

CITY OF
LONG BRANCH
POLICE DEPARTMENT



**2018 PUBLIC SAFETY
ANNUAL REPORT**



Celebrating 150 Years!

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CORE VALUES

Professionalism

In our actions, conduct, and job performance. Committed to training, education, individual self-discipline, service orientation and other attributes of a true professional.

Respect

For all citizens, each other, and for differing points of view, regardless of age, race, gender, appearance, individual beliefs, or lifestyles.

Integrity

Truthful & honest in word and deed. Ethical, being guided by the concept of fundamental fairness in everything we do, doing what is right.

Dedication

To the organization, each other, our families, and the citizens we serve. Empower department members and citizens to work together to solve community problems.

Excellence

In everything we do. Seeking to improve and excel, always.

MISSION STATEMENT

The City of Long Branch Police Department is committed to providing a safe community and improving the quality of life for all people. We accomplish this by delivering quality police services and enforcing laws with equality and impartiality. In partnership with the community, we reduce crime through public education, prevention, and awareness. In meeting this objective, we demand of ourselves the highest professional standards and dedication to our core values.

LETTER FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Greetings Community Members & Friends,

Welcome to Long Branch Police Department's fourth annual edition of the Public Safety Report.

Several methods to better monitor, analyze and share crime trend information were introduced in 2018 including the implementation of monthly CompStat meetings and the acquisition of a new electronic reporting system. Based on the knowledge attained through these and other tools, we gain vital insight on crime



trends that we can utilize for scheduling and posting officers so as to most effectively serve the community's needs.

The new LexisNexis Accurint® system provides us the capability of researching crime reports and making countless statistical inquiries. In fact, it assisted us in sharing much of the statistical information we present to you in this report. Unlike past statistical programs, Accurint reporting is a "living document". As cases are solved, transferred or amended, the data changes in real-time.

This type of system is proven in the long-run to provide a more accurate tool in fighting and preventing crime.

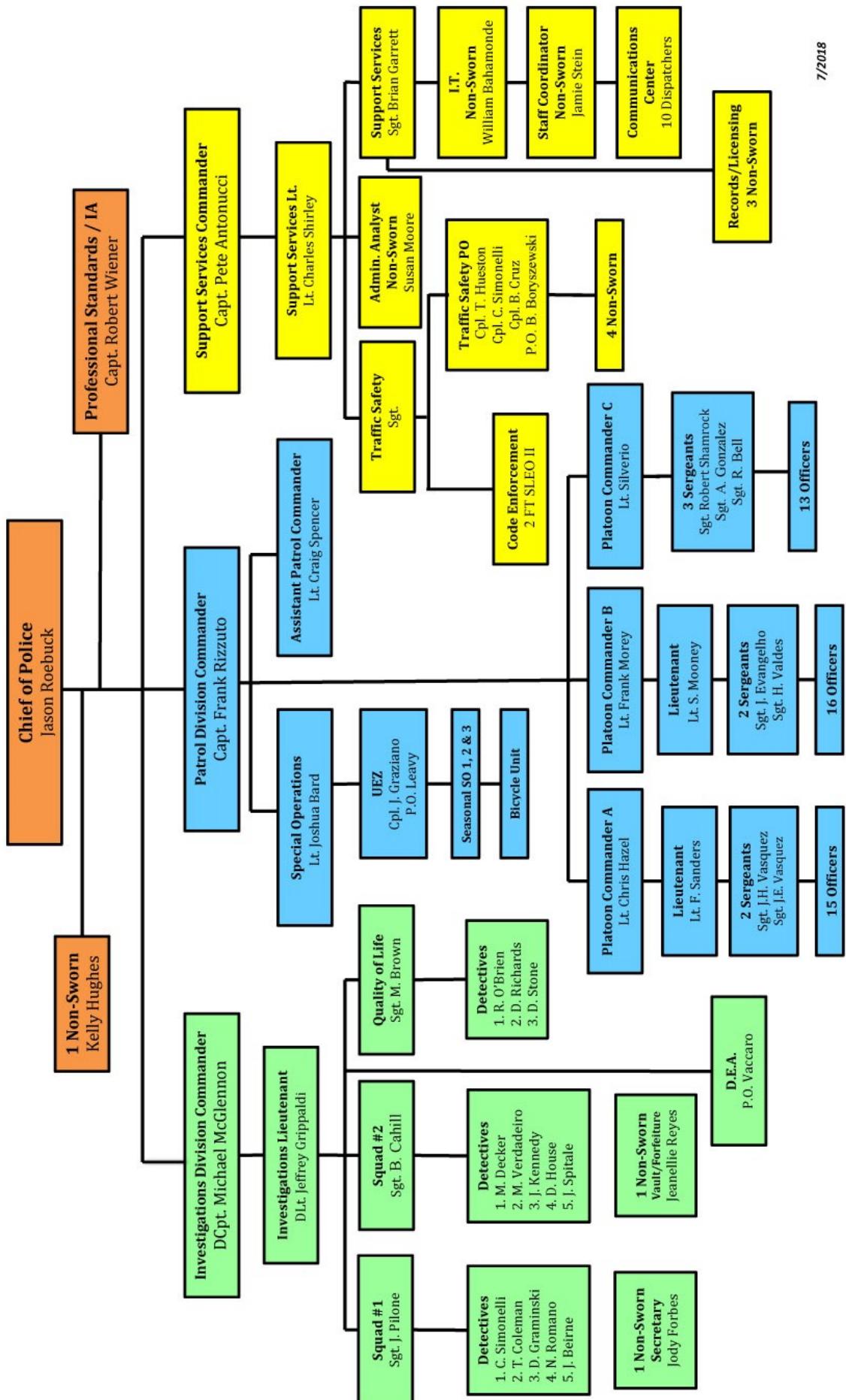
Also in 2018, we were excited to partner with the Long Branch Public Schools to welcome our new Class 3 Officers! Their goal is to provide additional school security to students and staff during school hours as well as after-school activities.

Please read on to learn more about these and other advancements that took place within the Long Branch Police Department this past year. It is my sincere hope that everyone who takes the time to read this report can take away a better understanding of the inner-workings of the department and the services we offer. Perhaps you may learn a little something new about the men and women who proudly serve our community along the way.

Thank you for taking the time to review this report!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Roche, Jr.".

TABLE OF ORGANIZATION



OFFICERS & RANKS

CHIEF

Jason Roebuck #261

CAPTAINS

- Peter Antonucci #265
- Robert Wiener, Jr. #244
- Michael McGlennon #243
- Frank Rizzuto #266

LIEUTENANTS

- Frank Morey #254
- Craig Spencer #258
- Joshua Bard #300
- Jeffrey Grippaldi #292
- Jorge Silverio #295
- Christopher Hazel #291
- Charles Shirley, Jr. #284
- Fernando Sanders #250
- Stanley Mooney #263

SERGEANTS

- Jeffrey Pilone #255
- Robert Shamrock #245
- Brendan Cahill #318
- Antonia Gonzalez #270
- Brian Garrett #306
- Robert Bell #329
- Juan H. Vasquez #282
- John Evangelho #274
- Marshall Brown #319
- Heather Valdes #290
- Juan E. Vasquez #272

CORPORALS (15+ Years)

- Michael McGowan #248
- Joseph Graziano #257
- Robert Korn #267
- Edwin Gomez #276
- Julio Delacruz #278
- Kevin King #281
- Thomas Hueston #294
- Cesare Simonelli #298
- Lance Fanning #299
- Christopher Gant #301
- Jennifer Gant #304
- Kimberly Leavy #308
- Tracey Widdis #310
- Robert Rush Bataille #311
- Stanley Eskridge #313
- Christopher Walls #314
- Erik Wettermark #316
- Sam Jung Yoo #317

DETECTIVES

- Cpl. Charles Simonelli #286
- Michael Decker #312
- Cpl. Michael Verdadeiro #309
- Cpl. Todd Coleman #289
- David House #296
- Cpl. David Graminski #302
- Joseph Spitale #339
- Richard O'Brien #345
- Joseph Kennedy #324
- Nick Romano #342
- James Beirne #354
- Daniel Richards #347
- David Stone #349

PATROL OFFICERS

- Bienvenido Cruz #320
- Marco Rodrigues #322
- Josh Wagner #323
- Matthew Widdis #325
- Patrick Joyce #326
- KiJung Kim #327
- Hector Umana #328
- George Samol #330
- Ross Zotti #331
- George Olski #336
- Jesus Otero #340
- Gary Vecchione #343
- Brian Oliveira #344
- Brian Boryszewski #346
- Daniel Richards #347
- David Stone #349
- Vincent Roselli #350
- Omar Akel #351
- Sergio Chaparro #352
- Patrick Vaccaro #363
- Dana Page #355
- Robert Poss #356
- Kevin Morris #357
- Steven Grant-White #358
- Daniel Gould #359
- Joseph Corcoran #360
- Mark Yutko #361
- Conor Mullan #362
- Shane Carrol #363
- William Davies IV #365
- Charles Conover #366
- Francis Sheldrick #367
- Kevin Romano #368
- Kenneth Ross #369
- Christopher Remedios #370
- Julian Morgan #371
- Evan Morrell #372
- Daniel Cunha #373
- Daniel DiLeonardo #374
- Robert Presley #376
- Christopher Fish #377

SPECIALIZED UNITS

INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

The Long Branch Police Department Investigations Division gathers facts for criminal investigations and prosecutions. They compile evidence by observing suspects, interviewing witnesses, and examining physical evidence. The Detectives investigate criminal acts including homicides, sexual assaults, armed robberies, home invasions, and property crimes such as burglaries and arson as well as any unattended deaths. Detectives collect and use forensic evidence to solve crimes, and interview informants, suspects, and witnesses to ascertain alibis, motives, clues, and establish time frames. Detectives spend most of their time gathering facts and evidence for criminal cases they have been assigned. They gather evidence through informants, by interviewing witnesses, and by observing, monitoring, and recording the activities of known or suspected criminals. In performing their duties, it is absolutely necessary that they gain knowledge of suspects and the circumstances surrounding a crime before singling out a perpetrator. Once motives, alibis, past relationships, and the evidence has been determined and analyzed, a detective will interrogate a suspect with the aim of determining their guilt or innocence.

In 2018, a total of 629 cases were investigated by our Detectives.

The Investigations Bureau maintains Units specializing in Major Crimes, Street Crimes, Forensics and Juvenile Matters. Detectives are dedicated to the following areas:

- Homeland Security Function
- Coordinator for Sex Offender Registry
- Long Branch Police Chaplains Program
- Bias Crime Investigations.
- Public Information Officers
- Certified Negotiators.
- Certified Arson Investigators.
- Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)



The Detectives in our Investigations Bureau are also assigned to the following roles:

- Evidence/Property Management
- Background investigations for police & fire departments
- School Programs
- Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) enforcement, background investigations, and inspections
- DEA Drug Take Back Program
- Liaisons to Monmouth University Quality of Life Task Force
- Liaisons to the Long Branch Housing Authority
- Liaisons to FBI/DHS/DEA/NJSP/MCPO/MCSO/ & NJ Auto Theft Task Force
- Instructors LBPD Citizens Police Academy
- Instruct/Administer School Active Shooter Program
- Instructors LBPD In-Service Training Program
- Members of the Monmouth/ Ocean Counties Criminal Intelligence Bureau
- Members of NJ Homicide Investigators Assoc.
- Members of NJ Gang Investigators Association
- Members of NJ Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association
- Members Certified/Incident Response Terrorist Bombings (IRTB)

In addition, Members of the Bureau maintain/participate in:

• Juvenile Conference Committee	• Violent Crime Apprehension Program
• E-Trace	• Child Abduction Response Team
• National Integrated Ballistics Identification Network	• Sex Assault Response Team
• National Crime Information Center	• Regional Pawn Data Sharing System
• Unidentified Persons File	• Counter Terrorism Coordination
• NJ Law Enforcement Teletype System	• Criminal & Gang Intelligence Function

NOTABLE CASES

18LB24369 Murder

Victim: Madison Wells; Arrested: Bryan Cordero-Castro

18LB18927 Aggravated Arson

Arrested: Cathy Gilliard

18LB15576 House of Prostitution

Multiple Arrests

18LB16294 Attempted Murder - stabbing at Manhasset Park

Suspect Arrested

18LB17706 Strong Arm Robbery

Arrested: Michael Taylor

18LB18075 Aggravated Assault

Arrested: Edwin Borero Jr. charged with 2nd Degree Aggravated Assault and Possession of a Weapon

18LB20120 Aggravated Assault/ Possession of Weapon – Caribbean Sun Stabbing

Arrested: Louis Serrano

18LB22518 Murder

Victim: Bon Demais; Arrested: Miguel Camara, awaiting trial after full confession

18LB25456 Attempted Murder

Arrested: Chariesse Hardy, Jaleek Davis

18LB29758 Attempted Murder

Victim: Magnetic Williams (stabbing victim); Arrested: Hakim Gibson

18LB09242 Attempted Murder

Victim: Joseph Ferraro; Arrested Azeem Jackson

NOTABLE VERDICTS

- ◆ Brooks Verinek – sentenced to 18 years for Robbery at Falvo's
- ◆ Jeffrey "Smurf" Williams – convicted for the 2017 murder of Hector Mejia
- ◆ Christopher Aparacio-Reyes – convicted for the 2015 murder of Jennifer Pizzuto
- ◆ Carlos Menjivar – convicted for the 2014 Sairs Avenue double homicide



**STREET CRIMES
UNIT**

STREET CRIMES STATS

In 2018, the unit made 163 arrests, 87 of which were narcotics related offenses, and executed seven search warrants. As a result of these arrests, the following seizures were made.

- \$10,052 in U.S. Currency
- 174 Doses of Heroin
- 4.25 ounces of Cocaine
- 14.95 pounds of Marijuana

K9 UNIT

The City of Long Branch Police Canine (K9) Unit is made up of two teams, Sgt. Robert Shamrock and K9 Hagan and P.O. Omar Akel and K9 Hades. These teams respond when patrol requests help in cases that involve expertise in areas such as tracking a suspect and locating narcotics.

On June 12th, 2018 PO Akel & K9 Hades were able to track and locate a suspected burglar when called to the scene from which the suspect had recently fled.

In addition to responding to official service calls, our K9 Unit plays a vital role in our community outreach efforts, participating in numerous demonstrations for our public schools, Citizens Police Academies, National Night Out, and many other events.

