

York County Sheriff's Office

THE INSIDER

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Message from:

Sheriff William L. King Jr.

The first quarter of 2025 was interesting as you will see later in this publication! It began with many of us traveling to the Strafford County Courthouse to witness former YCSO Major Kathryn Mone getting sworn in as the Strafford County Sheriff!

The chief and I attended a Legislative breakfast in Augusta to welcome returning Legislators and to welcome new Legislators. York County had an extraordinary attendance (as always.) Thank you to York County Representatives Mastraccio, Copeland, Foley, Fredericks, Sargent, Gramlich, Sayre, Mathieson and Senators Bailey and Ingwersen! Representative Fredericks later came for a tour of the jail and Representative Sayre attended our annual awards ceremony!

The Sheriff's Office continues with its scam education initiative, and we taught classes at the Waterboro Lions Club, Massabesic Adult Ed, and at the Rotary Club of Westbrook.

This quarter we welcomed new corrections officers and reluctantly said goodbye to a patrol deputy that transferred to another police agency.

On National Read a Book Day, we read to children at the Hollis Elementary School! Most importantly, we capped off the quarter with our annual recognition ceremony, chili contest and the graduation from our first Citizen's Police Academy.

It was a great quarter, and we are now preparing for Corrections Officer Week which is the first full week of May followed by National Police Week, which occurs the second full week of May.

Thank you for taking the time to read our quarterly report.



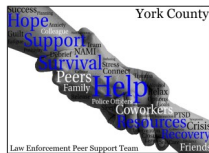
Deputy Spotlight Evan Souza



Deputy Evan Souza began his career as an Emergency 911 Dispatcher before graduating from the Connecticut Police Academy in 2017. He relocated to Maine, where he joined the York County Sheriff's Office in 2022. He began as a corrections officer for a year before joining the patrol division as a deputy sheriff. Deputy Souza has earned the Distinguished Service Medal, Life Saving Award and a Department Merit Award during his law enforcement career. Deputy Souza has attended crisis intervention training and is skilled in building rapport with the community he serves. Deputy Souza is primarily assigned to the towns of Lebanon, Acton and Newfield when patrolling. When off-duty, Evan enjoys a consistent fitness routine, camping, and playing lead guitar in his spare time. You may even find Deputy Souza in a mosh pit at a concert.



York County Peer Support Team



January 23rd and 24th were training days for Deputies Carr, Jones, Johnson, and Frazier at the York Harbor Inn. The deputies are part of the York County Peer Support Team. The team's mission focuses on the emotional challenges that law enforcement and first responders can face while serving the public. The members of the support team come from several law enforcement agencies throughout York County as well as several mental health professionals. The recent training focused on tools and techniques that not only could be passed on to struggling first responders but also used by members of the Peer Support Team.

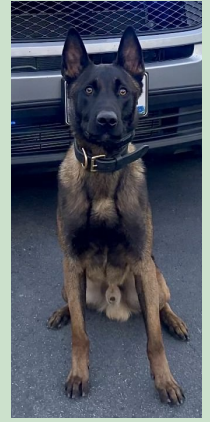
Approximately twenty-five team members attended the two-day training. Participants practiced techniques in the classroom setting as well as exchanged thoughts on what their own experiences have been while serving as team members and as a first responder. The training was paid through a federal COPS grant that the team received in 2023.



K-9 CORNER

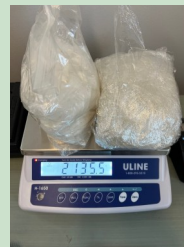


REBEL



On January 17th, Deputy Frazier and K9 Rebel were requested to assist the U.S. Postal Inspection Service with a narcotic "sniff" of packages at their Scarborough warehouse. The United States mail is often used as a means to traffic illegal narcotics across our country to avoid possible law enforcement involvement on our highways. The U.S. Postal Inspectors will often utilize K-9's to assist in identifying packages that were shipped containing illegal narcotics.

