



2012 Annual Report

of the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council

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Executive Board Report

Metro-LEC Members:

On behalf of the Metro-LEC Executive Board, I am pleased to present you with the 2012 Metro-LEC Annual Report. As I re-assumed the position of President of the Metro-LEC organization in 2012, I was pleased to find the same unquestioned levels of commitment and dedication that have become a hallmark of the organization and Metro-LEC's control chiefs, commanding officers and division personnel. I hope you will all take the time to review this 2012 Annual Report and reflect upon the hard work and dedication to public safety that is clearly demonstrated by all participating personnel. You continue to have an organization you should be proud of and that will be there for you and your community should the need arise.

In addition to the operational accomplishments of the Metro-LEC Divisions that are described in this report, some of the organization's notable accomplishments for 2012 include:

- Metro-LEC spearheaded the effort of compiling Mutual Aid Agreements from communities in Norfolk and Bristol Counties that addresses the issue of Extraterritorial Authority. To date, 31 Agreements have been submitted.
- Two "Supervisors Trainings" were held to acclimate agency personnel to Metro-LEC services and operations.
- The organization made considerable progress in moving forward with the development of a Metro-LEC Crash Reconstruction Team.
- The Metro-LEC Foundation is now a recognized charitable organization with the MA Secretary of State. We are now seeking IRS 501(c)(3) designation.
- Metro-LEC is partnering with Aurora Flight Systems for use and evaluation of their "Drone" for METRO-STAR activations.
- Metro-LEC area Detectives were provided access to the new Metro-LEC web site, which is built on a SharePoint platform. The site allows for remote, web-based communications and information sharing across our large geographic area.
- A grant was awarded to Metro-LEC for our continued Problem Oriented Policing projects, which provide funding for proactive, regional tactical crime analysis and related deployment strategies.

I am pleased to report that the Executive Board has several exciting new initiatives planned for 2012 that we hope will help to strengthen the organization for many years to come. As always, we welcome the input and guidance of our membership and will work to incorporate any suggestions you may have for improved operations throughout the coming year. I hope you and your families have a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Sincerely,



Richard Stillman, President

Governance

The Metro-LEC is governed by an Executive Board, consisting of the officers of the corporation (President, Vice-Presidents (2), Secretary, and Treasurer), and four at-large members of the organization. The following individuals comprised the Metro-LEC Executive Board in 2012.

Position	Name	Agency
President	Chief Richard Stillman	Walpole Police Department
1st Vice President	Chief Kenneth Berkowitz	Canton Police Department
2nd Vice President	Chief Brian Clark	Norton Police Department
Secretary	Chief Joseph Bernstein	Sharon Police Department
Treasurer	Chief Peter McGowan	Dover Police Department
At Large Member	Chief Richard Wells	Milton Police Department
At Large Member	Chief Richard Grimes	Weymouth Police Department
At Large Member	Sheriff Joseph McDonald	Plymouth Sheriff's Department
At Large Member	Chief Terrence Cunningham	Wellesley Police Department

Membership and Service Area

The Metro-LEC presently consists of 42 municipal police departments and 2 Sheriff's Departments, and services an area spanning of 868 square miles across Bristol, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, and Worcester counties. Metro-LEC departments collectively represent a population of over 874,000 people, representing 14 percent of the Commonwealth's total population. Six Metro-LEC communities (Plymouth, Weymouth, Attleboro, Braintree, Natick, and Randolph) host a resident population that exceeds 30,000 people. Geographically, Metro-LEC communities represent an equal mix of bedroom communities, industrial communities and communities that reside in the immediate outskirts of Boston and Providence. Further, Metro-LEC member departments are influenced by the traveling public that navigate Interstate 95, and Routes 495, 93, 1 and 3 – all major thoroughfares utilized for the transport of illegal goods. Both individually and collectively, Metro-LEC departments are witnessing an increase in the nature and volume of criminal activity occurring across the region.