URBAN ENTERPRISE UNIT (UEZ)

The Urban Enterprise Zone (U.E.Z.) focuses on our community in an effort to keep the lines of communication flowing between the police department and the public. Corporals Joseph Graziano and Kimberly Leavy work closely with local business owners, students and residents and provide a multitude of events and services throughout the year. A few examples of their programs include school presentations, senior program involvement, City Hall tours for scouts and students, and perhaps the two most popular, National Night Out and the Citizens Police Academy (CPA).



HONOR GUARD

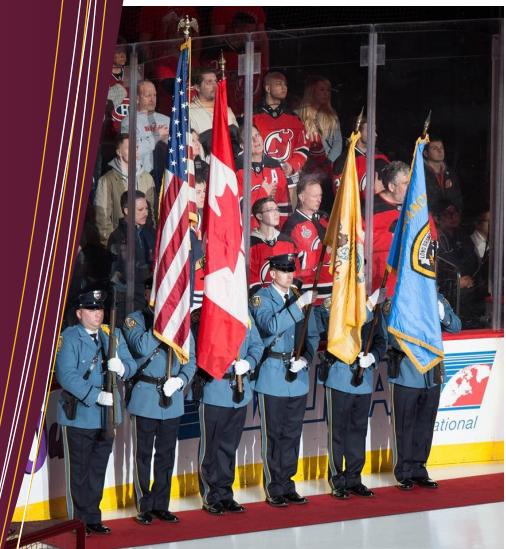
The Long Branch Police Department Honor Guard assists at official police functions such as swearing in ceremonies, promotions, parades and funerals. The officers involved in the Honor Guard participate on a voluntary basis.



Pictured left at Chief Roebuck's (Center) Swearing In Ceremony on February 2nd, 2018 are Honor Guard members (L to R) PO Vecchione, PO Oliveira, PO Kim, PO Boryszewski and PO Richards.

The Honor Guard also proudly presented the Colors during several sporting events in 2018.

- May 6th New Jersey Devils game at Prudential Center (Bottom LT)
- June 16th Lakewood BlueClaws game (RT) at First Energy Park. (P.O. Boryszewski, P.O. Kim, P.O. Umana, P.O. Oliveira, P.O. Chaparro and P.O. Vecchione)
- September 22nd New York Red Bulls game (Bottom RT) at the Red Bull Arena (Cpl. Fanning, P.O. Chaparro, P.O. Umana, P.O. Oliveira and P.O. Vecchione)





MOTORCYCLE UNIT

Our Motorcycle Unit rides year-round, weather permitting. Aside from being a tremendous asset in traffic control, especially during high-congestion events, they frequently assist in motor escorts such as dignitary transports and funeral processions.

In 2018, Lt. Jorge Silverio was assigned as the Motor Unit Supervisor and the following officers were assigned as members of the unit:

- Lt. Charles Shirley
- DLt. Jeffrey Grippaldi
- DSgt. Jeffrey Pilone
- Sgt. John Evangelho
- DSgt. Marshall Brown
- Cpl. Julio Delacruz
- Cpl. Thomas Hueston
- Cpl. Cesare Simonelli
- Cpl. Christopher Gant
- Cpl. Christopher Walls
- P.O. Kijung Kim

BIKE UNIT

The Police Department's Bicycle Unit is a seasonal component of the Patrol Division. From April to October the primary function of the unit is to patrol areas of the City on bicycle, focusing on areas along the beachfront as well as inner city locations. Being out on a bike allows these Officers to easily interact with other cyclists and pedestrians making them a crucial part of our Community Policing efforts. They also participate in seasonal events to encourage bicycle safety.

The majority of members in the Bike Unit are SLEO I Officers who are trained and overseen by Officers Vecchione and Oliveira.





FIREARMS UNIT

Members of the Firearms Unit include Supervising Firearms Instructor Sgt. John Evangelho, Instructors Sgt. Sam Yoo, Sgt. Hector Umana, Cpl. Ben Cruz, Cpl. Chris Gant, Det. Rich O'Brien and Cpl. Lance Fanning who is also the Armorer.

This unit is tasked with the annual firearms training and qualifications of all LBPD Officers as well as maintaining the weapons and ammunition for the department. In October, the Firearms Unit successfully trained our new rifle operators (top left) in an intense 3-day course.

TRAFFIC BUREAU



Our Traffic Bureau consists of four full-time officers, one Special Class 2 and three civilians. Members include Cpl. Thomas Hueston, Cpl. Cesare Simonelli, Cpl. Benny Cruz, PO Brian Boryszewski, SO Kevin Cuje, George Medina, Andrew Clay and Ryan Scanlon. Lt. Charles Shirley, Jr. is the Unit's Supervisor.



While the Unit was originally formed with the goal of maintaining and repairing traffic signals, the responsibilities of its members have grown to include street signage, special event, road crew and new construction traffic plans, vehicle upgrades and the installation and maintenance of equipment within our vehicles. With ever changing technology, these members are constantly being trained to work on new equipment. Scanlon, our newest member brings an extensive skill set to the unit as he is certified in areas such as programming and installation

of police radios, emergency lights, surveillance cameras, body worn cameras and digital mobile video recorders (DMVR).

ANIMAL CONTROL

On March 1st, 2018, Detective David House was appointed as the Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer (HLEO) for the Long Branch Police Department and Officer Francis Sheldrick was appointed as Assistant HLEO. They are tasked with investigating any severe animal cruelty cases within the city.

All our officers assist the City's Animal Control Bureau on a regular basis responding to calls that involve animals in distress or in need of rescuing. From seals on the beach to squirrels trapped drain hole, our officers have seen it all! And yes, all the animals seen in these photos were rescued without injury!



CODE & FIRE PREVENTION



Class 2 Special Officers Brian Dinero and Giovanni Rodriguez are assigned to the City Code & Fire Prevention Bureau.

Along with responding to calls for service as an auxiliary to police patrol units, their primary duty with code enforcement is to ensure property owners comply with the safety and quality of life ordinances. These including property maintenance, fire code compliance, zoning and building permit compliance, and environmental concerns such as recycling and proper waste disposal.

They inspect for hazards to pedestrian and vehicular traffic such as low wires, dangerous trees, dangerous sidewalks, derelict or vacant homes and abandoned swimming pools, and standing water issues for mosquito control. They also investigate illegal rooming houses, unregistered rental properties, conduct inspections for certificate of occupancy compliance, and perform annual "meet and great" inspections of all off campus housing for Monmouth University to welcome students and insure they comply with local ordinances.

In addition, they set up and maintain the "hot zone" for any fireworks display, and respond to any general emergency in the city, and cover during states of emergencies and special events, as well as coordinate with other agencies such as the EPA/DEP and utility providers for any issues falling outside the scope of routine enforcement.

OUTSIDE AGENCY ROLES

MOCERT

In September of 2018, K9 Team Officer Omar Akel and Hades became members of the Monmouth County Emergency Response Team (MOCERT).

MOCERT is operated by the County Prosecutor's Office and integrates tactically trained officers from numerous municipal police departments to form one team. All members have received advanced training in various fields which include but are not limited to Special Weapons And Tactics, high-risk warrant service, hostage rescue, barricaded suspects, active shooters and dignitary protection. Recent team training has included preparation for weapons of mass destruction and terrorism incidents. The team has trained with FBI SWAT and LAPD SWAT as well as instructors from various military and private organizations.



Members train as a team bi-monthly as well as for several full weeks throughout the year. Officers are on call 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. Semi-annually members undergo rigorous physical tests to remain on the team. In addition, members of the team must maintain the rank of firearms expert through firearms qualification scores."



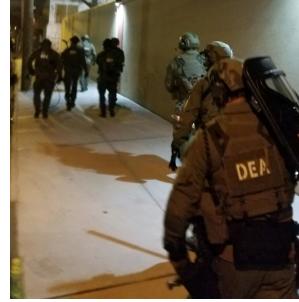
SCART

Officer Brian Boryszewski, a member of our Traffic Bureau became joined the Monmouth County Serious Collision Analysis Response Team (SCART) in the fall of 2018.

He is on call one week a month and responds to any fatal or serious bodily injury motor vehicle accident in Monmouth county during that timeframe.

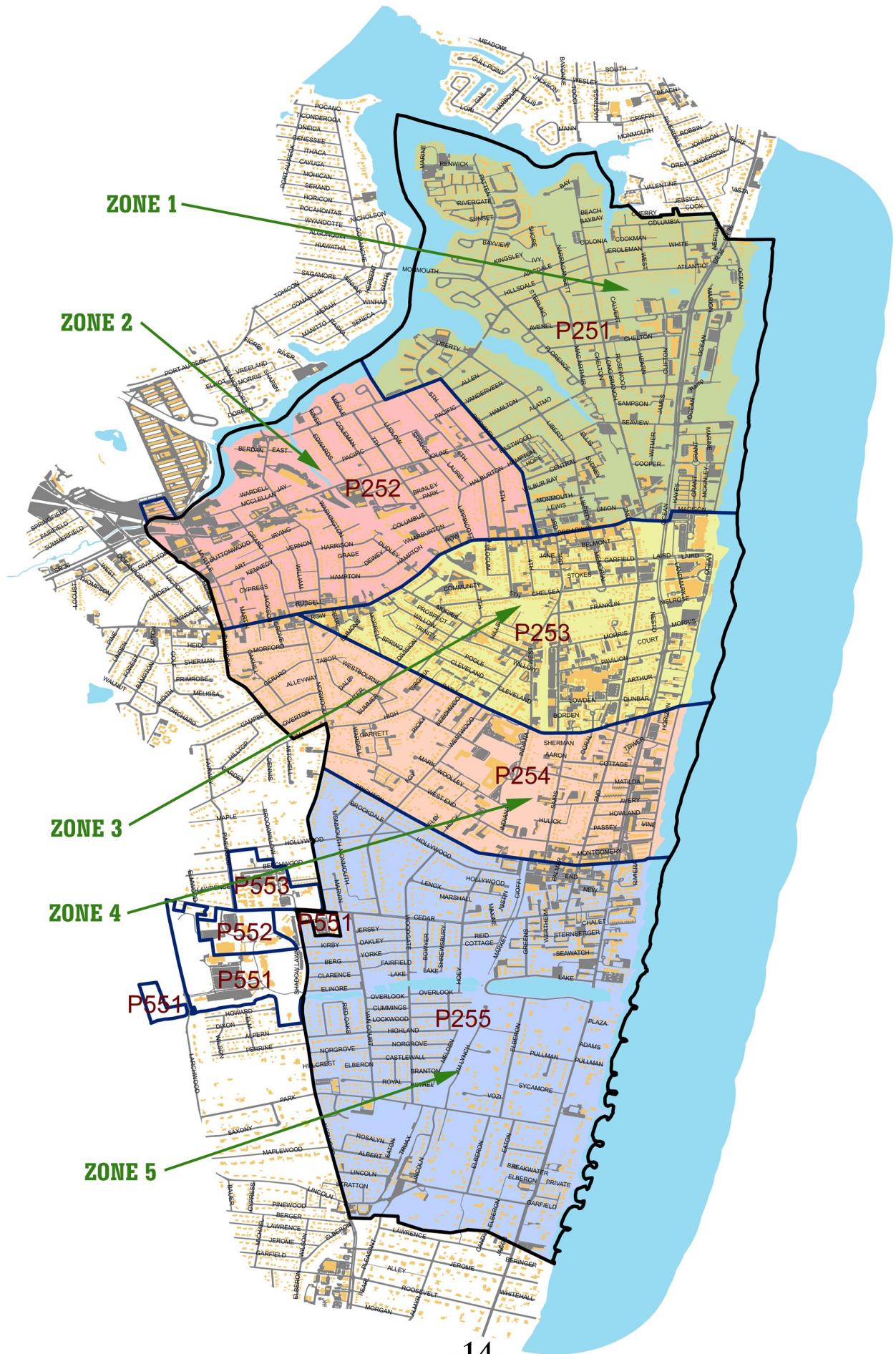
DEA

From July of 2016 until January 2019, Officer Patrick Vaccaro was assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), New Jersey Division, Newark Field Office, Tactical Diversion Squad (TDS), in the capacity of Task Force Officer. In addition to his duties as a member of the TDS task force, he was a member of the, DEA, New Jersey Division, Special Response Team (SRT) and a member of the DEA, New Jersey Clandestine Laboratory (Clan Lab) response team.



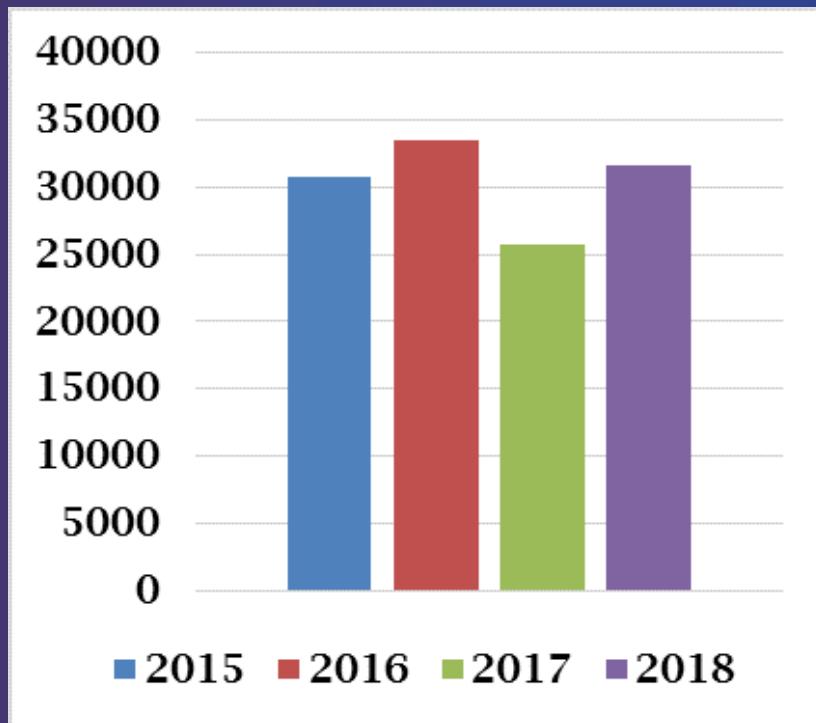
During his time as a Deputized Task Force Officer, he conducted and assisted in numerous narcotics investigations across the nation which have led to the arrests and convictions of subjects involved in the illegal trafficking of controlled dangerous substances. He participated in numerous search warrant executions and Wiretap investigations in which large sums of narcotics, money, and weapons were seized.

