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Bridgton Police Department **Monthly Report** **August 2019**

Activities

The police department totaled 570 calls for service in August, with 19 motor vehicle accidents, 7 disturbance calls, 2 domestic violence, 52 citizen assists, 23 alarms, 5 harassment complaints, 4 citizen disputes, 17 arrests, 7 noise complaints, 76 traffic violations, 6 traffic hazards, 4 reports of thefts, 8 disabled motor vehicles, 5 mental health events, 4 criminal trespass, 1 criminal mischief, 75 911 hang-ups, 5 suicide attempts, 6 juvenile problems, 10 animal problems, 34 checks for suspicious activity, 36 agency assists, 36 attempt to locate, 6 reports of fraud, and 13 welfare checks.

Our Twitter account, @BridgtonPolice, now with 501 followers. You can follow us on Twitter or just check in periodically by Googling @BridgtonPolice.

Events

Our selection to replace an officer who left in January, Matt Regis, has finished the first four weeks at the 37th Basic Law Enforcement Police Training academy. Only 14 weeks to go! We wish Matt the best and expect him to graduate in early December.

Ashley Bedard, our Administrative Assistant, left for maternity leave after giving birth to a beautiful baby boy. We expect Ashley back in early October. She has been seriously missed.

We conducted interviews for the replacement of Brandan George. We have selected two likely candidates who must now proceed to successfully complete a background check, polygraph, psychological exam and other hurdles.

Officers Muise, Swiatek and I met with representatives of 'Through These Doors' (formerly Family Crisis) to discuss ways we can improve the delivery of services to the victims of domestic violence.

We were able to catch a trucking company known to use Cottage Street for exiting a Main Street business and ask them to please stay on Route 302.

I met with representatives of the "Innocence Project" to discuss how Maine can become a "Reform State". We will continue to work on training Maine police on the issues of eyewitness identification.

The Lakes Region Substance Awareness Coalition received a \$250 donation from the Four on the 4th Road race committee. We want to thank the committee for supporting LRSAC.

The cruiser bid resulted in four bids being received by the opening on August 16th. Quirk Ford of Augusta won the bid and we expect delivery of the 2020 Ford Utility in November.