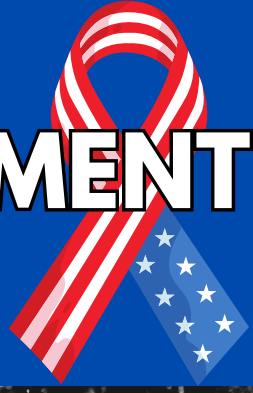




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## CHIEF'S MESSAGE

FROM CHIEF KEN MILLER

This Memorial Day, the Bow Police Department stands with our community in honoring the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. We remember their courage, their dedication, and the profound impact they've had on our freedoms. We are forever grateful for their service and sacrifice. Please take time this Memorial Day to reflect and remember.



In that spirit of remembrance and honoring service, we are also currently researching the history of the Bow Police Department and are seeking your help! We plan to display department memorabilia in our lobby to recognize the dedicated individuals who have served our community. If you have any items that might be suitable for display, please reach out to me at the police department. It's crucial to understand the foundations of our department and the people who built it.

In our research, we've uncovered the story of Officer Augustus B. Farmer, who tragically died in the line of duty on June 15th, 1893. A respected figure in Bow during the late 1800s, Officer Farmer was a Civil War veteran, local farmer, and dedicated public servant. I'm proud to announce his inclusion on the Officer Down Memorial Page and am working to have his name inscribed on national and state law enforcement memorials, ensuring his sacrifice is finally recognized. If anyone has old photos of Officer Farmer or knows of any living relatives, please contact me. Your contributions will help us preserve and honor our shared history.

View his Officer Down Memorial Page here:

<https://www.odmp.org/officer/27383-police-officer-augustus-b-farmer>

Stay Safe!

Chief Ken Miller



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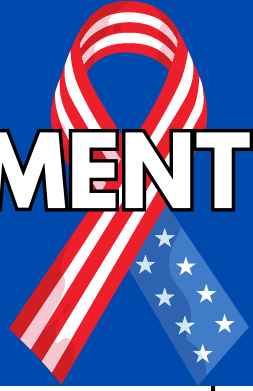
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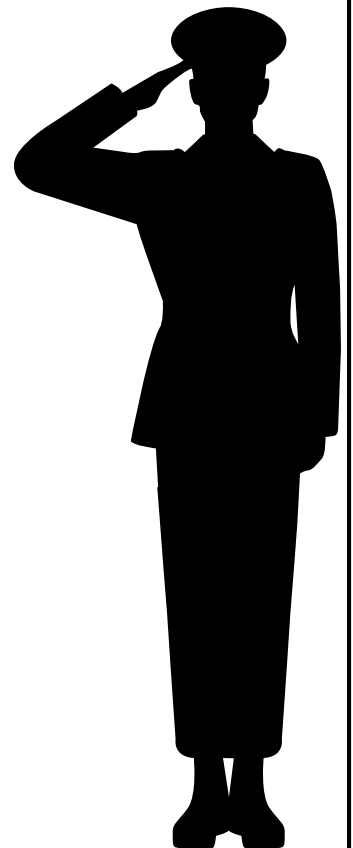
**Monday, May 26, 2025**

From all of us at the Bow Police Department, we wish you a safe Memorial Day holiday weekend.

*Always Remember, Never Forget*



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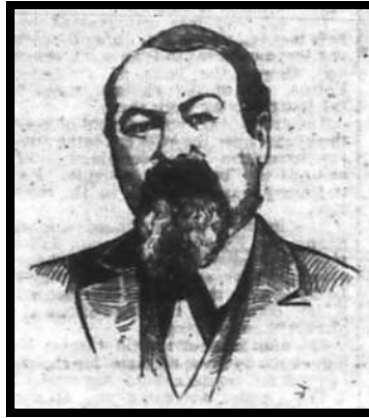
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## Augustus B. Farmer

EOW: 6/15/1893



According to accounts pieced together from archived newspaper reports, Augustus B. Farmer was killed while attempting to make an arrest as a Bow, New Hampshire police officer on June 12, 1893. The incident occurred when Farmer confronted the Jameson brothers, Albert and James, over an ongoing dispute, likely related to their vicious dog, which he had previously insisted on the town address under local laws. As a police officer, Farmer's attempt to enforce order escalated into a violent altercation.