PATROL ZONES

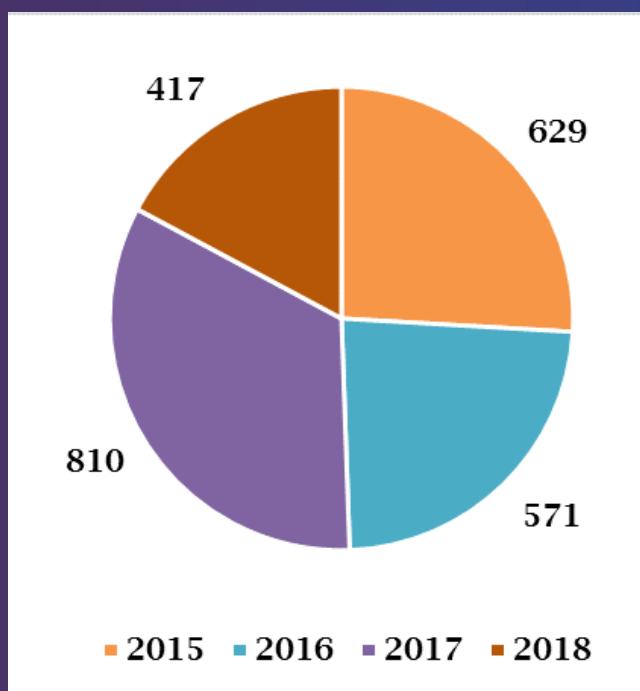


2018 STATISTICS

CALLS FOR SERVICE



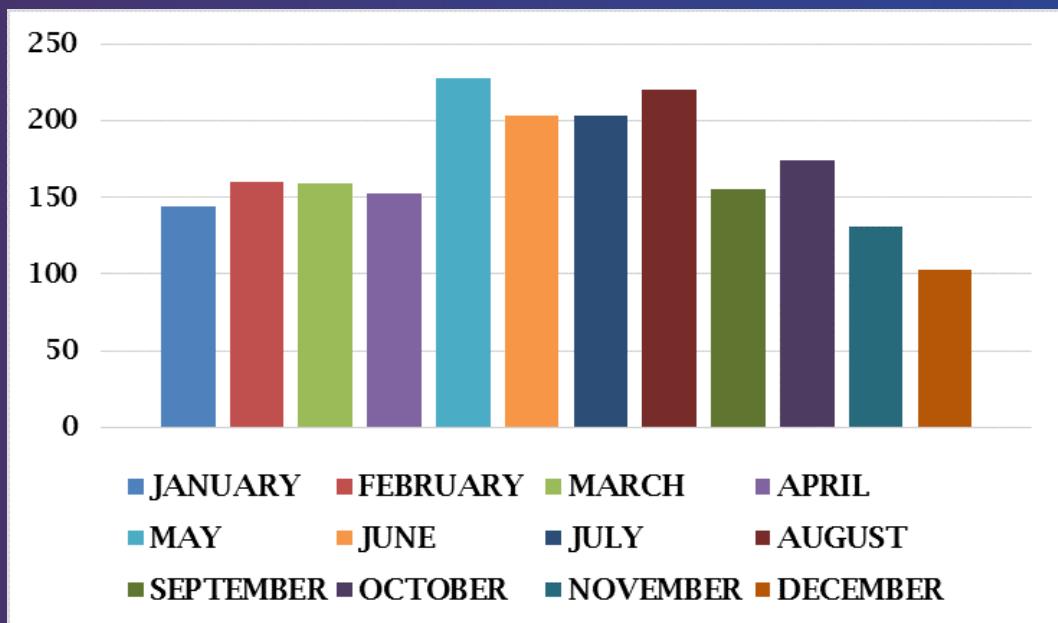
9-1-1 CALLS



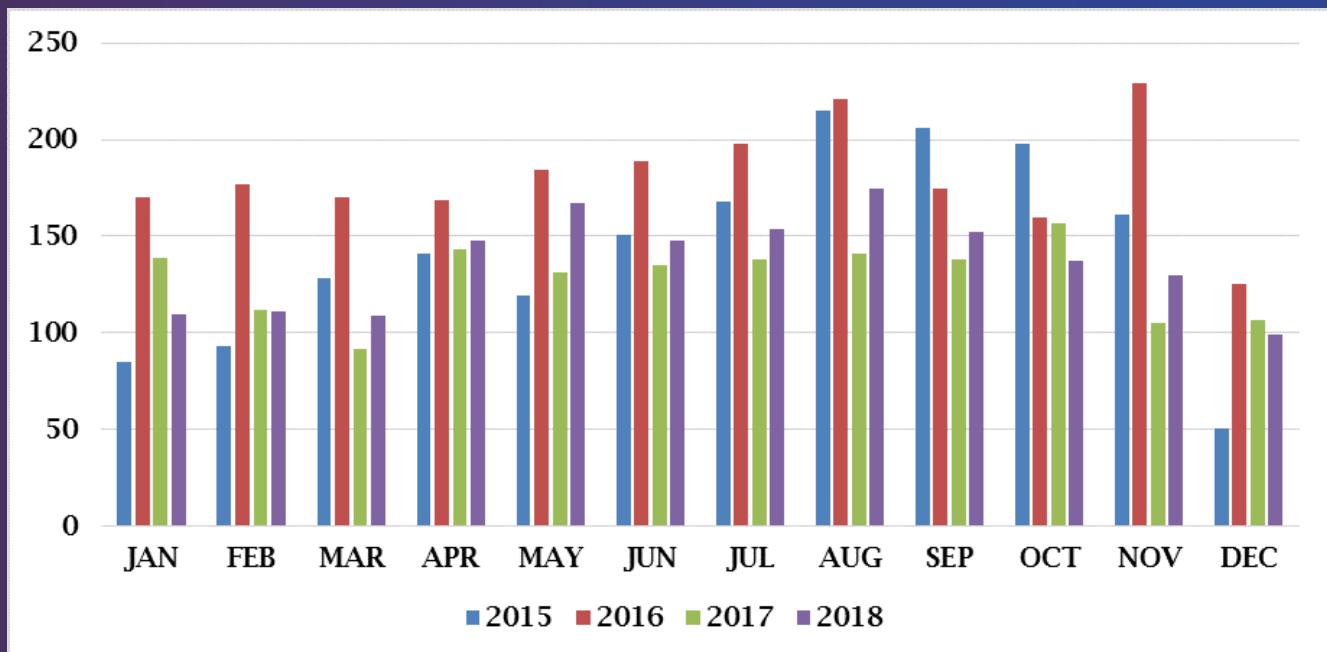
- INCLUDES HANG-UPS & MISDIALS.
- PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL 9-1-1 CALLS GO TO MONMOUTH COUNTY.
- THESE NUMBERS REPRESENT THE CALLS THAT INVOLVED THE LONG BRANCH AREA.

2018 ARRESTS BY MONTH

(TOTAL ARRESTS FOR THE YEAR=2,034)



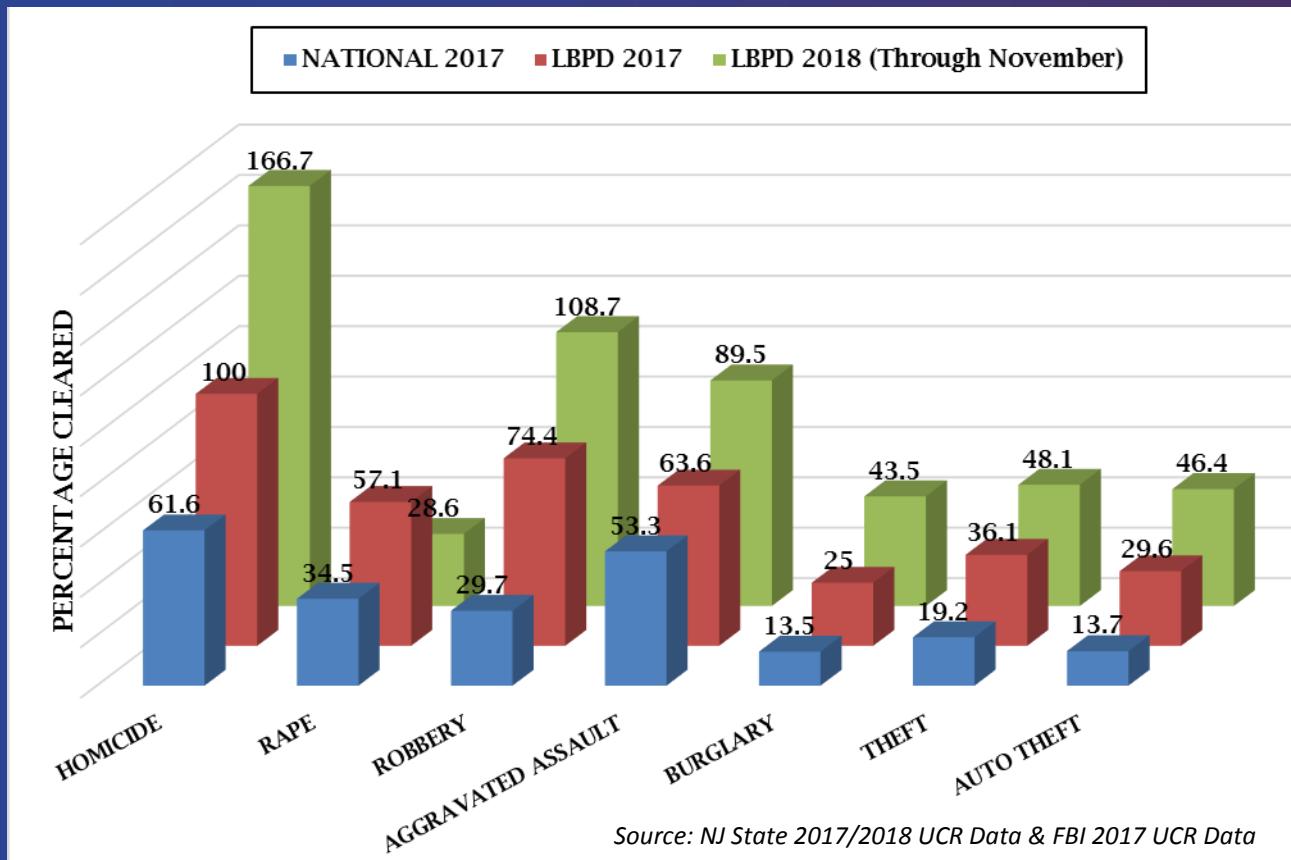
ARRESTS BY MONTH 2015-2018



NATIONAL CLEARANCE RATE VS. LBPD

VIOLENT AND PROPERTY CRIMES CLEARED BY ARREST OR EXCEPTIONAL MEANS

*Complete 2018 UCR reports not yet available through NJ state police at the time of this publication.



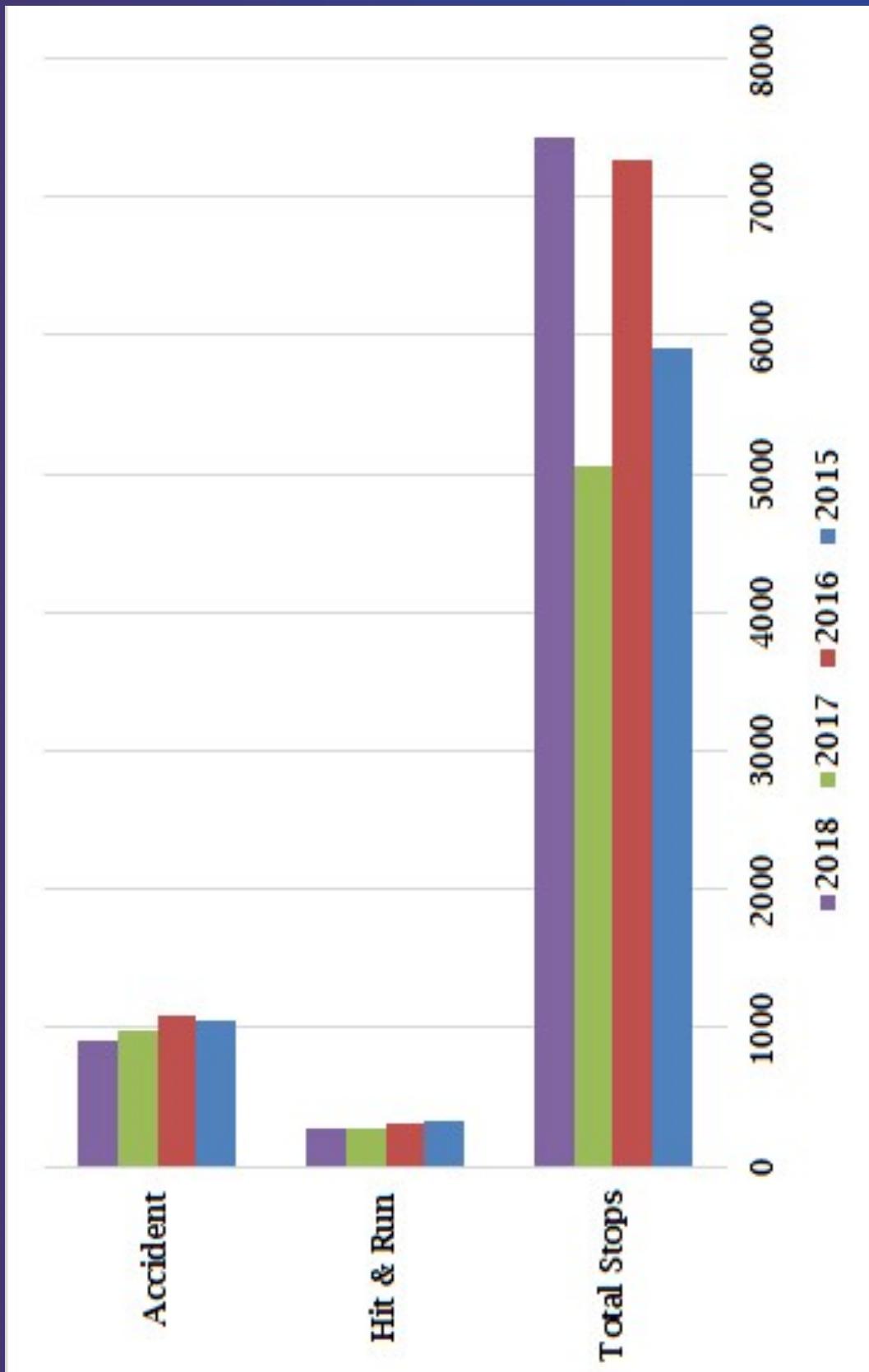
Law enforcement agencies must meet the following four conditions in order to clear an offense by exceptional means:

- Identified the offender.
- Gathered enough evidence to support an arrest, make a charge, and turn over the offender to the court for prosecution.
- Identified the offender's exact location.
- Encountered a circumstance outside the control of law enforcement that prohibits the agency from arresting, charging, and prosecuting the offender.

