

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.

The year 2023 proved to be another great year for the Fremont Police Department. We continued with some great community policing events, and we conducted numerous training exercises that will continue to benefit our officers in their duties to serve the public. We as a Department have also continued to work closely with other Town entities in the continual pursuit of the best practices to accomplish our mission of public safety.

Although this year saw the departure of Lieutenant Chris Sanders, we are fortunate enough to



have been able to promote Officer Kurtis Boissonnault to Lieutenant to fill the role of handling major cases and other administrative duties. Lt Boissonnault has served as an officer in Fremont for 10 years, and we look forward to having him take over this role. We also hired Officer Nicholas Patterson who came to us from Exeter, and Officer Michael Perrault who finished the academy in November. Officer Richard Crouse was also sworn in as a part-time officer. Currently, the Fremont

Police Department is seeking eligible candidates to fill a full-time position.

We also saw the retirement of Mary Wheaton-Pinder from her position of Police Department Administrative Assistant after 18 years in that role. We celebrated Mary's retirement on July 31st with a community Open House. We welcomed Susan Komenda to the position and she had a couple of weeks to transition with Mary. We wish Mary well in her retirement.



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). Although the weather proved to make it a muddy year, it did not deter the typical large crowds. This year we saw over 43,000 visitors for the event.

We conducted our annual training this year for firearms training, less than lethal options, taser, use of force, evidence handling, defensive tactics, and ethics to name a few. We will continue to evolve our training program as certain procedures, laws, and circumstances warrant it.

Like last year, the Fremont Police Department continues to work closely with the Ellis School for campus security and safety. We will continue our training and policy updates with School staff and administration to provide the safest environment possible for students and staff.

This May, we held our 2nd annual “Fishin with the Fuzz” fishing tournament behind the Iron Horse Industrial Park (where the blimp is) on Iron Horse Drive. It was great to see a larger turnout this year and we hope that 2024 provides an even bigger crowd. We thank all the volunteers who helped make this event happen. A special thanks to members of the Rockingham County Sheriffs Department K-9 Officers who put on a wonderful demonstration for the kids. It was a big hit.

Throughout the year, we participated in numerous movie nights with the Parks and Recreation Commission. It was great to provide some fun filled nights with movies, pizza, chicken tenders, and other great treats. We look forward to future collaborations with Parks and Rec.

This December saw our 3rd annual Winter Giveaway. Local businesses and citizens donated many prizes that went directly back into our community. We will continue to have this event in 2024.

Also in December, we participated in Toys for Tots for the third year in a row. This was the best year yet. With the help of the Ellis School 7th grade and so many generous others, we were able to provide 590 toys for the United States Marine Corps to distribute to children in need. This is our favorite event of the year, and we can’t wait to see what 2024 brings.

2023 marked the 23rd annual Santa Parade. The Fremont Fire Rescue Department and Fremont Police Department with the help of volunteers made this another great yearly event. We will be working with the Fire Rescue Department this year to tweak the routes a bit, to ensure new residential developments and roadways are visited in the parade.

Some other community events for 2023 were distributing free ice cream vouchers from Stillwell’s to certain children under the age of 16 for wearing their bicycle helmets. We also were able to provide over 20 bicycle helmets to children of Fremont that needed them. In May we worked with the Fremont Public Library, and Parks and Rec to put on a Gem Dig. This was a fun event and a lot of kids walked away with some great geological treasures.

In 2023 we continued our participation in the D.E.A. National Drug Take Back in April and October. 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.

This year we replaced two cruisers for our fleet. Reliability in our vehicles and equipment is vital to our mission and officer safety, and we will continue to seek the best options possible to accomplish these goals.

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. Keeping in line with #3, please remember to properly store firearms. Leaving them in unlocked vehicles is an unsafe practice and could result in your firearm being used for other criminal activities.

#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** to report it.

