

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

On September 13th Chief Charles Schmohl retired from the Princeton Police Department (PPD) after forty years of service to the Town of Princeton. Chief Schmohl began his career in Princeton when he was appointed a part-time police officer January 1, 1969. In April 1977 he was promoted to part-time Sergeant and on January 1, 1988 the Selectmen appointed him full-time Chief of Police. Chief Schmohl leaves the PPD with an outstanding legacy including extensive success in grant writing that allowed the PPD to purchase new equipment critical to department operations. Chief Schmohl provided exceptional leadership and superb mentoring for young officers. I speak for the entire department, past and present, when I say thank you Chief for all your years of dedication, service and friendship to the Princeton Police Department. We will miss you greatly.

On September 13th John Chase was sworn in as a full-time police officer. John began his career in Princeton in March 2004 as a part-time dispatcher and in 2005 became a part-time police officer. We will lose John for a short time while he attends the Police Academy but we look forward to his return with great anticipation.

On October 31st Travis Russell was sworn in as a part-time police officer. Travis began his career in Princeton as a part-time dispatcher in September 2007. Congratulations Travis.

In December we received a State 9-1-1 Department Public Safety Answering Point and Regional Emergency Communication Center Support and Incentive Grant. We will use a portion of this grant to replace the dispatch center telephone system. Upon installation the phone system will provide PPD with a much-needed voicemail and mailbox system.

The following statistics represent the major incidents of the Police Department for 2009:

Accidents	83
Alarms	139
Annoying Phone Calls	9
Arrests	112
Assaults	38
Assist Animal Control Officer	65
Assist Area Police Departments	53
Assist Fire Department	13
Assist Other Town Departments	8
Breaking and Entering Dwellings	47
Breaking and Entering Vehicles	11
Disturbances – General	58
Disturbances – Domestic	3
Emergency Medical	33
Identity Fraud	20
Investigations	13
Larcenies	126
Lost or Missing Persons	68
Motor Vehicles Disabled	2
Motor Vehicle Thefts	10
Narcotic Investigations	360
Public Safety Assists	946
Public Service Assists	4
Suspicious Incidents	37
Suspicious Motor Vehicle	71
Suspicious Persons	39
Vandalism	16
9-1-1 Hang-up/Abandoned/Misdialed Phone Calls	44

I appreciate the support, dedication and professionalism of all the police officers and dispatchers. I also sincerely appreciate everyone, especially the selectmen and other town officials, who continue to support this department in providing the highest quality police protection, public service and safety to the Princeton community.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele R. Powers, Interim Chief of Police

PRINCETON FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire / EMS Department provides the very highest quality fire suppression, prevention, and emergency medical services possible with the budget afforded us by the Town.

The Princeton Fire Department responded to 299 calls for service for the year.

2009 Fire Department response breakdown:

Ambulance	175
Brush Fires	7
Vehicle Fires	2
Carbon Monoxide	3
Water Problem	2
Chimney Fires	4
Motor Vehicle	30
Detector Activation	38
Oil, Gas or Other Spill	2
Smoke	16
Cooking Fires	2
Lightning Strikes	2
Trash Fires	2
Arcing Electrical	1
Excessive Heat	1
Special	1
Assist Police Department	1
Power Line Down	1
Citizen Complaint	1
Off-Road Heavy Equipment Fire	1
Other Calls	1
Public Service	4
Building Fires	1
Gas Leak LPG	1

Princeton Fire had a very busy 2009, placing increased strain on the call / volunteer staff resulting in a renewed request for full time staffing. This request would allow the ability to guarantee trained responders for calls for service requests. There are currently no full time employees.

Princeton Fire / EMS is on-call to provide emergency services for the community. There is a strong pride and dedication in our membership. We look forward to the year ahead, and train to be ready.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Raymond A. LaPorte NREMT-P

REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Greetings Citizens of the Town of Princeton

The year 2009 has been a year of challenges for our town and our nation. With the severe economic downturn we are now experiencing, we are anticipated a slowing of building construction projects and improvements out into the next calendar year. We did have 5 new single-family homes permitted as well as a total of 95 remodeling projects, which represents an increase from last year's totals.

