

Monthly Report

June 2020



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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 June 30, 2020, he was out of work for 606 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 June 30, 2020, he has been out of patrol type work for 166 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 was out of patrol type work for a total of 84 days as of June 27, 2020. He was cleared for full duty and is back on patrol effective June 28, 2020.

Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- Captain Russell Flynn retired from the police department effective June 1, 2020.
- Detective Lieutenant Alan McKay was sworn in as probationary Captain on June 1, 2020.

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A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On June 3, 2020 at approximately 18:35 hrs, two females entered a store on Somerset Street within a few minutes of each other and were seen on the surveillance cameras concealing items underneath their clothing. Both females were wearing face covers. Both exited the store and entered a beige colored four door vehicle and left. The first female was later identified. The suspect has been in that store frequently and is known to shoplift. The case was investigated and during a review of the surveillance footage both females were observed by the detective concealing items beneath their clothing and leaving without paying for them. One of the two females stopped at the counter to

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purchase cigarettes and candy and briefly removed her face covering. A store employee was able to get a partial plate and the detective was able to identify the driver of the vehicle through the surveillance video from the store plaza. A photo of the suspect was obtained and the store employee identified the suspect. The detective filed complaints against the suspect for shoplifting.

On June 6, 2020 at approximately 17:07 hrs, police responded to Somerset Street and Lincoln Place on the report a lost wallet which included the complainant's credit cards. The complainant said that he lost those items on June 5, 2020 in the area of Watchung Avenue. He also reported that someone was already attempting to use his credit cards and both transactions were declined. The suspect was successful in using the victim's bank card at a restaurant in Plainfield and later used it at a store on Somerset Street. Another attempt was made to use the credit cards at a store in Plainfield. The detective was able to obtain surveillance video from a store on Somerset Street and could see that the suspect was a black male in his fifties wearing a cowboy hat, a black t-shirt with the words SAMSUNG written on the front in white lettering, and black pants. The detective reviewed video from the restaurant in Plainfield and the store in Plainfield. The detective created an APBnet with pictures of the suspect and the Plainfield Police Division was able to identify the suspect. The case has been sent to SCPO for screening.

On June 9, 2020 at approximately 1200 hrs, a denied applicant for a firearms application was brought to the attention of a detective when his references recanted their support for him because he was posting threats to police officers on his Facebook page. The detective reviewed the Facebook posts which were entitled "violence towards the police." The suspect posted on his Facebook page quotes condoning violence towards police officers and the murder of police officers and wishing death upon the police. He also posted pictures of the White House and Pentagon telling that people are burning down the wrong buildings. Other posts were anti-Semitic and telling Jewish people and pedophiles to kill themselves. The detective developed an APB and sent it out statewide and also forwarded the APB and an intelligence report to the Counter-Terrorism watch at the NJSP Regional Operations Intel Center. A bias incident report was made and the reports were also forwarded to the SCPO.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:

A comparison of Adult incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	82	464
Closed	51	302
Active	4	6
Suspended	24	156
Unfounded	0	29
Forwarded to SCPO	7	72

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A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	11	114
Closed	11	108
Active	0	0
Suspended	0	5
Unfounded	0	1
Forwarded to other Agencies	6	75

Community Outreach

The Community Policing Unit made seventeen (17) calls to the senior citizens enrolled in the Good Morning Program, and sent out twenty (20) first time false alarm activation notices and fifteen (15) false alarm notices. Det. Domizi assisted in numerous translations for both patrol & CID. Det. Mote continued to assist CID with various criminal investigations since school has been suspended due to COVID-19. Det. Mote also continued to assist with daily school lunch handouts for any students receiving one. He also did a business renewal background check and a return of service on a DUI for the Patrol Division.

Narcotics Strike Force

The Task Force Officer was being utilized in the NPPD Patrol Division during the pandemic to assist with shortages. The Officer was scheduled to return to the task force effective July 1, 2020. He also attended an in-service training prior to returning to the task force.

Other Matters

Detectives continue to investigate all criminal matters within North Plainfield during the pandemic. Detectives conducted eleven licensing and background investigations during the month of June (4- Firearms, 7-Vendor). Capt. McKay conducted two new Megan's Law registrations. Detectives also assisted with the BLM demonstration on June 6, 2020.

Adjudications & Judicial Proceedings

Superior Court began virtual first appearances in June due to the health pandemic. No trials were conducted but they are expected to be scheduled soon.

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS: During the month of Jun 2020, the police department logged the following Internal Affairs complaints.

