

Monthly Report

March 2020



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May 22, 2020

ADMINISTRATION:

Staffing:

The Police Department is operating below its authorized strength of 48 sworn Officers and 6 full-time civilian personnel. Staffing and deficiencies:

- 1 Lieutenant's position
- 1 Patrol Officer

Injured Officers/Officers on Leave:

- Officer Jean-Baptiste was placed on administrative leave March 6, 2017, due to a complaint requiring an investigation. As of March 31, 2020, he was out of work for 697 days.
- Officer Roberto DeJesus was injured on duty on August 2, 2019 during a motor vehicle stop. As of January 27, 2020, he was cleared for light duty, he was out of patrol type work for 134 days.
- Officer Jesus Medina went out on sick leave with an off-duty injury on January 12, 2020. On March 25, 2020 he was cleared for light duty and has been assisting with a shift shortage for dispatch since that day. He has been out of patrol type work for 43 days as of March 31, 2020.
- Sergeant Edward Sinker went out on sick leave with an off-duty injury on February 10, 2020. He returned to work on April 3, 2020. He missed a total of 28 work days.
- Officer Sabrina Romasz was treated for precautionary measures due to a possible exposure to a Covid 19 patient on March 18, 2020. As of March 31, 2020, she has been out of work for 6 days.

Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- On March 13, 2020, Michael Jannone was sworn in as a probationary patrolman.
- On March 17, 2020, Detective Eugene Segeda and Detective Donald Everett were sworn in as a probationary Sergeants.

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A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On March 12, 2020 at approximately 1:30 AM, patrol units responded to a residence on Washington Ave after a resident observed a suspicious person on the property. On arrival, patrol units were able to view the homeowner's surveillance system and saw a male suspect attempting to burglarize parked vehicles while utilizing a small flashlight and a screwdriver. An officer on patrol then saw a subject matching the description of the suspect and ordered the man to stop. The suspect initiated a foot pursuit through several backyards; however, he was quickly captured by the officer. Police immediately identified the suspect as a Plainfield resident who has been arrested and charged countless times for motor vehicle burglary in North Plainfield. Police searched the suspect subsequent to arrest and located burglary tools and burglary proceeds from various victims' vehicles. The Somerset County Prosecutor's Office was contacted and charges were authorized for burglary 3rd degree, burglary tools DP, and hindering apprehension 4th degree. The suspect was lodged in the Somerset County Jail pending a hearing.

On March 8, 2020 at approximately 1:00 AM, police were dispatched to a local car dealership located on Route 22 West. The owner was alerted by his surveillance system that a prowler was on the property attempting to enter vehicles. Police quickly responded and surrounded the parking lot and approached the area on foot. The suspect was spotted by an officer inside one of the vehicles attempting to hide under a seat. The subject was immediately apprehended and identified as a Plainfield resident known to police from past contacts. At headquarters, the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office was contacted and 3rd degree burglary charges were authorized. The 41 year old man was lodged in the Somerset County Jail awaiting a hearing.

On March 12, 2020 at approximately 10:15 PM, police were summoned to a residence located on Watchung Ave by a resident who suspected his juvenile niece had been sexually assaulted. Detectives were immediately notified and the child was transported to the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office for a child forensic interview. It was determined after the interview that the victim was in fact assaulted and police quickly located the 20 year old suspect who was related to the victim. Detectives interviewed the suspect and in a post Miranda statement, he admitted to sexually assaulting the victim on several occasions. An Assistant Prosecutor was contacted and authorized charges of 1st degree aggravated sexual assault, 2nd degree sexual assault, and 3rd degree endangering the welfare of a child. The suspect was lodged in the Somerset County Jail pending a hearing.

NOTE: We are required by the Rules of Court to include herein a statement explaining that the charges are merely an accusation and that the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:

A comparison of Adult incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	70	239
Closed	42	141
Active	7	9
Suspended	21	89
Unfounded	3	17
Forwarded to SCPO	9	25

A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	29	89
Closed	28	84
Active	0	0
Suspended	1	5
Unfounded	0	1
Forwarded to other Agencies	24	58

Community Outreach

The Community Policing unit made nineteen (19) calls to the senior citizens enrolled in the Good Morning Program, and sent out twenty-one (21) first time false alarm activation notices and four (4) false alarm notices. Det. Domizi assisted in numerous translations for both patrol & CID. Det. Domizi attended a Community Forum meeting on March 5, 2020. Det. Mote instructed ten (10) DARE class sessions in March and attended the Somerset County Juvenile Officers Association meeting. Det. Mote prepared several lesson plans and assisted in numerous fire drills.

Narcotics Strike Force

During the month of March, a new officer was sent to the Prosecutor's Office and is settling into the Task force. The Task Force Officer is working closely with the outgoing officer and information is being shared.

Other Matters

Detectives investigated one (1) licensing/background application during the month of March (1- Firearms Permit investigation). Lt. McKay registered one Megan's Law offender during the month of March. Sgt. Perrone attended the Union County Prosecutor's Office roundtable held at the police academy on March 3, 2020. Detectives and officers also participated in Read Across America on March 2, 2020 at our elementary schools.

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Adjudications & Judicial Proceedings

Superior Court cases were suspended during the Month of March due to the health pandemic.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS: During the month of March 2020, the police department logged three Internal Affairs complaints. Lt. McKay investigated two and Lt. Ciempola investigated one.

