

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.

During 2016 the Fremont Police Department was able to recruit and hire 30 year veteran Hampton Police Officer Sergeant Steven Henderson. Steven's vast experience and training has been an asset to the department. Fremont Police Sergeant Peter Morelli was promoted to Lieutenant and is second in command at the Fremont Police Department.

To help combat the current opioid/drug epidemic, the Fremont police participated in the D.E.A. National Drug Take Back program twice in 2016. 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 24.4 pounds during the April 30th Drug Take Back and another 26.1 pounds on September 26^{th.} We will post future Drug Take Back dates on the Fremont Police website and Facebook page.

The Fremont Police was able to obtain a Military Surplus HMMWV vehicle (2008 American General M998) at no cost to the Town. The HMMWV is being used to patrol heavily wooded areas (ie: Shirkin Rd) and during extreme weather conditions.

The Fremont Police were also awarded supplemental funding from three Federally funded grant programs to help with purchasing new equipment and fill patrol overtime shifts. Grant #1: N.H. Fish and Game Department awarded us over \$3780 to patrol the Rockingham County Trail system with our ATV patrols. These patrols helps reduce the number of ATV accidents

and violations on the trail system. Grant #2: N.H. Department of Safety equipment grant was awarded in the amount of \$2430. These funds allowed us to purchase three new Police Radar units for our cruisers. Grant #3: N.H. Department of Safety distracted driver enforcement grant of \$6800 was awarded to us to increase DWI and distracted driving patrols.

I would also like to remind our residents, when you leave your home, be sure to secure your home. 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 registration forms (Vacant House, Alarm Registration, and Special Needs) are all available at the Safety Complex, or can be downloaded from our website <u>www.fremontnhpd.com</u>.

I also would like to 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 page to report a crime.

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 by certified **D.A.R.E.** Instructor Officer Greg Huard. Officer Huard has developed a great rapport with his students and has many success stories from his efforts in the school.

The 2016 NH Grass Drags, hosted by the NH Snowmobile Association brought in over 39,000 people to Fremont over the three days of the event. The Fremont Police successfully oversaw the events traffic and crowd control with relatively few problems.

The Police Department and Fire/Rescue Department members completed the 16th annual Santa Parade. We want to express a special thanks to all the volunteers that make this event a success: Santa and his elves, the Fremont Recreation Department, 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 residence.

Fremont continues to see increased levels of serious offenses such as; assaults, burglaries, thefts, drug offenses, domestic offenses, etc. I ask that all Fremont residents be observant and if you see anything that seems suspicious, don't hesitate to call 911. Use 911 when you call any

crime in progress or anything that seems out of the ordinary. The business telephone line (895-2229) should only be used for business/administrative questions.

Officers of the Fremont Police Department responded to the following Calls for Service in 2016.

Police Information 403 Public Intoxication 9 Property Lost/Found 43 Restraining Order Service 20 Sex Offenses 6 Suicidal Person 56 Suspicious Activity 52 Suspicious/Abandoned Vehicles -135 Speed Check Points 115 Theft 21 Traffic Hazard 74 Vandalism 32 **VIN** Verification 56 Well Being Checks 50 911 Hang Up Calls 20

Unknown Complaint / Call



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Based on these calls for Service, Officers took 266 Incident/Crime Reports, generated 48 Field Interview (Informational) Reports, took 100 Alleged Offenders into custody, Investigated 50 Reportable Motor Vehicle Accidents, Issued 1797 Motor Vehicle Warnings, 157 Traffic Citations, and 33 Parking Citations. To the residents of Fremont, the Fremont Board of Selectmen, the members of the Fire Department, Highway Department and the members of the Police Department: Administrative Assistant Mary Wheaton-Pinder, Detective Lieutenant Peter Morelli, Sergeant Jason Larochelle, Officers Kurtis Boissonnealt, Gregory Huard, Erich Lutz, Andrew Artimovich, Jesse Emery, Derek Franek, Joseph Gordon, Steven Henderson, Joseph Wyner, Animal Control Officer Renee King and Prosecutor Heather Iworski, **Thank You** for your continued support and dedication. If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free call my office at any time at 895 2229.



RESPECT, HONOR, REMEMBER

Respectfully submitted,

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Jon Twiss Chief of Police

"True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others, at whatever cost."

~Arthur Ashe