



NBPD STREET BEAT

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

REMEMBER WHEN
(SEE PHOTO BELOW)
In July of 1999 the
NBPD took delivery
of the only white
cruiser in
Department history –
a Chevrolet Lumina.

Est. 2019

Thursday, August 1, 2019

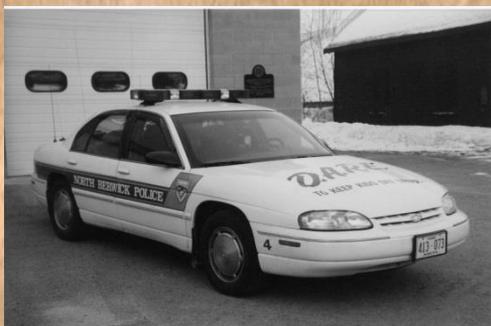
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NBPD Seeking Agency Accreditation

Over the past several years police departments across the Country have been dealing with increased pressure and oversight from the general public and media outlets alike into the actions of Officers. Our goal at the North Berwick Police Department is to operate in a transparent manner that shows the Citizens of our Town that our Officers are utilizing the best practices with the most up-to-date training and techniques in the course of their duties. It is with this in mind that the North Berwick Police Department has begun the process of seeking Accreditation through the “Maine Law Enforcement Accreditation Program” (MLEAP). MLEAP is a process in which Maine Law Enforcement Agencies prove their compliance to an outside un-biased Officer under Maine Law Enforcement’s current Best Practices and Standards. Being Accredited means that an Agency has met or exceeded all of the nearly 200 identified standards. This new program is entirely voluntary, but Agencies that complete the process will see a significant reduction in their liability insurance premiums – which has the potential to save the taxpayer’s money. Police Officers wield the government’s most awesome powers – the power to stop and question a citizen, the power to arrest a citizen, the power to seize a citizen’s property, and, if necessary, the power to use force in the process. With great power comes great responsibility and we strive to provide the best law enforcement services to our Citizens. Our Accreditation Manager is in the process of making sure our Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) are up-to-date, that our Training Records are organized and complete, and that our Officers are being trained with the most current techniques and knowledge in mind. This is not an easy process and will require constant dedication from our Officers to not only complete the Accreditation, but also to remain certified. Our Officers stand as a symbol of pride for our Community and this process will allow us to stand tall knowing that we have done everything possible to provide our Citizens with the best law enforcement services possible.

Railroad Safety

Over the last decade Officers have responded to numerous accidents and incidents involving the railroad in our Town. Nearly all accidents involving the railroad are avoidable and we cannot stress enough the importance of avoiding walking or playing on or around the tracks. The rails are privately owned and anyone on the tracks is trespassing and can be charged for the violation. For parents who live around the tracks – please explain to your children the dangers of playing on or near the tracks. Our goal as a Law Enforcement Agency is to keep our Community safe and with your assistance we can make North Berwick one of the safest Communities in Maine.



Notable Arrests of the Month

Officers arrested and charged 18 subjects in the month of July relating to a variety of different complaints. Below are several of the standout arrests.

- 7.1.19** – Subject was arrested for domestic violence criminal threatening, felon in possession of a firearm, terrorizing after threatening his girlfriend with a firearm and creating a brief standoff on Turkey Street.
- 7.5.19** – Subject was arrested on High Street and charged with operating under the influence.
- 7.6.19** – Subject was charged with criminal speed on Somersworth Road – operating at 74 MPH in a posted 40 MPH zone.
- 7.17.19** – Subject was charged with violation of a protection from abuse order and violation of conditions of release on Somersworth Road.
- 7.20.19** – Subject was arrested for violation of conditions of release and sale or use drug paraphernalia.

Other Monthly Stats of Note

- Officers conducted nearly 325 business and residential property checks.
- Officers initiated nearly 220 traffic stops for various violations.
- Officers responded to 14 motor vehicle crashes