

Monthly Report

March 2024



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ADMINISTRATION:

Staffing:

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

- 2 Patrol Officers
- 2 SLEO III Officers

Injured Officers/Officers on Leave:

- Det. William Parenti Jr. was involved in a motor vehicle accident on November 9, 2022 and remains out of work.
- Ptl. Romasz injured her leg while directing traffic on December 19, 2023. She is presently on light duty.
- Ptl. Marroquin sustained a minor injury during an arrest on March 31, 2024.
- Ptl. Jannone sustained a minor injury during an arrest on March 31, 2024.

Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- Effective March 4, 2024, Ashley Braithwaite began employment as a Police Dispatcher.
- Effective March 14, 2024, Christopher Medrano was sworn in as a Probationary Police Officer.

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A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On March 2, 2024 at 1109 hrs., a police officer responded to the area of West End Avenue and Greenbrook Road, on a report of two female children approximately 5 years of age walking on a busy roadway, unattended. The caller was standing with the two children, in rainy conditions, on the north side of Greenbrook Road, on the sidewalk. The caller first observed the children walking west on Greenbrook Road approximately two blocks east of her location and this caused her to turn around and stop her vehicle when she noticed the children attempting to cross West End Avenue. She stopped them when she realized they were on their own. The children said they were going to a friend's house to get some candy. The children did not know where their friend lived nor did they know the friend's name. While the officer was transporting the children to headquarters, one of the children recognized her street and the officer drove the children to their house. As the officer arrived, the children's mother opened the front door. She appeared to be shocked and concerned that her children were in police custody. The children's mother stated she put the kids down for a nap at approximately 10:30am and she and her husband took a nap themselves. The mother said she woke up approximately ten minutes before the police arrived and noticed the home to be quiet.

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She began searching the residence and noticed the rear door to be ajar. The home appeared to be well-kept and both parents appeared to be visibly concerned. DCP&P was notified and advised they will be conducting a home visit within 24 hours.

On March 13, 2024 at 1440 hrs., patrol responded to an apartment complex on the north side of town on a report of a fall victim. The officer arrived and located a female laying on the ground near a vehicle. The officer was told by a group of people standing outside that she was bleeding and possibly stabbed. North Plainfield Fire/Rescue Squad reported that the victim had a laceration to her left wrist, a cut on the top of her left hand, and her throat was cut across the front but was not actively bleeding. All the wounds on the victim appeared to be from some kind of knife or sharp object. An extensive investigation took place based on the belief that this was an assault or a possible suicide attempt. The victim's injuries were located in common places of self-inflicted injuries. A search of the victim's car revealed an empty bottle of vodka and a box cutter with the blade missing. The owner of the vehicle, the victim's fiancée, came to the scene and reported that the victim suffers from possible mental health issues. The "Arrive Team" responded, but because of the circumstances, could not speak with the victim. A detective responded to the hospital and spoke to the victim and she admitted that the wounds were self-inflicted.

On March 23, 2024 at 0801 hrs., patrol responded to an apartment building on the west side of town on the report of a stolen motor vehicle. The caller reported that her mother's car, a gray Honda Accord, was taken from the building parking lot sometime between 2 am and 8 am. The vehicle was then entered into NCIC as stolen at 0818 hours. After entering the vehicle stolen, a delayed hit was received, showing that the New Jersey State Police (Totowa Barracks) had made an inquiry on the registration three times on that date at 2:36am, 2:43am, and 2:55am. Dispatch contacted NJSP and was advised by the operator that the vehicle was located on Interstate 280 in the area of West Orange, NJ, abandoned. The vehicle was subsequently towed and the victims were notified of the recovery. They were advised to respond to the NJSP Totowa Barracks to retrieve the vehicle.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:

A comparison of Adult incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	78	235
Closed	31	103
Active	15	24
Suspended	32	108
Forwarded to SCPO	9	19

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A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	9	31
Closed	7	28
Active	2	2
Suspended	0	1
Forwarded to other Agencies	0	0

Community Outreach

The Community Policing Unit made twenty-three (23) first time alarm notifications and two (2) general alarm notifications. D/Sgt. Domizi assisted in numerous translations for both patrol & CID. D/Sgt. Domizi also attended the opioid grant networking meeting, the middle school career fair, and the domestic violence working group meeting. Lt. Ciempola attended the community forum meeting and JIF training. Det. Dow attended LEAD training and Standard Reunification Training.

Other Matters

CID tracked fifteen (15) Handle with Care notifications made to the school district. CID conducted ten (10) licensing investigations in March (8-Firearms, 1-Limousine, 1-Massage license) and one (1) dispatcher applicant background check.

Adjudications & Judicial Proceedings

There were no court or grand jury appearances during the month of March.

