

**COVID-19 Update from Hampshire Sheriff Patrick J. Cahillane**

**July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Thank You Northampton Elks Lodge No. 997!**

As of 10 am on Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, there are no cases of Covid-19 inside the Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction.

Thank you to the Northampton Elks Lodge No. 997 for their donation of a bike rack for use by the men staying at the Rocky Hill Re-Entry Collaborative.

For the past couple of years, men in our Bridge to the Future House work-release program have been collecting bicycles abandoned at UMass, refurbishing them and using them for transportation to their jobs. With the Elks' generous gift we are now able to make bicycles more conveniently available to Rocky Hill residents. Two more parolees joined the Collaborative on July 27<sup>th</sup>, bringing our resident population to five, and three have already found employment in the community.

Dick Bart, a 55-year member of the Elks, said the vote to make this donation was unanimous.

"We bought the rack when we built our new lodge, but I never saw an Elk ride a bike," he said with a laugh. "We heard there was a need up here, so here we are."

Patrick J. Cahillane  
Sheriff, Hampshire County



From left: Dick Bart, Rocky Hill mentors Shannon Ryan and Kim Douglas, and Sheriff Cahillane