Chief’s Message

It is my pleasure to present to you this latest edition of the O’Neil Bulletin. We have received a great deal of positive feedback on the Bulletin since its inception in 2015. Your continued input is extremely valuable to us and we seek your suggestions on topics for future O’Neil Bulletins. The Bulletins have proven to be an excellent forum to enhance resident awareness of the services provided by their police department. I’m very thankful of the work of Sergeant Andrew Homestead and his team of editors who produce the Bulletins.

Spring of 2016 came in the aftermath of a mild and uneventful winter. Unfortunately, the changing seasons were met with a violent incident in which tragedy was avoided by the swift and heroic actions of your police officers. In April, a disturbed young man from Maine began to randomly open fire on unsuspecting residents early one Sunday morning. Officer Dennis Pearse was able to quickly locate the suspect, who then came at the officer with a large knife. Officer Pearse subdued the man using his Taser. Two victims were shot but thankfully have fully recovered from their physical injuries. A third victim was shot but not struck by the gunfire. Pearse’s quick action likely saved others from this man’s rage that day. Officer Pearse will be awarded the Duxbury Police Medal of Honor for his heroic actions at an upcoming September ceremony.

With the community rattled by the events of this past spring, I’m happy to report that we experienced a relatively quiet and safe summer of 2016. As the summer winds down, we begin to focus our efforts toward the fall and the changing service needs of the community. The most prominent of course being the return of the children to our schools. We are gearing up here for the first few weeks of school from a pedestrian/cyclist safety prospective. Traffic safety education, enforcement and general public awareness will be a major piece of our efforts. Once the students are settled in, we transition into more specific initiatives related to school safety and student wellness.

The school resource officer plays a lead role in our school safety, student wellness and education initiatives. Officer Friend Weiler has served with great distinction as our SRO for 16 years. Late last spring, Officer Weiler was promoted to the rank of sergeant and as such has been reassigned to the uniformed patrol division as a shift supervisor. With the assistance and input of the school administration we have selected Officer Nick Jamali as your new SRO. For the first few months of this year Sergeant Weiler will still be a presence from time to time at the schools as he provides Officer Jamali with some on the job training. Within this edition of the bulletin you will learn more about Officer Jamali.

The upcoming fall elections not only will select our next President but will also address many highly controversial matters such as the ballot question on the legalization of recreational marijuana. We anticipate high voter turnouts and have been working closely with Town Clerk Susan Kelley in preparation.
Residents need to be aware that the polling place has been moved from the Chandler School to the Lt. Timothy Steele Athletic Building on Saint George Street for all fall elections and any future elections.

In this edition of the Bulletin you will find a segment on the Duxbury Police "Crisis Intervention Team". As you will read, a team of specially trained officers have undertaken the task of providing proactive support services to those afflicted with substance addictions or mental health crisis. Our CIT has partnered with Duxbury FACTS and other community based support groups to provide support and facilitate services to individuals in crisis and their families. In addition, we have recently joined “Project Outreach” which is a consortium of local hospitals and addiction recovery organizations partnered with police in Duxbury, Plymouth, Carver and Middleboro, pooling expertise and resources to proactively offer services to overdose victims and their families. Led by Chief Mike Botieri and Captain John Rogers of the Plymouth Police Department, the program has become a model for the region. Duxbury PD is represented in the program by Sgt. Andy Homestead and officers Jim Tougas and Matt Donoghue. I am amazed at the dedication and compassion displayed by these officers, the citizen volunteers and the staff of the involved professional organizations. Their work is nothing short of inspirational.

I hope you enjoy the images and information provided in this edition of the O'Neil Bulletin. As always, it is an honor to serve you as your police chief and it is my professional privilege to command such a talented and compassionate team that comprises the Duxbury Police Department.

Sincerely yours,

Matthew M. Clancy
Police Chief
Welcome Letter from the Newsletter Staff

Thank you for reading the “O’Neil Bulletin”, the official newsletter of the Duxbury Police Department. We have named our newsletter in honor of James O’Neil, the first Police Chief of Duxbury. “James O’Neil was appointed Constable in 1925. In 1931, he became Duxbury’s one man police force. A police station was built in part of the old South Duxbury School, and funds were appropriated for a motor cycle and a cruiser. O’Neil became permanent chief, with temporary officers on call when needed. During 1931, the force answered 256 calls resulting in 19 arrests.” (Post, 1987)

We look forward to receiving input for adding segments to the newsletter and will always be looking for people to write an article. We hope you enjoy this newsletter.

