

Monthly Report

March 2021



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ADMINISTRATION:

Staffing:

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

- 6 Patrol Officers

Injured Officers/Officers on Leave:

- A civilian employee was diagnosed with Covid-19 on March 9, 2021. She has missed 17 days of work thus far.
- A Sergeant missed 23 days of patrol type work due to an off-duty injury to his knee. He was cleared for full duty on March 23, 2021.
- A Patrol Officer was diagnosed with Covid-19 on March 26, 2021. He has missed 4 days of patrol type work thus far.

Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- SLEO III Darrin Marasco began employment with NPPD on March 5, 2021.

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A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On March 12, 2021 at 2232 hrs., patrol responded to the area of Watchung Avenue and Fairview Avenue for the report of a female robbery victim. The victim stated that she was approached by two males at Somerset Street and Fairview Avenue. The two pinned her up against a car and pulled her purse out from under her arm and then fled east bound on Fairview Avenue. The victim chased the actors and then flagged down a car. The driver of that car, a Plainfield resident, was told what happened and he and a friend gave chase to the actors who were running in separate directions on Watchung Avenue southbound. The Plainfield resident caught one of the actors in the parking lot of St. Joseph's Church and struck him several times before the actor was able to escape. The good Samaritan was able to retrieve the victim's purse and provided a description of the actors and said that he could identify them if he saw them again.

On March 20, 2021 at 1024 hrs., a resident of Myrtle Avenue came to police headquarters to report that an unknown suspect called her and represented himself as someone from collections at a utility company. The suspect told her that she was overdue on her account and she needed to pay him the money owed and he would help her do that through her bank account. She was in fact late on her payment and complied. The

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suspect then told her that the payment did not go through and attempt it again. He then told her that it still did not work and she again sent the money. She then became suspicious and started asking the suspect questions. He put her on hold and never returned to the phone. She then contacted her bank and discovered that all of the payments went through to the suspect for a total more than \$1000.00. She then contacted her bank put a hold on the account and closed it.

On March 26, 2021 at 1209 hrs., patrol responded to the area of Washington Avenue and Myrtle Avenue on the report of a robbery. The victim, a resident of the Borough, reported that a black male wearing a ski mask asked him for directions. He told the male where to go and continued walking north on Washington Avenue. The male then approached him from behind and pushed him to the ground and grabbed his feet and said, "your wallet". The suspect then took his wallet, went to a vehicle parked on Myrtle Avenue near Washington Avenue, and fled west on Washington Avenue. The car was a grey four door, no registration given. The victim suffered a laceration to his right hand and an abrasion to his right elbow. The wallet contained \$180.00 in cash and his ID and a title to his car.

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.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:

A comparison of Adult incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	106	288
Closed	64	162
Active	12	22
Suspended	28	102
Unfounded	9	22
Forwarded to SCPO	5	15

A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	10	31
Closed	10	31
Active	0	0
Suspended	0	0
Unfounded	0	0
Forwarded to other Agencies	9	23

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Community Outreach

The Community Policing Unit made nine (9) calls to the senior citizens enrolled in the Good Morning Program, and sent out nineteen (19) first time false alarm activation notices and six (6) false alarm notices. Det. Domizi assisted in numerous translations for both patrol & CID. Det. Roberto DeJesus has been working with Security Specialist Buckman being introduced to staff throughout the district. Det. DeJesus also introduced new SLEO III Marasco to the staff at East End School.

Narcotics Strike Force

The Task Force Officer reported that in March multiple narcotics and prostitution investigations were conducted in towns throughout Somerset County, including North Plainfield, Hillsborough, Green Brook, Raritan, Somerville, Bound Brook, and Bernards. The unit also participated in joint operations with the Union County Prosecutor's Office in Elizabeth, NJ.

Other Matters

Detectives continue to investigate all criminal matters within North Plainfield during the pandemic. Detectives conducted four licensing and nine background investigations during the month of March (4-Food Vendors, 3-Firearms, 5-Police applicant, 1-Civilian applicant). CID also tracked 14 Handle with Care notifications made to the school district. Lt. Ciempola conducted two Megan's Law re-registrations.

Adjudications & Judicial Proceedings

Superior Court was open, however, none of our cases have come up on the calendar yet. Detectives are now appearing in person at Grand Jury.

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS: During the month of March 2021, the police department investigated the following Internal Affairs complaints.

Investigation #	Classification	Disposition	Corrective Action
21-0001	Rule	Pending	Pending
21-0002	Rule	Pending	Pending
21-0003	Rule	Pending	Pending

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PATROL DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	15,310	45,063
Miles on unmarked patrol	0	0
Total miles on patrol	15,310	45,063

Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	5	10
Moving Hazardous Violation	56	132
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	102	304
Ordinance Violation	14	25
Parking Violation	154	549
Seatbelt	1	7
Radar	43	113
Refusal Breath Test	0	1
Child Restraints	1	4
Reckless Driving	5	9
Cell Phone	9	51
Careless Driving	23	50
Suspended License	28	63
Written Warnings	338	831
Totals	779	2,149

Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Brook Avenue	5 Hours
Clinton Avenue	38 Hours
Farragut Road	5 Hours
Greenbrook Road	14 Hours
Grove Street	38 Hours
Leland Avenue	10 Hours
Mountain Avenue	10 Hours
Myrtle Avenue	4 Hours
Netherwood Avenue	1 Hour
Norwood Avenue	24 Hours
Rock Avenue	2 Hours
Route 22 East	25 Hours
Route 22 West	12 Hours
Somerset Street	13 Hours
Sycamore Avenue	1 Hour

