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Social Media So Far Does Not Figure In Town's Communications

By CHRISTOPHER KAZARIAN

This past Sunday the 33rd Annual Hyannis Marathon was run, requiring the closure of some roads and delays on others where traffic would be impacted in Barnstable.

Just one day earlier the Barnstable High School gymnastics team won the Division 1 South Sectional Championship.

And last Tuesday the town was feted by the Massachusetts Cultural Council at the State House, where it was one of several organizations and people presented with a Commonwealth Award for its commitment to the arts.

These are just a few of the more recent highlights of happenings in Barnstable that have been broadcast not on the town's website, but on its Facebook and Twitter pages.

Barnstable is one of the few Cape towns to use social media to broadcast everything from updates on public meetings, such as a town council workshop that was canceled two weeks ago, to notifying residents before, during and after the blizzard earlier this month that dropped a little less than a foot of snow on the region and left many without power in the days that followed.

"Civic engagement has really been at the core of a lot of things we do here," said Lynne M. Poyant, Barnstable's director of community services, who oversees its social media presence along with Sarah Colvin, host of "Barnstable This Morning." "This is another way of communicating with folks and trying to engage a younger audience and trying to get them to participate in town government."

Whether neighboring towns like Falmouth will follow suit is unclear, although last fall Town Manager Julian M. Suso was not eager to jump headfirst into Facebook or Twitter without some consideration. "I think there is a possibility of doing it on a limited basis," he said at the time. "One has to be cautious about the vehicles one uses to transmit information. It has to be controlled and done in a professional way so it doesn't create more confusion."

Thomas M. Pucci, manager of operations and technical services for Falmouth's Information Technology Department, said eventually he could see the town using social media in the future, but there has been no demand to do so at the present time.

Currently, he said, the town does most everything it needs

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Meetings

Human Services—Wednesday, 3 PM, school administration building

Falmouth Station Renovation—Wednesday, 3 PM, town hall

Design Review Committee—Wednesday, 5 PM, town hall

Finance Committee—Wednesday, 6:30 PM, school administration building

Conservation Commission—Wednesday, 7 PM, town hall

Substance Abuse Commission—Thursday, 5 PM, Gus Canty

Community Preservation Committee—Thursday, 7 PM, school administration building

Disabled American Veterans—Thursday, 7 PM, town hall

Weather Forecast

This afternoon, it will be mostly sunny; the high will be around 40. Tonight, there will be rain. The low will be around 36. Tomorrow, rain will be likely. The high will be around 45 and the low will be around 37. Extended forecast for Thursday is a chance of showers. High will be around 45, with the low around 33.

Air 40; Sea Water 35

Forecast and water temperature are from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) websites.



Three-year-old Carson weaves through poles in the back yard of Nancy Bishop's Teaticket home yesterday evening. Nancy Bishop with her four golden retrievers, three of whom, Breezon, Chillin and Journey, are seated on the ramp used to train them for agility competitions. Carson is the only male in the group. Ms. Bishop, who works as a certified veterinary technician, has owned golden retrievers since 1983, when her parents let her take in Brandy.

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Trainer And Her Golden Retrievers Work As A Team In Agility Competitions

By CHRISTOPHER KAZARIAN

On Trotting Park Road about a quarter mile from Teaticket Highway on the righthand side is a yellow sign at the end of Nancy J. Bishop's driveway that reads "Golden Retrievers At Play" affixed to a wooden post that has been planted in the ground.

About a few hundred feet away, down a hill then up a hill, on a flat stretch of grass that was once strawberry fields is an assortment of equipment—a five-foot high red and blue ramp, 12 white plastic poles lined up in a row, two white plastic hurdles roughly a foot and a half off the ground, and a red and blue seesaw—where Ms. Bishop's four golden retrievers could be found late yesterday afternoon.

There was the youngest, 2-year-old Journey, who held a green ball in her mouth waiting patiently for her owner to take it away so she could go up the ramp, over the two hurdles and weave in and out of the poles just to have the ball thrown back to her. "These are their rewards," Ms. Bishop said of the balls, and they are how she is able to convince her four-legged friends to willingly navigate these obstacles.

Joining Journey at play yesterday were Breezon, 9; Chillin, 5; and Carson, 3, the only male in the group.

