



# BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## MAY 2016 MONTHLY REPORT

The month of May included incidents 2,443 (12,131 YTD). The most frequent emergency calls for service are ambulance calls with 99 (524 YTD) and alarms with 86 (414 YTD).

During May, 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.

	May 2016	YTD 2016	May 2015	YTD 2015
Murder	0	0	0	0
Rape	1	1	0	0
Robbery	1	3	0	0
Agg. Assault	2	3	0	2
Burglary	2	10	2	10
Larceny	20	99	24	81
M.V. Theft	2	9	1	4
Arson	0	0	1	1
Adult Criminal Arrests for all types of Criminal Offenses	22	146	13	143

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

	May 2016	YTD 2016	May 2015	YTD 2015
MV Accident	49	260	44	260
MV Incident	26	77	18	86
MV Stops	443	2571	676	2708
DUI Arrests	3	22	4	20
MV Arrests (Inf/Misd)	167	1257	462	1728
MV Warnings	172	811	173	824

## **Motor Vehicle Accidents**

Most crashes occurred on Wednesdays with eleven (11), followed by ten (10) on Tuesdays. The location where most crashes occurred was on the Berlin Turnpike with eighteen (18) followed by four (4) on Deming Road. The intersection with the most crashes during the month was the Berlin Turnpike/Deming Road with six (6). The top two causative crash factors were Following Too Closely with twelve (12) and Fail to Stay in Lane with eleven (11).

## **Employee Recognition**

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

On May 9<sup>th</sup> Sergeant Gallupe and Officer Krzykowski took over CPR from a postal worker who had initiated it when she found a man collapsed in his own driveway. Our officers were able to bring him back on scene and regain a pulse. Award committee submission completed and a COIN presentation for the postal employee is in the works, BPD Case #2016-10509.

On May 21<sup>st</sup> headquarters received a call from Valero that an operator dumped his motorcycle in the parking lot driveway. After moving the motorcycle to a grassy area the operator began to run across the Berlin Turnpike. Officer Griffin requested a K9 search and Rocky Hill upon hearing the request reported that an officer was taking a stolen vehicle report on the motorcycle. A Wethersfield K9 officer took a track that led in the direction of Field Stone Crossing. Officer Scoppetto stopped there and located witnesses. Officer Griffin interviewed witnesses and determined from her prior knowledge and experience that the likely suspect with red hair was a person known to us from previous dealings / arrests. A witness identified the suspect from a Facebook photo. Rocky Hill Police retrieved the motorcycle for processing and have assumed investigation of the larceny. Great work by Officer Griffin with the assistance of Officer Scoppetto, BPD Case #2016-11481.

On May 10<sup>th</sup> Officer M. Manning found a woman wandering behind BVFD and quickly realized that something was amiss. The woman was disheveled and dirty and wandering near the wood line. Officer M. Manning investigated further and determined the woman had wandered away from the Berlin Motor Inn and was hallucinating and under the influence of drugs. The woman was transported to the hospital. Vigilant patrol and excellent job by Officer M. Manning, BPD Case # 2016-10486.

On May 16<sup>th</sup> Officer R. Schreiner, Officer Fowler, and Sergeant Linskey were dispatched to an address on a report of a female having difficulty breathing. While enroute to the call, dispatch radioed that the victim was no longer breathing. Officer R. Schreiner arrived on scene first and conducted a proper assessment of the victim and initiated CPR. Sergeant Linskey arrived and took over chest compressions while Officer Schreiner set up the AED. Officer Fowler handled the oxygen tank and rescue breathing for the victim. While the life-saving attempts were not fruitful, they were appreciated not only by Hunters Ambulance crew, but by the grief stricken family of the victim. The family, who was personally known by Officer R. Schreiner, contacted him a day after the incident to thank him and the others who had been on scene that night to assist in their family member's unfortunate emergency. This was a great example of a

synergistic team effort in a true emergency where every second and effort had the potential to make a difference, BPD Case #2016-11039.

On May 11<sup>th</sup> Officers were dispatched to look for a person originally reported as missing from a state run facility in Meriden. An Everbridge message was sent and within minutes a resident on Chippen Hill Drive had spotted the escapee/missing person and called us. As Officer Griffin approached the 22-year-old missing person, later learned to be more of an escapee, he retrieved a shovel from the yard of a residence and began swinging it aggressively. Officer Griffin was alone and alertly backed away until Officer DePinto arrived and they were able to contain the individual. A number of Connecticut State Police Troopers including K9 teams and the Trooper-One quickly arrived and assisted in apprehending the escapee. Officers Griffin and DePinto stayed calm and used good judgement, which resulted in the escapee being captured and no officers injured, BPD Case # 2016-10656.

