

Monthly Report

May 2024



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July 10, 2024

ADMINISTRATION:

Staffing:

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

- 2 Patrol Officers

Injured Officers/Officers on Leave:

- Det. William Parenti Jr. was involved in a motor vehicle accident on November 9, 2022 and remains out of work.
- Ptl. Romasz injured her leg while directing traffic on December 19, 2023. She is currently out of work.

Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- There were no promotions, new hires, or retirements this month.

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A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On May 10, 2024 at 1159 hrs., patrol received a report of a male suspect who committed lewd acts in a business in the downtown area. The suspect was being followed by a store employee who was reporting his location to the police. The suspect was stopped by officers while other officers went to review the security footage and further establish the facts. Upon reviewing the cameras, the suspect is seen entering the store and exposing himself to a female victim and her two year old child. He is seen lying down on the floor and thrusting his hips in a sexual manner repeatedly. The officers were able to positively identify him from the video. The suspect was placed under arrest and charged with Lewdness, 4th Degree, which was placed on a warrant. A DNA swab was also collected for an unrelated sexual contact charge out of another jurisdiction. The suspect was lodged in the Somerset County Jail.

On May 20, 2024 at 2005 hrs., a North Plainfield Detective was contacted by a female resident of the Borough. The victim reported a possible violation of a PRO (Permanent Restraining Order). The suspect has been stalking the victim for years. Several years ago, he was charged on three separate occasions with 3rd degree stalking and violating judicial orders. The protections granted to victim specifically "ORDERED that this Permanent Restraining Order shall forbid the defendant from personally or through an agent initiate any communication likely to cause annoyance or alarm to the victim including but not limited to personal, written, social media, electronic device,

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or telephone contact with the victim, the victim’s family, the victim’s friends, the victim’s employers, employees, or fellow workers, or others with whom the communication would likely cause annoyance or alarm to the victim”. The victim was recently advised by her best friend that the suspect recently attempted to "friend her" on Instagram. Another friend told the victim that the suspect showed up at a venue where her friend was playing in a band with other people from North Plainfield. He made reference to the issue between him and the victim and was asked to leave the venue by the members of the band that were familiar with his history. This matter was screened with the Somerset County Prosecutor’s Office and a 4th Degree Contempt charge was authorized. The suspect was arrested and placed in the Somerset County Jail.

On May 24, 2024 at 0223 hrs., a North Plainfield Officer was on routine patrol eastbound on Route 22 approaching Gray Street, when he observed a Gray Hyundai Elantra traveling westbound in the eastbound lanes. Dispatch then advised all units that Watchung was just in pursuit of that vehicle because it was stolen. Another North Plainfield Officer then reported that she observed that vehicle turn southbound onto Norwood Avenue and stop in front of a residence and a rear seat passenger fled the vehicle. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle but the vehicle fled south on Norwood Avenue at a high rate of speed. The officer pursued the stolen vehicle south into Plainfield. The vehicle went south at the Norwood Avenue bridge. The two officers lost sight of the vehicle as it continued on Richmond Street near East 7th Street. The officers then terminated the pursuit. There were no injuries.

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	64	373
Closed	27	158
Active	7	40
Suspended	30	174
Forwarded to SCPO	4	25

A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	16	56
Closed	14	50
Active	0	3
Suspended	2	3
Forwarded to other Agencies	1	1

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Community Outreach

The Community Policing Unit made eighteen (18) first time alarm notifications and three (3) general alarm notifications. D/Sgt. Domizi assisted in numerous translations for both patrol & CID. D/Sgt. Domizi also attended the joint insurance fund meeting.

Other Matters

CID tracked twelve (12) Handle with Care notifications made to the school district. CID conducted seven (7) licensing investigations in May (6-Firearms, 1-Vendor). Lt. Ciempola conducted one (1) sex offender re-registration. CID also conducted several ABC liquor license inspections and will complete the inspections in June.

Adjudications & Judicial Proceedings

Sgt. vonSpreckelsen appeared in Grand Jury for the matter of State v. Erick Lopez, which was true billed for 2 counts of third-degree burglary and State v. Davis, which was true billed for third degree credit card fraud. Det. Halsted appeared in Grand Jury for the matter of State v. Barolo Gomez which was a true bill for third degree forgery and theft.

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS: During the month of May, there was one (1) new internal affairs complaint filed.

Investigation #	Classification	Disposition	Corrective Action
24-04	Rule Violation	Pending	Pending

PATROL DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	15,199	72,283
Miles on unmarked patrol	0	523
Total miles on patrol	15,199	72,283

Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	1	8
Moving Hazardous Violation	56	292
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	96	676
Ordinance Violation	10	29
Parking Violation	122	593

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Seatbelt	123	163
Radar / Speeding	26	116
Refusal Breath Test	0	3
Child Restraints	16	36
Reckless Driving	4	21
Cell Phone	10	257
Careless Driving	20	109
Suspended License	18	68
Written Warnings	295	1,357
Totals	797	3,728
Included in above totals		
Loud Exhaust	20	134
Loud Exhaust Warnings	10	60
Parking Sticks	0	0

