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**Moultonborough's Kinmond a "Master Roads Scholar"**

The Town Moultonborough's Scott Kinmond, currently its Chief of Police, was recently awarded the designation of Master Roads Scholar at a UNH Durham awards ceremony. He is one of a select group of less than 175 persons in the state to have earned this distinction. The designation is available to those who have successfully completed over 100 hours of specialized training in a variety of technical, environmental, safety, and management courses all related to highway and public works functions.

Mr. Kinmond said, "While patrolling the roads and conducting accident reconstruction and safety audits I found myself fascinated by the connection between the actual road design and maintenance and the ultimate safety of our residents and visitors." He continued on "I'm not sure my family always appreciated me using my vacation time to go to school these past two years, instead of being with them, and I appreciate their support."

On a related note, Mr. Ed Wakefield, a 20+ year veteran of the Moultonborough Highway Department recently completed his first series of courses to earn the Level 1 Roads Scholar certification. This first level of certification requires 25 hours of formal training.

Ms. Karel Crawford, Chairman of the SelectBoard, said, "I want to congratulate Chief Kinmond on achieving this level of distinction. It speaks well of the level of dedication he has to public service, especially when he had to use so much of his own time to tackle the many courses." She continued, "We encourage all of our employees to further their training to be able to better serve our residents. We thank them for their dedication to public service."

The Roads Scholar Program is conducted by the Technology Transfer Center (the T2 Center) at UNH Durham which was established in 1986. The center is the state based provider for the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) created in 1982 to provide services to US cities and towns that maintain over three million miles of road and 29,000 bridges. More information about the T2 Center and the LTAP program can be found online at <http://www.t2.unh.edu/>.

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