

Township of Union



Police Department

2021 Annual Report

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Union Police Mission



It is a top priority of the Township of Union Police Department to protect and serve the residents of the Township of Union, utilizing the philosophy of Community Oriented Policing, which provides for the delivery of police services with a focus on the needs of the residents of the Community. It is the mission of the Union Police Department to be sensitive to the needs of community and to work with residents to improve and maintain the quality of life within the Township. The Township of Union Police Department encourages communication and listens to the concerns of the community. Through a proactive approach, utilizing community education and crime prevention, officers and the community become members of a team with the common goals of reduced crime and improved quality of life.

Union Police Core Values



1. **INTEGRITY** - *A value which represents incorruptible adherence to the other core values. Integrity does not stand alone; it is supported by the other key values: Fairness, Respect, Honesty, Courage and Compassion. These basic values require constant self-discipline. They are the foundation for law enforcement in a democratic society, which holds accountable those who it entrusts to enforce its laws.*

2. **FAIRNESS** - *A value characterized by freedom from self-interest, prejudice or favoritism. Fairness is the essential attribute of impartiality and a cornerstone of the relationship between the citizenry and those sworn to protect and to serve them. Law enforcement officers must treat all witnesses, victims and suspects fairly without reference to personal feelings, beliefs or interests. Fairness requires respect for cultural and ethnic diversity.*

3. **RESPECT** - *A value that denotes pride and a high regard for all citizens, and the Constitution, power and authority of office. Law enforcement officers must show respect for others through temperance, fairness and courteous execution of their duties and conduct of their personal lives.*

4. **HONESTY** - *A value that is the anchor of Integrity. Honesty means being trustworthy and sincere in accordance with experience and facts. Lying, cheating, stealing, or the appearance of impropriety is unacceptable to the profession of law enforcement.*

5. **COURAGE** - *A value that law enforcement officers must possess to preserve life and property. Courage is control under adversity of fear and the ability to do what is right. Courage is the value that prompts law enforcement officers to take control, and if necessary, risk their lives to defend and protect human life.*

6. **COMPASSION** - *A value that is inherent to understanding or sympathy for victims or another's suffering. Compassion is the ability to restore order to others' lives while controlling and understanding personal feelings which influence individual actions. Humility is a necessary attribute of compassion.*

Union Police Code Of Ethics



As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality and justice. I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency. I will maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed both in my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty. I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities. I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice. I know that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession . . . law enforcement.

Staff Services Bureau

The Staff Services Bureau incorporates Educational Services (Training), Planning & Research, Community Policing, School Resource Officer, Field Training Officer Program, Crime Prevention, Law Enforcement Against Drugs (L.E.A.D), Alarm Enforcement, Accreditation, Jobs-in-Blue & the newly established Bicycle Unit.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES SECTION

The goal of the Educational Services section is to provide effective, quality training, while at the same time maintaining a streamlined operation. This continues to be accomplished through the utilization of a training regimen, which provides for all of the *mandated* and ancillary training programs, while allowing for the fielding of adequate manpower. Noteworthy training activities that were undertaken in 2021, include some of the following:

Officer Safety – Weapons Training	ICAT & ABLE Training
Active Shooter Training	Legal Updates
Domestic Violence	Defensive Tactics
Vehicle Pursuit /Block and Lock Training	Body Worn Camera
Use of Force Training	Drone Operation
Field Training Officer Program	M4 Operators Courses
9-1-1 and EMD Recertification Training	Workplace Harassment
Law Enforcement Interaction with Orthodox Jewish Community	Civil Disturbance Training

The Union Police Department continued its participation in the Union County Emergency Response Team (*U.C.E.R.T.*) SWAT training. Additional training for Entry & Containment has continued as well. Currently, Five Union Police officers are assigned to the *U.C.E.R.T.* regular training team; in addition four are assigned to specialty training in the Entry & Containment Team.

Major mandated and voluntary training undertaken in 2021, included semi-annual firearms, pursuit training, and ICAT & ABLE training with a major focus on Use of Force training.

As part of our on-going firearms maintenance program, which is conducted semi-annually, firearm instructors/armorsers continue to inspect each and every handgun that's in service and ultrasonically clean them. This program allows the department to ensure serviceability of all department weapons and to intervene early on if problems occur.



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Staff Services Bureau

The police department supplies body armor to all of our police officers. The department also replaces a percentage of the body armor to ensure all of our officers are issued up to date body armor. In 2021, we issued 21 officers new body armor.

In the spirit of cooperation (as well as fulfilling our obligation), Union Police officers continue to serve as instructors at the John H. Stampler Police Academy. Instructors from various departments throughout Union County, as well as from state and federal agencies, staff the police academy.

ALARMS

The Alarm Enforcement Unit managed the Township's business and residential alarm accounts for 2021. Funds in the amount of **\$6,150.00** have been received for business alarm accounts.

The Alarm Enforcement Unit also maintains emergency information files on all businesses within the Township. Maintenance and daily updating of these files assist the communications personnel in making rapid contact to home and business owners in case of break-ins or other emergency situations. These files are also a source of important information for responding patrol personnel.

The Alarm Unit monitors the number of false alarms generated by business and commercial establishments within the Township. Premises that continue to produce unacceptable numbers of false alarms are subject to an initial warning and graduated penalties determined by the Police Director. As a result of the program, a noticeable decrease in false alarm activity has resulted and the department will continue to strive for elimination of even more unnecessary alarm activations. The 2021 false alarm fees - **\$1,050.00**.

Careful monitoring to reduce the number of false alarms is necessary to insure rapid emergency response to the residents of the township, while protecting the safety of the officers on the road.

Excessive false alarms cause inefficient utilization of department resources and detract from the expeditious delivery of public safety resources to the community at large.

ALARM FEES 2021

Alarm fees collected for the year 2021 - **\$6,150.00**

False alarm fees for 2021 - **\$1,050.00**



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CRIME PREVENTION / COMMUNITY POLICING / L.E.A.D. /

D.A.R.E.

The Crime Prevention/Community Policing Unit performs functions that support and enhance the mission of the Police Department. The Unit provides education and information on Crime prevention and personal safety; encourages and assists residents in the formation of Neighborhood Watch groups and other prevention and public safety activities. D.A.R.E. / L.E.A.D. officers support and play key roles in many of the community policing and crime prevention activities and events. In 2021, we were able to train 3 additional officers through the D.A.R.E. / L.E.A.D programs. With COVID restrictions finally being lifted, those officers were able to establish in classroom curriculums once again.



EXPLORERS

The Township of Union's Police Division maintains an active Law Enforcement Explorer Post. Exploring is a division of the Boy Scouts of America program, designed for young men and women between the ages of 14 and 18. A major purpose of Exploring is to develop character building, citizenship training and fitness programs for the youth of the participating community.

As of December 2021, the Union Police Law Enforcement Explorer Posts consist of 13 young members. The total number of advisors is 16. The program enables youth to participate in various aspects of law enforcement through training scenarios, community service programs, and social activities. Some of the training and activities included in the monthly meetings were CPR and First Aid Training, Morals and Ethics, Radio Communications, Crime Prevention, Bicycle Registration, Military Drill, and attendance at town events.

During 2021, Union Law Enforcement Explorers were able to supply over 250 volunteer hours to the Township. Explorers resumed their monthly meetings, and completed hundreds of training hours in the process. In the 24 year history, of the Union Police Department's Law Enforcement Explorer Post, 14 Police Explorers have gone on to become police officers. Four of the 14 are employed by the Union Police Department.



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PERSONNEL

The department hired 11 new officer in 2020, maintaining our manpower at 136 sworn officers. We hired 1 new civilian employee. Our department had 10 retirements and 2 resignations. 5 Officers were promoted from Patrolman to Sergeant, 2 Sergeants were promoted to Lieutenant , and 1 Lieutenant was promoted to Captain.

