

Monthly Report

April 2012



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May 6, 2012

To: Mayor Michael Giordano, Jr.
From: Chief William G. Parenti

The following is a report of the activities of the North Plainfield Police Department for the month. The Divisions of the Department divide the report.

ADMINISTRATION:

Staffing:

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

- 3 police officers
- 1 Lieutenant's position
- 1 sergeant's position
- 2 administrative assistants (chief and records) have been reduced to 20 hour part-time positions.

Sample of Arrests & Investigations

On April 15, shortly before mid-night, Officer Mazza was on routine patrol when he initiated a motor vehicle stop for an equipment violation. During the stop Officer Mazza became aware of the odor of freshly burned marijuana emanating from the vehicle. The operator consented to a search of the vehicle and a quantity of marijuana was recovered.

As a result, the operator was charged with one count of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, third degree; one count of possession of marijuana over 50 grams, fourth degree; and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia , a disorderly person violation. The defendant was lodged in the Somerset County Jail in lieu of bail.

On Tuesday, April 24, at 10:50 am, patrol was dispatched to the North Plainfield Library on a report of suspicious activity. Upon the arrival of Officers Steinhauser and Kropewnicki, they learned that a man had been printing pictures from the internet that depicted young children in pornographic poses. The officers were advised of the computer station and observed a subject from the borough that they were familiar with from previous law enforcement contacts.

Upon approaching the suspect, Officer Kropewnicki also observed pornographic pictures on the computer terminal. The library patron was taken aside and the computer was isolated from public view. The Somerset County Prosecutor's Office High Tech Crimes Unit was dispatched to the scene as well. While Detective Florek remained on scene

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gathering evidence, the suspect was transported to police HQs, where Detectives Innella and McKay spoke with him.

The suspect provided a post-Miranda statement indicating he was deliberately looking at the images and liked to look at same. The suspect indicated he went to the library because he did not have a home computer. He also consented to a search of his residence where he showed the detectives an area in his residence that contained more images that were of a child pornographic nature. All evidence was seized. After screening with the Somerset County prosecutor's Office, one charge of fourth degree possession of child pornography was authorized. The defendant was lodged in the Somerset County Jail pending the setting of bail.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:

A comparison of Adult incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	91	328
Closed	68	252
Active	8	22
Suspended	16	51
Unfounded	0	0
Forwarded to SCPO	3	23

A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	22	98
Closed	20	86
Active	2	12
Suspended	0	0
Unfounded	0	0
Forwarded to other Agencies	12	54

Community Outreach

During the month of April, the Cops unit conducted the Good Morning Program on 16 occasions; conducted 14 crime prevention follow-ups; and updated 6 business alarm listings. The unit sent out 37 letters to borough businesses or residents for false alarm activations explaining the borough's false alarm ordinance; and issued 2 warnings to entities that exceeded the borough's false alarm ordinance but made a good faith effort to come into compliance with same. Detective Kuga conducted 18 departmental translations.

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On April 10, Detective Fowler appeared as a guest speaker in four sections of an eighth grade social studies class on the police perspective on the fourth amendment. On April 11, Detective Kuga presented his Welcome to America Presentation at the North Plainfield Library to the adult students in an English as a Second Language program conducted at the Library. On April 16 & 17, Detective Kuga gave a presentation to all high school seniors in the district on the dangers of distracted driving, and specifically on the dangers of “texting” and driving. He also included a section on the legal ramifications of “sexting”. The students signed a pledge not to text and drive. Each 40 minute presentation was done in conjunction with the “Put it Down” campaign orchestrated by the Somerset County Chiefs of Police Association; the Somerset County Prosecutor’s Office; and Somerset Medical Center. The program was an all encompassing program to reduce drivers from “texting” through education and enforcement.

On April 17 & 18, Detective Fowler attended a two day work shop at the Somerset County Fire Academy sponsored by Louisiana State University. The class provided an overview on the difficulties encountered when investigating certain diseases, such as food poisoning, or “weaponized” terroristic food poisoning due to the long incubation periods associated with same. On April 20, Detective Fowler represented law enforcement at the Somerset School’s annual career day. On the evening of April 30, Detective Kuga gave his Welcome to America presentation to the parents in attendance at the Parent Teacher Organization at Somerset School.

Detective Kuga and Fowler attended the monthly meeting of the Municipal Alliance and Youth Services Commission.

Narcotic Strike Force

During the month of April, Officer DeJesus and the SCPO Strike Force continued to investigate the distribution of CDS in North Plainfield and throughout Somerset County. Officer DeJesus and Strike Force members made arrests in Somerville, Franklin, Bedminster, and Bound Brook.

Officer DeJesus initiated an ongoing investigation in April. Strike Force members spent 18 man hours in the borough one evening initiating same. In another local investigation, Officer DeJesus and Task Force members responded to a borough residence and executed a search warrant. The suspected target was arrested and charged with several disorderly person violations. Officer DeJesus has active local investigations at this time.

Judicial Appearances & Adjudications

During the month of April, members of CID made 1 Municipal Court appearances; and Detectives appeared or were placed “on call” 3 times for Superior Court related matters. On April 27, the Honorable Judge Marino sentenced Lee Gee to four years in the custody of the NJDOC for the robbery he committed at Quick Chek in May of 2011.

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Other Matters

During April, members of the unit completed 11 application background investigations for compliance with borough ordinances. They also initiated 1 background investigation related to Firearms ID card and a Permit to Purchase a Handgun.

