

Monthly Report

March 2022



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North Plainfield, NJ 07060

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ADMINISTRATION:

Staffing:

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

- 2 Patrol Officers
- 1 SLEO III Officer
- 1 Parking Enforcement P/T

Injured Officers/Officers on Leave:

- Ofc. Richard Dow sustained a minor hand injury on March 11, 2022. He has been on light duty since March 4, 2022 and has missed 10 days of patrol work thus far.

Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- Lt. Edward Sinker retired from the Police Department effective March 31, 2022.

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A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On March 1, 2022, patrol units were dispatched to a possible shooting in front a residence on Grove Street. Upon arrival, officers located a male victim laying on the front porch, unconscious with a gunshot wound to the left side of his head, and another gunshot wound to his upper stomach area. The officers did CPR on the victim and he was placed in an ambulance and transported to RWJ New Brunswick for treatment. The victim was later pronounced dead at the hospital. Members of the Criminal Investigation Division responded to the scene along with members of the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit. According to a witness, a suspect was seen fleeing south on Grove Street towards Plainfield. That suspect entered a black vehicle, being driven by another person. The vehicle then fled south on Grove Street into Plainfield. Detectives from the Criminal Investigation Division worked with the Major Crimes Unit over following days investigating this case. On March 21, 2022, two suspects were arrested for their participation in the homicide after the execution of a high-risk warrant at two residences in neighboring towns.

On March 5, 2022, patrol responded to a residence on Fairview Avenue for a domestic dispute. Upon arrival, officers heard a female yelling from inside the residence. The

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officers spoke with a female victim who stated she and her boyfriend continued an argument from earlier in the morning and during the argument, the male suspect put his hands around her neck and strangled her. The suspect also squeezed the victim's right arm and pulled her hair during the argument. The suspect was arrested and charged with aggravated assault and terroristic threats after the matter was screened with the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office. The suspect was lodged in the Somerset County Jail.

On March 7, 2022, a police officer responded to a residence on Willow Avenue for a report of fraud. The officer met with the elderly male victim and his wife. The victim had his phone on speaker and was speaking with a suspect who gained access to the victim's laptop computer remotely and was navigating the online banking website to his bank account. The suspect advised the victim that he was from a computer security company and he accidentally deposited money into the victim's account. The victim reported that to fix the mistaken deposit, the suspect instructed him to purchase several gift cards from several stores totaling \$4,750.00. The victim purchased the cards as instructed and then read the gift card numbers to suspect over the phone. The officer advised the victim to hang up on the suspect and to call his bank immediately to freeze all of his accounts to deny further access to the suspect. The suspect called back and threatened to steal all of his money from his bank accounts. The suspect then locked the victim's computer remotely, denying him access to his personal files and documents. The officer advised him not to give any more information over the phone. CID provided an identity theft package to the victim.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:

A comparison of Adult incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	85	229
Closed	40	130
Active	4	6
Suspended	41	88
Unfounded	6	16
Forwarded to SCPO	3	11

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A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	5	25
Closed	5	19
Active	0	2
Suspended	0	3
Unfounded	1	4
Forwarded to other Agencies	3	6

Community Outreach

The Community Policing Unit made ten (10) calls to the senior citizens enrolled in the Good Morning Program, twenty-one (21) first time alarm notifications, and five (5) general alarm notifications. Sgt. Domizi assisted in numerous translations for both patrol & CID. He also attended the Municipal Alliance meeting.

Narcotics Strike Force

The Task Force Officer reported that in the month of March, he participated in a round-up related to a wiretap and assisted in the arrest and processing of 18 suspects. He also assisted with confidential informant buys in Bound Brook, Bridgewater, Manville, and Somerville. Surveillance for narcotics activity was also conducted in two locations in North Plainfield.

Other Matters

CID tracked fourteen (14) Handle with Care notifications made to the school district. CID conducted four (4) licensing investigations in March (3-Firearms, 1-Police Applicant Background).

Adjudications & Judicial Proceedings

Superior Court was open; however, we had no court appearances. Detectives made several appearances in Grand Jury.

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS: During the month of March 2022, the police department investigated the following Internal Affairs complaints.

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Investigation #	Classification	Disposition	Corrective Action
22-0004	Improper Arrest	Pending	Pending
22-0005	Demeanor	Pending	Pending

PATROL DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	17,304	51,964
Miles on unmarked patrol	455	1,006
Total miles on patrol	17,749	52,970

Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	2	8
Moving Hazardous Violation	69	193
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	222	695
Ordinance Violation	6	18
Parking Violation	163	583
Seatbelt	5	14
Radar	47	110
Refusal Breath Test	0	0
Child Restraints	2	7
Reckless Driving	4	12
Cell Phone	3	38
Careless Driving	21	57
Suspended License	21	62
Written Warnings	474	1,299
Totals	1,039	3,096

Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Brook Avenue	2 Hours
Clinton Avenue	48 Hours
Columbia Avenue	4 Hours
Crosson Place	26 Hours
Geraud Avenue	2 Hours
Grove Street	31 Hours
Jefferson Avenue	2 Hours
Leland Avenue	26 Hours

