

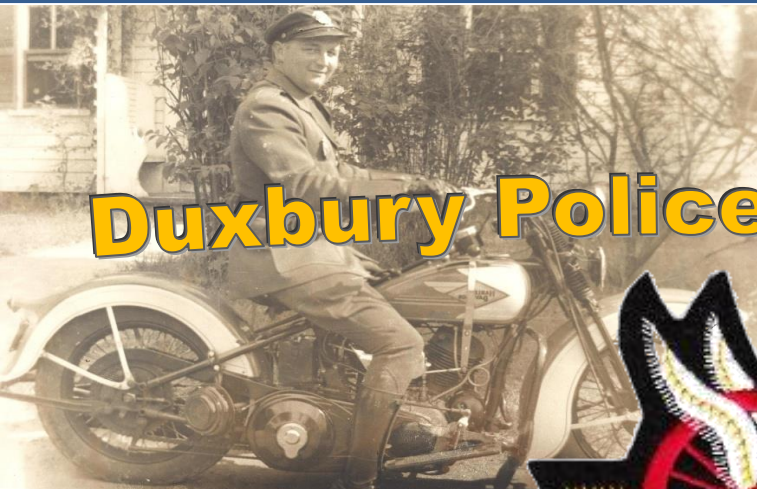


The O'Neil Bulletin

In 1931 James O'Neil was appointed Duxbury's First Police Chief

Duxbury Police Department Headquarters 155 Mayflower Street Duxbury, Massachusetts

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Duxbury Police Motorcycle Unit



1931-2015



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CHIEFS MESSAGE



Officers & Residents,

It is my absolute pleasure to welcome you to the inaugural edition of the O'Neil Bulletin. Service is at the core of what we do as police officers. History and those that created that history shaped how we serve today. The Bulletin will serve to bring our members and our residents up to date with all that's new in the DPD. It will also serve as a conduit to the past. I am truly honored to serve as the 9th Permanent Police Chief in the history of the Duxbury Police Department. The O'Neil Bulletin is named in memory of Chief James O'Neil, the Department's first leader. Chief O'Neil was appointed as Chief and the sole full time officer in March of 1931 following a Town Meeting that established the Duxbury Police Department. We will do our best over time to chronicle the 84 years of service to the community that have followed while keeping you up so speed on what's going on today.

The Duxbury Police Department is an accredited police department. Originally, we were the very first police department in Plymouth County to receive that honor. In order to maintain that status the Department is audited every three years by a team dispatched to Duxbury by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission. Later this month we will undergo our re-assessment as the auditing team will be here to review every aspect of our operations, equipment, and facilities to ensure we continue to meet accreditation standards. The process can be daunting but it is the best evidence we can provide our residents that we are operating under the current best practices of the industry. It also serves as evidence of our continued mission to operate with prudent transparency, allowing the outside audit team full and complete access. Numerous officers are asked to participate in this process and their efforts illustrate a dedication to professionalism. Accreditation is managed by Sgt. Kristen Golden, under the direction of Lieutenant Lewis Chubb. They are immediately supported by a team of interns and our long-time resident volunteer Cheryl Stearns. I can't thank them enough for their efforts.

2015 has been a year of change within the ranks of the Department. Officer Tony Vitale retired and Officer Dan McGonagle left us to accept a position with the Massachusetts Environmental Police. Reserve Officers Matt Donoghue, Nick Jamali and Steve Hall, have all been promoted to the rank of permanent full time officers. Matt graduated the police academy earlier this year, Nick is currently in the academy, and Steve will be heading off in the fall.

Within the last year the Brown brothers donned stripes. Officer Dan Brown was promoted to permanent Sergeant and Officer Tom Brown has been serving as an Acting Sergeant for several months. They are certainly following in the footsteps of their late father, Duxbury Police Sergeant Tom Brown.

Many officers are hitting the books to study for the upcoming Lieutenant's Promotional Exam. Candidate officers will participate in assessment center exercises which includes a written examination. Those who successfully pass the assessment center will appear on a promotional eligibility list for the position of Lieutenant. The list will be good for two years. It is the first Lieutenants exam offered in several years. Good luck to all.

We are also in the process of recruiting new permanent intermittent officers to replace the officers recently promoted from this group to full time status. Very soon we will be announcing the names of the three successful candidates.

Our new station has been quite a blessing. We remain very thankful to the community for providing us with this fine facility. We are able to do so much more for our residents through our evidence processing lab, cyber-crimes lab, and our main training room. The training room, outfitted with the latest in presentation media, has become every active with regional police training, DPD trainings along with bookings by other organizations such as Suffolk University, Mass DOT, and Mass HRD Civil Service Unit. The room remains available to civic groups for booking. Our web-site provides information on how to reserve the room.

