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Dear Eatontown Community,

Welcome to the first edition of the **Eatontown Police Department's Quarterly Community Newsletter**. We are excited to launch this new initiative as another way to stay connected with our residents, businesses, and community partners. Our goal is to keep you informed, engaged, and working together with us to ensure Eatontown remains a safe and welcoming place for all. We will post future newsletters on the Borough Facebook page as well as the Borough website.

Leadership Update: Chief Theresa Healy

The Eatontown Police Department is proud to announce Chief Theresa Healy as Chief of Police. Chief Healy brings a strong commitment to community-focused policing, transparency, and collaboration. Her leadership emphasizes building trust through open communication, proactive engagement, and partnerships with residents, businesses, and community organizations. Under Chief Healy's direction, the department remains focused on strengthening community relationships while continuing to provide quality public safety services. She looks forward to expanding opportunities for engagement and working closely with the community to ensure Eatontown remains a safe and welcoming place for all.

Community Engagement Highlights

The Eatontown Police Department continues to actively engage with our community through education, outreach, and partnership:

- **Senior Cyber Safety Presentation:**
Officers recently hosted a cyber safety presentation for seniors at the **Meadowbrook Senior Housing at 55 Wyckoff Road**, focusing on common scams targeting older adults and practical steps to prevent fraud. We are committed to empowering our senior community with the tools and knowledge needed to stay safe in an increasingly digital world. If your Eatontown facility is interested in hosting a "Senior Cyber Safety Presentation" please contact Detective Sergeant Drew Clancy (dclancy@eatontownnj.com).
- **Pediatric Hospital Visit:**
In December, members of the Eatontown Police Department had the privilege of visiting children at **Anne Vogel Children's Hospital**, spreading holiday cheer and offering support to young patients and their families. These moments reflect the heart of our department beyond enforcement.

Upcoming Events:

➤ **National Night Out – August**

We are excited to participate in **National Night Out**, a nationwide event that strengthens police community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Sponsorship opportunities are currently available for those interested in supporting this important event. Please contact Maria Fornicola for sponsorship opportunities (mfornicola@eatontownnj.com)

➤ **Coffee with a Cop – October**

Join us this October for **Coffee with a Cop**, an informal opportunity to meet officers, ask questions, and have open conversations in a relaxed setting. No agendas, just coffee and connection. Additional details will follow.

Traffic Updates:

New NJ E-Bike Laws Now in Effect

The State of New Jersey has enacted new safety regulations for E-bikes. To keep our community safe and informed, the Eatontown Police Department is highlighting the most critical changes below.

What is required?

For the first time, most E-bike riders must now have:

- A valid license: Age 17+ (Driver's License or Motorized Bicycle License) or Age 15-16 (Motorized Bicycle License)
- State registration: All E-bikes must be registered with the NJMVC.
- Insurance: Liability insurance coverage is now required
- Note: License and registration fees are waived for the first year. Fines for non-compliance will begin in six months.

Important Restrictions to know:

- Age limit: Children under 15 are prohibited from operating E-bikes.
- Speed and Power: The new law applies to all E-bike classes (pedal-assist, throttle and high-powered).
- Sales and Mods: Online E-bike sales are banned statewide for one year. Modification kits to increase bike speed are now illegal.

The Eatontown Police Department will focus on public education over the next six months to help our residents transition to these new standards.

Winter Reminders:

- As we endure winter's bitter grasp on us, keep in mind that when a weather event is predicted, please do not park your vehicles in the street as it makes it more difficult for the plows to get by.
- Please continue to keep your walkways and sidewalks clear. This helps to ensure our school aged children can access safe sidewalks as they travel to school.

Construction Projects:

- The water main project near Maxwell and Pinebrook is still ongoing. The projected finish date is approximately late spring of 2026. This, however, is subject to change due to weather restrictions or unforeseen circumstances.

Current Crime Trends/Prevention Tips:

- Current phone scams targeting bank customers involve imposters, often using caller ID spoofing, pretending to be from your bank's fraud department to create urgency about "suspicious activity," and tricking you into revealing personal info (passwords, codes) or transferring money to a "safe account". Key tactics include requesting one-time passcodes (OTPs), using fake urgent alerts (texts/calls), and sometimes involving multi-stage scams with tech support or government impersonation. **Do not share verification codes or passwords over the phone. Verify all calls by contacting your bank directly using the number on your card or bank statement. Banks will never send representatives to your home or request debit cards or personal information.**
- Please remember to **ALWAYS** lock your vehicle doors. Unlocked cars are easy targets for thieves. This simple habit of locking your doors, removing valuables, and taking your keys with you will help prevent you from becoming a victim.

By sharing this information, we aim to keep residents informed and proactive about safety within our community.

Thank you for your continued support of the Eatontown Police Department. We value your partnership and look forward to strengthening our relationship in the months ahead.

Please stay tuned for future editions and upcoming events.