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## **GILFORD POLICE BEGIN "COFFEE WITH THE CHIEF" SERIES**

Gilford Police Chief Anthony Bean Burpee will hold his first *"Coffee with the Chief"* event on Monday, February, 23, 2015, from 10:30am-12pm at the Gilford Public Library. This event will become an ongoing occurrence with Chief Bean Burpee and will take place at various times and locations throughout Gilford. Chief Bean Burpee explains that such events will allow citizens to meet with him face-to-face in order to facilitate discussion among attendees regarding police related matters. Additionally, citizens will have the opportunity to ask questions, obtain clarification on any number of topic areas related to law enforcement, and offer constructive input on police related matters. It is Chief Bean Burpee's hope that such meetings will make him more available during a set time and date to citizens. As meetings continue to be scheduled, other members of the Chief's administrative staff will join him in attending.

"Bringing Gilford's diverse citizens together with police personnel only serves to improve community relations," Chief Bean Burpee states. He continues by saying, "Having an authentic police/community relationship helps in promoting dignity, understanding, and respect during police and community interactions." Community policing can be characterized as the process by which to create proactive problem-solving solutions in order to address possible conflicts surrounding a range of issues. One such way to assist in mitigating the impact of such conflicts regarding public satisfaction is to allow for open dialogue, to all possible extents, so that citizens can gather helpful information, as well as for the Chief to discuss police goals, priorities, and resources. Crime trends, safety considerations, and other police related topics will also be discussed.

Attendees are invited to bring coffee or to partake in some generously provided by the Gilford Public Library.

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