



BELMONT YOUTH ACTIVITIES

and **D.A.R.E. Inc.**

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Town Administrator Garvin,

On behalf of the 501C3 group Belmont Youth Activities and D.A.R.E. Inc. I'm writing to request the Town of Belmont's support with an event to be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023.

As you are aware Belmont Youth Activities and D.A.R.E. Inc. is a local, volunteer run and not for profit group with a stated mission of helping promote community safety among Belmont's youth. In the past the group has been a lead sponsor of the Belmont Police Department's Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program. Last year, on Saturday, October 8, 2022 we held a "Touch-A-Truck" event in cooperation with the Town and several private partners. This event was well received by all involved and due to it's success we are looking to host a similar event this year.

"Touch-A-Truck" events have become increasingly popular in recent years, particularly among families with younger children and those with special needs. Our plan is to again invite Town Departments, regional public service providers, and private businesses to showcase their equipment to local youth and other interested individuals in a safe and educational setting. Last year the event was hosted in Belmont Center which allowed us to partner with the Belmont Center Business Association, something we hope to do again. We believe that Belmont Center was an ideal location to host such an event as it is both centrally located and accessible by multiple forms of transportation.

In order to make this event possible we are requesting the following support from the town:

1. Approval to utilize the rear portion of the Claflin Street Municipal Parking Lot on Saturday, October 7, 2023 for a Touch-A-Truck Event to be held from 11:00AM – 2:00PM.
2. Approval to work directly with the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Director of the Department of Public Works, and Director of the Municipal Light Department or their designee for the purpose of coordinating the event and arranging the participation of these Town entities.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. It is our hope that such an event will be both fun and educational for local youth. Representatives of Belmont Youth Activities and D.A.R.E. Inc. would be happy to speak with you in more detail about this request and appear before the Board of Selectmen to request formal approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank E. French, Chair
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