



NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT: 2020

CHIEF OF POLICE
JAMES M. HUNT, JR.

DEPUTY CHIEF
LARRY B. FISHER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



In 2020 the Neptune Township Police Department, along with the entire public safety community, faced challenges unlike those we've seen in recent history. The COVID-19 pandemic strained our resources and placed our first responders in harms way as we navigated this crisis while providing the same professional, timely service that our community has come to expect. We are thankful to have not experienced any loss of life due to employees contracting COVID-19 as so many other departments have, and we continue to express our deepest sympathies to all those who have been lost to this virus.

Despite these challenges, the Neptune Township Police Department has continued to prioritize our mission of crime reduction and maintaining the stringent qualifications required by an Accredited Agency. We have continued to update our policies and procedures, including our Use of Force and Internal Affairs policies, to ensure they are in line with the best practices required of a professional law enforcement agency. We are proud to say that our Patrol Officers, Street Crimes Unit, and Detective Bureau have remained highly active throughout the year, answering calls for service, conducting investigations, and making proactive policing a priority to keep our community safe.

While we are disappointed that most of our dozens of community events were cancelled due to public health concerns, we have maintained contact with our community through social media and some outdoor community events that were able to be held safely, and look forward to more in 2021. I would like to thank the community for their continued support for this department and our officers. My Command Staff and I look forward to another year of growth and professional development to continue providing the high-quality service that the residents of Neptune Township have come to expect.

-Chief of Police James M. Hunt, Jr.



The mission of the Neptune Township Police Department is to consistently work to improve the quality of life for all citizens of and visitors to our community. To promote the effective partnerships and encourage community involvement to address crime, the fear of crime and other community concerns.

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VISION STATEMENT

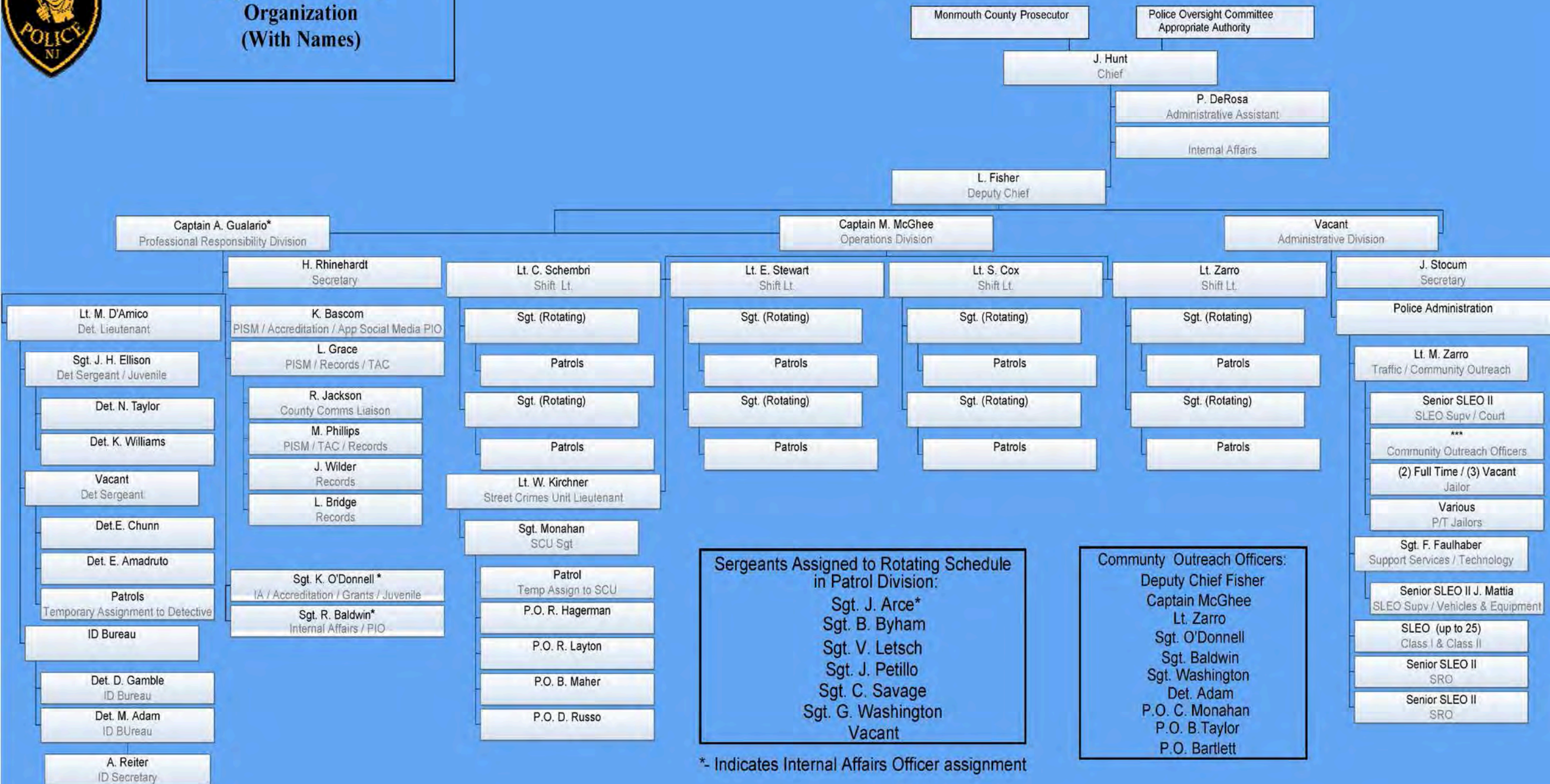
The vision of the Neptune Township Police Department is to be regarded by our community and our profession as a professional, proactive, and premier law enforcement agency in Monmouth County, and the State of New Jersey. Furthermore, we strive to be an asset to other law enforcement agencies by providing assistance and support as needed in a respectful and helpful manner. The Neptune Township Police Department is also dedicated to offering its employees a safe and healthy working environment and we strive to be the ideal employer for law enforcement personnel in Monmouth County. The Neptune Township Police Department's vision is the driving force behind our success and it gives the Department a clear direction and path to follow.

NEW AND REVISED POLICIES

- Rules & Regulations
- Use of Force
- Missing and Unidentified Persons Investigations
- Shotspotter
- Cardiac Arrest Resuscitation
- Internal Affairs
- Evidence and Property Control
- Confidential Informants
- Suspicious Activity and Threat Reporting
- Interview, Interrogation, and Access to Counsel



Neptune Township Police Department Table of Organization (With Names)



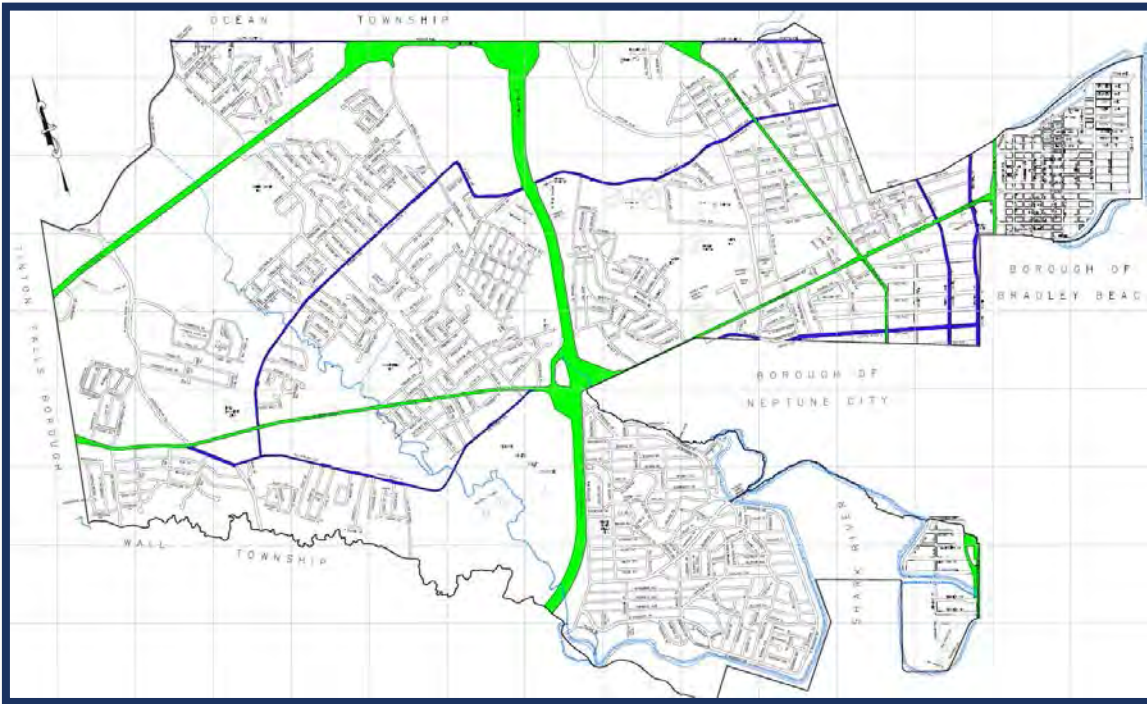
PERSONNEL ROSTER (CURRENT AS OF 12/31/2020)

