



# Brewer Police Department



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## A LETTER FROM CHIEF PERRY B. ANTONE, SR.

The current police department administration has been in place just short of five years. Whereas the previous Chief of Police created a five year strategic plan for our department, we currently have made the most progress to fulfill these goals over the last three years. This has been accomplished through budget management and utilizing asset forfeiture funds received over the past three years. The first five years we participated with the DEA Task Force we had received a total of about \$35,000.00. It was shortly after becoming appointed Chief of Police that I met with DEA officials and the United States Attorney's Office. Once this was done and relationships were reunited, along with the hard work of Det. Luce, we began to see significant funds being directed to our department through the Equitable Sharing Program with the Department of Justice.

These funds have allowed us to manage equipment and training matters more efficiently than in years past. The current administration immediately placed equipment and training for officers as our priority. Equipment purchases were made that enhance our department's ability to protect the citizens of Brewer for years to come.

The current administration has successfully applied for grant funding for computers, radios, ballistic vests and training for officers which has taken them all over New England.

One might ask how this plays into the strategic plan that was set in place over five years ago. I will go through each of the five challenges identified by the strategic plan so we can show how we have accomplished our goals and objectives, staying consistent with our mission.

### CHALLENGE #1 - COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The area of Community Partnerships is one of the most important roles of a law enforcement agency. It is important that trust be established between the citizens of Brewer and their police department. So how is it that we maintain these relationships and keep developing for the future?

We have worked very hard with the businesses in Brewer. We offer security assessments, site planning advice and we sit on the Tech Review Board for the city that works with people developing new businesses. We have worked very hard with new businesses to ensure they have a smooth transition to Brewer. Our reputation has played a role in some businesses deciding Brewer was the location for them to locate their business. Currently we also help write ordinances and zoning rules to assist appropriate placement of businesses.

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We currently work with youth in our community through two school resource officers (SROs). These positions are a result of outstanding relationships between the schools and the police department. One SRO is assigned to the high school and the other will be in the new Brewer's K-8 school when it opens in the fall of 2011. These officers have proven to be extremely valuable to both the police department and the schools. It could also be said that biggest benefactors are the students themselves.

We have also established a Chaplain position to help our police officers and citizens through times of emotional and spiritual difficulty. Our Chaplain is active with our department and actually responds with officers to calls when he is available or needed.

### CHALLENGE #2- BUDGET/TECHNOLOGY

As with other professions, technology has been developed to allow our officers to become more efficient in performing their duties. A goal of every law enforcement agency is to find a way that allows officers to be on the street more often than not.

One of the most important pieces of equipment we added to our department's fleet were mobile computers. These were first placed in the cars years ago, but due to technology available during that era these computers failed to perform as expected and were of little benefit if any at all. Since becoming Chief a goal of Captain Moffitt, Lt. Martin and I was to bring the department forward with technology and one of our first focuses was the computers in the cars. Due to research in software, computers, grants and technology all our primary cars have fully operational laptops installed. Officers can now not only do accident reports on scene they can run their own warrant checks, license checks, registration checks and master name inquires. We can even access other county databases to check their files for individuals we might be looking for or currently dealing with right then and there on the street.

This has allowed us to keep officers on the street and more visible and active than before. Our command staff can monitor call volumes via their in car computers, officers' status, and review and approve reports from their cars, which keeps them on the street to perform supervisory duties.

Much of our technology has been purchased by utilizing grants and asset forfeiture funds received from the Department of Justice. The improvements we have made in this area have not come from our annual budget, therefore decreasing the cost to our citizens.

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The strategic plan had suggested that we replace a cruiser every year and two cruisers every other year. We found by working with car dealers and being able to purchase cars at different times of the year our cars have been serving us very well while replacing one car per year. This may change as availability from manufacturers' change; however, currently things are working well with this system. Asset forfeiture funds allowed us to replace our "Command Scene" vehicle and enhance our unmarked vehicle fleet with new cars for our Detectives, DEA Task Force Agent and Administration. Prior to these purchases, our cars were reaching the end of their life cycles and there were no plans to fund their replacements in the very near future. It appeared as though we would have to go back to a practice where our detectives drove old patrol cars with over 100,000 miles (sometimes 140,000 miles) on them. Due to the funds we received and the guidelines governing these funds were able to enhance our fleet which should serve in most cases 10 to 12 years.



