



PUBLIC SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT



2020

Long Branch Station



LONG BRANCH
POLICE DEPARTMENT

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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.

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.

LETTER FROM THE CHIEF



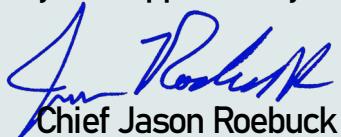
2020 certainly was a uniquely challenging year, not only locally, but on a global level. Covid-19 presented a brand new threat to health and safety that proved difficult and forced constant adaptation to our norms. Law enforcement as a whole faced national attention and in many areas, even disdain in light of national events. Through it all, we, as a department and a community, rose above and, I'd like to think, grew stronger for it. Businesses found ways to reinvent their product lines while still finding time and ability to give back and individuals came together to donate time, supplies and talents whenever possible to those in need.

The outpouring of support that our department received throughout the year was overwhelming. From kind words that warmed our hearts to meals that warmed our bellies, we were truly blessed to see that so many support us in our commitment to serve our community. The amazing donations of PPE, especially when it was scarce, ensured our officers were well-protected as they continued to navigate these unchartered waters. The bond between our department and our community only grew through these trials and tribulations.

While we strive to reach the back end of the pandemic, we are eager to continue moving forward with several programs and departmental advances that have been slow-going due to the shift in priority and unforeseen consequences of Covid-19. A few instances of these advances include our new Body Worn Camera Program and our Officer Resiliency Program.

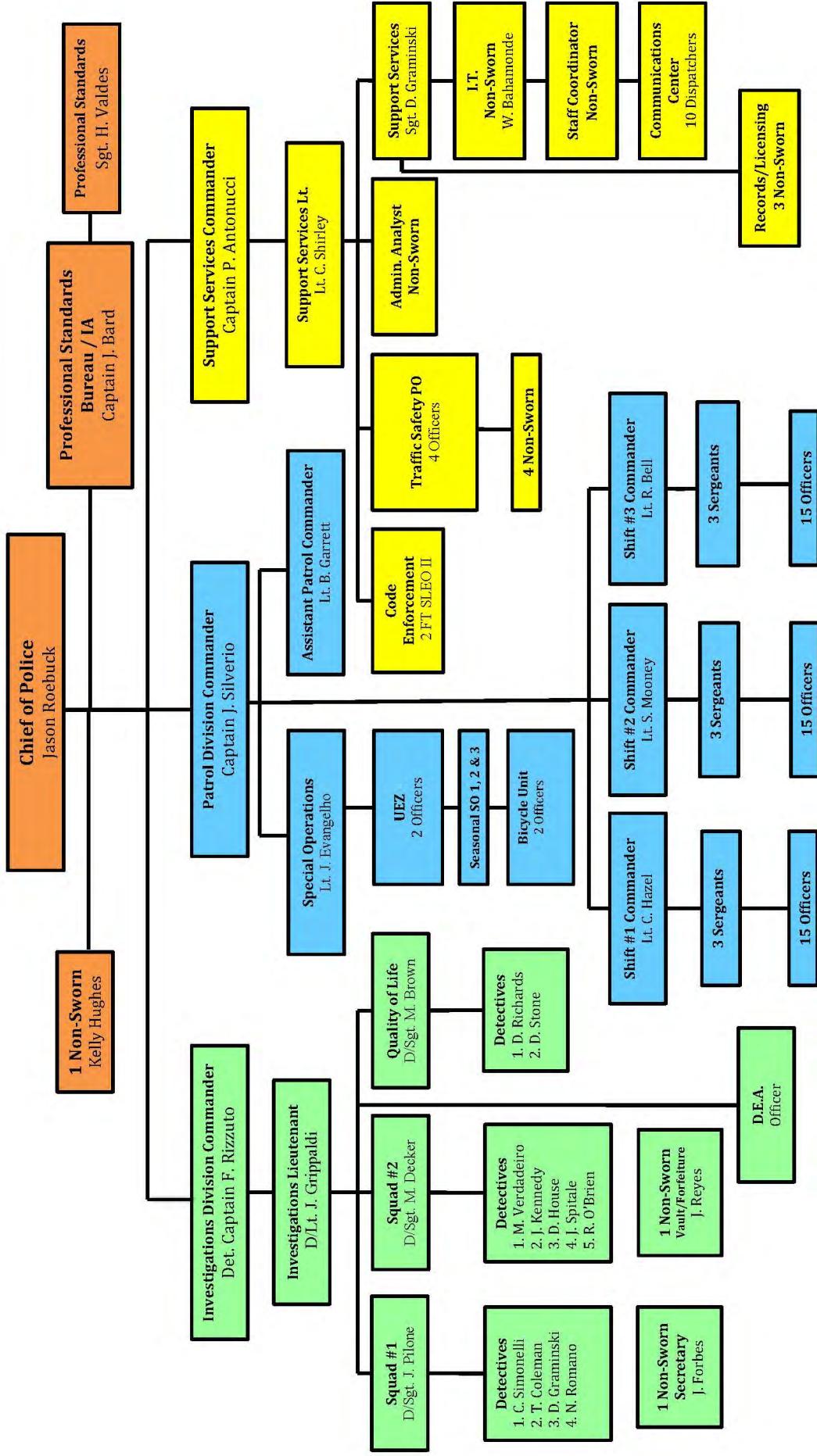
Please take a moment to peruse this report and see what the department has done in spite of the pandemic as well as where we are headed.

Thank you all for your support! Stay safe and stay well!



Chief Jason Roebuck

TABLE OF ORGANIZATION



OFFICERS & RANKS

CAPTAINS

- Peter Antonucci #265
- Frank Rizzuto #266
- Joshua Bard #300
- Jorge Silverio #295

CHIEF

- Jason Roebuck #261

CHIEF

DETECTIVES

- Cpl. Charles Simonelli #286
- Cpl. Michael Verda deiro #309
- Cpl. Todd Coleman #289
- David House #296
- Joseph Spitale #339
- Richard O'Brien #345
- Nick Romano #342
- Daniel Richards #347
- David Stone #349
- Robert Poss #356
- Brian Oliveira #344

CORPORALS (15 YR+)

- Joseph Graziano #257
- Robert Korn #267
- Edwin Gomez #276
- Julio Delacruz #278
- 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
- Marco Rodriguez #322
- Josh Wagner #323
- Matthew Widdis #325
- Kijung Kim #327

LIEUTENANTS

- Jeffrey Grippaldi #292
- Christopher Hazel #291
- Charles Shirley, Jr. #284
- Stanley Mooney #263
- Robert Bell #329
- Brian Garrett #306
- John Evangelho #274

SERGEANTS

- Jeffrey Pilone #255
- Robert Shamrock #245
- Brendan Cahill #318
- Antonia Gonzalez #270
- Marshall Brown #319
- Heather Valdes #290
- Juan H. Vasquez #282
- Sam Jung Yoo #317
- James Beirne #354
- Michael Decker #312
- Hector Umana #328
- Joseph Kennedy #324
- David Graminski #302
- Thomas Hueston #294

OFFICERS

- Bienvenido Cruz #320
- George Samol #330
- George Olski #336
- Jesus Otero #340
- Gary Vecchione #343
- Brian Oliveira #344
- Brian Boryszewski #346
- Vincent Roselli #350
- Omar Akel #351
- Sergio Chaparro #352
- Patrick Vaccaro #353
- Dana Page #355
- Kevin Morris #357
- Steven Grant-White #358
- Daniel Gould #359
- Joseph Corcoran #360
- Mark Yutko #361
- Conor Mullan #362
- Shane Carroll #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
- Paul Garcia #378
- Christopher LoBello #379
- Joseph Pannullo #380
- Kevin Cuije #381
- Joseph Bucciero #382
- Trevor Van Ness #383
- Robert Mendez #384
- Kevin Kuhne #385

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.

