

MIDDLEPORT  
POLICE

2020  
ANNUAL  
REPORT

Honorable Mayor Westcott and Board of Trustees,

The following report lists all the activities of the Middleport Police Department for the calendar year 2020. This report list all the complaints reported and found, miles patrolled and fuel that was used in the Village of Middleport, Town of Hartland and Town of Royalton. The report also list all the arrests made under the New York State Penal Law, arrest made under the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law and arrests made under the Village of Middleport Ordinances. The report also lists all the different areas of revenue that the Village receives through the year. When you read over this report and look at all the aspects of the department, it is my hope as your Police Chief, that you will have a better understanding and knowledge of the workings of our police department. It is my job and responsibility to protect the quality of life that we enjoy in this great community that we all call home.

Department Personnel –

- Miquel Bermudez - Officer Miquel Bermudez offered his resignation on June 15, 2020 to take a full-time position with the Lockport Police Department.
- Curtis Waugaman - Officer Curtis Waugaman was appointed to a part-time position with our department on July 29, 2020.
- Bryan Warren - Officer Bryan Warren offered his resignation on August 11, 2020 to take a full-time position with the North Tonawanda Police Department.
- Jonathan Wolcott - Officer Wolcott was appointed to a part-time position with our department on December 4, 2020.

Here is a list of the present officers and their start dates and promotion dates:

Chief John J. Swick	March 20, 1978 May 20, 1982 March 1, 1987	Part-time Full-time Police Chief
Sergeant Jeffrey G. Waters	August 23, 1993 December 6, 1994 November 1, 1998	Part-time Full-time Sergeant
Sergeant Roland D. Johnson	December 1, 2003 October 1, 2006 September 23, 2012	Part-time Full-time Sergeant
Officer Joshua T. Mandaville	March 31, 2019	Part-time
Officer Curtis S. Waugaman	September 29, 2020	Part-time
Officer Jonathan M Wolcott	December 4, 2020	Part-time

Department Vehicles –

2015 Chevy Tahoe	-	Was taken out of service with 88,829 miles and sold at Auction.
2018 Ford Taurus	-	This vehicle finished the year with 31,505 miles.
2019 Ford F-150	-	This vehicle finished the year with 74,946 miles.
2020 Ford Explorer	-	This Vehicle was placed into service on July 1, 2020 and it replaced the 2015 Chevy Tahoe. This vehicle finished the year with 12,896 miles.

Contract Agreements –

The Village of Middleport and the Town of Hartland were able to finalize a three year contract starting January 1, 2021. The three year contract for Police Services will run through December 31, 2023. The total amounts for each year are as follows-

2021	-	\$ 40,166.40
2022	-	\$ 40,969.73
2023	-	\$ 41,789.12

The Village of Middleport and the Town of Royalton are in the last year of the present three year contract. The contract will expire on May 31, 2022. I will submit a proposal to the Village Board for a new three year agreement.

New Equipment –

The department placed into service a New 2020 Ford Utility Police Vehicle. The vehicle is equipped with the following new items, Visor light bar, center console, partition between front and back seat and partition between back seat and storage compartment. The department was given a Rekor Recognition System. This unit is a license plate reader. The LPR was purchased with grant money for the total of \$ 6000.00. The department has not been able to place the unit into service because of issues with T-Mobile service in our area. The unit has been sent back to determine if it can be used through Verizon.

Revenue –

This past year there were several areas of revenue that the Village was able to benefit from.

We received	\$ 39,378.82	Town of Hartland Contract
	\$ 50,917.45	Town of Royalton Contract
	\$ 13,776.82	Niagara County – Stop DWI
	\$ 2,443.31	DWI Foundation Grants –
		DWI Enforcement – Special Events
	\$ 4,025.00	Fines returned to Village from
		Royalton Town Court
	\$ 30,640.00	2015 Tahoe, 2017 Explorer
		Sold at Auction
	\$ 141,181.40	Total Revenue to the Village
		General Fund

In the 2020 calendar year, the police department patrolled a total of 79,163 miles. For the miles that were patrolled, were used 6,261 gallons of fuel. The Middleport Police Department responded to 1,346 complaints or incidents within the Village of Middleport, Town of Hartland and Town of Royalton. The complaints are listed as follows:

