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Police Department

The Manchester Police Department is creating two downtown uniformed foot-beat patrols for the summer. Detectives Michael Abruzese and Shannon Jackson have been assigned to these patrols. The officers will assume these duties June 16 and will continue their duties into September. The officers will have department cell phones so that downtown businesses can contact them directly with questions or concerns.

The Mounted Unit Officers Marc Lachance and Fred Gillis will continue to patrol downtown as well, and they also have department cell phones for businesses to contact them. In an effort to change with the needs of the downtown, the Mounted Unit officers will also spend some of their time either walking on foot or patrolling in marked cruisers.

Additionally, area parks will be patrolled by two bike patrol officers, who will have access to marked cruisers as well. Sergeant Brian O'Keefe is the supervisor in charge of the downtown area.

Below are the officers and contact information:

Sergeant Brian O'Keefe
Office Phone: 603-792-5430
Email: bokeefe@manchesternh.gov

Sgt. O'Keefe has been serving the Citizens of Manchester since 1996, as a police officer and as a mentor to our youth. In 2004, he opened the Manchester Police Athletic League/Michael Briggs Community Center and was named the department's first Police Athletic League Coordinator, assigned to the Community Policing Division. In 2009, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and reported back to patrol, but maintained his involvement in the Police Athletic League. He is the Executive Director for the Manchester Police Athletic League and also sits on the National Police Athletic League Board of Directors. As of September 2013, Sgt. O'Keefe has rejoined the Community Police Division. He holds a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration and is a past recipient of the Good Samaritan Award for his role in educating our youth.

Detective Michael Abruzese
Cell Phone: 603-708-0120
Email: mabruzese@manchesternh.gov

Detective Abruzese has served with the Manchester Police Department since July of 2006. He has served as a street patrol officer and, since 2009, as detective in the Juvenile Unit assigned as the school resource officer for Southside Middle School. Prior to MPD employment, he served as a correction officer with the Middlesex (MA) Sheriff's Office from 2002 to 2006. He served with the U.S. Navy from 1983 to 1989.

Detective Shannon Jackson
Cell Phone: 603-867-9332
Email: sjackson@manchesternh.gov

Detective Jackson has served with the Manchester Police Department since July of 2007. She has served as a street patrol officer and, since 2012, as a detective with the Juvenile Unit, assigned as the school resource officer for the Manchester School of Technology. Detective Jackson serves as a member of the department's Critical Incident Management Team, the Crisis Intervention Team, and the Suicide Prevention Intervention Team. She was recently selected to serve as a crisis negotiator on the MPD SWAT Team and has the distinction of being the first woman to serve in that capacity. Prior to MPD employment, she served as a police officer with the New York City Police Department from 2004 to 2007.

Officer Marc Lachance
Cell Phone: 603-235-9312
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Officer Marc Lachance has served with the Manchester Police Department since 1996, having previously worked as a police officer with the Concord (NH) Police Department. Assigned to MPD's Community Policing Division, he is a member of the Mounted Unit and currently serves within his area of operation as a mounted patrol officer. Officer Lachance trained as a mounted officer with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Ottawa, Ontario. Prior to his Community Policing assignment, Officer Lachance worked as a K-9 handler for seven years.

Officer Fred Gillis
Cell Phone: 603-235-9254
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Officer Gillis has served with the Manchester Police Department since 2005. The Massachusetts native attended the University of New Hampshire where he majored in Sociology with a minor in Business Administration. Prior to joining the Community Policing Division, Officer Gillis was assigned to the Patrol Division and spent the majority of his time as a mountain bike officer. Fred is a certified Field Training Officer, and member on the Manchester SWAT Team.

Nick Willard
Assistant Chief of Police

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