Chief	James M. Hunt, Jr	Det.	David T. Gamble	PO	Christopher Sibole	PO	Evan Pollara	SII	John Flannigan
DC	Larry B. Fisher	Sgt.	Jose L. Arce	PO	Bryan Taylor	PO	Richard Brogley	SII	Michael Montenegro
Lt.	Christopher Schembri	Sgt.	Robert L. Baldwin, Jr.	Det.	Mysonn Ledet	PO	Nicola Costagliola	SII	Mike Bonanno
Lt.	Scott T. Cox	Sgt.	Brice Byham	PO	Bryan Maher	PO	Joshua Jenkins	SII	Ryan Santos
Capt.	Anthony Gualario	PO	Javaughn Rogers	PO	Jesse Dallago	PO	Ryan Calabro	SI/J	Jacob Hartranft
Lt.	William R. Kirchner	Sgt.	Nicholas Taylor	PO	Robert Layton	PO	Tressa Huizenga	SI	Ryan Gallagher
PO	Thomas J. Claffey	Sgt.	Gregory Washington	PO	Erik Gullestad	PO	Malcolm Jenkins	SI	Seamus McAnee
D/Lt	Michael D'Amico	Det.	Louis Berardi	PO	Joseph Savastano	PO	Milton Roman	SI	Conor McGhee
D/Sgt	J. Hunter Ellison	PO	Christopher Niskoch	PO	Ryan Chippendale	PO	Matthew Simpson	SI	Kylee Jazikoff
Det.	Erick A. Amadruto	PO	Marques Alston	PO	Robert Hagerman	PO	Richard Cuttrell	SI/J	Kristen Narciso
Sgt.	Jason B. Petillo	Sgt.	James MacConchie	PO	Darell Harris	PO	Brad Dougherty		Alicia Reiter
Sgt.	Christine M. Savage	PO	Kevin Schuster	PO	Aaron Lay	PO	Morgan Holland		Jessica Stocum
PO	Christopher W. McKinley	Sgt.	Kaan Williams	PO	Christopher Monahan	SII	Noah DeFazio		Patricia DeRosa
Capt.	Michael J. McGhee	PO	Thomas Blewitt	PO	Dominique Russo	SII	Bryan Jones		Holly Rhinehardt
Sgt.	Kevin M. O'Donnell	Det.	Frank Maletto	PO	Danielle DePalma	SII	Cadell Kennedy		Lisa Grace
PO	Kyheem J. Davis	PO	Douglas Mattia	PO	Aaron Haskins	SII	Brooke Tartis		Maura Phillips
Sgt.	Vincent D. Letsch	PO	Robert O'Heney	PO	Matthew McDonough	SII	John Mattia		Kyle Bascom
Sgt.	Eric P. Chunn	PO	Carrie Bartlett	PO	Owen Rosenthal	SII	Charles Theodora		Regina Jackson
PO	Matthew I. Kocen	PO	Brian Bucossi	PO	Robert Vetrano	SII	Marcus Neal		Lisa Bridge
D/Sgt.	Paul T. Monahan	PO	Kristopher Daly	PO	Casey Crawford	SII	Vincent Zenna		Suzanne Freda

PERSONNEL CHANGES

- Eric Chunn: Promoted February 11th, Sergeant
- James MacConchie: Promoted February 11th, Sergeant
- Nicholas Taylor: Promoted February 11th, Sergeant
- Kaan Williams: Promoted February 11th, Sergeant
- Michael Zarro: Retired July 31st, Lieutenant
- Eugene Stewart: Retired August 31st, Lieutenant
- Frederick Faulhaber, Jr.: Retired December 1st, Sergeant

DEMOGRAPHICS



- Neptune Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey
- Zip Code: 07753
- 27,384 Residents (2019)
- 8.67 Square Miles
- 260 Miles of Roadway

UCR STATISTICS

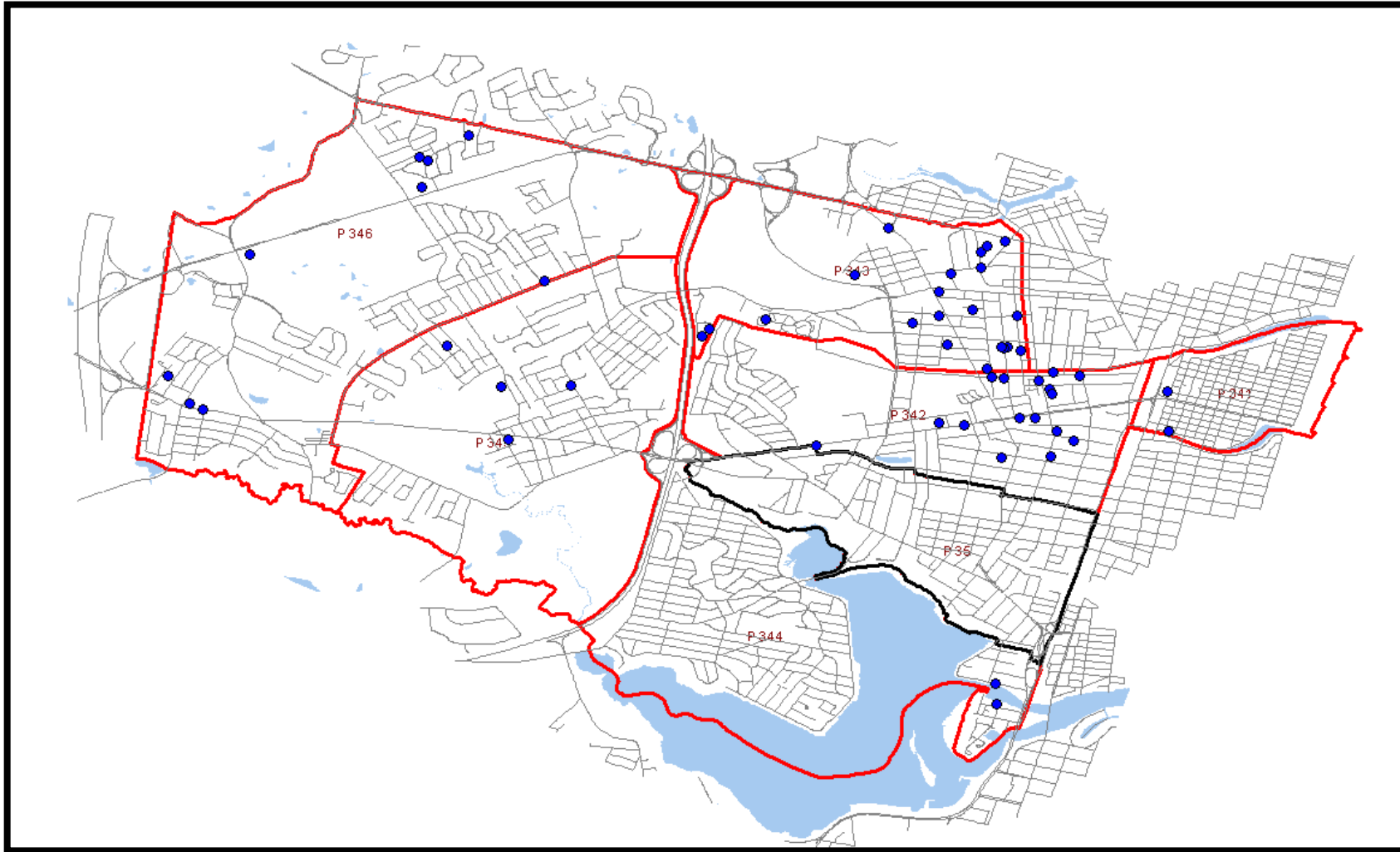
The Uniform Crime Report (UCR) is official data on crime in the United States, published annually by the FBI. The UCR separates crimes into two categories; violent crimes and property crimes.

