

## 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 citizens in a way that reflects the morality, beliefs, and customs of the community.

Throughout the year, as past goals are met and new ones are established, we continue to strive to accomplish and maintain our objectives. The department continues to see 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, and through the combined efforts of the officers and the citizens Berlin has become a safer place to live.

**Grants:** The department continues to actively pursue state and federal grants to assist its operations and the City of Berlin. Extra enforcement in bicycle, speed, red light running, and DWI enforcement patrols were again conducted this year with the assistance of NH Highway Safety grants. Grants through the NH Department of Fish & Game are limited but continue to assist 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. Grants received from the NH Police Standards & Training Council allowed for officers to attend Command Training at Roger Williams University, bringing the department up to date with command-level training. The department was also successful in obtaining federal funds for equipment; simmunitions weapons were purchased for training. A metal detector was purchased and installed at the department's entrance, and an emergency restraint chair was purchased as well. Both pieces of equipment provide a safer work environment for the officers and civilian personnel.

**Fires:** Berlin was plagued with an unprecedented number of fires during the past year. A vast amount of time was spent investigating the arsons with the help of the Berlin Fire Department, NH State Fire Marshal's Office, NH State Police, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms. As a result of this multi-agency task force, one person was arrested for a majority of the arsons, and a suspect has been identified for the others.

**Retirements:** Lieutenant Brad Supry retired from the Berlin Police Department after serving the city and citizens for over 20 years. Lieutenant Supry was a role model for the younger officers as well as his peers, and he is sorely missed.

**Promotions:** A significant number of promotions occurred during the year as a result of Lieutenant Supry's retirement. Corporals Steven Arsenault, Hollie Dube, and Kerry Theriault were promoted to the rank of sergeant. Officers Nathan Roy, Corey Riendeau, Luc Poulin, and Timothy Godin were promoted to the rank of corporal.

**Departures/Hires:** Corporal Steve Riendeau left the department to embark on a law enforcement career with the NH State Police; he served with the department for over three years. As a result, the department was fortunate to recruit and hire Officer Geoff Bardeen from the Gorham Police Department. Hiring an already-certified officer saves the city the considerable time and expense of sending him to the 14-week basic training program at the NH Police Standards and Training Academy. A certified officer also has the ability to work on his/her own after completing a modified field training program, which can be done in a matter of weeks.

**Home Invasion:** The department was engaged with the severe crime of home invasion this year. Three armed men entered a residence of Third Avenue with the intent of committing a crime; as a result, the occupant

of the residence defended himself and shot one of the assailants, resulting in death. A second assailant was apprehended and is serving his sentence at the NH State Prison. The third suspect is still under investigation for his/her role in the incident. The NH Major Crimes Unit assisted the department with this investigation.

**Polygraph:** Corporal Luc Poulin attended polygraph school and joins Lieutenant Richard Plourde in administering polygraphs for criminal investigations and employment of prospective police officer candidates.

**OHRV Trail & Equipment:** The department continues to support the success of the OHRV trail system and works closely with the City Council to improve and enhance OHRV

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The officers at the Police Department continue to render their services with professionalism and dedication to the citizens of Berlin. Through hard work, perseverance, and dedication, in conjunction with the support of the public, the department has been able to reduce the crime rate in several areas. Only through this partnership can we collectively continue to make this community safer.

Respectfully submitted,  
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 Chief of Police

operations within the city. This year, the department received federal funding for two new Bombardier ATVs to patrol the expanding trail system; unfortunately, state-level budget constraints resulted in a significant cut to the availability of grant funds for OHRV enforcement patrols.

**Appointments & Elections:** Chief Peter Morency was appointed President of the New England Association of Chiefs of Police; this is the first time in Berlin's history that its police chief has held that position. Deputy Chief Brian Valerino was elected to the Board of Directors for the NH Police Association; he was elected by law enforcement officers throughout the state and will serve a three-year term.

**STATISTICS July 2009-June 2010**

CALLS FOR SERVICE	18,575
911 CALLS	503
911 HANG-UP CALLS	208
ASSIST AMBULANCE SERVICE	745
ASSIST OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS	371
CALLS FOR SERVICE – MILAN	705
ARRESTS	623
ARREST OFFENSES	642
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARRESTS	47
JUVENILE ARRESTS	66
JUVENILE PETITIONS	77
INCIDENT REPORTS	581
INCIDENT OFFENSES	1,257
INCIDENTS: PEOPLE INJURED	94
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS	38
FELONIES	154
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	2,288
MOTOR VEHICLE WARNINGS	1,430
MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS	345
ACCIDENT REPORTS	224
INTERSECTION-RELATED ACCIDENTS	54
DWI ACCIDENTS	8
FATAL ACCIDENTS	0
PARKING TICKETS	585
DOG COMPLAINTS	603
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS (OTHER)	260