

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.

2022 brought the Fremont Police Department new challenges and exciting changes. The lifting of certain Covid-19 mandates has allowed us to continue our community policing efforts, to strengthen the ties between our Department and the people we serve. It has also provided new opportunities for training in partnership with other Town departments, and the Ellis School.

In October, Sgt. Jason Larochelle retired with over 20 years as a Fremont Police Officer. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors. This retirement opened the door for our newest hires, Officer Tien Le, and Officer Joseph Mucci.



Officer Le comes to us from the NH State Police and he is already proving to be an asset to this PD. Officer Mucci retired as a Captain from the Manchester Police Department, with



extensive investigative experience and tactical training. Officer Mucci will be vital in our Department's upcoming training.

In addition to our new hires, we had two promotions in 2022. Officers Nikki Bernier and Michael Buckley were both promoted to Sergeant. The new Sergeants will provide a pivotal role for our Patrol Officers in ensuring our mission statement and high-quality police work.

In October, the annual Race into Winter (Grass Drags and Water Cross), through the NH Snowmobile Association was held on the Peterson Farm (Brookvale Pines Farm). It was a record year for attendance due to the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions and the participation of Canadian racers.

Members of the Fremont Police Department conducted multiple training sessions over the last year. These trainings include firearms, less than lethal shotgun bean bag, taser, less than lethal 40mm projectiles, De-Escalation of Conflict, Ethics, Implicit Bias, defensive tactics, and domestic violence response techniques.

Over the year of 2022, the Fremont Police Department and the Ellis School staff worked closely together in security, structural, training, and policy changes. This collaboration led to school security camera live feeds to the PD, 911 response time calculations, trauma kits strategically posted throughout the school, trauma kit training for school staff, new student pick-up and drop-off routes, and emergency service operations guidelines to name a few. This year the Fremont Police also conducted room clearing and evacuation training at the Ellis School, which will be continual and fluid in the coming years.



In May, with the help and generosity of so many, we held our first annual Fishin' with the Fuzz

fishing tournament behind 662 Main Street (where the blimp is). We look forward to doing it again in 2023. It was great to see our local children have fun outdoors and win some great prizes.



In August we partnered with Parks and Recreation to put on a movie night at the Fremont Public Library. It was a nice turnout and we'll be looking to expand on future movie nights. Thank you again to Fremont Parks and Recreation and the other volunteers.

In December we held our second annual Winter Giveaway. Donations from local businesses and citizens were amazing once again. We're glad to be able to give back a little to our residents that have supported us time and time again.

Also in December, we participated in Toys for Tots for the second year in a row. Again, our town delivered. Boxes were placed at the PD and the Fremont Public Library, and they were overflowing. The Ellis School 7th grade also did an amazing job collecting toys for this campaign. Through their efforts, and the Ellis School as a whole, an enjoyable holiday assembly was put on and all the toys were amassed in one location. Residents Bill and Connie Dolloff were also instrumental in the collection of toys, and the delivery of them to the Derry Police Department for distribution to the Marine Corps.

2022 marked the 22nd annual Santa Parade. The Fremont Fire Rescue Department and Fremont Police Department with the help of volunteers made this another community event to remember. Thank you to all who volunteered their time. See you next year.

Other community events for 2022 were the Ice Creams for Bicycle Safety for children under the age of 16 wearing their helmets, and our bike giveaway. The Fremont Police Department had bicycles in safekeeping from years ago that were abandoned property. After a little cleaning, many of these bicycles were given to children in Fremont.



In 2022 we continued our participation in the D.E.A. National Drug Take Back in April and October. The Drug Take Back Day provides the public a means to disposed of unused or expired prescription drugs. This collection of prescription drugs plays an important role in combating accidental exposure or intentional abuse. Future Drug Take Back dates will be posted on the Fremont Police Department website and our 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, come into the police department or visit our web site 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 always lock your cars when they are unoccupied. As in the past, reported thefts from vehicles are a continual problem with a common aspect of these reports is that the vehicle was left unlocked.

#4. There has been a significant increase in mail fraud and theft from mailboxes. If able, please bring your mail in as soon as possible and bring your outgoing mail to the stationary mailbox at the post office.

#5. With personal technology always changing, criminals are continually looking for new ways to steal or blackmail from anyone they can. Protect your personal data, and never give information to anyone that is not a trusted source. Addresses, banking information, bills,

appointment schedules, and personal photographs sent on the internet can be utilized to steal from you. Reach out to the Fremont Police Department or a trusted friend or family member if you feel you have been or are being targeted.

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 also mail them out); 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 immediately** to report it.

In 2022, 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 2022					
Bad / Forged Checks	-	2	Motor Vehicle Complaints	-	26
Burglar Alarm Activations	-	56	Motor Vehicle Lock Outs	-	22
Animal Control	-	142	Motor Vehicle Theft	-	1
Assaults	-	2	Motor Vehicle Stops	-	913
Assist Citizens	-	108	Noise Complaints	-	54
Assist Other Town/Agencies	-	75	Notification	-	4
Assist Rescue/Ambulance	-	300	Missing Person	-	3
Assist Other Fremont Depts.	-	12	O.H.R.V. Complaints	-	9
Building / Property Checks	-	4681	Open Doors	-	3
Assist Motorist	-	25	Paperwork Service	-	47
Burglary	-	3	Police Information	-	25
Civil Matters	-	75	Property Lost/Found	-	30
Criminal Threatening	-	9	Restraining Order Service	-	5
Criminal Trespass	-	7	Serve Warrant	-	19
Directed Patrols	-	279	Sex Offenses	-	4
Disorderly Conduct	-	2	Suicidal Person	-	3
Disturbance / Fight	-	21	Suspicious Activity	-	28
Domestic Disturbance	-	27	Suspicious/Abandoned Vehicles	-	52
Drug Offenses	-	3	Speed Check Points	-	613
D.W.I.	-	11	Theft	-	25
Endangering Welfare of Child	-	8	Traffic Hazard	-	47
Follow-Up Investigation	-	118	Vandalism	-	7
Fraud	-	4	VIN Verification	-	22
Harassment	-	8	Well Being Checks	-	46
Juvenile Offenses	-	15	911 Hang Up Calls	-	22
Illegal Dumping	-	5	Untimely/Unattended Deaths	-	4
Illegal Parking	-	5	Walkthrough Extra Patrol	-	52
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	5			

Based on these calls for Service, Officers took 179 Incident/Crime Reports, generated 13 Arrest Warrants, took 49 alleged offenders into custody, investigated 50 Reportable Motor Vehicle Accidents, Issued 785 Motor Vehicle Warnings, and issued 106 Traffic Citations.

To the residents of Fremont and the members of the Police Department: Administrative Assistant Mary Wheaton-Pinder, Detective Lieutenant Christopher Sanders, Sergeants Nikki Bernier and Michael Buckley, Officers Bailey Nasser, Rui Barbosa, Robert McConn, Tien Le, Joseph Gordon, Joseph Wyner, Kurtis Boissonneault, Joseph Mucci, 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



Sgt Larochelle Retirement Open House
October 10, 2022



Preparing to escort Santa
December 17, 2022

Fremont and neighboring officers training on Defensive Tactics at the Town Hall on December 9, 2022.



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