

Monthly Report

May 2019



Accreditation demonstrates the professional achievements of the men and women of this Department. This recognition further demonstrates our collective dedication to excellence in professional Law Enforcement. By voluntarily meeting New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission standards, the North Plainfield Police Department has shown itself willing to be held to a higher level of professionalism, building trust between the Department and the citizens it serves

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ADMINISTRATION:

Staffing:

The Police Department is operating at its authorized strength of 48 sworn Officers, and 6 fulltime civilian personnel. Staffing and deficiencies:

- 1 Lieutenant's position

Injured Officers:

- Officer Jean-Baptiste was placed on administrative leave March 6, 2017, due to a complaint requiring an investigation. As of May 31, 2019, he was out of work for 517 days.
- Officer Francis Steinhauser was injured during the course of a psychiatric evaluation call and was put on light duty on May 18, 2018. As of May 31, 2019, he has been out of work for 283 days.
- Lieutenant Ed Ciempola was injured off duty on May 6, 2019, he has been out of work for 19 days.

Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- On May 1, 2019 Officer Robert Kropewnicki returned to full duty from an off-duty injury.
- On May 17, 2019 Sergeant Chris Bond returned to full duty from an off-duty injury.

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A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On May 2, 2019 at approximately 9:30 PM, police responded to a laundromat located on Route 22 in North Plainfield on a reported theft. Employees told police that a female had stolen a tip jar from the counter which contained hundreds of dollars in employee tips. The suspect, described as a black female had fled the store prior to police arrival. The entire theft was captured on store surveillance and detectives posted the images on the police department's social media website. Police caught a break on May 24th when the suspect was spotted and quickly arrested. The Somerset County Prosecutors Office was contacted and the suspect, a Plainfield resident was charged with 2C:20-3 and was issued a court date.

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On May 8, 2019 at approximately 11:00 PM, a victim walked into police headquarters and reported that he had been assaulted and robbed at a bar located on Watchung Ave. The male said he was assaulted by two suspects who also stole his cell phone before fleeing. The victim was interviewed by detectives before being treated at an area hospital for his injuries. Police were able to locate surveillance video which captured the assault. Police conducted several interviews in an attempt to identify the suspects. Police were able to identify both suspects by investigative techniques and each provided a post Miranda statement to detectives admitting to the assault. The victim also picked out both suspects from a photo array further bolstering the case. The two men, both residents of Plainfield, were each charged with aggravated assault 3rd degree and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon 3rd degree. The two men were issued court dates.

On May 18, 2019 at approximately 5:30 PM, patrol officers attempted to stop a speeding motorcycle on Greenbrook Road for numerous traffic offenses. The motorcycle accelerated and the operator initiated a brief vehicle pursuit. Police terminated the pursuit but were able to obtain a partial license plate of the vehicle. Detectives were able to run several different combinations of the plate until finally identifying both the motorcycle and driver. The driver was located and provided a post Miranda statement to police admitting to the pursuit. The suspect, a resident of North Plainfield said he ran from the police because he did not have a license. The Somerset County Prosecutors Office was contacted and 2nd degree eluding charges were authorized. The suspect was lodged in the Somerset County Jail without bail pending a hearing.

NOTE: We are required by the Rules of Court to include herein a statement explaining that the charges are merely an accusation and that the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:

A comparison of Adult incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	68	325
Closed	47	222
Active	9	14
Suspended	12	89
Unfounded	8	23
Forwarded to SCPO	6	45

A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	35	163
Closed	31	155

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Active	4	5
Suspended	0	3
Unfounded	0	0
Forwarded to other Agencies	21	68

Community Outreach

The Community Policing unit made twenty-seven (27) calls to the senior citizens enrolled in the Good Morning program, and sent out twenty-two (22) first time false alarm activation notices, and five (5) false alarm warnings. Det. Domizi assisted in numerous translations for both patrol & CID. Det. Domizi attended the Career Fair held at the North Plainfield High School on May 30th & Gang Recognition School on May 15th. Det. Fowler has completed his DARE teaching to our 5th graders for the school year, however, he continues to teach Great to our 7th graders. Det. Fowler attended a two-day Gang school held at St. Elizabeth College.

