

New Bedford, Tri-Town, Fairhaven Police Departments receive Nero's Law K-9 training

"The Rochester Fire Department and Rochester Fire Association held the second of two classes on Nero's Law Police K-9 Training.

The class was well attended by members from the Rochester Fire Department, Rochester Police Department, MA, Mattapoisett Police Department, Fairhaven Fire-EMS, Acushnet Fire & EMS Department, New Bedford EMS, New Bedford Fire Department, and Raynham FD.

The class was instructed by Dr. Jason Lord from the New England Animal Hospital in Fairhaven. Fairhaven Police Officer Jillian Jodoin and K-9 Blue along with Raynham Officer Frank Pacheco and K-9 Bleky were on hand to allow the attendees a chance to conduct examinations and get a great understanding of how to operate around working K9s."-Rochester Fire Department.

All photos by the Rochester Police Department:



Tyngsborough Police rescue one from attempting alleged suicide leap from bridge

“According to Chief Richard Howe, at approximately 7:45 a.m., Tyngsborough Police Communication Specialist Bonney Murray took a call from a man who stated that he was on the Tyngsborough Bridge and was suicidal and needed help.

Sgt. Kenneth Healey, Officer Charles Rubino and Officer Evan Donnelly responded and located the man.

Upon arrival, the officers told the man that they were there to help him, and they were going to provide him with whatever help he needed. The officers spoke with the man until an ambulance arrived. The man agreed to get into the ambulance and the officers helped him inside. The man was transported to the hospital to receive care.

Following the incident, Tyngsborough Police notified their local mental health collaborative, the Frontline Initiative, and a clinician will be following up with the individual.

“This was excellent work by everyone involved and we’re very happy that this gentleman decided to get the help that he needed,” Chief Howe said. “I want to commend Sgt. Healey, Officer Rubino and Officer Donnelly for de-escalating the situation and using care and compassion to show this man that help was available. I also want to recognize Communication Specialist Murray who stayed on the line with the man for almost the entire time and worked to de-escalate the situation using her training in emergency medical dispatch (EMD), used by dispatchers in these types of high stress situations.”

Anyone who is having emotional distress or thoughts of suicide can call 988 to speak to a specialist for support.”

New Bedford Creative announces \$400,000 in awards celebrating arts, culture, creative expression

Over thirty cultural events, programs, and special projects, and forty individual artists will receive Wicked Cool Places, ARTnet, and Art is Everywhere funding to keep New Bedford Creative. In total, \$419,520 will support arts, culture, and creative expression in New Bedford through these awards.

The grant funding is part of the City of New Bedford’s investment in the arts using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

funds, administered through the New Bedford Economic Development Council's arts and culture-focused arm, New Bedford Creative.

Mayor Jon Mitchell commented, "A reverence for artistic expression was first woven into New Bedford's identity in the whaling era, when the city was a global focal point for new ideas and creativity. And that sensibility has endured. With a foundation of thriving cultural institutions, a beehive of working artists, and broad civic support for the creative sector, New Bedford today is a thriving cultural hub. This investment will enable us to deepen and broaden the cultural experiences available to our residents and visitors alike."

Wicked Cool Places is the grant program for making or keeping a place where things are happening and people want to be that involve residents, visitors or businesses in New Bedford's neighborhoods. This grant was originally created in 2019 with funding by the City of New Bedford's Arts, Culture and Tourism Fund, with additional support by Bristol County Savings Bank.

ARTnet is a new artist recovery and training network to help artists recover from the economic impacts of the pandemic by providing financial support, business planning support, training workshops, and access to a network of creative-entrepreneur peers.

Mayor Jon Mitchell announced the allocation of ARPA funds to arts and culture in the city at a special event in May, 2022. On that occasion he noted that "the artists that comprise New Bedford's thriving arts community are themselves small businesses. Funding to accelerate their emergence from the pandemic represents a timely investment in our economy and will energize our cultural scene."

