

Monthly Report

March 2023



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May 2, 2023

ADMINISTRATION:

Staffing:

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

- 2 Patrol Officers
- 1 SLEO III Officer

Injured Officers/Officers on Leave:

- Det. William Parenti Jr. was involved in a motor vehicle accident on November 9, 2022. He remains out of work.
- Ptl. Tyler Rayner was involved in an on-duty motor vehicle accident on March 24, 2023 while responding to a call for service. He was injured and remains out of work.

Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- Effective March 27, 2023, Stephanie Corona-Morales was hired as a police dispatcher.

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A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On March 2, 2023 at 2235 hrs., patrol responded to an apartment complex on the north side of Route 22 for a report of a residential burglary. The complainants, a husband and wife, stated that their apartment had been burglarized while they were at work. The husband stated that he locked the front door prior to leaving for work and arrived home to his door still locked. After opening the front door using a key, they entered the apartment and observed their bedroom had been ransacked. The drawers of the furniture had been rummaged through and the contents were displaced throughout the apartment. A patrol officer located a shoe print on a kitchen counter top near an open kitchen window, indicating the point of entry for the suspect(s). Another footprint was located on a rug in the bedroom that matched the previous print. Those prints were captured on BWC and the carpet was taken as evidence. CID was notified. The victim reported that \$2,000.00 in cash and his Xbox One Series valued at \$300.00 was taken, as well as an Apple Air Pod Pro.

On March 13, 2023 at 1611 hrs., patrol responded to a residence on report of attempted fraud. The victim, age 72, said she received an email from a computer security company

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which said she owes them \$349.99. The victim called the number provided and spoke to an individual who advised he was an agent for that company. He convinced her to allow him to gain access to her computer. He told her that \$349.99 was going to be deducted from her bank account due to her subscription and he had to reimburse her the money. She told him what bank she uses but gave no account information. She believes that he retrieved her bank account information from her computer. The suspect advised her that he was going to send her \$50.00 to her bank account to make sure that the money went into her account before he reimbursed her. When she checked her bank account there was \$5,000.00 deposited into it. She advised the suspect that he deposited \$5,000.00 into her account instead of \$50.00, at which time he told her that it must have been an error on her end. He told her to go to a nearby department store and purchase gift cards to reimburse him the money. She purchased two gift cards for \$500.00 each and then realized that something was wrong. She then called the real computer security company and they told her that no one from their company contacted her. She did not send the gift cards and the fake deposit was removed.

On March 16, 2023 at 1049 hrs., patrol responded to an apartment complex on a report of a missing adult male. The officer spoke with the victim's wife, who reported that her husband works nights at a health center in another town. On March 15th, she was contacted by his employer, advising her that her husband had not shown up for work the past two nights. She became concerned as she had not seen her husband since Sunday, March 12th. This was confirmed by the officer and the victim was entered into NCIC as missing and a county alarm was issued. North Plainfield detectives were notified as was the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit. It was later determined that the victim went to a hospital from his second job on Monday morning. He was located at Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center, Somerset. He checked in there on March 13th. His wife was notified and he was removed from NCIC.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:

A comparison of Adult incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	75	197
Closed	32	94
Active	8	15
Suspended	35	86
Forwarded to SCPO	2	4

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A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	24	55
Closed	19	41
Active	3	5
Suspended	1	3
Forwarded to other Agencies	3	5

Community Outreach

The Community Policing Unit made eighteen (18) first time alarm notifications and eight (8) general alarm notifications. D/Sgt. Domizi assisted in numerous translations for both patrol & CID. Lt. Ciempola and D/Sgt. Domizi participated in the North Plainfield Community Forum Meeting. D/Sgt. Domizi participated in Read Across America and he and Det. Rogers made a presentation to a North Plainfield High School Criminology class.

Narcotics Strike Force

The Task Force Officer made undercover buys in Watchung stemming from investigations in North Plainfield. There was also a narcotics arrest made by the Task Force in Green Brook stemming from an investigation in North Plainfield.

Other Matters

CID tracked eleven (11) Handle with Care notifications made to the school district. CID conducted fourteen licensing investigations in March (10-Firearms, 1-Vendor, 1-Taxi Cab Driver's License Check, and 2-Dispatcher Background).

Adjudications & Judicial Proceedings

During the month of March, Det. Halsted made a municipal court appearance for a DWI case. There were no Superior Court or Grand Jury appearances.

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS: During the month of February, there was one (1) new internal affairs complaint filed.

Investigation #	Classification	Disposition	Corrective Action
23-004	Rule	Sustained	R&R

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PATROL DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	14,782	46,116
Miles on unmarked patrol	0	0
Total miles on patrol	14,782	46,116

Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	4	8
Moving Hazardous Violation	85	208
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	158	445
Ordinance Violation	4	12
Parking Violation	146	597
Seatbelt	14	21
Radar	41	122
Refusal Breath Test	0	1
Child Restraints	11	12
Reckless Driving	10	21
Cell Phone	9	62
Careless Driving	24	58
Suspended License	28	69
Written Warnings	456	1,206
Totals	990	2,842

Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Clinton Avenue	36 Hours
Columbia Avenue	5 Hours
Farragut Road	7 Hours
Grove Street	24 Hours
Howard Street	1 Hour
Leland Avenue	24 Hours
Mountain Avenue	2 Hours
Myrtle Avenue	2 Hours
Norwood Avenue	30 Hours
Parkview Avenue	5 Hours
Pearl Street	1 Hour
Rock Avenue	1 Hour
Rt 22 E/Gray	1 Hour
Rt 22E/Harrison	1 Hour
Rt 22E/Maple	1 Hour

