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A LETTER FROM CHIEF PERRY B. ANTONE, SR.

Below is a reprint of a letter written by Chief Perry Antone to City Manager Steven Bost that summarized some of our accomplishments in 2010 as well as the challenges faced by the Brewer Police Department.

JANUARY 23, 2012

MR. STEVE BOST,

Recently it was requested that the police department provide a list of achievements of our department over the previous year. Below you will find some incidents, cases and situations where we feel were above the normal actions of a police department. Where it is difficult to recall all incidents and all of our successful cases I believe the list below will provide you with a good idea of how we have been successful in completing our mission for the citizens of Brewer.

The first part of the list details what you might call the successes of the department overall. The second section will detail individual officers' successes through the year. You should also understand that when leading such a progressive department the administrative team is challenged to keep the officers focused and keep their drive to be successful fresh. Often when an agency reaches these points it becomes almost impossible to achieve because the entire team gets the feeling they have "MADE IT". It's common when this occurs that members of these departments don't see the need for raising the bar to keep focused on future achievements. This is not the case with our department as we are always looking for new innovative ideas to keep moving forward. This is done through training, research of trends throughout the country and input from individual officers here at the police department. The officers here at the Brewer Police Department work very hard to maintain their professional standing with other law enforcement agencies as well as the citizens we serve.

AGENCY ACCOMPLISHMENTS :

In Car Cameras

These cameras are the latest and greatest in our profession. They record 360 degrees around the patrol car to document actions of our police officers and



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actions of people who are engaged with our officers. These cameras automatically upload the video evidence to our server here at the police department. When the officer parks the patrol cars in the bay the server communicates with the in car system and retrieves the audio and video recordings.

In-car computers

As part of the overall system with the new cameras we have updated our computer systems in each patrol car. These computers are integrated with the camera system as well allowing our officers to conduct records checks, report writing and DMV inquiries. These systems allow for our officers to spend more time on the street and not in the station.

Training opportunities

Throughout the year we have sent officers to training as well as hosted training here at the police department. The new facility continues to provide us with a venue where we can host training by bring nationally recognized instructors here. When we do this we can then provide training to more of our officers at a very low cost per officer.

This past year we hosted Patrol Interdiction Training. The instructors were from MCTFT out of Florida. By hosting this class were able to send five officers at no charge. The cost for these instructors is paid for by the Department of Defense and grants provided to them by DOJ. This allows us to provide training to other officers in the area at a low cost as well.



Officers from our department and surrounding towns attended a training session for interviewing and interrogation. We hosted this program and for just the cost of the instructor, \$200.00, we trained three officers from the Brewer Police Department and 10 officers from surrounding towns. This class at the academy would cost each officer about \$390.00 plus travel expenses and meals. The training was three days in length and was extremely successful according to the reviews prepared by the officers attending.

All officers here at the police department received training in "LOCKUP" a hands on self-defense training program which is nationally recognized. We have two officers here certified to instruct this class and the training was held here at the police department.

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An officer here at the police department completed the last required class to become certified as a crash reconstruction expert. This certification requires three different phases of training and then field experienced monitored by experts from other agencies and the Maine State Police. We currently have an officer who meets all training needs and experience so he can now reconstruct crashes occurring in our community. This officer also now works with the Bangor Police Department's crash team and by doing so allows us to utilize their equipment which would cost thousands of dollars for us to purchase. In return we purchased two licenses to the latest updated programming to be used by the reconstruction officers. It is my recollection that this officer is the first officer to be completely certified as a crash reconstruction expert for the Brewer Police Department.

After the cutbacks from Governor Baldacci Administration, local law enforcement was left responsible for enforcing state liquor laws. In order for us to do so we needed to train officers in the liquor laws and the process on how we would work with the Maine State Police to move forward on liquor violations. We have entered into a MOU with the Maine State Police concerning this specific issue. In return they came to our department and trained our officers on the application of Maine's Liquor laws and the process on how to move these violations through the system.

The above training does not list out our regular mandated training we conduct each year. We have to each year provide training in firearms, mandated training topics (8 of them) as required by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, urban rifle training and policy and procedure training as required by MCJA and state statute.

We have been committed to the training of our officers in crisis intervention for people who are in mental health crisis. Currently we have 9 officers trained in CIT as officers who are certified to assist people in mental health crisis and getting access to treatment resources without having to arrest them or detain them for their protection. This has saved a lot of expense in both overtime and resources at other agencies. More importantly it has provided the citizen in crisis with a safe option and one they can trust to get the services they need.

