SANDWICH POLICE DEPARTMENT’S MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Sandwich Police Department is to enforce the law and promote a feeling of safety and security for all members of the community. The Sandwich Police Department will work in cooperation with the community to preserve and improve the quality of life, making the Town a safer, more pleasant place to live, work and visit.

Core Values

RESPECT for all persons both in and outside of the organization. We will inspire respect and confidence in the public trust by performing all duties impartially and respecting the dignity of all citizens and fellow employees.

STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE in all our activities. We value professionalism and a team effort to provide effective public safety services. We will strive for courage and conviction to see the mission through.
Provide a high level of SERVICE to the community at all times. We will work cooperatively with other town, state and federal agencies to provide the highest level of service to our residents, businesses and visitors.

We will seek the highest levels of ETHICAL and MORAL conduct in our on-duty and off-duty activities.

From the Chief of Police,

During 2013 the police department’s calls for service increased once again. While our staffing has remained level since 2001, we are focused on continuing to provide the best possible service to the community.

This year two officers retired. Three new officers were hired to fill vacancies from the previous year; Jeffrey Brunelli, Michael Flannigan and Paul Grigorenko. Officer William Patton was provisionally promoted to the rank of Sergeant. We are presently in the process of hiring two positions to fill 2013’s vacancies.

We again offered our adult citizen academy and youth academy to the community. We held our second annual SPD Food Drive this summer. It exceeded last year’s event. The communities support for our effort to stock the Sandwich Food Bank during the summer is greatly appreciated! We also hosted a Toys for Tots collection site. We partnered with the fire department, SHS and SHS’s SADD to present a mock OUI crash for the second time. The students in
SADD did a great job bringing together a variety of resources to better educate their classmates about the dangers associated with drinking and driving.

We continued to participate with the DEA’s Prescription Drug Collection initiative. This program is in addition to the 24/7 Prescription Drug Collection Container which is located within the department’s lobby. We encourage residents to dispose of any unused prescriptions within this container. It has been a true success since we obtained it from a grant in 2012.

The department continues to be focused on being proactive in the area of narcotics investigations. In 2012 we added a narcotics canine to the department. This past year we assigned an officer to the Cape Cod Regional Narcotics Task Force. This officer working collectively with our detectives and patrol officers has assisted the department in impacting the presence of illegal substances within our community.

A great deal of time was focused on planning for a new building. The employees within the police department work in a building that was designed for 9 people. During the year we offered tours of the building. It is truly too small for a police department that processes nearly 20,000 calls for service and 700 arrests. Men and women continue to share a locker room and the unsecure makeup of the building is unsafe for processing prisoners.

In November the department held its second awards ceremony. A number of officers were recognized for their efforts related to life saving, outstanding service, community service and involvement with the Boston Marathon Bombing.

As we move into the new year we have started the process to become accredited through the state. While a great number of new policies and procedures have been developed within the past three years, this will standardize the department’s policies and procedures with other law enforcement agencies around the state.

The men and women of the Sandwich Police Department continue to do an outstanding job for our community day in and day out. Their professionalism shows during routine times, storms, community projects and emergent situations. Please take the time to recognize their professionalism as they assist you during the coming year.

Chief Peter N. Wack
Officer Daniel Perkins; organizer of the 2013 SPD Food Drive

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School Resource Officer Report

The following is a summary of activities that have been accomplished by the Sandwich Police Departments School Resource Officer, Christa Cabral, during the 2013-2014 school year.

Officer Cabral attended the orientation for incoming High School freshmen and their parents in August. Orientation allowed Officer Cabral to introduce herself as the School Resource Officer and explain what her goals and expectations are as the School Resource Officer and liaison to students, parents, faculty and administrative staff. Deputy Sheriff Shawn Cahill, of the Barnstable County Sheriff’s office, also attended and together they addressed social media issues, bullying and harassment laws. In October they also presented a parent workshop on Internet and drug safety. This workshop is also being presented to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.

Officer Cabral, along with Sandwich high school teacher Laura Carlyle, started an Introduction to Criminal Justice class at Sandwich High School that has proven to be very popular among senior students. This class includes out of school field trips and many professional guest speakers. Officer Cabral also visited Human Relations and Health classes at SHS to discuss personal safety and healthy relationships. She also worked directly with the Barnstable District
Attorney’s office with monthly round table meetings. During these meetings information is shared between police, schools and courts on issues of student safety. Officer Cabral also attended monthly meetings with Cape School Resource Officer’s, as well as Upper Cape Tech, which added in the sharing of information across school districts.

Officer Cabral co-chairs the Building Emergency Response Team (BERT) safety committee along with J.J. Burke of the Sandwich Fire Department. This committee addresses school safety concerns for both police and fire. Training with the BERT team members to assist in the event of an emergency is an ongoing process at all schools. She has assisted with lock down and fire drills in all of the public schools, including the Riverview School campus. She attended specialized lock down training (A.L.I.C.E) this fall along with SHS Assistant Principal Rich Metropolis and will be making recommendations on how to increase school safety in Sandwich to the BERT safety team and school committee. Officer Cabral, along with school administration and The Sandwich Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, participated in a holiday outreach program enabling many students and families to receive financial assistance during the holidays. Officer Cabral is a member of National Association of School Resource Officers.

2013 Holiday Toy Drive

DETECTIVE DIVISION
The Detective Division consists of Detective Sergeant Terence Murphy, Detective Albert Robichaud and Detective/Court Officer Robert Brun.

The Detective Division had a busy year investigating breaking and entering into homes even though there was a sharp decrease in this crime in 2013. Detective Robichaud continued to spend a majority of his time investigating property crimes by following up leads, checking local pawn shops and speaking with other agencies in regards to stolen property. As an example, after a home was broken into in East Sandwich, our detectives were able to identify the suspect, obtain a search warrant, and received a full confession. As a result of the investigation, the defendant received a sentenced to the House of Correction. Also in 2013 Sandwich Detectives provided valuable information to Barnstable Police which help them solve a bank robbery in their town.

Once again in 2013, a lot of effort was focused on drug enforcement by detectives because there is a direct correlation between drug use and property crimes. The Sandwich Police drug interdiction unit was very active this year. The goal of the interdiction unit is to take a proactive approach to narcotic enforcement in effort to help keep Sandwich a safe place to live. Chief Wack assigned narcotic K-9 officer Matthew O'Brien and his partner “KODA” to the Cape Cod Drug Task Force. In his assignment, Officer O'Brien works daily with the State Police, Sheriff's Department and the other Cape Police Department's to fight the drug problem on Cape Cod. The proactive assignment of Officer O'Brien and his narcotic K-9 "KODA" greatly assists Sandwich Police in their continuous quest of taking drugs off the streets of Sandwich.

Throughout the year, detectives investigated multiple sexual assault cases. The victims ranged from child to adult. Officer Christa Cabral and Officer Lauren Gilrein assisted with these investigations and working closely with Children's Cove. Our detectives also investigated multiple stabbing incidents, motor vehicle break-ins, larcenies, shoplifting and identity thefts. With the help of the uniformed patrol division the Detective Division strives to provide the best possible services to the community.