- Aggravated Assault, Forcible Rape, Murder and Robbery are classified as **Violent Crimes**.
- Burglary, Larceny/Theft and Motor Vehicle Theft are classified as **Non-Violent/Property Crimes**.

Crime	2017	2018	2019	2020
Agg. Assault	106	76	74	78
Burglary	143	92	72	90
MV Theft	8	10	13	11
Murder	3	2	2	0
Rape	5	4	2	3
Robbery	36	24	18	26
Theft	762	748	786	808
Total	1,064	959	967	1,016

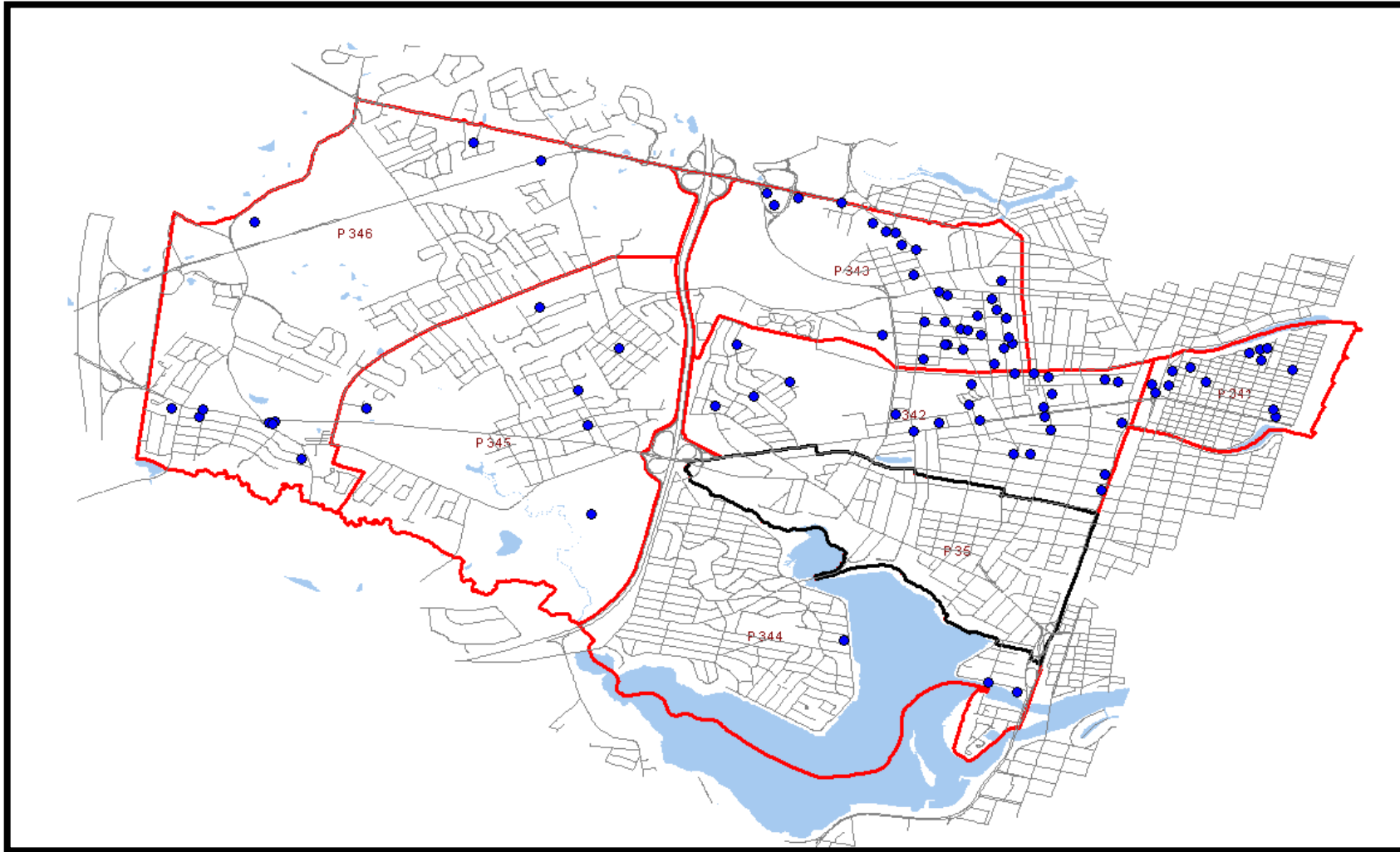
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

(2020 UCR REPORTABLE INCIDENTS)