Bath Salts

This drug has taken our community by storm. It became the number one topic with law enforcement, health care providers, mental health care providers and the citizens alike. The drug itself did not become illegal until legislation passed in midsummer by the Governor. This drug affects the person's mind and creates extreme conditions such increased heart rate, respiratory issues,

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hallucinations, paranoia, and delusional behaviors. When these drugs first appeared there were no field drug tests available for officers to determine what they were dealing with. We contacted our field drug test companies and were able to get a field test for these drugs in June. This provided our officers with the information we needed to charge individuals with violations pertaining to "Bath Salts". Our department took a very strong zero tolerance position against the use, possession, furnishing or trafficking of this drug. In fact we executed a search warrant on a residence on North Main Street which was being used as a distribution point for bath salts as well as a place to consume. After the execution of this warrant the suspects moved the very next day from Brewer into Bangor.

Late in the year 2011 a team of officers with the Brewer Police Department arrested one of the key figures in the distribution of bath salts in the greater Bangor Area. We were able to obtain enough information on the individual and then executed search warrants to help support our criminal case. During this investigation officers seized cash and over one pound of bath salts.

We had an officer here at the police department create a PowerPoint presentation to be used as a training tool for citizens, teachers and police officers. The following people have received training in bath salts by using this training program, Brewer school teachers, Brewer police officers, citizens who are members of different civic groups, staff at Brewer Rehab, and officers from other law enforcement agencies.



Ayers Court

A team of officers from our department worked together to prepare and execute a search warrant at a house on Ayers Court. This case focused on suspected illegal drug activity by individuals living with someone at this address. During the execution of the search warrant officers located approximately \$35,000.00 in cash. This money has been seized as it was tied to drug trafficking and is currently in the asset forfeiture stage of prosecution.

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Officers' Accomplishments

Officer Danny Costain and Cpl. Stephen Boyd conducted our second annual Youth Public Safety Academy. This program has proven to be extremely valuable in providing our young citizens with a two week opportunity to learn about police fire departments. The quality of the program rests with Cpl. Boyd and Officer Costain and their continued efforts to make this program a success.

Officer Peter Rancourt has shown a great interest and has been committed this past year to the "Bath Salts" epidemic. Both Officer Rancourt and his wife, Kris, have spent endless hours researching the affects of this drug and creating a training program used by Officer Rancourt to train our citizens.

Sgt. Anthony Pinette and Sgt. David Lord were trained in "LOCKUP" a self-defense program for officers. This training has been integrated with our firearms program and has been provided to our officers. This training requires a great deal of commitment by the instructors. They need to remain proficient in their skills and possess the physical abilities to instruct this class.

Officer Amy Nickerson was selected to work with the DEA Task Force. Officer Nickerson was part of a selection process which involved four other officers. Due to Officer Nickerson's experience and performance on the exams she has been assigned as the newest member for the DEA Task Force.



Cpl. Nelson Feero was the officer responsible for the Ayers Court case. Cpl. Feero organized the investigation, gathered needed information, and lead the preparation of the search warrant affidavit and execution of the warrant. This case involved suspects from out state and took some time to put together in order to build the probable cause for the warrant.

Officer Liz Kelley was responsible for the warrant on North Main Street for Bath Salts. Officer Kelley prepared the affidavit and search warrant after gathering of facts to support the probable cause for the warrant. The execution of this warrant was intense due to the number of people inside the house and due to the drug they were using, bath salts. All in all 5 people were charged with assorted offenses. The actual tenants of this apartment moved to Bangor the very next day.

Captain Jason Moffitt has been very busy bringing our computer system in our cars on line. This project has been more time consuming than we first thought it might be due to changes in operating systems and software glitches we were unaware of when we first began this project. Captain Moffitt has been

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instrumental in the successful implantation of these new system here at the police department.

Lt. Chris Martin has established himself as a nationwide instructor for criminal patrol tactics and criminal interdiction training. Lt. Martin travels around the country teaching these courses to other law enforcement agencies. The program he is involved with is based in St. Petersburg Florida and is called the Multi-jurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force Training, MCTFT.

