

City of Rockland

Police Department

Mission Statement

All officers of the department will, at all times, within jurisdictional limits, prevent crime, preserve the peace, protect life and property, detect and arrest violators of the law, and enforce the laws of the United States, the State of Maine, and City of Rockland ordinances, in accordance with the rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and orders of the City of Rockland and the police department.

Previous Year's Highlights

- Was successful in reducing the overall related crime in the city in 2011. Rockland's crime rate in 2011 dropped to its lowest level since 2004. Rockland's 2011 crime rate is a 15% decline from 2010. The Department arrested or summoned 1303 persons during the period. Issued 1501 parking tickets.
- Aggressively focused attention on Bath Salt use and abuse and prescription drug diversion criminal activity. Conducted two local Prescription Drug take back program with local health care professional in spring and fall of 2011. This project is the model for future take back initiatives. Department arrested or summoned 84 persons during the period for drug violations.
- Increased our oversight of alcohol retail accessibility sales to minors by alcohol establishments and licensed store sales. Increased administrative violations committed by a licensed establishment within the city. Some were prosecuted by Rockland Officers who have received specialized training in administrative action concerning licensed establishments. The Department once again partnered with the Knox County Community Health Coalition, focusing on implementing strategies to curb substance abuse, and hosted free to licensed sellers that sell alcohol to customers, concerning liability training and service to impaired customers to all licensed establishments in Rockland city. Department arrested or summoned 35 persons during the period for the 4se types of violations.
- The department was successful in writing and securing funding for the year of 2011 in the amount of 16K. We were able to secure 6K for equipment, 8K to cover personnel costs and 2K to enhance training and departmental outreach activity. Grant funding allowed the department to address a number of traffic safety enforcement initiatives that influence our community's motor vehicle traffic and pedestrian safety. We were successful in garnering these grant funds for traffic and ATV enforcement programs. The traffic grants funded additional patrols, directed at the enforcement of OUI, speeding, seat belt usage and safe teen driving. With these additional patrols, the Department achieved 91 OUI arrests.

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- The Department continued to use the STEP or Strategic Traffic Enforcement program. We plan to continue our past effort for future project concerning traffic safety within the City of Rockland. The department was recognized by the Bureau of Highway safety during the annual Law Enforcement Challenge traffic safety competition. The department placed third in the state for our traffic enforcement programs and received an award for this effort from the Bureau of Highway Safety.
- Over the past year officers of department have participated in over 1700 hours of training to include NIMS compliance, response to school critical incidents, computer crime investigation, supervisory development, forensic examination of evidence and under age drinking awareness, DRT and response to Licensed Establishment enforcement.
- Department personnel utilized their training and experience to instruct numerous outreach programs to the community on topics concerning: Bath Salt phenomenon, Identity theft, Drug Awareness, financial awareness to local senior groups, hunting safety awareness and firearm safety awareness. The Department provided training seminars to educators in recognizing signs of drugs that impair.
- Officers of the Rockland Police Department were called upon by the Academy during the year to teach different topics to fellow officers at the Criminal Justice Academy and at other locations around the state. Those topics include defensive tactics, O.U.I. apprehension, standardized field sobriety testing, and drug impaired driver recognition. Rockland officers supplied the Maine Criminal Justice Academy with 128 hours of training at various schools during 2011.

Goals & Objectives

- Expand on enforcement plans to reduce or eliminate those criminal behaviors before they develop.
- Deliver police services based on community needs.
- Continue licensed establishment monitoring and enforcement.
- Promote highway safety through fair and consistent traffic enforcement
- Take equal and timely enforcement action on violations of criminal law.
- Take necessary steps toward crime prevention.
- Recruit and hire quality employees
- Continue to train employees in leaderships skills

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5-Year Goals & Objectives

1. To maintain competent staff to ensure the delivery of quality service to the community.
 - Recruit, hire and retain quality employees.
 - Train employees and develop leadership skills.
 - Encourage employees to seek college education.
 - Promote personnel according to our values.
 - Evaluate employees based on our and MCJA standards with personal development as the end goal and positive reinforcement as the means.
2. To obtain resources necessary to achieve our Mission from broad and diverse sources.
 - Plan for the future. Continue to seek out ancillary sources of funding to accomplish our mission.
 - Evaluate the cost effectiveness of programs.
 - Develop and use strong management practices.
3. To maintain mutually beneficial relationships with selected entities.
 - Identify other governmental, community and private organizations with matching responsibilities and goals.
 - Establish collaborative, community problem solving partnerships.
4. To maintain a high level of support and trust from the community we serve.
 - Monitor public expectations of the police.
 - Develop positive public perceptions of the Department.
 - Promote mutual understanding and trust.
 - Provide accountability systems such as policy, procedure, and audit reviews and sanctions.
 - Assure a fair, honest, open and responsive approach to community needs.
 - Build citizen trust in our programs and personnel.
5. To provide the citizens of Rockland the opportunity to travel the public roadways safely.
 - Promote roadway safety through fair and consistent traffic enforcement.

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- Promote roadway safety through public education.
 - Work closely with S.T.E.P. to identify and correct traffic control design issues.
6. To provide an environment in which the community feels secure from crime.
- Take equal and timely enforcement action on violations of criminal law.
 - Take the necessary steps toward crime prevention.
 - Actively engage in positive programs for the youth of the community.
7. To maintain social order consistent with community standards and statutory requirements.
- Continue to deliver police services based on community needs.
 - Address safety concerns with the community.
 - Provide services consistent with statutory requirement.