Art is Everywhere is a grant program that prioritizes creative solutions to expedite the recovery of the COVID-19 pandemic in New Bedford's neighborhoods. This grant was originally created

in 2020 with funding by MassDevelopment's Transformative Development Initiative (TDI) and the Barr Foundation as one component of a broader "TDI Creative Cities" initiative to boost arts-based economic development.

"All the artists, groups and projects awarded ARPA funds have a proven track record of giving back to the City of New Bedford," says Margo Saulnier, NBEDC's director of creative strategies. "Now, they are getting the support they need to maintain momentum as we all recover from the pandemic and lay a solid foundation to keep New Bedford Creative."

Grant applications were evaluated by independent review committees. Reviewers for Wicked Cool Places included members of the volunteer New Bedford Creative Consortium. Reviewers for Art is Everywhere are from organizations such as Coastline Elderly Services, Groundwork Southcoast, American Red Cross of Southeastern Massachusetts, PACE (People Acting in Community Endeavors), and City departments of Public Health and Community Services.

Learn more about the City of New Bedford's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding newbedford-ma.gov/arpa. Follow the evolution of New Bedford Creative at newbedfordcreative.org."

Grant Program	Entity Name	Description	Award
Art is Everywhere	AHA! (Art, History, Architecture)	The Seaport Sessions	\$6,500.00
Art is Everywhere	Artist David Andrews	Kids Open Art Week	\$5,000.00
Art is Everywhere	Cape Verdean Recognition Committee, Inc.	51st Cape Verdean Recognition Parade	\$10,000.00
Art is Everywhere	Cape Verdean Veteran Memorial Foundation, Inc.	CV Music Sundays	\$8,000.00
Art is Everywhere	Coastal Foodshed	Learn to Love Local - Showcasing Local Musicians & Artists	\$5,000.00
Art is Everywhere	Community Economic Development Center	Celebrando Guatemala	\$8,150.00
Art is Everywhere	DATMA: Massachusetts Design Art & Technology Institute	Open Studios on the Sidewalk	\$7,000.00
Art is Everywhere	Downtown New Bedford Inc.	#activatewingscourt	\$5,000.00
Art is Everywhere	Filmmaker Alyssa Botelho	Sweet Freedom, the story of Mary "Polly" Johnson	\$10,000.00
Art is Everywhere	Gallery X	High School Select Redux	\$5,000.00
Art is Everywhere	Good Company NB	Yoga + Art Camp	\$5,000.00
Art is Everywhere	La Soul Renaissance	La Soul Renaissance Spoken Word Poetry Show & Open Mic hosted by Erik Andrade with DJ Jules and Overflowing Cup Project	\$15,000.00

Art is Everywhere	Little People's College	The Mural of Peace & Hope	\$5,000.00
Art is Everywhere	New Bedford Festival Theatre	BELIEVE IN YOURSELF: An Education & Community Outreach Program in Conjunction with NBFT'S Production of The Wiz	\$14,600.00
Art is Everywhere	New Bedford Rowing Center	ROW New Bedford "Reclaiming Our Waterway"	\$6,000.00
Art is Everywhere	Our Sisters School	Creativity for a Better World - Youth Action, Impact, and Heart!	\$9,750.00
Art is Everywhere	Reggae on West Beach	Reggae on West Beach	\$15,000.00
Wicked Cool Places	3rd EyE Unlimited	5 Pillars of Hip Hop Pop-Up Series	\$5,000.00
Wicked Cool Places	Azorean Maritime Heritage Society	12th International Azorean Whaleboat Regatta in New Bedford	\$8,000.00
Wicked Cool Places	Buy Black NB	Buy Black NB Juneteenth Pop-up Vendor Market	\$8,000.00
Wicked Cool Places	Cape Verdean Recognition Committee, Inc.	Cape Verdean Recognition Week - Flag Raising	\$2,000.00
Wicked Cool Places	CEDC - Community Economic Development Center	Patio de Comidas y Festival Tipico de Guatemala	\$12,000.00
Wicked Cool Places	Coastal Foodshed	Learn to Love Local: Fighting Food Insecurity Through Increased Access to Local Food & Culturally Diverse Cooking Education	\$15,000.00
Wicked Cool Places	Downtown New Bedford Inc.	Activate dNB! Shop Small Crawl (May), Fall Fest (October), Holiday Stroll (December)	\$12,000.00
Wicked Cool Places	Dream Out Loud Center	New Bedford YOUTH LIVE	\$5,000.00