Examples of exceptional clearances include, but are not limited to, the death of the offender or the victim's refusal to cooperate with the prosecution after the offender has been identified.

MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS

TOTAL STOPS FOR 2018 WERE 7,436



INTERNAL AFFAIRS SUMMARY REPORT

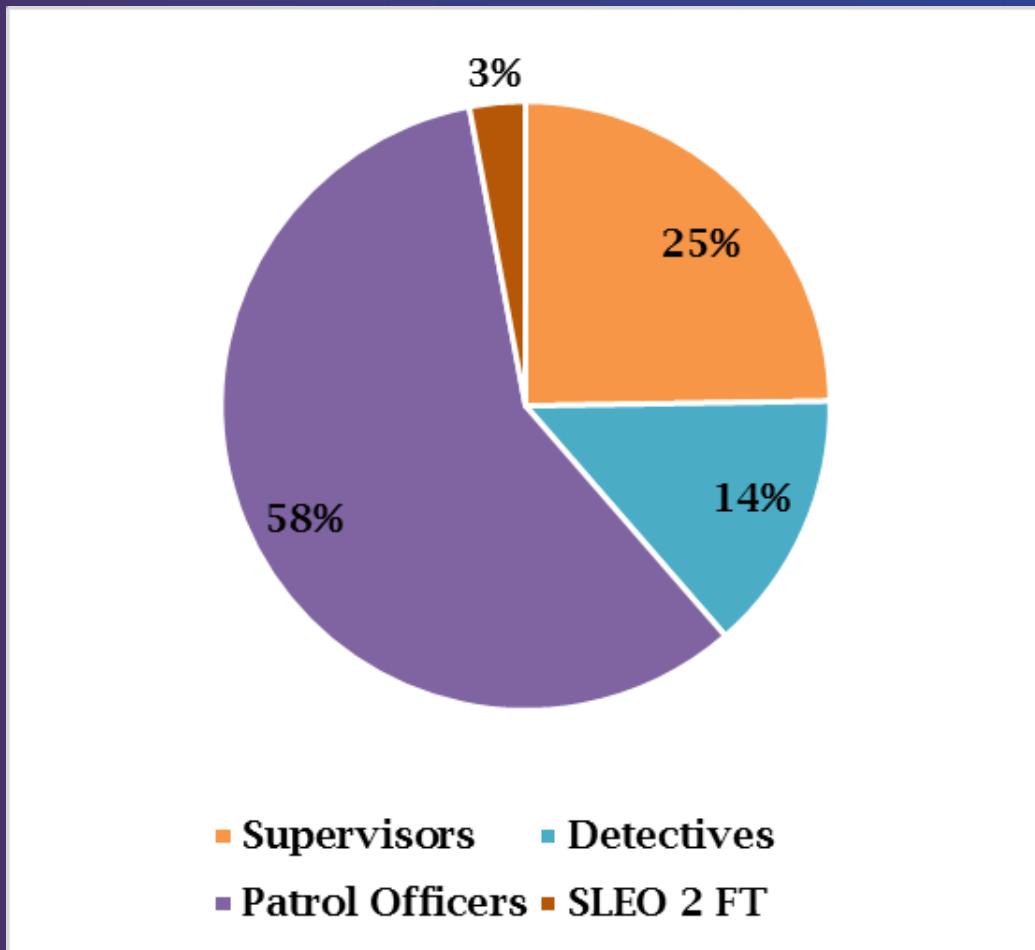
Type of Complaint	Anonymous Complaints		Citizen Complaints		Agency Complaints		Total Complaints		Sustained		Exonerated		Not Sustained		Unfounded		Administratively Closed		Total Dispositions		Pending Investigations			
	Dismissed	Diverted	Dismissed	Diverted	Dismissed	Diverted	Dismissed	Diverted	Dismissed	Diverted	Dismissed	Diverted	Dismissed	Diverted	Dismissed	Diverted	Dismissed	Diverted	Dismissed	Diverted	Dismissed	Diverted	Dismissed	Diverted
Excessive Force	0	3	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Entry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Criminal Violation	0	5	1	6	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Differential Treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Demeanor	0	11	0	11	1	8	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Rule Violation *	0	1	10	11	5	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	9	3	3
Total	0	20	12	32	6	14	6	2	4	32	6	32	6	32	6	32	6	32	6	32	6	32	6	32

* As defined in the Types of Complaints Section of the AG Guidelines pertaining to Internal Affairs.

Court	Cases Dismissed	Cases Diverted	Acquittals	Convictions
Municipal Court	0	0	0	0
Superior Court	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

ORGANIZATIONAL BREAKDOWN

FULL TIME SWORN OFFICERS



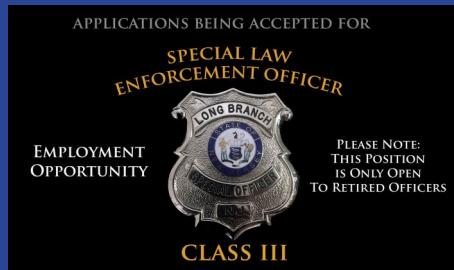
DUE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR NEW STATISTICS PROGRAM, PLEASE ALLOW
FOR A SLIGHT MARGIN OF ERROR.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST, SUSAN CATAPANO-MOORE, FOR
ALL HER ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING THE STATISTICAL DATA.

OPERATIONAL ADVANCES

CLASS 3 OFFICERS

The City of Long Branch Police Department in conjunction with Long Branch Public Schools implemented the “NEW” position of Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers (SLEO 3) in 2018. The position requires applicants to be Retired Law Enforcement Officers and was created to provide additional school security to students and staff during school hours as well as after-school activities.



COMPSTAT

The department began to hold Comparative Statistics (CompStat) meetings in February of this year.

CompStat offers a dynamic approach to crime reduction, quality of life improvement, and personnel and resource management, whereby ranking police department executives identify spikes in crimes using comparative statistics and address those spikes through the use of targeted enforcement.

The command staff discusses current crimes and cases, recent crime trends, case management, statistics, and enforcement ideas to address any spikes in a certain crime or area. Heat maps of the zones and criminal activity are used to pinpoint crime trends and the time of the day and week that it is likely to happen.

CompStat has the added benefit of allowing the staff to meet regularly (with shift work, that can be difficult to organize) and talk about issues in a timely manner. Information can flow both downward and upward, and a face-to-face meeting allows questions to be asked and answered. All of this allows the Patrol, Investigations and Support Divisions to be on the "same page", which is vitally important. The Patrol Division will also hold a divisional staff meeting prior to the department meeting, allowing the day time Patrol staff to interact with the Platoon Commanders who may be working the afternoon and evening/overnight shift.

Thank you to North Bergen Police Department for having us up to see their CompStat program and sharing the format with us.

FOOT POSTS

In September, LBPD introduced a new community policing plan of increased foot patrols in the City's business districts.

State Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) funds originally supplemented the salaries of four officers to walk foot patrol but the state cut the program from four officers to one. Chief Roebuck worked with Mayor Pallone to develop new measures that allowed UEZ officers to increase foot time after the summer season and to assign another officer to the UEZ unit.



The increased foot patrols take place both Uptown and Downtown Broadway, along the Third Avenue business district, in West End and at Pier Village.

Each officer is expected to complete a foot patrol in their zone's business district on a daily basis (weather dependent) in addition to day shift's school patrols.

POLICE CHAPLAINS

DSgt. Brendan Cahill served as PD Chaplains Coordinator in 2018.

Ordinance R184-17 appointed 10 Clergy Members as Police Chaplains for a period of 2 years. The group met in January of 2018 to share ideas and formulate their goals. Based on interest from that meeting, in July, LBPD hosted a Basic Police Chaplain Training Program, presented by Gary Holden for which 13 Clergy Members attended.

The Chaplains in this program are willing to minister to all faiths and to assist with death notifications, crisis situations, etc. We are very grateful to the members of this program for their desire and willingness to serve our officers and local community!



TRAINING



All Officers are required to attend in-service training sessions to stay up-to-date on current laws, professional guidelines, operations and procedures. Some of the training is department specific, while much of it is mandated by the county prosecutor, Attorney General and by state or federal statutes. Most mandated training is required every six months to one year. A few topics covered in the training are firearms requalification, domestic violence, blood-borne pathogens, hazardous materials and breathalyzer recertification.

Specialized units conduct job-specific training and qualification sessions and officers are assigned to attend other agency training courses as needed. The list on the following page shows just a fraction of the training courses that our officers attended in 2018. On average, nearly 400 training orders are issued to individual Officers per year.

In addition to classroom training, hands-on training exercises are conducted by members of our department including firearms, active shooter drills and other response scenarios, such as November's 3 hour train derailment drill conducted by the NJ Transit.



- ◆ Warrantless searches and seizures
- ◆ Methods of Instruction
- ◆ FBI Crisis Negotiations
- ◆ Search Warrant Execution and Entry
- ◆ Basic Internal Affairs Investigation School
- ◆ Active Shooter Training
- ◆ FBI Economic Crimes Seminar
- ◆ NJ Transit Rail Safety
- ◆ Alcotest Recertification
- ◆ EMT refresher
- ◆ Warrant Squad Training Entry
- ◆ Humane Law Enforcement Officer
- ◆ Medical Management
- ◆ Crisis Incident management
- ◆ NJSP Supervision and Leadership Course
- ◆ De-escalation simulator instructor
- ◆ TOP Gun Narcotics Interdiction training
- ◆ Social Media for criminal investigations
- ◆ Taser Instructor Certification
- ◆ Gang Intelligence Training
- ◆ Report Writing
- ◆ License Plate Recognition Training
- ◆ Opiate Awareness Program
- ◆ Safe School Resource officer and school liaison training
- ◆ Bias Crime Training
- ◆ Hate – Causes crimes and consequences
- ◆ Missing children command staff training
- ◆ Breaching door device
- ◆ Incident response to terrorist bombings
- ◆ Interview and interrogation
- ◆ Crime scene investigation
- ◆ Special victims investigation course
- ◆ Antiterrorism symposium
- ◆ E-Trace
- ◆ Case Law Update for Search & Seizure
- ◆ FBI Command Leadership Institute
- ◆ Rapid Response to active shooter
- ◆ Pre-employment background investigations
- ◆ School security seminar
- ◆ Below 100 Program
- ◆ Cell phone boot camp
- ◆ Introduction to Narco-terrorism
- ◆ Standard Field Sobriety Testing
- ◆ Sexual Assault Response Team Training
- ◆ Motor Vehicle Commission Document Fraud
- ◆ Effects of Domestic Violence on children
- ◆ Proactive patrol tactics
- ◆ Managing Narcotics Informants
- ◆ ABC Enforcement Techniques
- ◆ East Coast Gang Symposium
- ◆ Methamphetamine Clandestine Laboratory Safety
- ◆ Open source and dark web searching
- ◆ Drill and ceremony familiarization course
- ◆ Special Events Seminar
- ◆ Conducted Energy Devices and Less lethal devices training
- ◆ Hidden compartment training
- ◆ DWI detection
- ◆ OC Aerosol instructor course
- ◆ Fundamentals of criminal intelligence
- ◆ Child seat safety inspection

DEPARTMENTAL MILESTONES



NEW CHIEF

Jason Roebuck was officially sworn in as the Chief of the Long Branch Police Department on January 16th, 2018. Roebuck served as Acting Police Chief for several months prior, pending results of the Chief's exam given by NJ Civil Service. He was appointed Chief after the test results were certified and showed that his score placed him at the top of the list. His Swearing In Ceremony took place on February 2, 2018.

Roebuck's appointment serves as the first Chief of Police for the department in nearly 50 years.

CLASS 3 OFFICERS

Long Branch Police Department partnered with the Long Branch Public Schools to introduce the new Class 3 Special Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO 3) position. The position employees retired police officers to focus on providing safety and security for the students and staff in our schools.

Retired Police Officers Daniel Merten (Elizabeth PD) and Felix Torres (East Orange PD) joined the LBPD in June as our first ever SLEO 3 officers and were assigned to the Middle School and High School. Later in June, former LBPD Officer/Ret. Monmouth Beach Chief Drew Winans, Sr. returned to us as a SLEO 3 and in August, Ret. Point Pleasant Captain Robert Dikun also came on board. Winans and Dikun share in their assignments to provide security to our primary schools.



NEW OFFICERS



On 2-2-18 a Swearing In Ceremony was held to honor Jason Roebuck as Chief of Police and welcome six new officers:

(L to R) Conor Mullan, Shane Carroll, Daniel Cunha, Evan Morrell, Christopher Remedios and Julian Morgan.



Officer Kenneth Ross at his Swearing In Ceremony on June 8th, 2018.

Officers Robert Presley (Top) and Christopher Fish were officially sworn in on July 2nd, and were honored at the Swearing In Ceremony on February 1st, 2019.



Officer Daniel DiLeonardo at his Academy Graduation on 12/13/18.

(L to R) PO Poss, Cpl. Eskridge, PO DiLeonardo, Sgt. Evangelho, Lt. Bard & Cpl. Fanning.

NEW SEASONAL OFFICERS



Many of our full-time Officers begin their career with the LBPD as a seasonal Special Law Enforcement Officer or SLEO.

In 2018, 15 new Class 1 Special Law Enforcement Officers (SLEO I) joined the department. Their focus is the enforcement of ordinances, primarily pertaining to the beachfront, boardwalk, and summer events such as concerts and car shows. Many of our full-time officers started their career as a SLEO I. The hiring process for this seasonal position begins with an open house held by Lieutenant Joshua Bard, usually in November or December.