NEW HIRES

Christopher Donnelly	February 2	Deputy Police Director
Milton Jacobs	February 5	Police Officer
Lisa M. Pinto	February 5	Police Officer
Bryan A. Sousa	February 5	Police Officer
Nelly Restrepo-Herrera	May 17	Civilian
Teresa Mascidlo	May 17	Civilian
Joseph Fontana	June 7	Civilian
Liam Matos	July 12	Civilian
Shontel S. Robinson	July 23	Police Officer
Daniel J. Cowan	July 23	Police Officer
Briana F. Silva	July 23	Police Officer
Jospeh M. Denequolo	July 23	Police Officer
Brain A. Goncalves	July 23	Police Officer
Matthew C. Canales	July 23	Police Officer
Vincent J. Wrege	July 23	Police Officer
Dave H. DePaz-Blanco	July 23	Police Officer

PROMOTIONS

Scott Breslow	June 23	Deputy Chief
Frank Marano	June 23	Captain
Christopher Scudieri	June 23	Sergeant
Lesllie Gaschler	June 23	Sergeant
Joseph Sauer	June 23	Sergeant
Jamie Soltys	June 23	Sergeant
Robert Kiselow	June 23	Sergeant
Matthew Sakala	June 23	Sergeant



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RETIREMENTS

Rick Landolfi	7/1/2021	Deputy Chief
Dragan Ristovski	7/1/2021	Police Officer
Roberto Perez	7/1/2021	Police Captain
Walter Stinner	7/1/2021	Police Lieutenant
Kenneth Greuner	7/1/2021	Police Detective
Frederico Sa	7/1/2021	Police Officer

RESIGNATIONS

Jason Sullivan	2/1/2021	Police Officer
David DiFabrizio	2/1/2021	Communications Officer
Shontel S. Robinson	8/23/2021	Police Officer
Matthew Canales	8/23/2021	Police Officer
Briana F. Silva	9/1/2021	Police Officer
Vincent J. Wrege	9/28/2021	Police Officer

Staff Service Bureau

GRANTS

The Police Department received funds throughout the year from the following grants:

2021 DSOGPO - SLC Labor Day Safety	\$ 7,500.00
Federal Body Camera Grant	\$ 305,700.00
NJ Criminal Justice Body Armor Fund	\$ 19,280.31
HTS- MOB – 2021 Click it or Ticket	\$ 9,000.00
Federal HTS Grant FY2022	\$ 79,196.00
MOB 2021 – DSOGPO – YEHC (Year End Holiday Crackdown)	\$ 9,000.00
Total	\$ 429,676.31

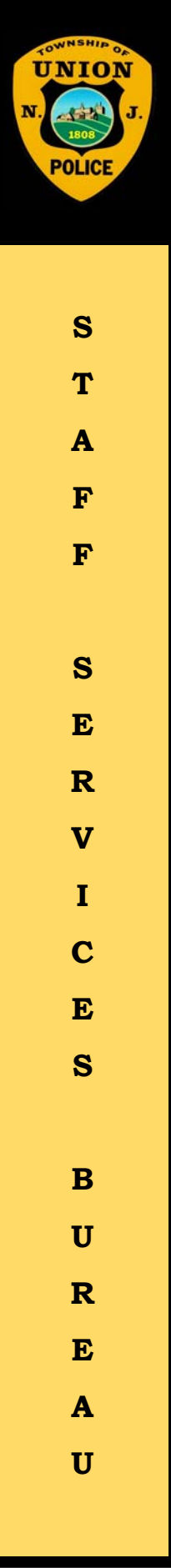
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGNS / GRANTS

Each year our agency participates in a number of enforcement campaigns. These campaigns are funded by grants from the federal and state government. The campaigns include:

- Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund
- Pedestrian Safety
- Labor Day DWI
- Holiday Crackdown DWI
- Safe Corridor
- Distracted Driver
- Click it or Ticket



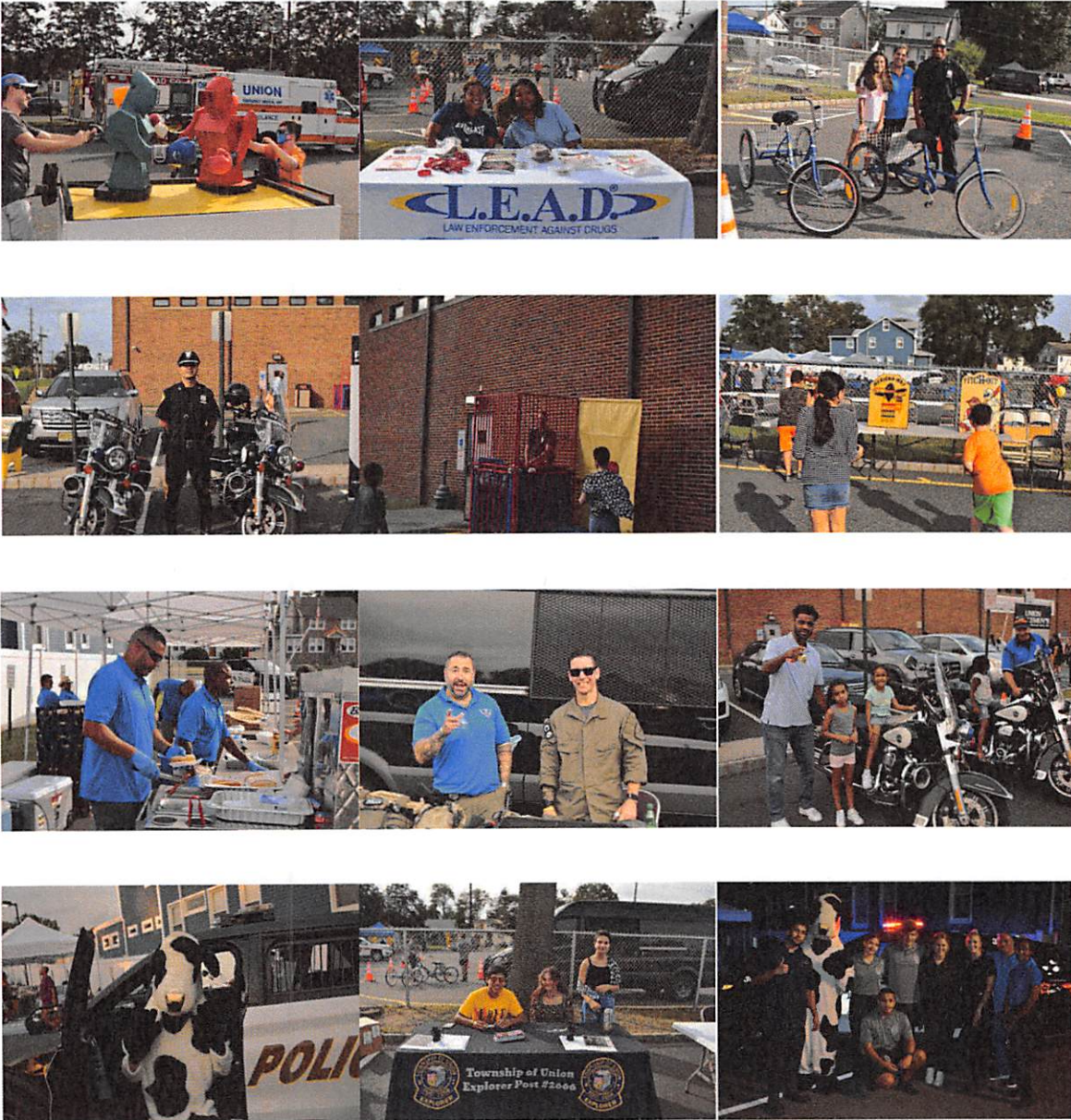
Our Agency was awarded \$ 79,7196.00 from the Federal Highway Safety fund - FED 2022 Fund. This money is allocated to help improve safety on Federal Highways. Our agency used this money to strictly enforce violations Route 22, a designated safe corridor zone. Officers assigned to these special details focused primarily on speeding violations, distracted drivers, and violations involving work zone safety offenses.



