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Hello everyone,

I'm writing to express my concern over town rumblings that the Mounted Patrol program is in danger of being eliminated. As a 13 year resident/property owner in the city of Dover, I have appreciated this unique feature our community - one only a handful of other places in NH can boast about. The Mounted Patrol does not represent an undue burden on our city's budget since all care and supplies for the horses is donated through time, energy and money by a robust group of volunteers and supporters. I have attended many City Council meetings and School Board sessions in recent years and have spoken in support of our schools and teachers. As I've said at the podium, our schools (and our city) are only as strong and effective as the people and systems that run them. I extend this same assertion to our Mounted Patrol as well.

The Mounted Patrol offers Officers the unique opportunity to interact with populations that may otherwise be far less accessible - I think specifically of the homeless population and our large community of children and young families. We can not undervalue the work done by Joe and Michelle over the years as, day by day, stop by stop, they interacted with our community, built trust, gained new perspective and worked to strengthen the community's ties to and belief in the trustworthiness of the Police. I fear we won't recognize the depth of benefit to our community unless the program is taken away and we suddenly feel the cost of their absence. Please continue to value, support and believe in the Mounted Patrol program. It's one of the most beloved parts of Dover, and thousands of people would miss it if it was taken away.

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