The Department is actively moving towards implementation of a Police Narcan Program. Under the direction of Officers Mary Ellen Vidito, Dennis Pearse, and James Levine, we will soon have Narcan in the hands of patrol officers for the purpose of reversing heroin overdoses. Unfortunately, the tragic surges in the use of opioid's and the overdoses that follow have affected Duxbury as well. Narcan, a brand name for the drug Naloxone, is a nasal spray antidote that can be administered to heroin overdose victims with tremendous success. Police officers across Plymouth County are saving lives every day with Narcan. The medics from Duxbury Fire have been administering Narcan with great success for quite some time. Now police officers will be able to administer the drug in an emergency as well.

We have recently partnered with "Learn to Cope", a support organization for friends and loved ones of opioid addicted individuals to provide resources in support of affected families. We applaud this organization for their dedication. Please check them out at www.learn2cope.org.

Soon, two officers from the Duxbury Police will receive specialized training in adult community crisis intervention to allow DPD to partner with the regional Community Crisis Intervention Team. The mission of the Community Crisis Intervention Team is to promote communication and enhance the response of public and private agencies when summoned to intervene with individuals who are mentally ill, developmentally disabled or experiencing trauma in their lives. The core members of the Community Crisis Intervention Team (CCIT) are community police officers, emergency department nurses, hospital security, community mental health providers, probation officers, personnel of the clerk's office of the local court, state mental health administrators, and community advocates. Officers James Tougas and Matt Donoghue will be receiving the training and I applaud them for their interest in this very important collaboration.

As the weather finally begins to turn in our favor, it's time for DPD to begin the transition into looking towards summer and the policing activities we traditionally employ around this time to promote overall safety and smart choices. There will be liquor enforcement activities focusing on the sale of alcohol to minors as we approach the proms and graduation festivities. Traffic enforcement will be ramped up to encourage voluntary compliance with our speed limits. Motorcycle patrols and bicycle patrols will begin to enhance police visibility and availability to our residents. The goal of the bike and motorcycle patrols is to foster a sense of safety and security for residents and visitors while at the same time providing a heightened deterrence to crime by the expanded presence. Officers are strongly encouraged to seize any opportunity to engage in conversation with our residents to draw out feedback and input on areas of concern.

In coming additions I will do my best to keep you informed on matters of importance. Please know that I am always interested in the input of my officers and our residents. I am always available by email at mclancy@duxburypolice.org. In the coming weeks I will be announcing "Coffee with the Chief" events in which residents and officers are asked to join me for a coffee and a conversation about matters of your choosing. As always, you can always find vital information on our web-site (www.duxburypolice.org) or on our Twitter and Facebook accounts. In closing, I continue to be honored to serve as Police Chief to the finest group of police officers on the South Shore, and thank each and every officer for your dedication to the mission at hand.

Sincerely yours,



Chief Matthew M. Clancy

Welcome Letter from the Editors

We are proud to present the first edition of the “O’Neil Bulletin”, the official newsletter of the Duxbury Police Department. “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)

The format of this newsletter will open with a message from the Chief about future plans and current events. It will also cover a range of topics from, In-depth look at individuals or units with-in the department, department history, past members, accolades for a job well done, and more. We look forward to receiving input for adding segments to the newsletter and will always be looking for Officers to write an article or be on our staff. We hope you enjoy this newsletter.

Sincerely,
Officer James Tougas, Sergeant Michael Carbone, &
Officer Andrew Homestead
DPD Newsletter Staff