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Wicked Cool Places	Duende Studio	Integrated public art	\$14,520.00
Wicked Cool Places	New Moon Dance Party	New Moon Projects: BodyBodyBody, Riverside Beats, New Moon Roller Disco	\$10,000.00
Wicked Cool Places	Paulinarte	Traveling exhibition of Latino Artists	\$8,000.00
Wicked Cool Places	Queer Arts Council of New Bedford	AHA! PRIDE Block Party 2023	\$8,000.00
Wicked Cool Places	Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum	Shakespeare in New Bedford 2023 - The Tempest	\$6,000.00
Wicked Cool Places	Yoga Es Vida	The Mindful Jar and Kids Yoga Series	\$6,000.00
ARTnet	Alex Buchanan	Artist and fabricator	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Alison Borges	Oil painting & Charcoal Drawing	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Alison Wells	Mixed Media Painter	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Autumn Cyr	Graphic Design & Visual Art	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Candida Rose Baptista	Singer & Songwriter	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Catherine Carter	Abstract Painter & Art Educator	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Cedric Josey	Singer, Songwriter, Educator	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Crystal Cruz	Educator	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	David Andrews	Multimedia visual artist	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Dawn Lopes	Filmmaker and Writer	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Debra Smook	Visual Artist-Multimedia, Writer, Educator	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Dena Haden	Installation, sculpture, textile, visual artist	\$4,000.00

ARTnet	Emilio Tirado	Videographer, Photographer, Songwriter, music engineering	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Erik Andrade	Poet & Cultural Organizer, Artist	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Eufemia Reis	Painter	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Hendrick Hernandez	Music Producer	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Ian Lewis	Performing Arts Educator	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Ilean Morgan	Multimedia Artist: graphic design, photography, videography, music	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Iva Brito	Poet & Artist	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Jessica Gracia	Videographer, Photographer, Painter, Sculpture	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Jonathan Cruz	Actor & Filmmaker	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Jose Galarza	Tattoo Artist	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Julian Juan	DJ	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Kathi Chase	Acrylic & Mixed Media Painter	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Kristin duCharme	Interdisciplinary Artist	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Madeline Peach	Figurative painter	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Marcus Barrett	Performer, songwriter, videographer	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Marisol Rosa	Healing Artist	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Michael Monteiro	Musician & producer	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Michael Pietragalla	Practicing wood artisan and craftsman	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Michelle Lapointe	Stained glass artist, painter and photographer	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Nicole Luz	Indigenous multidisciplinary artist	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Pamela Hoss	Painter & Drawing	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Paula Robinson Deare	Multi Media Cultural Practitioner	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Paulina Fuenzalida	Textile Artist	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Ronald Barboza	Photographer and Artist	\$4,000.00
ARTnet	Samantha Garlington	Photographer	\$4,000.00

New Bedford Community Preservation Committee recommends 23 Projects for funding

“The City of New Bedford’s Community Preservation Committee has voted to recommend 23 projects to the New Bedford City Council for a total of \$2 million in FY23 funding through the Community Preservation Act (CPA).

The recommended CPA funding would support projects in areas including affordable housing, outdoor recreational facilities, and historic preservation.

The Committee received 24 applications during the FY23 CPA application cycle, seeking a total of just over \$2.2 million. In deciding how to allocate the \$2 million in available CPA funds, the Committee weighed priorities in the FY23 Community

Preservation Plan, whether the proposals could achieve full or partial funding through CPA support, and which proposals best met CPA criteria. One application withdrew from consideration and was invited to reapply during the FY24 application cycle.

