



## Operational Status Reports & Departmental Updates

For the Week Ending August 5, 2022

### Public Safety

#### Police Department

##### Activity Log July 28– Aug 3

Log items	749
Traffic Enforcement	64
Motor Vehicle Stops	135
Arrests	2

- **Training:** Three officers completed TASER Training on Wednesday August 3. Four officers and the Jail Diversion Program Clinician attended and completed C4RJ (Concord 4 Restorative Justice) training on Wednesday August 3. Defensive Tactics recertifications were held Thursday and Friday August 4 and 5.
- **Fire:** Officers assisted the Fire Department at Nathan Pratt twice with two fires in the attic.
- **White Supremist Activity:** Chief O'Connor attended a confidential briefing on white supremacist activity in the region on Wednesday hosted by Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan. The featured speakers were representatives from the Boston Field Office of the FBI, State Police and the Antidefamation League of Boston. In recent history, Concord has experienced extremist activity in the town and the department asks the community to immediately call the department if they witness any hate activity or materials posted in town.

#### Fire Department

- **Calls for service:** The fire department responded to 102 calls for service during the week, including a fire in the attic at 8 Nathan Pratt Lane (Prescott Apartments). The fire appears accidental but remains under investigation. Crews responded to Walden Pond for a missing person – with limited information searches began on the paths around the pond and the perimeter of the pond by boat. The person, who was found on land and not in distress, was reunited with family.
- **Fire Prevention:** Lieutenant Nichols met with Executive Director Jennifer Polito and staff at Peter Bulkeley Terrace to discuss and advise on emergency procedures and building evacuation procedures. Lt. Nichols and Assistant Chief Latta met with MAPC representatives to continue work on updating the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

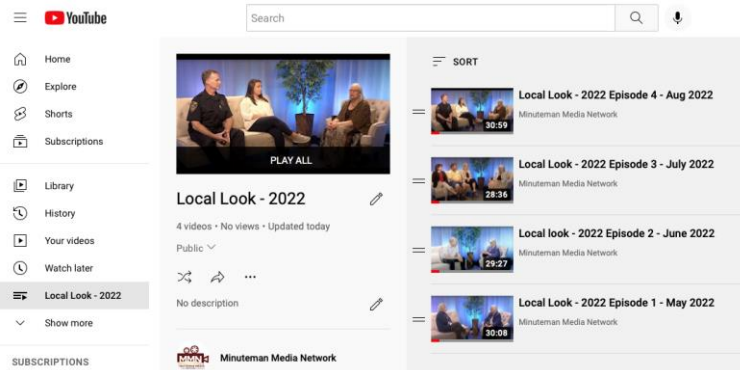
### Minuteman Media Network

- **ADA group** – Mark Pauley met with the Concord ADA assisted hearing group this week in the Select Board room to discuss and address audio access to public meetings.
  - Worked together to understand the new Williams wireless audio system.

- Learned that each person needs to understand how to setup their own equipment well before the meeting.
- All put on a hearing device and attempted to use the mics in the room to hear each other. It became clear the frustrations of the hard of hearing community has when the mics aren't used properly. It is highly recommended that all boards to go through training to experience what it is like for those using the assistive equipment. The experience would encourage those using the mics on a regular basis to make adjustments to improve the experience for all.
- Continue to explore better solutions for microphones to assist in capturing the correct voice at the correct time with the least effort.
- **New Equipment** – A new encoder has been installed at the station that allows a private video/audio signal to be sent from any internet location, using our own equipment, back to the studio. This is a game-changer for MMN, as it allows a high-quality video signal “from the field” back to a live studio show. The next day, MMN experimented with from a remote location in Northborough with the same quality. (See below)



- **New show** – Local Look with Karlen Reed – The station is building our abilities to do live video production. Using Karlen Reed as our host, Matt Tory and I have upped our game by doing a recorded show “live”. We are preparing to do more live events in preparation for the 250<sup>th</sup>.



check out our latest show... <https://youtu.be/sLwDI7dM2MI>

### Economic Vitality & Tourism

- On Thursday, Economic Vitality and Tourism Manager Beth Williams presented an overview of tourism to the Concord Rotary, with a focus on the Trolley/Shuttle project and past 3 years of growth in visitation to the Concord community. The response was very favorable, and the audience was engaged. Many were surprised to learn of the significant economic impact of tourism and enjoyed hearing about the MAPC study.
- Adaptive bikes are repaired and back in service!

### Planning

- **Trolley/shuttle efforts:** The Trolley pilot project is continuing to gain steam as we see increased use and continue to receive inquiries on how to best utilize the trolley service with numbers reaching up to 29 passengers per day. Daily numbers vary but continue to climb with continued marketing and word of mouth. With Concord's pilot success so far, the ongoing success of Lexington's Liberty Ride, and the collective regional efforts of Concord, Lexington, Lincoln, and the Minute Man National Historical Park, a Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) grant was submitted as of August 1 for a potential three years of shuttle service funding. This funding would provide a multi-vehicle system to bring visitors and locals alike between the three towns and National Park. Decisions and funding announcements are expected in the fall.
- **West Concord Junction Cultural District Committee meeting on August 2:** The members of the WCJCDC discussed the latest information about the Industrial Mural and educational program being created/developed. The mural, an 8-ft. by 24-ft. piece will be installed on the building at 30 Beharrell Street, opposite the Post Office. The unveiling is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 24. That same day, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Porchfest will be underway with 34 bands at 11 different locations around the West Concord neighborhood. All are invited to come, make a day of it in West Concord Junction!

### Building Inspections

- Since July 21, the building department has issued 28 building permits, 40 electrical permits, 18 plumbing permits and 7 gas permits.
- The Local Inspector position was posted on August 1<sup>st</sup>. We have received 7 applications to date.
- On Tuesday August 2 at 1:50pm and again at 5:45pm, the Concord Fire Department requested a building inspector at two separate fires in a town house at The Prescott (Formerly Concord Mews). No injuries and only minor property damage.

### Health

- Worked in collaboration with our partners in the Great Meadows public health collaborative on our inspectional software and program planning.
- Completed septic plan reviews and septic inspections.
- Two new housing complaints were submitted, along with a dumpster complaint and two septic system complaints.
- Health staff continued with camp inspections in Concord and Lincoln and completed contracts for Lincoln, Emerson Hospital Home Care and Mojin.

- Health staff participated in interviews for the environmental health inspector and the director of the Beede Center.