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Bridgton Police Department **Monthly Report** **April 2019**

Activities

The police department totaled 447 calls for service in April, with 21 motor vehicle accidents, 8 disturbance calls, 4 domestic violence, 39 citizen assists, 24 alarms, 8 harassment complaints, 3 juvenile problems, 6 citizen disputes, 17 arrests, 136 traffic violations, 1 traffic hazards, 4 reports of thefts, 4 disabled motor vehicles, 5 bail checks, 3 criminal mischief, 25 911 hang-ups, 10 animal problems, 13 checks for suspicious activity, 28 agency assists, 11 attempt to locate, 4 reports of fraud, and 8 welfare checks.

Our Twitter account, @BridgtonPolice, now with 485 followers. You can follow us on Twitter or just check in periodically by Googling @BridgtonPolice.

Events

Early in April, I had a meeting at Bridgton Hospital with the new President. He is completely on board with partnering with the police department and the Lakes Region Substance Awareness Coalition on mitigating the region's drug addiction issues.

Sergeant Jones and I met with representatives from "Through These Doors" a domestic violence response agency to insure our current MOU is working as intended.

Five Bridgton officers attended the funeral for Maine State Trooper Ben Campbell in Portland on April 9th. The funeral was very well attended with officers from across the United States and beyond.

The Town Manager, Deputy Town Manager and Casco Fire Chief and I conducted interviews for a new Fire Chief. There was complete consensus on a candidate who the Town Manager selected. Congratulations to Tom Harriman on his new position.

Training

Officer Todd Smolinsky attended a two-day managing property & evidence room class in New Hampshire. Todd has taken over the property room responsibilities from former Officer McCormick.

Officer Hammond attended a two-day training on Standard Field Sobriety Testing. Although Craig was certified in New Hampshire, he needed to complete the Maine training to be able to testify here.

I was asked to teach the new model of Eyewitness Identification to police from across the state on Tuesdays and for the Maine Sheriff's Association Conference in Bangor. This model is supported by the "Innocence Project" and the U.S. Department of Justice. I was also taught a class to new Chiefs on Critical Incident Aftermath at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro.