

Monthly Report

May 2021



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July 23, 2021

ADMINISTRATION:

Staffing:

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

- 2 Patrol Officers

Injured Officers/Officers on Leave:

- A SLEO III was diagnosed with Covid-19 on April 23, 2021. He has missed seven (7) days of work as of May 1st, 2021.

Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- Effective May 3, 2021, Raymond Zarsuela started employment with the Borough of North Plainfield as a Police Officer.
- Effective May 3, 2021, Anthony Hause started employment with the Borough of North Plainfield as a Police Officer.
- Effective May 10, 2021, Omnya Al-Ahwol started employment with the Borough of North Plainfield as a Police Officer.
- Effective May 10, 2021, Carlos Gonzales started employment with the Borough of North Plainfield as a Police Officer.

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A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On May 9, 2021 at 1006 hrs., patrol responded to a gas station on Route 22 West for a report of a burglary. The gas station manager showed patrol surveillance video that shows a grey BMW enter the parking lot at about 0458 hrs. Then a male suspect pried open the middle garage bay door and stole a back pack blower. He then climbed into the store portion using the roof. The suspect then stole money out of the cash register, opened a portion of the ATM machine, and then stole several packs of cigarettes and several rolls of scratch off lottery tickets. The second suspect stayed in the BMW to check the progress of the first suspect. They both returned to the car and fled that lot at 0536 hrs. CID was notified. The male inside the store had a moustache and a blue jacket, gray hooded sweatshirt, and white and black sneakers. This crime and the manner in which it was conducted was similar to another burglary to a North Plainfield gas station that occurred on April 15, 2021. Suspects in this case were identified during the investigation by identifying the owner of the BMW. It was determined that the two suspects, who lived in Newark, were also responsible for the April 15, 2021 burglary. A

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search warrant was executed in Newark and one of the two suspects provided a post Miranda statement admitting to the crimes. Both suspects were charged with burglary and theft for both of the cases and arrested and placed in the Somerset County Jail.

On May 23, 2021 at 1837 hrs., a BOLO was broadcast for a white Honda vehicle bearing a Pennsylvania license plate that reportedly fled East on Route 22 after shooting someone in Bridgewater. A North Plainfield officer positioned himself on Route 22 East to look for the suspect vehicle. The officer observed a Honda Crosstour, bearing Pennsylvania license plates pass him, occupied by three men. He stopped that vehicle in the parking lot of a business on Route 22 East. The officer ordered the occupants to place their hands in front of them and held them there until other units arrived. While having the driver exit the vehicle the officer observed possible evidence related to the case and handcuffed the driver. The other two occupants were then secured while awaiting more information from Bridgewater. While one suspect was being removed from the vehicle, an empty black plastic holster was observed in his right waistband. It was later determined that the shooting took place on Interstate 287 and that the New Jersey State Police would be conducting the investigation. New Jersey State Police and Detectives responded to the scene and took control of the vehicle, its occupants, and the seized evidence. It was later confirmed that this was the suspect vehicle and two weapons were discovered during the investigation.

On May 26, 2021 at 0236 hrs., patrol units responded to a residence in town on the report of noisy people on and around the property who were threatening and taunting a neighbor. The neighbor called the police on previous occasions in the previous eight hours. While in the backyard speaking with the group, an officer encountered a loud intoxicated and belligerent male with whom he was conversing. At some point, a highly intoxicated female grabbed the officer and then assaulted him by pushing him. Another officer then attempted to place the female under arrest. The female resisted arrest but was eventually handcuffed and attempted to place her in the back of the car as she continued to resist arrest. The suspect assaulted the officer by kicking him several times in the stomach and chest. She was eventually secured in the car and transported to headquarters. The suspect was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. After a follow-up investigation she was also charged with assault on the officer who was placing her in the police car. The homeowner was also charged with borough ordinance violations for loud music and disorderly conduct.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:

A comparison of Adult incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	88	444
Closed	64	261
Active	9	36
Suspended	25	155
Unfounded	2	28
Forwarded to SCPO	5	24

A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	16	58
Closed	16	58
Active	0	0
Suspended	0	0
Unfounded	1	1
Forwarded to other Agencies	5	33

Community Outreach

The Community Policing Unit made twenty-five (25) calls to the senior citizens enrolled in the Good Morning Program, and sent out twenty-four (24) first time false alarm activation notices and eight (8) false alarm notices. Det. Domizi assisted in numerous translations for both patrol & CID. Det. Roberto DeJesus has also been assigned cases in addition to his school duties and other duties related to his position. Det. DeJesus also provided security during the high school prom at Forest Lodge.

