



NBPD STREET BEAT

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

REMEMBER WHEN
(SEE PHOTOS BELOW)

In 1994 scenes from
the original Jumanji
were filmed in North
Berwick.

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Mental Health and our Community

It's never an easy topic to speak about – mental health. For years mental health disorders were hidden away and never discussed and those dealing with these diagnoses were forced to struggle alone. But as the times change so does our understanding of mental health disorders and the needs of those diagnosed. In January 2017 the Maine Legislature enacted “An Act to Increase Crisis Intervention Training” which required that at minimum – 20% of Officers from each municipality receive advanced training in crisis intervention. The North Berwick Police Department is proud to say that we exceed that minimum standard by having every full-time Officer certified in advanced crisis intervention. Our Officers are trained in identifying the signs of someone in crisis and are able to recommend services that may be able to help further. Our ultimate goal is to be able to help everyone in our Community – if you or someone you know is struggling with an issue please contact us. Often times people in crisis feel like they are alone and those thoughts become overwhelming; in many circumstances a caring voice or someone to just listen can be enough to bear the emotional burden. It's often times easy to put on a badge and a uniform and simply “enforce the law”, but modern day policing is so much more than that – we want to represent our Town by being the calming voice, the thoughtful influence, and the steady presence of our Community.



1994 – The Year Hollywood Came to Town

For anyone who lived in Town in 1994 its hard to forget the buzz of a Hollywood production on the streets of our small town. Kids everywhere were reciting tag lines from the film “a game for those who seek to find a way to leave their world behind” or “in the jungle you must wait until the dice reads six or eight”. The Woolen Mill on Canal Street doubled as the Parrish Shoe Factory and the “chase” scene involving the monkeys stealing a police car was shot on Oak Woods Road. Below you can see a photo of members of our Department posing with Robin Williams. It sure was an exciting time and it's hard not to get nostalgic when watching the movie again.



Notable Arrests of the Month

Officers arrested and charged 20 subjects in the month of August relating to a variety of different complaints. Below are several of the standout arrests:

- 10.2.19** – The Noble SRO charged a juvenile with violation of privacy.
- 10.7.19** – Subject was arrested on Buffum Road for criminal trespass after causing a disturbance while intoxicated.
- 10.17.19** – Subject was arrested on an outstanding warrant as well as refusing to submit to arrest or detention on Main Street.
- 10.19.19** – Subject was charged with criminal speed for operating at 84 MPH in a posted 40 MPH zone on Lebanon Road – while attempting an illegal pass of a drivers education car.
- 10.24.19** – Subject was charged for criminal speed for operating at 77 MPH in a posted 30 MPH zone on High Street.

Other Monthly Stats of Note

- Officers conducted nearly 310 business and residential property checks.
- Officers initiated nearly 175 traffic stops for various violations.
- Officers responded to 24 motor vehicle crashes