

# Monthly Report

## March 2019



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April 30, 2019

## ADMINISTRATION:

### Staffing:

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

- 1 Patrol Officer
- 1 Lieutenant's position

### Injured Officers:

- Officer Jean-Baptiste was placed on administrative leave March 6, 2017, due to a complaint requiring an investigation. As of March 31, 2019, he was out of work for 429 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 March 31, 2019, he has been out of work for 195 days.
- Officer Robert Kropewnicki has been out on personal sick time for an off-duty injury on November 17, 2018. As of March 31, 2019, he has been out of work for 72 days.
- Sergeant Chris Bond went out on personal sick time for an off-duty injury on February 3, 2019. As of March 31, 2019, he has been out of work for 30 days.

### Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- Luis Martinez and Alexis Castillo were hired as Probationary Police Officers on March 15, 2019.
- Patrolman James Garafalo was promoted to Patrol Sergeant on March 15, 2019

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### A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On March 2, 2019 at approximately 12:30 AM, the male victim along with his two friends were leaving a local bar on Somerset Street. The victim saw two subjects that appeared to be acting suspiciously while following the victim and his friends as they walked towards a parking lot where their car was located. The two subjects suddenly attacked the victim punching him repeatedly until he lost consciousness and fell to the ground. The victim was kicked while on the ground as one of the male suspects removed

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his wallet from his pants pocket. The two subjects fled the area on foot after the robbery and police were called. Detectives obtained video surveillance from surrounding businesses and were able to identify both suspects who assaulted and robbed the victim. The suspects were located and transported to the police department where they each provided post Miranda statements admitting to the assault and robbery. The suspects, both residents of Plainfield were each charged with Robbery 2<sup>nd</sup> degree and were lodged in the Somerset County jail pending a hearing.

On March 2, 2019 at approximately 6:00 PM, police were called to RT 22 east and Gray Street on a reported motor vehicle accident and assault. The male victim told police he had been struck from behind by a vehicle in what was described as a minor collision. The driver of the vehicle then exited and began assaulting the driver for no apparent reason. Motorists assisted in pulling the suspect off the victim who then fled the scene in his vehicle. Police were able to quickly identify the suspect and speak with him. The suspect, a 29 year old North Plainfield resident, admitted to the accident and subsequent assault in a post Miranda statement. The suspect was charged with terroristic threats, assault and driving on a suspended license. The suspect was arrested and lodged in the Somerset County Jail pending a hearing.

On March 7, 2019 at approximately 6:00 AM, a local business owner on Craig Place called police to report that several batteries and construction equipment had been stolen from his yard. Police responded to the scene and collected video surveillance from the business owner. Police identified the suspect as a North Plainfield resident well known to police. Police responded to the suspect's residence and located the stolen batteries in the suspect's yard. The suspect was charged with theft and trespassing subsequently being released on a summons and date to appear in court.

On March 8, 2019 at approximately 7:00 PM, a 15 year old male who was accompanied by his mother walked into the lobby of NPPD to report sexual harassment. A detective interviewed the juvenile and determined that an adult male known to the juvenile had been sending inappropriate messages and photographs to the juvenile that were sexual in nature. Police were able to locate the adult male and he was subsequently interviewed by police. The male, in a post Miranda statement admitted to not only sending inappropriate messages and photographs but also touching the juvenile for personal gratification. The Somerset County Prosecutors office authorized charges of endangering the welfare of a child 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. The adult male was lodged in the Somerset County jail pending a hearing.

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**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:**

**A comparison of Adult incident reports:**

	Month	YTD
Investigated	63	203
Closed	34	121
Active	15	20
Suspended	14	62
Unfounded	3	11
Forwarded to SCPO	7	30

**A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:**

	Month	YTD
Investigated	20	82
Closed	10	71
Active	9	9
Suspended	1	2
Unfounded	0	0
Forwarded to other Agencies	11	24

Community Outreach

The Community Policing unit made twenty-one (21) calls to the senior citizens enrolled in the Good Morning program, and sent out 20 first time false alarm activation notices, and 5 false alarm warnings. Det. Domizi continued his ongoing presentation at the North Plainfield High School on the topic of “# Not Even Once” held on March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Det. Domizi along with several other department members attended “Pizza with the Police” which was hosted at Harrison School on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Det. Fowler has continued to teach GREAT to our 7<sup>th</sup> graders during the month of March with DARE commencing in February. Detectives in the division spent time reading to children at Stonybrook School on March 4<sup>th</sup> during “Read Across America”.