The Committee has submitted the FY23 CPA Funding Recommendations to the City Council to be placed on its March 23, 2023 agenda.

The City Council has the final authority to award CPA funds and approve projects as recommended, approve projects at reduced funding levels, or reject projects. Should the City Council vote to reject or reduce funding for a recommended project, the Committee will have an opportunity to respond and/or to adjust the project's scope or terms prior to a final decision by the City Council.

Below are the projects recommended for FY23 CPA funding:

Affordable Housing:

- Temple Landing II \$162,099

Historic Preservation:

- Capitol Theater \$270,827
- City Clerk Record Preservation Phase II \$50,000
- Coffin Howland House Feasibility Study \$4,000
- Ft. Taber Ft. Rodman Museum 212th Field Artillery Mural \$12,000
- Gallery X Stained Glass Windows \$90,000
- Historic Cemetery Public Tombs Structures Assessment \$24,000
- Historic Tea Kettle Restoration \$12,000
- James Arnold Mansion Mansard, Dormer and Cornice Repair \$175,000
- New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center Fishing Community History Archive \$25,000
- New Bedford Free Public Library Historic Paintings Conservation \$15,000
- New Bedford Free Public Library Mobile Archive Shelving and

Cabinets \$101,767

- New Bedford Whaling Museum Digitization of Whaling Logbooks and Journals \$26,655
- Rotch-Jones-Duff House Masonry Roof Replacement \$48,000
- Rural Cemetery Gravestone Conservation \$48,000
- Rural Cemetery Office Building Restoration \$100,000
- Sgt. William H. Carney House Porch \$27,500
- Strand Theater Restoration \$240,000
- Thomas Department Store Restoration \$191,900

Outdoor Recreational Facilities:

- Boys and Girls Club Playground \$47,167
- Pine Hill Park – Mill Interpretive Overlook \$45,000
- Ricketson Nature Center \$34,085
- Sgt. William H. Carney Academy Playground \$250,000

For more information on the CPA program and the FY23 projects, visit:

<http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/planning/community-preservation/>

Background on the Community Preservation Act

New Bedford voters adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA) through a ballot question in November 2014. The statewide enabling legislation allows communities to create dedicated funding for projects that support open space, outdoor recreational facilities, historic preservation, and affordable housing activities in the city.

Oversight of this process rests with the Community Preservation Committee, the body established by the City to oversee the CPA program in New Bedford.

Since FY18, the Committee has recommended, and the City Council has approved, 79 grants totaling over \$8.4 million in CPA funding for projects that have preserved historic resources and open space, created community housing opportunities, and improved and created recreational facilities throughout the city. In addition, these grants have

enabled organizations to leverage an additional \$7.2 million in funding from private foundations, state and federal governments, and other sources.”

New Bedford businesses can now earn an, “Our Business Recycles” window cling!

“Does your business recycle everything it can? Earn an “Our Business Recycles!” window cling to show customers you are doing your part to reduce waste.

To earn the window cling, each business must meet the following requirements:

- Be a business located in New Bedford.
- Have recycling containers with fewer than 3 contaminants. Contaminants include all items other than bottles, cans, jugs, jars, paper, and cardboard, as listed on this flyer.
- Have waste baskets with fewer than 3 recyclable items.
- Have a way to recycle cardboard. This could be by participating in the City’s business cardboard collection program, having a properly used cardboard dumpster, or by being able to fit the cardboard in your recycling cart(s).

If you think your business deserves the recognition, contact us and we will visit to verify the requirements are met. Also, starting in March, staff from the City of New Bedford and the Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District will partner with students from UMass Dartmouth to visit businesses. Images of you applying your window cling may be posted on New Bedford’s social media pages.

