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## CEREMONY

— *April 18, 2022* —







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# Swearing In

## **Officer Harry Handy III**

Hire Date: February 9, 2022



**Officer Handy was born and raised in Auburn, NH. Officer Handy started his law enforcement career in December 2020 with the Raymond Police Department before transferring to the Bow Police Department in February of 2022.**

**Prior to his law enforcement career, Officer Handy attended the University of New Hampshire where he studied Behavioral Psychology. Officer Handy has dedicated his time specializing in Judo, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, and self-defense. Officer Handy will be attending Police Defensive Tactics Instructor school in June 2022 where he will then be able to help teach his fellow officers specialized defensive tactics. He will be looked upon to build the program which will be an asset to the department.**

**Officer Handy is recently engaged to his high school sweetheart, Rebecca.**

**Welcome Officer Handy!**



# Promotions

## Lieutenant Philip Lamy

Promotion Date: March 9, 2022



Lieutenant Lamy started his Law Enforcement career in 2009 when he was hired by the Bow Police Department. In 2014, he obtained the rank of Master Patrol Officer and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2016.

Lieutenant Lamy has overseen the department's field training program, recruitment and hiring, fleet maintenance, training coordinator, and grant applications for the department.

Lieutenant Lamy has been the recipient of the Chief Commendation letters in 2013-2017. In 2017 Sgt. Lamy received a lifesaving award for his medical assistance to an individual in medical distress.

Lieutenant Lamy has represented the Bow Police Department playing in the Chad Battle of the Badges hockey game from 2010- 2021 to support the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth.

## Lieutenant Matthew Pratte

Promotion Date: April 18, 2022



Lieutenant Matthew Pratte started his law enforcement career in 2011 with the Bow Police Department. He holds a Bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of New Hampshire.

In 2014, Lieutenant Pratte became the departments K9 handler with his partner K9 Roxy. For the last 8 years they have been a dynamic duo in locating missing persons, fleeing criminals, and performing K9 demos throughout Bow and surrounding communities.

In 2016 and 2017, Sgt. Pratte received life saving awards for using K9 Roxy to locate individuals in the woods who were in grave medical condition. In 2018, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

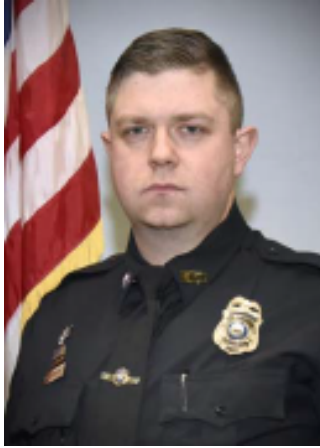
Lieutenant Pratte has overseen the department's mobile data terminals, taser instructor, field training officer, and was interior commander for the 2021 Bow power plant protest.



# Promotions

## Sergeant Philip Goodacre

Promotion Date: April 18, 2022

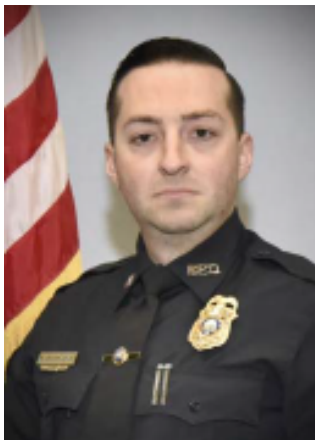


Sergeant Goodacre started his law enforcement career with the Pembroke Police Department in 2011 where he served in the role of Detective. In 2014, Sergeant Goodacre transferred to the Bow Police Department. He is a valued member of the field training team, a firearms instructor, former negotiator for the Central NH Special Operations Team, and has assisted in detectives as needed.

In 2021 he obtained the rank of Master Patrol Officer and was promoted to Sergeant on April 18, 2022. He is a 2022 recipient of a Chief's Commendation Letter.

