

Monthly Report

February 2021



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ADMINISTRATION:

Staffing:

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

- 6 Patrol Officers

Injured Officers/Officers on Leave:

- Patrol Officer was diagnosed with Covid-19 on 12/18/20. She has missed 41 days of patrol work thus far. The Patrol Officer was cleared for light duty on 01/08/21 and has been assisting in the Service Division.
- Patrol Office was diagnosed with Covid-19 on 01/18/21. He has missed 20 days of patrol work. He was cleared for full duty on February 27, 2021.
- A Sergeant has missed 11 days of patrol work due to an off-duty injury to his knee.

Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- Sgt. Joseph Stopinski retired as of February 1, 2021.
- Det. Ryan Mote retired as of February 1, 2021.
- Ptl. Anthony Hoofatt retired as of February 1, 2021.
- Ptl. Gregory Ternlund resigned from service on February 15, 2021.

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A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On February 3, 2021 at 1907 hrs., patrol responded to a residence in the borough to meet with the Plainfield Police Department and Union County Prosecutor's Office. Both agencies were investigating a homicide that occurred in Plainfield. They reported that sometime between 0900 hrs. and 1100 hrs., someone stole a vehicle belonging to a resident of the borough. A detective from Plainfield advised patrol that the vehicle was wanted in connection with a homicide in Plainfield and requested that we enter it as stolen. The vehicle was entered into NCIC and a county alarm was generated. CID was notified of the incident. The owner of the vehicle later advised patrol that she had no idea that the car was gone. The vehicle was later recovered in North Plainfield on the opposite side of town.

On February 10, 2021 at 1029 hrs., patrol responded to the area of Fairview Avenue on the report of two black male suspects looking into vehicles. Upon arrival into the area, a

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North Plainfield officer noticed two males fitting the description given walking east on Grandview Avenue in the middle of the street. The officer stopped the two and as she did, she noticed what appeared to be the butt of a handgun protruding from a backpack being worn by one of the suspects. That suspect was immediately taken into custody. As the officer took him into custody, he told her that the gun was just a bb gun. Both suspects were transported to headquarters for further investigation. Both suspects were determined to be juveniles and were released to relatives. One of the two juveniles was charged with third degree possession of a weapon.

On February 21, 2021 at 0842 hrs., the manager of a business on Route 22 West reported that an unknown actor smashed the front door of the store with an unknown object. The damage to the door looked like someone threw a rock at it. On February 23, 2021 at 0033 hrs., patrol responded to a burglar alarm at the same at business. Upon arrival patrol observed new damage to the front door. A witness who was interviewed said he observed a grey pick-up truck near the door and a white male with a white shirt and jeans pulling on the front door. Patrol waited until a maintenance crew arrived at the business to board up the door. Entry was not gained. CID investigated this matter and quickly developed a suspect. Using electronic surveillance, CID was then able to identify the actor when he struck a third time, damaging the door to the same business on February 25, 2021. The suspect was contacted and agreed to an interview. After being given his Miranda Warnings, the suspect confessed to committing the acts of criminal mischief. He was charged with two counts of fourth degree criminal mischief and one count of criminal mischief DP.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:

A comparison of Adult incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	77	182
Closed	42	98
Active	6	10
Suspended	29	74
Unfounded	5	13
Forwarded to SCPO	5	10

A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

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	Month	YTD
Investigated	11	21
Closed	11	21
Active	0	0
Suspended	0	0
Unfounded	0	0
Forwarded to other Agencies	7	14

Community Outreach

The Community Policing Unit made twelve (12) calls to the senior citizens enrolled in the Good Morning Program, and sent out twenty-two (22) first time false alarm activation notices and three (3) false alarm notices. Det. Domizi assisted in numerous translations for both patrol & CID. Ptl. Roberto DeJesus has been working with Security Specialist Buckman being introduced to staff throughout the district.

Narcotics Strike Force

The Task Force Officer reported that in February multiple narcotics investigations were conducted in towns throughout Somerset County including North Plainfield. One investigation in North Plainfield resulted in an arrest and a drug seizure. Another operation included a fugitive round up with arrests made in North Plainfield.

Other Matters

Detectives continue to investigate all criminal matters within North Plainfield during the pandemic. Detectives conducted three licensing and seven background investigations during the month of February (2-Billiards, 1-Raffle, 5-Firearms, 2-Police applicant). CID also tracked 18 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.

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS: During the month of February 2021, there were no new internal affairs investigations.

