

The FHPD is a LOCAL law enforcement agency serving Fair Haven, VT

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The Fair Haven Police Department is your local law enforcement agency.

We have been serving the Fair Haven community for over 50 years!

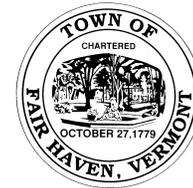
We pride ourselves on our community-based policing. This non-traditional form of policing, dovetailed to the needs of the Town, is the most effective means “to protect and to serve” the Town and is a vital component of the larger, regional criminal justice system.

Fair Haven Police Department

3 No. Park Pl., Fair Haven, VT, 05743

Fair Haven Police Department FAQs

Budget & Operational Answers to
Frequently Asked Questions





Number of Officers & Vehicles

The FHPD employs:

- 4 full-time officers
- 1 school year, 5-town funded SRO at the high school
- 1 20-hr/wk administrative assistant

The department relies on:

- 7 part-time officers, trained to FHPD standards, used to fill shifts/vacation/leave time so 20 hrs/day **in-Town** coverage is maintained. They also help with special services (e.g., sporting events, Devil's Bowl, and selected, reimbursed state programs such as *Click It or Ticket* and highway safety/DUI checkpoints).

The FHPD operates:

- 4 cruisers (2 bought used; 1 bought with drug \$)

“Call volume requiring investigation was 750 in 2005. It’s now over 1,500 calls per year. That means each officer is handling over 375 cases annually.”

Bill Humphries, Police Chief

Vehicles Outside Fair Haven

Cruisers indeed leave Town. Here are the leading reasons why:

- Courts, jail, hospital, and training facilities all are located outside of Town.
- Many investigations require follow up. Often that work leads to addresses outside of Fair Haven.
- As members of joint task forces, mutual aid services do occur outside Town. But, neighboring forces and the VT State Police return the favor.
- A 3 hr/wk (maximum) contract to provide “presence” services to Benson. This contract may not be renewed.
- The Chief is granted a cruiser contractually due to his always “on-call” status. Like many employees, he resides outside Town, but only within 5-10 minutes. Note: all other cruisers are parked in the Town at the end of shifts.
- There is “non-coverage” related participation in rotating state sponsored programs (e.g., Click It or Ticket).

Note: Castleton and Poultney each have cruisers identical to the Chief’s unmarked car. There are many claims of out of town “sightings” that actually are those cruisers and not the Chief’s.



“Having a nearly 24/7 local department with such quality officers is critical to Fair Haven and its well-being. For those persons telling me they needed the police, they said the department’s response was quick and professional.”

Herb Durfee, Town Manager

Level of Service/Coverage

The existing employment levels of the FHPD allow for local law enforcement coverage 20 hours daily, 7 days a week. Participation in state sponsored programs, covering special events, and carrying out mutual aid related calls does not affect that baseline coverage.

Also, the employment levels and the coverage provided affords Fair Haven a sound level of local, “community-based” policing different from outdated, traditional forms of policing.

FHPD strives to provide quality, local law enforcement in tough economic times. We trust you agree.

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