Our eight new Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers: Frank Attanasio, Michael Denino, Paul Garcia, Andrew Giezy, Christopher Ibarra, Robert Piantanida, Quinn Schulhafer and Andrew Smith are pictured above with Chief Roebuck at their graduation from the 45th Basic Course for SLEO's. The majority of our SLEO II Officers have previously served as a SLEO I.

RETIRED OFFICERS

Det. Capt. McGlennon began his law enforcement career with the Long Branch Police Department in August of 1993 and retired on December 31, 2018.

*Thank You for your Service!
Congratulations on your Retirement!*



**Detective Captain
Michael McGlennon**
#243

His assignments throughout his tenure have included Patrol Officer, Detective in the Youth Services Bureau, Sergeant, Youth Services as the Bureau Supervisor, Lieutenant, Platoon Commander, Special Operations Commander, Assistant Patrol Commander and most recently, Captain/ Investigations Commander. In addition to his daily responsibilities, he has also been a Deputy Coordinator for Long Branch Office of Emergency Management since 2013.

Det. Capt. McGlennon focused a lot of his efforts on mentoring the youth of our city over the years, serving as a D.A.R.E. officer, Pop Warner Coach and Director of the Police Athletic League (PAL). Perhaps most notably, he is credited with the re-establishment of the PAL in 1999 and creating a championship boxing league that competed in several international shows.

He has been honored numerous times during his career with commendations and awards such as Monmouth County 200 Club Valor award in 1996, Policeman of the Year in 1996 and 2000 and Monmouth County Juvenile Officer of the Year in 2002.

Captain Wiener served Long Branch Police Department for 25 years. Throughout his career, he was assigned to several divisions and held numerous titles including Patrol Commander, Support Services Commander, Supervisor of the Special Services Unit (supervising the Community Response Unit, UEZ Unit, and the SLEO program), Traffic Supervisor, Internal Affairs Commander and was the supervisor of the K9



Captain Robert T. Wiener
#244

Thank You For Your Service! Enjoy Your Retirement!

Lt. Spencer (Spence to his friends) joined the LBPD as a Patrolman in August of 1995 and began his retirement on September 1st, 2018.

Throughout his law enforcement career, he has been assigned to multiple departments including Patrol, Investigations, Forensics, Street Crimes, Traffic and Administration and has served in numerous titles such as Detective, Asst. Patrol Commander, Special Events Coordinator and Internal Affairs Officer.

In addition, he was a member of the motorcycle unit, a firearms instructor and was involved, for many years, in the Police Unity Tour, participating in at least ten of their rides to Washington, D.C. from NJ.



Lieutenant Craig Spencer #258



Corporal Kevin King #281

Cpl. King joined the LBPD as a Patrolman in October of 1997 and will begin his retirement on September 1st, 2018.

Throughout his law enforcement career, he served in the Patrol Division and in the Traffic Bureau. Cpl. King was awarded several commendations including Meritorious Service, Honorable Service and multiple Unit Citations. He was recognized by the Monmouth and Ocean County Intelligence Bureau (M.O.C.I.B.) for outstanding law enforcement efforts and honored as Policeman of the Year.

It was always a goal of Cpl. King's to spend time with community children, assisting those in need, getting them involved with positive activities and changing their perception of police. He dedicated many years to this cause and was extremely involved in the Long Branch PAL and the LBPD Explorers program. He traveled to England with the PAL Boxing Club in 2000 and started the PAL Bowling program which ran for several years around the same timeframe. These programs and activities required a large portion of his free time which he graciously volunteered.

Officer Monahan began his career with the Long Branch Police Department in August 2003. Prior to that he worked as a Florida Marine Safety Officer. His experiences and expertise in water safety was evident for his on the job ocean rescues in September 27, 2008 and on May 30, 2010.

As a result of his heroic rescues, Officer Monahan was awarded the 2009 200 Club Merit Award, 2009 NJ Police Chiefs Valor Award, the VFW man of the year and NJ Policeman of the Year. He was also the recipient of several other awards such as the Monmouth County Police Academy Physical Training Award in 2004, the Long Branch Exchange Club Policeman of the Year and was again awarded with the 200 Club Valor Award in 2011.

When not performing his regular police duties, Monahan was instrumental in growing and mentoring the Police explorer program. In his spare time, Officer Monahan highly regarded physical fitness and completed 10 Iron Man Triathlons, multiple marathons and other endurance races many of which were used as fundraisers for police related charities.



Officer
Michael Monahan
#321

Thank You For Your Service! Enjoy Your Retirement!

REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN



Retired Police K-9, Danyo passed away while in his partner's arms on 1-3-18. Danyo was almost 14 years old and lived a healthy and happy retired life with his partner, Sgt. Robert Shamrock, until his sudden and unexpected illness.

Rest in peace Danyo and thank you for your service.





PRESS RELEASES

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE

MONMOUTH COUNTY PROSECUTOR

JANUARY 1, 2018—FOUR DEAD FOLLOWING SHOOTING INSIDE LONG BRANCH HOME

A 16-year-old boy is in police custody after four people were found shot to death inside his parent's Long Branch home, announced Monmouth County Prosecutor Christopher J. Gramiccioni.

Long Branch police responded to a 911 call reporting shots fired at 635 Wall Street in the city at 11:43 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 31. 2017.

Long Branch police and Monmouth County Sheriff's Office arrived on scene a minute later where they discovered four deceased victims: the suspect's father, Steven Kologi, 44; mother Linda Kologi, 42; sister Brittany Kologi, 18; and family acquaintance, Mary Schultz, 70, of Oakhurst Parkway in Ocean Township.

A joint investigation by the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and Long Branch Police Department continues, but it appears the 16-year-old boy used a Century Arms semi-automatic rifle to kill his victims. The teenager was taken into custody without incident.

JANUARY 8, 2018 - OCEAN COUNTY MAN INDICTED FOR OCTOBER SHOOTING

Donovan Wesley, 25, of Brick Township, is charged with one count each of second degree Armed Burglary, first degree Attempted Murder, second degree Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose and first degree Unlawful Possession of a Weapon.

The charges stem from a Sunday, October 8, 2017, shooting inside a residence on West Columbus Place in Long Branch. The Long Branch Police Department responded to a 911 call at about 1:50 a.m. reporting shots fired at that location. Police arrived to find the victim, a 31-year-old male, suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. He was transported to Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Neptune Township, by Long Branch EMS and MONOC paramedics, where he was treated for his injuries and released a few days later.

A joint investigation by the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and the Long Branch Police Department revealed Wesley shot the victim after the two men got into a verbal disagreement earlier in the evening. Wesley then arrived at the victim's home and confronted the victim before shooting him during a brief struggle.

If convicted of Armed Burglary, Wesley faces a sentence of five to ten years in prison. If convicted of Attempted Murder, Wesley faces up to 20 years in a New Jersey state prison. Both charges are subject to the provisions of the "No Early Release Act" (NERA) requiring him to serve 85 percent of the sentence imposed before becoming eligible for release on parole. He would also be under parole supervision for five years following his release from state prison. If convicted of Attempted Murder, he would be under parole supervision for three years following his release if convicted of Armed Burglary.

If convicted of Possession of Weapon for an Unlawful purpose, he faces a sentence of five to ten years in prison. If convicted of Unlawful Possession of a Handgun, Wesley faces five to ten years in state prison. Each of those charges is subject to the Graves Act mandatory period of parole ineligibility of up to one half of the custodial sentence imposed.

JULY 19, 2018—SEARCH OF HOME NETS \$50K IN COCAINE, \$32K IN CASH, 3 VEHICLES

An investigation started earlier this year culminated Wednesday afternoon with the arrest of Long Branch man accused of distributing cocaine in the Long Branch area, announced Monmouth County Prosecutor Christopher J. Gramiccioni.

Giddel Gonzalez Estrada, who will celebrate his 37th birthday on Tuesday, of Broadway, was arrested inside a Morris Avenue garage Wednesday afternoon and charged with first degree Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Distribute (over 5 ounces), second degree Possession of a Weapon While in the Course of Committing CDS Offense, 42 counts of combined third degree charges including Possession of Cocaine, Distribution of Cocaine, Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance with Intent to Distribute, Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance within 1,000 feet of a School Zone.

Detectives from the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office Gang and Criminal Enterprise Unit and its Narcotics Strike Force executed search warrants at an apartment at 494 Broadway, and 407 Morris Avenue, both in Long Branch. Seized at the two locations were three vehicles, about \$32,000 in cash, approximately 500 grams of cocaine with a street value of about \$50,000, a small amount of marijuana, a .22 cal. handgun, and large amounts of packaging, weighing materials and various paraphernalia used for the sale and distribution of illegal narcotics.

If convicted of first degree Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Distribute (over 5 ounces), Estrada faces up to 20 years in a New Jersey state prison. If convicted of any of the second degree charges, he faces a sentence of five to ten years in prison on each count. If convicted of any of the third degree offense, Estrada faces a sentence of three to five years in prison.

AUGUST 9, 2018—LONG BRANCH MAN CHARGED IN APRIL ROBBERY, SHOOTING

A Long Branch man is charged in connection with an April 16, 2018 attempted murder and robbery in Long Branch, announced Monmouth County Prosecutor Christopher J. Gramiccioni.

Azeem Jackson, 18, of Long Branch, was charged on Tuesday August 7, 2018 with first degree Attempted Murder, first degree Robbery, second degree Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose and second degree Unlawful Possession of a Weapon.

A joint investigation by the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and the Long Branch Police Department began after officers were dispatched to the scene of a report of a gunshot victim, located at the corner of Matilda and Second streets. The victim was taken to Jersey Shore Medical University Hospital and treated for a gunshot wound to the chest. Based upon the investigation, detectives were able to identify Azeem Jackson as the individual who shot the victim during the robbery attempt.

If convicted of Attempted Murder, Jackson faces 20 years in a New Jersey state prison without parole, subject to the provisions of the "No Early Release Act" (NERA) requiring him to serve 85 percent of the sentence imposed before becoming eligible for release on parole. He would also be under parole supervision for five years following his release from state prison. If convicted of Robbery, Jackson faces a maximum of 20 years in prison, which is also subject to NERA.

If convicted of the second degree weapons offenses, Jackson faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in a New Jersey state prison on each count, subject to the provisions of the Graves Act, which carries a mandatory period of parole ineligibility of one half of the custodial sentence imposed, or 42 months, whichever is greater.

NOVEMBER 14, 2018—LONG BRANCH MAN INDICTED FOR MURDER IN FATAL SHOOTING

A Monmouth County grand jury has returned an eight-count indictment charging a Long Branch man with the August fatal shooting of 45-year-old Marco Moreira and the attempted murder of Fernanda Silva inside the Bom DMais restaurant located at 545 Broadway, announced Monmouth County Prosecutor Christopher J. Gramiccioni.

Miguel L. Camara, 40, of Chelsea Avenue in Long Branch, is charged in the indictment handed up Wednesday with first degree Murder, first degree Attempted Murder, second degree Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, second degree Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, fourth degree Aggravated Assault by Pointing a Firearm, second degree Disarming a Law Enforcement Officer, third degree Endangering the Welfare of a Child, and fourth degree Contempt.

On August 21, 2018 at approximately 3:15 p.m., Long Branch Police Officer George Samol was flagged down by a motorist on Broadway who reported a fight inside the Bom DMais restaurant and a shot fired through the front window. Officer Samol responded to the restaurant and observed two males and one female wrestling with Camara who was holding a gun. Officer Samol unholstered his duty weapon and ordered Camara to drop the weapon. As the 18 year old son of Fernanda Silva was able to gain control over Camara's gun, Camara immediately turned to Officer Samol and grabbed ahold of his duty weapon, trying to take possession of it. Officer Samol was able to wrestle the gun from Camara as additional officers arrived on scene. After Camara was placed under arrest, officers observed the victim, Marco Moreira lying deceased on the floor of the business. He was pronounced dead at 3:38 p.m.

A joint investigation by the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and the Long Branch Police Department determined Camara entered the Bom DMais restaurant and approached the table where his ex-girlfriend Fernanda Silva, her two children ages 18 and 5, and Marco Moreira were seated. Camara threw a court document on the table, pulled out a handgun and pointed it at Marco Moreira's head several times before shooting him. A struggle then ensued between Silva, her 18 year old son and Camara for the gun. During the struggle Camara repeatedly pointed the gun at Silva, firing it twice but missing her. Silva's five year old daughter was a few feet away during the struggle.

If convicted of Murder, Camara faces a minimum sentence of 30 years in a New Jersey state prison without parole and a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, subject to the provisions of the "No Early Release Act" (NERA) requiring him to serve 85 percent of the sentence imposed before becoming eligible for release on parole. He would also be under parole supervision for five years following his release from state prison.

If convicted of Attempted Murder, Camara faces a sentence of up to 20 years in a state prison, also subject to the provisions of the NERA. If convicted of Disarming a Law Enforcement Officer, Camara faces up to 10 years state prison, also subject to the provisions of the NERA.

If convicted of the second degree weapons offenses, Camara faces a sentence of five to ten years in prison, and pursuant to the "Graves Act" there is a mandatory period of parole ineligibility of one half of the custodial sentence imposed, or 42 months, whichever is greater. If convicted of the fourth degree Aggravated Assault by Pointing a Firearm, Camara faces up to 18 months in state prison and pursuant to the "Graves Act" there is a mandatory period of parole ineligibility of 18 months. If convicted of the third degree Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Camara faces up to five years in state prison. If convicted of the fourth degree Contempt, Camara faces up to 18 months in state prison.

NOVEMBER 15, 2018—NEPTUNE MAN INDICTED FOR DEALING DEADLY DRUGS

A Monmouth County Grand Jury handed up a four count Indictment Wednesday, charging a Neptune man with selling drugs that led to the overdose death of a Long Branch resident back in May, announced Monmouth County Prosecutor Christopher J. Gramiccioni.

Jomell C. Brathwaite, 36, of Neptune, is charged with first degree Strict Liability for Drug Induced Deaths, third degree Distribution of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, third degree Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance and third degree Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance with Intent to Distribute, in connection with the sale of a heroin and fentanyl concoction that led to the overdose death of a 49-year old female from Long Branch.

Brathwaite was already being lodged in the Monmouth County Correctional Institution on other charges not pertaining to this incident.