**JUNIOR PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY CADETS IN THE TRAINING ROOM AT THE BREWER PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING**

### CHALLENGE #3 – CRIME

Dealing with crimes and trends of activity affecting the quality of life for our citizens is an area where the Brewer Police Department's officers have always stood above the rest. We here at the Brewer Police Department have a deep understanding on how and why we need to perform our duties in a manner which generates trust and confidence from our citizens. We accomplished it by paying attention to activity within our city. When a criminal element is

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identified we begin to look at ways we can hold those responsible accountable for their illegal actions.

We continue to take advantage of training from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy as well as in-service training here within our department. We have expanded on this training by providing opportunities to officers to receive specialized training at out of state schools or academies. Our officers have attended specialized training in firearms, self-defense, drug investigation, forensic computer crime investigation, forensic video evidence systems and child abuse investigation seminars. This shift in philosophy has come over the past five years and has provided our officers with skill sets second to none. The crime rate in Brewer has remained fairly consistent over the past ten years; however, the types of crimes have changed and become more complicated. Today we deal with more crimes related with computers than ever before. This not only includes detectives but our patrol division as well. These types of crimes take a considerable amount of time to properly investigate and bring to closure. Even though we are spending more time on these cases our clearance rates (solving of crimes) remains extremely high.

### CHALLENGE #4 - YOUTH/ELDERLY



IT WASN'T ALL WORK FOR THE JUNIOR PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY CADETS IN 2010 - PLENTY OF FUN INCLUDING MINI GOLF AND WATERSLIDES WERE ON THE AGENDA AS WELL

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We conduct a Public Safety Youth Academy. This is a two week academy where twenty middle school aged students attend a structured, two week course with police and fire department personnel. This has proven to be an extremely beneficial program. We have also worked with CAMP POSTCARD. This is a program where six to seven students have been selected to attend a camp for one week at no expense to their families.

We insist that each and every call for service be answered by an officer arriving at the complaint and talking with citizens face to face. Our officers are instructed to conduct follow-up contact with complainants when necessary so citizens are made aware of any progress.

We currently have two officers assigned to the Brewer Housing Authority. They work with residents to ensure a safe community at our low income housing units and work with people at the Ellen Leach Home and Colonial Circle.

Currently we are a prescription drug drop-off site for elderly citizens to dispose of their medication. We are active with the DEA in their program to take as many unused prescription drugs off the street as possible.

Budgeting has limited the opportunity for us to fund a full-time position for these activities.

### CHALLENGE #5 - INTERNAL OPERATIONS

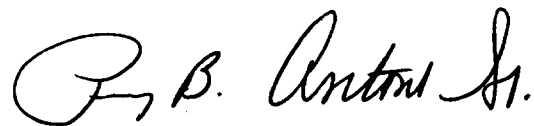
The Brewer Police Department has had a wonderful reputation for service. This comes from leading by example, setting high expectations, holding officers accountable and encouraging our members to do the right thing when it comes to service to the community.

In order to have a healthy relationship with the public I am convinced that internally we need to be healthy with each other. The members of this department are a large family unit. We care what each other goes through and have a genuine need to be part of each other's success. We work together to accomplish our mission which is to provide the highest level of police services possible.

In fact, last year we hired two new officers. One of these individuals was in a hiring process for another police department and had to decide which agency they would work for. This individual chose Brewer over a state agency due to our reputation. Another person had inquired from people he was acquainted with and was told that the department you really want to work for is the Brewer Police Department. This was extremely pleasing to hear, especially because the persons making these comments were attorneys.

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We have looked at the deployment of staff and realized while we are constantly battling minimum staffing levels there was an opportunity for us to address specific activities. Last year we developed a team we call the "Criminal Interdiction Team" (CIT). This concept was floated to the members of the department and we asked for volunteers. The members of this team identify an issue as a unit they all work to resolving this issue as quickly as they can. The CIT team is supervised by two sergeants and has a total of 11 volunteer officers. This allows us to pay direct attention to critical areas of the community or specific activities and still maintain our routine patrol functions. Over the past three months, the CIT team has created over 80 cases specifically from their efforts. The team itself makes the decisions on targets and process they are going to use to resolve the issue at hand. Allowing them to be creative on how police matters are approached and resolved. We feel by doing this it will keep our officers fresh on serving the needs of our community.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. B. Antone Sr." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**PERRY B. ANTONE, SR.**  
CHIEF OF POLICE

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## MISSION STATEMENT

As a law enforcement agency, the mission of the Brewer Police Department is to provide safety and security to the residents of, and the visitors to, the City of Brewer. As members of the Brewer Police Department, we are committed to protecting, defending, and serving the community through modern policing methods, with an emphasis on working in partnership with residents and businesses. By maintaining ongoing, direct communications with our residents and businesses, we will be better able to identify problems affecting the community and determine effective solutions to those problems. As proud members of the law enforcement profession, we will constantly strive to conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the public's confidence and respect.

