



BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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JUNE 2016 MONTHLY REPORT

The month of June included incidents 2,230 (14,365 YTD). The most frequent emergency calls for service are ambulance calls with 117 (641 YTD) and alarms with 97 (511 YTD).

During June, 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.

| | June 2016 | YTD 2016 | June 2015 | YTD 2015 |
|---|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Murder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rape | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Robbery | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Agg. Assault | 2 | 5 | 0 | 2 |
| Burglary | 3 | 13 | 3 | 13 |
| Larceny | 49 | 148 | 18 | 99 |
| M.V. Theft | 3 | 12 | 2 | 6 |
| Arson | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Adult Criminal Arrests for all types of Criminal Offenses | 35 | 181 | 20 | 163 |

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

| | June 2016 | YTD 2016 | June 2015 | YTD 2015 |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| MV Accident | 47 | 307 | 47 | 307 |
| MV Incident | 18 | 95 | 21 | 107 |
| MV Stops | 344 | 2915 | 406 | 3114 |
| DUI Arrests | 4 | 26 | 2 | 22 |
| MV Arrests (Inf/Misd) | 124 | 1381 | 201 | 1929 |
| MV Warnings | 169 | 980 | 175 | 999 |

Motor Vehicle Accidents

Most crashes occurred on Wednesdays and Tuesdays with ten (10), followed by eight (8) on Thursdays. The location where most crashes occurred was on the Berlin Turnpike with eight (8) followed by five (5) on the Chamberlain Hwy. The intersection with the most crashes during the month was the Berlin Turnpike/Ramp C with three (3). The top two causative crash factors were Following Too Closely with fourteen (14) and Fail to Stay in Lane with four (4).

Employee Recognition

Section I. Employee recognition

On June 7th Officer Lagueux volunteered to go to an ambulance call that involved an unfriendly dog inside the victim's home. The Fire Department assisted Officer Lagueux in entering through an unlocked window and he entered the residence with a bite sleeve in case the dog did not follow commands and attacked. Officer Lagueux was able to issue commands to the dog, place him on a leash, and secure him in his cage to render the area safe for the victim to be attended to by ambulance personnel. It was an outstanding use of his training and experience and his actions allowed medical personnel to provide care, BPD Case # 2016-12850.

On June 9th Officer LoCastro investigated a welfare check at the Stonebridge Way complex. Sometime after the call was cleared Hunter's Paramedic Rich Rearick called dispatch to compliment Officer LoCastro, because he went above and beyond in assisting them. Rearick said the victim had been on the floor for a 24-hour period and Officer LoCastro went out of his way to help prepare the victim for transport to the hospital. Rearick thanked and complimented Officer LoCastro's for his efforts.

On June 8th Officer Flynn investigated a report of criminal mischief to a political sign. Officer Flynn was able to track down the suspect and resolved the issue to complainant's satisfaction, BPD Case # 2016-12911.

On June 16th Officers responded to the report of a juvenile that was upset and possibly suicidal. Upon arrival Officer LoCastro looked inside and could see the juvenile holding a knife. Officer LoCastro immediately entered the residence and ordered juvenile to drop the knife and she complied. The juvenile was subsequently sent to the Hospital at Central Connecticut via an emergency committal. Officer LoCastro did a fantastic job on this call. He used great restraint, recognized the dynamics of the situation, and deescalated a potential violent encounter, BPD Case # 2016-13567.

On June 6th Sergeant McCormack and Officers Cyr and Krzykowski assisted Adult Probation officers with the apprehension of Zachary Ziegler. Zeigler was taken into custody without incident on the strength of outstanding felony warrants, BPD Case # 2016-12732.

Sergeant Jobs and Sergeant McCormack recognized Dispatcher Farr for the way he handled a 911 call that involved a person experiencing symptoms of a heart attack. The sergeants reported that Dispatcher Farr was polite, asked appropriate questions, and did an excellent job handling the call, BPD Case # 2016-12623.

On June 22nd Dispatcher Campanella was working by herself in the communications center and received a report that a hiker fell from the cliffs at the Wassel Reservoir and was injured. Police, Fire and Ambulance were dispatched and responded. It was unclear exactly where the hiker was and what the best route to access him was. First responders ultimately tried accessing the injured party by boat. The boat stalled out in the middle of the reservoir after the retrieval of the victim was made, which required dispatching an additional one. In the middle of this Dispatcher Campanella also had to dispatch LifeStar. Dispatcher Campanella did a tremendous job handling this multifaceted emergency by herself and in addition to the regular calls for service that came in. She did so in her usual calm, efficient, and professional manner, BPD Case # 2016-13965.

On June 8th Officer Fowler conducted a motor vehicle stop for an expired registration. Upon approach to the vehicle he identified the odor of marijuana. Subsequent testing of the operator revealed he was under the influence. Officer Fowler's self-initiated identification of this impaired motorist led to his arrest and kept him off the road possibly preventing a crash, BPD Case # 2016-12871.

