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Bridgton Police Department **Monthly Report** **February 2019**

Activities

The police department totaled 398 calls for service in February, with 21 motor vehicle accidents, 5 disturbance calls, 4 domestic violence, 36 citizen assists, 28 alarms, 3 harassment complaints, 5 juvenile problems, 1 citizen disputes, 13 arrests, 104 traffic violations, 8 traffic hazards, 4 reports of thefts, 6 slide-offs, 8 disabled motor vehicles, 1 criminal mischief, 25 911 hang-ups, 2 animal problems, 10 checks for suspicious activity, 36 agency assists, 19 attempt to locate, 4 reports of fraud, and 9 welfare checks.

Our Twitter account, @BridgtonPolice, now with 481 followers. You can follow us on Twitter or just check in periodically by Googling @BridgtonPolice.

Events

On February 13th we had a fatal overdose on Pond Road. Madison “Maddy” Graham, an 18-year-old was found unresponsive. Dispatch advised the caller to start CPR and when Officer Muise arrived, he administered Narcan and continued CPR until United paramedics took over. After almost an hour the paramedics declared death. Maine Drug Enforcement Agency responded to assist in the investigation of her death. Maddy was well liked and a good student at Arthur R Gould School in South Portland where she had graduated last year.

For those struggling with substance use disorder, there is help in the Bridgton area through Crooked River Counseling and Tri-County Mental Health. If the person struggling has no insurance, these agencies have funding to cover the costs so anyone who wants help can get it regardless of their financial situation.

In February, the Bridgton Police and Tri-County Mental Health entered into a Memorandum of Understanding where we would meet with staff from Tr-County Mental Health weekly to discuss people we have dealt with that have an underlying mental health issue. Tri-County then contacts these people to explain services that are available and offers help that would be most beneficial to them.

The Maine Department of Corrections inspected our cell holding area for compliance with their standards. We met the standards for the facility and our record keeping and have been deemed in compliance.

To further improve our radio communications with Cumberland County Regional Communications Center, a group of police command staff met at the CCRCC to talk about frequency sharing. Right now, one dispatcher listens to both Bridgton and Cumberland police

frequencies and dispatches appropriately. It would be more efficient to have this dispatcher listening to one frequency where both Bridgton and Cumberland are sharing, thus reducing the likelihood of missing a transmission or to have Bridgton on the same frequency with Cumberland County Sheriffs. There are several inefficiencies with the current system that could be corrected but there is also a lot of resistance to change. These discussions are ongoing and although it is unlikely there will be any changes soon, eventually, we will have to make decisions to improve the CCRCC ability to dispatch effectively.