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# BRIDGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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

### **Activities**

*The police department totaled 522 calls for service in December, with 33 motor vehicle accidents, 4 disturbance calls, 2 domestic violence, 31 citizen assists, 34 alarms, 3 harassment complaints, 3 juvenile problems, 4 citizen disputes, 12 arrests, 191 traffic violations, 9 traffic hazards, 3 reports of thefts, 7 slide-offs, 7 disabled motor vehicles 2 criminal mischief, 36 911 hang-ups, 14 animal problems, 16 checks for suspicious activity, 28 agency assists, 17 attempt to locate, 7 reports of fraud, and 11 welfare checks.*

Our Twitter account, @BridgtonPolice, now with 471 followers. You can follow us on Twitter or just check in periodically by Googling @BridgtonPolice.

### **Events**

Bridgton held the annual Festival of Lights parade on December 1<sup>st</sup>, which included the tree lighting and other events sponsored by Bridgton Recreation. Attendance has swelled over the past few years and all officers were on duty to assist with traffic and keeping everyone safe. Bridgton Fire rounded out the parade as there were very few floats but those who participated had some great presentations.

Our newest cruiser came in in December, another black & white, which should help in visibility when patrolling Bridgton roads.

As one of the Maine Chiefs District II Representatives of Crisis Intervention in Maine, I attended a workshop at Long Creek with staff from National Association of Mental Illness, NAMI Maine, family members of those affected by mental illness and other law enforcement officials to discuss ways to better respond to calls dealing with those afflicted.

I was invited to attend the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI) at Harvard Medical School in Boston for a two-day summit on best practices. The Bridgton area is lucky to have people like Dr. Peter Leighton who is a addiction specialist assisting those afflicted with substance use disorder and Dana Hanson whose work in assisting with transportation issues has made our communities safer.

We had a stabbing on Christmas Day at a house Green and Main Street. The victim was treated at Bridgton Hospital and the perpetrator was arrested in Casco later Christmas Day. Bail was set at \$20,000.

I attended a Board meeting for the Cumberland County Regional Communications Center (CCRCC) in Windham. There were discussions about starting the process of choosing new radio/dispatch equipment as everything in the center is nearing its life expectancy, staffing issues at CCRCC, new Town's interested in joining and departments sharing frequencies.

### **Training**

Sergeant TJ Reese and Officer Sophie Swiatek attended a week-long course in Lewiston to get certified in Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), the gold standard in police dealing with people afflicted with mental illness. This is part of our commitment to the IACP "One Mind Campaign" to train officers in CIT and Mental Health First Aid.