



# BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## JULY 2016 MONTHLY REPORT

The month of July included incidents 2,583 (16,951 YTD). The most frequent emergency calls for service are ambulance calls with 109 (750 YTD) and alarms with 82 (593 YTD).

During July, 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.

	July 2016	YTD 2016	July 2015	YTD 2015
Murder	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	1	0	0
Robbery	0	3	2	2
Agg. Assault	1	6	0	2
Burglary	6	19	7	20
Larceny	28	176	19	118
M.V. Theft	4	16	2	8
Arson	0	0	0	1
Adult Criminal Arrests for all types of Criminal Offenses	29	210	43	206

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

	July 2016	YTD 2016	July 2015	YTD 2015
MV Accident	35	342	40	347
MV Incident	23	118	25	132
MV Stops	429	3344	587	3701
DUI Arrests	4	30	2	24
MV Arrests (Inf/Misd)	158	1539	364	2293
MV Warnings	140	1120	160	1159

## **Motor Vehicle Accidents**

Most crashes occurred on Fridays with nine (9), followed by eight (8) on Sundays. The location where most crashes occurred was on the Berlin Turnpike with twelve (12) followed by five (5) on Mill Street. The intersection with the most crashes during the month was the Berlin Turnpike/Woodlawn Road with three (3). The top two causative crash factors were Following Too Closely with twenty-one (21) and Fail to Stay in Lane with seven (7).

## **Employee Recognition**

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

On July 24<sup>th</sup> Officer M. Manning was driving through the lot of the Mount Royal Motel when he was notified by residents about some “crackheads” in room 21. Mike ran the plate on the car parked in front of the room and it came back as stolen out of Meriden. The occupants of the room refused to answer the door and a male in the room threatened to shoot anyone who tried to enter. A perimeter was set up and other residents were told to stay in their rooms. NBPB’s SWAT team was requested. About ten minutes later, the individuals surrendered and SWAT was cancelled. The parties (boyfriend/girlfriend) were held on bond and had active warrants in area towns, BPD Case # 2016-16598.

On July 8<sup>th</sup> Officer DePinto ended T.J. Wojcik’s crime spree when he looked for and found him on Elwood Road. Officer DePinto followed him out of the neighborhood and pulled him over on Robbins Road when other units were near enough to assist. Wojcik was taken into custody after initial resistance (non-physical). He was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle. Additional warrants are forthcoming for his other crimes. He was turned over to DOC under a remand to custody order, BPD Case # 2016-15000.

On July 22<sup>nd</sup> Officer Fowler and Officer Bradle responded to Grapevine Lane for a medical emergency. The resident there later dropped off two cakes at the police department to show their appreciation for the kindness and professionalism our officers displayed, BPD Case # 2016-16413.

On July 5<sup>th</sup> Newington Police alerted us that three individuals had just made a purchase at Best Buy with a stolen credit card and were last seen southbound on the Turnpike in a Mazda minivan. Sergeant Soneson waited at the Route 9 interchange for it to pass. When it did not, he checked Mickey Finns and found it there. When the suspects walked out of the store, they were taken into custody by Sergeant Soneson, Sergeant Gallupe, Officer Griffin and Newington Lieutenant Jameson, BPD Case # 2016-14929.

On July 16<sup>th</sup> Officer S. Schreiner handled a call involving a female with suicidal ideations who was at the Route 9 bridge over Route 5/15. A letter of commendation will be forthcoming for the way Officer S. Schreiner safely resolved this individual’s crisis. Well done! BPD Case # 2016-15921.

On July 17<sup>th</sup> Officer M. Manning was checking motels on the Berlin Turnpike when he observed a male and female who upon seeing his patrol car went directly into room 9 at the Mount Royal Motel. No crime had been committed but it drew his suspicion. Later Newington sent a message that they were looking for a vehicle that Officer M. Manning remembered as being the same as

the one near the couple who he saw at the motel. In addition, one of the suspects had an active parole warrant as an absconder and a previous record that included bank robbery. Officer M. Manning located the subjects at a gas station on the Berlin Turnpike and took the male party into custody for the parole violation. The female subject was detained and questioned by Newington Police. Excellent work by Mike as always! BPD Case # 2016-16008.