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Rt 22E/North	7 Hours
Rt 22E/Watchung	19 Hours
Rt22E/Westervelt	12 Hours
Rt22W/Grove	1 Hour
Rt22W/North	1 Hour
Rt22W/Watchung	2 Hours
Rt22W/West End	1 Hour
Somerset Street	21 Hours
Warfield Road	1 Hour
Washington Avenue	1 Hour
Watchung Avenue	2 Hours
West End Avenue	4 Hours
Willow Avenue	1 Hour
Total Radar Posts	225
Total Radar Hours	214 Hours
Total Radar Enforcement	185

Radar Speed Recorder:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Duer/Linden	03/01/23-03/03/23
Watchung Avenue	03/01/23-03/03/23
Malcolm Avenue	03/03/23-03/13/23
Netherwood Avenue	03/03/23-03/13/23
Belmont Avenue	03/20/23-03/27/23
Fisk Place	03/20/23-03/27/23
Columbia Avenue	03/27/23-03/31/23
North Jackson Avenue	03/27/23-03/31/23

School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	23 Hours
High School	2 Hours
Somerset School	3 Hours
Stonybrook School	15 Hours
West End School	25 Hours
TOTAL	68 Hours

Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Farragut Road	03/01/23-03/03/23
Rockview Terrace	03/01/23-03/03/23

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Taft Avenue	03/01/23-03/03/23
Westervelt Avenue	03/01/23-03/03/23
Arnold Avenue	03/03/23-03/20/23
Columbia Avenue	03/03/23-03/20/23
Duer Street	03/03/23-03/20/23
Farragut Road	03/03/23-03/20/23
Leland Avenue	03/20/23-03/31/23
Malcolm Avenue	03/20/23-03/31/23
Mountainview Drive	03/20/23-03/31/23
Sandford Avenue	03/20/23-03/31/23

Miscellaneous Information:

- We responded to 99 rescue squad calls.
- We conducted 226 building or premise checks.
- We investigated 48 general alarms.
- We made 724 motor vehicle stops.
- We conducted 5 walking beats.
- We conducted 76 school checks.
- We conducted 70 park checks.
- We conducted 172 area checks.
- The police department recorded a total of 4,207 incidents.
- BWC videos and CAD entries were reviewed by the Patrol Division Commander.
- 2 MVA After Action Reviews were conducted.

Parking Enforcement Report:

Tickets:	Title 39		Meter Related		Total	
	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
Totals	370	1,009	460	1,255	830	2,264

Meters		Permits		Total Revenue	
Monthly	YTD	Monthly	YTD	Monthly	YTD
14,812.82	35,703.37	1,340.00	8,780.00	16,152.82	44,483.37

Monthly Accident Totals

Accidents for the Month: 94

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	0	Driving While Intoxicated	5
Hazardous	55	Non-Hazardous	27
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:

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Rt 22-Reportable	33	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	0
Boro Streets-Reportable	47	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	0
Private Property-Reportable	14	Private Property Non-Reportable	0
Total Reportable Accidents	94	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	0

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	17
Persons Injured	27
Fatal Accidents	0

Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 267

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	1	Driving While Intoxicated	7
Hazardous	123	Non-Hazardous	67
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable

Rt 22-Reportable	96	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	0
Boro Streets-Reportable	132	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	1
Private Property-Reportable	36	Private Property Non-Reportable	2
Total Reportable Accidents	264	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	3

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	55
Persons Injured	75
Fatal Accidents	0

Miscellaneous Information Traffic:

- Traffic conducted collections & escorted parking to the bank - 8 hrs.
- Traffic conducted monthly alcotest maintenance.
- Sgt. Kardos and Parking Enforcement conducted meter repairs.
- Traffic investigated/conducted follow ups on (two) 2 accidents.
- Traffic processed seven (7) vehicles for tow companies.
- Traffic and Parking covered sixty-five (65) crossing posts.
- Ptl. Steinhauser attended the NJ State Traffic Officers Meeting.
- Traffic had a virtual meeting with the Safety Stick sales representative.
- Traffic attended the County Traffic Officers meeting.

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- Traffic conducted a DMV mobile inspection detail with the following results: 34 cars inspected, 2 new cars, 21 cars passed, 11 cars failed. There were 37 summonses issued, 13 warnings, and 1 impound.
- Traffic conducted enforcement on Rt 22/North for 1 hr. and Somerset/Chatham for 1 hr.

SERVICE DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$1,685.00	\$3,784.00
Calls for Service/Responses	4,207	11,821
Discovery Requests	33	96
Report Requests	16	42
Pieces of Evidence/Property	25	69

Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	0	0
Rape	1	2
Robbery	2	5
Assault, Agg:	3	5
Assault Simple	15	47
Burglary	2	6
Larceny	33	73
M.V. Theft	0	2
Arson	0	0
Domestic Violence	23	79
Bias Incidents	0	0

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	4	0	6	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0
Larceny/Theft	0	0	3	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	5	0	18	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

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Criminal Mischief	0	0	0	0
Weapons	0	0	0	0
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0
Violation of Drug Laws	0	0	0	0
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	0	0
Driving Under the Influence	5	0	9	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	1	0
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	3	0	8	0
Total UCR Arrests for Month	18	0	46	0
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	3	0	9	0
Grand Total Arrests for Month	21	0	55	0

- **0 Juvenile Arrests for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,

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