

# Monthly Report

## January 2021



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March 23, 2021

## ADMINISTRATION:

### Staffing:

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

- 2 Patrol Officers

### Injured Officers/Officers on Leave:

- A Patrol Officer was diagnosed with Covid-19 on 12/18/20. She has missed 27 days of patrol work thus far. The Patrol Officer was cleared for light duty as of 01/08/21.
- A Patrol Officer was diagnosed with Covid-19 on 01/18/21. He has missed 7 days of patrol work thus far.

### Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- Officer Roberto DeJesus was assigned to SRO Detective on January 27, 2021.
- SLEO III Santiago Melendez was hired on January 21, 2021.

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### A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On January 9, 2021 at 1708 hrs, patrol responded to a gas station on Somerset Street on the report of an assault. The gas attendant at that location reported, through translation, that an unknown black male suspect with a green jacket put a knife to him, cut his left hand, took his money, and left the scene running west on Greenbrook Road. The victim was bleeding from his left hand and he was treated by the NPPD EMS, but refused additional medical treatment. CID was notified and responded to the scene. The weapon was a knife with a black handle and a 5 to 6 inch blade. On January 12, 2021 while investigating a stabbing at a business on Route 22, CID developed a suspect in the robbery of the gas station on Somerset Street. Through the interview of witnesses and the examination of evidence related to the stabbing at the business on Route 22, the suspect was charged with first degree armed robbery.

On January 12, 2021, patrol responded to a business on Route 22 West on a call from an employee reporting a male in the business who was bleeding profusely. When patrol arrived, they found the male sitting upright in a chair holding a bloody shirt over his chest. Patrol found that the victim had multiple stab wounds on his left shoulder, the left side of his face, his neck, and punctures on his chest, abdomen, and back. EMS was

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expedited to the scene. The victim related to officers on the scene that a male relative is the one who stabbed him and he was still on the premises. The victim was taken to RWJ trauma unit in New Brunswick with paramedics where he underwent surgery. The suspect in this incident called the police department and advised officers that he wanted to surrender. The suspect was then taken into custody and after a lengthy investigation, he was charged with first degree attempted murder.

On January 23, 2021 at 1238 hrs, patrol units responded to a business on Route 22 West on a report of a baby in a plastic bag. Upon arrival, officers were able to determine that a baby was placed in a plastic garbage bag by a male relative. The male relative placed the baby on the floor somewhere inside the business, but later retrieved the bag with the child in it after other customers in the business became alerted to the bag and noticed that something in the bag was moving. When patrol arrived on the scene, the baby was breathing and somewhat responsive but was exhibiting lethargy and was crying in short bursts. EMS and paramedics responded to the scene and the child was taken to RWJ New Brunswick. The male relative was placed under arrest and transported to headquarters. CID was notified and responded as well as the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit. CID and the Somerset County Detective conducted an interview with the suspect who admitted to placing the child in the bag. The suspect was charged with first degree attempted murder and endangering the welfare of a minor. He was lodged in the Somerset County Jail.

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### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:

#### A comparison of Adult incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	105	105
Closed	56	56
Active	4	4
Suspended	45	45
Unfounded	8	8
Forwarded to SCPO	5	5

#### A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	10	10
Closed	10	10
Active	0	0
Suspended	0	0

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Unfounded	0	0
Forwarded to other Agencies	7	7

### Community Outreach

The Community Policing Unit made twelve (12) calls to the senior citizens enrolled in the Good Morning Program, and sent out twenty-eight (28) first time false alarm activation notices and two (2) false alarm notices. Det. Domizi assisted in numerous translations for both patrol & CID. Det. Mote planned to retire in February and Ptl. Roberto DeJesus was assigned by the Chief of Police to take over the role of School Resource Officer.

### Narcotics Strike Force

The Task Force Officer reported that in January multiple narcotics investigations were conducted in towns throughout Somerset County including North Plainfield. One investigation in North Plainfield resulted in the execution of a search warrant and the arrest of three people and the seizure of three firearms and drugs at a residence on Somerset Street.

### Other Matters

Detectives continue to investigate all criminal matters within North Plainfield during the pandemic. Detectives conducted four licensing and three background investigations during the month of January (4-Firearms, 3-Police applicant). CID also tracked 13 Handle with Care notifications made to the school district.

### 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 January 2021, the police department continued to investigate the following Internal Affairs complaint. There were no new Internal affairs complaints for the month.

