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## **Safety**

For the past two years Lee has been recognized as one of the 10 safest places to live in New Hampshire! We continue to be proactive in our enforcement of state laws and the protection of our wonderful community.

The Town of Lee and the Police Department have grown substantially since the 1950's when there were only 583 residents and a part-time Police Department. Times are changing and so are the frequency and types of crimes that occur in Lee. To address the growing population and additional needs of the Town, the Police Department has increased to eight full-time officers and a part-time officer.

Goal 1: To continue to provide the professional, visibly dedicated and effective police service that the residents of Lee have been accustomed to and desire.

### Action items

- Remain involved in the community events and service projects such as the Lee Fair, assisting the Lee Community Church with delivery of food baskets, providing for families in need during the holidays, End 68 Hours of Hunger Project at the Oyster River School District, Adopt a Highway program, assisting residents during emergency weather events.
- Remain visible to youth as a positive support for them and the community by continuing to host tours of the Police Station for students from Mast Way School and child care centers in Town.
- Conduct Directed Patrols in areas of concerns for speeding.
- Proactive patrolling to deter property crimes.

Goal 2: Continue to improve the Police Department's equipment/training

### Action items

- Monitor equipment and training needs and seek grant funding for implementation.
- Apply for grant funds from the National Highway Safety Administration to conduct extra speed and DWI patrols.
- Develop an Active Threat Response Plan for the Town.
- Train officers and Town employees in implementing the Response Plan
- Offer Threat Response training to residents.
- Offer self-defense classes for residents.

Goal 3: Continue to find ways to retain and attract experienced officers.

### Action items

- Offering more training opportunities for current police officers.
- Obtaining grants for added patrols to give officers an extra earning opportunity.

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- Maintaining up-to-date technology and equipment to give officers the tools needed to perform at their best.

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