi Walsh	June 24, 2006
Charlene Van Cott	August 25, 2006
Caitlin Budrewicz	December 22, 2006

### Separated From Service

Dispatcher Robert Fulginiti	February 2, 2006	Shrewsbury Fire Fighter
Lt. James Hurley	February 24, 2006	Leicester Police of Chief
Dispatcher Paul Pinto	March 5, 2006	Milford Police Dispatch
Patrolman Christopher Eliadi	May 21, 2006	Framingham Police
Disp Supervisor Luke Hamburger	June 4, 2006	Bolton Police Patrolman
Dispatcher Jodi Walsh	August 16, 2006	Other Employment
Clerk Kelly Donahue	August 25, 2006	Other Employment
Dispatcher Grilli	December 18, 2006	Other Employment

### Retirements

PtIm. Michael Giordano	May 19, 2006	Line of Duty
PtIm. John P. Power	August 31, 2006	26 Years of Service
Chief A. Wayne Sampson	December 31, 2006	34 Years of Service

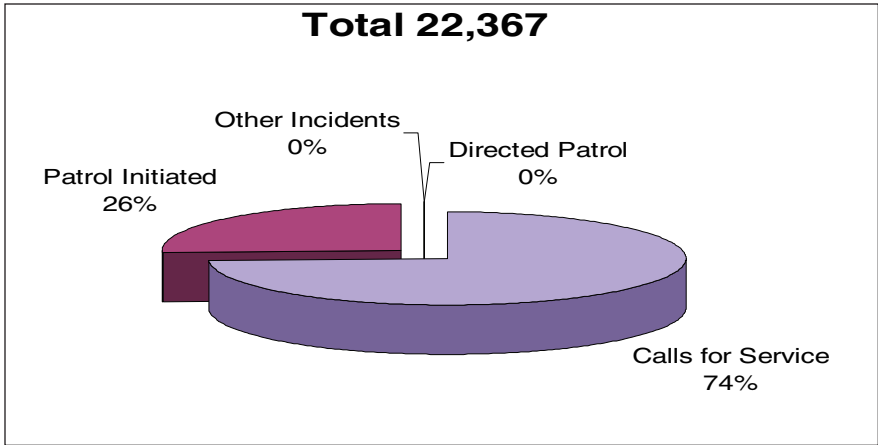
### Returned from Active Duty

PtIm. Robert Dexter	March 31, 2006
PtIm. James Lonchiadis	December 13, 2006

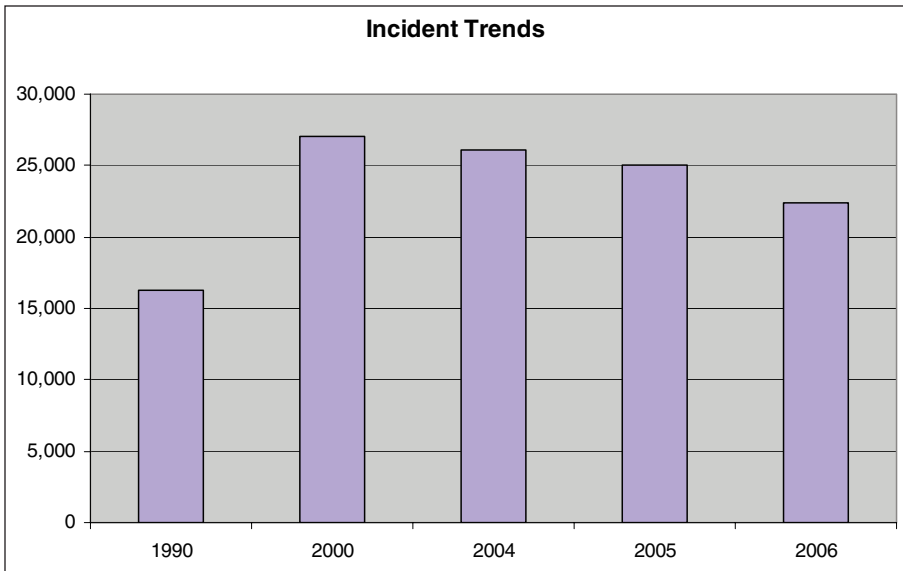
### Awards

Det. Paul Brown	Target Corporation Asset Protection Partnership
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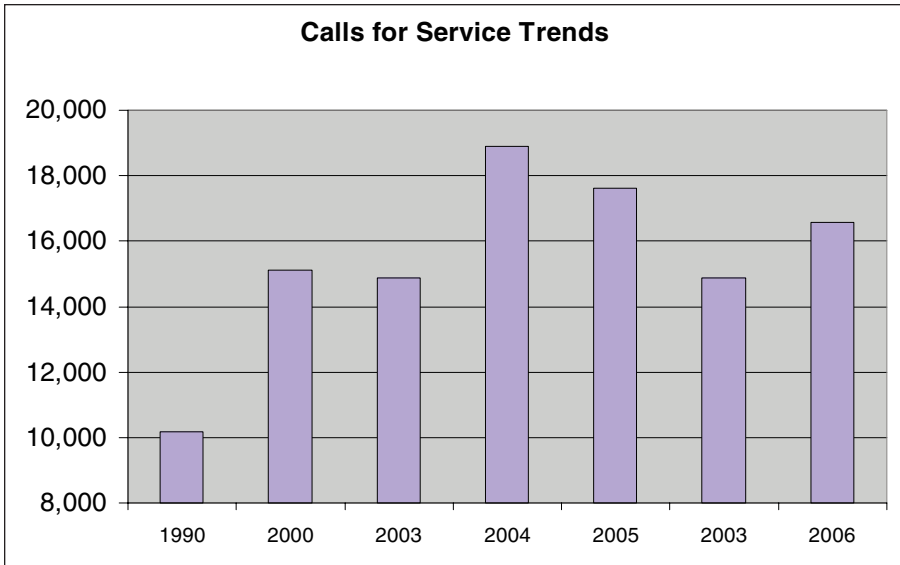
## Incidents



2006 was a difficult year for the Police Department due to staffing shortages from retirements, lateral transfers, military active duty, injuries, and the long time that it takes to train new personnel. Many shifts were manned at staffing levels not seen since the 1980's. The Police Department logged 22,367 total incidents for 2006, a decrease of 2,626 incidents from 2005. 74% of these incidents were calls for service, which were down 6.6% from 2005. 26% of total incidents were logged by officer proactivity (Patrol Initiated), down 6.9% from last year. Directed patrol activity accounted for less than 1% of total incidents. These incidents find police personnel working on assigned activity (assigned traffic enforcement locations, traffic and security posts and patrols, etc.) The remaining incidents were for other activities such as investigations, community policing and miscellaneous log entries.

