



CITY OF MELROSE

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MELROSE POLICE DEPARTMENT FISCAL YEAR 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



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:

Patrol Commander Mark DeCroteau

Lt. Timothy Maher

Lt. James Mulrenan

Lt. Paul Norton

Sergeants:

Sgt. Charles Byrne

Sgt. Joshua Crowley

Sgt. Jonathan Goc

Sgt. David Mackey

Sgt. Michael Lynch

Sgt. David Akell

Det. Sgt. Paul McNamara

Sgt. Jon Piasecki

Sgt. Brian Ladner

Patrol Officers:

Ronald Alley

Pamela Daye

John Goodhue

Sean Morris

James Applegate

Levi DiFranza

Stacey Griffin

Travis Nally

Pros. Mark Antonangeli

Joseph Donovan

Det. Daniel Hanley

Dale Parsons

Alexander Barranco

Det. Daniel Ehlers

William Higgins

Michael Plumer

Alan Brown

Det. Gregory Forestell

Nikolaus MacIntosh

Daniel Riordan

Joseph Collins

Stephen Galvin

Michael Maloney

Paul Sasso

Richard Connors

Richard Green

Robert Mann

Kevin Stanton

Richard Cooney

Daniel Goodhue

Det. Kevin Mulrenan

Joseph Stamegna

Brian Trainor

Civilian Personnel:

Executive Assistant to the Chief/Office Manager:

Kimberly Upton (Full-Time)

Administrative Assistant:

Rachel Jacobsmeyer (Part-Time)

Parking Wardens:

Ernest Karelas

Robert Hall

Residents Tax Program:

Rita Karelas

Mary Hicks

Quality Policing Through Teamwork

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MELROSE POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERNS

The past year we had 5 graduating MHS seniors as interns this past year.

- Maggie Doyle
- Josh Nemeth
- Olivia Conlon
- Colette Skinner
- Raschid Moleus

During their intern program, the students conducted a safety evaluation of all Melrose Playgrounds, recording any safety issues, overall condition of the playgrounds, discarded items that would be harmful to children or end-of-life items that are broken. This information is being collated for distribution to the Parks Commission.

MELROSE POLICE DEPARTMENT K-9

Melrose Police K9-Nero and his handler Officer Trainor are on patrol together several days a week tracking suspects or missing persons, protecting police officers or other persons from injury or death, apprehending fleeing and/or arresting suspects. K-9 Nero and Officer Trainor also participate in demonstrations both in Melrose and as requested by our neighboring communities. The Relay for Life in Wakefield requested a demonstration for this community event, and of course K-9 Day at the Melrose Junior Police Academy is always a highly anticipated event for our Melrose Youth.



PERSONNEL CHANGES

The following personnel changes and adjustments were experienced by the police department in fiscal year 2019. These changes are designed to keep patrol staffing levels consistent with past practices, safety and community standards.

New Hires:

- Kim Upton Executive Assistant to the Chief/Office Manager
- Rachel Jacobsmeyer Administrative Assistant

Retirements:

- Officer David Roy Years of Service (20 years: 1998-2018)

Police Obituaries in FY 2019:

- Leonard Gunnary (Patrolman) 3/6/2019
- Kim Rich (Patrolman) 5/1/2019

BUDGET

The Melrose Police department administered a budget of \$5,023,468. The 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 33 officers, 1 Executive Assistant, and 3 part-time civilians. The roster breakdown of Lieutenants, Sergeants and Patrol Officers for the fiscal year of 2019 under Chief Lyle is listed above.

FY2019 POLICE DEPARTMENT REVENUE

Police Detail Admin Fee	164,756.47
Police False Alarms - Mel	5,000.00
Police Dept. Photostats	591.85
Police Pistol	20,875.00
Police Finger Prints	875.00
Police Hackney Account	75.00
Parking and Traffic Enforcement	241,927.50
Citations Chapter 90	16,420.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$450,520.82

FY2019 GRANT FUNDING

State 911 Support and Incentive Grant	64,612.00 (increase of \$8,425.00 from FY 18)
State 911 EMD and Training Grant	92,636.72 (increase of \$6,256.00 from FY 18)
Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Grant	7,750.00 (increase of \$2,250.00 from FY 18)
State Traffic Enforcement Grant	7,000.00
Bulletproof Vest Grant	11,752.50
RAD Donation Fund	15,878.00

CALLS FOR SERVICE

The department records for the 12 month period of July 1st 2018 through June 30th 2019 indicate the Melrose Police Department entered **8246** log reports.

In FY19, the Police Department took **1930** reports. Of these, **357** 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 **239**.

Case activity of note included the following reported offenses: **11** motor vehicle theft offenses, **7** driving under the influence offenses, **0** rape offenses, **2** offenses of robbery, **97** assaults, **24** counts of burglary/Breaking and Entering, **116** assorted larceny offenses, and **98** reports of vandalism.

There were **131** criminal complaints (summoned) issued, **99** arrests, and **10** incidents of protective custody made by Melrose Police Department officers in fiscal year 2019.

TRAFFIC

The Melrose Police Department issued **1,200** Massachusetts Uniform Citations in the fiscal year 2019: these included **168** civil citations, **880** written warning citations, **106** criminal citations, and **32** arrest citations.

