



Police Department  
**TOWN OF BERLIN**

**2022**  
**Annual**  
**Report**



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# BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT



***“ENFORCE THE LAW AND SERVE THE PUBLIC IN A FAIR AND JUST MANNER.”***

To accomplish the mission, we will work with others to provide a safe and orderly environment for our community. We will strive to instill public confidence by maintaining a high degree of professionalism, dedication, and expertise in the delivery of law enforcement services. The integrity of, and respect for, the Berlin Police Department is enhanced by our contribution to the welfare of the citizens and our standards of excellence.

# Berlin Police Commissioners



Pictured from left to right are Chairman Steve Wilson, Commissioner Paul Eshoo, Commissioner Melissa Urrunaga, Commissioner Ryan Zelek and Vice Chairman Dave Rogan.







## **BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT 2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

The 2022 Annual Report introduces Officers Edison Yunga and Curtis Williams to the Town of Berlin. We also welcomed Dispatcher Lindsay Patterson.

This report reflects the efforts of personnel and descriptions of programs within the police department. Each and every individual plays a role and contributes to our mission of *“service and protection to the community”*.



The Berlin Police Department is committed to working together with the Board of Education, our four Fire Departments, Hunters Ambulance Service and all other town departments in order to provide the best service possible to the community.

Officers of the Berlin Police Department are committed to making Berlin a safe community.

Chief Matthew J. McNally IV

# Our Cover



**We will never forget** the ultimate sacrifice that Jeffery G. Casner made. To honor Officer Casner, we award the Officer who makes the most self-initiated DUI motor vehicle stops each year. The cover for our 2022 Annual Report is a reminder to all not only of Officer Casner's sacrifice, but the dangers of driving under the influence.





## HISTORY OF THE BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT



On September 10, 1937, the Town of Berlin formed a Police Bureau which was supervised by four elected Constables. The Police Bureau was the town's only form of police protection until April 13, 1955.

In 1955, a formal police department was formed. Since that time, the Berlin Police Department has grown from three (3) constables to forty-two (42) full time officers, nine (9) civilian dispatchers, one (1) administrative assistant to the Chief, two (2) records clerks, one (1) technical support administrator and three (3) crossing guards.

The Police Department has been led by eight (8) Police Chiefs; Theodore Strand (1956-1971), Robert Skinner (1971-1978), Phillip Buchanan (1978-1980), William Scalise (1980-1988), Gerald Charamut (1988-2003), Paul Fitzgerald (2003 – 2017), John Klett (2017 – 2021) and Matthew J. McNally who was appointed in 2021.

On February 2, 1985, the Berlin Police Department was shaken by the death of Officer Jeffery Casner, who was struck by a drunk driver while directing traffic at an automobile accident.

In November of 1988, the department was once again shocked by the sudden death of Chief William B. Scalise, who succumbed while clearing land for a new VFW Post.

The Berlin Police Department is looking to the future to better serve the Berlin community by utilizing new technologies, and by maintaining and efficiently utilizing staff and resources.



## ACCREDITATION



The Berlin Police Department is a state and internationally accredited law enforcement agency. The agency was initially accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) in March 1996. We are one of 25 Connecticut Law Enforcement Agencies to be awarded. The Police Officer Standards and Training Council (P.O.S.T.) first awarded State Accreditation to the Berlin Police Department in November of 2004.

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) administers the international accreditation program. The accreditation program requires agencies to comply with state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas: policy and procedures, administration, operations, and support services.

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) visited Police Headquarters October 21-24, 2019 to examine all aspects of the Berlin Police Department's policies, procedures, management, operations and support services. The Berlin Police Department had to comply with 391 of the applicable mandatory standards and at least 80% of the non-mandatory standards in order to gain accredited status. The department was found to be in compliance with 100% of all 328 mandatory standards and 79 of the 87 non-mandatory standards or 91%. The Berlin Police Department has been an internationally accredited agency since 1996 and received its seventh re-accreditation award in March of 2020.



# **COMMUNITY RELATIONS REVIEW**

## **Neighborhood Watch**

The Town of Berlin has twelve (12) neighborhood watch programs. The Berlin Police is currently publicizing our neighborhood watch program and created a community relations team to help assist citizens in starting and maintaining a neighborhood watch which is being coordinated by Officer Brandon Lagueux.

## **Torch Run**

Once a year members of the Berlin Police Department are active in the Special Olympics Torch Run and the fund raising that goes on during the year. Officer Mark DePinto gathers the local group of runners and they in turn raise money to be donated to Special Olympics. Officer Mark DePinto also works as the leg coordinator between seven towns on the Torch Run day. Eight participating police departments run from Newington to New Haven for the opening Special Olympic ceremonies.

