

# Seabrook Police Department



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## March/April Report to Selectmen

- For the second year in a row the residents of Seabrook turned out at the polls and stepped up for all Town departments. We are incredibly grateful for the continued support from our community.
- Officer Adam Lawton is officially a full-time certified police officer in New Hampshire after completing the requirements of the NH Police Academy.
- The week of April 11-17, 2021 was National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. We recognize the hard work and dedication of Dispatchers Clem Cote, Owen Carroll, Amanda Eaton, Tarnya Cody, and Jim Deshaies. Our dispatchers are essential in providing the best police services possible to the community. They keep the public and our officers safe and we are grateful to have them on our team.
- The men's locker room renovation was completed and is in use. We thank the Town for their support in this project and finding the funds to make it happen. I would be remiss if I did not recognize Deputy Chief Gelineau's hard work and attention to detail in bringing his vision to life.
- I participated in a virtual Flood and Emergency Preparedness Workshop hosted by the Seabrook-Hamptons Estuary Alliance along with Emergency Management personnel from Hampton and Hampton Falls. This workshop provided information on creating emergency survival kits as well as how to handle flood events before, during, and after.
- We are starting to utilize the PoliceOne Academy which has a tremendous virtual library of training materials. This allows us to better utilize our training dollars by providing more opportunities for on-duty training. This platform also allows us to complete annual training in implicit bias, ethics, and de-escalation as recommended by the Commission on Law Enforcement Accountability, Community, and Transparency (LEACT).
- The Board of Selectmen voted to accept a grant through the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock of more than 200 children's bicycle helmets. School Resource Officer Detective Keith Diethofer was instrumental in helping to secure the grant that provided these helmets which will be distributed to various organizations in town.
- We are continuing the hiring process to fill a fourth full-time dispatch position. This would put us at full staff in dispatch.
- Friday April 30<sup>th</sup> Officer Alison Couch will be sworn in as the newest Seabrook Police Officer. Officer Couch comes to us from the Dover Police Department with nearly five years experience as a full-time police officer. Ms. Couch also spent time as an auxiliary officer with the Chelmsford (MA) Police Department. She was a Field Training Officer with the Dover PD and has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from UMass-Lowell. We are excited to have Officer Couch joining the Seabrook PD family.
  - The addition of Officer Couch puts us at 28 full-time officers.
  - We continue our hiring process to fill the 29<sup>th</sup> position that was approved by the voters in March 2020 and became effective December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

**Regular activities**

- Continued to monitor Federal, State, and Local guidance related to the COVID-19/coronavirus pandemic.
- Attended a meeting for the Seacoast Emergency Response Team (SERT)
- Attended a meeting for the Rockingham County Chiefs of Police.

Drug Overdose Statistics through April 29, 2021 are as follows:

2021 YTD OVERDOSES – 6
2021 YTD OVERDOSE DEATHS – 0

We continue to use our social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram (@SeabrookNHPD) to connect with the public. This has proved to be an effective means of providing information to and interacting with the public. The Seabrookpd.com website has a Twitter feed at the bottom for people who do not utilize social media.

While we continue to limit our public interactions in order to maintain a healthy staff we look forward to resuming our regular Coffee with a Cop program as well as our other public outreach events as a means of connecting with residents. We appreciate the community support over the past year.

Despite the unprecedented challenges over the past year, Seabrook Police staff members continue to provide the community with a high level of service on a daily basis to include our continued participation in numerous drug and opioid reduction initiatives to combat the sale and distribution of illegal drugs in Seabrook and surrounding areas as well as grant-funded patrols aimed at making our roads safer through distracted driving and DWI enforcement.

We are still hiring for full-time police officers and a full-time dispatcher. Anyone wishing to pursue a career in law enforcement with the Seabrook Police Department can apply at [PoliceApp.com](http://PoliceApp.com).

Respectfully submitted,



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