

# Seabrook Police Department



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## March/April/May (partial) Report to Selectmen

- Following a brief battle with Leukemia, K9 Henry passed away on March 22<sup>nd</sup> after serving the Town of Seabrook since 2017. Henry was an exceptional police K9 who was an invaluable part of several investigations throughout his career. He was a good boy and will be sorely missed. [Our social media announcement can be seen here.](#)
- Following the passing of K9 Henry, we discussed the continuation of the Seabrook PD K9 program with K9 Officer Tyler Houldsworth. After discussion and exploration of potential future dates to train a new K9, it was decided that the Department would move forward with the adoption and training of a new K9 in the K9 Academy that was set to start in late March/early April. Officer Houldsworth was paired with K9 Hunter, a 1-year-old Belgian Malinois. Officer Houldsworth and K9 Hunter are currently in training at the Boston Police K9 Academy and are expected to graduate and be ready for patrol in early summer.
- Staff completed training in topics to include "the 3x2's" (De-escalation, Ethics, and Implicit Bias), "Engaging and Building Partnerships with Muslim-Americans" hosted by the US Attorney's Office, Juveniles laws and process, Interview and Interrogation, attendance at the Nationwide Domestic Highway Enforcement conference/training, rifle instructor school, Minimal Facts Interviewing for First Responders put on by the Granite State Children's Alliance, advanced training for our participation in the NH Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, and basic K9 academy.
- Sgt. Murphy played in the Battle of the Badges hockey game to raise money for the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock. Team Police held off Team Fire for a 5-1 victory while raising money for a great cause.
- At Town meeting in March the Police Department's warrant article to fund the Capital Equipment Fund failed. We thank everyone who supported this warrant article and will be seeking support from the voters in 2025 in order to remain on track to replace aging equipment that is due for replacement.
- I attended School Board meetings related to the support and implementation of an ACERT program at the Police Department and to explain related partnerships.
- I attended an Emergency/Flood Preparedness Workshop at Hampton Beach with EMD Joe Titone, Deputy Fire Chief Koko Perkins, and Fire/Emergency Management Secretary Kelly McDonald as well as speakers from Hampton, Hampton Falls, and Portsmouth Fire Departments. This workshop discussed coastal flooding and preparedness and was organized by the [Seabrook-Hampton Estuary Alliance](#).

- April 18<sup>th</sup> marked the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of retired [Seabrook Officer Jim Cawley](#).
- Officer Alison Couch completed the Tough Ruck Boston on April 14<sup>th</sup>. From Officer Couch's fundraising page, the Tough Ruck is "a marathon with a 35lbs rucksack (backpack). Tough Ruck 26.2 Boston is an elite group of 1000 who ruck to HONOR AMERICA'S FALLEN MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS." This is an incredible feat and we're extremely proud of Officer Couch!
- April 27<sup>th</sup> was the US DEA's National Prescription Takeback Day. At the Police Department, we collected unwanted/unused prescription drugs that can be accidentally ingested, misused or diverted. As a reminder to residents, the Seabrook PD has a collection receptacle in the lobby where you can drop off any unwanted/unused prescription medications 24/7/365. Please NO SHARPS! If you have any syringes, lancettes, etc. ask the dispatcher and an officer will come out and take it.
- Coffee with a Cop events were hosted in March at the Seabrook Beach Precinct and in April at Seabreeze Village on Railroad Avenue. Both events were well attended and a great opportunity for residents to meet the officers in their community. Be on the lookout for the next scheduled event!
- The Seabrook PD participated in the Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) graded exercise in April.
- Sgt. Dave Buccheri retired at the end of April after more than 21 years serving the Town of Seabrook. Sgt. Buccheri was a mainstay on the overnight shifts for most of his career and his influence helped shape the police services provided by the Seabrook PD. We wish Dave health and happiness in his retirement.
- 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 four \(4\) full-time police officers](#). We currently have 26 of 30 positions filled.

#### Regular activities

- Attended meetings for SERT and addressed numerous administrative items to include exploring better options for some of the tools/software we currently use.

Drug Overdose Statistics YTD through May1, 2024 are as follows:

2024 YTD OVERDOSES – 1*	2023 YTD OVERDOSES – 9
2024 YTD OVERDOSE DEATHS – 0	2023 YTD OVERDOSE DEATHS – 1

\*My previous report listed an OD from December 2023 as it occurred between Board reports.

Total calls for service since last Board meeting submission: 2,092

As of 0730 on 02/28/2024: 1,626
As of 0730 on 05/01/2024: 3,718

#### Opioid Abatement Grant Update

No money has been spent in relation to this grant. We will be scheduling a date and time to hear community concerns about the impact of opioids in our community and potential expenditures of grant monies.

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 also has a Twitter feed at the bottom for people who do not utilize social media.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brett Walker", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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