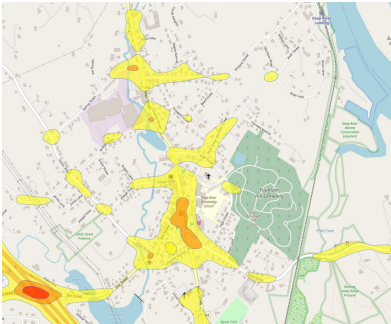


## My Plan to Fix Policing

Policing is a common concern I hear from voters in Deep River. Many feel that speeding is not being effectively addressed, some have been victims of theft, and others believe the town's police department is performing poorly.

### Did you know?

- The First Selectman is also Chief Constable (Chief of Police), responsible for the entire police force.
- The police budget is under 5% of the town's total budget.



(Example Speeding Heat Map)

Here are the steps I will take to strengthen our police department:

- **24/7 Patrols**  
Guarantee that at least one town officer is on patrol at all times, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- **Data-Driven Speed Enforcement**  
Implement my proposed MyDR.gov portal to track speeding and share a public heatmap of trouble areas. Use this data to guide patrol assignments, improve road design, and prioritize the placement of speed flasher signs in the areas with the most severe speeding problems.
- **Community Feedback and Accountability**  
Host quarterly public meetings dedicated to community feedback and police performance improvement. Turn these sessions into concrete action plans that set measurable goals for improvement.
- **Enhanced Crisis Intervention Training**  
Require all town officers to complete extended Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training to ensure better responses to situations involving individuals with behavioral health needs. This is especially important today because our community includes residents with a range of behavioral and mental health challenges.

## Exiting the Resident Trooper Program for a Stronger, Independent Police Department

**The Resident State Trooper program is failing Deep River**, with high turnover, poor service, and excessive cost. I intend on ending our reliance on this program so that **the town no longer has to pay into it**, and instead reorienting that money to build a **POST-certified town police department that puts residents first** and delivers higher-quality service. Our town will still receive limited services from the state police as needed, but at a substantially reduced cost and no cost basis.

If elected, I will be the last First Selectman to serve as Police Chief. **This conflict of interest will end under my leadership.** The role will instead be appointed by an elected police commission, giving residents more control over who their police chief is, and providing the position the important consideration it deserves.

**My commitment is to provide a competent, respectful, and cost-effective police department focused on serving the people of Deep River.**