On July 11<sup>th</sup> Officer Bobok investigated a suspicious person complaint where a female suspect had entered a home and was confronted by a resident. There was only a partial plate, vehicle, and suspect description. Officer Bobok did an extensive neighborhood canvas with no leads developed. The following day Officer Bobok recognized the vehicle in the Town Complex and was able to make contact with the operator who had been sent to the wrong town by her company, BPD Case # 2016-15496.

On July 12<sup>th</sup> Officers Krzykowski and Monthei assisted in booking and securing an out of control female. Both officers showed great restraint and tactics during multiple contacts, BPD Case #2016-15593.

On July 24<sup>th</sup> Sergeant Soneson commended Officer Veach for his willingness to come into work when called, due to a car thief that had barricaded himself inside a motel. Officer Veach quickly dropped his plans for a Sunday afternoon and was at Police Headquarters within 20 minutes of being called, BPD case # 2016-16598.

On July 11<sup>th</sup> Officer Scoppetto noticed on the local news a story about an arrest Wallingford Police made involving recent burglaries, which seemed similar to a burglary that occurred at M&M Package Store. Officer Scoppetto brought this information to the attention of the Detective Bureau and was informed that they were also aware and had identified the suspect, which was one in the same as the Wallingford suspect. Although the Detective Bureau was already aware of the suspect, Officer Scoppetto showed good awareness and initiative to ensure the proper channels were informed of his observations.

During the midnight shift on July 27<sup>th</sup> Dispatchers Pepe and Woodruff received a 911 transfer from Connecticut State Police that involved a woman yelling she was being assaulted, but then hung up. Dispatchers Pepe and Woodruff were unable to reestablish contact and had to go through the process of tracking the phone to find the victim. They kept the supervisor and officers informed of the general area so a search could begin and then tracked to phone to a specific address. Officers responded and found the caller who was intoxicated and uncooperative. The caller's boyfriend had left and was located nearby. No arrests were made during this call for service, but Dispatchers Pepe and Woodruff did a great job of tracking down the location of this caller so that if she were actually in trouble we would have been able to find her and deal with the situation, BPD Case # 2016-16841.

Last month Officer Doski led all officers in motor vehicle activity with **(42)** stops. Officers Doski, Blake, LoCastro, Bobok, & Scoppetto performed better than 80% of the other officers assigned to patrol in this category. Overall motor vehicle stops in July **(428)** decreased 27% as compared to July of 2016 **(588)**.

**Community Service:**

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- School is not in session. Only one walk-through was conducted in July. That took place at Berlin High School by Officer Kostka.

➤ **Community Activity Request Summary (7 Programs)**

1. On July 5<sup>th</sup> Detective Fuini gave a short talk to Town of Berlin camp counselors in regards to mandated reporters of suspected abuse or neglect.
2. On July 5<sup>th</sup> Officer Lagueux gave a short safety talk to children at the Discovery Center Preschool.
3. On July 5<sup>th</sup> Detective Fuini was interviewed by Channel 3 in regards to the “Safe Kids Wear Lids Program.”
4. On July 14<sup>th</sup> Detective Fuini & Officer Kostka assisted at Camp Courant in Farmington, and also conducted small bike demonstrations.
5. On July 16<sup>th</sup> Officer Krzykowski and Titan participated in the K9 Olympics in Mansfield Connecticut.

Officer Gould provided assistance with a total of two child safety seat installs in July

**July Pro Active Contacts**

	<b>July 2016</b>	<b>YTD 2016</b>
<b>Building Checks</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>5849</b>
<b>Community Relations Visits</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>1160</b>
<b>Business/School Walkarounds</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>368</b>
<b>Traffic Stops</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>3344</b>