Staff Services Bureau

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

National Night Out is a community-police oriented event held every year in the United States on the first Tuesday of August. The Union Police Department participates in this every year hosting the event in our parking lot, having well over 800 attendees. During this event we provide many services to the residents including, DWI goggle demonstrations, Alzheimer awareness, Child restraint programs, & Drone Demonstrations. There is also a dunk house where children could dunk officers, face painting, building tours, musical entertainment and food for all guests. After, unfortunately canceling due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, National Night Out was back and better than ever in 2021.

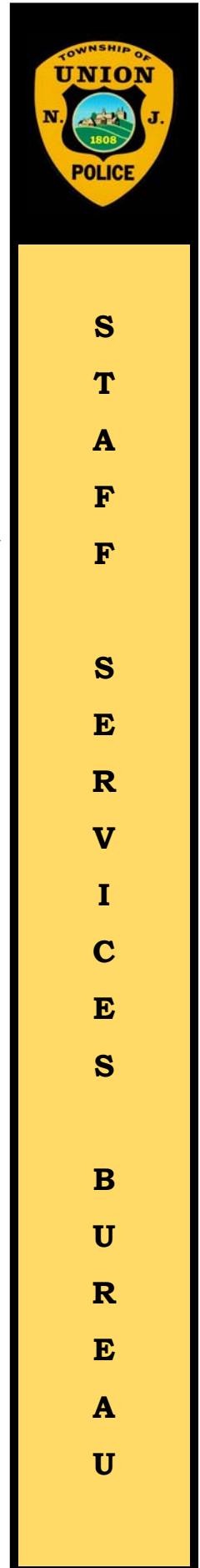


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JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY PROGRAM

In 2021, the department, through the Staff Services/D.A.R.E. Unit, conducted a Junior Police Academy program. This program was conducted through the week of July 12th – 16th. This was the second time our department has hosted this program since 2012, and the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic. The program was offered to the graduating fifth grade class, having 40 spots available, all which were filled. The program offers participants to experience a mini Police Academy, complete with marching drills, and physical training. Participants are broken up into 4 teams and have daily team building exercises. The Junior Police Recruits also have educational classes on topics such as Basic Police Investigation and Crime Scene Development, giving them a small insight into everyday police responsibilities. Demonstrations are provided by the Union County Bomb Squad, the Union County Sheriff's K9 unit, the Union County Swat Team, and the Township of Union Fire Department. The week came to a close with a visit from the NJSP Helicopter Unit, a field trip to the US Coast Guard Station, and finally, the Graduation Ceremony.



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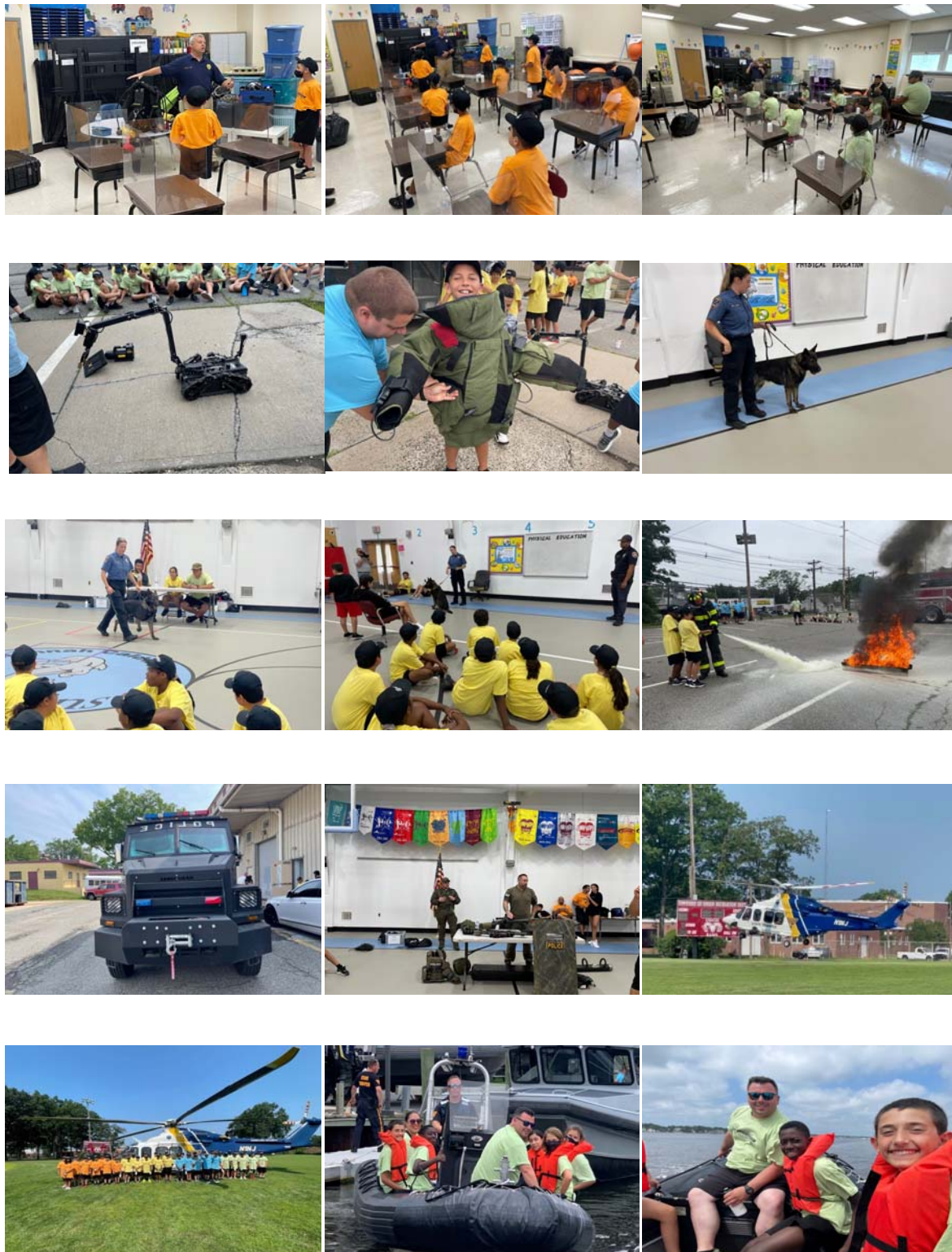
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TRUNK or TREAT

The Township of Union Police Department Presents “Trunk or Treat” is a newly annual community policing event hosted by the Township of Union Police Department to celebrate Halloween. The event takes place in the Union Police Department parking lot located at 981 Caldwell Avenue. “Trunk or Treat” is a free community event which offers an alternative to traditional trick or treating. Every safety precaution was taken and strictly enforced to minimize the chance of COVID exposure to our officers, civilian employees, and our township residents. During the “Trunk or Treat” event, contests were held for best decorated vehicle and best costume, as families mingled and collected candy. The event continues to be a huge success with hundreds of visitors. The department continues to receive positive feedback from providing safe measures to help the Township of Union safely celebrate Halloween.



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HALLOWEEN SAFETY

“Un-Mischief Night” is an annual community policing event organized and ran by the Township of Union Police Department. “Un-Mischief Night” is dance held at one of the local Township schools to help celebrate Halloween for local sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. The purpose of “Un-Mischief” night is to deter children from possible dangers and engaging in typical vandalistic behaviors on the night before Halloween known as “Mischief Night” by providing a fun and safe environment. Students are chaperoned for the evening by Union Police Officers, and given the opportunity to dance, socialize with friends, enjoy music, play games, win prizes, eat pizza and snacks, and interact with Union Police Officers.