If your business is not currently eligible, you can:

- Increase recycling – Arrange private collection through your hauler or participate in the City's program to recycle bottles, cans, jugs, jars, paper, and cardboard.
- Ensure cardboard gets recycled- Arrange private collection through your hauler or participate in the City's program. Small to medium size New Bedford businesses can join the city's cardboard recycling program for free.

"What a great opportunity for businesses to display that they are ensuring that bottles, cans, jugs, jars, paper, and cardboard, which can be turned into new items are not going into the Crapo Hill Landfill! Our local landfill provides us with a low-cost disposal option, but it has limited space. We all need to do our part to reduce waste and recycle the correct items," said Jennifer Vieira, Director of Facilities & Fleet Management.

If you have questions, please email Marissa@gnbrmdistrict.org or call (508) 979-1493. For additional information, visit New Bedford Recycling on Facebook, Instagram, and Nextdoor, or follow @NBRecycling on Twitter."

Massachusetts State Police use genetic testing to ID 1978 murder victim, 'Granby Girl'

"The victim of an unsolved homicide dating back nearly 45 years has been identified thanks to advances in DNA testing

and dogged work by investigators.

The remains of a woman discovered Nov. 15, 1978 buried under leaves on a logging road off Amherst Road in Granby have been identified as Patricia Ann Tucker, born July 28, 1950. Later married names for her were Patricia Heckman, Patricia Dale, and, at the time of her disappearance and death, Patricia Coleman.

“Unsolved cases sometimes seem to go cold, but investigators never give up,” said Northwestern District Attorney David E. Sullivan. “The Massachusetts State Police, Granby Police and Northwestern District Attorney’s staff worked collaboratively for years to achieve this breakthrough in the investigation, and—most importantly—provide some answers to victim’s family.”



Ms. Tucker’s headstone in a Granby cemetery. Massachusetts State Police photo.

Tucker’s remains have been buried in a Granby cemetery with a headstone marked “Unknown” for decades. Though the victim has now been positively identified, the identity of her killer has

yet to be determined.

“While it’s satisfying to finally know who ‘Granby Girl’ actually was, the investigation won’t stop until we identify her killer and bring the family an additional measure of closure and justice,” said First Assistant District Attorney Steven E. Gagne, using the name by which the victim was referred to in media accounts following the discovery of her body. “This investigation has spanned decades, and will continue until each and every possible lead is explored.”

After the discovery of Tucker’s remains, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner ruled that the cause of death was a bullet wound to the temple and the manner of death was homicide. The office estimated that she had been dead since about June of 1978 and that she was between 19 and 27 years old.

Determining Tucker’s identity, however, proved troublesome in the decades that followed, until recent advances in DNA technology opened new and promising avenues. About two years ago, Massachusetts authorities engaged the services of Othram, a private forensic laboratory based in Houston, Texas.



Photos of Gerry Coleman (now deceased), person of interest in Patricia Tucker's homicide. Massachusetts State Police photo.

