

Monthly Report

May 2020



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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June 25, 2020

ADMINISTRATION:

Staffing:

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

- 1 Lieutenant's position
- 3 Patrol Officers

Injured Officers/Officers on Leave:

- Officer Jean-Baptiste was placed on administrative leave March 6, 2017, due to a complaint requiring an investigation. As of May 31, 2020, he was out of work for 591 days.
- Officer Roberto DeJesus was injured on duty on August 2, 2019 during a motor vehicle stop. As of January 27, 2020, he was cleared for light duty. As of May 31, 2020, he has been out of patrol type work for 151 days.
- Officer Jesus Medina went out on sick leave with an off-duty injury on January 12, 2020. On March 25, 2020 he was cleared for light duty and has been assisting with a shift shortage for dispatch since that day. He has been out of patrol type work for 72 days as of May 31, 2020.
- Lieutenant Edward Ciempola was treated for precautionary measures due to a possible exposure to a COVID-19 patient on May 12, 2020. He returned to work on May 26, 2020 after missing 14 days.

Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- There were no promotions, retirements, or new officers hired.

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A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On May 2, 2020 at approximately 7:00 PM, police responded to a residence on Delacy Ave on the report of criminal mischief to several vehicles. Police arrived and found numerous vehicles had been badly damaged by an unknown suspect. The case was investigated and detectives conducted a door to door canvas of the neighborhood in search of surveillance video. Police did locate surveillance and also learned that a particular residence on the block had several recent domestic disputes. Police conducted numerous interviews as the damage was in the several thousand dollar range. The case

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was presented to the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office for review and charges were authorized against a 20-year-old Fanwood resident. The suspect was ultimately charged with 3rd degree Criminal Mischief and she will appear in Superior Court for a hearing.

On May 8, 2020 at approximately 11:00 PM, police received a telephone call from a resident of West End Ave reporting a burglary to his garage. The resident reported that he was following the suspect at a distance and he provided police with a clothing description. Police converged on the area and located a male matching the description and detained him. It was then determined that the suspect had not only burglarized a garage but he had threatened to shoot the resident as well. The suspect was arrested and transported to headquarters for further investigation. At Headquarters the suspect provided police with a post Miranda statement admitting to the burglary and making the threats. The Somerset County Prosecutor's Office was contacted and authorized charges of 2nd degree burglary and 2nd degree terroristic threats. The suspect was lodged in the Somerset County Jail.

On May 27, 2020 at approximately 2:45 AM, multiple police and fire personnel responded to a structure fire on Maple Ave. On arrival, a residential home was found fully engulfed in flames and the surrounding homes were also beginning to catch fire. The blaze was extinguished with the assistance of multiple fire crews. Police and detectives sifted through the remains and canvassed the neighborhood for surveillance video. A suspect was quickly located on video and subsequently identified at a nearby residence. Police obtained a search warrant for the suspect's residence and crucial evidence was located. The suspect provided police with a post Miranda statement admitting to setting the fire. The Somerset County Prosecutor's Office authorized charges of 2nd degree Arson and 3rd degree Aggravated Assault. The 26 year old suspect was lodged in the Somerset County Jail 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	91	382
Closed	59	245
Active	11	13
Suspended	21	124
Unfounded	4	29
Forwarded to SCPO	15	67

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A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	7	103
Closed	7	97
Active	0	1
Suspended	0	5
Unfounded	0	1
Forwarded to other Agencies	7	70

Community Outreach

The Community Policing Unit made thirteen (13) calls to the senior citizens enrolled in the Good Morning Program, and sent out nineteen (19) first time false alarm activation notices and ten (10) false alarm notices. Det. Domizi assisted in numerous translations for both patrol & CID. Det. Mote has been assisting CID with various criminal investigations since school has been suspended due to COVID-19. Det. Mote assisted with daily school lunch handouts for any students receiving one. Det. Mote also assisted in the “virtual” graduation ceremony held at the North Plainfield High School.

Narcotics Strike Force

The Task Force Officer has been temporarily pulled from the Prosecutor’s Office and is presently being utilized in the Patrol Division.

Other Matters

Detectives continue to investigate all criminal matters within North Plainfield during the pandemic. Detectives conducted eight licensing and background investigations during the month of May (2- Firearms, 1-Vendor, 5- Applicant). Lt. McKay registered two Megan’s Law annual registrants during the month of May.

