



# Town of Boxborough Police Department



**John T. Szewczyk**  
*Chief of Police*

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For Immediate Release:

We are extremely excited to welcome our first ever Co-Response Clinician to the Boxborough Police Department. Susan Lemere has begun serving in this role in a full-time capacity for the towns of Boxborough, Westford, Littleton, and Ayer. Susan is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts (Amherst) and also holds Master of Social Work from Smith College. She is currently pursuing her PHD at the University of Massachusetts School of Public Health. She previously worked in a similar capacity with police departments in Vermont through Washington County Mental Health.

Susan will be responding to mental health calls for service with Boxborough Police Officers and working to help individuals obtain the proper services needed while diverting the situation away from the criminal justice system. “When we can provide proper services for an individual experiencing a mental health crisis thereby keeping that individual out of the courts because of an arrest, then we are doing our job promoting the guardian mindset in policing, as opposed to the warrior mindset”, stated Boxborough Police Chief John Szewczyk.

“What set Susan apart from other candidates was not only her fine work history and impressive educational qualifications, but her empathy and compassion. We are looking forward to having someone of Susan’s caliber become part of the Boxborough community and welcome her to town,” continued Chief Szewczyk.

Any questions about the program or issues pertaining to the role of law enforcement during mental health situations, please contact Police Chief Szewczyk or Officer Robert Arakelian.