

- public safety -

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Nov. 4-11, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 10 building/property checks, 24 directed/area patrols, four radar assignments, two traffic controls, five emergency 911 calls, five citizen assists, two assist other agencies, two complaints, one fraud, one safety hazard, four animal calls and seven motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, Nov. 4

1:12 p.m. Assist Citizen, Ravine Road, Officer Handled
2:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
4:47 p.m. Medical Emergency, Sibley Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Nov. 5

10:06 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick Road, Spoken To

Wednesday, Nov. 6

2:31 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Thursday, Nov. 7

12:37 p.m. Fraud, Padre Road, Officer Handled

1:03 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

4:18 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Friday, Nov. 8

3:40 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Oakham Road, Officer Handled

Saturday, Nov. 9

9:39 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

9:47 a.m. Assist Citizen, Barr Road, Officer Handled

4:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning

5:16 p.m. Safety Hazard, Wine Road, Services Rendered

Sunday, Nov. 10

2:54 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Services Rendered

4:27 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, West Brookfield Road, Unfounded

10:24 p.m. Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital

Local police officers honored for heroic actions

Eight members of the Municipal Police Training Committee's Holyoke Police Academy were honored this spring for their actions at the scene of a motor vehicle accident.

Student officers included Steven Fritscher of the Ware Police Department, Tyler Hosley of the Barre Police Department, Deven Kingman of the Sturbridge Police Department, Jacob Podmore of the South Hadley Police Department, Taina Rivera of the Chicopee Police Department, Connor Shea of the Amherst Police Department, Corey Therrien of the Chicopee Police Department and Bianca Dixon of the University of Massachusetts Police Department.

"These students officers didn't hesitate to use lessons from their academy training, moving swiftly to remove a victim from their vehicle, extinguish flames, and mitigate for obvious hazards," said MPTC Holyoke Academy Director Michele Lyons in a press release. "Their remarkable action and compassionate approach to victims during a life-threatening situation is truly exemplary."

On Jan. 25, the students of the 2nd Holyoke Recruit Officer Class were traveling from the Holyoke Academy to East Mountain Country Club for an afternoon of speed measurement practical along the busy stretch of road.

Leaving the academy at approximately noon, there was a line of student cars going up and over the stretch of Route 202 between Holyoke and Westfield. The students encountered a serious two-car accident that had just occurred, and no public safety was on scene yet.

Several student officers immediately got out of their vehicles and rushed into the accident scene to help. Officer Taina Rivera noticed that there were several people around the vehicles and made the decision to step back and contact 911. She was able to calmly relay information to the dispatch personnel and kept the communication line open until help arrived.

Students assisted the driver and passenger of the first vehicle. The passenger

was able to exit on their own, although understandably dazed. They rendered basic first aid and assisted the driver out of the vehicle.

Both parties were moved from the cars to a safer location.

The students quickly found out that the second of the two vehicles they were trying to enter was locked and they could see it filling with smoke. Multiple students went out to other vehicles now stopped along the roadside and were able to secure two fire extinguishers.

One student had a window breaking tool in his own vehicle, and they were able to gain access to the car by breaking one of its windows.

Officer Corey Therrien was able to get into the passenger side of the vehicle and remove the driver's seatbelt. Once the driver's side door was open the students realized the driver of the car was injured to the point that they were not able to remove him from the vehicle.

The group was able to deploy the fire extinguishers and stop the flames and smoke from entering the cabin through the front of the car.

All these actions most likely happened in a span of less than five minutes. By the time the Staff Instructor and Academy Director arrived on scene, Holyoke Police Department, Holyoke Fire and EMS were also arriving and the students were instructed to clear the scene.

They gathered with the Academy Director on the roadside for safety and injury checks. Once it was determined that no student officers were involved in the crash and only a few minor injuries were sustained during the breaking of the glass, students were instructed to return to the academy building for debrief and next steps.

It is believed that the first car, traveling from Westfield to Holyoke, crossed the centerline and hit the second car head on, just at the top of the hill by the turn onto Apremont Highway. This is a site of many accidents and an area of concern for local drivers.

Recent fires highlight increased wildfire risk throughout the northeast

Brush fires continue to break out across Massachusetts, Connecticut, and other New England states as increasing drought conditions, combined with strong winds and dry air, create ideal conditions for fires to ignite and quickly spread.

According to the National Weather Service, fire weather concerns also remain in effect across the northeast including as far south as New Jersey, New York State, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C.

"While most Northeast residents consider wildfires a threat for other parts of the country, they present risks to all of us," said Michele Steinberg, director of the National Fire Protection Association wildfire division said in a press release. "The brush fires we've seen over the past several days are evidence of these growing threats."

The NFPA encourages the public to stay vigilant and follow safety guidelines for the safe handling and disposal of ignition sources outdoors, which can help minimize the risk of brush fires and associated hazards:

Yard debris burns: Contact your local fire department to determine the requirements and restrictions for open burning in your community. Follow all local burn regulations, burn bans, and outdoor burning restrictions in your area. These can apply to both debris burning and campfires.

Discarded cigarettes and other

smoking materials: Never throw away lit cigarettes outside or toss matches or other smoking materials from a moving vehicle. These actions can ignite dry grass and start a fire.

Vehicles and equipment: Practice fire safety when using lawnmowers, chainsaws, weed trimmers, grinders, and tractors—all things that can throw sparks. Make sure tow chains are properly connected and not dragging when pulling equipment or trailers behind a vehicle.

Campfires: Before setting up a campfire, check with your local fire department to be sure it is permitted. Follow all local burn regulations, burn bans, and outdoor burning restrictions in your area.

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For more information, visit www.nfpa.org. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed online for free at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.

- legal notices -

Town of East Brookfield Conservation Commission

The Town of East Brookfield Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act (MGL c. 131, s. 40) to consider an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area

Delineation. The hearing will be held at **7:00 PM on November 19, 2024**, in Meeting Room A at the Memorial Town Complex, 122 Connie Mack Drive, East Brookfield, MA 01515.

This Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation has been submit-

ted by Coley Campbell, CSX Real Estate & Industrial Development, 500 Water Street, J-180, Jacksonville, Florida, 32202, for property located at "0" West Main Street, East Brookfield, MA 01515 (Assessors Map 006.0-0211-0049.0). 11/15/2024

Job Connection

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Part Time Office Clerk

The Warren Housing Authority is seeking a highly motivated individual for the part-time administrative clerk to perform program support to the Executive Director.

Duties include but not limited to performing general clerical duties including typing, answering phones, data entry, processing of applications including CHAMP, determining housing eligibility as well as assisting applicants and residents, and perform other related duties.

Candidate should have a proven history of being able to work independently and as part of a team. The individual should possess initiative, be detail oriented, organized, have the ability to multitask.

Qualifications: High School/GED, ability to communicate orally and in writing, to understand and follow oral and written instructions, ability to utilize housing software and Microsoft office. Also, the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with applicants and residents, external agencies, co-workers and the public from varying socio-economic backgrounds, and to maintain confidentiality.

This Position is part time at 18 hours weekly at an hourly rate of \$20.00. Please submit cover letter and resume to Kenneth R. Martin, Consulting at kenmartin1208@gmail.com. The position is open until filled.

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