



CITY OF MELROSE

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MELROSE POLICE DEPARTMENT FISCAL YEAR 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Melrose Police Department pledges to maintain the highest standards of integrity, ethics, excellence and teamwork in the performance of our services while at the same time protecting the Constitutional rights of the citizens. Our mission is to strengthen public confidence in the organization, develop and maintain positive relationships with the community and promote the concept of teamwork for the benefit of all, while at the same time promoting a safe and friendly community through enforcement and education.

Chief:

Chief Michael Lyle

Lieutenants:

Lt. Paul Norton

Lt. James Mulrenan

Patrol Commander Mark DeCroteau

Lt. Timothy Maher

Sergeants:

Sgt. Charles Byrne

Sgt. David Mackey

Det. Sgt. Paul McNamara

Sgt. Joshua Crowley

Sgt. Michael Lynch

Sgt. Jon Piasecki

Sgt. Jonathan Goc

Sgt. David Akell

Sgt. Brian Ladner

Patrol Officers:

William O'Donnell

Alan Brown

Pros. David Roy

Joseph Donovan

Robert Mann

Stacey Griffin

Paul Sasso

Travis Nally

Daniel Riordan

James Applegate

Kevin Stanton

Det. Daniel Hanley

Joseph Collins

Richard Connors

William Higgins

John Goodhue

Marco DePalma

Michael Maloney

Mark Antonangeli

Det. Kevin Mulrenan

Ronald Alley

Michael Plumer

Richard Green

Daniel Goodhue

Nikolaus MacIntosh

Richard Cooney

Alexander Barranco

Pamela Daye

Stephen Galvin

Det. Daniel Ehlers

Det. Gregory Forestell

Levi DiFranza

Joseph Stamegna

Brian Trainor

Dale Parsons

Sean Morris

Civilian Personnel:

Public Safety Budget Coordinator:

Administrative Assistant to the Chief:

Parking Wardens:

Residents Tax Program:

Joseph Nargi (Part time)

Kimberly Upton (Part time)

Ernest Karelas

Robert Hall

Rita Karelas

Elizabeth Price

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Melrose Police Department Interns:

The past year we had two MHS interns;

- Michael R. Sandberg
- Christopher Sgarano

Michael will be joining the military after graduation and Christopher will be heading off to college in the fall. During their intern program, the students assisted the department with training, the citizen police academy and many administrative projects for the police department.

Melrose Police Department K-9:

Our department canine officer is named Nero; his handler is Patrolman Brian Trainor. Patrolman Trainor and Nero are actively working an assigned shift tracking suspects or missing persons, protecting police officers or other persons from injury or death, apprehending fleeing and/or arresting suspects.



Personnel Changes:

The following personnel changes and adjustments were experienced by the police department in fiscal year 2018. These changes are designed to keep patrol staffing levels consistent with past practices, safety and community standards.

New Hires:

- Officer Michael Maloney
- Officer Alexander Barranco
- Officer Sean Morris

Retirements:

- William (Bill) O'Donnell - Years of Service (38 years: 1980-2018)

Police Obituaries in FY 2018:

- Retired Lieutenant James Adams "Cowboy" Fowlie Sr.
- Retired Officer David Dwyer
- Retired Sergeant George E. "Butch" Barrett
- Retired Officer Charles Hughes

BUDGET

The Melrose Police department administered a budget of \$4,814,550. The great majority of the budget consists of salaries and wages for employees. The budget was funded by appropriations by city government and also operates under grant monies obtained from both the federal and state government.

The staffing levels in the Melrose Police Department consisted of 1 Chief, 4 Lieutenants, 9 Sergeants 35 officers and 3 part-time civilians. The roster breakdown of Lieutenants, Sergeants and Patrol Officers for the fiscal year of 2018 under Chief Lyle is listed above.

FY2018 POLICE DEPARTMENT REVENUE

Police Detail Admin Fee	165,030.28
Police False Alarms - Mel	6,400.00
Police Dept. Photostats	614.00
Police Pistol	16,150.00
Police Finger Prints	1,100.00
Police Hackney Account	300.00
Police - General Fund	25.00
Parking and Traffic Enforcement	316,966.90
Citations Chapter 90	18,800.00
TOTAL REVENUE	525,386.18

FY2018 GRANT FUNDING

State 911 Support and Incentive Grant	56,187.00
State 911 EMD and Training Grant	84,742.14
State Traffic Enforcement Grant	1,417.50
State Underage Alcohol Grant	2494.08
Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Grant	5,502.81
Bulletproof Vest Grant	2,460.00
RAD Donation Fund	21,061.62

CALLS FOR SERVICE

The department records for the 12 month period of July 1st 2017 through June 30th 2018 indicate the Melrose Police Department entered **7972** log reports.

