

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
2007 Report for Waitsfield Activities

It has been another productive year for the Washington County Sheriff's Department. Although our main functions by statute are transporting prisoners and serving civil process, we also work hard at being a positive part of the Washington County Community.

In the past fiscal year we have reached out to the community in many ways. We have offered two Hunter Education courses, hosted a food drive to benefit the Vermont Food Bank, given presentations at several Drivers Education Classes, provided demonstrations of the "rollover convincer" (a seat belt usage demonstrator) at many community events and handed out 2,000 candy canes prior to the Christmas Holidays, reminding people to drive safely.

The Washington County Sheriff's Department also placed 1st in the Vermont Law Enforcement Challenge (Sheriff's Division) and 3rd in the national ranking. This is a State and National recognition for our efforts in Highway Safety.

During the 06/07 fiscal year the Washington County Sheriff's Department was contracted by the Town of Waitsfield to provide motor vehicle patrol, for which we patrolled approximately 945 hours. During these patrols we provide motor vehicle enforcement, preventive patrols to deter offenses and have an agreement with the Vermont State Police to be first responders to calls as requested if we are patrolling the town at the time of the complaint - this allows quicker law enforcement response to serious complaints.

In the course of our patrols many vehicles are stopped and at times warnings are given. The following Vermont Traffic Complaints are some of the 442 violations that were written by the Washington County Sheriff's Department while on patrol:

Speeding	352	Suspended License, civil	12
No Inspection	14	Stop/Yield Intersections	6
No Registration	12	Snowmobile Violations	5
No Insurance	21	Minor in Possession of Alcohol	1
No License	2	Minor in Possession of Tobacco	1
Consuming Alcohol while Driving	1		

The Sheriff's Department also made several arrests, including 5 operators for DUI, 4 operators for driving with a criminally suspended license, and 1 operator for attempting to allude. We also assisted the Vermont State Police in responding to complaints such as E911 hang ups, alarms, and 12 agency assists.

The Washington County Sheriff's Department will continue to work to keep your community a safe place to live.

Professionally,

W. Samuel Hill
Sheriff