During April, Detective Innella attended the monthly meeting of the SCPO SCERT team's tactical component. Lt. Clyne attended the monthly meeting of the Community Forum. On April 4th & 9th, Detective Kuga assisted with providing CPR training to all department members.

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PATROL DIVISION:

Patrol Vehicle Statistics

The Patrol Division logged the following miles of patrol:

	Month	YTD
Patrol Miles	15,779	67,493

Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	11	20
Moving Hazardous Violation	137	481
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	187	735
Ordinance Violation	27	119
Parking Violation	138	724
Radar	55	203
Written Warnings	351	1595
Other Summons	-	-
Totals	907	3880
Refusal Breath Test Included in (DWI above)	1	4

Patrol Division Traffic Enforcement

- Norwood Ave.: 8.5 hours of radar.
- Clinton Ave.: 18 hours of radar.
- Somerset St.: 7 hours of radar.
- Grove St.: 9 hours of radar.
- Rt. 22: 16.5 hours of radar.
- Watchung Ave.: 6 hours of radar.
- Warfield Rd.: 0 hour of radar.

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- Leland Ave.:0 hours of radar.
- Washington Ave.: 6 hours of radar
- Brook Ave.: 2 hours of radar.
- West End Ave.: 2 hour of radar.
- Green Brook Rd.:4 hours of radar
- Mountain Ave: 2.5 hour of radar
- Myrtle Ave: 1 hour of radar
- Westervelt Ave: 1 hour of radar
- Abandoned/Auto Invest : 31
- School Enforcement: Stonybrook 1.5 hours., High School hours., East End 1.5 hours., West End 1.5 hours., Somerset .5 hours
- Walking beat: 110 walking posts conducted
- “Downtown Enforcement” 113 summons, 66 warnings, 4 arrests , 2 Boro ord. (nightshifts).

Traffic Safety

- Radar Enforcement: Clinton ave- 5 hrs, Myrtle ave- 4 hrs, Norwood ave- 5 hrs, Warfield rd- 1 hrs, Leland ave- 4 hrs, Grove st.-2 hrs, Watchung ave- 1 hr.
- Misc. Complaints/Enforcement: Overpass 5.5 hrs, Cell phone 1 hrs, Commercial vehicle inspections with MVC and NJSP
- Crossing Posts: 3 posts were covered
- The speed signs were utilized at the following locations: Farragut rd, Mountain ave, Brook ave, Watchung ave., Taft ave, Rte 22E, Warfield rd, West End ave
- School Enforcement: NPHS- 1.5 hours , West End- 5 hours, Stonybrook- 2.5 hours, Somerset- 2 hours, East End- 2.5 hours.

Parking Enforcement

Tickets:	Title 39			Meter Related		Total	
	Month	/	YTD	Month	/	YTD	Month / YTD
Totals	53		194	227	937	280	1131

Meters		Permits		Total Revenue	
Monthly	/	YTD	Monthly	/	YTD
10,054.42		39,643.30	210	420	10,264.42
					40,168.30

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Accidents for the Month: 77

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	0	Driving While Intoxicated	2
Hazardous	39	Non Hazardous	10
Alcohol Related	2		

Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:

Rt 22-Reportable	20	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	6
Boro Streets- Reportable	31	Boro St Non-Reportable	9
Private Property-Reportable	8	Private Prop Non-Reportable	3
Total Reportable Accidents	59	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	18

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	13
Persons Injured	19
Fatal Accidents	0

Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 265

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	2	Driving While Intoxicated	5
Hazardous	121	Non Hazardous	35
Alcohol	5		

Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable

Rt 22-Reportable	82	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	20
Boro Streets- Reportable	111	Boro St Non-Reportable	18
Private Property-Reportable	18	Private Prop Non-Reportable	16
Total Reportable Accidents	211	Total Non-Reportable	54

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	52
Persons Injured	66
Fatal Accidents	0

Records

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	576.65	3,222.55
Calls for Service/Responses	2,435	1,0012
Discovery Requests	32	147

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Report Requests	762	3,355
Pieces of Evidence/ Property	40	131

The following is a comparison of the Uniform Crime Offenses, Part I, for the Month and Year to Date (YTD):

Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	1
Robbery	3	10
Assault, Aggravated	3	10
Assault Simple	11	47
Burglary	12	29
Larceny	19	104
M.V. Theft	1	5
Arson	0	0
Domestic Violence	18	78
Bias Incidents	0	0

Monthly Arrest Analysis

	Month		- YTD	
	Adult-	Juvenile-	Adult -	Juvenile
Murder	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1	0	4	1
Aggravated Assault	3	0	5	0
Burglary	0	0	2	0
Larceny/Theft	3	0	5	3
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	1	0
Simple Assault	4	1	20	1
Arson	0	1	0	1
Forgery	0	1	0	1
Fraud	0	0	1	0
Embezzlement	0	0	1	0
Stolen Property	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	0	0
Weapons	0	0	0	1
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0
Violation of Drug Laws	3	0	12	2
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	0	0
Driving Under the Influence	11	0	20	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0

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Disorderly Conduct	1	0	3	2
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering	---	4	---	4
All Other Offenses	38	2	146	3
Total UCR Arrests for Month	64	5	220	19
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	19		124	
Grand Total Arrests	83	5	344	23

Respectfully submitted,


William G. Parenti