Metro-LEC At-A-Glance					
Member Agencies	44	Members by County	44	Members by HS Region	44
Local Police Departments	42	Norfolk County	26	Southeast Region	39
Sheriff's Departments	2	Plymouth County	9	Northeast Region	4
		Middlesex County	4	Central Region	1
		Bristol County	4		
		Worcester County	1		

The Metro-LEC is comprised of the following 44 member agencies:

	Community	Population	Area (Sq.Mi.)	# of Police Officers	County	Homeland Security Region
1	ABINGTON	14,605	9.9	30	Plymouth	Southeast
2	ASHLAND	14,674	12.9	28	Middlesex	Northeast
3	ATTLEBORO	42,068	27.5	92	Bristol	Southeast
4	AVON	4,443	4.4	15	Norfolk	Southeast
5	BELLINGHAM	15,134	18.5	33	Norfolk	Southeast
6	BRAINTREE	33,828	13.9	81	Norfolk	Southeast
7	CANTON	20,775	18.9	43	Norfolk	Southeast
8	COHASSET	7,261	9.9	19	Norfolk	Southeast
9	DEDHAM	23,464	10.5	67	Norfolk	Southeast
10	DOVER	5,558	15.3	16	Norfolk	Southeast
11	DUXBURY	14,248	23.8	31	Plymouth	Southeast
12	EASTON	22,299	28.4	31	Bristol	Southeast
13	FOXBORO	16,246	20.1	30	Norfolk	Southeast
14	FRANKLIN	29,560	26.7	47	Norfolk	Southeast
15	HANOVER	13,164	15.6	32	Plymouth	Southeast
16	HINGHAM	19,821	22.5	45	Plymouth	Southeast
17	HULL	11,763	28.2	21	Plymouth	Southeast
18	MANSFIELD	22,414	20.5	31	Bristol	Southeast
19	MEDFIELD	12,273	14.5	34	Norfolk	Southeast
20	MEDWAY	12,448	11.5	18	Norfolk	Southeast
21	MILFORD	25,355	14.9	45	Worcester	Central
22	MILLIS	7,902	12.2	15	Norfolk	Southeast
23	MILTON	26,062	13.0	57	Norfolk	Southeast
24	NATICK	32,170	15.1	54	Middlesex	Northeast
25	NEEDHAM	28,911	12.6	49	Norfolk	Southeast
26	NORFOLK	10,460	14.8	17	Norfolk	Southeast
27	NORFOLK SHERIFF	0	0.0	-	Norfolk	Southeast
28	NORTON	18,036	28.7	27	Bristol	Southeast
29	NORWELL	9,765	20.9	45	Plymouth	Southeast
30	NORWOOD	28,587	10.5	61	Norfolk	Southeast
31	PLAINVILLE	7,683	11.1	13	Norfolk	Southeast
32	PLYMOUTH	60,000	134.0	136	Plymouth	Southeast
33	PLYMOUTH SHERIFF	0	0.0	-	Plymouth	Southeast
34	RANDOLPH	30,963	10.1	58	Norfolk	Southeast
35	ROCKLAND	17,670	10.0	39	Plymouth	Southeast
36	SHARON	17,408	23.3	27	Norfolk	Southeast
37	STOUGHTON	27,149	16.0	89	Norfolk	Southeast
38	SUDBURY	16,841	24.4	29	Middlesex	Northeast
39	WALPOLE	24,826	20.5	39	Norfolk	Southeast
40	WAYLAND	13,100	15.2	21	Middlesex	Northeast
41	WELLESLEY	26,613	10.2	40	Norfolk	Southeast
42	WESTWOOD	14,117	11.0	26	Norfolk	Southeast
43	WEYMOUTH	53,988	17.0	146	Norfolk	Southeast
44	WRENTHAM	10,554	22.2	19	Norfolk	Southeast

Metro-LEC Services

The Metro-LEC provides its members with a variety of specialized public safety services. Since the inception of the Metro-LEC, these services have grown significantly in both scope, complexity and volume. To date, the Metro-LEC has fielded over 1,300 calls for service.

Metro-LEC Calls for Service	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total
Search & Rescue	2	6	8	11	4	6	2	11	5	1	5	61
Barricaded Subject	0	5	4	8	7	6	6	5	3	7	2	53
High Risk Warrant	0	0	5	4	5	4	9	8	4	5	12	56
Crowd Control/Civil unrest	1	4	2	8	1	4	6	0	1	1	2	30
Fugitive/Weapon Search	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	3	9	19
Other Metro-STAR	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	3	4	3	3	18
Wake/Funeral	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	7	5	1	9	27
Computer Crime	-	-	60	70	131	188	223	197	110	135	150	1,264
TOTAL	3	17	80	102	150	215	248	233	132	156	192	1,528

Criminal Investigation Division Report

Personnel

Chief Brian Clark, Control Chief

Detective Lieutenant Gregory Lennon, Commanding Officer

The Criminal Investigation Division of the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council is comprised of the Investigative Support Unit, the Child Abduction Response Team, a Public Information Unit, and also hosts Mass Most Wanted.

