

Peterborough Police Department



2021 Annual Report

I am pleased to present the Peterborough Police Department's 2021 Annual Report. I hope you find this report informative as it reflects the department's effort to provide professional law enforcement services and public safety for the Town of Peterborough.

Peterborough continues to be a safe place to visit, work, live, and raise a family. As your Chief of Police, I am committed to the philosophy of Community Policing while serving Peterborough with transparency and accountability. The members of the Peterborough Police Department work hard not only in public safety but also in community engagement and problem-solving. The members of this department are fortunate to have strong community partnerships and support. We recognize that public trust is earned, and we are dedicated to maintaining that trust through our *Core Values*:

Honesty: Honorable and truthful in principles, intentions, and actions.

Integrity: Steadfast dedication to a strict moral and ethical code.

Professionalism: To instill trust and confidence through knowledge, conduct, and presence.

Public Safety is a community effort, and the Peterborough Police Department strives to increase our actions within the community through Problem-Oriented Policing methods. The people within the community make the difference, and we will move forward together to improve the quality of life for all. Sir Robert Peel is considered the founding father of modern law enforcement. His 9 policing principles are as crucial today as they were in the 1800s. Peel's seventh principle states: *"To maintain at all times a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition that the police are the public and that the public are the police, the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence."* Peel's seventh and eight other principles still exist in modern day policing.

In the 2020 Annual Report, for the first time in history the Police Department published data on demographics (race, gender, and age) directly related to traffic stops, arrests, and citations in lieu of arrests. On the following pages you will find the demographic information for 2021.

Traffic Stops
Operator Age/Sex/Race
From: 01/01/2021 Thru: 12/31/2021

<u>Race / Sex</u>	<u>≤ 19</u>	<u>19-21</u>	<u>22-25</u>	<u>26-35</u>	<u>36-55</u>	<u>≥ 55</u>	<u>Totals</u>
White							
Male	50	147	233	466	639	517	2052
Female	20	121	188	393	493	393	1608
Totals	70	268	421	859	1132	910	3660
Black							
Male	0	7	16	9	21	5	58
Female	0	3	5	9	8	1	26
Totals	0	10	21	18	29	6	84
Asian							
Male	0	0	0	6	7	4	17
Female	0	0	1	2	9	2	14
Totals	0	0	1	8	16	6	31
Indian							
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown							
Male	6	15	13	45	88	73	240
Female	3	7	20	24	73	69	196
Totals	9	22	33	69	161	142	436
All Races							
Male	56	169	262	528	755	599	2369
Female	23	131	214	428	583	465	1844
Totals	79	300	476	956	1338	1064	4213

Arrests On View & Based on Incident/Warrants By Race, Sex and Age

	<u>00-10</u>	<u>11-17</u>	<u>18-24</u>	<u>25-34</u>	<u>35-54</u>	<u>≥ 55</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>
Asian								
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black Or African American								
Female	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Male	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	1
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Indian Or Alaska Nati								
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian Or Other Pacif								
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown								
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White								
Female	0	2	6	9	7	0	24	0
Male	0	4	15	19	28	11	77	1
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>2</u>

Summons Arrests By Race, Sex and Age

	<u>00-10</u>	<u>11-17</u>	<u>18-24</u>	<u>25-34</u>	<u>35-54</u>	<u>≥ 55</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>
Asian								
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black Or African American								
Female	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0
Male	0	0	3	2	3	0	8	2
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Indian Or Alaska Nati								
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Male	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown								
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White								
Female	0	8	15	15	10	6	54	1
Male	1	33	37	30	29	8	138	9
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	<u>1</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>13</u>

Protective Custody Arrests By Race, Sex and Age

	<u>00-10</u>	<u>11-17</u>	<u>18-24</u>	<u>25-34</u>	<u>35-54</u>	<u>≥ 55</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>
Asian								
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black Or African American								
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Indian Or Alaska Nati								
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian Or Other Pacif								
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown								
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White								
Female	0	2	0	2	1	1	6	0
Male	0	6	1	3	1	0	11	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>0</u>

In 2021, Police personnel attended training classes on the following topics:

Basic Drug Interdiction
Canine Legal Updates
Canine Narcotics Certification
CPR & AED Recertification
Cyber Security
De-Escalation
DWI Prosecution
Ethics
Firearms Instructor Recertification
Implicit Bias
Investigative Interviews & Interrogation
Law Review Seminar
Level 1 Intelligence Analyst
Methamphetamine Awareness & Identification
Motivating the Next Generation of Cops
Multidisciplinary Response to Child Abuse & Neglect
Narcotic Detection Course
Partnering for a Future Without Violence
Personal Defense Readiness
Physical Fitness Testing Administrator
Police Canine Handling Certification
Taser Instruction Recertification
Taser Recertification
Use of Force Training

Drug Take Back Events

In April and October of 2021, the Police Department held Drug Take Back events where residents had the opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals. Collectively, 280 pounds of the unused drugs were collected and later relinquished to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for destruction. In addition to our annual Take Back events, the Police Department has a Drug Drop Box located in the police lobby that is available to residents who wish to dispose of unwanted drugs year-round.

Personnel Changes and Milestones

- Master Patrolman Christopher Martin was promoted to the rank of Sergeant/Detective in October of 2021.
- After 24 years of service with the Peterborough Police Department, Sergeant/Detective Michael Chapdelaine retired from the Peterborough Police Department and the law enforcement profession.
- Clerk/Dispatcher Lydia Bean recently completed her 30th year of service with the Peterborough Police Department. Lydia is assigned to the Monday thru Friday

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM shifts. Lydia is the helpful voice many of you have spoken with by telephone or visited with at the dispatch center.