Though Ms. Bishop and her husband, Jerry L. Bell II, do not have any children, these dogs are more than enough to qualify as a family for the Teaticket couple. "We just have the dogs," Mr. Bell said. "Those are our kids."

Of the two, it is Ms. Bishop who has charted this course, though "Jerry helps me take care of the dogs," she admitted. "I do most of the training myself."

A lifelong Falmouth resident, Ms. Bishop grew up with Duke, a shepherd/husky/Lab mix who "was very untrained," she said. "That is how I got into training dogs."

Shortly after Duke died and before Ms. Bishop graduated from Falmouth High School in 1984, she received her first golden retriever, Brandy, thanks to a friend whose dog had given birth to a litter of puppies.

She has since owned "either eight or nine" of the breed, which she considers "very loving. They want to please their owners and are very versatile."

It was not until a little more than a decade after she welcomed Brandy into her home that Ms. Bishop began to explore agility training for her dogs, beginning with Laine, who was one year old at the time. "I was showing her at

the time and someone said, 'She needs to come out of her shell. Why don't you take her to this fun sport called agility,'" Ms. Bishop explained.

The sport consists of having dogs go through a series of obstacles—from ramps to tunnels to chutes to seesaws to hurdles—on a timed course. "It is a blast," Ms. Bishop said. "It is also addicting." Since then all of her golden re-

trievers have participated in the sport, competing against dogs of a similar build, including border collies, Labrador retrievers and Australian Labrador retrievers.

Over the past two decades these types of competitions have only grown in popularity, allowing Ms. Bishop the opportunity to travel throughout the year with her best

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ERIC CORNEAU

Boston Bruins legend Ray Borque faces off against 12-year-old Tyler Smith of Hatchville at the Falmouth Ice Arena on Sunday. The ceremonial face-off was part of the Bruins Alumni versus Falmouth Police Federation game. Tyler played in the game for the police department, scored and signed autographs after the game. Tyler is recovering from a form of leukemia and was the recipient of a back yard rink from the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Massachusetts and Rhode Island last week. The score was 11-6 in favor of the Bruins and \$12,000 was raised for the Falmouth Police Federation.

Black History Month Wraps With Lecture And Annual Harambee In Woods Hole

Woods Hole Black History Month 2013 activities conclude Thursday with a lecture and the annual Harambee. All events are free and open to the public and will be held at the Swope Center at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole.

"So, you study charged, floating dirt? A curious journey through plasma physics" is the focus of the February 28 presentation by Edward Thomas Jr., a professor of physics at Auburn University. His presentation will begin at 3 PM in the Meigs Room at the Swope Center.

Born and raised in the US Virgin Islands, Dr. Thomas has been fascinated in the concepts

of motion and energy, two of the fundamental concepts in physics, since childhood. He earned a bachelor's degree in physics from Florida Institute of Technology, a master's degree in physics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a Ph.D. in physics from Auburn University, focusing his interests while in graduate school in the fusion process and on plasma as a "fourth state" of matter. Together with his research team at Auburn, Dr. Thomas studies a plasma phenomenon known as "complex" or "dusty" plasmas that exist everywhere and can be made in laboratory settings. He will show examples of these visually stunning systems, which

Consultant Suggests Town Examine Goal For Quality Of Oyster Pond's Water

By BRENT RUNYON

The engineering firm hired to improve water quality in Oyster Pond, Falmouth, said the town should ask regulators to lower the standards for the pond as a way to save money on wastewater treatment.

Wright-Pierce of Sandwich was hired by the Falmouth Board of Selectmen earlier this month for \$260,000 to create the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan for Oyster Pond. The plan is part of the state requirement to decrease the amount of nitrogen flowing into the pond, which is coming mostly from home septic systems and road runoff.

One of the reasons the firm was hired was its unusual solution for meeting state and federal water quality standards for Oyster Pond. Rather than building sewers to remove nitrogen from the water, Wright-Pierce proposed applying to the state and federal regulators to reclassify the pond from the highest standard, SA, to the second highest standard, SB. The S stands for saline.

By lowering the bar of water quality standards, Falmouth could reduce the number of septic systems that must be eliminated and save a significant amount of money on wastewater treatment. Oyster Pond is brackish and is not used for drinking water.