Officer Costain worked with the school administration to develop new emergency plans for the new Community School on Parkway South. This took some time as the plan for each school is unique to the school and building. Where setting in place plans for a school with 100- 200 students is tasking, imagine setting into place plans which ensure the safety of over 750 students and over 75 staff members. Then provide the training to all staff members to make sure these new plans function and people understand the plans and purpose of each plan.

In closing all officers were not mentioned; however, this doesn't mean their efforts have gone unnoticed. We have tried to provide you with an overall view of what we see as some of our largest accomplishments for 2011. It is important to note that each officer here is a part of team and their skills and commitment are needed for us to be successful. The officers who names do not appear usually go about their daily duties in a quiet fashion. This doesn't mean their efforts are unappreciated as they are part of our team and provided the much needed support everyone needs to be successful.



PERRY B. ANTONE, SR.
CHIEF OF POLICE

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MISSION STATEMENT

As a law enforcement agency, the mission of the Brewer Police Department is to provide safety and security to the residents of, and the visitors to, the City of Brewer. As members of the Brewer Police Department, we are committed to protecting, defending, and serving the community through modern policing methods, with an emphasis on working in partnership with residents and businesses. By maintaining ongoing, direct communications with our residents and businesses, we will be better able to identify problems affecting the community and determine effective solutions to those problems. As proud members of the law enforcement profession, we will constantly strive to conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the public's confidence and respect.

VISION STATEMENT

As the Brewer Police Department continues to strive for excellence in all we do, we are recognizing the need to employ additional resources to help us to be more effective in protecting, defending, and serving the community. By creating more effective partnerships, becoming better problem solvers, and communicating better with the residents of our community, we will have a greater impact on our community as a law enforcement agency. We will be able to move away from the image as being the agency responsible for solving all community problems and move towards an image of being the organization that coordinates the activities necessary to keep this community safe. As we foster a greater understanding and commitment among our residents that community problems are better solved by everyone, we will have resources available to us that were never imagined before. By being an equal partner and taking responsibility to help improve the quality of life in Brewer, our citizens can enjoy a better quality of life, have more pride in their community, and provide greater support for the police department. In turn, our members will have greater job satisfaction, take more pride in the department, and be better able to fulfill our mission.

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CALLS FOR SERVICE

The Brewer Police Department responded to a total of 8053 calls for service during 2011. This represents an **8% increase over 2010**. Below is a breakdown of all calls listed by the nature in which they were initially coded by dispatch. It is important to note that this list serves as a general reference to the types of calls for service we receive but is not all inclusive in describing all aspects of the incident. For example, a call initially reported as an alcohol offense could result in multiple drug charges. There can be only one "nature" code assigned to each call for service and individual calls often encompass many types of crimes and/or circumstances.

Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
Not Defined	708
Abandoned Vehicle	15
Alarm	400
Ambulance or Medical Assist	134
Animal Problem	397
Alcohol Offense	9
Assault, Simple	52
Agency Assist	322
Attempt to Locate	19
Bomb Threat or Attack	2
Bail Search	32
Citizen Dispute	7
Child Abuse or Neglect	1
Custodial Interference	20
Citizen Assist	219
Civil Matter	95
Criminal Mischief	104
Communications Offense	75
Computer Crime	2
City Ordinance Violation	23
Court Service	98
Dead Body	5
Disorderly Conduct	102
Designated Patrol	211
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	27

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Emotional/Behavioral Problem	38
Escort	4
Erratic Vehicle Operation	233
Family Fight	111
Fraud	60
Fireworks	3
Harassment	88
Police Information	892
Intoxicated Person	79
Juvenile Runaway	4
Juvenile Problem	46
Lost or Found Property	143
Lifeline Program	7
Vehicle Lockout	7
Loitering	5
Littering/Pollution Problem	11
Message Delivered	5
Missing Person	27
Motorcycle/Recreation Veh Prob	11
Not Classified	4
Noise Problem	110
NSFC Nonsufficient Funds Checks	15
Overtime Detail	27
All Other Offenses	1
Parking Problem	77
Property Check	185
Property Damage, Non-vandalism	32
Probation/Parole Violation	4
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	344
Public Service	20
Property Watch	30
Recovered Stolen Property	2
Resisting/Interfering w/Police	4
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	2
Skate Board Problem	4
Search Warrant	10
Suicide Attempt	11
Suicide Threat	40
Traffic Accident, Cruiser	1
Traffic Accident, Prop Damage	508