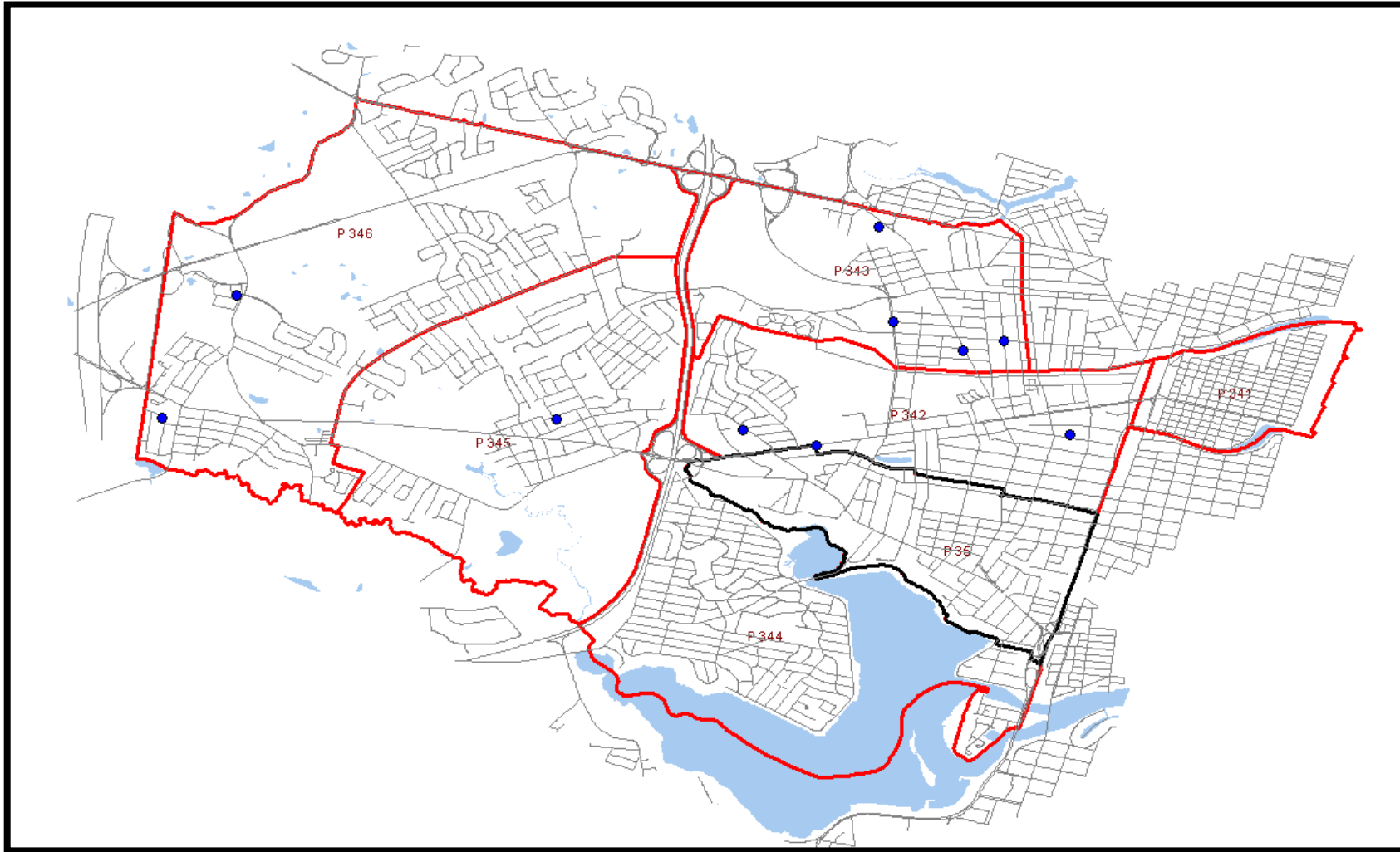
BURGLARY

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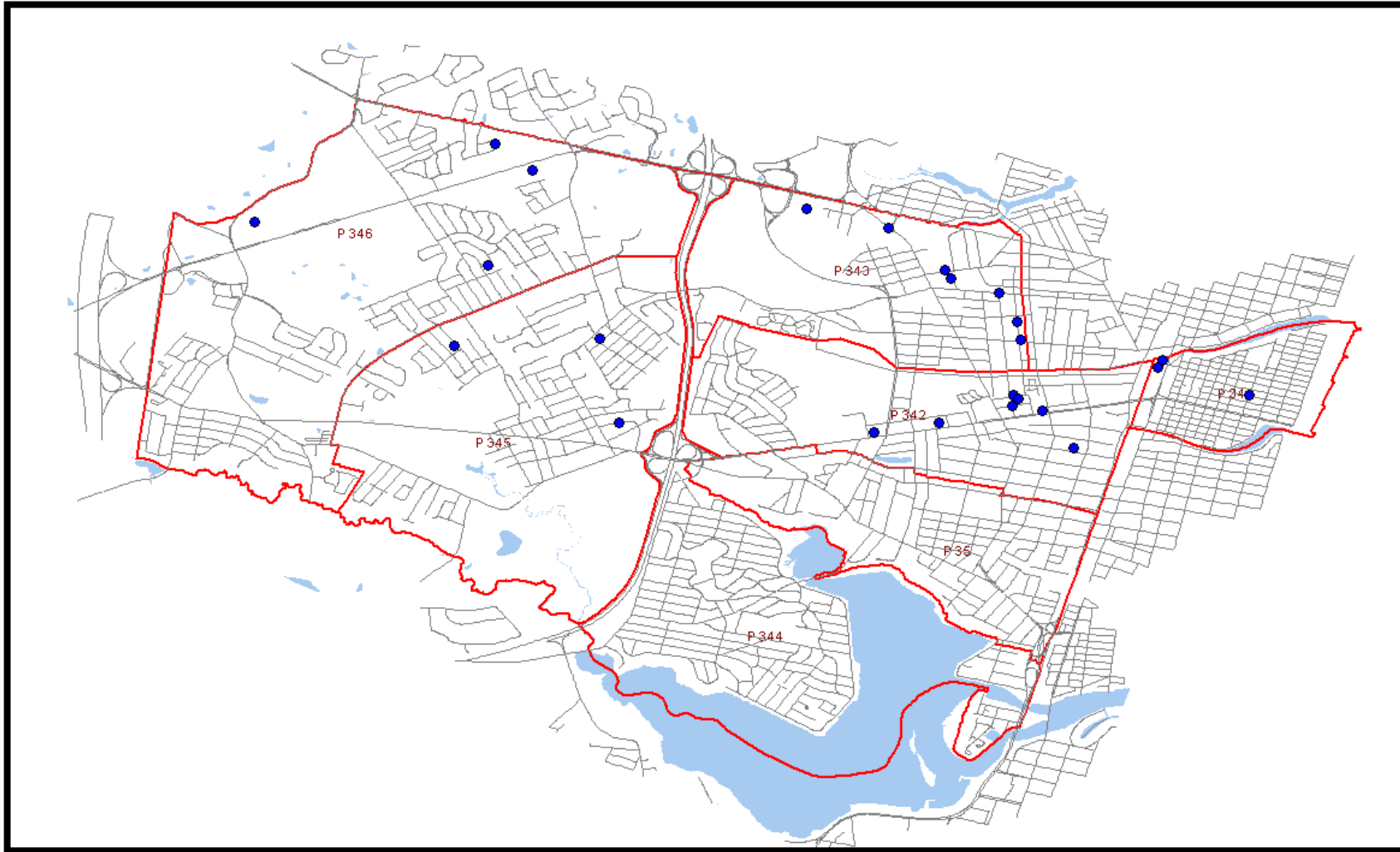
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

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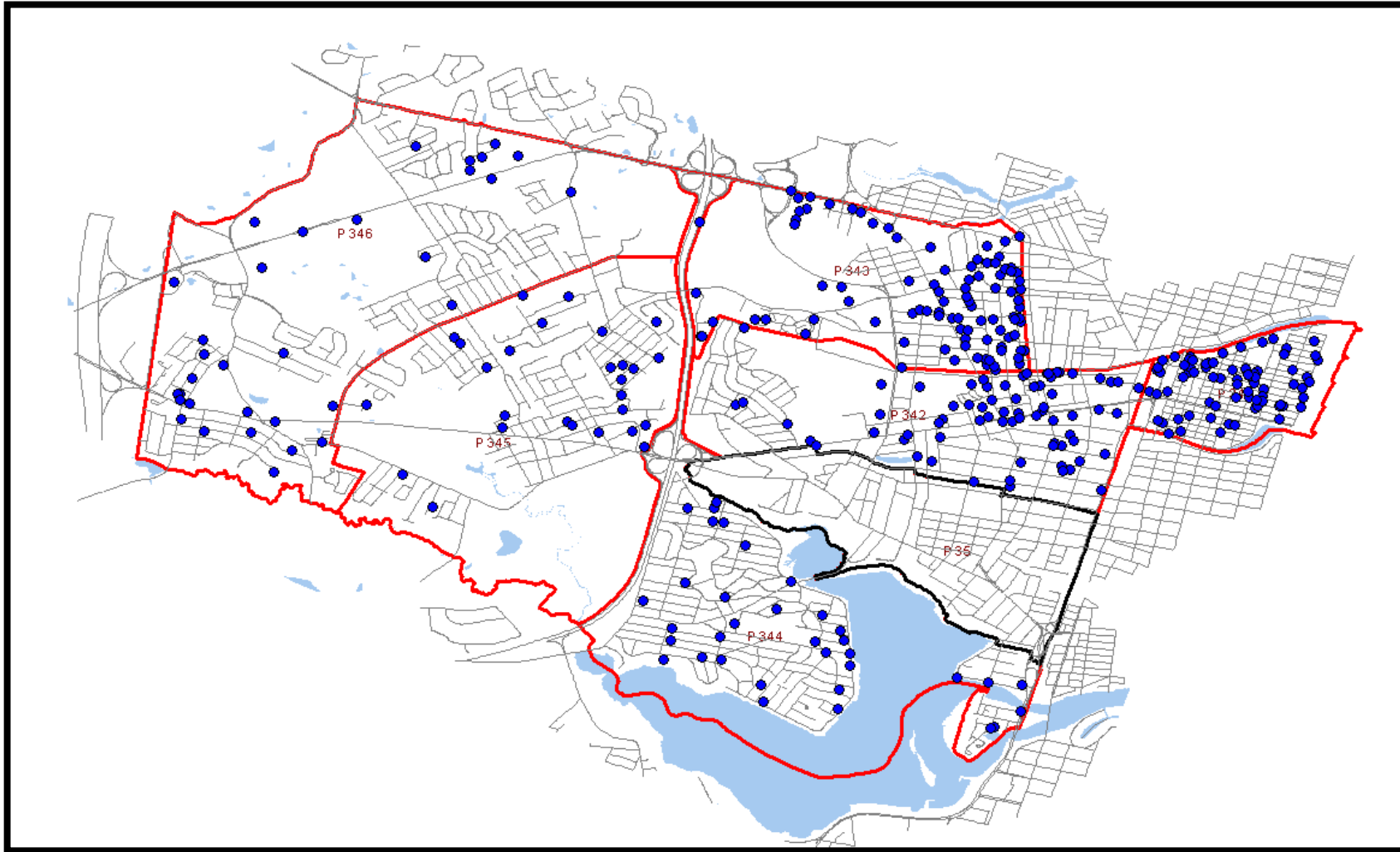
ROBBERY