Under the Federal Clean Water Act, surface water bodies are classified based on their optimal use. The highest standard of SA is considered excellent for fishing and swimming, said project manager, Edward Leonard. SB is a slightly lower standard, but it would still be safe to swim and fish. "SB is consistently good. It's considered not quite excellent but better than good," he said.

Currently, the water quality in Oyster Pond is below the lowest classification of SC, Mr. Leonard said. If the conditions were raised to meet the SB standard, the aesthetics of Oyster Pond would be improved over the current conditions, Mr. Leonard said.

Mr. Leonard said the reclassification was worth considering because of the characteristics of Oyster Pond and its history. "The goal is to improve water quality," he said. "The question is what is the right bar to set. It's not how do we do nothing. It's how do we do the right amount."

At a meeting of the Water Quality Management Committee on Thursday, Falmouth Wastewater Superintendent Gerald C. Potamis praised Wright-Pierce for the creative solution. "It was very unique and different," Mr. Potamis said. "They thought outside the box."

The problem with the plan is that it will be scrutinized by state and federal regulators. "It's not something that regulators are really thrilled with," said Mr. Leonard.

Mr. Potamis said reclassifying Oyster Pond would be nearly unprecedented in Massachusetts. "To my knowledge, the Environmental Protection Agency has not approved more than one or two water quality standards reclassifications in New England, and Massachusetts may only have one," Mr. Potamis said.

Oyster Pond is 63 acres and has a 400-acre watershed in which there are 150 homes. To meet the highest standard of water quality, the septic systems of 115 of those homes would have to be eliminated. To meet the SB standard, 83 septic systems would have to be eliminated, Mr. Leonard said. Changing the classification has significant long-term cost implications for the town and homeowners, Mr. Leonard said. The costs could be lowered by connecting fewer homes to the sewer, and eliminating additional costs for electricity to move and treat wastewater, he said.

One of the reasons regulators may agree with the change is that Oyster Pond could be considered a manmade enclosed body of water, Mr. Leonard said.

Oyster Pond was once open to Vineyard Sound, but was closed

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Water Quality Committee Assesses Spending To Date

By BRENT RUNYON

Falmouth Water Quality Management Committee Thursday night reviewed the money spent on water quality projects over the past two years and over \$1 million still uncommitted going forward.

The money comes from a \$2.77 million debt exclusion for demonstration projects, preliminary sewer designs, engineering and water quality monitoring that was approved by Falmouth Town Meeting in April 2011 and by voters on a ballot question in May of that year. So far, \$1.63 million of the money has been allocated to various projects, leaving \$1.14 million uncommitted.

"It's important to note where we are with our money," said committee member Virginia Valiela. The original intention was to spend certain amounts on the various demonstration projects such as shellfish propagation, eco-toilets, permeable reactive barriers, and inlet widening, but those projects and amounts have changed over time, she said.

Some projects, such as \$150,000 for a demonstration eco-toilet project at a beach or another municipal location have not been allocated, she said. That project is the least likely to be allocated in the near future, she said, and \$25,000 of that money was allocated to hire a technical assistant, Anastasia K. Karplus, to work with the committee.

Other projects have spent all the money allocated and then some. There was originally \$200,000 for shellfish aquaculture projects in Little Pond. The committee will need to allocate an additional \$10,960 to purchase a new upweller and additional supplies for the project, said Chair-

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Social Media

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through its website, including the ability for residents to pay taxes, search property records or learn about upcoming meetings. And for the most part, he said, it has been well-received by the public. "We've tried to create a good website with our own internal staff which essentially doesn't cost anything," he said.

He worried that having to perform the upkeep associated with a Twitter and Facebook page would only stretch his department even further.

Internally, there are some departments in Falmouth that have delved into social media. The Falmouth Police Department has both a Twitter (@FalmouthPolice) and Facebook page, though neither has been used in recent months.

Falmouth Public Library also has taken the leap into this online forum, having utilized social media as a means of communication for over three and a half years. And it also maintains a blog, Flickr for its photos and YouTube for its videos.

Jill E. Erickson, head of the reference department, manages these for the library. As to why it elected to latch onto Twitter and Facebook, she said, "we were increasingly hearing a lot of libraries were using these as a way to reach patrons and we thought we'd like to reach more people."