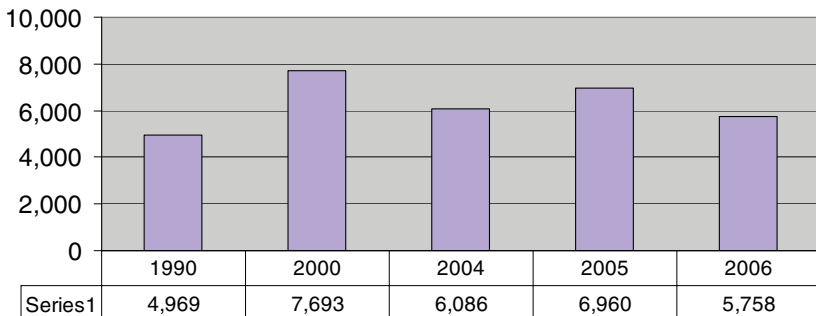


Incidents are a measure of the police department's activity.



Calls for service are the primary responsibility of the entire Police Department and particularly, the Patrol Division. At 74% of total incident activity, these calls consume the bulk of a patrol officer's time.

### Patrol Initiated Activity Trends



## 2006 Personnel Summary – Authorized Strength

	1980	1990	2000	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total	38	40	46	55	55	57	57
Sworn	32	32	35	42	42	42	44
Chief	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lieutenants	0	2	3	3	3	3	2
Sergeants	5	6	5	6	6	6	7
Patrolmen	26	23	26	32	32	32	34
Dispatch	2	4	6	7	7	8	8
Clerical	4	4	5	6	6	7	7

The 2005 New England average for municipalities with populations of 25 to 50 thousand was 1.8 officers per thousand population according to the FBI's Crime in the USA. Based upon the 2005 local census of 32,938 residents, Shrewsbury's staffing level was 1.3 authorized positions per 1000 population. To meet the average manning, Shrewsbury would need to add 15 additional police officers for a strength of 59 sworn officers.

The Police Department continues to be undermanned. In 2006 the Police Department added two patrolman positions which brought the number of sworn personnel to 44. Dispatchers' compensation was increased during this year and that critical public safety component has stabilized. The need for additional staff had been recognized by Town government officials. Additional staffing has been recommended in the Town Manager's budget for fiscal 2008 pending funding.

Due to staffing shortages, the School Resource Officer and Drug Officer positions remained unfilled. Boat patrols were also reduced during this time.