Brathwaite's victim was found by her boyfriend deceased on the morning of May 15, 2018.

The postmortem examination conducted by the Middlesex County Medical Examiner's Office indicated that the cause of the victim's death was "Acute Fentanyl and Heroin Toxicity."

An investigation was launched into the death of the victim by the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and the Long Branch Police Department. The investigation determined that Brathwaite had sold the lethal substance during the evening of May 14, 2018, at a local business located in Ocean Township.

If convicted of first degree Strict Liability for Drug Induced Deaths, Brathwaite faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment in a New Jersey state prison without parole.

If convicted of third degree charges, each crime carries a maximum sentence of five years imprisonment.

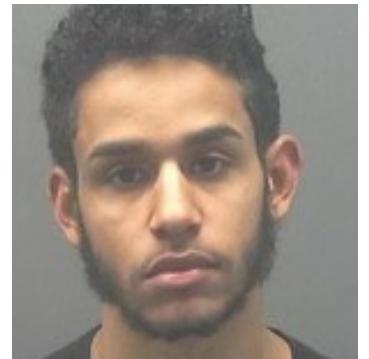
NOVEMBER 26, 2018— SUSPECT IN LONG BRANCH SHOOTING CAUGHT

An 18-year old male suspect has been apprehended in connection with the shooting of an 18-year old Neptune City man that occurred on November 15th, announced Monmouth County Prosecutor Christopher J. Gramiccioni.

Marc Zayas, 18, of Long Branch, was arrested Monday, November 19th following an intense manhunt. Zayas has been charged with Attempted Murder, Possession of a Weapon for Unlawful Purpose and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon.

Long Branch Police responded to a call around 12:01 p.m. on the afternoon of Thursday November 15th, for shots fired in the vicinity of 63 Morris Avenue. Police arrived to find an 18-year old male victim suffering from a gunshot to the back. The victim was taken to a local hospital where he is still currently in critical, but stable condition.

A joint investigation was immediately launched by the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and the Long Branch Police Department. As a result of the investigation, Zayas has been charged with the above listed offenses.



DECEMBER 3, 2018—LONG BRANCH MAN INDICTED IN MURDER OF TEENAGE GIRL

A Monmouth County grand jury has returned a five count indictment charging a Long Branch man with the fatal stabbing of 16-year-old Madison Wells in Long Branch, announced Monmouth County Prosecutor Christopher J. Gramicciioni.

Bryan Cordero-Castro, 20, of 4th Avenue in Long Branch, is charged in the indictment handed up Monday with first degree Murder, third degree Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, fourth degree Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, third degree Attempted Escape and fourth degree Stalking.

On September 8, 2018 at approximately 10:42 p.m., a 911 call was placed reporting a stabbing victim in need of medical attention at a Van Pelt Place residence within the city of Long Branch. Long Branch officers and EMS were dispatched to the home where they found a 16-year-old female, Madison Wells, on the living room floor with stab wounds to her chest. She was transported to Monmouth Medical Center where she was pronounced dead at 11:25 pm.

A joint investigation by the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and the Long Branch Police Department determined that Cordero-Castro and Madison began dating in November 2017. Madison recently ended the relationship resulting in Cordero-Castro texting and calling her numerous times in the 9 hour period leading up to the murder. Cordero-Castro ultimately located the victim at the Van Pelt Place residence where Madison agreed to go outside and speak to him. A few minutes after going outside, Madison stumbled back into the house and collapsed on the floor from the stab wounds to her chest.

Cordero-Castro was arrested at his cousin's residence on Morris Avenue in Long Branch approximately 2 hours after the murder. Once at The Long Branch Police Department, Cordero-Castro attempted to escape by jumping up and trying to run out of the booking room. He was quickly stopped by Detective Sergeant Brendan Cahill and Officer Evan Morell, both of the Long Branch Police Department.

If convicted of Murder, Cordero-Castro faces a minimum sentence of 30 years in a New Jersey state prison without parole and a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, subject to the provisions of the "No Early Release Act" (NERA) requiring him to serve 85 percent of the sentence imposed before becoming eligible for release on parole. He would also be under parole supervision for 5 years following his release from state prison.

If convicted of the third degree charges of Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose and Attempted Escape, Cordero-Castro faces a sentence of three to 5 years in prison on each of those charges. If convicted of the fourth degree charges of Unlawful Possession of a Weapon and Stalking, Cordero-Castro faces up to 18 months in prison on each charge.



DECEMBER 17, 2018—LONG BRANCH MAN NOW CONVICTED OF LIQUOR STORE ROBBERY HAD 10 PRIOR CONVICTIONS

A Monmouth County jury convicted a Long Branch man of a 2017 liquor store robbery and he now faces an extended prison term due to his prior convictions, announced Prosecutor Christopher J. Gramiccioni.

John Vernicek, 38 of Long Branch, was convicted Thursday of one count each of second-degree Robbery and third-degree theft following a two-week trial before Monmouth County Superior Court Judge Oxley. As a result of his prior record, which includes approximately 10 prior indictable convictions and multiple violent crimes, Vernicek qualifies for a mandatory extended-term sentence. He faces 10-20 years in prison subject to the No Early Release Act when he returns for sentencing on Feb. 8, 2019.

During the course of the trial, jurors learned Vernicek entered Falvo's Liquors in Long Branch on July 9, 2017, where he attacked a store employee and stole money from the register. The victim did not know Vernicek and the crime happened so quickly, she was unable to provide a detailed description of her attacker. During the investigation by detectives from the Ocean Township Police Department surveillance video was obtained from Falvo's and surrounding businesses did provide evidence of a distinctive white van that brought Vernicek to the robbery. Police eventually located the van and its owner, who happened to be a registered sex offender and former drug addict. The man provided detectives with a pair of gloves Vernicek wore during the robbery. The gloves were sent to the New Jersey State Police Forensics Laboratory where forensic scientists found Vernicek's DNA inside the gloves.

Prior to this most recent conviction, Vernicek had been convicted on charges that included burglary, theft, aggravated assault, drug possession, resisting arrest and other indictable charges.

Monmouth County Assistant Prosecutor Joseph Cummings handled the trial for the State.

DECEMBER 18, 2018—MAN FACING LIFE IN PRISON FOR 2013 DOUBLE MURDER

A Monmouth County jury has convicted a Long Branch man for the 2013 double murder of a couple found dead inside a Sairs Avenue apartment and he now faces a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole, announced Monmouth County Prosecutor Christopher J. Gramicci.

Carlos I. Menjivar, 26, of 45 North Fifth Ave. in Long Branch, was found guilty of murder and weapons offenses for the Mar. 24, 2013 slayings of Maria Yolanda Catejo-Munoz, 35, and Fredis Orlando Ventura, 33, both of Long Branch. The guilty verdict of two counts of first-degree Murder, one count each of third-degree Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose and fourth-degree Unlawful Possession of a Weapon comes after a 2-month trial before Monmouth County Superior Court Judge David F. Bauman. Menjivar faces a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole when he returns for sentencing on Feb. 1, 2019.

Menjivar was arrested following a joint investigation by the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Bureau, Long Branch Police Department and Monmouth County Sheriff's Office. The investigation began after Catejo-Munoz was reported missing around noon on Sunday, March 24, prompting a search for her whereabouts. The search led Long Branch Police to the Sairs Avenue apartment of Ventura, who had been romantically involved with Catejo-Munoz. At around 4 p.m. on Mar. 25, 2013, both victims were discovered dead inside the apartment with multiple stab wounds.

Evidence presented at the trial revealed that Ventura invited Menjivar, a third man and Catejo-Munoz to his residence in the early morning hours of Mar. 24, 2013. After the third man had left the apartment, Menjivar fatally stabbed the two victims.

During the investigation, police learned Menjivar had been in possession of a knife while inside Ventura's apartment and had asked the other man there not to tell the police about the knife. Approximately 21 months later, on Dec. 16, 2014, Menjivar admitted to detectives that he stabbed Ventura in the neck with a knife, but claimed he had been forced to do so by others who had also killed Catejo-Munoz. DNA, forensic evidence located at the crime scene and his own phone records disproved Menjivar's version of events.





FROM THE OFFICE OF THE POLICE CHIEF

JANUARY 21, 2018

Glad to see our new officers are jumping right in...protecting and serving both on duty and off!

On January 20th, 2018 at approximately 10 pm, newly hired Police Officer Daniel Cunha was driving his personal vehicle on Cedar Avenue, when he observed and heard an argument on the corner of Cedar and Ocean Ave. The participants were screaming in Portuguese, and Cunha is fluent in Portuguese. He saw them attempting to hold a male subject back from appearing to assault a female. They were screaming in Portuguese for him to calm down.

Officer Cunha pulled his vehicle over and took action, identifying himself as a Police Officer and approaching the incident. A quick interview confirmed the male subject was intoxicated and attempting to assault his girlfriend. Cunha was attempting to use his cell phone to call headquarters, when the subject, later identified as Matheus Tavares Emidio, charged Cunha screaming that it didn't matter that he was a cop. Emidio began to assault Cunha, as Cunha attempted to block his blows while he finished calling headquarters. Eventually, Cunha put his phone away and took Emidio to the ground, holding him there until CPL Robert Korn arrived. Someone else had called 911 while the incident was ongoing, reporting a fight. Korn, unaware that it was Cunha on top of Emidio, pulled him off. Emidio took this opportunity to flee the area on foot.

A foot pursuit ensued, with Emidio losing the officers in the backyards of the houses along 2nd Avenue. Cunha assisted Korn in interviewing the victims, and they learned that Emidio lives in Pleasure Bay Apartments. Officer Chris Gant responded to the area, and located Emidio on the north side of the complex, and ordered him to stop. Emidio fled again, and Gant was joined by another rookie Officer, Conor Mullan and his Field Training Officer, David Stone. Mullan caught Emidio as he ran on the water behind Pleasure Bay, and took him to the ground on the ice about 5 feet onto the frozen river. Emidio continued to fight, attempting to bite Mullan's left ear and grab his face. Mullan was joined by Gant and Stone and was placed under arrest.

Officer's Mullan and Stone suffered abrasions and to their hands and knees and some cuts to their uniforms, and Cunha was brought to Monmouth Medical for a cut on his hand. He landed on a rock when he took Emidio to the ground in the initial incident.

Mathues Tavares Emidio was charged with 3 counts of Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer, and 2 counts of resisting arrest, and a \$350 warrant out of Long Branch. He was transported to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution. US Immigration and Customs Enforcement was also notified and a detainer has been sent to the jail. Emidio is 21 years of age, single, and was residing in Pleasure Bay.

Great job by everyone involved!

Chief Roebuck

JUNE 13, 2018

On Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at approximately 11:00 PM, a call was placed to LBPD reporting an attempted burglary in progress on Sixth Avenue.

Officer Omar Akel and K9 partner, Hades responded to the scene where the caller was able to give a general direction of travel for the suspect who had just fled. Hades is trained in narcotics detection as well as patrol work and is capable of tracking the freshest odor which has travelled through an area.

Officer Akel and Hades began to track the suspect and almost immediately, K9 Hades had indicated that he knew where the suspect was hiding. He led Officer Akel to an area with thick vegetation. Officer Akel announced himself and warned the suspect that his K9 partner was also present. Shortly after Akel asked the suspect to show himself and a male subject, fitting the description of the accused, surrendered and emerged from the vegetation with his hands up.

The suspect, identified as Ernest Mears of Long Branch, was arrested and charged with attempted Burglary and transported to Monmouth County Correctional Institution.

Officer Akel & K9 Hades are commended for their actions and outstanding teamwork in bringing the suspect swiftly to justice.

JUNE 28, 2018

At approximately 9pm on June 27th, 2018 there was a carjacking in the City of Long Branch, on Norwood Avenue, near Park Avenue. A black male subject approached the victim and asked for directions. The victim's vehicle, a 2017 Infinity QX6, was running in the driveway, and the accused approached the vehicle. The victim moved to cut him off from entering the vehicle, and the accused lifted his sweatshirt to display a black semi-automatic handgun. The victim wisely backed away, and the accused took the vehicle.

The accused drove the Infinity into Ocean Township at a high rate of speed, and subsequently crashed the vehicle. The accused then fled on foot, and a perimeter was set up by Ocean Township, Long Branch and Monmouth County Sheriff's Department. K9 Hades and his handler Officer Akel were called to the scene, and the Monmouth County drone was launched, but to no avail, the accused could not be located.

The vehicle was towed for forensic processing. Anyone with information regarding this case please call the Long Branch Police (732-222-1000) and ask for Detective Verdadeiro. At this point, we are unsure if there is a nexus to the recent rash of high end vehicle burglaries in the Elberon and Deal areas, which were all left unlocked with the key fobs left inside. The Long Branch Police still urge you to lock your doors and take your keys inside.

We would like to thank both the Ocean Township Police and the Monmouth County Sheriff's Department for their assistance!

AWARDS & COMMENDATIONS

ELKS



The 2018 Policemen of the Year honored at the Annual ELKS Charity Ball were Detectives Charlie Simonelli, Michael Verdadeiro and Joseph Kennedy. Also honored were LBFD Career - Tim Griffin, LBFD Volunteer - Greg Papailiou and LBFA - Jason Schnitzer

Here is the nomination information for the Detectives:

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When the officers arrived, they discovered the cashier had been struck in the head, with what was later determined to be a pistol. The victim was not able to give much more information, and was transported to Monmouth Medical Center for an apparent head injury.

Officer Chris Walls and CPL Juan Vasquez were able to access the security video with the help of the owner, and could see a suspect enter the store with a gun, jump over the counter, and appear to fire the gun at the cashier and miss. He then struck the victim with the gun and attempted to open the cash register, but couldn't. The suspect then jumped backed over the counter and fled the scene.

Detectives Kennedy and Zotti were called out to process the crime scene and Detective Michael Decker was assigned as the primary investigator. An investigation was conducted by the Detective Bureau, and not much more the 24 hours later, Detectives Charles Simonelli, Joseph Kennedy and Michael Verdadeiro were able to identify and arrest the suspect through their swift and thorough investigative work.

They obtained video surveillance footage from a local business which showed the subject coming and going from the scene of the crime in clothing that matched the description given by the victim. While canvassing the area in which the crime occurred, they noticed a male subject wearing the same clothing, on a nearby porch. The subject subsequently entered the residence and closed the door. When the individual came to the door for the detectives, he was wearing different clothing. They were able to get the subject to agree to an interview at headquarters and to allow a search of his residence where they were able to find the clothing worn in the commission of the crime. They, along with Detective Decker, should be commended for their work and for taking this dangerous suspect and the weapon he used off the streets in record time.