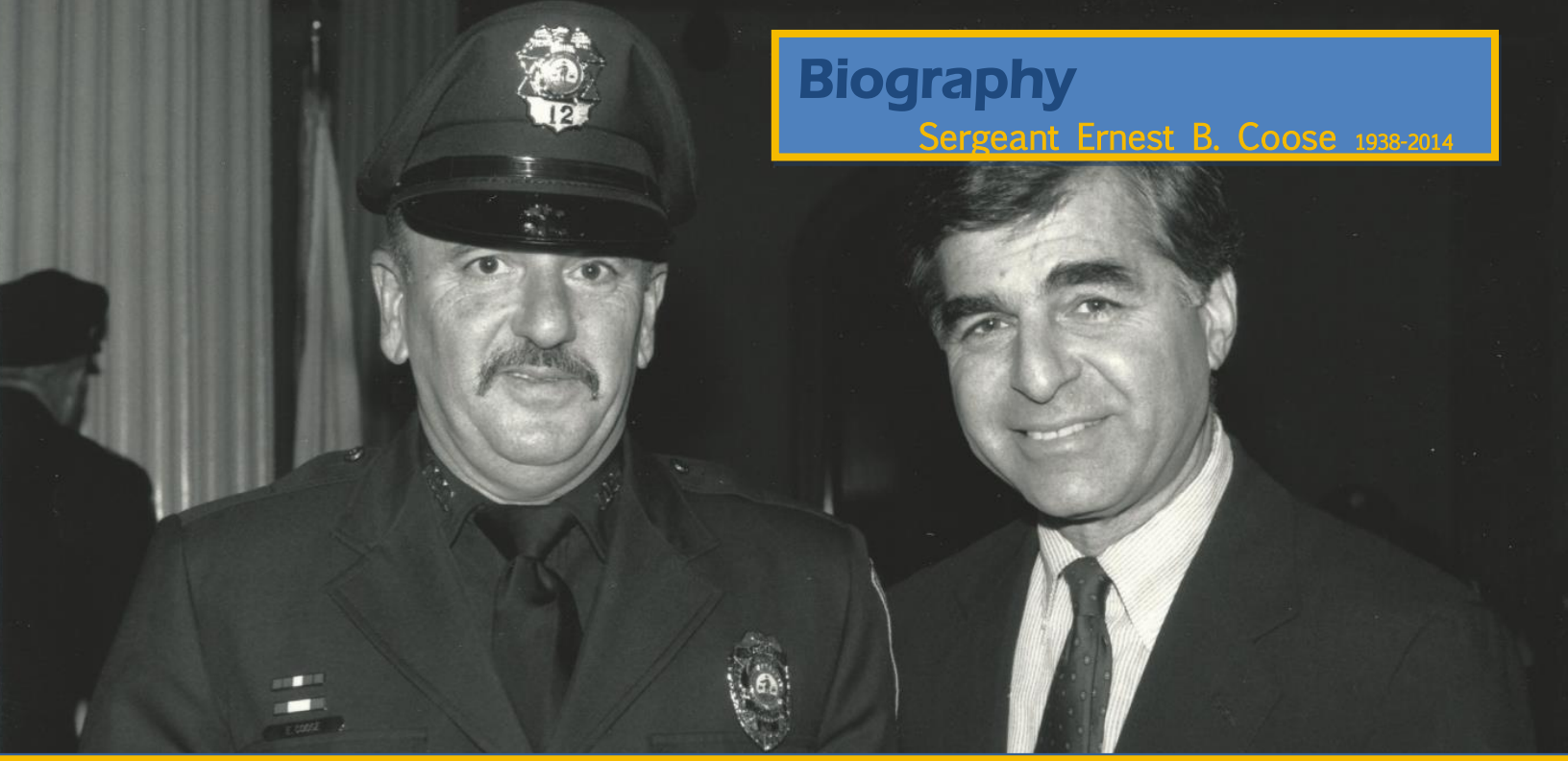
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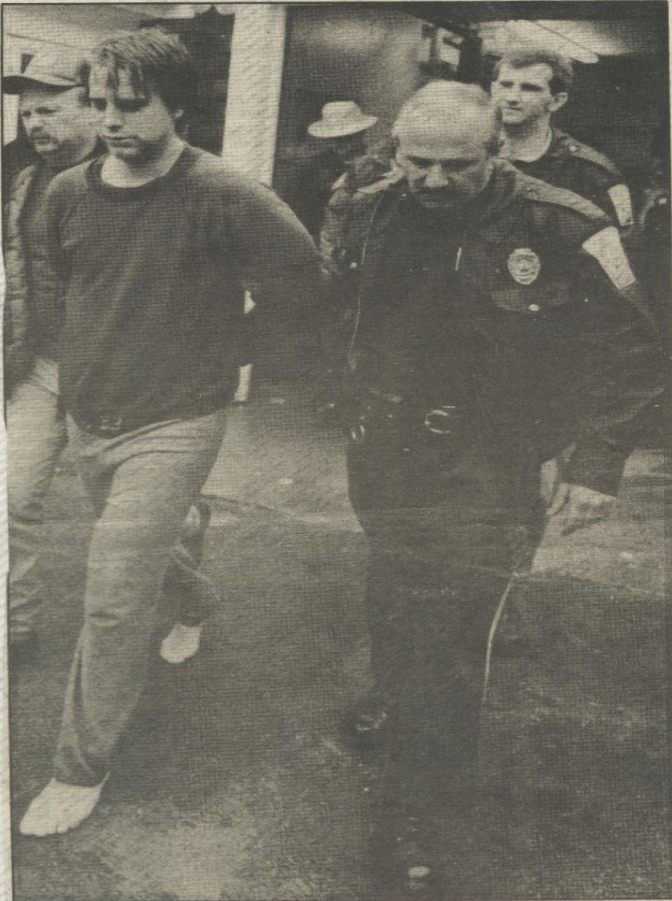
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Biography

Sergeant Ernest B. Coose 1938-2014



May 25, 1988
elephones-Editorial, 834-0136; Adv., 746-5555; Speak Out!, 834-0135



KEVIN T GALFORD is led by Duxbury police after he was captured in Duxbury on Friday. Galford and three other inmates from the county jail escaped and police spent about seven hours searching for the prisoners. Story on page 4.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Michael S. Dukakis, Governor



to Duxbury Patrolman ERNEST B. COOSE who displayed extraordinary professionalism and bravery on May 19, 1988. One of a large contingent of officers searching for a murder suspect who escaped from the Plymouth County Jail and committed violent crimes while at large, Patrolman COOSE, alone in his cruiser, recognized the escapee despite his change of clothing. Without waiting for assistance, Patrolman COOSE, single-handedly apprehended the fugitive. He thus exemplified courage which is deserving of recognition by all the citizens of Massachusetts.