## VISION STATEMENT

As the Brewer Police Department continues to strive for excellence in all we do, we are recognizing the need to employ additional resources to help us to be more effective in protecting, defending, and serving the community. By creating more effective partnerships, becoming better problem solvers, and communicating better with the residents of our community, we will have a greater impact on our community as a law enforcement agency. We will be able to move away from the image as being the agency responsible for solving all community problems and move towards an image of being the organization that coordinates the activities necessary to keep this community safe. As we foster a greater understanding and commitment among our residents that community problems are better solved by everyone, we will have resources available to us that were never imagined before. By being an equal partner and taking responsibility to help improve the quality of life in Brewer, our citizens can enjoy a better quality of life, have more pride in their community, and provide greater support for the police department. In turn, our members will have greater job satisfaction, take more pride in the department, and be better able to fulfill our mission.

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## CALLS FOR SERVICE

The Brewer Police Department responded to a total of 7454 calls for service during 2010. Below is a breakdown of all calls listed by the nature in which they were initially coded by dispatch. It is important to note that this list serves as a general reference to the types of calls for service we receive but is not all inclusive in describing all aspects of the incident. For example, "Operating After Suspension" lists seven (7) calls. The Brewer Police Department made many more than 7 arrests for operating after suspension during 2010. Many of the incident natures below, such as "Traffic Offense" and "Suspicious Person" calls, also resulted in arrests for Operating After Suspension. There can be only one "nature" code assigned to each call for service and individual calls often encompass many types of crimes and/or circumstances.

<b>Nature of Incident</b>	<b>Total Incidents</b>
(Not Defined)	2
Cruiser Accident	3
Abandoned Vehicle	13
Administrative Delivery	24
Agency Assistance	256
Alarm	363
Alcohol Offense	4
Animal Noise	36
Animal Problem	387
Arrest (Crime not specified)	2
Assault	48
Assault with a Knife	1
Attempt to Locate	30
ATV/ Motorcycle Problem	8
Non-sufficient Funds Check	26
Search Due to Bail Conditions	12
Burglary	48
Theft of property from motor vehicle	92
Child Abuse or Neglect	2
Citizen Assist	103
Citizen Dispute	9
City/Town Ordinance Violation	18
Civil Matter	127

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Communications Problem	79
Computer Crime	2
All Court Papers	117
Criminal Mischief	94
Custodial Interference	15
Dead Body	8
Deliver Message	8
Overtime Detail	20
Natural Disaster	2
Disorderly Conduct	96
Controlled Substance Problem	73
Erratic Vehicle Operation	270
Escort	2
Explosives Problem	1
False Information to Police	2
Family Fight/Domestic	76
Non-booking Fingerprinting	68
Fireworks	3
Found Property	91
Fraud	37
911 Hangup	252
Harassment	90
Illegal Burning	2
Information Report	1111
Intoxicated Person	85
Juvenile Problem	57
Runaway	4
K-9 Needed/Training	65
Kidnapping	2
Lifeline Program	6
Litter/Pollution/Public Health	7
Lockout	4
Loitering	5
Lost Property	64
Motorist Assist Program	83
Unknown Medical Problem	104
Mental Health Problem	29
911 Misdial	212
Missing Person	18
Noise Problem	138

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Operating After Suspension	7
OUI Alcohol or Drugs	35
P.O. Service	12
Parking Problem	76
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	444
Traffic Accident w/ Injuries	41
Probation/Parole Violation	3
Property Watch/House Check	102
Property Damage, Non-Vandalism	31
Property Watch/House Check	24
Indecent Exposure	1
Public Service/Meeting	20
Federal/State Criminal Check	19
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	5
Resisting/Interfering /Officer	2
Search Warrant	3
Skateboard/Rollerblade Problem	6
Special Patrol	99
Subpoena Service	28
Suicide Attempt	12
Suicide Threat	52
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	334
Terrorizing	1
Theft	247
Theft-Auto	5
Threatening	35
Tobacco Problem	7
Towed Vehicle	1
Traffic Hazard	133
Traffic Offense	110
Training	1
Criminal Trespass	25
Unsecure Premise	26
Utility Problem	44
Vagrancy	7
Vandalism	1
VIN Inspection	10
Violation of Release Condition	23
Violation Of Protection Order	16
Person Wanted Out	99

