

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.

2021 was another challenging year for everyone. Although it appeared that we were coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic, additional variants of the virus made a resurgence, and the Fremont Police Department was forced to continue conducting business in a modified manner. We appreciate

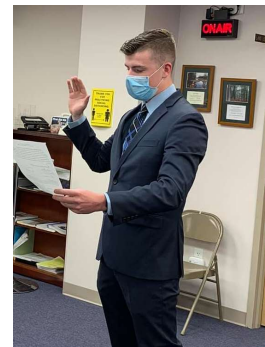
everyone's patience and assistance during this difficult time.

Due to the nature of our business, and our constant contact with the public, despite our best efforts, our personnel were hit with varying degrees of COVID throughout the year. Several of our officers were forced to quarantine due to illness or exposure at various times throughout the year, causing others to have to step up and fill the gaps in scheduling so that we could continue to serve the Town of Fremont in the manner we have dedicated to.

We would especially like to thank the residents of Fremont for their support of the Warrant Article at March's Town Meeting which allowed us to add an additional Full-Time Patrol Officer to our staff.



In April, Officers Bailey Nasser and Rui Barbosa graduated from the 184th Class of the NH Police Academy, becoming Full-Time Certified



Officers. In a small ceremony at the Town Hall, attended by a few of their friends and family, they were then sworn in and officially became full time Fremont Police Officers. That evening, we also swore in Officer Kevin Kneeland as a Part-Time Patrol Officer. Kevin comes to us with almost three years of experience as a Full-Time Officer at the Brentwood Police Department where he is currently still employed.

L to R: Heidi Carlson (swearing officers in), Bailey Nasser, Rui Barbosa and Kevin Kneeland, Rui Barbosa. Photos courtesy of Jason Larochelle.

In May, Officer Gregory Huard left the Department after almost twelve years as a Fremont Police Officer. Officer Huard spent years as a dedicated employee, as well as serving as the DARE Officer for many years to students at the Ellis School. Officer Huard left to accept a position as the School Resource Officer with the Epping Police Department.



To fill the vacancy left by Officer Huard's departure, the Fremont Police Department hired Officer Robert McConn that same month. Officer McConn came to us with over ten years of experience as a Part-Time Police Officer with the Chester and Brentwood Police Departments. Officer McConn was then sent to the 186th Class of the NH Police Academy, graduating in December as a Full-Time Certified Police Officer.

We also welcomed Lieutenant Christopher Sanders to the Department in May. Lt. Sanders had recently retired from the Manchester Police Department and comes to us with years of investigative and supervisory experience.



In September, to fill the additional Patrol position that was created based on the Warrant Article, we welcomed Officer Michael Buckley to the staff. Officer Buckley had previously worked for the Manchester Police Department for eleven years.

In October, the annual Race Into Winter (Grass Drags and Water Cross), hosted by the NH Snowmobile Association, was once again able to be held on the Peterson Farm (Brookvale Pines Farm) on Martin Road. The NHSA welcomed approximately 46,500 visitors to the event over Columbus Day Weekend. Had it not been for the restrictions that were in place at the time which curtailed many of the Canadian racers and spectators from attending, there probably would have been many more in attendance.



Members of the Fremont Police Department conducted multiple training sessions over the last year. These included Firearms,

Taser, Less than Lethal Shotgun bean bag, De-Escalation of Conflict, Ethics, Implicit Bias, First Aid and CPR/AED certification.

As we approached the Holiday Season at the end of the year, the Fremont Police Department took on a couple of new community projects thanks to the efforts of Officer Buckley. The first, being a Toys-For-Tots donation bin being placed at the Safety Complex. Just prior to Christmas, we were able to deliver two full boxes to the USMC's collection point at the Mall of NH. This was done ONLY because of the generosity of the residents who filled those boxes with donated toys.

We also held a free holiday raffle. Thanks to the generosity of several local businesses, we were able to give away over 100 prizes to residents as a way of thanking all of you for your support throughout the years.

In December, the Fremont Police and Fire Rescue Departments conducted the 21st Annual Santa Parade. Once again, the event was a huge success and we received a great amount of positive feedback from the community. We want to express a special thanks to all the volunteers that make this event a success.

To help combat the ongoing opioid/drug epidemic, the Fremont Police once again participated in the D.E.A. National Drug Take Back program in April and October of 2021. Drug Take Back Day provides the public a place to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs. Medicines and 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. During each session, the Fremont Police Department collected approximately 40 pounds of unused narcotics/drugs, which were turned over for destruction. Future Drug Take Back dates will be posted on the Fremont Police website and Facebook page.