## **Citizen Input**

The Berlin Police Department gives the citizens of Berlin a place to let us know how they feel and to share any concerns they may have. You can access our [Online Reporting](#) by going to our website at [www.berlinpd.org](http://www.berlinpd.org). Look for the “In this Department” Section and click on complaints or customer survey on the website.

## **School Safety**

Officers from the Berlin Police Department randomly visit all the schools in town. These visits establish familiarity with the staff and layout of the school. The visits also provide an omnipresent sense of security. The Berlin Police Department continues to work closely with school staff on emergency preparedness drills. We have officers in the elementary schools who teach DARE and a School Resource Officer stationed at the high school.

## **Safe Kids Wear Lids**

In an ongoing effort to promote bicycle safety amongst the youth of Berlin, members of the Berlin Police Department participated in the 2022 “Safe Kids-Wear Lids” campaign. The program is designed to reward youths observed riding their bicycles while wearing helmets with a coupon good for a free ice cream redeemable at Pralines Ice Cream on Farmington Avenue. At the end of the season, one winner is picked to win a prize.

# GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES



The present day duties of a Berlin Police Officer are varied and complex. The Officer's main function is the preservation of public peace, protection of life and property, prevention of crime, and proper enforcement of local and state laws and ordinances. The Officer must effectively investigate motor vehicle accidents while rendering first aid to injured parties. Motor vehicle safety is a high priority and motor vehicle laws are enforced through the use of laser and radar units.

A Berlin Police Officer is a first responder to all medical emergency calls. The Officer must be qualified as an EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) to render quick and effective first aid. All police vehicles are equipped with first aid and oxygen units. Officers are certified in CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and the use of state-of-the-art AED (Automated External Defibrillator) units. There were 2,170 medical emergency calls in 2022.



Other important duties include initial investigations of reported crimes and incidents. Officers must be able to provide crisis and conflict intervention, along with problem solving techniques, to serve and assist the community.





**POLICE COMMISSION**  
 Chairman – Steve Wilson  
 Vice Chairman – Dave Rogan  
 Commissioner – Melissa Urrunaga  
 Commissioner – Paul Eshoo  
 Commissioner – Ryan Zelek

**OFFICE OF POLICE CHIEF**  
 Chief Matthew J. McNally IV

**Administrative Assistant**  
 Marlene Kastner

**ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION**  
 Deputy Chief Chris Ciuci

**Record Technician – Alicia Boncek**  
**Record Technician – Tracey Lentini**

**OPERATIONS DIVISION**  
 Lieutenant Shawn Solek

**SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION**  
 Lieutenant Drew Gallupe

**INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION**  
 Lieutenant Mike Jobes

**PATROL BUREAU**  
 Sergeant Achilles Rethis  
 Sergeant Scott Schreiner  
**MIDNIGHT SHIFT**  
 Officer Casey Skinner  
 Officer Brendan Clark  
 Officer Chris Lajoie  
 Officer Michael Patterson  
 Officer Peggy Kennedy  
 VACANT  
 VACANT

**PATROL BUREAU**  
 Sergeant Ryan Gould  
 Sergeant Tyler Cyr  
**DAY SHIFT**  
 Officer Marco Correa  
 Officer Mark Fowler  
 Officer Dylan Breen  
 Officer Jeff Veach  
 K-9 Off Aimee Krzykowski  
 Officer Drew O'Leary  
 Officer Dan Ithier (ML)  
 VACANT

**PATROL BUREAU**  
 Sergeant John Flynn  
 Sergeant Robert Martin  
**EVENING SHIFT**  
 Officer Michael Manning  
 Officer Meagan Musanti  
 Officer Wade Griffith  
 Jeffrey Dubuc (SK)  
 Officer Rich Doski  
 Officer Isabella Delgado  
 VACANT  
 VACANT  
 VACANT

**SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU**  
 Sergeant Ann-Marie Haas  
 Officer Cathy Griffin  
 Recruit Joseph Chatliss  
 FTO Casey Skinner  
 FTO Michael Patterson  
 Crossing Guard Sally Huggins  
 Crossing Guard Laura Karoll  
 Crossing Guard Danielle Corsetti

**YOUTH BUREAU**  
 (SRO) Officer Mark DePinto

**TRAFFIC BUREAU**  
 Officer Tom Bobok

**DISPATCH**  
 Supervisor Tom Farr  
 Disp Phyllis Campanella  
 Dispatcher Brett Chockey  
 Dispatcher Deb Fleisher  
 Dispatcher Hope Gundry  
 Dispatcher Joshua Pacheco  
 Disp Lidsay Patterson  
 Dispatcher Matt Pepe  
 Dispatcher rich Petano  
 Dispatcher Jordan Temple