SANTA IN BLUE

The Union Police Department coordinates and administers the annual Santa-In-Blue Program. Unfortunately, too many members, more importantly our children, of local communities are struggling to live day to day due to stressing factors and unforeseen circumstances which can make the holiday season a tough time to get through. For over twenty years, the Township of Union Police Department’s “Santa in Blue” program has benefited families in need through the annual collection of new and unwrapped toys for children newborn to 18 years of age. The “Santa in Blue” program works in conjunction with local business, Township officials, Township residents, local organizations, and the local school district. Officers of the Community Policing Unit and D.A.R.E./L.E.A.D run programs throughout the holiday season to promote the collection of gifts for needy families. Civilian employees, volunteers, and officers worked diligently in organizing, sorting, wrapping, and distributing new and donated collection of toys. By utilizing officers from throughout the department, dozens of gifts and toys were personally delivered to 102 homes within the Township of Union. After the gifts were delivered throughout the Township, remaining gifts and toys were donated to various veteran organizations to be dispersed to the children of disabled Veterans. The “Santa in Blue” program helps make Christmas morning that much more special to a child as well as their families as they awake to see an extra gift under the tree which contributes to the magic and joy of the holiday season.



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Bicycle Unit

In 2021 our Department formed a new Bicycle Unit. The Bicycle Unit is comprised of 4 officers, and a supervising Sergeant, working a 4/4 schedule. Bicycle Unit Officers also change their schedules, split shifts, and exchange workdays in order to accommodate the needs of the community and the department. Bicycle patrols are effective in delivering police services on a more personal level. The public finds the Bike Officers to be more accessible, similar to the officers on the walking beat, but unlike officers assigned to walking posts, bicycle officers have the advantage of a higher level of mobility. Bicycle Patrol allows the officers to interact more easily with the members of the community, and, therefore, becomes an extremely effective police/community relations medium. The use of bicycles makes the patrolling of parks, wooded areas, alleys, and other areas not available to motor vehicles, more easily accessible. The Bicycle Unit serves as a means of delivering proactive services, and provides the ability to access suspects and affect criminal apprehensions.

The Bicycle Unit now utilizes electric “E-bikes” for their patrol. The “E-Bike” allows the officers to travel safer in the roadways, and also, allows the officer to stay mobile for longer periods of time without needing to rest.

All officers assigned to the Bike Unit have completed the Police Training Commissions course Bicycle Patrol. This course is a rigorous 5 day/40 hr. course designed to equip the candidate with the skills to successfully and safely operate a bicycle while in performance of their job duties. Candidates will be taught how to maneuver the Police Bicycle at moderate and high speeds, negotiate obstacles, ascend/descend stairs, accident avoidance, breaking maneuvers, proper nutrition, fitness, pedestrian stops/contact, crowd control ,and using the bicycle as an alternate means of force.

This year the Bicycle Unit has maintained a high level of involvement in community oriented policing. With this commitment in mind, the Bicycle Unit also participated in ALL events sponsored by the township i.e.; parades, fairs, “Coffee With A Cop”, and the Annual Township Car Show.

In addition to their normal duties, the officers of the Bicycle Unit also provided assistance to other Bureaus when needed, i.e. patrol with accidents scenes, respond to calls for service, and major crime scenes. Bike Unit officers have also assisted the Detective Bureau with investigations, and when needed, they have assisted in arrest situations. Officers from the Bike Unit have also worked with the LEAD Officer when needed to provide additional assistance with community and school programs. The Bike Unit officers also assisted Internal Affairs with extensive background investigations for regular and auxiliary police officer candidates, as well as dispatch candidates.



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Records, Property, and Court Departments



2021 POLICE DIVISION - STAFFING

POLICE DIRECTOR	1
POLICE DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1
DEPUTY CHIEF	1
CAPTAINS	3
LIEUTENANTS	7
SERGEANTS	23
DETECTIVES	15
POLICE OFFICERS	91
TOTAL SWORN PERSONNEL	142
CIVILIANS	33
DISPATCHERS	22
TOTAL PERSONNEL	197

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Records, Property, and Court Departments

RECORDS, TECHNICAL SERVICES, PROPERTY AND COURT SECTION

The Records section consists of five clerk typists, a property officer, and a court coordinator.

The Record Clerks are responsible for the proper maintenance, filing, and release of records and information produced by the Police Department. The Police Department produces over 50,000 paper reports annually. Each report is categorized and placed into a filing system in accord with government and civil regulations. The Records Section is responsible for providing blotter and report access to the public and government requests, while assuring the confidentiality of information necessary to protect active investigations. The Record Section serves the public with copies of accident reports, investigation reports, and blotter information. The section is responsible for background investigations of individuals as required by government and private agencies. The Police Department received several hundred OPRA requests this year. Each one of these is reviewed by the section supervisor to determine what information can be released and the clerk compiles the information.

During the past year, the Department continued utilizing an online system for OPRA requests to be submitted. This enables citizens to file OPRA request from the comfort of their home and many of the responses can be delivered electronically as well reducing time and cost.

The Records section supervisor is also responsible for uploading nearly 3,500 motor vehicle accident reports to the web services “<https://buycrash.lexisnexisrisk.com/search/index> ” Where citizens can obtain a copy of their accident report online.

The Property officer maintains the storage and security on all evidence and property recovered by members of the Police and Fire Department. The clerk handled over 5000 pieces of property during the year. Each item is checked for stolen ownership and evidentiary values. Appropriate items are forwarded to other agencies for scientific evaluation of evidence. The Property Officer ensures the court chain of custody is maintained on all property. The officer is responsible for the legal disposition of all property held by the departments. The Property Officer is also responsible for the transfer to the Union County Prosecutor of all confiscated weapons under the Domestic Violence Act. The Property Section operates a Property and Lab Management computer system called ‘The Beast’. The Beast is a bar code system that tracks all evidence and property acquired by this department. There was a complete 100% audit of the all the stored property in 2021 since there was a change of the chief law enforcement officer.

The Court Coordinator position holds the responsibility of answering all requests for discovery on court cases before the Municipal Court of Union. This responsibility extends to assisting the Municipal Prosecutor’s office with cases originated by the Union County Police, NJ State Police and Kean University Police, NJ Transit Police and other agencies. The Court Coordinator works hand in hand with the Police Officers and the Prosecutor to ensure all reports, certifications, evidence, and witnesses are presented before the Court.

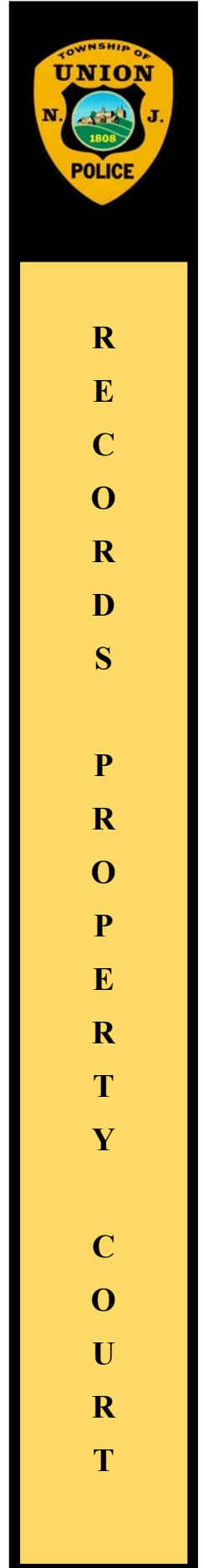


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Records, Property, and Court Departments



The Police Clerk Typists and Computer Operators assigned to the Technical Services Bureau are responsible for the data entry of all incident information received on police reports. All reports created by the Police Department funnel through the Technical Services section prior to filing in the Records Section. The data entered creates the information necessary to provide the State of NJ with a Uniform Crime Report. The database is used as a central repository for the name and case number file used in retrieving reports from the Records Section. Technical Services is the unit that maintains the attendance records for the Police. Reports are created for the Payroll Department for use in pay allowances. The section also maintains the computerized personnel file with a complete database of employees and their contractual allowances. On a daily basis, the section members scan all reports and blotters into a document imaging system. Personnel in the Police and Fire Departments assign cases, research information and retrieve the public records through this document imaging system. The Docuware imaging system currently contains over 1,000,000 copies of records available on line 24 hours a day.

The police department deployed AXON body worn cameras in March of 2019 and continued its use throughout 2021. All patrol officers were outfitted with body worn cameras. In 2021, all officers assigned a body worn camera received an upgraded AXON body worn camera known as the AB3. The potential benefits of body worn cameras include creating objective records of stop encounters, encouraging lawful and respectful police-citizen interactions when both parties know exchanges are recorded, alleviating mistrust between the police and the public, and offering a way to substantiate whether officers have been wrongly or rightly accused of misconduct.

