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# BRIDGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## **Bridgton Police Department** **Monthly Report** **March 2021**

### **Activities**

*The police department totaled 437 calls for service in March, with 20 motor vehicle accidents, 4 disturbance calls, 0 domestic violence, 38 citizen assists, 18 alarms, 7 harassment complaints, 9 arrests, 101 traffic violations, 1 OUI's, 4 property checks, 2 reports of thefts, 4 disabled motor vehicles, 9 mental health events, 5 criminal trespass, 41 911 hang-ups, 2 suicide attempts, 5 juvenile problems, 4 animal problems, 17 checks for suspicious activity, 29 agency assists, 17 attempt to locate, 8 reports of fraud, and 6 welfare checks.*

Our Twitter account, @BridgtonPolice, now with 563 followers and our Facebook page has 7,631 followers. You can follow us on social media or just check in periodically by Googling @BridgtonPolice.

### **Events**

March was a busy month for us. Calls related to drug activity and drug overdose are steadily climbing. During this month we have seized usable amounts of heroin, fentanyl, cocaine, and prescription narcotics from various arrest encounters.

Sgt. Reese and Officer Smolinsky assisted an elderly female with a flat tire. They went above and beyond the call of duty in changing the tire and helping her make arrangements to get the tire repaired. Both officers were commended for the outstanding community care.

Officers McCloud, George, and Johnson responded to a disturbance where an intoxicated male threatened the use of what appeared to be a handgun. They used excellent tactics and discretion bringing the incident to a peaceful conclusion and the suspect was arrested. When the gun was examined it was found to be a BB gun. All officers were commended to their integrity and presence of mind.

### **Training**

We were also able to provide a lot of training this month for our officers:

Cumberland County Sheriff's Office brought us a training on safe and tactically sound drug interdiction traffic stops (this was timely considering the uptick in illegal drug activity).

Maine State Police Tactical Team brought us a training on response to active threats which involved hands on "simulations" training (this was also timely considering the above mentioned incident involving the BB gun).

Officer Regis attended training on fourth amendment and proper search and seizure.

Officer Hammond attended specialized training on being a Glock armorer.

Officer George attended a week long training on property crime scene investigation.

Sgt. Muise completed a two-week training on first line supervision. This is the standard Sergeants training endorsed by the New England Chief's of Police.

## **Personnel**

We are currently full staffed and are looking forward to our expected tenth officer and full-time investigator in next year's budget.

At the time of this writing (April 5<sup>th</sup> 2021), we are mourning the passing of retired Lieutenant Peter Madura. I had the opportunity to work along with the LT on the same shift for the last seven years of his career. He taught me many lessons about police work and community. His legacy will live on in these halls as we tell stories about his career and continue to watch over this community that he dedicated much of his life to.

Here's to you LT, you will be missed.