

Veazie Police Department

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To: Mark E. Leonard, Chief of Police
From: Sheryl Sutherland
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Re: November & December Police Report
CC: William Reed, Town Manager & Town Council

Community Service

- With the aid of some outstanding citizens, the Town Office personnel, and the Fire Department, the Veazie Police Department was able to help the Secret Santa again this year. Frank Jordan supplied most of the toys and clothing for our resident children in need. Rosemary Freese helped in delivering packages and food baskets to families a few days before Christmas. Any assistance during the Holiday season is welcome.
- A Christmas concert was held at the Veazie Community School, with the students doing a great job. Officer Greeley attended the concert.
- The Gun Lock program is still in effect. Free locks can be obtained at the Town Office or Police Department.

CRIME PREVENTION IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

- Officer Greeley attended Triad meetings for the Senior Citizens. These meetings discuss safety issues and different ways to recognize fraud and scams that are being used to get money from senior citizens.
- Fingerprinting is a free service that the Police Department provides. We fingerprint for employment purposes and adoptions among other things. Children can be printed for the parents to have a record. Please call the department to set up a time to have this done.
- Property watches are being done daily, along with business checks. Winter time is usually vacation time for many residents. By informing the Police Department of a vacant home we can patrol the area more, and check the property to make sure no doors or windows have been tampered with and are secure.

Criminal Activity:

- A Veazie resident was stopped by Officer Sirois for driving erratically on School Street. This traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for OUI and possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia. The suspect was released on bail and came in to the Police Department to claim belongings he believed we had confiscated. During his visit here he was searched, due to his bail conditions allowing random searches, and found to be carrying drugs. His mother that had accompanied him was also carrying drugs. The mother was summonsed and the suspect went back to Penobscot County Jail. Case is still pending.
- A suspect that was arrested by the Veazie Police Department for drugs, and receiving stolen property was also later charged with burglary and theft. The charges from Veazie aided the District Attorney in recommending the maximum charges allowed for all of the offenses.
- The Veazie Police assisted other agencies by serving subpoenas, arresting individuals involved in a terrorizing case, and we continue to respond to medical calls throughout the town with the Fire Department.
- During this time period Veazie had 8 drug violations, including possession of drug paraphernalia, illegal possession of alcohol, possession of marijuana, and minors transporting alcohol.
- OUI's and suspended license offenses increased during the Holiday months. Four OUI incidents, and 5 drivers were summonsed due to driving with suspended licenses.
- Juveniles involved in an Arson at a local gravel pit in town were found and charged with the crime. The fire was extinguished before it could spread and

cause major damage to homes or citizens. The juveniles were also charged with other crimes from this incident.

- Two warrant arrests were made. The Officer stopped to check on a pedestrian and found that the individual had an outstanding warrant. The other was a warrant out of Bar Harbor on an individual staying in Veazie.
- The Department has been made aware of fraudulent phone calls from collection agencies trying to extract information and money from residents in town. The collection agency is asking for personal information such as Social Security numbers. Please notify the Police Department if you receive a call or mail from any place that is asking for this type of information. Never give your Social Security number or credit card numbers to anyone that is unfamiliar to you.

Training:

- Department meetings are held monthly. During this reporting period, a video presentation on Officer Safety during Traffic Stops, was viewed and discussed. Evidence procedures was another topic of discussion. Sgt. Munson of the Brewer Police Department instructed the Officers on the proper procedures to recover fingerprints and how to obtain evidence without destroying it.
- Officer Leal attended the mandatory training at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. The training consisted of Dealing With Mental Health Crisis, Juvenile Law, and Law Updates.
- A training class on Cyber Stalker was given at the University of Maine in Orono. Officer Sirois was in attendance. The session was on how to locate an address of the stalker, and different ways that stalkers can target individuals on line.
- Officer Gotreau attended the class on Dealing With Mental Health at the Academy, for his yearly requirement.
- HGN, an alcohol and drug detection program was conducted at the Bangor Police Department. Officer Gotreau attended and certified in this training.
- Sgt. Emery participated in a two day training at the Hampden Police Department. The training was on the Use of Force, and handling Citizen Complaints.
- Officer Leal certified in the annual Firearm qualification with Firearms Instructor-Detective Bridges. The qualification was conducted at the range in Orono.

Traffic:

- Citations Issued: 44
- Warnings Issued: 135
- Speeding: 61
- Inspection: 35
- Red Light/ Stop: 6

Directed Patrols are conducted during regular shifts and usually involve speeders on different streets in Veazie. If you have any concern on a certain street please inform the department.

From the speeding tickets issued, 38% were from State Street, and 30% were from Chase Road.

The parking ordinance is in effect. From November 15th until April 15th there will be no parking on the street or anywhere that can interfere with Public Safety vehicles getting through. Tickets, fines, and removal of vehicles are the consequences of illegal parking during the winter months.

Accidents during this period totaled nine, with property damage being the major issue.

Additional Information:

- Officer Chris Greeley resigned from the Department in December. Chris was re-elected to the State Legislature. We wish him the best of luck.
- Officer Jeremy Leal has been hired full time to replace Officer Greeley. Jeremy comes to us as an Academy graduate with numerous years of experience. We are fortunate to have him working in this community.