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BRIDGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Bridgton Police Department **Monthly Report** **August 2020**

Activities

The police department totaled 541 calls for service in August, with 14 motor vehicle accidents, 9 disturbance calls, 4 domestic violence, 50 citizen assists, 16 alarms, 2 harassment complaints, 7 citizen disputes, 8 arrests, 10 noise complaints, 74 traffic violations, 6 traffic hazards, 12 reports of thefts, 2 disabled motor vehicles, 11 mental health events, 2 criminal trespass, 8 criminal mischief, 98 911 hang-ups, 1 suicide attempts, 1 juvenile problems, 4 animal problems, 19 checks for suspicious activity, 17 agency assists, 18 attempt to locate, and 6 reports of fraud.

Our Twitter account, @BridgtonPolice, now with 562 followers and our Facebook pages has 6,992 likes. You can follow us on Twitter, Facebook, or just check in periodically by Googling @BridgtonPolice.

Events

This month we have seen a steady increase in calls related to mental health and substance abuse. Our officers enjoy a great partnership with local resource centers for counseling and substance abuse recovery. We also have officers who are dedicated to investigating and stopping the illegal sales of drugs that fuel some of these issues.

Personnel

We experienced a lot of change among the ranks this month. Sgt Reese served as Acting Chief with excellence and extreme professionalism, his leadership through the interim of our change in command was superb.

The vacancy at Patrol Sergeant was filled with the promotion of Sgt. Josh Muise. Sgt. Muise has served the Town of Bridgton for 14 years during which time he earned the respect of his coworkers and the community. Most notably, Sgt. Muise has served as one of our Field Training Officers, his abilities and skills related to mentoring and leadership will serve this department greatly in his new role.

Training

Although in person trainings are limited due to social distancing, our officers are seeking training on issues such as drug interdiction and implicit bias.