

APPENDIX D6. POLICE, AND COUNTY SHERIFFS

State Police

The Maine State Police enforce highway laws and work with county sheriffs and local police to deal with emergencies and investigate major crimes. The State Police Communications Center is the primary contact for reporting crimes and emergencies. (See also Appendix D4 for forest fire emergency contact information.) Maine's Search and Rescue Plan (Appendix D5) requires that reports regarding any person lost, injured, or stranded in woodlands or on State or Federally-owned lands be reported to the State Police Communications Center. The Center contacts those who are responsible for search and rescue response.

24-Hour Regional State Police Communications Centers:			
GRAY	657-3030 or 800-482-0730	AUGUSTA	624-7076 or 800-452-4664
ORONO	866-2122 or 800-432-7381	HOULTON	532-5400 or 800-924-2261

County Sheriffs

There is very little municipal law enforcement capability along the Appalachian Trail in Maine. Except for the enforcement of certain environmental regulations, which are generally the responsibility of the Department of Conservation and the Department of Environmental Protection, and game laws, which are the responsibility of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, county sheriffs and their deputies are the primary sources of law enforcement authority on Trail lands.

Each county sheriff's office maintains a communications center, which is the primary point of contact for any action that requires the attention of a sheriff. The centers that are relevant to the Appalachian Trail are as follows:

County	Trail Segment	Sheriff's Office
Oxford	NH line to Old Blue Mt.	207-743-9554 or 800-733-1421
Franklin	Old Blue Mt. to Horns Pond	207-778-2680 or 800-773-2680
Somerset	Horns Pond to Blanchard TWP line	207-474-9591 or 800-452-1933
Piscataquis	West TWP line of Blanchard to Katahdin	207-564-3304 or 800-432-7372

By statute (30 MRSA §1121), county law enforcement functions include "services required to free or save persons from imminent injury or death due to accidents or other emergencies."