



PRESS RELEASE

Warren Police Introduce Trike Scooters to Build Strong Community Connections and Smarter Patrols – Scooters purchased with grant funding

In a fun and innovative move to modernize law enforcement operations and better connect with the community, the Warren Police Department has acquired a fleet of Trike Mobility Scooters. These state-of-the-art vehicles are set to revolutionize how Warren officers patrol neighborhoods, parks, and public events, boosting both police efficiency and community safety.

The addition of Trike mobility scooters enables officers to respond more quickly in crowded or hard-to-reach areas, where traditional patrol cars might face limitations. Their compact design and electric power make them eco-friendly and able to be rapidly deployed. Officers using Trike scooters will have greater visibility and be able to be closer to the community while on patrol. By fostering more approachable interactions and frequent engagement, these scooters further strengthen the department's commitment to community policing efforts.

These four vehicles, purchased with 100% of funds coming from the 2023 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, are all-wheel-drive and can travel up to 35 MPH. The Trikes are powered by 6hp electric motors with a range of up to 30 miles per charge. All Trikes are equipped with emergency lights and a siren. Officers in the Community Policing Unit and other divisions have been trained in their operation.

"These trike mobility scooters are a game-changer for our department," said Police Commissioner Eric Hawkins. "Police Departments nationwide are always exploring new ways to get officers out of their vehicles and interacting more directly with the community. In sprawling suburban areas like Warren, foot and bicycle patrols aren't always practical for covering large distances or responding quickly. The Trike scooters, beyond their appealing look and fun factor, offer a much more practical solution. This new equipment also provides us with some tactical and operational advantages in certain settings. This is yet another example of this Department's continued focus to innovative policing."

Residents can expect to see the new Trike Mobility Scooters out on patrol in the very near future, including during neighborhood patrols for Halloween festivities. The department encourages everyone to say hello and engage with officers as they make rounds to help ensure a safe and enjoyable holiday for all.

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