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 the NJ Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association
- Members Certified/Incident Response Terrorist Bombings (IRTB)

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

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

Office Management:

Tracking pawn-slips from local pawn brokers

Compile reports for juvenile complaints to be sent to MCPO

Compile and maintain information for major crimes case jackets; this includes purging & archiving files according to AG guidelines

Create case files for juveniles

Maintenance of the juvenile case file/database; this includes archiving files as juveniles turn 18

Maintain the fingerprint files

Scan & upload paperwork to the Spillman database

Maintain NJ ODMAP database

Assist with typing/transposing victim statements

Assist with minor software, computer, and office equipment issues

Create video files for discovery

Assist MCPO with trial prep by locating all paperwork associated with cases

Create new forms on as needed basis

Create flyers and promotional materials

Maintain the on-call schedule and create the printable schedule

Assist with tracking down information from cold cases ie, accessing defunct databases, old card files, and accessing archives

Various general secretarial duties including but not limited to: answering the phone, taking messages, checking voice-mail & e-mail, sorting and delivering the mail, track and order office supplies

Create and maintain new databases as necessary

Various other duties as needed, including but not limited to – software help, typing letters/memos, assisting with creating line-ups, editing photos, mailings, etc.

NOTABLE CASES:

In Dec 1994, Ana Mejia was brutally murdered in her Long Branch apartment she shared with her two young children. Months later in May 1995, Nicholas Connors was murdered in his Long Branch home. We are proud to announce that defendants De-lores Connors, her son Ted Connors, and Jose Carrero have been arrested in Florida and charged with the murders of Ana and Nicholas 25 years ago. Detective Corporal Todd Coleman was the lead investigator on this case.

The following notable cases all resulted in an arrest of a suspect:

- Criminal Attempt Home Invasion Robbery. Detectives Poss & Spitale
- Aggravated Sexual Assault: Detectives Verdadeiro & Spitale
- Aggravated Sexual Assault: Detectives Verdadeiro & Spitale
- Aggravated Assault/Stabbing: Detectives Spitale & Oliveira
- Aggravated Sexual Assault/Strangulation/False Imprisonment: Detective O'Brien
- Aggravated Sexual Assault/5 charged with 1st degree charges: Detectives Verdadeiro & Spitale
- Fraud/Scam Investigation/led to the Federal Charges of mail fraud for an organization operating out of Pennsylvania: Detective House started the investigation.

STREET CRIMES UNIT

The Street Crimes Unit is comprised of one Commanding Officer and three Detectives. Their primary focus is to eliminate drug manufacturing and distribution within the City and reduce the availability of narcotics and other illegal substances to our citizens. In addition, they serve as an intelligence bureau for criminals involved with weapons, gangs and other illegal activity.

The majority of arrests made by the Street Crimes Unit involve narcotics related offenses. The team also executes search warrants for local residences and assists County, State and Federal agencies with search warrants when needed.

Through their investigations and arrests, they frequently seize items such as cash and vehicles for forfeiture. They are credited with ridding the streets of various narcotics such as cocaine, heroin, marijuana and prescription pills each year .

CODE AND FIRE PREVENTION UNIT

Class 2 Special Officers Brian Dinero and Christian DeFazio and part-time Class 2 Officer Robert Piantanida are assigned to the City Code & Fire Prevention Bureau.

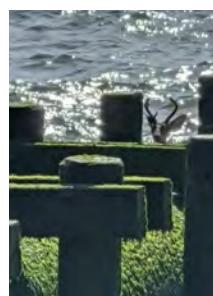
Along with responding to calls for service as an auxiliary to police patrol units, their primary duty with code enforcement is to ensure property owners comply with the safety and quality of life ordinances. These including property maintenance, fire code compliance, zoning and building permit compliance, 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, 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 greet" 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 fireworks displays, respond to any general emergency in the city, 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.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Detective David House is the Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer (HLEO) for the Long Branch Police Department and Officer Francis Sheldrick is the 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 Supervisor, Deb Nagel on a regular basis responding to calls that involve animals in distress or in need of rescuing. Animal Control calls in the City range from typical dog and cat related issues to seals, squirrels, bats, geese, raccoons, deer and even occasional farm or exotic animals. In 2020 a few high profile cases involved sheep and a deer offshore of the beach. Our officers have seen it all!



FIREARMS UNIT

Members of the Firearms Unit include Supervising Firearms Instructor Lt. John Evangelho, Instructors Sgt. Sam Yoo, Sgt. Hector Umana, Cpl. Ben Cruz, Cpl. Chris Gant, Det. Rich O'Brien, Officer Christopher LoBello 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.



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

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

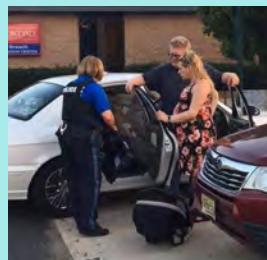


URBAN ENTERPRISE UNIT (UEZ)

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 Kimberly Leavy and Lance Fanning work closely with local business owners, students and residents and provide a multitude of events and services, such as local business presentations and car seat installations, 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). As most events were cancelled in 2020, they also assisted with several new tasks such as seasonal SLEO training and helped deliver prizes to our Kids' Contest Winners.



TRAFFIC BUREAU

Our Traffic Bureau consists of four full-time officers, one Special Class 2 and three civilians. Members include Cpl. Cesare Simonelli, Cpl. Benny Cruz, PO Brian Boryszewski, PO Gary Vecchione, SO Davi Cuhna, 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 events, 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).

HONOR GUARD

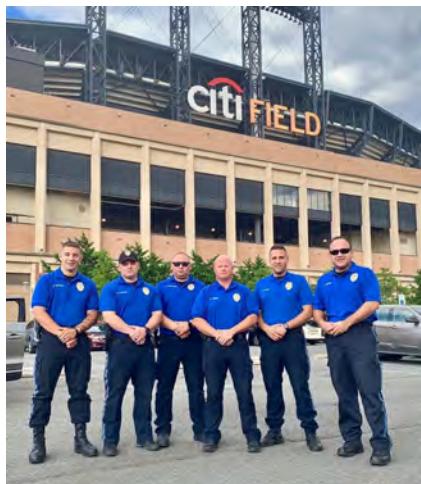
Our Honor Guard serves a number of official functions such as swearing-ins, promotions, parades and funerals and its members participate on a voluntary basis.

2020 members consisted of Sgt. Hector Umana, Cpl. Lance Fanning, Cpl. KiJung Kim, Det. Daniel Richards, Det. Brian Oliveira, PO Jesus Otero, PO Gary Vecchione and PO Brian Boryszewski.

In addition to in-house functions, they proudly present the colors at several sporting events.

As most events were cancelled in 2020, below is a list along with photos from a few former events where the Honor Guard represented the department and participated in the opening ceremonies:

- NJ Devils Games at Prudential Center
- NY Red Bulls game at Red Bull Arena
- Lakewood BlueClaws games at First Energy Park



K9 UNIT

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

In 2020, Officer Omar Akel and K9 Hades announced that due to an unexpected illness, Hades was forced to take an early retirement. Hades, a Belgian Malinois/German Shepherd mix, came to us from Czechoslovakia in 2016. He and Officer Akel graduated from Basic K9 & K9 Scent classes in 2017, both taught by LBPD Sergeant Robert Shamrock.

Hades & his partner have assisted the LBPD with numerous cases including tracking & arresting a burglary suspect in 2018. In addition to his official police work, K9 Hades performed countless demonstrations for the community.

He now gets to live out the rest of his years in the comfort of his home, with the love & attention of his partner, Officer Akel.

In December, it was announced that Officer Christopher Remedios and partner, Ozzy were to be the newest members of the K9 Unit.



MONMOUTH COUNTY SERIOUS COLLISION ANALYSIS RESPONSE TEAM (SCART)



Officer Brian Boryszewski, a member of our Traffic Bureau continues to serve as a member of the Monmouth County Serious Collision Analysis Response Team (SCART) since the fall of 2018.