During this detail, K9 Rebel provided a positive alert for the odor of an illegal narcotic on a package in the warehouse. On January 24th, U.S. Postal Inspectors



opened the package after obtaining a search warrant. Located inside the package was approximately 4.71 pounds of suspected methamphetamine.

The U.S. Postal Inspectors are leading this ongoing investigation.

Motor Vehicle Crash Lebanon

On March 25, deputies responded to Depot Road in Lebanon for a motor vehicle crash. The two occupants of the vehicle fled on foot after the crash. Deputy Cody Frazier and K9 Rebel were called to assist in locating the occupants.

K9 Rebel tracked the subjects through the woods for approximately 2.5 miles. K9 Rebel located both occupants in a vehicle on Cemetery Road, attempting to flee the area. The subjects were identified as Michael Espostio (44, Westbrook) and Ericka Leary (34, Portland).



Espostio was arrested on an active Probation Revocation warrant. He was additionally charged with Operating After Habitual Offender Revocation (Class C). No bail was allowed. Leary was arrested on an active Probation Revocation warrant. No bail was allowed. It was later learned that the vehicle involved in the crash had been stolen from Sanford.

Farewell to Captain Lambert



Let us honor the extraordinary journey of **Corrections Captain David Lambert**, who has devoted an incredible 40 years to the York County Sheriff's Office. Captain Lambert's unwavering commitment, exceptional leadership, and integrity have significantly shaped our community and touched the lives of many during his impressive career.

From the outset, Captain Lambert has exemplified the ideals of dedication and resilience, skillfully navigating the challenges of the corrections field with grace and determination. His ability to lead by example, cultivate unity, and maintain order even in the toughest situations has been truly inspiring.

Captain Lambert's influence reaches far beyond professional milestones. He has been a mentor, a friend, and a steadfast source of support for his colleagues, always ready to extend a helping hand or share valuable insight. His compassion and empathy have left a profound impact, fostering a nurturing environment within the Sheriff's Office.

As Captain Lambert embarks on this exciting new chapter, we extend our deepest gratitude for his 40 years of exemplary service. His legacy will continue to inspire generations of corrections officers, and his presence will be profoundly missed.



Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement, Captain Lambert! May this next phase be filled with joy, relaxation, and the achievement of all your dreams. Thank you for your exceptional service and unwavering dedication to our community.

Happy Retirement!



84th BCTP Congratulations, Officers Anderson, Zola, and Tharpe!



We are thrilled to celebrate the outstanding achievement of Officers Anderson, Zola, and Tharpe for successfully completing the 84th Basic Corrections Training Program. Your dedication, hard work, and perseverance have paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of your accomplishment.

This rigorous training program has equipped you with the essential skills and knowledge needed to excel in your roles as corrections officers. Your commitment to professional growth and your unwavering determination are truly commendable.

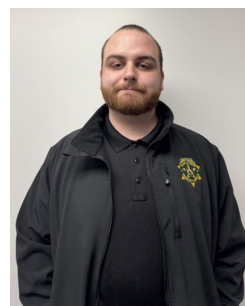
As you step into your new roles, know that you have the full support and encouragement of your colleagues here at the York County Sheriff's Office. We are confident that you will make a positive impact on our community and uphold the values of integrity, respect, and service.

Congratulations once again, Officers Anderson, Zola, and Tharpe! We look forward to seeing you thrive in your careers and contribute to the safety and well-being of our community.

Welcome, Corrections Officers Racheal Bonia and Justin Hanson!



We are thrilled to welcome Corrections Officers Racheal Bonia and Justin Hanson to our team as they embark on their journey through the Basic Corrections Training Program at MCC Windham. Your commitment to serving our community and your dedication to professional growth are truly commendable.



Racheal and Justin, as you begin this intensive training program, know that you have the full support and encouragement of your colleagues here at the York County Sheriff's Office. This program will equip you with the essential skills and knowledge needed to excel in your roles, and we have no doubt that you will both rise to the challenge with determination and resilience.