**DETECTIVE BUREAU**  
 Detective Sean McMahon  
 Detective Colin Gaffey  
 Detective Bretty Kelley  
 Youth Det. Ted Fuini



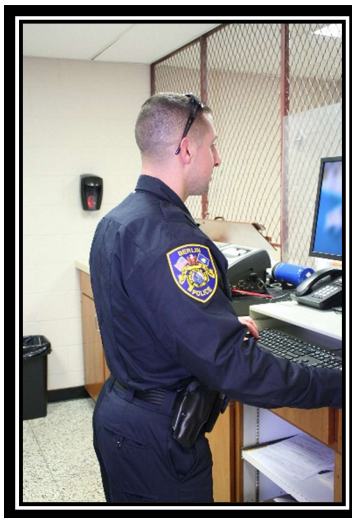
# DIVISIONS WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The **Administration Division** has the responsibility of the following areas:

1. Personnel
2. Public Relations
3. Training
4. Planning and Research
5. Budgeting
6. Purchasing
7. Records Bureau

The **Operations Division** consists of the patrol bureau and other special units as determined necessary by the Chief of Police.

The Patrol Bureau covers a wide range of traditional police services which may be generally defined as the patrolling of streets for the purpose of preventing crime, protecting life and property, assisting the public in any way possible, inspections of commercial establishments, vacant homes etc., and the investigation of suspicious persons and vehicles. The Patrol Bureau investigates crime, completes necessary crime and incident reports, protects crime scenes, investigates motor vehicle crashes, and educates the public in rules and laws of the Town and State. The Patrol Bureau is also responsible for traffic control, selective enforcement of motor vehicle laws, investigation of suspicious motor vehicles, and such other functions that the Chief of Police may determine as necessary.



# DIVISIONS WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Communications Unit is staffed by Civilian Dispatchers. Overall supervision is exercised by the Support Services Division Commander. The Dispatch Supervisor directly supervises the Communications Unit. The Communications Unit's responsibilities include; the reception, analysis, and dispatching of calls for service, the receiving of calls on the Town's Emergency 911 system, and dispatching police, fire, medical, and municipal services as needed. Dispatch also monitors and dispatches alarms for police, fire, municipal services and all non-emergency calls for service.



The **Support Services Division** consists of the Support Services Bureau, SROs, and the Traffic Bureau. The Court Liaison Officer assists with arrest reports, prisoner transportation, arrest warrants, and search warrant preparation. The Support Services Bureau is responsible for grants, computers, communications, accreditation, permits, training, court liaison, scheduling personnel for private duty and overtime assignments, and any other function deemed necessary by the Chief of Police. The School Resource Officer (SRO), is assigned to work in the high school directly with teachers and students. The Training/Community Relations Officer oversees department training and coordinates community relations programs.



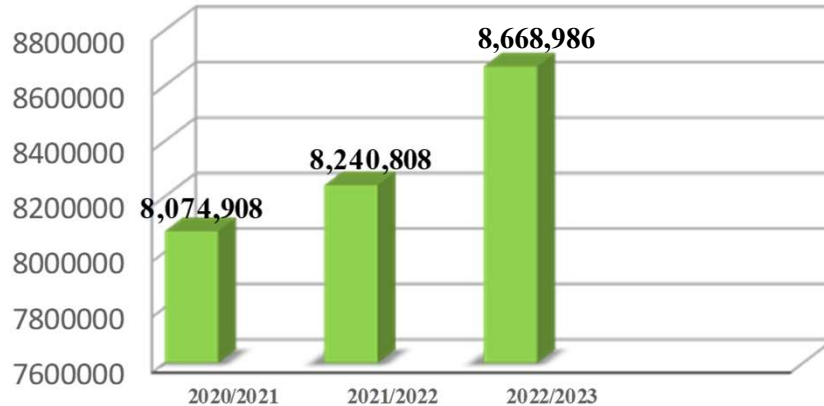
# DIVISIONS WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Investigations Division operates and maintains the evidence lab. It also maintains all department photographs and the departments' fingerprint file. The Investigations Division investigates and assists other areas of the department in their investigations of felonies and all crimes involving narcotics, fraud, theft, and violence. The Investigations Division performs other related functions the Chief of Police determines necessary.



