

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



I want to thank the community on behalf of the Farmington Police Department for their support during this difficult and unprecedented year. From the COVID-19 pandemic to several high-profile law enforcement-related deaths in our country, many changes have been made to the way we do business, both here in our town and across the nation. 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.”

In November, the Police Chief of 10 years, Jack D. Peck, Jr., retired from our Department and took a job as the Assistant Director of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Chief Peck finished his career with Farmington on November 12, 2020, which is exactly 31 years from his date of hire in 1989. The members of the Farmington Police Department would like to thank Chief Peck for his leadership and wish him well in his new endeavor.

In the Fall of 2020, we welcomed Officer Riley Dowe who joined our Department after a successful summer as a Reserve Officer with the Old Orchard Beach Police Department. Officer Ethan Boyd also successfully completed K-9 training with his partner Hook at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Congratulations Officers Dowe and Boyd and welcome Hook.

Our officers continued to support several charity events throughout the year. These included the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, “Operation Santa Claus”, and the United Way Dodgeball Tournament. Members of the Department also served on various community-oriented boards and committees during 2020. These included the Substance Free Community Coalition and R.A.C.E. to Recovery Committee through the Healthy Community Coalition, Bonney Woods Corporation, Maine Military and Community Network, and the Children’s Advocacy Center of Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties Multi-Disciplinary Team.

The Farmington Police Department also provides other services to the public that citizens should be aware of. For instance, if a loved one has the potential to “wander” and you would like emergency

personnel to have access to that individual's information, please contact our Department. In addition, we continue to offer an "elder check" program that involves contact with people who may live alone and would appreciate a check-in in the form of a phone call or visit. If you know of someone, including yourself, who would like to participate, please contact us by phone 207-778-6311 or email dispatch@farmingtonpd.org. These services offer an added layer of protection and security for our citizens. We also have a secure drug drop box in our lobby, provided by the Healthy Community Coalition, to dispose of any unused or unwanted medications. No liquids or needles please.

To the members of the Farmington Fire Rescue, Farmington Public Works, NorthStar Ambulance, Franklin County Sheriff's Department, Maine State Police, UMF Police, Wilton Police Department, Jay Police Department, and all other agencies that assisted us in the past year - thank you.

Special thanks go to the men and women that serve on the Farmington Police Department for their dedicated and devoted service.

The Farmington Police Department maintains a page on the Town of Farmington's website which may be reached at www.farmington-maine.org and a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FPDME/. These 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.

If you have questions, concerns, or just want to say hello and meet the officer on duty, please do not hesitate to contact us or to stop in at your police department located at 116 Franklin Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

Shane P. Cote
Interim Chief of Police

Summary of the Most Common Crimes or Police Calls/Complaints			
Crime	2018	2019	2020
Rape	3	3	6
Assault	55	28	59
Burglary	13	16	8
Thefts	53	96	91
Criminal Mischief	47	36	35
Criminal Trespass	33	13	30
Drug Cases	26	16	31
Domestic Disturbances	90	32	52
Traffic Crashes	602	482	418
Arrests	531	464	324
OUI Arrests	95	90	46
Summons			
Speeding Summons	458	288	121
Traffic Warning	4,643	2,871	3,747
Parking Tickets	971	846	371
Missing Persons	27	4	2
Harassment Calls	98	82	54
Security Checks	<u>2,017</u>	<u>1,641</u>	<u>1,882</u>
TOTAL	9,762	7,008	7,277
Total Traffic Stops	9,209	6,340	4,165

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.

Police Revenues			
	2018	2019	2020
Parking Tickets	\$ 17,090	\$ 28,770	\$ 8,060
Police Reports	\$ 1,498	\$ 2,642	\$ 1,095
Gun Permits	\$ 625	\$ 575	\$ 510
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 7,033</u>	<u>\$ 5,995</u>	<u>\$ 1,475</u>
TOTAL	\$ 26,246	\$ 37,982	\$ 11,140

OFFICER OF THE YEAR



**Karen Kidd
Congratulations!**

Farmington Police Department 2020



Front Center – Chief Jack Peck, Jr.

Second Row – Sergeant Michael Lyman, Deputy Chief Shane Cote, and Sergeant Edward Hastings, IV.

Third Row – Officer Ryan Rosie, School Resource Officer Bridgette Gilbert, Officer Brandon Sholan, Office Clerk Jocelyn Kelly, Officer Ethan Boyd and K-9 Hook.

Fourth Row – Officer Jesse Clement, Officer Riley Dowe, Office Manager Karen Kidd, and Officer Jeffrey Brann.

Absent from Photo – Detective Jacob Richards, Parking Enforcement Drew Holston, Animal Control Dexter “Buzz” Bridges, Crossing Guard Robert Hallman, and part-time Office Clerk Stephan Bunker.