Investigation #	Classification	Disposition	Corrective Action
20-27	Rule	Pending	Pending

### PATROL DIVISION:

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	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	16,074	16,074
Miles on unmarked patrol	0	0
Total miles on patrol	16,074	16,074

Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	1	1
Moving Hazardous Violation	39	39
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	137	137
Ordinance Violation	0	0
Parking Violation	182	182
Seatbelt	3	3
Radar	55	55
Refusal Breath Test	0	0
Child Restraints	1	1
Reckless Driving	3	3
Cell Phone	8	8
Careless Driving	18	18
Suspended License	16	16
Written Warnings	322	322
Totals	785	785

Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Brook Avenue	2 Hours
Clinton Avenue	33 Hours
Columbia Avenue	1 Hour
Farragut Road	4 Hours
Greenbrook Road	9 Hours
Grove Street	38 Hours
Howard Street	1 Hour
Leland Avenue	14 Hours
Mountain Avenue	3 Hours
Myrtle Avenue	11 Hours
Netherwood Avenue	3 Hours
Norwood Avenue	17 Hours
Oneida Avenue	1 Hour
Parkview Avenue	1 Hour
Rock Avenue	2 Hours
Route 22 East	40 Hours

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Route 22 West	39 Hours
Somerset Street	21 Hours
Sycamore Avenue	5 Hours
Warfield Road	11 Hours
Washington Avenue	5 Hours
Watchung Avenue	3 Hours
West End Avenue	7 Hours
Wilson Avenue	2 Hours
Total Radar Posts	273
Total Radar Hours	320 Hours

Radar Speed Recorder:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Columbia Avenue	01/01/21-01/07/21
Myrtle Avenue	01/04/21-01/11/21
West End Avenue #350	01/08/21-01/15/21
Norwood Avenue	01/12/21-01/19/21
Warfield Road	01/18/21-01/25/21
Leland Avenue	01/21/21-01/27/21
Duer Street #149	01/26/21-01/31/21
Brook Avenue #285	01/28/21-01/31/21

School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	4.5 Hours
Somerset School	2 Hours
Stonybrook School	6.5 Hours
West End School	7 Hours
High School	2 Hours
College Achieve	0 Hours
TOTAL	22 Hours

Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Crosson Place	01/01/21-01/13/21
Westervelt Avenue	01/01/21-01/13/21
Westervelt Avenue N	01/01/21-01/13/21
Farragut Road	01/01/21-01/31/21
Howard Street	01/13/21-01/31/21
Ridge Avenue	01/13/21-01/31/21
Sandford Avenue	01/13/21-01/31/21

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## Miscellaneous Information:

- We responded to 97 rescue squad calls.
- We conducted 190 building or premise checks.
- We conducted 0 interior school checks.
- We investigated 40 general alarms.
- We made 401 motor vehicle stops.
- We conducted 1 walking beat.
- The police department recorded a total of 3,467 incidents.
- The North Plainfield Board of Education restarted in person learning on January 19, 2021, which continued until the end of the month. Therefore, general traffic conducted at these locations was limited to that specific time period.
- 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	31	31	83	83	114	114

Meters		Permits		Total Revenue	
Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD
5,929.08	5,929.08	5,250.00	5,250.00	11,179.08	11,179.08

## Monthly Accident Totals

**Accidents for the Month: 64**

### Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	0	Driving While Intoxicated	1
Hazardous	17	Non-Hazardous	18
Alcohol Related	1		

### Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:

Rt 22-Reportable	22	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	2
Boro Streets-Reportable	32	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	0
Private Property-Reportable	8	Private Property Non-Reportable	0
Total Reportable Accidents	62	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	2

### Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	12
Persons Injured	13
Fatal Accidents	0

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**Miscellaneous Information Traffic:**

- Traffic escorts parking collections to the bank each week - 12 hrs.
- Traffic and Parking covered 19 crossing posts.
- Traffic conducted monthly alcotest maintenance.
- Traffic handled 6 accident reports.
- Traffic conducted follow up investigations on 3 hit and run accidents.
- Traffic assisted patrol on several calls – 6 hrs.
- Traffic worked with DPW to install flashing stop signs on Duer Street – 4 hrs.
- Sgt. Kardos had a virtual Municipal Court trial – 1 hr.
- Selective enforcement: Cell Phone – 5.5 hours, Left Turn Enforcement – 5 hours  
Overpass, Stop Sign Violations – 3 hours Duer Street

**SERVICE DIVISION:**

	<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Fees Collected	\$525.20	\$525.20
Calls for Service/Responses	3,467	3,467
Discovery Requests	25	25
Report Requests	175	175
Pieces of Evidence/Property	42	42



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Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	3	3
Assault, Agg:	3	3
Assault Simple	13	13
Burglary	1	1
Larceny	32	32
M.V. Theft	9	9
Arson	0	0
Domestic Violence	8	8
Bias Incidents	0	0

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	2	0	2	0
Burglary	1	0	1	0
Larceny/Theft	0	1	0	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	5	0	5	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	1	0
Weapons	0	0	0	0
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0
Violation of Drug Laws	4	0	4	0
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	0	0
Driving Under the Influence	1	0	1	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	2	0
<b>Total UCR Arrests for Month</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>

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Contempt of Court Arrests Other	3	0	3	0
<b>Grand Total Arrests for Month</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>

- **1 Juvenile Arrest for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,



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