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

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA)

Beginning, September 2019, Officer Kevin Morris has been assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), New Jersey Division, Monmouth/Ocean County Post of Duty, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) in the capacity of Task Force Officer.

During his time so far, as a Deputized Task Force Officer, he conducted and assisted in numerous narcotics investigations throughout the state of New Jersey, which have led to the arrests of multiple subjects involved in the illegal trafficking of controlled dangerous substances. He participated in numerous search warrant executions, in which large sums of narcotics, money, and weapons were seized, including multi-kilo seizures of Fentanyl.



MOCERT

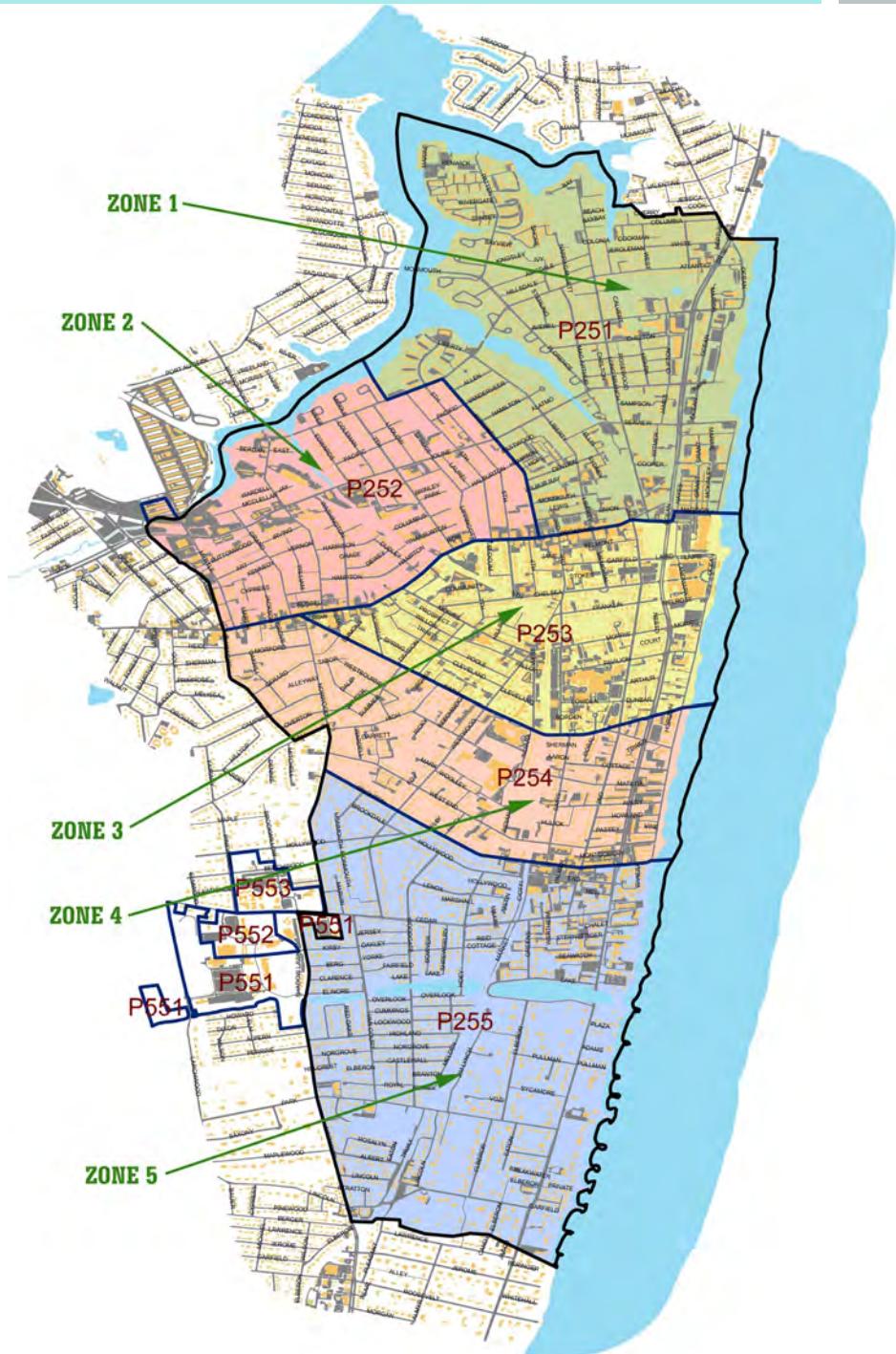


K9 Team Officer Omar Akel and Hades have been members of the Monmouth County Emergency Response Team (MOCERT) since September of 2018.

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.

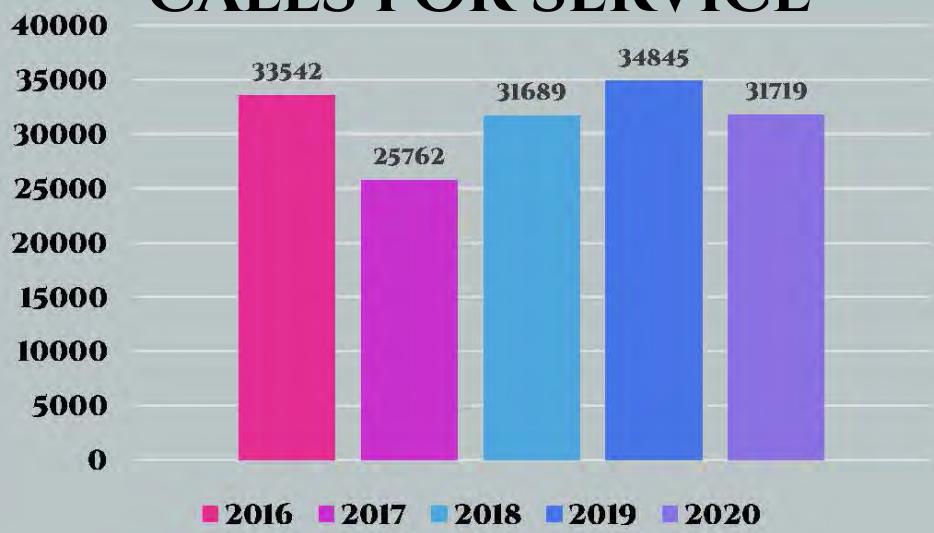
Members train as a team bi-monthly as well as for several full weeks throughout the year. Officers are on call 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. Semi-annually members undergo rigorous physical tests to remain on the team. In addition, members of the team must maintain the rank of firearms expert through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