Kudos to Sergeant Mark Soneson who on June 3rd volunteered his time to work a 12+ hour day as the safety coordinator on the Law Enforcement Torch Run support vehicle. Lieutenant Gosselin and Sergeant McCormack also made big sacrifices and have significant roles in our involvement with the LETR. Lieutenant Gosselin is the Leg 7 coordinator and Sergeant McCormack is the Berlin Police Captain spearheading our fundraising efforts. Sergeant McCormack reported that we raised approximately \$5000 this year. Big thanks to all who ran, donated, or fundraised. The following personnel participated in the run: Detective Fuini, Officer Krzykowski, Officer Flynn, Officer R. Schreiner, Officer Scoppetto, Officer Bradle, Officer Cyr, Dispatcher Campanella, and Lieutenant Ciuci.

On June 13th Officer Lagueux made a motor vehicle stop for a seatbelt violation, which resulted in an infraction for marijuana possession, BPD Case # 2016-13326.

Last month while Sergeant Gallupe was reviewing a sampling of calls handled by Dispatcher Petano and he came across a call he received on June 9th. During this call an 80-year-old resident spoke with Dispatcher Petano for over eight minutes about various issues. Dispatcher Petano answered the caller's question in the first minute of the call and then listened and conversed almost eight additional minutes with her about non-police matters. There were two dispatchers working at the time and no other calls for service, which allowed Dispatcher Petano to exercise a great deal of patience and compassion. Dispatcher Petano did a great job in doing so and showed professionalism and respect to this elderly citizen by just allowing her to talk.

On June 10th Officer Lagueux was ordered in to work from 1445 to 1900 hours. During this time there were numerous crashes and a high volume of calls for service. Officer Lagueux without complaint volunteered to stay beyond 1900 hours in order to handle the pending calls and stayed an extra 2.25 hours on a Friday night. Sergeant Gallupe was thankful for his work and his contributions to the team effort that night.

On June 17th Officer Scoppetto responded to the area of Dayl Drive after headquarters received a report of suspicious males going from vehicle to vehicle. Officer Scoppetto located several juveniles nearby on Butternut Lane. Officer Scoppetto showed good awareness in locating the

juveniles who later turned out to be the perpetrators of several larcenies in the area, BPD Case # 2016-13584.

On June 3rd Officer Blake's self-initiated motor vehicle stop of an erratic operator, led to a DUI arrest. Officer Blake's proactive policing kept an impaired motorist off the road and possibly prevented a crash, BPD Case # 2016-12478.

Last month Officer LoCastro led all officers in motor vehicle activity with **(41)** stops. Officers LoCastro, Blake, Canto, & S. Schreiner performed better than 80% of the other officers assigned to patrol in this category. Overall motor vehicle stops in June **(343)** decreased 15% as compared to June of 2015 **(405)**.

There were two self-initiated DUI arrests in June and four DUI arrests overall. Officer Blake and Officer Fowler were responsible for the self-initiated DUI arrests. Officer Griffin and Officer LoCastro led the department in arrests for operating under suspension with **(2)**. Officer LoCastro led the department with arrests for misuse of plates **(2)**. Officer Flynn led the department in speed related enforcement with **(12)**. Officer DePinto led the department in distracted driving enforcement **(7)**.

Community Service:

- Officers conducted five walk-throughs of our schools in June. Officer Cyr (2) contributed most to these efforts.

➤ Community Activity Request Summary (9 Programs)

1. On June 1st Officer Krzykowski conducted a K9 demonstration at Cromwell Elementary School. Cromwell PD requested our assistance with the event as their K9 is currently out injured. Officer Krzykowski volunteered her time to do so.
2. On June 3rd Sergeant Mark Soneson volunteered his time to work a 12+ hour day as the safety coordinator on the Law Enforcement Torch Run support vehicle. Lieutenant Gosselin and Sergeant McCormack also made big sacrifices and have significant roles in our involvement with the LETR. Lieutenant Gosselin is the Leg 7 coordinator and Sergeant McCormack is the Berlin Police Captain spearheading our fundraising efforts. Sergeant McCormack reported that we raised approximately \$5000 this year. The following personnel participated in the run on June 3rd: Detective Fuini, Officer Krzykowski, Officer Flynn, Officer R. Schreiner, Officer Scoppetto, Officer Bradle, Officer Cyr, Dispatcher Campanella, and Lieutenant Ciuci.
3. On June 3rd Detective Fuini was part of a question and answer panel at a leadership seminar that was held at the University of Bridgeport.
4. On June 8th Sergeant Lentini attended the community viewing of the FBI / DEA video titled, "Chasing the Dragon." There was a question and answer session at the conclusion led by staff from Community Mental Health Affiliates.
5. On June 23rd & 24th Officer Krzykowski assisted the Connecticut State Police K9 unit with stations day for their current K9 training class.

June Pro Active Contacts

| | June 2016 | YTD 2016 |
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| Building Checks | 902 | 4294 |
| Community Relations Visits | 149 | 802 |
| Business/School Walkarounds | 44 | 329 |
| Traffic Stops | 443 | 2571 |