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Citizens of Waldo County,

The Members of the Waldo County Sheriff's Office are proud to serve the citizens of our great County. We want to thank the members of the public for their continued support. We are a full-service Sheriff's Office providing Law Enforcement, Corrections and Civil Paperwork Service to folks who live, work and visit Waldo County.

2020 was a year different from any other. The Covid-19 pandemic has made providing Law Enforcement and Corrections services very challenging. The killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis has impacted how our Nation views the Law Enforcement profession and how the services we provide will be delivered and regulated moving forward. Locally, we have continued to enhance our collaboration with the Knox County Sheriff's Office with a new inmate boarding agreement and further sharing of resources resulting in savings of hundreds of thousands of dollars to county taxpayers.

Our patrol division handled nearly 8,400 calls for service in 2020. These calls included all types of incidents from murders, domestic violence, robberies, burglaries, thefts, child abuse, sexual abuse, drug overdoses, and much more. The drug abuse epidemic continues to ravage our citizens and cause much of the crime in our county. The patrol division also conducted 1,491 traffic stops throughout the county in an effort to increase traffic safety on our roads and highways.

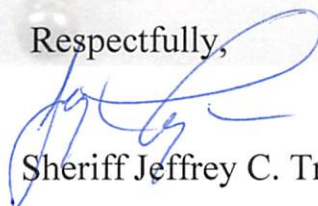
Our Corrections Division continues to excel in the operation of the Maine Coastal Regional Re-entry Center serving 46 residents in 2020. These are men who were nearing the end of their term of incarceration. Our many programs assist them with their integration back into society as productive and contributing citizens. During their stay at the re-entry center, residents provided 4,455 hours of community service throughout Waldo County. This translated to a savings in labor costs of \$53,461 to citizens and non-profit agencies. Residents also provided more than 173,000 pounds of fresh vegetables to local food pantries and those in need from the County's Garden Project overseen by Waldo County Commissioner William Shorey. The residents also paid \$8,928 dollars in room and board to the County.

The seventy-two-hour holding and booking facility processed 649 persons who were arrested in Waldo County by all the law enforcement agencies serving our County. If a person who has been arrested cannot make bail within 72 hours, he or she has to be transported to the Knox County Jail in Rockland by our Transport Division. Our average daily population of Waldo County prisoners held at the Knox County Jail was 21 men and women. This along with bringing prisoners to court and medical appointments, generated 310 transports with our transport division, traveling more than 50,000 miles in 2020.

Our Civil Service Division served 1,030 sets of legal paperwork all over the County in 2020.

It has been an honor for all of us to be of service to the citizens of Waldo County in 2020. We look forward to a safe and productive 2021.

Respectfully,



Sheriff Jeffrey C. Trafton