



## Operational Status Reports & Departmental Updates

*For the Week Ending July 29, 2022*

### Public Safety

#### Police Department

##### Activity Log July 20 – July 27

Log items	903
Traffic Enforcement	71
Motor Vehicle Stops	166
Arrests	2

**Update:** The suspect in the June 30 breaking and entering of the Exxon/Dunkin Donuts at 1098 Concord Turnpike has been identified and charges are being sought in the Concord District Court.

**Award and Ceremonial Swearing-in Event:** The Department held an awards and ceremonial swearing-in event at the Town House on July 26.

[Sergeant Jeffrey Young](#) received the Meritorious Service Award in recognition of life-saving actions on September 3, 2021, for his actions in saving a young child who had suffered severe lacerations to both arms from a broken window. [Public Safety Dispatchers Richard Landers](#) and [Anthony Marabella](#) also received Meritorious Service Awards for their efforts in providing emergency instructions via phone, coordinating the Police and Fire Departments and Boston Med Flight.

[Inspector Ronald Holsinger](#) received the Meritorious Service Award in recognition of his actions taken on January 18 in assisting with the saving a man who had been struck by a Commuter Rail train and suffered life threatening leg injuries.

[Detective Sergeant Jeffrey Young](#), [Detective Keith Harrington](#) and [Detective Michael Bordenca](#) received a Unit Commendation in recognition of dedication, effort, collaboration, and teamwork in locating a child who was kidnapped by his father and taken out of the country. The child was returned to his mother unharmed, and the father arrested in Canada and returned for prosecution.

[Officers Brendan Fitzgerald](#) and [Brianna Rudolph](#) received Commendations for their efforts in locating a vehicle and suspect wanted by the State Police.

[Sergeant Luke Rennie](#) and [Officer Gregory Mailloux](#) received Commendations for their efforts controlling a combative person who was threatening healthcare workers.

**Assistant Town Clerk MaryLou** Carney administered the Oath of Office for a ceremonial badge pinning for Officers hired recently and during the pandemic. Officers pinned by family or friends were [Benjamin Lacure](#), [Nathaniel Brady](#), [Brendan Fitzgerald](#), [Leah Olansky](#), [Brianna Rudolph](#), [Danile Lordan](#), [Juliana DiRamio](#), and [Charles Femino](#).

## Fire Department

- **Calls for service:** The fire department responded to eighty calls for service during the week, including a six-alarm fire on Sunday July 24 on Sudbury Road near the intersection of Thoreau Street. The fire was reported at about 9:00 pm; fire companies began arriving a few minutes later, and **Captain Whitney** (Shift Commander) reported that there was fire showing from the rear of the structure. The fire quickly went to multiple alarms primarily because of the excessive hot weather. Fire crews needed to be relieved much sooner than normal, which required more resources. Ultimately, eighteen communities assisted us. There were no civilian injuries, and one Firefighter was transported for a heat related injury.
- **Fire Prevention:** Fire prevention conducted quite a few inspections this week, including several annual inspections conducted as a team with the building department.
- **Training:** A builder who is soon to tear down a Monsen Road house has generously allow the department to use the structure for training. This past week crews began training on deployment of hose lines, and search and rescue techniques. We hope to have this house available for a couple of weeks.

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## Facilities

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- The Planning Department office renovation has begun; creating three offices from two existing offices and a vestibule.
- The second phase of exterior painting of the Cemetery buildings has begun.
- A vendor has been selected for exterior painting at 37 Knox Trail and the Assessors Building.
- Emergency weekend repairs were made to AC units at Station 1 and the Annursnac radio tower building.

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## Public Works and Engineering

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- **Commonwealth Avenue Construction:** National Grid was given approval of their traffic management plan for their gas work by Concord Police and CPW Engineering. A pre-construction meeting with neighborhood residents and businesses is scheduled for Monday, August 1 at 8:00 a.m.
- **Hubbard Street Construction:** Newport continued work for the preparation of final paving of the street and sidewalk.
- **Chip Seal Treatment:** All States Materials has completed the application of asphalt rubber chip seal as a pavement preservation treatment on Barretts Mill Rd between Rt 2 and College Rd, Hildreth Ln, Farmer's Cliff Rd, College Rd, and Annursnac Hill Rd. The contractor will return for some cleanup of roadsides and driveways and the final striping of Barretts Mill Rd.
- **Annursnac Hill:** Newport completed the repaving of the access road to the Annursnac Hill reservoir. Newport has also milled the pavement and shimmed as needed on Anson Rd, Alden Rd, Raymond Rd, and the White Pond well access road and will be repaving those streets soon.
- **Culvert and Bridge Inspections:** The consultant, Wright-Pierce has completed the inspections of the bridges and about 50 % of the culverts. They have identified some culverts that need cleaning and the clearing of brush for access. The Highway and Grounds Division is scheduling this maintenance work for the next few weeks.