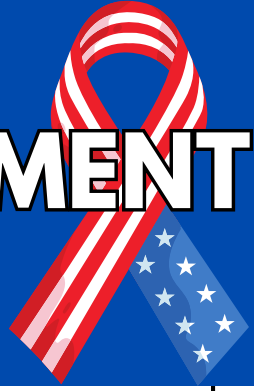
During the confrontation, he engaged physically with James Jameson, and when Officer Farmer appeared to be gaining the upper hand, Albert Jameson intervened, striking Officer Farmer multiple times over the head with a billet of wood. Officer Farmer sustained severe injuries and died in his home on Hollow Rd three days later.

132 years after his line of duty death, we honor his legacy and his service to the Town of Bow.



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## PLEASE MOVE OVER FOR YOUR SAFETY AND OURS

WRITTEN BY: OFFICER RHEAUME



Increasingly in the Town of Bow, we have noticed drivers fail to yield to emergency vehicles in violation of New Hampshire motor vehicle laws. Two specific laws for which we have seen more frequent violations are Section 265:33 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) and RSA § 265:37-a. RSA § 265:33 (Driving of Vehicles on Approach of Authorized Emergency Vehicles) requires in part, that:

*[u]pon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle making use of audible or visual signals or of a police vehicle properly and lawfully making use of an audible or visual signal, the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right of way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police officer.*

Following the law ensures a more timely response for first responders, often in situations where seconds count. Not only does yielding to emergency vehicles in accordance with the law create a safer operating environment for first responders and permit faster response times to emergencies, but it also creates safer travel for motorists by reducing the chances of a collision. When everyone knows the rules of the road and adheres to them, there is no question of what is expected of each person. To operate in contravention of the law may subject drivers to a \$64 fine for a first offense and a \$124 for a second offense.

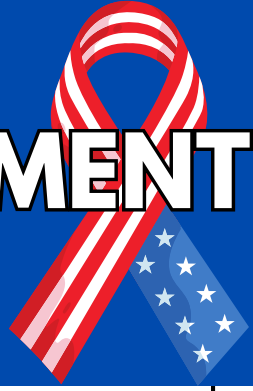
Along similar lines, New Hampshire also adopted in 2004 a “move over” law, which is codified as RSA 265:37-a (Motorist Duties When Approaching Highway Emergencies), and which is designed to protect first responders, stranded motorists, utility workers, and others on New Hampshire’s roadways. The law states: (Continued)





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I. When in or approaching an incident involving a fire, collision, disaster, utility construction or maintenance, or other emergency resulting in partial or complete blockage of a highway, or a location where a police officer has made a traffic stop, every driver other than the driver of an emergency response vehicle, shall:

- (a) Maintain a reduced speed.
- (b) Obey the directions of any authorized person directing traffic and of all applicable emergency signals and traffic control devices.
- (c) Vacate as soon as possible any lane wholly or partially blocked.
- (d) Give a wide berth, without endangering oncoming traffic, to public safety personnel, any persons in the roadway, and vehicles displaying blue, red, or amber emergency or warning lights.

II. Any person violating this section shall be fined \$75 plus penalty assessment for a first offense and \$250 plus penalty assessment for a subsequent offense in a 12-month period.

As of March 2025, the New Hampshire State Senate passed Senate Bill 273, otherwise known as “Sherrill’s Law”, which was named in honor of State Police Staff Sergeant Jesse Sherrill, who was tragically killed in 2021 when a tractor-trailer struck his cruiser during a highway construction project on Interstate 95 in Portsmouth. The legislation expands the current law to require motorists to move over for all stopped or stranded vehicles displaying warning signs. Those warning signs include hazard lights, road flares, or traffic cones.

