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Deering Police Expedition SUV Returned to Service

In early December 2010, the Deering Police returned their 2003 Ford Expedition SUV Cruiser to patrol service. This vehicle, which was an anonymous gift to the Police Department in October 2003, currently has over 87,000 miles on it, and it was beginning to have some mechanical and rust issues.

In October 2010, Chief James Pushee dropped this vehicle off with Dave Doyle and the Automotive Repair students at the Nashua Community College, in Nashua, NH. The vehicle was stripped of its equipment, underwent several repairs, and then repainted in silver, to match the 2010 Chevy Impala Cruiser which was purchased after Town Meeting earlier this year.

The students at the Nashua Community College repaired and replaced the radiator mounts, entire sections of rocker panels, coolant lines, and several small dings and dents. Deering Highway Department Mechanic Tom Cummings also assisted with this project by helping to find less expensive aftermarket replacement parts at a substantial savings. Once the necessary repairs had been made by the students at the Nashua Community College, they prepped and repainted this police SUV with paint purchased by the Deering Police Department through our local Sanel's Store. Once the Police SUV was returned to Chief Pushee, it was "re-striped" with a vinyl graphic identification package designed and applied by Maineline Graphics of Deering.

While there was no cost for the labor involved by the students at the Nashua Community College or for the labor that went into designing and applying the graphics by Maineline Graphics, the Police Department vehicle maintenance budget was used to purchase the necessary parts, paint and painting supplies, and the vinyl graphics package. Where the repairs and maintenance required would normally have cost several thousand dollars had the Department used regular business providers, the total costs for parts, paints, and vinyl graphics totaled approximately \$850 once the job was complete.

It is hoped that these body and frame repairs and the repainting project will allow the Deering Police Department's 2003 Ford Expedition 4WD SUV Police Cruiser to last at least two more years before a planned replacement is necessary. Chief James Pushee would like to thank the students and faculty at the Nashua Community College, as well as Town Mechanic Tom Cummings and the crew at Maineline Graphics, for their help and support with this project.

Attached is a photograph of this Police SUV in its completed condition.