Investigative Support Unit

The mission of the Investigative Support Unit (ISU) is to provide investigative assistance as summarized below to the Metropolitan Special Tactics and Response Division (Metro-STAR). ISU is staffed by detectives and detective supervisors who perform investigative tasks in support of the Regional Response Team (RRT) and Metro SWAT.

Missing Persons

- Dissemination of flyers
- Field canvassing
- Pursuit of leads generated by media coverage
- Liaison with family members
- Preliminary assistance at crime scenes
- Death notifications where appropriate

Crowd Control

- Videotaping of RRT crowd engagements
- Surveillance
- Investigation of known subjects

Hostage/Barricade Incidents

- Intelligence gathering on subjects
- Interviews with family and friends of hostages
- Investigative steps to confirm subject's location
- Assistance with arrest and/or search warrants

High-Risk Warrant Service

- Pre-raid surveillance
- Surveillance of subject's known associates
- Assistance with evidence collection if requested

2012 Activations and Activities

In 2012, the ISU participated in the following activations and activities:

Investigative Support Unit

- In April, assisted Medfield with warrant arrest.
- In May, assisted Franklin with barricaded subject.

- In June, assisted Mansfield for a missing girl.
- In August, assisted Hanover for a missing person.
- In November, called to Milton for a barricaded subject.

Metro-CART

The Metro-LEC's Child Abduction Response Team (Metro-CART) is staffed by 35 detectives who have been trained and organized to implement a timely and coordinated investigative response to a child abduction. All Metro-CART detectives have completed at least one week of child abduction training. Metro-CART coordinates with Metro-LEC's other components. All Metro-CART members are provided with the equipment and training necessary to perform the level of service expected in these types of cases.

In 2012, the Child Abduction Response Team participated in the following activities:

- In April, reached out to Rockport PD to offer METRO-CART for a missing girl.
- In June, reached out to Tewksbury (NEMLEC) to offer METRO-CART for a missing boy. Tewksbury did accept offer and detectives were sent. Boy was found a short time later.
- Three new CART detectives completed Investigative Strategies for Missing and Abducted Children (ISMAC) training.
- Three detectives attended a seminar in Kentucky for "Sustaining Child Abduction Response Teams".
- In May, the FBI Child Abduction Response Division conducted training for METRO-CART Detectives
- In October, held a Table Top exercise for METRO-CART.
- We continue to work toward certification of METRO-CART.



MassMostWanted Web Site

MassMostWanted.org is a law enforcement web site developed to aid in the identification of unknown subjects by disseminating photographs taken during the commission of crimes. It is managed on behalf of Metro-LEC by the Westwood and Wellesley Police Departments.



In June of 2012, MassMostWanted became 10 years old. In these ten years that MassMostWanted has been operational, hundreds of subjects have been captured. Fox25News features the site every Saturday night. During the year, Metro-LEC continued to work on promoting the value of the site in other New England states.

Public Information Unit

The purpose of the Metro-LEC Public Information Unit is to provide experienced public information officers (PIO's) as a resource to chiefs during critical incidents. It is intended that members of the unit not speak directly to the press, unless a chief specifically requests it, but instead manage logistics and prepare information for use by the host chief of police.

Services of PIO's at Metro-STAR incidents include:

- Organization of press briefings
- Tracking of media deadlines
- Ensuring media compliance with the Boston Police Department Partnership for Responsible Broadcasting agreement
- Preparation of press releases for approval by the host chief of police
- Dissemination of suspect or lost person information to the press
- Resolution of conflicts caused by media encroachment of perimeters

Other Services:

- Available for consultation by Metro-LEC chiefs for high profile events
- Press liaison or advisory services for other Metro-LEC units upon request

Computer Crime Division Report

Personnel

Chief William G. Brooks III, Control Chief

Lt. Peter F. Kelly, Jr., Administrative Commander

The Division is continuously recruiting new personnel for all Units. Police Chiefs interested in nominating personnel should contact Lt. Peter Kelly at the Norwood Police Department.



In 2012, the lab lost a key Forensic Examiner, Sgt. Jack Lynn of the Easton PD, due to changed duties at his police department. Further, Sgt. Rich Forbes of Needham PD is no longer a member of the investigative unit and he has been replaced by Off. Rich Evans of the Needham PD.

2012 Activations and Activities

In 2012, to date, the Division conducted or assisted with 150 forensic examinations and investigations for 28 agencies, including eight non-member communities.

