



# BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## MARCH 2016 MONTHLY REPORT

The month of March included incidents 2,316 (6,690 YTD). The most frequent emergency calls for service are ambulance calls with 104 (307 YTD) and alarms with 81 (259 YTD).

During March, officers investigated and reported on several incidents. Some of the incidents that were investigated are called index crimes.

Index crimes include murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft. Arson also is included, but is not considered an index crime.

	<b>Mar 2016</b>	<b>YTD 2016</b>	<b>Mar 2015</b>	<b>YTD 2015</b>
Murder	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	2	0	0
Agg. Assault	0	0	0	1
Burglary	0	6	1	3
Larceny	19	65	14	41
M.V. Theft	2	5	1	1
Arson	0	0	0	0
Adult Criminal Arrests for all types of Criminal Offenses	21	91	27	93

Traffic related incidents are motor vehicle stops, motor vehicle accidents and motor vehicle incidents (typically private property/parking lot mishaps).

	<b>Mar 2016</b>	<b>YTD 2016</b>	<b>Mar 2015</b>	<b>YTD 2015</b>
MV Accident	46	161	71	172
MV Incident	12	43	19	56
MV Stops	440	1165	539	1115
DUI Arrests	2	16	2	13
MV Arrests (Inf/Misd)	169	431	295	570
MV Warnings	187	517	210	487

## **Motor Vehicle Accidents**

Most crashes occurred on Fridays with eleven (11), followed by ten (10) on Thursdays. The location where most crashes occurred was on the Berlin Turnpike with fourteen (14) followed by four (4) on Mill Street. The intersection with the most crashes during the month was the Berlin Turnpike/Ramp E (On ramp to 9 South from Rt. 5). The top two causative crash factors were Following Too Closely with eighteen (18) and Failure to Stay in Lane with five (5).

## **Employee Recognition**

### **Section I. Employee recognition**

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer Krzykowski assisted Newington Police in serving a felony domestic warrant. Officer Krzykowski and K9 Titan were tasked with locating the suspect who was believed to be hiding inside the residence. After three required warnings were given Titan was deployed. Upon hearing the dog, the suspect immediately surrendered and was taken into custody without incident, BPD Case #2016-04612.

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> Officers Krzykowski, S. Schreiner, and Dispatcher Petano were involved in a welfare check of a resident on Cherry Hill Terrace. A family member who lives out of state contacted Chief Fitzgerald to thank all of them for their professionalism and courtesy, BPD Case 2016-04603.

On March 7<sup>th</sup> Officer Flynn was dispatched to an unresponsive male at McDonalds. Once on scene Officer Flynn began testing the person for DUI. Officer Flynn reacted properly and quickly realized this person required immediate medical attention. The individual was transported to the hospital. Officer Flynn has applied for a search warrant in order to continue his investigation, which will ultimately result in a DUI arrest, BPD Case # 2016-05007.

On March 10<sup>th</sup> Officer Krzykowski conducted a motor vehicle stop. The operator and passenger were both under suspension. The operator was also wanted out of New Jersey on a non-extraditable warrant, BPD Case # 2016- 05253.

On March 10<sup>th</sup> Officer Cyr was complimented by Traffic Officer Gould for a pair of statements that he took at the scene of a serious motor vehicle crash. The details that Officer Cyr captured in the statement helped determine a major contributing factor in the cause of the crash, BPD Case # 2016-05236.

During the early portion of the midnight shift on March 11<sup>th</sup>, Officer Rohon made a call to some former co-workers at the New Britain Police Department and asked them to verify an address for him in regards to one of his active PRAWN warrants. New Britain Police not only verified the address, but took the party into custody for Officer Rohon who transported her to headquarters where she was booked and released on bond. This was a great example of Officer Rohon taking the initiative to complete a task in an extremely efficient and proactive manner, BPD Case #2015-18526.

On March 29<sup>th</sup> Officer Veach volunteered to assist Sergeant Linskey with the required holding facility checks. Officer Veach was given a tutorial as to how to conduct these checks on a nightly basis and has done so in the absence of Officer R. Schreiner. Officer Veach's efforts in offering to help without being asked was greatly appreciated and demonstrated his willingness to be a team player.

On March 5<sup>th</sup> Officer M. Manning checked a registration on a vehicle at the Days Inn and detected a possible misuse of plates. Later on Officer M. Manning spotted and stopped the vehicle on the Berlin Turnpike. As Officer M. Manning exited his patrol car the vehicle sped off. Officer M. Manning used solid judgment in staying at the stop location and not initiating a pursuit with the suspect. Officer M. Manning went back to the Days Inn and was able to determine the identity of the driver and will apply for a warrant. Officer M. Manning used great observation skills, judgement, and investigative acumen, BPD Case # 2016- 04842.

On March 20<sup>th</sup> Officer M. Manning responded to a report of persons refusing to leave the Value Inn. At one point during the investigation the two women staying there reported they were robbed. Officer M. Manning used the motels own security video to disprove their account. In subsequent interviews with the two women Officer M. Manning developed information that the women might be engaged in prostitution and passed along the intelligence to the Detective Bureau. Officer M. Manning did a great job in recognizing the initial story was suspect and investigating the situation further, BPD Case # 2016-05988.

Last month Officer LoCastro led all officers in motor vehicle activity with **(44)** stops. Officers LoCastro, Canto, Scoppetto, & Cyr performed better than 80% of the other officers assigned to patrol in this category. Overall motor vehicle stops in March **(440)** decreased 18% as compared to March of 2015 **(536)**.

There were no self-initiated DUI arrests in March and two investigations overall that will result in arrests. Officer M. Manning led the department in arrests for operating under suspension with **(4)**. Officers Veach, DePinto, LoCastro, and Cyr led the department with arrests for misuse of plates **(1)**. Officer Fowler led the department in speed related enforcement with **(9)**. Officer DePinto led the department in distracted driving enforcement **(8)**.

On February 14<sup>th</sup> Sergeant Soneson did an outstanding job coordinating the town's response to the natural gas outage that affected many people. The Town Manager complimented the way he handled the emergency and was grateful that he stopped by the emergency shelter at McGee School. One of the consequences of the outage was an influx of calls to headquarters and a huge increase in police and fire radio transmissions. Dispatcher Gundry came in early (for a double shift) and Dispatcher Campanella stayed four hours over to manage the increased activity. Together they dealt with the situation efficiently and professionally from beginning to end.

On February 24<sup>th</sup> Officer M. Manning stopped a car for a motor vehicle violation. Subsequent investigation revealed that two of the three occupants were wanted for multiple PRAWN warrants each, BPD Case #2016-03995.

➤ **Community Activity Request Summary (4 Programs)**

1. On March 11<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>, Officer Kostka, Detective Fuini, and Officer Bradle participated in the Upbeat weekend at Camp Woodstock.
2. On March 18<sup>th</sup> Officer Kostka provided a tour of police headquarters to Mrs. Downes' special education class from Berlin High School.
3. On March 21<sup>st</sup> Officer Canto gave an internet safety presentation to fourth grade students at Griswold School.
4. On March 30<sup>th</sup> Officer Krzykowski provided a K9 demonstration at the Community Center for a group of Daisy scouts.
5. Officer Gould attended training last month to become certified in child safety seat installations. The traffic bureau did not report any assistance with child safety seat installs in March.

**February Pro Active Contacts**

	<b>March 2016</b>	<b>YTD 2016</b>
<b>Building Checks</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>2402</b>
<b>Community Relations Visits</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>490</b>
<b>Business/School Walkarounds</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>231</b>
<b>Traffic Stops</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>1165</b>