



NBPD STREET BEAT

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



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Lieutenant James Moulton Retires

Tuesday, April 7, 2020 saw us bid farewell to a longtime member of our Agency; Lieutenant James "Jim" Moulton retired after 30-years of dedicated service to the North Berwick Police Department. LT. Moulton began his career in North Berwick in 1989 and over the next 30-years would serve as a Patrolman, Sergeant, and his final 12-years as Lieutenant. You'd be hard pressed to find a member of our Community who didn't have an interaction with Jim over his 3-decades of service. His dedication and devotion to our Community is rivaled by none and his absence from our day-to-day operations leaves some mighty big shoes to fill. We wish him the best of luck as he moves into retirement and hope our heartfelt thanks for his service will not soon be forgotten.



NBPD Recognizes Noble Seniors

We are all aware that 2020 has presented us with unprecedented obstacles and challenges. We also understand that 2020 has not gone as planned for tens of thousands of High School Seniors around the Country. With this in mind the North Berwick Police Department has chosen to honor the North Berwick Graduates of Noble High School Class of 2020. Over the next month we will be paying homage through our Facebook page. Each day a new "honoree" will be posted allowing friends, family, and community members to congratulate them on their accomplishments. Our goal is to be able to honor each member of the Class of 2020 from North Berwick. We know this hardly makes up for the loss of so many Senior Year Memories, but our hope is that this small token shows our appreciation and our congratulations for all of their accomplishments. Please visit the North Berwick Police Department on Facebook and share your congratulations and best wishes.

Covid-19, Our Community, and Our Future

Whether you call it Coronavirus or Covid-19 the entire world has been gripped by a disease that prior to 2020 the majority of Americans knew nothing about. Federal, State, and Municipal Governments have issued sweeping Executive Orders in an attempt to combat a disease that seems to be more transferable between subjects than those that came before it. Around the Country, Law Enforcement and other First Responders are dealing with the difficult task of combating something that they cannot see. This is a scenario that we have never been faced with – our primary function as Police Officers is to keep people safe – but these last few weeks have made us feel helpless.

Locally, many business have been forced to temporarily close or alter normal business activities to remain in compliance with a term that had never been so readily used – Social Distancing. What makes this so hard is that humans, by nature, are social beings. Its amazing to think about how many different people we interact with on a daily basis and how these past few weeks have seen those interactions nearly disappear. On an almost daily basis you could run into one of our Officers at Cumberland Farms, Dunkin Donuts, or Allard's Market and stop for a brief chat. You could ask a question while they were sitting down enjoying a meal at Johnsons, Subway, or Red Leaves. You could smile and wave as they stopped at Dollar General or Hannaford's. But now, a Police Department built on the idea of "Community First" isn't able to interact with the people we care most about, our Community. Please know that our Officers are still available 24 hours a day, 7-days a week, 365 days a year. We still put on our Uniform and go into the Office to make sure that everyone can feel safe in their homes. In an effort to keep you and us safe, we have altered our "usual" response to calls. If you have a complaint or concern don't hesitate to call us – an Officer will gather the pertinent details and the complaint will be handled. If the complaint allows we will handle it over the phone, but should we need to meet with involved parties in person we will try to do it outdoors – doing our best to limit contact and minimize potential exposure for all.

Please keep in mind that we are living through an historical time in human history. Writing this Street Beat posed its own set of issues because each day the news is rapidly changing and trying to hone in on pertinent topics was difficult. Things will return to "normal". We cannot wait for this to be over, we cannot wait to be able to shake your hands again, we cannot wait until this pandemic is a memory. But until that day comes take care of eanother – look out for your families – and be mindful that when all this is said and done we will come through stronger than we were before.