

Town of Scarborough, Maine

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Resolution 20-003

***Recognizing the Service, Professionalism, and Contributions of
Scarborough Public Safety Workers***

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Town of Scarborough, Maine, in Town Council assembled that,

WHEREAS, Scarborough Public Safety Workers have throughout the pandemic, even in the face of uncertainty during the early days, served and protected the residents of Scarborough with compassion and professionalism and they demonstrated solidarity with our community by volunteering to make fiscal concessions during economically challenging times; and,

WHEREAS, The Scarborough Police Department (SPD) manages Operation Hope, a grant funded program which has helped provide treatment for over 410 people suffering from substance use disorders in the Greater Portland area; and,

WHEREAS, Staff at all levels works as a team with the SPD social services navigator to assist residents struggling with a variety of quality of life issues outside of law enforcement; and,

WHEREAS, SPD officers consistently keep our neighborhoods and businesses safe, enforce our laws, protect the rights of all individuals, respond in times of crisis, and defend the innocent at risk of injury, disability, or even death without a single use of force complaint lodged in at least the last 20 years; and,

WHEREAS, Scarborough Public Safety leadership is easily accessible in person, by phone, or by email and welcomes questions and input from residents; and,

WHEREAS, Leadership ensures all employees receive consistent training to achieve top level qualifications in order to maintain the highest standards in all aspects of Public Safety while requiring individual accountability to deliver excellent public service; and,

WHEREAS, Scarborough Public Safety employees participate and contribute to numerous community support efforts such as fund raising for Project Grace, Operation KIND (Kid in Need of De-escalation), and Coffee with a Cop; and,

WHEREAS, They contribute numerous hours as individual volunteers to local organizations as valued members of our community and they provide key support to other communities throughout Maine and beyond despite potential risks to their personal safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of Scarborough, Maine, voices its continuing support and recognizes the service and professionalism of all Scarborough Public Safety employees, Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS, Dispatch, and support staff, for upholding justice, defending the rule of law, and safeguarding our health, wellbeing, property, and even our lives.

Signed and sealed this 7th day of October, 2020, on behalf of the Scarborough Town Council and the Town Manager of Scarborough, Maine.

Signed by

/s/ Paul M. Johnson
Council Chair

Attested by:

/s/ Yolande P. Justice
Town Clerk