

Monthly Report

October 2023



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December 19, 2023

ADMINISTRATION:

Staffing:

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

- 3 Patrol Officers
- 2 SLEO III Officers

Injured Officers/Officers on Leave:

- Det. William Parenti Jr. was involved in a motor vehicle accident on November 9, 2023 and remains out of work.

Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

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

CID Monthly Report

A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On October 1, 2023 at 2341 hrs., patrol responded to the area of Grove Street and Prospect Place for a report of a suspicious male attempting to enter vehicles. The description was a Hispanic male wearing a white hooded sweatshirt, jeans and white sneakers. Officers stopped a suspect fitting that description. During the investigation, the victim said she found her trunk and her boyfriend's trunk open but nothing was missing. She saw the suspect standing there for several minutes before walking to Grove Street where he was stopped. It was discovered through the investigation that the suspect had two active warrants out of Paterson. He was placed under arrest and searched. During the search, the arresting officer found a crack pipe. The suspect was processed and released on recognizance on the warrants and he was issued a summons for drug paraphernalia.

On October 21, 2023 at 2204 hrs., an officer was in his marked police car traveling west on Prospect Place when he observed a black sports utility vehicle (SUV) traveling at a high rate of speed north on Washington Avenue. The vehicle took an abrupt turn east on Prospect Place and accelerated at a high rate of speed towards the patrol vehicle in the officer's lane of travel. The officer activated his emergency lights to advise the driver to stop but the driver did not brake until he was within millimeters of the patrol vehicle. The officer could clearly see the driver, who then continued east on Prospect Place ignoring the officer's commands to stop. The officer found the suspect vehicle parked in

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a driveway nearby. He approached the driver and requested his license, registration, and insurance. The driver refused to provide the documents and was placed under arrest for obstruction. The suspect's wife was contacted by another officer and she provided his identity. He was issued a summons for obstruction and issued multiple motor vehicle summonses and released.

October 29, 2023 at 0205 hrs., two officers were in a stationary position in the area of Steiner place as a local establishment was closing and its patrons were letting out. They then heard six to seven shots fired coming from the area of Greenbrook Road and a row of businesses on Greenbrook Road. One officer observed a Gray Toyota Tundra driving south through a parking lot. He observed the driver of the truck look directly at him and using loud verbal commands, he ordered the driver to stop. The driver ignored the officer and fled north on Duer Street. The truck was then stopped by another officer at the intersection on Greenbrook Road near Grove Street. Back-up officers arrived and they conducted a felony stop. The driver and the passenger were taken into custody. A patrol supervisor, who was also on the scene, confirmed that there were no gunshot victims, however he did locate several shell casings in the parking lot where the shots were fired. A witness reported that a male, matching the description of one of the suspects was shooting a gun in that parking lot. A loaded Glock magazine was located underneath a red Toyota Tundra parked in front of a residence on Duer Street. CID was notified and a detective responded. The detective assisted in canvassing the area and located a 9mm semi-automatic pistol in the bushes near where the magazine was located. Both suspects were later interviewed and they gave post Miranda statements as to what occurred. One suspect admitted that he fired the gun in the air in the parking lot and was charged with first degree attempted murder and related weapons offenses. The other suspect was charged with unlawful possession of a weapon second degree. They were both lodged in the Somerset County Jail.

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	87	797
Closed	47	356
Active	5	33
Suspended	35	403
Forwarded to SCPO	3	40

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A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	16	145
Closed	14	131
Active	0	6
Suspended	2	10
Forwarded to other Agencies	5	15

Community Outreach

The Community Policing Unit made eighteen (18) first time alarm notifications and thirteen (13) general alarm notifications. D/Sgt. Domizi assisted in numerous translations for both patrol & CID. Lt. Ciempola attended the community forum meeting.

Narcotics Strike Force

The Task Force Officer made one (1) undercover gun buy in North Plainfield, one (1) undercover gun buy in Watchung, and two (2) undercover gun buys in Hillsborough. He made one (1) drug buy in Franklin Township and one (1) drug buy in Bridgewater. One (1) drug arrest was made in Warren. The task force also conducted street crimes patrol in North Plainfield.

Other Matters

CID tracked nine (9) Handle with Care notifications made to the school district. CID conducted eleven (11) licensing investigations in October (10-Firearms, 1-PoliceApplicant). Lt. Ciempola conducted three (3) sex offender re-registrations.

Adjudications & Judicial Proceedings

Det. Halsted appeared in Grand Jury for a burglary/theft case, State v. Franklin Garcia-Garcia. The case received a true bill.

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS: During the month of October, there was one (1) new internal affairs complaint filed.

Investigation #	Classification	Disposition	Corrective Action
23-009	Other Rule	Sustained	R&R

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PATROL DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	15,214	149,877
Miles on unmarked patrol	55	55
Total miles on patrol	15,269	149,932

Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	3	39
Moving Hazardous Violation	80	764
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	166	1,715
Ordinance Violation	5	46
Parking Violation	325	2,576
Seatbelt	6	204
Radar	35	385
Refusal Breath Test	1	13
Child Restraints	7	94
Reckless Driving	8	61
Cell Phone	2	540
Careless Driving	27	248
Suspended License	13	202
Written Warnings	305	3,505
Totals	983	10,392
Loud Exhaust	33	86
Loud Exhaust Warnings	16	33

Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Clinton Avenue	33.5 Hours
Greenbrook Road	1 Hour
Grove Street	27 Hours
Leland Avenue	5 Hours
Myrtle Avenue	13 Hours
Norwood Avenue	9 Hours
Regent Street	1 Hour
Rt 22E/Columbia	1 Hour
Rt 22E/Maple	2 Hours
Rt 22E/Malcolm	1 Hour
Rt 22E/Mountain	1 Hour
Rt 22 E/Watchung	7.5 Hours

