ANNUAL REPORT

SCARBOROUGH POLICE



DATE
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PREPARED BY
Chief, Mark Holmquist

FY 2026

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A Note From Chief Holmquist

It is with great pleasure that I submit the Annual Report of the Scarborough Police Department for Fiscal Year 2026. Our department strives to meet the public safety needs of a thriving community while handling the challenges of substance use disorder and mental health calls for service.

We have made positive gains this year in hiring in our patrol division, which has resulted in increasing our minimum staffing coverage for the first time in decades. With increased patrol coverage, we have also seen an increase in proactive traffic enforcement. Our consistent dispatch staffing has allowed our dispatch center to continue to provide a high level of quality service to Scarborough, Old Orchard Beach and Buxton.

The Public Safety administrative team has worked with our fellow stakeholders in several municipal departments and Old Orchard Beach to update our aging radio infrastructure. The funding for the radio project is dependent upon voter approval in November 2026 and federal funds to offset the cost of the project.

The strength of our organization is our outstanding employees who consistently represent the Scarborough Police Department with distinction. I want to recognize the tremendous efforts of the members of the Scarborough Police Department. We have talented and dedicated people who truly make a difference in our community each day. I am honored to work with an outstanding group of professionals who take great pride in their department and community.

IN REMEMBRANCE



RETIRED POLICE CHIEF

Robert Moulton

Feb 21, 1957 - Apr 26, 2026

K9

Carr

2010 - Sept 5, 2025





CUSTODIAN

Cliff Hatch

Mar 3, 1942 - Mar 15, 2026

Their memory remains part of our department's history.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

New Hires

Shannon Hart: Public Safety Dispatcher
Shane Laporte: Patrol Officer
Robert Scudder: Patrol Officer
Robert Pellerin: Patrol Officer

Promotions

Craig Hebert: Lieutenant
Shawn Anastasoff: Patrol Sergeant



POLICE DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Our department consists of 21 Patrol Officers, five Patrol Sergeants, four Detectives, one Detective Sergeant, one Evidence Technician, two Special Enforcement (SE) Officers, one SE Sergeant, one Drug Task Force Officer, one Community Resource Officer, two School Resource Officers, one Marine Resource Officer, and four sworn administrators.

Beyond their primary assignments, many of our officers participate in specialty teams that enhance collaboration with regional law enforcement partners. These assignments include two K9 teams, several FAA certified Drone operators, four SWAT officers, two Crisis Negotiators, and six Honor Guard members. Furthermore, our department has officers certified as Drug Recognition Experts, Peer Support Team members, Phlebotomists, Crash Reconstructionist and instructors with expertise in a broad range of subject areas.

Our civilian team includes two Administrative Assistants, one Digital Systems Technician, one Animal Control Officer and three Social Services team members.

Our department employs several Reserve Police Officers who patrol Prouts Neck year round and the beach areas during the summer. We also hire seasonal Parking Enforcement Officers for the summer months.

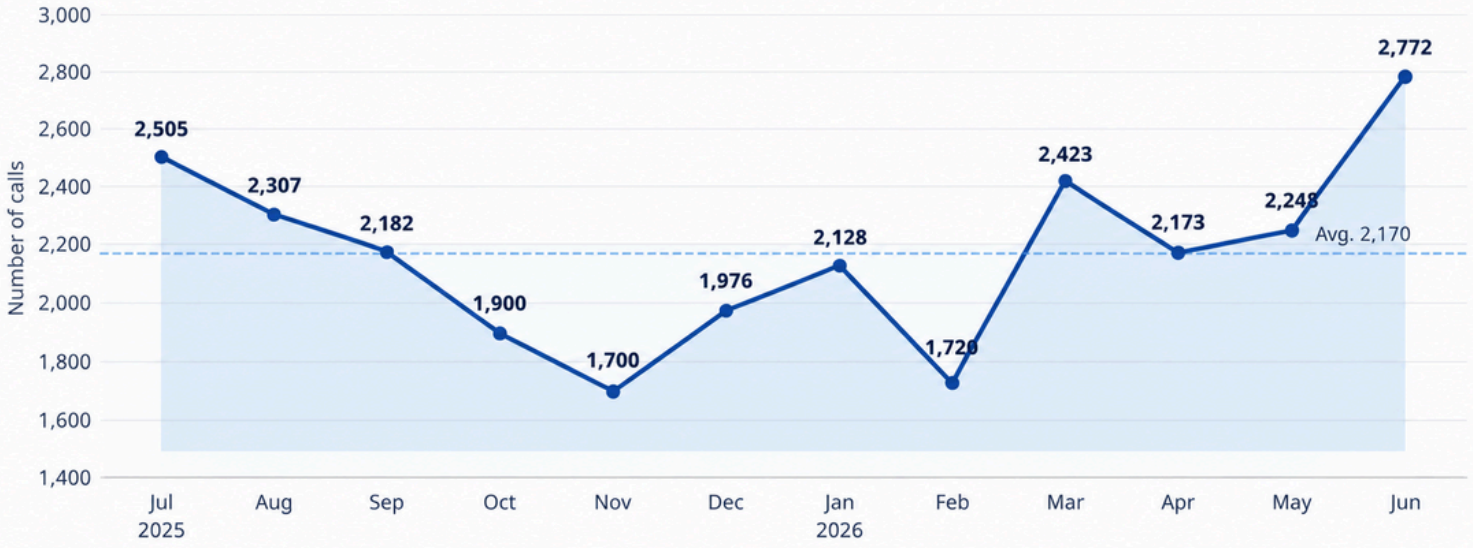
Additionally, we have 12 Fire Police Officers who manage traffic at crash scenes and other critical incidents.

The department's Volunteers in Police Services (VIPs) support our officers by assisting at community and civic events, special projects, and various volunteer initiatives.

