Q2
2026

# NPD NEWSLETTER



## APRIL STEP CHALLENGE




In April, our Department completed a 30-day step challenge that brought staff together in a fun and motivating way to stay active.

Participants were randomly assigned into teams of three, encouraging friendly competition across the Department. Throughout the month, teams tracked their daily steps, motivated one another, and showed incredible team spirit.

The top two teams finished neck and neck, and a post-challenge recount ultimately changed the final results, sparking a spirited debate over who the real winners were. Regardless, altogether the Department logged more than 8.8 million steps — an impressive accomplishment and a testament to everyone's dedication and enthusiasm!

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# **PUTTING GRANT FUNDING TO WORK:** Recent Traffic Safety Patrols

**Have you noticed an increased police presence on our local roads over the last few months?** Those extra patrols were funded entirely by federal traffic safety grants, allowing us to increase enforcement without utilizing local tax dollars.

Our department routinely secures this funding through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Massachusetts Office of Grants and Research (OGR) under the Municipal Road Safety Grant Program. This grant specifically pays for dedicated officer overtime shifts strictly focused on traffic safety.

Because these grants are data-driven, our patrols target specific high-risk behaviors during nationally recognized safety months. Here is what our officers were focused on over the last quarter:



### APRIL: DISTRACTED DRIVING

Officers conducted targeted enforcement to crack down on texting and handheld phone use, keeping eyes up and phones down.




### MAY: CLICK IT OR TICKET

Our team participated in the nationwide mobilization focusing strictly on seat belt compliance to ensure every driver and passenger makes it home safely.




### JUNE: SPEED ENFORCEMENT

Shifts were dedicated to slowing down drivers in high-risk zones and neighborhood trouble spots where speeding poses the greatest danger.

Ultimately, these grant-funded shifts are not about writing tickets. They are about changing dangerous driving behaviors, reducing crashes, and keeping our community's roads safe for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians alike.

REMINDER

The speed limit on Crawford Street, as well as a portion of Church Street, has been reduced to 25 mph



# COMMUNITY FIRST PROJECT TRAINING

The Northborough Police Department recently joined forces with personnel from Westborough, Southborough, and Grafton to complete intensive tactical training designed by the **Community First Project**. This national nonprofit provides advanced education to bridge the gap between basic academy instruction and modern, high-stakes crises.

## ELITE TRAINING FROM VETERAN OPERATORS



The program was led by Andrew "Sully" Sullivan, a former Navy SEAL, alongside an instructor cadre of Special Operations veterans. Local officers bypassed the classroom for hands-on Close Quarters Battle (CQB) simulations. These drills tested tactical movement, building entries, and rapid decision-making under heavy mental and physical stress.



## PRIORITIZING DE-ESCALATION AND SAFETY

While highly tactical, the curriculum heavily prioritizes community safety through three pillars:

- **De-escalation**: Tactical maneuvers to defuse volatile standoffs safely.
- **Stress mitigation**: Techniques to control adrenaline and think logically during crises.
- **Trauma care**: Field-tested medical skills to treat wounded civilians or officers.

## ZERO COST TO TAXPAYERS

Specialized training of this caliber cost roughly $99,700 to execute. Because municipal budgets are tight, the program was provided at zero cost to the department. It was entirely funded by the community, with the Westborough Police Foundation, local businesses, and private donors rallying to raise over $120,000 for the regional training block.





Thank you, Skribbles, for inviting Officer Tondel and Officer Luby to celebrate Police Week with you!





Congratulations to Officer Ryan Clark, who was recognized at a ceremony in June by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) with the **Outstanding Operating Under the Influence Enforcement Award**.

In 2025, Officer Clark made 31 OUI arrests, demonstrating his proactive efforts to keep impaired drivers off our roadways and protect the community.

# Q2 AT-A-GLANCE

| INCIDENT TYPE | APRIL | MAY | JUNE | Q2 TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BURGLAR / PANIC ALARMS | 33 | 28 | 32 | **93** |
| AMBULANCE / MEDICAL CALLS | 41 | 47 | 57 | **145** |
| ANIMAL CALLS | 7 | 15 | 10 | **32** |
| DISABLED MOTOR VEHICLES | 27 | 18 | 18 | **63** |
| DISTURBANCES | 18 | 13 | 18 | **49** |
| DOG COMPLAINTS | 12 | 12 | 24 | **48** |
| FAMILY OFFENSES | 8 | 7 | 5 | **20** |
| FRAUD / SCAMS | 10 | 4 | 3 | **17** |
| LARCENY | 2 | 2 | 1 | **5** |
| NARCOTIC DRUG VIOLATONS | 4 | 3 | 0 | **7** |
| OPER. UNDER THE INFLUENCE | 6 | 6 | 4 | **16** |
| MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTION | 4 | 11 | 5 | **20** |
| SHOPLIFTING | 9 | 12 | 4 | **25** |
| WELLBEING CHECKS | 25 | 22 | 19 | **66** |



**TRAFFIC STOPS: 1,346**

**CITATIONS ISSUED: 452**

**MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS: 100**

**TOTAL Q2 INCIDENTS**

**4,503**

NORTHBOROUGH COMMUNICATIONS 911

911 CALLS RECEIVED
**1,123**

NON-EMERGENCY CALLS
**5,725**

POLICE RADIO TRANSMISSIONS
**11,665**

FIRE RADIO TRANSMISSIONS
**6,662**



## Q2 ARRESTS

| | SUMMONED / CITED | TAKEN INTO CUSTODY |
|---|---|---|
| APR | 38 | 23 |
| MAY | 25 | 19 |
| JUN | 17 | 15 |
| **Q2** | **80** | **57** |







# Trooper Jacob G. Mick

Massachusetts State Police C-6

January 7, 1995 - June 28, 2026

## Forever Our Brother

REMEMBERING JAKE