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Mountain Avenue	1 Hour
Myrtle Avenue	5 Hours
Norwood Avenue	21 Hours
Rock Avenue	1 Hour
Route 22 East	18 Hours
Route 22 West	14 Hours
Somerset Street	31 Hours
Warfield Road	4 Hours
Washington Avenue	9 Hours
Watchung Avenue	11 Hours
West End Avenue	5 Hours
Westervelt Avenue	5 Hours
Wilson Avenue	1 Hour
Total Radar Posts	269
Total Radar Hours	298 Hours
Total Radar Enforcement	229

Radar Speed Recorder:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Farragut Road	03/07/22-03/14/22
Grove Street	03/11/22-03/18/22
Parkview Avenue	03/16/22-03/23/22
West End Avenue	03/23/22-03/31/22
Westervelt Avenue	03/24/22-03/31/22

School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	13.5 Hours
High School	7 Hours
Somerset School	4 Hours
Stonybrook School	12 Hours
West End School	16 Hours
TOTAL	52.5 Hours

Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Cedar Street	03/01/22-03/07/22
Jackson Avenue	03/01/22-03/07/22
Sandford Avenue	03/01/22-03/07/22
Willow Avenue	03/01/22-03/07/22

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Manning Avenue	03/07/22-03/14/22
Maple Avenue	03/07/22-03/14/22
Rockview Avenue	03/07/22-03/14/22
Westervelt Avenue	03/07/22-03/14/22
Brook Avenue	03/14/22-03/21/22
Columbia Avenue	03/14/22-03/21/22
Rockview Avenue	03/14/22-03/21/22
Verdon Street	03/14/22-03/21/22
Brook Avenue	03/21/22-03/28/22
Clinton Avenue	03/21/22-03/28/22
Watchung Avenue	03/21/22-03/28/22
Willow Avenue Ext	03/21/22-03/28/22
Coddington Avenue	03/28/22-03/31/22
Duer Street	03/28/22-03/31/22
Howard Street	03/28/22-03/31/22
Leland Avenue	03/28/22-03/31/22

Miscellaneous Information:

- We responded to 113 rescue squad calls.
- We conducted 94 building or premise checks.
- We investigated 47 general alarms.
- We made 631 motor vehicle stops.
- We conducted 4 walking beats.
- The police department recorded a total of 3,300 incidents.
- 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
Totals	211	599	207	500	418	1,099

Meters		Permits		Total Revenue	
Monthly	YTD	Monthly	YTD	Monthly	YTD
12,007.55	27,777.15	460.00	6,810.00	12,467.55	34,587.15

Monthly Accident Totals

Accidents for the Month: 77

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	0	Driving While Intoxicated	2
Hazardous	24	Non-Hazardous	10

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Alcohol Related 0

Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:

Rt 22-Reportable	32	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	0
Boro Streets-Reportable	39	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	0
Private Property-Reportable	6	Private Property Non-Reportable	0
Total Reportable Accidents	77	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	0

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	16
Persons Injured	21
Fatal Accidents	0

Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 198

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	1	Driving While Intoxicated	4
Hazardous	58	Non-Hazardous	30
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable

Rt 22-Reportable	72	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	2
Boro Streets-Reportable	100	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	1
Private Property-Reportable	23	Private Property Non-Reportable	0
Total Reportable Accidents	195	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	3

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	34
Persons Injured	44
Fatal Accidents	0

Miscellaneous Information Traffic:

- Traffic conducted collections & escorted parking to the bank - 10 hrs.
- Traffic conducted monthly alcotest maintenance.
- Traffic and Parking covered 52 crossing posts.
- Sgt. Kardos assisted 3 residents with child seats.
- Traffic responded to Summit Avenue for a commercial vehicle parking complaint and the vehicles were not in violation.
- On March 3, 2022, Sgt. Kardos attended CPS recertification at NJSP-Totowa.

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- On March 3, 2022, Sgt. Kardos and Ofc. Kropewnicki responded to a pedestrian hit and run.
- On March 15, 2022, Traffic Safety conducted a mobile inspection detail with MVC MIT. A total of 31 vehicles came through the checkpoint. There were 17 vehicles that passed, 11 that failed, and there were 3 new vehicles. A total of 30 summonses and 6 warnings were issued during the detail.

SERVICE DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$457.15	\$1,289.75
Calls for Service/Responses	3,300	9,254
Discovery Requests	42	127
Report Requests	90	337
Pieces of Evidence/Property	41	121

Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	1	1
Rape	0	2
Robbery	1	5
Assault, Agg:	4	4
Assault Simple	16	38
Burglary	2	5
Larceny	33	56
M.V. Theft	4	8
Arson	0	1
Domestic Violence	23	62
Bias Incidents	1	1

Monthly Arrest Analysis

	Month		YTD	
	Adult/Juv	Adult/Juv	Adult/Juv	Adult/Juv
Murder	2	0	2	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	3	0	3	0
Burglary	0	0	1	0
Larceny/Theft	0	1	3	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	3	1	12	1
Arson	0	0	0	0
Forgery	0	0	0	0
Fraud	1	0	1	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0

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Stolen Property	0	0	3	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	1	0
Weapons	0	0	1	0
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0
Violation of Drug Laws	1	0	2	0
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	0	0
Driving Under the Influence	2	0	9	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	2	0	4	0
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	4	0	8	1
Total UCR Arrests for Month	18	2	50	4
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	10	0	27	2
Grand Total Arrests for Month	28	2	77	6

- **2 Juvenile Arrests for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,

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