The Town of Princeton however continues to be a very attractive community in which to live because of its pristine landscapes and rural character. We are hopeful that as the economic recovery continues across nation and the Commonwealth, the Town of Princeton's construction activity will rebound firmly as it has in years past.

The Building Department's Inspectors and Support Staff are:

John Wilson
Inspector of Buildings / Zoning Enforcement Officer

Richard Breagy
Local Inspector

Robert Warren
Electrical Inspector

Donald Steadman
Plumbing/Gas Inspector

Linda Albrecht
Administrative Assistant

Office Hours are as follows:

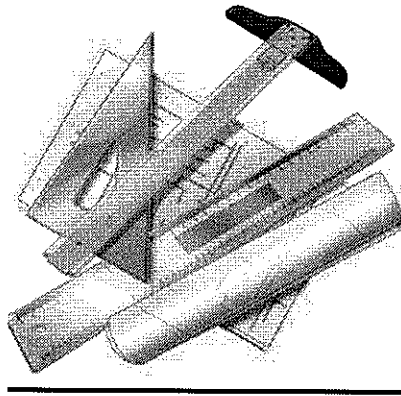
* Monday –Thursday 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Inspectors' Office Hours, Wednesday – 5:00 pm-7:00 pm (unless by appointment)

All of the Building Department staff wishes to thank you for your continued support and remain anxious to serve you. Please contact our office when contemplating a construction project as early as possible. This will help us serve you more efficiently and make the permit process a pleasant experience.

Respectfully Submitted,

John S. Wilson
Inspector of Buildings/ Zoning Enforcement Officer



REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The following is the report of the activities of the Building Department for the calendar year 2009.

<u>Purpose of Building Permit</u>	<u>Number of Construction Permits</u>	<u>Residential Home Value</u>
Residential		
One Family Dwellings	05	\$ 1,450,000.00
Foundation Only	06	\$ 0.00
Additions & Alterations	95	\$ 1,261,147.60
Swimming Pools	01	\$ 8,000.00
Non-residential		
(Additions/Alterations)	4	\$ 54,993.40
Total	111	\$ 2,774,141.00

Fees Collected in Calendar Year

Building permits	111	\$ 34,254.43
Plumbing permits	58	\$ 4,830.00
Gas piping permits	48	\$ 2,800.00
Gas storage permits	33	\$ 1,175.00
Electrical (Wiring) permits	87	\$ 7,225.00
Woodstove permits	47	\$ 1,880.00
Oil burner permits	44	\$ 1,540.00
Smoke detector permits	38	\$ 1,900.00
Driveway permits	03	\$ 60.00
Fireworks	01	\$ 35.00
Tank Removal	05	\$ 175.00
Demolition Permit	03	\$ 150.00
Total	478	\$ 56,024.43

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

In 2009 we had over one hundred sixty animal control calls that came through our dispatch center. This number does not include all of the follow-up calls to residents for unlicensed dogs, court discrepancies, and any other animal control calls needed.

Nuisance Calls	75
Dog/Cat Bites	9
Dog Hit By Vehicle	3
Found Dogs	9
Farm Animal Calls	12
Wildlife Calls	39
Missing Cat Calls	22
Kennel Adoptions (2009)	1
Kennel Adoptions (2008)	2

The Town of Princeton licensed 839 dogs in 2009. Kennel fees, fines and unlicensed dog fines totaled \$820.00. I hope to license more dogs in 2010 than 2009 and assist the residents of Princeton in understanding and abiding by the dog restraint and regulation by-laws better. In April 2008, I was recertified as a level 1 Animal Control Officer through the National Animal Control Association. I think being certified is a good thing since a bill just passes in 2009 requiring all Animal Control Officers be certified under state law. Any questions regarding domesticated animals or any wildlife issues please call me at 978-464-2928, which is the general business line of the police station. I would like to thank the town clerk and the Princeton police officers and dispatchers for all their help and support during the past year. I look forward to being your Animal Control Officer in 2010!

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Massa
Animal Control Officer