



NBPD STREET BEAT

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



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Motor Vehicle Registration Update

On March 27, 2020 Governor Janet Mills issued an Executive Order temporarily suspending the registration requirement for motor vehicles in regards to the Covid-19 Pandemic. This suspension allowed vehicle's to operate with an expired and, in some cases, no registration whatsoever. Governor Mills' Executive Order was accompanied with a request to Law Enforcement Officials to halt enforcement in regards to the registration requirement. As society begins to return to a sense of "normalcy" State and Municipal Governments have begun the re-opening process and the motor vehicle registration exception has been lifted. Vehicle owners have been notified to register their vehicles by **July 11, 2020**. Many Bureau of Motor Vehicles Offices have reopened – by appointment only – and the online Rapid Renewal system is functioning properly. The North Berwick Town Office has reopened with Covid-19 safety precautions in place. The North Berwick Police Department is reminding all vehicle owners to comply with the **July 11, 2020** vehicle registration date.

NBPD Seeking Crossing Guards

One of the responsibilities of the North Berwick Police Department is to assist the North Berwick Elementary School in making sure students who walk to school are able to cross the roads safely. This task falls to our dedicated Crossing Guards. This position has been historically difficult to fill because of the scheduling issues surrounding school arrival and dismissal. Ideally we are seeking an applicant who has a flexible schedule and is looking to earn some extra income. In the past we have worked with recently retired subjects who are looking to get out and serve their community. It has also been an opportunity for "stay-at-home" parents who may drop their child off at school each day? Whatever your situation if you are interested please contact us. We are beginning preparations for the upcoming school year and cannot wait to see all the kids again. For more info contact Chief Stephen Peasley at 207-676-2751 or spesley@townofnorthberwick.org

North Berwick Police Develop New Community Program

Community Outreach Police Sessions

North Berwick has always been an evolving community – from the Clarks Five and Dime to Town Pizza – from Hometown Video to Skull and Snake Tattoo and Art Studio – from Wick's Automotive to Hannaford's Supermarket – from Converse Shoes to Pratt and Whitney. North Berwick has been a community that realizes evolution is crucial to development and sustainability. The reason our community has evolved is because our citizens have always taken the time to be informed. From participation in local government to volunteer activities and community gatherings – our citizens care about our community. Their caring leads to knowledge; knowledge of the process, knowledge of the comings and goings of our small town, knowledge of our past, our present, and our future. Knowledge is power - and there is nothing more powerful than an informed citizenry.

The North Berwick Police Department prides itself on transparency – we aren't afraid to open our doors to the public and address any question or concerns they may have. Our ability to operate as an effective law enforcement agency is derived from the trust, confidence, and support of the Citizens of North Berwick. With this transparency in mind the North Berwick Police Department has developed **C.O.P.S – Community Outreach Police Sessions**. These bi-monthly seminars seek to build confidence within our Community by allowing us to meet in a group setting with concerned citizens to address issues that affect our Community. These meetings will take place at the North Berwick Community Center on Lebanon Road with the first scheduled for **August 25, 2020 from 6pm – 7:30pm**. This first meeting will simply serve as an "Introduction". Our plan is to have multiple Officers present to not only introduce themselves, but to answer any questions you may have about the day-to-day operations of our Agency. Whether you have questions regarding staffing, scheduling, procedures, or training we will be available to make sure you find the answers you are seeking.

Other meetings will be scheduled at later dates (every other month) and some of the topics that we plan on addressing are school safety, erratic operation and speeding vehicles, drug trends and issues, along with internet, phone, and mail scams. If there is a topic you feel passionate about wanting to discuss in a public setting don't hesitate to reach out to us. Our ultimate goal is to provide the best law enforcement services possible while representing the values that make the North Berwick Community a wonderful place to live and work.

We look forward to seeing and speaking with you on **August 25, 2020 from 6pm – 7:30pm** at the North Berwick Community Center.