

Monthly Report

April 2021



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ADMINISTRATION:

Staffing:

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

- 6 Patrol Officers

Injured Officers/Officers on Leave:

- A SLEO III was diagnosed with Covid-19 on April 23, 2021.
- A civilian employee was diagnosed with Covid-19 on March 9, 2021 and returned to work on April 6, 2021. She missed a total of 20 days of work.

Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- Effective April 1, 2021, SLEO III Hubert Henderson started employment with NPPD as a Class III Officer.
- Effective April 1, 2021, Patrolman Branco was promoted to Sergeant.
- Effective April 1, 2021, Detective Domizi was promoted to Sergeant.
- Effective April 5, 2021, Sergeant Mazza was assigned to Training Sergeant.
- Effective April 16, 2021, Sergeant Speck was assigned to Patrol.
- Effective April 19, 2021, Officer Kropewnicki was assigned to Traffic Safety.

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A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On April 4, 2021 at 0821 hrs., a police officer was flagged down on Washington Avenue by a borough resident who reported through translation that someone had just been robbed on Somerset Street and the victim was at a business on Somerset Street. Patrol responded to that location and met with the victim. The victim stated that while he was walking east on Craig Place approaching Somerset Street, a black BMW occupied by four black males pulled up to him and the driver exited the car wearing a ski mask and threw him to the ground. The suspect attempted to take items from his pocket but was unsuccessful. Bystanders started to gather in the area and the suspect got back in the car and fled east on Pearl Street. Just prior to this, Plainfield had a robbery involving a vehicle with the same description. A short time after this robbery attempt, Plainfield had another robbery at Madison Avenue and West Front Street.

On April 11, 2021 at 0233 hrs., a police officer was flagged down by a citizen who reported hearing multiple gunshots in the area of Gavin Place and Steiner Place. This

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was also reported by an employee of a business in the same area. When patrol canvassed the area, eleven shell casings were located at the intersection of Steiner Place and Gavin Place. There was also damage to a vehicle which appeared to be from one of the shots. CID responded and processed the scene and the evidence. No one was injured as a result of the shooting. Several vehicles seen leaving the scene were described but it is unknown if they were involved. The detective assigned to the case received an anonymous tip telling him where the shooter lived, but not the identity of the shooter. The detective spent days checking with businesses and residences in the center of town and around the area of the shooting to obtain any video surveillance that might exist in order to piece together what happened and identify a suspect. After reviewing the video that was obtained, a suspect was developed and later identified by a photo array. The matter was screened by the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office. The suspect who is still at large, was charged with five counts of attempted murder and various weapons charges. He is currently entered in the NCIC system as a wanted person.

On April 15, 2021 at 0623 hrs., patrol responded to a gas Station on Route 22 on the report of a burglary. A station employee stated that he left work on April 14, 2021 at 2200 hrs. When he returned at 0615 hrs. on April 15, 2021, he noticed that the station kiosk was disheveled and there was damage to the cash register. Patrol was able to view the surveillance video. In the video, a male wearing a gray hooded sweat shirt, gloves, and a mask walked past the kiosk and entered the bathroom. The bathroom is connected to the kiosk. The suspect was able to gain entry into the kiosk. The suspect then gained entry to the safe with a pry bar owned by the station. The suspect took approximately \$15,000 in cash and some other items. The suspect was driving a black vehicle and on the video another person was in the vehicle seated behind the driver. This matter is still under investigation.

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	356
Closed	35	197
Active	5	27
Suspended	28	130
Unfounded	4	26
Forwarded to SCPO	4	19

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A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	11	42
Closed	11	42
Active	0	0
Suspended	0	0
Unfounded	0	0
Forwarded to other Agencies	5	28

Community Outreach

The Community Policing Unit made twenty-two (22) calls to the senior citizens enrolled in the Good Morning Program, and sent out sixteen (16) first time false alarm activation notices and five (5) false alarm notices. Det. Domizi assisted in numerous translations for both patrol & CID. Det. Roberto DeJesus has also been assigned cases in addition to his school duties, including an unlawful weapons possession charge against a middle school student and assisting with firearms background checks.

Narcotics Strike Force

The Task Force Officer reported that in April multiple investigations were conducted in Franklin Township. Undercover narcotics activity was also conducted in North Plainfield, Somerville, Franklin, and Bernardsville. The Task Force Officer also attended building clearing training.

Other Matters

Detectives continue to investigate all criminal matters within North Plainfield during the pandemic. Detectives conducted four licensing and nine background investigations during the month of April (4-Food Vendors, 3-Firearms, 5-Police applicant, 1-Civilian applicant). CID also tracked 14 Handle with Care notifications made to the school district. Lt. Ciempola conducted one Megan's Law re-registrations.

