

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



First, I would like to thank the citizens of the Town of Farmington for their trust and support during my first year as your Chief of Police. I want to renew my commitment to our community and my profession. It is my goal to first, retain and develop a most dedicated and professional group of Officers. Second, I aim to recruit those that possess traits of integrity and fairness, patience and respect, bravery and skill; the best that our town, county, State, and country can provide. In doing so we all strive to contribute to our mission: "To create a feeling of safety for people within the Town of Farmington."

I want to personally thank Deputy Chief Shane Cote for his efforts as Interim Chief of Police following the retirement of Chief Jack Peck in November of 2020. DC Cote has been instrumental in my transition into the Department and helped provide stability during a year filled with change. This year we celebrated DC Cote's 25th anniversary with the Farmington Police Department, serving as a Patrolman, Sergeant, and Deputy Chief.

We also celebrated the 10th anniversary of Officer Ryan Rosie with our Department. Officer Ethan Boyd and Sergeant Brandon Sholan were recognized for outstanding efforts having responded to an armed and suicidal subject. Their professionalism, compassion, and skills resulted in a safe and peaceful resolution. This incident is representative of so many unmentioned situations that our officers find themselves in throughout the day and night.

There has been much transition among staff this year. Long-time School Resource Officer Bridgette Gilbert has retired from Law Enforcement. Sergeant Edward Hastings, Sergeant Michael Lyman, Sergeant Brandon Sholan, and Officer Jeffrey Brann have moved on to other departments.

Officer Christoph Mutschin was hired in January of 2021 and graduated from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in December. Officer Ethan Whitney was hired in July and will attend the Academy, graduating in May. Matthew Brann returns to our Department as our School Resource Officer.

I would like to highlight our new partnership with Western Maine Behavioral Health Services (WMBH) and its OPTIONS initiative to address our region's opioid epidemic. This program works to connect an OPTIONS liaison with those affected by the opioid epidemic. This liaison has co-responded to overdose calls and post-incident referrals. WMBH has also been a wonderful partner co-responding to calls for persons in mental health crisis. Our unused/unwanted medications disposal box is always available in our lobby (no needles or liquids please!).

This year we expanded our "Wanderers" program, now called the "Contact Person" program, which now can register participants in a statewide registry to provide a primary contact person should the registered person have a difficult time communicating during an encounter. Examples of persons who may benefit from being registered are those who have certain disabilities that contribute to their inability to communicate effectively due to neurocognitive disorders such as dementia, mental illness, intellectual disability, or autism. Visit our website, call us (207-778-6311), or email us (dispatch@farmingtonpd.org) for more information.

We would like to extend our thanks to our local partners, especially the members of the Farmington Fire Rescue, Farmington Public Works, NorthStar Ambulance, area law enforcement agencies, and other agencies that assisted us in the past year – we are stronger, together.

Special thanks go to the men and women who continue to serve the citizens of Farmington and Farmington Police Department for their dedicated and devoted service. Times like these are unprecedented and require a unique skill set to resolve.

As always, we welcome your questions, compliments, concerns, and complaints. Feel free to stop in to say hello or meet the officer on duty. We are proud of the facility provided to us by you, our citizens, located at 116 Franklin Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth A. Charles
Chief of Police

Summary of the Most Common Crimes or Police Calls/Complaints			
Crime	2019	2020	2021
Rape	3	6	8
Assault	28	59	33
Burglary	16	8	5
Thefts	96	91	53
Criminal Mischief	36	35	58
Criminal Trespass	13	30	39
Drug Cases	16	31	6
Domestic Disturbances	32	52	70
Traffic Crashes	482	418	405
Arrests	464	324	221
OUI Arrests	90	46	42
Summons			
Speeding Summons	288	121	98
Traffic Warning	2,871	3,747	2,766
Parking Tickets	846	371	593
Missing Persons	4	2	25
Harassment Calls	82	54	82
Security Checks	1,641	1,882	1,395
TOTAL	7,008	7,277	5,899
Total Traffic Stops	6,340	4,165	3,553
<p>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 <i>Crime in the United States</i>, an annual publication put out by the FBI.</p>			
Police Revenues			
	2019	2020	2021
Parking Tickets	\$ 28,770	\$ 8,060	\$ 7,440
Police Reports	\$ 2,642	\$ 1,095	\$ 1,793
Gun Permits	\$ 575	\$ 510	\$ 625
Miscellaneous	\$ 5,995	\$ 1,475	\$ 921
TOTAL	\$ 37,982	\$ 11,140	\$ 10,779

OFFICER OF THE YEAR



**Officer Ethan Boyd and Captain Hook K9
CONGRATULATIONS!**

Farmington Police Department 2021



First Row L to R – Office Manager Karen Kidd, Parking Enforcement Drew Holston, Captain Hook K9, Crossing Guard Robert Hallman, Animal Control Officer Matthew Billian, and Office Clerk Jocelyn Kelly.

Second Row L to R – Officer Christoph Mutschin, School Resource Officer Matthew Brann, Officer Ethan Boyd, and Officer Ethan Whitney.

Third Row L to R – Chief Kenneth Charles, Sergeant Jesse Clement, Officer Ryan Rosie, and Deputy Chief Shane Cote.

Absent from Photo – Part-time Office Clerk Stephan Bunker.