Records, Property, and Court Departments



GENERAL DIVISION ACTIVITIES

ITEM	2021	2020
TOTAL NUMBER OF INCIDENT NUMBERS	95,140	93,232
ANIMAL CALLS	354	275
SUDDEN DEATH REPORTED	90	101
MISSING PERSONS REPORTED	66	54
TOTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ALARMS	2,179	2,572
ESCORTS PROVIDED	415	515
TOTAL MEDICAL AID CALLS EXCEPT MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	4,722	4,323

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COST IN DOLLARS OF PROPERTY STOLEN AND RECOVERED		
CATEGORY	2021	2020
VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN (EXCEPT VEHICLES)	\$ 795,573	\$ 763,357
VALUE OF STOLEN VEHICLES	\$ 1,235,527	\$ 1,357,749
TOTAL ALL STOLEN PROPERTY	\$ 2,031,100	\$ 2,121,106
VALUE OF STOLEN PROPERTY RECOVERED (EXCEPT VEHICLES)	\$ 138,396	\$ 132,174
VALUE OF STOLEN VEHICLES RECOVERED	\$ 1,001,230	\$ 997,864
TOTAL VALUE ALL STOLEN PROPERTY RECOVERED	\$ 1,139,626	\$ 1,130,038

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OFFENSES	2021	2020	Percent
	Totals	Totals	Change
Murder	2	0	200%
Rape	5	4	25%
Robbery Armed	8	9	-11%
Robbery Strong arm	6	14	-57%
Aggravated Assault	38	32	18.75%
Simple Assault	272	201	35%
Burglary	55	36	52.78%
Larceny Theft	571	783	-27%
MV Theft	647	571	13.25%
Arson	0	3	-300%
Total	1604	1653	-5%

The Above information represents actual offenses which occurred within the Township of Union as reported through the **Uniform Crime Reporting** System. They only represent crimes that are under this agency's jurisdiction and do not include offenses that occurred at Kean University, Union County Parks located in the Township of Union or crime committed in New Jersey State Police jurisdiction. (**Garden State Parkway, I-78**)

Note: These figures also include attempts to commit the indicated offenses.

Records, Property, and Court Departments



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ARRESTS	2021 Arrests	2020 Arrests	Percent Change
Murder	1	0	100%
Rape	1	1	N/C
Robbery	3	2	50%
Aggravated Assault	38	20	90%
Simple Assault	132	74	78%
Burglary	7	8	-12.5%
MV Burglary	20	17	17.5%
Larceny Theft	187	156	20%
Arson	0	0	N/C
MV Theft	2	1	100 %
Other	687	731	-6%
Total	1078	1010	6.73

Below are listed examples of offences which are included in the **other** category.

Driving Under the Influence
Drug Offenses
Contempt of Court

Resisting Arrest
Juvenile Delinquency
Disorderly Offenses

Internal Affairs Division Case Dispositions



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Type of Complaint	Cases Received	Sustained	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded
Crime	0	0	0	0	0
Excessive Force	2	0	0	0	1
Improper Arrest	1	0	1	0	0
Improper Entry	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	0	0	0	0
Differential Treatment	7	0	0	1	6
Demeanor	8	0	0	4	2
Rule Violation	9	4	0	1	3
Totals	27	4	1	6	12

Sustained: The investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to prove the allegation.

Exonerated: The actions of the officer were proven to be justified, legal and proper.

Not Sustained: The investigation failed to disclose sufficient information to clearly prove or disprove the allegation.

Unfounded: The alleged incident did not occur or there is insufficient information to conduct a meaningful investigation.

- **Note:** There were 4 open cases at the year's end.

Internal Affairs Division Police Pursuit Summary



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Number of pursuits initiated	27
Number of pursuits resulting in accidents	2
Number of pursuits resulting in injury (NO DEATHS)	1
Number of pursuits resulting in death	0
Number of pursuits resulting in arrest	2

Number of Vehicles in Accidents	
Pursued vehicles	2
Police vehicles	0
Third party vehicles	3

Number of People Injured	
Pursued vehicles	0
Police vehicles	2
Third party vehicles	0
Pedestrians	0

Number of People Killed	
Pursued vehicles	0
Police vehicles	0
Third party vehicles	0
Pedestrians	0

Number of people arrested	2
Number of pursuits in which tire deflation device used	0

Internal Affairs Division

Use of Force Statistics



INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Number of Use of Force Incidents	40
Number of Suspects Involved	41
Number of Suspects Under the Influence	13

Type of Suspect Resistance (Incidents):	
Physical Resistance	41
Threat / Physical Attack on Officer	8
Threat / Attacked Officer with Weapon	1

Type of Force Used by Officer (Incidents):	
Physical Force	41
Mechanical Force	0
Deadly Force	0

Injuries Sustained During Incidents:	
Number of Suspects Injured	2
Number of Officers Injured	6
Total Number of Arrests during this Period	1086
Percentage (%) of Arrests where Force was Used	3.68%

Patrol Bureau

The Patrol Division is the backbone of the Union Police Department and is the Department's largest and most visible component, operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

In 2021 the Patrol Division was staffed by 1 Captain, 4 Lieutenants, 14 Sergeants and 64 patrol officers. The Supervisors and Officers are divided into four separate platoons that work 11.5 hour days on a four day rotation. Each platoon is led by a Lieutenant and three Sergeants. Sixteen or Seventeen officers were assigned to each of the platoons, and almost half of the officers assigned to patrol had less than ten years of experience.

Uniformed Patrol Officers are the first response to calls for service that come into the Department. Patrol Officers respond to all types of emergencies. Patrol Officers are required to conduct initial investigations at crime scenes and motor vehicle crashes. They address quality of life complaints, and are often called upon to respond to disturbances and disputes. They handle noise complaints, restore order, and preserve and maintain the peace. Uniformed Patrol Officers are often the first on the scene of medical aides, and in years past have saved numerous lives by performing CPR and rendering aid. Patrol Officers also respond to drug overdoses, and have successfully administered nasal Narcan on a growing number of occasions since it was first deployed back in 2014. By doing so, Patrol Officers have saved countless lives.

Patrol officers are responsible for enforcing motor vehicle traffic laws. In 2021, Patrol Officers made over 11,800 motor vehicle stops, and issued more than 15,000 motor vehicle summonses. The Department also participated in the "Click-it or Ticket" seatbelt campaign, and conducted distracted driving enforcement details, which were funded by grant money. From the day after Thanksgiving until the day after Christmas, the department conducted its annual holiday season overtime patrols. The patrols were primarily on Rt. 22, Springfield Ave, and Union Center.

The Department has continued an aggressive stance towards DWI enforcement. There were 10,142 deaths from alcohol-impaired-driving crashed nationwide in 2019. The Patrol bureau conducts proactive DWI enforcement. Many officers have received advanced training in DWI detection and enforcement. Officers have been trained to utilize HGN (Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus) testing, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), as well as being certified in the operation of the Alcotest machine to determine Blood Alcohol Content (BAC). Currently, there are three officers certified as a Drug Recognition Experts. DRE Officers are specially trained to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol. Our DRE Officers have assisted in numerous DUI investigations, many of them involving motor vehicle crashes. There are plans for additional officers to be certified as DRE's in the near future. In 2021, the Twp of Union Police made 1,086 arrests and 130 of those arrests for driving while intoxicated in 2021.



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Patrol officers also conduct pro-active directed patrols to deter and prevent criminal activity, and to detect and apprehend offenders. Patrol Officers conducted over 42,900 directed patrols in 2021. Directed Patrols were often conducted to address specific complaints in specific areas of the town at specific times, and have led to motor vehicle stops or pedestrian stops that often resulted in some type of enforcement action. Patrol Officers also conduct “Park and walks” at our schools. Officers, throughout the day, visit schools on their assigned posts, and walk around the schools checking for open/unlocked doors.