Accidents	100	Assist Motorist	48
Suspicious Vehicle	47	Suspicious Person	104
Check on Welfare	129	Attempt to Locate	52
EMS	90	Vehicle and Traffic	128
Domestic	137	Animal Problems	71
Drug Possession	7	Alarms	46
Juvenile Problem	16	Wires Down	7
Harassment	28	Mental Health	17
Trespass	19	Escorts	13
House/Garage Fires	11	Civil Problem	3
Larceny	18	Notifications	18
Warrants Served	14	Neighbor Problem	28
Landlord/ Tenant	6	Building Check	10
Burglary	1	Disorderly Person	24
Found Property	11	Stolen Vehicle	3
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	1	Custody Problem	1
Vehicle Fire	2	Officer Standby	14
Noise Complaints	37	Open Burn	4
Street Lights Out	9	Property Dispute	4
Criminal Mischief	9	Alcohol Beverage Control	1
Open Door/Window	5	Illegal Dumping	2
Fraud	7	Fireworks	8
Curfew Violation	2	Grass Fire	1
ATV Problem	1	Transport	1
Assist Boater	1	Unwanted Person	7
Missing Person	5	Insufficient Funds	1
Unattended Death	1	Parking Problems	2
Lockdown Drill	1	Traffic Control	8
Shots Fired	5		

NEW YORK STATE PENAL LAW

Unlawful Possession of Marihuana	3
Harassment 2 <sup>nd</sup>	14
Criminal Mischief 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1
Disorderly Conduct	6
Criminal Obstruction of Breathing	2
Trespass	1
Petit Larceny	1
Resisting Arrest	3
Menacing 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2
Obstruction of Governmental Adm	3
Fleeing a Police Officer	1
Criminal Possession of Weapon 4 <sup>th</sup>	1
Criminal Impersonation	1
Assault 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1
Endangering The Welfare of a Child	3

VILLAGE OF MIDDLEPORT ORDINANCES

Loose Dog Violation	11
Village Noise Violation	2
Village Parking Tickets	10

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTROL LAW

Underage Possession of Alcohol	4
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NEW YORK STATE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC

Speed Violations - 567 Tickets Issued

30 MPH Zone	70
35 MPH Zone	19
40 MPH Zone	51
45 MPH Zone	124
55 MPH Zone	303

NEW YORK STATE VEHICLE TRAFFIC LAW - 548 Tickets Issued

No Inspections	102
Unlicensed Operator	105
Aggravated Unlicensed Operator	79
Facilitating Unlicensed Operator	2
Unregistered Vehicle	31
Suspended Registration	15
No Seat Belt	14
Driving While Intoxicated	18
Failed to use Interlock Device	1
Leaving the Scene of Accident	1
Failed to Keep Right	9
Failed to Yield	9
Failed to use designated Lane	9
Failed to Stop for School Bus	1
Consumption of Alcohol in Vehicle	7
Cell Phone	9
No Insurance Proof	14
Inadequate Exhaust	30
Excessive Smoke	1
Improper Plates	6
Improper Turn	2
Equipment Violations	20
Window Tint	15
Stopped on Highway	1
Red Light Violation	3
Failed to Stop at Stop Signs	18
Following Too Close	3
Reckless Driver	1
Driving Too Slow	1
Driving on Sidewalk	1
Driving On Shoulder of Roadway	1
Unsafe Passing	7
Unsafe Start	2
Unregistered ATV	2
No Helmet	4
No ATV Plate	1
No Lights on ATV	1
ATV on Highway	2





January 11, 2021

Dear Supervisor Bragg and Town of Royalton Board Members,

This Annual report will cover the activities of the Middleport Police Department in the Town of Royalton for the 2020 calendar year. All the activity listed in this report were found in the Town of Royalton and outside of the Village of Middleport. In 2020, the Middleport Officers responded to a total of 427 complaints or incidents with in the Town of Royalton. The officers issued a total of 519 Vehicle and Traffic tickets. The list of complaints and tickets are included in this report for your review.

As we all know and have lived through it, 2020 was a very unusual year on many fronts. The year was very difficult year for Law Enforcement in general. When covid 19 started in March 2020, most of the activities came to a abrupt halt as you can see in your list of Vehicle and Traffic arrest in April and May of this year. We finished the year with 160 less tickets issued than the year before but only 20 less complaints than the year before.

The Village of Middleport and the Town of Royalton have had a contract for police services dating back to May 2001. The police contract has been a win – win for the Village of Middleport and the Town of Royalton. The police contract is a great example of how communities can work together to share a service. The present three year contract started on June 1, 2018 and will expire this May 31, 2021. I will be putting a proposal together to be reviewed by the Village Board and the Town Board for a new three year contact. As always, I hope that the Village of Middleport and the Town of Royalton can continue to work together to provide the extra line of security and enforcement that our community needs. If you have any questions regarding this report or the activities of the Middleport Police Department, please contact my office at 735-3373 or by email at [middleportpd@villageofmiddleport.org](mailto:middleportpd@villageofmiddleport.org)

Sincerely,

John J. Swick  
Police Chief

In the 2020 calendar year, Middleport Police Department issued 517 traffic tickets outside of the Village of Middleport limits and in the Town of Royalton. The following is a break down of those tickets issued.

There were 298 Speeding tickets issued in 2020. Those tickets were issued on the following roads in the Town and speed zones.