*Witness my hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
this twenty-sixth day of October in the year 1989.
Witness the Great Seal of the Commonwealth.*

Richard Joseph Conolly
Secretary of the Commonwealth

Michael Dukakis
GOVERNOR



Remembering Ernie

By: Sgt. Christopher Mori

When I think about Sergeant Coose, I am reminded my first time I rode with him. He was my training Officer and he instilled in me the need for attention to detail. When you stopped a car you better know the reason you stopped it and the chapter and section of the law. You should be ready for any kind of sudden change in the person you were dealing with. Never take any situation for granted and always be aware of your surroundings.

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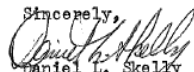
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COMMENDATION

On February 13, 1985, you responded to a call of a baby not breathing on Samoset Road. Because the Town's Ambulance was tied up on another call and you were the first responding unit it became imperative to commence life saving measures on the infant. I can appreciate the difficulty of the entire situation and wish to commend you for your professionalism and quick thinking.

You are a valuable asset to the Town of Duxbury. It is a pleasure to have people like you on the Police Department.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Daniel L. Skelly
Chief of Police

Sergeant Coose was old school. He was a get it done kind of COP never waiting to ask someone how to handle an incident, just figuring it out, and if need be doing the research needed to find out the proper charge. When Sergeant Coose showed up at a scene you knew you had strong back-up, as he always kept in great physical shape.

He was well respected by his fellow Officers. Sergeant Coose also made sure victims of crimes were well taken care of as well as people accused of crimes or responsible for accidents. Sergeant Coose would always remind us to treat people like you would want a cop to treat a member of your family. One of the best words of wisdom I ever got came from Sergeant Coose was, "if you're not having a good day go read the paper instead of stopping a car."

Sergeant Coose was a strong hard working no nonsense Policeman who cared about the residents of Duxbury and the Officers who worked with him. He was fiercely loyal to the members of his shift and would fight for the best equipment and resources they needed to do their jobs. Sergeant Coose was a dedicated husband and father and his love for Italian food was well documented. He will be missed.



1980 Department Photo, Sgt. Coose is in the second row eighth from the right



Motor Officers

Sgt. Dennis Symmonds

Ofc. Brian Johnson

Ofc. Chris Johnson

Ofc. Tom Johnson

Ofc. Dennis Pearse

The Motor Unit: Past and Present

By: Officer Thomas Johnson

Excerpts came from Sergeant Richard Bayramshian's article in the May 8, 1975 Anniversary Issue of the Duxbury Clipper

The history of the Duxbury police motorcycle unit dates back to the year 1925. James O'Neal, a constable for Duxbury rode the first department motorcycle believed to be a 1925 Harley Davidson. Six years later in 1931 the town appropriated \$1000 dollars to purchase one more motorcycle and a patrol vehicle. At the same time James O'Neil was appointed as Duxbury's first police chief. Chief O'Neil was the entire patrol force at that time. In 1932 the town appointed its first full-time patrolman, Earl Chandler. In 1935 the department doubled in size for patrolman adding Lawrence Doyle. Officers Chandler and Doyle would use the Harley Davidson's for weekend patrol and parades and other town celebrations. Former police Chief Hank McNeil and Captain Thomas Johnson also rode the Motorcycles throughout the years and used them regularly at the "Duxbury days" celebrations every Fourth of July week during that time. Local Legend has it that the Duxbury Police department had two Indian police Motorcycles during this era. In the early 1970s the department had a Blue and White Harley Davidson electro glide, which was most notably ridden by Officer Robert "Burnsey" Byrne. Burnsey was the epitome of a motorcycle officer. He was well respected by the residents as well as fellow officers and always looked sharp. In the mid 70's the department traded the two Indian motorcycles to a local Honda dealership getting two Honda police edition motorcycles in exchange. Several officers including George Bean, Alan Gilbert, Scott Myers and Dennis Symmonds rode these bikes. In 1989 Duxbury obtained a 1983 Harley Davidson police motorcycle from the Boston police department. Once again this motorcycle was used for ceremony and parade use in the summer. In 1999, Chief Mark DeLuca a former motorcycle officer on Boston PD decided to resurrect the motorcycle unit for a Patrol function. Four officers were sent to a 40 hour operators course help by the Boston Police Department and a new Harley Davidson Police bike was purchased by Chief DeLuca, to get this program reestablished.



