



BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SEPTEMBER 2016 MONTHLY REPORT

The month of September included incidents 2,215 (21,978 YTD). The most frequent emergency calls for service are ambulance calls with 108 (952 YTD) and alarms with 62 (730 YTD).

During September, 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.

	Sept. 2016	YTD 2016	Sept. 2015	YTD 2015
Murder	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	2	0	0
Robbery	0	3	0	4
Agg. Assault	1	7	2	4
Burglary	0	26	4	32
Larceny	20	213	28	168
M.V. Theft	0	18	3	11
Arson	0	0	1	2
Adult Criminal Arrests for all types of Criminal Offenses	30	267	22	257

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

	Sept. 2016	YTD 2016	Sept. 2015	YTD 2015
MV Accident	47	441	45	419
MV Incident	17	151	18	161
MV Stops	402	4399	371	4664
DUI Arrests	7	37	4	31
MV Arrests (Inf/Misd)	127	2064	144	2819
MV Warnings	159	1492	174	1501

Motor Vehicle Accidents

Most crashes occurred on Thursdays with fourteen (14), followed by eight (8) on Fridays. The location where most crashes occurred was on the Berlin Turnpike with seventeen (17) followed by five (5) on Mill Street. The intersection with the most crashes was the Berlin Tnpk @ Deming Road with three (3) crashes. The top two causative crash factors were Following Too Closely with twenty-one (21) and Fail to Obey Red Light with four (4).

Employee Recognition

Section I. Employee recognition

On September 21st at 23:02 hours, headquarters received a frantic call from a Kelly Ann Court resident concerning an active domestic violence incident. Officer Monthei and Officer Krzykowski were just finishing up their evening shift tour and were still on the road. They responded to that address when they heard the dispatch. Officer Monthei and Officer Krzykowski were first to arrive on scene and witnessed an active assault taking place. Officer Monthei discharged his Taser and took the suspect into custody with Officer Krzykowski's assistance. This arrest led to the seizure of four firearms from the suspect whose recent behavior had become increasingly violent and erratic according to the victims. Two lockboxes were found in the bedroom of the suspect by Officer Bobok and Officer Fowler. Our officers could smell the odor of marijuana coming from one and believed the other contained additional firearms. These items were secured and the Detective Bureau subsequently obtained search warrants. Upon service it was discovered that they contained marijuana, packaging materials, and an electronic scale, which provided evidence of intent to sell. There was a significant amount of evidence and documentation to be completed in this complex case and all of our personnel did an outstanding job handling it. Officers Monthei and Krzykowski stepped up in a big way, Officers Bobok and Fowler did great work conducting the search and collecting the evidence, and Dispatcher Pepe provided excellent communications and updates, BPD Case # 2016-21626.

On September 14th at approximately 0815 hours a prisoner attempted to commit suicide in cell number three. Dispatcher Petano alertly noticed this happening as he watched the surveillance monitor in the communications center. He immediately broadcast over the police radio that there was an emergency in the cell block and in less than one minute our personnel were able to reach him and thwart the attempt. An emergency committal was completed and officers accompanied the prisoner to the hospital for evaluation. Dispatcher Petano's actions undoubtedly saved a life and protected the Town from a substantial liability. Great job!

On September 28th headquarters received a motor vehicle complaint that involved a light colored pickup truck was doing "donuts" in the cul-de-sac of Rivergate Lane. Officer Cyr and Officer Bobok were dispatched to the area and did not find anything, but fresh tire marks on the road corroborated the complaint. A few moments later their attention was drawn to Redwood Lane after more complaints of the vehicle came in. Officer Cyr and Officer Bobok found multiple lawns had sustained damage from the vehicle and they were able to track the vehicle to Mill Street where it was seen approaching the on ramp to Route 9 south. Officer Lagueux happened to be in the area typing reports when this transpired and was able to conduct a motor vehicle stop of the truck at the on-ramp. This stop led to the arrest of two suspects who committed multiple

acts of criminal mischief and caused thousands of dollars of damage to their victims. More damaged lawns were discovered in the morning while the suspects were at court, which caused the court to put a high bond on the suspects and hold them while arrest warrants were being prepared. It is a great example of teamwork and effort leading to positive results. Great job by all, BPD Case # 2016-22143.

On September 18th Officer Veach was conducting a community contact at CITGO on Mill Street when two teenagers stopped into the store asking for directions back to Southington. The teenagers expressed that their cellphones were dead, that they were driving with the low fuel light on, and had no money. Officer Veach of course gave them directions home, but also paid for them to put gas into their car so they wouldn't run out on the way home. Thank you to Officer Veach for representing the department in this manner and going above and beyond the call of duty to take care of someone in need.