YEAR IN REVIEW

Calls for Service

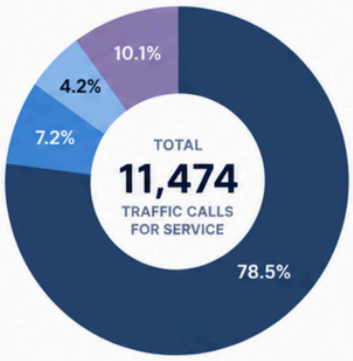
FISCAL YEAR 2026 | JULY 2025 - JUNE 2026



FY26 total: 26,034 calls • Monthly average: 2,170

Traffic Calls for Service

JULY 2025 – JUNE 2026

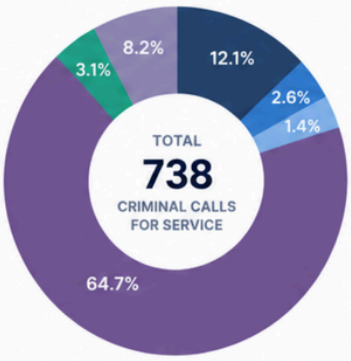


Traffic Stops	78.5%	9,007
Driving Complaints	7.2%	822
Disabled Motor Vehicles	4.2%	485
Accidents	10.1%	1,160

TOTAL TRAFFIC CALLS FOR SERVICE
11,474

Criminal Calls for Service

JULY 2025 – JUNE 2026

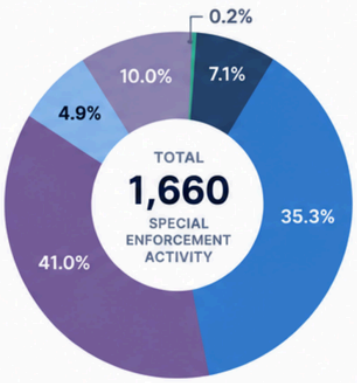


Assaults/Domestic Violence Assaults	12.1%	97
Motor Vehicle Burglaries	2.6%	21
Burglaries	1.4%	11
Thefts	64.7%	518
Scheduled Drugs	3.1%	25
Criminal Mischief	8.2%	66

TOTAL CRIMINAL CALLS FOR SERVICE
738

Special Enforcement Activity

JULY 2025 – JUNE 2026

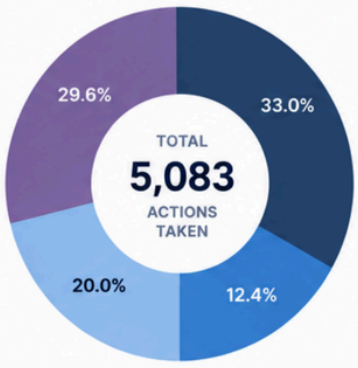


Arrests	7.1%	100
Traffic Stops	35.3%	623
Warnings	41.0%	723
Citations	7.5%	125
Special Details	4.9%	86
Saturation Details	0.2%	3

TOTAL SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY
1,660

Actions Taken

JULY 2025 – JUNE 2026



Case Reports	33.0%	1,767
Arrests	12.4%	662
Citations	20.0%	1,069
Parking Tickets	29.6%	1,585

TOTAL ACTIONS TAKEN
5,083

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION (CID)

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is tasked with investigating crimes, managing evidence, and providing essential administrative support to safeguard our community. During FY2026, CID conducted 141 criminal investigations to include 15 death investigations and 57 missing persons cases.

RESPONSIBILITES & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Beyond Criminal Investigations, CID personnel handle collateral duties to ensure internal and external needs are met. These tasks include:

- Pre-employment background checks for all Police Department and Dispatch applicants
- Processing of all resident Concealed Weapons Permits
- Investigation of National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) denial inquiries
- Investigation of Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) referrals.
- Processing of Freedom of Access Act (FOAA) and records requests
- Conduct investigative follow-up of all Domestic Violence related incidents, ensuring victim support and resources are provided.
- Responsible for submission of criminal cases to the District Attorney's Office, ensuring all subsequent requests for information, evidence or investigative needs are met.
- Partner with state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies on joint investigations
- Provide specialized training, guidance and mentorship to department personnel
- Participation in numerous community outreach events.



SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT UNIT (SE)



This dedicated group addresses specific concerns in Town that patrol officers may not have the time or resources to pursue because of the high volume of calls for service.

The unit adapts to the needs of the day, with assignments that include traffic enforcement, narcotics investigations, targeted surveillance and enforcement in areas experiencing higher levels of crime, and community policing events. The K9 Unit and Drone Unit are also part of Special Enforcement and provide specialized support through K9 and drone deployments.

FY2026 SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

Activity	FY2026 Total
Arrests	100
Traffic Stops	623
Warnings	723
Citations	125
Special Details	86
Saturation Details	3
TOTAL	**1,660**



K9 UNIT

The Scarborough Police Department K9 Unit consists of two teams: Sgt. Flynn and K9 Cooper, and Ofc. Gudaitis and K9 Jax. K9 Cooper is a four-year-old black Labrador Retriever trained in narcotics detection, tracking, evidence recovery, and search and rescue. K9 Jax is a three-year-old Belgian Malinois trained in narcotics detection, tracking, evidence recovery, criminal apprehension, and handler protection.

The K9 Unit trains weekly with Law Enforcement Dogs of Maine.

During FY2026, the K9 Unit recorded 70 deployments, including suspect tracking, missing-person searches, narcotics detection, and community policing events. The K9 teams located eight people, and three arrests were attributed to K9 assistance.