28 Agencies Were Served in 2012

Agency	# of Cases	Agency2	# of Cases
Ashland	1	Natick	1
<i>Boston</i>	4	Needham	13
<i>Bristol DA</i>	1	Norton	2
Canton	1	Norwood	18
Dedham	12	Plainville	1
Easton	20	<i>Quincy</i>	1
<i>Federal: FBI/CIA</i>	1	Randolph	4
Foxboro	8	<i>Seekonk</i>	1
Franklin	8	<i>Southborough</i>	4
<i>Holliston</i>	1	Stoughton	9
<i>Hopkinton</i>	1	Walpole	18
Medfield	2	Wellesley	9
Medway	4	Weymouth	2
Millis	1	Wrentham	2

Forensic and Investigative Accomplishments

- Members of the Division worked on or assisted with 150 cases, including:

Type of Case	# of Cases
Attempted Murder	1
Firearm	2
Rape/Rape of a Child	5
Sexual Assault	14
Robbery	3
Child Pornography	14
Drug	47
A&B/A&B DW	4
B&E	10
Larceny	9
Fraud	5
Domestic	4
Threats	3
MVA/OUI	3
Prostitution	2
Harassment	2

- As well as suicide, hate crime, tagging, voyeurism, copper theft, hacking, and many more.

Community Education

- Members of the CCU Education Unit conducted 23 Internet Safety courses, including:

1/15 – Sherborn Pine Hill Elementary Internet Safety
 1/20 – Braintree St. Colletta School Special Needs, Netsmartz presentation
 2/28 - Canton Galvin Middle School - Cyber Bullying/Internet Safety
 2/29 - Sherborn Middle School - Cyber Bullying/Internet Safety
 3/7 - Canton Luce Elementary School Internet Safety
 4/18 - Taunton DCF Internet Safety
 5/1 - Canton Library, Internet Safety Presentation
 5/3 - Weymouth Internet Safety Training
 5/9 - Framingham St. Bridgett's School (grades 6,7,8) on Sexting and Facebook
 9/26 - Hingham Police Academy
 9/27 and 9/28 - Dover Middle School Presentations
 10/16 - Mass Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Hyannis, Parents Presentation
 10/22 - Hingham Adult Internet Safety Presentation
 10/30 - Canton High School for Canton Mentor Group
 11/2 - Southeastern Regional High School Bullying Presentation
 11/7 –Dover/Sherborn Presentation
 11/8 – Norwood Coakley Middle School Parent Presentation

- 11/8 – Norwood Coakley Middle School Student Presentation
- 11/12 – Wellesley Dana Hall School Parent Presentation
- 11/19 – Hingham Linden Pond Senior Housing Presentation
- 11/20 – Wellesley Dana Hall School presentation
- 11/29 – Medfield Middle School Cyber Safety Parent Presentation
- 11/30 – Medfield Middle School Cyber Safety Student Presentation

External Partnerships and Training

- Members of the Division participated in quarterly meetings of the Massachusetts Digital Evidence Consortium (MDEC), a working group of law enforcement digital evidence analysts who convene to standardize digital evidence analysis procedures and improve training and information sharing efforts. In 2012, Metro-LEC personnel have been actively working with MDEC on updating the Digital Evidence Guide, a “best practices” standard for digital evidence state wide.
- Throughout the year, members of the Division attended training to ensure their knowledge and skills remain current with industry standards. In addition, the Metro-LEC CCU was instrumental in sponsoring several important training initiatives for members of the Unit and others. Training included:
 - Annual CEIC conference
 - Annual HTCIA Conference and Training
 - Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Conference
 - Encase 1 and 2 Training (2 Week class)
 - Encase 7 Training (3-day class)
 - STOP training course taught by the Attorney General’s Office
 - Apple training at the Fusion Center
 - MCLEC Training on Social Media
 - Mobil Forensic Training, Smartphone Forensics, and Sexual Assault Training provided by NESPIN.
 - Metro-LEC CCU sponsored a 40 hour Basic Data Recovery Acquisition (BDRA) class taught by NW3C.
 - Metro-LEC CCU conducted a one week trainer at Norwood PD, Intermediate Data Recovery and Analysis (IDRA) for forensic examiners.
 - Each member of the Metro-LEC Computer Crime Unit, in each of the three divisions, attended 3 days of training in Norwood, provided by the Attorney General’s Office. This training included: mock courtroom testimony, updates and trends in software and hardware, industry trends, internet service providers and more.
 - The Norwood Police Department sponsored a free STOP training for Metro-LEC Detectives. This training covered on-site computer inspection to aid Detectives in related investigations.