Narcotics Strike Force

The Task Force Officer reported that in May he was involved with one wiretap investigation focused on activity in and around North Plainfield for narcotics trafficking. He also reported that the task force assisted the Department of Homeland Security with a warrant execution in North Plainfield.

Other Matters

Detectives continue to investigate all criminal matters within North Plainfield during the pandemic. Detectives conducted two licensing investigations during the month of May (1-Firearms, 1-Liquor License). CID also tracked 23 Handle with Care notifications made to the school district. Lt. Ciempola conducted two Megan's Law re-registrations.

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Adjudications & Judicial Proceedings

Superior Court was open, however, none of our cases have come up on the calendar yet. We had two appearances in Grand Jury.

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

Investigation #	Classification	Disposition	Corrective Action
21-0004	Rule	Sustained	R&R
21-0005	Rule	Pending	Pending
21-0006	Rule	Pending	Pending

PATROL DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	14,725	74,822
Miles on unmarked patrol	0	0
Total miles on patrol	14,725	74,822

Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	4	19
Moving Hazardous Violation	46	218
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	122	555
Ordinance Violation	4	33
Parking Violation	280	1,105
Seatbelt	31	43
Radar	60	213
Refusal Breath Test	2	4
Child Restraints	14	23
Reckless Driving	3	17
Cell Phone	5	116
Careless Driving	9	84
Suspended License	12	97
Written Warnings	324	1,408
Totals	916	3,935

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Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Clinton Avenue	28 Hours
Columbia Avenue	18 Hours
Farragut Road	3 Hours
Greenbrook Road	5 Hours
Grove Street	31 Hours
Leland Avenue	4 Hours
Mountain Avenue	4 Hours
Myrtle Avenue	32 Hours
Norwood Avenue	26 Hours
Oneida Avenue	1 Hour
Rock Avenue	4 Hours
Rockview Avenue	2 Hours
Route 22 East	22 Hours
Route 22 West	10 Hours
Somerset Street	7 Hours
Warfield Road	14 Hours
Washington Avenue	5 Hours
Watchung Avenue	4 Hours
West End Avenue	7 Hours
Westervelt Avenue	2 Hours
Willow Avenue	1 Hour
Total Radar Posts	230
Total Radar Hours	262 Hours
Total Radar Enforcement	168

Radar Speed Recorder:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Rockview Avenue	05/03/21-05/11/21
Willow Avenue	05/03/21-05/12/21
Jackson Avenue	05/13/21-05/20/21
Jackson Avenue	05/13/21-05/20/21
Jackson Avenue	05/20/21-05/28/21
Watchung Avenue	05/24/21-05/31/21

School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	10.5 Hours
High School	5.5 Hours
Somerset School	1.5 Hours

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Stonybrook School	10.5 Hours
West End School	13 Hours
TOTAL	41 Hours

Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Lawrence Avenue	05/01/21-05/03/21
North Drive	05/01/21-05/03/21
Parkview Avenue	05/01/21-05/03/21
Westervelt Avenue	05/01/21-05/03/21
Greenbrook/Lawrence	05/03/21-05/10/21
Leland Avenue	05/03/21-05/10/21
Netherwood Avenue	05/03/21-05/10/21
Westervelt Avenue	05/03/21-05/10/21
Coddington Avenue	05/10/21-05/17/21
Harrison Avenue	05/10/21-05/17/21
Howard Street	05/10/21-05/17/21
West End Avenue	05/10/21-05/17/21
Duer Street	05/17/21-05/24/21
Grandview Avenue	05/17/21-05/24/21
Maple Avenue	05/17/21-05/24/21
Watchung Avenue	05/17/21-05/24/21
Columbia Avenue	05/24/21-05/31/21
Duer Street	05/24/21-05/31/21
Fairview/Verdon	05/24/21-05/31/21
Watchung/Jackson	05/24/21-05/31/21