## Sergeant Robert Buchanan

Promotion Date: April 18, 2022

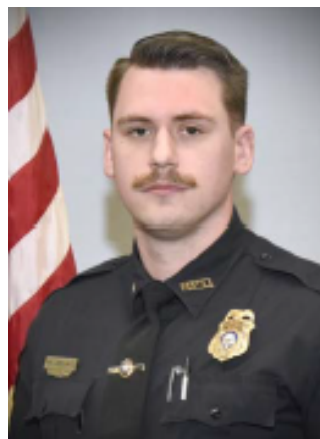


Sergeant Buchanan was hired by the Bow Police Department in 2017 after serving with the NH State Hospital Campus Police, the Pembroke Police Department, and the New Hampshire State Police.

Sergeant Buchanan is a physical fitness coordinator, field training officer, and assists with department vehicle maintenance. Sergeant Buchanan can be found out in the community speaking with residence and business owners on a consistent basis.

## Master Patrol Officer Matthew LeBlanc

Promotion Date: April 18, 2022



Master Patrol Officer LeBlanc started his law enforcement career at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard before being hired by the Bow Police Department in 2017. He is a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps where he served in the division of Military Police. He deployed to Afghanistan and upon returning home became involved in the Marine's K-9 program at Camp Legune, NC.

MPO LeBlanc is a field training officer, firearms instructor, and has been selected to be the Bow Police Department's next K-9 handler.

# AWARDS

## **Medal of Valor**

Awarded to any sworn officer who, in the performance of duty and in grave and imminent personal danger, performs an act, which is so laudable as to merit such praise.

## **Medal of Bravery**

Presented to a sworn officer who, in the performance of duty and in grave and imminent personal danger, engages in combat with an armed and dangerous felon, or is wounded as a result of such combat.

## **Distinguished Service Medal**

Presented to a sworn officer who, in the performance of duty and at personal danger, apprehends or causes to be apprehended through his or her actions a dangerous felon and/or has been confronted by a situation in which a weapon was pulled on him and he was personally threatened. The officer determined and used the best possible course of action to take under the circumstances that confronted him.

## **The Department Citation**

Presented to a sworn officer who, through his or her own outstanding initiative and diligence, apprehends or causes to be apprehended a felon who might otherwise have gone undetected.

## **Life Saving Award**

Presented to a sworn or civilian member of the department for a successful effort in saving a human life, which involved exceptional performance.

## **Department Service Award**

Presented to an employee who designs or recommends procedures which cause the department to function more effectively or efficiently or who performs an action that significantly furthers attainment of the department's mission.

## **Citizens Award**

Presented to a citizen or organization which provides extraordinary service to the Bow Police Department or substantially assists in the apprehension of a criminal.

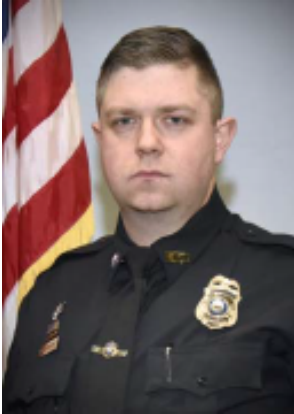
## **Chief's Letter of Commendation**

Presented to any employee who, in the opinion of the Chief of Police, has performed an act or service that merits such recognition.



# Chief's Letter of Commendation

## **Sergeant Philip Goodacre Officer Jake Clark**



**Sgt. Goodacre**



**Ofc. Clark**

**On Sunday, November 28, 2021, at approximately 11:43am, MPO Goodacre and Ofc. Jake Clark were dispatched to a disturbance on Bow Bog Road. As the officers were responding they learned that a female in the residence had been stabbed in the neck by her boyfriend.**

**Upon arrival to the residence MPO Goodacre and Ofc. Clark located the male suspect who was still in possession of the knife. Officer presence and strong verbal commands led to the successful apprehension of the suspect.**

**Officer Clark secured the suspect in a cruiser as Ofc. Goodacre provided medical attention to the victim. The Bow Fire Department arrived on scene and Ofc. Clark drove the ambulance to Concord Hospital.**

