

NORTH PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
2021 ANNUAL REPORT



It is truly an honor and privilege to serve as Chief of Police for North Plainfield. Our Borough is unique with its diverse population and the police department comprises of some of the finest people in law enforcement. My goals and objectives are quite simple; I want to make North Plainfield the safest place to live, work, play and visit. We will engage the community as full partners to accomplish this task. Thank you, Mayor Lawrence La Ronde, for having the confidence and trust in me to do this job and I pledge to do my best in serving the residents of North Plainfield, its government, and the police department.

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I. MISSION STATEMENT:

My top priority is to build mutual respect, and to provide equal opportunity policing for everyone that lives, works, or passes through the Borough of North Plainfield. By this I mean, Law Enforcement Services that will be fair, honest, and without bias.

The police department's trustworthiness, comes from being a Welcoming and Inclusive Community. It is imperative that our residents and visitors feel safe, respected, and comfortable in being themselves, while also being able to express all aspects of their identities. We are a place where each person shares a mutual sense of belonging with our other members. Inclusion, as well as the appreciation of, and the valuing of human differences, creates an atmosphere that promotes a sense of belonging, so that everyone feels respected and valued for their uniqueness. It is home. A Proud Community.

The North Plainfield Police Department, wants to instill a belief in our community policing philosophy, and establish a confidence that "we as police officers, care more about your well-being than your immigration status, ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation." In many communities across New Jersey, the relationship between members of the community and law enforcement is strained. Our mission as police officers is to protect life, property, and to solve crimes without bias. That goal would be virtually impossible to do effectively, if witnesses or victims had some reluctance to come forward. We have no concern about a person's immigration status, and we do not ask that question of a victim or witness. It is imperative that law enforcement maintain the trust and support of the people they serve.

A high priority is placed on the initial screening and training of all our employees, and a continuing in-service training program is designed to keep us current with modern law enforcement practices. Our goal is to combine high personal ethics, quality training, and perseverance, to provide the best possible policing to all citizens, as well as to the people of North Plainfield.

II. ADMINISTRATION:

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

1. Three (3) police officers

B. Injured Officers During the Calendar Year for 2021

1. A Patrol Officer was diagnosed with Covid-19 on 12/18/20. She has missed 55 days of patrol type work. She was cleared for light duty on Jan 8, and returned to full duty on April 8, 2021.
2. A Patrolman was diagnosed with Covid-19 on 01/18/21. He returned to full duty on February 27, 2021.
3. A Patrolman was diagnosed with Covid-19 on March 26, 2021. He returned to full duty on April 9, 2021.