PATROL ZONES

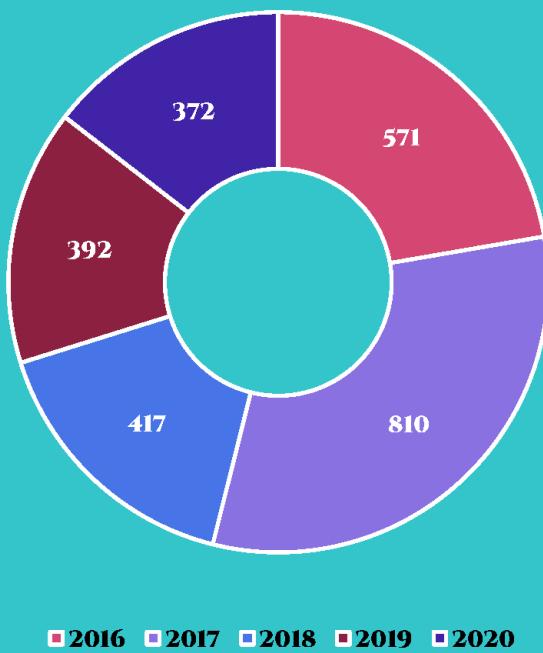


STATISTICS

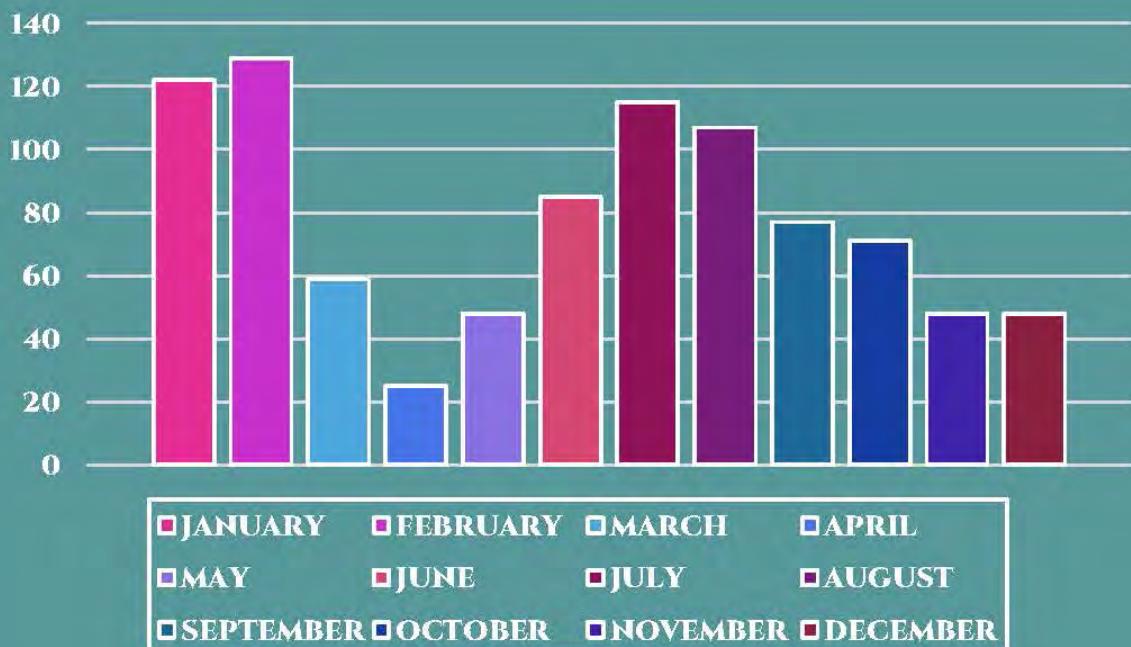
CALLS FOR SERVICE



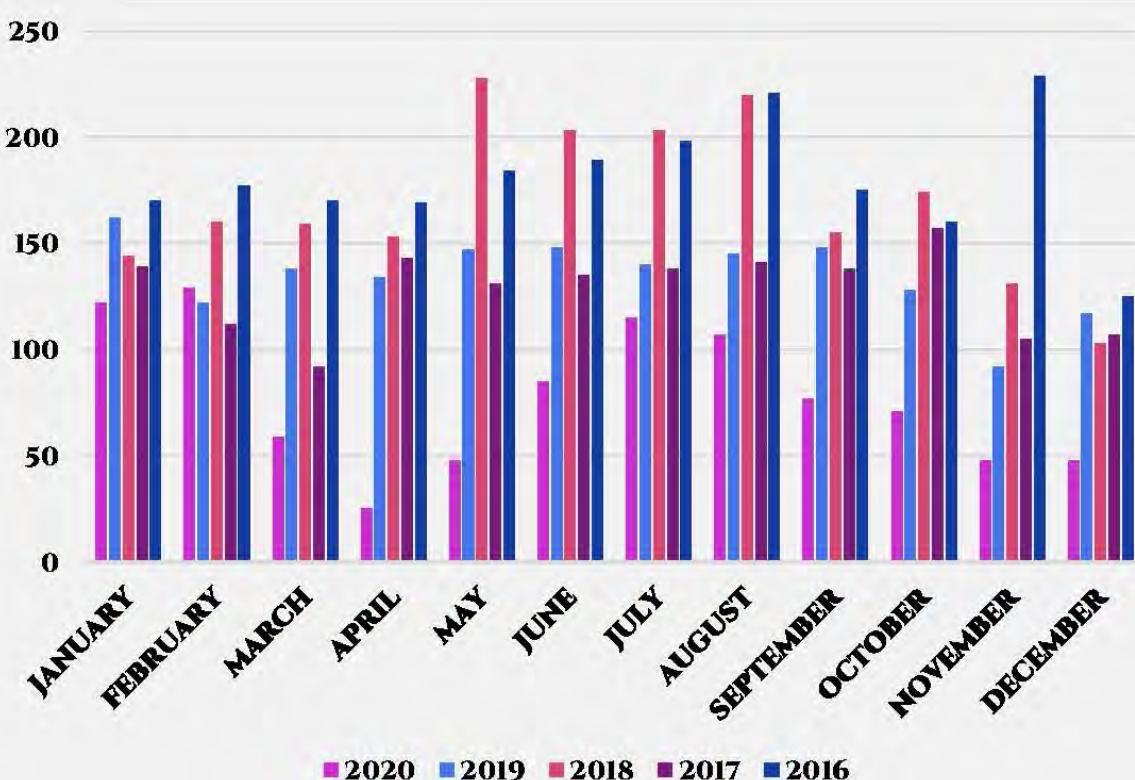
9-1-1 CALLS



2020 ARRESTS BY MONTH



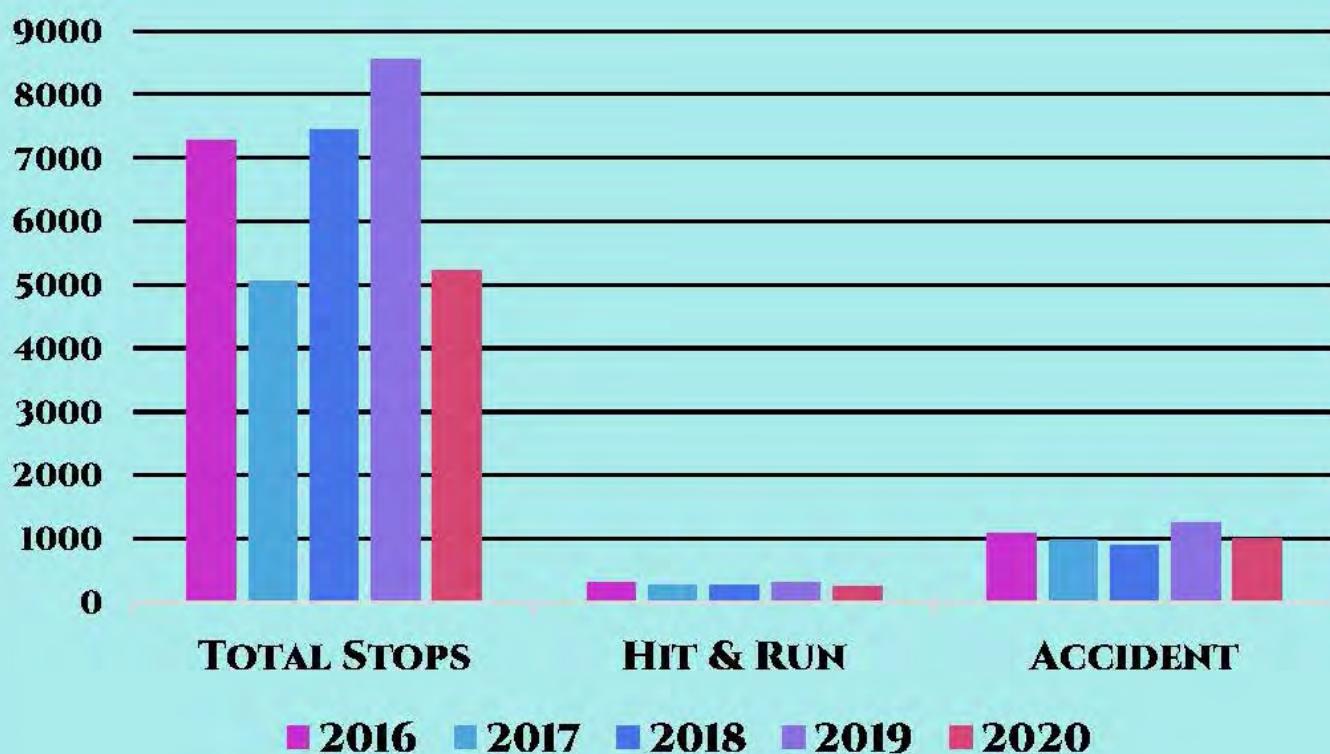
ARRESTS BY MONTH 2016-2020



