

# Monthly Report

## November 2020



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## ADMINISTRATION:

### Staffing:

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

- 3 Patrol Officers

### Injured Officers/Officers on Leave:

9 officers contracted Covid-19. All have since recovered and returned to work.

### Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- There were no promotions, retirements, or new officers hired.

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### A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On November 8, 2020 at 9:50 PM, the North Plainfield Police Department received information from the Plainfield Police Department that they had a suspect in custody that possibly committed a robbery in North Plainfield. Patrol responded to Plainfield and spoke with a Plainfield Detective who advised patrol that a Taxi driver picked up a fare on Front Street in Plainfield and he was told he was going to drive him to a restaurant in North Plainfield. As the taxi driver approached the restaurant, he was told to keep on driving past the restaurant and to turn onto to a nearby side street. The driver was told to stop and the suspect robbed him by gesturing as though he had a gun in his shirt and that he was going to search him. The driver then gave the suspect \$32.00 in fare money and \$72.00 of his own money and his cell phone. The suspect then told the driver to drive to Front Street and New Street in Plainfield. After the suspect exited the vehicle, the victim notified the Plainfield Police Department and gave a description of the suspect. A suspect fitting that description was stopped shortly after that on Liberty Street in Plainfield. The Plainfield Police then called the victim's cell phone number and it rang in the suspect's pocket. The suspect was then taken into custody by the Plainfield Police. The suspect was then transported to the North Plainfield Police Department by the Plainfield Police. The victim was interviewed by the on-call Detective and the suspect waived his Miranda Rights and gave a statement to the Detective. The case was screened with the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office and a charge of second degree robbery and third degree theft was lodged against the suspect. The suspect was placed in the Somerset County Jail.

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On November 9, 2020 at 1:15 AM, two Hispanic males were having a dispute in the rear parking lot of a bar on Somerset Street. At some point the dispute became heated and the suspect began chasing the other male. The victim ran away and began running east through an alley between the bar and another business. The suspect entered a vehicle and drove east through that alley at a high rate of speed and intentionally struck the victim with the vehicle and struck the building along its southern wall. The victim was seen on video on the hood of the car before the car struck the building, sending debris and the victim out into the street. An employee of the bar then ran to the suspect who was trying to exit the vehicle and took the suspect to the ground and held him down until police arrived. The victim, who was in serious condition, was taken to a trauma center for treatment. The Somerset County Prosecutor's Office Collision and Accident Reconstruction team responded to the scene. A North Plainfield Detective was also called to the scene. The suspect was placed under arrest and transported to police headquarters. The suspect was highly intoxicated and at headquarters became ill and he had to be transported to a hospital. A judge issued a search warrant to draw blood and urine from the suspect to determine his level of intoxication. The case was screened with the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office and charges of second degree aggravated assault, third degree assault with a motor vehicle, and underage drinking were authorized. After being cleared from the hospital the suspect was lodged in the Somerset County Jail.

On November 20, 2020 at 1218 PM, an employee of a convenience store called and reported that an individual was killing everyone. All North Plainfield units were dispatched to respond. Two members of the Criminal Investigation Division were the first to arrive on the scene. The Detectives observed two females in the middle of an active fight in the rear of the store near the deli section. One of the females had her arm around the neck of the other female and they were actively struggling and punches were being thrown. One Detective immediately pulled one of the two suspects to the floor in an attempt to separate them. When the second Detective became involved, they successfully separated the two and detained them. The Detective spoke with the store manager and they reviewed the store surveillance system and were able to determine who started the fight. That individual was charged with disorderly conduct on a summons.

