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Bridgton Police Department Monthly Report July 2018

Activities

The police department totaled 594 calls for service in July, with 22 motor vehicle accidents, 13 disturbance calls, 9 domestic violence, 58 citizen assists, 5 juvenile problems, 32 alarms, 6 harassment complaints, 15 arrests, 8 noise complaints, 82 traffic violations, 2 reports of thefts, 2 criminal mischief, 61 911 hang-ups, 22 animal problems, 33 checks for suspicious activity, 32 agency assists, 29 attempt to locate, 5 reports of fraud, and 13 welfare checks.

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Events

The Night before the Fourth Fireworks was well attended and everything went smoothly. Early on the 4th, runners from all over came to participate in the Four on the Fourth Road Race. Huge crowds watched from every vantage point and again the race went very well with no real issues. The parade came a few hours later and after it was all over most of the officers were able to go home and start to enjoy their Fourth of July.



On July 11th, Frank Howell treated the children attending the STEM program at Stevens Brook to a fly in with his RAV 44 helicopter. After he and his K9 co-pilot were safely on the ground he took small groups of kids to see the helicopter up close and then gave a 20 minute talk on the science of flying.



On July 13th I met with Attorney General Session at the US Attorney's Office in Portland where he announced the hiring of additional attorneys to focus on the opiate crisis. The audience was a group of Maine Chiefs and Sheriffs invited to a private question and answer meeting with the Attorney General. There were questions about funding for treatment and education which the AG deferred to other agencies.

On July 19th I attended the wake of Weymouth, MA Sergeant Mike Chesna who was shot and killed in the line of duty.

We conducted a bid opening on July 20th for a new 2019 Ford Explorer cruiser package. We had a good number of bidders with Quirk Ford coming in substantially lower.

Todd Perrault and I met with the staff at the nursing home to start planning for a table top exercise to test their policies on thefts, robberies and active shooters.

We have been reviewing applications for the police officer vacancy and hope to have a selection by the end of August.