

**LEYDEN PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
PROGRESS UPDATES  
NOVEMBER 7, 2022**

**LEYDEN'S PUBLIC SAFETY TEAM**

**POLICE**

**FIRE**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM**

# BERNARDSTON LEYDEN POLICE TEAM (BPD)

## CHIEF JAMES PALMERI

### OFFICERS:

Sergeant John Richardson

Officer Curtis Weaver

Officer Thomas Chabot

Officer Darren Gale

Officer Michael Kelly

Officer Mitch Waldron

Officer Jordan Zukowski

To contact an officer for a  
non-emergency or for a license call:

**413 772-2369**

Dispatch will contact the officer on duty.

### Services Provided:

- Full on-call response – same as Bernardston Residents
- 80 hours/monthly average dedicated time in Leyden
- Random Patrols of Leyden during the morning, afternoon and evenings.
- Weekly service logs and monthly financial logs provided to Leyden Selectboard

### Police Log Summary - July 1 to Oct. 1, 2022

911 Calls	5
Animal Complaints	7
Motor Vehicle Violations	7
Assist Citizen(s)/Community Policing	16
Radar/Traffic Enforcement	7
Suspicious Activity	7
Patrols (random throughout the day)	149

# TRANSITION

## **INVENTORY OF EXISTING LPD EQUIPMENT**

- Useable items to BPD as appropriate
- Useable items to Leyden Emergency Management & Medical Services as appropriate – radios, etc.
- Disposal of unusable items

**REORGANIZING POLICE SUBSTATION** and Planning for its Renovation with Leyden Building Needs Committee

**CRUISERS** – order new through grant and plan for replacement schedule, coordinating radio installation, documenting “dead zones”, and ordering repeaters.

**PLANNING FOR FUTURE REPLACEMENT OF OTHER EQUIPMENT**, such as duty firearms, etc.

**PARTICIPATION in the Bernardston Leyden Police Task Force** agreement development.

# COMMUNITY POLICING

MEET AND GREET AT MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING

LUNCH WITH COUNCIL ON AGING

PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

CAMPOUT ON AVERY FIELD

TRACTOR PULL

TRUNK OR TREAT

STOPPING AND SPEAKING TO RESIDENTS WHILE THEY ARE OUTSIDE - WALKING OR DOING YARD WORK

RENEWING FTD AND LTC LICENSES AS REQUESTED

## Bernardston Police Facebook Page – Nov. 3, 2022

\*\*\*\* Attention Leyden Residents \*\*\*\*

We've been conducting random radar around your town since July 1st. This morning we were on Eden Trail monitoring traffic. During our time there, we noted speeds between 25-35mph. The posted speed limit is 30mph. We appreciate acceptable speeds and will continue to monitor.

Driving at reasonable and prudent speeds makes for safer roads.

Thank you,  
Bernardston Police Department



## BERNARDSTON LEYDEN LOCKBOX PROGRAM

### To Participate:

- Fill out the form
- Mail it to the Bernardston Senior Center.
- Their outreach worker (OW) will call to make an appointment.
- The OW will visit you and install the lockbox.
- You have to provide a key and a code.
- The code will be given to Chief Palmeri who will provide it to Shelburne Dispatch.
- In an emergency, Dispatch will give the code to first responders.
- Free but donation appreciated

## File for Life

- Emergency medical and contact information
- Posted magnetically on your refrigerator
- When responding to a medical call, first responders look for this information
- Provides the confidential information that the medical responders and police need to help you.
- You are responsible for keeping this information up-to-date.
- Available for free but very valuable when needed.
- Provided by Triad to Council on Aging/Town Hall and Board of Health/Municipal Office building

# BERNARDSTON LEYDEN POLICE SERVICES TASK FORCE

## MEMBERSHIP

### LEYDEN:

- Liz Kidder, Citizen rep, Chair
- Bill Glabach, Selectboard rep
- Michele Higgins, Finance Comm.

### BERNARDSTON:

- Stan Garland, Selectboard
- Jane Dutcher, Finance Comm.
- Peter Nai, Citizen rep.

### CONSULTANT – Collins Center

- Mike Edwards, Project Manager
- Stephen Foley

## SCHEDULE

December 2022 – draft IMA finished by Task Force

December 2022

- Draft IMA posted on both town webpages for public review
- Draft submitted for legal review by each town's lawyers – cost covered by grant

January 2022

- Public Information Meeting in Leyden
- Sponsored by Leyden Selectboard
- Mike Edwards will present the draft IMA and answer any questions
- Opportunity for residents to provide input to Selectboard

January/February 2022

- Final review of IMA by Task Force
- Consider input from Lawyers and residents

February/March 2022

- Final IMA submitted to Bernardston and Leyden Selectboards for vote to adopt – starting date TBD

# FEASIBILITY OF A LEYDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT AGAIN

## FACTORS AFFECTING THIS OPTION

- Police Reform Act Requirements
- Bridge Academy
- Officers need to be “Post Certified”
- Fewer accredited officers
- Salaries increasing
- Fewer/end to part-time officers

## DISADVANTAGES

- Recruitment and retention will be difficult; high turnover should be expected
- Highest cost alternative
- Compared to sharing with Bernardston, lower level of on-call services being provided “in-house”, more by MSP
- Would be difficult to provide the level of support services found with Bernardston, resulting in lower level of community policing, social media/communications, mental health support, services of social worker/clinician, etc.