**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	90	949
Closed	54	624
Active	8	31
Suspended	28	279
Unfounded	7	50

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Forwarded to SCPO	13	107
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## A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	9	166
Closed	9	160
Active	0	0
Suspended	0	5
Unfounded	0	2
Forwarded to other Agencies	5	106

### Community Outreach

The Community Policing Unit made ten (10) calls to the senior citizens enrolled in the Good Morning Program, and sent out twenty (20) first time false alarm activation notices and eighteen (18) false alarm notices. Det. Domizi assisted in numerous translations for both patrol & CID. Det. Mote returned to the school SRO position and then school was paused again because of an increase in the COVID infection rate.

### Narcotics Strike Force

The Task Force Officer reported that he was assigned to an undercover investigation the entire month of November.

### Other Matters

Detectives continue to investigate all criminal matters within North Plainfield during the pandemic. Detectives conducted nine licensing and background investigations during the month of November (8-Firearms, 1-Police applicant). Lt. Ciempola conducted two (2) Megan's Law registrations and has been conducting interviews for prospective candidates for the new Special Law Enforcement Class III program for the schools. CID tracked 31 Handle with Care notifications made to the school district.

### 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 November 2020, the police department logged the following Internal Affairs complaints.

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<b>Investigation #</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Disposition</b>	<b>Corrective Action</b>
20-26	Rule	Sustained	Pending
20-25	Rule	Pending	Pending

**PATROL DIVISION:**

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	14,400	171,210
Miles on unmarked patrol	245	1,227
Total miles on patrol	14,645	172,437

Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	1	26
Moving Hazardous Violation	55	451
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	52	700
Ordinance Violation	1	29
Parking Violation	107	913
Seatbelt	0	49
Radar	28	210
Refusal Breath Test	0	1
Child Restraints	1	39
Reckless Driving	5	44
Cell Phone	5	220
Careless Driving	24	202
Suspended License	8	183
Written Warnings	151	1,577
Totals	438	4,644

Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Clinton Avenue	32 Hours
Farragut Road	22 Hours
Greenbrook Road	22 Hours
Grove Street	50 Hours
Harrington Avenue	1 Hour
Leland Avenue	5 Hours
Myrtle Avenue	6 Hours
Norwood Avenue	17 Hours
Rock Avenue	1 Hour
Route 22	26 Hours
Sandford Avenue	1 Hour
Somerset Street	19 Hours

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Sycamore Avenue	2 Hours
Warfield Road	7 Hours
Washington Avenue	4 Hours
Watchung Avenue	2 Hours
West End Avenue	8 Hours
Westervelt Avenue	2 Hours
Willow Avenue	3 Hours
Wilson Avenue	1 Hour
Radar Posts Highlighted	231
Total Radar Posts	231
Total Radar Hours	249 Hours
Radar Summonses Issued	28
Radar Warnings Issued	66
Total Radar Enforcement	94

Radar Recorder:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
27 Pearl Street	11/01/20-11/02/20
88 Jackson Avenue	11/02/20-11/11/20
268 Parkview Avenue	11/03/20-11/11/20
205 Westervelt Avenue	11/12/20-11/19/20
Muriel Avenue	11/13/20-11/25/20
67 Mountain Avenue	11/25/20-11/30/20

School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	4.5 Hours
Somerset School	4 Hours
Stonybrook School	7.5 Hours
West End School	7.5 Hours
High School	2 Hours
College Achieve	0 Hours

Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Brook Avenue	11/01/20-11/30/20
Willow Avenue	11/01/20-11/30/20
Wilson/Walnut	11/01/20-11/30/20
Maple Avenue South	11/05/20-11/30/20

Miscellaneous Information:

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- We responded to 116 rescue squad calls.
- We conducted 104 building or premise checks.
- We conducted 0 interior school checks.
- We investigated 38 general alarms.
- We made 184 motor vehicle stops.
- We conducted 0 walking beats.
- The police department recorded a total of 3,107 incidents.
- As of November 20, 2020, The North Plainfield Board of Education decided to return to Remote Learning, which may have affected the General Traffic/School Enforcement hours.
- Patrol miles for the month of November are 2,512 miles lower than the previous month. The reduction in mileage can be somewhat attributed to the fact that six officers were out with pandemic related illnesses or unrelated OJI circumstances for a total of 47 work days. If multiplied by the average of 45 patrol miles driven per day, this would have added another 2,115 miles (projected) for the month, and the total would have been 16,760 miles (projected).
- 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	175	1,877	218	1,850	393	3,727

