

Monthly Report

April 2022



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ADMINISTRATION:

Staffing:

The Police Department is operating below its authorized strength of 48 sworn Officers. Staffing and deficiencies:

- 3 Patrol Officers
- 1 SLEO III Officer
- 1 Parking Enforcement P/T

Injured Officers/Officers on Leave:

- Ofc. Richard Dow sustained a hand injury on March 11, 2022 during a training exercise. He has been on light duty since March 24, 2022 pending his recovery.
- Ofc. James Kirchner sustained a minor injury on April 13, 2022 while effecting an arrest.

Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- Sgt. William Speck was promoted to Probationary Lieutenant effective April 14, 2022.
- Detective Daniel Conceicao was promoted to Probationary Sergeant effective April 14, 2022.
- Ofc. Charles Halsted was promoted to Detective effective April 14, 2022.

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A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On Friday April 8, 2022, at 22:41 hrs., all available units responded to a residence on the east side of town, on the report of a female who was shot by her son's father inside the residence. The caller advised dispatch that he witnessed his father shoot his mother and that he believes his father is still armed with a gun. Upon our arrival, NPPD units approached the residence and took tactical positioning around the residence. The officers observed a group of people in the backyard of a neighbor's residence having a campfire party. The group of people advised officers that nothing was wrong and that nobody heard gunshots or called the police. The officers then entered the residence where the shooting allegedly took place and cleared the residence. Dispatch was unable to contact the caller again and was not able to ping the location of the phone due to the call coming from a Google voice over internet IP cell phone. This led officers to believe that the call was a prank phone call or a SWATTING incident. The Criminal Investigation Division was advised of the incident. The clearing of the residence revealed a possible illegal housing situation. Officers observed five separate and locked bedrooms on the second

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floor of the house and one door leading to the attic. A separate report was made for that illegal housing situation.

On April 13, 2022, at 1742 hrs., an officer who was on routine patrol in the area of Route 22 West and Rock Avenue, was notified by the Traffic Safety Sergeant that there was a large group of illegal dirt bikes riding west on Route 22 towards Rock Avenue. The officer parked his vehicle in a gas station on Route 22 West when he observed a large group of approximately 15-20 motorcycles approaching his location. The motorcycles were driving erratically and posing a dangerous threat to both themselves and other motorists by taking up both lanes of the highway, riding on one wheel, blocking and cutting off other vehicles, and then continuing to drive off of the road onto the shoulder and grassy areas. While at his stationary position, multiple motorcycles surrounded his vehicle and 3 of them were 15 feet in front of him on the grass area, revving their engines purposely while facing his direction. One of the motorcyclists who appeared to have a malfunction with his bike, lost control and fell off onto the grass area between the gas station parking lot and the highway. The officer exited his vehicle and verbally ordered him to "Stop". He then took a hold of the rider's arm to try and control his actions. At some point, his arm became entangled and the motorcyclist attempted to flee dragging the officer about 20 feet down the highway. The officer and the motorcyclist fell to the ground and the officer was able to put him in an arm bar, attempting to control him. As he did this, several of the other motorcyclists attacked the officer by kicking him repeatedly in an attempt to free the suspect. At this point, the Traffic Safety Sergeant, an off-duty North Plainfield Detective and a Union County Prosecutor's Office Detective arrived to assist the officer and the other bikers then fled. The suspect was arrested and transported to headquarters. CID responded and the suspect refused to provide any information and would not speak. He was charged with third degree assault on a police officer, third degree resisting arrest, and other charges. He was placed in the County Jail.

On April 24, 2022 at 11:11 hrs., all units responded to a residence on the east side of town on a report of a male with a firearm and a machete in his possession, threatening to kill his family. Patrol units approached the residence and took tactical positioning around the house. A perimeter was established outside the residence and the street in front of the subject house was closed. The occupants were evacuated from the residence with their hands in full view and the interior of house was checked. There was no evidence that a crime was committed. The homeowners and their two sons had just arrived from church. This call was unfounded and determined to be a swatting incident. The dispatcher who took the initial call, related that the telephone number, voice of the male subject, and last name given by the male subject, was possibly the same actor that made a similar type call on April 8, 2022. The Criminal Investigations Division was notified, as were both the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit and the New Jersey State Police Regional Operations and Intelligence Center.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:

A comparison of Adult incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	71	300
Closed	38	168
Active	5	7
Suspended	28	116
Unfounded	6	24
Forwarded to SCPO	3	14

A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	14	71
Closed	13	62
Active	0	0
Suspended	1	8
Unfounded	1	5
Forwarded to other Agencies	1	7

Community Outreach

The Community Policing Unit made four (4) calls to the senior citizens enrolled in the Good Morning Program, twenty-one (21) first time alarm notifications, and three (3) general alarm notifications. Sgt. Domizi attended the North Plainfield Community Forum meeting and assisted in numerous translations for both patrol & CID.

Narcotics Strike Force

The Task Force Officer reported that in the month of April, he participated in multiple undercover buys throughout the county, including Bridgewater, Raritan, and Somerville. Another wiretap investigation began towards the end of April.