Highlights:

1/17 – Officer Sylvain responded to a call for unwanted guest at a residence in town that was refusing to leave the property. Upon his arrival, Officer Sylvain located the male holding a backpack with his other hand inside the bag gripping an unknown object, which later turned out to be a large butcher knife. Believing the male was holding a weapon, Officer Sylvain tactically positioned himself and drew his service weapon. Officer Sylvain ordered the male to drop the bag and show his hands several times. The male pleaded with Officer Sylvain to “just shoot me.” Officer Sylvain continued giving verbal commands until the male eventually complied and dropped the bag along with the weapon. Officers were able to safely able to detain the male who was eventually transported to hospital for a psychiatric evaluation.

2/4 – While on patrol, Officer Pineda attempted to stop of vehicle that was entered stolen out of Franklin Twp. The suspect accelerated away from officer’s initiating a motor vehicle pursuit. The pursuits continued for 3 miles before officers terminated the pursuit due to the suspects reckless driving. The suspect later crashed in Hillside and the suspect was taken into custody with the assistance of Hillside PD.

3/4 – Officers responded to the area of Morris and Adams Ave for a report of a male pointing a hand gun at another driver during a road rage incident. Officers Sakala and Jacobs quickly responded and located the suspect vehicle traveling N/B on Stuyvesant ave from Morris ave. They notified responding units, and they along with additional units, were able to safely conducted a block and lock maneuver on the suspect vehicle. The officers tactically positioned themselves around the suspect vehicle, and drew their service weapons. The suspect was ordered to show his hands and he complied. Officers approached the vehicle and located a black handgun on the suspects lap. They retrieved the weapon and were able to safely remove the male from his vehicle. The male was placed under arrest without incident.

5/8 – Officer Crum attempted a motor vehicle stop of a vehicle on Rt 22 E/B because the driver was wanted out of Burlington County Sherriff’s Office. The vehicle pulled over to the shoulder, but as the officer approached the driver side window on foot, the suspect accelerated away from the officer. A short time later, officers located the suspect vehicle parked unoccupied on Kingswood Rd. Officers set up a perimeter. PO Hayes later observed the suspect walking from the rear of a house on Cranbrook Rd. PO Hayes ordered the suspect to stop, but the suspect refused and initiated a foot pursuit. PO Hayes chased the suspect over a fence and through a wooded area where he was eventually able to



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catch the suspect. The suspect was placed under arrest and was found to be in possession of CDS.

5/24 – Officers were notified that Mountainside PD was in pursuit of a Black Mercedes that was entered as a felony vehicle out of Scotch Plains but they had terminated the pursuit as the suspect vehicle entered Union. Officers Heath and St. Louis observed the suspect vehicle continuing Rt 22 E/B. The suspect initiated a pursuit and they continued on Rt 22. Due to heavy traffic, officers were able to conduct a block and lock maneuver. The suspect exited the vehicle and refused officers commands. The suspect resisted arrest and was eventually taken into custody.

7/9 – Officers were dispatched to the T-Mobile store on Rt 22 for a report of a burglary alarm. Upon arrival, PO Kruse and PO Gomes observed 2 males (15y/o and 13y/o) attempted to exit the store through a smashed front window with T-Mobile merchandise. Both juveniles were placed under arrest without incident. Officers then observed multiple businesses in the immediate area were broken into. A short time later, officers also located an adult female in the area with the merchandise from the other businesses that were burglarized and she was arrested without incident.

8/13 – Officers responded to a call for an assault in progress. The suspect slashed the victim several times with a machete but fled prior to officer's arrival. Officers arrived on scene and the victim was transported to the hospital. Officers quickly identified a suspect that was later located in a park in Maplewood. He was placed under arrest by officers without incident.

11/13 – Officers responded to the Connect One Bank on Morris Ave for a report of a male chasing employees in the parking lot with a knife. The suspect fled prior to officer's arrival but a vehicle description was provided. Officers St. Louis and Sylvain were able to locate the vehicle, which was a stolen vehicle out of New York, parked unoccupied a half mile from the original scene. They set up a perimeter and were able to locate the suspect who was attempting to break into another vehicle parked in the area. The suspect was arrested without incident.

12/6 – Officers responded to a burglary alarm at the Exxon Gas on Rt22. When officers arrived on scene the observed the entrance door smashed on the interior of the store ransacked. Officers began setting up a perimeter when they located a male a short distance away attempting conceal himself. The male was found to be in possession of a garbage bag full of proceeds from the burglary. The male was placed under arrest without incident.



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12/21 – Officers responded to the area of 1 Swanstrom Pl for a report of 2 individuals breaking into cars. An employee of DPW observed 2 males attempting to open car doors in the parking lot. Officers responded to the area and were able to locate the 2 males a few blocks away and they were both arrested. The males were found to both be juveniles and one male was found to be in possession of an air soft bb gun that he had tucked into his waist band along with pepper spray.

These are but a few of the outstanding jobs that our officers were involved in throughout 2021. Our Officers are on the job 24x7 and give their all to serve and protect the public with a deep sense of compassion and a high level of professionalism.



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Detective Bureau

INVESTIGATION BUREAU

The Investigative Bureau is primarily assigned cases and investigations related to indictable crimes along with general investigations not cleared through preliminary investigations. The Investigative Bureau is comprised of five (5) sub-units, all of which are commanded by one Captain. The five (5) sub-units include: General Investigations, Family Relations and Youth Services, Identification Section, Special Operations/Narcotics, and the Street Crimes Unit. Investigative personnel and civilian staff work hand in hand with other law enforcement agencies and the Union County Prosecutors Office to investigate crimes and ensure thorough pre-trial preparation. One Detective is assigned to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Task Force. This assignment enabled the department to utilize resources that would not have been available and returned additional benefits. This Detective has been involved in long-term investigations across the country. Another detective is assigned to the Union County Homicide Task Force.

Two Supervisors, six Detectives, and two civilians are assigned to general investigations. The unit is responsible for the investigation of all crimes reported. The unit is also responsible for all arrest follow-ups, firearms investigations, warrants, liquor, towing, taxi and other municipal licensing investigations. The licensing Detective was especially busy this year. In 2021, he granted 978 permits to purchase firearms. This was a significant increase from 625 the prior year. This trend was not unique to Union, as citizens across the state applied to buy guns at an unprecedented rate. Other Detectives and civilian workers assisted the licensing section.

One supervisor, three detectives, and one civilian are assigned to the Family Relations and Youth Services section. The unit is responsible for handling all juvenile matters and works closely with the administrators and security staff of the township schools. Activity is also coordinated with the Union Police School Resource Officer assigned to Union High School. Investigations of child abuse, bias offenses, missing persons, criminal mischief, (graffiti) and Domestic Violence are also the responsibility of the unit.

Two detectives are assigned to the Identification Unit along with one civilian technician. The investigators process crime scenes for any and all physical evidence. The investigators are trained in some of the latest forensic techniques and routinely collect DNA and other items of evidence for laboratory testing. Additionally, investigators use Livescan fingerprinting technology and the automated fingerprint Identification System of the New Jersey State Police. This technology identifies criminal suspects electronically. Additionally, almost all of the photographic images taken by the department are in digital format. The Detectives regularly assist the patrol division with evidence collection and preservation of evidence.

The Narcotics Unit/Special Operations is comprised of two detectives, under the supervision of Investigative Bureau supervisors. Detectives conduct narcotics and vice investigations in addition to assisting outside law enforcement agencies with investigations in Union. The detectives of the unit often work with and coordinate activities with officers of the Street Crimes Unit and share information.



