

# Truro Police Department - June 2017



The Truro Police Department always participates in the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run which raises awareness and funding for Special Olympics. This year, even our K9 Ella ran with the team!

As we look forward to a great summer, many residents and visitors come back to our homes, cottages, motels and **ROADS**. The Department's message is simple, be careful, have **PATIENCE** and enjoy the season.

## Department Updates

We are pleased to see the following responses from the Massachusetts DOT (Department of Transportation) to Truro's request for reduced speed limits on Town secondary roads. This project has been in the works for over two years and is finally coming to fruition. Below are some of the major changes, once enacted by our Board of Selectmen by adopting these regulations, signs can go up; and regulations can be enforced.

CASTLE ROAD – We agree with the Town's request for a 30 MPH posting for Castle Road in its entirety. However we are going to recommend the placement of *Winding Road* (W1-5) warning signs with advisory speed plates indicating 20 MPH in advance of the curves between house #32 Castle and #48 Castle (encompassing the junction with Meetinghouse Rd.), and the appropriate curve warning sign with 20 MPH advisory speed in both directions in advance of the junction with Corn Hill Road.)

DEPOT ROAD – We agree with the Town's request for a 25 MPH posting on Depot Road.

TRURO CENTER ROAD – We are of the opinion this road would best be served with a 30 MPH posting. The radar readings are just too high for us to approve a 25 posting through this area, and although it may experience increased pedestrian activity during the summer months, the vast majority of motorists adjust their travelling speeds accordingly when pedestrians and bikes are present. Perhaps the Town may want to consider enhanced warning signage in the downtown area to alert drivers of the presence of pedestrian activity. Remember, we have to post the appropriate speed limit for **ideal conditions** (no pedestrians, daytime, dry pavement, etc.). We feel 30MPH is the lowest limit we can post and be fair to both the motorist driving in a prudent manner and enhance safety for all users and abutters.

SHORE ROAD – The current Regulation reads:

Begin at Route 6, thence toward Provincetown:

0.42 miles at 35 MPH

0.28 miles at 30 MPH

0.88 miles at 40 MPH

2.94 miles at 35 MPH, ending at the Provincetown Town Line.

We are proposing to change the Regulation to read:

0.96 miles at 30 miles per hour RTE 6 toward Provincetown  
3.56 miles at 35MPH.

We will reduce the easterly most 35 zone to 30mph, and **eliminate the 40 MPH zone** and reduce it to 35 MPH. I am aware of your concerns for pedestrian safety, but it is our opinion that a 25 MPH posting would not be respected by the average motorist as an appropriate speed limit for this stretch of Route 6A. We do recognize the area near the shore with several crosswalks. However, as explained earlier, we must post for ideal conditions. The prudent motorist will reduce their vehicle's speed when a particular condition exists (pedestrians, etc.).

## Police Academy Update

Officer John Medeiros has completed his Field Training Program in which he learned to apply the knowledge acquired in the Academy to real-world policing and Truro's community. Officer Medeiros is now fully certified and working in our community. Student Officers Sarah Lake and Andrew Starbard will begin the Police Academy on June 5<sup>th</sup>. By the time they complete their training, spring of 2018 will be upon us.

As many of you know, I'm retiring at the end of June. I'll have a short piece next month to bid farewell to all of you. Till then, have a healthy and fun summer with your friends and families.

Very Respectfully,

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