

# Monthly Report

## August 2018



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## ADMINISTRATION:

### Staffing:

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

- 1 police officer
- 1 Lieutenant's position
- 1 administrative assistant (Records), has been reduced to a 29 hour part-time position.

### Injured Officers:

- Officer Jean-Baptiste was placed on administrative leave March 6, 2017, due to a complaint requiring an investigation. As of August 31, he was out of work for 294 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 August 31, he has been out of work for 64 days.

### Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- There were no promotions, hires or retirements during August of 2018.

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### A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On August 19, 2018 at approximately 2:00 AM patrol officers responded to the area of Grove Street to investigate a possible assault. Moments later officers were sent to another nearby address on Grove Street on the report of a man bleeding. Officers located a 24 year old man who was later identified as Nelson Garcia-Lopez bleeding heavily from multiple stab wounds. Officers summoned EMS to treat the victim who later died from his wounds while being transported to the hospital. It was later determined the victim suffered multiple stab wounds throughout his body. Detectives responded to the scene along with personnel from the Somerset County Prosecutors Office Major Crimes Unit to investigate. The investigation was extremely intensive and involved law enforcement from multiple agencies essentially working around the clock in an effort to identify each of the suspects involved in the attack. Detectives went door to door collecting any available video surveillance from the night of the attack. Detectives watched hours of video in an attempt to uncover all the involved subjects. Detectives applied for multiple search warrants for residences, vehicles, clothing and cellular telephones in an effort to recover critical evidence. The efforts paid off as suspects began to be identified and

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located one by one and interviewed. Detectives recovered critical evidence which proved crucial to the investigation. This investigation is presently open and ongoing as detectives are still attempting to locate the last of the suspects. The non-stop efforts of police paid off as six of at least seven suspects have been identified, located and charged with charges from 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder to riot and weapons offenses. Detectives are still working to uncover a motive for the savage attack.

On August 7, 2018 at approximately 4:00 AM police responded to an address on Grove Street on the report of a motor vehicle burglary. Detectives followed up on the investigation and were able to recover surveillance video which showed a suspect traveling on a bike attempting to enter several locked vehicles. The suspect utilized a small flashlight to check the interior of the vehicles to determine the contents. This MO matched that of known burglar, Bookertee Harris of Plainfield NJ. Detectives obtained still images of the suspect and confirmed that it was in fact Harris. The Somerset County Prosecutors Office was contacted and charges of 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burglary were authorized for Harris. Harris is presently at large; however police are following leads in an attempt to apprehend this serial burglar.

On August 27, 2018 at approximately 1:00 PM police responded to a 911 call from a female on Greenbrook Road reporting that she had just been sexually assaulted by a Hispanic male. Officers quickly responded and located the suspect in the area and detained him. Police conducted an on the scene show-up and the suspect was positively identified by the victim. Detectives took a formal taped statement from the victim who reported the unknown male attacked her for no apparent reason and then lingered in the area. The suspect, Lauren-Mauricio Zapata-Montoya of North Plainfield was charged with Criminal sexual contact 4<sup>th</sup> degree and was lodged in the Somerset County jail on a complaint warrant. Detectives learned this suspect had done this identical crime in other jurisdictions.

**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	105	602
Closed	40	340
Active	24	45
Suspended	41	217
Unfounded	10	22
Forwarded to SCPO	8	64

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## A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	8	128
Closed	7	120
Active	1	6
Suspended	0	2
Unfounded	0	0
Forwarded to other Agencies	4	86

### Community Outreach

The Community Policing unit made thirty (30) calls to the senior citizens enrolled in the Good Morning program, and sent out nineteen (19) first time false alarm activation notices. The unit also issued three (3) false alarm warnings. Det. Domizi and Det. Fowler are always present at the STEP program which is held bi-weekly during the summer. August 7, 2018 we hosted our 14<sup>th</sup> annual National Night Out from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The event was attended by numerous members of the department and our community. The success of the event would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of Det. Domizi. Det. Domizi spends countless hours obtaining food, drinks and donations from area business which make this event possible.