## BUDGET ESTIMATES – NOTE: FIGURES FROM COLLINS CENTER

Full-time Chief - \$100-130,000/year (salary plus benefits)  
 Certified Police Officer - \$ 65 -75,000 salary plus benefits  
 Part-time admin clerk - \$ 15,000/year  
 Expenses - \$ 15-20,000/year

**Subtotal annual budget** - \$195-240,000/year

### Equipment and other upgrades

New Vehicle and radios - \$70,000+/-????  
 Other expenses - To be identified ?????

<b>Service Comparison</b>		
	<b>BPD</b>	<b>LPD</b>
On-call services – 140 hours/week		80 hours/week
Patrolling/in town – 20 hours dedicated/week		80 hours/week
Dependence on Mass State Police for on-call response*		
	up to 28 hours/week	88 hours/week
<i>*many factors can affect this consideration</i>		

# FIRE

## Mission of the Dept.

- Provide a quick response capability for fire, EMS and other emergency situations/incidents to provide protection for the residents of Leyden
- Provide for the safety of all fire department personnel
- Ensure NFPA and OSHA Compliance
- Be a good partner to Tri-State Mutual Aid

GOALS FOR THE DEPARTMENT – “**FireNew**” or “Vital Response Team” or “Crack Rapid Response Crew”

Firefighting team – increase # of firefighters on roster  
develop fire department auxiliary to help during fire  
identify and ensure participation in training programs  
participation in mutual aid and regional organizations

Vehicles – update and focus on quick response  
New brush truck – (existing one is already planned for replacement)  
New quick attack vehicles for structure fires  
4WD, high clearance tanker/water source –  
good for Leyden and for Mutual Aid participation  
AWD EMS first responder vehicle – Leyden’s Tahoe is ready to go





# FIRE REALITY AND CHALLENGES

## VEHICLES

### Brush Truck

- we have \$50,000 in stabilization
- A new brush truck will cost \$90-100,000
- A new brush truck will take 1.5 to 2 years to get
- Grants are being researched but could take 2+ years
- Searching for a used super duty truck to convert to brush truck – not readily available but.... maybe....searching

### Quick Attack – for structure fires

- New and fully equipped can be \$275,00 to \$350,000
- New truck is at least 2.5 years if ordered ASAP
- Research used options – very limited availability but searching
- Investigating grant options but funding is at least 2 years

## WATER SOURCES

### Tanker

- 1500 gallons
- Requires only one firefighter to respond as a water source in town or mutual aid
- NOT 4WD nor high clearance
- Requires 4-5 firefighters to respond for structural fire situation

### “SQUAD” – Forestry Truck

- 700-900 gallons
- 4WD with high clearance
- Requires only one firefighter to drive as a water source
- Does not meet standards to respond for a structure fire

**Ideally** – one fire engine/tanker that is also 4WD with high clearance and meets all NFPA and OSHA certifications.

Research and feasibility for other options still underway – more information to come regarding Fire.

Need to focus on other equipment and firefighter safety needs.

Contact will be made with Senators McGovern and Comerford’s offices to explore grant funding options.

# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

## EMS Responsibilities/Coordination

### Leyden Emergency Medical First Responders adjunct to Fire Dept:

Firefighters  
2-3 EMTS  
1-2 EFR

Also,

Police Officers – BPD

### Ambulance Services

Colrain – Paramedic level  
Northfield – Paramedic level  
Greenfield (Town) – basic level

**“I AM RESPONDING” Aps coordinated with  
Shelburne Dispatch.**

## Collins Center

Feasibility study still underway

Stephen Foley talking to neighboring towns

Also conducting study for Northfield Ambulance

## GOALS and SUCCESS

Leyden’s Chevy Tahoe is now our EMS Vehicle for First Responders to use – extensive maintenance done by McGovern Chevy Dealer (and Glenn Caffery)

Need: an EMS Coordinator to oversee/recruit our medical first responders, their training, and administration.

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## PROGRESS TO DATE

- Emergency Management Committee has been established
- Meeting every two weeks to complete a Leyden Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP)
- Municipal Office Building – Emergency Operating Center and EMD office
- Town Hall – Emergency Shelter and secondary EOC/EMD office
- Plan to be reviewed by the Western MA MEMA office
- Plan to be signed by the Selectboard and other town officials

## NEXT STEPS

- Design series of tabletop drills to test the plan
- Focus of drill --Leyden's Municipal Vulnerability Plan
- Hurricanes → flooding, trees down, erosion along streams/rivers, severe winds, culvert and dirt road maintenance...how do we keep everyone safe and get to those in need.
- Additional volunteers will be needed to implement the plan drills and to train in case of an actual emergency.
- If anyone is interested in participating, please email your contact information to [Emergencymgt@townofleyden.com](mailto:Emergencymgt@townofleyden.com).
- Leyden's Emergency Management Committee will review the Plan and update it annually.
- Key tool – communication – between officials and between residents.

LEYDEN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AUGUST 22, 2022