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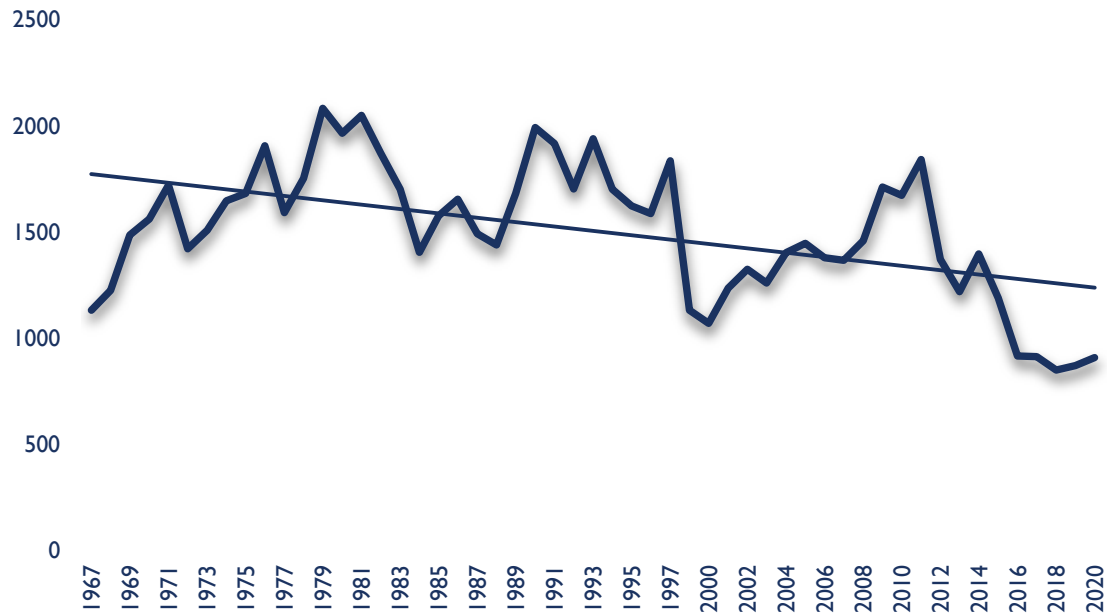
THEFT

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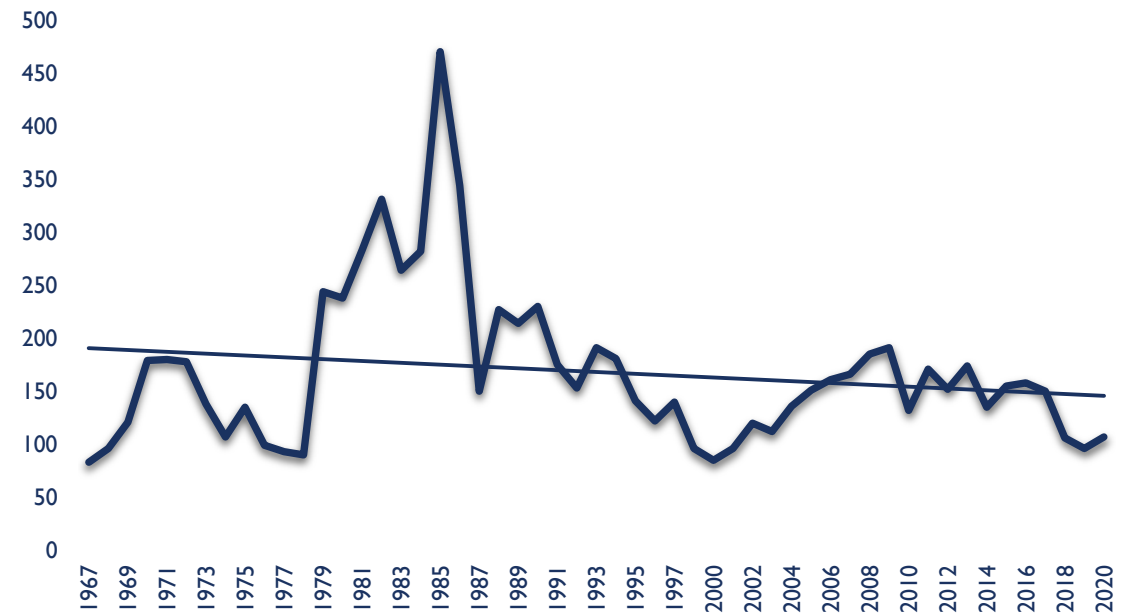


NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP CRIME HISTORY

**Neptune Township Non-Violent Crime Rate
(UCR 1967-2020)**



**Neptune Township Violent Crime Rate
(UCR 1967-2020)**



ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF LARRY B. FISHER



- Community Outreach
- Traffic Bureau
- Special Law Enforcement Officers
- School Resource Officers
- Recruitment

COMMUNITY GROUPS

- **Asbury Park/Neptune Ministerial Alliance:** D/C Larry Fisher
- **Bradley Park Homeowners Association:** D/C Larry Fisher
- **Central Jersey Club of the Nat.Assoc. of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club:** P.O. Bryan Taylor
- **Gables Residents Association:** Sgt. Mysonn Ledet
- **Knox Hill Town Homes:** D/C Larry Fisher
- **Midtown Urban Renaissance Committee:** Lt. Robert Baldwin
- **Ocean Grove Homeowners Association:** P.O. Christopher Monahan
- **Neptune Township Lion's Club:** Lt. Kevin O'Donnell
- **Seaview Island Residents Association:** Det. Carrie Bartlett
- **Sebastian Villas Tenant Association:** Lt. Kevin O'Donnell
- **Shark River Hills Property Owners Association:** Sgt. James MacConchie
- **Winding Ridge Tenants Association:** Det. Michael Adam
- **The Villas at Jumping Brook Homeowners Association:** Det. Michael Adam
- **Neptune Housing Residents Council:** Sgt. Gregory Washington
- **Neptune Housing Residents Patrol:** Sgt. Gregory Washington

COMMUNITY OUTREACH LIAISON OFFICERS



D/C Larry Fisher



Capt. Michael McGhee



Lt. Kevin O'Donnell



Lt. Robert Baldwin



Sgt. Greg Washington



Sgt. Mysonn Ledet



Sgt. James MacConchie



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COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS

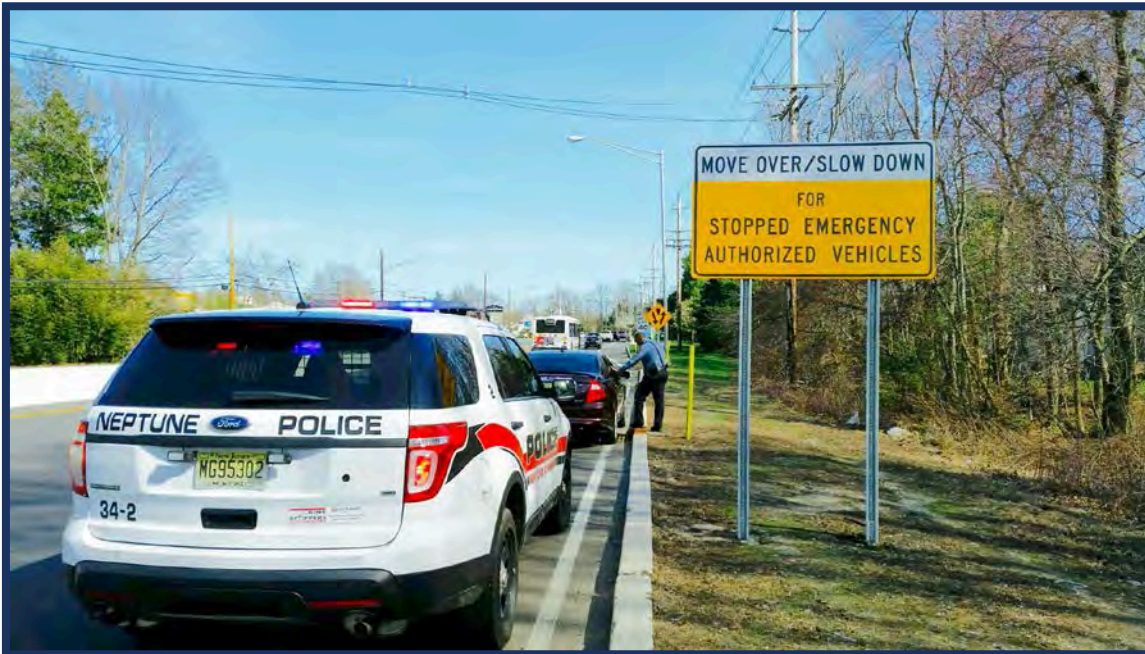
- Our Community Outreach Officers work with a multitude of agencies and businesses to coordinate special events and ensure a safe environment for all. This Department recognizes the importance and community value of these events, as well as our responsibility to facilitate and ensure the safety for all participants. Given the challenges posed during the past year, many of our typical events that would have taken place between March and December were cancelled. A few of the events we were able to participate in safely, or participated in prior to pandemic restrictions include:
 - **Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs**
 - **Black History Month Student Presentations**
 - **Torch Run for Special Olympics NJ**
 - **JSUMC Healthcare Appreciation**
 - **Toys for Tots & Holiday Senior Food Deliveries**
 - **“Love Rises” Community Unity Rally**
 - **Trunk or Treat**



Taken February 2020



TRAFFIC BUREAU



- The Traffic Bureau is staffed by a Traffic Sergeant and supported by designated Police Officers and Special Law Enforcement Officers. The bureau remains highly responsive to the needs of the community, and encourages two-way communication between the police department and the citizens with traffic related concerns.
- Residents are always encouraged to reach out to the Traffic Bureau with any parking concerns, traffic issues, or community outreach questions. Contact information can be found on the final page of the report.

