

Maine Public Safety Pipe & Drum Corps

The Maine Public Safety Pipe & Drum Corps will provide our services free of charge for all Public Safety Personnel (line of duty deaths and non-duty related deaths for active and retired personnel) and Active Duty Military (killed in action) funerals and memorials.

We are also available for other types of events including parades, graduations, weddings, private parties, and funerals. You may hire the entire band, a single piper, or any combination of pipers and drummers. All booking and general inquiries are welcome.

Please contact our Events Coordinator for more information.

For a list of our up-coming events, please see the schedule on our website.

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Our patch is a Scottish garter encircling a Sol-taire. In each quarter is depicted one of the four units we represent: Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement, and Emergency Communications.

Our kilt is the Maine Dirigo Tartan.



We Will Never Forget

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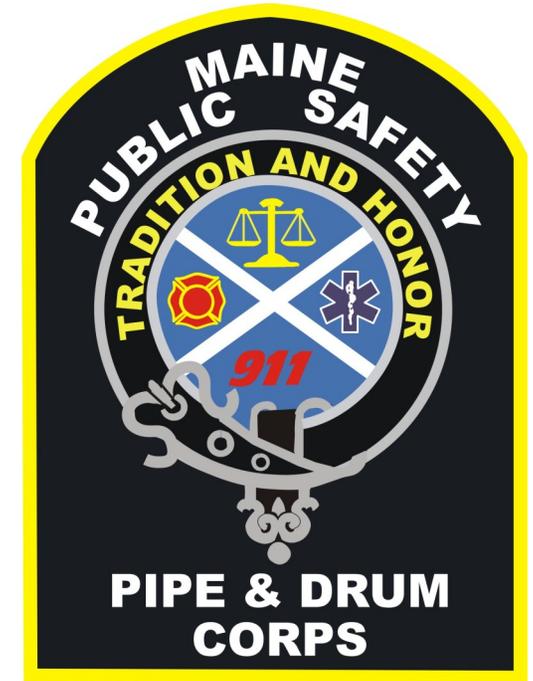
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MAINE PUBLIC SAFETY PIPE & DRUM CORPS



The purposes of the MPSP&D Corps are:

To honor all of our public safety personnel by providing Scottish music for funerals and memorials without any cost;

To represent the men and women of Maine's public safety by participating in a variety of events; and

To further Celtic and Scottish traditions in public performances and to teach Highland bagpiping and Scottish style pipe band drumming.

Please check our website for more details.

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About Us



The Maine Public Safety Pipe and Drum Corps was formed in 2004. We are dedicated to tradition and honor in public safety. We are more like a family, than just a pipe band. The public safety background that most of the members have brings a feeling of belonging to something much more, as we understand the sacrifices that are made for the profession. But most of all, we like to have fun!

As a Corps member, you can learn to play the pipes or drums, learn new pieces of music, and participate in various performances. For non-playing members, you can join the Honor Guard and render honors through presentation of the Colors.

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Full Membership - Open to all public safety personnel and their immediate families.

Associate Member - Open to all other interested persons.

Junior Corps Member - Open to anyone between the ages of 10 and 16 who want to learn bagpipes or drums.

Members should be able to attend Corps practices and functions on a regular basis. Practices are on Tuesday nights and rotate between Freeport and Portland.

Applications may be obtained from our website or from any member of the Corps.

F.A.Q.

How hard is it to play bagpipes? Bagpipes have only nine notes, however there are many combinations of these known as “embellishments.” If a person is serious about learning and can dedicate a total of 30 minutes a day, they should be able to play tunes on the pipes within a year.

How hard is it to play the drums? As a drummer, you can play either the snare drum, tenor drum, or bass drum. If you can dedicate 30 minutes a day for practice, you should be able to play tunes within several months.

How do I get started? Talk to a Corps member and come to one of our practices. Practices are held every Tuesday night and alternate between Freeport and Portland. Once you attend 5 practices or 3 months, whichever comes first, you will be considered for membership.

Do I have to play an instrument? The Corps will provide free instruction in piping, drumming and marching. No previous experience is necessary. If you don't want to play an instrument, we also have an Honor Guard.

When should I buy bagpipes/drums? Bagpipes or drums should only be purchased after you are proficient on the chanter or practice pad.

What do I need to buy? The Corps will furnish the kilt, sporran, badges, and several other items. You must buy some items on your own.

As an all-volunteer group, we are dedicated to honoring Maine's public safety community and promoting Scottish/Irish music, culture, and heritage. This is accomplished through education, outreach, scholarships and performances.

Equipment and educational costs are demanding on budgets, therefore, public and private sponsorships are welcome. The cost of outfitting a piper or drummer is significant. A good set of bagpipes can cost between \$900 and \$2000 or more new and drums can run up to \$750 new. A complete uniform including the kilt costs approximately \$1500 per member.

The need for public support is great. No government money is received by the Corps. The band relies on performance fees, your donations, and grants to continue our growth and educational pursuits. We hope that you can support us, as we support our public safety/military personnel and the community.

The band would like to thank those that have generously supported us in the past.

If you or your business would like to make a donation or become a sponsor of one of the State of Maine's premier pipe bands, please contact us.

We are a 501-C3 non-profit organization.