Miscellaneous Information:

- We responded to 101 rescue squad calls.
- We conducted 142 building or premise checks.
- We conducted 0 interior school checks.
- We investigated 44 general alarms.
- We made 376 motor vehicle stops.
- We conducted 99 walking beats.
- The police department recorded a total of 3,910 incidents.
- Sgt. Kardos recertified two new officers in radar and had them become familiar with the various traffic related duties pertinent to that division.
- The Department participated in the Click It or Ticket campaign. 55 summonses were issued for seatbelt violations and 14 summonses were issued for child restraint violations.
- BWC videos and CAD entries were reviewed by the Patrol Division Commander.

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Parking Enforcement Report:

Tickets:	Title 39 Month / YTD		Meter Related Month / YTD		Total Month / YTD	
Totals	137	454	331	1,137	468	1,591

Meters Monthly / YTD		Permits Monthly / YTD		Total Revenue Monthly / YTD	
8,849.33	39,883.79	1,050.00	8,250.00	9,899.33	48,133.79

Monthly Accident Totals

Accidents for the Month: 65

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	1	Driving While Intoxicated	3
Hazardous	32	Non-Hazardous	12
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:

Rt 22-Reportable	20	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	0
Boro Streets-Reportable	31	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	1
Private Property-Reportable	12	Private Property Non-Reportable	1
Total Reportable Accidents	63	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	2

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	12
Persons Injured	17
Fatal Accidents	0

Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 318

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	2	Driving While Intoxicated	12
Hazardous	123	Non-Hazardous	89
Alcohol Related	1		

Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable

Rt 22-Reportable	100	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	2
Boro Streets-Reportable	163	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	2
Private Property-Reportable	50	Private Property Non-Reportable	1
Total Reportable Accidents	313	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	5

Accident Injury Report:

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Reports W/Injuries	59
Persons Injured	73
Fatal Accidents	0

Miscellaneous Information Traffic:

- Traffic conducted collections & escorted parking to the bank - 12 hrs.
- Traffic and Parking covered 44 crossing posts.
- Traffic conducted monthly alcotest maintenance.
- Traffic processed 1 abandoned vehicle notice.
- Traffic assisted Scarpa Funeral Home with an escort on May 5th.
- Sgt. Kardos worked the County child seat fitting station on May 19th.
- Traffic assisted Higgins Funeral Home with an escort through town on May 21st.
- Sgt. Kardos responded to a fatal MVA in Bound Brook on May 26th.
- Sgt. Kardos responded to a fatal hit and run accident in Bridgewater on May 27th.
- Sgt. Kardos assisted 2 residents with child seat installation.
- Click It or Ticket enforcement for 1.5 hrs. at Duer/Craig.
- School bus passing enforcement on Somerset/Somerset – 11 posts.

SERVICE DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$362.75	\$2,384.60
Calls for Service/Responses	3,910	17,986
Discovery Requests	33	149
Report Requests	106	681
Pieces of Evidence/Property	38	180

Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	1	17
Assault, Agg:	0	9
Assault Simple	20	76
Burglary	3	7
Larceny	22	90
M.V. Theft	4	16
Arson	2	2
Domestic Violence	30	104
Bias Incidents	0	2

Monthly Arrest Analysis

	Month		YTD	
	Adult/Juv	Adult/Juv	Adult/Juv	Adult/Juv
Murder	0	0	0	0

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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	0	0	3	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	1	0
Simple Assault	2	0	17	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
Forgery	0	0	0	0
Fraud	0	0	1	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	3	0
Weapons	1	1	1	3
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0
Violation of Drug Laws	0	0	9	0
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	1	0
Driving Under the Influence	4	0	19	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	2	0
Vagrancy	0	0	1	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	3	3	13	3
Total UCR Arrests for Month	11	4	74	7
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	5	0	20	0
Grand Total Arrests for Month	16	4	94	7

- **4 Juvenile Arrests for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,

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