Initially, she said, it was a process of trial by error, noting that she was unsure how Twitter even worked and whether she should follow other users.

Slowly though, she began to get the hang of the two, which she said have completely different audiences. "Our Facebook followers are really people who come into our buildings a lot as opposed to businesses who primarily follow us on Twitter," she said.

One of the main benefits she

finds in using these outlets, she said, is that "it is a way to get instant reaction about whatever you're working on at the time."

While there is definitely a time commitment involved with Twitter and Facebook, she said, the positives outweigh any of the negatives. "Whenever you can create a dialogue with people you are trying to serve, I think it is a really good thing," she said.

And she recommended other town departments, particularly those that serve the public, consider it as a real possibility.

Selectman Mary (Pat) Flynn said it is an idea worth exploring, noting that the town can always do a better job communicating with residents on issues both small and large. "I honestly believe we have to do a better job and I think we should really take a strong look at it," she said.

In Barnstable, Town Manager Thomas K. Lynch believes it has been an effective way to conduct public outreach. He said social media has served as a natural extension of the town's use of television—the show "Barnstable This Morning" airs daily on its public access station Channel 18 and regularly features town officials—and the Internet, since it adopted an iForum (www.barnstableiforum.com) in 2011 that allowed residents to provide direct feedback and ask questions of those in local government.

The decision to adopt social media into their communications platform was made four summers ago, he said, when the lifeguards told town officials they used Twitter and Facebook as a means of letting one another know if work or an event had been canceled. "Here you have a whole group using it to communicate and they've got it all figured out," he said. "You just realize that you want to communicate with those people and draw them into government so they feel they have a say."

Water Quality Committee

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man Eric T. Turkington, after the budget came in higher than expected.

The shellfish aquaculture project must still be approved by the Falmouth Conservation Commission. The committee filed a notice of intent and will go before the conservation commission on March 13. If the project is not approved, the shellfish seed order can be canceled, said committee member Ronald Zweig.

The eco-toilet demonstration project was originally allocated for \$500,000 to give financial incentives to homeowners and research the projects. Homeowners have applied to be part of the program, but there is still \$310,000 under that line item that is uncommitted.

Some projects have cost less than expected. The committee had allocated \$300,000 to create a comprehensive wastewater management plan for Oyster Pond. Of that money, \$270,000 has been allocated, leaving \$30,000.

A project to study how to mitigate road runoff into the estuaries has \$90,000 uncommitted, and there is \$65,000 left for permeable reactive barriers.

Committee members have different visions for how the money should be used.

Mr. Zweig pointed out that more money could be used for more shellfish seed, if the project is approved by the conservation commission.

Committee member Winthrop

H. Munro said the eco-toilets may hold the most promise. He hopes to hold a conference about eco-toilets at Alchemy Farm in Hatchville to promote their use in the coming months.

Committee member Stephen B. Leighton said attention should be paid to the innovative and alternative systems that are designed to remove nitrogen from individual septic systems.

He pointed out that one system, called Nitrex, has proved to be effective, and the patent for that system has lapsed. He compared it to proprietary drugs that become 10 times cheaper when patents lapse and companies introduce generics. Mr. Leighton wondered if the same model could be used for innovative and alternative systems.

"This is intriguing technology that is in the right place at the right time, and it has the added benefit of being publicly acceptable," he said.

But Ms. Karplus said that innovative and alternative systems require a lot of maintenance and labor to remove nitrogen from the effluent wastewater. Even if there was a generic version of a Nitrex system, "the big price tag won't go away," she said. Nitrex is a system added onto other innovative and alternative systems, she said.

So far, the Town of Falmouth has borrowed \$1 million to finance the projects. The town will need to borrow additional money for the remaining projects.

Experts Offer Help With Planning One's Garden

The Falmouth 2013 townwide read of Barbara Kingsolver's "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle" highlights the importance of supporting local agriculture. The farmers' market is important, but so is the homeowner, the small grower. In order to help residents make this the year they convert the back yard to a garden, the What's Falmouth Reading? Committee is offering a free two-part series at the Falmouth Public Library on "Planning Your Garden."

The program will feature Master Gardeners from the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension.

Part 1 will be held Wednesday, March 6, at 7 PM: "Getting Your Vegetable Plot Ready" with Master Gardener Lindsay Strode.