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

Investigation #	Classification	Disposition	Corrective Action
24-02	Demeanor	Pending	Pending

PATROL DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	13,743	43,255
Miles on unmarked patrol	0	523
Total miles on patrol	13,743	43,778

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Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	3	5
Moving Hazardous Violation	49	181
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	142	443
Ordinance Violation	7	18
Parking Violation	138	395
Seatbelt	8	23
Radar	17	67
Refusal Breath Test	1	2
Child Restraints	3	10
Reckless Driving	5	14
Cell Phone	3	49
Careless Driving	21	70
Suspended License	6	37
Written Warnings	267	794
Totals	670	2,108
Included in above totals		
Loud Exhaust	34	79
Loud Exhaust Warnings	10	37
Parking Sticks	0	0

Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Clinton Avenue	31 Hours
Grove Street	28 Hours
Leland Avenue	8 Hours
Mountain Avenue	1 Hour
Myrtle Avenue	10 Hours
Norwood Avenue	11 Hours
Rt 22E/Columbia	3 Hours
Rt 22E/Gray	1 Hour
Rt 22E/Mountain	1 Hour
Rt 22E/Somerset	1 Hour
Rt 22E/Watchung	15 Hours
Rt 22E/Westervelt	2 Hours
Rt 22W/North	7 Hours
Rt 22W/Somerset	1 Hour
Somerset Street	16 Hours
Taft Avenue	1 Hour
Warfield Road	2 Hours
Washington Avenue	9 Hours
Watchung Avenue	20 Hours

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West End Avenue	2 Hours
Westervelt Avenue	7 Hours
Wilson Avenue	1 Hour
Total Radar Posts	183
Total Radar Hours	178
Total Radar Enforcement	89

Radar Speed Recorder:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Rockview Terrace	03/04/24-03/11/24
Westervelt Avenue	03/04/24-03/11/24
Duer Street	03/11/24-03/15/24
Lincoln Place	03/11/24-03/15/24
Jackson Avenue	03/15/24-03/22/24
Myrtle Avenue	03/15/24-03/22/24
Cedar Street	03/22/24-03/29/24
Maple Avenue	03/22/24-03/29/24
Arnold Avenue	03/29/24-03/31/24
Columbia Avenue	03/29/24-03/31/24

School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	21 Hours
High School	2 Hours
Somerset School	2 Hours
Stonybrook School	20 Hours
West End School	22 Hours
TOTAL	67 Hours

Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Arnold Avenue	03/01/24-03/07/24
Cedar Street	03/01/24-03/07/24
Farragut Road	03/01/24-03/07/24
Willow Avenue	03/01/24-03/07/24
Columbia Avenue	03/07/24-03/26/24
Duer Street	03/07/24-03/26/24
Fairview Avenue	03/07/24-03/26/24
Myrtle Avenue	03/07/24-03/26/24
Delacy Avenue	03/26/24-03/31/24
Jefferson Avenue	03/26/24-03/31/24
Washington Avenue	03/26/24-03/31/24

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Persons Injured	15
Fatal Accidents	0

Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 246

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	1	Driving While Intoxicated	2
Hazardous	121	Non-Hazardous	29
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable

Rt 22-Reportable	69	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	3
Boro Streets-Reportable	125	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	5
Private Property-Reportable	44	Private Property Non-Reportable	0
Total Reportable Accidents	238	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	8

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	49
Persons Injured	55
Fatal Accidents	0

Miscellaneous Information Traffic:

- Traffic conducted collections & escorted parking to the bank - 8 hrs.
- Traffic conducted monthly alcotest maintenance – 1 hr.
- Sgt. Kardos and Parking Enforcement conducted meter repairs.
- Traffic investigated/conducted follow ups on 5 accidents.
- Traffic conducted loud exhaust enforcement – 3 hrs.
- Traffic and Parking covered 8 crossing posts.
- Traffic worked with DPW to install signs and parking meter poles.
- No parking signs were posted on the east side of Duer Street, which were missing approaching Craig Place.
- Traffic installed Rapid Flashing Beacon Crossing signs at Greenbrook/Rockview with the Board of Ed and DPW.
- Traffic worked with CID following up on a dirt bike incident.
- Traffic conducted a DMV Mobile Inspection detail on March 20th with the following results: 31 cars inspected, 11 cars passed, 19 cars failed, 1 new car. There were 24 summonses and 7 warnings issued. There were also 2 arrests, 1 for warrants and 1 for DWI.

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SERVICE DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$2,255.00	\$5,445.00
Calls for Service/Responses	3,383	10,476
Discovery Requests	28	87
Report Requests	9	25
Pieces of Evidence/Property	19	64

Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	3	4
Assault, Agg:	2	4
Assault Simple	16	48
Burglary	2	4
Larceny	22	77
M.V. Theft	4	6
Arson	0	0
Domestic Violence	21	72
Bias Incidents	0	2

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	3	0	3	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0
Larceny/Theft	0	0	3	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	0	4	0
Simple Assault	4	0	17	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	2	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	1	0
Weapons	0	0	0	0
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0
Violation of Drug Laws	0	0	1	0
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	1	0

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Driving Under the Influence	3	0	5	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	2	0	5	0
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	4	0	21	0
Total UCR Arrests for Month	20	0	63	0
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	2	0	10	0
Grand Total Arrests for Month	22	0	73	0

- **0 Juvenile Arrests for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,

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