In 2023, Officers of the Fremont Police Department handled almost 8,700 calls for service. The following statistics are based on those calls for service:

Below are some of the calls the Fremont Police Department responded to for Service in 2023

Animal Control	-	166	Noise Complaints	-	14
Assaults	-	5	Notification	-	4
Assist Citizens	-	79	Missing Person	-	3
Assist Other Town/Agencies	-	58	O.H.R.V. Complaints	-	15
Assist Rescue/Ambulance	-	379	Open Doors	-	9
Burglar Alarm Activation	-	39	Paperwork Service	-	89
Building / Property Checks	-	4589	Police Information	-	27
Burglary	-	4	Property Lost/Found	-	12
Civil Matters	-	101	Reckless Operation	-	38
Criminal Threatening	-	9	Restraining Order Service	-	4
Criminal Trespass	-	3	Serve Warrant	-	9
Directed Patrols	-	214	Shots Fired Calls	-	17
Disorderly Conduct	-	1	Sex Offenses	-	3
Disturbance / Fight	-	24	Suicidal Person	-	20
Domestic Disturbance	-	39	Suspicious Activity	-	31
Drug Offenses	-	2	Suspicious/Abandoned Vehicles	-	59
D.W.I.	-	6	Speed Check Points	-	573
Follow-Up Investigation	-	163	Theft	-	15
Fraud	-	5	Traffic Hazard	-	16
Harassment	-	2	Vandalism	-	7
Juvenile Offenses	-	8	VIN Verification	-	41
Illegal Parking	-	11	Well Being Checks	-	64
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	42	911 Hang Up Calls	-	6
Motor Vehicle Complaints	-	9	Untimely/Unattended Deaths	-	4
Motor Vehicle Lock Outs	-	13	Unwanted Subject	-	7
Motor Vehicle Theft	-	3	Walkthrough Extra Patrol	-	48
Motor Vehicle Stops	-	1014			

Based on these calls for Service, Officers took 193 Incident/Crime Reports, generated 6 Arrest Warrants, took 43 alleged offenders into custody, investigated 42 Reportable Motor Vehicle Accidents, Issued 909 Motor Vehicle Warnings, and Traffic Citations.

The Fremont Police Department would like to thank the citizens of Fremont for their support throughout the year 2023. It is our hope that this new year will continue our positive relationship with not only our residents, but all who come to our town. Through professional law enforcement service and strong community programs, our Department will strive to continue to provide a safe, fair, and peaceful environment for all. On behalf of myself and the Fremont Police Department, we hope you have a great 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Jon Twiss



Officers at training on November 9, 2023

Photos courtesy of Heidi Carlson

2023 Annual Police Department Awards Ceremony

Chief Jon Twiss and members of the Fremont Police Department were present at the regular Select Board meeting of January 26, 2023 for the Annual Awards Ceremony process. Present for our meeting were Police Department staff members Mary Wheaton-Pinter, Joe Gordon, Bailey Nasser, Bob McConn, Rui Barbosa, Renee King, Michael Buckley; Ellis School Principal Brigid Connelly; and some family members. The recipients for the awards were as follows:

Officer Boissonneault- 10-year Honorable Service Award
Officer Tien Le- Military Service Award



ACO Renee King
15-year Honorable
Service Award (R)



Sergeant Michael Buckley (L)
Military Service Award/
Educational Achievement Award and it was noted that
Sergeant Buckley was nominated by a citizen for the
hometown "hero in action" award.



Officer Bailey Nasser- Educational Service Award

Officer Rui Barbosa- Exceptional Service Award/ Officer of
the Year Award.

Twiss recognized the training officers have attended and
their accomplishments and actions in the line of duty for
the town. He noted
Active Shooter
Training, Firearm

Training and the LEAD program.

Sergeant Buckley made a presentation to Ellis School
Principal Brigid Connelly for her cooperation as the School
and the Department work together on a wide variety of training and safety matters.



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