We look forward to seeing you grow and succeed in your careers, and we are excited to have you as part of our team. Your hard work and dedication will undoubtedly make a positive impact on our community and the lives of those you serve.

Best of luck in your training, and welcome to the York County Sheriff's Office family!



Maggie helping the Chief Deputy with his computer work.



Forged Checks in Waterboro

On January 21, 2025, the York County Sheriff's Office was called to Partners Bank in Waterboro for the report of two males attempting to cash forged checks from a business in New Hampshire. When deputies arrived on the scene, the two males had left the bank and were not located. One check had been cashed in the amount of \$1,800.



During the subsequent investigation, it was learned that these two males had been to several other banks in the area, cashing or attempting to cash forged checks. The investigation revealed that they had been able to steal approximately \$11,063 from area banks. Deputy Duane Fay was able to identify the males as Orlando Rodriguez (57 years old from Smithfield, Rhode Island) and Wilford Lee Rhodes (54 years old from Mattapan, Massachusetts).

Warrants were issued for their arrest, and on March 1st, Rodriguez was arrested in Providence, RI. He is being held pending extradition back to Maine. Law Enforcement authorities are still trying to locate Rhodes on his outstanding warrant. More charges are expected from area agencies.

Caring Unlimited

York County's Domestic Violence Program

In March, the York County Sheriff's Office was awarded a \$20,000 grant from Caring Unlimited to combat domestic violence. This grant will allow Sheriff's Office Deputies to go out and conduct bail checks at residences where domestic violence arrests have taken place. The deputies will verify that the domestic violence abuser has not returned to the home and that the victim is safe and is up to date on resources available to them and their families.

The deputies will also be able to proactively go out and verify that the domestic violence abuser is following their conditions of bail, which often include no possession/consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs.

In 2024, there were a reported 1,300 deaths in the United States attributed to domestic violence. In Maine last year there were 15 deaths that were classified as domestic violence. The York County Sheriff's Office and Caring Unlimited have formed a partnership in the last few years to combat domestic violence in our county.

Caring Unlimited currently provides a grant that pays for a full-time Domestic Violence Investigator at the Sheriff's Office to properly investigate and conduct follow-ups on these crimes.



Home Repair Fraud



In 2023, Deputy Shawn Sanborn began investigating a Brian Bundza (41, of Rochester, N.H.) for stealing \$5,100 from an Acton resident. Bundza is alleged to have taken the money to do work at the residence, but never did. Deputy Sanborn attempted a resolution on the case with Bundza, but he became uncooperative.

On March 20, 2025, Bundza was arrested in New Hampshire on a Class C felony warrant for Theft by Deception. He is being held at the Strafford County Jail pending extradition back to Maine.



YORK COUNTY CITIZENS ACADEMY

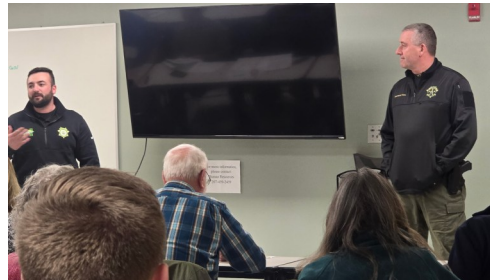
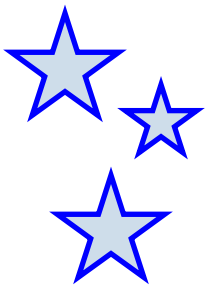
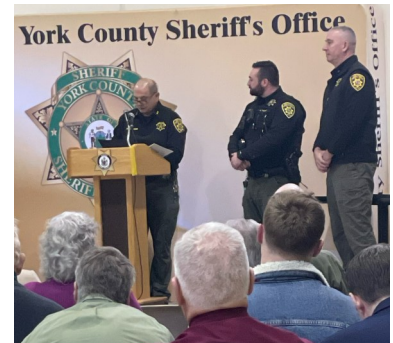
The York County Sheriff's Office successfully completed its first Citizens Police Academy, led by Deputy Cummer and attended by 27 residents from 10 towns. The program provided a behind-the-scenes look at law enforcement, covering patrol procedures, investigations, emergency response, and specialized units, with hands-on experiences like ride-alongs.