NJNEOA

Congratulations to Detectives Richard O'Brien, Nicholas Romano and Charles Simonelli who were selected as this year's recipients for a New Jersey Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association (NJNEOA) Individual Guns, Gangs & Narcotics Law Enforcement Award for all of their efforts in a narcotics investigation dubbed "Operation Lights Out." Thanks to The Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office for their nomination and to the NJ Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association for recognizing our Detectives and their dedication!



200 CLUB

The 200 Club honored Sgt. Bell, Cpl. Yoo, PO Richards, Det. Simonelli, Det. Verdadeiro, Det. Kennedy & Det. Decker. Pictured, at the Awards Luncheon on June 8th, (L to R) are PO Richards, Det. Kennedy, Det. Simonelli, Chief Roebuck, Sgt. Bell, Det. Verdadeiro and Cpl. Yoo.

Sgt. Bell, Cpl. Yoo & PO Richards:

On December 31, 2017 officers responded to Wall Street for a report of shots fired with multiple gunshot victims. Without regard for their own safety, these officers made entry into the residence where a subject, armed with an AK-47 weapon had just murdered four of their family members, in order to resolve a dangerous situation and render any lifesaving care that may be needed. Their tremendous coordination skills allowed for the seamless gathering and sharing of crucial communications throughout the incident. Sgt. Bell, Cpl. Yoo and P.O. Richards, along with Monmouth County Sheriff's Officers Wells and Hercules made entry into the residence. The officers were able to locate and take the shooter into custody without further incident. Thanks to the remarkable teamwork of these officers, the situation was swiftly controlled without further injury or loss of life. Officers Wells and Hercules are also being recognized for their roles in this incident by their department.



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POLICE ACADEMY



Officer Kenneth Ross was honored at his Police Academy graduation ceremony on May 23rd with the Academic Award and the Traffic Officers Association Award.

NJ STATE PBA



The NJSPBA awarded LBPD officers Sgt. Robert Bell, Det. Daniel Richards and PO Sam Yoo at their recent Valor Awards Ceremony held at Harrah's casino. These officers, along with Monmouth County Sheriff's Officers Charles Wells and Roy Hercules were presented a Unit Citation for their outstanding efforts in their apprehension of an armed suspect during a quadruple homicide that occurred in Long Branch on December 31, 2017.



LATINO AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

The Latino American Association of Monmouth County honored Chief Jason Roebuck at their 25th Annual Awards Banquet on October 12th.

The 2018 Honorees also included:

Honorable Kim Guadagno, Former Lt. Governor State NJ
Joseph G. Majka, J.D., Superintendent of Schools Matawan-Aberdeen
David Stout, Ph.D., President Brookdale Community College
Christopher Volpe, Principal Long Branch Public Schools



All funds raised at this event are solely for student scholarships.

LONG BRANCH AWARDS

On 4-24-18 and 11-28-18, awards ceremonies were held at the start of City Council Meetings to recognize the following officers for their per-

- For their professionalism and attention to detail during a routine motor vehicle stop on 2/5/18 that resulted in the recovery of a stolen handgun as well as illegal drugs:

Officer Kevin Morris

Officer Francis Sheldrick

Officer Kevin Romano



- For their performance regarding a suspicious vehicle call on 05/03/2017 that resulted in the seizure of two handguns and several dangerous drugs:

Officer Hector Umana
Corporal Julio Delacruz

Detective James Beirne
Officer Daniel Richards

- In appreciation of their performance and professionalism during their response to a quadruple homicide on 12/31/2017:

Lt. Stanley Mooney
Sgt. Robert Bell
Corporal Sam Yoo
Corporal Erik Wettermark
Officer Daniel Richards

Officer George Samol
Officer Vincent Roselli
Officer William Davies
Dispatcher John Mania
Dispatcher Stefan Oliver



- Corporal Tracey Widdis & Officer George Samol along with two Civilians, Danilo Souza-Pego and Matheus Silva-Freitas for their performance with regards to the homicide case that occurred on August 21st, 2018 on Broadway.

- In appreciation of their dedication, performance and ability to solve 100% of all major crimes, including 7 counts of homicide during 2017 and 2018:

DCpt. Michael McGlennon
DLt. Jeffrey Grippaldi
DSgt. Jeffrey Pilone
DSgt. Brendan Cahill
DSgt. Marshall Brown
Det. Todd Coleman

Det. Michael Decker
Det. David Graminski
Det. David House
Det. Joseph Kennedy
Det. Richard O'Brien
Det. Nicholas Romano

Det. Charles Simonelli
Det. Joseph Spitale
Det. Michael Verdadeiro
Det. James Beirne
Det. Daniel Richards
Det. Daniel Stone



In addition to the above Long Branch Officers, we also honored Monmouth County Sheriff's Officers Charles Wells and Roy Hercules.

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The Long Branch Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA) Local #10 and the Superior Officers Association (SOA) Local #10a share in their mission to provide mutual protection and benefits for their members in all aspects of job welfare and security. They are committed to the prevention of crime, protection of life and property, enforcement of laws and ordinances, the safeguarding of constitutional rights and guarantees and to providing safety to officers and the public. They strive to develop and grow their partnerships with the community and to improve the community as a whole through their support of local charities and events as well as through their development of social and cultural assemblies.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENTS

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



The LBPD has been hosting National Night Out on the first Tuesday in August for 21 years! This community-building campaign promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live.

Join us for this incredible event featuring Food, DJ, Games, Prize Wheel, Giveaways, K9 Demo, Child ID's Touch -A-Truck & MORE! Best of all...it's all for FREE!

TRICK-OR-TREAT

No Tricks! Just Treats! Our Officers had Halloween Goody Bags & Glow Bracelets in their patrol cars for Halloween compliments of the UEZ Unit & P.B.A. Local #10 Children were encouraged to Trick-or-Treat with us, show off their costumes & take a photo with the officers.



OCEANFEST

Since 1990, hundreds of thousands visit the oceanfront promenade from points all over the Mid-Atlantic region for Oceanfest — an all-day, family-friendly festival with food, music, art, vendors, live entertainment and bands and the most spectacular fireworks display you'll see anywhere along the NJ coast.

The majority of our Officers are scheduled to patrol the event and there looking out for you!

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Citizens Police Academy (CPA) was started in 2015 by Corporals Joseph Graziano and Kimberly Leavy and has grown with each of its biannual classes. The eight week course offers an opportunity for residents to meet & greet with City Police Officers, Department Heads, Mayor and Council and local professionals that work closely with our public safety goals. The participants are encouraged to participate in several hands-on activities and are provided class time to learn more about some of the less-known facts involving police work. At the conclusion of the course, participants are awarded certificates which are presented at a council meeting. Corporals Graziano and Leavy have been recognized several times by our department as well as outside agencies for their success with this program.

The 6th & 7th Academy Classes graduated in 2018 and Class #8 will begin in March of 2019. Talks are under way to expand upon the program to include a class geared towards the youth of our community.

Graduates of the CPA have formed an alumni group which assists the LBPD who have been instrumental in organizing community programs and events such as Long Branch Police Week.

We are very grateful to the local businesses & organizations who make this program possible!



COMMUNITY FORUMS

Throughout the year, the department hosts and participates in several Community Forums and Safety Programs designed to share safety information with the public and keep the lines of communication flowing between the police and community members.



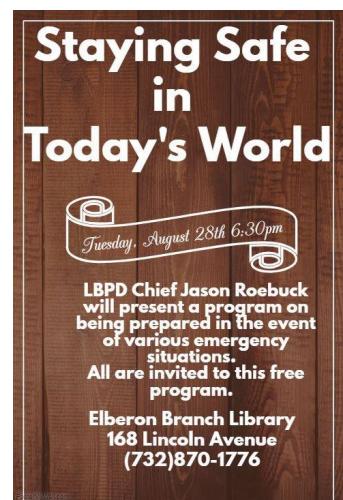
In February, a Law Enforcement & Community Conversation was held focusing on "Building Bridges Within Communities of Long Branch". Salem Baptist Church hosted the event in celebration of African American Month. Several community leaders joined in the discussion on building relationships between the African American Community, Law Enforcement and Healthcare providers in Long Branch.

The discussion was lead by Alieu Nyassi, Director of Diversity & Inclusion for Monmouth Medical Center. There was a presentation on Health Education by AETNA Better Health of New Jersey & Free blood pressure screenings from Monmouth Family Health Center of Long Branch and the event was coordinated by the Long Branch Citizens Police Academy Alumni.

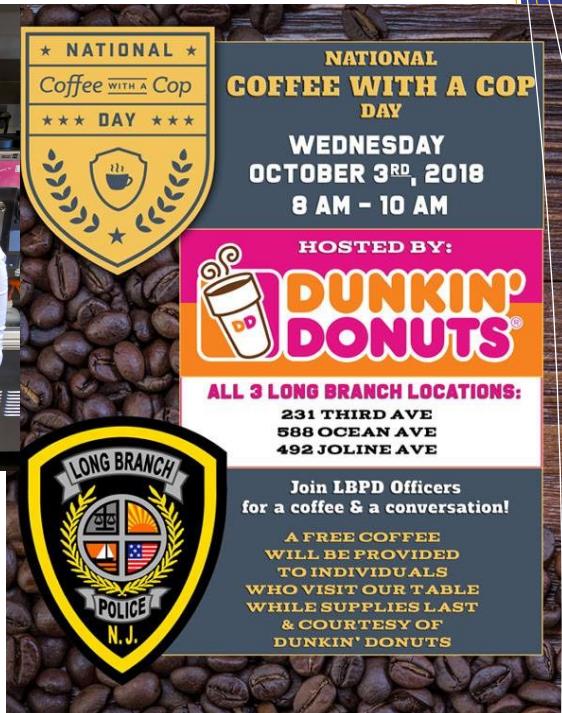


In November, a House of Worship Safety & Security Program coordinated by Mayor John Pallone and the City Council members, was hosted by Congregation Brothers of Israel. Guest Speaker, Keith Cannata of Stronghold Defense Solutions (SDS) shared a wealth of valuable knowledge to help in keeping our city's houses of worship safe & informed!

In August, Chief Jason Roebuck made a dynamic and very useful presentation at the Elberon Library on how to keep yourself safe in various situations. This program was free, open to the public and appropriate for teenagers and adults.



COFFEE WITH A COP



LBPD participated in our very first National Coffee With A Cop Day! On Wednesday, October 3rd we proudly partnered with Long Branch Dunkin' Donuts to host a 2-hour event in each of the 3 locations within the city.

Long Branch Police Officers along with Chief Roebuck were at each location greeting the public as they came in to join them for some coffee & a conversation!

A free coffee was provided to individuals who visited our table courtesy of Dunkin' Donuts.

In addition to the national event, LBPD hosted a local Coffee With A Cop Day with Dunkin' Donuts and to Chief Roebuck participated in Coffee with the Prosecutor and a Cop, hosted by Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and The Corner Café and Bistro.

These events were such a great opportunity for community members to approach us and hold casual conversations that we are sure to plan more in 2019!





CAR SEAT CHECKS

Corporal Kimberly Leavy assisted this expecting couple with the proper installation of their child safety seat after arranging to meet with them at a recent City concert.

If you need assistance with a car safety seat, you can make an appointment with either of our certified officers, Corporal Leavy or Corporal Graziano.

TORCH RUN



The 35th Annual NJ Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics took place on Friday, June 8th, 2018. The run entered our City at the old Sunoco Gas Station on Norwood Ave. and will ran past Monmouth University onto Monmouth Road to the West Long Branch Shoprite. Officers and other members of the LBPD participated in the run, carrying the "Flame of Hope".

2ND ANNUAL LONG BRANCH POLICE WEEK

Thanks to our Sponsors & Supporters, the 2nd Annual Long Branch Police Week was held September 17th through 23rd. Aimed at honoring first responders & celebrating community, there was something for everyone to participate in! Events included a Seniors Social, Blue Mass, Bike Safety Rodeo, Motorcycle Run, Health Fair, Habitat for Humanity Build Day, PD vs. FD Soft Ball Game & two Community Forums.

Long Branch Police Week was born from the desire of Rev. Gonzalez and the entire Long Branch Citizens Police Academy to show their support and assist the Long Branch Police Department in purchasing a bullet-proof vest for our newest K-9, Hades. The original idea of a fundraiser blossomed into an entire week of events to celebrate Law Enforcement. In 2017, her goal was met and Hades (pictured below with Capt. Rizzuto) was outfitted with his new vest in 2018.





LBPD is proud to participate in many school related programs throughout the year. Corporals Joseph Graziano and Kimberly Leavy visit the younger grades to discuss general safety and teach the students about police. Detectives Charles Simonelli, Michael Decker and Todd Coleman give presentations at the middle school and high school pertaining to more mature safety topics such as bullying, opioids and conflict resolution. Many other members assist such as Sergeant Robert Shamrock, Officer Omar Akel and K9 Hades who do countless K9 demonstrations for the schools.

Our officers stop in to the schools to visit, teach and even share lunch breaks with students. We are very proud to now have our Class 3 officers assigned to the schools daily.



SCHOOL PROGRAMS

NJEA F.A.S.T.

Corporal Bienvenido "Benny" Cruz was the Guest Speaker at the first NJEA F.A.S.T. meeting in March. The theme was "Breakfast With A Cop" and the goal was "to foster a sense of community between parents, students, administrators, and community agencies." Students and families enrolled in the ESL/Bilingual program were the target audience with hopes of encouraging participation in other district events that are open to all students and families. Cpl. Cruz was able to help eliminate any language barriers as he is fluent in English, Spanish & Portuguese.



SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAMS

Lt. Bard, Sgt. Shamrock, Cpl. Graziano, Cpl. Leavy, PO Akel & K9 Hades did a presentation at the Anastasia School. Afterwards, the students treated each of our officers to handmade goody bags!



TOURS

A very popular event amongst local students and scouting groups is to attend one of our tours of the Police Department and City Hall.

One of our favorite tours to participate in is the annual visit from the Anastasia students who treat us to some holiday favorites before we show them around!