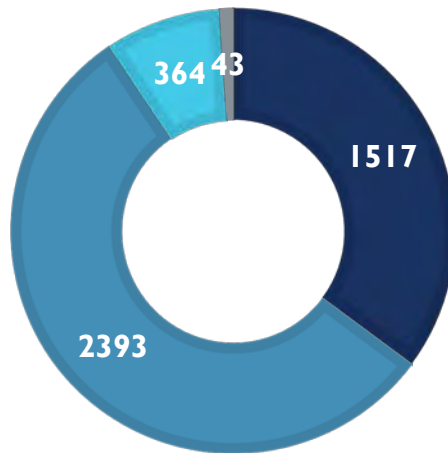
TRAFFIC BUREAU RESPONSIBILITIES

- Traffic Enforcement
- Serious/Fatal Crash Investigations
- Overseeing all Crash and DWI Reports
- Site Plan Review and Inspection
- Grant Supported Traffic Programs
- Taxi and Tow Truck Inspection
- Analyzation of Speed Sign Data
- Supervision of Crossing Guards
- Installation and Inspection of Child Car Seats (new, certified in 2020)
- Maintenance and Training of E-Ticket, Automatic License Plate Readers, Speed Radars and Alcotest Instruments
- Maintenance and Placement of Speed Radar
- Signs and Speed Humps
- Traffic Control at all Township Events
- Issuing of Temporary Handicap Permits
- Engineering Safer and More Efficient Roads

TRAFFIC BUREAU STATISTICS

SUMMONSES
TOTAL: 4,317
(2019: 9,512)

- Moving Violations
- Non-Moving Violations
- Parking Tickets
- Speeding



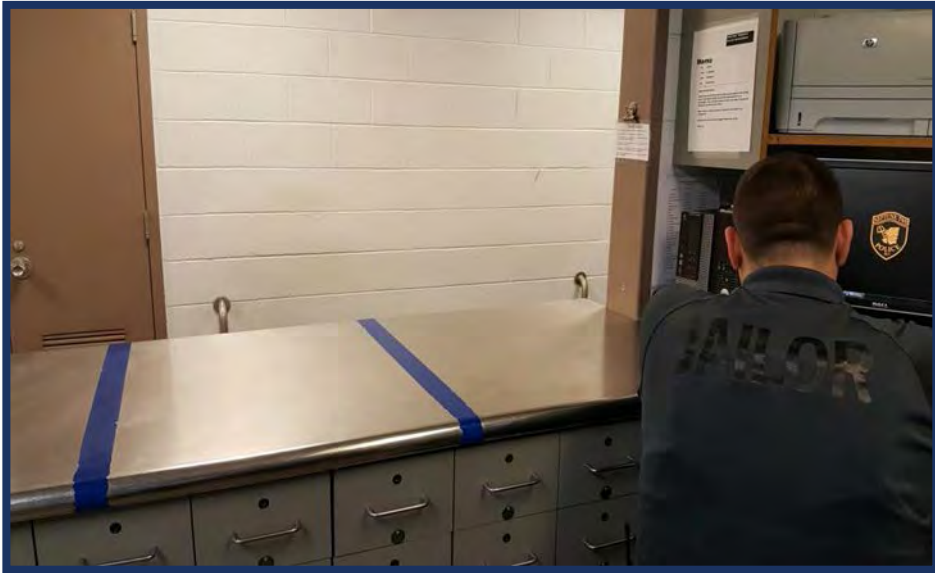
Miscellaneous Statistics

- DWI Arrests
 - 61 (2019: 79)
- Motor Vehicle Crash Reports
 - 1,512 (2019: 1,637)
- Crashes Involving Struck Pedestrians or Bicyclists
 - 34 (2019: 31)
- Number of Pursuits Initiated
 - 10 (2019: 7)

SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

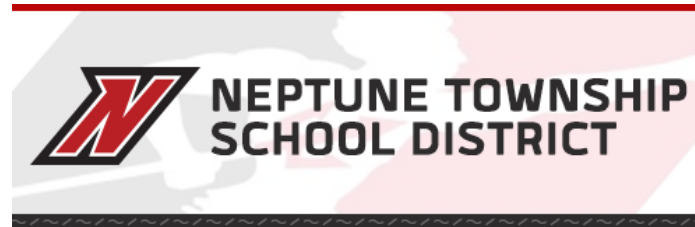
- Over the past year, our Special Law Enforcement Officer program operated with ten SLEO II Officers and seven SLEO I officers.
- SLEO II Officers have the same arresting power as a full-time officer except that it is limited to while they are on-duty. They are utilized for speed enforcement, court security, jail operations and walking patrols.
- SLEO I Officers are utilized for parking enforcement, traffic details, and jail operations as well as special events.
- The SLEO program serves as a way for the command staff to evaluate potential candidates for full-time positions. Many of our current full-time officers began their career with the NTPD as a SLEO.

JAIL OPERATIONS



- Neptune Township operates and staffs an 18 cell jail, which provides service to Neptune Township as well as Avon-by-the-Sea, the Monmouth County Sheriffs Office and other agencies as necessary.
- SLEO I and II Officers hired as jailors are tasked with jail operations, prisoner searches, property inventories and other duties.
- During the year 2020, Neptune's jail housed 1,328 total prisoners.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS



- During a typical year, Neptune High School and Neptune Middle School are staffed by either full-time School Resource Officers or Patrol Officers assigned to the locations each day. Due to the extended closure of our schools during the pandemic, our School Resource Officers have been assigned to provide security at various schools participating in the meal program, which provides meals for Neptune's children that would normally be getting daily lunches.
- Our School Resource Officers are retired law enforcement professionals and/or full-time Police Officers who provide an armed police presence at the schools and are tasked with handling calls for service within the schools. They also work to foster positive contact between the students, the police department, and the faculty.
- The School Resource Officers maintain direct radio contact between the schools and the police department to ensure any urgent situations are dealt with in a timely manner. They also receive countless hours of training in Active Shooter situations, help to address security concerns and potential threats, and monitor drills to ensure students, faculty, and staff are well-prepared for any danger.

RECRUITMENT

- The Neptune Township Police Department is an equal opportunity employer in all facets of the hiring process.
- Our Recruitment Unit attends community events and job fairs in Neptune Township and Monmouth County as a part of our commitment to attracting qualified and diverse candidates to join the Neptune Township Police Department.
- **For questions regarding recruitment,** we encourage applicants to first visit the Careers pages on **www.NeptunePolice.org** and send any follow up questions to **Recruitment@neptunepolice.org**.



OPERATIONS DIVISION

CAPTAIN MICHAEL J. MCGHEE



- Patrol Bureau
- Street Crimes Unit
- Alcoholic Beverage Control
- Public Information

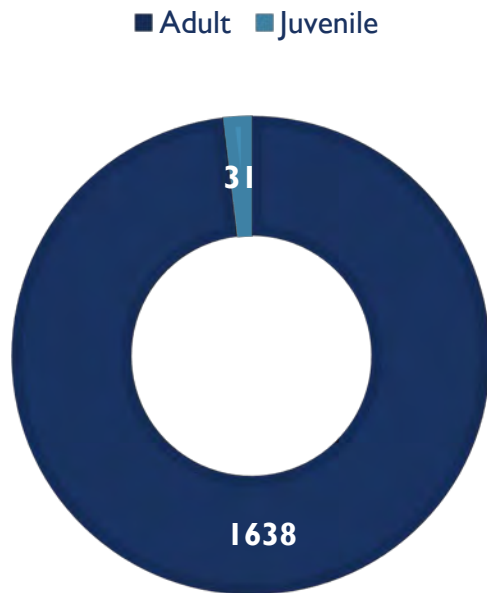
PATROL BUREAU

- The Neptune Township Patrol Bureau is the most visible part of the department, committed to improving public safety and quality of life for the residents in our community.
- The Patrol Bureau is on patrol in our community 24/7/365 and answers all calls for service, conducts investigations, and provides traffic and township ordinance enforcement.
- At the end of 2020, the Patrol Bureau was staffed by two Patrol Lieutenants, six Patrol Sergeants and forty-nine Police Officers. Three Lieutenants, three Sergeants, and four Police Officers were promoted/hired at the end of 2020 and started their service in the Patrol Bureau in 2021.



