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**Essex County Sheriff's Department Report for the period of
 January 01, 2022 to December 31, 2022**

During 2022, we responded to over 350 incidents throughout the county. We had over 900 traffic stops resulting in over 400 tickets and more than 500 warnings. The figures below represent our department's response and the contract percentage is based upon funding provided to the department by the town. The amount of hours in each town drives the amount of services. I used 68 hours weekly of funded contract time as the total funded by contracts or donations from the communities we serve. I anticipate next year the town requests will be over 100 hours a week. These numbers do not include grants or contracts with other entities which exceeds another 140 hours per week.

This year in May we took on new contracts in Brighton and Canaan. Both towns opted to close their police departments with the resignation of their Chief. The new contracts in the north together totaled over 50 hours a week. These contracts were for more hours than we had been contracted in the south, and without additional staff, stretched us very thin. In many cases we returned grant funds that were unexpended. This year will be a building year as we assess how many hours are wanted by each town and I begin building the department to meet those needs. In the stats below, Lunenburg and Concord both fund the same number of contract hours. Where Lunenburg has a higher number of incidents, the traffic stops are lower because the time was spent on casework. In Concord, those numbers are flipped. In Brighton they contracted for more hours, but those statistics are based on 8 months instead of 12.

Court hours are a large percentage of our time between security and prisoner transports. Our Department continues to conduct Special Investigations Unit Services for the Essex county cases of sexual assault and child abuse. We are continuing to assist in patrolling V.A.S.T. and V.A.S.A trails, but did not have as much trail time in 2022. We will continue conducting Occupant Safety Checks, distracted driving patrols, and DUI patrols under grants from Governor's Highway Safety. We are also assisting in border security under a federal grant.

<u>Town</u>	<u>Land value%</u>	<u>Population%</u>	<u>Incident%</u>	<u>Traffic</u>	<u>Contract%</u>
Bloomfield	4	4	2	1	0
Brighton	18	19	22	27	32
Brunswick	1	1	1	1	.6
Canaan	11	15	9	15	25
Concord	15	19	17	31	16
East Haven	3	5	1	1	0
Granby	2	1	1	0	0
Guildhall	5	4	4	5	4
Lemington	2	2	1	3	.4
Lunenburg	14	22	35	13	16
Maidstone	9	3	2	1	3
Norton	5	2	1	1	0
UTG	8	1	3	1	1
Victory	2	1	1	1	2