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Certification is a self-initiated evaluation process by which police departments strive to meet and maintain the highest standards of law enforcement. Certification is considered the best measure of a police department against the established best practices around the country.

The voluntary MPAC program requires that departments meet 159 mandatory standards to attain certification. Standards include maintaining up-to-date policies on Jurisdiction and Mutual Aid, Collection and Preservation of Evidence, Communications, Working Conditions, Crime Analysis, Community Involvement, Financial Management, Internal Affairs, Juvenile Operations, Patrol Administration, Public Information, Records, Traffic, Training, Drug Enforcement and Victim/ Witness Assistance.

The certification process is long and rigorous. The Methuen Police Department's certification efforts involved a self-review and subsequent evaluation by a team of Commission-appointed assessors who visited the department for a two-day assessment on June 28 and 29, and found the department to be in full compliance with all of the necessary standards required for certification.

Methuen Police Department Donates $6,302.00 From The Pink Patch Project to The Jimmy Fund Cancer Institute

The Methuen Police Department donated $6,302 to The Jimmy Fund as a result of the department's participation in the Pink Patch Project, which raised funds and awareness of Breast Cancer throughout October.

October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the Methuen Police Department participated in the Pink Patch Project for the first time to raise funds for The Jimmy Fund and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute while also raising awareness and supporting the families of the Methuen Police Department.

The Pink Patch Project seeks to raise awareness of the importance of early screenings for Breast Cancer, and funds to support cancer care and research into treatments.

The pink patches were purchased thanks to the generosity of the Methuen Police Superior Officer's Association and the Methuen Police Patrolman's Association. The dispatcher's union, New England Police Benevolent Association Methuen Dispatchers Local 117, generously contributed funds to have the patches mailed out to those who donated.



Methuen Police Open House 2022





















The Methuen Police Department would like to say thank you to all of our friends and followers who came out to our Annual Open House on Saturday, October 1st. Our officers had a fantastic time!

We appreciate all of your continued support and can't wait to see you again next year!

Methuen Police Officers Complete Crisis Intervention Training

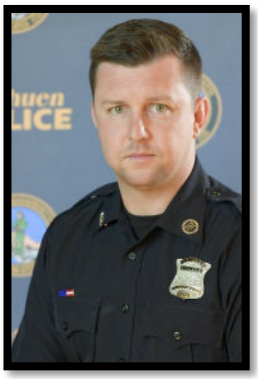


Twelve Methuen Police Officers recently completed 40 hours of Crisis Intervention training. This training was facilitated by the Middlesex County Crisis Intervention Team and entailed a curriculum of class sessions around mental health disorders, trauma and chronic stress, homelessness, domestic violence, suicide prevention, department of developmental services, autism, elder issues, substance abuse, department of children and families, veterans, department of mental health, and officer wellness, amongst many others.

Each Officer in attendance received guidance in community resources and skills to present to members of our community when appropriate. The training involved engaging presentations, role playing, and independent research of resources within our community.

The Methuen Police Department understands the importance of the mental health of our community members. We continue to create awareness, and engage in training surrounding the presentation, challenges, and struggles of mental health issues that members of our community face.

Employee Of The Month



November

Detective Nicholas Conway

Detective Conway was assigned as the investigator when the Treasurer's Office noticed some irregularities in payments from the Elmwood Cemetery Office. Starting with just a complaint of $45 missing, Detective Conway was able to piece together a multi-year fraud committed by a City employee. To date, he has combed through records dating back to 2015.

Detective Conway was able to use his interview skills to secure an admission of guilt form the suspected City employee. Thanks to Detective Conway, the City was able to identify and correct a critical vulnerability in City processes. Detective Conway's initiative, perseverance, and total dedication to duty reflect credit upon him and are in keeping with the highest traditions and standards of the Methuen Police Department.

Sgt. Mueskes Selected As Exchange Club Officer Of The Year



Chief Scott J. McNamara is pleased to report that the Methuen Exchange Club honored Police Officer of the Year Sgt. Matthew Mueskes on November 15th as part of their annual ceremony recognizing first responders.

In May 2021, Sergeant Mueskes volunteered and was selected to become a part of the newly formed Accreditation Unit. He supervised and managed a complete overhaul of the department's policy manual, forms, and directives. This massive undertaking included the editing, updating, and writing of over 150 policies; formatting and creating over 100 electronic forms; and modernizing numerous department procedures.

