

# Weare Police Department 24/7 Coverage

# **Current Coverage**

- 4 Shifts, 10 hours coverage per shift
  - Sunday–Wednesday, 0700–1700
  - Sunday–Wednesday, 1700–0300
  - Wednesday–Saturday, 0700–1700
  - Wednesday–Saturday, 1700–0300
- Minimum 2 officers per shift by CBA for safety
- ▶ No coverage between 0300-0700

## Who covers 3a-7a?

#### MUTUAL AID NH Rev Stat § 106-B:15 (2015)

Jurisdiction of Police Employees. – Police employees have jurisdiction on all turnpikes, toll roads and interstate highways and nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the authority of local police officers. A police employee shall not act within the limits of a town having a population of more than 3,000 or of any city, except when he witnesses a crime, or is in pursuit of a law violator or suspected violator, or when in search of a person wanted for a crime committed outside its limits, or when in search of a witness of such crime, or when traveling through such town or city, or when acting as an agent of the director of motor vehicles enforcing rules pertaining to driver licenses, registrations and the inspection of motor vehicles, or when requested to act by an official of another law enforcement agency, or when ordered by the governor. No criminal case shall be abated, quashed, or dismissed and no evidence in a criminal case shall be suppressed or excluded because a police employee has failed to comply with the jurisdictional limits of this section, provided, that the police employee had a good faith belief that he had authority to act when he acted.

WPD personnel are not on-duty to request mutual aid as needed per RSA.

## Who covers 3a-7a?

- What about the State Police?
  - Short Staffed as with most law enforcement agencies, approximately 70 vacancies currently.
  - Provide coverage as a courtesy.
- Neighboring agencies assistance must be requested by WPD. No jurisdiction unless exceptions covered in RSA are met.
- Examining calls for service between 0300-0700 since January 01, 2021;
  - 153 Calls for Service
    - State PD handled 27.5% of them (42 of 153)
    - The majority (68%, 104 of 153) were still handled by WPD personnel by extending their shift or held for day-shift personnel.

## What occurs 3a-7a

- **2021** 
  - 92 Calls for service
    - 68 of 92 calls handled by WPD (73.9%)
    - 21 of 92 calls handled by NHSP (22.8%)
    - 3 of 92 calls handled by other agencies (3.3%)

#### TYPES OF CALLS FOR SERVICE

Alarm, Burglar, Commercial (8)
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Animal at Large (7)
Assist other Agency-Notification (5)
Citizen Assistance (10)
Domestic Disturbance (3)
EMS-Medical Call (1)

Incident Report-Fraud (1)

Incident Report-Unauthorized Use of Vehicle (1)
Incident Report-Vandalism (1)
Juvenile-Runaway (2)
Reckless Operation of a Vehicle (5)
Suicide Threat (1)
Suspicious Person (3)
Suspicious Situation/Activity (3)
Suspicious Vehicle (2)

Traffic Hazard, Deceased Animal (2)
Traffic Hazard, Disabled Vehicle (1)
Traffic Hazard, Tree/Debris in Roadway (15)
Untimely/Unattended Death (1)
Vehicle Accident, DUI Related (1)
Vehicle Accident, Injuries (1)
Vehicle Accident, No Injuries (10)

## What occurs 3a-7a

- 2022, YTD through October 31
  - 61 Calls for service
    - 36 of 61 calls handled by WPD (59.0%)
    - 21 of 61 calls handled by NHSP (34.4%)
    - 4 of 61 calls handled by other agencies (6.6%)

#### TYPES OF CALLS FOR SERVICE

Alarm, Burglar, Commercial (13) Alarm, Burglar, Residential (5) Animal at Large (3) Assist other Agency-Notification (2) Citizen Assistance (11) Domestic Disturbance (1)
Incident Report-Fraud (1)
Juvenile-Runaway (1)
Reckless Operation of a Vehicle (2)
Suspicious Person (3)