Meters		Permits		Total Revenue	
Monthly	YTD	Monthly	YTD	Monthly	YTD
7,185.48	77,377.30	140.00	11,250.00	7,295.48	88,597.30

### Monthly Accident Totals

**Accidents for the Month: 91**

**Summons Issued at Accidents:**

Refuse Breath Test	0	Driving While Intoxicated	1
Hazardous	47	Non-Hazardous	27
Alcohol Related	0		

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

Rt 22-Reportable	38	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	0
Boro Streets-Reportable	43	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	0
Private Property-Reportable	10	Private Property Non-Reportable	0
Total Reportable Accidents	91	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	0

**Accident Injury Report:**

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Reports W/Injuries                    16  
 Persons Injured                        17  
 Fatal Accidents                         0

**Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 747**

**Summons Issued at Accidents:**

Refuse Breath Test                    2    Driving While Intoxicated            16  
 Hazardous                                313    Non-Hazardous                        169  
 Alcohol Related                         0

**Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable**

Rt 22-Reportable                        246    Rt 22 Non-Reportable                10  
 Boro Streets-Reportable            373    Boro Streets Non-Reportable        8  
 Private Property-Reportable        102    Private Property Non-Reportable    8  
 Total Reportable Accidents        721    Total Non-Reportable Accidents    26

**Accident Injury Report:**

Reports W/Injuries                    125  
 Persons Injured                        164  
 Fatal Accidents                         1

Miscellaneous Information Traffic:

- Traffic escorts parking collections to the bank each week - 4 hrs.
- Traffic covered 10 crossing posts.
- Monthly alcotest maintenance was done.
- Ofc. Branco maintained the batteries in the speed signs.
- Sgt. Kardos and SCPO CAR Team responded to a serious MVA at the International Club.
- Sgt. Kardos responded to CAR Team call outs in the following towns: 11/03/20 Branchburg, 11/07/20 Bound Brook, 11/13/20 Bedminster.
- Selective enforcement: Cell Phone – 1 hour Somerset/Somerset, Left Turn Enforcement – 3 hours Watchung/Jennings, 1 hour Somerset/Overpass.

**SERVICE DIVISION:**

	<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Fees Collected	\$617.25	\$5,395.25
Calls for Service/Responses	3,107	32,037
Discovery Requests	33	279
Report Requests	157	2,155



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Pieces of Evidence/Property	40	489
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<b>Offense</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	2
Robbery	1	17
Assault, Agg:	2	4
Assault Simple	17	184
Burglary	3	20
Larceny	19	228
M.V. Theft	0	10
Arson	0	1
Domestic Violence	21	280
Bias Incidents	1	13

Monthly Arrest Analysis

	<b>Month</b>		<b>YTD</b>	
	<b>Adult/Juv</b>	<b>Adult/Juv</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	1	0	1	5
Aggravated Assault	1	0	1	0
Burglary	0	0	4	0
Larceny/Theft	1	0	22	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	1
Simple Assault	7	0	63	1
Arson	0	0	1	0
Forgery	0	0	0	0
Fraud	0	0	1	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	1	0	1	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	4	0
Weapons	0	0	2	0
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	1
Violation of Drug Laws	1	1	50	7
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	0	0
Driving Under the Influence	0	0	26	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	3	1	16	1
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0

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All Other Offenses	6	0	72	1
<b>Total UCR Arrests for Month</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>18</b>
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	0	0	118	0
<b>Grand Total Arrests for Month</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>18</b>

- **2 Juvenile Arrests for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,



William G. Parenti  
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