



Washington County Sheriff's Department

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The Washington County Sheriff's Department primary mission by statute is to serve civil process and transports prisoners, mental health patients and juveniles who are in custody of the State of Vermont. During the 09 fiscal year we performed 793 transports. This doesn't reflect the total number of persons transported, as many transports include multiple persons, but the number of trips made. During this same time frame we received 2888 requests to serve civil process.

In addition to transporting prisoners, mental health patients, juveniles and serving civil process, we work hard to do our part in keeping our highways and roadways a safer place. The Sheriff's Department is able to assist in highway safety through the nine (9) patrol contracts with towns within the County and through Grant Funding from Governor Highway Safety for DUI and SHARP (Safe Highway Accident Reduction Patrol). We also worked State funded Work Zone Safety patrols. The Sheriff's Department is also a part of the County wide START (Stop Teen Alcohol Risk Team) program. With this program we are a part of a proactive response to stop teen alcohol use and reactive to reports or use.

This year the Sheriff's Department was recognized for our efforts in Highway Safety, by placing 2nd in the Vermont Law Enforcement Challenge (Sheriff's Division). Our recognition continued as we were also awarded 2nd in the National Law Enforcement Challenge.

Patrols shifts during fiscal year 2009 generated 300 incidents and 1879 Vermont Traffic Citations. The Department arrested 39 persons for DUI, 29 persons for driving with a criminally suspended license, 16 persons on arrest warrants and assisted the US Marshalls with a County wide Arrest Warrant Sweep.

In the past fiscal year we continue reaching out to the community by offering a Hunter Safety class at the East Montpelier Elementary School, giving presentations at several Drivers Education Classes, providing demonstrations of the “rollover convincer” (a seat belt usage demonstrator) at many community events and handing out over 2,000 candy canes prior to the Christmas Holidays, reminding people to drive safely.

During the 09 fiscal year the Washington County Sheriff’s Department was again contracted by the Town of Moretown to provide motor vehicle patrol. This year we patrolled approximately 265 hours, down 17 hours from last fiscal year.

The Department is focused on motor vehicle enforcement, but we also provide preventive patrols to deter offenses. We continue to work cooperatively with the Vermont State Police to be first responders to calls as requested if we are patrolling the town at the time of the complaint – this allows quicker law enforcement response to serious complaints.

In the course of our patrols many vehicles are stopped and at times warnings are given. The following Vermont Traffic Complaints were written by the Washington County Sheriff’s Department while on patrol: (does not include warnings)

Speeding	92
Stop/Yield Intersections	53
No Inspection	16
No Insurance	12
No Insurance (snow mobile)	1
No Registration	5
No License	2
Driving with license suspended	4
Rear Wheel Flaps	1
Condition of Vehicle	2
Drivers to Exercise Due Care	1

While on Patrol an arrest was made for driving with criminally suspended license and one arrest on an arrest warrant. The Department also responded too five Motorist Assistance Complaints and two Traffic Hazard Complaints.

The Washington County Sheriff’s Department will continue to work to keep your community a safe place to live.

Professionally,



W. Samuel Hill
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