



During a training exercise, John Bridgmon smiles proudly after he "saves" his "patient." John assisted his patient from the water onto the ice, and then the rope tender pulled the sled back from the danger of the thin ice. This cold-water rescue training took place in January of 2014 at Webster Lake. Franklin Fire trained Andover Fire how to rescue patients in the cold water and ice. John, who recently moved to Syracuse, New York, has great humor; he finds the fun in every situation! We hope New York appreciates him as much as we do!  
Caption: Meghan Barton

## Andover Fire Department Christmas Tree Sale Starts on Friday, December 4

6 to 8 PM at the East Andover Fire Station

Rene Lefebvre, AFD chief

On Saturday, December 5, the Andover Fire Department will be holding its annual Christmas tree sale. We will bring in fresh trees and set up our racks on Friday, December 4 in the early evening.

This year we will be available to sell trees as we set up. We have had several requests for Friday night sales, so this year we will.

We will be at the East Andover Fire Station on Friday, December 4 from 6 to 8 PM and on Saturday, December 5 from 8 AM until we are sold out. Delivery is free. Please join us. The smell of the trees and the excitement of the kids, young and old, is wonderful.

### Best Wishes, John Bridgmon!

One of our fire fighters is moving on to greener pastures. Lieutenant John Bridgmon has started a new career with a large construction firm in Syracuse, New York.

As training officer for the Andover Fire Department, John found innovative ways to teach and was responsible for introducing the latest techniques of our profession to our department.

John is also an advanced EMT. It has been my greatest pleasure to watch John treat his patients with skill and genuine compassion. His ability to quickly connect with injured people is rare in someone so young.

John is also one kick-butt fire fighter. We, his fellow fire fighters, wish him happiness and success. We also hope

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Andover's American Legion Post #101 presented a check for over \$300 to the Andover Lions Club to benefit the Andover Food Pantry. The money was donated during the Post #101 food drive at the Transfer Station in September and was in addition to many boxes of food that Andover residents dropped off during the drive for the Food Pantry.

In this photo, Lloyd Perreault of Post #101 hands the check to Ellie George of the Lions. Continuing to the left: Howard George, president of the Andover Lions; Skip Powers; commander of Post #101; Don Clendenen of Post #101; Heather Makechnie of the Lions; and Bill Leber of Post #101 and the Lions.  
Photo: Charlie Darling

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case Groesser were to visit. I felt that it was likely that he may visit the location in Andover rather than going back to his house after a robbery.

As I continued to monitor the residence that afternoon, I observed a vehicle leave the residence and pass my location. As the vehicle passed me, the suspect appeared to be in the passenger's seat. I then followed the vehicle and notified dispatch of Groesser being in the vehicle. I continued to follow the vehicle on Route 11 towards Franklin, with Franklin Police units heading in my direction.

When I reached Franklin, it was decided that we would make a motor vehi-

cle stop in Franklin on Route 3A, where it was less residential, in case they decided to start a pursuit. We were able to stop the vehicle on Route 3A, just south of Acme Staple, with the assistance of Officers Gotthardt and Ciavola of the Franklin Police Department.

The suspect in the robbery, Groesser, was taken into custody for the Bristol Police Department. Also taken into custody was the driver, Patrick Flood of Boscawen, who had a warrant for his arrest.

After the two males were taken into custody, I later went back to the residence in Andover they had left. The owner of that residence gave consent to search the residence for evidence of the robbery, but I found nothing.



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