"Sergeant Mueskes' efforts have helped to usher in a new age of the Methuen Police Department whereby professionalism and accountability are emphasized through memorialization," said Chief McNamara. "Largely because of his efforts and his extraordinary ability to pull the various facets of our department together, the Methuen Police Department is now officially recognized as a Certified Law Enforcement Agency by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission.

Us vs. Them: 45s Card Tournament









MPD members joined forces with seniors in our community at the Methuen Senior Center on November 12th. There they played in an annual 45's Tournament! MPD members were teamed up with a senior, playing rounds of the card game until numerous eliminations declared a winning team. CONGRATULATIONS to Sgt. James Moore and his partner Carol Pucillo on their 45's Tournament WIN! Thank you Nancy Reardon for the great pics!!







A sincere Thank You to Joanne Bryant of Methuen for her heartfelt and generous gifts of hand crafted angels for each officer here at Methuen PD. Joanne had called the PD a few months back and asked for a list of officers and their favorite color. As she hand stitched the angel craft for each officer, she said that she prayed for their health and safety with every single stitch. The angels were delivered to the police station, many individually packaged and named.

Joanne, we are grateful for you dedication and support for police and for your prayers. Your talent and personal gift brought smiles to the faces here at Methuen PD. We Thank You!

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RECORDS DIVISION HOURS

Monday and Friday - CLOSED
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday:
9:00 am - noon / 1:00 - 3:00 pm
(Closed for lunch from noon to 1:00 pm)

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
www.methuenpolice.com

FOR OUR LATEST BLOG POSTS VISIT:
www.mpdnews.com

TO SUBMIT AN ANONYMOUS TIP CALL:
978-983-8794

Important Info About Anonymous Tip Line

Please Note: The Anonymous Tip Line is not monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Police personnel will not be immediately dispatched to the scene at the time the call is placed to the Tip Line. The Anonymous Tip Line is NOT a substitute for Dialing 911.

MPD Welcomes Three New Academy Graduates



Mayor Neil Perry, Chief Scott McNamara and the Methuen Police Department invite you to join us in Congratulating 3 new police officers! Officers Sawyer Bilich, Michael Diaz, and Grant Jean-Mary graduated from the NECC Police Academy on Friday, October 7, 2022. They began their 3 month field training program on Monday, October 10th.



Methuen Police Host Our First "Coffee With A Cop" Event At The Methuen Senior Center





Our first Coffee With a Cop was a success!!! If you missed it, that's ok, there will be more opportunities. Our Officers and residents enjoyed their time together and engaged in conversation that discussed valid concerns.

A special Thank You to Clara from Heavenly Donuts on Pelham Street for donating pastries for the event. Sue and Jennifer from our Senior Center, thank you for helping to organize this first Coffee With a Cop. We appreciate your continued support.



Methuen Police Department Partners with Debbie's Treasure Chest For Their Annual Coat Drive Helping Over 100 Families In Need With Winter Jackets and Clothing









On November 12th, Officers Brandon Laflamme and Felicia Bistany helped out Debbie's Treasure Chest with their annual "Warming Event" at St. Andrew's Church. The department helped collected coats during October and November for their annual coat drive and this event marked the end of the drive. Over 100 families were in attendance. These families in need picked up coats and winter clothing for the upcoming winter months.

Thank you to all our followers and friends who dropped off winter coats at the department. Also special thanks to the dispatcher's union, New England Police Benevolent Association Methuen Dispatchers Local 117 for donating 10 cases of bottled water for the event!

Methuen Police Department Honor Guard









Our Honor Guard was busy again the past few months. During October and November, they participated in the Veteran's Day and Santa parade as well as the NECC Police Academy graduation and the Methuen Exchange Club Officer and Firefighter of the Year Awards ceremony. We are always proud to represent the department at community events.

Blaze your own path.
Just don't drive high.
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On November 21st, Methuen Police officers from the day shift joined together to ensure a Thanksgiving Dinner for the Haven of Hope. Officers pooled together funds and shopped for a Thanksgiving dinner that was donated to Haven of Hope last night.

The Haven of Hope is a sober living house that offers women an opportunity to gain life skills, coping mechanisms, and personal growth so that they may return to their home or working field as productive members of society.

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