

POLICE BLOTTER

By Annmarie Timmins
Concord Monitor staff

Cory Porter, 22, of Chester Turnpike in Allenstown, is accused of putting his car in reverse February 17 and ramming an Andover police cruiser while an officer was standing next to Porter's driver's-side window. Porter

was indicted on charges of reckless conduct, resisting arrest and criminal mischief.

According to the indictments, which are a formal charge that sets a case for trial, Porter hit the Andover cruiser several times.

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East Andover Fire Department

By Rene Lefebvre
Chief, East Andover Fire Department

Permits are now required to burn outside. The law states that you must obtain a burn permit from your local forest fire warden. The permit will allow you to burn brush between the hours of 5 PM and 8 AM the next morning. After that, the fire must be completely extinguished, as the fire towers will spot the smoke and report your burn as a fire, and we will be called to respond. The wardens are allowed to extend burn times when it is raining, though a permit is still required.

We are often asked why we must get a permit and what good do they do? That is a fair question. Before we issue any permits we are made aware, by the State, of forest dryness and weather that will affect woodland conditions. Every day at noon the Forest Fire Service broadcasts the forest fire conditions for that day. Depending on several factors the Fire Service may change the "class of day" as the danger of a forest fire increases. Permits are only issued when the State Forestry people say it is safe to do so.

A second benefit of a permit is that we have a chance to look at the material to be burned, and once a permit has been issued we may stop by to make sure everything remains under control. It is easier, and less expensive for you, to control the fire than have the fire department chase it.

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Safe Boating

One of the requirements for being an emergency responder is that you must attend a lot of training and classes on a wide variety of subjects. In March we trained on safe boating. The class was given by the New Hampshire Marine Patrol. These people take boating and training to the level of operating an automobile on our highways.

Their goal with this training is to raise everyone's understanding of safe boat-

ing operations and the laws that pertain to the waterways. Upon completing the class and passing a written test, a card is issued by the State similar to a driver's license. This card is required to operate a boat with a motor larger than 25 horsepower on a New Hampshire lake.

I would recommend this course to anyone who enjoys our lakes in any type of craft. If everyone is aware of things like who has right of way, how to pass swimmers, and what buoys are for, the lakes will be safer and more enjoyable.

As a public safety person I have always taken drinking and driving as a serious issue. Boating under the influence of alcohol now will cost the use of your boat and the ability to drive your automobile.

Twenty of us completed the course successfully. While we are far from experts, we are safer boaters.

My experience with boating has been to rescue people from high water, go after stranded animals, and try to control floods. Thanks to the Water Safety course I was introduced to a whole new concept for boating. Apparently most people boat for fun, the sheer joy of being on the water and relaxation. Think I'm going to try that sometime.

Andover Rescue Squad

By Anne Hewitt
Andover Rescue Squad
Please Join Us!

The next regular meeting of the Andover Rescue Squad is Tuesday, May 8, at 7 PM at Proctor Academy, Shirley Hall Room 25. All who are interested in participating in the EMT Course this summer and/or joining the Andover Rescue Squad are invited to attend.

We are optimistic that this recruitment effort will boost the Rescue Squad membership to a level that can continue to support the emergency medical needs of the community. *Please come* if you have any interest in joining this vital service, and please pass the word along to friends or family!

Emergencies Take No Holidays

In fact, holidays and vacation times are often the busiest for emergency personnel. More people are on the road, outdoors, and – as we approach the summer season – on or near the water. People are relaxing, having fun, and sometimes not

being as careful as they should be.

Andover has the tools it needs to respond to car crashes, fires, accidents, and injuries. Our police department quickly responds to 911 calls; the fire department has tankers, ladders, and the Jaws of Life; our ambulance has up-to-date equipment and supplies to treat patients.

The most important element of the emergency response is PEOPLE. All the equipment in the world won't save a single life without PEOPLE to operate the tools. In Andover, as in many other rural towns, VOLUNTEERS are the key to the success of our Rescue Squad and Fire Departments. VOLUNTEERS who take the time for training and are available to respond when their pager activates are the vital "heart" of the system.

Can, and will, you join us?

Please come the informational meeting on May 8 or call Andover Rescue Squad President Ed Becker at 735-5338 to register for the EMT Course or if you have any questions.

Stephen Barton



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