

Sightings reported in Boxboro

# Police officer reports 2 UFOs

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BOXBORO — Police officer Stephen Trefry is not going to forget two close encounters he's had this year.

Trefry says he and a partner saw an unidentified flying object while on patrol last Saturday night near the Harvard town line, his second such sighting this year.

His immediate reaction? "I'm going to keep a camera in the cruiser."

The Oct. 19 sighting came at about 10:10 p.m., as Trefry and

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— Stephen Trefry, Boxboro police officer

patrolman Robert Morrill were driving westbound on Rte. 111, toward Harvard.

Trefry said the two had just taken a shortcut onto the road when they saw a pair of bright yellow lights hovering about 20 feet

over a grove of trees near Woodchuck Hill in Harvard.

"They lit up the whole sky and the ground bright yellow," Trefry said. "You could see everything

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right around them."

He said he and Morrill began to pursue the lights as they floated over the trees, momentarily losing sight of them and regaining it as they went up the hill.

"We were gaining on it. It took no more than 10 seconds to get to the top of the hill," he said. "When we got there, they had disappeared. They just weren't there."

Trefry said the two returned to the station, where they contacted radar monitors in the area, who had seen no trace of the object on their screens. Military police from

Fort Devens also reported no unusual maneuvers, he said.

At that point, Trefry filed a report in the police log and telephoned the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash., to notify it of the sighting.

"I wish I'd known about them (the reporting center) when I saw the first one during the summer," he said. "I'd seen the number over at the Stow police dispatcher's station in the meantime, so I called them."

Trefry said his first sighting came while he was alone atop Flag Hill in Boxboro, between 1 and 3 a.m.

"That time, I observed it with

my headlights off for about 10 minutes," he said. "It was out over some trees near the intersection of Rte. 495 and Rte. 2."

In both cases, Trefry said, he got a good look at the objects.

"This one (last Saturday) was a pair of round lights, about 20 feet apart, maybe the size of a car door each," he said. "They moved sideways at a 90-degree angle."

The first sighting was even more vivid, he said.

"The lights were the same, except that there was a larger, white light between them. They also moved the same way, and pointed down once.

"After they moved back up, I

could see it was filtering something. You could see stuff floating down."

At one point, Trefry put his headlights on and shone a spotlight toward the object.

"I flipped them off fast. I thought it was coming towards me," he chuckled. "It was sort of scary for a minute."

Trefry said he doesn't doubt that "there's something out there."

"The UFO center said they're swamped with sightings from around here," he said. "I know I'll be looking to see if this happens again. I just wish I'd gotten a picture."