



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 persist in striving to accomplish and maintain our objectives. The department continues to see improvement in achieving its goal of becoming a more pro-active agency. Officers have expanded communications with Berlin's citizens 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 in combating issues facing the City. We received grants from the NH Highway Safety Agency to provide extra enforcement in bicycle, speed, red light running, DWI enforcement patrols, DWI roadblocks, seatbelt safety, and OHRV connector trail enforcement. Highway Safety Agency funding has increased the number of patrol hours per grant from its original 90 hours to 120 hours of enforcement. We were also successful in obtaining grants for Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws, OHRV patrols (through NH Fish and Game) at the Jericho Mountain State Park, and for a variety of additional training and equipment. The grants we obtain are a necessary part of our operations, and they allow us to focus on problematic areas that face Berlin.

Retirements/Promotions: During the past year, the department has seen two veteran officers leave the city's employ with a combined experience of 50 years. Lieutenant Karl Nelson retired from the department in August of 2011, having spent a majority of his career in the detective division. Lieutenant Richard McClure also retired in April of 2012, having spent his career in the patrol division. Their experience, dedication, and wisdom were invaluable, and as certified instructors in a variety of areas, they were also extremely helpful to the department. Both long-time employees will be sorely missed.

The retirements created a significant void, and promotions were promptly implemented to maintain basic operations and ensure smooth promotional transitions. Officers Dana Brouillette and Geoffrey Bardeen were promoted to the rank of corporal, and Officers Wade Goulet and Luc Poulin were promoted to the positions of detective/juvenile officer.

New Hires: The department has been very fortunate in finding well-qualified, skilled individuals. The Berlin Police Department hired two police officers this year to fill the vacancies which were ultimately created by retirements. The most recent hire was Zachary Howry; he came to Berlin as a certified officer having spent three years in law enforcement as a Gorham police officer. Matt Carter was also hired; he attended the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training facility in Concord in order to achieve certification. Both officers complement the department well and are performing their duties exceptionally.

Intelligent Liason Officer (ILO): The department received funding from the State of New Hampshire for an ILO whose duties include entering data from all agencies in Coös County which is then disseminated throughout the State. The ILO program provides a network which allows all law enforcement agencies to connect and circulate information; this is extremely helpful, as the information often ties-in to other agencies' cases. The network also serves as an early warning alert system for officer safety issues. The ILO position is currently handled by Lieutenant Richard Plourde.

High Profile Cases: The City experienced several high profile cases within this reporting period, including a robbery which took place at the Angel Guardian Credit Union and a home invasion incident where occupants of the residence were threatened with a weapon, and a round was discharged from a gun. A great deal of time was dedicated to solving these cases. Several State and Federal agencies assisted the department in apprehending the perpetrators of these crimes. Lengthy investigations ensued, and through crime scene analysis, interviews with witnesses, and interrogations, both cases resulted in the arrest of offenders involved. Unfortunately, the department has seen an increase in firearms-related incidents.

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

STATISTICS July 2011-June 2012

Total Calls for Service	21,579
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Total Arrests	648
Protective Custody Arrests	89
Felonies	196
Misdemeanors	936
Thefts	450
Burglaries	55
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief	421
Criminal Threatening	196
Sexual Assaults	34
Assaults	177
Domestic Violence Incidents	274
Verbal Arguments	98
Restraining/Stalking Orders	149
Motor Vehicle Stops	3,485
Motor Vehicle Violations	325
Motor Vehicle Warnings	2,246
DWI Violations	40
Accidents	236
Accidents Within an Intersection	60
Parking Tickets	428
Dog Complaints	575
Animal Complaints (bear, cat etc...)	165
Assists to other Berlin Departments	400
Assist to Berlin Ambulance	800
Assists to Gorham PD	82
Assists from Gorham PD	50
Juvenile Incidents	263
Juvenile Arrests	44

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