

Deputy Sheriffs brought all fugitives back to NH with 7 transports assisted by the US Marshal

Dispatch Center Service Calls

2001: 90,090 2002: 92,575 2003: 88,697 2004: 86,956

The Sheriff's Dispatch Center is the largest Public Safety Dispatch Center in New Hampshire. We provide 24-hour service for 23 Police Departments and 14 Fire Departments. The Center is also the primary communications point for the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant Radiological Emergency Response Plan (RERP), the Pease International Tradeport Emergency Response Plan, and the Manchester Airport Emergency Response Plan.

Airport Division Statistics

Alarms	6,251	Vehicle related	3,040
Escorts	467	Suspicious Containers	522
Criminal	1,375	Parking Tickets	239
Aircraft related	26	Administrative Calls	4,120
Medical related	250	Calls for Service	15,531

Activity increased 12.6% over 2003 and serviced >4 million passengers

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Edward R. Buck III, Treasurer

Rockingham County ended 2004 in good financial shape. This was indicated by the fact that during 2004 the County:

- met all financial obligations on a timely basis
- obtained borrowing at continued relatively low interest rates
- maintained an excellent Moody rating

Rockingham County issued a \$19 million tax anticipation note (TAN) on July 8th with a very favorable interest rate. Parker/Hunter group purchased this note at a net interest rate of 1.3790%. This rate pertains to short-term borrowing over a six-month term. The money was used for the County operating expenses. The last TAN borrowing by the County was in June 2003 at an interest rate of 0.9033%. Eight different financial organizations placed bids on the TAN with net interest rates ranging from 1.3790% to 1.7490%. The principle and interest were paid on December 31, 2004.

Moody's Investor Services assigned an MIG-1 rating for the \$19 million note, the best note rating possible. Moody also affirmed the County's Aa3 rating for general obligation debt and continued the outlook of "positive" for long-term debt. There are no "triple A" ratings in New Hampshire.

It's estimated that the excellent MIG-1 rating saves the County ten's of thousands of dollars in interest payments. The MIG-1 rating applies to short-term loans only.

Due to our continued strong credit rating, the County was able to borrow both bond and tax anticipation notes at favorable rates. This low interest rate will save the County in interest payments and will make future County borrowing more attractive to investors throughout the country.

Reasons given by Moody's for the high rating included: the continued strong financial position of the County's operations, favorable cash flow projections; a growing tax base; and the county's low debt burden.

Theresa Young of the Finance Office and her staff deserve credit for putting these complicated financial matters together. The entire finance staff worked hard to achieve great fiscal health for the County.

During the year, the Treasurer's Office collected \$35,993,492 in taxes from the thirty-seven cities and towns of Rockingham County. We currently are not involved with any legal proceedings regarding taxes.

UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Rollie Barnaby, Office Administrator

Mission Statement

The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension provides New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy. As your local link to the University of New Hampshire, Cooperative Extension in Rockingham County provides practical education to people of all ages. The cooperative part of our name refers to a funding combination of federal, state, and local allocations and this partnership has been in existence for 89 years. Outreach efforts include monitoring water quality in our lakes and rivers, collaborative efforts to sustain the marine fishery, aquaculture, reducing the use of pesticides, parenting programs, 4-H clubs, land use management, food safety, forest stewardship, family finances, meeting the needs of low-income families, and strengthening our communities.

Strengthening New Hampshire communities is a major statewide initiative that has impacted Rockingham County. A primary focus of this initiative is the Community Profile which helps communities take stock of where they are today and develop an action plan for the future. It provides a method for citizens to affirm community strengths, to meet challenges creatively through collaboration, and to manage change. Follow-up support is available from Extension staff.

Nancy Adams retired this year after 20 years. She was a respected and valuable Agriculture Resources Extension Educator. We will be assessing the needs and future staffing to support the growing agriculture sector of our county economy.

Our Advisory Council is at full strength and involved in needs assessment, program development, and evaluation. The Advisory Council is made up of 15 Rockingham County citizens including a youth member, County Commissioner Kate Pratt, and NH State Representative Jane Kelly.

The statewide UNH Cooperative Extension Info Line (1-877-398-4769) provides information on: gardens, lawns, and landscapes, fruits and vegetables, household food safety and preservation, pest problems, integrated pest management, backyard wildlife, tree planting and care, houseplants, home water systems and backyard livestock (pigs, sheep, poultry, rabbits).

The educators and staff thank the Board of Commissioners for their continued support.