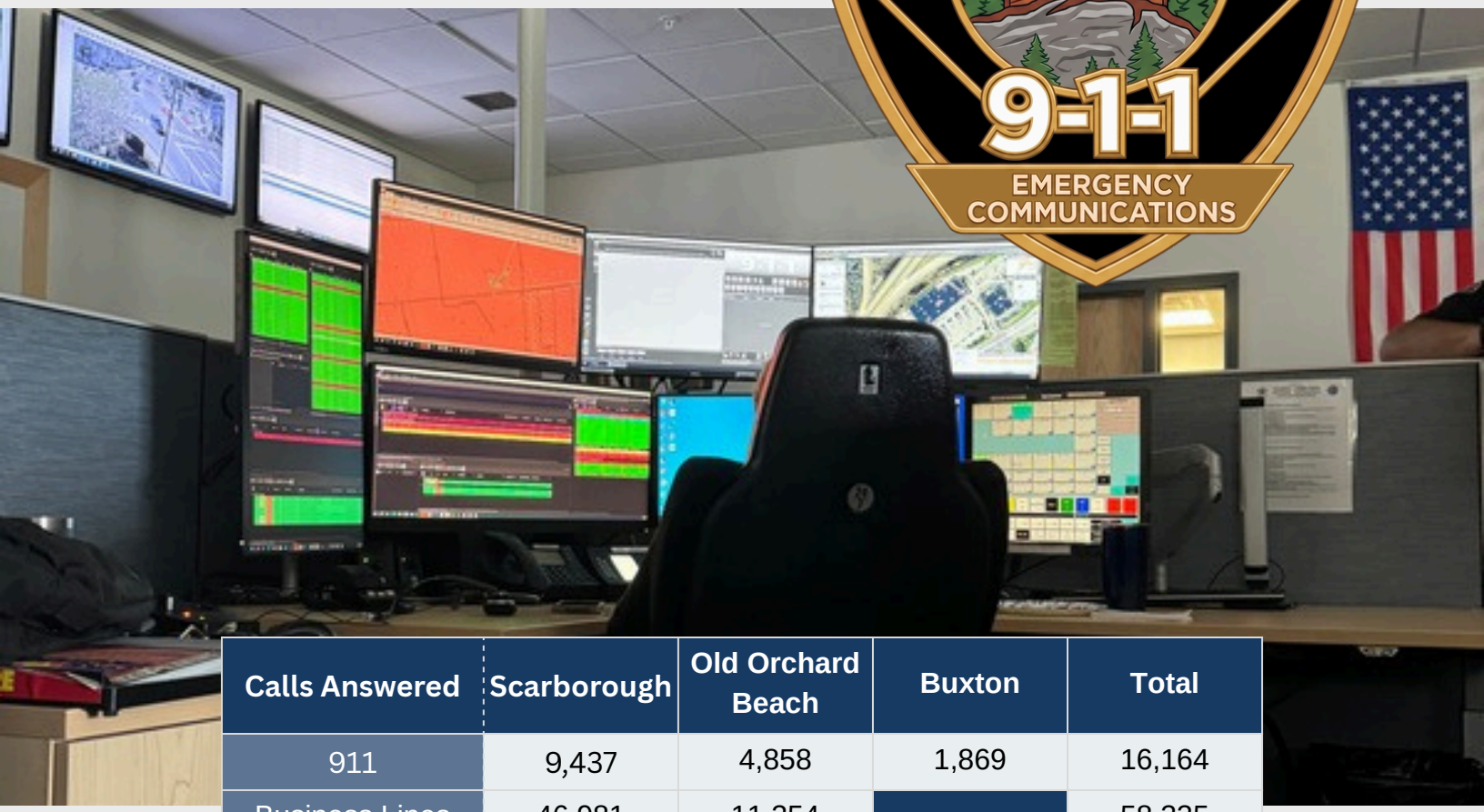
DRONE UNIT

The Scarborough Police Department Drone Team consists of five pilots and four drones. The team recorded 39 deployments during FY2026.

The fleet includes one large drone used for outdoor deployments such as search and rescue and aerial overwatch. It is equipped with a thermal camera to aid in locating missing persons and fleeing suspects, as well as a drop system that can deliver supplies such as ropes, water bottles, or life jackets to people who need them. Three smaller drones support indoor flights and rapid deployments.

The Drone Team works alongside other emergency responders during search and rescue operations, large-scale events, and crimes in progress. The team also provides aerial scene documentation.

SCARBOROUGH COMMUNICATIONS



Calls Answered	Scarborough	Old Orchard Beach	Buxton	Total
911	9,437	4,858	1,869	16,164
Business Lines	46,981	11,354		58,335

Calls for Service Radio Dispatched	Police	Fire/EMS	Total
Scarborough	26,489	6,256	32,745
Old Orchard Beach	18,180	2,991	21,171
			53,916

The Scarborough Emergency Communications Division consists of one (1) Emergency Communications Manager, one (1) Deputy Emergency Communications Manager, four (4) Lead Dispatchers, ten (10) full time Emergency Dispatchers and five (5) Per-Piem Emergency Dispatchers.. The employees of this division are responsible for full dispatching services to include administrative, non-emergency, and emergency calls for service for the municipalities of Scarborough and Old Orchard Beach. Additionally, they are responsible for answering all emergency calls for the municipality of Buxton. In addition to call taking and reporting, the emergency communications team is responsible for deploying emergency and non-emergency public safety responses to any need. They serve as the contact point for the Municipality for any reason during non-business hours, and are responsible for organizing and deploying non-public safety municipal services during these times.

ANNUAL AWARDS

During the annual Public Safety Recognition Ceremony, the following recognitions were given to members of the department for events that occurred in 2025.



