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From: Chief Meaney

Subj: Traffic Statistics Date: August 2, 2011

The following is a summary of traffic statistics with comparisons from the previous year.

January to August total number of citations:

2009 - 213

2010 – 676 (+217%)

2011 - 395 (-41%)

January to August total number of motor vehicle crashes

2009-103

2010 - 94 (-9%)

2011 – 104 (+10%)

January to August total number of OUI arrests

2009 - 9

2010 - 9

2011 – 10 (+11%)

January to August total number of arrests

2009 - 18

2010 – 41 (+128%)

2011 – 90 (+120%)

Information to consider:

I returned very little of my personnel budget to the Town in June of 2010 because I had hired and assigned officers specifically to perform traffic enforcement in FY 2010. In June of 2011 I returned approximately \$90,000 to the Town and did no additional traffic enforcement in FY 2011 and relied upon shift officers to perform enforcement.

The increase in the numbers of arrests is partially due to the availability of mobile data terminals in the cruisers. It should also be considered that each arrest takes two to three hours to process. This can be longer if the officer is required to remain in the station for a prisoner watch until the bail commissioner arrives.