In FY18, the Police Department took **2061** reports. Of these, **571** were criminal offenses reported to the Federal government. These criminal offense reports included Part 1 offenses, which include homicide, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, arson, larceny (except motor vehicle theft) and motor vehicle thefts. The total Part 1 offenses were **282**.

Case activity of note included the following reported offenses: **13** motor vehicle theft offenses, **9** driving under the influence offenses, **2** rape offenses, **4** offenses of robbery, **87** assaults, **27** counts of burglary/Breaking and Entering, **152** assorted larceny offenses, and **79** reports of vandalism.

There were **149** criminal complaints (summoned) issued, **72** arrests, and **10** incidents of protective custody made by Melrose Police Department officers in fiscal year 2018.

TRAFFIC

The Melrose Police Department issued **1,544** Massachusetts Uniform Citations in the fiscal year 2018: these included **158** civil citations listing approximately sixteen thousand five hundred eighty five (\$16,585), **1227** written warning citations, **120** criminal citations, and **26** arrest citations.

Additionally, the Parking Clerk's Office reports the Melrose Police Department issued **6,698** parking violations during the fiscal year 2018, registering approximately three hundred sixteen thousand nine hundred sixty six (\$316,966.00) in revenue.

The Melrose Police Department took over five hundred thirty five (**535**) reports of incidents involving motor vehicle crashes within the City of Melrose during the fiscal year 2018. There was a total of **347** Massachusetts Motor Vehicle Crash Reports filed and investigated. These accidents resulted in injuries to **65** individuals. In FY 2018, there was one (**1**) fatal motor vehicle accidents investigated, four (**4**) pedestrian and two (**2**) cyclist/bicycle accidents investigated.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS:

The Melrose Police Department investigates all citizen complaints. During the Fiscal Year 2018 and under the direction of the Patrol Commander investigated six (6) citizen complaints involving officers' conduct. These investigations concluded that five officers have been exonerated of allegations and one officer was sent for additional training.

The Melrose Police Department takes all citizens' complaints very seriously and investigates these personnel matters with due diligence. The Melrose Police Department will always strive to improve customer service and relationships with citizens and all members of our community.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING:

The Melrose Police attended several specialized training programs during FY2018.

- **Motorcycle School**
Officers Brown attends continuous supplemental motorcycle training annually with the North Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC). Chief Lyle and Officer Alan Brown are both member of this regional enforcement council.
- **Active Shooter Training**
The entire Melrose Police Department attended the state certified Active Shooter Training. This is an ongoing challenge and the education and training remains a priority.
- **Domestic Violence**
The Melrose Police Domestic Violence Division is led by Detective Daniel Ehlers. Detective Ehlers attended supplemental training throughout the FY2018 period. The Melrose Police has partnered with Respond Inc. to increase Domestic Violence Services in our community.
- **Bicycle Patrol Training**
Five officers received training for this additional method in community policing and monitoring of our parks; the Melrose Police Bicycle Unit provides more agility and access than a cruiser. In addition, in May 2018 the Police Department received a grant to improve traffic safety on local roads for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- **Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training**
Lieutenant Mark DeCroteau attended 40 hours of CIT training to become a certified team instructor.
- **Annual In-Service Officers Training**
All officers attended 40 hours of in-service training through the Municipal Police Training Council. All officers received training in legal updates and recertified their CPR/first responder certificates. The in-service training included 8 hours of firearms training in a mobile trailer on department property.

COMMUNITY POLICING

In the midst of the complex and escalating safety challenges in every community across the country, the Melrose Police Department is committed to providing exceptional service to its citizens. The department must remain vigilant, trained and equipped to protect every citizen in the city of Melrose. Maintaining strong partnerships with the other communities in Middlesex County is vital to proactively address threats that cross town borders; however Melrose continues to be one of the safest communities in Middlesex County.