## 2006 Summary of Criminal Activity

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Arrests	691	673	605	770
Annoying Phone Calls	96	99	98	144
Arson	2	2	10	2
Assaults	114	91	68	56
B&E Residential	84	79	62	55
B&E Commercial	31	43	26	54
B&E Motor Vehicle	50	104	70	98
Child in Need of Services	31	24	13	9
Disturbances	541	507	515	492
Domestics	181	210	140	131
Hate Crimes	2	0	0	0
Hit and Run	156	177	167	136
Identity Theft	106	80	48	
Illegal Dumping	42	45	52	41
Larceny	327	344	291	290
Liquor Violation	14	15	1	6
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Murder	0	0	1	0
Narcotic	100	94	34	53
Rape	10	1	4	4
Restraining Order Violation	24	50	27	15
Road Rage	18	24	18	*
Robbery	4	7	19	15
Sex Offenses	18	20	6	15
Shoplifting	85	84	104	90
Stolen Vehicles	39	49	48	55
Vandalism	380	203	307	304

\* Category added in 2004

## 2006 Summary of Services Incidents

Incidents	Service			
	2006	2005	2004	2003
Accidents (Investigated)	981	1,172	1,036	982
Accidents (Not Investigated)	290	285	335	420
Accidents Fatal	3	0	0	1
Alarms	1,270	1,344	1,546	1,479
Animal Complaints	590	512	536	381
E9-1-1 Calls	4,785	4,555	5,343	4,741
E9-1-1 Transfer to EMS	1,329	*	1,372	1,224
E9-1-1 Transfer to Fire	208	*	217	179
E-9-1-1 Hang Ups	462	*	826	945
Escorts	5	3	274	473
Firearms Permits Processed	287	262	182	528
Firearms Safety Graduates	90	146	151	346
Medicals	2,060	1,915	1,952	1,792
Missing Persons (Reported)	50	48	61	51
Parking Tickets	906	1,324	960	1,187
Protective Custody	134	96	50	143
Preserve the Peace	50	42	67	45
Remove Youths	93	80	54	31
Restraining Orders	221	278	233	476
RUOK Alerts	32	29	32	48
Suicide (Attempted)	9	18	21	14
Suicide	1	1	2	2
Summons Served	1,178	819	836	1,293
Suspicious Persons/Vehicle	1,251	1,142	1,275	1,376
Unattended Deaths	22	14	14	19
Unsecured Private Buildings	51	60	63	30
Well Being Check	242	158	216	198

\* 9-1-1 information is not available until after this report is published.



## 2006 Summary of Motor Vehicle Incidents

Motor Vehicle Violations				
	2006	2005	2004	2003
Attaching Plates	26	29	10	26
Breakdown Lane	19	32	6	50
Defective Equipment	203	136	72	247
Fail to Keep Right	25	4	3	6
Fail to Stop for School Bus	21	21	16	12
Inspection Sticker Violation	801	494	212	562
Junior Operator Passengers	7	3	1	4
Leaving the Scene of an Accident	16	20	28	27
Marked Lanes	151	127	76	134
Motor Vehicle Homicide	0	0	0	0
Operating Under Influence Alcohol	47	51	46	61
Operating Under Influence Drugs	10	7	8	7
Operating Without a License	165	189	55	71
Operating to Endanger	27	18	24	28
Red Light	299	318	93	465
Refusal to Stop for Police	22	16	12	11
Seat Belt/Child Restraint	229	79	88	520
Speeding	1,460	1,270	761	1,491
Stop Sign	220	133	87	86
Suspended/Revoked Operator	163	153	80	149
Unregistered Motor Vehicle	249	344	88	344
Uninsured Motor Vehicle	109	108	44	140
Using Without Authority	10	7	5	8
Other Miscellaneous Violations	657	580	493	1,128
<b>Total Offenses</b>	<b>4,936</b>	<b>4,139</b>	<b>2,308</b>	<b>5,635</b>
<b>Total Citations</b>	<b>3,473</b>	<b>3,592</b>	<b>2,113</b>	<b>4,347</b>

## 2006 Animal Control Incidents

Animal Control				
Incidents	2006	2005	2004	2003
Dogs Licensed	2,657	2,672	2,822	2773
Dog Violations Cited	36	64	46	48
Dog Bites	15	20	16	19
Cat Bites	1	2	3	4

**Fiscal Year 2006 funds generated:**

Fines paid for parking tickets during 2006 amounted to \$26,648

Motor vehicle fines returned to the Town for citations issued in 2006 amounted to \$213,872

Fees paid for police response to false alarms and failure to register alarms in 2006 amounted to \$ 11,225

**Grant Summary**

Our agency continues to aggressively seek State and Federal grants to ensure the progressive, quality delivery of police services. During 2006, the Shrewsbury Police Department was awarded \$100,952 in grants that were used to provide the agency with resources and programs, which would not have been otherwise available.

Regional Drug and Counter Crime Task Force	\$ 65,000
Community Policing	\$ 34,194
Governors Highway Safety	<u>\$ 12,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$111,194</b>