Motorcycle Unit



In 2001 a regional motorcycle unit was formed called Metro LEC which was comprised of 40 city and towns in on the Metro Boston area. The purpose of this unit was to assist all the communities involved, with any type of mobile operations services necessary. In 2007 Duxbury purchased a second Harley Davidson and committed two Motorcycle officers to the Metro LEC unit. Duxbury's participating officers go to monthly training and have participated in major events in Boston and the surrounding communities. Some of the duties that the motorcycle unit is responsible for include dignitary escorts, crowd control, first responders to domestic terrorism and a rapid response for a child abduction response team, also established by the Metro LEC community. Currently officers Dennis Pearse, Christopher Johnson, Brian Johnson, Thomas Johnson, and Sergeant Dennis Symmonds operate the department motorcycles. Sergeant Symmonds and Officer Tom Johnson are also dedicated to the Metro LEC unit. The motorcycle unit continues to be supported by Chief Clancy who has ensured the unit receives the training and equipment necessary to function as it has for the past 84 years.



Celebrating the life of

Duxbury Police Officer Robert "Byrnesy" Byrne



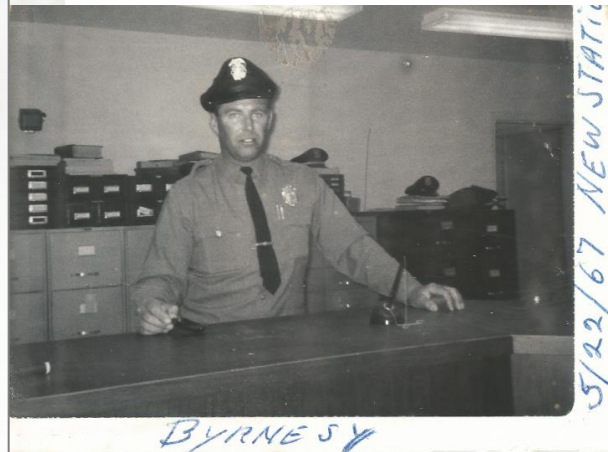
On Friday, April 24, 2015 we bid farewell and celebrated the life of retired Officer Robert Byrne.

Officer Byrne represents the best of us. He was also a dedicated member of department's motorcycle unit.

Sgt. Christopher Mori offered these kind words about Officer Byrne at his celebration of life ceremony.

Good afternoon everyone, I would like to thank the Byrne family for allowing us to join them in remembering Bob. When I think about Byrnesy I am reminded of the book the Greatest Generation, which tells the story of so many men and women who sacrificed so much during World War Two.

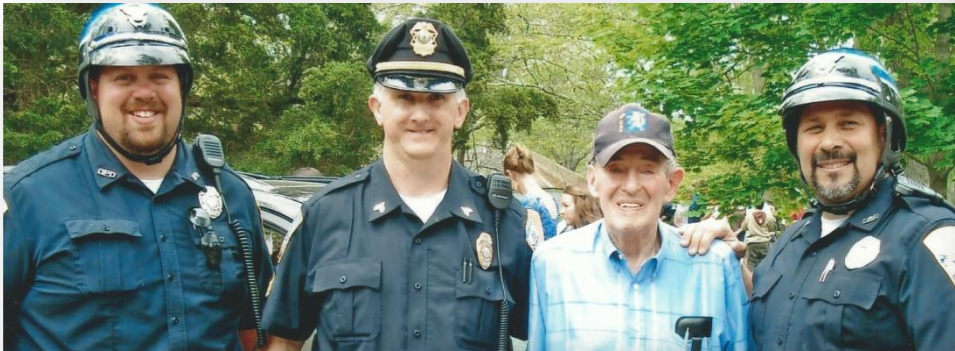
If I had to pick one word to describe Byrnesy it would be devotion. Devotion to his country that he loved, devotion to the town of Duxbury and most of all his devotion to family and friends. When I joined the police force in 1987, I already knew most of the Officers; they were living legends such as Curt Dow, Jim Wills, Ed Cuneo, Dick Bayramshians, Ernie Coose, Tom and Herb Johnson along with many others. Of course one stood out and that was Byrnesy because he was badge number one and it seemed like he had been there since the beginning. He was a wealth of knowledge on Police work and the history of Duxbury. Byrnesy was a Police Officer from another time; before portable radios, car radio, air conditioning or power anything in a cruiser, bullet proof vest, taser, and of course Route 3 had not reached Duxbury yet. His closest backup being a neighboring town and a volunteer fire department meant he would be first at all sorts of medical emergencies. Back then a Policeman wore many hats from a Detective and school resource officer to the one who would help find a lost child and even close someone's windows when it rained. His job included long hours, holidays, night shift, and weekends in good and bad weather. Pay was good but not great, the detail rate was \$1.80 an hour, but Byrnesy never complained he just did his job. Byrnesy was always willing to help the new Officers and always had good advice and counsel and never got involved in department gossip but rather stuck to the facts and moved on to the next task. Back then the veterans like Byrnesy enjoyed sending rookies to the areas of long gone landmarks such as Whittings milk, Herrick auto sales, and the old sailor home.