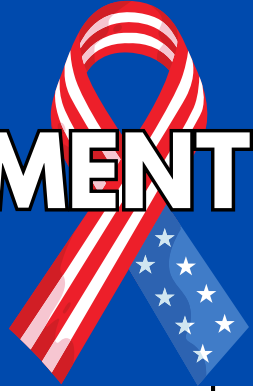
Although it is not possible to obtain statistics for violations of yielding to emergency vehicles or for violations of the “move over” law, anecdotally and without exaggeration, we observe it all the time; almost every time our officers are driving code to an emergency call or when we have a vehicle stopped roadside. In that light, where we have more than one officer or supervisor responding to a call, in the event that a driver fails to adhere RSA § 265:33, that driver can expect to be stopped and cited. Similarly, if we have two officers or supervisors on duty while on a traffic stop, and a driver fails to adhere to RSA § 265:37-a, then that driver can likewise expect enforcement action. To be clear, we are hopeful that in conjunction with our recent enforcement efforts with respect to stopping for school buses, this will further educate the motoring public and make the roads safer for everyone.



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## Bow Police Department History

The Bow Police Department is looking into the department's history, and we need your help! We're looking for old photos, memorabilia, or any historical items related to our department to showcase in the lobby at the Bow Public Safety Center. If you have anything you'd like to share, please give us a call at the police department at 603-223-3950. We thank you for helping us preserve our legacy!

Attached are a couple of pictures from the past that we have here at the police department. One is a picture of K9 Osci and another of Officer Bill Colby standing by his personal vehicle, which at the time was used as a police car.

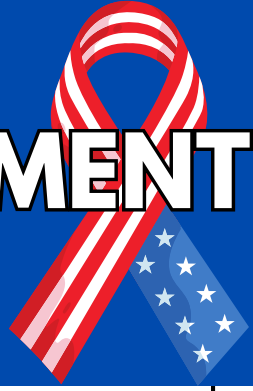






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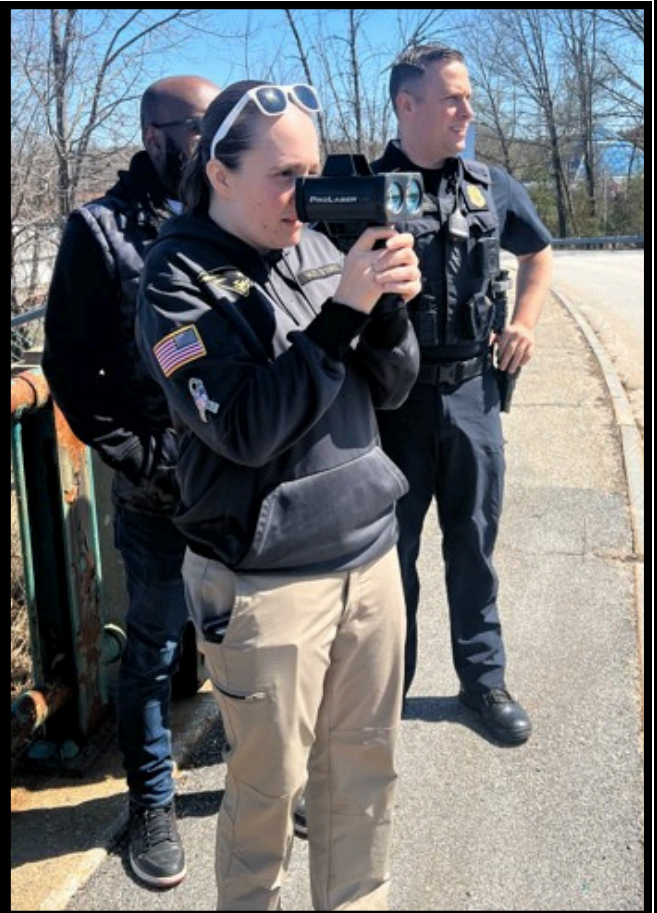


## LIDAR Training

On April 23, Lt. Pratte, Sgt. Handy, Ofc. Shuter, Ofc. Saint-Marc, and Ofc. Rheaume, attended LIDAR certification at the NH Police Academy. The officers were trained and certified to operate the department's new handheld LIDAR unit.