Adjudications & Judicial Proceedings

Superior Court was open, however, none of our cases have come up on the calendar yet.

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS: During the month of April 2021, the police department investigated the following Internal Affairs complaints.

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Investigation #	Classification	Disposition	Corrective Action
21-0002	Rule	Sustained	Pending
21-0003	Rule	Pending	Pending

PATROL DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	15,034	60,097
Miles on unmarked patrol	0	0
Total miles on patrol	15,034	60,097

Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	5	15
Moving Hazardous Violation	40	172
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	129	433
Ordinance Violation	4	29
Parking Violation	276	825
Seatbelt	5	12
Radar	39	152
Refusal Breath Test	1	2
Child Restraints	5	9
Reckless Driving	5	14
Cell Phone	60	111
Careless Driving	25	75
Suspended License	22	85
Written Warnings	251	1,082
Totals	867	3,016

Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Clinton Avenue	25 Hours
Duer Street	1 Hour
Farragut Road	7 Hours
Greenbrook Road	6 Hours
Grove Street	20 Hours
Leland Avenue	7 Hours
Mountain Avenue	1 Hour
Myrtle Avenue	16 Hours
Norwood Avenue	36 Hours
Rock Avenue	4 Hours
Rockview Avenue	2 Hours

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Route 22 East	26 Hours
Route 22 West	10 Hours
Somerset Street	13 Hours
Sycamore Avenue	4 Hours
Warfield Road	10 Hours
Washington Avenue	4 Hours
Watchung Avenue	4 Hours
West End Avenue	12 Hours
Westervelt Avenue	3 Hours
Wilson Avenue	1 Hour
Total Radar Posts	212
Total Radar Hours	225 Hours
Radar Summonses Issued	39
Radar Warnings Issued	80
Total Radar Enforcement	119

Radar Speed Recorder:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Columbia Avenue	04/01/21-04/09/21
Rockview Avenue	04/02/21-04/12/21
Willow Avenue Ext.	04/13/21-04/21/21
Harrison Avenue	04/14/21-04/22/21
Myrtle Avenue	04/22/21-04/30/21
Rockview Terrace	04/23/21-04/30/21

School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	5 Hours
High School	0 Hours
Somerset School	2 Hours
Stonybrook School	5.5 Hours
West End School	6 Hours
TOTAL	18.5 Hours

Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Myrtle Avenue	04/01/21-04/02/21
Prospect Place	04/01/21-04/08/21
Rockview Terrace	04/01/21-04/08/21
Warfield Road	04/01/21-04/08/21
Farragut Road	04/02/21-04/08/21

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Hazardous	28	Non-Hazardous	24
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:

Rt 22-Reportable	14	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	0
Boro Streets-Reportable	38	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	0
Private Property-Reportable	8	Private Property Non-Reportable	0
Total Reportable Accidents	60	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	0

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	10
Persons Injured	11
Fatal Accidents	0

Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 253

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	1	Driving While Intoxicated	9
Hazardous	91	Non-Hazardous	77
Alcohol Related	1		

Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable

Rt 22-Reportable	80	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	2
Boro Streets-Reportable	132	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	1
Private Property-Reportable	38	Private Property Non-Reportable	0
Total Reportable Accidents	250	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	3

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	47
Persons Injured	56
Fatal Accidents	0

Miscellaneous Information Traffic:

- Traffic conducted collections & escorted parking to the bank - 12 hrs.
- Traffic and Parking covered 67 crossing posts.
- Traffic conducted monthly alcotest maintenance.
- Traffic processed 3 abandoned vehicle notices.
- Traffic conducted a taxi inspection with Xpresito Taxi on April 30th.

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SERVICE DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$491.75	\$2,021.85
Calls for Service/Responses	3,769	14,076
Discovery Requests	46	116
Report Requests	124	575
Pieces of Evidence/Property	40	142

Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	5	9
Assault, Agg:	5	9
Assault Simple	11	56
Burglary	3	4
Larceny	8	68
M.V. Theft	0	12
Arson	0	0
Domestic Violence	25	74
Bias Incidents	0	2

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	0	0	2	0
Burglary	0	0	1	0
Larceny/Theft	0	0	3	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	1	0
Simple Assault	5	0	15	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
Criminal Mischief	1	0	3	0
Weapons	0	1	0	2
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0
Violation of Drug Laws	1	0	9	0
Gambling	0	0	0	0

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Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	1	0
Driving Under the Influence	5	0	15	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	1	0
Vagrancy	1	0	1	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	5	0	10	0
Total UCR Arrests for Month	19	1	63	3
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	4	0	15	0
Grand Total Arrests for Month	23	1	78	3

- **1 Juvenile Arrest for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,

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