Early in my career I was asked by Lt. Cuneo to join the Honor Guard of course there was only one answer, yes sir I would be honored. He told me to meet Byrnesy at the Legion and he would teach me the drills for the rifle and not to worry as it would only take about an hour. Well that hour lasted 4 and included 2 more 4 hour sessions prompting Lt. Cuneo to ask Byrnesy if I was going to be his life's work. Byrnesy's answer was: do you want me to show him how to do it or do you want me to teach him how to do it right? And that's the way Byrnesy was, if he did a job he always gave it his best. As the years went by we always saw Byrnesy at every event in town from parades to funerals he was always there. I would ask him how the Honor Guard looked and he always said perfect just remember never dip the American Flag. We all have our own memories of Byrnesy from riding the Motorcycle to working the desk it seemed he was always there when you needed him.

In closing one of my fondest memories of Byrnesy was after he retired he would be driving me around town in his PT cruiser. If you were working when Byrnesy drove by, you didn't wave you saluted and he would always return the salute.

So on behalf of the members past, present, and future of the Duxbury Police Department, Duxbury Fire Department, and all the residents who Byrnesy helped along the way. We salute you Officer Robert Byrne, Badge number one. You have gone on your last call may you rest in peace...you are signal 5.





Police Academy News

We would like to officially welcome Duxbury Police Officer Matthew Donoghue to the Town as a full time Officer. Officer Donoghue is a graduate of the 59th ROC (Recruit Officer Course) that graduated February 6, 2015. He wrote the following article based upon his experience.

Inside the Plymouth Police Academy's 59th ROC

By: Officer Matthew Donoghue

The Plymouth Police Academy is located on the grounds of the Plymouth County House of Corrections. The academy puts on part time and full time police academies. I am a graduate of both. More recently I am a graduate of the 59th Recruit Officer Class. In my class we started with 59 Recruits from as far away as Provincetown and Millis to as close as Plymouth and myself from Duxbury. Our academy was Full Time Monday through Friday for 21 Weeks. Before the academy we had an orientation that gave us a general idea of what to expect and how to report on Day 1. The academy is split into 3 phases. Each phase is about 7 weeks, advancement from one phase to another is not given it is earned. If the drill instructors thought we were not ready for more responsibility we would not move onto the next phase. The first phase was when the drill instructors had complete control over us and we had no established peer leadership. The next phase we still had no set leadership but the drill instructors gave us some rope just to see if we would take advantage of this and screw things up. The third phase is when our leadership was in place. The leadership's spoken word was as serious as if it had come from an academy staff member's mouth. If you failed to follow directions and follow your leadership you would be bounced back a phase or two. Our Senior Drill Instructor always said to us in the later phases "I take what you give me and I respond accordingly". Meaning if you did not work hard and work as a team and give him your best he would make you wish that you did!

What was the day to day like at the academy is a question I would get all the time. To be honest it would vary. The very basics of our day started where we would all meet near the academy at a parking lot to put the assignments in proper order as directed by staff. Everyone would check each other's uniforms and we would carpool to the academy. Once there a designee would report to the staff and turn in assignments as we waited outside in formation. Staff would eventually come out and inspect our uniforms or quiz us on material we were learning. Once that was done we would march around the parking lot to practice our drill and ceremony. This way we were ready if we were to ever make it to graduation day. If



Officer Matthew Donoghue (pictured left) at his Academy Graduation at Pilgrim Memorial Hall in Plymouth on February 6, 2015



Police Academy News

inspection and drill and ceremony went well then there would be less yelling and stress brought on us by the staff. We dictated our fate when it came to this. It taught us to work together as a team and not individuals. Next would be our classroom time. We would have a different subject and instructor almost every day. Some classes were multiple days with the same instructor. Our instructors were professionals from a wide range of policing background. We had a retired Police Lieutenant that was also a lawyer. We had a current sergeant and former gang detective from the Boston Police Department teach us a class on gangs. We had a hostage negotiator from an area SWAT team teach us Basic Crisis Negotiation. After our day of classes we would leave the academy to an offsite location in Plymouth to do Physical Training. Physical training would consist of running, core workout, pushups and occasionally a trip to a local gym.

