

Monthly Report

September 2021



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NORTH PLAINFIELD POLICE SEPTEMBER 2021 MONTHLY REPORT

ADMINISTRATION:

Staffing:

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

- 2 Patrol Officers
- 1 SLEO III Officers
- 1 Parking Enforcement P/T

Injured Officers/Officers on Leave:

- None

Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- Effective September 1, 2021, Stalin Fernandez was hired as a probationary Patrolman.
- Effective September 1, 2021, Kyle Lippincott was hired as a probationary Patrolman.
- Effective September 7, 2021, Roger Terry Jr. was hired as a SLEO III Officer.
- Effective September 22, 2021, Jason Hamilton was hired as a SLEO III Officer.

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A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On September 9, 2021 at 0759 hrs., the School Resource Officer was advised by the North Plainfield School Security Specialist that the High School and Middle School were going to put in a “Hold in Place” status due to a possible shooting threat. The School Resource Officer contacted the CID Commander and advised that a student reported a posting that she saw on snapchat and she believed that it could have been a threat to North Plainfield High School. Lt. Ciempola advised dispatch and he responded directly to the High School with other detectives. Two female students were brought to the principal’s office. One student indicated that at 0730 hrs., she observed a disturbing message posted from a female that she knows only through snapchat. The post said “to all north kids, whoever is walking out for lunch just be duckin’ I’m taking heads.” The student shared the post with her friend, who in turn showed her mother. Her mother contacted the school. It was determined during the investigation that the threat was directed towards a high school in Colorado. Det. DeJesus contacted the Denver Police Department and they indicated that they were aware of the threat, that the matter was being investigated. At this point the “Hold in Place” order was cancelled and classes resumed the normal schedule.

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On September 13, 2021 at 2008 hrs., patrol responded to a location on Washington Avenue on the report of a possible assault that was no longer in progress. Upon arrival, patrol spoke with a Hispanic male victim in the parking lot on the south side of the building. The victim was bleeding from his face and his shorts were ripped and he had blood on his clothes and hands. Through the translation of a bystander, the victim reported that he was walking his bicycle back to the bike rack when two tall and skinny black males exited a black Honda Civic and attacked him by punching him and kicking him repeatedly. One subject removed his wallet and then they returned to the black Honda and fled. The victim said the he briefly lost consciousness. He then called 911 to report the robbery. NPPD EMS came to the scene and treated his injuries, but he refused additional medical treatment. CID was notified and Det. Rogers responded to the scene. The major crime unit of the Somerset County Prosecutor’s Office was also advised of the robbery.

On September 30, 2021 at 0125 hrs., patrol responded to a store on Route 22 West on the report of a burglary alarm. Upon arrival, patrol observed the lower portion of the front door shattered enough for a person to get through. Just prior to the call, a security company from a nearby business called dispatch to report a male walking through the parking lot near the store’s location and crouching down between cars. The suspect apparently gained entry and shattered a glass case and it appeared as though multiple electronic vape cigarettes were missing. CID was notified and responded. The store owner also responded. The owner reviewed the video which showed the suspect shatter a glass showcase and take multiple items. He then went behind the counter and took the cash register before running out of the store and heading east. A search of the area for the suspect was negative. There was \$218.00 in the cash register.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:

A comparison of Adult incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	103	810
Closed	50	460
Active	10	46
Suspended	43	283
Unfounded	5	48
Forwarded to SCPO	6	58

A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	20	104

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Closed	19	101
Active	1	1
Suspended	0	2
Unfounded	1	13
Forwarded to other Agencies	3	45

Community Outreach

The Community Policing Unit made thirteen (13) calls to the senior citizens enrolled in the Good Morning Program, and sent out fifteen (15) first time false alarm activation notices and ten (10) false alarm notices. Sgt. Domizi assisted in numerous translations for both patrol & CID. Sgt. Domizi also attended the Municipal Alliance meeting.

Narcotics Strike Force

The Task Force Officer reported that in September he worked on narcotics investigations in North Plainfield, including two controlled buys. He also worked the Quality of Life detail in the Somerset section of Franklin Township and other controlled buys in Somerville.

Other Matters

Detectives conducted four licensing investigations during the month of September (3-Firearms, 1-Limousine). CID also tracked 14 Handle with Care notifications made to the school district. Lt. Ciempola handled two Megan's Law re-registrations.

Adjudications & Judicial Proceedings

Superior Court was open, however, none of our cases have come up on the calendar yet. Detectives made several appearances in Grand Jury.

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS: During the month of September 2021, the police department investigated the following Internal Affairs complaints.