HOW TO SAVE A LIFE— PROJECT PROM

The annual "How to Save a Life / Project Prom" presentation, held at the High School, aimed to raise awareness of the very serious and very real consequences that can stem from teen drinking. This program is a very powerful and large-scale presentation that is made possible through the partnering of the Long Branch Public Schools with many local and state agencies. The L.B.P.D., along with the Long Branch Fire Department, Long Branch First Aid, Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, New Jersey State Police, MONOC and other local organizations and businesses all assisted.



OPERATION COPS CARE



In November, the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office announced the launch of "Operation Cops Care", a unique initiative that LBPD was happy to partner with.

Police officers are often at a loss to know how to help kids who are caught in the middle of police responses to their homes or when kids are brought to the station-house, accompanying their caregivers who need police assistance.

Operation Cops Care provides our police officers with something tangible to give to children who are, for whatever reason, the innocent bystanders to an ongoing police response.

5,000 nylon draw string bags paid for by victim witness grant funding, were filled with teddy bears, coloring books and crayons, stress balls and water bottles for officers to keep in their patrol vehicles.

The idea being that when officers encounter kids who are caught in the middle of some type of police response, call for service, or for kids who are brought to a police department for whatever reason, there will be something that officers already have on hand for those kids, so they won't be as scared and will have something that is just for them and include an activity.

NATIONAL RX TAKE BACK DAY

With a slogan of "Don't Be The Dealer!", LBPD participated once again in the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) National Rx Take Back Day on Saturday, April 28th.

Detective Simonelli coordinates this annual event with the DEA and our hosting venue, the Long Branch Senior Center. Community members are encouraged to bring unused, expired & unwanted prescriptions to be safely and anonymously disposed of!

LBPD also has a Project Medicine Drop Box on-site! Safely and anonymously dispose of unused and expired medications 24 hours per day right in our lobby!

DON'T BE THE DEALER



Keep them safe. Clean them out.
Take them back.

NATIONAL RX TAKE BACK DAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH, 2018
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
LONG BRANCH SENIOR CENTER
82 SECOND AVENUE, LONG BRANCH

DEA NATIONAL RX
TAKE BACK

Visit DEATakeBack.com for a collection site near you.

SOCIAL MEDIA



We had a record number of followers join our Facebook page in 2018. On March 3rd, we reached 8,000 page likes and on December 15th, we achieved 9,000!



April 22nd marked 5 years that we have been on Facebook!

ATTEMPT TO LOCATE

On April Fool's Day we asked for assistance in locating a suspect in a string of cell phone thefts within the City. Thanks to all the help, the individual was located! Below is a link to see the culprit. You'll never believe who it is!

<http://facebook.com/profile.php?=733>

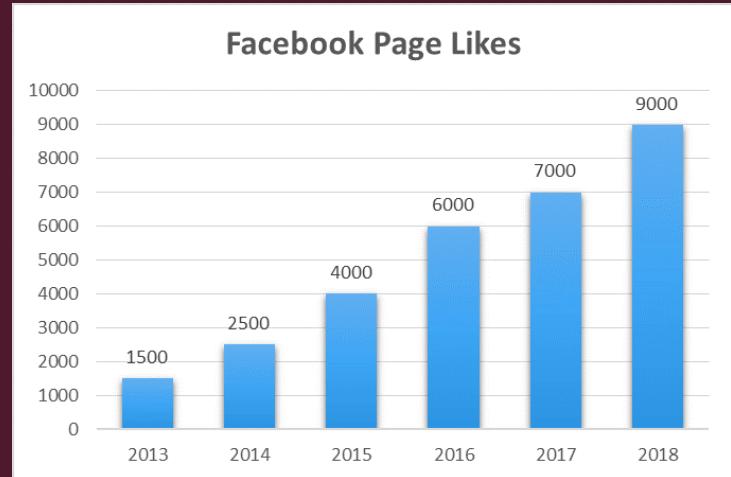
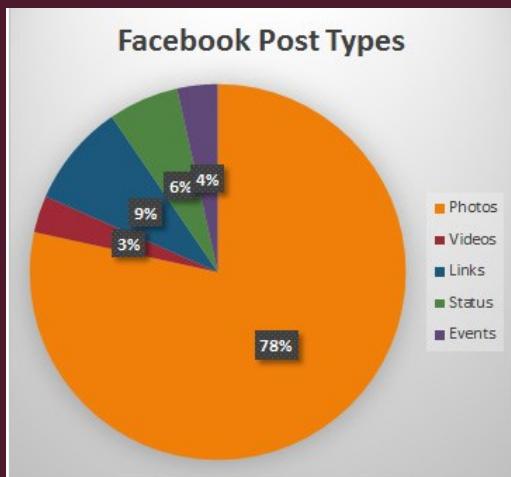


LBPD joined Nextdoor in October. Check us out at:

[http://bit.ly/
LBPDNextdoor](http://bit.ly/LBPDNextdoor)



Be on the lookout in 2019 for LBPD's launch of the Neighbors By Ring App!





Detective Joseph Spitale of LBPD was featured on the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office "Behind The Badge" series. Check out his story at:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=f6QBzh2OVvA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f6QBzh2OVvA)

Fivo made a strong comeback during the holiday season! He was spotted virtually everywhere! Aside from his numerous trips to local schools and a visit to the local Cub Scout meeting, a few of his most noteworthy appearances included a trip to the beach with Tucker, cookies with Mayor Pallone and meeting up with Santa and a Rockette at the Ronald McDonald House! He was even spotted at an Academy Graduation and a Council Meeting!



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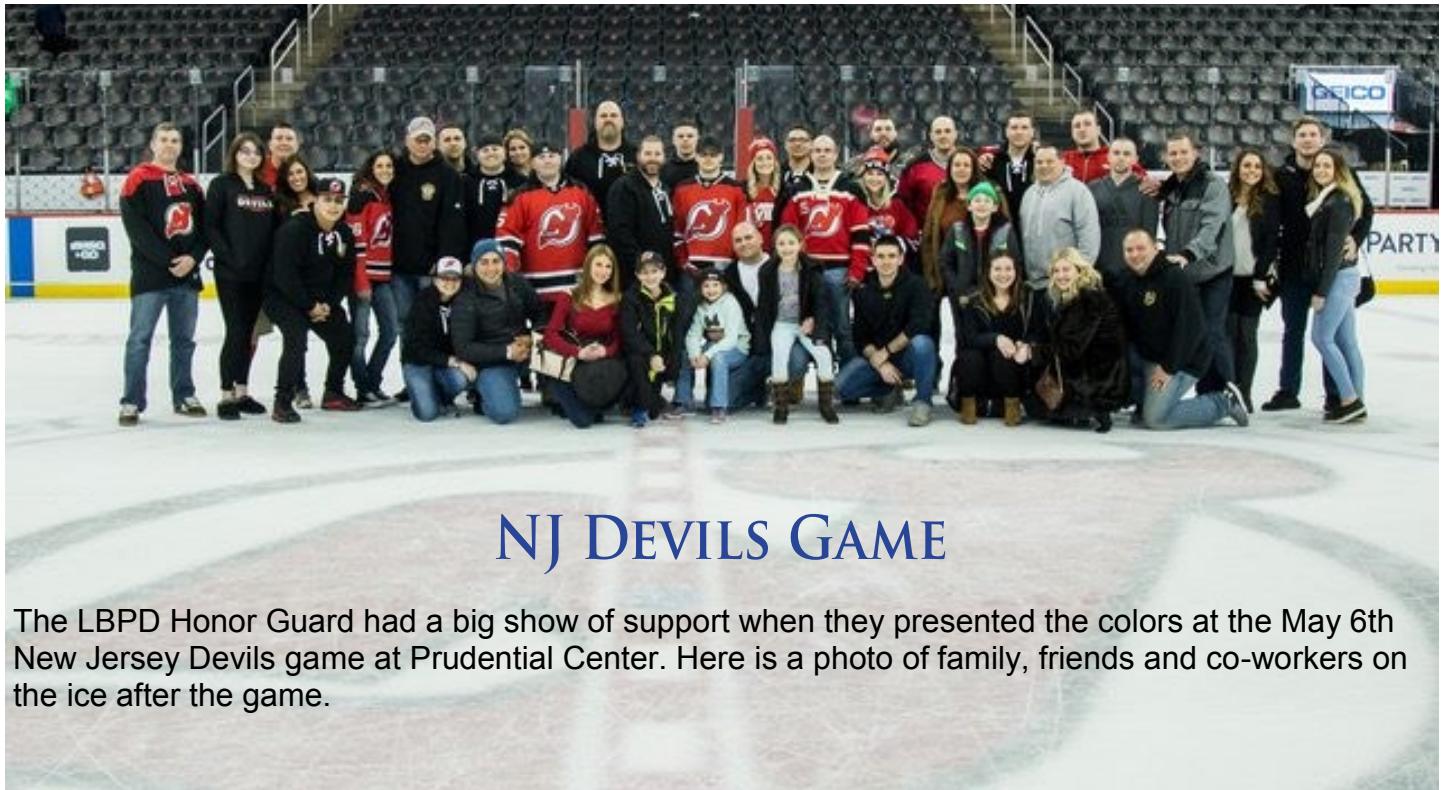


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NEXTDOOR
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AND DID WE MENTION?...



NJ DEVILS GAME

The LBPD Honor Guard had a big show of support when they presented the colors at the May 6th New Jersey Devils game at Prudential Center. Here is a photo of family, friends and co-workers on the ice after the game.



BRING YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY

April 26th was National Bring Your Child to Work Day. Children of PD & City employees who participated were treated to a tour of the Police Department & City Hall by Corporals Graziano & Leavy. They also got a visit from Animal Control Supervisor, Deb Nagel and her partner, Tucker, the City's Goose Dog.

We may have some promising future City employees out of this bunch!

WE WERE ROCKED!



We've been "Rocked"! An amazing family from Maryland hand paints & personalizes these awesome rocks for police departments! After finding them on Facebook, Cpl. Jennifer Gant asked if they could "rock" our department and they did! What a great way to show their appreciation for law enforcement! Read more about them in the photos or visit them on Facebook at Rocks for LEOs! Thanks Rocks for LEOs! #RockOn!



RIFLE PLATE DONATION

Thanks goes out to the Greater Long Branch Chamber of Commerce for their generous donation of two rifle plates!



P.B.A. CHALLENGE COINS



Long Branch PBA Local #10 introduced their new collectible challenge coins. They are being offered for sale for \$10 each. In the event of proceeds, they will go to the PBA Local #10 fundraising account which provides for scholarships & charitable donations within our community.

S.O.A. NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION

Here's a photo sent in from the Superior Officers Association's 2018 New Year's Reception.

(L to R) Ret. Lt. Warner, Ret. Lt. Pingitore, Ret. DSgt. Magarino, Ret. DPS Richards, Acting Chief Roebuck, Cpt. Wiener, Lt. Hazel, Ret. Lt. Callery, Ret. Sgt. Coyne.



SLEO OPEN HOUSE



The annual Open House for SLEO I Officers was held on September 15th. This is the first step in the hiring process for Special Law Enforcement Officers (SLEO I). The Positions are for Seasonal Employment, Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Check our website and social media sites for the announcement of the next Open House!

L.B.P.D. FALLEN OFFICER MEMORIAL

Pavers are still available anyone interested in supporting the memorial and becoming a piece of LBPD history. For more information, email khughes@longbranch.org or call 732-571-5676.



150TH ANNIVERSARY BALL



2018 marked the 150th Anniversary of the Long Branch Police Department! To celebrate, on Friday, April 13th the Long Branch Police Department held its 150th Anniversary Ball at the Ocean Place Resort & Spa. The Ball was held from 7PM – 11PM and included cocktails, a full-course dinner, live music by Brian Kirk & The Jirks & an impressive gift auction. It was a huge success with approximately 350 guests joining us to celebrate! Recent retiree, Corporal Sebastian “Sam” Tomaine, was also honored for his service during the event.

We couldn't have done it without the help of our sponsors and our many volunteers & donors! A huge thanks to all who helped & participated!

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- Celtic Concepts, Inc. Landscape Contractors & John Guire Supply
- J.F. Kiely Construction Co.
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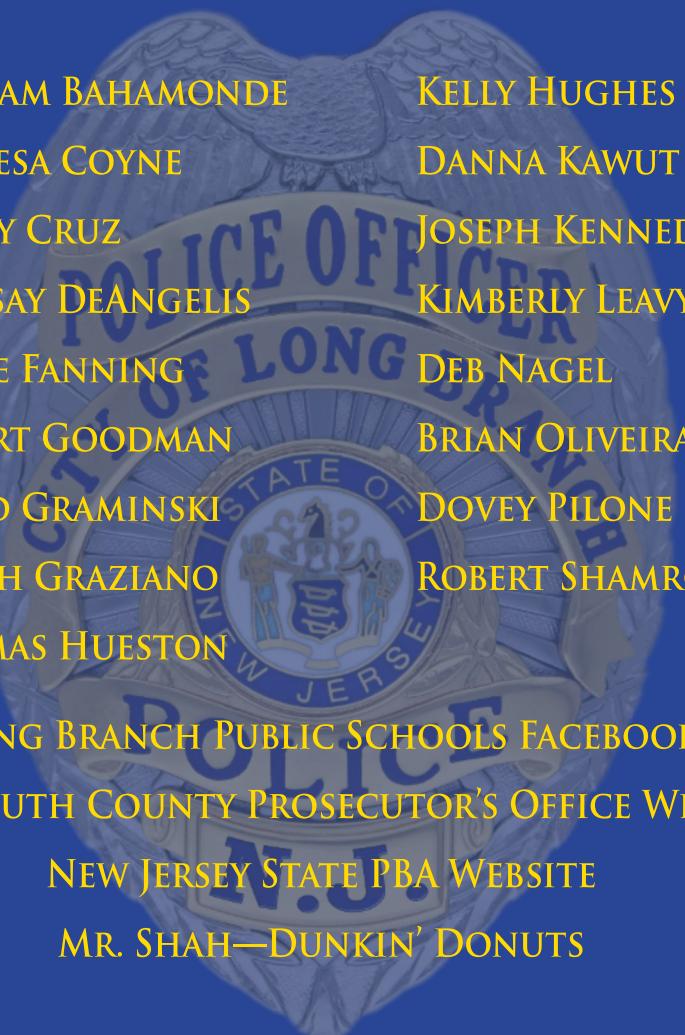


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