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Traffic Accident, Pers Injury	64
Traffic Hazard	148
Threatening	64
Traffic Offense	158
Towed Vehicle	1
Theft, Property, From Mtr Veh	46
Trespassing	21
Training	18
Theft, Vehicle: Automobile	19
Unlawful Burning	1
Unsecure Premises	20
Utility Problem	65
Vagrancy	2
Vehicle Serial # Inspection	8
Violation Of P.O.	28
Violation of Release Condition	24
Warrant Arrest	110
Weapon Problem	12
Welfare Check	853
Weapons Offense	1
Person Wanted Out	106
Total Incidents	8053

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ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

ARRESTS AND SUMMONSES, 2011

The Brewer Police Department has observed **37% increase** in criminal and civil case arrests and/or summonses compared to 2010 levels. A breakdown of the individual charges is listed below.

After Hour Liquor Sale	1
Assault	16
Burglary	5
Burglary to Motor Vehicle	4
Concealed Weapon	5
Criminal Mischief	12
Criminal Threatening	5
Criminal Trespass	11
Cultivating Marijuana	2
Disorderly Conduct	10
Dog At Large	5
Domestic Assault	25
Endangering the Welfare of Child	2
Failure to Give Correct Name	1
Failure to Give Name and Address	1
Failure to Sign USAC	4
Failure to Submit to Arrest	8
False Public Alarm	1
False Report	2
Falsifying Evidence	7
Forgery	6
Fraud on Document	1
Furnishing Alcohol	6
Furnishing Scheduled Drugs	9
Furnishing a Place to Consume	2
Harassment	1
Illegal Possession of Liquor	12
Keeping Dangerous Dog	1
Loaded Firearm In Vehicle	2
Negotiation a Worthless Instrument	8
Obstructing Report of Crime	4

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Possession of Alcohol	1
Possession Firearm by Felon	1
Possession of Fireworks	1
Possession of Drugs and/or Paraphernalia	309
Receiving Stolen Property	4
Robbery	1
Terrorizing	4
Theft	116
Tobacco Violation	5
Trafficking Contraband	1
Trafficking Dangerous Knives	1
Trafficking Scheduled Drugs	9
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	1
Unsworn Falsification	2
Violation of Bail	82
Violation of Protection/Harassment Order	11
<u>Warrant Arrest</u>	<u>187</u>
Total	912

MOTOR VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT, 2011

Avoiding Traff. Control Device	5
Driving to Endanger	4
Eluding an Officer	1
Evading Excise Tax	2
Failure to Maintain Control MV	6
FT Obey Traffic Control Device	2
Failure to Stop for Officer	1
Failure to Wear Helmet	1
Failure to Yield	4
Failure to Yield to Pedestrian	3
Illegal Transportation of Liquor	6
Improper Passing	5
Improper Turn	1
Improper Towing	1
Leaving Scene of an Accident	7
No Front Plate	1
Operating After Suspension	117
Open Container	6

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Operating Beyond Restriction	1
Operating Left of Center	1
Operating Uninspected Vehicle	295
Operating Unregistered Vehicle	158
Operating w/ Suspended Registration	1
Operating without Insurance	513
Operating Without License	36
Other	2
OUI	48
Passing Stopped School bus	2
Permitting Unlawful Use	1
Possession of a Suspended License	11
Red Light/Stop Sign Violation	61
Seatbelt Violation	28
Speeding	518
Speeding 30+	1
Suspended Registration	1
<u>Unnecessary Noise</u>	<u>3</u>
Total	1854

