In May of 2012 Detective Sean McMahon initiated a five month investigation of drug activity at a Southington Road residence that resulted in the arrest of three suspects. As a result of two search and seizure warrants being executed a High Standard pistol was recovered and ordered destroyed, 538 opiate narcotic pills with a street value of $16,000.00, 6 grams of cocaine and 5.5 ounces of marijuana were seized. Additionally, $11,000.00 in cash from drug proceeds was seized. The three suspects arrested were charged with 43 individual charges with the majority being felonies. The arrests culminated in the disruption of a significant drug distribution operation that operated from Florida to Berlin.

In recognition of his performance of duties in this investigation, Detective Sean McMahon is awarded the Department Service Award.

Chief Paul Fitzgerald

May 7, 2014
On August 7, 2013 a crisis incident came to the attention of the Berlin Police Department when family members reported that their brother was experiencing paranoia tendencies while also being in possession of several firearms. The brother was acting irrationally and family members feared for his safety, the safety of his family and safety of the community. Lieutenant James Gosselin, Detective Sean McMahon and Officer David Cruickshank developed a strategy and took decisive and persuasive action to confront the brother and resolve the dangerous situation.

The brother was intercepted by Crisis Intervention Team members Lieutenant Gosselin and Officer Cruickhank at his place of business. After hours of negotiation with the subject he was convinced to surrender to a psychiatric assessment and then treatment. Concurrent to the CIT officers’ intervention, Detective McMahon responded to the brother’s residence to speak with frightened family members. Detective McMahon also drafted a seizure warrant for seizure of his weapons. The actions of these officers resulted in seizure of a large cache of weapons and the hospitalization and long term residential treatment of the subject. Ultimately, the family and subject expressed deep relief and gratitude to the officers for preventing a tragedy and “saving” their brother, husband and son. The actions of these officers demonstrate their excellent training, talents and experience. They are a credit to the Berlin Police Department.

In recognition of his performance of duties in this case, Detective Sean McMahon is awarded the Chief’s Achievement Award.

Chief Paul Fitzgerald

May 7, 2014
The Chief’s Achievement Award is presented to Detective Sean McMahon for his contributions to the Berlin Police Dive team over the past 18 plus years. Detective McMahon was responsible for many innovative ideas and protocols for the Dive Team. He instituted control standards, training benchmarks, safety standards, and written policy designed to elevate the Dive Team to the highest level of performance and professional function while carrying out their respective operations and duties. Additionally, Detective McMahon was instrumental in acquiring the dive trailer and setting up its present configuration. Detective McMahon has built on the foundation his predecessors left and during his command tenure the Dive Team has had an unprecedented record for safety and overall operational efficiency. Under his tutelage many officers have been recruited and trained, becoming viable members of the Dive Team.

Detective McMahon is an example of what every organization strives for in its people. He started as a new dive team member, gained insightful experience and training, willfully and passionately took on a leadership role, expounded on the training and professional standards and ultimately left the team positioned for success going forward.

In recognition of his contributions to the dive team, Detective McMahon is awarded the Chief’s Achievement Award.

Chief Paul Fitzgerald

January 10, 2014