

Monthly Report

January 2022



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ADMINISTRATION:

Staffing:

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

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

Injured Officers/Officers on Leave:

- A Patrolman tested positive for Covid-19 on January 2, 2022. He missed four days of patrol work, returning to full duty on January 13, 2022.
- A civilian employee tested positive for Covid-19 on January 3, 2022. She missed seven days of work, returning to full duty on January 12, 2022.
- Patrolman Valerio Zuena reported a back injury after opening a door on January 11, 2022. He missed four days of patrol work, returning to full duty on January 18, 2022.
- Patrolman Robert Kropewnicki injured his back while assisting the Parking Authority on January 12, 2022. He missed three days of patrol work, returning to full duty on January 17, 2022.
- A Dispatcher tested positive for Covid-19 on January 14, 2022. She missed nine days of work, returning on January 27, 2022.

Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

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

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A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On January 9, 2022 at 2124 hrs., patrol responded to the area of Brook Avenue and Pearl Street for a report of a robbery called in by the Plainfield Police Department. Plainfield officers were standing by with the victim. The male victim reported that about 20 minutes earlier, he was walking on Pearl Street when 3 black males exited a gray car, assaulted him, and attempted to rob him. All three were wearing ski masks with grey and black sweatshirts and black pants. The three approached him and asked him for money. When he said that he did not have any, they struck him with an empty whisky bottle in the right arm and punched him in the left eye. They then entered the vehicle and fled east on Brook Avenue. The victim did not see the license plate or a description of the vehicle. CID was notified of this attempted robbery as was the major crimes unit of Somerset County Prosecutor's Office.

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On January 10, 2022 at 1815 hrs., patrol was dispatched to a gas station located on Route 22 West on a report received by the Summit Police Department. According to the Summit Police, a male victim who was being treated at Overlook hospital, stated that he was shot at a gas station by two black males while they robbed him. The two suspects were driving a black Dodge Durango and the male was shot with a handgun. He claimed that this incident occurred at a gas station with a blue and orange logo. That station is the only gas station that matches that description in the borough. The victim related that he was then picked up by his brother in a black Honda Accord and was taken to the hospital. Ptl. Lenart spoke with the gas attendant at that station who related that he worked all day and heard nothing that sounded like gun shots. Ptl. Lenart also reviewed the video from that station and observed no activity to match what the victim described. It was later indicated that the alleged incident occurred at another gas station in North Plainfield. Patrol spoke with the attendant there, who worked all day and also stated that heard no shots nor did he witness anything that was described by the victim. The officer reviewed the video with negative results. More information was then relayed that the shooting occurred somewhere in the apartment complexes in the area of North Drive near a wall. Patrol conducted open field searches of multiple locations in that area with negative results. Patrol also searched the jug handle of Route 22 West and North Drive. CID was notified and Det. Conceicao responded as did a detective from the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit to interview the victim who had been transferred to another hospital. The victim is in stable condition with a gunshot wound to his upper calf which exited his shin. After multiple interviews with the victim, his story changed almost every time. Based on the angle of the gunshot it appears that the wound may be self-inflicted.

On January 12, 2022, at 1802 hrs., a male victim walked into police headquarters to report a robbery that occurred in the past. The victim reported that on Sunday January 9, 2022 at 2030 hrs., he was robbed by three black males while he was standing outside of his residence. The victim reported that an unknown vehicle pulled up to him and the three suspects jumped out of the car and began to chase him. The victim ran east towards Grove Street but he tripped and fell. One suspect held his head down on the ground while the other males rummaged through his pockets. The suspects took his wallet which contained \$23.00 in cash and his Guatemalan ID. CID was notified as was the Major Crimes Unit of the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:

A comparison of Adult incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	79	79
Closed	48	48

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Active	9	9
Suspended	22	22
Unfounded	6	6
Forwarded to SCPO	4	4

A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	8	8
Closed	7	7
Active	1	1
Suspended	0	0
Unfounded	0	0
Forwarded to other Agencies	0	0

Community Outreach

The Community Policing Unit made seven (7) calls to the senior citizens enrolled in the Good Morning Program. Sgt. Domizi assisted in numerous translations for both patrol & CID. He also attended a Municipal Alliance Committee meeting on January 25, 2022.

Narcotics Strike Force

The Task Force Officer reported that in the month of January, he was assigned to a Title 3 phone tap for the entire month.

Other Matters

CID tracked 6 Handle with Care notifications made to the school district. CID conducted three (3) firearms background checks and one (1) raffle investigation.

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 January 2022, the police department investigated the following Internal Affairs complaints.

