



NBPD STREET BEAT

Monthly Report from the Men and Women
of the
North Berwick Police Department

REMEMBER WHEN

In April 2012 the North Berwick K9 Unit was created and our first canine, Hoki, began his career

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Speeding Vehicles – Complaints and Solutions.... Maybe

As with many "Small Town" Police Departments, the most prevalent complaints we receive are in regards to speeding vehicles. We understand that while this is a problem it is also one that has no true solution. North Berwick encompasses 40 square miles with over 65 miles of roadways; when North Berwick Lumber was in business a private road study was conducted and it was determined that 30,000 vehicles travel on Route 4 on a daily basis – this number has only increased through the years. The North Berwick Police Department is made up of 8 Full-Time Officers – Chief, Lieutenant, Sergeant, a School Resource Officer, and 4–Full Time Patrolman. In 2018 those Officers initiated over 3,600 traffic stops – or approximately 10 stops each day – along with handling 911 calls, assaults, thefts, etc. Often times there is only 1 or 2 Officers on the road during a given shift and it is impossible to be everywhere at once. The advent of social media has not only brought society closer, but also given Public Safety Agencies greater access to the concerns of citizens. While it is our ultimate goal to alleviate every complaint, when it comes to speeding vehicles it is nearly an impossible task. We do our very best to make sure the roadways of North Berwick are some of the safest around – over the years we have cultivated a reputation as a community where you shouldn't speed because the "North Berwick Cops will Get Ya". We strive to make sure our Citizens receive the best law enforcement services possible in a fiscally responsible manner; and while you are entitled to your opinion please keep in mind that we try our very best to serve all the needs of our Community and it would be impossible for us to simply focus on traffic complaints 24/7/365. Please don't take this as a reason to avoid calling us with motor vehicle complaints; we are not telling you to ignore traffic related issues, but we ask that you contact us at 207-324-3644 ext 1 as opposed to reaching out to us via social media. Although we try to keep an active Facebook page it is not monitored all the time and shouldn't be used for complaints.

Be Mindful of Your Home and Auto

No, this isn't an advertisement to try sell you insurance, but by following our advice you may see your insurance rates decrease. Every year like clockwork the warmer weather seems to bring an increase in property related crime. Residential burglary complaints as well as motor vehicle burglaries always seem to come in waves – when one comes in there's many more to follow. Please make sure that you lock your doors and windows when you leave your house. When it comes to your vehicles – do not leave anything valuable in your vehicle and make sure you lock it as well. Often times motor vehicle burglaries are crimes of opportunity; if the car is locked burglars typically move along. Please help us in making sure our Community is as safe as possible,



Notable Arrests of the Month

Officers arrested and charged 17 subjects in the month of March relating to a variety of different cases. Below are several of the standout arrests:

- 4.2.19** – Subject was arrested for operating under the influence after a motor vehicle crash.
- 4.13.19** – Subject was charged with criminal speed on Lebanon Road; 75 MPH in a posted 45 MPH zone.
- 4.16.19** – Subject was charged with criminal speed on Wells Street; 66 MPH in a posted 30 MPH zone.
- 4.21.19** – Subject was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol and drugs.
- 4.21.19** – Subject was arrested for unlawful possession and trafficking of schedule drugs.
- 4.23.19** – Subject was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

Other Monthly Stats of Note

- Officers conducted nearly 300 business and residential property checks.
- Officers initiated nearly 200 traffic stops for various violations.
- Officers responded to 7 motor vehicle crashes