Taylor Owen
Patrol Officer
Officer of the Year
Top OUI Award



Tori Lowe
Dispatcher
Dispatcher of the Year



Joel Gott
Patrol Officer
Leadership Award



Anne Pritchard
Lead Dispatcher
Leadership Award
Chief's Merit Award



Gina Carbone
Dispatcher
Chief's Merit Award



Andrew Bolduc
Dispatcher
Chief's Merit Award



Don Blatchford
Detective
Chief's Merit Award
Unit Citation



Tom Selby
Dispatcher
Chief's Merit Award



Justin Cook
Patrol Officer
Top OUI Award
Life Saving Award



Corey Rogers
Patrol Officer
Top Motor Vehicle Stop Award



Bailey Anastasoff
Patrol Officer
Life Saving Award



Eric Greenleaf
Patrol Officer
Community Enrichment Award



Sarah Fasulo
Patrol Officer
Commendation
Community Enrichment Award



Brian Nappi
Special Enforcement Officer
Unit Citation



Mike Sawyer
Detective
Unit Citation



Andrew Flynn
Special Enforcement Sergeant
Unit Citation



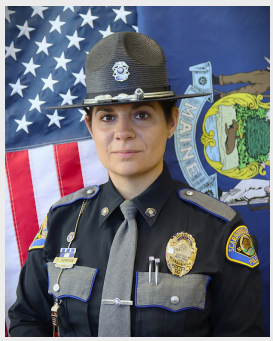
Chris Gerossie
Special Enforcement Officer
Unit Citation



Don Laflin
Detective Sergeant
Unit Citation



Garrett Strout
Detective
Unit Citation



Holly Thompson
Detective
Unit Citation



Fire Police
Unit Citation

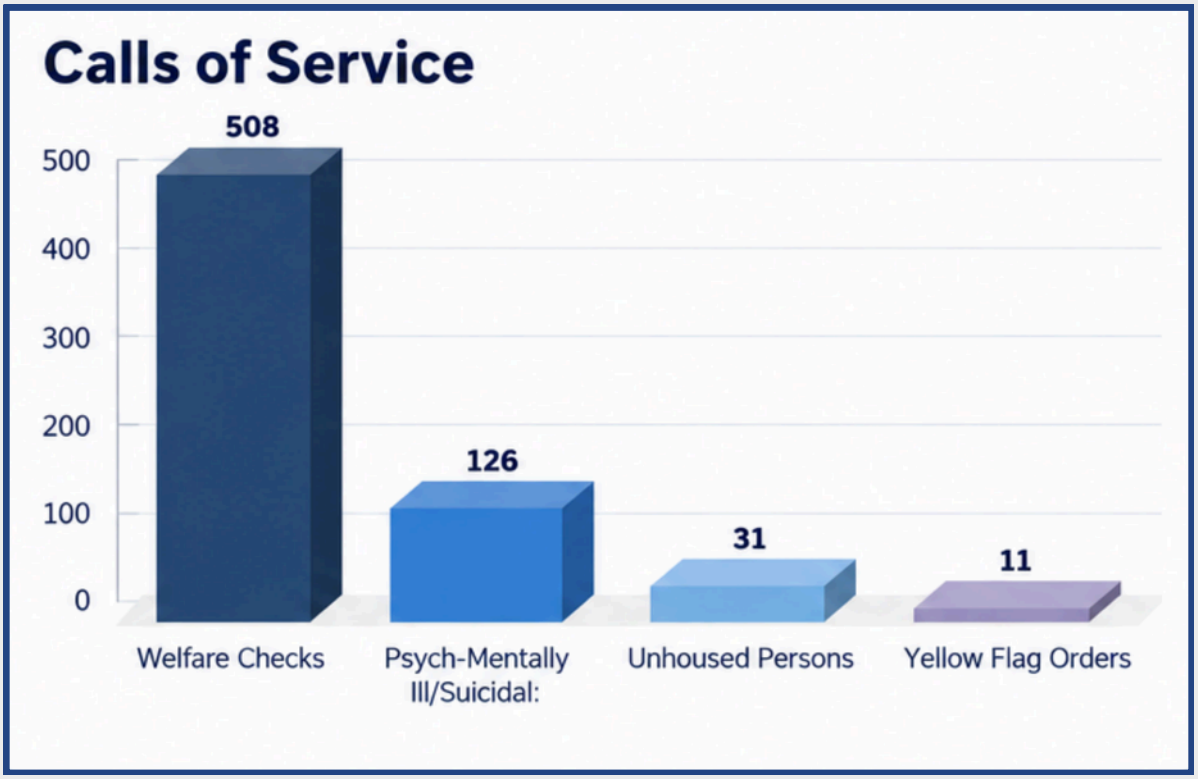
SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

