



BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Paul Fitzgerald · Chief of Police

OCTOBER 2016 MONTHLY REPORT

The month of October included incidents 2,222 (24,200 YTD). The most frequent emergency calls for service are ambulance calls with 117 (1069 YTD) and alarms with 62 (792 YTD).

During October, 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.

	Oct. 2016	YTD 2016	Oct. 2015	YTD 2015
Murder	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	2	0	0
Robbery	0	3	1	5
Agg. Assault	2	9	2	6
Burglary	4	30	5	37
Larceny	13	226	27	195
M.V. Theft	4	22	1	12
Arson	0	0	0	2
Adult Criminal Arrests for all types of Criminal Offenses	46	313	36	293

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

	Oct. 2016	YTD 2016	Oct. 2015	YTD 2015
MV Accident	33	474	58	477
MV Incident	14	165	13	174
MV Stops	461	4860	380	5044
DUI Arrests	7	44	4	35
MV Arrests (Inf/Misd)	166	2230	176	2995
MV Warnings	153	1645	180	1681

Motor Vehicle Accidents

Most crashes occurred on Saturday with eight (8), followed by seven (7) on Tuesday. The location where most crashes occurred was on the Berlin Turnpike with ten (10) followed by five (5) on Farmington Avenue. The intersection with the most crashes was the Berlin Tnpk. @ Deming Road with four (4) crashes. The top two causative crash factors were Following Too Closely with fourteen (14) and Fail to Stay in Lane with five (5).

Employee Recognition

Last month Sergeant Mark Soneson organized a bus trip to APCO's (Association of Public Safety Communications Officials) Atlantic Chapter Conference Award Dinner. The Dinner was held on October 14th in Albany New York and Dispatcher Wright was scheduled to receive the chapter's telecommunicator of the year award. A group that consisted of twenty current and retired employees went on the trip to show their support and surprise Tammy. It was a wonderful evening and everyone who went was grateful that they could be present to see Tammy receive this prestigious and well-deserved award. I want to commend Sergeant Soneson for taking the lead in making this happen and for his commitment to recognizing the outstanding work performed by the employees he supervises.

Last month we had a couple examples of "routine" traffic stops that turned into something more than a warning or citation for a traffic violation. On October 21st Officer M. Manning stopped a car on the Berlin Turnpike for failing to have a license plate. Subsequent investigation revealed that the operator was wanted by East Hartford Police for a felony drug warrant with a 100,000 bond, BPD Case #2016-23782. On October 20th Officer Veach conducted a motor vehicle stop for a red light violation, which led to the arrest of the operator who had an active PRAWN warrant, BPD Case # 2016-23697 & 2016-23702. Nice work by Mike and Jeff.

On October 31st Officer Monthei was assigned to attempt to serve a PRAWN warrant for a local resident. Officer Monthei determined the person was not home, but took the extra step to call a cell phone number listed for the person. Officer Monthei then spoke to the suspect on the ruse that he had a form he needed to sign and was able to determine the suspect worked in Cromwell. Officer Monthei then went to Cromwell and took the person into custody. Great work by Officer Monthei in going the extra mile to serve a warrant and close out a fugitive case, BPD Case # 2016-11040.

The midnight shift supervisors reported that their officers made six DUI arrests in October and an additional one is pending the results of a blood search warrant / arrest warrant. Not all were self-initiated, but all were carried out exceptionally well by the officers involved. Kudos to Officer Blake, Officer Bobok, Officer Cyr, and Officer Veach for handling these cases.

Last month Officer Griffin developed refresher training on the prisoner booking system and began conducting the training for personnel who requested it.

On October 14th Hamdi Asik called headquarters to compliment Officer Lagueux and Officer Monthei. They had pulled him over earlier in the day for a moving violation and discovered that he had a warrant out for him. They ticketed him and turned him over to New Britain Police Department. Asik said the officers were very pleasant and kind to him, BPD Case #2016-23141.