Additional Notable Accomplishments

- Sarah Lyden passed her EnCase certification and became the 4th member of the lab with such a designation. This is a significant accomplishment for forensic examiners.
- Detective McLaughlin and Officer Lyden assisted on a human trafficking investigation, jointly with the AG’s Office and Massachusetts State Police. They assisted in the seizing of computers during this investigation.

- Members of the Forensic Unit (Peter McLaughlin and John Connolly) participated in a multi-agency statewide investigation at the direction of the Attorney General's Office into Internet Gambling Café's in Revere.
- A member of the Forensic Unit (Jack Lynn) participated in a multi-agency statewide investigation into Health Insurance Fraud, led by the AGs Office.
- Throughout the year, members of the Division participated in numerous investigations and examinations that resulted in subjects pleading guilty in court.

Equipment and Software Upgrades

In 2012, several hardware and software updates have been purchased to support the work of the Division. This includes:

- The Cellebrite forensic machine was replaced at no cost.
- The wireless router in the lab was replaced this year.
- Maintenance agreements for several critical software programs have been extended.

2012 Hours

Department	Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul/Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Total
Abington	Matt Owings			11							8	19
Ashland	Michael Vinciulla	12	24	18	18	24	22	37	12	24	6	197
Canton	Chip Yeaton	4	8		4							16
Dedham	John Connolly	17	46	10	12	15	11	15	40	17	20	203
Dover	Aaron Mick	4	8									12
Easton	Jack Lynn	110	58	74	115	99	53					509
Foxboro	Tim O'Leary			2	5		6	1				14
Medway	Matt Reardon	2			11							13
Natick	John Haswell	8	4		4		4					20
Needham	Rich Evans								4	3		7
Needham	Leo Schlittler	5	2	3	6	21	28	10	11	13		99
Norwood	Peter Kelly	40	32	32	40	32	36	64	36	32	32	376
Norwood	Sarah Lyden	32	44	51	48	40	59	120	32	64	40	530
Randolph	Christine Morse	4	12	11	4			5	5	5		46
Walpole	Robert Kilroy	30	58	25	14	31	23	25	2	10	7	225
Wellesley	Peter McLaughlin	22	12	56	18	25	11	16	4	43	15	222
Wrentham	Darrell True	7			8				8	8		31
Total Hours		297	308	293	307	287	253	297	154	219	128	2,539

Note: As members (in particular Aaron Mick, Christine Morse, John Haswell and Chip Yeaton) dedicated significant hours to education efforts, total hours for the year are significantly understated. Further, Darrell True has also contributed significant time to the SharePoint site and other projects and his contributions are not completely captured and reported in the above table.

Metro-STAR Division Report

Personnel

Chief Peter McGowan, Control Chief

Chief Russell W. Jenkins, Commanding Officer



2012 Highlights

The Division engaged in the following activities during 2012.

- Throughout the year, joint training was conducted with Massachusetts State Police bomb technicians, the Boston Police Department, and other Law Enforcement Councils.
- Members of the Division attended a Sniper School funded by the Southeast Homeland Security Advisory Council. SWAT school 1 week.
- Gas Masks and Helmets were secured for the entire team through a grant from the Southeast Homeland Security Advisory Council.



- The Crisis Negotiations Team attended the Annual Spring Conference.
 - In November of 2012, METRO-STAR participated in the Urban Shield exercise in Boston. All involved were very pleased with the capabilities and knowledge displayed by members of the Division.
- METRO-STAR is partnering with Aurora Flight Systems for the use and evaluation of their "Drone" for METRO-STAR activations.

2012 Activations

The following is a breakdown by month of activations of the Metro-STAR Division for 2012.

January

The Crisis Negotiation Team was called to Braintree on January 5, 2012 after a young, suicidal woman climbed a high tension tower and initially refused to climb down. As crisis team members responded, the woman, who sliced one forearm and marked the vein on her other forearm with a marker, climbed down to waiting officers.

On January 8, 2012, a four man SWAT element assisted a Metro canine team with the search of an armed suspect who fled a domestic in Medfield. The purpose of the SWAT team was to provide 360 degree protection for the canine handler who was tracking a suspect armed with a handgun. As the team worked their track, the suspect circled back and returned to the house where the incident occurred and was taken into custody without incident.