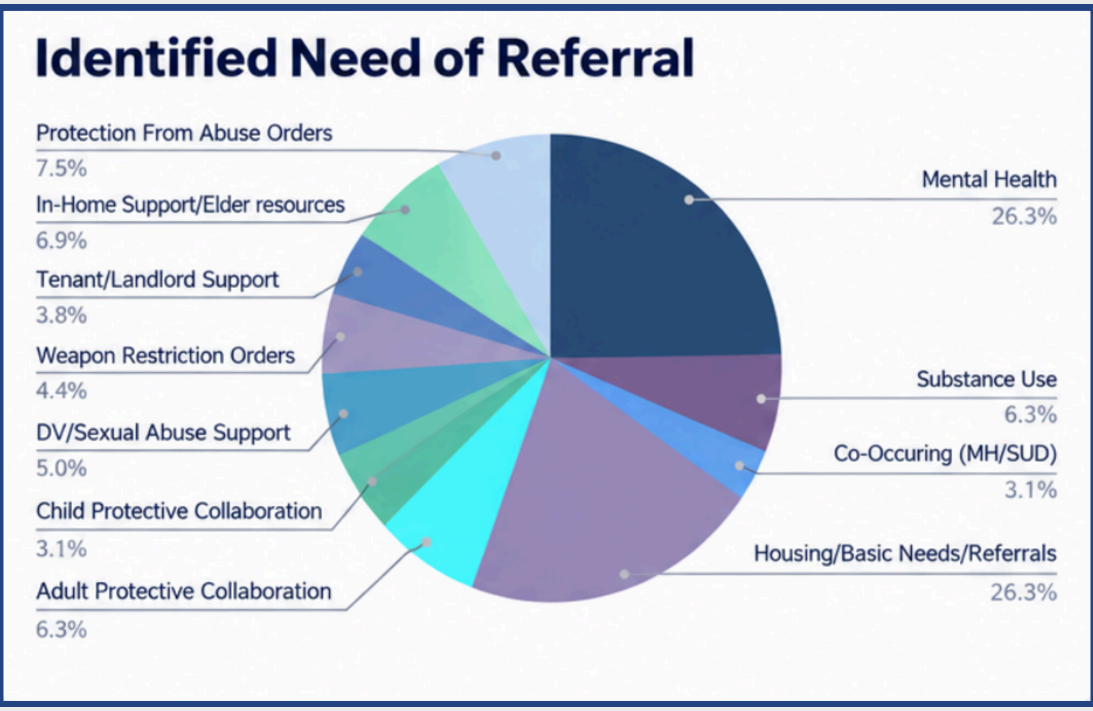
Lauren Dembski-Martin



Our Social Services Manager, Lauren Dembski-Martin, handled 214 referrals from officers or community partners from July 2025 to June 2026. Of those 214 referrals, 429 contacts were generated including both face to face visits and check ins via phones. These contacts included supporting officers with the extreme weapon restriction order process ("yellow flag" orders), providing support and accompaniment for seeking protection from abuse orders, collaborating care with local crisis teams, developing rapport and support with local residential group homes within the community, providing emotional support to individuals and families facing adverse challenges, providing outreach to those unhoused and who may be seeking basic needs resources for food and shelter, collaborating with both child and adult protective services, providing mental health crisis follow-ups and short-term check-ins with individuals as continuity of care is being established.

Additionally, over the course of this year, the Social Services Manager in collaboration with law enforcement has made it a priority to gain knowledge around the newly adopted Red Flag Law in Maine.





The department's Social Services Manager continues to actively ensure the department's administration, officers and peer support team is engaging in wellness training and first responder debriefs to include:

- The Boulder Crest Foundation Struggle Well Post Traumatic Growth training; and
- Vermont Center for Responder's Wellness Acute Stress Adaptive Protocol

Following any critical incident over the course of this year, the Social Services Manager would help to provide one to one check ins to ensure the critical mental health needs of officers and their emotional wellness were supported, offering any additional resources as needed. In March of 2026, the Social Services Manager encouraged the department staff to participate in the National Law Enforcement Wellness Week with the goal of public safety professionals to build and sustain physical and mental readiness. This year's wellness week welcomed in Yoga for First Responders which was highly attended by department staff.

LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTED DIVERSION (LEAD)

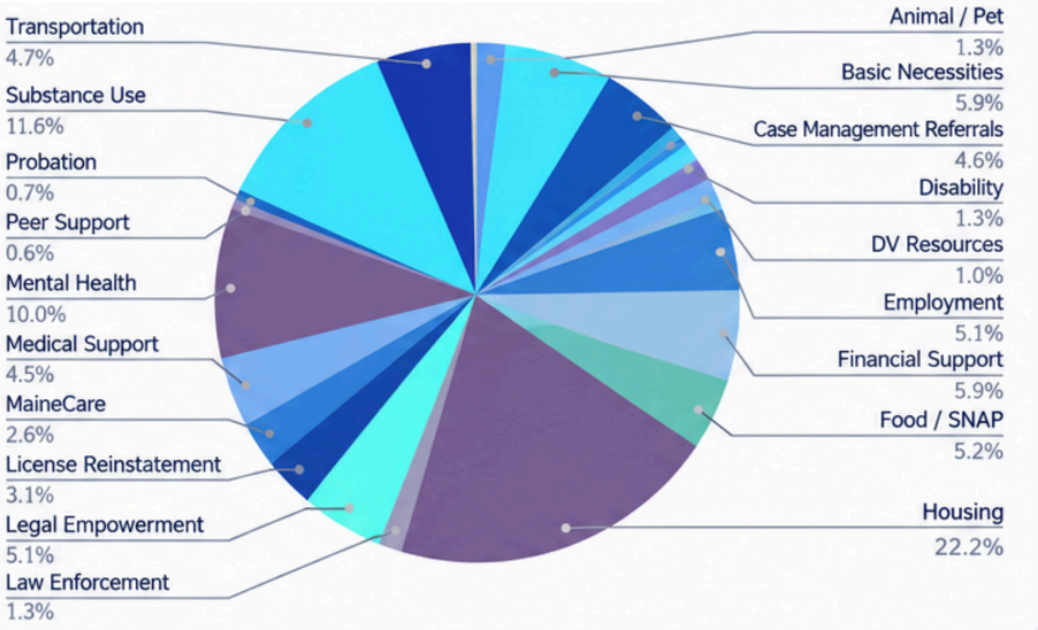
Scarborough Police Department's Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program continued the effort to proactively engage individuals, steering them away from the criminal justice system and towards community-based, harm-reduction intervention for law violations driven by unmet behavioral health and different socioeconomic needs. The program took a brief pause for a few months out of the 2025-2026 and has resumed strongly by continuing to engage with past participants, as well as new referrals.

This year the LEAD program served 8 newly referred individuals during the reporting period, in addition to 12 previously referred individuals. The program also maintains ongoing availability for all prior participants to re-engage if they choose to do so. Many participants have voluntarily engaged beyond their requirements, and many have chosen to re-engage when needs arise or circumstances change.