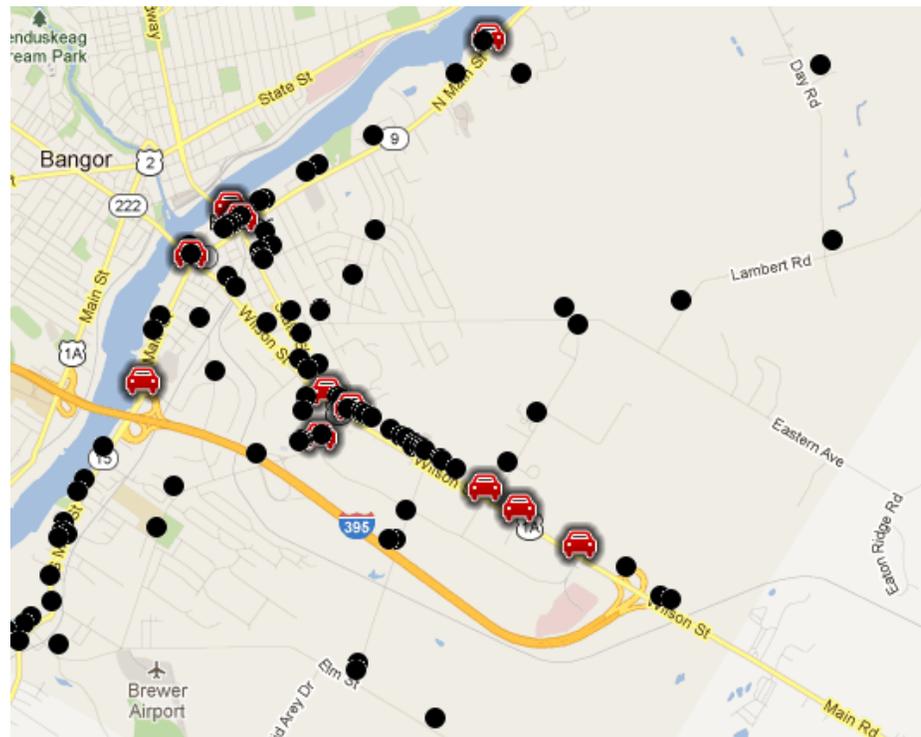
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TRAFFIC CRASHES

In late June of 2011, the State of Maine began requiring police departments to migrate to a new crash reporting system. The new software greatly increases the time that crashes are reported to the State. Another benefit to citizens and insurance companies that require instant access to a crash report is that they can be purchased online at <http://www.getcrashreports.com>. Though the reports are available online, they can still be purchased at the Brewer Police Department during business hours.

CRASH LOCATIONS

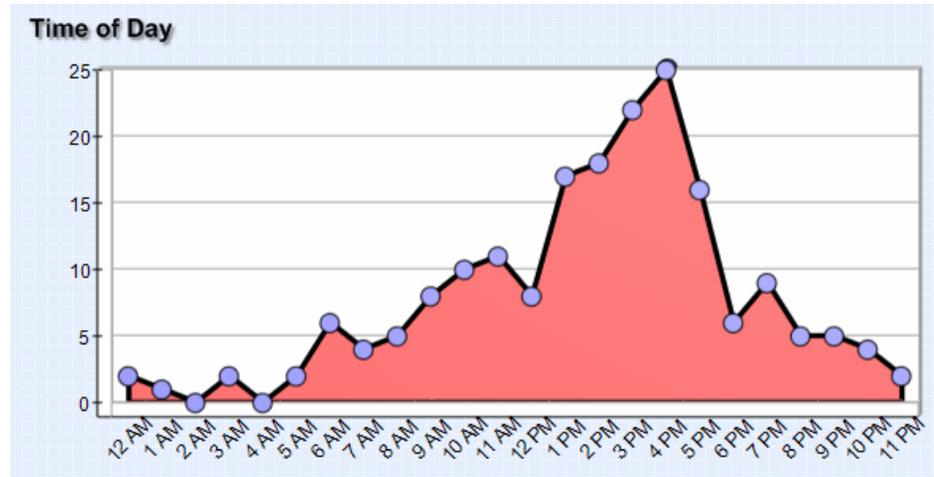
The map below displays the locations of crashes that occurred on our streets during the latter half of 2011. The map does not include locations where crashes occur in parking lots. It also does not detail "non reportable" (minor damage) reports. The map also does not include accidents investigated by the Maine State Police or Penobscot County Sheriff's Office on I-395. As is typical, the 2011 data indicates that the vast majority of our crashes occur on high traffic streets.



