

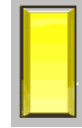
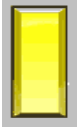
Watertown
Police
Department



Promotions
to
Lieutenant & Sergeant

Thursday
June 5, 2008

To the Rank of Lieutenant



William M. Logue

Appointed

Sergeant - February 8, 1996

Patrolman - January 7, 1980

To the Rank of Sergeant



John C. MacLellan

Appointed

Patrolman - October 1, 1990



Program

Opening Remarks

Edward P. Deveau
Chief of Police

Remarks

Michael J. Driscoll
Town Manager

Oath of Office

John E. Flynn
Town Clerk

Refreshments provided by the
Watertown Police Supervisor's Association



Watertown Police Department

The first town employees specifically described as police were appointed in the spring of 1864. For more than 200 years previously, the responsibility of preserving law and order had been in the hands of constables, who served as officers of the Court of Common Pleas at Cambridge, in criminal as well as in civil cases. The office of constable was an elected position that was held annually. There were two constables elected and paid a small sum for serving warrants. The office was so unpopular that around 1860 a list of voters was made and, beginning with the eldest, they were to serve in rotation unless excused for good cause.

Evidence of the type of work which used to be expected of our constables may be found in the record of a special town meeting, held on November 3, 1863, when the sum of \$38.00 was voted to compensate Joshua Learned, a constable, "for loss of time and expense incurred in consequence of injuries received while doing police duty on the eve of July 4". It would seem that the Night Before The Fourth celebration in Watertown in July, 1863, was one of the most uproarious ever held up to that time. No doubt the news which had just arrived of the Union victory at Gettysburg, added to the excitement of the occasion.

It was at this same special meeting, possibly as a result of Mr. Learned's unpleasant experience, that the Town voted to adopt a set of police regulations. It was also voted, as follows:

"The selectmen shall appoint annually two or more police officers whose special duty it shall be to see that these police regulations are strictly enforced, and who shall remain in office until others are appointed in their stead, subject to removal by the Selectmen. The police officers shall receive from the Town such compensation as the Selectmen may deem reasonable!"

This was the start of the Watertown Police Department. Today, the department has a total complement of sixty-nine (69) officers plus thirteen (13) civilians, and twenty-six (26) school crossing guards. It should also be noted that the total appropriation for operating the town government in March, 1864 was \$22,500. The appropriation for the town government this year is \$91.7 million dollars.