
MONT VERNON POLICE

January – March 2024



FROM THE CHIEF

Welcome to Spring! Our mild winter ended with a late ice storm, which knocked out power and blocked roadways to the majority of Mont Vernon. The police department was out with the fire department and DPW removing branches/trees, accessing/opening/closing roadways, and responding to calls throughout town. Unfortunately, Town crews cannot remove trees that are on electrical wires. Eversource and their sub-contractors did a great job of removing trees, replacing poles, and restoring power to our community. A big thank you to Eversource, Consolidated Communications, and Xfinity for restoring our services! We decided to open a warming/charging shelter, staffed by an officer, at the Mont Vernon Village School during the event. I would also like to thank Principal Lecklider and SAU 39 for allowing us to use their facility.

Lastly, I would also like to thank the community for their response to the new parking procedures during Town Meeting. Due to the increased amount of people participating at Town Meeting, we had to make the decision to change how and where to park for safety reasons. We had officers assisting in traffic control and all went exceptionally well. Thank you all again and I do apologize if some people had to walk further than normal.

-Chief Mark Slavin

OFFICER MORGAN COMPLETED CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING

Officer Casey Morgan completed "Crisis Intervention Training" in February. This is a 40-hour course hosted by the "National Alliance on Mental Illness" (NAMI), which specializes in training officers with the best practices to handle calls dealing with people in crisis or with mental health disabilities. Most of our patrol staff are now "CIT" trained.

DRUG TAKEBACK DAY

On April 27th, from 10 am to 2 pm, the police department will be participating in the semi-annual "Drug Takeback Day" hosted by the Drug Enforcement Agency. Please drop off any unwanted/unused prescription drugs to the takeback box, located within the lobby of the police station.



D.A.R.E. IS BACK FOR THE 2024 SEASON!

The fifth-grade students at the Village School began D.A.R.E. with Sgt. Daigneault in early January. Throughout the class, students will learn responsible decision making, communication skills, problem solving, respecting others, and a variety of other topics. They will graduate D.A.R.E. in May in a ceremony with their peers and parents at the school.



TRAINING

For the first quarter, officers and staff attended trainings in “Cellular Data & Records Analysis,” “Handcuffing for Special Populations,” Constitutional Law, Officer Mental Health, and “Investigating Property Crimes.”

POLICE CRUISERS RECEIVE NEW EQUIPMENT

With the assistance of a Highway Safety Grant, we have upgraded our cruisers with tablets. These will replace our older Panasonic “Toughbook” laptops and allow officers to do a host of things they could not do prior, such as take the tablets onto calls to take photographs and enter information directly on scene.



Older style Panasonic “Toughbooks.”



New Getac Rugged Tablets

OFFICER SPOTLIGHT

For this quarter’s “Officer Spotlight” we are going to focus on welcoming the newest addition to our department, Katie Bates. Katie is our Administrative Assistant who started working for us in November 2023.

Katie is a resident of the Town of Mason and holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration/accounting from the University of New Hampshire. She began her professional career as a Financial Auditor working for the State of New Hampshire’s Legislative Budget Assistant in their Audit Division. She has conducted financial audits of numerous State agencies and is a Certified Public Accountant in New Hampshire as well as a Justice of the Peace. Katie practiced in Concord, NH for eight years prior to the birth of her daughter, before starting her own small business and working other part-time jobs while watching her little girl grow.

Katie is a self-proclaimed “nerd” who loves books, movies, computers, crunching numbers, and fun cars. When not manning the front desk at the station you will likely find Katie either zipping around in her orange convertible at a Mini Rally or cheering on her daughter (who is a blackbelt) at Tokyo Joe’s Studio of Self Defense in Milford. Katie and her husband are both active supporters of the Studio’s demo team and love being around all the kids.



FOURTH QUARTER STATS

January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024

These are not our full stats as open and active investigations will not show here

Animal Complaints	6
Arrests	2
Assaults	1
Assist Citizens	21
Assist Other Agencies	29
Burglar Alarms	6
Burglary	1
Criminal Mischief	2
Criminal Threatening	1
Criminal Trespass	1
Disturbances	2
Dog Complaints	10
Domestic Violence	8
DUI	1
Harassment	2
Identity Fraud	3
M/V Accidents	13
M/V Assists	3
M/V Complaints	26
Mutual Aid	8
Open Container	1
Paperwork Service	26
Police Information	48
Road Hazard	68
Sex Assault	0
Suicidal Subject	1
Suspicious Activity	6
Theft	6
Town Ordinance Violation	1
Welfare Check	6
Witness Tampering	1
Property/Area/Building Checks	1443
House Checks	284
M/V Stops	229