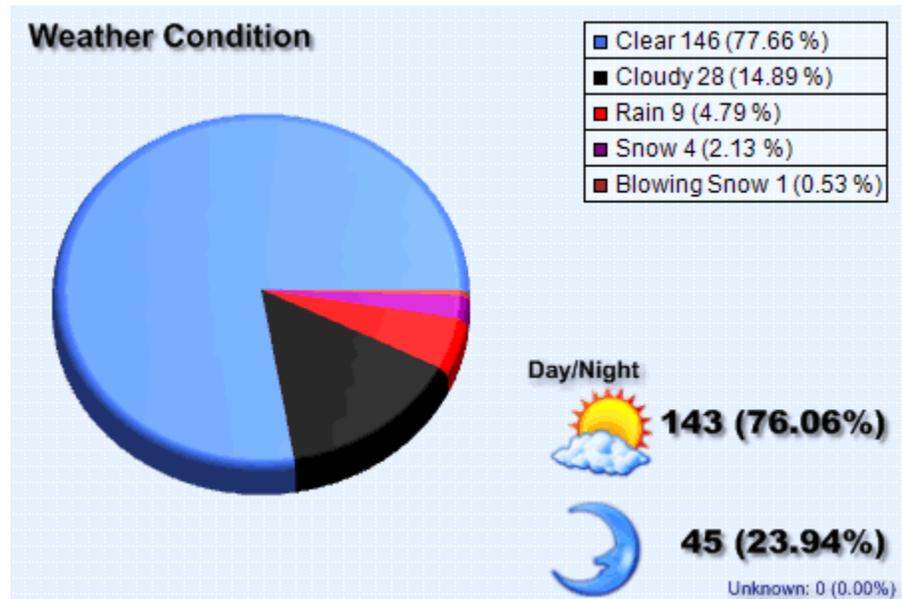
**CRASH LOCATIONS, JULY - DECEMBER 2011
(PARKING LOT CRASHES NOT INCLUDED)**

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ADDITIONAL CRASH STATISTICS

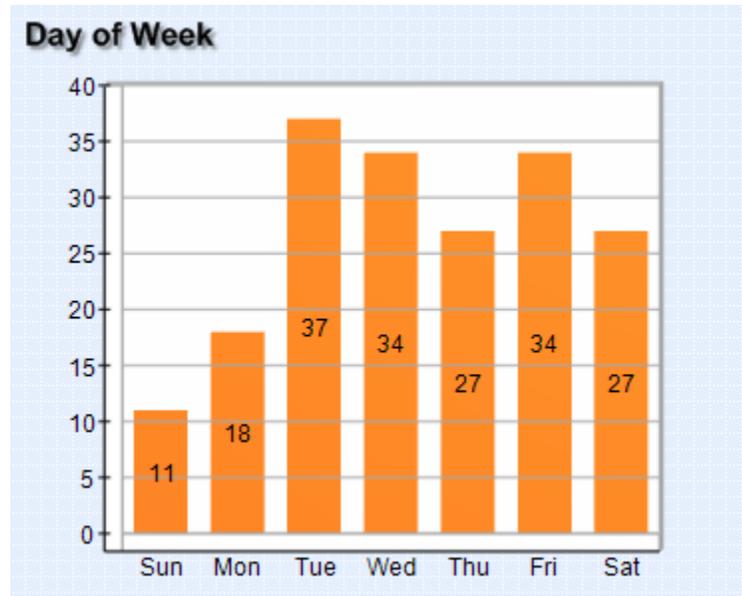


GRAPH - CRASHES BY TIME OF DAY, JULY - DECEMBER 2011



GRAPH - CRASHES BY WEATHER CONDITIONS, JULY - DECEMBER 2011

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CRASHES BY DAY OF WEEK

COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

PUBLIC EVENTS

Brewer Police officers spend many hours at public events during 2011 in an educational capacity. Officers spoke for a variety of groups including cub scouts, private businesses, university students, high school students and a variety of other organizations. The varied educational topics included bath salts, crime prevention techniques, workplace violence avoidance and avoiding fraudulent scams.

JUNIOR PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY

2011 was the second year that the Brewer Police and Fire Departments have conducted a Junior Public Safety Academy. The program runs two weeks during the summer months and is designed for middle school aged children. The event is designed to promote and encourage our youth to become engaged and constructive citizens through law enforcement and fire education. Cadets are mentored by police and fire officers, who become lasting role

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models in the lives of these children. In addition to the educational aspect, the program is a great deal of fun and has become a huge success. Organizers for the 2012 program have already received inquiries about the upcoming summer academy. .



K-9 OFFICER AMY NICKERSON AND JUNIOR PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY CADETS

TRAINING

The Brewer Police Department wrapped up the Maine Criminal Justice Academy mandated two year training cycle in 2011. During 2011 officers logged a combined total of more than 1,000 hours in training. In an effort to make training more cost effective and give more officers an opportunity to receive training, we "train the trainer" when possible and send our own officers to various instructor certification schools. We have certified instructors in many disciplines ranging from Taser and Firearms to LOCKUP defensive tactics training. We also make extensive use of the training facilities at the Public Safety Building to host classes taught by outside instructors on site.