

Monthly Report

September 2020



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North Plainfield, NJ 07060
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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:

- No injuries or extended illnesses reported.

Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- Officer Jean-Baptiste's employment was terminated effective September 17, 2020 subsequent to a departmental hearing.

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A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On September 5, 2020 at 9:20 AM, the North Plainfield Police and Fire Department members responded to a residence on Myrtle Avenue on the report of a man down on the front lawn of a home. When the officers and medics arrived on the scene, they discovered a man lying on his back who was apparently deceased. Paramedics were called to the scene and the man was pronounced deceased. Detectives were called to the scene to assist with a death investigation along with investigators from the New Jersey State Medical Examiner's Office. Detectives processed the death scene and conducted interviews of friends and relatives of the decedent. The decedent was examined at the scene and had no signs of trauma and had in his possession his wallet and some other cash. Detectives have obtained video recordings showing the victim at the back steps of his apartment. The video then shows him walking away back out towards Myrtle Avenue. The medical examiner is currently conducting its investigation as to the cause of death and this case is pending.

On September 8, 2020 at 1:25 PM, a local business owner reported a burglary to his business on Watchung Avenue. On September 5, 2020 at 11:21 PM, an unknown Hispanic male entered this business through a window on the south side of the business. After about ten minutes inside the business, the male is seen exiting on surveillance video from the same window with what appears to be a screwdriver in his hand and other items valued at \$750.00. A detective responded to the business and processed the window that was opened by the suspect and lifted a palm print from that window which was sent to

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the New Jersey State Police lab for processing. Video surveillance was also obtained from the business and a photograph of the suspect outside the business was obtained. An APB Trax message was put out to patrol and neighboring towns with a likeness of the suspect. On September 28, 2020, the New Jersey State Police lab provided a suspect name from the palm print provided by our detective. The suspect was located and brought to headquarters for questioning. The suspect gave a post Miranda statement admitting to the burglary and theft. The Somerset County Prosecutor's Office was contacted and the suspect was subsequently charged with 3rd degree burglary. The suspect has been lodged in the Somerset County Jail pending a hearing.

On Tuesday September 22, 2020, a police officer conducted a welfare check of occupants in a vehicle that was parked in a parking lot of a business located on Route 22. During the welfare check, the officer discovered a female occupant in the vehicle. The officer detected a pungent odor of raw marijuana emanating from the vehicle. The officer had the occupant exit the vehicle and then began to look for possible marijuana in the vehicle. Suspected marijuana was located. Also, during the search for contraband, a black handgun loaded with an extended magazine with ten rounds of ammunition was located. The suspect who is not from New Jersey told a Detective during a follow-up interview and statement that she was not aware of New Jersey laws and owned the weapon for self-defense. The suspect was charged with second degree possession of a weapon without a permit, third degree possession of a weapon, and possession of Marijuana under fifty grams.

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	94	770
Closed	61	508
Active	4	15
Suspended	29	237
Unfounded	8	37
Forwarded to SCPO	7	90

A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	12	145
Closed	12	139
Active	0	0
Suspended	0	5
Unfounded	0	2

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Forwarded to other Agencies	7	96
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Community Outreach

The Community Policing Unit made twenty-two (22) calls to the senior citizens enrolled in the Good Morning Program, and sent out sixteen (16) first time false alarm activation notices and thirteen (13) false alarm notices. Det. Domizi assisted in numerous translations for both patrol & CID. Det. Domizi also attended the Make-A-Wish drive by event in Bernardsville. Det. Mote is still temporarily assigned to the Services Division to assist with firearms applications.

Narcotics Strike Force

The Task Force Officer reported that undercover narcotic operations continue throughout the county, including several investigations in the borough. Controlled buys were made in numerous Somerset County towns including towns in the North Plainfield area. Surveillance activities also took place throughout the month of September. Some of that activity was in response to information received here in the borough. The officer also conducted numerous arrest operations in the county. The officer was sent to riot control training at the Emergency Services Training Academy.

Other Matters

Detectives continue to investigate all criminal matters within North Plainfield during the pandemic. Detectives conducted ten licensing and background investigations during the month of September (5-Firearms, 2-Vendor, 1-Limo License, 1-Taxi License, 1-Police applicant). Lt. Ciempola conducted two (2) Megan’s Law re-registration.

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 September 2020, the police department logged the following Internal Affairs complaints.

Investigation #	Classification	Disposition	Corrective Action
20-23	Rule	Pending	Pending
20-22	Rule	Pending	Pending
20-21	Rule	Pending	Pending
20-20	Rule	Sustained	R&R

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20-18	Demeanor	Exonerated	N/A
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PATROL DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	15,713	139,975
Miles on unmarked patrol	360	660
Total miles on patrol	16,073	140,635

Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	3	21
Moving Hazardous Violation	61	333
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	66	567
Ordinance Violation	4	24
Parking Violation	158	672
Seatbelt	1	49
Radar	40	143
Refusal Breath Test	0	1
Child Restraints	3	34
Reckless Driving	7	32
Cell Phone	74	204
Careless Driving	25	150
Suspended License	28	155
Written Warnings	142	1,207
Totals	612	3,592

Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Albert Street	1 Hour
Clinton Avenue	29 Hours
Farragut Road	1 Hour
Greenbrook Road	26 Hours
Grove Street	32 Hours
Leland Avenue	5 Hours
Maple Avenue	1 Hour
Mountain Avenue	3 Hours
Myrtle Avenue	12 Hours
Norwood Avenue	20 Hours
North Drive	2 Hours

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Parkview Avenue	1 Hour
Rock Avenue	3 Hours
Rockview Avenue	1 Hour
Route 22	33 Hours
Sandford Avenue	10 Hours
Somerset Street	23 Hours
Sycamore Avenue	2 Hours
Walnut Street	1 Hour
Warfield Road	5 Hours
Washington Avenue	2 Hours
Watchung Avenue	3 Hours
West End Avenue	1 Hour
Westervelt Avenue	5 Hours
Wilson Avenue	1 Hour
Radar Posts Highlighted	223
Total Radar Posts	224
Total Radar Hours	259 Hours
Radar Summonses Issued	40
Radar Warnings Issued	52
Total Radar Enforcement	92

Radar Recorder:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
529 Greenbrook Road	09/08/20-09/15/20
528 Warfield Road	09/08/20-09/15/20
50 Greenbrook Road	09/17/20-09/24/20
162 Greenbrook Road	09/17/20-09/24/20

School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	0 Hours
Somerset School	0 Hours
Stonybrook School	0 Hours
West End School	0 Hours
High School	0 Hours
College Achieve	0 Hours

Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Grove/Rockview S	09/01/20-09/15/20
Harrison/Walnut	09/01/20-09/15/20

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Howard/Duer E	09/01/20-09/15/20
Townsend Place W	09/01/20-09/15/20
Farragut/Muriel S	09/01/20-09/30/20
Ridge Avenue	09/15/20-09/30/20
Ridge/Wilson	09/15/20-09/30/20
Somerset/Jennings	09/15/20-09/30/20
Washington/Park	09/15/20-09/30/20
Watchung/Jackson	09/17/20-09/30/20

Miscellaneous Information:

- We responded to 103 rescue squad calls.
- We conducted 245 building or premise checks.
- We conducted 0 interior school checks.
- We investigated 46 general alarms.
- We made 309 motor vehicle stops.
- We conducted 41 walking beats.
- The police department recorded a total of 3,926 incidents.
- Although there are still some restrictions in place due to the COVID 19 pandemic, patrol related activities in the areas of motor vehicle stops and radar posts have increased.
- 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	181	1,515	177	1,451	358	2,966

Meters		Permits		Total Revenue	
Monthly	YTD	Monthly	YTD	Monthly	YTD
9,353.34	62,994.17	510.00	10,750.00	9,863.34	73,744.17

Monthly Accident Totals

Accidents for the Month: 55

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	0	Driving While Intoxicated	1
Hazardous	42	Non-Hazardous	15
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:

Rt 22-Reportable	15	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	1
Boro Streets-Reportable	27	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	0

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Private Property-Reportable	11	Private Property Non-Reportable	1
Total Reportable Accidents	53	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	2

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	5
Persons Injured	7
Fatal Accidents	0

Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 566

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	2	Driving While Intoxicated	12
Hazardous	225	Non-Hazardous	125
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable

Rt 22-Reportable	173	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	10
Boro Streets-Reportable	289	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	8
Private Property-Reportable	79	Private Property Non-Reportable	7
Total Reportable Accidents	541	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	25

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	90
Persons Injured	124
Fatal Accidents	1

Miscellaneous Information Traffic:

- Traffic escorts parking collections to the bank each week - 4 hrs.
- Monthly alcotest maintenance was done.
- Traffic assisted with Dennis Passe's funeral escort to Basking Ridge.
- Traffic field tested Liadar units from Laser Technologies.
- Ofc. Branco maintained the batteries in the speed signs.
- Ofc. Branco assisted patrol for 5 hours.
- Sgt. Kardos assisted resident wit child restraint installation.
- Sgt. Kardos filed paperwork with the County for the Distracted Driving detail.
- Traffic sorted and inventoried signs on hand and had a quote done and order placed by DPW.
- Selective enforcement: Cell Phone – 14 hours at Somerset/Somerset, 2 hours on Watchung Avenue.

SERVICE DIVISION:

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	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$606.20	\$4,300.80
Calls for Service/Responses	3,926	25,230
Discovery Requests	29	213
Report Requests	124	1,799
Pieces of Evidence/Property	46	411

Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	2
Robbery	0	14
Assault, Agg:	2	2
Assault Simple	18	152
Burglary	4	17
Larceny	14	196
M.V. Theft	0	6
Arson	0	1
Domestic Violence	29	239
Bias Incidents	0	11

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	5
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0
Burglary	1	0	4	0
Larceny/Theft	1	0	20	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	1
Simple Assault	4	0	49	1
Arson	0	0	1	0
Forgery	0	0	0	0
Fraud	0	0	1	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	4	0
Weapons	1	0	2	0
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	1
Violation of Drug Laws	12	0	45	7
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	0	0

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Driving Under the Influence	3	0	22	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	2	0	13	0
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	5	0	62	1
Total UCR Arrests for Month	29	0	223	16
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	4	0	110	0
Grand Total Arrests for Month	33	1	333	16

- **0 Juvenile Arrests for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,

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