



The Biddeford Beat

CITY OF BIDDEFORD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Monday, June 18, 2018 Volume 18.24

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Tuesday June 19, 2018**
 5:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting (live)
 5:30 PM Personnel Committee Meeting
 6:00 PM City Council Meeting (live)
- Thursday June 21, 2018**
 10:00 AM Fire Advisory Committee
 (Central Fire Station)
 6:30 PM Airport Commission (live)
 7:00 PM Conservation Commission Meeting
 (2nd floor Conference Room)
- Monday July 2, 2018**
 6:30 PM Downtown Development Commission
 (2nd floor Conference Room)
- Tuesday July 3, 2018**
 5:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting (live)
 6:00 PM City Council Meeting (live)
- Wednesday July 4, 2018**
 Independence Day - City Hall Closed.

[Click here](#) to view the full calendar & updates.

CONFIDENTIAL TIPS TO BPD

Everyone can play a role in keeping our community safe and improving the quality of life by sharing information regarding any behavior or activity seen and suspected to be criminal in nature.

TIPS can be submitted simply by calling our non-emergency phone line at 282-5127 or by clicking on the crime or drug tip icons on our web page at www.biddefordmaine.org/police.

You can provide **TIPS** to us anonymously but it is truly very helpful when we have contact information so that officers can quickly follow up on the information that you provide.

REMEMBER

If you are reporting a crime in progress or if you are in need of any emergency services, **please immediately dial 9-1-1!**

This week, our focus is on our Police Department.

**Courage
Honor
Integrity**



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The Biddeford Police Department has fifty-four sworn officers, fourteen dispatchers who staff our regional Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), and eight non-sworn support services employees.

Collectively, our employees spent over 13,000 hours in certification, recertification, or continuous professional development training during 2017.

Sixty percent of our officers hold post-secondary degrees and three hold master's degrees and other officers are currently pursuing post-secondary degrees. Most of the degrees are in criminal justice, criminology, or law enforcement technology. About a third of the officers have served in the armed forces and some remain in the Active Reserves or the National Guard.

Twelve of our officers are certified instructors and conduct courses for our department, for other agencies, and at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. They cover twenty subject areas of training. Additionally, most of our officers have secondary responsibilities that required specialized training and certification such as evidence technician, firearms instructor, armorer, field training officer, crash reconstruction, polygraph examiner, and many others.

BPD's employees are members of one of the eight divisions: Patrol Division, Criminal Investigation Division, Special Services Division, State and Federal Law Enforcement Assignments, Street Crimes Unit, Code Enforcement, Communications and Records, and Command Staff.

During 2017, our dispatchers managed 49,882 calls for service; 33,548 of those calls were for BPD's services. Almost one third of the calls for police services were non-criminal in nature. These non-criminal calls include checking on the welfare of children or adults, helping those with mental illness issues, assisting motorists with their disabled or crashed vehicles, performing CPR or administering NARCAN until EMS arrives, de-escalating and calming tense civil issues, responding to threatened or attempted suicides and suicides, and much more.

In 2016, BPD began its quest to join the ranks of the less than 5% of law enforcement agencies in our country and the roughly 3% in our state to attain national accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). We completed the typical three-year assessment process in less than two years.

During April 2018, a team from CALEA conducted an onsite assessment with no issues noted. As a result, BPD will present at a CALEA accreditation hearing in late July. Our agency fully expects to return from the Grand Rapids, Michigan hearing as a nationally accredited agency.



BPD provides a MedReturn unit for the public to safely dispose of unused or outdated drugs in its lobby 24 hours a day, provides free trigger locks for firearms, conducts property checks when home owners are away, conducts inspections and installations of child car restraints, bicycle safety classes, crime prevention training, and other public services. Please call our non-emergency number 282-5127 for more information.

BPD'S Two Newest Officers



On Friday, May 18, 2018, Adam Hubbard and Hayleigh O'Donnell graduated from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy's 18-week Basic Law Enforcement Training Program and obtained their certification to be law enforcement officers in Maine.

Currently, Officers O'Donnell and Hubbard are assigned to Biddeford Field Training Officers to further their specific knowledge of our agency and our community.



On Monday, May 7, 2018, twenty-four members of the Biddeford Police Department, along with thousands of members of law enforcement agencies from across the nation, attended the memorial service for Corporal Eugene Cole of the Somerset County Sheriff's Department held in Bangor.

La Kermesse Franco-Americaine



Thursday, June 21st – Sunday June 24th

Events:

Thursday, June 21st

Block Party on the corner Water St. and Main St. There will be rides and food vendors. Live entertainment starting at 6:00pm followed by fireworks at 9:30pm.

Friday, June 22nd

La Kermesse Parade (rain or shine) starts at 6:00pm on the corner of Jefferson St and South St.

Parade Route: Starting at the corner of Jefferson and South Street, proceeding down Jefferson Street, turning right on Alfred Street and up to Graham Street Extension. The parade will turn left onto West Street, then continue to St. Louis field where the festival will be held. **Field opens at 4:00pm.**

(This year's La Kermesse Festival is being held at **The St. Louis Field**, located on the corner of Prospect Street and West Street).

Saturday, June 23rd

Field opens at 12:00 noon.

Sunday, June 24th

Field opens at 11:30 am.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.lakermessefestival.com/>



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a main street maine community

For more information about upcoming community events, please visit the Heart of Biddeford's

Website at:

<http://heartofbiddeford.org/>

Beach Parking Permit 2018 Reminder

Parking Permits Are Required

Starting Friday, June 15, 2018

Beach permits can be purchased at the Biddeford City Clerk's office, Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm. For each vehicle you wish to obtain a permit for, you must present the registration for each individual vehicle. Permit fees for Biddeford residents are \$25.00 for the first vehicle and \$15.00 for each additional vehicle registered at the same address. Non-resident fees are \$125.00 for a full season permit, \$65.00 for a (seven day) permit, \$40.00 for a 3 day permit, and \$20.00 for a 1 day permit. 3 day and 7 day permits are consecutive days. A (one day) permit may be purchased at the Biddeford Pool bathhouse parking lot any day of the week.

Permits can also be purchased at the City of Biddeford Police Department on **Saturday mornings only**, from 8:00am until 12:00 noon.



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