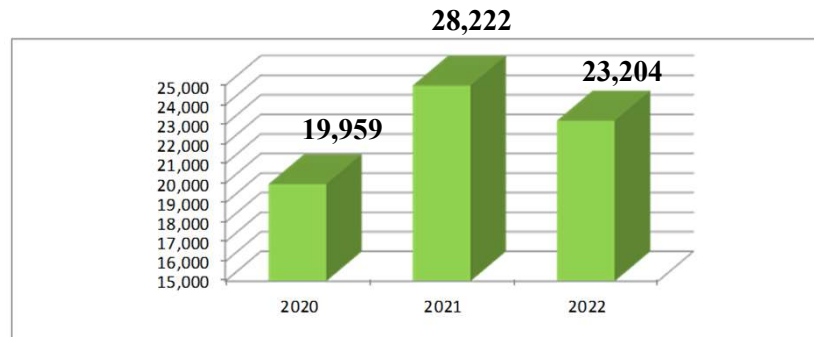
The Youth Detective is responsible for the overall coordination of the department's efforts regarding children and youth, including delinquency, family with services needs, abuse, neglect, and missing persons. The Youth Officer screens all reports dealing with police contact with children, makes/reviews all departmental court referrals of juveniles (persons less than eighteen years of age), and makes/reviews decisions to divert juveniles from the juvenile justice system.

## POLICE BUDGET



The Town of Berlin is in the geographical center of the State of Connecticut. The town is surrounded by seven other cities. The Berlin Police Department has a jurisdiction area of 26.5 miles. The population of Berlin is estimated to be 20,499 people. Berlin has one high school, one middle school and three elementary schools. There is one private school in town. There are approximately 600 businesses in town. The Berlin Police Department patrols 112 miles of roads. There are 369 streets. There are eight state maintained roads in town and the Berlin Police Department has full responsibility for six of these roads and highways, including the heavily traveled Berlin Turnpike (Route 5 & 15) for a distance of 5.4 miles. Within the town boundaries are six reservoirs belonging to surrounding municipalities. Berlin has three United States Post Offices and four separate fire departments. There is one public golf course. The Berlin Fair Grounds are located in the eastern section of town and once a year the Berlin Lions Club holds the Berlin Fair where the Berlin Police department provides security and traffic assistance for the large crowds that attend. The grounds are also utilized for several other events during the year.

## POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE

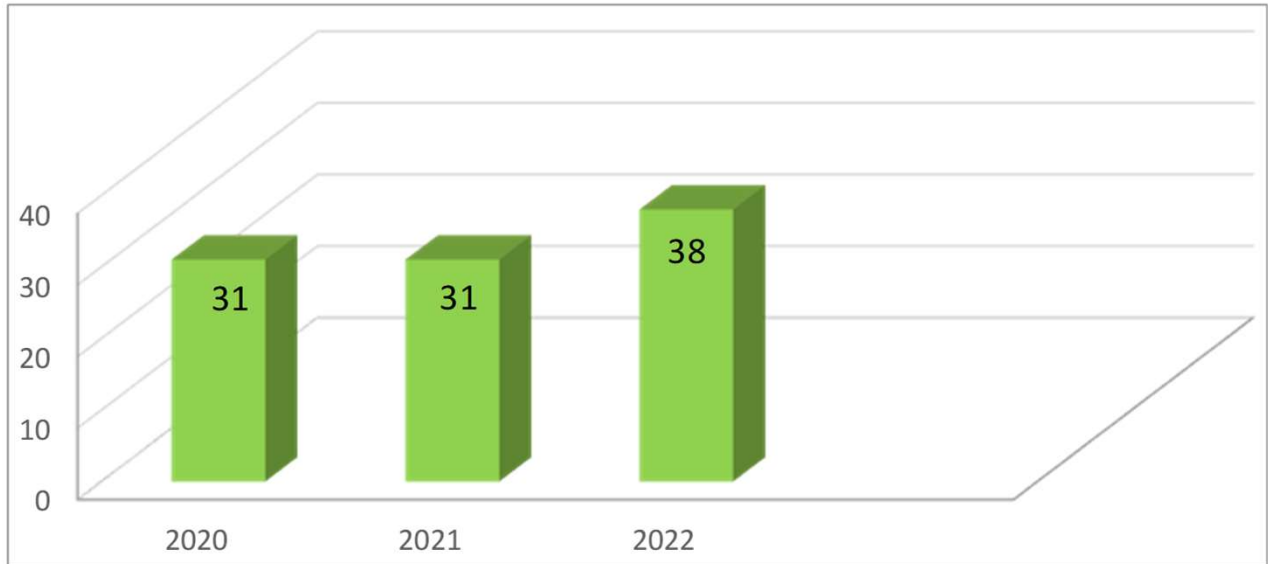


## 2022 POLICE DEPARTMENT GRANTS

<u>Grant Name/Type</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>	<u>Amount Reimbursed</u>
<b>2022 “Click it or Ticket”</b>		
May - November 100% Federal Funds	\$1,525.04	\$1,525.04
 <b>Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement Grant</b>		
04/01/22 – 04/30/22 100% Federal Funds	\$8,022.48	\$8,022.48
 <b>Total Reimbursement</b>		 <b>\$9,547.52</b>



