



P O L I C E M O N T H L Y R E P O R T

To: Dennis Bullen, Town Manager
From: Lee Miller - Police Chief *(Signature)*
Date: May 1st, 2026
RE: Police Department Report for April 2026

Monthly Stats: Law Incidents: 315, Traffic Stops: 125, Total Criminal Violations: 7

Police Department Updates

Message from Chief Miller

Well I am certainly glad we are into spring and it's a bit warmer out there, this month I want to take a moment to provide an update on the Police Department and to ensure there is a clear understanding of the realities of modern policing and what it takes to operate an effective, professional agency.

Today's law enforcement environment requires a significant commitment to training, supervision, and investment in equipment and technology. Becoming a police officer is not a simple process—there are extensive standards, background investigations, and ongoing accountability measures in place to ensure professionalism and public trust. These expectations continue throughout an officer's career and require consistent organizational support.

I am aware there has been discussion about potentially reducing positions within public safety. I want to provide some important context as you consider those conversations. Building a fully functional police department takes time. It often requires over a year to properly train a new officer, and typically three to five years for that officer to develop into a well-rounded, experienced member of the team.

For a period of time, funding levels have not fully aligned with the demands placed on the department. We are now making meaningful progress toward addressing those gaps, and it is important that we continue moving in that direction. Policing carries one of the highest levels of liability within municipal government. The authority entrusted to officers—particularly when it involves restricting individual freedoms—must always be exercised lawfully, professionally, and under strong supervision with adherence to current case law.

We have recently hired several new officers who are showing strong potential. However, they require time, structured training, and consistent supervision to succeed. Adequate staffing is critical to support their

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development and to ensure we are providing the level of service the community expects.

Our operational goal is to maintain two officers on duty at all times, with overlapping supervisory coverage. This model significantly improves officer safety, strengthens response capabilities, and allows for proactive policing efforts rather than strictly reactive responses.

Operating with a single officer on duty creates clear limitations. It impacts our ability to effectively address ongoing issues such as drug enforcement and OUI cases, both of which require time, coordination, and a safe working environment. Many calls for service carry inherent risk, and relying on outside agencies for routine backup is not a sustainable or efficient approach.

Proper staffing allows us to respond more effectively, engage in proactive enforcement, and reduce risk—for our officers, our community, and the Town as a whole. It is also a key factor in managing and reducing liability exposure.

I appreciate your continued support and your willingness to engage in these discussions. If there are questions or if additional information would be helpful, I am always available.

Policies and Administrative

We recognize Administrative Professionals Day on April 22nd, and we want to give a huge thank you to Britny Worster for everything she does for the Lincoln Police Department.

Britny is the driving force behind the scenes, keeping our department organized, on track, and moving forward every single day. From managing the details that often go unseen to ensuring everything and everyone are where they need to be, she truly keeps us running.

Policies and Administrative Cont.



Without her, we would be way behind. Her dedication, professionalism, and attention to detail make a difference not only within our department but in the service we provide to our community. Britny is the key behind-the-scenes piece, and we are incredibly grateful to have her on our team. Thank you, Britny, for all that you do!

You can now get your crash report online, this was no extra cost to the department it was just another way to receive your crash report, we get a lot of requests from insurance companies and it will actually save us some time getting reports for them.



[Click Here to Order Report](#)

Grants

We just received a Walmart Sparks grant for 1500.00. We are planning to use this money for community events like fishing with a cop and National Night Out.

Some pictures below from our old then new evidence room, from our grant, it really came out great.



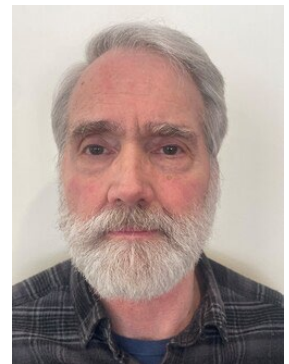
Patrol and Detective Highlights

Detective Jacobs has been actively working on multiple property crime investigations this month. In one case, the department had property in our possession that was believed to be stolen. Within a couple of weeks, an individual came forward, and through follow-up investigation, it was confirmed that the property belonged to them, allowing us to return it to its rightful owner.