February

The RRT and MOP deployed officers to Boston and Foxboro on Sunday, February 5, 2012 to assist with any post victory celebrations after the New England Patriots played in Superbowl 46.

The SWAT team served a high risk warrant on Friday morning, February 10, 2012 after detectives built a case against an individual who was residing with several other people in a fairly large house. The CI had observed a firearm in the house and both the target of the investigation and his father, who also resided in the house, had lengthy BOPs that included many acts of violence. The 6AM service went smoothly as officers breached and entered two separate entrances and breached and held a third. A dog was tased after it fled the house and attacked one of our canines. Detectives later seized heroin, cocaine, pills, a .22 caliber handgun and \$14,023. I am attaching a short video of officers rehearsing one phase of the entry. The house was so large we had to split the rehearsals into two groups.

The RRT responded to Uxbridge on Tuesday morning, February 28, 2012 to assist the Uxbridge PD and CEMLEC with a search for John Lavalley, 28, formerly of Uxbridge, who walked out of Worcester State Hospital the previous Thursday. Lavalley was spotted in the area on Monday and a search by CEMLEC was unsuccessful. Metro responded on Tuesday, but our search efforts also failed to locate Lavalley. Lavalley was taken into custody later in the day near the Southwick Zoo in nearby Mendon.

March

Ten members of the SWAT team responded to Dover on Saturday morning, March 17, 2012 to serve a fugitive from justice warrant on a 27 year old Dover man with a long history of confrontations and fighting with police officers. The SWAT members were "dressed down," wearing civilian clothing and abbreviated body armor, and were armed with tasters and 40MM less lethal weapons. The man was taken into custody without incident.

Five members of the SWAT team assisted Medfield Police with the warrant arrest of a EDP on Thursday, March 29, 2012. Medfield PD requested assistance due to several mitigating factors, including the man's mental/emotional state, his size, potential for violence and the potential that his mother would intervene. An ops plan was worked up, factoring in the availability of less-lethal options and the man was taken into custody without incident.

April

The SWAT team, assisted by CNT and ISU responded to Franklin on Monday evening, April 16, 2012 after a retired corrections officer got into a domestic with his wife and step-daughter and threatened to cause

them harm with a handgun. The wife and her daughter fled the home and Franklin PD quickly established a perimeter around his Lewis Street home. Responding SWAT team members replaced the Franklin officers and moved the Bearcat into position at the front of the house. Attempts to contact the man over the telephone began shortly thereafter, without success. The standoff ended peacefully around 11PM after the man abruptly exited his home and surrendered to officers. A .357 magnum revolver was found by SWAT members on the kitchen table.

May

On Friday, May 4, 2012 Metro canines and our search and rescue coordinators assisted Natick and Dover PD's with the search for a youth who ran away after being awarded custody to DCF. The boy was later found in Wellesley.

On Saturday, May 5, 2012 the Metro Canine Unit, accompanied by a four man SWAT element were called to Millis to help search for a man involved in the armed robbery of a pizza shop. The suspect was not located, but team members provided information leading to the identity of the suspect.

On Monday, May 7, 2012, our search and rescue coordinators assisted Medfield PD with a search for a suicidal individual after a phone ping provided coordinates for his location. Using GPS equipment, team members led Medfield officers to a location where the man was found deceased.

On Friday, May 11, 2012 a canine unit and SWAT cover team responded to Norfolk after receiving a report that a B&E suspect was still inside a house he had victimized. The SWAT team members responded to provide cover to the canine team should the need arise to "long line" the canine into the house. The house was cleared and no suspect was located.

On Sunday, May 13, 2012 the Braintree Police Department reported a missing autistic youth who may have wandered into woods behind a strip mall. Two canine teams responded Sunday night to assist with the search and a search and rescue coordinator responded on Monday morning to coordinate a search. Prior to paging out the team, the youth was located as he was walking back to his home.

On Thursday morning, May 17, 2012 ten SWAT team members and two canines assisted Franklin PD with four search warrants. Four arrests were made and over two pounds of marijuana, a small amount of cocaine and over \$20,000 was seized.