Other Matters

CID tracked sixteen (16) Handle with Care notifications made to the school district. CID conducted four (4) licensing investigations in April (2-Firearms, 1-Police Applicant Background, and 1-Amended Liquor License Review). Lt. Ciempola conducted three (3) Megan's Law re-registrations.

Adjudications & Judicial Proceedings

Superior Court was open; however, we had no court appearances. Detectives made several appearances in Grand Jury.

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS: During the month of April 2022, the police department investigated the following Internal Affairs complaints.

Investigation #	Classification	Disposition	Corrective Action
22-0004	Improper Arrest	Exonerated	N/A
22-0005	Demeanor	Exonerated	N/A

PATROL DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	17,365	69,329
Miles on unmarked patrol	341	1,347
Total miles on patrol	17,706	70,676

Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	5	13
Moving Hazardous Violation	92	285
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	243	938
Ordinance Violation	10	28
Parking Violation	124	707
Seatbelt	9	23
Radar	35	145
Refusal Breath Test	3	3
Child Restraints	6	13
Reckless Driving	5	17
Cell Phone	173	211
Careless Driving	25	82
Suspended License	35	97
Written Warnings	402	1,701
Totals	1,167	4,263

Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Clinton Avenue	22 Hours
Crosson Place	2 Hours
Farragut Road	2 Hours
Grove Street	6 Hours
Leland Avenue	11 Hours

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North/Forestbrook	4 Hours
Norwood Avenue	22 Hours
Parkview Avenue	1 Hour
Parkview/Rockview	1 Hour
Route 22/North Drive	1 Hour
Route 22/Wilson	1 Hour
Route 22 East/Jefferson	4 Hours
Route 22 East/Maple	2 Hours
Route 22 East/Westervelt	2 Hours
Route 22 West/Somerset	.5 Hour
Route 22 West/Watchung	5 Hours
Somerset Street	15 Hours
Warfield Road	2 Hours
Washington Avenue	5 Hours
Watchung Avenue	2 Hours
West End Avenue	2 Hours
Westervelt Avenue	1 Hour
Total Radar Posts	257
Total Radar Hours	113.5 Hours
Total Radar Enforcement	170

Radar Speed Recorder:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Duer Street	04/04/22-04/11/22
North Drive	04/11/22-04/18/22
Norwood Avenue	04/18/22-04/25/22
North Drive	04/19/22-04/26/22
Warfield Road	04/26/22-04/30/22
Delacy Avenue	04/28/22-04/30/22

School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	17 Hours
High School	6.5 Hours
Somerset School	3.5 Hours
Stonybrook School	11.5 Hours
West End School	16.5 Hours
TOTAL	55 Hours

Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Coddington Avenue	04/01/22-04/04/22

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Hazardous	34	Non-Hazardous	12
Alcohol Related	1		

Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:

Rt 22-Reportable	26	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	0
Boro Streets-Reportable	42	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	0
Private Property-Reportable	12	Private Property Non-Reportable	1
Total Reportable Accidents	80	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	1

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	16
Persons Injured	26
Fatal Accidents	0

Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 279

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	3	Driving While Intoxicated	6
Hazardous	92	Non-Hazardous	42
Alcohol Related	1		

Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable

Rt 22-Reportable	98	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	2
Boro Streets-Reportable	142	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	1
Private Property-Reportable	35	Private Property Non-Reportable	1
Total Reportable Accidents	275	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	4

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	50
Persons Injured	70
Fatal Accidents	0

Miscellaneous Information Traffic:

- Traffic conducted collections & escorted parking to the bank - 10 hrs.
- Traffic conducted monthly alcotest maintenance.
- Traffic and Parking covered 43 crossing posts.
- Traffic attended the State Traffic Officers meeting.
- On April 20, 2022, Sgt. Kardos worked the County car seat fitting station.
- On April 21, 2022, Sgt. Kardos attended the County Traffic meeting.
- On April 14, 2022, Traffic Safety conducted a mobile inspection detail with MVC MIT. A total of 53 vehicles came through the checkpoint. There were 31

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vehicles that passed, 22 that failed, and there were 4 new vehicles. A total of 33 summonses and 24 warnings were issued during the detail.

SERVICE DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$292.85	\$1,582.60
Calls for Service/Responses	3,343	12,597
Discovery Requests	58	185
Report Requests	177	514
Pieces of Evidence/Property	48	169

Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	0	1
Rape	0	2
Robbery	1	6
Assault, Agg:	1	5
Assault Simple	17	55
Burglary	4	9
Larceny	19	75
M.V. Theft	1	9
Arson	0	1
Domestic Violence	17	79
Bias Incidents	1	2

Monthly Arrest Analysis

	Month		YTD	
	Adult	Juv	Adult	Juv
Murder	0	0	2	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	1	0	4	0
Burglary	0	0	1	0
Larceny/Theft	2	0	5	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	6	0	18	1
Arson	0	0	0	0
Forgery	0	0	0	0
Fraud	0	0	1	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	1	0	4	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	1	0
Weapons	0	0	1	0
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0

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Violation of Drug Laws	1	0	3	0
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	0	0
Driving Under the Influence	5	0	14	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	5	0
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	6	0	14	1
Total UCR Arrests for Month	23	0	73	4
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	15	0	42	2
Grand Total Arrests for Month	38	0	115	6

- **0 Juvenile Arrests for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,



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