Training consisted of a classroom portion, a written test, and hands-on use observing traffic speeds on I-93 in Concord.

The LIDAR unit will better enhance the officers ability to conduct speed enforcement throughout the Town







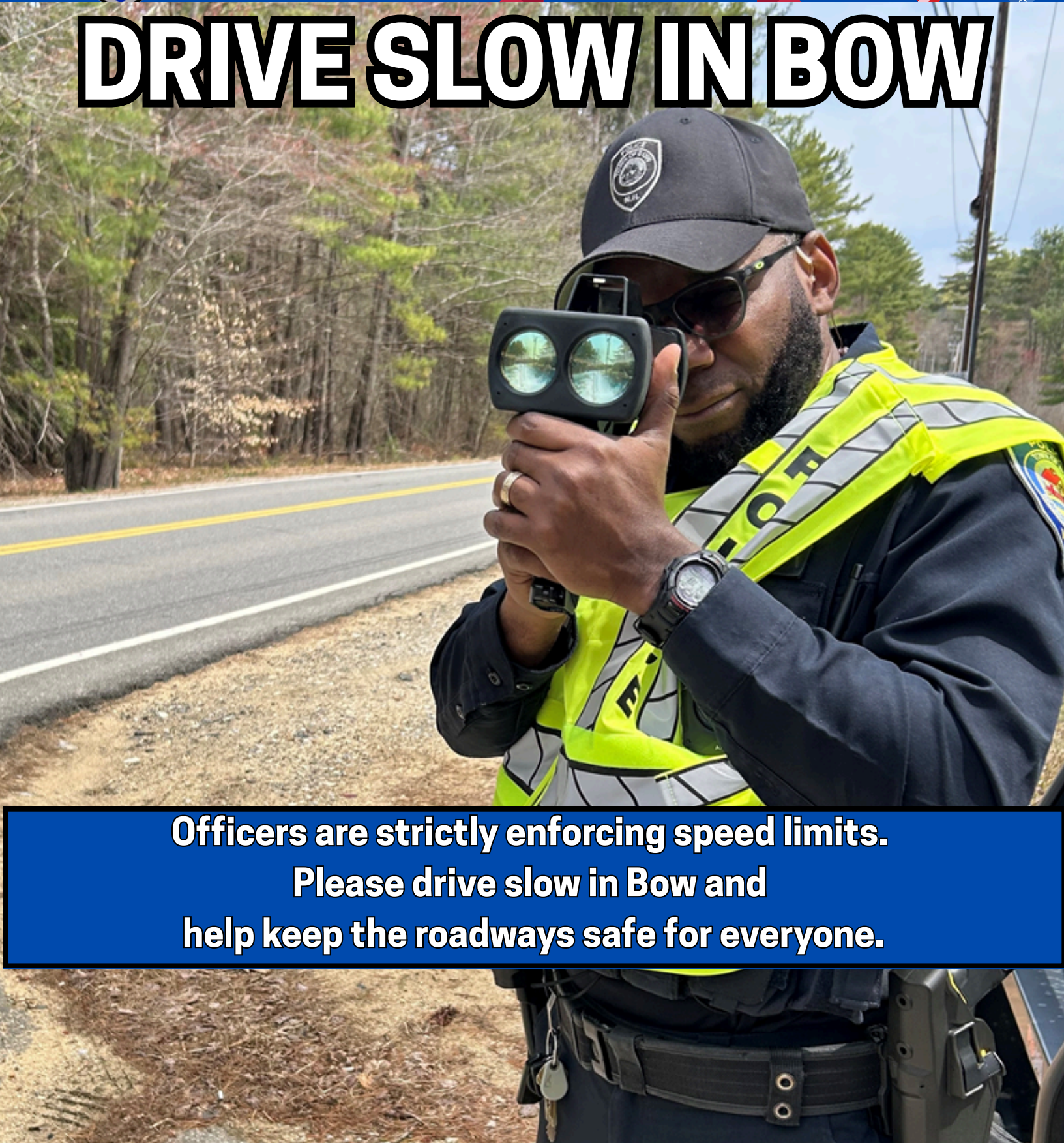
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# DRIVE SLOW IN BOW