The 20-hour course included training in partnership with the Kittery and Sanford Police Departments, covering topics such as:

- Community Policing
- Constitutional Law & Use of Force
- Investigations & Political Implications
- Jail Operations & Crime Scene Processing
- Patrol Operations & Tactics
- K9 & SRT Utilization
- Communication

Participants also gained insight into emergency dispatch operations and the challenges of policing. Sheriff William King praised the program, stating, "The Citizens Police Academy strengthens community relationships and fosters mutual understanding between law enforcement and the people we serve."

The York County Sheriff's Office extends its gratitude to all participants and staff who made the program possible.

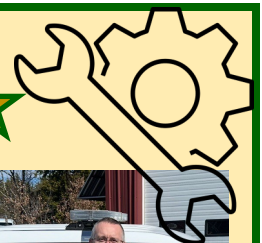


Resilience and Unity: Correctional Officers Making a Difference

"Correctional officers come in all sizes, and this image is a powerful reminder that strength and dedication are not defined by physical appearance. Regardless of their stature, each officer brings unique qualities and perspectives to their role. This image symbolizes the unity and resilience within the correctional community. It illustrates that a commitment to justice, safety, and service measures true capability. Let this stand as a testament that anyone, with the right determination and heart, can make a significant impact in the world."



Fleet Mechanic Jamie Chadbourne



Outside of work, Jamie is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys hunting and fishing in his spare time. However, his true passion lies in training pet and protection dogs. With years of experience in dog training, Jamie has honed his skills to not only enhance the lives of pets but also ensure that they are well-prepared for protection roles. His commitment to both his professional and personal pursuits reflects a desire for precision, care, and dedication. Welcome aboard Jamie!



2024 YCSO Recognition Ceremony



On Friday March 21st, the Sheriff's Office held its annual awards ceremony and this year was even more special because we combined our Chili contest, and the graduation of the inaugural Citizen's Police Academy! The event started off with the posting of the colors by the YCSO Honor Guard, then Mr. Ed Stubbs, from the American Legion Post # 134 in Alfred sang our National Anthem followed by Mr. John Flagler, a United States Marine Reserve leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Samantha York (Channel 6) and AAA Executive Tom Baran (former YCSO Chief Deputy) were the celebrity judges for the chili contest and the winners were:

1st Place - Diana Miles (an addiction counselor at YCJail)

2nd Place tie - Rosanna Ryan and C.J. Bolduc



Then we had some special awards:

Sergeant Ellis Mattison and Corrections Officer John Nardelli for their assistance with the filming of a movie at the jail!



EMA Volunteers Marc Burnell and Richard Gaudreau for their assistance with the Southern Maine SRT.

Former State Representative Tim Roche for his support to law enforcement during his time in the State House.

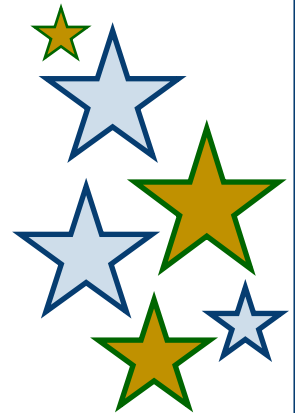
Captain David Lambert for his 41 years of dedicated service. →

The first YCSO Citizen's Police Academy graduated the following individuals, the announcement was made by Deputy Matt Cummer who organized the academy!

