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Bridgton Police Department **Monthly Report** **November 2018**

Activities

The police department totaled 449 calls for service in November, with 21 motor vehicle accidents, 8 disturbance calls, 6 domestic violence, 32 citizen assists, 26 alarms, 4 harassment complaints, 1 citizen disputes, 16 arrests, 126 traffic violations, 12 traffic hazards, 2 reports of thefts, 20 slide-offs, 1 criminal mischief, 28 911 hang-ups, 11 animal problems, 12 checks for suspicious activity, 14 agency assists, 21 attempt to locate, 4 reports of fraud, and 12 welfare checks.

Our Twitter account, @BridgtonPolice, now with 456 followers. You can follow us on Twitter or just check in periodically by Googling @BridgtonPolice.

Events

There was a fantastic turnout on Election Day which was one of the most miserable days with nonstop cold rain. The voters were not deterred which became a issue with limited parking, limited egress and access, creating long lines but for the most part, people were in good spirits. We will be making some changes to hopefully improve the experience for voters in coming elections.

Town Manager Robert Peabody hired Carl Hoskins as our new Animal Control Officer. Carl is a certified ACO and is currently working in a few of our neighboring Towns. He comes highly recommended by Harvest Hills. It will be great to have a qualified ACO working in Bridgton again.

I attended the monthly safety meeting at Lake Region High School. Discussions centered on staff training with ALICE. The Maine State Police have a great program that can be brought to our area.

Sergeant Jones and I met with Tracey Daniels-Kenney, the Restorative Practices Coordinator for Restorative Justice Institute of Maine to discuss ways we could identify youthful offenders who would benefit from a diversion program.

In late November, after the massacre at the synagogue in Pittsburgh, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) held a conference call with Chiefs from around the country with the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) to discuss the rapid increase in hate-crimes over the past two years. As with many social issues, the police are put in the front lines to come up with solutions.

Training

Our new officer candidate, Brandan George, completed the two-week Phase III training which consists of 80 hours of required field training. Brandan is now a “Green Pin” or certified reserve officer. Brandan will continue to work with experienced officers until he attends the full recruit academy starting in January.