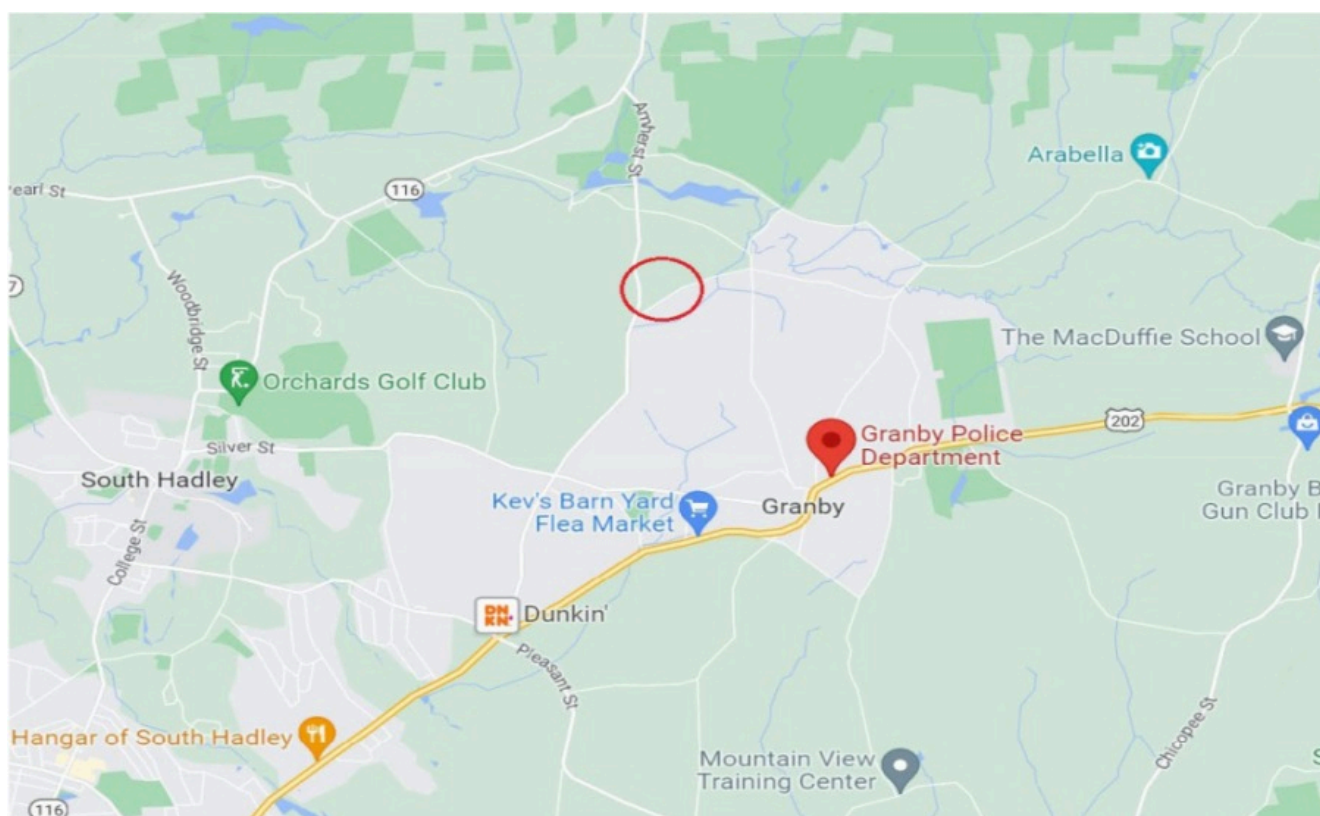
Othram obtained Tucker's DNA profile and, through forensic genetic genealogy, identified a woman in Maryland who was likely related to her. Police contacted that woman, who in turn led them to Tucker's adult son. Comparison of his DNA to Tucker's DNA resulted in a 100 percent parent/child match. Tucker's son was just five years old when she disappeared.

Subsequent investigation revealed that Tucker was married to Gerald Coleman at the time of her death. The two were married in 1977 in Middletown, Connecticut, and lived along the eastern shore of Lake Pocotopaug in East Hampton, Connecticut, at the time of her death. Gerald Coleman never reported his wife missing, and died in a Massachusetts state prison in 1996. Police say Gerald Coleman is a person of interest in his wife's murder.

During a press conference today announcing the development in the case, Frist Assistant District Attorney Gagne read the following statement from Matthew Dale, the son of Patricia Tucker:

“First, I would like to say thank you to everyone in trying to identify my mother and wrapping your arms around her, especially the community of Granby. Thank you for never giving up on her. At least I have some answers now after 44 years. It’s a lot to process, but hopefully, closure can begin now. Thank you again.”

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to contact the Granby Police Department by phone at 413-467-9222, email at jwhite@granbypd.org, or by submitting a message through their website, <http://www.granbypd.org/>.” - Massachusetts State Police.



