

POLICE DEPARTMENT

From July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, the Palmer Police Department answered approximately 18,939 calls for service. From these calls 2,246 criminal offenses were recorded and investigated. Additionally, 969 individuals were arrested and/or summoned to court. More than 2,010 traffic citations were issued and 324 traffic crashes, involving 513 operators, were investigated. These accidents resulted in injuries to 140 individuals. There was one fatal traffic crash during this reporting period. A complete statistical report of the year's activity follows this report.

The department is currently comprised of 20 full-time and 4 part-time police officers, in addition to 6 full-time and 1 part-time civilian members.

Three new full-time police officers, Jeremy J. Haley, Eric A. Raymond and David E. Burns, were hired on July 15, 2012. Each of these new officers attended a 22 week Basic Recruit police training academy conducted by the state's Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) and are currently assigned to uniformed patrol. These officers were hired to fill vacancies in full time positions due to retirements and resignations that occurred in Fiscal Year 2012.

The department received the following grants during this reporting period:

Traffic Enforcement Grant (Governor's Highway Safety Bureau) - \$3,000 to be used for speed, seat belt, drunk driving and red light enforcement as part of the state's "Click It or Ticket" and "You Drink – You Drive – You Lose" campaigns. .

9-1-1 Training Grant (State 911 Department) - \$7,000 total award. Through this program, governmental entities hosting primary Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) are eligible to receive reimbursement for training-related costs associated with the 9-1-1 system. Eligible awards are based on a rounded formula of 9-1-1 calls received and population served, with a minimum award of \$5,000.

PSAP Support and Incentive Grant (State 911 Department) - \$38,000 total award. The purpose of the State 911 Department Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and Regional Emergency Communication Center (RECC) Support and Incentive Grants is to assist PSAPs and regional emergency centers in providing enhanced 911 services and to encourage the development of regional PSAPs, regional secondary PSAPs and regional emergency communication centers.

Here are some noteworthy events that occurred during Fiscal Year 2013:

On July 1, 2012, our Dispatch Center began the delivery of Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) services to our community. Through the EMD system, in addition to dispatching emergency medical resources, our dispatch personnel are now trained to give pre-arrival first aid or other medical instructions to callers requesting medical assistance.

Throughout the summer and into the fall, our community was plagued by a series of residential break-ins. The number of break-ins far exceeded the average number of these occurrences. Many of these break-ins took place in unoccupied houses wherein copper pipe was stolen. Several of our surrounding communities were experiencing similar crimes. Our officers, led by Detective Sergeant Scott E. Haley, began a joint investigation with the surrounding communities. Thanks to their tireless and determined efforts the perpetrators were identified and arrested. Ultimately, they were connected to more than thirty (30) break-ins in Palmer and the surrounding communities.

Thanks to a Community Development Block Grant written by Director Alice Davey, the town was able to contract with the YWCA of Western MA to provide outreach services to victims of domestic violence. A Domestic Violence Victim Advocate now has an office at the Palmer District Court to provide services to residents of our community. Anyone looking for assistance with domestic violence issues is invited to visit the advocate or to call 413-283-1058.

Construction of our new police station began on April 1, 2013. An official Groundbreaking Ceremony took place on Saturday, May 4, 2013. The project's architect is Reinhardt Associates of Agawam, the general contractor is Marois Construction of South Hadley, and the Owner's Project Manager (OPM) is CDR Maguire of Boston. It is estimated that the building will be substantially complete by the end of December, 2013 and we should begin moving in sometime in mid-February of 2014. The building should then be operational by the end of March or early April of 2014.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of our community for their continued support and encouragement, and the members of the Police Department for their service and dedication to our community.

Thank you to Town Council President Phillip Hebert and all of the council members for their ongoing support, and a special thank you to Town Manager Charles T. Blanchard for his leadership and guidance.

I am also grateful to the town's fire departments and fire chiefs, DPW Director Craig Dolan and his staff, and all the other town officials and staff members for their support and cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert P. Frydryk
Chief of Police

**PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
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OFFENSES (IBR) BY MONTH**