**Officers are strictly enforcing speed limits.  
Please drive slow in Bow and  
help keep the roadways safe for everyone.**



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## APRIL 2025 ACTIVITY

<b>ARRESTS</b>	17	<b>ASSIST OTHER AGENCY</b>	48
<b>TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	1068	<b>DIRECTED PATROLS / BUILDING CHECKS</b>	399
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS</b>	269	<b>FOLLOW-UP</b>	27
<b>CITATIONS ISSUED</b>	36	<b>OFFENSE REPORT / INVESTIGATIONS</b>	27
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS</b>	9	<b>SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY/PERSON</b>	47
<b>ALARMS / 911 HANG-UPS</b>	44	<b>VACANT HOUSE CHECKS</b>	14
<b>ANIMAL COMPLAINTS</b>	13	<b>WELFARE CHECK</b>	12
<b>CITIZEN ASSIST</b>	116	<b>OTHER CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	26

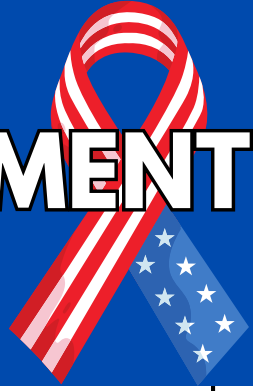




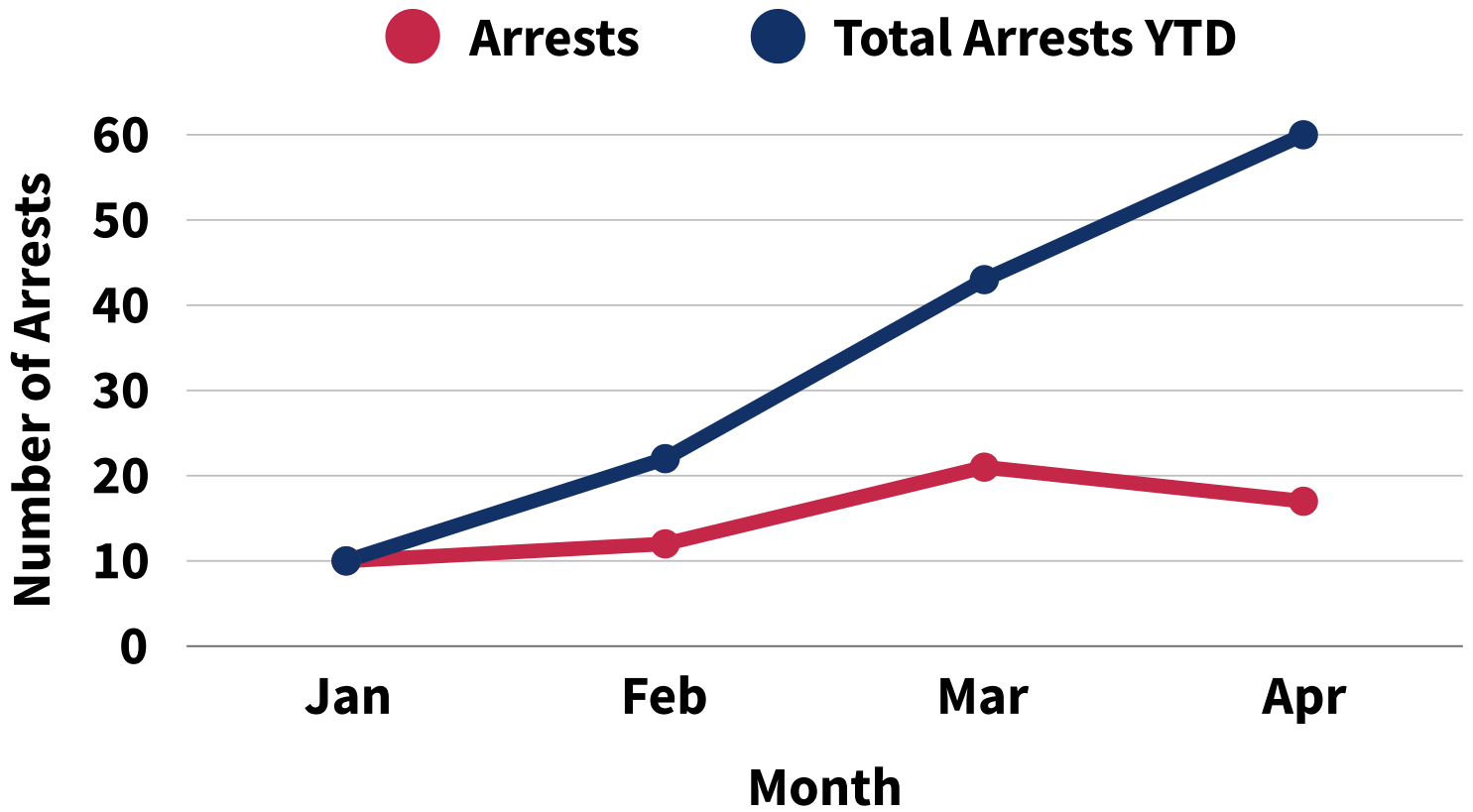
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## 2025 Arrests





