

York County Sheriff's Office

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Sheriff William L. King Jr.

Thank you for reading our quarterly bulletin. Summers are often challenging for our staff because with summer, most of our towns double or triple the population as visitors open up their summer homes or rentals to enjoy all that York County has to offer.

With the increased population comes increased traffic and people who are not familiar with the rural roads and traffic patterns. However, our deputies continued to maintain safety on our highways with stringent enforcement of all traffic laws.

The jail also experienced an increase with "summer visitors" as our coastal towns filled up with vacationers. Like patrol, the jail performed well in ensuring that all justice connected people were processed expeditiously.

Our Civil Division also experienced an increase and (unfortunately) may continue to do so with the current economy. Nevertheless, our Civil deputies go about their duties with professionalism and respect for those they encounter.

We continue to focus on filling our vacancies in our divisions. The vacancy rate we are

experiencing is not unique to York County, most municipalities, counties, and state law enforcement and corrections positions have gone unfilled for various reasons. While we have ample applicants, not enough are able to pass our requirements because we are selective. We work closely with the County Human Resource Department and have some innovative plans in place!

Getting through the summer months was especially challenging for us with the number of vacancies. I attribute our seamless delivery of services to the professionalism and dedication of our current staff. I am proud to be the sheriff of this outstanding organization.



Employee Spotlight Deputy Jonathan Marshall



Jonathan Marshall, a native of Concord, NH, served his country in the United States Marines after graduating high school in 2007. Following his time in the Marine Corps, he pursued a career in law enforcement, graduating from the 99th NH Police Standard and Training Academy for the NH State Prison for Men. In 2018, Jonathan completed the 177th NH Police Academy and served with the Rochester Police Department for six years before joining the York County Sheriff's Office. Outside of his professional life, Jonathan is passionate about collecting rare bourbons and cigars, and he enjoys playing baseball and watching football. Jonathan lives happily with his wife here in York County, where they are raising their five children.



Correction Officers Graduate



In August, six York County Corrections Officers graduated from the 86th Basic Corrections Training Program at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. To a packed gymnasium, Officers Jason Gilpatrick, Jeremy Jeanette, Jesse Jibunze, Kellen McDonald, Robert Brodeaur, and Santino Anetrella received their certificates. Of note, all York County graduates scored above 90% on their final examination and Officer Brodeaur and McDonald each scored a perfect 100%!

Pictured with the new graduates are Captain Jason Brooks and Sheriff King.



Training Center Drill Tower



The Drill Tower installed at the Regional Training Center, is a 5-story facility built from recycled shipping containers. This tower will accommodate training for many different skill sets for routine and special operations. Some tasks and skills that can be trained on are building search and clearance, repelling, extrication, confined space/close quarters, below grade, and firefighting tactics.

"There is nothing else like this in Maine."



York County Regional Training Center



Saco Police Chief Jack Clements, York County Fire Administrator Roger Hooper, York County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Jeremy Forbes and Old Orchard Beach Police Capt. Anthony Ciampi review progress at the new York County Regional Training Center under construction in Alfred on a recent day. The training center is poised to open in the spring of 2026.



Officers and their Four-legged Friends at Home

Correction Officers Nathan and Gabrielle Burnell are proud parents of 1-year-old Yukon, who recently found himself on the "other side of the law".

When Nathan and Gabrielle are working at the York County Jail, Yukon attends K9 Kaos pet day-care in Dover, NH. In August, K9 Kaos had a themed day to

entertain all of the four-legged students. Yukon missed mom and dad and decided he wanted to be an inmate for the day. He was sentenced to a class in "paw-enforcement" ethics and served a one-hour sentence. When Yukon is not posing for pictures, he enjoys chasing squirrels, hanging out with his co-defendants at doggy day care, and baby-sitting the Burnell's new baby girl.



York County Law Enforcement Club



The York County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with RSU 57, is launching the YCSO Law Enforcement Club for 7th and 8th grade students (ages 13–14). The club will meet twice a month after school at Massabesic Middle School and provide members with opportunities to learn important life skills such as leadership, responsibility, integrity, and community service. Deputies will also introduce students to various aspects of policing, including

traffic stops, evidence collection, police K-9, Drone Demo, first aid/CPR, and crime investigations. In addition, the students will be working on a community service project.



