

Monthly Report

August 2020



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September 21, 2020

ADMINISTRATION:

Staffing:

The Police Department is operating below its authorized strength of 48 sworn Officers and 6 full-time civilian personnel. Staffing and deficiencies:

- 2 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 August 31, 2020, he was out of work for 638 days.

Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

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

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A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On August 19, 2020, patrol units were dispatched to a residence on Somerset Street on the report of an unwanted guest who fled from the residence. Police dispatch reported to responding units that the suspect male was trapped in a fenced in area behind a business on Greenbrook road. The suspect was eventually removed from the fenced in area and placed under arrest. The suspect refused to be fingerprinted and photographed. The victim told police that when she returned home from work, she discovered the suspect inside her home and she called the police. The suspect had propped a ladder against a first floor window and used the ladder to gain entry into the house through the window. While in the house, the suspect unplugged electronics, took money, and used the bathroom before being discovered by the victim when she returned home. The suspect was charged with third degree burglary and theft. He was also charged with obstruction for refusing to be fingerprinted and processed. The suspect was lodged in the Somerset County Jail.

On August 25, 2020, this agency investigated criminal mischief that occurred at an apartment complex parking lot on Route 22. Some unknown person slashed tires on her large SUV sometime between 0200 hrs. and 1800 hrs. A detective was assigned to this case despite the victim indicating that there were no suspects. On August 26, 2020, the detective spoke with the victim who had now developed a suspect. On August 27, 2020, a person involved with this victim's sister also became the victim of slashed tires, supporting the belief that the two incidents were related and the suspect is known by key witnesses in the case. The case is still under investigation.

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On August 30, 2020, patrol units responded to a business on Somerset Street on the report of a person trespassing. The security company from the business reported that a male suspect was possibly inside a vehicle because there was a white vehicle with the door open and bicycle on the ground next to the vehicle. As patrol arrived on scene, a male was located inside the vehicle that was sleeping. The suspect was removed from the vehicle and placed under arrest for trespassing. The suspect was released on a summons. A detective was assigned to this case and discovered that this particular suspect has done this several times before. The police daily activity sheet was updated to alert our officers for this individual.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:

A comparison of Adult incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	99	676
Closed	74	447
Active	5	11
Suspended	20	208
Unfounded	0	29
Forwarded to SCPO	5	83

A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	11	133
Closed	11	127
Active	0	0
Suspended	0	5
Unfounded	1	2
Forwarded to other Agencies	7	89

Community Outreach

The Community Policing Unit made eleven (11) calls to the senior citizens enrolled in the Good Morning Program, and sent out fourteen (14) first time false alarm activation notices and eleven (11) false alarm notices. Det. Domizi assisted in numerous translations for both patrol & CID. Det. Mote is still temporarily assigned to the Services Division to assist with firearms applications.

Narcotics Strike Force

The Task Force Officer reported that undercover narcotic operations continue throughout the county, including several investigations in the borough. The Task Force Officer also

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assisted Somerset County with a “fugitives from justice” round up in Somerset County. Later in the month, the Task Force Officer continued to conduct investigations in and around the borough. He also assisted with the Quality of Life initiative in the Somerset section of Franklin.

Other Matters

Detectives continue to investigate all criminal matters within North Plainfield during the pandemic. Detectives conducted thirteen licensing and background investigations during the month of August (6-Firearms, 4-Vendor, 2-Limo License, and 1-Taxi License). Lt. Ciempola conducted one (1) Megan’s Law re-registration.

Adjudications & Judicial Proceedings

Superior Court was open, however, none of our cases have come up on the calendar yet.

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

Investigation #	Classification	Disposition	Corrective Action
20-20	Rule	Sustained	RR
20-19	Rule	Pending	Pending
20-18	Demeanor	Pending	Pending
20-17	Rule	Pending	Pending
20-15	Demeanor	Pending	Pending
20-14	Rule	Pending	Pending
20-13	Demeanor	Pending	Pending
20-12	Rule	Sustained	Pending
20-11	Rule	Sustained	Pending
20-08	Rule	Pending	Pending
17-03	Criminal Violation	Pending	Pending

PATROL DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	15,044	124,262
Miles on unmarked patrol	50	300
Total miles on patrol	15,094	124,312

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Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	5	18
Moving Hazardous Violation	49	272
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	80	499
Ordinance Violation	4	20
Parking Violation	93	513
Seatbelt	9	48
Radar	28	75
Refusal Breath Test	0	1
Child Restraints	18	31
Reckless Driving	3	25
Cell Phone	78	130
Careless Driving	32	124
Suspended License	16	127
Written Warnings	111	1,065
Totals	526	2,976

Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Clinton Avenue	26 Hours
Duer Street	1 Hour
Farragut Road	3 Hours
Greenbrook Road	13 Hours
Grove Street	27 Hours
Leland Avenue	4 Hours
Myrtle Avenue	13 Hours
Norwood Avenue	16 Hours
Rock Avenue	16 Hours
Rockview Avenue	1 Hour
Route 22	20 Hours
Sandford Avenue	4 Hours
Somerset Street	13 Hours
Warfield Road	9 Hours
Washington Avenue	1 Hour
Watchung Avenue	2 Hours
West End Avenue	1 Hour
Westervelt Avenue	7 Hours
Willow Avenue	1 Hour
Wilson Avenue	1 Hour
Radar Posts Highlighted	165
Total Radar Posts	169
Total Radar Hours	179 Hours

