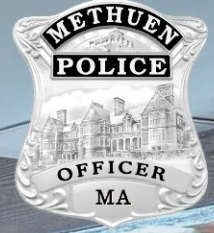


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# Behind The Badge



## In this edition:

### CORNHOLE AT THE WOODS AT MERRIMACK

Officers participated in a friendly cornhole match with the residents of the Woods at Merrimack

### DRONE UNIT TRAINS WITH K-9S

Our drone unit trained with our K9 officers during school vacation week

### SIX NEW POLICE CRUISERS ARRIVE

Six new police cruisers were delivered and placed in service for the patrol division

### Methuen Police Attend Three 100th Birthday Celebrations For Three Special Methuen Residents



## Six New Cruisers Added To The MPD Fleet



The men and women of the Methuen Police Department welcomed six new cruisers to the fleet this month. These units will help the Department with the mission of patrolling the city and will allow the older cars to go to other units in the city such as Traffic, Community Policing, and the School Officer Division.

Thank you to Mayor Neil Perry, the men and women of the Methuen City Council, and Methuen Police Chief Scott McNamara for the additional resources.





# Cornhole at the Woods







THANK YOU  
*for your support*



Recently, we have received a number of reports of vehicles being entered in the overnight hours.

With the warm weather right around the corner, please remember to follow our tips to prevent being a victim of a car break.




**Don't Be A Victim of Car Theft.....**

- Lock Your Doors
- Hide Valuables
- Don't keep your FOB in the vehicle
- Roll up your windows
- Turn your car alarm on




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# How to Protect Yourself From The Most Common Scams



## Government Impersonator Scams

### Here's how they work:



You get a call, email, or text message from someone who says they're from the Social Security Administration or Medicare. They say something alarming — like your Social Security number has been suspended. Or maybe you'll miss out on a government benefit. To fix it, they say you must pay, give them your personal information, or put your money on gift cards and read them the PIN numbers off the back of the cards.

The caller may know some of your Social Security number. And your caller ID might show a Washington, DC area code. But is it really the government calling?

No. The government doesn't call people out of the blue with threats or promises of money. Caller IDs can be faked, so if you're not sure, contact the agency at a phone number you know to be true (not the one they called you from).

### Here's what to do:

- 1. Stop. Don't send money to anyone who calls, emails, or texts and says they're with the government.** Don't send them cash or pay them with gift cards, wire transfers, cryptocurrency or a payment app. The government won't demand payment that way — and once you pay, it's hard to get your money back. If you want to reach a government agency, find contact information at [USA.gov](https://www.usa.gov).
- 2. Pass this information on to a friend.** You may not have gotten one of these calls, emails, or texts, but chances are, you know someone who has.



## Grandkid and Family Scams

### Here's how they work:



You get a call: "Grandma, I need money for bail." Or maybe an email from someone claiming to be your brother or a friend who says they're in trouble. They need money for a medical bill. Or some other kind of emergency. The caller says it's urgent — and tells you to keep it a secret.

But is the caller who you think it is? Scammers are good at pretending to be someone they're not. They can be convincing: sometimes using information from social networking sites, or hacking into your loved one's email account, all to make it seem more real. And they'll pressure you to send money before you have time to think.

### Here's what to do:

- 1. Stop. Check it out.** Look up your family member's phone number yourself and call another family member to check out the story.
- 2. Pass this information on to a friend.** You may not have gotten one of these calls, but chances are, you know someone who will get one — if they haven't already.



## Identity Theft

### Here's how it works:



Someone gets your personal information and runs up charges in your name. They might use your Social Security or Medicare number, your credit card, or your medical insurance — along with your good name.

Here are signs that someone is using your identity: You get bills for things you didn't buy or services you didn't use. Your bank account has withdrawals you didn't make. You don't get bills you expect. Or you check your credit report and find accounts you never knew about.

### Here's what to do:

- 1. Protect your information.** Shred documents before you throw them out, give your Social Security number only when you must, and use strong passwords online.
- 2. Check your monthly statements and your credit.** Read your account statements and explanations of benefits. Be sure you recognize what they show. Once a year, get your credit report for free from [AnnualCreditReport.com](https://www.annualcreditreport.com) or 1-877-322-8228. The law entitles you to one free report each year from each credit bureau. If you see something you don't recognize, deal with it right away.



Want to know more?  
Sign up for Consumer Alerts  
at [ftc.gov/ConsumerAlerts](https://ftc.gov/ConsumerAlerts).

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### Please Report Scams

If you spot a scam, please report it to the Federal Trade Commission.

