
Granite Falls Police Department

Annual Report: 2006



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From the Office of the Chief of Police

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I would like to extend my thanks to each of you for your hard work and support during 2006. This year has been a year of continued change and growth. I believe that together we have continued to make advancements and improvements in the services offered to the citizens and visitors of Granite Falls. I would also like to thank all of the town's employees and each department head for their support and assistance during the past year.

This annual report will give you a glimpse into the activities performed by the dedicated men and women of the Granite Falls Police Department.

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*Improving the quality of life of all citizens
by providing a safe and secure environment*

Mayor Barry Hayes, Town Manager Linda Story, and Town Council

Listed below are the major additions during 2006:

One (1) 2006 Ford Crown Victoria Patrol Unit – bought with necessary equipment already installed (i.e. blue lights, radio, camera, console).

K-9 Program start-up – Ramsey is well into his initial training and has been doing well in the tracking portion. He has just recently begun the narcotics training and is improving daily. Ramsey has already been utilized on two man-hunts for our department. Ramsey is scheduled to go to trials in June of this year.

Thirteen (13) Springfield Armory .45 caliber pistols. Besides the benefits discussed during the budget process the department's qualification average was much higher this year. The average score for the department was well above 90%.

The Granite Falls Police Department continues to strive to obtain the highest degree of professionalism and to meet or exceed all requirements set out by the Town of Granite Falls, the State of North Carolina and the Federal Government of the United States. The Granite Falls Police Department is determined to improve the service to the people of Granite Falls by providing training for our officers in many specialized areas. During 2006, officers attended training in Radar, Intoxilyzer, Taser, Field Training Officer, Instructor Certification, Physical Fitness Instructor, Rapid Deployment Instructor, Homicide Investigation, the investigation of Missing or Exploited Children, Interview and Interrogation, Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement, Accident Investigation, Drug Recognition Expert Part I, Mobile Data Terminal Certification, Standardized Field Sobriety, Documenting the Use of Force, and Firearms Training Simulator.

In 2006, the North Carolina Training and Standards required that every sworn officer complete a minimum of 24 hours of training in specific areas. The required topic areas were: Firearms, Meth Lab Recognition, Juvenile and Minority Sensitivity Training: Gang Awareness, Ethics, Legal Updates, Rapid Deployment, and Combat Shooting. We also completed the mandated federal training on Incident Management.



Granite Falls Police Department Statistics

Item	2005	2006	Percent Change
Telephone Calls	19,869	17,620	-11%
Number of Calls Answered	29,405	26,730	-9%
Accidents Reported	219	192	-12%
Amount of Property Damage	\$616,430	\$530,610	-14%
Funeral Escorts	44	43	Less than 1%
Assist Stranded Motorist		179	
Check the Welfare		77	
Business Checks	Last year was estimate	4484	
Special Checks *	Last year was estimate	7146	
Residence Checks **	Last year was estimate	773	
Juveniles Referred to Court	0	0	0
Juveniles Referred to Parents	28	6	-76%
Patrol Vehicle Mileage	195,977	178,543	-9%
Gallons of Gasoline Used	12,816	11,329	-11%
Number of Arrests	272	274	Less than 1%
Number of Offenses Charged	538	425	-21%
Number of Citations Issued	1167	781	-33%
Number of Citation Charges	1708	950	-44%
DWI Arrests		40	First time reported
Alarms answered		478	First time reported
Prowler		21	First time reported
Suspicious Vehicle/Person		1074	First time reported
Open Door / Window		100	First time reported
Breaking and Entering		94	First time reported
Larceny		172	First time reported
Damage to Property		113	First time reported
Shoplifting		25	First time reported
Domestic Disputes		100	First time reported
Civil Disturbance		218	First time reported
Fights in Progress		38	First time reported
Assault		22	First time reported
Hold to Sober		14	First time reported

Table: Percent change 2005 to 2006

* Special Checks are checks of areas where suspicious activity or a crime has occurred.

** Residence Checks are checks of homes requested when a citizen is out of town.

The above illustrations are just a glimpse of the day to day activities of the Granite Falls Police Department. There is so much more that the officers do that is difficult to report in a table or graph. For example, out of 8,760 hours in a year, the officers had 7,639 hours of action. That means they were logged on some activity for the town for nearly 87% of the available hours in a year. I feel that this shows how much is being asked of each officer, and how much time and dedication they are putting into their job in order to make a difference in the lives of the people they contact each day. What this table cannot show is the amount of heart and dedication each officer puts into their job each day.

Again, let me say what a privilege and honor it is to serve as the Chief of Police for the Granite Falls Police Department. In conclusion I would like to thank the Mayor, the Town Manager, and the Town Council, but most of all the men and women of the Granite Falls Police Department who have dedicated their lives to the service to the Town of Granite Falls and its visitors.