Part 2 will be Wednesday, March 13, at 7 PM: "What & How to Sow & Grow" with Master Gar-

dener Michael Sarowsky.

Signup can be done by calling 508-457-2555, extension 6, or by e-mailing info@falmouthpubliclibrary.org.

Memorial Rally Planned

Cape Downwinders is sponsoring a memorial rally on Saturday, March 9, to commemorate the second anniversary of the nuclear accident that took place in Fukushima, Japan, on March 11, 2011. The event will take place on the Village Green in Falmouth from 1-2 PM.

Cape Downwinders is a local group of citizens concerned with the dangers posed by the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station (PNPS) in Plymouth, which is owned by the Louisiana-based Entergy Corporation.



KAREN HUNTER/ENTERPRISE

Peace walkers make their way through Cataumet on County Road Saturday afternoon. The group walked from the Bourne Bridge to Falmouth, ending the day with a potluck dinner at the West Falmouth Quaker Meeting House. Karen Hunter tells more in a column on page 4.

Work As A Team In Agility Competitions

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friends. She has been as far away as Tulsa, Oklahoma, where she went in 2008 with Breezon for the AKC National Agility Championship. The pair followed that up with a trip to the national championships in Concord, North Carolina, the following year.

While the sport matches dog against dog, Ms. Bishop said the real joy is the bond the sport of agility lets her form with her own animals. "You get good teamwork-building with your dogs, so then you are competing against yourself," she said. "The biggest thrill is you get to be out there with your best friend."

The sport, she said, helps instill confidence in her pets and best of all, it keeps them active. "My philosophy is that you got that dog, you should do something with your dog," she said. "They get to do something and are not just sitting on the couch being lazy and getting fat... and they build a connection to their owner."

She trains her own dogs in her back yard as well as at a space she rents out at Mare Willow Farm in Plymouth. She also teaches agility classes for other dogs through the Cape Cod Kennel Club in Brewster.

When not working with her own dogs, Ms. Bishop is surrounded by others, thanks to her job as a certified veterinary technician at Care Animal Referral and Emergency in Dennis.

She has been working in the field since shortly after graduating high school; in 1985 she landed her first job at Barnstable Animal Hospital. Her longest stint was at Cape Cod Veterinary Specialists in Buzzards Bay.

At these jobs, she said, she has seen "pretty much everything you can imagine. We've had dogs eat pantyhose, bras," but perhaps the most interesting case was when they treated one that had been experiencing nausea

for close to three years. Surgery revealed that the dog had half a tennis ball lodged in its intestine, which acted as a valve, opening and closing depending on which way it was tipped.

Currently, her position is focused on rehabbing older dogs who have developed arthritis and younger ones who may have broken a leg. Treatment includes exercising canines on an underwater treadmill, cold laser therapy and therapeutic ultrasound.

The work, she said, is enjoyable because, of course, it allows her to work with dogs while helping them improve their quality of life.

Her connection to dogs does not stop there; Ms. Bishop also grooms dogs once a week, every Friday.

And she has recently had Chillin and Carson certified as therapy dogs. The designation allows Chillin to visit patients at Atria Woodbriar in Falmouth once a month while Carson does the same for those living at Cape

Cod Senior Residences in Pocasset.

She recalled her first-ever visit to Atria with Chillin roughly two years ago when she walked up to a female resident with a disease of the nervous system who barely spoke. But she could gesture and motioned for Chillin to come to her. When the dog responded, Ms. Bishop said, the woman's "shaking totally stopped and her hand got more relaxed. As she was petting her she got calmer and calmer. I had to move on to the next person and as I finished rounding the room I said 'Bye' and 'I'll see you next month' and she said, 'You better.' The nurses freaked out because she hadn't spoken in months."

The moment speaks to the power animals can have on human beings. Of course Ms. Bishop has experienced that firsthand, and for her, she would not have it any other way. "Everything I do is related to dogs," she said. "I just really love working with dogs. I'll be doing this until I can't."

Oyster Pond's Water

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in by the railroad and Surf Drive, said Stephen B. Leighton, a member of the Water Quality Management Committee, who also lives on Oyster Pond Road.

Changing the water quality standard for Oyster Pond may not be feasible, Mr. Leighton said, but it is worth discussing. The engineers should be able to tell the town how much money it will save the town to reclassify Oyster Pond and how likely it is to be successful.

