

# Veazie Police Department

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**To:** William Reed, Town Manager & Town Council  
**From:** Sheryl Sutherland  
**Date:** July 11, 2005  
**Re:** 2005 Second Quarter Council Report  
**CC:** Mark E. Leonard, Chief of Police

## Community Service

- This quarter brought the completion of the 2005 DARE program for the Kindergarten and Fifth grade students. DARE Officer Jeremy Leal taught both classes and held graduation ceremonies at the end of the school year. The Fifth grade commencement program had selected students read their essays, and a video presentation of the students in and out of the classroom. Parents and family members were invited and joined in with the festivities.
- Officers have been visiting the school for the after school program, talking with the students and assisting in their projects and games.
- The Spring Concert and School Play were attended by Sergeant Keith Emery, and Officer Jeff Gotreau.
- Officer Jeremy Leal attended lunches with students and spent the last day of school with the Fifth grade.
- Chief Mark Leonard observed DARE classes taught by Officer Jeremy Leal, and was pleased with the students participation and how they interacted with Officer Leal.
- Everyone enjoyed the Senior BBQ held at the Senior Housing Facility. Chief Mark Leonard assisted in the cooking with Officer Sirois also in attendance.
- Officer Brian Sirois attended a Senior meeting and spoke on how to prevent motor vehicle burglary. He explained the importance of calling the Police Department if any thing seems suspicious, or with any concerns.
- This quarter a total of 38 welfare and emergency 911 hang up calls came in and were investigated by the department.

- Residents of Veazie were concerned with a stray dog that was around for approximately a week. No one could catch him until Officer Jeremy Leal with the assistance of two families in town were able to get him in the cruiser and to a shelter. Resident assistance is always appreciated.
- Requested patrol watches on personal homes, by residents vacationing or leaving their property unattended, totaled 173. These patrol watches are being done daily.
- Streetlights have been reported out of order or malfunctioning by residents and these are given to Code Enforcement to have corrected. The Officers perform streetlight maintenance checks on a monthly basis.
- Town monetary deposits, council packets, and planning board packets are distributed by an Officer on a weekly and sometimes daily basis.
- Free gun locks are still available at the Town Office or Police Department. An Officer will assist you in the correct way to use them if necessary.

### **Criminal Activity:**

- A total of 10 Warrant arrests were made in Veazie, most were initiated during traffic stops. During one stop both the driver and passenger had active warrants from Bangor District Court.
- An anonymous tip came in to the department which resulted in an individual being arrested on 3 warrants and also drug and drug paraphernalia charges.
- Juveniles were summonsed for Illegal Transportation of Alcohol, and Possession of Marijuana during a traffic stop.
- Six subpoenas were issued to residents for various court cases.
- A traffic stop for speeding turned into an arrest of the driver for Operating After Suspension, and also a Warrant for unpaid fines out of Kennebec County.
- Local businesses were burglarized with cash, computers, cameras, and prescription drugs taken from the premises. These are still under investigation, and the department is combining information with other Agencies with similar burglaries to see if the same suspects are involved.
- A juvenile was summonsed for spray painting obscenities in the middle of a road in town. The paint was cleaned up immediately after pictures were taken for evidence.
- Reports of windows being smashed and shot out are being investigated. The Officers are speaking with the neighborhood residents in which the offenses occurred. Any information you may have will be appreciated.
- State Street was a target for numerous mailbox and flag vandalisms. The suspects were summonsed and found guilty. Citizens will be reimbursed by the suspects for replacement of the items.
- A bicycle was stolen from private property. Please remember to lock up bicycles, or remove a tire so as to deter someone from stealing the bicycles.
- A car that had been taken illegally was returned after an investigation was conducted by Chief Leonard.
- A total of \$27,928 in cash and property, was taken illegally during this quarter. The Department has recovered approximately \$ 20,000 of that total.

### **The training conducted this quarter were as follows:**

- Firearm qualifications were instructed by Detective Ralph Bridges. All Officers have qualified.
- Captain Pete Metcalf of the Veazie Fire Department conducted the First Responder and Hazardous Materials class, for both Police and Fire Departments. These are requirements that are needed on an annual basis.
- Fire Extinguisher training was held at the Police Department by Fire Fighter Nicholas Sirois. This training consisted of putting out an actual staged fire, and a discussion on the different types of fire extinguishers.

- Officer Jeremy Leal attended the Law Enforcement Officer recertification held at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.
- Chief Mark Leonard and myself participated in a six day training program on the new National Incident Based Reporting System. These reports and information are vital to all Law Enforcement Agencies involved and also for the State of Maine and United States FBI to insure that accurate and precise information gets to the proper authorities. These monthly reports also aid in applying and receiving grant money for various needs.
- Chief Leonard and Corporal Dall attended the Pipeline Safety meeting in Bangor.
- Officers Leal and Gotreau were trained by the State Police on how to deal with active shooters in school environments. Training included shooter scenarios and simulations.
- A course in "Care Under Fire" was conducted in Portland. This taught what actions should be taken if injured by gunfire or other uses of force. Chief Leonard was in attendance.

## **Traffic:**

Designated Patrols were conducted around town to enforce the speed limit and seat belt laws.

Five arrests were made this quarter for Operating Under the Influence.

Three accidents were reported this quarter.

Incidents: 622

Arrests: 48

Citations: 50

Warnings: 120

Speeding Violations: 51

Inspection Violations: 63

Red Light/Stop Violations: 7