- Go online: [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://ReportFraud.ftc.gov)
- Call the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357) or TTY 1-866-653-4261

Your report can help protect other people. By reporting fraud, you can help alert law enforcers across the country who investigate and bring cases against scammers. Your report makes a difference.

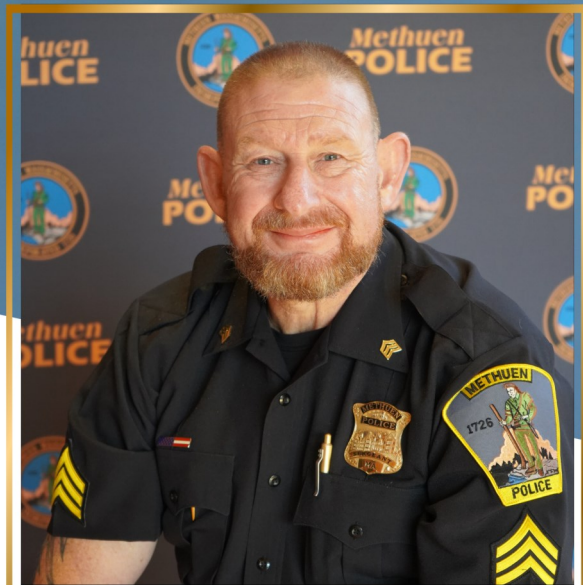


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[ftc.gov/PassItOn](https://ftc.gov/PassItOn)

Please join us in congratulating Sgt. Kevin Dzioba on being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant!

Sgt. Kevin Dzioba was promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant on Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 and is currently assigned to the early night shift.



**Lt. Kevin Dzioba**

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CONGRATULATIONS



**SGT. JEFF TORRISI**

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PROMOTED

CONGRATULATIONS

Please join us in congratulating Officer Jeff Torrissi on being promoted to the rank of Sergeant!

Officer Jeff Torrissi was promoted from Patrolman to Sergeant on Tuesday, February 5th, 2024 and is currently assigned to the midnight shift.



## Sergeant Licata Received The Officer Tom Duggan Sr. Hero Award



On Friday, March 22nd, Sgt. Derek Licata received the Tom Duggan Sr. Hero Police Officer Award For Outstanding Service To Public Safety, On and Off Duty.

Sgt. Licata was nominated by Chief Scott McNamara and selected by Tom Duggan of the Valley Patriot for his work, going well beyond the call of duty to support the many charitable endeavors that are near and dear to him, and the community.

Some of the campaigns Sgt. Licata has spearheaded were the Toy Drive, Coat Drive and School Supplies Drive which benefit Debbie's Treasure Chest, a non-profit organization. The Pink Patch Project and Drop It Challenge which benefit the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Finally the BeFit Challenge, a fundraiser which raised money for the Massachusetts Pink Patch Project and many other first responder and military charitable organizations.

Sgt. Licata celebrated the evening with his coworkers who helped with these various campaigns and Linda Harvey from Debbie's Treasure Chest.

# Happy 100th Birthday



Recently, our officers were invited to the 100th birthday celebrations for Dora Uliano, Violet Jessel and Tuffic Hatem !!!





The Methuen Health Department attended a roll call for the day shift to conduct training on how to assist Methuen residents who have hoarding issues. They shared on services available and how officers can help get citizens the help they need.



**WOW!**

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1726  
**POLICE**

**Under Construction!**

**Something Cool is Coming Soon!**

**UPDATE!**  
Our frozen treat truck is under construction and the serving window has been installed!

# Methuen Police Drone Unit Conducts Training With K-9 Units



In February during school vacation, the Methuen Police Drone Unit teamed up to train alongside the area K9s to conduct training at Methuen High School.

Officer Nicolosi coordinated it so that our team could train and enter various rooms while the K9 teams were conducting their training.

Present for the MPD Drone Unit were Sgt. Shawn Moore and Officers Mark Parolisi & Jeff McAndrew.

We were able to pilot two drones indoors and give the K9s a noise exposure to see how they responded to the drone while in flight.

We thank Officer Nicolosi and all of the K9 teams that were at the training today for the opportunity to watch, learn, and deploy our drone during their various training components.



**Medicaid and  
CHIP enrollment  
are free.**



**Don't pay.  
That's a scam.**

**[Medicaid.gov/renewals](https://www.Medicaid.gov/renewals)**



**Spot a scam?**

**[ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ReportFraud.ftc.gov)**

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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](http://www.methuenpolice.com)**

**FOR OUR LATEST BLOG POSTS VISIT :**

**[www.mpdnews.com](http://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.