The Melrose Police Department website continues to be a valuable source of information as well a key community policing strategy for communicating safety tips and alerts, as well as current messages and news blogs from the Chief. The new Assistant to the Chief will assume responsibility of ensuring that the website is relevant and informative. Online forms, safety guides and home safety tips are available for our tech-savvy community and serve as effective means for the community to reach out to the Melrose Police. In FY2019 we will add the ability to submit certain reports online to the department.

The Melrose Police Department is equally supportive of those in our community that prefer face-to-face engagement. To this end Community Meetings were hosted by the Melrose Police Department and held monthly in FY 2018. Attendance was fair some months and exceptional in others. Melrose citizens are engaged in working with the Melrose Police to better understand many of the critical public safety challenges facing our community, county and country. Education, guidance and support of the following critical issues were discussed during these Community Meetings:

Sessions	Guest Speakers
Senior Fraud/Scams	Eastern Bank Security and Fraud Prevention Department
Opioid Prevention and Strategies	State Police Drug Unit and the DEA Task Force, as well as a member of the Drug Counseling Center
Cyber Safety (cell phone and snapchat)	Representatives from the Massachusetts Chiefs Silver Program
Cognitive Disorders for Seniors	Melrose Police Department
Domestic Violence	Melrose Detective Elhers and representatives from the Melrose Alliance Against Violence (MAAV), along with two representatives from the DA's Office
Substance Abuse	Representatives from the Substance Abuse Coalition
NARCAN (Naxalone) Demonstration	Melrose Police Department

The Police Department enjoys interacting with the Melrose community during the Victorian Fair. The Melrose Police Department booth was busy this past September with visitors that had questions, concerns and in many cases, just wanted to have a bit of fun with our attending officers and express their support.



Two programs in FY2018 that had tremendous success are the R.A.D. Classes and the Junior Police Academies.

R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense)

Melrose Detective Elhers runs this popular program; it is designed to teach personal safety skills. It begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance, and progresses to hands-on physical defense techniques. Participants in the general RAD program will learn a wide range of tactics, including verbal techniques, ground defense options, escaping from bear hugs and chokehold and much more. The practical techniques are designed to maximize the strengths of a woman's body and build upon existing instinctive responses to provide women with effective self-defense options.

Junior Police Academy

The Junior Police Academy has become an eagerly anticipated program with our youth and community. Funded entirely through donations and fundraising, the Melrose Police hosted three Junior Police Academies; students attended a one-week course under the direction of Sergeant Charles Byrne with the assistance from Officers James Applegate and Alan Brown. The overwhelming success of this community program would not have been possible if not for the support from the community as well as members of the Melrose Police Department. A total of 135 children attended this year with a special visit from the Massachusetts State Police Mounted Unit.



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In FY2018 we all were plagued with several damaging storms. The Melrose Police were often responding to catastrophic calls for service simultaneously. Working closely with the DPW and the power companies the Melrose Police were prepared for each one of these environmental disasters that affected so many homes, businesses, public areas and safe travel.



As the department moves forward with Community Policing, Chief Lyle will continue to support the initiatives instituted in the past and look for ways for the police department to better serve the people of Melrose.

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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES COMPLETED FY2018

This past year, with the great success of the Junior Police Academy, the Department will explore options of this training and funding through the Melrose Recreation Department. The Police Department secured funding through a golf tournament held at Mount Hood golf course. This allows the department to host R.A.D. classes and the Junior Police Academy at no charge to the community.

During this fiscal year, the department funded a replacement for retired Officer K-9 Jony through a grant. The police department secured funds through the generosity of the community and grant funding from Vest-A-Dog foundation.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR FY2019

1. A commitment to supporting our community through advanced training; In FY2018 Lieutenant DeCroteau became a certified team instructor and in FY2019, all officers will attend CIT training at City Hall.
2. Replacing the existing traffic speed trailers is a priority. The existing trailers are 20 years old and the SW is no longer supported. Chief Lyle will utilize the Byrne Fund in FY2019 for this replacement.
3. Additional pedestrian traffic safety lights at the two main cross walks on Main Street will be installed to help to improve pedestrian safety in this busy traffic area.
4. Chief Lyle will explore financial options for new Public Safety Buildings with city officials.
5. Melrose Police K-9 Nero, and handler Patrolman Trainor will attend the Drug Academy where Nero will be trained as a dual purpose K-9 officer.

Respectfully,

Michael L. Lyle
Chief of Police