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Radar Recorder:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Duer/Lincoln	08/07/20-08/14/20
Watchung/Grandview	08/07/20-08/14/20
Clinton Avenue	08/18/20-08/26/20
Westervelt Avenue	08/18/20-08/26/20
Mali Drive	08/27/20-09/04/20
Ridge Avenue	08/27/20-09/04/20

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
Grandview Avenue	08/01/20-08/07/20
Myrtle Avenue E & W	08/01/20-08/07/20
Sandford Avenue N & S	08/01/20-08/07/20
Farragut Road N	08/01/20-08/19/20
Grove/Lincoln N	08/07/20-08/28/20
Harrison/Chestnut N	08/07/20-08/28/20
Howard/Duer W	08/07/20-08/28/20
Townsend Place W	08/10/20-08/31/20
Norwood/Grandview	08/20/20-08/26/20
Farragut Road	08/26/20-08/31/20
Farragut/Muriel S	08/26/20-08/31/20
Grove/Rockview S	08/28/20-08/31/20
Harrison/Walnut	08/28/20-08/31/20
Howard/Duer E	08/28/20-08/31/20

Miscellaneous Information:

- We responded to 91 rescue squad calls.
- We conducted 260 building or premise checks.
- We conducted 0 interior school checks.
- We investigated 46 general alarms.
- We made 257 motor vehicle stops.
- We conducted 60 walking beats.

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- On August 4, 2020, the town was impacted by Tropical Storm Isaias and day shift officers responded to 53 calls for service between the impacted hours of 1000 and 1800 hours. Patrol was assisted by both members of the Traffic Division for call volume and to help monitor downed power lines. Anticipated flood conditions never manifested, however, strong winds brought down tree limbs, telephone poles, and live wires in several locations.
- Although there are still restrictions in place due to the COVID 19 pandemic, patrol related activities in the areas of motor vehicle stops, walking beats, and radar posts have increased.
- 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	214	1,334	184	1,274	398	2,608

Meters		Permits		Total Revenue	
Monthly	YTD	Monthly	YTD	Monthly	YTD
6,704.76	53,640.83	430.00	10,240.00	7,134.76	63,880.83

Monthly Accident Totals

Accidents for the Month: 86

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	0	Driving While Intoxicated	1
Hazardous	38	Non-Hazardous	14
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:

Rt 22-Reportable	30	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	0
Boro Streets-Reportable	38	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	1
Private Property-Reportable	15	Private Property Non-Reportable	2
Total Reportable Accidents	83	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	3

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	8
Persons Injured	14
Fatal Accidents	0

Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 511

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	2	Driving While Intoxicated	11
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Hazardous	183	Non-Hazardous	110
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable

Rt 22-Reportable	158	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	9
Boro Streets-Reportable	262	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	8
Private Property-Reportable	68	Private Property Non-Reportable	6
Total Reportable Accidents	488	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	23

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	85
Persons Injured	117
Fatal Accidents	1

Miscellaneous Information Traffic:

- Traffic escorts parking collections to the bank each week - 4 hrs.
- Monthly alcotest maintenance was done.
- Sgt. Kardos worked the Somerset County CPS fitting station in Hillsborough.
- Sgt. Kardos trained Officer Hosler in Traffic for one week.
- Sgt. Kardos spoke to owner of 115 Somerset Street about tables blocking sidewalk.
- Sgt. Kardos handled parking complaint from NPHS security Buckman.
- Sgt. Kardos assisted resident with child restraint installation.
- Sgt. Kardos filed paperwork with County for the Distracted Driving Detail.
- Traffic compiled a list of signs that need to be replaced or updated by DPW.

SERVICE DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$680.80	\$3,694.60
Calls for Service/Responses	3,609	21,304
Discovery Requests	24	184
Report Requests	188	1,675
Pieces of Evidence/Property	45	365

Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	2
Robbery	2	14
Assault, Agg:	0	0
Assault Simple	21	134
Burglary	4	13
Larceny	9	182

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M.V. Theft	1	6
Arson	0	1
Domestic Violence	38	210
Bias Incidents	0	11

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	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	5
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0
Burglary	1	0	3	0
Larceny/Theft	0	0	19	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	1
Simple Assault	7	1	45	1
Arson	0	0	1	0
Forgery	0	0	0	0
Fraud	0	0	1	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	4	0
Weapons	0	0	1	0
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	1
Violation of Drug Laws	7	0	33	7
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	0	0
Driving Under the Influence	4	0	19	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	11	0
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	6	0	57	1
Total UCR Arrests for Month	26	1	194	16
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	11	0	106	0
Grand Total Arrests for Month	37	1	300	16

- **1 Juvenile Arrest for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,

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