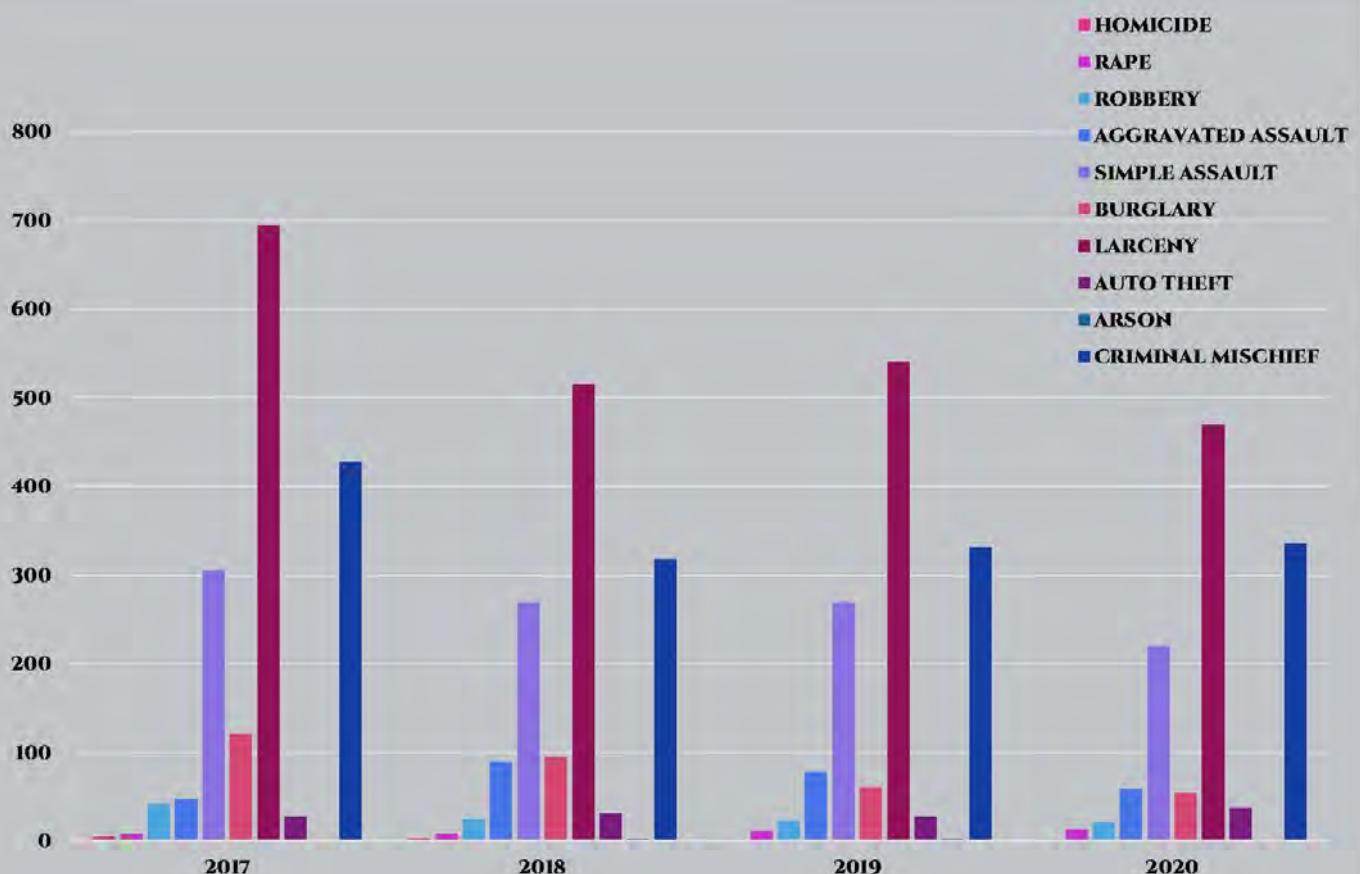
TOTAL ARRESTS BY YEAR 2016-2020



MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS

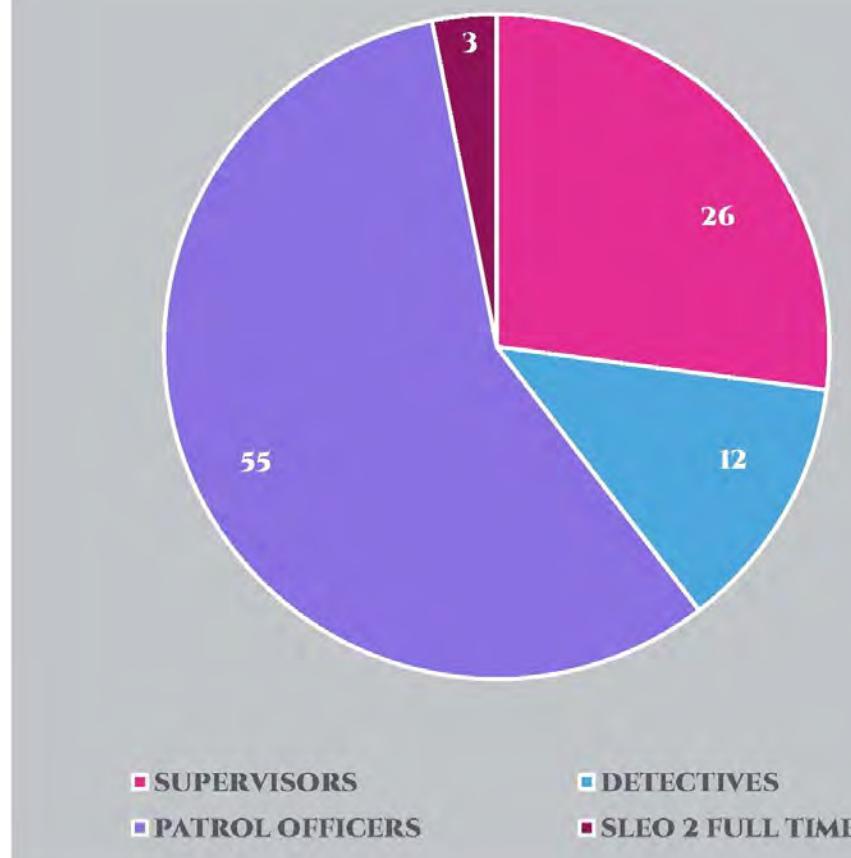


INDEX CRIMES (VIOLENT & PROPERTY CRIMES) PER YEAR



ORGANIZATIONAL BREAKDOWN

(DOES NOT INCLUDE PART TIME OR SEASONAL)



