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## **GILFORD POLICE PARTNER WITH IRONMAN® TO KEEP CITIZENS SAFE**

*Preparedness is essential in keeping citizens safe during outdoor recreational activities.*

Members of the Gilford Police Department (GPD) continue in their commitment and diligence to community safety by partnering with the IRONMAN® Foundation for the purposes of making reflective safety vests available to Gilford residents. The Town of Gilford, being located in the heart of New Hampshire's recreational center, encourages citizens to experience all the great outdoors has to offer by biking, hiking, running and/or walking. While some prefer to complete these activities off-road, there are a large number of residents who take to the local roadways for such exercising opportunities. All too often, however, Gilford police observe such activities being conducted by individuals not wearing proper reflective equipment. The wearing of highly visible reflective safety vests is essential in making certain people are immediately noticeable even under low-light conditions thus lowering the potential for accidents.

Gilford Police Relief Association (GPRA) members and the IRONMAN® Foundation have purchased 20 safety vests for Town of Gilford residents. Each vest contains the GPD and IRONMAN® seal on the front, as well as a logo on the back that was designed by a local resident. Vests come in limited S/M, L/XL, and 2XL/3XL sizes, and are available for a \$5.00 donation to the GPRA. The GPRA is a non-profit organization that exists to provide support to its members, local children, and the community by providing grants and scholarships, making donations, and sponsoring community events.

Residents interested in obtaining a safety vest can pick one up (limit two per household) at the police department. Donations are requested to be in check form and made payable to the GPRA. "This proactive and progressive police approach at keeping community members safe is at the forefront of everything we do," says Chief of Police Anthony Bean Burpee.

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