

Report of the Fremont Police Department



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Fremont Police Department is to protect our residents and all those who pass through our community by establishing high standards of impartial and professional law enforcement. We, as dedicated officers, must learn from the past, meet the present challenge, and plan for the future.

In May of 2018, after 2 years of service to the Fremont Police Department, Officer Erich Lutz accepted a position with the Somersworth Police Department. This move to a larger agency was closer to his home and provided Erich with additional opportunities that he would not have been afforded in a smaller agency. We thank him for the time that he did dedicate to the Town of Fremont, and his presence is definitely missed.

At the same time, Probationary Officer James Saltzman accepted a full-time assignment with his US Army Reserve unit, and took a Military Leave-of-Absence from the Fremont Police Department.

The loss of these two full-time Patrolmen caused a great personnel strain on the Department that we are still dealing with. Their departure left the Department with only three (3) full-time and four (4) part-time employees, including Chief Twiss and Lt. Morelli, who, being already retired from other agencies are limited by State Law to the number of hours per week that they are allowed to work. Because we continue our commitment to provide 24 hour coverage to the residents and visitors to Fremont, we had to make some very difficult and creative scheduling decisions. Each member of the Department should be commended for their efforts to step up even more than usual to get us through these trying times.

After a series of exams, interviews and background investigations, the Fremont Police hired two new full-time Patrolman to replace the vacancies. In August, Philip Houten and Christian Hight began their training in the 177th class of the New Hampshire Police Academy. Both Officers graduated December 13, 2018 and are currently assigned to work with a Field Training Officer



for twelve weeks before working on their own. The photo shows: Sergeant Larochelle, Officer Hight, Officer Houten, Chief Twiss, and Lieutenant Morelli after the new officers' Academy Graduation.

Over the course of 2018, Officers responded to seven (7) drug overdoses, one of which was unfortunately fatal. In September, to assist in combating this epidemic, all members of the

Fremont Police Department received training from certified instructors from Raymond Ambulance Inc. on the use of NARCAN, a medication that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. By the end of the year, each officer had received their licenses from the NH Bureau of Emergency Medical Services to administer this life saving medication, and each cruiser is equipped with the medication should the need arise.

In this photo, Officer Joseph Wyner is seen receiving the Department's Life Saving Award for actions he took at one of these overdose responses (November 2018) that ultimately saved the life of the victim.



The 2018 NH Race Into Winter (Grass Drags and Water Cross), hosted by the NH Snowmobile Association brought over 45,000 people to Fremont over the three days of the event held on Columbus Day Weekend in October. Heavy rains just prior to the event caused approximately 20% of the

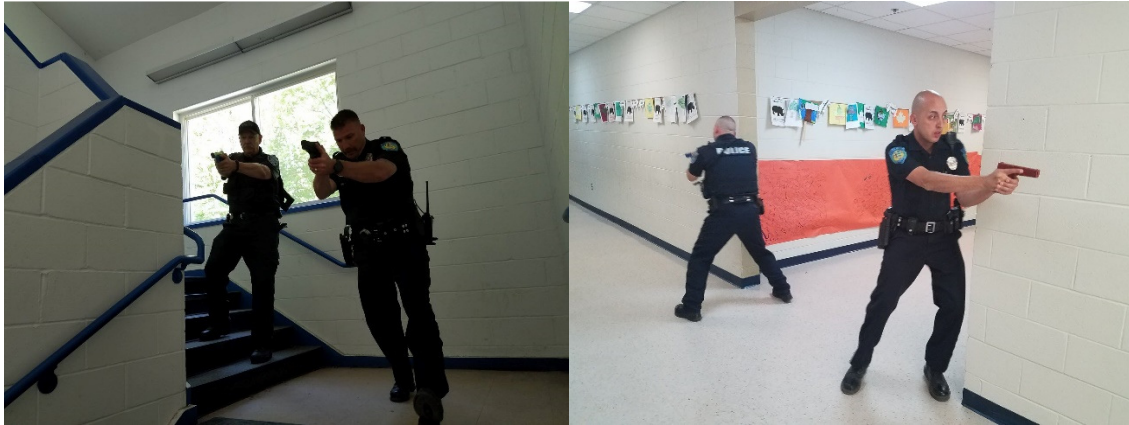
unusable due serious traffic which is day for the Department, Snowmobile are already alleviate these event. Over



the three day event, Members of the along with NH Association personnel working on plans to issues for the 2019

the Fremont Police successfully oversaw the events traffic and crowd control with relatively few problems.

In 2018, Lieutenant Pete Morelli became certified as an instructor for Active Shooter Response, using the ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate) Training Institute's methods. Members of the Department then conducted multiple training events to practice these techniques. Members of the Brentwood Police Department also participated in the training. In the photos below, Officer Huard and Brentwood Detective Turner can be seen running through a drill at the Old Sanborn Regional High School in Kingston and Officer Boissonneault and a Brentwood Officer can be seen practicing the techniques at the Ellis School. Lt. Morelli will be training Ellis School staff on what their role can be in saving lives during a crisis event.



In December, the Police Department completed the 18th Annual Santa Parade. Once again, the event was a huge success and we were joined by the Fremont Fire and Rescue Department and the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department. We want to express a special thanks to all the volunteers that make this event a success: Santa, the Fremont Recreation Commission, and Sergeant Jason Larochelle and all the other participants for contributing or taking time out of their busy schedules to be in our parade. The parade always brings smiles from all our Fremont residents.