OFFENSE (IBR)	FY 2013												TOTALS
	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	
ARSON			1										1
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	3	10	4	4	4		1	1	1	1	8	2	39
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	15	12	11	17	22	13	16	13	9	11	12	17	168
BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTERI	7	34	21	19	19	31	19	4	12	8	13	8	195
COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY				2		6	2	1		1			12
CREDIT CARD / AUTOMATIC TELLER		2	1		2	3					1	1	10
DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDALISM	16	13	14	8	9	19	12	5	4	4	14	12	130
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	17	11	10	9	6	6	8	4	12	16	22	7	128
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	4	3	3	2	5	8	4	6	8	4	9	10	66
DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	9	10	3	3	5	6	21	7	5	10	7	8	94
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS			1										1
DRUNKENNESS	21	11	18	15	8	15	12	11	8	9	22	24	174
EMBEZZLEMENT						1							1
FALSE PRETENSES / SWINDLE			2	4	3	7	3				1	1	21
FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT	1	1	1	1									4
FORCIBLE FONDLING	1			1				1	3				6
FORCIBLE RAPE			1										1
FORCIBLE SODOMY									2		1		3
IMPERSONATION			2			3	1		2	2			10
INTIMIDATION	8	6	9	8	4	1	6	3	10	6	10	5	76
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	1												1
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	3		1	1	2	5	3	1		3	2	1	22
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1	4	1	2	1				2		3	3	17
PORNOGRAPHY / OBSCENE MATERIAL								2	2				4
PROSTITUTION											4		4
PURSE-SNATCHING									1				1
ROBBERY					4		2	5					11
SHOPLIFTING	2	1	2	1	2		3	1	2	2	1	3	20
STATUTORY RAPE						1	1						2
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	1	5	1			1	2		2		4		16
THEFT FROM BUILDING	2	1	3		2	1	2			1	6	1	19
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	5	2		2	4	2	1			2	1	1	20
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS/ACCESSORIES		1											1
TRAFFIC, TOWN BY-LAW OFFENSES	30	69	20	18	28	41	82	73	66	69	81	52	629
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	7	6	1	3	2	1	1		1		8	3	33
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS		1		2	1	3	2	1		3	2		15
ALL OTHER LARCENY	12	10	11	5	8	10	3	4	1	6	10	7	87
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	17	21	22	17	14	14	15	20	10	20	19	15	204
TOTAL	183	234	164	144	155	198	222	163	163	178	261	181	2,246

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PRIMARY ARRESTING OFFENSE BY MONTH

ARRESTING OFFENSE (IBR)	FY 2013												TOTAL
	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	2	3	2	2	1			1	1	1	2	2	17
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	11	7	8	11	11	6	7	11	9	7	8	10	106
BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTERING		3	2	8		4	21				2		40
COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY				1			1						2
CREDIT CARD / AUTOMATIC TELLER		1											1
DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDALISM	4	1		1					1		3	1	11
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	5	5	1	3	2	4	5	1	5	6	5	3	45
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	1	3	3	2	4	5	4	4	6	4	6	9	51
DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	3	2	2	2	3	2	3	1	2	2	4	2	28
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS			1										1
DRUNKENNESS	21	11	18	15	8	15	12	11	8	9	21	24	173
EMBEZZLEMENT											1		1
FALSE PRETENSES / SWINDLE				1			2				2		5
FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT		1											1
FORCIBLE SODOMY									1				1
INTIMIDATION	2	3		2	1			2	3	3	2		18
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	1				1	2	2	1		2	1		10
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT											1		1
PORNOGRAPHY / OBSCENE MATERIAL									2				2
PROSTITUTION											1		1
ROBBERY					2		3	1					6
SHOPLIFTING	2	1	3		2		3	1	2	1	1	1	17
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES		4	3			1	1	1	1				11
THEFT FROM BUILDING			2				3				1		6
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE										1			1
TRAFFIC, TOWN BY-LAW OFFENSES	10	25	5	7	9	13	28	42	22	24	27	14	226
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	2		1		2		1		1		7		14
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS		1			1					1			3
ALL OTHER LARCENY	1	3			3	3	2			1	1	1	15
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	14	13	16	13	9	12	14	9	9	16	15	15	155
MONTHLY TOTALS	79	87	67	68	59	67	112	86	73	78	111	82	969

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OFFENSES (IN ARRESTS) BY AGE GROUP**

OFFENSE	FY2013						TOTALS
	OFFENDER AGE RANGE						
	00-10	11-17	18-24	25-34	35-54	> 55	
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED		3	6	5	2	1	17
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	1	14	28	26	35	2	106
BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTERING		3	11	23	2	1	40
COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY				1	1		2
CREDIT CARD / AUTOMATIC TELLER				1			1
DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDALISM		4	2	2	3		11
DISORDERLY CONDUCT		11	14	9	7	4	45
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE		1	10	15	17	8	51
DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS		3	8	8	9		28
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS					1		1
DRUNKENNESS		5	25	37	91	15	173
EMBEZZLEMENT				1			1
FALSE PRETENSES / SWINDLE			1	1	3		5
FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT			1				1
FORCIBLE SODOMY			1				1
INTIMIDATION		1	4	6	7		18
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS		3	5	1	1		10
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT					1		1
PORNOGRAPHY / OBSCENE MATERIAL		2					2
PROSTITUTION					1		1
ROBBERY		1	3	2			6
SHOPLIFTING	2		3	6	6		17
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES			4	5	2		11
THEFT FROM BUILDING				4	2		6
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE			1				1
TRAFFIC, TOWN BY-LAW OFFENSES		5	55	63	82	21	226
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY		2	6	3	3		14
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS			1	1	1		3
ALL OTHER LARCENY		1	7	2	5		15
ALL OTHER OFFENSES		5	52	54	40	4	155
TOTALS	3	64	248	276	322	56	969

