

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

FY 2024 Budget – Presented by Jim Willis, Dave  
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TOWN OF  
**bar harbor**



# Patrol Division Overview



All Police Officers are sworn in and have law enforcement authority in both towns

All positions from both towns are combined into a single work schedule for patrol which creates more attractive work schedules for Officers and provides enhanced coverage for our communities

We have Supervisors on duty and working patrol shifts 18 to 20 hours a day and available on call otherwise

Our towns are divided into 3 patrol zones which ignore town lines and create enhanced call response times when compared to our departments working independently

# Special Services Division

Christopher Wharff – Special services  
Lieutenant

Funded 70% parking Fund and 30% Cruise  
Ship Fund

Harbormaster Assistant

Funded 50% parking Fund and 50%  
Harbormaster Dept.



# Department Fees

- 0 outside detail rate  
increase for FY 24  
increase to \$100 from  
\$75



# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

## PD and Dispatch

- PD C IP request is \$36,820 less than FY 23 with nothing new added to equipment list
- Potential for use of A R P A funds for FY 24 cruiser and equipment purchase (would reduce C IP request by \$52,500)
- Dispatch C IP is \$900 less than FY 23

## Harbor

- Harbor C IP request is about \$12,000 more than FY 23 due to updated pricing for fishermen hoists and an increase for the Ferry Terminal lot.



# Service Enhancement s

- M e n t a l H e a l t h L i a i s o n - s h a r e d p o s i t i o n w i t h M o u n t D e s e r t
- W a y f i n d i n g S e r v i c e s ( C h a m b e r R e q u e s t f r o m t h e C r u i s e S h i p F u n d )



# SERVICE ENHANCEMENT I – Mental Health Liason

- Mental Health Liason
- Shared with Mount Desert, Bar Harbor 60%, Mount Desert 40%
- Potential for use of ARPA funds for FY 24 to reduce the budget request.
- Provide direct, community based mental health services to people in the community who are in crisis, by a qualified professional who is embedded within the police department. Deliver mental health education and support to public safety and town staff and community members.

# SERVICE ENHANCEMENT I

## PD I Mental Health Liason

- 60% of our use of force applications take place with mental health related incidents
- Pilot Program collaborating with AMHC Crisis Response since 2022
- Goal of this program is to use law enforcement and the emergency room as the last choice rather than the first for people in crisis.