Helpful Public Safety Hints:

#1. Please make sure your house number is visible from the road or on your mailbox. This will help officers and other emergency responders find your home in case of an emergency. Reflective numbers are a big help late at night.

#2. If you are leaving your home for an extended period of time, come into the police department or visit our website to 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.

#3. Please lock your cars at all times when they are unoccupied. We have seen an increase in reported thefts from vehicles, and a common aspect of these reports is that the vehicle was left unlocked.

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 or other problems with the property. The required forms are available at the Safety Complex (we can mail them out while the building is closed to the public); or they can be downloaded from our website www.fremontnhd.com. The Fremont Police Facebook page 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 or other public safety concern, as it is not monitored by on-duty personnel. If you see a crime or something suspicious, please call **911** to report it.

In 2021, Officers of the Fremont Police Department handled almost 10,000 calls for service. The following statistics are based on those calls for service:

Officers of the Fremont Police Department responded to the following Calls for Service in 2021.					
Administrative	-	23	Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	63
Bad / Forged Checks	-	1	Motor Vehicle Complaints	-	77
Burglar Alarm Activations	-	65	Motor Vehicle Lock Outs	-	13
Animal Control	-	258	Motor Vehicle Theft	-	1
Assaults	-	3	Motor Vehicle Stops	-	1103
Assist Citizens	-	97	Noise Complaints	-	31
Assist Other Town/Agencies	-	130	Notification	-	18
Assist Fire Department	-	71	Missing Person	-	6
Assist Rescue/Ambulance	-	290	Officer Wanted	-	341
Assist Other Fremont Depts.	-	12	O.H.R.V. Complaints	-	30
Assist Court Personnel	-	0	Open Doors	-	8
Building / Property Checks	-	5869	Paper work Service	-	67
Assist Motorist	-	12	Police Information	-	65
Burglary	-	3	Public Intoxication	-	6
Civil Matters	-	93	Property Lost/Found	-	26
Criminal Threatening	-	9	Restraining Order Service	-	6
Criminal Trespass	-	10	Sex Offenses	-	1
Directed Patrols	-	197	Suicidal Person	-	2
Disorderly Conduct	-	0	Suspicious Activity	-	47
Disturbance / Fight	-	37	Suspicious/Abandoned Vehicles	-	68
Domestic Disturbance	-	35	Speed Check Points	-	284
Drug Offenses	-	2	Theft	-	12
D.W.I.	-	8	Traffic Hazard	-	75
Follow-Up Investigation	-	106	Vandalism	-	10
Fraud	-	7	VIN Verification	-	33
Harassment	-	5	Well Being Checks	-	42
Juvenile Offenses	-	8	911 Hang Up Calls	-	17
Illegal Dumping	-	3	Untimely/Unattended Deaths	-	2
Illegal Parking	-	20	Unknown Complaint / Call	-	34

Based on these calls for Service, Officers took 165 Incident/Crime Reports, generated 11 Field Interview (Informational) Reports, took 48 Alleged Offenders into custody, Investigated 48 Reportable Motor Vehicle Accidents, issued 926 Motor Vehicle Warnings, 146 Traffic Citations, and 9 Parking Citations.

To the residents of Fremont and the members of the Police Department: Administrative Assistant Mary Wheaton-Pinder, Detective Lieutenant Christopher Sanders, Sergeant Jason Larochelle, Officers Nikki Bernier, Bailey Nasser, Rui Barbosa, Robert McConn, Michael Buckley,

Joseph Gordon, Kurtis Boissonneault, Joseph Wyner, Kevin Kneeland, 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 to call my office at any time at (603) 895 2229 or email me at jtwiss@fremontnhpd.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Twiss
Chief of Police

Safety Complex Improvements in 2021



The Town has for several years been trying to save or budget for repaving of the Safety Complex parking lot. The lot has never had additional work done since installation in 1998 when the building was constructed.

The weight of heavy fire apparatus and years of wear had worn some ruts that caused continued icing problems, and it simply needed repair.

The Select Board in consult with Fire and Police Chiefs and the Road Agent used some of the ARPA Funds from the State of NH to get this work done in November 2021. A new drainage swale was also



added to address water problems at the rear of the lot. Some budget residual within Fire and Highway Department lines funded a portion of the work as well. The end result should last the next 20+ years!

Photos courtesy of Jason Larochelle, Leon Holmes Jr, Michelle Gallant and Heidi Carlson