PATROL BUREAU STATISTICS

TOTAL AGENCY ARRESTS



Calls for Service



STREET CRIMES UNIT

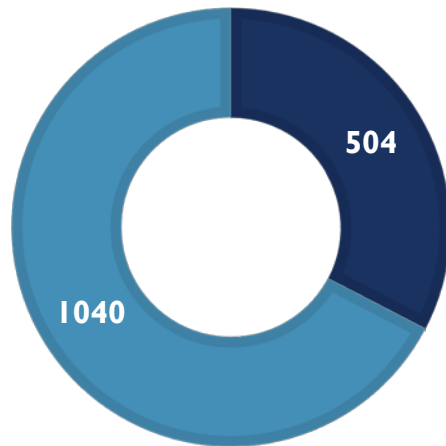
- The Street Crimes Unit is staffed by a Lieutenant, a Sergeant and supported by designated Police Officers. The primary function is to investigate drug crimes and quality of life issues within the Township, including but not limited to: use and sale of narcotics, public alcohol consumption, prostitution, liquor laws, and township ordinances.
- The SCU works with County, State, and Federal agencies to identify and arrest individuals who are involved in the manufacturing, sale and use of illicit narcotics as well as targeting gangs and violent criminals.
- During 2020, the Street Crimes Unit assisted the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office Narcotic Strike Force and Major Crimes, and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.



STREET CRIMES UNIT STATISTICS

SCU ARRESTS & CRIMINAL CHARGES

■ Arrests ■ Criminal Charges



- Residential Search Warrants: 8
- Handguns Seized: 1
- Vehicles Seized: 7
- Currency Seized: \$29,282.00
- Warrant Arrests: 264
- Municipal Ordinance Violations: 87

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

- The Identification Bureau and Street Crimes Unit are tasked with registration and maintenance of the Alcoholic Beverage Control licensing program.
- The purpose of this program is to assure businesses are in compliance with NJ Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control regulations, to ensure public safety and to prevent the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors.
- All employees involved in the sale or preparation of alcoholic beverages are required to register and submit to a criminal history check each year.
- **Total Licensed Establishments: 26 (2019: 25)**
 - **Club Licenses (Private/Social Clubs): 4 (2019: 4)**
 - **Distribution Licenses (Liquor Stores): 5 (2019: 5)**
 - **Consumption Licenses (Bars/Restaurants): 17 (2019: 16)**
- **Total Applicants: 163 (2019: 249)**
- **Total Permits Issued: 163 (2019: 246)**

PUBLIC INFORMATION BUREAU



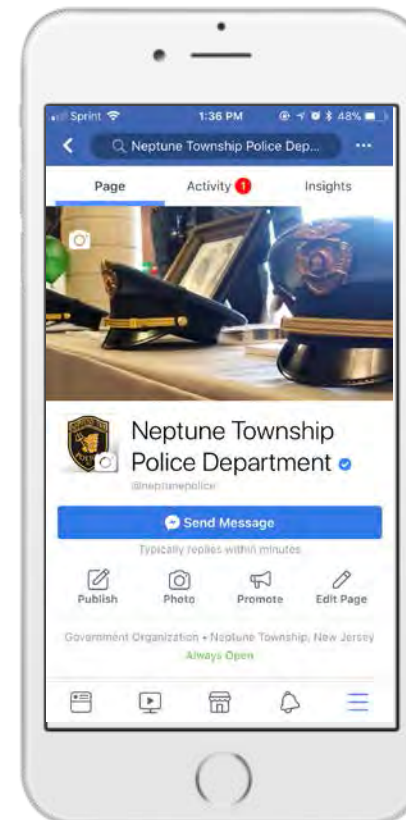
- The Neptune Township Police Department maintains working relationships with all local and many regional and national news outlets to distribute press releases, emergency information and public service announcements.
- Our Public Information Officers are on-call to assist the media, coordinate news conferences, and work with local agencies to ensure a unified and consistent release of information.
- By maintaining strong relationships with the media, we can ensure a timely release of information to our residents and surrounding communities in the event a critical message must be dispersed.



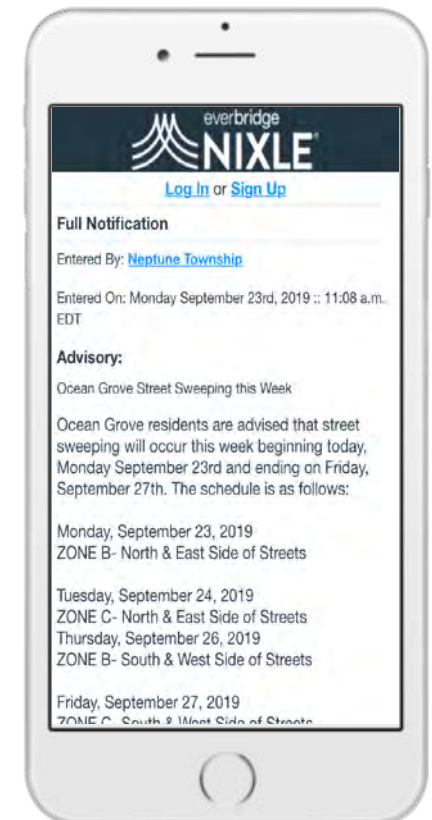
Over **500,000** impressions on 164 Tweets and **over 3,000 followers**. This is a primary source of information distribution to local and national media.



This year, our **free** mobile application received yet another significant overhaul, merging with the NTOEM app to provide a single information source for Neptune residents.



About **750,000** impressions from 337 total posts and over **7,000 followers**. This is a primary source of information distribution to our local community.



Nixle by Everbridge continues to serve as our critical alert system, which can send calls, texts, and emails to all residents instantly.

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY DIVISION

CAPTAIN ANTHONY GUALARIO



- Accreditation
- Detective Bureau
- Internal Affairs
- Grant Supported Programs
- Records Bureau

ACCREDITATION

- The Neptune Township Police Department was awarded initial accreditation by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police in 2016 and award re-accreditation following the three year scheduled additional review in January of 2019.
- Accreditation is valid for a three-year term, at which time the agency must be reaccredited by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. The policies and procedures involved with the Accreditation process are being continually updated to ensure the department is always in compliance with nationally recognized best practice standards in each of the five functions: Administrative, Operations, Investigative, Arrestee/Detainee, and Personnel.
- The Neptune Township Police Department has continued to ensure compliance with each of the 105 required best practice standards, and achieved re-accreditation with proofs of compliance in 2019. The Professional Responsibility Division remains confident that this agency will continue to retain Accredited Status.



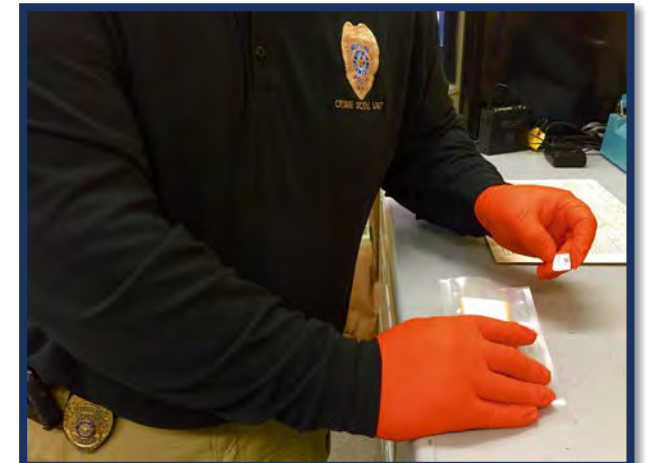
DETECTIVE BUREAU

- The Detective Bureau is primarily tasked with conducting follow-up investigations of reported crimes such as homicide, robbery, burglary, fraud and theft, amongst others. As part of the investigation, detectives will interview suspects, victims and witnesses, as well as compile cases for prosecution.
- The Detective Bureau also distributes information to surrounding agencies, conducts background checks on police applicants, and maintains a high level of training necessary to handle a variety of cases.
- In 2020, the investigative division of the Detective Bureau was staffed by one Detective Lieutenant, two Detective Sergeants, and four Detectives.