Location of the discovery of Ms. Tucker's body on Nov. 15, 1978. Massachusetts State Police photo.

UPDATED: Missing Fairhaven Woman Has Been Found!

UPDATE!

“On behalf of the Fairhaven Police Department, we would like to thank all cooperating agencies and the general public for assisting us with our search. We are happy to announce Anapaula Huggins has been found alive by Police Units on a rocky jetty. Thank you all!”

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UPDATE: “In regards to the missing female Anna Huggins. For anyone that had surveillance cameras on their home please review them. If anything is found please contact the Fairhaven Police Department. Female may be barefoot and potentially in a maroon coat.”

Original article:

“The Fairhaven Police Department is currently searching for the following missing female.

Ana Huggins, age 40, of 84 Raymond St has not been seen for several hours and suspected endangered from the Sconticut Neck Area of Town. She was last seen wearing a burgundy coat and walking her dog and the dog was found around noontime on Bayview Avenue. Her husbands reported that she left around 7:00am and that she was having emotional issues.

Ana Huggins is the owner of Fairhaven Wellness Center 167 Huttleston Ave.

If you see or have seen her please contact the Police Department at 508-997-7421.”-Fairhaven Police Department.



Fairhaven Police Department photo.

Freezin' For A Reason: Massachusetts State Police Troopers, K-9s, take the Polar Plunge

"Massachusetts State Police C Troop Community Liaison Farrah Gray, MSP Cadets, and numerous fellow law enforcement officers

gathered at Polar Park in Worcester to take the "Polar Plunge" for Massachusetts Special Olympics.

Troopers and Cadets braved a dive into frigidly cold water for a great cause. This year the team gathered donations and raised money for the Special Olympics. Trooper Gray worked with fellow law enforcement officers to organize the event which was a resounding success.

Even K9 Luna was eager to get in the water, and took the plunge with the help of her handler Trooper Chad Tata of the MSP Employee Assistance Unit."-Massachusetts State Police.



Massachusetts State Police photo.



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Massachusetts State Police photo.

Massachusetts Gov. Healey launches Emergency Management Training & Education Center

The Massachusetts-led Center will host training on emerging topics, including climate change, to enhance regional preparedness and community resiliency.

“The Healey-Driscoll Administration today announced the launch of the Northeast Emergency Management Training & Education Center (NEMTEC), designed to strengthen regional response to climate change and other emergencies. Led by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), this comprehensive training program will provide advanced education and expanded resources to New England’s emergency management professionals, who face evolving challenges due to the increasing complexity and frequency of crisis events.

The six New England states formed NEMTEC to meet a growing need among state and local emergency managers for improved access to training on emerging trends and expanding risks, including human-made hazards, infectious diseases, and climate and weather-related emergencies. NEMTEC participants from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, Connecticut, and Rhode Island will learn the latest strategies, tactics, and skills to mitigate the severity of threats and improve outcomes.

“The establishment of NEMTEC represents another important step in the Commonwealth’s comprehensive approach to addressing emergency preparedness, including the challenges posed by the climate crisis. Today’s rapidly evolving threat landscape, driven in part by climate change, represents an immense challenge for the emergency management community,” said Governor Maura T. Healey. “When disaster strikes, emergency

managers require the specialized knowledge and unique capabilities to adapt and respond effectively. I commend MEMA for its leadership on this regional effort.”

Emergency management professionals are integral to the crisis mitigation, pre-disaster planning, and recovery efforts that lessen impacts and increase disaster resiliency. This innovative collaboration comes at a pivotal time when the threat landscape is rapidly changing. The World Meteorological Organization of the United Nations has reported that over the past 50 years, there has been a five-fold increase globally in the number of disasters driven largely by climate change and extreme weather, including droughts, storms, floods, and extreme temperatures. These events can have a devastating impact on communities and infrastructure.

