

Monthly Report

September 2022



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November 10, 2022

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:

- Ofc. Alexis Castillo transitioned to light duty on June 2, 2022 for maternity leave. She has missed sixty-one (61) days of patrol work thus far.
- Sgt. Donald Everett has been out of work since July 27, 2022 for a non-work related surgery. He returned to light duty on September 14, 2022. He has missed thirty-three (33) days of patrol work thus far.

Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- There were no new hires, promotions, or retirements this month.

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A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On September 1, 2022 at 0632 hrs., patrol responded to the area of a business on Somerset Street on a report of a stolen vehicle. The vehicle owner said at 0614 hrs., she parked her vehicle on the west side of Somerset Street, in front of a business near Lincoln Place. The vehicle was left running with keys in the ignition and unlocked as she entered a store on Somerset Street. The victim was in the store for approximately 8 minutes before returning to her vehicle and realizing it was stolen. Her work bag, containing her driver's license and credit card were in the vehicle. The vehicle was entered into NCIC as stolen and a Somerset County alarm was issued.

On September 20, 2022 at 1152 hrs., patrol responded to a bank on Somerset Street for a report of suspicious activity. The branch manager reported someone came to the drive thru window attempting to cash a check. The suspect was described as a white male or female wearing a wig, with a deep voice. The suspect handed the bank teller a NJ driver license and Visa credit card in the name of a female victim from West Caldwell. The suspect also attempted to cash a bank check, with a name of another female victim, in the amount of \$1,980.00. The manager responded to the window and began to verify the documents and while verifying the documents, she observed that the person on the driver's license did not match the suspect and the signature on the check did not match

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the signature in the system. The suspect advised that he or she was in a rush because he or she was currently on lunch. The suspect then pulled away and drove north toward Route 78. The suspect vehicle is a newer white Honda Civic, no registration was observed. The bank manager was notified that one female victim called the West Caldwell branch on September 19, 2022 and reported that her car was broken into and her wallet was stolen.

On September 26, 2022 at 1251 hrs., patrol responded to West 8th Street in Plainfield on a report of a robbery that already occurred in North Plainfield. The victim, a resident of Plainfield, was with a Plainfield Police Officer. The victim reported that at about 1:00 a.m., he was at a bar in North Plainfield. Outside the bar he was assaulted by a group of males. During the fight, someone went into his pants pocket and removed his cell phone. He was able to track the phone to an address on West 8th Street in Plainfield. The victim knocked on the door and attempted to retrieve his phone. Plainfield Police Officers arrived and were able to locate a suspect inside the apartment. The suspect advised the officer that he was at that bar. He and a group of friends came outside and the victim started to look for a fight. A fight ensued between all parties involved. The suspect denied any knowledge of the phone.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:

A comparison of Adult incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	75	706
Closed	27	364
Active	10	29
Suspended	38	312
Unfounded	9	62
Forwarded to SCPO	1	29

A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	13	138
Closed	11	141
Active	2	3
Suspended	0	13
Unfounded	0	11
Forwarded to other Agencies	5	37

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Community Outreach

The Community Policing Unit made fifteen (15) first time alarm notifications and seventeen (17) general alarm notifications. Sgt. Domizi assisted in numerous translations for both patrol & CID. Lt. Ciempola, Sgt. Domizi, and Det. DeJesus attended “Active Threats on Campuses Instructor Training” provided by the Department of Homeland Security.

Narcotics Strike Force

The Task Force Officer made undercover buys in Manville and Bound Brook. He attended undercover “Narcotics Investigation Training”. The Task Force Officer participated in the execution of a search warrant in Manville, resulting in three (3) arrests and seizure of cocaine and crack cocaine.

Other Matters

CID tracked fifteen (15) Handle with Care notifications made to the school district. CID conducted fourteen (14) licensing investigations in September (11-Firearms, 1-Limousine, 2-Food Truck Vendor background checks). Lt. Ciempola conducted three (3) sex offender registrations.

Adjudications & Judicial Proceedings

Detectives made several appearances in Grand Jury.

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS: During the month of September, there were no internal affairs complaints filed.

PATROL DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	16,092	136,221
Miles on unmarked patrol	0	1,347
Total miles on patrol	16,092	152,622

Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	5	34
Moving Hazardous Violation	72	618
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	142	1,693

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Ordinance Violation	5	130
Parking Violation	140	1,266
Seatbelt	3	143
Radar	28	294
Refusal Breath Test	1	9
Child Restraints	6	39
Reckless Driving	8	43
Cell Phone	3	379
Careless Driving	22	220
Suspended License	10	185
Written Warnings	329	3,533
Totals	774	8,586

Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Brook Avenue	1 Hour
Clinton Avenue	39 Hours
Columbia Avenue	1 Hour
Grove Street	9 Hours
Leland Avenue	9 Hours
Mountain Avenue	8 Hours
Myrtle Avenue	2 Hours
Norwood Avenue	16 Hours
Oneida Avenue	1 Hour
Rock Avenue	1 Hour
Rt 22 E/Jefferson	4 Hours
Rt 22E/Somerset	4 Hours
Rt 22E/Watchung	8 Hours
Rt 22E/Westervelt	2 Hours
Rt 22E/Wilson	4 Hours
Rt 22 W/Grove	1 Hour
Rt 22 W/North	6 Hours
Somerset Street	18 Hours
Warfield Road	1 Hour
Washington Avenue	5 Hours
Watchung Avenue	2 Hours
West End Avenue	2 Hours
Westervelt Avenue	1 Hour
Total Radar Posts	192
Total Radar Hours	147 Hours
Total Radar Enforcement	135

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Radar Speed Recorder:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Oneida Avenue	09/01/22-09/13/22
Westervelt Avenue	09/01/22-09/13/22
Leland Avenue	09/02/22-09/30/22
Fairview Avenue	09/16/22-09/27/22
Jackson Avenue	09/16/22-09/27/22
Parkview Avenue	09/28/22-09/30/22

School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	14 Hours
High School	3 Hours
Somerset School	3 Hours
Stonybrook School	10 Hours
West End School	21 Hours
TOTAL	51 Hours

Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Jackson Avenue	09/01/22-09/12/22
Maple Avenue	09/01/22-09/12/22
Norwood Avenue	09/01/22-09/12/22
Sycamore Avenue	09/01/22-09/12/22
Columbia Avenue	09/12/22-09/30/22
Manning Avenue	09/12/22-09/30/22
Myrtle Avenue	09/12/22-09/30/22
Sandford Avenue	09/12/22-09/30/22
Clinton Avenue	09/29/22-09/30/22
Westervelt Avenue	09/29/22-09/30/22
Willow Avenue	09/29/22-09/30/22

Miscellaneous Information:

- We responded to 88 rescue squad calls.
- We conducted 154 building or premise checks.
- We investigated 49 general alarms.
- We made 502 motor vehicle stops.
- We conducted 104 walking beats.
- We conducted 57 school checks.
- We conducted 91 park checks.
- The police department recorded a total of 3,745 incidents.

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- 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	331	2,004	341	1,865	672	3,869

Meters		Permits		Total Revenue	
Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD
10,875.64	92,490.45	850.00	15,470.00	11,725.64	107,960.45

Monthly Accident Totals

Accidents for the Month: 72

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	0	Driving While Intoxicated	2
Hazardous	33	Non-Hazardous	19
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:

Rt 22-Reportable	23	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	0
Boro Streets-Reportable	40	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	0
Private Property-Reportable	6	Private Property Non-Reportable	3
Total Reportable Accidents	69	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	3

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	13
Persons Injured	13
Fatal Accidents	0

Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 672

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	4	Driving While Intoxicated	14
Hazardous	245	Non-Hazardous	119
Alcohol Related	1		

Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable

Rt 22-Reportable	215	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	3
Boro Streets-Reportable	344	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	3
Private Property-Reportable	99	Private Property Non-Reportable	8
Total Reportable Accidents	658	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	14

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Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	121
Persons Injured	165
Fatal Accidents	0

Miscellaneous Information Traffic:

- Traffic conducted collections & escorted parking to the bank - 8 hrs.
- Traffic conducted monthly alcotest maintenance.
- On September 26, 2022, Traffic Safety conducted a mobile inspection detail with MVC MIT. A total of 33 vehicles came through the checkpoint. There were 15 vehicles that passed, 14 that failed, and there were 4 new vehicles. A total of 33 summonses and 6 warnings were issued during the detail.
- Sgt. Kardos and Parking Enforcement conducted meter repairs.
- Sgt. Kardos assisted a resident with a child seat.
- Sgt. Kardos investigated two (2) hit and run accidents.

SERVICE DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$139.00	\$3,705.05
Calls for Service/Responses	3,745	32,875
Discovery Requests	33	398
Report Requests	5	777
Pieces of Evidence/Property	32	324

Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	0	1
Rape	0	6
Robbery	2	11
Assault, Agg:	1	10
Assault Simple	10	135
Burglary	2	21
Larceny	20	193
M.V. Theft	3	20
Arson	0	1
Domestic Violence	15	209
Bias Incidents	0	2

Monthly Arrest Analysis

	Month		YTD	
	Adult	Juv	Adult	Juv
Murder	0	0	3	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	1	0

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Robbery	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	1	7	1
Burglary	0	0	2	0
Larceny/Theft	1	0	9	4
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	1	0	36	1
Arson	0	0	0	0
Forgery	0	0	0	0
Fraud	0	0	2	0
Embezzlement	0	0	1	0
Stolen Property	0	0	4	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	2	0
Weapons	0	0	4	1
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0
Violation of Drug Laws	1	0	7	0
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	1	0	1	0
Driving Under the Influence	4	0	31	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	7	0
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	0	0	25	1
Total UCR Arrests for Month	9	1	142	8
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	4	0	76	2
Grand Total Arrests for Month	13	1	218	10

- **1 Juvenile Arrest for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,

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