INTERNAL AFFAIRS

SUMMARY

ORIGIN	COMPLAINT TYPE	EXONERATED
Agency Complaint	Minor rule infraction	Exonerated
Agency Complaint	Minor rule infraction	Exonerated
Agency Complaint	Minor rule infraction	Sustained
Agency Complaint	Sick time policy violation	Sustained
Agency Complaint	Sick time policy violation	Sustained
Agency Complaint	Sick time policy violation	Sustained
Agency Complaint	Sick time policy violation	Exonerated
Agency Complaint	Conduct unbecoming	Sustained
Agency Complaint	Minor rule infraction	Exonerated
Agency Complaint	Neglect of Duty	Sustained
Agency Complaint	Major Rule Infraction	Pending
Agency Complaint	Insubordination	Sustained
Agency Complaint	Insubordination	Not sustained
Agency Complaint	Care of Dept. Property	Sustained
Agency Complaint	Off duty police contact	Administratively closed
Agency Complaint	Insubordination	Not sustained
Agency Complaint	Minor rule infraction	Sustained
Agency Complaint	Minor rule infraction	Exonerated
Agency Complaint	Motor Vehicle Accident	Sustained
Agency Complaint	Misuse Public Property	Administratively closed
Citizen Complaint	Minor rule infraction	Exonerated
Citizen Complaint	Other rule infraction	Exonerated
Citizen Complaint	Harassment	Exonerated
Citizen Complaint	Improper Search	Exonerated
Citizen Complaint	Improper Search	Exonerated
Citizen Complaint	Minor rule infraction	Unfounded
Citizen Complaint	Failure to perform duties	Exonerated
Citizen Complaint	Minor rule infraction	Not sustained
Citizen Complaint	Demeanor	Exonerated
Citizen Complaint	Harassment	Exonerated
Citizen Complaint	Differential Treatment	Exonerated
Citizen Complaint	Demeanor	Not sustained
Citizen Complaint	Excessive force	Exonerated
Citizen Complaint	Harassment	Pending
Citizen Complaint	Failure to perform duties	Exonerated
Citizen Complaint	Minor rule infraction	Exonerated

USE OF FORCE REPORTING

Attorney General (AG) Guidelines require that all law enforcement officers who have responded to a call where physical force is utilized must complete a Use of Force report.

The AG's office defines physical force as follows:

"Physical force involves contact with a subject beyond which is generally utilized to effect an arrest or other law enforcement objective. Physical force is employed when necessary to overcome a subject's physical resistance to the exertion of the law enforcement officer's authority, or to protect persons or property.

Examples include wrestling a resisting subject to the ground, using wrist locks or arm locks, striking with the hands or feet, or other similar methods of hand-to-hand confrontation."

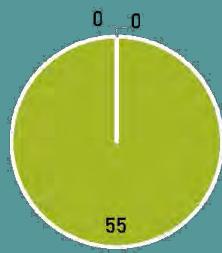
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	31,719
TOTAL USE OF FORCE REPORTS*	110
TOTAL CALLS WHERE FORCE WAS UTILIZED	55
CRISIS CALLS	8
ANIMAL CALLS	1
ALL OTHER CALLS	46

* More than one report is often written for each call involving force as all responding officers are required to file a report.

TYPE OF FORCE USED	
NON-DEADLY	55
CED (CONDUCTED ENERGY DEVICE)	0
FIREARM	0



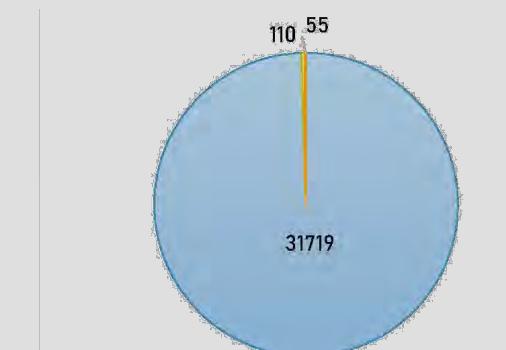
TYPE OF FORCE USED



- NON-DEADLY
- CED (CONDUCTED ENERGY DEVICE)
- FIREARM

100% of calls reporting use of force involved non-deadly force

0% of calls involved CED or guns



- TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE
- TOTAL USE OF FORCE REPORTS
- TOTAL CALLS WHERE FORCE WAS UTILIZED

0.00148% of non-crisis calls involved use of force

0.00173% of total calls involved use of force

OPERATIONAL ADVANCES

File a police report online.



Introducing Online Reporting!

Long Branch Police Department remains vigilant in its attention to the public and its personnel regarding COVID-19 / Coronavirus. In adhering to governmental standards for minimal contact, some non-violent crimes can be reported online at:

longbranch.org/reports

ALERT  **LONG BRANCH**

EMERGENCY ALERTS AND NOTIFICATIONS



Long Branch has a new and improved system for keeping in touch with our residents. We are calling it Alert Long Branch and the service is being provided by smart911. We plan to use Alert Long Branch for more than just emergency alerts, in the near future we will use it for community notifications. Sign up today at: longbranch.org/alerts

The Long Branch Commercial Vehicle Parking Permit Program went into effect on March 1, 2020. The City has passed an ordinance requiring that those who want to park a commercial vehicle on any city street between 8pm and 7am must first obtain a Commercial Vehicle Parking Permit. The vehicle registration and applicant's driver license must bear the same address within the City of Long Branch. The number of permitted commercial vehicles to be parked on the street is limited to one per residence or Postal Address.

Permits for commercial vehicles to be parked on the street will be issued by the Police Department's Traffic Unit. The charge will be \$25 per permit per year (not pro rated). The fee is based on the cost to the city of operating the program. As of January 1, 2020, Long Branch will give commercial vehicle owners 60 days to comply, and then summonses will be issued. To apply for a permit, visit: thepermitportal.com/IPS



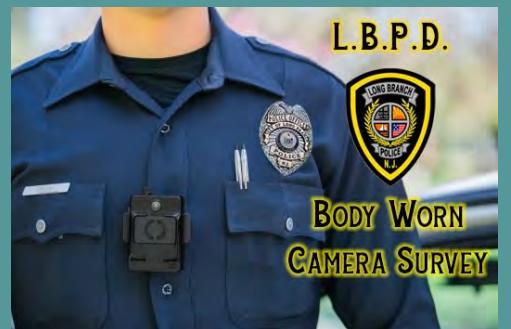
LBPD Officer Trading Cards made their debut!

The 2020 series were the first trading cards to come out for roughly 20 years. 29 officers participated and are already talking about a 2021 series!

The cards, designed in-house, have a photo on the front and a small bio on the back which includes a "Fun Fact" about the officer. They help give local kids a great reason to feel comfortable approaching our Officers!

There are currently 29 in all to collect! If you see an officer and can safely approach them, ask if they have a card!

Collect them all! #lbpdtradingcard



LBPD began research into expanding the use of Body Worn Cameras (BWC). Currently, the department utilizes Digital Mobile Video Recorders (DMVR) or in-car cameras, supplemented by several BWC's.

As part of our research, we put out an online survey to learn our community members' views regarding BWCs. The overwhelming majority of participants were in favor of our officers utilizing BWCs.

Resiliency Room Created!

As part of the directive from the NJ AG's office, the LBPD appointed Sgt. Antonia Gonzalez as one of our first "Resiliency Officers". Sgt. Gonzalez has a Bachelor's Degree and an extensive background in Health & Wellness and envisioned a space where Officers could go to de-stress, receive critical incident de-briefings, meet with Chaplains, do reports, take meal breaks, and relax in a safe and stress-free environment. With help from the property owner of an underutilized police substation, the PBA, SOA and several LBPD Officers, her vision, a "Resiliency Room." was realized. This is a major step to combat Officer stress and burnout. We believe it to be the first room of its type developed under these new guidelines. Thanks to Sgt. Gonzalez, we are proud to be among the first municipalities to embrace this new initiative and believe investing in the mental well-being of our officers is beneficial to everyone.



TRAINING



LBPD Officers attended In-Service Training (IST) during the last two weeks of February. Some in-service training is mandated by the county prosecutor, the Attorney General or through various state or federal statutes or rules. This agency conducts two sessions a year to meet all the requirements. In addition to our in-house officers who train the department in areas of their expertise, we were honored to have members of Critical Response Group as guest trainers during this session of IST.



All new officers, including seasonal, part-time, must undergo a rigorous training program which includes the successful completion of the Police Academy courses and additional on-site training.