Investigation #	Classification	Disposition	Corrective Action
21-0010	Rule	Exonerated	N/A
21-0011	Demeanor	Pending	Pending

PATROL DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	13,616	132,443

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Miles on unmarked patrol	157	270
Total miles on patrol	13,773	132,713

Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	2	26
Moving Hazardous Violation	37	395
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	87	1,043
Ordinance Violation	4	57
Parking Violation	232	2,108
Seatbelt	5	95
Radar	15	372
Refusal Breath Test	1	5
Child Restraints	3	71
Reckless Driving	4	30
Cell Phone	18	278
Careless Driving	20	167
Suspended License	11	173
Written Warnings	227	2,579
Totals	666	7,399

Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Brook Avenue	1 Hour
Clinton Avenue	25 Hours
Columbia Avenue	1 Hour
Farragut Road	4 Hours
Greenbrook Road	3 Hours
Grove Street	24 Hours
Leland Avenue	2 Hours
Mountain Avenue	1 Hour
Myrtle Avenue	7 Hours
Netherwood Avenue	1 Hour
Norwood Avenue	25 Hours
Parkview Avenue	2 Hours
Rock Avenue	4 Hours
Route 22 East	19 Hours
Route 22 West	11 Hours
Somerset Street	20 Hours
Warfield Road	5 Hours
Washington Avenue	12 Hours
Watchung Avenue	7 Hours
Westervelt Avenue	2 Hours

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Willow Avenue	9 Hours
Wilson Avenue	1 Hour
Total Radar Posts	186
Total Radar Hours	203 Hours
Total Radar Enforcement	98

Radar Speed Recorder:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
West End Avenue	09/01/21-09/07/21
Willow Avenue	09/07/21-09/15/21
North Jackson Avenue	09/13/21-09/29/21
Clinton Avenue	09/16/21-09/30/21
Meadowbrook Drive	09/29/21-09/30/21

School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	2 Hours
High School	0.5 Hour
Somerset School	9 Hours
Stonybrook School	1.5 Hours
West End School	5 Hours
TOTAL	18 Hours

Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Belmont Avenue	09/01/21-09/07/21
Watchung Avenue	09/01/21-09/07/21
Watchung Avenue	09/01/21-09/07/21
Willow Avenue	09/01/21-09/07/21
Coddington Avenue	09/07/21-09/13/21
Grove Street	09/07/21-09/13/21
Leland Avenue	09/07/21-09/13/21
Wilson Avenue	09/07/21-09/14/21
Coddington Avenue	09/13/21-09/30/21
Grove Street	09/13/21-09/30/21
Netherwood Avenue	09/13/21-09/30/21
Harrison Avenue	09/14/21-09/30/21
Farragut Road	09/30/21-09/30/21

Miscellaneous Information:

- We responded to 110 rescue squad calls.

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- We conducted 126 building or premise checks.
- We investigated 48 general alarms.
- We made 239 motor vehicle stops.
- We conducted 56 walking beats.
- The police department recorded a total of 3,028 incidents.
- 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	Month / YTD	Month / YTD	Month / YTD
Totals	185	1,121	229	2,273	414	3,392

Meters		Permits		Total Revenue	
Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD
9,707.44	81,015.78	1,320.00	15,720.00	11,027.44	96,735.87

Monthly Accident Totals

Accidents for the Month: 79

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	1	Driving While Intoxicated	1
Hazardous	29	Non-Hazardous	17
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:

Rt 22-Reportable	26	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	0
Boro Streets-Reportable	39	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	1
Private Property-Reportable	12	Private Property Non-Reportable	1
Total Reportable Accidents	77	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	2

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	13
Persons Injured	19
Fatal Accidents	0

Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 601

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	3	Driving While Intoxicated	16
Hazardous	225	Non-Hazardous	133
Alcohol Related	1		

Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable

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Rt 22-Reportable	189	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	5
Boro Streets-Reportable	307	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	9
Private Property-Reportable	87	Private Property Non-Reportable	4
Total Reportable Accidents	583	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	18

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	104
Persons Injured	136
Fatal Accidents	0

Miscellaneous Information Traffic:

- Traffic conducted collections & escorted parking to the bank - 12 hrs.
- Traffic conducted monthly alcotest maintenance.
- Traffic conducted meter repair – 2 hrs.
- Traffic and Parking covered 54 crossing posts.
- Sgt. Kardos attended Pedestrian/Bicycle Crash Investigation Level II September 13-17.
- Sgt. Kardos assisted a resident with a child restraint installation.
- Paperwork was filed with Somerset County for the August and September Utext-Udrive-Upay campaign.

SERVICE DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$541.55	\$4,279.95
Calls for Service/Responses	3,028	30,014
Discovery Requests	24	316
Report Requests	185	1,206
Pieces of Evidence/Property	49	344

Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	3
Robbery	4	27
Assault, Agg:	0	13
Assault Simple	19	141
Burglary	5	14
Larceny	26	165
M.V. Theft	2	28
Arson	0	2
Domestic Violence	22	207
Bias Incidents	3	8

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Monthly Arrest Analysis

	Month		YTD	
	Adult/Juv	Adult/Juv	Adult/Juv	Adult/Juv
Murder	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Rape	1	0	1	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	4	0
Burglary	0	0	1	0
Larceny/Theft	1	0	12	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	2	0
Simple Assault	8	0	39	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
Forgery	0	0	0	0
Fraud	0	0	1	0
Embezzlement	0	0	1	0
Stolen Property	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	5	0
Weapons	0	0	1	3
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	1	0
Violation of Drug Laws	0	0	9	0
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	2	0
Driving Under the Influence	2	0	25	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	4	0
Vagrancy	0	0	1	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	0	0	19	3
Total UCR Arrests for Month	12	0	128	4
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	3	0	35	2
Grand Total Arrests for Month	15	0	163	5

- **0 Juvenile Arrests for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,

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