

Monthly Report

October 2022



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NORTH PLAINFIELD POLICE OCTOBER 2022 MONTHLY REPORT

December 28, 2022

ADMINISTRATION:

Staffing:

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

- 2 Patrol Officers
- 2 SLEO III Officers

Injured Officers/Officers on Leave:

- Ofc. Alexis Castillo transitioned to light duty on June 2, 2022 for maternity leave. She has missed seventy-six (76) days of patrol work thus far.
- 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. He has missed forty-eight (48) days of patrol work thus far.
- Ofc. Robert Kropewnicki has been out of work since October 3, 2022 for a non-work related surgery. He has missed twenty-one (21) days of patrol work thus far.

Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

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

CID Monthly Report

A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On October 4, 2022 at 2009 hrs., a female borough resident came to headquarters and reported that on October 2, 2022 at 1830 hrs., she was physically assaulted by her boyfriend, who is also a borough resident. The victim, who is nine months pregnant, stated that her boyfriend began to argue with her, which then turned physical. She stated that he smacked her in the face with an open hand and kicked her near the stomach causing complaint of pain. He then strangled her by applying pressure with both hands on her neck until she could not breathe, causing a complaint of pain. There was no visible sign of injury. The victim was offered a TRO which was granted by the Judge. The Somerset County Prosecutor's Office Non-Fatal Strangulation and Suffocation Response Team was activated by CID and the victim was transported to a hospital to be examined. The matter was screened with an Assistant Prosecutor from the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office and a charge of simple assault was authorized and placed on a warrant. The suspect was located at a motel and he was arrested without incident. He was transported to headquarters, processed, and lodged in the Somerset County Jail.

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On October 19, 2022 at 2130 hrs., a male flagged down a police officer in front of a business on Watchung Avenue. The complainant told the officer that he observed a male in front of that business who was carrying a gun on his waistband. The male was subsequently stopped on Watchung Avenue. The male suspect was patted down for officer safety and the officer discovered a semi-automatic handgun in a hard polymer holster in the suspect's waist band. The suspect could not produce a concealed carry permit or any other type of firearms identification. The suspect was then placed under arrest. During a search incident to arrest, the officer discovered an extra ten round gun magazine, 20 rounds of ammunition, and a black and orange folding knife. The matter was screened with an Assistant Prosecutor of the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office and the suspect was charged with second degree unlawful possession of a weapon. He was processed and released on a summons.

October 31, 2022, at 1822 hrs., patrol responded to the intersection of Mountain Avenue and Jeffries Place for two pedestrians struck by a motor vehicle. The victims were a 21 year old woman and a 7 year old boy. They were struck by a dark colored vehicle as they were walking across the cross walk on the west side of Mountain Avenue. The suspect vehicle fled the scene west on Mountain Avenue. The male victim was thrown about 25 feet and struck by a second vehicle, who was able to stop before running the child over. Both parties were taken to RWJ New Brunswick with significant injuries and have since been released. The Criminal Investigation Division is assisting the Traffic Safety Bureau with this investigation which is ongoing.

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	78	784
Closed	39	364
Active	7	36
Suspended	32	354
Forwarded to SCPO	0	29

A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	18	164
Closed	14	155
Active	3	3
Suspended	0	14
Forwarded to other Agencies	1	38

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Community Outreach

The Community Policing Unit made ten (10) first time alarm notifications and fifteen (15) general alarm notifications. Sgt. Domizi assisted in numerous translations for both patrol & CID. Lt. Ciempola and D/Sgt. Domizi attended the North Plainfield Community Forum and D/Sgt. Domizi attended the Senior Citizens meeting.

Narcotics Strike Force

The Task Force Officer was assigned to a Title III wiretap the entire month of October.

Other Matters

CID tracked one (1) Handle with Care notification made to the school district. CID conducted fourteen (14) licensing investigations in October (13-Firearms, 1-Liquor License). Lt. Ciempola conducted four (4) sex offender registrations.

Adjudications & Judicial Proceedings

Detectives made several appearances in Grand Jury.

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS: During the month of October, there were no internal affairs complaints filed.

PATROL DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	16,670	169,302
Miles on unmarked patrol	0	1,357
Total miles on patrol	16,670	170,659

Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	2	36
Moving Hazardous Violation	53	671
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	127	1,820
Ordinance Violation	7	137
Parking Violation	118	1,384
Seatbelt	1	144
Radar	28	322
Refusal Breath Test	0	9

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Child Restraints	5	44
Reckless Driving	2	45
Cell Phone	1	380
Careless Driving	21	241
Suspended License	17	202
Written Warnings	446	3,979
Totals	828	9,414

Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Brook Avenue	2 Hours
Clinton Avenue	51 Hours
Columbia Avenue	1 Hour
Farragut Road	1 Hour
Grove Street	19 Hours
Leland Avenue	15 Hours
Mountain Avenue	9 Hours
Myrtle Avenue	1 Hour
Netherwood Avenue	1 Hour
Norwood Avenue	21.5 Hours
Rock Avenue	2 Hours
Rt 22 E/Gray	4 Hours
Rt 22E/Grove	4 Hours
Rt 22E/Jefferson	5.5 Hours
Rt 22E/North	1 Hour
Rt 22E/Somerset	1 Hour
Rt 22E/Watchung	11 Hours
Rt 22E/West End	3 Hours
Rt 22E/Westervelt	9 Hours
Rt 22E/Wilson	6 Hours
Rt 22W/Grove	3 Hours
Rt 22W/North	6 Hours
Rt 22W/West End	1 Hour
Rt 22W/Wilson	4 Hours
Somerset Street	22.5 Hours
Warfield Road	1 Hour
Washington Avenue	5.5 Hours
Watchung Avenue	2.5 Hours
West End Avenue	2 Hours
Westervelt Avenue	4 Hours
Wilson Avenue	1 Hour
Total Radar Posts	258
Total Radar Hours	220.5 Hours
Total Radar Enforcement	206

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Radar Speed Recorder:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Leland Avenue	10/01/22-10/07/22
Parkview Avenue	10/01/22-10/07/22
Greenbrook Road	10/26/22-10/31/22
Farragut Road	10/27/22-10/31/22

School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	17 Hours
High School	5 Hours
Somerset School	4.5 Hours
Stonybrook School	7 Hours
West End School	15 Hours
TOTAL	48.5 Hours

Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Clinton Avenue	10/01/22-10/21/22
Westervelt Avenue	10/01/22-10/21/22
Willow Avenue	10/01/22-10/21/22
Brook Avenue	10/21/22-10/31/22
Parkview Avenue	10/21/22-10/31/22
Washington Avenue	10/21/22-10/31/22

Miscellaneous Information:

- We responded to 114 rescue squad calls.
- We conducted 278 building or premise checks.
- We investigated 47 general alarms.
- We made 651 motor vehicle stops.
- We conducted 39 walking beats.
- We conducted 101 school checks.
- We conducted 127 park checks.
- The police department recorded a total of 4,233 incidents.
- BWC videos and CAD entries were reviewed by the Patrol Division Commander.
- Use of Force After Action Review was conducted.
- Patrol assisted with Trunk or Treat at Stonybrook School and Sundance School.
- Patrol assisted with the Halloween parade at Sundance School.

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Parking Enforcement Report:

Tickets:	Title 39		Meter Related		Total	
	Month / YTD	Month / YTD	Month / YTD	Month / YTD	Month / YTD	Month / YTD
Totals	419	2,423	439	2,304	858	4,727

Meters		Permits		Total Revenue	
Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD
10,341.56	102,832.01	730.00	16,200.00	11,071.56	119,032.01

Monthly Accident Totals

Accidents for the Month: 100

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	0	Driving While Intoxicated	1
Hazardous	32	Non-Hazardous	14
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:

Rt 22-Reportable	40	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	1
Boro Streets-Reportable	42	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	1
Private Property-Reportable	15	Private Property Non-Reportable	1
Total Reportable Accidents	97	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	3

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	23
Persons Injured	33
Fatal Accidents	0

Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 772

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	4	Driving While Intoxicated	15
Hazardous	277	Non-Hazardous	133
Alcohol Related	1		

Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable

Rt 22-Reportable	255	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	4
Boro Streets-Reportable	386	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	4
Private Property-Reportable	114	Private Property Non-Reportable	9
Total Reportable Accidents	755	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	17

Accident Injury Report:

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Reports W/Injuries	144
Persons Injured	198
Fatal Accidents	0

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.
- Sgt. Kardos investigated pedestrian hit and run accident and 2 others.
- Sgt. Kardos responded to a C.A.R.T call out in Hillsborough on 10/20/22.

SERVICE DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$786.94	\$4,491.99
Calls for Service/Responses	4,233	37,108
Discovery Requests	48	446
Report Requests	4	781
Pieces of Evidence/Property	25	349

Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	0	1
Rape	2	8
Robbery	0	11
Assault, Agg:	2	12
Assault Simple	16	151
Burglary	1	22
Larceny	25	218
M.V. Theft	3	23
Arson	0	1
Domestic Violence	17	226
Bias Incidents	0	2

Monthly Arrest Analysis

	Month		YTD	
	Adult	Juv	Adult	Juv
Murder	0	0	3	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	1	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	2	0	9	1
Burglary	0	0	2	0
Larceny/Theft	1	0	10	4
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0

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Simple Assault	2	0	38	1
Arson	0	0	0	0
Forgery	0	0	0	0
Fraud	0	0	2	0
Embezzlement	0	0	1	0
Stolen Property	0	0	4	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	2	0
Weapons	1	0	5	1
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0
Violation of Drug Laws	1	0	8	0
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	1	0
Driving Under the Influence	0	0	31	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	8	0
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	2	0	27	1
Total UCR Arrests for Month	10	0	152	8
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	5	0	81	2
Grand Total Arrests for Month	15	0	233	10

- **0 Juvenile Arrests for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,

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