Investigation #	Classification	Disposition	Corrective Action
20-05	Criminal Violation	Pending	N/A
20-06	Excessive Force	Pending	N/A
20-07	Rule Violation	Pending	N/A

PATROL DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	14,382	45,189
Miles on unmarked patrol	50	250
Total miles on patrol	14,432	45,239

Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	2	9
Moving Hazardous Violation	42	145
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	69	297
Ordinance Violation	3	7
Parking Violation	70	297
Seatbelt	1	26
Radar	9	61
Refusal Breath Test	1	1
Child Restraints	0	12
Reckless Driving	3	12
Cell Phone	3	18
Careless Driving	15	51
Suspended License	8	86
Written Warnings	143	754
Totals	369	1,776

Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Clinton Avenue	12 Hours
Craig Place	1 Hour

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Greenbrook Road	4 Hours
Grove Street	12 Hours
Leland Avenue	9 Hours
Myrtle Avenue	11 Hours
Norwood Avenue	9 Hours
Route 22	12 Hours
Rock Avenue	3 Hours
Somerset Street	9 Hours
Warfield Road	4 Hours
Watchung Avenue	2 Hours
West End Avenue	4 Hours
Radar Posts Highlighted	92
Total Radar Posts	117
Total Radar Hours	126 Hours

School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	5 Hours
Somerset School	2.5 Hours
Stonybrook School	5.5 Hours
West End School	4 Hours
High School	3 Hours
College Achieve	2 Hours

Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Manning Avenue	03/01/20-03/25/20
Myrtle Avenue	03/01/20-03/25/20
Warfield Road	03/01/20-03/25/20
Westervelt Avenue	03/01/20-03/25/20
Duer Street N and S	03/25/20-03/31/20
Leland Avenue	03/25/20-03/31/20
Netherwood Avenue	03/25/20-03/31/20

Miscellaneous Information:

- We responded to 113 rescue squad calls.
- We conducted 204 building or premise checks.
- We conducted 39 interior school checks.
- We investigated 40 general alarms.
- We made 165 motor vehicle stops.
- The police department recorded a total of 2,045 incidents.

Parking Enforcement Report:

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Tickets:	Title 39		Meter Related		Total	
	Month / YTD	Month / YTD	Month / YTD	Month / YTD	Month / YTD	Month / YTD
Totals	83	526	128	633	211	1,159

Meters		Permits		Total Revenue	
Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD
8,386.61	28,464.28	120.00	5,130.00	8,506.61	33,594.28

Monthly Accident Totals

Accidents for the Month: 57

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	0	Driving While Intoxicated	1
Hazardous	27	Non-Hazardous	16
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:

Rt 22-Reportable	22	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	2
Boro Streets-Reportable	25	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	1
Private Property-Reportable	6	Private Property Non-Reportable	1
Total Reportable Accidents	53	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	4

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	14
Persons Injured	19
Fatal Accidents	1

Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 211

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	1	Driving While Intoxicated	6
Hazardous	73	Non-Hazardous	37
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable

Rt 22-Reportable	68	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	9
Boro Streets-Reportable	106	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	7
Private Property-Reportable	19	Private Property Non-Reportable	2
Total Reportable Accidents	193	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	18

Accident Injury Report:

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Reports W/Injuries	37
Persons Injured	52
Fatal Accidents	1

Miscellaneous Information Traffic:

- Traffic covered 4.5 hours as Court Officer.
- Traffic and Parking covered 25 school crossing posts.
- Traffic escorts parking collections to the bank each week - 3 hrs.
- Sgt. Kardos conducted the weekly and daily distribution of EPE jobs - 6 hrs.
- Sgt. Kardos attended the State Traffic Officers meeting.
- Sgt. Kardos responded to a fatal accident at Route 22/West End Avenue on March 28th.
- Sgt. Kardos spoke with the resident of 213 Mountain Avenue in reference to parking issues.
- Sgt. Kardos responded to an accident with C.A.R.T to a serious bodily injury in Branchburg on March 14th.
- Sgt. Kardos attended Child Passenger Safety training/recertification at NJSP.

SERVICE DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$342.75	\$1,305.55
Calls for Service/Responses	2,045	7,163
Discovery Requests	23	122
Report Requests	261	964
Pieces of Evidence/Property	49	177

Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	0	0
Rape	1	2
Robbery	0	7
Assault, Agg:	0	0
Assault Simple	19	48
Burglary	3	5
Larceny	25	93
M.V. Theft	0	2
Arson	0	0
Domestic Violence	20	64
Bias Incidents	0	1

Monthly Arrest Analysis

Month

YTD

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	Adult/Juv		Adult/Juv	
Murder	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	2	2
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0
Burglary	1	0	1	0
Larceny/Theft	2	0	9	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	4	0	15	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
Forgery	0	0	0	0
Fraud	0	0	0	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	1	0	3	0
Weapons	0	0	0	0
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	1
Violation of Drug Laws	7	3	22	6
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	0	0
Driving Under the Influence	2	0	10	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	7	0
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	8	0	46	1
Total UCR Arrests for Month	26	3	115	10
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	18	0	82	0
Grand Total Arrests for Month	44	3	197	10

- **3 Juvenile Arrests for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,

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