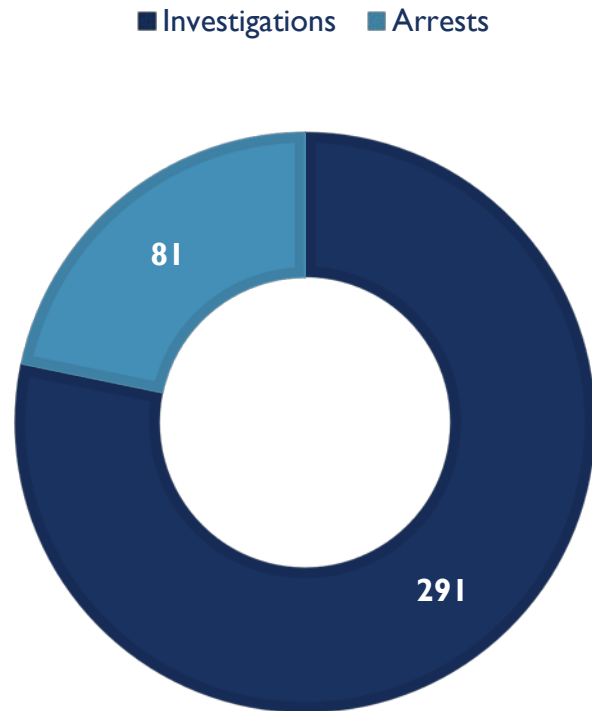


IDENTIFICATION BUREAU

- The Identification Bureau is a division of the Detective Bureau that is primarily responsible for crime scene forensics, evidence collection and retention.
- The Identification Detectives also handle all Megan's Law registrants in the Township of Neptune, which includes monitoring, registration and conducting unannounced visits to their residences.
- Firearms applications, weapons purchase permits, registration for Alcoholic Beverage Control Liquor Licensee employees and taxi services are also handled by the Identification Bureau.



DETECTIVE BUREAU STATISTICS



- Pieces of Evidence Processed:
 - 4,302 items from 1,694 cases (2019: 4,083 items, 1,618 cases)
- Firearms Identification Cards & Handgun Purchase Permits Issued:
 - 683 Issued (2019: 196)

NEW TECHNOLOGY AND UPGRADES

- Due to the pandemic, the NTPD has partnered with NTOEM and the Township to keep our first responders and community safe. NTOEM HazMat technicians and NTPD officers spend hours each week disinfecting every patrol vehicle and the NTPD has recently taken delivery of advanced disinfection systems which will allow us to perform these disinfection services without needing to request assistance. All of the devices were purchased using grant funding at no cost to the department.
- This year, we began operation of the Shotspotter audio-based gunshot detection system, which alerts officers and supervisors instantly in the event of a “shots fired” incident. It provides an exact location and other critical details which helps to keep officers safe and increase the likelihood of identification and arrest of potential suspects.
- Thanks to the support of a grant, we were able to purchase a new vehicle-mounted License Plate Reader which allows officers to quickly identify stolen vehicles, wanted persons, and receive other critical alerts.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Neptune Township Police Department Internal Affairs Unit accepts, reviews, and responds to all complaints against police officers received from the public or from superior officers within the organization. Citizen complaints may be made in person, by telephone, fax, internet, or through the mail. These include anonymous complaints, complaints from third party witnesses, juveniles and complaints from parties not directly involved in the incident from which an allegation arises. All allegations are carried to their logical conclusion by experienced and trained investigators.
- In any given year officers of the Neptune Township Police Department are involved in tens of thousands of citizen contacts. Many are routine and many involve critical situations. The Internal Affairs Unit is tasked with handling complaints from the public regarding officer conduct, as well as rare allegations of criminal conduct by department members.
- The investigative process assesses the propriety of all on or off duty conduct during the incident in which the alleged misconduct occurred. If during the course of an investigation there is an indication that misconduct occurred other than that alleged, the investigator examines the additional potential misconduct to its logical conclusion.
- The following penalties may be assessed against any member or employee of the Neptune Township Police Department as a result of disciplinary action:
 - Oral Reprimand
 - Written Reprimand
 - Suspension
 - Demotion
 - Dismissal

INTERNAL AFFAIRS STATISTICS

- All complaints are categorized based on the alleged offense. Upon the completion of the investigation, the investigator will reach a conclusion based upon the facts developed in their investigation which will fall into one of the following five dispositions:
 - **Exonerated:** The alleged incident did occur, but the actions of the officer were justified, legal and proper.
 - **Sustained:** The investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to prove the allegation, and the actions of the officer violated a provision of the agency's rules and regulations or procedures.
 - **Not Sustained:** The investigation failed to disclose sufficient evidence to clearly prove or disprove the allegation.
 - **Unfounded:** The alleged incident did not occur.
- During 2020, 12 citizen complaints were filed and the Internal Affairs Unit conducted 13 internal reviews.
- Internal reviews typically originate from a supervisor who detects a possible deficiency in an officer's performance or a violation of policy.

Complaint Dispositions	2019	2020
Exonerated	19	5
Sustained	9	16
Not Sustained	1	13
Administratively Closed	1	1
Unfounded	6	2
Pending	12	2

GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

- **BJA Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG)**
 - Named in honor of fallen NYPD Officer Edward Byrne, this grant program is a leading source of federal funding to state and local police departments. The program grants funding to agencies to support a broad range of crime prevention and control activities.
 - In 2020, the Neptune Township Police Department **received \$18,947 from this grant**, which was subsequently used to purchase a vehicle-mounted License Plate Reader system.
- **DOJ Bureau of Justice Assistance Emergency COVID-19 Grant**
 - This grant became available this year to assist with emergency purchases needed to help slow the spread of the pandemic. Thanks to this grant, the Neptune Township Police Department **received \$53,410** which was used to purchase an interior disinfection system, a handheld portable disinfecting sprayer for vehicles, and a supply of cleaning solution.

RECORDS BUREAU

- In 2020, the Neptune Township Police Department received **30,767 calls for service**. Most of these calls require the completion of a police report and, in 2020, the Records Bureau processed 1,739 Report (OPRA) Requests, and provided discovery on 83 cases.
- The Neptune Township Police Department Records Bureau plays a very important role in the area of law enforcement. Prompt and accurate processing and dissemination of the police reports and associated paperwork is an integral part of the judicial process. The Records Bureau is staffed by three Records Clerks and two Terminal Agency Coordinators who report to a Captain.

COMMENDATIONS

- **Police Officer Robert Hagerman** and **Police Officer Owen Rosenthal** were commended by Chief Hunt this year for a vehicle stop which led to the recovery of a loaded .45 caliber handgun and narcotics. The officers made a proactive stop for several motor vehicle violations and observed the odor of marijuana from the vehicle. The occupants were removed and searched, and rock cocaine was located on an occupant. The vehicle was then searched, at which time officers located the handgun and placed all of the occupants under arrest for unlawful possession.

GOALS AND STRATEGIES FOR 2021

- Work to re-establish connections with homeowners and service groups, faith-based and non-profit organizations within our local community that have suspended meetings and contact due to public health concerns over the past year.
- To reduce crime and the fear of crime through innovative patrol techniques, specialized units, advanced technology, information sharing, public information and targeted investigations.
- Continue to prioritize the health and safety of our employees and the community members we come into contact with on a daily basis through enhanced sanitization efforts, advanced training, and necessary personal protective equipment.
- Seek out new training opportunities following 2020 which saw the cancellation of many courses which officers were scheduled to attend and could not be completed remotely.
- Continue to provide a thorough and transparent Internal Affairs process through advanced training for investigators and by maintaining the high standards required by our law enforcement accreditation.
- Revisit and revise policies and procedures in accordance with accreditation standards and best practices of the modern law enforcement community.

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Identification Bureau	(732) 988-8000 ext. 427
Traffic Bureau/Community Outreach	(732) 988-8000 ext. 433
Records Bureau	(732) 988-8000 ext. 457
Street Crimes Unit	(732) 988-8000 ext. 416