

# Monthly Report

## January 2023



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# NORTH PLAINFIELD POLICE JANUARY 2023 MONTHLY REPORT

March 6, 2023

## ADMINISTRATION:

### Staffing:

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

- 1 Patrol Officer
- 2 SLEO III Officers

### Injured Officers/Officers on Leave:

- Ofc. Alexis Castillo transitioned to light duty on June 2, 2022 for maternity leave. She remains out of work.
- Sgt. Donald Everett has been out of work since July 27, 2022 for a non-work related surgery. He returned to light duty on September 14, 2022 and remains on light duty.
- Det. William Parenti Jr. was involved in a motor vehicle accident on November 9, 2022. He remains out of work.

### Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- Effective January 3, 2023, Richard Lopez was hired as a Police Dispatcher.
- Effective January 25, 2023, Cynthia Cancel transferred from Police Dispatcher to Parking Enforcement.
- Effective January 31, 2023, Patrolman Robert Kropewnicki retired.
- Effective January 31, 2023, Parking Enforcement Officer Dana Downing retired.

## CID Monthly Report

### A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On January 4, 2023, a resident of Grove Street came to headquarters and reported that last November someone accessed her online bank account with her username and password. The suspect then attempted to deposit a \$7,500.56 check utilizing the mobile application. The victim notified the bank regarding this check being deposited and that someone had accessed the account. In December, another check was deposited in the amount of \$12,000.21. The victim notified the bank again about this fraudulent check deposit and bank security then closed her account on December 30, 2022 temporarily until they conclude their investigation.

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On January 7, 2023, while on patrol, a North Plainfield officer observed a Watchung patrol unit pull up to a white SUV which had run off the road and was now disabled in the wooded area just east of North Drive and Route 22 East. The Watchung officer advised the North Plainfield officer that the vehicle was recently pursued by the Warren Police and was involved in an attempted home burglary in Warren Township. North Plainfield officers assisted Watchung in searching the woods for the actors. Watchung officers located an actor attempting to hide in the stream in that area. The male actor was placed under arrest by Watchung, handcuffed, and turned over to the Warren Police. North Plainfield officers continued to assist Watchung in the search. Additional agencies involved in the search included the NJ State Police helicopter, Warren, Greenbrook, and the Somerset County Sheriff's Office. An additional female actor was located and placed under arrest in the area of Mali Drive and Meadowbrook Drive by the K-9 officer.

On January 23, 2023 at 2125 hrs., patrol responded to Somerset Street on the report of a stolen motor vehicle. The reporting party, a resident of Plainfield, reported he left his vehicle, a 2013 Black Cadillac ATS, unlocked and running while he and some friends went into the business. When they came out the vehicle was stolen. The victim further advised that he left \$3,000 in cash in the back seat, which was his payment from work. Surveillance video showed an unknown male suspect wearing a black jacket and grey sweatpants enter the vehicle. The vehicle was entered into NCIC as stolen and a county alarm was issued. At 2327 hrs., the Plainfield Police notified this agency that the vehicle was located after it crashed on Central Avenue during a pursuit with the Plainfield Police. The suspect fled on foot and escaped.

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### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:

#### A comparison of Adult incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	68	68
Closed	33	33
Active	3	3
Suspended	32	32
Forwarded to SCPO	0	0

#### A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	19	19
Closed	17	17
Active	1	1

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Suspended	0	0
Forwarded to other Agencies	1	1

### Community Outreach

The Community Policing Unit made twenty-three (23) first time alarm notifications and one (1) general alarm notification. D/Sgt. Domizi assisted in numerous translations for both patrol & CID.

### Narcotics Strike Force

P.O. James Kirchner was rotated into the Task Force Officer position after P.O. Justin Pelissier completed over two (2) years with that unit. The newly assigned officer attended helicopter surveillance training with the National Guard and Field Force Training. He also assisted with multiple controlled narcotics buys in North Plainfield and other jurisdictions within the county including Bound Brook, Franklin, and Somerville.

### Other Matters

CID tracked nine (9) Handle with Care notifications made to the school district. CID conducted seven licensing investigations in January (3-Firearms, 1-Raffle, 3-Employee Backgrounds). Lt. Ciempola conducted two (2) Megan's Law re-registrations.

### Adjudications & Judicial Proceedings

On January 12, 2023, D/Sgt. von Spreckelsen testified in Grand Jury for the robbery/stabbing case in State v. Morales and Ramos, which resulted in an indictment and subsequent guilty plea.

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS: During the month of January, there were two (2) internal affairs complaints filed.

Investigation #	Classification	Disposition	Corrective Action
23-001	Rule	Pending	Pending
23-002	Rule	Pending	Pending

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**PATROL DIVISION:**

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	16,146	16,146
Miles on unmarked patrol	0	0
Total miles on patrol	16,146	16,146

Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	2	2
Moving Hazardous Violation	69	69
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	163	163
Ordinance Violation	7	7
Parking Violation	272	272
Seatbelt	4	4
Radar	40	40
Refusal Breath Test	1	1
Child Restraints	0	0
Reckless Driving	5	5
Cell Phone	5	5
Careless Driving	18	18
Suspended License	23	23
Written Warnings	404	404
Totals	1,013	1,013

Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Clinton Avenue	37 Hours
Farragut Road	1 Hour
Grove Street	10 Hours
Leland Avenue	8 Hours
Myrtle Avenue	1 Hour
North Drive	2 Hours
Norwood Avenue	14 Hours
Oneida Avenue	2 Hours
Rock Avenue	6 Hours
Rt 22 E/Columbia	2 Hours
Rt 22E/Gray	1 Hour
Rt 22E/North	3 Hours
Rt 22E/Somerset	1 Hour

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Rt 22E/Watchung	20 Hours
Rt 22E/West End	2 Hours
Rt 22E/Westervelt	11 Hours
Rt 22E/Wilson	1 Hour
Rt 22W/North	5 Hours
Somerset Street	13 Hours
Warfield Road	1 Hour
Washington Avenue	4 Hours
Watchung Avenue	2 Hours
West End Avenue	8 Hours
Westervelt Avenue	2 Hours
Total Radar Posts	203
Total Radar Hours	157 Hours
Total Radar Enforcement	158

Radar Speed Recorder:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Myrtle Avenue	01/02/23-01/09/23
Norwood Avenue	01/02/23-01/09/23
Grove Street	01/09/23-01/17/23
Rockview Avenue (500 Block)	01/09/23-01/17/23
Brook Avenue	01/18/23-01/25/23
Somerset Street (600 Block)	01/18/23-01/25/23
Harrison Avenue	01/26/23-01/31/23
Watchung Avenue	01/26/23-01/31/23

School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	25 Hours
High School	0 Hours
Somerset School	0 Hours
Stonybrook School	19 Hours
West End School	14 Hours
TOTAL	58 Hours

Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Clinton Avenue	01/01/23-01/03/23
Myrtle Avenue	01/01/23-01/03/23
Somerset Street	01/01/23-01/03/23
Westervelt Avenue	01/01/23-01/03/23

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Manning Avenue	01/03/23-01/17/23
Parkview Avenue	01/03/23-01/17/23
Washington Avenue	01/03/23-01/17/23
Watchung Avenue	01/03/23-01/17/23
Grove Street	01/17/23-01/31/23
Harrison Avenue	01/17/23-01/31/23
North Jackson Avenue	01/17/23-01/31/23
Rockview Avenue	01/17/23-01/31/23

### Miscellaneous Information:

- We responded to 127 rescue squad calls.
- We conducted 334 building or premise checks.
- We investigated 32 general alarms.
- We made 584 motor vehicle stops.
- We conducted 2 walking beats.
- We conducted 60 school checks.
- We conducted 74 park checks.
- We conducted 34 area checks.
- The police department recorded a total of 4,071 incidents.
- BWC videos and CAD entries were reviewed by the Patrol Division Commander.
- Use of Force and MV Pursuit After Action Reviews were conducted.

### Parking Enforcement Report:

Tickets:	Title 39		Meter Related		Total	
	Month / YTD	Month / YTD	Month / YTD	Month / YTD	Month / YTD	Month / YTD
Totals	334	334	293	293	627	627

Meters		Permits		Total Revenue	
Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD
9,140.32	9,140.32	5,580.00	5,580.00	14,720.32	14,720.32

### Monthly Accident Totals

**Accidents for the Month: 88**

**Summons Issued at Accidents:**

Refuse Breath Test	1	Driving While Intoxicated	2
Hazardous	34	Non-Hazardous	22
Alcohol Related	0		

**Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:**

Rt 22-Reportable	35	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	0
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Boro Streets-Reportable	42	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	1
Private Property-Reportable	10	Private Property Non-Reportable	0
Total Reportable Accidents	87	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	1

### **Accident Injury Report:**

Reports W/Injuries	17
Persons Injured	23
Fatal Accidents	0

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#### Miscellaneous Information Traffic:

- Traffic conducted collections & escorted parking to the bank - 8 hrs.
- Traffic conducted monthly alcotest maintenance.
- Sgt. Kardos and Parking Enforcement conducted meter repairs.
- Traffic investigated/conducted follow ups on 5 hit and run accidents.
- Traffic processed six (6) vehicles for tow companies.
- Traffic surveyed the downtown and school area for needed parking signs and yellow curbing.
- Traffic surveyed snow streets for signage.
- Traffic conducted selective enforcement on Rt 22/North for 1 hr, Rt 22/West End for 1 hr, and Somerset/Overpass for 1 hr.

#### **SERVICE DIVISION:**



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	<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Fees Collected	\$816.00	\$816.00
Calls for Service/Responses	4,071	4,071
Discovery Requests	38	38
Report Requests	13	13
Pieces of Evidence/Property	23	23

<b>Offense</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	1	1
Assault, Agg:	2	2
Assault Simple	14	14
Burglary	2	2
Larceny	21	21
M.V. Theft	1	1
Arson	0	0
Domestic Violence	22	22
Bias Incidents	0	0

Monthly Arrest Analysis

	<b>Month</b>		<b>YTD</b>	
	<b>Adult/Juv</b>		<b>Adult/Juv</b>	
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	0	0	0	0
Larceny/Theft	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	9	0	9	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
Forgery	0	0	0	0
Fraud	1	0	1	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	0	0
Weapons	0	0	0	0
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0
Violation of Drug Laws	0	0	0	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	0	0	0	0
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	4	0	4	0
<b>Total UCR Arrests for Month</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	3	0	3	0
<b>Grand Total Arrests for Month</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>

- **0 Juvenile Arrests for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,



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