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Street Crimes Unit

This unit is divided into two squads. Each squad has a Sergeant and 2 officers. The officers assigned to this unit are called upon to be very flexible in their work assignments, hours, and dress. They make these changes to adjust to criminal activity on a daily basis, and to quickly address any emerging crime trends or tasks that the police department command staff assigns to them. The unit works closely with the Special Operation/Narcotics detectives in attacking street level narcotics activity and related crimes. Quality of life details and special event details are also assigned to these officers. Officers from this unit made 162 arrests during the year, most of them of the self-initiated kind. The officers assigned encounter many in progress crimes, and share intelligence with Detective Bureau personnel. Personnel in street crimes also are under the supervision of Detective Bureau Supervisors. Many of the Detective highlights had involvement and assistance from the Street Crimes Unit. When manpower allows it, patrol has rotated newer officers through the unit for additional training and experiences when working together with more seasoned officers.

Together, the detectives, supervisors, and civilian personnel of the Investigative Bureau work as a team, all operating toward the common goals of providing quality service, and to offer support to the citizens of the community, and other officers in the police department for the successful investigation of crimes and effective prosecution of the people responsible for committing crimes within the township. The supervisors in the investigative bureau also utilize statistical, demographic, and the geographic analysis of crime data to help direct officer deployment activities with the goals of crime prevention and effective enforcement.

Notable Detective Bureau Investigations

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Street Crimes Unit Arrests 2021

Beginning in 2020 and leading into 2021, there were several incidents of a civilian vigilante child predator group working within Union Township and surrounding towns; "Predator Poachers" YouTube channel (no longer in service). This led to the inception of multiple investigations regarding child luring and child endangerment. Detectives were able to bring charges on five different individuals for charges ranging from 2nd degree luring of a child, child endangerment, and criminal sexual contact. Multiple arrests were made on 01/27/2021, 01/28/2021, and 01/29/2021.

On 02/09/2021, during the months of February, March, April, May, and June of 2021 there were multiple MV Burglaries and Credit Card thefts/frauds in the area of the Stanley Track within the Township. The Detective Bureau was able to identify a suspect. After surveillance, a DB investigation, and an admission to detectives, after being Mirandized, the suspect admitted to Detectives that if there was an unlocked motor vehicle in the Stanley Track area, he most likely entered it. The suspect was charged in five different motor vehicle burglaries, and five different credit card frauds and credit card thefts; he was the suspect in dozens of MV Burglaries and thefts throughout Union and surrounding towns.



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On 02/10/2021, there was an incident where a suspect was arrested and after being released from police HQs, the suspect found the arresting officer's personal phone number and made contact with them and their family. An investigation was immediately launched. The phone was traced and an arrest warrant was approved. Detectives and SCU officers responded to the suspect's residence in Toms River, NJ, located the suspect and took him into custody. The suspect was ultimately charged with terroristic threats and housed at Union County Jail.

On 02/11/2021, the DB made an arrest of three individuals for 2nd degree extortion. On November 4, 2020, the victim reported that he was being extorted for money by a female known to him. He stated that this female was extorting him for money after filming him during a sexual encounter he had with the female suspect. The suspect threatened to expose his secret to his family, after having had oral sex with him. In the victim's Nigerian culture, it is not acceptable to have sexual relations until one is married. The suspect was capitalizing on this, and extorted over \$500 from him. The victim paid initially, but the suspect would not stop, and continued to ask for more money. The victim was scared, embarrassed, and reached out to the Union Police for assistance. After an extensive investigation and an undercover operation, the Detective Bureau was able to arrest three individuals for 2nd degree extortion and seized a vehicle that was used by the suspects.

On Friday 05/14/2021, a "knock and announce" search warrant was issued by the Superior Court of Union County for the EXXON Gas Station located at 2201 Springfield Avenue, Vauxhall New Jersey. Detective and SCU units established fixed surveillance on the location. One of the suspects was observed in the parking lot of 2201 Springfield Avenue, and subsequently placed under arrest. A search warrant was executed and the following stolen vehicles were recovered: 2020 Honda Ruckus motorcycle taken on 04/09/21 from Mountainside, 2020 Tao motorcycle taken on 02/25/20 from Carrollton, TX, 2012 Ducati 119 motorcycle taken on 12/17/20 from Bloomfield, Kawasaki KX85 dirt bike stolen from Mountainside NJ on 04/09/21. The suspect was charged and arrested for Receiving Stolen Property (2C:2-7) X 5, Maintaining a Facility Used to Strip Stolen Vehicles (2C:20-16), and Tampering with Vehicle ID Numbers (2C: 17-6). Various items were seized including the stolen vehicles, tools and computer/electronic equipment. This incident came to fruition after several months of physical and video surveillance. Our case was pivotal in assisting the NJSP with several of their active cases and solved multiple burglaries and thefts in Mountainside NJ as well.



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On 07/14/2021, the narcotics unit acted on information received from a concerned citizen regarding a local resident distributing CDS, Heroin. Surveillance was set up by detectives and SCU units. A hand to hand transaction was observed, and the suspects were ultimately stopped and arrested for possession of Heroin, Possession of anabolic steroids, possession of an imitation firearm, and distribution of CDS in a park zone.




Cash, Heroin, Anabolic Steroids and an imitations firearm, all seized on a motor vehicle stop by the Street Crimes Unit Officers and Detectives.

On 07/15/2021, there was a report of a commercial burglary at 1521 US Highway 22. Detectives were able to get surveillance footage and a suspect vehicle. The suspect was immediately recognized by officers and detectives as an individual that is a known burglar and has previously been arrested by officers on several occasions. The suspect was later located, arrested, and charged with burglary and theft.

On 09/24/2021, there was a call for service regarding a female chasing a male up the street screaming. Upon arrival Detectives and Officers located a female who was reporting that she was scammed by two individuals into giving them \$20,000 in cash. The elderly female was a victim of a scam. Detectives were able to canvass for video and captured video surveillance of the suspects and their vehicle. Detectives also processed the victim's car and were able to get fingerprints from the interior of the vehicle. Ultimately, the finger prints found came back a match to the suspect and the DB was able to get a warrant on the suspect, who had a long criminal history of frauds and thefts by deception. A warrant was issued and the vehicle was entered felony.

On 09/25/2021, there was a domestic violence incident where one brother stabbed another brother multiple times on Astoria Place in Vauxhall. Patrol officers rendered immediate aid, and the victim was transported to University hospital where he almost succumbed to his injuries. Detectives responded and were able to get a statement from a witness, and in turn, were able to get attempted murder and weapons charges on the suspect. Detectives worked tirelessly to build a case against the suspect. He was later apprehended when he turned himself into police HQ's. The DB, Street Crimes, and Patrol worked diligently to canvass for witnesses and video surveillance.



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On 10/21/2021 there was a report of a strong armed robbery in the area of Barbra Ave, where the victim was dragged by the suspect vehicle during an altercation while trying to sell an iPhone on Facebook marketplace. The victim was dragged by the suspect vehicle which fled the scene. Detectives were able to develop suspects, a suspect vehicle that was ultimately entered felony. Both actors were arrested and the vehicle was ultimately seized.

On 11/06/2021 SCU officers observed an inappropriately parked vehicle parked in a loading zone Stuyvesant Ave and later determined that it was entered felony for aggravated assault with a weapon out of Irvington PD. The SCU offers observed the driver and were able to detain him without incident. He was wanted for aggravated assault with a weapon out of Irvington PD. They searched the vehicle and located a loaded 40 caliber handgun with 2 high capacity magazines.



A .40 Caliber hand gun, along with two high capacity magazines found by SCU officers after an arrest of wanted person.

