

CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT 2017

Pursuant to RSA 30:1 and RSA 104:31-a, I hereby submit the annual report of activity conducted by the Carroll County Sheriff's Office and Carroll County Communications Center for the year 2017.

The Uniformed Division is responsible for the timely service of civil process throughout Carroll County. In all there were 1,776 requests for civil process to be served. This resulted in revenue in the amount of \$ 80,029.86, which acts to reduce the amount of taxation, required to pay for the annual budget. This division is also responsible for transports, civil and criminal arrest warrants, calls for service, and assisting other agencies throughout the County and State.

The K-9 team of Deputy Rowe and "Charlie" a female, Belgian Malinois is certified in narcotic detection and tracking. These calls involved K9 reviews (air sweeps), Searches (building, articles and evidence), This year proved to be a busy one for K9 "Charlie", with losing two working K9 teams in the county, there was an increase in the need for her services. The team received a milestone in achieving their International Police Working Dog Tracking certification. Deputy Rowe and K9 Charlie would like to thank the County for its continued support.

Some of the Sheriff's Office statistics include:

Transports - Adult Prisoners 635, Involuntary Emergency Admissions 86, Juveniles 31

Arrests -422 - This includes Capiases, Electronic Bench Warrants, Civil, Criminal, Protective Custody and all other arrests.

Investigations - Felony Offenses 128, Misdemeanor offenses 333, Violation offenses 63, M/V Accidents 131

The Investigative Division is responsible for handling criminal investigations and assisting local, state, and federal agencies with investigations within the county, state and bordering states.

This division continues to support and assist agencies in a number of drug investigations around the County.

This Office once again took a lead with the Carroll County Chiefs Association in obtaining a grant in the Opioid Abuse Reduction Initiative known as "Granite Shield" to help combat the sale and use of drugs throughout the County. This grant allows deputies and local officers to focus more time beyond their regular duty hours for drug interdiction and investigations.

We are continuing to strengthen partnerships with our local and law enforcement the fight against the sales and use of these and other illegal drugs. We will continue advocating prosecution to the fullest extent any persons charged with the sales of these and other drugs in our community.

We are involved and support the communities push to help those that are addicted and in need of assistance. We will continue to do what we can to provide outreach and inform those in need of the available resources to help them fight their addictions. We are a member of the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiation (PAARI). We are one of the 27 current NH law enforcement & EMS members. This allows us to assist in contacting recovery resources within and outside the State of NH for addicted individuals that come to us for help.

The Office continues to receive funding from the United States Federal Government to perform pro-active law enforcement patrol within areas of the White Mountain National Forest system. The deputy's time is emphasized on highway safety on the Kancamagus Highway and Route 302

in Harts Location. They also work with the campground hosts to keep the peace in the campgrounds.

As of April 2017 the Town of Eaton joined the Town of Albany for Towns that we provide a directed patrol throughout the year. This is accomplished by funds each Town budgets annually at their town meetings in addition to the County tax obligation. We are able to dedicate a limited number of patrol hours in those towns throughout the year. There has been a noticeable difference in the way traffic drives through the Town of Eaton since we have been providing this dedicated patrol. I feel that it is a good working relationship with these towns and it is always a good thing when law enforcement and citizens can get familiar with each other in a community setting.

The Carroll County Communications Center continues to provide professional and courteous service to the public safety agencies and you, the citizens. The Communications Center is constantly evolving and integrating new technology. The Center is a significant part of Fire, Ambulance, EMS, and Law Enforcement services provided throughout Carroll County. The Communication Center handles the vast majority of E911 calls in Carroll County. The Center dispatches for 31 agencies and in 2017 had 72,226 calls for service into the Communications Center. This is an increase of about 6% from the year 2016. It is also the backup Communications for the Towns of Conway, Moultonborough and Wolfeboro dispatch centers.

The Communications Center continues to see additions to the Good Morning Program. In 2017 we added 2 persons to the call list. The Good Morning Program is a free telephone calling service provided by the Carroll County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with your local Police Departments. The program is designed for senior citizens, disabled persons, and shut-ins living in Carroll County. It provides reliable, daily phone assurance, and the comfort and security you need to maintain your independence. It provides peace of mind for both you and those who care about you. There is no cost for this service and only your phone is needed.

This year we were able to secure grant funding for the 2nd phase of the project for the amount of about \$604,444.00. This will complete some much needed upgrades on the radio towers and communications infrastructure around the County to prepare for a 3rd phase through grant funding of this project.

We were able to fill the new full time position in the Communications Center. Dispatcher Jill Barbour has completed her training and certifications. Jill came to us with some previous experience at Conway Police Dispatch. She was also a Conway Police officer, and a Carroll County Sheriff's Deputy, before leaving the field to enjoy time with her family. She was able to easily transition back into the line of work at the Communications Center.

In 2017 Deputy Dana Littlefield and Deputy Michael Joy resigned from this Office. Deputy Littlefield resigned after almost 2 years of service to become the Town of Tamworth's Chief of Police. Deputy Joy resigned after almost 3 years of service. We wish them both successes in their future endeavors.

Thank you to all the agencies that we work with for their assistance and support throughout the year. The assistance and collaboration of work is needed to keep the citizens and law enforcement communities in Carroll County safe.

I want to thank all of the employees at the Carroll County Sheriff's Office for their continued dedication and hard work throughout the year. It has been a year of added duty for all employees again due to a shortage of police coverage for some of the local police departments and vacancies here at the Office.

I want to Thank All of the Carroll County residents for your support of this Office. It continues to be an honor and privilege to serve as your Sheriff. I will continue to strive in serving you with commitment and professionalism throughout the Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Domenic M. Richardi
Sheriff