Ross Albertson - Kennebunk
Alex Blow - Sanford
Robert Dyer - Kennebunk
Richard Freeman - Waterboro
Bruce Hagan - Sanford
Linda Letourneau - Sanford
David McQuade - Cape Neddick
Rosanna Ryan - Alfred
Tim Veit - Alfred

Dennis Bailey - Kennebunk
Frank Brackin - Arundel
Jonathan Fallon - Kennebunk
Tracy Gaudet - Acton
Joseph Harris - Kennebunk
Victoria Lynn - Sanford
Martha Morrison - Kennebunk
Kevin Spainhour - Acton
Tom Veit - North Berwick

Christopher Benson - Arundel
James Daniels - Sanford
Krista Freeman - Waterboro
Patricia Guay - Hollis
Paul Hodak - Arundel
Dennis McDonald - Arundel
Matt Ryan - Lyman
Steve Veit - Alfred
Janet Vincent - Lyman



Commendations -

- Civilian Jennifer Stonehouse - Certificate and gift bag
- Deputy Matthew Cummer
- Sergeant Josh Morneau, Deputy Robert Carr, Deputy Stephen Gould
- Major Craig Sanford
- Major Lori Marks
- Deputy Duane Fay
- Corporal Donovan Cram and Officer Keith Seymour



Life Saving Awards -

- Deputy David Pratt
- Deputy Justin Titcomb
- Deputy Evan Souza
- Deputy Kyle Kochanowicz
- Deputy Steven Broy
- Deputy Alex Markellos
- Sergeant Joshua Morneau



BAKER AWARDS -

(In honor of former Chief Deputy Mat Baker)

- (Corrections)– Sergeant Colton Sweeney
- (Civil) – Supervisor Brad Paul

OFFICERS AND DEPUTY OF THE YEAR

- Reserve Corrections Officer of the Year – Officer Sue Seaman
- Corrections Officer of the Year – Officer Adam Boynton
- Deputy of the Year – Deputy Steven Broy



Also, Kudos to the Maine State Prison because the residents in the Industries program made the plaques and the cornhole game (Chili contest prize!)





CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

York County

First Responder Training Center and Substance Use Recovery Center



Activities week of 3/17 – 3/21

- Landry French: Supervision / Safety. Completed thawing sub grade for M, E, P under slab rough in, completed the footing forms for the pump shed.
- Gorham Sand & Gravel: Completed all electrical conduit, airline rough into the pump shed, continue working on the leach field.
- S, W, Cole: Final stee inspection, no issues.
- Palmer and Sicard: Mobilized on site, storage containers, material and equipment, installed bond outs for the duct work that passes through the 2nd floor.
- Genex: Started exterior framing on the east elevation, started framing on the roof, low to high roof.
- Sebago: on site visual inspection on the Fuji tank and leach field work.
- North Atlantic Concrete: Received the rebar for the burn tower foundations.
- MPC Construction: Received the wire mesh for the flat work.

Activities week of 3/24-3/28

- Landry French: Supervision / Safety. Pour the pump shed footing.
- Gorham Sand & Gravel: Continue the leach field, excavate for under slab plumbing, excavate for the burn tower foundations prep sub grade.
- Genex: Continue exterior framing.
- S W Cole: Final Steel inspections.
- Palmer & Sicard: Start under slab plumbing.
- Tecta America: All roof materials arrived 3/26 with Keeley Crane to load the roof.
- E, S, B: Temp light / Power.
- Sebago: Establish Building control for the Recovery Center foundations.



from l to r: Tim Sommers, Sr. Project Manager, Landry/French; Steve LaPointe, Superintendent, Landry/French; Billy Shore, FCF Board Chair and Kennebunkport Fire; Candice Simeoni, FCF Board and Kennebunk PD; Diane Small, FCF Board and Sanford Housing Authority ED.

★ First County Foundation ★

FCF is working hard laying the foundation for fundraising to strengthen the financial sustainability of each center. We are out in the community making connections, increasing the visibility of each center, and looking for individuals and companies who may want to invest in this monumental project. Please visit our website for more information and to see how you can get involved:

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You can also like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for project updates and progress.

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