



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

To: Wade Shaefer, Interim Town Manager
From: Lee Miller - Police Chief
Date: June 4th, 2026
RE: Police Department Report for May 2026

Police Department Updates

Message from Chief Miller

Our team continues to work extremely hard despite facing significant staffing challenges. Currently, we are operating with several officers unavailable due to injuries and recent departures from the department. As a result, our remaining staff have been carrying a heavier workload while continuing to provide the professional level of service our community expects and deserves. Their dedication, commitment, and willingness to step up during this period have been outstanding, and I am incredibly grateful for their efforts.

The good news is that help is on the way. We currently have two officers attending the Maine Criminal Justice Academy who recently passed their final examinations and are scheduled to graduate on June 5th. This is a major accomplishment for both officers and an important step forward for our department. Once they return, they will begin their field training program and continue developing the skills necessary to serve the community independently.

Recruitment remains a top priority. We are actively working to fill additional vacancies and are planning to send another officer candidate to the August academy. We have recently extended a conditional offer of employment to an individual who is completing his military service and relocating back to the area with his family. We are excited about the experience, discipline, and leadership qualities he could bring to our organization.

In addition, we have hired a new reserve officer, Taylor Haines. While Taylor does not have prior law enforcement experience, he is a career firefighter from Old Town and brings a strong public service background, excellent character, and a commitment to serving others. He will begin his field training next week, and we look forward to helping him develop into a valuable member of our team.

Message from Chief Miller Cont.

Law enforcement continues to be a challenging profession, and recruiting qualified candidates has become increasingly difficult across the state and nation. Finding the right people for our department is even more challenging because we remain committed to maintaining high professional standards. While it may take longer to fill positions, we will not compromise on the quality, integrity, and character we expect from those who wear our badge. Building a strong team is essential to the long-term success of the department and the trust we maintain with the community we serve.

Community Outreach

We had a fantastic time at the Bike Rodeo, helping young riders develop their bicycle skills, build confidence, and learn the importance of safe riding practices. Events like this provide a fun, hands-on opportunity for kids to improve their abilities while reinforcing important bicycle safety habits that will serve them well both on and off the road.



A special thank you to Officer Nic Milner for stopping by and lending a hand throughout the event. His willingness to engage with participants, answer questions, and support the activities helped make the day enjoyable and successful for everyone involved.

We appreciate all the families, volunteers, and community partners who helped make this event possible and look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

Community Outreach Cont.

Our radar trailer is back in service and helping us monitor traffic speeds throughout the community.

While the flashing speed display serves as a helpful reminder for drivers to slow down, the trailer does much more than display vehicle speeds. It also collects valuable traffic data, including vehicle volumes, average speeds, and peak traffic times. This information helps us identify areas of concern, better understand traffic patterns, and deploy our officers more effectively to address speeding complaints and improve roadway safety.

The data gathered by the trailer plays an important role in our traffic enforcement efforts and helps ensure that our resources are focused where they can have the greatest impact.

Residents can expect to see the radar trailer deployed in different locations around Lincoln throughout the summer and fall as we continue working to make our roads safer for everyone.

The Lincoln Police Department would like to extend our sincere thanks to Walmart for stopping by last week and

delivering special treats to our staff in recognition of Police Week.

We are incredibly grateful for your thoughtfulness, generosity, and support of our officers and staff. Acts of kindness like this serve as a reminder of the strong partnership we share with our community and the appreciation that exists for the work our team does each day.



Community Outreach Cont.

Community support means a great deal to us, and gestures like yours do not go unnoticed. Thank you for helping make Police Week a little more special for the members of the Lincoln Police Department. We truly appreciate your continued support!

The Lincoln Police Department would like to extend a sincere thank you to Jennifer Misek of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for taking the time to present an important Scam Awareness Presentation to our community.



Special Agent Misek provided valuable information on current scam trends affecting individuals both locally and across the region. With scams continuing to impact so many people and costing victims thousands of dollars, education and awareness are critical in helping protect our residents. We appreciate Special Agent Misek's professionalism,

knowledge, and commitment to public safety, as well as everyone who attended the presentation. Partnerships like these help strengthen our community and keep people informed and safe.

Patrol and Detective Highlights

Arrest Made for Sex Offender Registry Violation

On May 4th, 2026, at approximately 9:55 a.m., officers from the Lincoln Police Department arrested 71-year-old Wayne Buchanan at a residence on Trails End Road in Lincoln for violations related to the Sex Offender Registry.

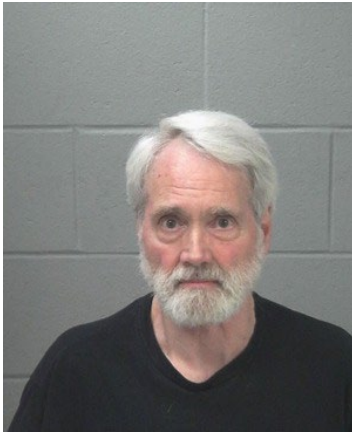
This arrest followed an investigation into Buchanan's residency and compliance with registration requirements. Buchanan had reported on April 21st to the Lincoln Police Department that he intended to register as a sex offender. However, subsequent investigation determined that he may have been residing in Lincoln for a significant period of time prior to that registration and had not been reporting his correct address as required by law.

