

Sandown Police Department

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2023 Our Department continued to evolve with the changing times; the current economy makes recruitment and retention of public safety personnel extremely difficult. With that being said, we have some new faces in the Department. Willaim (Will) Sable came to us as a certified officer and currently holds the rank of Sergeant. Kimseng (Ken) Mom came to us with a background in corrections. He attended The NH Police Standards and Training Academy, completed his field training, and is out patrolling Sandown.

In February, we did a promotion ceremony in front of The Selectboard. Richard Buco was promoted to Lieutenant, Officer Dresser was promoted to Sergeant, Corporal Sable was also promoted to Sergeant, and Officer Krol was promoted to Corporal. We also highlighted the vast training, knowledge, and experience of all the Sandown Officers. The presentation is available on our Facebook page, compliments of Sandown Channel 16.

The Department continues to be active in the community. Whether visiting lemonade stands, giving tours of the police department, interacting with Sandown North Elementary School and Timberlane Learning Center, or helping the Senior Ride Program, our officers genuinely enjoy being part of the community. Sargent Sable came to us as a certified DARE Officer and will reestablish the program in the Sandown North School starting in 2024. We look forward to another successful partnership. Lt. Buco and Sgt. Artimovich assisted at the NH Special Olympics Summer Games.

Identity fraud and computer crimes continue to happen all too frequently, and a lot of the time, the perpetrators are overseas. Scam phone calls also have become more brazen. Perpetrators will pretend to be a government agency, saying that a loved one is in trouble or that a warrant has been issued for the person's arrest. If you receive one of the phone calls, please call the police department. Legitimate government agencies will not ask for Bitcoin or gift cards. Also, be aware of your children's activities online. Unfortunately, we hear all too often of predators stalking children online.

In October Officer Grenier received a NH Congressional Law Enforcement Award for his actions while assisting Hampstead Police Department with an armed intruder holding a family hostage.

In December, we were recognized by SoRock for being a community champion. We continued offering an unwanted prescription drug box in our lobby. I assisted SoRock in installing a Naloxbox in the Town Hall. SoRock is a coalition of several community sectors that work together to implement strategies for community change around substance misuse and mental health.

We continue to run a very active Police Explorer Program. We thank Lt. Buco, Sgt. Dresser, Cpl. Payette, Officer Collins, and Advisor Wolfe for their time and dedication to this program as advisors.

If you know any youth 14-20 years of age who would be interested, please have them contact one of our advisors.

Sandown Officers again participated in the Beard for Bucks fundraising program for Rockingham County Child Advocacy Center. Officers raised just over \$9,600, placing Sandown as the number 4 department in the county. Lt. Buco took the number 4 individual fundraiser in the state. We thank everyone who helped this fantastic cause.

In closing, I would like to thank all the citizens for their continued support of the Police Department and its Officers.

Joseph Gordon Chief of Police