

RESOURCES

Somerset County Department of
Human Services (908) 704-6300

Office on Aging (908) 709-6346

Office of Youth Services
(908) 704-6333

Carrier Foundation (908) 281-1000

Catholic Charities (908) 722-1881

FCIU (Family Crisis Intervention
Unit) (908) 704-6330

Foodbank Network (908) 560-1813

Middle Earth (At risk youth)
(908) 725-7223

Resource Center for Women and their
Families (908) 359-0003

Somerset Home for Temporarily
Displaced Youth (908) 526-6605

Somerset Treatment Center
(Substance Abuse) (908) 722- 1232

Somerset County Board of Social
Services (908) 526-8800

American Red Cross (908) 725-2217

DYFS (Division of Youth and Family
Services) 1-877 NJ ABUSE

North Plainfield Police Department

Chief William Parenti

263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield,
New Jersey 07060

Emergency 911

Non-emergency (908) 769-2937

Cop Shoppe (908) 769-2971

Cop's Coordinators

Lt. Russell Flynn

Detective Albert Domizi

Detective Eric Fowler

NORTH PLAINFIELD COP SHOPPE

(908) 769-2971/2972

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Recent Immigrant
Presentation

NORTH PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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*Serving
with Honor*

**Cop's Office
Recent Immigrant
Resources**

Laws regulating motor vehicle operation

Driving is a privilege; It is not a right. If you do not obey all traffic laws, your driver license could be suspended or revoked. Fines and imprisonment may also be imposed for moving violations. Motor vehicle laws also cover boaters, mopeds, bicyclists, and pedestrians. All motor vehicles in the State of New Jersey whether in public or private property must be registered and insured, the penalties for operating an uninsured vehicle are severe and not only incur monetary fines but also a one year loss of license. New Jersey law requires that license applicants be legal residents.

Driving while intoxicated is considered a serious offense and incurs severe penalties; Penalties range from hundreds of dollars in fines to thousand of dollars in surcharges as well as probation time and jail time. First offense incurs a \$500 fine and at the discretion of the court a term of no more than 30 days in jail. A third offense incurs a fine of \$1000 and a sentence shall be imposed of imprisonment for a term of not less than 180 days.

International Driving Permit (IDP) In addition to having a valid foreign driver license, visitors must carry a International Driving Permit, IDP's are translated into the nine official languages of the United Nations, including English, and serve as a translation to be used with the foreign drivers license. At a lack of an original IDP it would be recommended that a notarized English translation be attached to the foreign driver's license.

Domestic Violence

New Jersey domestic violence laws are very strict.

If there any signs of physical injuries the police must arrest the abuser. Even without independent witnesses and no physical injuries, police may arrest the abuser. Domestic Violence is a crime under the law and the police must respond to the calls of victims. The police are required to give the victim information about their rights and to help them. Among other things, police must write a report.

Even during the evening your town Municipal Court or Superior Court can issue a civil restraining order which is a legally enforceable document. The temporary restraining order will prohibit the defendant/abuser from harassing you or entering your residence. Violations of civil restraining orders are considered serious offenses and usually conclude in the arrest of the violator.

What is Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence is a pattern of behavior used to establish power and control over another person through fear and intimidation, often including the threat or use of violence. Domestic violence happens when one person believes they are entitled to control another. Assault, battering and domestic violence are crimes. Abuse of family members can take many forms. Battering may include emotional abuse, economic abuse, sexual abuse, threats, intimidation, isolation, and a variety of other behaviors used to maintain power. Victims have multiple resources by which to break the chain of abuse.

Cultural Diversity

Police

The top priority of the North Plainfield Police Department is to provide equal opportunity policing for everyone that lives, works or passes through North Plainfield. By this we mean that Law Enforcement Services will be fair, honest, and without bias. The members of the North Plainfield Police Department are committed to delivering quality services in response to our community's needs. We recognize the need to create a partnership with the culturally, racially, and religiously diverse community we serve. This partnership strives to deliver our services with compassion, fairness, and uniformity. In general terms the police department is not interested in the immigration status of people seeking help or reporting crimes. We request that all crimes and suspicious incidents be reported to us.

Corporal punishment

Corporal punishment is discouraged and in certain cases can result in criminal charges towards the parent/guardian. Whenever possible children should be taught rather than punished. The goal of discipline is to teach children acceptable behavior. Hitting children does not teach acceptable behavior. It teaches children that "might makes right" and hitting is a way to solve problems.

Statutory Rape

Sexual relations with a person under the age of consent is a criminal offence. Sexual contact with a teenager aged 13 to 16 is criminal if the other party is at least four years older. Ignorance of the age or law is not a defense.