

## **June 05, 2014 Public Safety Committee Meeting New Gloucester Meeting House**

### **Members in Attendance:**

John Randall, Chairman  
David Lunt, Vice-Chairman  
Rep. Ellie Espling  
Steve Libby, Selectman's Liaison  
Nat Berry, Selectman's Liaison  
Frank Chambers, Secretary

7:09pm - Meeting called to order by John Randall, Chairman

- Meeting was held at the New Gloucester Meeting House. The meeting was televised.
- Tonight's guest speakers:  
Bill Ward (cadet partner) & Don Klemanski from Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)  
Kerry Joyce & Captain Broulet from Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
- John: How to interface CCSO with VIPS
- Steve: at a Cub Scout meeting and was talking with Bill Ward from New Gloucester about the VIPS Program.
- Captain Broulet has been with CCSO since 2006. Sheriff Kevin Joyce and Dan Pettengall got the VIPS program started in Standish at the end of 2007. The program is funded through donations, silent auctions, bean suppers, etc. Cars are donated. Members of the VIPS program are all volunteers. There have been a lot of complaints about speeding in New Gloucester and Gray. A speed message board can collect data about speeding. VIPS have three radar units and they report back to the CCSO. In the Standish area volunteers perform property check, traffic duty, Naples fireworks, Sebago Lake ice fishing derby, parades. A deputy is assigned to the events. VIPS are at fires, accidents, crime scene for crowd control. Help out at community events.
- Nat: do the volunteers have the ability to communicate with each other? The protocol is to communicate with dispatch.
- Don Klemanski: VIPS are not law enforcement officers. Currently there are 44 members.
- Ellie: what are the VIPS qualifications:  
Back ground checks are required, interviews, volunteers are asked to put in a minimum of 8 hours per month. Iris Program (scan technology).
- Nat: Iris scan vs. finger prints. Finger prints changes with age.
- John: liability issue? Liability is covered by the Cumberland County and members must be at least 18 years of age.

- Don Klemanski: Currently there is a Senior Awareness Program in the Town of Brunswick.  
Automobiles are all marked with County Program.
- David: What kind of back ground checks are performed?  
Members must have a proper driving record, criminal background check (felon, sex offenders, DUI), 18 years of age (male or female), finger print check through the state.
- Nat: can we contact the CCSO for a radar unit for a site location? Radar units can be sent out at various locations within the town. Emails have come in from citizens with complaints.
- Funds have come in for 9 VIPS vehicles. Some vehicles will be sent to other locations.  
Training is 13 weeks and 1 night a weeks, 15 to 20 hours of training.
- Nat: data on cell phone & texting usage?  
According to Kevin Joyce cell phone and texting has been rising.
- VIPS contact information:  
1-800-266-1444, Ext 2204  
Email: [vips@cumberlandcounty.org](mailto:vips@cumberlandcounty.org)  
[www.cumberlandso.org/vips.htm](http://www.cumberlandso.org/vips.htm)
- The next New Gloucester Public Safety will be held on July 3rd, 7:00pm at the New Gloucester Meeting House.