

## NBPD STREET BEAT

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

REMEMBER WHEN
(SEE PHOTO BELOW)
In May 2009 School
Resource Officer (SRO)
Jonathan Koelker
graduated from the
Maine Criminal Justice
Academy (MCJA)

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**NBPD:** A Sense of Pride for Our Community

In a day and age where politics and media seem to divide citizens; the North Berwick Police Department stands proud as an organization representing the pride and values of our great Community. The mission of the North Berwick Police Department has always focused on the needs of our Community first; with our main goal - providing the best law enforcement services possible - often times this comes at a cost. Everyone is focused on how their tax dollars are being spent - a detailed breakdown can be found in the Town Report - this brief article focusses on the "intangibles". The North Berwick Police Department tries to take Community Policing to another level. While operating with one of the smallest budgets amongst Law Enforcement Agencies in York County, the Officers of the North Berwick Police Department dedicate their time and effort to make sure our Community comes first. Along with their "routine" patrol activities and investigations their actions relating to Community Service are almost impossible to quantify. The Chief of Police takes time away from his Administrative responsibilities to teach DARE to 5th Graders at the Elementary School. Our Administrative Assistant, Wendi, created and continues to organize a wildly successful "Bike to School Day" in an effort to promote healthy living and exercise. She is also in the process of developing Project Good Morning – a way to make sure our elderly residents living alone are checked-in on a regular basis. The North Berwick K-9 Unit continues to serve as one of the most active K-9 Units in York County - conducting demos and speaking engagements for a number of Community Organizations. Officers have organized Guest Speakers such as former top baseball prospect Jeff Allison whose struggle with heroin and Oxycontin nearly cost him his life. Our Officers continue to work on other Community-Centric projects - from "Coffee with a Cop" to a possible "Citizens Police Academy". Its very easy to see one of our Officers in uniform and simply see them as a "The Police", but their dedication and yearning to truly serve the Citizens of North Berwick is rivaled by none

## **Fireworks in North Berwick**

This time of year is highlighted by Graduations, Marriages, and Family Reunions; a time for all to enjoy the company of their family and friends. Fireworks have been a long standing tradition of celebration and we want to make sure everyone enjoys them safely. North Berwick enacted a fireworks ordinance that allows for the use of fireworks WITH A PERMIT under the following conditions:

- User must be at least 21 years of age
- Between 9am and 10pm except for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and New Years Eve when it's extended to 12:30am.
- Fire Class MUST be 1, 2, or 3

Permits may be obtained from the Town Office or Fire Department



## **Notable Arrests of the Month**

Officers arrested and charged 32 subjects in the month of May relating to a variety of different cases. Below are several of the standout arrests:

**5.1.19** – The NBPD School Resource Officer (SRO) charged a juvenile with aggravated trafficking of schedule drugs.

**5.2.19** – Subject was charged with operating under the influence on Somersworth Road.

5.4.19 – Subject was charged with operating under the influence after a crash on Morrills Mills Road.

**5.6.19** - The NBPD School Resource Officer (SRO) charged a juvenile with domestic violence assault.

**5.12.19** – Subject was arrested for operating under the influence on Main Street,

**5.24.19** – Subject was arrested for refusing to submit to arrest and on outstanding warrants following a K-9 track.

## **Other Monthly Stats of Note**

- Officers conducted nearly 300 business and residential property checks.
- Officers initiated nearly 200 traffic stops for various violations.
- Officers responded to 5 motor vehicle crashes