Sincerely,
Sergeant Andrew Homestead, Officer Ryan Peterson, Intern Cam Bruno

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The Duxbury Police Department has recently developed a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) to further help our community work through the difficulties faced with individuals who have mental health conditions and/or substance use disorders. The CIT consists of four specially trained officers who are dedicated to helping individuals and families when they need it most. All too often people and their families find themselves in a situation where they do not know what to do. There is so much information out there it can be a daunting task to know what is what. Fortunately, the CIT has compiled a list of local resources, which is on the Duxbury Police website and in print at the station.

In the short time the CIT has been operational there have been many success stories. Crisis situations have been de-escalated; people have been guided to resources and accepted them. Family members who were encouraged to go to support group meetings went and developed their own networks to help themselves and their loved one. And lastly, as a police department we have grown. We are learning extensively about mental health conditions, individuals with cognitive conditions, and substance use disorders. This helps us when responding to critical incidents as well as doing our part in preventing new incidents from happening.

So how does it work?

CIT intervention sometimes occurs at a critical incident scene. However, it typically begins with referrals from officers on patrol, and others come from people reaching out to the CIT for help. A CIT officer then contacts the person and to offer assistance with navigating the available resources. Often times a CIT officer starts with a phone call and later meets with the person discretely out of uniform.

Meet the Crisis Intervention Team!

Ofc. Jim Tougas
Ofc. Matt Donoghue
Sgt. Friend Weiler
Sgt. Andrew Homestead
CIT Milestones

In early 2015 CIT Officer Friend Weiler joined a collaborative of educators, students, and their families that created the organization Duxbury FACTS. As more officers became trained CIT officers they too participated in this wonderful group dedicated to helping Duxbury’s youth in the areas of mental health and substance misuse.

In the fall of 2015 the Duxbury Police Department began formalizing a crisis intervention team and began outreach efforts in the community. 2016 has been a break out year for CIT. The outreach efforts have expanded greatly and CIT officers have attended a variety of specialized training courses.

Starting on July 1st, 2016 the Duxbury Police Department joined “Project Outreach”. Project Outreach is focused on helping individuals struggling with substance use disorders (SUD) to get on the road to recovery. It also provides services for the families coping with the anguish of having a loved one struggling with SUD. Program participants are: Plymouth Police, Carver Police, Middleborough Police, addiction treatment providers, and the Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Plymouth. The way it works is an overdose or other incident is reported to the CIT which is in turn notifies the project outreach team. Hospital staff evaluates if a community follow up is warranted, if so, the on call healthcare organization sends a provider for an in-person follow-up. As soon as possible a treatment provider responds to the police department and goes with a plain clothed officer in an unmarked car to the individual’s home. The treatment provider offers services to the individual and works to get them into a facility as soon as possible if they want to go. Officers also assist in filing for involuntary hospitalization with district court if it is necessary.

Lastly, starting in August 2016 Project outreach began hosting drop-in centers in Plymouth twice a month. These events offer you a chance to stop in and talk to a number of treatment providers in person. It is a unique opportunity to learn about substance use disorders, ask questions about health insurance issues, and meet a lot of experts in the field.

How do I reach the Crisis Intervention Team for help? (Non-emergency)

Primary point of contact: Officer Jim Tougas
(781) 934-5656 Extension 1169
Email: JTougas@duxburypolice.org
If you need to talk to one of us right away please call the station and speak with the desk officer.
If you have an Emergency Call 911
Resources are available on our website: http://www.duxburypolice.org/substance-use-disorder-and-crisis-services

We offer a local resource guide that is available in print and on our website.
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Three Rescued from Capsized Boat

July 18, 2016

Duxbury Harbormaster rescued three people whose dingy capsized in Duxbury Bay. Duxbury Police and Fire Departments assisted in the rescue once the individuals were brought to shore. One individual was transported to the hospital. Great team effort by the harbormaster, police department, fire department, and dispatchers.
On June 30th, 2016 Duxbury Harbormasters deployed a great white shark monitoring buoy off of Duxbury Beach. This buoy has an electronic device that receives a signal from a tagged shark. This activity is logged for researchers. The data is retrieved by going out to the buoy and pulling it out of the water to download the information.
"We don't feel much support most days, let's not make today most days. Please, we need your support to protect you from men like these, who carried out this tragic, tragic event."

