

Brentwood is an amazing and tight knit community. It was once a part of Exeter, NH until incorporated by Governor Benning Wentworth on June 26, 1742. Described as a beautiful, rural community located twenty minutes from the NH Seacoast and is located in Rockingham County. The town's infrastructure and safety relies on the municipal government, with approximately 16.8 square miles of land and 0.23 square miles of water with the highest point being Great Hill. Population is estimated to be at 4,800 with 1400+ households and continues to draw a diversity of people who consistently demonstrate a willingness to help their fellow neighbor.

On May 12, 2014, the Brentwood community and police department suffered a horrific tragedy when Patrol Officer Stephen Arkell was shot and killed after responding to a domestic dispute.

Officer Arkell was born in raised in Brentwood and was a part of the community for most of his life. He served with the Brentwood Police Department for 17 years and was dedicated to his wife and two daughters. He also served as his daughters' lacrosse coach for the Exeter High School. Officer Arkell was also the Animal Control Officer in Brentwood as well as a local carpenter. He was known as a kind, caring, compassionate person who would go out of his way to help anyone. He represented what the town of Brentwood is all about, a close-knit small-town community that always puts the citizens' wellbeing first. Officer Arkell epitomized the community policing philosophy and we try to model ourselves after the way he lived his life and the service he provided to the community he loved so dearly. He will always be remembered for his ultimate sacrifice he made to the community. Presently, the Brentwood Police Department consists of a police chief, twelve sworn police officers, an investigator, an administrative assistant, a prosecutor, and an animal control officer. The Brentwood Police department handles an average of 5000 calls for service each year. Our priority is to protect and serve the Brentwood community at the highest level of professionalism, integrity, and compassion. Our officers and staff are dedicated to improving the quality of life by creating a safe environment in partnership with the people they serve while enforcing the NH state laws and local ordinances. We work in partnership with regional task forces such as the Seacoast Emergency Response Team (SERT), the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC), the Seacoast Child Advocacy Center (CAC), the New Hampshire State Police (NHSP), the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office, various drug investigation units, and federal law enforcement agencies.