

**WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**  
**2011 Report for Waitsfield Activities**  
**July 01, 2010 – June 30, 2011**

The Washington County Sheriff Department historically has been a very busy department, receiving a high volume of requests for service. During FY11 we transported over 700 persons, received over 2000 requests to serve civil process, provided traffic control during road construction, provided blue light escorts and worked security details, as well as staffing patrol contracts in ten towns.

To enhance safety within the County the department searches out wanted persons, operates patrols and motor vehicle check points, snowmobile patrols, and responds to complaints of underage drinking parties, as well as preemptive underage drinking patrols. We continue to offer hunter safety classes, assist with snowmobile safety classes, providing presentations of the rollover convincer (a seat belt use demonstrator) and speaking to youths in regards to highway safety and preventing underage drinking. During the Christmas and New Year Holiday we placed signs at high traffic areas around the County reminding drivers to have a safe and happy holiday season.

In the spring of 2011 the Sheriff's Department was once again honored by Vermont's Governor Highway Safety Program. Our Department placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Sheriff's division of the Vermont Law Enforcement Challenge, being recognized for our efforts in keeping the roadways safe within Washington County in 2010

County wide, our patrol efforts during FY11 generated 376 incidents and 1400 Vermont Traffic Citations. The Department arrested 29 persons for DUI, 26 persons for driving with a criminally suspended license and arrested 14 persons on arrest warrants.

In the course of our patrol efforts in Waitsfield many vehicles are stopped and at times warnings are given. The following Vermont Traffic Complaints were written by the Washington County Sheriff's Department while on patrol: (does not include warnings):

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| 23V1007A | LOCAL SPEED TOWN HIGHWAY     | 185 |
| 23V1007F | LOCAL SPEED-SAME SPEED LIMIT | 1   |
| 23V1008  | REGULATIONS IN MUNICIPALITES | 1   |
| 23V1035  | LIMITATIONS ON PASSING       | 1   |

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| 23V1048       | STOP/YIELD INTERSECTIONS       | 1   |
| 23V1081A      | BASIC RULE                     | 2   |
| 23V1081B      | BASIC RULE >50 MPH             | 24  |
| 23V1125       | OBSTRUCTING WINDSHIELDS        | 1   |
| 23V1134A      | CONSUME ALCOHOL WHILE DRIVING  | 1   |
| 23V1222       | INSPECTION OF REGISTERED VEH   | 15  |
| 23V1244       | ILLUMINATION REQUIRED          | 1   |
| 23V301        | NO REGISTRATION                | 9   |
| 23V3202       | UNREGISTERED SNOWMOBILE        | 1   |
| 23V3206B#18C  | FAILURE DISPLAY COMM TMA >2003 | 4   |
| 23V3206B#19   | SM-LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIRE | 1   |
| 23V513        | MISUSE OF PLATES               | 2   |
| 23V601        | OPERATING WITHOUT A LICENSE    | 4   |
| 23V614A       | JUNIOR OPERATOR VIOLATION      | 1   |
| 23V676AB      | DRIVING LICENSE SUSPENDED      | 11  |
| 23V800A       | INSURANCE CERTIFICATE          | 2   |
| 23V800B       | OPERATING W/O LIABILITY INSURA | 2   |
| Report Totals |                                | 271 |

The Sheriff's Department also dealt or assisted several incidents in Waitsfield.

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| 1802                             | Regulated Drugs-Possession of  | 1  |
| 2115                             | Driving Under the Influence    | 4  |
| 2240                             | OTHER LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS    | 1  |
| 2607                             | Condition of Release Violation | 1  |
| 2621                             | TRESPASSING VIOLATION          | 1  |
| 2634                             | ARREST ON WARRANT - POLICE CHK | 1  |
| 3200                             | Accident-Damage - DMV Report   | 1  |
| 3607                             | MOTOR VEHICLE, DISTURBANCES    | 2  |
| 3619                             | DLS Criminal                   | 1  |
| ASST                             | Agency Assist                  | 18 |
| ATL                              | Attempt to Locate              | 2  |
| CDIS                             | Citizen Dispute                | 2  |
| CITA                             | Citizen Assist                 | 1  |
| FALS                             | False Alarm                    | 1  |
| MAST                             | Motorist Assistance            | 3  |
| PSC                              | Suspicious Person/Circumstance | 6  |
| THAZ                             | Traffic Hazard                 | 3  |
| UNSP                             | Unsecure Premises              | 1  |
| WELF                             | Welfare Check                  | 1  |
| Total Incidents for This Agency: |                                | 51 |

We at the Sheriff's Department are proud of the work we do and hope to continue serving the Town of Waitsfield

Professionally,

W. Samuel Hill  
Sheriff



The Mad River overtaking Bridge Street and the Covered Bridge, 08/28/2011.

(Photo: Jeff Knight)