

**Colchester's Weekly Town News**  
For the Week Ending May 23, 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**

Since October 2013, the Town of Colchester and Colchester School District have been collaborating on a monthly supplement to the *Colchester Sun* called *Currently Colchester*, which was mailed to every Colchester household. The purpose of the four-page tabloid-style paper was to inform our taxpayers of town and school events, projects, activities, and upcoming votes, including our budgets. Many of our residents do not access their information from a computer and rely upon the *Colchester Sun* for their community news, and therefore, this supplement was proposed to better inform all taxpayers. Given the recent budget defeat, it appears that the school district will be cutting this service. Was this publication helpful to you in keeping you more informed? Please provide me or the Colchester Selectboard members with your thoughts about *Currently Colchester* or other suggestions as to how we can communicate better with you.

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**

Numbers and Facts

In the past month, we have responded to over 900 calls for service, and we had 422 contacts through motor vehicle stops. We arrested 17 people for a variety of crimes, including DUI, domestic assault, reckless endangerment, unlawful restraint, and more.

The busiest days of the week for calls for service were Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The most common reasons for calls this month were suspicious circumstances, public or medical assists, motor vehicle crashes, and motor vehicle complaints.

Our marine unit is back on the water. As the weather warms, we expect activity on the lake to pick up significantly.

Community Outreach Activities

In the past month, CPD has participated in the following: mock crash at the high school, Rape Aggression Defense class #2 of 2014, Drug Take Back Day, child safety seat inspections, special traffic details, and more.

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

## Celebrate Responsibly

Memorial Day is this weekend. Two years ago this weekend is the anniversary of Colchester's last fatal traffic crash. The fiery wreck at the curve of Bay Road and East Lakeshore Drive claimed the life of one person and resulted in the arrests and convictions of two others. Last week, the criminal case from this crash was resolved, with Melissa Grant being convicted of a felony for furnishing alcohol to the minor driver that night. Please help us keep Colchester's roadways fatality-free this summer by minding the speed limit, wearing seat belts, avoiding distractions, and always using a designated driver. Please celebrate the beginning of summer responsibly!

### Notice

From now until June 1, police across the state will be adding extra patrols as part of the "Click It or Ticket" annual enforcement campaign to increase the use of seat belts. Always buckle up!

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 For the week ending May 23, 2014**

Rescue responded to seventy-six calls since April 23, including five paramedic intercepts for surrounding communities. We transported fifty-three people to the hospital and turned over four calls while already on a call. The technical rescue team responded to an injured hiker on Camel's Hump and assisted with the rescue of a man stuck on the rocks in Winooski. Spring can be a busy time for the team, as people get outside after the long winter.

May is continuing to be a busy PR month for us. We held a free community CPR course and free child safety seat checks. We also participated in the first mock crash at the high school, along with the fire and police departments.

### National EMS Week

National EMS Week is May 18–24 and celebrates those who work and volunteer in EMS. As part of this week, we hosted our **Annual Family Fun and Safety Night**, a two-hour open house event that focused on safety, on Wednesday, May 21. It was a great opportunity to come out and meet our local EMS members.

For more information about Colchester Rescue, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/Rescue/index.shtml>, or call (802) 264-5590.