“MEMA’s launch of NEMTEC underscores the Commonwealth’s commitment to protecting communities and mitigating disproportionate outcomes for impacted populations,” said Lt. Governor Kimberley Driscoll. “NEMTEC is a vital step in building a resilient and sustainable future for all of Massachusetts and the region.”

“With today’s ever-changing risk environment, there has perhaps never been a more important time to ensure emergency management practitioners are prepared to carry out their unique responsibilities and, most importantly, help those in need,” said Secretary Terrence M. Reidy. “NEMTEC will empower emergency managers to improve planning and bolster response operations, resulting in safer and more prepared communities. I am grateful to MEMA and our emergency management colleagues for strengthening our collective resolve through this important initiative.”

The Center will offer a variety of courses and workshops covering a wide range of topics, including the National Emergency Management Basic Academy, Emergency Operation Center Management, incident management, mission support, among

others. Courses will be offered through in-person, virtual, and hybrid modalities to increase participant accessibility and convenience.

“Emergency preparedness requires continuous investment in the women and men who dedicate themselves to this vital mission,” said Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe, Undersecretary of Homeland Security. “I would like to thank MEMA for its dedication to supporting the professional development of the emergency management community, and I look forward to NEMTEC’s positive impact on the field.”

“By working collaboratively with other states and offering a combination of virtual, hybrid, and in-person participation, we can ensure that professionals have direct access to the specialized training they need to succeed in their roles and keep our communities safe,” said MEMA Acting Director Dawn Brantley. “MEMA is also committed to the universal accessibility of this program to ensure that emergency management professionals with disabilities and those whose primary language is not English have equal access to the program and have their voices and perspectives incorporated.”

In addition to providing training and education resources, NEMTEC will also manage an extensive curriculum and cadre of experienced professionals to deliver these programs, ensuring that participants receive high-quality instruction from knowledgeable and experienced instructors. Participants can expect regular updates to course offerings that will incorporate emerging technologies and best practices in training and response to evolving threats and events within the region.

For more information about NEMTEC and to register for courses and workshops, please visit the MEMA website at www.mass.gov/mema/NEMTEC.” -Mass.gov.

UPDATE: Search for 19-year old Massachusetts man concludes after his body is found

The search for the missing 19-year-old from Hopkinton ended Tuesday night after authorities found his body in a wooded area of Milford.

Daniel Cambourelis-Haskins was reported missing by his mother on Monday. Her last conversation with him was on the phone just after 6:00pm, when he said that he had a flat tire on his bicycle. Unfortunately, his phone battery died shortly after the conversation.

A search of a large area near Louisa Lake, bike trails, and the Milford Quarry was undertaken utilizing drones and K9s, drones, and 50 police officers from multiple towns and cities. Local police also asked neighbors to check their doorbell cameras.

The investigation into his death and the circumstances are ongoing and is being conducted by the Milford, Hopkinton, and Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Worcester County District Attorney's Office.

This appears to be an isolated incident and there is no danger to the public.



Massachusetts State Police Photo.

Original article:

“Milford Police, Hopkinton Police, Massachusetts State Police, and other agencies are resuming their search today for Daniel Cambrourelis-Haskins, 19, of Hopkinton. Mr. Cambrourelis-Haskins was last heard from by a family member yesterday at 6:11 PM and was reportedly near the Milford Bike Trail and the area of Cedar Street in Milford.

He is about 6 feet tall, thin, with dark hair and some facial hair. He is believed to be wearing a beige coat, khaki pants

and has a green bike helmet.

Thirteen members of the MSP Special Emergency Response Team and MSP K9 Units and local officers from Hopkinton, Milford and the Central Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council and the Northeast Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council searched a large area near Louisa Lake, bike trails, the Milford Quarry. Search teams did not locate the missing man or any related evidence. Police are requesting the public's help by checking all home and commercial security cameras and checking their properties. If anyone sees Mr. Cambrourelis-Haskins or has information about him please call 911 or Milford Police at 508-473-1113. " -Massachusetts State Police.