Late Monday night, May 21, 2012 the SWAT team and RRT were called to Duxbury after an armed home invasion at an off-duty police officer's home. During a subsequent canine track by one of our SWAT team members (a Duxbury police officer), shots were fired at the officer and his cover officer. A perimeter was quickly established and SWAT and the RRT we called for assistance. After the perimeter was reinforced with additional officers, one of the suspects exited the woods and surrendered. This individual, a former Pembroke resident and now living in Oklahoma and wanted in Oklahoma for armed robbery gave up the name of a second suspect. This individual was located at his Pembroke home and later arrested by SEMLEC SWAT. A subsequent evidence search, also conducted by SEMLEC, uncovered a firearm in the woods where the first individual fled.

June

Metro-STAR returned to Duxbury on Friday morning, June 1, 2012 to search for evidence of the shooting several days earlier at two Duxbury Police officers by a person wanted for an armed home invasion. Specifically, team members were looking for two spent shell casings in a thickly wooded area. Gun dogs and metal detectors were deployed in addition to team members scouring the search area shoulder to shoulder. Both shell casings were located, along with four live rounds (one with a detent on the primer), a

t-shirt, a rubber glove and a pair of sunglasses. The t-shirt, glove and sunglasses have yet to be linked to the suspect, but may yield valuable DNA evidence. Officers theorize that the suspect suffered a misfire and "racked" the action to clear the jam, thereby ejecting four live rounds. All four were found in close proximity to each other. The t-shirt may be the mask worn by the suspect when he confronted the off-duty police officer.

July

Fifteen members of the RRT assisted Plymouth Police with crowd control and order management at their annual Fourth of July celebration on the beach. The deployment ran from 1630 to approximately midnight on Tuesday, July 3rd. The crowd appeared more family oriented this year as opposed to years past and police report arrests were down considerably. Approximately thirty people were arrested this year, down from sixty plus in past years.

August

The SWAT team assisted the Randolph Police Department with a high risk warrant early Wednesday morning, August 8, 2012 leading to the recovery of over 800 pills, a quantity of marijuana and ammunition. The target of the investigation was a known gang member whose gang associates are known to be gun involved and have an on-going feud with another gang in which multiple shooting and one homicide have occurred. The target was also in possession of a .357 magnum handgun during a previous arrest. The target location was at the end of a long driveway making a police approach difficult without creating a compromise and the warrant was a knock and announce. The warrant service went off without problems and the house was dominated within seconds of making entry.

Foxboro requested assistance searching for a B&E suspect on Monday, August 20, 2012. The suspect was believed to be living in the woods. A canine team and four SWAT operators conducted a search and located the suspect and his lair. The suspect was arrested on warrants and the investigation into his activities is on-going.

The RRT responded to Hanover on Monday afternoon, August 20, 2012 to assist Hanover Police and Fire with a search for a mentally challenged eighteen year old man who fled the Cardinal Cushing School. The search was over three hours old when Metro officers started arriving on scene and several steps had already been taken by Hanover PD to locate the man, including a canine and air search and a reverse 911 call. As Metro was about to kick off their search, a resident approximately 1/2 mile from the point last seen called to report that the man knocked on her door, thinking that it was his home. The man was returned, unharmed, to the school.

Just before midnight on Friday, August 24, 2012 the RRT was called to Franklin to assist in searching for a suspect who assaulted a man with a handgun. The suspect fled, but investigators "pinged" his phone and got a good location in a wooded area not far from his home. A perimeter was established by the RRT and search teams, aided by canines searched the location where the ping was coming from. Unfortunately, despite the existence of the ping, the suspect was not located. A barn adjacent to the suspects home was also searched with negative results.

September

Members of the SWAT team, dressed down in soft armor and small arms, assisted Braintree detectives with a search warrant at 5AM on Tuesday, September 11, 2012. Detectives were unable to identify the target of their investigation, but had a report from an informant that the man had access to firearms. The woman he was living with had previous relationships with two men, both with lengthy BOP's and histories with firearms. A second man occasionally living at the house also posed a concern for the detectives. A low-profile warrant service was requested which resulted in a swift entry into the home after knocking

and announcing and the ultimate recovery of 23g of heroin and \$1700. The target of the investigation and the second man were both placed under arrest without incident.

Several members of the SWAT team, dressed down in soft body armor and handguns, assisted Franklin PD detectives with a search warrant service on Friday, September 21, 2012. Class B and D drugs, sufficient for possession with intent charges, were filed after the successful warrant execution.

Several members of the SWAT team, dressed down in soft body armor and handguns, assisted Franklin detectives on Friday, September 28, 2012 with the execution of a search warrant. Three people were arrested on drug charges and a fourth person was later arrested with 28g of cocaine.

