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In 2007, the Lyndonville Police Department remained active throughout the year. In 2007, the Lyndonville Police handled more calls for service than in any prior year. When looking at the numbers of calls, I looked at the same time frame (1 January through 1 September) from 2004 through 2007, as this time frame reflected the exact same staffing. During this time, the Lyndonville Police Departments calls for service covered 210 calls. During the same time period in 2007, the Lyndonville Police covered 411 calls for service. This is an increase of 95 percent.

In looking back over the year at how the department did, I look at our commitment and our interaction with the public and with other agencies in the area. It is these relationships that I look at to see if our year was successful or not.

Over the year, myself and Officer Hemond have attended many public functions, as speakers or to show support for our local residents and businesses. Myself and Officer Hemond make every effort to make ourselves available to any local group, big or small, young or old, to discuss a large range of topics having to do with the law or our purpose. Any groups that we have not yet had the opportunity to meet with or those that we have and would like us to return can contact me for scheduling.

A lot of what I looked at this year was the dedication of Officer Hemond to the department and to the town and village. Throughout the year, Officer Hemond, besides interacting in a positive manner with the public, was charged with having to pass the entrance test and complete the academy. Through Officer Hemond's persistence, he graduated the academy on 30 November 2007, to officially become a full-time officer with the Lyndonville Police.

The Lyndonville Police strives to be community oriented. We still attempt to supply the community based services the sometimes fall through the cracks (motor vehicle lockouts, VIN verifications, Vacation house checks). Following along with this, the Lyndonville Police have attempted to start a bicycle registration process. This registration is free to the public and only entails having to fill out a form to be added. It is the intent of the department to use this data base to return found or recovered bicycles to their proper owners.

The Lyndonville Police would again like to acknowledge the assistance and support supplied by the public. There are many places that could learn by the commitment that the residents of the town and village show towards their community.

Chief Jack T. Harris