

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens, the Board of Selectmen, and the Town Manager:



I want to personally thank the citizens of Farmington and the entire community on behalf of the Farmington Police Department, for their continued support this past year.

We wish to express our condolences to the family, friends, and co-workers of Fire Captain Michael Bell.

We also send our thoughts out to Larry Lord and his family. Larry's actions saved many lives on the morning of September 16, 2019. To our brothers and sisters of the Farmington Fire Rescue, thank you for your willingness to provide and sacrifice your services to the citizens of Farmington. We also thank everyone who went above and beyond for their life saving efforts that fateful day and supported us after the tragedy.

In 2019, we lost several long- time members of our agency. Sergeant Michael Adcock, Detective Marc Bowering, Officer Darin Gilbert and Office Manager Bonnie Pomeroy either retired or took other employment positions within our community. Collectively, these four faithful employees worked for the Police Department for a combined 64 years. We wish them all well in their new endeavors and thank them for their dedicated and devoted service.

In 2019, we welcomed new Office Manager Karen Kidd and part-time Office Assistant Jocelyn Kelly. We also welcomed Officer Ethan Boyd who joined our department after starting his career at the Carrabassett Valley Police Department, as well as Walter "Roger" Bachelder as a part-time Reserve Officer.

In December of 2019, Officer Jeffrey Brann graduated from the Basic Law Enforcement Program at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy where I was honored to be asked to provide the commencement speech for their graduation. Congratulations to Officer Brann. We wish you a safe and productive career.

Our officers continued to support several charity events. These included the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, "Operation Santa Claus", Safe Voices 5-K and the United Way. Members of the Farmington Police Department also served on various community-oriented boards and committees. These included the Franklin Community Health Network, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services and the domestic violence support organization "Safe Voices".

The year 2019 also brought with it the personal honor of my being sworn in as the President of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association at our fall conference at Sugarloaf this past September – the first Farmington Chief of Police and first ever from Franklin County to represent all the Police Chiefs of the State of Maine.

A reminder that the Farmington Police Department, in collaboration with the Healthy Community Coalition, has a “Drug Take-Back” box located in the lobby of the department. Unwanted medications, with the exception of syringes and liquids, can be dropped off during normal business hours.

If you have a loved one who has the potential to “wander” due to a mental or physical disability and would like emergency personnel to have access to their information, please contact our department. The same with our elder check program. If you know of someone or you would like to participate please contact us for assistance.

To the members of the Farmington Fire Rescue, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, NorthStar Ambulance, Franklin County Sheriff's Department, Maine State Police, UMF Police, Wilton Police, Jay Police, and all other agencies that assisted us in the last year – thank you. Special thanks go to the men and women who serve on the Farmington Police Department for their dedicated and devoted service.

The Department maintains a webpage on the Town of Farmington's website which may be reached at [www.farmington-maine.org](http://www.farmington-maine.org) We also maintain a Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/FPDME/](https://www.facebook.com/FPDME/) Both contain public service announcements and other helpful information. Please take a moment to check the sites from time to time as the information changes frequently. Our Department continues to strive to provide the best service and contribute to our mission “To create a feeling of safety for people within the Town of Farmington”.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us or to stop in at your police department located at 116 Franklin Avenue. Members of the Department are also available every third Thursday of each month at Dunkin' on the Wilton Road for “Coffee with a Cop”. Please stop in with your questions or concerns, or just to say hello.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack D. Peck, Jr.  
Chief of Police

<b>Summary of the Most Common Crimes or Police Calls/Complaints</b>			
<b>Crime</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Rape	11	3	3
Assault	66	55	28
Burglary	10	13	16
Thefts	131	53	96
Criminal Mischief	38	47	36
Criminal Trespass	7	33	13
Drug Cases	34	26	16
Domestic Disturbances	66	90	32
Traffic Crashes	459	602	482
Arrests	798	531	464
OUI Arrests	87	95	90
<b>Summons</b>			
Speeding Summons	346	458	288
Traffic Warning	7,394	4,643	2,871
Parking Tickets	962	971	846
Missing Persons	14	27	4
Harassment Calls	106	98	82
Security Checks	<u>2,644</u>	<u>2,017</u>	<u>1,641</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,173</b>	<b>9,762</b>	<b>7,008</b>
<b>Total Traffic Stops</b>	<b>6,426</b>	<b>9,209</b>	<b>6,340</b>

These totals represent the number of calls for service made to the police department for investigation, not necessarily the number of crimes committed. For a more representative look at crime in Farmington or any community within the United States, refer to ***Crime in the United States***, an annual publication put out by the FBI.

<b>Police Revenues</b>			
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Parking Tickets	\$ 16,740	\$ 17,090	\$ 28,770
Police Reports	\$ 140	\$ 1,498	\$ 2,642
Misc.& Gun permit	<u>\$ 665</u>	-	-
Gun Permits		\$ 625	\$ 575
Miscellaneous		<u>\$ 7,033</u>	<u>\$ 5,995</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 17,545</b>	<b>\$ 26,246</b>	<b>\$ 37,982</b>

## OFFICER OF THE YEAR



**Sergeant Edward Hastings, IV  
Congratulations!**

## Farmington Police Department 2019



**L to R Seated** – Assistant Office Manager Jocelyn Kelly, Deputy Chief Shane Cote, Chief Jack Peck, Jr., Sergeant Edward Hastings, IV, and Office Manager Karen Kidd

**L-R Standing** – Officer Ryan Rosie, Officer Ethan Boyd, Officer Jesse Clement, Officer Roger Bachelder, Officer Brandon Sholan, Officer Jacob Richards, and Officer Bridgette Gilbert

**Absent from Photo** – Sergeant Michael Lyman, Crossing Guard Robert Hallman, Parking Enforcement Drew Holsten, and part-time Office Assistant Stephan Bunker