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Rt 22E/West End	3 hours
Rt 22 E/Westervelt	6 Hours
Rt 22W/Grey	1 Hour
Rt 22W/Harrison	3 Hours
Rt 22W/Maple	1 Hour
Rt 22W/North	6.5 Hours
Rt 22W/Rock	1 Hour
Rt 22W/Watchung	2 Hours
Rt 22W/Wilson	2 Hours
Somerset Street	13 Hours
Washington Avenue	1 Hour
Watchung Avenue	2 Hours
Westervelt Avenue	2 Hours
Willow Avenue	1 Hour
Total Radar Posts	146
Total Radar Hours	146.5
Total Radar Enforcement	132

Radar Speed Recorder:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Myrtle Avenue	10/01/23-10/03/23
Willow Avenue	10/01/23-10/03/23
Rockview Avenue	10/04/23-10/13/23
Rockview Terrace	10/04/23-10/13/23
Parkview Avenue	10/17/23-10/26/23
Somerset Street	10/17/23-10/26/23
Greenbrook Road	10/30/23-10/31/23
Mountain Avenue	10/30/23-10/31/23

School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	14 Hours
High School	10 Hours
Somerset School	5 Hours
Stonybrook School	25 Hours
Sundance School	5 Hours
West End School	20 Hours
TOTAL	79 Hours

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Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Farragut Road	10/01/23
Jefferson Avenue	10/01/23
Netherwood Avenue	10/01/23
Willow Avenue	10/01/23
Leland Avenue	10/02/23-10/23/23
Myrtle Avenue	10/02/23-10/23/23
Taft Avenue	10/02/23-10/23/23
Wilson Avenue	10/02/23-10/23/23
Duer Street	10/23/23-10/31/23
Grove Street	10/23/23-10/31/23
Manning Avenue	10/23/23-10/31/23
Rockview Avenue	10/23/23-10/31/23

Miscellaneous Information:

- We responded to 116 rescue squad calls.
- We conducted 44 building or premise checks.
- We investigated 48 general alarms.
- We made 562 motor vehicle stops.
- We conducted 9 walking beats.
- We conducted 60 school checks.
- We conducted 62 park checks.
- We conducted 180 area checks.
- The police department recorded a total of 3,728 incidents.
- BWC videos and CAD entries were reviewed by the Patrol Division Commander.
- 4 Use of Force After Action Reviews were conducted.

Parking Enforcement Report:

Tickets:	Title 39		Meter Related		Total	
	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
Totals	542	4,776	389	4,103	932	8,881

Meters		Permits		Total Revenue	
Monthly	YTD	Monthly	YTD	Monthly	YTD
9,664.67	124,526.16	760.00	22,460.00	10,424.67	146,986.16

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Monthly Accident Totals

Accidents for the Month: 86

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	1	Driving While Intoxicated	2
Hazardous	39	Non-Hazardous	16
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:

Rt 22-Reportable	28	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	0
Boro Streets-Reportable	52	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	0
Private Property-Reportable	6	Private Property Non-Reportable	0
Total Reportable Accidents	86	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	0

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	17
Persons Injured	17
Fatal Accidents	0

Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 889

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	4	Driving While Intoxicated	28
Hazardous	421	Non-Hazardous	194
Alcohol Related	2		

Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable

Rt 22-Reportable	273	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	4
Boro Streets-Reportable	477	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	8
Private Property-Reportable	122	Private Property Non-Reportable	5
Total Reportable Accidents	872	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	17

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	179
Persons Injured	225
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.

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- Traffic investigated/conducted follow ups on two (2) accidents.
- Traffic trained four (4) new crossing guards.
- Traffic arranged placement of light towers with NPPD along Mountain Avenue for Trick or Treat.
- Traffic conducted loud exhaust enforcement – 3 hrs.
- Traffic processed/followed up on six (6) vehicles for tow companies.
- Traffic and Parking covered nine (9) crossing posts.
- Traffic is working on the Safe Routes To School (SRTS) grant which will be submitted in November.
- Traffic conducted a DMV Mobile Inspection detail with the following results: 27 cars inspected, 17 cars passed, 10 cars failed. There were 16 summons and 7 warnings issued.

SERVICE DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$2,020.00	\$14,594.00
Calls for Service/Responses	3,728	38,523
Discovery Requests	47	410
Report Requests	5	113
Pieces of Evidence/Property	30	260

Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	0	0
Rape	1	8
Robbery	0	20
Assault, Agg:	1	15
Assault Simple	22	199
Burglary	4	29
Larceny	24	273
M.V. Theft	3	21
Arson	0	0
Domestic Violence	22	277
Bias Incidents	2	3

Monthly Arrest Analysis

	Month		YTD	
	Adult	Juv	Adult	Juv
Murder	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	2	0
Robbery	0	0	2	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	11	0
Burglary	0	0	2	0
Larceny/Theft	0	0	7	0

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Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	4	0	65	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
Forgery	0	0	0	0
Fraud	2	0	4	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	0	0	1	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	2	0
Weapons	2	0	3	0
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0
Violation of Drug Laws	1	0	3	0
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	0	0
Driving Under the Influence	3	0	41	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	5	0
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	6	0	35	1
Total UCR Arrests for Month	18	0	183	1
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	8	0	44	2
Grand Total Arrests for Month	26	0	227	3

- **0 Juvenile Arrests for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,



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