# DUI ENFORCEMENT



Driving Under the Influence, (DUI) enforcement, is an extremely important component of the Berlin Police Department's overall traffic safety program.

Over a three year period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022 there has been a total of 109 DUI arrests. In this three-year period, there was an average of thirty-six (36) DUI arrests per year. Out of the 109 DUI arrests, forty-four (44) arrests stemmed from an accident investigation. The remaining sixty-five (65) arrests were a result of citizen complaints or self-initiated motor vehicle stops.

A majority of the alcohol related crashes that occurred in 2020/2021/2022 were between the hours of 6PM to 3AM. The overwhelming majority of the alcohol related crashes (25%) occurred on Sunday, followed by Thursday with (22%) and Saturday and Wednesday each with (15%). During the same period, there were 55 alcohol related crashes and three (3) alcohol related fatalities.

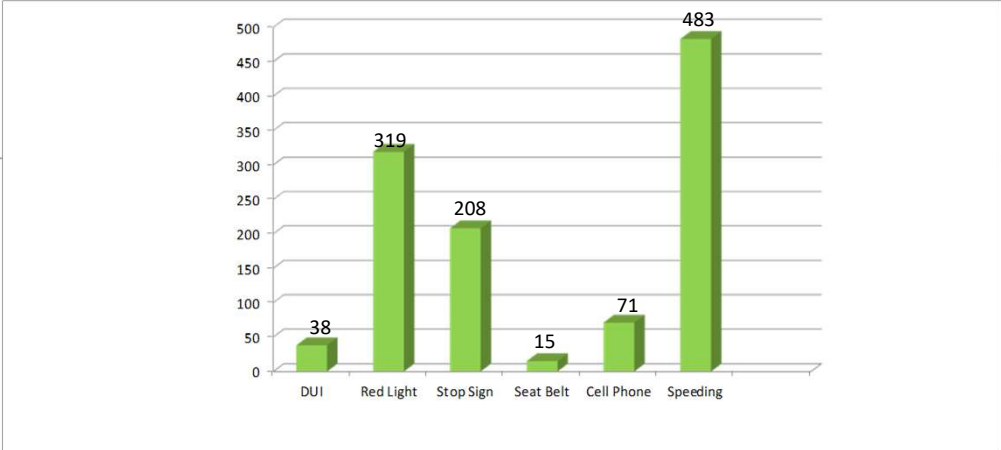
The department places great importance on DUI detection and apprehension. The department participates in all DOT highway safety grant initiatives that provide funding for DUI enforcement.

The **Jeffery G. Casner Award** is given annually during Law Enforcement Week in May, to those officers who are at the forefront of the department in effecting “Driving Under the Influence” arrests. Previously, this award was presented every year on February 2nd, which is the anniversary date that Officer Jeffery G. Casner made the ultimate sacrifice for the Town of Berlin. The award is now given in May per the request of the family.



Officer Brendan Clark has earned the 2022 Jeffery G. Casner Award. Officer Clark executed 13% of all Driving Under the Influence Arrest made by the Department in 2022 with 60% of these arrests being self-initiated. This is the first year that Officer Clark has received the Casner Award.

# 2022 MOTOR VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT



The department regularly participates in the Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Safety’s seatbelt “WAVE” program. This is an enforcement program specifically targeting seatbelt law compliance. The department uses seatbelt compliance checkpoints to enforce the mandatory seatbelt use statute. Seatbelt use has been shown to reduce the severity of injuries suffered in motor vehicle crashes. Enforcement of this statute is an important part of the department’s traffic safety program.

