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# BRIDGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## **Bridgton Police Department** **Monthly Report** **August 2018**

### **Activities**

*The police department totaled 611 calls for service in August, with 10 motor vehicle accidents, 13 disturbance calls, 2 domestic violence, 59 citizen assists, 2 juvenile problems, 29 alarms, 6 harassment complaints, 8 citizen disputes, 12 arrests, 8 noise complaints, 136 traffic violations, 3 reports of thefts, 4 criminal mischief, 51 911 hang-ups, 36 animal problems, 20 checks for suspicious activity, 17 agency assists, 36 attempt to locate, 5 reports of fraud, and 18 welfare checks.*

Our Twitter account, @BridgtonPolice, now with 431 followers. You can follow us on Twitter or just check in periodically by Googling @BridgtonPolice.

### **Events**

On August 7<sup>th</sup>, we hosted a ‘National Night Out’ (NNO) at Harmon Field. NNO is a nationwide event held by police departments across the country on the same night to connect with our communities. This is Bridgton’s second annual NNO and first at Harmon Field. We had hot dogs and hamburgers supplied by Hannaford’s, cooked and served by Camp Fire Grill, popcorn donated and served by the Rotary Club, “Drunk & High goggles” for people to experience sponsored by the Lakes Region Substance Abuse Coalition, a dunk tank donated by Hayes True Value for participants to “dunk” the Chief and Sergeant Jones on numerous occasions. Apparently, everyone brought their “A” pitching game that night! We received donations from Clif at Security 101, MEH, Towanda’s, and Bavarian Chocolate Haus. Many organizations participated, United Ambulance, Bridgton Fire, State Police K-9 Unit, Bureau of Highway Safety brought their ‘Seat Belt Convincer’, and Through These Doors (formally Family Crisis).



I attended an International Association of Chiefs of Police, IACP, Board Meeting in early August where leaders in policing from around the world gathered to discuss common issues and best practices.

The department's hiring committee, Sergeants Reese and Jones, Officers Muise and Smolinsky and I interviewed five candidates for our police officer vacancy and selected two to return for second interviews. At the second interviews the committee agreed that our own park ranger, Brandan George was the best fit. Brandan was given a conditional offer by Town Manager Robert Peabody and has a host of hurdles to complete to be accepted into the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program scheduled for January 22, 2019.

We received our new sign board on August 29<sup>th</sup> and hope to have it out and informing the public soon.