Suspicious Situation (3)
Suspicious Vehicle (2)
Traffic Hazard, Tree/Debris in Roadway (3)
Untimely/Unattended Death (1)
Vehicle Accident, No Injuries (7)

## Notes from Calls from Services

- Vehicle Accident: "SP-Hold for Weare. Not enough Troopers to cover".
- Commercial Burglar Alarm: "Responsible Party will call back once he is at the school and let us know if he wants the State Police to respond. There is no Trooper currently in the area".
- Vehicle Accident: "State Police called-Nearest Trooper is an hour out. Will hold for Weare officer".
- Disabled Motorist: "State Police advises they are not responding; they are over 40 minutes out and Weare will be on duty by then".
- Vehicle Accident: "Notified State Police, will send someone when they can".
- <u>Unauthorized Use of Vehicle</u>: "Given to State Police, Holding for Weare Day Shift".

## What is needed for 24/7 coverage?

- The town budget must pass.
  - Current equipment needs are not funded.
- Funding for the purchase of a vehicle annually must be added the budget.
  - Vehicles are not currently being replaced to ensure WPD operations, increased usage will only compound the issue.
- ▶ The hiring of 4 full–time officers.
  - If adopted, WPD is not staffed to maintain full-time coverage if staffing levels drop.
    - Staffing must be at a minimum of 13 certified officers for 24/7 coverage 4 days a week.
    - Staffing must be at a minimum of 15 certified officers for 24/7 coverage.

## How do we get to 24/7 coverage?

- If approved, the biggest obstacle is the hiring of additional officers.
  - Low applicant pool, the first step of being a police officer in Hew Hampshire is taking the written test which is provided quarterly (Great Bay). The most recent test offering had 17 attendees. Four years ago, this test would draw 150-200 per test offering.
- ▶ The plan for obtaining 24/7 coverage:

	2023	2024	2025	2026		
	Fully Staffed (12)	Fully Staffed (13)	Fully Staffed (14)	Fully Staffed (15)		
RESOURCES	Hire 1 Officer (13)	Hire 1 Officer (14)	Hire 1 Officer (15)	Hire 1 Officer (16)		
	4 Hours OT daily		4 Hours OT daily			
	24/7 Coverage 4	24/7 Coverage 4				
COVERAGE	days a week,	days a week,	24/7 Coverage	24/7 Coverage		
	Wed-Sat	Wed-Sat				

# What would 24-7 Coverage Cost?

- The town budget must pass.
  - Current WPD Proposed budget deficit \$84,907
- Funding for the purchase of a vehicle annually must be added the budget.
  - Funding @ \$75,000 for a vehicle with upfit
    - Some equipment may be able to be obtained on grant which would lower cost.
    - WPD as an agreement with the US Army Corp of Engineers patrolling the Everett Dam/Clough State Park. Provides approximately \$7,500 (dependent on number of patrols completed) annually which can be used to lower costs with the approval of the BOS.

# What would 24-7 Coverage Cost?

▶ The hiring of 4 officers.

24/7 STAFFING BUDGET									
	2023	2024	2025	2026					
Staffing Needs Certified Officers	Add 1 Officer (13) 4 Hours OT, 4 days a week	Add 1 Officer (14)	Add 1 Officer (15) 4 Hours OT, 3 days a week	Add 1 Officer (16)					
Salary w/Benefits Step 9 Officer w/ bachelor's degree	\$117,345	\$117,345	\$117,345	\$117,345					
Overtime Coverage Using top Sergeant pay rate	\$44,000		\$33,000						
Annual Budget Equipment Costs Breakdown on Slide 13	\$19,215	\$7,890	\$7,890	\$7,890					
TOTAL ANNUAL PERSONNEL COSTS	\$180,560	\$125,235	\$158,235	\$125,235					

<sup>•</sup> All costs for currents budget cycle, no inflationary adjustments

INITIAL ADDITIONAL COSTS (2023 ONLY)						
	2023					
Vehicle in Budget	\$75,000 \$84,907 \$340,467					
Balance WPD Budget						
TOTAL ANNUAL PROGRAM COSTS						