During the reporting period the LEAD staff gathered further data on the program's progression and the long-term results for engaged individuals. Data demonstrated that the longer LEAD participants engage with the program, the more drastically their utilization of emergency resources (law enforcement, emergency department, etc.) is reduced. Furthermore, data showed increased self-sufficiency, reduced substance use and increased treatment engagement, and reduced mental health symptoms alongside increased engagement in supportive community-based services.



Focus of Client Interaction



General Assistance

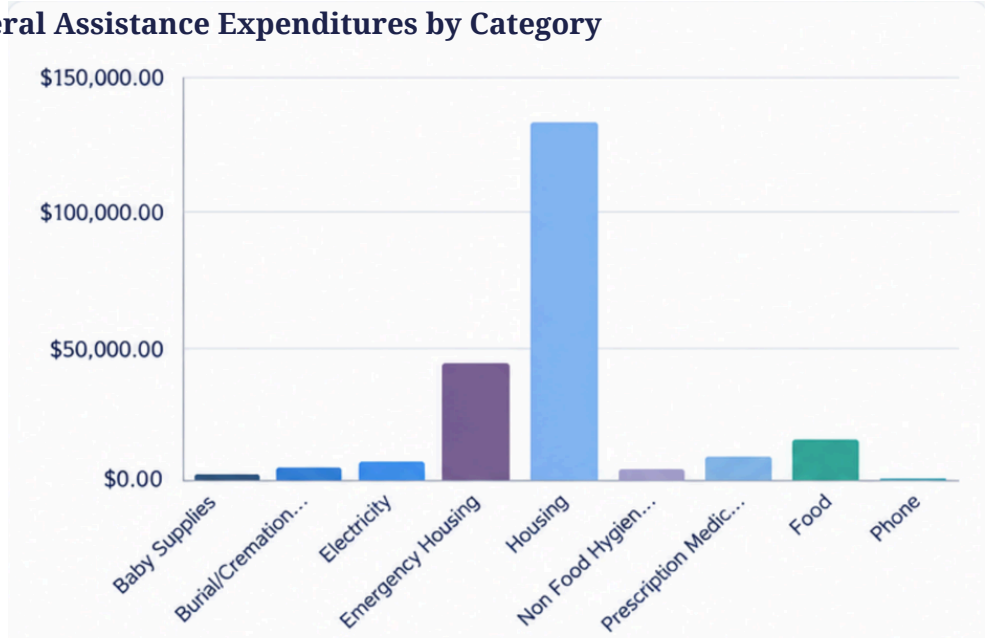
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Individuals

