



NBPD STREET BEAT

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

REMEMBER WHEN
(SEE PHOTO BELOW)

In August 2001 the
newly constructed
Noble High School
opened in North
Berwick.

Est. 2019

Sunday, September 1, 2019

Issue 6

NBPD Officers Close Out Burglary Complaint with Multiple Arrests

On Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at approximately 8AM Officers responded to Turkey Street for a complaint of a possible burglary in progress. Multiple Officers arrived on-scene within minutes and were quickly able to detain the “getaway” driver and one other suspect. Through the course of their investigation they were able to determine that two male suspects had fled the scene on foot. Officers were able to locate and detain one suspect about a half mile from the residence. A K-9 track was conducted by the North Berwick K-9 Unit; Maverick led Officers for approximately 1.5–2 miles and it was determined the suspect they were looking for wasn’t simply hiding out, but was still on the run. The three detained suspects were brought back to the North Berwick Police Department to be interviewed by our Detective. Through productive interviews Officers were able to determine the identity of the fourth involved suspect – who was being investigated for nearly a half-dozen burglaries in various New Hampshire communities. Officers prepared the necessary paperwork and a warrant was issued for the fourth suspect. Two suspects were transported to the York County Jail and were charged with burglary. The other involved suspect, a 15-year old female, was charged with burglary and released to her parents. Overall the North Berwick Police Department has had a great deal of success investigating burglary complaints. Every facet of our Agency works hand-in-hand to make sure cases are solved and residents can feel safe in their homes. The thorough initial investigation by our responding Officers coupled with the diligent follow-up and experience of our Detective continues to provide proven and consistent results for our residents.

Violation of Maine’s Hands-Free Law Certainly Wont be Free

On September 19, 2019 Maine’s new “Hands-Free” law goes into effect. The new law effectively bans the holding of an electronic device while operating a motor vehicle. Although some exceptions exist – *i.e. using your phone to contact emergency responders* – driver’s who have not already made a conscious effort to stay off their phones should start preparing. A first offense violation is a \$50 fine, but any additional violations will cost \$250. Our driving history checks reveal 11-years of history so that first violation can haunt you for more than a decade. The new law allows phone usage in a safe location – *i.e. NOT stopped in traffic or at a stop light*. Yes, you can pull over to use your phone, but we encourage you to find a safe place to pull over (parking lot being the best option) – if you must stop to use your phone find a location that has a wide enough shoulder (breakdown lane) to allow other vehicles to safely drive past.



Notable Arrests of the Month

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

- 8.11.19** – Subject was arrested for unlawful possession of schedule drugs as well as violation of conditions of release,
- 8.13.19** – Subject was charged with operating without a license in regards to a traffic stop on Wells Street,
- 8.17.19** – Subject was arrested for unlawful possession of schedule drugs.
- 8.17.19** – Subject as arrested for operating under in the influence in regards to a traffic stop on Morrills Mills Road.
- 8.18.19** – Subject was arrested on an outstanding warrant in regards to a traffic stop on Fox Farm Hill Road.
- 8.19.19** – Subject was arrested for violation of a protection order on High Street.

Other Monthly Stats of Note

- Officers conducted nearly 200 business and residential property checks.
- Officers initiated nearly 150 traffic stops for various violations.
- Officers responded to 10 motor vehicle crashes