Radar / Loud Exhaust Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Brook Avenue	33 Hours
Clinton Avenue	31 Hours
Duer Street	1 Hour
Farragut Road	1 Hour
Greenbrook Road	2 Hours
Grove Street	32 Hours
Leland Avenue	6 Hours
Mountain Avenue	1 Hour
Myrtle Avenue	17 Hours
Norwood Avenue	4 Hours
Rockview Avenue	1 Hour
Rt 22E/Maple	2 Hours
Rt 22E/North	1 Hour
Rt 22E/Watchung	7 Hours
Rt 22E/Westervelt	7 Hours
Rt 22 E/Wilson	4 Hours
Rt 22W/North	1 Hour
Rt 22W/Wilson	1 Hour
Somerset Street	20 Hours
Warfield Road	4 Hours
Washington Avenue	6 Hours
Watchung Avenue	21 Hours
West End Avenue	1 Hour
Westervelt Avenue	4 Hours
Willow Avenue	1 Hour
Total Radar Posts	217
Total Radar Hours	209

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Total Radar Enforcement	115
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Radar Speed Recorder:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Farragut Road	05/01/24-05/03/24
Rockview Avenue	05/01/24-05/03/24
Manning Avenue	05/06/24-05/14/24
Willow Avenue	05/06/24-05/14/24
Grove Street	05/17/24-05/24/24
Oneida Avenue	05/17/24-05/24/24
Pearl Street	05/24/24-05/31/24
Walnut Street	05/24/24-05/31/24
Linden Avenue	05/31/24
Muriel Avenue	05/31/24

School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	31 Hours
High School	4 Hours
Somerset School	10 Hours
Stonybrook School	35 Hours
West End School	33 Hours
TOTAL	113 Hours

Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Brook Avenue	05/01/24-05/14/24
Farragut Road	05/01/24-05/14/24
Greenbrook/Arnold	05/01/24-05/14/24
Belmont Avenue	05/14/24-05/28/24
Lawrence Avenue	05/14/24-05/28/24
Meadowbrook Drive	05/14/24-05/28/24
Grove Street	05/28/24-05/31/24
Summit Avenue	05/28/24-05/31/24
Sycamore Avenue	05/28/24-05/31/24

Miscellaneous Information:

- We responded to 119 rescue squad calls.
- We conducted 44 building or premise checks.
- We investigated 39 general alarms.
- We made 707 motor vehicle stops.

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- We conducted 169 walking beats.
- We conducted 100 school checks.
- We conducted 76 park checks.
- We conducted 105 area checks.
- The police department recorded a total of 4,009 incidents.
- BWC videos and CAD entries were reviewed by the Patrol Division Commander.
- 1 OJI After Action Review was conducted.
- 1 MVA After Action Review was conducted.
- 1 Use of Force After Action Review was conducted.
- 1 Motor Vehicle Pursuit After Action Review was conducted.

Parking Enforcement Report:

Tickets:	Title 39		Meter Related		Safety Stick		Total	
	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
Totals	536	2,556	363	1,654	0	0	899	4,352

Meters		Permits		Total Revenue	
Monthly	YTD	Monthly	YTD	Monthly	YTD
16,743.52	69,083.81	1,580.00	15,580.00	18,323.52	84,663.81

Monthly Accident Totals

Accidents for the Month: 98

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	0	Driving While Intoxicated	1
Hazardous	31	Non-Hazardous	12
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:

Rt 22-Reportable	33	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	1
Boro Streets-Reportable	52	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	1
Private Property-Reportable	11	Private Property Non-Reportable	0
Total Reportable Accidents	96	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	2

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	28
Persons Injured	28
Fatal Accidents	0

Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 432

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	2	Driving While Intoxicated	4
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Hazardous	177	Non-Hazardous	51
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable

Rt 22-Reportable	129	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	4
Boro Streets-Reportable	223	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	8
Private Property-Reportable	68	Private Property Non-Reportable	0
Total Reportable Accidents	420	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	12

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	103
Persons Injured	109
Fatal Accidents	1

Miscellaneous Information Traffic:

- Traffic conducted collections & escorted parking to the bank - 8 hrs.
- Traffic conducted monthly alcotest maintenance – 1 hr.
- Sgt. Kardos and Parking Enforcement conducted meter repairs.
- Traffic investigated/conducted follow ups on 1 accident.
- Traffic conducted loud exhaust enforcement – 7 hrs.
- Traffic participated in a Street-Smart campaign at Stonybrook School from May 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024.

SERVICE DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$2,320.00	\$9,970.00
Calls for Service/Responses	4,009	18,265
Discovery Requests	28	154
Report Requests	8	46
Pieces of Evidence/Property	21	105

Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	1
Robbery	1	7
Assault, Agg:	0	4
Assault Simple	21	81
Burglary	1	7
Larceny	17	118
M.V. Theft	1	10
Arson	0	0

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Domestic Violence	27	116
Bias Incidents	1	3

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	3	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0
Larceny/Theft	1	0	6	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	4	0
Simple Assault	7	0	28	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
Forgery	0	0	0	0
Fraud	0	0	0	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	0	0	2	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	1	0
Weapons	0	0	0	1
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0
Violation of Drug Laws	0	0	1	0
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	1	0
Driving Under the Influence	1	0	8	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	3	0	8	0
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	1	0	1
All Other Offenses	5	0	30	0
Total UCR Arrests for Month	17	1	92	2
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	8	0	22	1
Grand Total Arrests for Month	25	1	114	3

- **1 Juvenile Arrests for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,



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