The Fremont Police was awarded supplemental funding for two federal and state funded grant programs to help purchase new equipment and fill patrol shifts. Grant #1: N.H. Fish and Game Department awarded us a grant for over \$3240 to patrol the Rockingham County Trail system with our ATV patrols. These patrols help reduce the number of ATV accidents, noise complaints and other violations on the trail system. Grant #2: Bullet Vest Partnership: This grant is funded through the Department of Justice and assists the department in purchasing body armor for our police officers.

Officers of the Fremont Police Department responded to the following Calls for Service in **2018**.

Administrative	-	34	Motor Vehicle Complaints	-	92
Bad / Forged Checks	-	5	Motor Vehicle Lock Outs	-	14
Burglar Alarm Activations	-	1100	Motor Vehicle Theft	-	0
Animal Control	-	385	Motor Vehicle Stops	-	1146
Assaults	-	2	Noise Complaints	-	58
Assist Citizens	-	99	Notification	-	15
Assist Other Town/Agencies	-	173	Missing Person	-	6
Assist Fire Department	-	80	Officer Wanted	-	27
Assist Rescue/Ambulance	-	278	O.H.R.V. Complaints	-	40
Assist Other Fremont Depts.	-	10	Open Doors	-	17
Assist Court Personnel	-	1	Paper work Service	-	139
Building / Property Checks	-	6123	Police Information	-	155
Assist Motorist	-	42	Public Intoxication	-	7
Burglary	-	13	Property Lost/Found	-	30
Civil Matters	-	113	Restraining Order Service	-	11
Criminal Threatening	-	11	Sex Offenses	-	9
Criminal Trespass	-	13	Suicidal Person/Threats	-	8
Directed Patrols	-	458	Suicides Completed	-	2
Disorderly Conduct	-	0	Suspicious Activity	-	81
Disturbance / Fight	-	34	Suspicious/Abandoned Vehicles	-	96
Domestic Disturbance	-	47	Speed Check Points	-	47
Drug Offenses	-	9	Theft	-	26
D.W.I.	-	12	Traffic Hazard	-	77
Follow-Up Investigation	-	249	Vandalism	-	13
Fraud	-	19	VIN Verification	-	56
Harassment	-	15	Well Being Checks	-	87
Juvenile Offenses	-	14	911 Hang Up Calls	-	19
Illegal Dumping	-	2	Unattended Death	-	8
Illegal Parking	-	27	Unknown Complaint / Call	-	405
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	75			

Based on these calls for Service, Officers took 254 Incident/Crime Reports, generated 10 Field Interview (Informational) Reports, took 89 Alleged Offenders into custody, responded to 40 Reportable Motor Vehicle Accidents, Issued 1019 Motor Vehicle Warnings, 106 Traffic Citations, and 7 Parking Citations.

To help our officers find your house in case of emergency, please make sure your house number are visible from the road or on your mailbox. It seems like a minor issue but it will help us find your home quicker during an emergency. If you are going to be gone for an extended period of time, come into the police department or go on to our web site obtain a "**Vacant House Check Form**". Fill out the form and bring it to the police station. We will check your property while you are away and notify you if there is an issue. Be sure to cancel your mail, paper deliveries and leave a light on a timer. You might also want to make a neighbor or a friend aware of it.

The Town of Fremont has an Alarm Ordinance that requires any alarm installed within the Town to be registered with the Police Department. Without that information, we are unable to contact the owners in the event of alarm activation. If we respond to your home for an alarm call, we will call the numbers listed on the form, so it is important to include a cell phone

number. The forms are all available at the Safety Complex or can be downloaded from our website www.fremontnHPD.com.

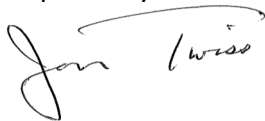
I also invite the community to go online and check out the Fremont Police Facebook page. The site is kept up to date on current events in town as well as police activity and recent pictures. Please **do not** use the **Fremont Police Facebook** to report a crime. If you see a crime or something suspicious, please call **911** to report it.

With the continuing financial support and dedication of the staff at the Ellis School, we are once again able to offer the **D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)** Program. The **D.A.R.E.** program is taught to 5th grade students by certified **D.A.R.E.** Instructor Officer Greg Huard.

To help combat the current opioid/drug epidemic, the Fremont police participated in the D.E.A. Nation Drug Take Back program again in 2018. The Drug Take Back Day provides the public a place to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs. Medicines/prescription drugs, play an important role in treating many conditions and diseases and when they are no longer needed it is important to dispose of them properly to help reduce harm from accidental exposure or intentional misuse. The Fremont Police collected over 50 pounds of unused narcotics/drugs during the Spring and Fall 2018 Drug Take Back National Program. Future Drug Take Back dates will be posted on the Fremont Police website and Facebook page.

To the residents of Fremont and the members of the Police Department: Administrative Assistant Mary Wheaton-Pinder, Detective Lieutenant Peter Morelli, Sergeant Jason Larochelle, Officers Kurtis Boissonneault, Gregory Huard, Christian Hight, Philip Houten, Joseph Gordon, Chris McKee, Joseph Wyner, Animal Control Officer Renee King and Prosecutor Heather Iworski, **Thank You** for your support and dedication. If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free call my office at any time at 895 2229 or email me at jtwiss@fremontnHPD.com.

Respectfully submitted,



Jon Twiss
Chief of Police



RESPECT, HONOR, REMEMBER

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