PATROL DIVISION:

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	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	13,679	29,753
Miles on unmarked patrol	0	0
Total miles on patrol	13,679	29,753

Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	4	5
Moving Hazardous Violation	37	78
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	65	202
Ordinance Violation	10	10
Parking Violation	205	388
Seatbelt	3	6
Radar	15	70
Refusal Breath Test	1	1
Child Restraints	2	3
Reckless Driving	1	4
Cell Phone	34	42
Careless Driving	9	27
Suspended License	19	35
Written Warnings	165	493
Totals	570	1,362

Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Clinton Avenue	18 Hours
Farragut Road	3 Hours
Greenbrook Road	13 Hours
Grove Street	25 Hours
Leland Avenue	6 Hours
Mountain Avenue	4 Hours
Myrtle Avenue	2 Hours
Norwood Avenue	11 Hours
Rock Avenue	4 Hours
Route 22 East	21 Hours
Route 22 West	16 Hours
Sandford Avenue	1 Hour
Somerset Street	13 Hours
Warfield Road	5 Hours
Washington Avenue	1 Hour
Watchung Avenue	2 Hours

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West End Avenue	6 Hours
Wilson Avenue	1 Hour
Total Radar Posts	152
Total Radar Hours	187 Hours

Radar Speed Recorder:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Brook Avenue #285	02/01/21-02/05/21
Duer Street # 149	02/01/21-02/05/21
Norwood Avenue	02/10/21-02/19/21
Oneida Avenue	02/11/21-02/19/21
Myrtle Avenue	02/22/21-02/28/21
Wilson Avenue	02/23/21-02/28/21

School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	1 Hour
Somerset School	4.5 Hours
Stonybrook School	1 Hour
West End School	2 Hours
High School	2 Hours
College Achieve	0 Hours
TOTAL	10.5 Hours

Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Farragut Road	02/01/21-02/05/21
Howard Street	02/01/21-02/05/21
Ridge Avenue	02/01/21-02/05/21
Howard Street	02/01/21-02/05/21
Brook Avenue E.	02/05/21
Brook Avenue W.	02/05/21-02/28/21
Duer Street	02/05/21-02/28/21

Miscellaneous Information:

- We responded to 102 rescue squad calls.
- We conducted 77 building or premise checks.
- We investigated 37 general alarms.
- We made 214 motor vehicle stops.
- For the month of February, the North Plainfield Board of Education had only 9

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days of in person learning. General traffic conducted at these locations was limited to that time period. Also, during the month, there were various snowstorms that occurred, which resulted in vehicles being snowed in and not moved. These vehicles were located, and marked for abandonment, resulting in numerous vehicles being towed. The district checks for abandoned vehicles, was instituted on a daily basis on 02/24/2021. Also, mileage was somewhat lower this month, which could be attributed not only to the various snowstorms that occurred, but also to the fact that one patrol officer and one sergeant had retired, there is an officer on light duty, and one officer was out until February 27th due to a COVID-19 related medical condition.

- 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	32	63	50	133	82	196

Meters		Permits		Total Revenue	
Monthly	YTD	Monthly	YTD	Monthly	YTD
5,707.91	11,636.99	160.00	5,410.00	5,867.91	17,047.99

Monthly Accident Totals

Accidents for the Month: 64

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	1	Driving While Intoxicated	2
Hazardous	14	Non-Hazardous	13
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:

Rt 22-Reportable	19	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	0
Boro Streets-Reportable	33	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	1
Private Property-Reportable	11	Private Property Non-Reportable	0
Total Reportable Accidents	63	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	1

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	16
Persons Injured	21
Fatal Accidents	0

Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 128

Summons Issued at Accidents:

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Refuse Breath Test	1	Driving While Intoxicated	3
Hazardous	31	Non-Hazardous	31
Alcohol Related	1		

Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable

Rt 22-Reportable	41	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	2
Boro Streets-Reportable	65	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	1
Private Property-Reportable	19	Private Property Non-Reportable	0
Total Reportable Accidents	125	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	3

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	28
Persons Injured	34
Fatal Accidents	0

Miscellaneous Information Traffic:

- Traffic escorts parking collections to the bank each week - 12 hrs.
- Traffic and Parking covered 24 crossing posts.
- Traffic conducted monthly alcotest maintenance.
- Traffic handled 1 accident report.
- Traffic conducted follow up investigation on 1 hit and run accident.
- Traffic worked with patrol on clearing snow streets.
- Traffic investigated parking complaints on Shady Court.
- Sgt. Kardos attended a County road safety meeting via ZOOM.
- Selective enforcement: Cell Phone – 4 hours, Left Turn Enforcement – 1 hour Overpass

SERVICE DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$375.10	\$900.30
Calls for Service/Responses	3,068	6,535
Discovery Requests	30	55
Report Requests	134	309
Pieces of Evidence/Property	25	67

Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	0	3
Assault, Agg:	0	3
Assault Simple	17	30
Burglary	0	1
Larceny	14	46
M.V. Theft	1	10

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Arson	0	0
Domestic Violence	21	29
Bias Incidents	1	1

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	0	0	0	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	2	0	7	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	2	0
Weapons	0	1	0	1
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0
Violation of Drug Laws	4	0	8	0
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	1	0	1	0
Driving Under the Influence	4	0	5	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	1	0	3	0
Total UCR Arrests for Month	13	1	29	2
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	3	0	6	0
Grand Total Arrests for Month	16	1	35	2

- **1 Juvenile Arrest for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,

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