Our training was not always in the classroom. We were out in Northern Massachusetts for our Emergency Driving Course. Defensive Tactics was always off site except for the day we were sprayed with pepper spray. Our firearms training were at two different ranges. At the end of the academy we would participate in Applied Patrol Procedures where we had hands on testing of everything that we learned. We had Police Officers from all over the state to teach and test us on different types of Motor Vehicle Stops, Community Policing, Live Dispatch where we would respond to calls in cruisers at locations in Plymouth where role players from area departments would give us different scenarios. We also had building searches with simunition paint rounds. I could go on and on about the academy. Overall the training is constantly evolving as policing in the Commonwealth and the Country change.

The Plymouth Police Academy's 60th Recruit Officer Course (ROC) began on March 23, 2015 and will run through August 21st. Nick Jamali, who was appointed as a full time Duxbury Police Officer on March 23rd is currently attending the recruit training as it enters its seventh week. The Academy runs through August 2015.



Photo credit: Joseph Buono, Plymouth County BCI

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DUXBURY HARBORMASTER

MARINE | ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Harbormaster Report

By: Michael Pforr, Operations Officer/ Endangered Species Officer
Karl Gumpright, Deputy Endangered Species Officer

Endangered Species Update

- Piping plovers have arrived on Duxbury Beach. Initial fencing is in place and there are no restrictions to vehicles on the beach as of now. Duxbury Beach is currently the home of 15 pairs of Piping Plovers and more are expected to arrive. Of the current 15 pairs 2 have already nested.

Pictured Right: Duxbury Assistant Harbormaster Colin Grady is marking off protected areas.



Current Shell Fishing Update

- Recreational digging of soft shell clams is open on Wednesday and Saturday.
- Recreational Shell fishing permits are available at Town Hall.

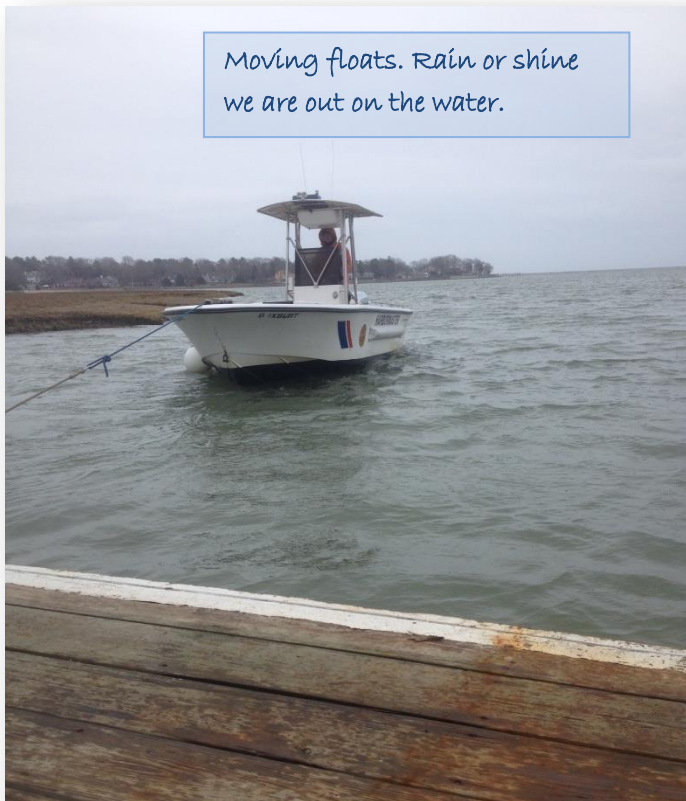
Pictured Left: Shell fishing by the Powder Point Bridge.

Harbormaster Report



Beach Update

- This winter on Duxbury Beach the weather took its toll on both the front beach and bayside roadway. However, all damage repairs which included but certainly were not limited to dune repair, grass planting, fence repair, and road work from this winter has been completed and the front beach is open for ORV use. Visitors with the 2015 ORV permit will now be able to access the beach from 8am to 10pm provided the weather and conditions are favorable.



Moving floats. Rain or shine we are out on the water.



Tide and time wait for no one. Ensure your 4x4 is in good working order before hitting the soft sand.



Storms wash up debris frequently. Please use caution driving

Whats New!