The new Special Law Enforcement Officer Class 1 (SLEO 1) Recruits attended their orientation on Saturday, February 8th. Training starts early to get them ready for the summer! Lt. John Evangelho is the supervisor for all our SLEO Officers and coordinated the orientation. Also present to assist in their training were Capt. Josh Bard, Cpl. Lance Fanning, Cpl. Kimberly Leavy and PO Sergio Chaparro. They are seen above getting familiar with their posts and being trained on their bicycles by Det. Oliveira, Cpl. Fannining and Ptl. Vecchione. In addition, they had to complete training of handcuffing, OC (pepper spray) and more.



Corporal Lance Fanning Training the Class 2 Recruits on Firearms at Monmouth County Police Academy. LBPD Recruit Slavin is training in spot 13.

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 below shows just a fraction of the training courses that our officers were scheduled to attended in 2020. Due to Covid-19, Many in-person courses were cancelled. On average, nearly 400 training orders are issued to individual Officers per year.

Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement	Field Force Operations
Accreditation Manager Training	Firearms Instructor Course
Active Shooter Critical Incident Workshop for Dispatchers	Glock Armorer Course
Active Shooter Incident Management Basic	Liquor License Investigation
Advanced Crash Investigations	MOI: Methods of Instruction
Alcotest Operator Course	Missing and Child Abduction Training
Alcotest Recertification	Monmouth & Ocean County Emergency Response Team
Arrest Search and Seizure & Miranda Warning 2020	NJSP Missing Person Unit Child Abduction Presentation
Basic Crash Investigations	Peer Training Liaison
Basic Sex Crimes & Child Abuse Investigations	Police Rifle Instructor Course
Cell Block Management & Extraction	Pre-Employment Background Investigations
Command Series Level: Developing Middle Managers	Primary Screener Backpack Basic Course
Criminal Investigations	Search & Seizure for Proactive Policing
Crisis Management Training for Police Executives	Sub-machine Gun Instructor Course
Driver Simulator Training	Succeeding as an Administrative Professional
Drug Impaired Driving Seminar	Unmasking Hidden Facial Expressions & Body Language
EMT Refresher Course Class A, B & C	Use of Force Workshop

DEPARTMENTAL MILESTONES

NEW PATROL OFFICERS

8-1-20

Joseph Pannullo #380

Kevin Cuje #381

Joseph Bucciero #382

Trevor Van Ness #383

Robert Mendez #384

Kevin Kuhne #385



12-10-20

Michael Morse #386

Devin Wright #388

Robert Graziano #387

Ivan Guzman #389



NEW SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT (SLEO) CLASS 2 OFFICERS



Ten new SLEO 2 Officers graduated the police academy on August 3rd:

Frank Skovran #2003	Michael DeCristofaro #2008
Thomas Wright #2004	Preston Mellaci #2009
Erik Stumpf #2005	Jack Meany #2010
Matthew Sanchez #2006	Sergio Llerandes #2011
Victor Vargas-Cruz #2007	Lucas Brito #2012

NEW SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT (SLEO) CLASS 1 OFFICERS



Twelve new SLEO Officers graduated the police academy on June 23rd.

Keila Braga	Alan Cuenca	Jake Milkowski
Ryan Howe	Michael Smith	Jesus Camargo
Anthony Ianicelli	Benjamin Pacuku	Kevin Schoenberger
Brandon Spinner	Austin Cheesman	Jackie Tumipamba

RETIRED OFFICERS

CORPORAL JOSEPH "GRAZ" GRAZIANO, #257

Corporal Joseph "Graz" Graziano, #257, became a full time Patrol Officer with the Long Branch Police Department on August 14th, 1995 and retired on October 1st, 2020.

Throughout his career, he has served in Patrol, Administration, the Detective Bureau, and most recently, than 10 years as an Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) Officer, where he truly thrived.

He was instrumental in the creation and operation of the Citizen's Police Academy and was one of only a few officers who was qualified to assist new parents in the proper installation of child safety seats. One of his greatest achievements was growing the City's National Night Out into a large-scale, free event enjoyed by hundreds of community children and families each year.

In addition to his larger responsibilities, Corporal Graziano was a key organizer in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, a Bicycle Safety Trainer for seasonal officers and a friendly face that local businesses welcomed when community policing in their area. +

During his tenure, Cpl. Graziano was awarded several commendations including a Letter of Recognition which read:

"I have been informed of the outstanding manner in which you performed on March 5th, 2015 upon responding to report of a woman in labor inside of a motor vehicle during winter storm Thor. The swift and valiant actions in the emergency response and care you provided to the mother and newborn child may have ultimately saved the child's life..."

We will miss seeing him at all our special events, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors!



CORPORAL EDWIN “EDDIE” GOMEZ, #276,

Corporal Edwin “Eddie” Gomez, #276, began his career with the Long Branch Police Department on September 2nd, 1996 after graduating from the 194th State Police Academy Class in Sea Girt, NJ. He began his retirement on November 1st, 2020.

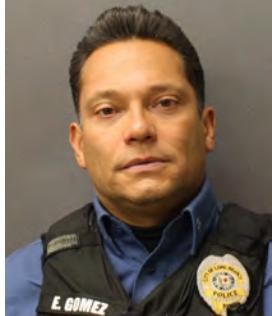
Throughout his career, he was awarded several commendations including:

- Meritorious Service in 2014 for his, “swift decision making which led to the removal of two deadly weapons from the streets.”
- Unit Citations in 1999, 2004 (4), 2011 and 2013 for his involvement in the apprehension of multiple individuals who were suspected of robbery, burglary, a stabbing and a shooting incident. He was also recognized for his response to a riot call at the Cabana Club in 2012, where officers were outnumbered nearly thirty-five to one.
- Commendatory Letter in 2016 for his role in the apprehension of a stabbing suspect.
- Letter of recognition in 2018 for his response to a stabbing incident at Dudley Arms Apartments & the subsequent arrest of a suspect accused of attempted murder, CDS charges and weapons offenses.

During his tenure, Corporal Gomez complimented the department serving as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and with his bilingual abilities, as well as his long-time participation in the Policemen’s Benevolent Association (PBA) softball team.

Another noteworthy event in Corporal Gomez’s career came in 2017 when he and three other officers, Sgt. Juan H. Vasquez #282, Sgt. Heather Valdes #290, and Cpl. Julio Delacruz #278 (pictured) were approved for a two week assignment in Puerto Rico in response to the hurricane devastation. They proudly represented the Long Branch Police Department when deployed to Puerto Rico as part of an incredible team of 10 Monmouth county officers who spent two weeks in Puerto Rico to aid in hurricane relief efforts in support of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) agreement with FEMA. They were later honored at an appreciation ceremony hosted by Monmouth County Prosecutor’s Office.

We wish him much success and happiness in his retirement!



REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN OFFICERS

RETIRED CAPTAIN NELSON C. JOLINE #131

Nelson C. Joline, 79, of Port Monmouth and formerly of Colts Neck and Little Silver, died at Riverview Medical Center on Wednesday Dec. 30th after battling complications from COVID-19.



He was born in Long Branch and raised in Little Silver before graduating from Long Branch High School. Nelson attended Monmouth University and was a member of the Long Branch Police Department where he served for over 32 years, retiring at the rank of Captain. Nelson also served the city as an exempt member of the Independent Engine Company, a Long Branch Fire Department.

RETIRED LIEUTENANT A. ROBERT GANT #140

A. Robert Gant, age 83 of Long Branch, died on Monday, March 30, 2020 at home with his family by his side. Robert was born in Long Branch where he lived most of his life and was a parishioner of Holy Trinity Church of Christ the King Parish in Long Branch. He served our Country honorably in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and upon returning home Robert joined the Long Branch Police Department achieving the rank of Lieutenant retiring in 1998.



PRESS RELEASES

Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office · January 2020

BREAKING: 25 years ago in Dec 1994, Ana Mejia was brutally murdered in her Long Branch apartment she shared with her two young children. Months later in May 1995, Nicholas Connors was murdered in his Long Branch home. Today, we are proud to announce that defendants Delores Connors, her son Ted Connors, and Jose Carrero have been arrested and charged by our Office with the murders of Ana and Nicholas 25 years ago.