Additionally, the Parking Clerk's Office reports the Melrose Police Department issued **6,394** parking violations during the fiscal year 2019, registering approximately two hundred forty one, nine hundred twenty seven thousand dollars and fifty cents (**\$241,927.50**) in revenue (*Kelly and Ryan, 7/25/2019*).

The Melrose Police Department took over four hundred seventy five (**475**) reports of incidents involving motor vehicle crashes within the City of Melrose during the fiscal year 2019. There was a total of **306** Massachusetts Motor Vehicle Crash Reports filed and investigated. These accidents resulted in injuries to **75** individuals. In FY 2019, there was one (**1**) fatal motor vehicle accident investigated, twelve (**12**) pedestrian and seven (**7**) cyclist/bicycle accidents investigated.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS:

The Melrose Police Department investigates all citizen complaints. During the Fiscal Year 2019 and under the direction of the Patrol Commander investigated two (2) citizen complaints involving officers' conduct. These investigations concluded that both officers were exonerated of all allegations.

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 FY2019.

- **Advanced 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 participated in a two-day Active Shooter Drill/Training Exercise at the Melrose High School. This is an ongoing national challenge; 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 FY 2019 period. The Melrose Police continues to work closely with Respond Inc. to increase Domestic Violence Services in our community.
- **New 911 Training**
The Melrose Police switched this year from traditional E-922 to NextGen 911 training that incorporates additional call management from text message and cell phone emergency calls to our PSAP.

- **Missing and Exploited Children Training**
Chief Lyle attended the Missing and Exploited Children Training in Virginia. This invitation-only program trains its attendees on policies and resources to investigate and handle cases of missing, abducted, and exploited children. Chief Lyle is now one of more than 6,000 public safety leaders who have completed this specialized training program.
- **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.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Due to the nature of their work, the Melrose Police Detective Division is rarely recognized for their efforts, but our detectives led by Detective Sergeant McNamara have had some heroic events during this past fiscal year. In one particular case, Detective Greg Forestell worked several months to investigate and charge a Lynn man for distributing heroin and Fentanyl that caused the overdose death of a Melrose resident. United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling; Brian D. Boyle, Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration, Boston Field Division commended Detective Forestell's dedication to pursue this investigation through to sentencing of this Lynn man.

Officers Higgins and Stamegna responded to a 911 call for an individual suffering from cardiac arrest. These officers responded quickly, relied on their training and were instrumental in saving the life of this Melrose resident.

Officer MacIntosh responded to a call about an individual who had fallen off a porch. Upon arrival at the scene Officer MacIntosh quickly determined the young boy had disabilities, and required specialized care to engage the young boy. Officer MacIntosh stayed with him to reduce his anxiety while paramedics stabilized and transported this young Melrose resident.

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, and current messages and news blogs from the Chief. 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.

Our Melrose Senior community is constantly being bombarded with Senior Scams and look to the Melrose Police to help them through. Police Chief Lyle and Fire Chief Collina met with residents at the Fuller House to talk to them about how to recognize and respond to these Scams that are plaguing our Senior community.

Two community meetings were hosted by the Melrose Police Department and held at the Milano Center in FY 2019. These were open discussion sessions with Melrose residents covering a variety of public safety challenges facing our community, county and country. Education and guidance on topics ranging from Substance Abuse to Cyber Safety were discussed.

Junior Police Academy

The Junior Police Academy continues to be a tremendously successful program for the Melrose Youth. The Melrose Police have been running the academy since 2013; this year we had the largest class size enrollment since its inception.



The Junior Police Academy once again was 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 **164** children

attended this year.



Melrose School Resource Officers (SRO)

The Melrose Police Department has two outstanding School Resource Officers; Officer Mann is the SRO for the Melrose Middle School, and Officer Applegate is the SRO for the High School. Both are actively integrated with the student population; they are advocates for them when needed, often time mentors and confidants, and if necessary, disciplinarians when student safety is in question or behavioral issues arise. Their presence within the Melrose Schools is vital and provides the Melrose Police an opportunity to work with the youth and help guide them as they mature and become responsible adults.





As the department moves forward with Community Policing, Chief Lyle will continue to support the resource commitments and initiatives instituted in the past whilst always striving to expand the services the police department provides to the people of Melrose.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES COMPLETED FY 2019

1. Replaced the existing traffic speed trailer. The existing trailer is 20 years old and the SW is no longer supported. Chief Lyle utilized remaining Byrne Funds in FY 2019 for this replacement.
2. Additional pedestrian traffic safety lights were installed on Wyoming Ave; to improve pedestrian safety in this busy traffic area. An additional set of pedestrian traffic safety lights is pending installation.
3. Chief Lyle continued to explore financial options for a new handicap accessible Public Safety Buildings with city officials, but funding is not available at this time
4. Melrose Police K-9 Nero and handler Patrolman Trainor attended the Drug Academy where Nero was trained as a dual purpose K-9 officer.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR FY 2020

1. A commitment to supporting our community through advanced training; a continuation of the CIT program, all officers will attend CIT training at City Hall.
2. Establish the first annual Bicycle Helmet Safety Month, where the Melrose Police Officers will reward the Melrose Youth when they are observed correctly wearing their helmet while riding a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, roller blades, etc.
3. Host a Bicycle Rodeo where Melrose Youth (ages 4-14) can come and learn safe bicycle practices and maneuvering skills, and try their hand at an obstacle course and get some free safety items.
4. Continue to advocate for additional law enforcement personnel.

Respectfully,

Michael L. Lyle
Chief of Police