Clerk/Dispatcher Lydia Bean

Traffic Accident Analysis

In 2021 Peterborough Police personnel responded to, and investigated, 225 traffic collisions. Tragically, four of those collisions resulted in the deaths of four people. An annual analysis of the collisions investigated by our personnel yielded, in part, the following:

Road Surface Conditions:	Percentage:
Dry	72.8
Wet	12.7
Snow/Slush	11.4
Ice	2.5
Sand/Dust/Oil	0.6

Vehicle Action Prior to Collision:

Following Roadway	54.5
Making Left Turn	8.1
Stopped in Traffic	6.9
Slowing or Stopping	6.1
Backing	5.3
Parked Legally	4.5
Starting in Traffic	3.7
Making Right Turn	3.3
Entering Parked Position	2.8
Avoiding Something in the Roadway	1.6
Starting From Parked	1.6
Other Vehicle Action	0.8
Changing Lanes/Merging	0.4

Injury Severity:

Percentage

No Apparent Injury	89.2
Non-Incapacitating	5.2
Possible	2.9
Incapacitating	1.2
Killed	1.2
Unknown	0.3

Restraint System:

Restraint Systems (seat belts) Used	85.2
Restraint System (seat belts) Not Used	14.5
No Helmet	0.3

Light Conditions:

Percentage

Daylight	67.1
Dark-No Street Lights	19.6
Dark-Street Lights On	6.3
Dawn	3.2
Dusk	3.2
Dark-Street Lights Off	0.6

Weather Conditions:

Clear	60.1
Cloudy	22.2
Snow	8.2
Rain	7.6
Sleet and Fog	1.2
Sleet	0.6

Road Alignment:

Straight and Level	60.8
Straight and Upgrade	12.7
Curve and Level	9.5
Curve and Grade	8.2
Other	5.7
Straight at Hillcrest	2.5
Curve at Hillcrest	0.6

Gender of Driver:

Male	56.9
Female	43.1

Determining the Contributing Factors of a traffic collision usually involves one or more of the following techniques which can often be challenging and raise more questions than answers:

- Roadway evidence (skid marks, gouges, damage to fixed objects, etc.)
- Vehicle damage (crush deformation, dents, scratches, paint transfer, etc.)
- Weather
- Road condition
- Driver's statement
- Passenger and witness statements

The list of contributing factors is very long and at times questionable or cannot be substantiated. The following is a list of factors that investigating officers were able to conclude in 2021:

	Percentage
Driver Inattention / Distraction	21.5
Failure to Yield Right of Way	6.5
Illegal / Unsafe Speed	4.1
Following Too Closely	3.3
Driver Inexperience	2.8
Unsafe Backing	2.4
Skidding	2.0
Centerline Encroachment	2.0

We are pleased to report that there were no collisions between vehicles and pedestrians or vehicles and bicyclists in 2021. One bicyclist lost control, fell, and sustained minor injuries. One push scooter operator sustained minor injury when that person collided into the side of a vehicle.

Police K-9

In July 2021, Master Patrolman Joey Sweeney, and K-9 Queso successfully completed a 14-week K-9 training program at the Boston Police K-9 Training Academy. In the Fall of 2021, Master Patrolman Sweeney and Queso successfully completed a seven-week Narcotics Detection Training Class. Joey and Queso are now nationally certified in K-9 Narcotics Detection and Tracking.



Master Patrolman Joey Sweeney and K-9 Queso

Activity Report

Calls for Service	10,023
Hours on Patrol	8,042
Hours on Administrative Duties	4,240
Hours on Investigations (cases)	2,926
Hours on Calls for Service	3,300
Hours on Reports	2,746
Hours in Training	1,239
Hours in Court	200
Traffic Accidents	225
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	4

Reported and Investigated Crimes

Criminal Offenses	828
Criminal Investigations	295
Security Checks on Properties	862
Citizen assists (escorts, fingerprints, disabled motor vehicles, etc.)	423
Assist Other Agencies (police, fire, ambulance)	317
Motor Vehicle Complaints	242
Animal Complaints	168
Driving After Suspension	117
Negligent Driving (Jessica's Law)	109
Drug / Narcotic Violations	99
Juvenile Complaints	90
Thefts	69
Assaults	51
Criminal Mischief (vandalism)	45
Domestic Violence	49
Unsecure Property Doors/Windows	49
Criminal Trespass	42
Disorderly Conduct	38
Driving While Intoxicated	22
Identity Theft	17
Sexual Assault	13
Burglaries	3

Other

Motor Vehicle Offense Warnings	3,877
Arrests	326
Motor Vehicle Offense Citations	705
Parking Tickets	66

I would like to thank our Town Administrator, Nicole MacStay, and our Select Board, Tyler Ward, Bill Taylor and William Kennedy for their guidance, support, and belief in our abilities.

I wish to thank the citizens, businesses, and fellow emergency-response personnel, thank you for your assistance and for supporting what we do.

And, lastly, I wish to thank the men and women of the Peterborough Police Department who provide this community with quality law enforcement services. It is truly an honor to work with such dedicated professionals and to serve the Town of Peterborough.

Respectfully,

Scott Guinard
Chief of Police