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Bridgton Police Department **Monthly Report** **October 2019**

Activities

The police department totaled 374 calls for service in October, with 19 motor vehicle accidents, 5 disturbance calls, 4 domestic violence, 32 citizen assists, 24 alarms, 5 harassment complaints, 2 citizen disputes, 12 arrests, 2 noise complaints, 64 traffic violations, 4 traffic hazards, 6 reports of thefts, 3 disabled motor vehicles, 6 mental health events, 4 criminal trespass, 3 criminal mischief, 26 911 hang-ups, 0 suicide attempts, 1 juvenile problems, 4 animal problems, 30 checks for suspicious activity, 22 agency assists, 24 attempt to locate, 7 reports of fraud, and 13 welfare checks.

Our Twitter account, @BridgtonPolice, now with 514 followers. You can follow us on Twitter or just check in periodically by Googling @BridgtonPolice.

Events

The downtown project continues to move forward. Most travelers have realized the alternate routes work better but most people using Main Street seem to be patient getting through. The Fryeburg Fair traffic was very heavy, as usual, but no major problems.

I attended a class at the Lake Region High School to answer questions about policing from a group of students who had just read *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. The book was critical of modern policing and it was a great discussion. Hats off to English teacher Katie Cash-Staley for inviting me.

Personnel

Our selection to replace an officer who left in January, Matt Regis, is scheduled to graduate from the 37th Basic Law Enforcement Police Training academy on November 27th. Looking forward to having Matt on-board.

Our selection to replace Brandan George, Ryan McCloud, will start December 30th and attend the Phase II training in early January.

We invited Assistant District Attorney Amanda Doherty to come to our BPD staff meeting to go over changes in the District Attorney's process for handling criminal complaints.

Training

Though These Doors, formerly Family Crisis, facilitated training on non-fatal strangulation investigations. Several presenters went over the important issues a good investigation will document. This training was open to all Law Enforcement in the area and we had standing room only.

Our annual firearms training and qualifications are held in October. All passed with no problem with the help of our firearms instructor and armorer, Officer Craig Hammond.

I attended the annual International Association of Chiefs of Police conference in Chicago with over 18,000 participants from 150 countries. President Trump attended our conference for the second year in a row.