



## Thomaston Police Department

Town of Thomaston

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Good Day to all our Citizens:

The last few months we have been working with the new schedule you may have noticed that when you need a police officer one is available at any time. This new schedule has been working in the way that we had hoped it would and so far so good, with the new schedule we have been able to send officers to training. This has happened with Sgt. Chris Hansen in the last 2 months he was able to complete a class of Method of Instruction or (MOI) for short. This class opens the door for an officer to attend anything that is offered in law enforcement to become a trainer. Sgt. Hansen has also completed the firearms instructor school. This is great news for the police department we have not had an in house trainer for over 12 years. We will no longer need to go outside of the agency and ask for help in this particular area of training, which we need to do every year.

You may have also heard we had an opening which in the past would be a difficult challenge to replace an officer, however as soon as we advertised we received qualified application and have since hired Dan Perez, Dan will be starting with us on July 27<sup>th</sup> he comes to us with 8 years of experience.

In the last few months, we have acquired another full electric vehicle a 2021 Ford Mach E that is currently waiting to be equipped for patrol. The current Mach E that you see in town has done us well, with almost no maintenance. The Mach E has seen all types of weather conditions including this past winter with the coldest day hitting 24 below zero; I personally was on patrol with that vehicle and everything worked smoothly.

We have handled over 700 calls in last few months; many of those are traffic stops with citations written.

Thank you for the continued support.

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