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Wanted Person	2
Warrant Arrest	71
Discharge of Firearms/Weapons	13
Weapon Offense	2
Welfare Check	<u>204</u>
Total Incidents	<b>7455</b>

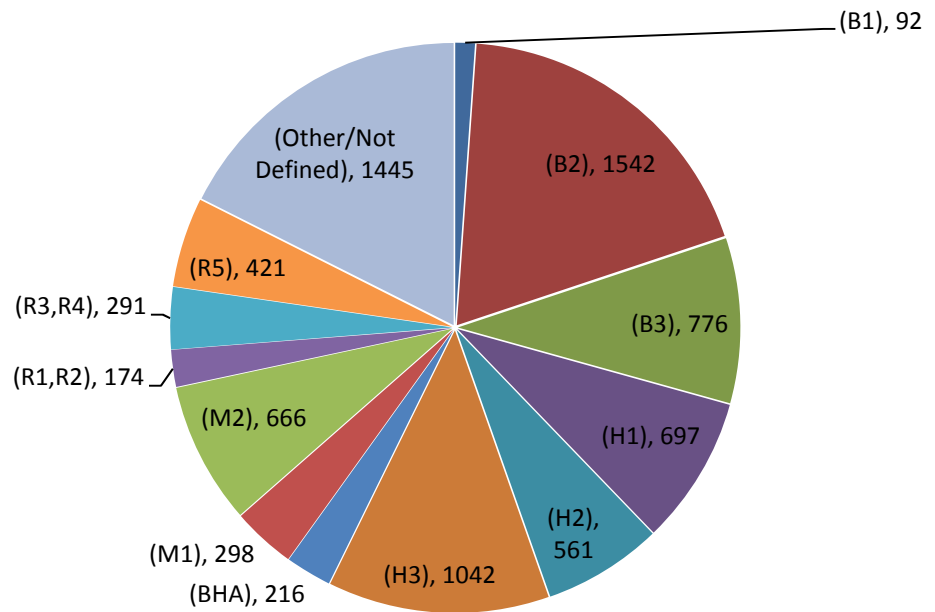
Total reported:



**YOUTH ACADEMY CADETS CHECK OUT THE GEAR WORN BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM**

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CALLS FOR SERVICE BY GEOGRAPHIC ZONES



Zone	Calls 2010	Description
B1	92	Industrial Park area
B2	1542	Primarily Wilson St. area
B3	776	Walton Drive, outer Wilson St. area
H1	697	South Brewer, S. Main to Parkway South
H2	561	South Main / Fling St. area
H3	1042	State/ Parker St. area
BHA	216	Rinfret/Lyford Drive area
M1	298	Sherwood Forest area
M2	666	Parkway North / Oak Grove area
R1 and R2	174	Mill St. / Wiswell Rd. area
R1 and R3	291	Peirce Rd. , Eastern Ave, to North Main
R5	421	Day Road, Outer North Main area
Other /Not Defined	1445	Includes citywide calls, undefined locations and assists to other agencies

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ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES  
ARRESTS AND SUMMONSES, 2010

**Drug Offenses**

Acquiring Drugs by Deception	2
Furnishing Scheduled Drugs	1
Possession of Marijuana/Paraphernalia	151
Possession of Scheduled Drugs	34
Trafficking in Scheduled Drugs	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>189</b>

**Crimes Against Persons**

Assaults	21
Domestic Assault	17
Assault on Police Officer	2
Criminal Threatening	2
Kidnapping	1
Sexual Abuse/Minor	1
Tampering w/Victim	1
Terrorizing	3
Reckless Conduct	2
Unlawful Sexual Contact	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51</b>

**Property Crimes**

Burglary	5
Burglary to Motor Vehicle	7
Criminal Trespass	10
Forgery	2
Negotiating Worthless Instrument	13
Receiving Stolen Property	7

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Criminal Mischief	17
Theft	110
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>171</b>