**Ofc. Goodacre continued the investigation, interviews, and evidence collection which led to charges being increased to Attempted First Degree Murder.**

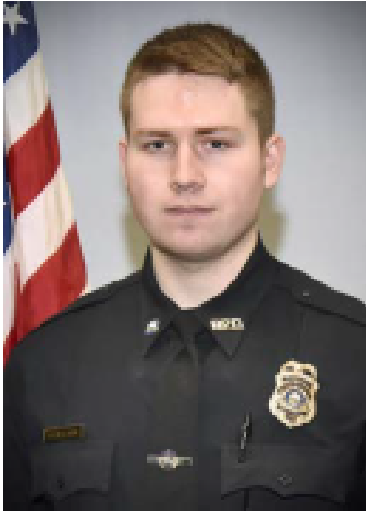
**The diligence and professionalism of the two officers led to the successful apprehension of a violent suspect who was in possession of deadly weapon.**





# Department Citation

## Officer David Nelson



On Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 10:01pm, Officer Nelson initiated a motor vehicle stop on Hall Street after observing a yellow line violation.

As Officer Nelson spoke with the driver and conducted a roadside investigation, Officer Nelson believed the operator of the vehicle was transporting illegal drugs.

Officer Nelson made the decision to seize and impound the vehicle pending the application of a search warrant. The search warrant was granted by a judge and the subsequent search resulted in the seizure of nearly \$12,000 of US currency, over one pound of methamphetamine, and 67 grams of Fentanyl.

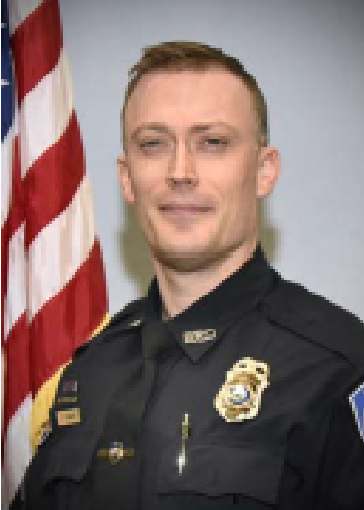


This is the largest drug seizure made by the Bow Police Department and Officer Nelson's drug interdiction work without a doubt saved multiple individuals lives and removed a drug dealer from our community.



# 2021 Officer of the Year

## Detective Tyler Coady



Detective Coady has served the Bow Police Department since 2008 with prior law enforcement in Colorado and with the Concord, NH Police Department. In 2020, Master Patrol Officer Coady was assigned to the role of the Bow Police Department's detective.

Since his assignment to detective, Det. Coady has worked several high profile cases to include an armed home invasion and sexual assaults. Det. Coady has become certified in electronic evidence collection, the department's liaison to the NHIAC (New Hampshire Internet Crimes Against Children) and has assisted in search warrants apprehending suspects involved in trafficking child pornography.

On July 13, 2021, the Bow Police Department received a tip of a possible ongoing sexual assault of a minor.

Detective Coady began an intensive investigation which consisted of interviews, evidence collection, and coordination with DCYF. Through the course of multiple interviews at the Merrimack County Child Advocacy Center and the positive seizure of forensic DNA evidence, an arrest warrant was obtained for the suspect. On September 21, 2022, the suspect, who was a 55 year old male from Bow, was arrested on four counts of aggravated felonious sexual assault.

It is because of Detective Coady's persistence, dedication, and investigative skills that the victim in this case could be heard, supported, and have an opportunity for closure through the criminal justice system.

Det. Coady has continued to improve himself in his role through education, has performed his duties at a high level, and has been an asset to the Bow Police Department. Congratulations Detective Coady on the 2021 Officer of the Year Award!



