Seabrook Police Department



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February 2, 2023 November (partial)/December/January/February (partial) Report to Selectmen

- During this period officers completed their annual firearms training. Staff also completed training in topics to include ethics, de-escalation, bias, sexual assault response, slip & fall, workplace harassment, defensive tactics, processing vehicles for evidence, tactical medic, and the Valor Survive & Thrive training which stresses physical and mental preparation for law enforcement.
- In November, Officer Kassandra Storms ran at Seabrook Beach with Zechariah Cartledge from <u>Running 4 Heroes, Inc</u>. with an escort from our patrol officers. Zechariah runs one mile for every law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty.
 - Officer Storms continues her training to run her second Boston Marathon on Monday April 17, 2023 as part of a team representing the <u>Officer Sean A. Collier Memorial Fund</u>. If you would like to <u>make a donation to support Officer Storms' follow this link</u>.
- In December, some Seabrook officers and their spouses attended an optional training at The Brook related to "Skills and Survival for Public Safety Families" presented by Dr. Nicole Sawyer, an Exeter-based clinical psychologist. This training was hosted by the Seabrook PD and focused on the mental health and wellness of our staff both at work and at home. We learned about a variety of topics to include officer suicide. We invited outside agencies to attend and saw members and spouses of the Newfields, Newmarket, Rye, and Portsmouth Police Departments as well as the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office. This training was paid for, in part, with a donation from the <u>Crimeline for the Hamptons, Inc</u>.
- On December 10th Detectives Dietenhofer and Brown organized the 8th Annual Seabrook Police Stuff-A-Cruiser with Market Basket. Thanks to the generosity of shoppers, almost \$5,400.00 worth of gift cards were collected—more than double the amount from 2021!!! The gift cards were distributed to the Seabrook Church of Christ, the Seabrook Community Table, and the Town of Seabrook Welfare Office.
- In December, Secretaries Reinhold and Hubbard decorated the Seabrook PD Christmas tree for the Festival of Trees at the Seabrook Rec.
- On December 19th, Chief Walker and Deputy Chief Gelineau attended the swearing in of Hampton Police Chief Alex Reno. Chief Reno's appointment followed the retirement of Chief Dave Hobbs who was a great friend and partner to the Seabrook PD and Seabrook community. We also have a great relationship with Chief Reno and look forward to working with him in the years ahead.
- On January 18th Chief Walker attended a ceremony for Drug Court graduates at the Rockingham County Superior Court in Brentwood. Graduates of this program undergo significant changes in

their lives in order to successfully complete this rigorous program. Too often we see the tragic results of substance abuse. These ceremonies are a reminder that there are also success stories for those struggling with substance abuse issues. We are extremely proud of the graduates and wish them much success in the future.

- On February 1st Chief Walker, Deputy Chief Gelineau, and School Resource Officer Detective Keith Dietenhofer participated in a tabletop exercise at the Seabrook Schools with officials from the school as well as Seabrook Fire. This exercise presented an emergency scenario and participants addressed the actions they and their respective organizations would take as the scenario unfolded. This type of exercise is important because it keeps all stakeholders refreshed on their roles, responsibilities, and actions in case of an emergency while allowing participants to interact and get a broad view of the emergency response.
- Looking ahead, Sergeant Justin Murphy will be playing in the <u>CHaD Battle of the Badges hockey</u> <u>game</u> again for Team Police on Saturday March 18th. <u>To donate money to Sgt. Murphy and Team</u> <u>Police click this link</u>.
- We are currently hiring for one full-time police dispatcher.
 - This dispatch position will be the fifth full-time dispatcher and put us at full staff.
- We are currently hiring for two full-time police officers.
 - We have 28 of our 30 full-time police officer positions filled including one who is in the background process.

Regular activities

- Attended meetings for the Seacoast Emergency Response Team (SERT), the Rockingham County Chiefs of Police, and Crimeline for the Hamptons as well as various conference calls related to weather events.
- Participated in the 2023 budgetary process.

Drug Overdose Statistics through February 2, 2023 are as follows:

2023 YTD OVERDOSES – 1	
2023 YTD OVERDOSE DEATHS – 0	

2022 YTD OVERDOSES – 23 2022 YTD OVERDOSE DEATHS – 2

We continue to use our social media accounts on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u> (@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 also has a Twitter feed at the bottom for people who do not utilize social media.

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