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Essex Police Department Car Show FAQs

- **When is the Annual Car Show?**
  Sunday, September 13, 2026 with a rain date of Sunday September 20, 2026

- **What time does the show start?**
  The show will start at 1pm, and end around 4pm

- **Where is the show taking place?**
  The show will take place at Memorial Park, located behind the Essex Town Hall and TOHP Burnham Library, 30 Martin St. Essex, MA

- **Do I have to preregister to be a part of the show?**
  Preregistration is not required for the event. A registration form/entry slip will be provided to vehicles looking to enter the show upon arrival.

- **Is there a fee to enter?**
  There is no fee to enter the show. A suggested donation of $20 is recommended to offset the costs of the show. There will also be T-shirts for purchase as well as a 50/50 raffle.

- **When will the judging occur?**
  Judging will take place between 1:00pm -3:00pm with winners being announced around 3:30pm

- **What are the award categories?**
  Award Categories will include:

  -Pre 1950s Classic
  -Post 1950 Classic
  - Hot Rod/Street Rod
  -American Muscle
  -Truck
  -Motorcycle
  -Foreign Classics
  -Modern
  -Chief Peter G. Silva Police Award
  -Kids Choice
  -People's Choice
  -Best in Show

- **Will there be food and beverages available for purchase?**
  Yes, there will be food trucks from various vendors, including Riverview Pizza and the Lunch Lady.

- **Where do the show cars park?**
  The parking of show cars will be dependent on the weather leading up to the event. As has been done the past few years, the tentative plan is for show cars to be parked in the outfield of the Annie Gosbee baseball field and the Municipal Parking lot on Shepard Memorial Drive. If the weather does not permit the use of the field, a contingency plan is in place to park show cars in the Municipal Parking lot as well as along the upper end of Martin Street, from Main Street as far down as Maple Street.

- **Where do I park if I'm not in the show?**
  Spectators may park behind the tennis courts, in the dirt lot behind the baseball field or in any legal parking spaces throughout town. There will also be street parking available along Martin Street and the surrounding streets as traffic will be limited to one way traffic for the duration of the event.

- **Will there be any road closure detours?**
  Various road detours will be in place for the show including:

  From the direction of Hamilton: Vehicles coming from the direction of Hamilton will be detoured to the left at the intersection of Western Avenue and Martin Street onto Western Avenue, heading toward Rt. 133, where they may take a left toward Ipswich, or turn right toward Gloucester. Only participants and spectators of the show, or those who live prior to the road closure will be directed to the right on to Martin Street.

  From the direction of Ipswich: Vehicles coming from the direction of Ipswich that are attending the show are to turn right onto Western Avenue and when they reach the intersection of Western Avenue at Martin Street, they will be guided left onto Martin Street for staging, or to park in the Spectator lot behind the Police Station. Vehicles simply traveling to or from Gloucester, Ipswich or Manchester via Rt. 133 will not be detoured.

  From the direction of Gloucester and Manchester: Attendees of the show should take a left onto Western Avenue, off Main Street **(Rt. 133)** and travel to the intersection of Western Avenue at Martin Street. When such vehicles reach the intersection of Western Avenue at Martin Street, they will be guided left onto Martin Street for staging, or to park in the Spectator lot behind the Police Station.

- **Who should I contact if I have any other questions?**
  Sergeant Daniel Bruce (978) 768-6200 or email at dbruce@essexma.org