# Department Service Awards

## Stephanie Vogel



**Police Administrative Specialist Stephanie Vogel has been instrumental in ensuring the efficiency of the Bow Police Department. Stephanie is proficient with the department's information database, NH J-One, FBI NIBRS, NH State Police laboratory liaison, and is involved in the operation of the police department's evidence room.**

**Stephanie was recently acknowledged for her organization and preparation to an FBI audit of our records compliance. She continually works to ensure the police department's cyber security is within policy.**

**Thank you Stephanie for your continued dedication to the Bow Police Department.**

## Chief Mike French



**Chief Mike French (Retired Goffstown Police) came to the Bow Police Department in April of 2021 to serve as the Interim Police Administrator. Chief French's leadership, experience, and professionalism made an immediate impact within the rank and file of the Bow Police Department.**

**Chief French worked with department members to identify ways to operate more effectively and efficiently. He made changes to policies, updated the department's mission and vision statements, and ensured consistent and fair accountability. Chief French turned over the department to Chief Kenneth Miller in November of 2021.**

**Chief French's impact on the Bow Police Department is not forgotten, and with that we award you the Department Service Award.**





# Citizens Award

## Eric Anderson



**Eric Anderson has been a long time resident of Bow and has dedicated his time serving the citizens as a Selectmen and State Representative.**

**Mr. Anderson has donated his time and professional abilities as a photographer to the Bow Police Department. Mr. Anderson has been present at the department's swearing-in ceremonies, promotional ceremonies, and other events hosted by the Bow Police Department. For the last several years he has taken the officer's professional headshots and full department photos.**

**Mr. Anderson the members of the department thank you for your dedication to the Town of Bow and the Bow Police Department. Your time and donated photographs are greatly appreciated!**



# Retirements

## Lieutenant Scott Hayes



Lieutenant Scott Hayes started his law enforcement career in 2000 with the Hopkinton Police Department before joining the Bow Police Department in July of 2001. In 2005, Lieutenant Hayes spent two years in the Attorney Generals Drug Task Force before being promoted to the rank of Sergeant. In 2008, Lieutenant Hayes was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, where he served as the commander of the patrol division for the last fourteen years.

Lieutenant Hayes has been a consummate professional, role model, and instrumental in the development of the men and women of the patrol division. Lieutenant Hayes has been a mentor for supervisors under his command and holds everyone to the same standards and accountability. Lieutenant Hayes' service to the Department and Town is greatly appreciated and he will be greatly missed.

After over 22 years of law enforcement service, we wish you a happy and healthy retirement!

## Officer Thomas Ouellette



Officer Thomas Ouellette started his law enforcement career in 1999 as a correctional officer in Essex County, MA. In 2003, Officer Ouellette joined the Manchester Police Department where he served as a K9 handler and School Resource Officer.

In 2020, Officer Ouellette joined the Weare Police Department before joining the Bow Police Department in April of 2021. Officer Ouellette is a United States veteran and served in the United States Marine Corps. In Officer Ouellette's short time with the Bow Police Department he made a positive impact both in the department and community.



# Retirements

## K9 Officer Roxy



K9 Roxy has served the Bow Police Department since 2014. Roxy, a German Shepherd and Belgian Malinois mix, came to Bow from a breeder in North Carolina. Sgt. Pratte and K9 Roxy attended the 14 week New Hampshire State Police K-9 academy where she learned obedience, tracking, building searches, evidence collection, and handler protection. She also attended the 8 week narcotic detection school where she certified in the scents of marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, and ecstasy.

K9 Roxy has been credited with many arrests by tracking down fleeing criminals. She has also been involved in searches for lost adults and children. Roxy has been credited with saving lives by locating persons in the woods who attempted to harm themselves. In addition to Bow, Roxy has helped police departments throughout Merrimack County.

K9 Roxy's retirement date will be in 2022 when the new Bow Police K-9 arrives. Officer Matthew LeBlanc has been selected to be the next K-9 handler and will be attending the next New Hampshire State Police K-9 Academy.

Thank you Roxy for your service to the Town of Bow and surrounding communities.



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