

Massachusetts State Police Troopers retires afert 37 years of service to the Commonwealth

"On Wednesday, November 17, 2021 the State Identification Section gathered to honor Oliver Lewis and his 37 years of service to the MSP. Oliver is retiring from public service this Saturday November 20.

Oliver's hard work, dedication to public safety, and welcoming personality has persisted throughout his career and will be missed within the State Identification Section. Oliver started his career with the MSP on April 29, 1984 as an Identification Clerk in the Firearms Records Section.



Massachusetts State Police photo.

He then moved on to a Dispatcher position in July of 1985 at 1010 Commonwealth Avenue in Boston.

In January of 1986 Oliver transferred into the State Identification Section as an Identification Technician II and has been an outstanding asset to the MSP ever since.

Oliver's dedication was acknowledged at a luncheon with his coworkers where he received a Certificate of Excellence from Detective Lieutenant Christine Dorian for all his great work at State Identification Section. Oliver earned the nickname of 'Ollie Crime Fighter' over the years.

Major Mark Cyr also presented Oliver a Certificate of Appreciation for his 37 years of service on behalf of Colonel Mason. While Oliver will be missed, everyone at the State Identification Section wishes him well as he enjoys his well-deserved retirement. Congratulations to Oliver!"



Massachusetts State Police photo.

New Bedford Police Need Your Help to Find Missing Autistic Teen

URGENT ANNOUNCEMENT: As reported on the NBPD Facebook page; a city wide alert has been issued.

New Bedford Police Department is looking for a 13-year old girl who has been reported missing by her family. Her name is Cayreen, she is autistic and is missing from her home in the area of N. Front St./Deane St. She is approximately 5'07", heavy build, wearing a black shirt and black leggings.

She may be anywhere in the city and possibly even Fairhaven.

If located, please **immediately** contact the police.

Massachusetts State Police assist "Project New Hope" in distributing jackets for homeless

"Mr. Bill Moore from Project New Hope accepted a large donation of jackets collected for homeless Veterans in the Commonwealth. Pictured here are Captain Thomas Ryan, Major Matthew Gravini, Mr. Bill Moore, and Trooper David Rameau.

Project New Hope is dedicated to helping all Veterans, family members, and Gold Star families with the transition from

military life to civilian life with retreats. They have on hand VA, VET Center and private practice therapist to deal with Marital & family issues, PTSD, TBI, MST, and other conditions related to military service.” -Massachusetts State Police.

City of New Bedford Police Department Ofc. Silva retires

“Ofc. Paul Silva received his retirement plaque after 28 years of dedicated service to the New Bedford Police Department.

Silva was a cadet from April 1, 1990 to June 26, 1993. The next day, he started his career as a police officer until June 28, 2021. We thank you Silva, enjoy your retirement!” -City of New Bedford Police Department.

Massachusetts State Police volunteers take part in annual Pink Patch Project

“We were honored Saturday afternoon to take part once again in a great annual event, the gathering TD Garden of Massachusetts police departments who participate in the Massachusetts Pink Patch Project.

These officers routinely give of their own time in and around

their communities to raise awareness about cancer and support research.

Here are some scenes from the event, courtesy of Live Boston. It was a blast to be at center ice! #BeatCancerTogether #beatcancer #msptogetherwecan.”-Massachusetts State Police.

All photos by the Massachusetts State Police:



**The AHEAD Holiday Store is
Opening to Shoppers starting**

Friday, Nov. 19th in New Bedford

Each year there is great anticipation of this event and this season the **Ahead USA Company Store** will be open the next two weekends in November and an expanded weekday schedule starting in December. Every visit is different as the stock rotates daily, but you'll always find a great selection of clothes, hats, jackets, sportswear, golf apparel and accessories at amazing prices. The best part? *All of the products are made proudly right here in New Bedford.*

Important: Masks will be required to enter the store. Stop in this Friday and Saturday from 9am to 2pm.