On May 1<sup>st</sup> Officer Martin and Officer Fowler were dispatched to an address after HQ received a report that a person had been stabbed in another town, returned home, and was now having difficulty breathing. Sergeant Solek responded and assisted with the investigation. The stabbing victim was taken to the hospital by ambulance and was accompanied by Officer Fowler. Officer Martin and Sergeant Solek remained on scene and developed information and evidence that pointed to the live in girlfriend as the stabbing suspect. Detective Cruickshank was called out to process what would turn out to be the crime scene and assist with interviews. The following day the victim admitted to Detectives Cruickshank and Fuini that he had been stabbed by his live-in girlfriend in a domestic dispute in their Berlin residence. The suspect was subsequently arrested by warrant. This was a great job by all involved and a good reminder that things are not always as they might seem initially. It was good solid police work and investigative skill that this team effort put forth, which resulted in the arrest of a suspect in a violent domestic dispute, BPD Case # 2016-09887.

On May 4<sup>th</sup> at 2306 hours Officer Veach responded to a call for service that involved a woman hearing threatening voices outside her window. Officers determined there was no issue upon arrival and spoke with the woman who has been diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia. A review of our in-house records showed that we responded to the residence four times in September 2015 and twice earlier that day for similar reports. Officer Veach identified this as a recurrent call and made an attempt to devise a plan to reduce unnecessary first response to the residence. Officer Veach woke up woman's sister and caregiver and together they came up with a plan in which the woman would call her sister first to voice her concerns prior to making any calls to first responders. This small extra effort Officer Veach put in may go a long way to reduce our unnecessary response for non-emergencies in the future, BPD Case # 2016-10111.

On May 25<sup>th</sup> Officer S. Schreiner was assigned to investigate a larceny from a local business. The amount of the theft was in excess of \$60,000. Officer S. Schreiner requested to keep working on the case and with the assistance of the detective bureau was able to locate and recover most of the equipment stolen. This equipment is unique to the company and needed for their business operations, BPD Case #2016-11786.

On May 5<sup>th</sup> Officer S. Schreiner received a thank you card from a mother and young son for his response and handling of a call that involved a fireplace mantle falling on the young child, BPD Case # 2016-10175.

On May 19<sup>th</sup> Officers Canto and DePinto responded to a heart attack call that required CPR. Due to their efforts the victim regained a pulse, BPD Case # 2016-11315.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup> Dispatcher Fleisher noticed that midnight shift was short. As a result, the overtime was filled before the start of the shift and prevented an order in.

On May 14<sup>th</sup> Officer Cyr was sent to Norton Lane for a parking complaint and ended up making a marijuana possession arrest, BPD Case 2016-10935.

Officer Krzykowski and Titan were extremely busy during May. Some notable work includes: conducting a missing juvenile track, assisting another agency with a pat down search where over two thousand dollars and two ounces of marijuana were recovered, conducting two searches at our DUI checkpoint that resulted in the recovery of narcotics and marijuana, assisting an officer on car stop that resulted in locating marijuana and drug paraphernalia, and conducting a search of a residence for a suspect.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> Officers DePinto and Bradle were named the two new DARE instructors for the department.

### **Community Service:**

- Officers conducted twenty-nine walk-throughs of our schools in May. Officer Bradle (9) contributed most to these efforts.
- The midnight shift supervisors reported that the monthly streetlight checks were conducted on May 30<sup>th</sup> & May 31<sup>st</sup> and were emailed to Jim Horbal & Lecia Paonessa for repair.
- Sergeants Gallupe and Soneson reported that several COIN program awards were issued in relation to the previously mentioned capture of the escapee from Meriden, BPD Case # 2016-10656.

### **➤ Community Activity Request Summary (8 Programs)**

1. On May 6<sup>th</sup> Officer Krzykowski conducted a K9 demonstration at the UpBeat drop-in at McGee School.
2. On May 13<sup>th</sup> Detective Cruickshank attended the health and wellness fair that was held at the Berlin Senior Center.
3. On May 13<sup>th</sup> Officer Kostka and Officer Canto attended the annual Upbeat Peer Leader training at Camp Woodstock.
4. On May 20<sup>th</sup> Officer Krzykowski conducted a K9 demonstration for children at Kensington Nursery School.
5. On May 20<sup>th</sup> Sergeant Lentini, Officer Kostka, and Officer Doski assisted with Berlin High School's Prom Promise Mock Car Crash.

6. On May 20<sup>th</sup> Officer Krzykowski conducted a K9 demonstration for the forensics' class at Berlin High School.
7. On May 26<sup>th</sup> Sergeant Soneson, Sergeant Lentini, Officer Kostka, and Officer Doski attended the Upbeat town-wide picnic held at the Berlin Fairgrounds.
8. Officer Gould provided assistance with one child safety seat install in May.

**May Pro Active Contacts**

	<b>May 2016</b>	<b>YTD 2016</b>
<b>Building Checks</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>4294</b>
<b>Community Relations Visits</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>802</b>
<b>Business/School Walkarounds</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>329</b>
<b>Traffic Stops</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>2571</b>