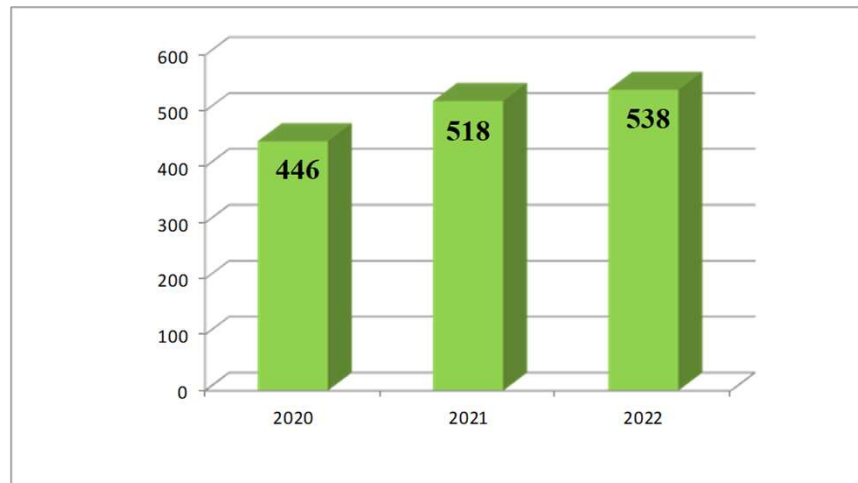
In 2022, Berlin Officers conducted 1,580 MV stops for moving violations. Some of the major violations included 38 DUI arrests, 319 Red Light violations, 208 Stop Sign violations, 15 Seat Belt violations, 71 Cell Phone violations, and 483 Speed/ Traveling too Fast offenses.

The DUI arrests were the result of self-initiated DUI Patrols, spot checks, and as a result of motor vehicle crash investigations.

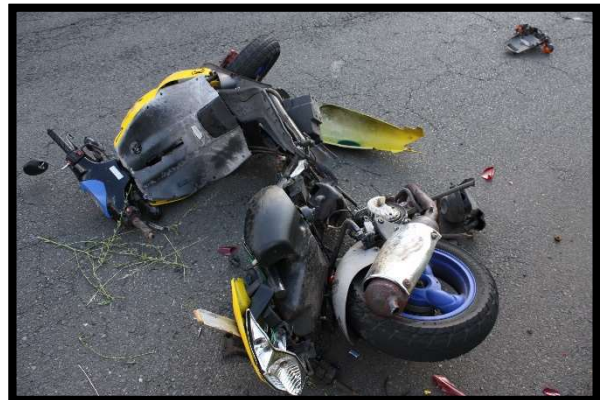


# 2022 MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES

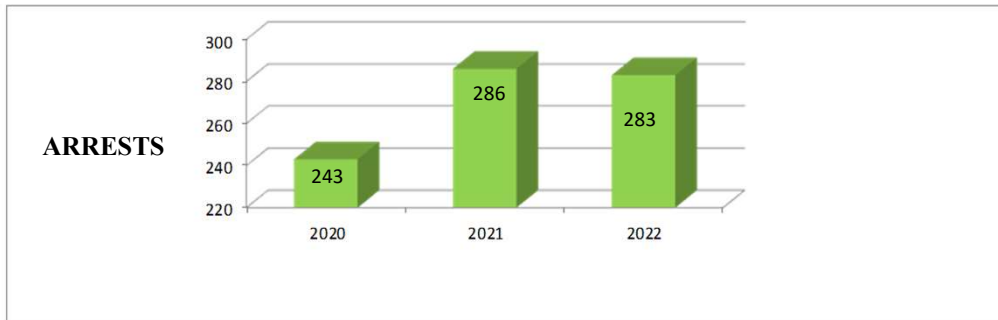
## CRASHES



Motor vehicle crashes are an unfortunate fact of life on our nation's highways. Most, if not all, of these crashes are the result of inattentiveness and/or failure to obey motor vehicle laws. The purpose of motor vehicle laws and regulations is to make the highways safe for all. The purpose of motor vehicle enforcement is to ensure compliance with these laws and hence make the highways safer for all who travel them.

