## Seabrook Police Department



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## May 5, 2025 March/April Report to Selectmen

- Staff completed training in topics to include "the 3x2's" (De-escalation, Ethics, and Implicit Bias), self-defense instruction, and K9 training.
- Thank you to the voters who supported the Police Department at the polls in March. Article
   19 was approved and added funds to the Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to replace vital equipment in the future.
- In March, Officer Storms and Dr. Godshall attended Therapeutic Empowerment Self-Defense (TESD) training at the University of New Hampshire taught by The Safety Team. According to The Safety Team, "Empowerment Self-Defense (ESD) is a proven evidence-based violence prevention approach. Therapeutic Empowerment Self-Defense (TESD™) builds on the success of ESD by attuning the approach to promote trauma recovery. TESD integrates somatic reprocessing techniques, psychoeducation, and therapeutic support to facilitate healing."
- National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week was April 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. We recognize
  Dispatchers Clem Cote, Owen Carroll, Amanda Eaton, Josh Heiseler, and Baylee Ingham for the
  important work they do in keeping our community safe.
- On April 23<sup>rd</sup> we participated in Walk to School Day with staff and students from Seabrook Elementary and Middle Schools along with members of the Seabrook Fire Department and DPW.
- On April 29<sup>th</sup> Jaime Yates from Service Credit Union donated heart health test kits to our staff as part of the <u>73 Reasons campaign</u>.

"Service CU has teamed up with Charlie McAvoy, star Boston defender, to highlight 73 reasons to defend those who fearlessly answer the call to serve and protect."

"We see the danger our first responders face to protect us every day and we want to help protect these heroes from the unseen dangers of the job. For police officers, that potential danger is heart disease. For firefighters, it's cancer. Service Credit Union is committed to providing these heroes with heart disease and cancer screenings, which are often not covered by insurance."

"For every Boston blocked shot, we'll donate \$100 to New England's heroes and for every Boston shutout we'll donate \$1,000. In 2024, we donated a total of over \$250,000 and are

committed to furthering this support in 2025 and beyond. Our financial support has covered over 400 cancer screenings for firefighters and nearly 500 heart screenings for police officers, and four of these screenings have led to life-saving early cancer detection."

Thank you to Service Credit Union and Charlie McAvoy for supporting first responders and our health and wellness.

- We are currently fully staffed for police dispatchers.
- We are currently hiring three (3) full-time police officers. We currently have 27 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 and training/implementing new tools to continue the progress of the agency.

Total calls for service since last Board meeting submission: 2,064.

As of 0730 on 02/26/202: 1,600 As of 0730 on 05/01/2025: 3,664

## **Opioid Abatement Grant Update**

No money has been spent in relation to this grant.

Questions to address with the Board:

- 1. Question of approving the creation of the ACERT/Victim-Witness Advocate position to be funded with existing grant money or other means outside the budget.
- 2. Question of converting an existing patrol position to a patrol sergeant. I am working with Town Hall to obtain numbers requested.
- 3. Question of exploring parking with companies such as ParkMobile (they have offered to attend a Board meeting, likely a virtual meeting).

We continue to use our social media accounts on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>X</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 Facebook feed at the bottom for people who do not utilize social media.

Respectfully submitted,

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