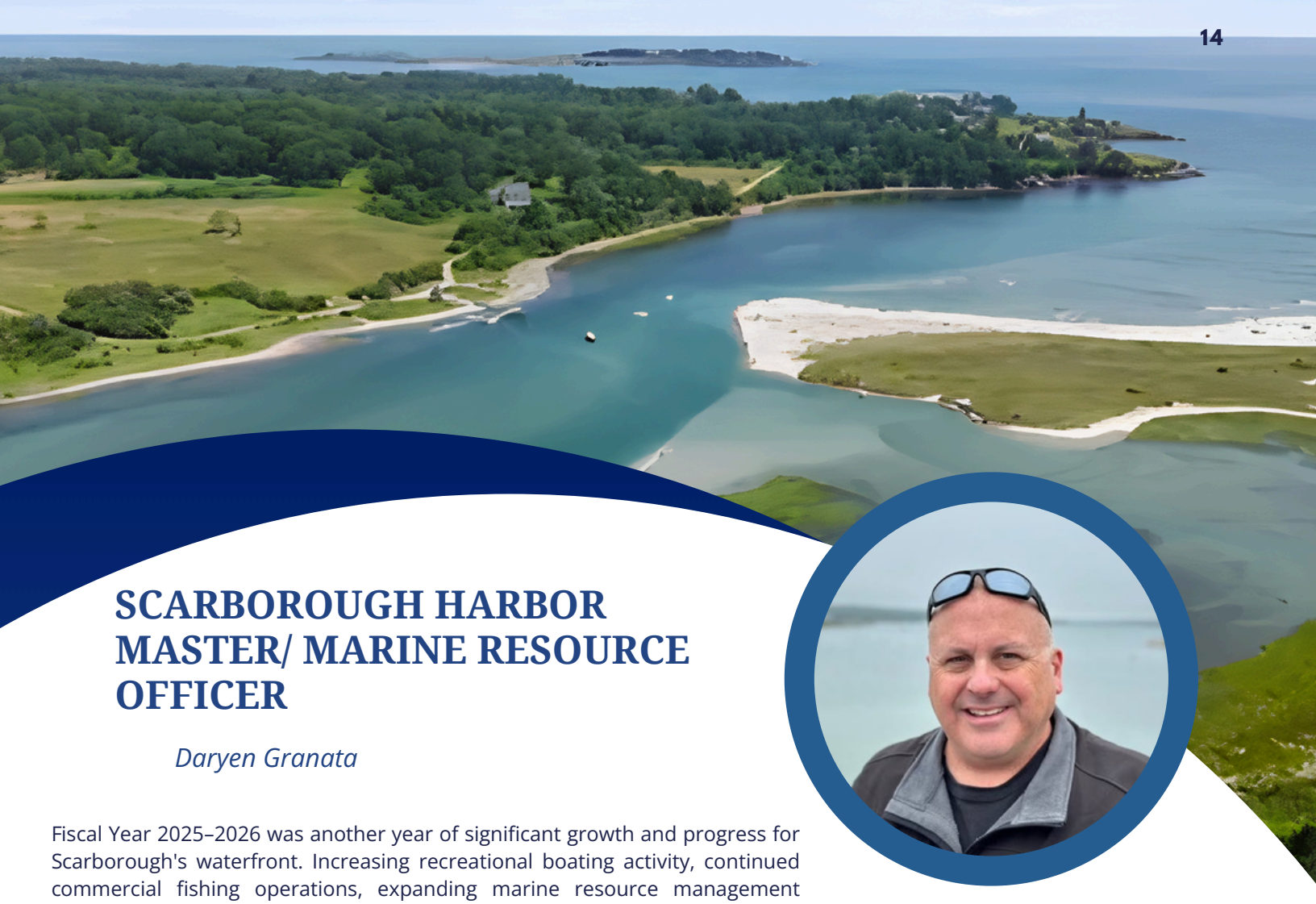
60
Families

$204,658.68
Total expenditures

Scarborough's General Assistance program is supervised by the Police Department's Social Services Division. This year applicants included 102 individuals, including 60 families. Of $204,658.68 in expenditures, $148,534.14 was reimbursed by the State of Maine.

General Assistance Expenditures by Category





SCARBOROUGH HARBOR MASTER/ MARINE RESOURCE OFFICER

Daryen Granata

Fiscal Year 2025–2026 was another year of significant growth and progress for Scarborough's waterfront. Increasing recreational boating activity, continued commercial fishing operations, expanding marine resource management initiatives, and strategic infrastructure investments highlighted the importance of maintaining a safe, accessible, and sustainable harbor.

Throughout the year, the Harbor Master/Marine Resource Officer Program remained focused on ensuring public safety, protecting marine resources, enforcing state and local regulations, supporting the commercial fishing industry, and expanding community outreach. Vessel traffic continued to increase, environmental monitoring efforts expanded, grant-funded improvements moved forward, and partnerships with local organizations, schools, and state agencies strengthened.

FY 2026 REVENUE SOURCES (ESTIMATED)

Source	Amount ($)
Mooring Permit Fees	$72,000
Pier Use Fees	$1,400
Boat Launch Fees	$15,000
Waterfront Lease Revenues	$10,000
Lease Pier	$2,400
Shellfish Licenses	$34,000
Grants	
Working Waterfront Resiliency	$92,000
SHIP (in process)	$42,000

While the waterfront continues to experience unprecedented growth, infrastructure limitations—particularly at the Pine Point Co-op—remain the department's most significant operational challenge and will require continued strategic planning and investment.

The successful deployment of the Town's new Public Safety Response Vessel, expanded educational initiatives, continued environmental stewardship, and significant grant-funded infrastructure improvements have strengthened the Harbor Master/Marine Resource Officer Program while enhancing public safety and waterfront accessibility.

As recreational boating, tourism, and commercial marine activities continue to expand, thoughtful planning and continued investment will be essential to maintaining a safe, resilient, and sustainable working waterfront.

Through collaboration with municipal leadership, state agencies, commercial users, and community partners, Scarborough is well positioned to meet future challenges while preserving one of Maine's most valuable coastal resources.

I. HARBOR OPERATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE

VESSEL TRAFFIC & HARBOR USE

Waterborne activity continued its upward trend during Fiscal Year 2025–2026.

- Vessel traffic increased approximately 17 percent, reflecting continued growth in recreational boating while maintaining a healthy commercial fishing fleet.
- Pine Point Co-op remains one of Maine's busiest municipal boat launching facilities and continues to experience record seasonal demand as one of the busiest boat launches in the State of Maine.
- Commercial fishing vessels, shellfish harvesters, lobster fishermen, and aquaculture operators continue to play a vital role in Scarborough's working waterfront economy.
- Transient vessel activity and guest mooring use increased approximately 16 percent, demonstrating continued tourism growth and increased visitation to Scarborough Harbor. Every effort continues to be made to accommodate visiting boaters while maintaining access for local users.
- Charter Boat activity has increased and is also contributing to the local economy and working waterfront.

INFRASTRUCTURE & EQUIPMENT

Although no major dredging projects were completed during the fiscal year, planning continued with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding future navigation improvements due to the every changing channel of the Scarborough River.

One of the year's most significant accomplishments was the completion and deployment of the Town's new Public Safety Response Vessel, replacing the previous 28-year-old vessel. The new platform significantly enhances marine emergency response capabilities, law enforcement operations, search and rescue missions, and overall public safety on Scarborough's waterways.

Additional planning continued for future dock improvements, pier infrastructure upgrades, and public access enhancements.

II. ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

WATER QUALITY & ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

Environmental stewardship remains a core responsibility of the Harbor Master/Marine Resource Officer Program.

During the fiscal year:

- Water quality monitoring efforts continued throughout Scarborough's estuarine system.
- Climate and sea-level monitoring equipment remained operational, providing valuable real-time environmental data to support long-term resiliency planning.
- Continued coordination with local, state, and federal partners strengthened resource management efforts.
- Shellfish Conservation efforts to limit the invasive species that harm the soft shell clam industry has been an ongoing challenge.

FISHERIES & SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT

Commercial shellfish resources remained productive throughout the fiscal year.

Working closely with the Maine Department of Marine Resources, monitoring continued within Scarborough's twelve regularly harvested shellfish management areas. Surveys indicate continued healthy recruitment of juvenile shellfish, supporting long-term sustainability while maintaining strong commercial harvest levels.

Protection and restoration of marine resources continue to remain a departmental priority.

INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT

Marine invasive species monitoring and mitigation efforts increased throughout the year.

Expanded Green Crab management efforts focused on peak infestation periods to reduce impacts on valuable shellfish resources and coastal habitats while supporting ongoing conservation initiatives. We do believe that the cold winter and ice that layered the marsh had a tremendous impact on the lack of reproduction of the Green Crabs over the past year.