Mr. Leighton was impressed by another possible solution that Wright-Pierce proposed. Wright-Pierce pointed out that wastewater treatment facility on the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Quissett campus should be investigated as a possible loca-

tion to treat wastewater. If there is sufficient capacity at the WHOI wastewater treatment plant, the transportation costs could be reduced.

Another possible technique for removing nitrogen from Oyster Pond, such as building a permeable reactive barrier around the pond to remove nitrogen before it enters the pond, will also be explored, Mr. Leighton said.

One solution that will not work in Oyster Pond is a shellfish propagation project. Oysters do not grow in Oyster Pond, Mr. Leighton pointed out, because the salinity levels are too low. Oyster Pond has salinity levels between 2 and 4 parts per thousand, compared to 32 parts per thousand in Vineyard Sound.



CARRIE GENTILE/ENTERPRISE

Chuck Martinson, with the Falmouth Police Federation, and Boston Bruins alumnus Don Awrey fight for the puck at the annual benefit game at the new Falmouth Ice Arena on Sunday.

Jubilee A Benefit For Center For Women

Residents have an opportunity to shake off the late-winter doldrums while supporting a worthy cause, next weekend, by attending the Jeans & Jewels Jubilee, a night of music, food, and live and silent auctions at Ballymeade Country Club in East Falmouth. The Saturday, March 9, fundraiser will benefit the Cape Cod Center for Women.

Bid on a tour of WCVB-TV Boston news studios with Susan Wornick, J.C. Monahan, and Bianca de la Garza; a week's stay at a Naples, Florida, condo with two round-trip Southwest Airlines tickets; a Labor Day weekend getaway to Nantucket with two round-trip Nantucket Airlines tickets; "dinner in a dumpster" for 10 catered by Chef Roland; or a huge basket of high-quality wines. Other auction items include: sunset harbor cruises out of Woods Hole or Red Brook Harbor; a stay at the Chatham Bars Inn; a private wine tasting; and many more.

D.J. Mark Friedman of 2Way Entertainment will be spinning the tunes and hosting the live auction, while Chef Roland will provide hors d'oeuvres and entrée stations so that no one will go away hungry.

Tickets for the event, to be held from 6 to 10 PM, are \$50 each and available online at www.capecodshelter.org. Tickets may also be purchased at Twigs, 178 Main Street, Falmouth; or at the Village Trading Company in Mashpee Commons. (No tickets will be sold at the door.) Attire is Cape Cod casual chic—attendees are encouraged to either dress up their jeans with jewelry, or go black tie if they wish.

This night out will help support the Cape Cod Center for Women, the Cape and islands' only 24/7 confidential emergency shelter for women and children escaping domestic violence. To inquire about the services provided by the shelter, call 508-564-SAFE (7233) or 800-745-0003.

Sheriff's Office Completes Radio Re-Banding

The Cape's 800-megahertz trunking system, grounded at seven fixed-tower sites from Provincetown to Sandwich, was reprogrammed last week—the final leg of a much longer project to ensure emergency radio communication will continue to flow uninterrupted and unimpeded.

The bulk of the work, undertaken these past 13 months by five technicians at the Barnstable County Sheriff's Office in Bourne, "has been a painstaking chore with every emergency public radio on the Cape needing attention," according to a press release from that office. "That's between 3,500 and 3,800 reprogrammed," the sheriff's office estimated, "including dispatch consoles, radios built into vehicles, and the smaller ones that are completely portable."

In addition to its own radios, the sheriff's office handled the job for police, fire, emergency medical services (EMS), and other emergency response agencies on the Cape.

Ralph Swenson, the sheriff's chief deputy for technical services, said the work took between half an hour to 40 minutes per unit. Two technicians performed the work each week, a rotation that included Mr. Swenson and technicians Rick Waterfield, Ed Glasson, Sean Lyons, and Lester Childs.

The job, known as re-banding, is part of a nationwide effort kicked off five or six years ago when system users began to encounter interference from explosive growth in the Sprint/Nextel cellphone system.

The Federal Communications Commission is spearheading the effort, and Sprint/Nextel is paying for the manpower requirements that include the sheriff's technician reimbursement.

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