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Bridgton Police Department **Monthly Report** **May 2019**

Activities

The police department totaled 560 calls for service in May, with 11 motor vehicle accidents, 3 disturbance calls, 3 domestic violence, 51 citizen assists, 28 alarms, 5 harassment complaints, 3 juvenile problems, 3 citizen disputes, 11 arrests, 190 traffic violations, 5 traffic hazards, 2 reports of thefts, 4 disabled motor vehicles, 1 bail checks, 2 criminal mischief, 39 911 hang-ups, 7 animal problems, 1 slide-offs, 11 checks for suspicious activity, 32 agency assists, 16 attempt to locate, 4 reports of fraud, and 20 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

We selected a candidate to replace for Officer Mac McCormick who left to join the Oxford County Sheriff's Department. We had nine applications and interviewed seven candidates. We are hoping to have both this new candidate and Reserve Officer George attend the Basic Law Enforcement Police Training academy in late July.

The department had it's third "Bridgton Youth Safety Day" on May 4th at the Stevens Brook Elementary School. Turned out to be a beautiful day and was very well attended. The Rotary donated youth bike helmets and had volunteers on hand to fit each child. Hannaford supplied food and drinks to attendees, The CCRCC had staff on hand to teach the proper use of 911, the Boy Scouts manned the bike safety course and had built houses and buildings of cardboard to simulate a real Town, MacDonald Motors made a significant donation to help defray costs and Dan Harden MC's the event including music. The Bridgton Fire Department had several vehicles and staff present as well as the Warden's Service and Fish & Game. Seven of our eight officers also participated. A big thanks to our Administrative Assistant, Ashley Bedard who worked tirelessly to put this together. Her and her husband donated a girl and boys bike to be raffled off by those who attended.

I continued to teach Eyewitness Identification to Law Enforcement Officers throughout the state and was privileged to go to York, Caribou and Ellsworth Maine. While in Caribou, Chief Mike Gahagan explained that I now could boast that I had in fact been to Maine since no one should make that claim without at least visiting "The County". So noted.

Officers spent a fair amount of time at the First/Last Hotel, making sure everyone was out per the Writ and checking on the premises. Former residents are still allowed to retrieve personal belongings until mid-June.

Our sign board was deployed finally on May 1st.

Todd Perrault and I met with the volunteer coordinator for the 'Four on The Forth' Road Race to review plans for this year's race.

Training

Officers Josh Muise and Brandan George attended a weeklong Crisis Intervention Training (Mental Health) in Cape Elizabeth. These two officers join Sergeant Reese and Officer Swiatek in being certified in CIT.

Officer Todd Smolinsky attended a two-day site intoxicilizer certification. Todd replaces Mac as our site intox coordinator, a position required by the state.