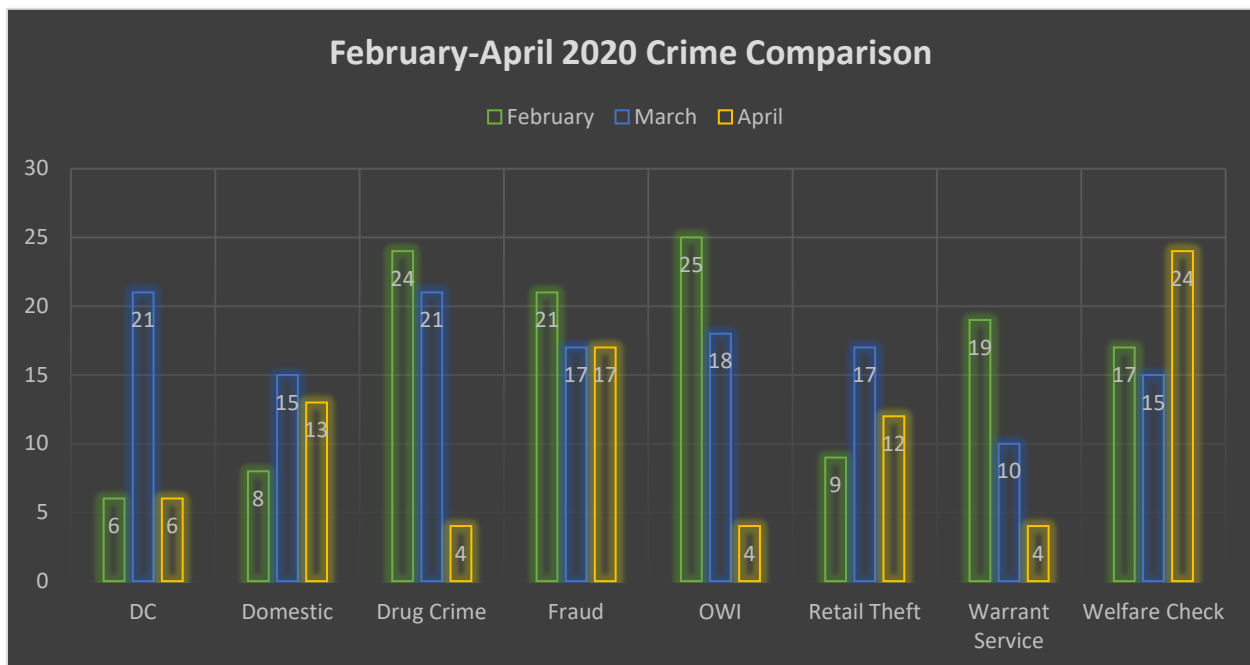


NBPD Monthly Update – May 2020

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS: As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, virtual meetings have become a necessary part of many of our lives. As with anything else on-line, we recommend you take some basic measures to participate in virtual meetings safely. There have been numerous instances reported nationally of people crashing or “Zoom bombing” a virtual meeting that had posted a public link or invitation. Virtual meetings or events that require pre-registration via a public link allow you as the host to somewhat vet registrations and only send the link to those participants who registered. That alone may be enough of a deterrent to keep someone with ill intentions from crashing the meeting. Prior to participating in virtual meetings, best practices include checking for security recommendations from whatever software you are using. For example, Zoom put a list of security recommendations on their webpage: <https://zoom.us/security>.

NEW BERLIN POLICE CRIME STATISTICS: February – April 2020: The below graph represents primary categories during this time period in which our patrol division allocated resources. The majority of drug crimes, OWI’s and Warrant Service incidents are a result of proactive officer activity, usually stemming from a traffic stop. The remainder of the graphed categories in which we become involved, is a result of a victim, witness or a concerned citizen requesting our assistance with that respective incident. As you can see, we’ve seen a reduction or stagnation across all categories except calls for service related to “Welfare Checks”. (Welfare checks include checking on someone in which a reporting party has reason to be concerned about a person’s wellbeing; to also include mental & physical health assessments in the context of a patient’s ability to care for themselves or someone else.) Please continue to check on your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, employees and anyone else whom you care for and report any instances in which you have concerns so the appropriate type of assistance may be provided.