Southern Maine Multi-Jurisdictional Enforcement Team

In 2023, Chief Deputy Forbes, Chief Robert Mackenzie (Kennebunk PD), Chief Kevin Collins (Buxton PD), Chief Craig Andersen (retired-Sanford PD) and MDEA Commander, Scott Pelletier began to discuss the formation of a regional special enforcement team in York County. The goal of this unit was to help police departments augment their staffing levels during large events or public safety issues in a community.

In June of 2025, the final policies were established, and the Southern Maine Multi-Jurisdictional Enforcement Team (SMMJET) was formalized. The following agencies are currently participating, the York County Sheriff's Office, Old Orchard Beach PD, Kennebunk PD, Kennebunkport PD, York PD, Sanford PD, Saco PD, Buxton PD, Kittery PD, and the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency. As stated in the SMMJET policy, this team will be used as a resource when a situation, event, or on-going matter has the potential to overwhelm a responding patrol force because of the scale, complexity, or duration of the situation or the need for specialized skills, personnel and/or equipment to better ensure the successful resolution of the incident.

The SMMJET team was immediately successfully utilized for two events. One was on July 4th in Old Orchard Beach for the annual fireworks show which draws thousands of people to the community. The large police presence proved to be a deterrent as there were very few arrests or issues. The team was then called out on July 11th, 12th, and 13th, at a weekend event at the Proving Grounds in Lebanon. Officers conducted high-visibility traffic enforcement outside the event throughout the weekend to deter intoxicated operators from leaving the event. Once again, this operation was a huge success as there were no major traffic crashes or arrests throughout the weekend.



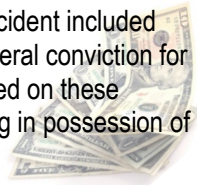
Waterboro Bank Robber Sentenced

In August, Timothy Riley (42 years old from Gorham, Maine) was sentenced in U.S. District Court to 22 years in federal prison for his role in an armed robbery at a bank in Waterboro in June of 2024.



Riley admitted to brandishing a Glock Model 19 handgun when he entered the bank and demanded money. The resulting investigation, coordinated by York County Sheriff's Deputies, the FBI, and the Buxton Police Department, identified Riley and a second accomplice as being involved.

Riley's criminal history at the time of this incident included convictions for burglary, robbery, and a federal conviction for interfering with commerce by robbery. Based on these convictions, Riley was prohibited from being in possession of a firearm.



Stolen Vehicle

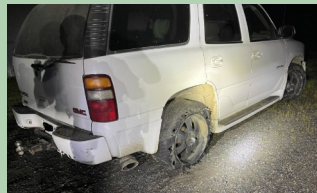


In July, deputies responded to a home in Arundel for a report of a stolen vehicle. It was reported that a suspicious male was observed walking around in the neighborhood and had been asking for a ride prior to the vehicle being stolen. Coincidentally, a friend of the victim observed the stolen vehicle parked on Green St. in Biddeford. Deputies responded to this address and observed Travis Wakefield (35 years old from Lyman) walking away from the stolen vehicle. Wakefield was

arrested for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, Violation of Conditions of Release, Operating after Suspension, and Criminal Mischief. Wakefield was transported to the York County Jail where he was held without bail.



Suspicious Vehicle turns OUI



In August, Sgt. Morneau of the York County Sheriff's Office observed a vehicle traveling south on the Portland Road in Arundel with two flat right-side tires. Sgt. Morneau tried to stop the vehicle, however, it continued to travel another mile to a small business park where it finally stopped. The driver was identified as being Slavador Perron (44 years old from Biddeford). Perron was found to be intoxicated and failed field sobriety tests. Perron was arrested for OUI-Liquor and Failure to Stop for a Law Enforcement



Officer. Perron was transported to the York County Jail. He has two prior convictions for OUI, making this charge a felony. His bail was set at \$500, which he was unable to post.

Stolen Camper



In July, deputies completed an investigation involving a Michael Thurston (46 years old from Biddeford). Deputies had opened an investigation a few months prior that alleged Thurston took possession of a subject's camper and sold it to another individual. Thurston was charged with Theft by Deception (Class C) and was being held at the York County Jail.



Scammer Informational Session



In July, Sheriff Bill King spoke at the Wells Ogunquit Senior Center advising participants of scams that are affecting many Mainers, and some target our senior population. Thank you to Director Rita Seigny for arranging this presentation!



