



## 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.

The officers at the Police Department render their services to the citizens 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.

### **Retirements/Promotions/Appointments:**

This year brought the resignation of Dispatcher Heather Pizzuto; she had been with the Department for nearly ten years and decided to explore opportunities in the private sector. Heather was a trained Tactical Dispatcher for the Emergency Response Team, and she agreed to remain with the Department in that capacity. Thankfully, Part-Time Dispatcher Michelle Randall was able to fill the full-time vacancy.

The Department also acquired Officer Adam Marsh, an eight-year veteran officer with the City of Laconia. Adam enjoys the North Country and relocated to the Berlin/Gorham area to be closer to family members. He immediately integrated with the officers and is an excellent fit; it is a pleasure to have him working at the Department.

**Court & Trials:** It took a great deal of time to bring the Hufstetler case to trial, due to multiple motions filed with the courts. Once

he was found competent to stand trial, prosecutors presented their case. After one week, Hufstetler was found guilty of robbing the Angel Guardian Credit Union and was sent to prison. The case of the Princess Theater arson, however, was resolved much faster. Berlin Police, Fire, and State agencies investigated the arson and were able to quickly apprehend two juveniles responsible for the damages. Unfortunately, due to the Juvenile Justice System, both were released back into the Berlin community.

The Berlin Courthouse saw severe water damage this year, causing it to close for repairs for many months. This resulted in Prosecutor Buteau traveling to Lancaster to prosecute cases at the District Court level. This was costly and difficult to endure, as officers were frequently subpoenaed for cases and were forced to spend valuable time traveling to Lancaster.

**ATV's:** The Berlin and Gorham Police Departments worked diligently in addressing ATV issues in both communities. Realizing that the North Country benefits from ATV riders, both agencies supported opening the roadways to ATV use. They presented their suggestions to their respective City and Town leaders and addressed the need for consistency in enforcing the laws so that operators would not be confused by two sets of rules.

**Grant Funding** continues to play a major role in supporting Police Department functions. The Gorham WalMart generously awarded funds to the Department which provided for the purchase of cameras to be used during investigations. Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws and Highway Safety grants were also obtained to address special areas of concern.

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**STATISTICS**      **July 2013-June 2014**

<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	19,125
<b>Accidents</b>	226
<b>Accidents Within an Intersection</b>	76
<b>Animal Complaints (bear, cat etc...)</b>	172
<b>Assaults</b>	124
<b>Assist to Berlin Ambulance</b>	939
<b>Assists from Gorham PD</b>	51
<b>Assists to Gorham PD</b>	74
<b>Assists to other Berlin Departments</b>	530
<b>Burglaries</b>	45
<b>Criminal Threatening</b>	155
<b>Dog Complaints</b>	387
<b>Domestic Violence Incidents</b>	280
<b>DWI Violations</b>	32
<b>Felonies</b>	231
<b>Juvenile Arrests</b>	63
<b>Juvenile Incidents</b>	176
<b>Milan Calls for Service</b>	637
<b>Misdemeanors</b>	567
<b>Motor Vehicle Stops</b>	2,897
<b>Motor Vehicle Violations</b>	307
<b>Motor Vehicle Warnings</b>	2,219
<b>Parking Tickets</b>	486
<b>Protective Custody Arrests</b>	78
<b>Restraining/Stalking Orders</b>	130
<b>Sexual Assaults</b>	39
<b>Thefts</b>	344
<b>Total Arrests</b>	827
<b>Vandalism/Criminal Mischief</b>	240
<b>Verbal Arguments</b>	59

Respectfully submitted,  
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Chief of Police