

POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens, the Select Board, and the Town Manager:



I begin by expressing my thanks to the residents of the Town of Farmington for their continued support. Change continues to be the only constant and we seem to be looking at the worst of the COVID Pandemic in the rear-view mirror. However, we can still feel its effects on the mental health and well-being of many in our community.

I am committed to ensuring that our officers have the training and skills to appropriately respond to any call for service. We will continue to work collaboratively with the many agencies and social service resources available to our community. In doing so, we reaffirm our mission: "To create a feeling of safety for people within the Town of Farmington."

Since my hire as your Chief of Police, it has been a priority for me to evaluate our department policies and procedures to work toward a standard of best practice. In December of 2022, the Farmington Police Department underwent a detailed assessment by the Maine Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. I am happy to report that we received "Accredited" status. We are 1 of only 15 departments to achieve that distinction out of 146 departments statewide. A copy of the Assessment Team report is on our department website.

We have said goodbye to one of our staff this year. Office Manager Karen Kidd left to pursue other career opportunities. We are pleased to announce that Lynne Cary has been hired as our new Office Manager. We have been quite successful in our recruiting efforts, recovering from record low levels of staffing.

Officer Ethan Whitney was hired in July of 2021, and he graduated from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy (MCJA) in May of 2022. Officers Jonathan Parker and Ethan Bronson were hired this summer, and they both graduated from the MCJA in December 2022. Officer Donald Gray was hired in November who is a graduate of MCJA.

Matthew Billian was hired in January as our Animal Control Officer (ACO). ACO Billian has strengthened our Animal Control program

and has participated in several community events promoting the welfare of our domesticated animals and pets.

I would also like to thank Katlynn Beaumont, our Overdose Prevention Through Outreach Naloxone and Safety (OPTIONS) liaison from Western Maine Behavioral Health Services (WMBH). Kat has worked tirelessly with dozens and dozens of those experiencing substance use disorder. WMBH continues to be a wonderful partner, co-responding to calls from persons in mental health crisis.

Please remember our unused/unwanted medications disposal box is always available in our lobby (no needles or liquids please!).

I would like to recognize Sergeant Jesse Clement, Sergeant Ethan Boyd and Officer Christoph Mutschin, each for their lifesaving efforts administering naloxone and supportive first aid measures on multiple occasions.

School Resource Officer (SRO) Matthew Brann has provided a variety of support to Mount Blue Regional School District throughout the year. His position requires him to act as a social work support, peacemaker, first responder and teacher. SRO Brann has earned the respect of staff, administration, and students alike. No day is like any other for SRO Brann!

As always, we need to recognize and thank our local partners, especially the members of Farmington Fire Rescue and Public Works, NorthStar Ambulance, area law enforcement agencies, and other unnamed organizations for their hard work and assistance.

I welcome your questions and concerns, compliments, 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

OFFICER OF THE YEAR



**Officer Christoph Mutschin
Congratulations!**

Farmington Police Department 2022



Left to Right: ACO Billian, Office Assistant Kelly, Officer Gray, Officer Whitney, Officer Mutschin, Sergeant Boyd and K9 Hook, Sergeant Clement, Chief Charles, Officer Rosie, School Resource Officer Brann, Officer Parker, Officer Bronson, Deputy Chief Cote, Parking Enforcement Holston, Crossing Guard Hallman

**Summary of the Most Common Crimes or Police
Calls/Complaints**

Crime	2020	2021	2022
Rape	6	8	2
Assault	59	33	34
Burglary	8	5	7
Thefts (combined)	91	53	46
Criminal Mischief	35	58	33
Criminal Trespass	30	39	47
Drug Cases	31	6	25
Domestic Disturb.	52	70	37
Traffic Crashes	418	405	418
Arrests	324	221	502
OUI Arrests	46	42	39
Speeding Tickets	121	98	107
Traffic Warnings	3,747	2,766	4,591
Parking Tickets	371	593	768
Missing Persons	2	25	6
Harassment Calls	54	82	50
Security Checks	1,882	1,395	1,820
Total Traffic Stops	4,165	3,355	4,928

Police Revenues			
	2020	2021	2022
Parking Tickets	\$8,060	\$7,440	\$6,930
Police Reports	\$1,095	\$1,793	\$1,154
Gun Permits	\$510	\$625	\$760
Miscellaneous	\$1,475	\$921	\$1,070
TOTAL	\$11,140	\$10,779	\$9,914