

Watchwords by Officer Tom Hanshaw
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On behalf of the Amesbury Police Officers' Association (APOA), I would like to express thanks to everyone who has donated to our recent fund drive. Thanks to the tremendous community support, we are able to assist several groups and support crime prevention and safety efforts in Amesbury. The members of the APOA work to make our community a safer and better place but we certainly cannot do this alone. I thought I would share a listing of some of the groups and programs we have been able to help over the past year, thanks to your generosity. Support was given to the AEFI Program, American Cancer Society, Amesbury Academy, AHS Boosters, Chamber of Commerce, Emergency Management, Girls Youth Softball League, Grad Night, AHS Top 10 Dinner, 2012 Yearbook, Amesbury Holiday Program, Little League, Middle School 8th grade trip, AHS Football, VFW, American Heart Association, Best Foot Forward, Avon Breast Cancer Fund, Cops For Kids with Cancer, Coastal Trails Coalition, Jimmy Fund, Juvenile Diabetes, Pan Mass Challenge, Pettengill House, Special Olympics, Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center, Our Neighbor's Table and the Jordan Shay Memorial Fund.

Your donations have also helped to make community programs such as the Coffee with the Chiefs Hour, National Night Out, Relay For Life and Senior Christmas Concert possible. We try to help as many people as possible and place emphasis on efforts dedicated to the welfare of the youth in our community. Because police officers are on the front line of emergency response, we often learn of people who are facing family and personal emergencies. The support of generous residents, guests and businesses truly helped those in need as well as groups dedicated to the welfare of our community.

In case you would like to help the APOA, please send your tax-deductible donation to the Amesbury Police Officers' Association, P.O. Box 932, Amesbury, MA 01913. We are also working on the second "Family Fun Fair," which will be held at the Amesbury Sports Park on South Hunt Rd. on June 10th. Watch for more details soon about the games, drawings, silent auction, music, food and fun that we've got lined up for the day.

We are also planning another event to benefit the American Cancer Society, Relay For Life of Amesbury, after several requests. Because the "Back to the 80s Dance" a few weeks ago was so popular, we will be hosting a follow-up on Friday June 8th. This time, we'll have more games, prizes, music from the 60s, 70s and 80s as we celebrate the end of the 2011-12 school year and welcome summer vacation. The Family Friendly event takes place at the Cashman Elementary School from 6:00 to 9:00 PM in the Gym and Cafeteria. In the upcoming weeks I'll have many more details but mark your calendars now to help fight cancer in our community.