On September 7th Dispatcher Farr did a thorough and extensive job covering the many responsibilities of a dispatcher, while our intern was assigned to him for four-hours.

On September 22nd Officer Blake was conducting a routine building check of the Acura of Berlin dealership and located a vehicle that had been jacked up onto plastic crates and had its four tires and rims stolen off of it. Officer Blake took the report and put out a message to surrounding towns before management at the business was even aware that they had been the victim of larceny. Excellent proactive patrol by Officer Blake, BPD Case # 2016-21629.

On September 2nd Officer Bobok was dispatched to Starplex Cinemas after headquarters received a report of an intoxicated person urinating outside of it. Officer Bobok promptly located the suspect and discovered that he was wanted by Hartford Police for FTA on a DUI charge. The suspect was taken into custody for Hartford without incident, BPD Case #2016-20120.

Sergeants Linskey & Solek reported that on September 21st Officer Blake conducted a "routine" motor vehicle stop. The stop led to the arrest of the operator who had an active PRAWN warrant, BPD Case #2016-21583. The sergeant's included this as an example of how performing mundane tasks such as stopping cars consistently and well, can lead to positive results. Nice job Officer Blake, BPD Case # 2016-21578.

Last month Dispatcher Farr took it upon himself to work with the Everbridge system and has volunteered to conduct refresher training with the rest of our dispatchers. Sergeant McCormack will be following up and coordinating that training.

On September 5th Officer Mike Manning was patrolling the lot of Home Depot and noticed a suspicious vehicle. After running the plate and determining it was stolen, Officer Manning waited in the area and subsequently arrested the operator that was in possession of the stolen plate. Good heads up policing, BPD Case # 2016-20347.

On September 11th Officer Krzykowski investigated a minor motor vehicle crash where one person claimed a friend was actually driving the car at the time of the crash. Officer Krzykowski investigated and wound up arresting this individual for Interfering with an Officer, DUI, and other motor vehicle charges. Officer Krzykowski determined that this individual lied and was in fact operating the vehicle. They were also arrested for felony drug charges after Officer Krzykowski and Titan located a quantity of crack cocaine within the vehicle. Officer

Krzykowski alertly ran the “friend” and passenger in the involved vehicle and learned they were wanted out of Meriden on a warrant. Officer Krzykowski performed excellent investigative work on this case, BPD Case # 2016-20820 / # 2016-20823.

On August 25th Officer LoCastro was dispatched to Elwood Road for a report of 42-year-old man having a seizure. Upon arrival Officer LoCastro found him collapsed on the kitchen floor, unconscious, and taking an agonal breath about once every 30 seconds. The man then stopped breathing altogether and went pulseless. Officer LoCastro initiated chest compressions for several minutes and revived him. A follow-up call days later revealed that the man suffered a heart attack and was back home recovering. Great save! BPD Case # 2016-19440.

Section II. Community Service:

- School was not in session. Only two walk-throughs were conducted in August. Officer LoCastro and Officer DePinto conducted them at Willard and Griswold Schools.
- During the month of August, there were eight days of Special Assignment for bike patrol.
- Last month Sergeant Jobes reported that a new intern applied and was accepted into the program. Vanessa Marchewkav is a student at Tunxis Community College and starts on September 9th.

Section III. Community Activity Request Summary (9 Programs)

1. On September 7th & 8th Officer Gould gave a distracted driving presentation to employees at Thyssenkrupp Elevator. The safety director at the business made the request of us.
2. On September 11th members of our Honor Guard (Sergeant McCormack, Sergeant Solek, & Officer Burns) attended the opening ceremonies for Berlin Youth Football at Sage Park.
3. On September 17th Detective Fuini and SRO Kostka attended and presented at Camp Woodstock for Upbeat’s September trip.
4. On September 18th Officer Burns attended the Sun Meadow block watch yearly meeting.
5. On September 18th Officer Kostka and Officer Gould participated in the TEACH program, which was held in the parking lot of Corbin & Russwin. The program is geared towards helping young drivers better understand their vehicles and responding to changing road conditions.
6. Officer Gould provided assistance with a total of four child safety seat installs in September. He also helped at a car-seat clinic in Newington.

September Pro Active Contacts

	September 2016	YTD 2016
Building Checks	824	7561
Community Relations Visits	155	1478
Business/School Walkarounds	51	458
Traffic Stops	402	4399