III. REGULATION & ENFORCEMENT

MARINE LAW ENFORCEMENT

Marine law enforcement activities increased throughout Fiscal Year 2025–2026 through both proactive patrols and educational outreach.

Primary enforcement priorities included:

- Recreational boating safety
- Navigation rule compliance
- Shellfish and marine resource protection
- Mooring compliance
- Commercial fishing regulations

The overwhelming majority of interactions resulted in voluntary compliance through education. No significant enforcement actions or major violations occurred during the reporting period.

NAVIGATION SAFETY

Grant funding from the Prouts Neck Association allowed for the purchase and installation of new No Wake buoys within Scarborough's anchorage areas.

These navigational aids provide improved visual guidance for boaters, helping reduce vessel wake impacts while promoting safe operating speeds in congested waterways.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Educational outreach remained an important component of the department's mission.

Multiple presentations and informational sessions were conducted with civic organizations, commercial fishermen, aquaculture operators, shellfish harvesters, and recreational boating groups emphasizing boating safety, environmental stewardship, and regulatory compliance.

IV. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Regional collaboration continued to expand throughout the year.

Notable partnerships included:

- Maine Harbor Masters Association
- Maine Marine Patrol
- Maine Warden Service
- U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Local commercial fishermen
- Aquaculture operators
- Conservation organizations
- Maine McDonald's
- Neighboring towns Harbor Masters

One of the year's most successful initiatives was the "Flotation Citation" program, recognizing children wearing properly fitted life jackets by providing coupons for complimentary treats at participating Maine McDonald's restaurants.

This positive educational program encouraged safe boating practices while strengthening community engagement.

V. FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

REVENUE

The Harbor Master/Marine Resource Officer Program continued to generate consistent municipal revenue through:

- Mooring permits
- Commercial shellfish licenses
- Recreational shellfish licenses
- One-day and three-day shellfish permits
- Harbor-related fees
- Pier lease fees
- Boat ramp fees

A detailed revenue summary is included within the financial appendix.

GRANTS & EXTERNAL FUNDING

The department successfully secured grant funding supporting several significant capital improvements, including:

- Pier float replacement
- Pier infrastructure improvements
- Navigation safety improvements, including No Wake buoys

These investments continue to improve public access, operational efficiency, and waterfront safety while reducing the financial impact on local taxpayers.

VI. CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

PINE POINT CO-OP

The Pine Point Co-op continues to experience unprecedented demand and remains the department's most significant operational challenge.

Increasing recreational boat traffic has resulted in:

- Parking shortages
- Traffic congestion
- Increased launch delays
- Higher demand for dock space
- Increased maintenance requirements

Continued evaluation of parking, traffic circulation, dock capacity, and public access improvements will remain a priority to safely accommodate future growth.

VII. PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026–2027

The department's priorities for the coming fiscal year include:

- Construct an additional dock to improve vessel access and reduce launch congestion.
- Update Surveillance Cameras
- Complete replacement of aging public boat ramp floats.
- Continue implementation of grant-funded pier infrastructure improvements.
- Work with Town leadership to improve parking and traffic circulation at the Pine Point Co-op.
- Continue deployment, training, and operational development of the new Public Safety Response Vessel.
- Expand boating safety education and youth outreach programs.
- Continue protecting Scarborough's marine resources through proactive management, education, and enforcement.

ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION

Jennifer Cross



The Animal Control Officer responded to a wide range of domestic animal, wildlife, nuisance, and public safety concerns while also providing education, ordinance enforcement, and assistance to residents throughout the community.

1,034	11	26	108
Calls for Service	Summonses / Ordinance Violations Issued	Reports Taken	Beach patrols for dog ordinances

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & SPECIAL SERVICES

Education	Presented to Pat Ragen's Ecology class and to the women of Kaler-Vaill retirement home answering questions about the role of Animal Control Officers and local wildlife.
Equine Adoption	Completed a Wild Horse and Burro title application inspection for the official adoption of a mustang at Flaherty's Farm.
Citizen Support	Provided humane trap assistance and education, nuisance-wildlife guidance, lost animal assistance and referrals for sick and injured wildlife.

CALLS FOR SERVICE & ASSISTANCE

Domestic Animals / Public Assistance	Count	Wildlife / Nuisance Animals	Count
Barking dog complaints/patrols	80	Fox calls	59
Dog bite cases	8	Bear calls	6
Stray or lost dog reports	16	Coyote calls	12
Stray or Lost cat reports	22	Duck calls	28
Animal Trespass Complaints	19	Injured bird calls	35
Dogs in hot vehicles	34	Raccoons calls	46
Rooster crowing complaints	13	Deer calls	64
Pet rabies refusal / bite quarantine cases	2	Nuisance groundhog calls	60
Humane trap assistance & education	46	Turtle calls	6
Livestock calls	15	Nuisance skunk calls	27
Owner surrender to Animal Refuge League	2	Seals on beach	10

ENFORCEMENT & VIOLATIONS

Animal Control issued numerous warnings and citations in FY26.

Dangerous Dog 1	**Animal Trespass** 1	**Public Beach Dog Violation** 3
Dog at Large 4	**Failing to Provide Proper Shelter** 2	**Warnings given for dog on beach ordinance violations** 235



LOOKING AHEAD

CONTINUING OUR COMMITMENT
TO SCARBOROUGH

As we close Fiscal Year 2026, the Scarborough Police Department reflects on a year of continued service to our community through proactive policing and professional service. We remain focused on keeping Scarborough safe and welcoming.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to enhancing public safety through continued training, community engagement, and effective use of technology.

Sincere appreciation is extended to our officers, dispatchers, civilian personnel, volunteers and community partners. Your dedication, professionalism, integrity and compassion help make Scarborough a safe place to live, work, and visit.

Thank you to the residence of Scarborough and the many businesses for their continued trust and support towards our department.

Thank You!