



# TOWN OF BROOKLINE

*Massachusetts*

BROOKLINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

DANIEL C. O'LEARY  
CHIEF OF POLICE

A message from Chief Daniel C. O'Leary:

I would like to share with the Brookline community that I will be retiring from the Police Department on January 19, 2018. After more than 40 very enjoyable years, it is time to start the next chapter of my life. I have been incredibly honored to have served the residents of Brookline for four decades, almost 23 of those years as Chief.

Working closely with members of the community, we have made great strides to reduce crime, increase safety and improve the quality of life in Brookline. I have been very fortunate to have worked with two great Town Administrators, Mel Kleckner and Rich Kelliher, a number of honorable and committed Boards of Selectmen, a very talented group of Department Heads and Town staff, many residents who volunteer their time and most of all, many highly skilled, hard-working and professional police officers and civilian staff members of the Police Department. Furthermore, the support our Police Department has received over the years from the residents of the Town has been amazing and greatly appreciated. As a Police Department, we never would have been able to accomplish all that we have without everyone mentioned above working together to make Brookline a great place to live, work and visit.

While I look forward to enjoying my retirement, I will miss the work my colleagues and I do every day in an effort to provide the highest level of police services to the Brookline community. Over the last twenty-two plus years, we made many changes and improvements in the way we do our jobs. To highlight just a few: we achieved status as an accredited police agency, experienced a 60% reduction in crime, improved our process for promotions including selection methods for top Command Staff, were honored by the IACP with their 2007 Civil Rights award, upgraded our facility and expanded our use of technology. We have been ahead of the many changes and best practices in community policing. We have also formed a team of officers who will assist and support our members in times of great stress and/or tragedy. Furthermore, we took on the added responsibilities that resulted from the horrific attacks on September 11, 2001, we have provided twenty years of statistics to our community concerning our interactions and we continue to hire quality people to represent us and who reflect the diversity of Brookline.

More recently, we have stressed communication and de-escalation when dealing with potential use of force incidents and we have taken the lead in changing the way we deal with those who suffer from some form of mental illness. I believe the Brookline Police Department, in large part because of the quality of its personnel and the willingness of our officers to take on challenges, has put itself in a great position to continue to achieve so much more in the upcoming years.

Once again, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as Brookline's Chief of Police. Happy Holidays!!

Respectfully, Chief Daniel C. O'Leary



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