

# Truro Police Department

As Truro moves into the fall and we wrap up a really busy summer, I'm thankful the summer progressed well from a public safety perspective. The Department's members concentrated on keeping the roads safe and on answering the increased number of calls for service that we always experience in the summer.

I'm proud of the members of our Department - and of our Town – for supporting the Police Department as you have. Thank you!

## Training Process For Department Staff

In June I described for you the process by which a new Police Officer is hired and the corresponding 62-week minimum timeline from the initial vacancy to having that Officer fully trained and ready for independent duty. Over the course of the summer our three new hires, Student Officers Leo Rose Jr. and Thomas Roda (both from Truro) and Paul McGlynn (whose father was a long-time State Police Sergeant,) completed all the necessary medical, physical, and psychological screening needed to qualify for entrance into the Police Academy. All three started the Academy on September 15<sup>th</sup>. They will graduate in February and complete the field training program in April. Our hope is to have all 14 Truro officers on the road next summer.

In Addition to the new Officers, the Department has been working on hiring and training part-time dispatch (Telecommunicator) personnel. This is the group of people which fills in for our full-time staff members when they are away for training, vacations or holidays, etc. Training consists of courses to certify as a basic dispatcher, certification as a 911 operator, certification as an Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD), and then on-the-job training which includes all police and fire computer systems, communication and administrative processes and support functions.

## Public Safety Open House

Once again, during the annual Truro Treasures Weekend, a Public Safety Open House was held here at the Station. This gives both the Police and the Fire Departments an opportunity to showcase all the equipment and the capabilities, which belong to all of you - the Public. This year we were joined by the National Park Service Rangers, the U.S. Coast Guard displaying an emergency response boat, The Air Wing of the Massachusetts State Police, a K-9 from the Barnstable County Sheriff's Department, and the regional SWAT vehicle from the Cape Cod Regional Law Enforcement Council. Each staff member from the various organizations took time to explain and/or demonstrate the capabilities they provide to Law Enforcement and Search and Rescue on the Outer Cape. As a fundraiser for the Truro Central School's Washington, D.C., trip, we handed out meal tickets for people to enjoy a meal at the Craft Fair served at the School. The Police Association donates the funds to cover all the meals. We also had a Dunk Tank this year. A few of the Officers, including the Chief, volunteered to get "Dunked" and raise money for the Truro Police Association's K9 "Ella." Next month Officer Steve Raneo will submit a piece to the eNewsletter about "Ella" and this exciting new program.



## Prescription Medication

Over the last year, Police Departments from Provincetown to Falmouth have seen a huge increase in the theft and abuse of prescription medication. We all can help in reducing the availability of medications that would be subject to theft and abuse. Please check your medications and consider the following:

1. Ensure all medications are locked up.
2. Simply placed in a medicine cabinet is not safe enough.
3. Dispose of all unused or expired medication.
4. For disposal, all non-liquid medications can be placed in a Drug Kiosk located in the lobby of all Police Stations on Cape Cod.
5. For Liquid Medications, place the bottle or container in a sealed zip lock bag and ask our desk personnel to take it for you. We will dispose of it separately.
6. Ensure your children have only the exact dose required; and if you are unsure, consult your doctor.

These simple steps will help keep medications off the street, out of our aquifer, and out of the hands of people in danger of abusing medication.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns. I hope the summer is safe for you and your families.

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