



Police Department

The mission of the Berlin Police Department is to protect the lives and property of the citizens of the community, consistent with the Constitution of the United States. We continue to serve the community in a way that reflects the morality, beliefs, and customs of the citizenry we serve.

Throughout the year, as past goals are met and new ones are established, we continue to strive to accomplish and maintain our objectives. Over the last few years, the department has seen improvement in achieving its goal of becoming a more proactive agency. Officers have made great strides in improving communication with Berlin's citizens both in an on- and off-duty capacity. Through the combined efforts of the officers and the citizens, Berlin has become a safer place to live.

NH Association of Chiefs of Police (NHACP): Chief Morency completed his term as President of the NHACP. He was unanimously elected to this esteemed position which allows him a lead-role in addressing issues specifically challenging New Hampshire law enforcement, as well as law enforcement concerns affecting the country. This was a particularly busy year addressing many legislative issues. Though the chief's term has concluded, he is still very active within the association and continues to serve on several boards. This continuous networking and involvement with other agencies has proven beneficial to the Berlin Police Department as well as the North Country as a whole.

Milan: The Berlin Police Department

continues to provide twenty-four hour law enforcement coverage to the Town of Milan. This service comes at no cost to the citizens of Berlin, nor does it compromise the safety or security of Berlin's citizens. The department continues to receive positive feedback from Milan residents.

Retirement & New Hires: Lt. Roland "Red" Drapeau retired with 26 years of service; he was a wealth of knowledge as well as an inspiration to the younger officers. He was a credit to the City and to the department, and he continues to serve the community on a part-time basis as a part-time officer. The department also had the unfortunate task of accepting Officer Joyce Yiakas' resignation. Her dedication to the department and citizens of Berlin was impeccable; she is also credited with starting the Encouraging Local Families (ELF) Program, which was designed to assist Berlin families during the holidays. Both officers are sorely missed.

Fortunately, the department was able to fill both voids with certified officers. This was a tremendous savings to the City, as certified officers are able to begin work immediately after a shortened field training program. Officer Brad Willey came to us from the Gorham Police Department and Officer Tim Godin from the New Hampshire Department of Safety. Both are well experienced officers who came to the department with many varied certifications.

Grants: The department continues to actively pursue State and Federal grants to assist its operations and City of Berlin. Extra enforcement in bicycle, speed, red light running, and DWI enforcement patrols were conducted this year with the assistance of NH Highway Safety grants. The number of grant-funded patrol hours increased this year, allowing us to receive more funding than in previous years. Grants through the

NH Department of Fish & Game continue to assist greatly with OHRV enforcement, and funding from the Attorney General's Office for underage drinking patrols continues to prove critical to the development and education of youth in our community.

Child Identification Program: The department joined forces with the Kiwanis Club to further protect the community's children. Fingerprints, photo IDs, DNA samples, and other pertinent information is recorded and held in a database here at the department. To date, this project has encompassed over 800 area children.

Polygraph: For the first time in Berlin's history, a member of the Berlin Police Department has been trained to conduct polygraphs, and the department owns a polygraph machine. Lead Investigator Richard Plourde received extensive training at the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training facility and graduated from the first polygraph school in the state. Investigator Plourde's proficiency with polygraphy has assisted in solving many crimes for Berlin, and he has been used as a resource for other law enforcement agencies as well.

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The officers at the Police Department continue to render their services with professionalism and dedication to the citizens of Berlin. The department's resolve to meet any and all such challenges remains strong, enables us the ability to be a progressive agency, and allows us to carry out our mission for the safety and security of the citizens we serve.

STATISTICS July 2007-June 2008

CALLS FOR SERVICE	21,163
911 CALLS	757
911 HANG-UP CALLS	339
ASSIST AMBULANCE SERVICE	1,055
ASSIST OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS	388
CALLS FOR SERVICE – MILAN	572
ARRESTS	739
ARREST OFFENSES	739
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARRESTS	75
JUVENILE ARRESTS	95
JUVENILE PETITIONS	100
INCIDENT REPORTS	740
INCIDENT OFFENSES	1501
INCIDENTS: PEOPLE INJURED	122
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS	57
FELONIES	164
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	2,959
MOTOR VEHICLE WARNINGS	1,973
MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS	356
ACCIDENT REPORTS	269
INTERSECTION-RELATED ACCIDENTS	63
DWI ACCIDENTS	9
FATAL ACCIDENTS	0
PARKING TICKETS	831
DOG COMPLAINTS	498
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS (OTHER)	277

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Morency
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