

City of Framingham
The City Council of Framingham



ORDER NO. 2022-044
REQUEST OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL CHAIR

UPON THE REQUEST OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL CHAIR, THE CITY OF FRAMINGHAM, THROUGH THE FRAMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

**THE 80th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRAMINGHAM AUXILIARY POLICE
RESOLUTION**

- Whereas,** the Framingham Auxiliary Police was organized in 1942 during World War II under the Civil Defense Act to help with the protection and safety of the citizens of Framingham,
- Whereas,** the mission of the Framingham Auxiliary Police is to be prepared to assist the Framingham Police Department in the event of civil or natural disaster or in the event that additional personnel are needed by the Framingham Police Department to carry out its assigned duties; and
- Whereas,** each auxiliary officer has successfully completed the Massachusetts municipal police training committee approved academy for reserve police officers, and annually completes the prescribed in-service training; and
- Whereas,** the officers of the Framingham Auxiliary Police volunteer their time for the benefit of the community, and time volunteered by the officers collectively exceeds on average in excess of 3,700 hours per year; and
- Whereas,** over an eighty-year period it is estimated that the Framingham Auxiliary Police has volunteered approximately 300,000 hours of service with a present-day volunteer value of approximately \$10.5 million;
- Whereas,** the Framingham Auxiliary Police was the first step in a Law Enforcement career for 48 individuals of whom 31 were hired by the Framingham Police Department as police officers; and
- Whereas,** for others the Auxiliary has been an opportunity to be long-term professional volunteers in service to Framingham, our current Framingham auxiliary officers have a collective 277 years of experience; and

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- Whereas,** the Framingham Auxiliary Police assists the Framingham Police Department in any way requested including providing extra weekend patrols of City owned property, providing traffic control for approximately forty charitable events each year, providing additional resources to assist with large scale events such as the Boston Marathon and World Cup soccer celebrations, providing assistance during severe weather events, and providing security when emergency shelters are open; and
- Whereas,** the assistance provided by the Framingham Auxiliary Police has helped make Framingham a better and safer place to live and work; and
- Whereas,** the Auxiliary has been reviewed as part of the Police Department Accreditation since March 2005 which measures an agency against the highest standards of professional Law Enforcement; and
- Whereas,** An Act Relative to Justice, Equity and Accountability in Law Enforcement in the Commonwealth was signed into law on December 31, 2020 which called amongst other things for “All law enforcement officers who have completed a reserve training program on or before the effective date of this section shall be certified as of the effective date of this section. Prior to the expiration of that certification, the officer shall complete additional training as required by the municipal police training committee”; and
- Whereas,** the municipal police training committee promulgated rules with stipulations beyond providing additional training as called for by the Act that does not allow Framingham auxiliary officers the ability to achieve training required to remain certified and obtain a waiver to continue to serve Framingham into the future;
- Whereas,** the first group of Framingham auxiliary officers will lose their certification at midnight June 30, 2022, it was decided that after eighty years of exceptional and dedicated service to the citizens of Framingham that the Framingham Auxiliary Police would disband on June 30, 2022;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Mayor and Council recognizes and honors the 80th anniversary of the Framingham Auxiliary Police; and thanks each and every auxiliary officer who has volunteered over the past eighty years in service to the City of Framingham; Your professional efforts over the past eighty years are appreciated and will be missed by the City of Framingham and its citizens.

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And, Be It Further Resolved by the Mayor and Council declare Tuesday, June 1, 2022 as

AUXILIARY POLICE APPRECIATION DAY

in Framingham, and we urge all residents to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Cannon, King, Leombruno, Long, Mallach, Ottaviani, Stefanini, Steiner, Stewart-Morales

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: All members were present in person or via teleconferencing

PASSED IN COUNCIL: APRIL 26, 2022

A True Record, Attest:

5/2/2022

Date Approved

5/3/22

Date Approved

Lisa A. Ferguson, City Clerk
Emily Butler, Assistant City Clerk

Charlie Sitsky, Mayor