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Bridgton Police Department **Monthly Report** **January 2020**

Activities

The police department totaled 421 calls for service in January, with 21 motor vehicle accidents, 4 disturbance calls, 3 domestic violence, 36 citizen assists, 26 alarms, 3 harassment complaints, 8 arrests, 5 intoxicated persons, 1 noise complaints, 7 parking problems, 91 traffic violations, 5 reports of thefts, 1 motor vehicle theft, 3 disabled motor vehicles, 4 mental health events, 2 criminal trespass, 59 911 hang-ups, 3 suicide attempts, 6 slide-offs, 6 juvenile problems, 4 animal problems, 17 checks for suspicious activity, 33 agency assists, 11 attempt to locate, 4 reports of fraud, and 15 welfare checks.

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Events

In early January, EMA Director Todd Perrault met with departments heads to talk about a potential powerful storm coming in over the weekend. Storm fizzled out but good to have these preparatory meetings.

Sergeant Jones and I had our monthly meeting with Through These Doors to discuss domestic violence cases.

On Monday, January 13th, I attended the swearing in of Chief Tim Sheehan in South Portland. I have known Tim for years and am happy to have him make the jump from a Massachusetts Chief to Maine.

The Town Manager and Deputy Town Manager and I met with President Peter Wright, Central Maine Medical Center to discuss issues related to addiction.

Personnel

Ryan McCloud attended the Phase II training at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro. This is a two-week intensive course to prepare him as a Reserve Police Officer. Ryan completed this course and began his field training which is required before working on his own.

Matt Regis attended a three-day Interview & Interrogation class in Waterville. As Bridgton has no detective, officers' cases are handled by the responding officers with some exceptions. A new officer really depends on their interview skills to insure the best outcome.

Matt Regis is well into his Field Training Officer (FTO) training with Officer's Josh Muise and Todd Smolinsky. Josh and Todd are certified Field Training Officer's and work with newly graduated officers for approximately 12 weeks to reinforce good habits and help the new officers understand exactly what is expected of them. We fully expect Matt to be 'good to go' by the end of February.

Other

We continue to work on reviewing, updating and adding new policies to work towards accreditation and best practices. This will be a multi-year process that will include all staff.