Adjudications & Judicial Proceedings

Superior Court cases continue to be suspended during the Month of May due to the health pandemic.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS: During the month of May 2020, the police department did not log any Internal Affairs complaints. We have two cases pending.

Investigation #	Classification	Disposition	Corrective Action
20-08	Rule	Pending	Pending
17-03	Criminal Violation	Pending	Pending

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PATROL DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	15,993	76,914
Miles on unmarked patrol	0	250
Total miles on patrol	15,993	76,914

Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	1	10
Moving Hazardous Violation	25	178
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	19	321
Ordinance Violation	3	10
Parking Violation	20	329
Seatbelt	0	26
Radar	5	66
Refusal Breath Test	0	1
Child Restraints	0	13
Reckless Driving	5	18
Cell Phone	0	18
Careless Driving	12	68
Suspended License	4	60
Written Warnings	28	805
Totals	122	1,953

Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Craig Place	5 Hours
Greenbrook Road	7 Hours
Grove Street	7 Hours
Norwood Avenue	3 Hours
Route 22	11 Hours
Somerset Street	9 Hours
Watchung Avenue	1 Hour
Radar Posts Highlighted	43
Total Radar Posts	49
Total Radar Hours	51 Hours

School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	0 Hours
Somerset School	0 Hours

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Stonybrook School	0 Hours
West End School	0 Hours
High School	0 Hours
College Achieve	0 Hours

Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Duer Street N and S	05/01/20-05/31/20
Leland Avenue	05/01/20-05/31/20
Netherwood Avenue	05/01/20-05/31/20

Miscellaneous Information:

- We responded to 92 rescue squad calls.
- We conducted 262 building or premise checks.
- We conducted 61 interior school checks.
- We investigated 61 general alarms.
- We made 23 motor vehicle stops.
- We conducted 1 walking beat.
- The police department recorded a total of 2,870 incidents.

The difference in patrol statistics is due to the artificially low contact with the public due to the COVID-19 restrictions and stay at home orders. There was very little activity during the month as far as the ability to conduct proactive activities.

Parking Enforcement Report:

Tickets:	Title 39		Meter Related		Total	
	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
Totals	15	554	134	818	49	1,372

Meters		Permits		Total Revenue	
Monthly	YTD	Monthly	YTD	Monthly	YTD
3,082.69	33,455.97	620.00	5,750.00	3,702.69	39,205.97

Monthly Accident Totals

Accidents for the Month: 57

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	0	Driving While Intoxicated	1
Hazardous	21	Non-Hazardous	16
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:

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Rt 22-Reportable	14	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	0
Boro Streets-Reportable	33	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	0
Private Property-Reportable	10	Private Property Non-Reportable	0
Total Reportable Accidents	57	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	0

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	11
Persons Injured	12
Fatal Accidents	0

Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 295

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	1	Driving While Intoxicated	7
Hazardous	101	Non-Hazardous	58
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable

Rt 22-Reportable	92	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	9
Boro Streets-Reportable	153	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	7
Private Property-Reportable	31	Private Property Non-Reportable	3
Total Reportable Accidents	276	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	19

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	55
Persons Injured	73
Fatal Accidents	1

Miscellaneous Information Traffic:

- Traffic escorts parking collections to the bank each week - 3 hrs.
- Sgt. Kardos responded to Green Brook with CART for a serious MVA.
- Met with NJ DOT at overpass for the light cycle complaint.
- Monthly alcotest maintenance was done.

SERVICE DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$210.80	\$1,726.85
Calls for Service/Responses	2,735	11,713
Discovery Requests	2	129
Report Requests	96	1,108

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Pieces of Evidence/Property	44	238
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Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	2
Robbery	1	9
Assault, Agg:	0	0
Assault Simple	23	79
Burglary	2	8
Larceny	22	126
M.V. Theft	1	3
Arson	1	1
Domestic Violence	31	111
Bias Incidents	1	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	2	2
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0
Burglary	1	0	2	0
Larceny/Theft	2	0	14	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	1
Simple Assault	5	0	24	0
Arson	1	0	1	0
Forgery	0	0	0	0
Fraud	0	0	0	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	3	0
Weapons	0	0	0	0
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	1
Violation of Drug Laws	1	1	23	7
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	0	0
Driving Under the Influence	1	0	11	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	8	0
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	2	0	49	1
Total UCR Arrests for Month	14	1	137	12

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Contempt of Court Arrests Other	3	0	85	0
Grand Total Arrests for Month	17	1	222	12

- **1 Juvenile Arrest for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,



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