Narcotics Strike Force

During March, the Task Force officer conducted various narcotics buys in North Plainfield on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. The Task Force also conducted a raid at a North Plainfield massage parlor on March 6<sup>th</sup>, which was sparked by a citizen’s complaint. An undercover officer entered the establishment and was propositioned by a female employee resulting in the raid. Luceana Mendes, 37, of Jabez Street, Newark was charged with prostitution, a disorderly person’s offense. The Task Force also conducted approximately 20-man hours of surveillance in North Plainfield in March. The Task

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Force executed a narcotics search warrant on March 29<sup>th</sup> at a Greenbrook road residence resulting in one arrest and a large seizure of CDS, cash and pills.

### Other Matters

Detectives investigated nine different licensing/background applications in March (2-Raffle, 4-Firearms applications, 1-Limousine license, and 2-Permits to canvass). Lt. McKay attended the North Plainfield BOE Security Meeting/Health & Wellness Committee meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Det. Segeda attended monthly SCPO Dive Team training on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Detectives attended Infoshare training hosted at the SCPO on March 8<sup>th</sup>. All detectives attended mandatory agency training on both March 15<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Adjudications & Judicial Proceedings

Det. Mazza made an appearance in Grand Jury on March 20<sup>th</sup> and Det. Everett appeared on March 27<sup>th</sup> with indictments returned on both cases. Lt. McKay completed annual registrations on one Megan's law registrant during the month of March.

Sherone Long was sentenced to five years probation for a CDS arrest in 2018. Zyhier Powell was sentenced to three years probation by Judge Cawtherak for his conviction related to a motor vehicle burglary in 2017. Dashawn Thompson was sentenced to twenty-seven months of incarceration in State prison by Judge Cawtherak for a theft conviction. John Nowell was sentenced to 180 days incarceration in the County Jail by Judge Cawtherak for his 2018 CDS arrest. Sheila Thomas was sentenced to three years probation by Judge Tober for a 2018 CDS arrest. Ivana Hercules-Canales & Marcia Perazza were both sentenced to a year of probation by Judge Picheca for a 2018 conviction for theft.

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**INTERNAL AFFAIRS:** During the month of March 2019, the police department logged 3 Internal Affairs complaints. Lt. McKay investigated one of the complaints and Lt. Ciempola investigated two which are still pending.

Investigation #	Classification	Disposition	Corrective Action
19-06	Differential treatment	Not Sustained	N/A
19-07	Harassment	Pending	Pending
19-08	Other Rule	Pending	Pending

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## PATROL DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	14,808	44,860
Miles on unmarked patrol	0	220
Total miles on patrol	14,808	45,080

### Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	0	8
Moving Hazardous Violation	30	129
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	107	303
Ordinance Violation	7	10
Parking Violation	183	477
Seatbelt	2	15
Radar	23	59
Refusal Breath Test	0	1
Child Restraints	9	9
Reckless Driving	2	12
Cell Phone	1	18
Careless Driving	22	56
Suspended License	28	92
Written Warnings	332	1,094
Totals	746	2,283

### Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Clinton Avenue	15 Hours
Greenbrook Road	2 Hours
Grove Street	17 Hours
Harrison Avenue	1 Hour
Leland Avenue	7 Hours
Myrtle Avenue	7 Hours
Mountain Avenue	12 Hours
Norwood Avenue	11 Hours
Oneida Avenue	1 Hours
Route 22	17 Hours
Rock Avenue	1 Hour
Somerset Street	18 Hours
Warfield Road	4 Hours
Washington Avenue	2 Hours
Watchung Avenue	13 Hours
West End Avenue	4 Hours

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Westervelt Avenue	1 Hours
Willow Avenue	1 Hour
Radar Posts Highlighted	134 Hours
Total Radar Posts	200
Total Radar Hours	242

### School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	23.5 Hours
Somerset School	11 Hours
Stonybrook School	23.5 Hours
West End School	27.5 Hours
High School	18.5 Hours
Charter School	3 Hours

### Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Westervelt Avenue	03/01/19-03/07/19
Warfield Road	03/01/19-03/07/19
Farragut Road	03/01/19-03/07/19
Brook Avenue	03/01/19-03/07/19
Mountain Avenue EB	03/07/19-03/31/19
Mountain Avenue WB	03/07/19-03/31/19
Myrtle Avenue	03/07/19-03/31/19
Clinton Avenue NB	03/07/19-03/31/19

### Miscellaneous Information:

- We responded to 103 rescue squad calls.
- We conducted 85 building or premise checks.
- We conducted 32 school premise checks.
- We conducted 1 walking beat.
- We investigated 46 general alarms.
- We made 278 motor vehicle stops.
- The police department recorded a total of 2,433 incidents.