Investigation #	Classification	Disposition	Corrective Action
20-16	Rule	Sustained	Sanction R&R
20-15	Demeanor	Pending	Pending
20-14	Rule	Pending	Pending
20-13	Demeanor	Pending	Pending
20-12	Rule	Pending	Pending
20-11	Rule	Pending	Pending
20-08	Rule	Pending	Pending
17-03	Criminal Violation	Pending	Pending

PATROL DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	15,410	92,324
Miles on unmarked patrol	0	250
Total miles on patrol	15,410	92,324

Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	2	12
Moving Hazardous Violation	18	196
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	38	359
Ordinance Violation	1	11
Parking Violation	33	362
Seatbelt	3	29
Radar	1	67
Refusal Breath Test	0	1
Child Restraints	0	13
Reckless Driving	3	21
Cell Phone	1	19
Careless Driving	11	79
Suspended License	10	100
Written Warnings	80	885
Totals	201	2,154

Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Belmont Avenue	1 Hour
Clinton Avenue	5 Hours

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Craig Place	2 Hours
Farragut Road	1 Hour
Geraud Avenue	1 Hour
Greenbrook Road	4 Hours
Grove Street	6 Hours
Myrtle Avenue	1 Hour
Norwood Avenue	1 Hour
Route 22	17 Hours
Sandford Avenue	18 Hours
Somerset Street	17 Hours
Warfield Road	1 Hour
Washington Avenue	1 Hour
West End Avenue	1 Hour
Radar Posts Highlighted	77
Total Radar Posts	96
Total Radar Hours	95 Hours

School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	0 Hours
Somerset School	0 Hours
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 & S	06/01/20-06/17/20
Leland Avenue	06/01/20-06/17/20
Netherwood Avenue	06/01/20-06/17/20
Brook Avenue	06/17/20-06/30/20
Myrtle Avenue E & W	06/17/20-06/30/20
Sandford Avenue N & S	06/17/20-06/30/20

Miscellaneous Information:

- We responded to 92 rescue squad calls.
- We conducted 192 building or premise checks.
- We conducted 0 interior school checks.
- We investigated 49 general alarms.
- We made 62 motor vehicle stops.
- We conducted 3 walking beats.

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- The police department recorded a total of 2,868 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	307	861	145	963	452	1,824

Meters		Permits		Total Revenue	
Monthly / YTD		Monthly / YTD		Monthly / YTD	
7,082.82	40,538.79	200.00	5,950.00	7,282.82	46,488.79

Monthly Accident Totals

Accidents for the Month: 65

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	1	Driving While Intoxicated	2
Hazardous	21	Non-Hazardous	19
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:

Rt 22-Reportable	18	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	0
Boro Streets-Reportable	37	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	0
Private Property-Reportable	10	Private Property Non-Reportable	0
Total Reportable Accidents	65	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	0

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	14
Persons Injured	19
Fatal Accidents	0

Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 360

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	2	Driving While Intoxicated	9
Hazardous	122	Non-Hazardous	77
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable

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Rt 22-Reportable	110	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	9
Boro Streets-Reportable	190	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	7
Private Property-Reportable	41	Private Property Non-Reportable	3
Total Reportable Accidents	341	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	19

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	69
Persons Injured	92
Fatal Accidents	1

Miscellaneous Information Traffic:

- Traffic escorts parking collections to the bank each week - 3 hrs.
- Monthly alcotest maintenance was done.
- Assisted business owner at 61 Brook Avenue with a parking problem at Brook/Pearl. No parking to corner sign installed.
- Sgt. Kardos assisted a resident with child seat installation.
- Complaints were received from a resident about parking violations on Jennings Lane. A complaint was also received from a resident on North Drive and Dorian Road for parking violations. DPW installed proper signs and enforcement began with warnings and has transitioned to summonses.
- Selective enforcement: Improper turns – 2 hours at West End Avenue off ramp, Cell Phone – 1 hour at Watchung/Jennings, Parking Violations – North/Dorian and Jennings Lane.

SERVICE DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$452.15	\$2,179.00
Calls for Service/Responses	2,868	14,581
Discovery Requests	15	144
Report Requests	204	1,312
Pieces of Evidence/Property	38	276

Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	2
Robbery	0	9
Assault, Agg:	0	0
Assault Simple	17	96
Burglary	1	9
Larceny	27	153
M.V. Theft	0	3
Arson	0	1
Domestic Violence	30	141

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Bias Incidents	7	9
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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	2	2
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0
Burglary	1	0	2	0
Larceny/Theft	3	0	17	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	1
Simple Assault	7	0	31	0
Arson	0	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	0	0	23	7
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	0	0
Driving Under the Influence	2	0	13	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	9	0
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	1	0	50	1
Total UCR Arrests for Month	15	0	152	12
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	2	0	89	0
Grand Total Arrests for Month	17	0	241	12

- **0 Juvenile Arrests for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,

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