Narcotics Strike Force

During the month of May the Task Force officer conducted numerous controlled purchases in town as well as approximately twenty hours of surveillance at various locations suspected of selling narcotics. The Task Force executed search warrants on Manning Ave & Maple Ave resulting in a seizure of marijuana, cocaine and a handgun. The Task Force continues to gather intelligence gained from several sources in an effort to reduce the drug trade within North Plainfield.

Other Matters

Detectives investigated nine (9) separate licensing/background applications in May, (3- Raffle applications, 2- Permit to Canvass, 2-Vacant Land Use, 1-Limousine & 1-vendor). Det. Segeda attended monthly SCPO Dive Team training which was held on May 12th. Detectives attended SCPO Infoshare training which was held at NPPD on May 10th. All detectives attended mandatory agency training on both May 7th and May 20th which entailed the 2nd half of patrol rifle training and qualifications. Det. Everett assisted in patrol rifle qualifications. Lt. McKay attended the monthly SART board meeting which was held at the Prosecutors Office on May 7th. Lt. McKay & Sgt. Perrone attended "Hostile Work Environment" training in Woodbridge on May 15th. Lt. McKay & Sgt. Perrone also attended Megan's law training at the Somerset County Police Academy on May 20th. Two of our detectives, Det. Mazza & Det. Domizi proudly attended and rode in this year's Unity Tour held in May.

Adjudications & Judicial Proceedings

Lt. McKay appeared in Grand Jury on May 2nd for a CDS case. Det. Mazza appeared in Grand Jury on both May 22nd & May 23rd. Det. Everett appeared in Grand Jury twice in

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May. Lt. McKay completed the annual Megan's law registration of one registrant during the month on May.

Jawan King was sentenced to three years in state prison for burglary, theft and credit card fraud. Fred Mason pled guilty to burglary and is awaiting sentencing by Judge Picheca. Sergio Agudelo was sentenced to 280 days in jail by Judge Qasim for numerous car burglaries. Gicsy Galindo-Acosta was sentenced to 250 days in jail for obstruction by Judge Picheca.

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS: During the month of May 2019, the police department logged 2 Internal Affairs complaints. Lt. McKay investigated both complaints.

Investigation #	Classification	Disposition	Corrective Action
19-12	Demeanor	Admin. Closed	N/A
19-13	Demeanor	Exonerated	N/A

PATROL DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	13,727	72,238
Miles on unmarked patrol	100	620
Total miles on patrol	13,827	72,338

Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	7	15
Moving Hazardous Violation	59	242
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	114	514
Ordinance Violation	43	57
Parking Violation	187	819
Seatbelt	37	63
Radar	40	134
Refusal Breath Test	2	3
Child Restraints	24	34
Reckless Driving	5	18
Cell Phone	5	88
Careless Driving	25	100
Suspended License	32	154
Written Warnings	353	1,847
Totals	933	4,088

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Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Brook Avenue	1 Hour
Clinton Avenue	28 Hours
Geraud Avenue	1 Hour
Greenbrook Road	7 Hours
Grove Street	27 Hours
Leland Avenue	11 Hours
Myrtle Avenue	22 Hours
Manning Ave.	1 Hours
Norwood Avenue	22 Hours
Richard Way	1 Hour
Route 22	14 Hours
Rock Avenue	4 Hours
Somerset Street	14 Hours
Sycamore Avenue	2 Hours
Warfield Road	9 Hours
Washington Avenue	4 Hours
Watchung Avenue	10 Hours
West End Avenue	4 Hours
Westervelt Avenue	1 Hours
Willow Avenue	2 Hours
Wilson Avenue	2 Hours
Radar Posts Highlighted	187 Hours
Total Radar Posts	219
Total Radar Hours	244