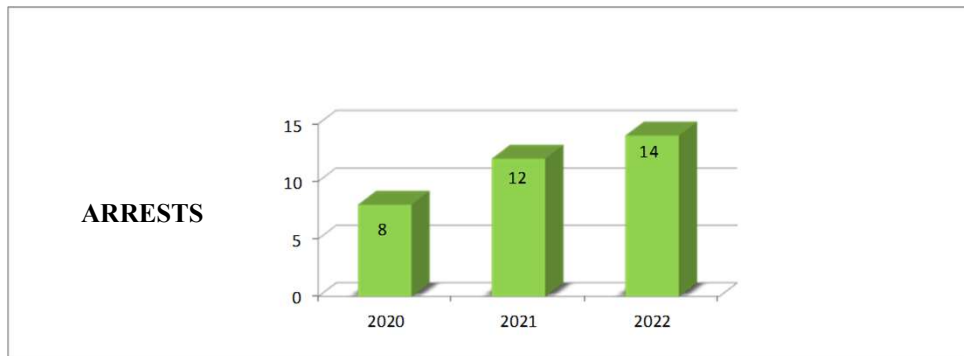


## ADULT CRIMINAL ARRESTS (2020 – 2022)



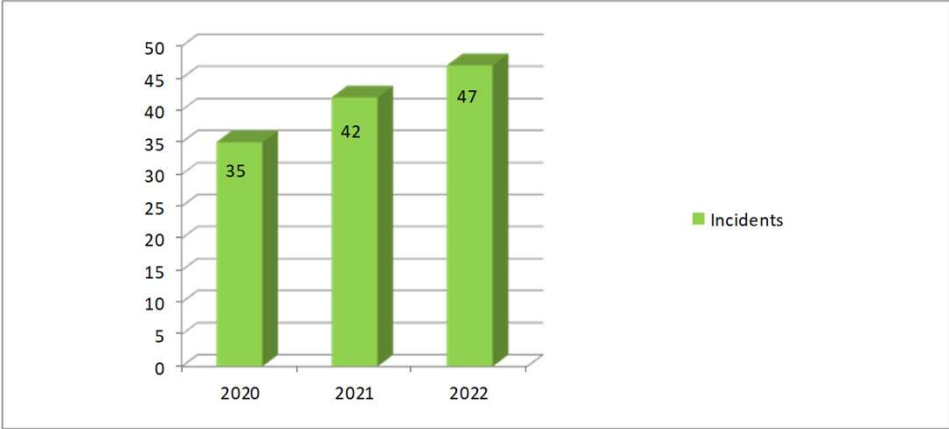
Criminal arrests are those arrests made for criminal violations of Connecticut General Statutes. These Statutes include Title 53 (Crimes), Title 53a (Penal Code), Title 54 (Criminal Procedure), Title 30 (Liquor Control), and Title 21a (Dependency-Producing Drugs). In Connecticut, adult arrests are those made of people 18 years of age or older.

## JUVENILE CRIMINAL ARRESTS (2020 – 2022)

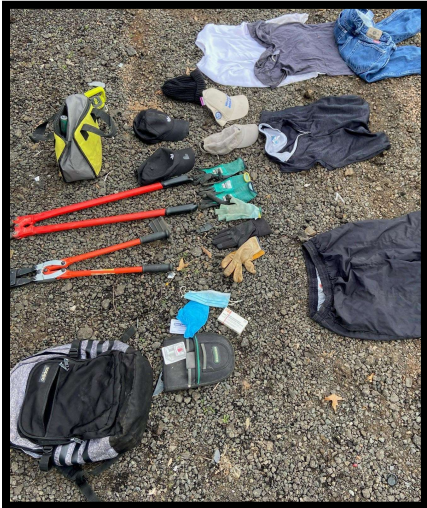


In Connecticut, juveniles are those persons who have not reached their 18th birthday. In juvenile cases, arrests are generally made through referral to the Superior Court for Juvenile Matters. In serious cases, arrests can be made by warrant. Criminal arrests are those arrests made for criminal violations of Connecticut General Statutes. These Statutes include Title 53 (Crimes), Title 53a (Penal Code), Title 54 (Criminal Procedure), Title 30 (Liquor Control), and Title 21a (Dependency-Producing Drugs).

# 2022 NARCOTICS INCIDENTS



\* Asset forfeiture acquired in 2022 was \$0



Narcotics investigations often result from information provided by the community. Complex investigations are conducted with the assistance of the Statewide Narcotics Task Force.



## 2022 – In The News



In 2022 the Berlin Police Cadet Program was formed. They hit the ground running and the program has been a complete success! The Cadets meet once a week and learn different aspects of law enforcement.

The top photos are from the Stuff a Cruiser event and Trunk or Treat. The bottom left photo is from a Mass Casualty event where the Cadets participated in a mock accident which was put together with volunteers from every department of first responders. This was an amazing opportunity for our Cadets!

The final photo is a group shot from one of their meetings.



## 2022 – In The News



In 2022 the Berlin Rotary club hosted a breakfast to thank the First Responders. It was a huge success! Police officers, Dispatchers, Fire fighters and EMS were all invited to attend.

What a great way to show their appreciation for all the hard work our first responders do! Kudos to the Rotary Club for a job well done.