October

The SWAT team assisted the Stoughton Police Department with a high risk warrant service on Thursday morning, October 4th after detectives identified a suspect in a series of housebreaks. In one break, two handguns were recovered. The suspect and two male companions, both believed to be living at the same location, had extensive BOP's with numerous violent crimes. The warrant was served without incident and two individuals were taken into custody and one firearm was recovered.

Several members of the SWAT team provided assistance to the Stoughton Police when they executed a search warrant at a home with a marijuana grow on Thursday morning, October 18, 2012.

The SWAT team assisted Milford detectives with a search warrant on Thursday evening, October 18th. Numerous individuals were expected inside the house that was believed to have fortified doors and a pit bull inside. The team breached two doors and raked and broke a bedroom window allowing them to cover down on five individuals and a bathroom window where one suspect was running to.

The SWAT team joined the Wrentham Police Department at the Wrentham Village Outlets mall to conduct active shooter and hostage rescue training on Sunday evening, October 28, 2012. Approximately forty role players and a crazed gunman provided realistic training for the PD and SWAT team as they practiced their active shooter response and evacuation of mall employees and



November

The SWAT team and RRT conducted a training exercise at the Millis middle school and high school complex on Friday morning, November 9, 2012. Students, teachers and staff served as role players as Metro assisted the Millis PD with the systematic and orderly evacuation of the students from their classrooms to the football field. This training simulated the evacuation process that Metro would employ in the event that a school went into lockdown during a critical incident such as a school shooting.

Metro SWAT participated in Urban Shield 2013, hosted by the Boston Police Department, on Saturday, November 17, 2012. Nine operators participated in five individual team events and one combined event with the Cambridge PD and MSP STOP team. Individual team events included venues on the USS Salem, docked in Quincy, an MBTA train and an abandoned movie theater. Unlike last year, no one was declared a winner of the event this year, but our officers gained valuable training at varied venues with realistic scenarios. Team members not participating in the actual scenarios served as role players or evaluators of other teams as they worked through the various events.

The SWAT team was summonsed to Milton on Tuesday morning, November 20, 2012 to deal with an estranged boyfriend, armed with a handgun, who forced his way into his girlfriend's home and threatened her. The woman was able to leave the house and officers later tracked the man down in Canton. Several members of the SWAT team took the man into custody without incident at a nearby golf course after first deploying a flashbang at the man's vehicle. A handgun was recovered in the vehicle.

December

The SWAT team assisted the Rockland Police Department with a high risk warrant service late Thursday evening into Friday morning, December 7, 2012. A significant amount of cocaine and heroin was recovered and a replica M4 type assault rifle was located in the residence. SWAT had to breach nine different doors and were being monitored by CCTV installed in the home.

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Personnel

Chief Kenneth Berkowitz, Control Chief

Lieutenant Kevin Foley, Commanding Officer



In 2012, the Division sadly lost one (1) of our Senior Members, D.S. Ryan Tvelia- Norfolk Co. Sheriff's Office, who was a LODD while operating his motor "on-duty".

In addition, the Division had had five (5) of our Senior Members retire and three (3) of our Senior members leave. The Division accepted eight (8) new members, bringing the total number of members to 48.

Division Missions

- ❑ Traffic Control
- ❑ Mobile Field Force
- ❑ Motorcade Escorts
- ❑ Support SWAT
- ❑ Support RRT
- ❑ Crowd Control
- ❑ Rolling Perimeters
 - Search and Rescue
 - Search & Apprehension



2012 Missions and Activities:

Training was held on a "monthly" basis in one form or another. Most of our "training" was behind the handlebars, although we did have two (2) training sessions where the majority of the Unit attended:

One regarding Tactical Ground Formations and the other was the F.B.I. Law Enforcement Officers Killed and/ or Assaulted (LEOKA) Program.

Callouts/ activations consisted of:

- ❑ Support and Deployment for D.S. Ryan Tvelia's Wake/ Funeral
- ❑ Super Bowl Deployment
- ❑ Pan- Mass Challenge
- ❑ Blue Wheel of Valor Motorcycle Run
- ❑ Iraq/ Afghanistan Memorial Wall Escort

The Division supported the following families by assisting with the Funerals/ Memorial Services:

- Chief Richard Wells- Milton P.D.
- Chief Warren Phillips- Avon P.D.
- Chief Kenneth Berkowitz- Canton P.D.
- Chief Dennis Mannix- Natick P.D. (Ret.)
- Stoughton P.D. Request re: Student death due to firearm