### Natural Resources Division

- **Water Chestnut Harvesting** - This week the Conservation Crew, [Shelby Guinard](#), and [Kaelyn Gormley](#), finished up water chestnut harvesting for the season. Last week the crew spent 3 days on the Sudbury River working collaboratively with the Town of Lincoln, Concord Land Conservation Trust, and OARS. This week they tackled town-owned ponds: Hutchins Pond, Macone Pond, and Warners Pond. Their efforts resulted in seventy-two bushels of water chestnut pulled between the Sudbury River and town ponds.
- **Emerson-Thoreau Amble** – In addition to regular mowing on town conservation lands, Shelby and Kaelyn focused in on a section of the Emerson-Thoreau Amble conducting brush clearing, bog bridging repair and inspection, and bridge maintenance. Next week Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) staff and AmeriCorps will be working with Natural Resources Division staff and volunteers to install sixteen new tamarack and cedar bog bridges along the Amble, which is considered a part of the regional 230-mile Bay Circuit Trail.



### Economic Vitality & Tourism Division

- **The Concord Trolley Pilot update:** Launch date was July 2, 2022. Average ridership is 10-30 passengers per day, with the most riders using the trolley between 10am and 3pm. Guests are primarily being picked up at the Concord Center MBTA station, Concord Visitor Center, and the North Bridge. Our paid marketing campaign began the week of July 11 and our ads are getting a .12 response which is well over the industry average of .08. Over 100,000 targeted visitors have viewed ads. Visitors are being targeted at local and Boston hotels, transportation areas and visitor centers.

Our on-board visitor survey shows 100% of riders saying 'extremely satisfied' with the service. We have the survey both on board, and online for all users.

In addition, we have been promoted to the Plymouth County and Greater Merrimack Valley Convention & Visitors Bureaus opt-in audiences of over 20,000 each on social and email newsletters. Lastly, we have received some very nice press coverage from the Boston Globe, Only-in-Boston online, Living Concord and Discover Concord Magazine, with a combined reach of over 1 million people. Our in-house staff trolley team is meeting bi-weekly to review ridership, advertising and press for any needed changes as we work through the Pilot Program.

- **Federal grant application to be submitted:** On August 1, Concord, along with the Minuteman National Historical Park, Town of Lexington and Town of Lincoln will be submitting for a FLAP grant (Federal Land Access Program), with the goal of expanding the trolley/shuttle service in the coming years. The supporting feasibility study for a town-led shuttle service was prepared by the federal transportation group at the VOLPE Center and is found here: <https://concordma.gov/3044/Transportation-Mobility>.

### Planning Division

- **Planning Board meeting of July 26:** The Planning Board discussed the proposed PRD application at 48Y Fitchburg Turnpike and continued the discussion to August 23 to allow the Applicant to submit additional information to address comments raised by Town Staff before making a recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Board finalized their memo to the Select Board regarding their Goals & Projects for

2022-2023. The discussion on a draft Zoning Bylaw amendment for the Combined Business/Residence was postponed to the August 9 meeting.

- **Housing Production Plan update:** The Steering Committee met with Consultant JM Goldson Associates, the Regional Housing Services Office, and Town staff to review and discuss the preliminary goals and strategies that had been identified by JM Goldson during the June 7 Public Forum. The list will be further expanded and refined with the Steering Committee again prior to the next Public Forum scheduled for Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m.

**Health Division**

- This week in the Health Division we worked with the regional inspector Ann Lowree, from the Great Meadows Collaborative, on Septic System Reviews. Emily Amico from the Great Meadows Public Health Excellence grant (PHE) collected samples and spearheaded our Maven work regarding the ongoing food borne illness outbreak.
- We continue to work on septic system reviews and inspections as well as summer camp inspections. Dino’s pizzeria proposed new ownership and we are reviewing the food plan review for this establishment. We met with representatives from a private engineering firm on Minuteman Commons’ (Lincoln) failed septic system and proposed new system. We continue to work on an ongoing noise complaint and have two housing complaints that are under review. White Pond water quality continues to be monitored for cyanobacteria and all semi-public beaches continue to have low bacteria counts.
- COVID Case update (below):

**Confirmed and probable COVID Cases July 15-July 21, 2022**

Source: *Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network (MAVEN)*

	<18 years	>18 years	Total
Lincoln	1	5	6
Carlisle	0	8	8
Concord	2	13	15

**Confirmed and probable COVID Cases July 22-July 28, 2022**

Source: *Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network (MAVEN)*

	<18 years	>18 years	Total
Lincoln	1	5	6
Carlisle	0	1	1
Concord	4	9	13