Dallas Police Chief David Brown

The shooting in Dallas, Texas on July 7th, 2016 that left five police officers dead and another seven injured rocked the nation. Following this event, Dallas Police Chief David Brown made a statement calling for support of police. His words were heard by people in Duxbury and around the Country. This event inspired many people to come out and show their support. We truly appreciate the outpouring of support.

Thank you Duxbury!
On May 23, 2016, at a Board of Selectmen meeting, Chief Matthew Clancy proudly recognized eight Officers. With their family, friends, and co-workers looking on, each Officer was recognized for either being promoted or newly hired.

**Officers Recognized**

**Promotions:**
- Michael Carbone was promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant
- Andrew Homestead was promoted from Officer to Sergeant

**Full time Officers:**
- Kathleen McIlroy
- Stephen Hall
- Riley Mackin
- Scott Kane

**Full time Harbormaster:**
- Morgan Billings

**Permanent Intermittent Officer:**
- Ryan Peterson
School Resource Officer Friend Weiler Promoted to Sergeant

For over 16 years Friend Weiler served as the school resource officer. After years of coaching, mentoring, teaching, running camps, working with school officials, and helping students, Friend will be passing the torch onto Officer Nick Jamali. Friend’s promotion to Sergeant puts him on the road as a shift commander, responsible for supervising officers on patrol.

Congratulations Sergeant Weiler!

Officer Nick Jamali chosen to be the new School Resource Officer

We are proud to announce that Officer Jamali will be your new SRO. Officer Jamali has been a Duxbury Police Officer for nearly five years. During that time he has been a member of the firearms training program, interdiction team, technology investigations, and has worked with the police prosecutor. Prior to coming to Duxbury he was a Sergeant with the Babson College police department.

Good Luck Officer Jamali!

A very exciting day for this young man who won the raffle to ride to school in a police car. June 17, 2016
What is Accreditation?
The Duxbury Police Department participates in the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Program (MPAP), therefore, every three (3) years, the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission (MPAC) inspects our policies and procedures as well as our operations and facilities. The MPAP consists of 257 mandatory standards and 125 optional standards. In order for the department to achieve accreditation status, we must meet all mandatory standards and at least 55% of optional standards. This program is a self-initiated process by which all departments involved strive to meet and maintain standards that have been established by the profession, for the profession. Achieving Accreditation is a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.

On August 4, 2016 Pittsburgh Penguins’ Coach Mike Sullivan was in Duxbury and was kind enough to pose for photos with Officers and let them hold the Stanley Cup. Congratulations to Coach Sullivan and his team on winning the 2016 Stanley Cup Championship!
Cheryl Sterns Receives Community Volunteer Award

We are proud to announce that on May 25, 2016 Cheryl Sterns received a community volunteer award for her work at the Duxbury Police Department. She also received a proclamation from our State Representatives.

Cheryl has been working for the police department for over six years. Her most recent assignment was working with Sergeant Kristin Golden who was in charge of professional standards and training. Cheryl is an asset to the department and this award is well deserved. Thank you Cheryl for your service to the Duxbury Police Department and the Town of Duxbury.

Photo: Cheryl with her husband Mark

Meet our New Intern!

Alexa Hayden interned at our department at the beginning of the summer. She is a senior at Bridgewater State University and is in the process of obtaining her Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice. Alexa has been assisting in the professional standards and training division, updating and filing records while shadowing department personnel and expanding her knowledge-base in the field of law enforcement. During her time with us, she has shown great interest in the police work overall. She plans to pursue a career in law enforcement and would love to work within a K9 unit.