

Colchester's Weekly Town News
For the Week of August 11, 2014

While by no means a total representation of all the work performed by the Town, the following information highlights some activities which occurred:

Town Manager's Office—Dawn Francis, Town Manager

The Town of Colchester was approached by the City of Winooski to provide public safety dispatch services to the City. Currently, we provide dispatch services to five Colchester public safety entities as well as the Town of Milton's emergency service providers. Our service to Milton (over 20 years) has proven to be a mutually beneficial relationship and we anticipate that adding Winooski will be an even more cost effective way to provide services for all three of our municipalities. If ultimately approved by the City of Winooski, this service sharing will result in:

- Improved level of service for customers and our organizations
- Reduction of redundant staffing during slow times
- Ability to provide 2 dispatchers on busy shifts where we now only have one
- Sharing and cost recovery of capital and overhead expenses based on the percent of calls in each jurisdiction
- An avoidance of sworn officers having to dispatch due to lack of coverage
- No additional cost to Colchester taxpayers.

For more information about the Town Manager's Office, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/Manager/index.shtml> or call (802) 264-5509.

Police Department—Jennifer Morrison, Police Chief

Some of the highlights of the past month include catching a bank robber within minutes of a holdup at the Merchant's Bank and locating a missing vulnerable adult who was lost in the woods. Some of our more routine activity included responding to 741 calls for service and 238 contacts through traffic stops. We arrested 36 people for a total of 51 crimes this month.

Schools open soon! Please remember to observe school zone speed limits of 25 mph and to drive carefully as many students walk or ride bikes to school. Our Youth Services Officers will return to the schools at the end of the month. Cpl. Jeff Fontaine will continue to serve as our DARE officer and resource officer in the elementary and Mallett's Bay Schools. Ofc. Derrick Kendrew will begin work as the resource officer in the high school. Both officers will share responsibility for the middle school.

CPD would like to recognize the following long-tenured employees who celebrate work anniversaries this month:

- Cpl. Jeff Fontaine enters his 35th year of service to the community
- Ms. Lois Fontaine completes 25 years of service as a communications specialist

For further information or comment, please call Linda Kingston at 264-5509.

- Cpl. Roger Fisher completes 20 years of service.

Congratulations!

For more information about Colchester Police Department, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/Police/index.shtml> or call (802) 264-5556 (non-emergency).

Rescue and Technical Rescue Squads—Amy Akerlind, Rescue Chief

- Rescue responded to 72 emergency calls since July 17th
- We transported 46 people to the hospital
- We provided 7 paramedic intercepts
- Turned over 8 calls while already on a call
- The Technical Rescue team helped extricate an injured hiker from Mount Mansfield
- Participated in a lengthy search to locate a missing woman in Essex.

For more information about Colchester Rescue, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/Rescue/index.shtml> or call (802) 264-5990.

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