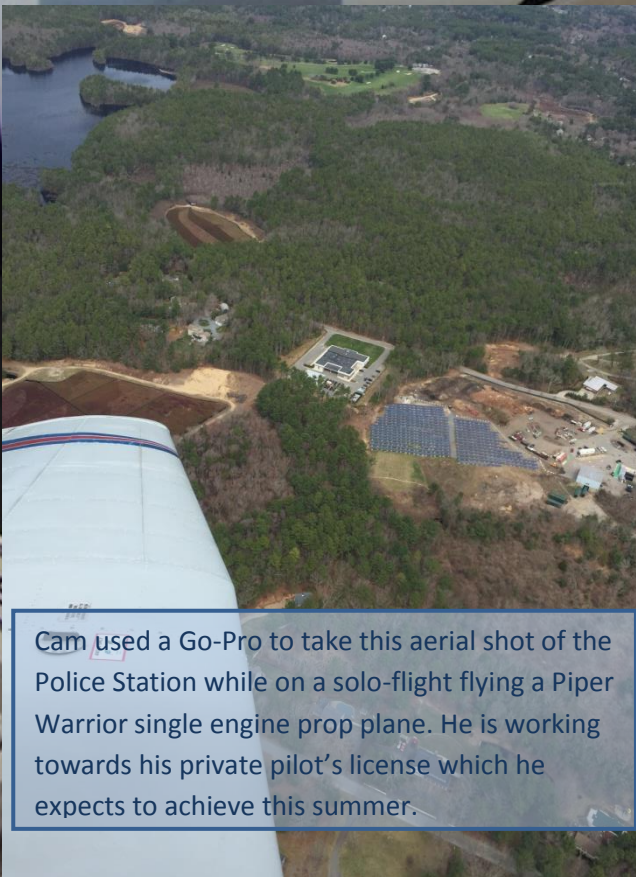
In March, Officer Lynne Zawalick was moved from patrol and received an assignment as the new Duxbury Police Prosecutor. Officer Zawalick is a 12 year veteran of the Duxbury Police Department. She holds a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice from Curry College and brings a wealth of experience to this new assignment. As a police prosecutor she will be the department's liaison with Plymouth District Court and responsible for all court matters from criminal cases to traffic citations. Congrats Lynne!



In May, Officer Daniel McGonagle will be leaving the Duxbury Police Department to work for the Massachusetts Environmental Police as an Environmental Police Officer. Dan will be sorely missed. He has been with our agency since October of 2008. During his tenure here he has contributed immensely to our organization. Aside from his duties as a patrol officer he is a certified firearms instructor and armorer as well as a member of the traffic unit. We all wish you the best of luck Dan!

Whats New!

Camden Bruno is the latest addition to the Duxbury Police Department. Camden is a senior at Marshfield High School who is participating in the schools internship program. Camden has worked full-time with us for the past 6 weeks. His main responsibilities have consisted of helping to manage our Facebook and Twitter accounts, developing a new website, and assisting with editing/re-formatting our policies and procedures. He will be attending Bridgewater State University in the fall, where he will be double-majoring in Aviation Science (Flight Training) and Criminal Justice. Cam has been an asset to our department and we know he will go on to do great things!



Cam used a Go-Pro to take this aerial shot of the Police Station while on a solo-flight flying a Piper Warrior single engine prop plane. He is working towards his private pilot's license which he expects to achieve this summer.

A screenshot of the Duxbury Police Department's Facebook page. The page header shows the Facebook logo and login fields. The main content area features a cover photo of a police car parked in front of a building. Below the cover photo is the department's name and a "Timeline" tab. The page shows 124 likes and 4 visits. There are sections for "ABOUT" and "APPS" with links to the official page and terms of use. A "Twitter" link is also visible. A post from the department is partially visible, mentioning a new photo album for the fleet.

We need to get rid of this Mayberry Way!

By: Officer James Tougas

It was said to me not so many years ago “WE NEED TO GET RID OF THIS MAYBERRY WAY”. At the time I listened and believed the speaker to have a point. As time went by and I thought about the comment it occurred to me how wrong the statement was. This comment came from someone that probably hadn’t understood what growing up and working in a community was like and how beneficial it is to the person and the people they serve.

Many of us unknowingly began our careers earlier than we ever knew. It starts in school and as the years pass we get to know all the students in our grades, teachers and coaches. From there we begin to meet parents, siblings (older and younger) and grandparents. Then there are teen jobs where we meet employers and co-workers. Soon we begin our adult life. Now we meet our classmates who have started families of their own. Think of all those relationships good and bad then multiply by those you work with now. It’s a constant conversation in our environment the on-going informal roll call “ you know so and so's kid “, “did you hear about so and so”.

Being a child of the town and knowing so many of its townspeople directly or indirectly and then multiplying that by fellow employees who have also grown up in that same town develops a special network that perhaps isn't realized by many of us. Those who come from out of town that become employees and are imbedded in the community due to the nature of their duties and embrace it. It may just be that those who wish to be employed by a town and not appreciate or want to belong to the community want to “GET RID OF THE MAYBERRY WAY ”. This is probably due to them never knowing what it is to be part of a MAYBERRY. My hope is every community always keeps a bit of Mayberry in it. After all the way I see it without the Mayberry there isn't community.



Nathaniel Windsor Jr. House, Washington Street, Duxbury, MA
Photo Credit: Duxbury Rural Historical Society
<http://duxburyhistory.org/>