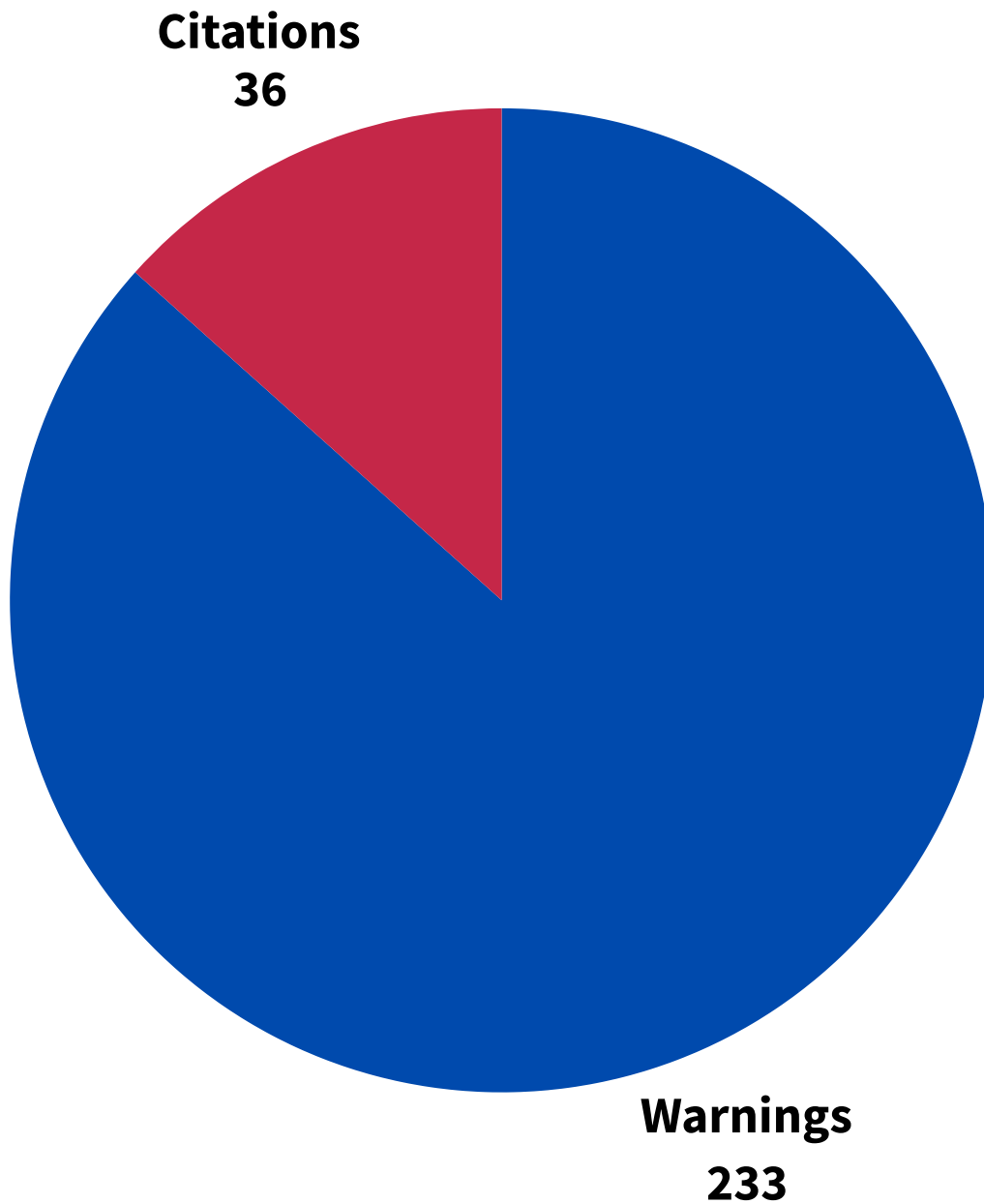
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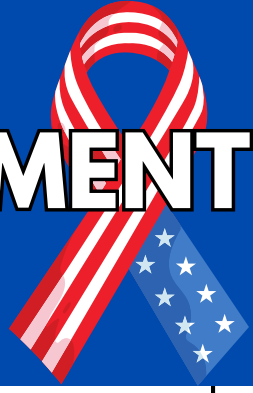




