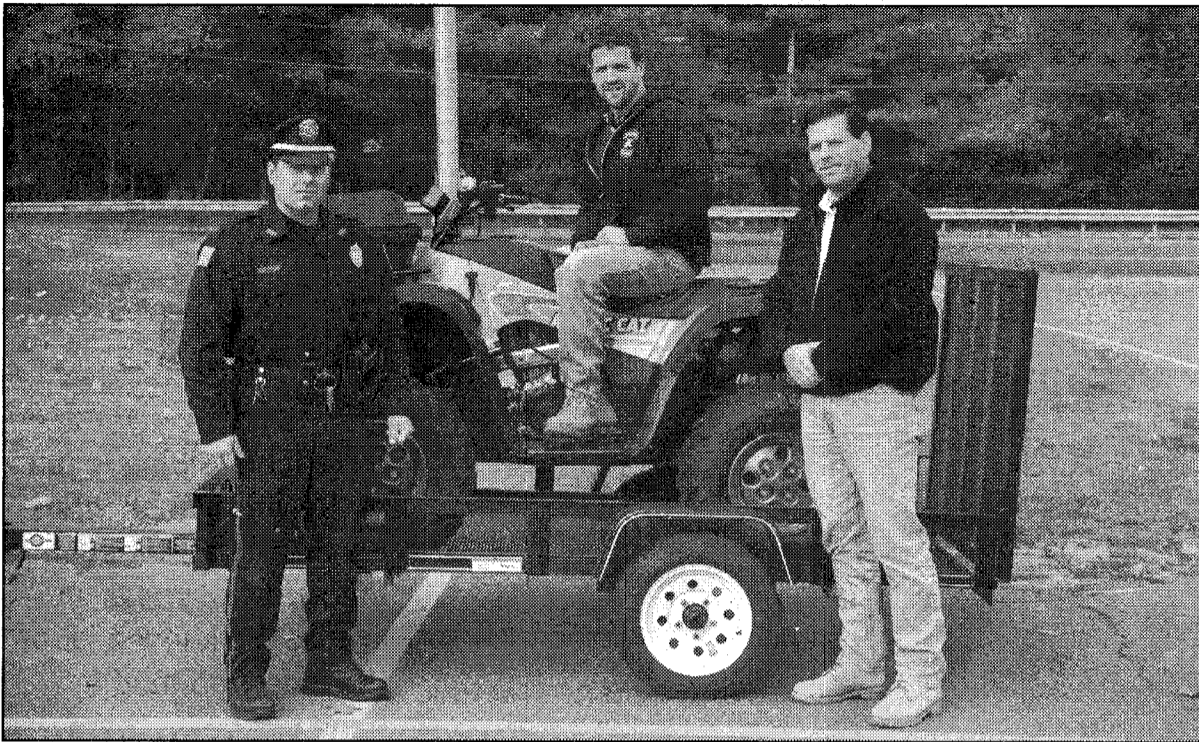


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Staff photo/Robert Slager

**Four score** — Officer Steve Teri, Brandon Berry and Police Chief Matt Clancy show off the department's new ATV. Berry, of Plympton Cycle, has donated a trailer, as well as other items, for use with the vehicle.

## Cops ready to hit the trails

### Town gets four wheel ATV

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PLYMPTON — It's time for a little four-wheelin'.

The police department has a brand new toy, one which may go a long way in saving lives.

A \$5,000 ATV (all terrain vehicle), paid for with a block grant (federal money which came from homeland security funds), is now part of the fleet.

"In the rural setting we're in here, at times we have access issues when we get calls for service," said

Police Chief Matt Clancy. "Rescue operations are infrequent, but this definitely enhances our ability to get out there to remote areas to retrieve the injured. A lot of other towns have found these to be very helpful in searches. It's going to be put to work. We'll also use it to address some issues with trespassing at the Route 44 construction site. There are a lot of dirt bikes up there and they are doing a lot of damage."

The vehicle, which tops out at 60 miles per hour, has four-wheel drive and an independent suspension. Brandon Berry of Plympton Cycles has donated a trailer for the ATV, as well as an electric winch and a set of four helmets, masks, gloves and

rain gear.

"It's a very generous thing he did," said Clancy. "The total amount of everything he's given us may have cost him about \$2,500. He's also soliciting contributions at his store to start up a maintenance fund. It's really nice when a resident shows so much interest in helping out the town."

Berry, who organized his contribution with the help of officer Mike Pinnetti, said he just wanted to do something to help out.

"The department has enough financial trouble as it is," Berry said. "Who knows? Maybe they'll be looking for my kids in the woods some day. You just want to be able to do your part."