### Narcotics Strike Force

During the month of August the task force officer conducted Controlled buys of suspected narcotics in Bound Brook, Bridgewater and North Plainfield. Narcotics were purchased from various sellers in ongoing investigations. Detectives conducted approximately 8-10 hours of surveillance in North Plainfield on Duer Street and Sycamore Ave. Detectives also focused their attention on a drug called “Molly” and made undercover purchases of this drug in Franklin, Avenel and Bernardsville. The task force officer has been working on an ongoing investigation which culminated in the execution of search warrants in Somerville and Bound Brook in which cocaine, marijuana, methamphetamine and a handgun were recovered.

### Other Matters

The detective bureau has taken several steps to combat vehicle burglaries / thefts and has deployed surveillance systems. The systems have been deployed in certain “trouble spots” in North Plainfield and are also used to gather intelligence.

Detectives investigated a total of three (3) separate licensing / background investigations during the month of August. The license investigations were for the following: Raffle and taxi owner / driver license applications.

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Lt. McKay completed the annual Megan's law registration on two Tier 1 offenders in North Plainfield during the month of August.

Det. Everett continues working on the department radio system which involves various repairs as well as a new radio code-plug template to assist with the software updates and the unified call list.

### Adjudications & Judicial Proceedings

Detective Mazza made three separate appearances in Grand Jury during the month of August. Detective Everett appeared twice in Grand Jury as did Sgt. Vonspreckelsen. The Grand Jury returned indictments on all of these cases. The charges in these indictments range from aggravated assault and auto theft to identity theft.

Sarasha Fisher was sentenced to five years in state prison by the Honorable Judge Picheca for weapons, robbery and CDS offenses stemming from an April 2018 arrest in North Plainfield. Roberto Chavez-Mancheno was sentenced to 180 days in jail for various motor vehicle offenses which include driving while revoked after being convicted of DUI. Jordan Smith was sentenced to one year of supervised probation for his involvement in a drug arrest from January 2018. Bookertee Harris was sentenced to 90 days in jail for his involvement in yet another car burglary in July 2017. Harris burglarized multiple vehicles in North Plainfield and then led officers on a brief foot pursuit but was soon apprehended.

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**INTERNAL AFFAIRS:** During the month of August, the police department logged 1 Internal Affairs complaint. Lt. Ciempola investigated the complaint. We have two complaints pending, one from 2017 and the other is from 2018.

<b>Investigation #</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Disposition</b>	<b>Corrective Action</b>
18-08	Rules Violation	Pending	Pending
18-09	Demeanor	Pending	Pending
<b>17-03</b>	<b>Criminal Act</b>	<b>Pending</b>	<b>Pending</b>

#### PATROL DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	15,757	121,320
Miles on unmarked patrol	947	7,046
Total miles on patrol	16,704	128,366

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### Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	3	22
Moving Hazardous Violation	42	357
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	72	815
Ordinance Violation	5	100
Parking Violation	129	1,190
Seatbelt	21	124
Radar	13	103
Refusal Breath Test	1	11
Child Restraints	1	30
Reckless Driving	3	13
Cell Phone	8	69
Careless Driving	13	143
Suspended License	31	231
Written Warnings	336	2,891
Totals	678	6,099

### Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Brook Avenue	3 Hours
Clinton Avenue	18 Hours
Farragut Road	1 Hour
Geraud Avenue	1 Hour
Greenbrook Road	10 Hours
Grove Street	20 Hours
Leland Avenue	19 Hours
Mountain Avenue	9 Hours
Myrtle Avenue	13 Hours
Norwood Avenue	12 Hours
Rock Ave	2 Hours
Rockview Ave.	2 Hours
Route 22	26 Hours
Somerset Street	25 Hours
Warfield Road	10 Hours
Washington Avenue	4 Hours
Watchung Avenue	9 Hours
West End Avenue	13 Hours
Westervelt Avenue	2 Hour
Wilson Avenue	1 Hour
Radar Posts Highlighted	187 Hours
Total Radar Posts	187
Total Radar Hours	206
Total Radar issued	13