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Case Status	Main	FRY	ID
Assigned Cases	2120	221	89
Active (at year end)	138	52	9
Active Closed	472	80	26
Clear Arrest/Closed	0	0	0
Unfounded	227	9	13
X/Clear Closed	75	87	18
X/Clear Court	0	0	0
Clear/Arrest Court	266	43	24
Court	0	0	0
Closed	881	24	102
Total Cleared	1921	243	183

Juveniles Arrested = 26

Juveniles taken into short-term custody = 6

Identification Division Activity Report



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Out of Office Investigation:	Criminal	65
	Non-Criminal	25

In-House Investigations	Criminal	21
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Latent Investigations:	Total Items Processed	347
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Photographs Taken:	Criminal (digital)	480
	Non-Criminal (digital)	1,714

Persons Fingerprinted:	Criminal	480
	Non-Criminal	82

Fingerprints:	Classifications	318
	Comparisons	3,180

DNA Swabs:		17
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Municipal Court:	Calendars Processed	0
	CDR Forms	0

Photographic / Darkroom Work	Mugs printed	
	DVA Photos Requested	0
	CD's Burned	34
	Lineups	54
	Digital Photos Downloaded	8,780
	Digital Photos Printed	747
	8 x 10 Enlargements	695
	Other Enlargements	0

Arrest Reports:	Reports Processed	1,062
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Arrests by ID Bureau:	Persons Arrested	39
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Fingerprints/AFIS	Matches/Hits	0
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DNA	Matches/Hits	0
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Closed Cases by ID Detectives		176
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Traffic Bureau

The Traffic Division oversees the investigation, tabulation, and filing of all reported motor vehicle crashes occurring within the township, as well as the follow-up investigations of all leaving the scene, and fatal crash investigations. The Traffic Division consists of the following personnel: the traffic sergeant, 4 motor officers, 2 traffic officers, 2 parking enforcement officers, 60 school crossing guards, and a civilian clerk

In 2021, there were 2,540 State-reportable crashes (where property damage exceeded \$500 and/or someone was injured), and 420 non-reportable crashes. A total of 658 people were involved in crashes in which they reported an injury, and one (1) crash resulted in a fatality. There were 203 crashes involving property other than vehicles. 488 summonses were issued for violations occurring during motor vehicle crashes.

In 2021, there were 579 crashes where one or more involved drivers left the crash scene without reporting it. Officers assigned to the Traffic Division were tasked with reviewing and investigating these leaving the scene crashes.

In 2021, the Township of Union Police Department further enhanced its commitment to traffic safety by re-establishing the department's motorcycle unit. The unit consists of 4 full-time motor officers and 4 relief motor officers. In addition to supplementing the Patrol Division, the motor officers handle traffic safety concerns and other traffic and parking-related complaints throughout the township. Each of the 4 police motorcycles is equipped with Laser Radar Speed detection technology, portable Tough pad computers, and printers with E-ticket technology. The motorcycle unit has been very active in conducting multiple escorts for numerous township-sponsored special events such as the Union Commerce Mayor's Day 5K run, Bike Rodeo, The Township Santa Claus Escort, Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade, and numerous funerals.

The Traffic Division also coordinates and supervises the Township's School Crossing Guard Program. Sixty (60) School Crossing Guards are deployed to various locations throughout the town to cross school-aged children who are walking to and from the Township's elementary, middle, parochial schools, and Union High School.

The Traffic Division employs 2 Parking Enforcement Officers whose responsibility is to enforce parking laws and ordinances throughout the township. These officers collectively issued 1,749 parking summonses this year. Parking enforcement officers are also trained to perform school crossing guard duties as needed.



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Traffic Bureau

The Traffic Division continues to utilize state-of-the-art speed enforcement technology to help keep our roadways safe. The Patrol and Traffic Division utilize traditional Radar and Laser Equipment, which enables Officers to detect speeders with pinpoint accuracy. The Traffic Division has 3 Stalker radar trailers at its disposal which are advanced traffic and speed measurement devices. The radar trailer enables the police department to measure a variety of traffic data including volume, time of day, and speed in order to efficiently and effectively address speeding problems in town. The Traffic Division officers have deployed the radar trailers to diverse locations on a bi-weekly basis to conduct traffic studies to determine exactly where and when enforcement is needed. Traffic officers are then deployed to locations where speeding issues have been detected to conduct enhanced traffic enforcement. The Traffic Division has 4 message board trailers that are deployed through the township to provide the residents with safety information, a notice of upcoming events, upcoming road closures, and provide a roadway with a temporary traffic control device as needed.

The Traffic Division conducts all traffic-related investigations ranging from traffic complaints, parking surveys, handicap on-street parking space requests, and fatal crashes. The Traffic Division works closely with the Township Committee, Engineering Office, Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, Department of Public Works, and Township attorney. The Traffic Division reviews safety, parking, traffic concerns, construction, site plans, variance applications, and ordinance revisions for the Township.



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Major projects reviewed in 2021

1.	1732 Burnet Avenue	Rory King
2.	2074 Morris Avenue	Tri Calore, LLC
3.	2550 Route 22 East	G/M Herrigel, LLC.
4.	2936 Vauxhall Road	Primrose Schools Franchising Co.
5.	941-945 Arnet Avenue	941 Arnet Avenue, LLC.
6.	2150 Stanley Terrace	Crown Castle
7.	1628 Stuyvesant Avenue	Shalom's Gate
8.	601 Lehigh Avenue	Enterprise Realty
9.	1325 Morris Avenue	Maus Brothers, LLC
10.	1252 Stuyvesant Avenue	RHS Hospitality 1, LLC.
11.	999 Rahway Avenue	J.K Holz Realty, LLC.
12.	2223 Hobart Street	Allegheny East Conference Assosiation
13.	1286 Stuyvesant Avenue	A. Podberezniak & J. Durka
14.	968 Bonnel Court	Centurion 968 Bonnel Ct
15.	2319 Route 22 Center	Chick-fil-A
16.	520 Green Lane	Marina Energy, LLC
17.	1030 Schneider Avenue	Carlos & Cristina Campos
18.	2235 Springfield Ave	Target Corporation
19.	1026 Stone Street	Luis Carvalho
20.	1710 Route 22 East	Union Twp. Dev. (Popeye)
21.	2329 Rt. 22W/1010 Gelb Ave.	Maxon Hyundai, Inc.
22.	1081 Stuyvesant Avenue	D.F. Gabriel Trust
23.	2039 Springfield Avenue	2039 Springfield Avenue, LLC.



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Crash Data - 2020



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DATA	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD Totals
Reportable By Police	159	192	189	159	209	221	211	223	240	273	224	240	2,540
Non-State By Police	40	33	41	24	44	30	37	30	46	29	36	30	420
Citizens' Reports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CRASHES	199	225	230	183	253	251	248	253	286	302	260	270	2,960
Total DWI Involved	3	6	5	8	4	9	7	6	4	4	4	2	62
DWI Under 21	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
# Tickets Issued	32	42	68	44	41	57	49	53	45	54	54	49	588
Prop. Other than Veh	16	10	20	19	11	20	17	24	19	12	13	22	203
Lv/Scene By Police	13	24	23	16	30	21	23	24	29	35	29	20	287
Lv/Scene Citizen Rp	18	21	27	19	20	30	37	22	23	26	24	25	292
TOTAL L/SCENE	31	45	50	35	50	51	60	46	52	61	53	45	579
Pedestrian Injured	3	2	1	1	5	1	3	4	3	3	4	6	36
Motorists Injured	49	33	60	41	57	50	47	38	54	71	50	58	608
Bicyclists Injured	1	1	0	0	4	1	0	3	2	2	0	0	14
TOTAL INJURED	53	36	61	42	66	52	50	45	59	76	54	64	658
Crashes w/ Injuries	40	33	38	33	49	38	36	35	45	53	48	47	495
TOTAL KILLED	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

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CATEGORY	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total Vehicular Crashes	3223	3394	3354	2361	2960
Leaving Scene Crashes	561	547	528	396	579
Pedestrian Injuries	41	42	47	40	36
Bicyclist Injuries	10	6	14	8	14
Total Crashes with Injuries	488	515	569	508	495
Vehicular/Pedestrian Fatalities	2	1	3	1	2
Total Arrests For DWI (Involved in Crashes)	25	41	58	44	65

FIVE YEAR TRAFFIC CRASH & STATISTICAL TOTALS 2016 - 2020		
CRASH INFORMATION	5 YEAR TOTAL	5 YEAR AVERAGE
Total Vehicular Crashes	15,292	3,058
Leaving Scene Crashes	2,611	522
Pedestrians Injured	206	41
Bicyclists Injured	52	10
Vehicular Crashes with Injuries	2,575	515
Vehicular/Pedestrian Fatalities	9	2
Total Arrests For DWI (Involved in Crashes)	233	47