School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	18 Hours
Somerset School	4 Hours
Stonybrook School	9 Hours
West End School	15 Hours
High School	18 Hours
Charter School	3 Hours

Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Taft Avenue	05/01/19-05/31/19
Manning Avenue	05/01/19-05/31/19
Netherwood Avenue	05/01/19-05/31/19
Clinton Avenue	05/01/19-05/31/19

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Miscellaneous Information:

- We responded to 109 rescue squad calls.
- We conducted 309 building or premise checks.
- We conducted 59 school premise checks.
- We conducted 60 walking beats.
- We investigated 66 general alarms.
- We made 439 motor vehicle stops.

Parking Enforcement Report:

Tickets:	Title 39		Meter Related		Total	
	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
Totals	174	915	266	1,076	440	1,991

Meters		Permits		Total Revenue	
Monthly	YTD	Monthly	YTD	Monthly	YTD
13,837.27	55,626.42	590.00	8,130.00	14,427.27	63,756.42

Monthly Accident Totals

Accidents for the Month: 82

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	0	Driving While Intoxicated	4
Hazardous	50	Non-Hazardous	17
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:

Rt 22-Reportable	27	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	0
Boro Streets- Reportable	42	Boro St Non-Reportable	3
Private Property-Reportable	8	Private Prop Non-Reportable	2
Total Reportable Accidents	77	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	5

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	16
Persons Injured	28
Fatal Accidents	1

Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 366

Summons Issued at Accidents:

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Refuse Breath Test	0	Driving While Intoxicated	6
Hazardous	145	Non-Hazardous	44
Alcohol	0		

Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable

Rt 22-Reportable	108	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	13
Boro Streets- Reportable	168	Boro St Non-Reportable	13
Private Property-Reportable	54	Private Prop Non-Reportable	10
Total Reportable Accidents	330	Total Non-Reportable	36

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	56
Persons Injured	180
Fatal Accidents	1

Miscellaneous Information Traffic:

- Traffic covered 21 hours as Court Officer.
- Traffic and parking covered 31 school posts.
- Traffic escorts parking collections to the bank each week - 8 hrs.
- Ofc. Mote entered monthly summons data.
- Ofc. Mote conducted required solution change in the Alcotest.
- Ofc. Mote and Sgt. Kardos conducted the weekly and daily distribution of EPE jobs - 8 hrs.
- Traffic conducted follow up on three abandoned vehicles.
- Sgt. Kardos conducted follow up on 2 hit and run accidents.
- Assisted CID pick up at RWJ Somerset – 2 hrs.
- Investigate complaint about loud noise from ice cream trucks, notices sent to companies.
- Sgt. Kardos investigated and conducted follow up investigation for fatal crash on May 5.
- Sgt. Kardos attended the State Traffic Officers meeting.

SERVICE DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$305.30	\$1,885.15
Calls for Service/Responses	3,165	13,288
Discovery Requests	33	151
Report Requests	278	1,141
Pieces of Evidence/ Property	62	235

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Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	0	0
Rape	1	4
Robbery	2	13
Assault, Agg:	1	3
Assault Simple	17	79
Burglary	2	22
Larceny	15	89
M.V. Theft	1	4
Arson	0	0
Domestic Violence	24	144
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	1	0
Robbery	0	0	2	1
Aggravated Assault	2	0	4	0
Burglary	0	0	1	6
Larceny/Theft	4	0	15	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	5	0	29	1
Arson	0	0	0	0
Forgery	0	0	2	0
Fraud	0	0	0	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	0	2
Weapons	0	0	1	1
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	1	0
Violation of Drug Laws	3	0	28	5
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	1	0
Driving Under the Influence	7	0	11	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	4	0	12	1
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	12	0	43	0
Total UCR Arrests for Month	37	0	151	18
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	28	0	140	0
Grand Total Arrests for Month	65	0	291	18

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- **No Juvenile Arrests for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,

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