### Parking Enforcement Report:

Tickets:	Title 39		Meter Related		Total	
	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
Totals	206	563	254	586	460	1,149

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Meters		Permits		Total Revenue	
Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD
11,195.002	31,113.58	200.00	6,080.00	11,395.02	37,193.58

## Monthly Accident Totals

**Accidents for the Month: 71**

**Summons Issued at Accidents:**

Refuse Breath Test	0	Driving While Intoxicated	0
Hazardous	21	Non-Hazardous	5
Alcohol Related	0		

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

Rt 22-Reportable	16	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	7
Boro Streets- Reportable	29	Boro St Non-Reportable	6
Private Property-Reportable	9	Private Prop Non-Reportable	4
Total Reportable Accidents	54	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	17

**Accident Injury Report:**

Reports W/Injuries	11
Persons Injured	112
Fatal Accidents	0

**Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 211**

**Summons Issued at Accidents:**

Refuse Breath Test	0	Driving While Intoxicated	2
Hazardous	76	Non-Hazardous	17
Alcohol	0		

**Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable**

Rt 22-Reportable	57	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	11
Boro Streets- Reportable	92	Boro St Non-Reportable	10
Private Property-Reportable	34	Private Prop Non-Reportable	7
Total Reportable Accidents	183	Total Non-Reportable	28

**Accident Injury Report:**

Reports W/Injuries	31
Persons Injured	140
Fatal Accidents	0

Miscellaneous Information Traffic:



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- Traffic covered 18 hours as Court Officer.
- Traffic and parking covered 11 school posts.
- Traffic escorts parking collections to the bank each week - 8 hrs.
- Ofc. Mote entered monthly summons data.
- Ofc. Mote conducted required solution change in the Alcotest.
- Ofc. Mote and Sgt. Kardos conducted the weekly and daily distribution of EPE jobs - 8 hrs.
- Traffic conducted follow up on three abandoned vehicles.
- March 6<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Kardos attended the State Traffic Officers meeting in Hamilton.
- March 8<sup>th</sup>, Traffic and patrol marked several vehicles for abandoned due to them still being snow covered days after a snow storm.
- March 12<sup>th</sup>, we conducted the DMV mobile inspection detail at Somerset and Pearl with a total of 38 vehicles inspected, with 23 passing, 13 failures, 2 new cars, 31 summonses, and 14 warnings issued during the detail.
- March 13<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Kardos out with SCPO for follow up 19-1011 - 2 hrs.
- March 21<sup>st</sup>, Sgt. Kardos attended County Traffic Officers meeting.
- March 26<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Kardos and Ofc. Mote conducted inspections of Xpress Taxi's fleet.
- March 27<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Kardos attended the North Plainfield Board of Education safety meeting.
- March 27<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Kardos assisted Health official at an inspection @ 27 Greenbrook Road.

### SERVICE DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$261.20	\$1,156.15
Calls for Service/Responses	2,433	7,160
Discovery Requests	20	71
Report Requests	287	574
Pieces of Evidence/Property	34	129

Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	2
Robbery	3	8
Assault, Agg:	0	2
Assault Simple	20	44
Burglary	4	18
Larceny	17	64
M.V. Theft	0	1
Arson	0	0
Domestic Violence	22	79
Bias Incidents	0	0

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### 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	1	0
Robbery	1	0	1	0
Aggravated Assault	1	0	1	0
Burglary	1	0	1	6
Larceny/Theft	2	1	9	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	11	0	20	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
Forgery	0	0	2	0
Fraud	0	0	0	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	0	2
Weapons	1	0	1	1
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	1	0	1	0
Violation of Drug Laws	1	5	15	5
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	1	0
Driving Under the Influence	0	0	4	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	2	0	6	1
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	11	0	18	0
<b>Total UCR Arrests for Month</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>16</b>
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	<b>24</b>	0	<b>84</b>	0
<b>Grand Total Arrests for Month</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>16</b>

- **6 Juvenile Arrests for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,



William G. Parenti  
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