Rochester Road ( Route 31 )	2	( 45 zone )
	136	( 55 zone )
Chestnut Ridge Road ( Route 77 )	30	( 45 zone )
	3	( 55 zone )
Gasport Road	46	( 45 zone )
	4	( 55 zone )
Lewiston Road ( Route 77 )	14	( 55 zone )
Griswold Street	18	( 55 zone )
State Street	12	( 30 zone )
Telegraph Road	8	( 30 zone )
Main Street	7	( 30 zone )
Carmen Road	4	( 45 zone )
Akron Road ( Route 93 )	1	( 55 zone )

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Ditch Road	1	( 55 zone )
Royalton Center Road	3	( 55 zone )
	2	( 45 zone )
Hartland Road	6	( 45 zone )
Slayton Settlement Road	1	( 55 zone )

The following tickets were issued for other traffic offenses:

No Inspection	31
Unregistered Vehicle	9
Suspended Vehicle Registrations	11
Unlicensed	56
Aggravated Unlicensed	39
Inadequate Exhaust	19
Following too Close	1
Stop Sign Violation	4
Failed to use Designated Lane	2
Red Light Violation	2
Cell Phone Violation	3
Leaving the Scene of Accident	1
Unsafe Start	1
Failed to Keep Right	4
Equipment Violation	4
No Insurance	6
No Seat Belt	7
Improper Plates	3
Window Tint	1
Failed to Yield Right of Way	5
Driving While Intoxicated	4
Unsafe Passing	3
Consumption of Alcohol in Vehicle	3
Reckless Driver	1
Improper Turn	1

January 12, 2021

Dear Supervisor Annable and Town Councilmen,

This is the annual report for the calendar year of 2020. This report covers the activities of the Middleport Police Department in the Town of Hartland, outside of the Village of Middleport. The Middleport Police responded or found 368 complaints or incidents within the 2020 year. During 2020, the Middleport Police Officers also issued 291 Vehicle and Traffic tickets in the Town of Hartland. The complaints and tickets are listed on the following pages for your review.

As we all know and have lived through it, 2020 was a very unusual year on many fronts. The year was a very difficult year for law enforcement in general. When COVID-19 started in March of 2020, most of the activities came to an abrupt halt as you can see in your list of Vehicle and Traffic arrests in April and May of 2020. We finished the year with 189 fewer tickets issued than the year before and only 6 fewer complaints than the year before.

The Village of Middleport and the Town of Hartland have had a contract for Police Services dating back to 2003. The contract was due to expire on May 31, 2020. The Village Board agreed to extend the contract with no increase through December 31, 2020 because of COVID-19 and the uncertainty of revenue for the Town. The Village and Town of Hartland did agree on a new three-year contract, starting January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023. As always, I hope the Village of Middleport and Town of Hartland can continue to work together to provide the extra line of security and enforcement that our community needs. The police contract is a win – win for both the Village and Town of Hartland. If you have any questions regarding this report or the activities of the Middleport Police Department, please contact my office at 735-3373 or by email at [middleportpd@villageofmiddleport.org](mailto:middleportpd@villageofmiddleport.org)

Sincerely,

John J. Swick  
Police Chief

In the 2020 calendar year, the Middleport Police Department issued 291 Vehicle and Traffic tickets in the Town of Hartland and out side the Village of Middleport.

There were 174 speeding tickets issued in the town. Those tickets were issued on the following roads and speed limits.

Ridge Road ( Route 104 )	20	( 35 mph zone )
	22	( 40 mph zone )
	6	( 45 mph zone )
	6	( 55 mph zone )
Carmen Road	55	( 55 mph zone )
Hartland Road	39	( 55 mph zone )
Countyline Road	5	( 55 mph zone )
Hosmer Road	4	( 55 mph zone )
Stone Road	2	( 55 mph zone )
Root Road	4	( 45 mph zone )
Robson Road	1	( 55 mph zone )
Townline Road	4	( 55 mph zone )
Quaker Road	5	( 55 mph zone )
Orangeport Road	1	( 55 mph zone )

The following tickets were issued for the other violations-

No Inspection	10
Unlicensed Operator	25
Aggravated Unlicensed	23
Failed to use designated Lane	3
Unsafe Passing	4
Inadequate Exhaust	5
Failed to Stop at Stop Sign	4
No Insurance	6
Unregistered Vehicle	6
Suspended Registrations	2
Improper Plates	5
Window Tint	1
Stopped on Highway	1
Driving While Intoxicated	3
Consumption of Alcohol in Vehicle	3
No Seatbelt	2
Failed to Use Interlock Device	1
Failed to Yield	2
ATV – No Helmet	1
ATV - Unregistered	1
ATV - No lights	1
ATV - No Plates	1
ATV - On Roadway	1
Unsafe Start	2
Equipment Violation	2
Failed to Keep Right	2