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Further investigation revealed that Buchanan had listed a primary address in Osborn.

Officers determined that this location did not appear to be a viable residence, as it consisted of a small structure not suitable for habitation and showed no signs of active occupancy.

Investigators developed information indicating that Buchanan had been residing at a Trails End Road address in Lincoln for an extended period. Interviews and records obtained during the investigation supported that this location was his primary residence.



Officers made contact with Buchanan at the Trails End Road residence, where he was taken into custody without incident. He was transported to the Penobscot County Jail.

Buchanan was charged with Failure to Register as a Sex Offender (Class D), in violation of 34-A M.R.S. §11227 (first offense) and Unsworn Falsification (Class D) in violation of 17-A 453.1.B.1.

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Det. Jacobs, Officer McMoarn, and I attended the funeral services for Warden Joshua Tibbetts. While Maine is a large state geographically, the law enforcement community is



close-knit and deeply supportive. We made it a priority to be present to honor Warden Tibbetts' service and to stand in support of the Maine Warden Service during this difficult time.

Sgt. Mason also had the opportunity to have lunch with our two cadets, Officer Manna and Officer Denlinger, who are currently attending the 18-week Maine Criminal Justice Academy. It was a great chance to connect with them personally and hear firsthand about their progress and experiences in training. We are extremely proud of the hard work, dedication, and professionalism both officers continue to demonstrate as they work through the academy. Their

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commitment has been evident throughout the program, and they continue to represent the department well.



Both Officer Manna and Officer Denlinger are scheduled to graduate on June 5th. Following graduation, they will return to the department to begin the next phase of their training, working alongside a Field Training Officer as they transition into full-time patrol duties.

We have been conducting mandatory wellness check-ins with each officer as part of our ongoing commitment to their health and well-being. These sessions are designed to give every member of the department a dedicated opportunity to talk, decompress, and process the wide range of experiences encountered in law enforcement—even if they feel they do not necessarily need it at the time.

The goal is to create a safe and supportive space where officers can openly discuss anything they are carrying with them from the job, whether it feels significant or routine. As I remind our team, even if the conversation does not feel personally impactful in the moment, it may still provide value to someone else in the room or help us better support the team as a whole.

These check-ins are an important part of maintaining a healthy, resilient, and connected department.

We would like to recognize our intern, Cole Andrei, for his hard work and dedication to the Lincoln Police Department this semester.

Cole was our second college intern over the past year and spent two days a week with us during the second semester, completing more than 120 internship hours. During his time with the department, he took on an important project scanning and organizing a large volume of older records, helping to improve our file management system and overall daily operations.

Cole consistently came in with a strong work ethic, a positive attitude, and a willingness to help wherever needed. He was a valuable addition to the team, and his contributions made a noticeable impact on our efficiency and organization.

While we are sad to see him go, we are very appreciative of his efforts and wish him continued success as he moves forward in his education and career.

We are also pleased to announce that we have selected our next intern, who will begin in June. He is a Lincoln resident and a student at Eastern Maine Community College, and we look forward to welcoming him to the department.



Grants

The federal vest funding has now been approved, and we have received an award of \$2,637. While this is below the approximately \$5,000 that was requested, it will still be used to offset the cost of ballistic vest purchases for the department.



As a reminder, ballistic vests are issued to specific personnel, meaning a new vest must be purchased for each newly hired officer. In addition, each vest has a required replacement cycle of five years, which creates an ongoing equipment cost for the department.

The congressional funding request is still pending final processing. It has been approved in principle, and we are currently waiting on the next communication/email to move forward with the remaining steps in the process.

Trainings

We have launched a new training series titled "Path of the Guardian," a weekly online program focused on current and emerging case law. The series is designed to keep our personnel up to date on legal developments, reinforce sound decision-making, and reduce liability through consistent, ongoing education.

Officer K. Milner recently completed a Methods of Instruction course, which provides the foundational skills needed to effectively deliver training in a classroom setting. This certification is a required step as he prepares to become a firearms instructor next month.

In addition, Officer K. Milner and Officer Morales attended a three-day Field Training Officer (FTO) course. This training prepares them to serve as FTOs for incoming officers, ensuring they are equipped to properly guide, mentor, and evaluate new personnel as they begin their careers with the department.

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 – 144,969 144 gallons at 15 miles per gallon
9287 – 55,186 77 gallons at 15 miles per gallon
3640 – 16,646 139 gallons at 15 miles per gallon
4299 – 13,548 289 gallons at 15 miles per gallon
9571 – 10,393 144 at 15 miles per gallon
9934 – 18,265 315 gallons 15 miles per gallon
6300 – 8,943 315 gallons at 15 miles per gallon

Monthly Stats: Law Incidents: 330, Traffic Stops: 72, Total Criminal Violations: 10