



York County Sheriff's Office

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Dear Town Leaders,

As you may be aware, the York County Sheriff's Office and the Maine State Police enjoy a collaborative relationship in which they work together to provide policing services to the 14 towns in York County that do not have a police department.

Since circa 2013, to provide consistent policing services, the Maine State Police and the Sheriff's Office decided to stabilize the delivery of policing services in rural York County. Part of this strategy embraced the concept of Community Policing in which the same law enforcement officers patrolled the same communities and became familiar with the citizens. Toward that end, the state police have provided primary policing services to the towns of Hollis, Dayton, Alfred, Lyman, and Lebanon. This arrangement has worked out very well until recently. The Maine State Police are reorganizing, and part of that reorganization is combining Troops A (Alfred) and Troop B (Gray) into the Southern Field Division.

Leaders from both agencies discussed how to best serve the citizens of York County and how this reorganization would affect policing efforts. It was decided that the delivery of policing services would be best served if the towns that the state police handle in Troop A were contiguous with the towns, they handle in Troop B. Toward that end, the leaders of both organizations decided to modify the current call share agreement.

Effective January 23, 2023, the Maine State Police will provide primary policing services to the towns of Cornish, Limington, Dayton, Limerick, Hollis and Parsonsfield when the contract deputy is not on duty.

The York County Sheriff's Office shall provide primary coverage for the towns of Acton, Arundel, Shapleigh, Waterboro, Lebanon, Alfred, Lyman, and Newfield. Since the Sheriff's office has a contract with the town of Parsonsfield, the Sheriff's Office shall honor that contract, as well as future contracts with that town. The State Police will assume policing services for Parsonsfield when the contract deputy is not on duty.

Again, commencing January 23, the Maine State Police shall have primary patrol responsibilities for:

- Cornish
- Limington
- Dayton
- Limerick
- Hollis
- Parsonsfield (part)

The York County Sheriff's Office will have primary patrol responsibilities for:

- Acton*
- Arundel*
- Shapleigh*
- Waterboro*
- Lebanon
- Alfred
- Lyman
- Newfield
- Parsonsfield (part) *

Asterisk denotes that the York County Sheriff's Office has a current policing contract with that town.

Thank you for understanding. If you would like to have a personal discussion about this change, or you would like me or my designee come to a Select Board meeting for further discussion, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at wking@yorkcountymaine.gov

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