Reported Frauds and Scams remain one of our top categories of calls for service through April of 2020. Fortunately, you can have a direct impact on reducing the number of successful incidents in this category. All you need to do is eliminate or reduce the scam artist's OPPORTUNITY to victimize you or someone you may be concerned about. Just like most other disasters, scam artists soon follow and attempt to take advantage of people during these unfortunate times. Please continue to be hyper vigilant in protecting yourself through education and adhering to "best practices" to reduce your opportunity of being victimized. Please also educate and support those in your life you feel may be likely to fall victim to this type of crime.

For more information on how to protect yourself from being scammed or ripped off, please follow this link to the Federal Trade Commission: <https://www.ftc.gov/faq/consumer-protection/avoiding-scams-rip-offs>



As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, New Berlin, like all other communities, has experienced the temporary closures of businesses and public facilities and the increase of tele-commuting. This correlates in a population shift, from the commercial areas within our City to our residential areas. We have always asked trusted neighbors to be our eyes and ears for each other while we are away at work and school and report any and all suspicious activity immediately! If you find yourself in the category that still physically goes to work in one our commercial areas or you find yourself traversing through these areas, please be observant and also report anything suspicious immediately. Our non-emergency number is 262-782-6640. Please continue to be hyper-vigilant and look out for one another.

CANCELATIONS, SUSPENSIONS OR POSTPONEMENTS OF EVENTS, PROGRAMS & SERVICES AFFILIATED WITH THE NEW BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT: The City of New Berlin has been diligently following guidelines set forth by the Center for Disease Control, the Wisconsin Department of Health and the Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services. In response to those recommendations, the City is taking precautionary measures to protect the safety and health of our residents and staff.

Therefore the City of New Berlin announces the following cancelations, suspensions or postponements of programs and events in which the City of New Berlin Police Department has an active role:

SUSPENDED: Applicant/Citizen Fingerprinting Services

SUSPENDED: Preliminary Breath Testing Services

SUSPENDED: Rx/OTC Drug Collection in the Safety Building Lobby

SUSPENDED: Station Tours/Citizen Ride-Alongs

SUSPENDED: Fulfilling community requests for training/seminars

CANCELED: New Berlin "Safety Saturday" Community Safety & Wellness Event (5/16/20)

We encourage residents to sign up for "COVID-19 Alerts" thru [Notify Me](#) on the City's [homepage](#) to stay abreast of any future changes to City Operations. The City will make adjustments to programming and activities as necessary. We will continue to communicate with you as our response to this situation evolves and we ask for everyone's patience throughout this emergency. To stay informed regarding the impact of COVID-19 on the City of New Berlin, please visit our website: <https://www.newberlin.org/>

NEW BERLIN POLICE CRIME STATISTICS PUBLIC DASHBOARD: Please remember to access the New Berlin Police Crime Statistics Public Dashboard to stay informed. The NBPD public dashboard is an interactive map which captures both incidents and arrests occurring within the City of New Berlin. Although we attempt to publish the data on the dashboard on a **DAILY BASIS** (Monday – Friday), there may be occasions when this process may be delayed. Access to the dashboard is available at www.nbpolicy.org. Once on the police department's home page, click on the "Crime Statistics" tile for the self-titled link to access the Crime Statistics Public Dashboard.

COMMUNITY CAMERA PROGRAM: If you have cameras on your residence or business, please consider completing the online Community Camera Program survey on our website. The ability to access video information is an extremely useful investigatory tool for our department. Information provided to our department from your camera system will be for official use only. Your information will remain confidential and will not be distributed except as required by law or court order.

Please visit: [New Berlin Police Website](#)

NEW BERLIN MUNICIPAL COURT WANTED LIST: Please follow the below link to view the list of individuals who have writs of commitment or warrants with the City of New Berlin. This list is updated the first week of each month. New Berlin residents are highlighted in **yellow**:

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW WANTED LIST](#)

NB POLICE FACEBOOK & TWITTER – We send out updated information regarding events, incidents & activity through our Facebook page and Twitter account – follow our department on Facebook & Twitter: [NBPD ON FACEBOOK](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE: Starting in January of 2020, we began posting our monthly updates on the police department's homepage under the "Crime Statistics" tile. This was done to allow access to the update for those that do not receive the monthly email alert because they have not signed up to do so, or due to some email service provider settings which block emails originating from distribution lists such as our monthly update distribution list.

If you no longer wish to receive this monthly update, please notify me and I'll remove you from the distribution list: fus@nbpolicy.org