# What would 24-7 Coverage Cost?

#### TAX IMPACT-Over 4 Years

TAX IMPACT								
2023 2024 2025 2026								
Tax Impact	\$0.2642	¢0.0072	¢0.1229	\$0.0972				
Per \$1,000	(*\$0.1241 increase attributed to budget/vehicle)	\$0.0972	\$0.1228					

TOTAL TAX IMPACT OF PROJECT						
Tax Impact Per \$1,000	\$0.5814					

<sup>\*</sup>Based on current budget cycle, no inflationary increases

## Annual Budget Equipment Cost Breakdown

			2023 1 Officer 2024 1 OT Position 1 Officer		2025 1 Officer 1 OT Position		2026 (1 Officer)		Reason for Increase/Decrease	
	COVERAGE		24/7 Wed-Sat, Minimum Staff 13 24			24/	24/7 Weekly, Minimum Staff 15			
	Account Number / Description									
234	POLICE DEPARTMENT									
236	Multiple Police-Wages& Benefits/Full Time Officers	\$	117,345	\$	117,345	\$	117,345	\$	117,345	Step 9 with Bachelor's Degree
241	01-421010-140 Police-Overtime	\$	73,000			\$	73,000			Proportional (ONE TIME COSTS)
254	01-421010-341 Police-Telephone	\$	660	\$	660	\$	660	\$	660	Issued Cell Phone, annual cost
261	01-421010-530 Police-Training	\$	1,150	\$	1,150	\$	1,150	\$	1,150	Proportional
268	01-421010-610 Police-Supplies	\$	625	\$	625	\$	625	\$	625	Proportional
269	01-421010-612 Police-Taser Equipment	\$	225	\$	225	\$	225	\$	225	Proportional
270	01-421010-613 Police-Taser Assembly	\$	2,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	Proportional, Initial Issue Taser
272	01-421010-615 Police-Body Worn Cameras	\$	525	\$	525	\$	525	\$	525	Proportional
273	01-421010-616 Police-Computer Equipment	\$	300	\$	300	\$	300	\$	300	Proportional
274	01-421010-617 Police-BWC Equipment	\$	900	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	Proportional, Initial Issue BWC
276	01-421010-620 Police-Office Supplies	\$	150	\$	150	\$	150	\$	150	Proportional
280	01-421010-635 Police-Fuel/Vehicles	\$	1,780	\$	1,780	\$	1,780	\$	1,780	Proportional (5.5 vehicles/budget)/24*10
281	01-421010-636 Police-Safety/Medical Gear	\$	275	\$	275	\$	275	\$	275	Proportional, Initial Issue
282	01-421010-660 Police-Vehicle Repairs	\$	750	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	Proportional (5.5 vehicles/budget)/24*10
283	01-421010-661 Police-Vehicle Maint/Tires	\$	750	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	Proportional (5.5 vehicles/budget)/24*10
285	01-421010-685 Police-Communication Equipment	\$	3,500	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	Initial Issue-Radio
286	01-421010-686 Police-Defensive Force Equip./Train	\$	200	\$	200	\$	200	\$	200	Range qualifications/Ammo
288	01-421010-735 Police-Uniform Maint/Dry clean	\$	500	\$	500	\$	500	\$	500	CBA, Proportional
289	01-421010-736 Police-Officer Uniforms/Equipment	\$	2,000	\$	1,000	\$	1,000	\$	1,000	Proportional, Initial Issue Fierarm
290	01-421010-738 Police-Ballistic Vests	\$	2,425	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	Initial Issue - Helmet 375, Vest 1500, TP 550
291	01-421010-739 Police-Unif Allow-Union Contract (2	\$	500	\$	500	\$	500	\$	500	CBA
294	TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$	209,560	\$	125,235	\$	198,235	\$	125,235	
	Tax Impact		\$0.1626		\$0.0972		\$0.1538		\$0.0972	Tax Impact \$.01=\$12,886