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Bridgton Police Department **Monthly Report** **September 2020**

Activities

The police department totaled 596 calls for service in September, with 18 motor vehicle accidents, 11 disturbance calls, 6 domestic violence, 42 citizen assists, 24 alarms, 5 harassment complaints, 4 citizen disputes, 6 arrests, 6 noise complaints, 185 traffic violations, 6 traffic hazards, 6 reports of thefts, 7 disabled motor vehicles, 5 mental health events, 7 criminal trespass, 2 criminal mischief, 65 911 hang-ups, 1 suicide attempts, 0 juvenile problems, 6 animal problems, 27 checks for suspicious activity, 24 agency assists, 17 attempt to locate, and 10 reports of fraud.

Our Twitter account, @BridgtonPolice, now with 566 followers and our Facebook pages has 7,013 likes. You can follow us on Twitter, Facebook, or just check in periodically by Googling @BridgtonPolice.

Events

This month our officers gladly welcomed back the school year with extra patrols of the school zone and bus stops. We have also toured the Elementary school to become familiar with the recent changes and safety updates. We worked alongside of the Maine Fire Marshal's service and Maine Warden's service as they conducted investigations in the area, and we have increased our efforts in traffic enforcement moving from 74 traffic stops in August to 185 stops in September.

Personnel

We received an encouraging level of response to the recent patrol officer opening and seven people have been selected to interview for the position. Once a candidate is selected, a thorough background check will be conducted followed up a psychological and polygraph examination.

Training

During September we were able to send officers to train in some of the following areas: Active shooter response, Motor vehicle liability for law enforcement, Drug interdiction, and Interview and interrogation. We also conducted the yearly firearms qualification required by the Main Criminal Justice Academy.