## **Other**

Warrant Arrest	116
Concealed Weapon	3
Criminal Conspiracy	2
Disorderly Conduct	10
Failure to Give Correct Name/Address	5
Failure to Sign USAC	6
Failure to Submit to Arrest	9
False Report	2
Falsifying Evidence	4
Furnishing Alcohol	1
Illegal Possession of Liquor	8
Misuse of Identification	1
Obstructing Report of Crime	1
Possession of Firearm/Felon	1
Tobacco Violation	12
Trafficking Knives	4
Violation of Bail	53
Violation of Protection/Harr. Order	5
Burn Prohibited Materials	1
Discharge of Firearm	2
Animal Control	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>251</b>

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YOUTH ACADEMY CADETS STANDING IN FORMATION AT THE BREWER PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

### COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

In addition to their routine duties, Brewer Officers participated in many types of activities designed to enhance our relationship with citizens and provide a higher level of service. Examples of our interaction with community members in 2010 include: Participation in activities with our younger citizens, such as scouts and classroom groups. In particular, a great deal of effort was made by our officers to educate high school aged children on the dangers of drunken driving and alcohol awareness. These activities were presented in a variety of formats such as classroom presentations about drunk driving and introducing students to "fatal vision" goggles that simulate the loss of fine motor skills that intoxicated individuals feel. Officers also participated in prescription medication disposal programs, presented workplace violence workshops, and even hosted a cookout for residents of the Brewer Housing Authority.

The Brewer Police Department created a Facebook page in 2010 in order to reach out to community members that utilize social media. Though still new in

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its development, the Facebook page has become quite popular. In 2011 we will be working to integrate this page into our website.

### JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY

Our Junior Police Academy is one half of the Public Safety Junior Academy program which runs two weeks during the summer school vacation for middle school aged children. The program is designed to promote and encourage our youth to become engaged and constructive citizens through law enforcement and fire education. Cadets are mentored by police and fire officers, which redefines the relationships with our “first responders” from being professionals who respond to a call/event to role-models for our youth in a safe yet stimulating environment.



**K-9 OFFICER AMY NICKERSON AND JUNIOR PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY CADETS**

The Junior Public Safety Academy exposes our young citizens to all aspects of contemporary policing and through which we seek to enhance the relationships between officers and our youth community. Cadets learn to drill and march, process crime scenes, write reports, and self-defense. Cadets receive education on various police topics including the dangers of drug use. Cadets take field trips to tour other government facilities such as the Penobscot County Jail, Penobscot Regional Communication Center, and the Penobscot

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Judicial Center. This is a challenging program that instills confidence and a sense of achievement in the young citizens that attend.

Last year we were able to host 19 students through the program, we are seeking to expand our program to accommodate even more of our middle school aged youth. Participants in the academy are selected from a committee consisting of teachers, guidance counselors, and a school resource officer.

### SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

Our School Resource Officer Program is a collaboration of resources between the Brewer Police Department and the Brewer School System. We have two officers assigned to this program, one officer is assigned to the High School campus, and the other officer is assigned to the Elementary and Middle schools. The primary mission of the program is to provide a safe educational experience within our schools for which all students can enjoy their fundamental right to learn and grow in a peaceful and healthy environment. Our school resource officers are charged with the responsibility of ensuring the security of the school campus, and employing practices that reduce victimization, drug abuse, violence, and crime in general.



**CPL. STEVE BOYD (LEFT) , A FORMER SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, POSES WITH JUNIOR PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY CADETS AND ANTHONY LORENZ (RIGHT), A VOLUNTEER INTERN FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM AT HUSSON COLLEGE.**

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Our School Resource Officers are specifically trained to perform three roles: law enforcement officer; law-related counselor; and law-related education teacher. Our officers assigned to this role integrate themselves into the lives of the youth of our community which creates an opportunity to make a significant impact in this group. It is through this program that we are able to generate a positive understanding of law enforcement while promoting community involvement through daily interactions with students, faculty, and parents.



**JUNIOR PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY CADETS TOUR THE  
LIFELIGHT FACILITY IN BANGOR.**

## TRAINING

In 2010, Brewer Police Officers received a total of approximately 400 hours in advanced and continuing education training. In order to maintain their law enforcement certifications, officers must complete specified courses that are mandated every year in addition to minimum hours of "elective" training. Mandated training for 2010 included state law updates (new laws and changes to existing laws), federal and state case law updates, human trafficking, drug overdoses and death investigation protocols, and legal issues involving roadside stops. Officers taking elective training received instruction in diverse areas ranging from traffic crash reconstruction to advanced interviewing / interrogation techniques.