In another case, Detective Jacobs collaborated with several outside agencies and executed a search warrant on a storage unit in Holden, Maine, which led to the recovery of stolen items. This was a strong example of effective interagency cooperation and investigative work.

We have made numerous arrests this month, including several for operating under the influence (OUI), a domestic violence-related incident, and multiple traffic-related offenses.

Additionally, a new registered sex offender has moved into the community. When this occurs, we carefully review the circumstances to ensure compliance with local ordinances. This is the first instance since the town updated its ordinance last year. After review, it was determined that the individual's residence complies with the ordinance, as it is not located within the prohibited distance of a school or daycare facility. The individual is identified as Wayne Buchanan, age 71, classified as a Tier 2 offender with a 25-year registration requirement. His conviction was for possession of sexually explicit material involving a minor under the age of 12.



Detective Jacobs is currently reviewing the timeline of Mr. Buchanan's relocation to determine whether he may be in violation of any registration requirements. Additional information will be provided in next month's report.

Community Outreach

We are doing a scam presentation on May 14th at 1pm at the town office. This one-hour presentation will cover current scam trends we are seeing both locally and across the region. Unfortunately, over the past year, our department has investigated multiple cases where individuals have lost thousands of dollars to scams.

Don't let it happen to you. This is a great opportunity to learn how to recognize scams, protect your information, and keep your hard-earned money safe.

Please RSVP:

Email: stewart.jacobs@lincolnmaine.org

Call: 207-794-8455

We encourage everyone to attend—this information could make all the difference.

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

The week of April 12th, we proudly recognized and celebrated the incredible professionals behind the scenes—the true first, first responders—who help keep our community safe every single day: the dedicated men and women of the Penobscot Regional Communications Center.

When you call 911, the first voice you hear isn't a police officer, firefighter, or EMT—it's a dispatcher. In those critical first moments, they bring calm to chaos, gather life-saving information, and set every emergency response into motion. Here in Lincoln, we are grateful to work alongside the outstanding team at Penobscot Regional Communications Center. Their professionalism, composure, and commitment make a difference in every call they take.

Thank you for being the steady voice at the start of every emergency and for everything you do for our community.



Trainings

Officer A. Winslow recently completed training as a Radar and Lidar Instructor. Having this capability in-house allows us to provide consistent, high-quality training for our officers while also ensuring our radar equipment remains properly maintained, calibrated, and up to date. This is an important step in strengthening both our enforcement efforts and overall operational readiness.

Trainings Cont.

I also attended a Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Associates training in southern Maine last week focused on *Leadership Tactics and Strategies for Tumultuous Times*. The course featured instructors from across the country and was attended by police chiefs representing communities from Fort Fairfield to Cape Elizabeth. It was a valuable opportunity to learn, share perspectives, and bring back ideas that will benefit our department and community. Strong leadership requires continuous growth, and I remain committed to that process.

Staffing

Officer N. Milner has successfully completed Field Training and is now assigned to solo patrol duties.

Officer House continues to progress through Field Training and is currently working with Sgt. Mason.

Officer Manna and Officer Denlinger have completed their range weeks and are now in the final phase of the police academy, with graduation anticipated in early June.

Kate from Community Health and Counseling has been reassigned due to staffing shortages. We will be working with a new representative in the coming weeks; however, services may not be available as frequently during this transition.

Month Vehicle Information

This information is up to date information, and the link is always public-facing, so you can access it anytime. This is the easiest way to keep everyone informed.



Scan the QR code or use the link below.

<https://public.powerdms.com/LincolnMEPD/documents/2698415>

Follow approximately:

4594 – 143,716 162 gallons at 15 miles per gallon
9297 – 54,210 74.3 gallons at 15 miles per gallon
3640 – 12,268 93.1 gallons at 15 miles per gallon
4299 – 10,272 166.6 gallons at 15 miles per gallon
9571 – 9,569 137.4 gallons at 15 miles per gallon
9934 – 15,222 216 gallons at 15 miles per gallon
6300 – 5,730 206 gallons at 15 miles per gallon