

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following is a list of arrests, investigations and activities by the Great Barrington Police Department for Fiscal Year 2017.

911 Calls:	2,298
Arrests:	221
Protective Custody:	27
Accidents:	250
Breaking & Entering:	20
Larcenies:	60
Malicious Destruction:	26
Assaults:	47
Sexual Assaults:	7
Stolen Vehicles	4
Summons Arrests:	81 (people charged with a crime via a summons, not arrested.)

Fines collected from parking tickets: \$18,805

Revenue from issued firearm licenses: \$3,236

Fines returned from the courts for motor vehicle citations & other fines: \$8,815

Revenue from administrative fees assessed for paid details: \$14,213

Revenue from regional dispatching/lock-up agreements: \$4,600

Alarm permits and false alarm charges: \$21,395

Grants:

Federal grant for body armor: \$2,142

Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Grant to purchase protective shields for each cruiser trunk for officers responding to high risk incidents. \$2,219

State 911 Department for air conditioning for the computer room: \$26,256

State 911 Department for Emergency Medical Dispatching Training: \$5,925

We received a private donation of just over \$10,000 to purchase AEDS for all cruisers.

I'd like to mention some of the highlights and projects the department has worked on in the past year.

The Great Barrington Police Department became the first department in Berkshire County to receive accreditation status from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission in January.

In July we again participated in the annual KOPS and KIDS CAMP in Sheffield. Approximately fifty children enjoyed a week of activities including a ropes course.

Officers began carrying the life-saving overdose reversal drug Narcan and have already saved several lives.

In August Chief William Walsh attended a conference at the White House on the President's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing. The Task Force established 59 recommendations on community policing and building community trust for law enforcement agencies to follow.

A summer picnic sponsored by TRIAD focused on BE SEEN BE SAFE, a program that educates our senior citizens on pedestrian safety issues. All attendees received a free high visibility green vest for use while walking and for motor scooters. Extra vests are carried in police cruisers to hand out by police officers.

Every other week police officers have lunch at the Senior Center to foster good relationships with these great people.

The newest member of the department K-9 Titan began working with his K-9 handler. He's a German shepherd and completed nine weeks of intensive training. We received a substantial private donation from Iredale Minerals and Cosmetics to help fund this program.

Daniel Bartini and Andres Huertas were hired as fulltime officers and completed the police academy. Richard Congdon retired as a reserve officer after eighteen years of service. He was a good and dedicated employee.

We worked with community advocacy groups in developing an Immigration Trust Policy approved at the May town meeting.

Community Policing Programs: TRIAD—National Prescription Take Back Day-Gun Lock Program-Summer DARE Ropes Challenge Course-School Internships-House Checks. We invite local groups to use our Community Room by calling us to reserve it.

We invite everyone to check out our website and FACEBOOK under [www.townofgb.org](http://www.townofgb.org). We're located under Town Departments. You can find much information on firearms licensing, sex offender information, department activities, various forms and press releases.

Complaint Procedures: The procedures that the public may follow to file an employee complaint can be found on the GBPD website or in the lobby of the police station.

In summary, the future holds many challenges but the ability to meet those challenges is what makes us strong and vital. To all our residents and visitors, thank you for allowing us to serve and protect a GREAT community.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Walsh, Jr.  
Chief of Police