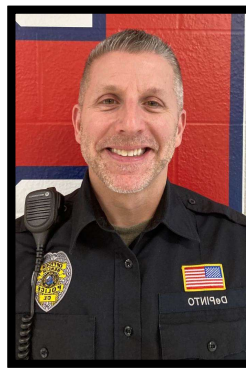


Every year our officers participate in the Annual Torch Run for Special Olympics. We are proud to be a part of such an amazing organization and look forward to carrying the torch each year.

# DARE OFFICERS



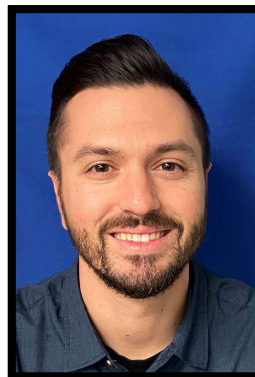
DARE Coordinator  
Youth Detective Brett Kelly



SRO DePinto



Officer Griffith



Act/Det. Chaffee



Trng. Off. Lagueux

The Berlin Police Department is very active in the community. Six educated, highly trained and motivated police officers have undergone a grueling 80 hour training course to learn how to teach our children the skills they need to stay drug and alcohol free. The D.A.R.E. Officers teach more than 800 students in grades 5 and 7 yearly. The curriculum which is taught in 11 classes (one class a week for eleven weeks), emphasizes a no-use message which is life based and focuses on peer pressure resistance training, self-concept improvement, and personal safety decision making skills. A wide range of teaching techniques, including interactive peer leadership and cooperative learning groups are used to encourage student participation and response. The Berlin D.A.R.E. program is evaluated yearly by teachers, administrators, parents and the students themselves and has been approved overwhelmingly.

The Berlin Police Department is also active in the community by being a partner in the Berlin UPBEAT program. This Berlin High School based intervention and prevention program has more than 300 members and is the largest high school club. Berlin UPBEAT also encompasses the middle and elementary levels with students and teachers as members. The Berlin Police Department is part of the high school Police team which includes 16 student members. The Officers and students work together to solve community problems. The Officers and students hold regular meetings, attend off site camping weekends that include team building and life skills training. The Officers donate hundreds of hours to the UPBEAT program each year.



# BERLIN OFFICERS WEAR MANY HATS



**BICYCLE PATROL**

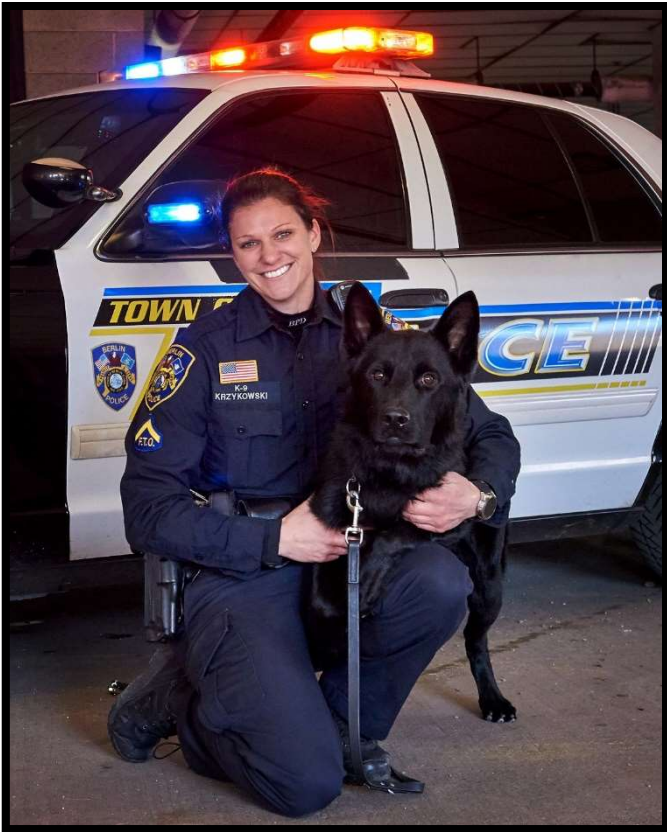


**UNDERWATER  
RESPONSE TEAM**



**BERLIN POLICE HONOR GUARD**

# BERLIN OFFICERS WEAR MANY HATS



## K-9 OFFICERS



# BERLIN OFFICERS WEAR MANY HATS



**INTOXILIZER INSTRUCTOR**



**FIREARMS INSTRUCTORS**



**ATV UNIT**

# BERLIN OFFICERS WEAR MANY HATS



**TASER INSTRUCTORS**



**FIELD TRAINING OFFICERS**

FTO Officer Lagueux (left) and  
2018 New Recruits



SRO Mark DePinto

**SCHOOL RESOURCE  
OFFICER  
Berlin High School**