

Melrose Police to Host Emergency Preparedness Training for Residents with Disabilities



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Melrose Police to Host Emergency Preparedness Training for Residents with Disabilities

MELROSE – Chief Michael L. Lyle is pleased to announce that the Melrose Police Department, in conjunction with the Massachusetts Office on Disability, will host a meeting next week to outline important tips residents with disabilities should take if an emergency were to occur.

WHEN:

Thursday, Aug. 23 from 1:30-3 p.m.

WHERE:

Aldermanic chamber in City Hall, 562 Main St.

WHAT:

Officials will lead a training on how residents with disabilities, or those who have loved ones with disabilities, can be better prepared for emergency situations.

Topics will cover a variety of possible natural and man-made situations, from a storm that leaves the region without power to a widespread fire that calls for an evacuation of community members from the city.

“This training will be a great opportunity for anyone with a disability, or for those who have a family member or friend with a disability to obtain valuable information and ask questions,” Chief Lyle said. “Our goal is for everyone to be prepared if there is an emergency in Melrose or the region.”

Attendees will also receive a go pack with essential items that might be needed during an emergency.

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Bridgewater

Police

Investigating Prank Hostage Situation



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Bridgewater Police Investigating Prank Hostage Situation

BRIDGEWATER – Chief Christopher Delmonte reports that the Bridgewater Police Department is investigating an incident where a prank alluded to a hostage situation at a home in town.

The initial investigation indicates that the incident was a prank and at no time was there a hostage situation. There is no current danger to the public.

The matter involves a juvenile and is actively under investigation by Bridgewater Police detectives.

Further information will be provided later today.

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Newport Police Welcome New K-9

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Officer Joshua
Lillis and
Poulin Grain
President Josh
Poulin with K-9
Ozzy. (Courtesy
Photo Newport
Police)

NEWPORT, VERMONT – Chief Seth C. DiSanto is pleased to announce that the Newport Police Department is welcoming a new K-9 unit to the department.

K-9 Ozzy is a 1-year-old Belgian Malinois that will be partnered with new K-9 handler Officer Joshua Lillis when he officially joins the department. Ozzy will be taking on the duties of K-9 Dax, who will be retiring after seven years of service to the Newport Police Department.

Sgt. Travis Bingham, who has been the department's K-9 handler since 2006 and worked with both Dax and his predecessor, Odin, will remain as the department's K-9 instructor and work closely with Ozzy and Officer Lillis.

Ozzy will soon be attending the Vermont Police Academy, where he'll be trained in drug and evidence searches, as well as suspect tracking and apprehension.

"Sgt. Bingham and Dax have served the city of Newport well," Chief DiSanto said. "I have no doubt that Sgt. Bingham's expertise will be a tremendous asset for Officer Lillis and Ozzy as they transition into their new roles."

Newport's K-9 program began in 1999, and has thrived in part due to the support of Poulin Grain, which has donated high quality dog food to the department since the program's inception.

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***Media Advisory* Gloucester Police to Present Family With Donation From Cops For Kids With Cancer**



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Media Advisory

Gloucester Police to Present Family With Donation From Cops For Kids With Cancer

Cruiser Convoy Will Escort Toddler to Police Headquarters Ahead of Ceremony

GLOUCESTER – Chief John McCarthy is pleased to announce that the Gloucester Police Department will present a city family with a donation from Cops for Kids With Cancer.

WHO:

- Gloucester Police
- Cops For Kids With Cancer
- 3-year-old William Bren and his family

WHEN:

Tuesday, Aug. 14, at 12:40 p.m. (Cruiser Convoy arrives ahead of check presentation at about 1 p.m.)

WHERE:

Gloucester Police Headquarters, 197 Main St.

WHAT:

William Bren and his family will be presented with a \$5,000 donation from Cops For Kids With Cancer to help cover his medical expenses. Prior to presenting the donation, members of the Gloucester Police Department will pick Bren up from his home and escort him and his family to police headquarters in a cruiser convoy.

Bren was diagnosed earlier this year with a stage four Wilms tumor, which is one of the most common types of kidney cancer in children. Since his diagnosis, Bren has undergone radiation and chemotherapy and been boosted by the support of his family, friends and community.

“The strength that Will and his family have shown during this difficult time is truly inspiring,” Chief McCarthy said. “We’re all looking forward to seeing Will and presenting the Bren family with this donation as a show of our support for his fight against cancer.”

Gloucester Police Detective Thomas Quinn, who lost a son to cancer, spearheaded the application process on behalf of the Bren family and the department.

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