

Monthly Report

August 2021



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ADMINISTRATION:

Staffing:

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

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

Injured Officers/Officers on Leave:

- Ptl. Taras Bogutskiy reported that he injured his back on August 17, 2021 picking up an item. He missed eight days of patrol type work and was cleared for full duty on September 7, 2021.

Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- Effective August 9, 2021 William Kelly began employment with the Borough of North Plainfield as a Class II Officer.

CID Monthly Report

A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On August 3, 2021 at 0527 hrs., patrol was dispatched to a house on Duer Street on the report of a robbery. Upon arrival, two victims reported that they were approached by three black males wearing black ski masks as they were walking north on Duer Street. One victim said the he was kicked and pushed to the ground by the suspects. They then took about \$10.00 from his pants pockets. The \$10.00 was later found on the ground. The suspects also punched the other male victim in the face and entered his pocket and his took his wallet and approximately \$80.00 in cash. The wallet was later found on the ground. The suspects then fled north on Duer Street in a dark blue SUV. As they fled, one victim grabbed a brick from a nearby property and threw it at the SUV smashing the rear windshield and passenger side window. NPPD EMS was dispatched due to their injuries but they refused medical treatment. While this was being investigated, a vehicle fitting the description above was located parked in front a residence on Clinton Avenue in Plainfield. That vehicle was towed to police headquarters for processing by CID.

On August 13, 2021 at 2006 hrs., this agency received a 911 call reporting that there were several victims of gunshot wounds at an apartment complex on the north side of Highway 22. Officers arrived on the scene to find three male victims lying on the porch near the

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front door of an apartment. Two victims were in distress and a third victim, appeared to be lifeless with no breathing and no pulse. That victim was pulled away from the two semi-conscious victims and officers began CPR on him. North Plainfield Fire EMS and JFK medics arrived and assisted with treating the victims. One victim, a male in his teens, was pronounced dead at the scene by a doctor from Overlook Hospital. Another victim, a man in his thirties, was bleeding from an apparent gunshot wound to his torso beneath his right armpit. He was provided oxygen and transported to Overlook Hospital. That victim was pronounced dead in the ambulance enroute to the hospital. The third victim, a male in his twenties, was flown by Medivac to RWJ New Brunswick Trauma Center where he underwent surgery. Patrol secured the scene and detectives from CID and the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit and Forensics Unit responded to the scene. According to a witness who was seated in her apartment, the three victims who were coming to her apartment were outside and she heard multiple gunshots and saw all three victims fall to the ground. She looked outside and saw a black male wearing all black and a black mask holding something in his hand. The suspect then fled the area. CID along with SCPO processed the scene while detectives were sent to RWJ New Brunswick and Overlook Hospital to monitor the situation at those facilities. The investigation is still underway.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:

A comparison of Adult incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	81	707
Closed	34	410
Active	12	46
Suspended	35	240
Unfounded	1	43
Forwarded to SCPO	3	52

A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	6	84
Closed	6	82
Active	0	0
Suspended	1	2
Unfounded	0	12
Forwarded to other Agencies	0	42

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Community Outreach

The Community Policing Unit made eight (8) calls to the senior citizens enrolled in the Good Morning Program, and sent out sixteen (16) first time false alarm activation notices and ten (10) false alarm notices. Sgt. Domizi assisted in numerous translations for both patrol & CID. Sgt. Domizi, Det. DeJesus, and Lt. Ciempola participated in various activities for National Night Out on August 3, 2021. The STEP program continued through August 11, 2021.

Narcotics Strike Force

The Task Force Officer reported that in August he worked on narcotics investigations in North Plainfield, including a controlled buy. The Task Force also executed a search warrant at a local store in the Borough, leading to the seizure of a large quantity of illegal prescription drugs. The Task Force Officer worked on the "Quality of Life" detail in the Somerset section of Franklin Township and attended ICAT training and other training.

Other Matters

Detectives conducted two licensing investigations during the month of August (1-Firearms, 1-Raffle) and 3 police applicant background checks. CID also tracked 13 Handle with Care notifications made to the school district. Lt. Ciempola handled one Megan's Law re-registration.

Adjudications & Judicial Proceedings

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

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

Investigation #	Classification	Disposition	Corrective Action
21-0008	Rule	Admin/Closed	N/A

PATROL DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	14,754	118,827
Miles on unmarked patrol	113	113
Total miles on patrol	14,867	118,940

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Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	2	24
Moving Hazardous Violation	50	358
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	182	955
Ordinance Violation	3	53
Parking Violation	245	1,876
Seatbelt	3	90
Radar	56	357
Refusal Breath Test	0	4
Child Restraints	15	68
Reckless Driving	5	26
Cell Phone	78	260
Careless Driving	22	147
Suspended License	28	162
Written Warnings	342	2,325
Totals	1,031	6,732

Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Brook Avenue	2 Hours
Clinton Avenue	37 Hours
Columbia Avenue	8 Hours
Farragut Road	1 Hour
Greenbrook Road	2 Hours
Grove Street	27 Hours
Leland Avenue	12 Hours
Myrtle Avenue	20 Hours
Netherwood Avenue	1 Hour
Norwood Avenue	31 Hours
Parkview Avenue	2 Hours
Rock Avenue	3 Hours
Route 22 East	18 Hours
Route 22 West	18 Hours
Somerset Street	13 Hours
Warfield Road	14 Hours
Washington Avenue	2 Hours
Watchung Avenue	5 Hours
West End Avenue	1 Hour
Westervelt Avenue	2 Hours
Willow Avenue	8 Hours
Total Radar Posts	227

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Total Radar Hours	255 Hours
Total Radar Enforcement	187

Radar Speed Recorder:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Netherwood Avenue	08/01/21-08/03/21
North Drive	08/04/21-08/12/21
Somerset Street	08/09/21-08/18/21
Watchung Avenue	08/11/21-08/24/21
Greenbrook Road	08/19/21-08/26/21
West End Avenue	08/25/21-08/31/21
West End Avenue	08/27/21-08/31/21

School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	1 Hour
High School	0 Hours
Somerset School	0 Hours
Stonybrook School	0 Hours
West End School	2.5 Hours
TOTAL	3.5 Hours

Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Grove Street	08/01/21-08/06/21
Harrison Avenue	08/01/21-08/06/21
Regent Street	08/01/21-08/06/21
Watchung Avenue	08/01/21-08/06/21
Grove Street	08/06/21-08/13/21
Jefferson Avenue	08/06/21-08/13/21
Summit Avenue	08/06/21-08/13/21
Verdon Street	08/06/21-08/13/21
Jefferson Avenue	08/13/21-08/20/21
North Drive	08/13/21-08/20/21
North Drive	08/13/21-08/20/21
Washington Avenue	08/13/21-08/20/21
Myrtle Avenue	08/20/21-08/30/21
Watchung Avenue	08/20/21-08/31/21
Belmont Avenue	08/30/21-08/31/21
Watchung Avenue	08/30/21-08/31/21
Willow Avenue	08/30/21-08/31/21

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Miscellaneous Information:

- We responded to 112 rescue squad calls.
- We conducted 91 building or premise checks.
- We investigated 41 general alarms.
- We made 450 motor vehicle stops.
- We conducted 75 walking beats.
- The police department recorded a total of 2,714 incidents.
- 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	Month / YTD	Month / YTD	Month / YTD
Totals	184	936	270	2,042	454	2,978

Meters		Permits		Total Revenue	
Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD
12,548.21	71,308.43	870	14,400	13,418.21	85,708.43

Monthly Accident Totals

Accidents for the Month: 66

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	0	Driving While Intoxicated	1
Hazardous	24	Non-Hazardous	5
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:

Rt 22-Reportable	22	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	0
Boro Streets-Reportable	38	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	0
Private Property-Reportable	6	Private Property Non-Reportable	0
Total Reportable Accidents	66	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	0

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	13
Persons Injured	19
Fatal Accidents	0

Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 522

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	2	Driving While Intoxicated	15
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Hazardous	196	Non-Hazardous	116
Alcohol Related	1		

Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable

Rt 22-Reportable	163	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	5
Boro Streets-Reportable	268	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	8
Private Property-Reportable	75	Private Property Non-Reportable	3
Total Reportable Accidents	506	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	16

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	91
Persons Injured	117
Fatal Accidents	0

Miscellaneous Information Traffic:

- Traffic conducted collections & escorted parking to the bank - 12 hrs.
- Traffic conducted monthly alcotest maintenance.
- Traffic conducted meter repair – 2 hrs.
- Sgt. Kardos attended a pre-construction meeting for the Borough Road Resurfacing Project which is beginning in the next few weeks.
- Sgt. Kardos attended a webinar for traffic calming.
- Traffic followed up on 5 abandoned vehicles with tow companies.
- Paperwork was filed with Somerset County for the July Utext-Udrive-Upay campaign.

SERVICE DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$414.15	\$3,738.40
Calls for Service/Responses	2,714	26,986
Discovery Requests	50	292
Report Requests	110	1,021
Pieces of Evidence/Property	35	295

Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	2	2
Rape	1	3
Robbery	2	23
Assault, Agg:	1	13
Assault Simple	19	122
Burglary	1	9
Larceny	18	139

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M.V. Theft	3	26
Arson	0	2
Domestic Violence	29	185
Bias Incidents	0	5

Monthly Arrest Analysis

	Month		YTD	
	Adult/Juv	Adult/Juv	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	1	0	4	0
Burglary	0	0	1	0
Larceny/Theft	1	0	11	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	2	0
Simple Assault	6	0	31	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
Forgery	0	0	0	0
Fraud	0	0	1	0
Embezzlement	0	0	1	0
Stolen Property	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	5	0
Weapons	0	0	1	3
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	1	0
Violation of Drug Laws	0	0	9	0
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	2	0
Driving Under the Influence	2	0	23	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	4	0
Vagrancy	0	0	1	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	3	0	19	3
Total UCR Arrests for Month	14	0	116	4
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	8	1	32	2
Grand Total Arrests for Month	22	0	148	5

- **0 Juvenile Arrests for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,

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