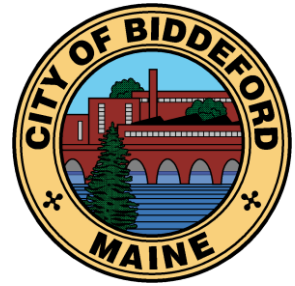


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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Law Enforcement Presence at Upcoming Election Uniformed Officers will be at the polling place**

In a joint statement, Police Chief Roger Beaupre and City Manager James Bennett announced that the City will, again this year, have uniform Police presence at the municipal election next Tuesday, November 3, 2015. Although this is nothing new, the officers will be more visible. The voting is taking place at the Biddeford High School in the Tiger Gym located on Maplewood Ave.

Voters may park on Maplewood Avenue, and use the student parking lot while voting. Disability Parking is available, as marked, in the parking area immediately adjacent to Tiger Gym. Parking on Maplewood Avenue is limited to 20 minutes.

“A number of factors have led to this prudent action,” stated Jim Bennett, City Manager. “Among the reasons for the Police presence includes parking and traffic issues, especially with school in session,” stated Chief Beaupre.

“Also, while it is disappointing to admit, the on-going issues that have occurred at City Council meetings over several months, have caused citizens to express to City officials that they have concerns about going to the polls on election day.” added the City Manager. “With that in mind, we need to assure our citizens feel comfortable as they move around the school campus to exercise the most important right in a democratic society; the right vote,” City Manger Bennett continued.

The Police presence will be on site from the time that the polling opens (at 7:00 AM) and will remain until the election workers have completed the election process.