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## School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	School Closed
Somerset School	School Closed
Stonybrook School	School Closed
West End School	School Closed
High School	School Closed
Charter School	5 Hours

## Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Clinton Ave.	08/01/18-08/31/18
Lawrence Ave.	08/01/18-08/31/18
Oneida Ave.	08/01/18-08/31/18
Jackson Ave.	08/01/18-08/31/18

## Miscellaneous Information:

- Unmarked patrol was conducted in the borough for a total of 227 hours covering a total of 947 miles.
- We responded to 98 Rescue squad calls.
- We conducted 62 building or premise checks.
- We conducted 99 walking beats.
- We investigated 53 General alarms.
- We made 385 Motor Vehicle Stops.
- The police department recorded a total of 2,439 incidents.

## Parking Enforcement Report:

Tickets:	Title 39		Meter Related		Total	
	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
Totals	183	1,659	233	2,099	416	3,668

Meters		Permits		Total Revenue	
Monthly	YTD	Monthly	YTD	Monthly	YTD
13,852.69	85,165.89	1,490.00	10,780.00	15,342.69	96,005.89

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## Monthly Accident Totals

**Accidents for the Month: 58**

### Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	0	Driving While Intoxicated	0
Hazardous	12	Non Hazardous	6
Alcohol Related	0		

### Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:

Rt 22-Reportable	24	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	2
Boro Streets- Reportable	23	Boro St Non-Reportable	1
Private Property-Reportable	7	Private Prop Non-Reportable	1
Total Reportable Accidents	54	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	4

### Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	11
Persons Injured	18
Fatal Accidents	0

**Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 557**

### Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	0	Driving While Intoxicated	6
Hazardous	148	Non Hazardous	74
Alcohol	0		

### Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable

Rt 22-Reportable	191	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	29
Boro Streets- Reportable	228	Boro St Non-Reportable	21
Private Property-Reportable	66	Private Prop Non-Reportable	22
Total Reportable Accidents	485	Total Non-Reportable	72

### Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	80
Persons Injured	118
Fatal Accidents	1

### Miscellaneous Information Traffic:

- Traffic covered 14 hours as court Officer.
- Traffic conducted follow up on two abandoned vehicles in tow yards.
- August 30 Traffic conducted yearly crossing guard training.



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- Sgt. Kardos spoke to resident about parking on lawn after complaint @352 Crosson Pl.
- Sgt. Kardos responded on a C.A.R.T callout in Franklin Township.

### Service Division

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$297.70	\$3,787.37
Calls for Service/Responses	2,439	18,969
Discovery Requests	10	124
Report Requests	127	1,998
Pieces of Evidence/ Property	43	393

Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	1	1
Rape	0	4
Robbery	2	9
Assault, Agg:	0	5
Assault Simple	13	95
Burglary	11	37
Larceny	40	195
M.V. Theft	2	9
Arson	0	0
Domestic Violence	21	177
Bias Incidents	0	0

### Monthly Arrest Analysis

	Month		YTD	
	Adult	Juv	Adult	Juv
Murder	1	0	1	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	2	0
Robbery	0	0	1	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	7	0
Burglary	1	0	5	1
Larceny/Theft	2	0	17	5
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	4	0	33	2
Arson	0	0	0	0
Forgery	0	0	3	0
Fraud	0	0	5	0
Embezzlement	1	0	1	0
Stolen Property	0	0	2	0
Criminal Mischief	1	0	4	0
Weapons	0	0	3	1
Prostitution	0	0	0	0

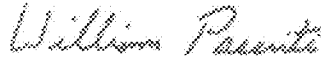
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Sex Offenses	1	0	2	0
Violation of Drug Laws	4	0	75	0
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	0	0
Driving Under the Influence	3	0	22	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	11	3
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	9	2	80	2
<b>Total UCR Arrests for Month</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>14</b>
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	<b>51</b>	0	<b>312</b>	0
<b>Grand Total Arrests for Month</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>14</b>

Month                      YTD

- **2 Juvenile Arrests for the Month**
- **1 Adult Homicide Arrest for Month**

Respectfully submitted,



William G. Parenti  
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