Here is the full store schedule:



Holiday Store 2021

Hours of Operation

November

Day	Date	Time
Friday & Saturday	11/19 & 11/20	9am-2pm
Friday & Saturday	11/26 & 11/27	9am-2pm

December

Day	Date	Time
Wednesday - Friday	12/1 - 12/3	11am-6pm
Saturday	12/4	9am-2pm
Wednesday - Friday	12/8 - 12/10	11am-6pm
Saturday	12/11	9am-2pm
Wednesday - Friday	12/15 - 12/17	11am-6pm
Saturday	12/18	9am-2pm

Directions:

- Take Rt. 140 Exit 7 - New Bedford Industrial Park to 270 Samuel Barnet Blvd., New Bedford, MA 02745
- Drive to the end of Barnet Blvd. and enter the second ahead driveway
- Drive to the back of the building to the door labeled Store Entrance



And here are directions:

Take RT. 140 to EXIT 7 – NEW BEDFORD INDUSTRIAL PARK

270 SAMUEL BARNET BLVD., NEW BEDFORD, MA.

DRIVE TO THE END OF BARNET BLVD AND ENTER THE SECOND “AHEAD” DRIVE WAY

DRIVE TO THE BACK OF THE BUILDING TO THE DOOR LABELED STORE ENTRANCE.

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Westport Fire Department to welcomes two new firefighters to the ranks

“Congratulations to Call Firefighter Brody Pelletier (top), shown with his father, Westport Police Chief Keith Pelletier and Career Firefighter/Paramedic Steven Tabares (bottom) on their graduation from the Massachusetts Fire Academy’s 10-week career recruit program.

FF Tabares will now begin his in-house training, before being assigned to Group 1, Station 2 and FF Pelletier will begin paramedic school in the very near future.

Good luck to you both.”



Westport Fire Department photo.

City of New Bedford awarded grant to advance green infrastructure projects

The City of New Bedford has won a grant through the state's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program to advance green infrastructure projects across the city.

New Bedford uses green infrastructure to reduce urban flooding, mitigate extreme heat, improve neighborhood livability, and deliver environmental justice. The grant money will go towards developing a master plan for increasing the use of nature-based solutions to reduce flooding and water pollution.

What is Green Infrastructure?

More intense storms and increased precipitation caused by climate change means that some aging stormwater systems are no longer capable of handling the necessary volume of stormwater. This leads to urban flooding and harmful runoff flowing into waterways. Green infrastructure is one solution to this problem.



City of New Bedford photo.

Green infrastructure refers to a range of methods that use nature-based solutions to store or absorb stormwater to reduce flows to sewer systems or surface waters. Solutions include natural drainage systems (bioswales), rain gardens, permeable pavement, green roofs, and tree planting.

Green infrastructure is an essential strategy to protect our city from flooding, preserve our water quality by limiting runoff and combined sewer overflows, and enhance our tree canopy and biodiversity.

Environmental Justice

Of New Bedford's 30 census tracts, 93% are designated Environmental Justice (EJ) communities based on the percent of minority, low income, and/or English Isolation residents. Many of the city's EJ communities are the hardest hit by urban flooding as most are densely developed with some of the oldest infrastructure in the city.

EJ communities are also especially vulnerable to extreme heat. To combat these environmental injustices, the Green Infrastructure Master Strategy and Implementation Roadmap will

include a special focus on green infrastructure strategies that will benefit EJ communities. Green infrastructure approaches that increase urban tree canopy, for example, will mitigate extreme heat, store carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, and improve air quality.

The City is partnering with several community-based organizations, such as Groundwork SouthCoast and Old Bedford Village Development Corporation, that represent EJ populations to ensure their voices are centered in the planning process.

Learn more about the project and green infrastructure via [#NBResilient](https://nbresilient.com/category/green-infrastructure) at: <https://nbresilient.com/category/green-infrastructure>

New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell issues statement on redistricting plan

New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell responded this evening to the revised Congressional redistricting plan presented Monday by legislative leaders in Boston:

“The redistricting committee’s approach was fundamentally flawed in that it framed the issue narrowly as one of self-determination only for Fall River, whose own elected officials took conflicting positions. The issue rather was about the interests of all the residents of Southeastern Massachusetts, which is an economically and culturally distinct region of the Commonwealth from which no member of Congress has been elected in nearly a century. Given New Bedford’s central role in the region and its extensive federal interests, there is

widespread agreement here that a district that excludes our nearest city, as well some of our own suburbs, will inevitably make it harder for the region's voice to be heard in Washington." – Mayor Jon Mitchell

Fairhaven Police seek public's help in locating missing teenage girl last seen in New Bedford

****MISSING JUVENILE****

Missing 14 year old who resides in Fairhaven. She was seen last evening in New Bedford at the KFC on County Street with the male party pictured here at approximately 7:00 p.m. last night.

14 year old Anahiz is 5'2" approximately 130 pounds. She has brown hair and brown eyes with a birth mark above her left eyebrow. This is surveillance from KFC and the last outfit she was seen in is pictured.

She may still be wearing this yellow LA Lakers sweat shirt. If you have any information to identify this male, that would also be helpful." -Fairhaven Police Department.