Maine Sheriff's Association Retreat



All 16 Sheriffs in Maine belong to the Maine Sheriffs' Association (MSA). The goal of the association is to ensure Sheriffs are held to a high standard, to protect the constitutional office of sheriff, and to support each other in their mission.

Maine's sheriffs have diverse responsibilities: Some sheriff's offices are small and others large, some sheriffs operate jails while others do not, some sheriffs have a large geographic area to cover while others do not. Nevertheless, Maine's sheriffs face similar challenges.

The MSA provides an opportunity for sheriffs to discuss and enterprise solutions, usually through legislative actions, to deliver quality services to the citizens who have elected us to do so.

The MSA has an annual conference and a summer retreat. York County hosted the Annual Conference a few years ago and this year, we hosted the summer retreat at Old Orchard Beach.

It was a fun event in which 15 of the 16 sheriffs were able to attend! The two-day event started with a luncheon at Bentleys Saloon and ended with a pizza party at the Seagrass Inn, steps away from the beach at OOB!

Our business meeting began with breakfast at Joseph's by the Sea, and our speaker was Senator Susan Collins. She discussed the integral role that Maine's sheriffs play in the overall enforcement of laws in Maine. From elder crimes to illegal grow houses, to human trafficking, the senator praised the efforts of the sheriff's offices!

Our sponsors included Berry Dunn, Motorola Solutions, Colonial Life, Dirigo Safety, Johnson Controls, Securus Monitoring, Admirals Fire and Police Supplies, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, Lexipol, and AAA - New England.



MSA AAA Speaker

Former Chief Deputy Thomas Baran spoke at the Sheriff's Conference. Baran is now a Traffic Safety Specialist for AAA Northern New England. Baran spoke to the Sheriffs about initiatives being implemented at AAA to assist with traffic safety.



Warrant Arrest Terince Belanger

In July, Sergeant David Chauvette and Deputy Levi Johnson of the York County Sheriff's Office responded to a home on the River Road in Lebanon in an attempt to locate a Terince Belanger, age 39, from Claremont, NH. Belanger had warrants for his arrest for Eluding an Officer, Criminal Speed, and Operating without a Driver's License. They met with an individual fitting his description who provided a false name. It was confirmed this individual was in fact, Belanger, who was then placed under arrest. After placing Belanger in custody, deputies located a firearm, fentanyl, and crystal methamphetamine on his person. Belanger was transported to the York County Jail. Bail was set on the warrants at \$3000 cash. He was additionally charged with Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, Unlawful Possession of Fentanyl, and Unlawful Possession of Crystal Methamphetamine. No bail was allowed on these new charges.





CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

York County

First Responder Training Center and Substance Use Recovery Center



Project Team, Training Center

Recent Activities week of 9/22-9/26

- Landry French: Supervision / Safety,
- Genex: Continue PVC wall panels in the bathrooms / locker rooms, working 3rd coat of mud and sanding, continued ACT ceilings / cut tiles, installing the interior doors on the 1st floor, hang drywall, mud/ tape the 2nd floor conference room.
- Palmer & Sicard: Continue overhead plumbing to the utility room, grills and diffusers in the office area. Continue installing bathroom fixtures on the 2nd floor.
- E, S, B: Continue overhead rough in for power, fire alarm, data, security on the 1st floor, continue working panel tubs in both electric rooms, wiring the switch gear and ATS 1st floor electric room, started hanging light fixture on the building exterior, exit signs in the 2nd floor ceiling.
- Johnson Controles: Continue rough to equipment and t stats on the 1st floor.
- Cincinnati Times: Continue pulling wire to electric strikes and card readers.
- Novil Iron: Started installing the wall rails in the stair ways.
- Ace Painting: Primer / first coat of paint throughout the 1st floor, start finish paint on the 2nd floor
- Pine State Elevator: Continue wiring the elevator.
- Industrial Concrete Services: Continue epoxy floor in the training bay.
- Gorham Sand and Gravel: Continue preparing sub grade for the courtyard slab on the west elevation and sidewalks on the north elevation, excavating pond A and site signs.
- Chasco Inc: Start installing the fence around the training facility.
- Aubin Woodworking: Start installing millwork on the 2nd floor.