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## WE ARE HIRING! APPLY TODAY!

Come join a great team of officers with a mission to keep the Town of Bow a safe community!

### We are currently hiring for: **Patrol Officer**

The Town of Bow Police Department is seeking an intelligent and motivated person who possesses good writing skills, communication skills, likes to work with people to solve community problems, is motivated, and confident to join our team and be involved in a progressive and community-oriented police department.

### Compensation and Benefits:

- Wages are based on a nine-step scale, starting at \$59,155.20 up to \$72,072.
- Eleven (11) paid holidays, Medical (w/ Buyout option)
- Dental and life insurance.
- Accrual of annual and sick leave.
- Officers typically work a 4/3 schedule and rotate every three (3) months.
- Participation in Group II of the NH Retirement System.
- Full uniform and equipment provided by the department

### How to Apply:

Email Lt. Phil Lamy your resume  
and cover letter today!  
[PLamy@bownhpd.gov](mailto:PLamy@bownhpd.gov)

**\$10,000**

**SIGN-ON BONUS  
FOR CERTIFIED  
OFFICERS**

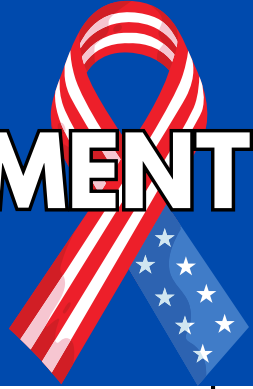
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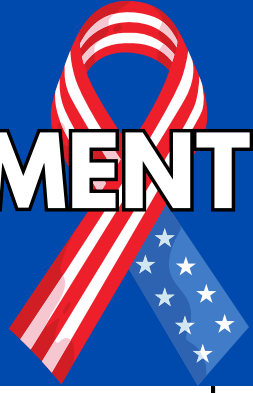
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## CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergencies: 9-1-1

Dispatch: 603-228-0511

On-Duty Officer: 603-223-3950

## PROSECUTION:

**Concord City Prosecutor's Office** **603-230-4990**

- \*Violation, Misdemeanor, and Felony arrests
- \*Motor Vehicle Citations
- \*Juvenile Hearings
- \*Administrative License Suspension Hearings
- \*Felony Probable Cause Hearings

**Merrimack County Attorney's Office** **603-228-0529**

- \*Felony Direct Indictments
- \*Felonies Bound Over to Superior Court



The Bow Police Department is a member of the Concord Regional Crimeline. Anonymous tips about criminal activity may be submitted through the Crimeline by calling (603) 226-3100 or by visiting the website. Cash rewards are available.