WEAPONS INVOLVED IN OFFENSES

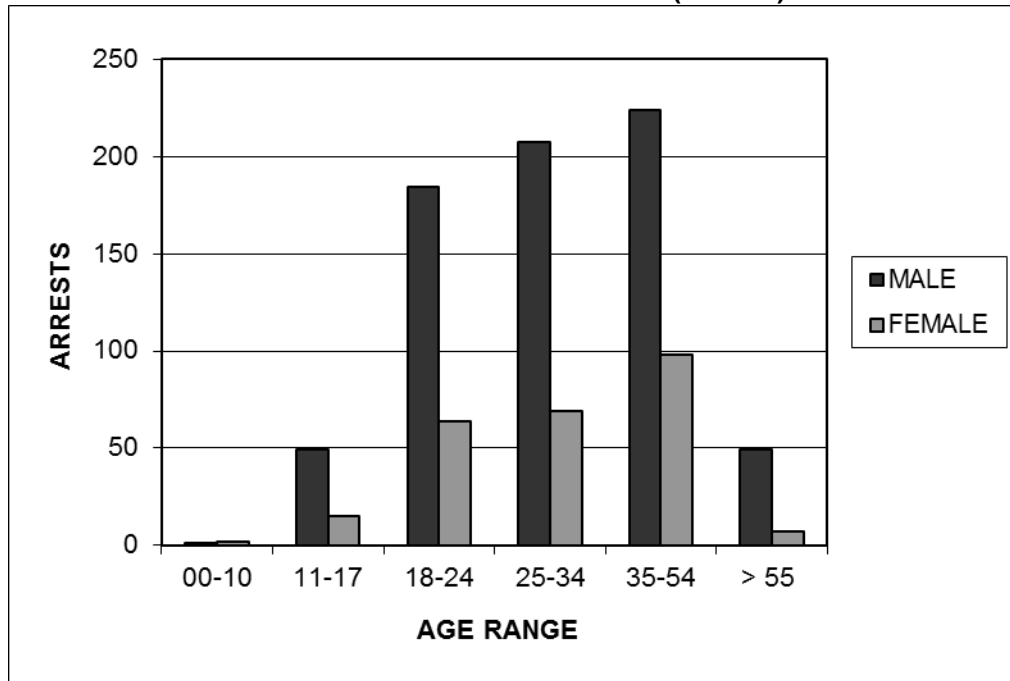
Weapon Type	Occurrences	Percentage
None	2005	89.23%
Personal Weapons (Hands/Feet/Etc)	178	7.92%
Knife/Cutting Instrument	16	0.71%
Other	14	0.62%
Blunt Object	12	0.53%
Handgun	11	0.49%
Motor Vehicle	4	0.18%
Explosives	2	0.09%
Firearm (Unspecified)	1	0.04%
Handgun (Automatic)	1	0.04%
Shotgun	1	0.04%
Other Firearm (Automatic)	1	0.04%
Unknown	1	0.04%
Total Occurrences	2,247	100.00%

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ARRESTEE RACE AND SEX BY AGE

		FY2013							
		AGE GROUP							
RACE/SEX		00-10	11-17	18-24	25-34	35-54	> 55	TOTALS	Hispanic
Asian/Pacific Islander									
Female		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Male		0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Unknown		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black									
Female		2	0	4	4	1	0	11	1
Male		0	1	11	8	8	0	28	0
Unknown		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Indian/Alaskan Native									
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
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
White									
Female		0	15	60	65	97	7		10
Male		1	48	171	199	216	49		36
Unknown		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		3	64	248	276	322	56	969	47

ARRESTEE BY SEX/AGE GROUP (GRAPH)



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VICTIMS BY AGE / SEX / RACE

		FY2013							
		AGE GROUP							
RACE/SEX		00-10	11-17	18-24	25-34	35-54	> 55	TOTALS	Hispanic
Asian/Pacific Islander									
Female		0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Male		0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Unknown		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black									
Female		3	0	2	2	0	0	7	2
Male		1	0	2	1	1	1	6	1
Unknown		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Indian/Alaskan Native									
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
Unknown									
Female		0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Male		1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Unknown		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White									
Female		6	25	41	52	129	49	302	10
Male		15	25	35	57	117	81	330	8
Unknown		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		26	50	82	113	247	134	652	21

VICTIMS BY SEX/AGE GROUP (GRAPH)