Investigation #	Classification	Disposition	Corrective Action
22-0001	Rule Infraction	Sustained	R&R
22-0002	Rule Infraction	Sustained	R&R

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22-0003	Rule Infraction	Sustained	Pending
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PATROL DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	18,017	18,017
Miles on unmarked patrol	373	373
Total miles on patrol	18,390	18,390

Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	2	2
Moving Hazardous Violation	69	69
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	242	242
Ordinance Violation	3	3
Parking Violation	254	254
Seatbelt	6	6
Radar	32	32
Refusal Breath Test	0	0
Child Restraints	1	1
Reckless Driving	3	3
Cell Phone	0	0
Careless Driving	15	15
Suspended License	18	18
Written Warnings	383	383
Totals	1,028	1,028

Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Albert Street	5 Hours
Brook Avenue	4 Hours
Clinton Avenue	39 Hours
Columbia Avenue	8 Hours
Craig Place	1 Hour
Farragut Road	4 Hours
Greenbrook Road	4 Hours
Grove Street	27 Hours
Leland Avenue	17 Hours
Mountain Avenue	1 Hour
Myrtle Avenue	13 Hours
Norwood Avenue	18 Hours
Oneida Avenue	1 Hour
Parkview Avenue	2 Hours

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Rock Avenue	3 Hours
Rockview Avenue	1 Hour
Route 22 East	26 Hours
Route 22 West	13 Hours
Somerset Street	40 Hours
Warfield Road	7 Hours
Washington Avenue	5 Hours
Watchung Avenue	11 Hours
West End Avenue	6 Hours
Westervelt Avenue	6 Hours
Total Radar Posts	262
Total Radar Hours	295 Hours
Total Radar Enforcement	149

Radar Speed Recorder:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Clinton Avenue	01/03/22-01/10/22
Greenbrook Road	01/10/22-01/20/22
Myrtle Avenue	01/19/22-01/26/22
Grove Street	01/28/22-01/31/22

School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	14.5 Hours
High School	4.5 Hours
Somerset School	8 Hours
Stonybrook School	9 Hours
West End School	13.5 Hours
TOTAL	49.5 Hours

Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Jackson Avenue	01/01/22-01/03/22
Maple Avenue	01/01/22-01/03/22
Rockview Avenue	01/01/22-01/03/22
Sandford Avenue	01/01/22-01/03/22
Columbia Avenue	01/03/22-01/10/22
Greenbrook Road	01/03/22-01/10/22
Manning Avenue	01/03/22-01/10/22
Westervelt Avenue	01/03/22-01/10/22
Brook Avenue	01/10/22-01/19/22
Clinton Avenue	01/10/22-01/19/22

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Farragut Road	01/10/22-01/19/22
Parkview Avenue	01/10/22-01/19/22
Coddington Avenue	01/19/22-01/31/22
Farragut Road	01/19/22-01/31/22
Grove Street	01/19/22-01/31/22
Howard Street	01/19/22-01/31/22
Duer Street	01/31/22
Grove Street	01/31/22
Netherwood Avenue	01/31/22
Regent Street	01/31/22

Miscellaneous Information:

- We responded to 150 rescue squad calls.
- We conducted 124 building or premise checks.
- We investigated 31 general alarms.
- We made 477 motor vehicle stops.
- We conducted 1 walking beat.
- The police department recorded a total of 2,994 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	Month / YTD	Month / YTD	Month / YTD
Totals	200	200	140	140	340	340

Meters		Permits		Total Revenue	
Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD
6,652.10	6,652.10	4,810.00	4,810.00	11,462.10	11,462.10

Monthly Accident Totals

Accidents for the Month: 66

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	0	Driving While Intoxicated	0
Hazardous	15	Non-Hazardous	14
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:

Rt 22-Reportable	16	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	1
Boro Streets-Reportable	38	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	0
Private Property-Reportable	11	Private Property Non-Reportable	0
Total Reportable Accidents	65	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	1

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Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	8
Persons Injured	9
Fatal Accidents	0

Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 66

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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 39 crossing posts.
- Sgt. Kardos assisted a resident with child seats.
- Sgt. Kardos responded to Hillsborough for a C.A.R.T. call on January 22, 2022.
- On January 18, 2022, Traffic Safety conducted a mobile inspection detail with MVC MIT. A total of 57 vehicles came through the checkpoint. 31 vehicles passed, 18 failed, and 8 were new vehicles. A total of 55 summonses and 17 warnings were issued during the detail. Traffic was assisted by patrol and the Somerset County Sheriff's Office.
- Ofc. Kropewnicki followed up on a hit and run MVA. The driver was subsequently identified and summonses were issued.
- New message/speed trailers were registered and put into service. Decommissioned trailer plates were surrendered to MVC.

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SERVICE DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$393.20	\$393.20
Calls for Service/Responses	2,994	2,994
Discovery Requests	47	47
Report Requests	155	155
Pieces of Evidence/Property	20	20

Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	0	0
Rape	1	1
Robbery	3	3
Assault, Agg:	0	0
Assault Simple	8	8
Burglary	1	1
Larceny	11	11
M.V. Theft	2	2
Arson	1	1
Domestic Violence	11	11
Bias Incidents	0	0

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	0	0
Burglary	1	0	1	0
Larceny/Theft	2	1	2	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	4	0	4	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
Forgery	0	0	0	0
Fraud	0	0	0	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	3	0	3	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	0	0
Weapons	1	0	1	0
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0
Violation of Drug Laws	1	0	1	0
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	0	0

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Driving Under the Influence	2	0	2	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	1	0
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	1	1	1	1
Total UCR Arrests for Month	16	2	16	2
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	9	1	9	1
Grand Total Arrests for Month	25	3	25	3

- **3 Juvenile Arrests for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,



William G. Parenti
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