

POLICE DEPARTMENT**Lawrence R. Higgins, Acting Chief of Police**

This report is dedicated to Daniel Dwight "Bear" Filiault, who retired after serving our community for the past 24 years. Dan joined the department in 1980 and rose through the ranks, being appointed sergeant in 1986 and chief in 1993. Through his work ethic and dedication to the department and the community, Dan successfully led our department into the new millennium. He was responsible for helping us to keep pace with advances in technology and changes in the law and criminal procedure. We wish him well in his retirement; he will be sorely missed.

The Dalton Police Department continues to work with the citizens of the town to prevent and control crime and to provide a safe environment for all generations. Thanks to the dedication of a fine group of very talented officers and the cooperation of our citizens, we have been able to continue to provide quality services to the community.

This year, the department received grants for community policing, highway safety patrol and education initiatives and for the replacement of our bulletproof vests that were found to be defective. We are in the second year of our COPS in Schools grant and that program, which has received accolades from parents, students and school administration, continues to be expertly led by officers George Adams and John Marley.

This year we purchased new Sig-Sauer pistols, replacing our aging Ruger sidearms. Officers received training and were qualified in their use in November by officers Richard Nicholas and Kevin Miller. We thank our community for helping us to keep up with technology trends.

In November we applied for and received a community policing grant of \$45,600 through the Executive Office of Public Safety. This grant will help to continue our community policing and crime prevention efforts. These efforts include our DARE programs at Craneville and Saint Agnes Schools led by Officer Deanna Strout, the TRIAD program under the guidance of Officer John Thibodeau, Dalton Community Cable, Dalton CRA, the Dalton Civic Arts Council, Dalton Police Explorers, and the Berkshire County Drug task force.

This year we initiated a citizen police academy for the community. Twelve residents attended the 8 week program that gave them a glimpse into the world of law enforcement and gave our officers an opportunity learn from them as well. The program was coordinated by Officer John Thibodeau, and instructors included myself and officers John Bartels, George Adams, Kevin Miller, John Marley, Jeffrey Coe, and Deanna Strout.

In addition to the retirement of Chief Filiault, the two-laid off Springfield officers that were hired last year were recalled to Springfield. They have been replaced by Christopher Furlong and Dale Gero. These officers were promoted from our reserve officer ranks.

I would like to thank the men and women of the Dalton Police Department for their dedication to duty and to the town. I would also like to thank our administrative assistant Rebecca Whitaker for her help and support throughout the year.

We are grateful for the opportunity to work with many dedicated citizens who volunteer their services to the town especially the members of the Dalton Fire and Ambulance departments, the Dalton TRIAD SALT council, the Dalton Traffic Commission, and the Dalton Police Explorers.

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS	2002	2003	2004
Business Calls	13,991	15,964	15,265
911 Calls	861	858	912
Crash Data Report Incidents	129	142	148
Traffic Citations	778	958	630
Citation Fines	\$16,488	\$21,575	\$28,015
Parking Tickets	264	172	88
Parking Fines	\$2,485	\$2,780	\$1165
Accident Report Fees	\$600	\$ 785	\$ 513
Firearms Permits/Cards	162	200	145
Firearms/Card fees	\$2,950	\$3,625	\$3,100