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Warfield Road	14 Hours
Washington Avenue	3 Hours
Watchung Avenue	5 Hours
West End Avenue	12 Hours
Wilson Avenue	1 Hour
Total Radar Posts	273
Total Radar Hours	275 Hours
Radar Summonses Issued	43
Radar Warnings Issued	137
Total Radar Enforcement	180

Radar Speed Recorder:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Myrtle Avenue	03/01/21-03/02/21
Wilson Avenue	03/02/21-03/02/21
Sandford Avenue	03/03/21-03/12/21
Westervelt Avenue	03/08/21-03/16/21
Manning Avenue	03/16/21-03/22/21
Mountain Avenue	03/17/21-03/24/21
Warfield Road	03/24/21-03/31/21
Farragut Road	03/25/21-03/31/21

School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	11.5 Hours
High School	2 Hours
Somerset School	5 Hours
Stonybrook School	10 Hours
West End School	12 Hours
TOTAL	40.5 Hours

Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Brook Avenue West	03/01/21-03/03/21
Brook Avenue East	03/01/21-03/03/21
Duer Street	03/01/21-03/03/21
Farragut Road	03/01/21-03/19/21
Grove Street	03/03/21-03/16/21
Oneida Avenue	03/03/21-03/16/21
Park Place	03/03/21-03/16/21
Sandford Avenue	03/16/21-03/24/21

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Westervelt Avenue NB	03/16/21-03/24/21
Westervelt Avenue SB	03/16/21-03/24/21
Willow Avenue	03/19/21-03/26/21
Grandview Avenue	03/24/21-03/31/21
Manning Avenue	03/24/21-03/31/21
Mountain Avenue	03/24/21-03/31/21
Myrtle Avenue	03/26/21-03/31/21

Miscellaneous Information:

- We responded to 94 rescue squad calls.
- We conducted 84 building or premise checks.
- We conducted 0 interior school checks.
- We investigated 40 general alarms.
- We made 350 motor vehicle stops.
- We conducted 1 walking beat.
- The police department recorded a total of 3,772 incidents.
- For the Month of March, there was an increase in the area of radar enforcement pertaining to the number of summonses and warnings that were issued. Radar summonses increased from 15 to 43 from the prior month, and written warnings increased from 40 to 137. Total Radar Enforcement increased from 55 to 180. There was also an increase of 1,631 miles for vehicle mileage for the month.
- BWC videos and CAD entries were reviewed by the Patrol Division Commander.

Parking Enforcement Report:

Tickets:	Title 39		Meter Related		Total	
	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
Totals	106	169	282	415	388	584

Meters		Permits		Total Revenue	
Monthly	YTD	Monthly	YTD	Monthly	YTD
7,904.53	19,541.52	1,080.00	6,490.00	8,984.53	26,031.52

Monthly Accident Totals

Accidents for the Month: 65

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	0	Driving While Intoxicated	3
Hazardous	32	Non-Hazardous	22
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:

Rt 22-Reportable	25	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	0
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Boro Streets-Reportable	29	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	0
Private Property-Reportable	11	Private Property Non-Reportable	0
Total Reportable Accidents	65	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	0

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	9
Persons Injured	11
Fatal Accidents	0

Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 193

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	1	Driving While Intoxicated	6
Hazardous	63	Non-Hazardous	53
Alcohol Related	1		

Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable

Rt 22-Reportable	66	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	2
Boro Streets-Reportable	94	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	1
Private Property-Reportable	30	Private Property Non-Reportable	0
Total Reportable Accidents	190	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	3

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	37
Persons Injured	45
Fatal Accidents	0

Miscellaneous Information Traffic:

- Traffic escorts parking collections to the bank each week - 12 hrs.
- Traffic and Parking covered 59 crossing posts.
- Traffic conducted monthly alcotest maintenance.
- Traffic followed up on 1 hit and run accident.
- Traffic processed 1 junk title and 1 abandoned vehicle notice.
- Traffic conducted a taxi inspection with Gray Taxi on March 12th and follow up inspections on March 31st.
- Traffic assisted the Engineer's office with traffic control while conducting a sewer mark out.
- Traffic contacted and met with NJDOT due to a timing issue with Rt22/West End traffic signal.
- Sgt. Kardos responded to a C.A.R.T call out in Hillsborough on March 5th.
- Sgt. Kardos responded to a C.A.R.T call out in Franklin Township on March 13th.

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- Parking Enforcement Officer Marroquin began employment March 19th.
- Selective enforcement: Cell Phone – 10 hours

SERVICE DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$629.80	\$1,530.10
Calls for Service/Responses	3,772	10,307
Discovery Requests	15	70
Report Requests	142	451
Pieces of Evidence/Property	35	102

Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	8	11
Assault, Agg:	1	4
Assault Simple	15	45
Burglary	0	1
Larceny	14	60
M.V. Theft	2	12
Arson	0	0
Domestic Violence	20	49
Bias Incidents	1	2

Monthly Arrest Analysis

	Month		YTD	
	Adult	Juv	Adult	Juv
Murder	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	2	0
Burglary	0	0	1	0
Larceny/Theft	3	0	3	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	0	1	0
Simple Assault	3	0	10	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
Forgery	0	0	0	0
Fraud	1	0	1	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	2	0
Weapons	0	0	0	1
Prostitution	0	0	0	0

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Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0
Violation of Drug Laws	0	0	8	0
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	1	0
Driving Under the Influence	5	0	10	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	0
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	2	0	5	0
Total UCR Arrests for Month	15	0	44	2
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	5	0	11	0
Grand Total Arrests for Month	20	0	55	2

- **0 Juvenile Arrests for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,

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