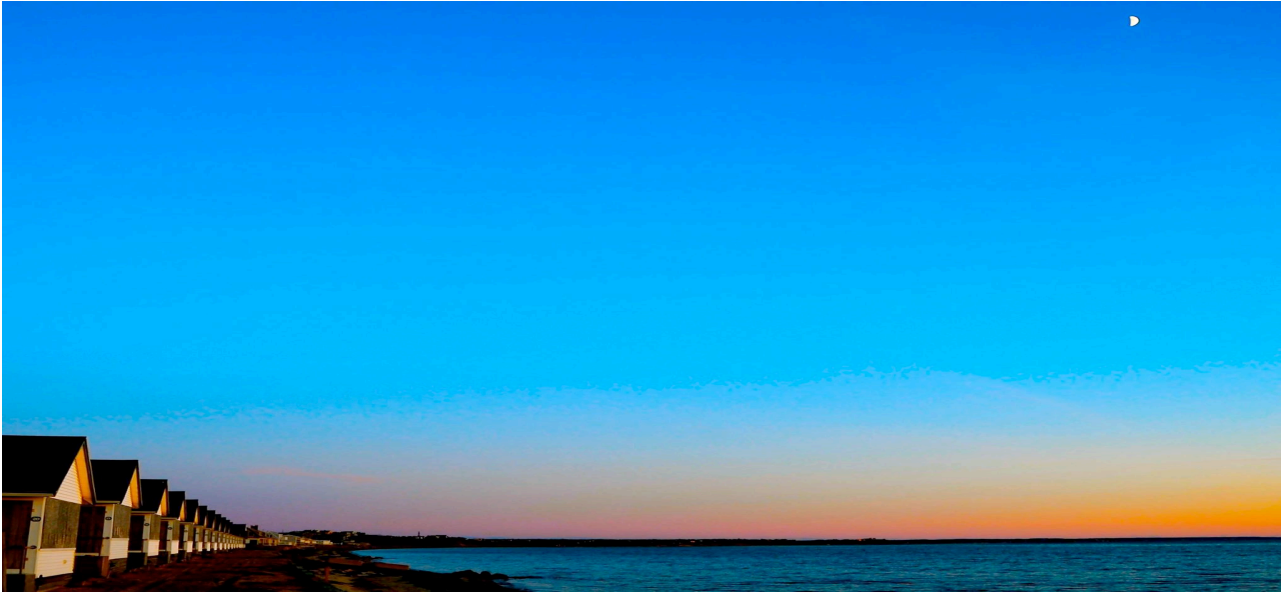


Truro Police Department July 2016



Greetings everyone, summer is here, and it sure is busy. I'm hoping that you all are enjoying the great weather and time with your families. The Truro Police Department has been busy answering the increased number of calls for service, traffic problems, motor vehicle accidents, and staffing requirements summer typically brings. We had two retirements this spring of long-time employees: Sergeant David Perry and Telecommunicator Tim Caldwell. Additionally, Officer Steven Raneo was promoted to Sergeant, and Officer Craig Bayer was promoted to Detective. Both are settling into their new roles and bring great energy, compassion, and professional competence to the positions. Sergeants Valli and Holway both recently underwent surgeries to repair injuries. Sgt. Holway is back on full duty, Sgt. Valli is home recovering and may not be returning to duty until after Labor Day.

As we look forward to the coming year, in addition to assisting to develop the Board of Selectmen's Goals for public safety, the Police Department has 3 main goals to accomplish this year. They are

- strengthening our support work in victim advocacy
- working with the Truro Central School to update our school emergency and safety plans
- and finally, to obtain certification for the Police Department through the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission.

Each of these goals will greatly enhance the safety and services we deliver to our residents and visitors alike.

We are continuing to see the epidemic of heroin/drug use, and Officers are now carrying NARCAN as part of our standard medical equipment in the event its life-saving effects are needed. The staff continues to impress me with their willingness to extend themselves to the community and to volunteer time to many of our community service / outreach efforts.

Policing in America

In recent months, all across America, conversations have turned to the issue of community relations, use of force by Police Officers, civil disruption, and the horrific and continuing tragic and violent deaths of Police Officers in the line of duty. Ambushes and assassinations of Police Officers are up 78% in 2016. Officers, and their families are deeply concerned about these trends. While on patrol, I and our supervisors are encouraging Officers to remain highly vigilant, stay aware of their surroundings, and use all the protective equipment available to them. Going forward, I will do everything I can to ensure Officers don't work alone and have the assistance needed to accomplish their duties. The Police Officers and entire staff of the Department are talented, hard working, highly professional, and compassionate. We are fortunate to have them. Further, I'm proud of the members of our Department and of our Town for supporting the Police Department as you do. Thank you!

The building of positive relationships that all Police Departments form with its citizens is crucial to being able to police effectively the towns and cities in which we serve. While speaking to the members of our Department, I continue to stress that if we remember the three "R's" – doing the right thing at the right time for the right reasons and concentrate on delivering the professional services we always have, we and our community will have the best chance to improve the quality of life in Truro while guarding against unnecessary risk.

Prescription Medication Program

For excess or unused drug disposal, all non-liquid medications can be placed in a Drug Kiosk located in the lobby of all Police Stations on Cape Cod.

1. Ensure all medications are locked up – especially out of reach of children
2. Simply placed in a medicine cabinet is not safe enough
3. Dispose of all unused or expired medication
4. 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.
5. 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 rest of the summer is safe for you and your families.

Respectfully,
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