On October 31st Officers Canto and D. Manning were assigned to actively patrol residential neighborhoods and to be visible for Trick or Treaters. Officer Canto bought candy with his own money and was passing it out while making contacts in the neighborhoods. Officer Canto was photographed posing with some young Trick or Treaters, which was posted on Facebook and picked up by the news (WFSB).

On October 20th Officer Blake and Sergeant Linskey responded to an initial call of a party wanting an ambulance to take him to the hospital to talk with a medical professional. The party then changed his mind and declined transport by Hunters Ambulance. A short while later passerby's called headquarters and reported that this person was walking in the travel lanes of the Berlin Turnpike. Officer Fowler located the uncooperative party who was walking and not committing any violations at that time. Officer Fowler followed him in his patrol vehicle. Officer Blake also responded to the area and confirmed that it was the same individual from earlier in the night. The party walked down Woodlawn Road and onto Webster Square Road to the Starplex Cinemas. An employee of the business let him in even though the doors were locked for the night. The suspect then refused to leave the premises when asked to by the employee. Officers Fowler and Blake witnessed what was occurring, intervened, and also instructed the individual that he had to leave. The party became confrontational and pushed Officer Blake. Officers Blake and Fowler responded to the aggression using their Tasers and took him into custody without further harm to himself or our officers. It was a justifiable use of force and job well done by Officers Blake and Fowler, BPD Case # 2016-23759.

Tammy Wright did an outstanding job coordinating our Stuff-A-Cruiser event, which was held on October 29th at Stop & Shop. Tammy reported that this was our best year ever. The DARE truck was filled twice, and \$1500 in donations were collected. The following personnel volunteered, donated, or otherwise showed up to support the event: Officer Bradle, Sergeant McCormack, Sergeant Soneson, Detective McMahon, Officer Canto, Officer Martin, Officer DePinto, Officer Bobok, Officer LoCastro, Officer Fowler, Officer Scoppetto, Officer Krzykowski & Titan, Officer Griffin, Meriden Officer Griffin and their daughter Grace Griffin, Detective Dave Rohon and his kids, Dispatchers Wright, Farr, Campanella, and Fleisher, the Social Services Department, Wayne Wright, and a local Girl Scout Troop.

Section II. Community Service:

Midnight shift officers conducted streetlight checks and reported very few outages due to the LED replacement. The officer's reports were emailed to Jim Horbal & Lecia Paonessa for repair purposes on 10/30/16.

Intern Vanessa Marchewkav completed 32 hours in the month of October and is scheduled to complete her time with us in early November.

- Officers conducted thirty-seven walk-throughs of our schools in October. Officer Scoppetto (11) contributed most to these efforts.

Section III. Community Activity Request Summary (9 Programs)

1. On October 15th Officers S. Schreiner and Scoppetto participated in the Corbin and Russwin Family Day picnic. The officers talked with the attendees and had a static display showing the equipment in one of our cruisers.
2. On October 15th Officer Krzykowski volunteered her time for the Bark for Life event at the Berlin Fairgrounds. Officer Krzykowski conducted K9 demonstrations with Titan.
3. On October 21st Officer Canto participated in the Willard School PTO Trunk-or Treat event.
4. On October 29th Tammy Wright did an outstanding job coordinating our Stuff-A-Cruiser event, which was held on October 29th at Stop & Shop. Tammy reported that this was our best year ever. The DARE truck was filled twice and \$1500 in donations were collected.
5. On October 22nd Officer D. Manning ran the DEA Prescription Drug Take Back program. The collected drugs weighed 195.5 pounds. Leading up to the date, Officer D. Manning was very active dropping off flyers and getting the word out to make this a successful event.
6. Officer Gould & Scoppetto provided assistance with a total of three child safety seat installs in October.

September Pro Active Contacts

	October 2016	YTD 2016
Building Checks	731	8292
Community Relations Visits	142	1620
Business/School Walkarounds	47	505
Traffic Stops	461	4860