Great work by the MCPO Cold Case Unit, the Long Branch Police Department, and the West Palm Beach Police Department!

Long Branch Police Department · Chief Roebuck · February 2020

NO CRIME TOO SMALL!!! LBPD ON THE JOB!

On Feb. 6, 2020, officers responded to Kings Chef restaurant for a reported theft where a subject, later identified as Tyrese Moses, entered the store and stole the tip jar containing approximately ten dollars from the counter. The tip jar was also stolen last week, we think by the same subject. This time, dispatch was able to provide officers with a description of Moses and they immediately began canvassing the area.

PO Cunha was patrolling on Cedar Ave. near Glen Ellen apartments when he observed a subject (Moses) who matched the description of the suspect. PO Cunha approached Moses and ordered him to stop. At this time, Moses ran away from PO Cunha who then gave chase.

After a short foot pursuit, Moses was apprehended by PO Cunha and PO Vecchione. Moses put up a small struggle but was arrested without further incident.

PO Carroll canvassed the path Moses was believed to have taken and was able to locate the tip jar minus the money. The money was unfortunately not recovered and it is unknown what Moses did with it. The tip jar was returned to the victim.

Moses was brought to headquarters, processed and charged with obstruction and resisting arrest. Complaints for theft are pending the victim's response to the court to sign the same.

Due to the quick response of officers and timely transmission of information, Moses was quickly apprehended. A good team effort all around.

Thanks to SGT Joseph Kennedy for the information and keeping his squad on top of it, great info by the dispatchers and great job by Officers Cunha and Vecchione.

Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office · March 2020

Three Arrested After 4-Month Probe of Drug Activity

“Detectives from the Monmouth County Prosecutor’s Office and Long Branch and Neptune police departments arrested two Monmouth County men and one woman Wednesday. The arrests were the results of a four-month-long investigation into drug activity in and around Long Branch and Neptune Township, announced Monmouth County Prosecutor Christopher J. Gramiccioni.

The investigation culminated on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, with searches executed by Detectives from the Monmouth County Prosecutor’s Office’s Narcotics and Criminal Enterprise Investigation Section with assistance from the Long Branch and Neptune Township police departments at residences in the 3600 block of State Route 33 in Neptune Township and the 200 block of 6th Avenue in Long Branch, and two motor vehicles. The searches resulted in the seizure of over 5 ounces of cocaine, a small amount of heroin, under 50 grams of marijuana and approximately \$3,000.00 in cash. During the course of this investigation, Quinones was identified as distributing cocaine in an aggregate quantity of over $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce on five separate occasions in Long Branch. The investigation revealed Vamvas was the supplier of cocaine for Quinones, and Vamvas stored the cocaine in Rodriguez’s Neptune Township apartment.”



Arrested were:

Anthony Vamvas, 28, of Long Branch

Alek Quinones, 25, Long Branch

Laryssa Rodriguez, 21, of Neptune Township

“The investigation was led by a Task Force Officer on loan from the Long Branch Police Department. The Task Force Officer is assigned to the Monmouth County Prosecutor’s Office’s Narcotics and Criminal Enterprise Investigation Section.

“We must maintain our focus on those people who are moving drugs into our communities and creating havoc on our streets and in our own neighborhoods. These arrests are a great example of how the combined efforts of law enforcement garner tangible results,” Gramiccioni said.

The case is assigned to Assistant Monmouth County Prosecutor Merlin K. Thomas.”

Long Branch Police Department · Detective Captain Frank Rizzuto · February 2020

Long Branch Police Department Adds 'Resiliency Room' For Officers

In a major step to combat stress and burnout, the Long Branch Police Department announced they had opened a "resiliency room" for their officers.

In October 2019, as part of a statewide directive from the New Jersey Attorney General's office, the Long Branch Police Department appointed Captain Frank Rizzuto, Sgt. Antonia Gonzalez, and Police Officer Kenneth Ross as "Resiliency Officers," who would receive special training to assist their fellow officers.

Sgt. Antonia Gonzalez, who has a Bachelor's Degree and an extensive background in Health and Wellness, envisioned a space where Long Branch Police Officers could go to de-stress, receive critical incident stress de-briefings, meet with Chaplains and so much more. Sgt. Gonzalez also planned a space

where officers could do reports, take meal breaks, and relax in a safe stress free environment, a "Resiliency Room."

Sgt. Gonzalez presented her vision to Patrol Commander Captain Jorge Silverio and Chief Roebuck who immediately embraced the idea. Captain Silverio then began the process of directing resources towards the realization of this project.

Soon after, an underutilized police substation was identified as a potential location for the new Resiliency Room. A meeting was held with the property owner, Marcy Ansell who was extremely enthusiastic about the new vision for this space, and generously offered to help in any way possible. The Long Branch Policeman's Benevolence Association & Superior Officers Association also offered to assist in the completion of the room.



Chief Roebuck said, "As far as we know this is the first room of this type to be constructed under the AG's new directive, and we hope the idea will catch on in departments around the state. The City of Long Branch will be among the first municipalities to embrace this new initiative, and we are proud to do so. We believe providing officers with a space to take a meal break, complete reports and de-stress will be beneficial to everyone. Private industry has been providing this sort of employee support for years, and it's time we invested in the mental well-being of the officers who do so much for all of us."

Long Branch Mayor John Pallone concluded that "every day, police officers face incredibly stressful situations none of us can imagine dealing with. Having a space where you can take a step back and relax is absolutely crucial for the health of our officers. This resiliency room is a great idea, and we are proud to lead the State in police resiliency."

Long Branch Police Department · Chief Roebuck · April 2020

Unfortunately, even during times of crisis, crime doesn't take a holiday. While we have thankfully been experiencing lower call volumes during the COVID19 pandemic, on Friday, April 17th 2020, patrol officers answered a call concerning 2 subjects sitting in a vehicle, in possession of a "machine gun".

At approximately 10:57am, Officer Page, Corporal Fanning and SGT Umana responded to 4th Avenue for the call. As they located the vehicle, a grey Honda with Ohio plates, two subjects exited the vehicle and began to quickly walk away while splitting up. Officers were able to stop both of them and subsequently identified them as Rafael Tejada and Ptahhetep Reynoso. Due to the nature of the call they were joined quickly by Officers Wettermark and Otero. Detectives Coleman, Simonelli and Poss also responded to the scene, along with Det Cpt Rizzuto and Detective SGT Pilone.

Tejada, 24 years old from Poplar Avenue in Deal, was found to be in possession of marijuana. Reynoso, 21 years old from 4th Avenue in Long Branch, was found to be in possession of an AK-47 rifle, a loaded 30 round magazine, 55 rounds of .380 pistol ammo and 7 large clear bags of marijuana. Both were placed under arrest.

The Detective Bureau and the Patrol Division, working together, were then able to obtain consent to search Reynoso's house on 4th Avenue. Inside they found a Smith & Wesson Bodyguard .380 pistol; more gun magazines and ammunition; 2 pounds of marijuana; a scale; a vacuum sealer and \$1320 in cash.

Tejada was charged with Possession of Marijuana under 50 grams and released on a summons. Reynoso was charged with Possession of a Weapon while committing a Controlled Dangerous Substance crime; Possession of an Assault Firearm; Possession of Marijuana over 50 grams with intent to Distribute; Unlawful Possession of a Handgun; Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance; Failure to have a Firearms ID for the rifle; Transport of Sawed-off Shotgun/Rifle; Possession of Marijuana over 50 grams; Possession of a Sawed-Off Shotgun/Rifle and Possession of a Large Capacity Magazine. He was subsequently transported to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution.

This was a great collaborative effort that resulted in the seizure of a high-powered rifle and handgun, making our streets safer. I would like to thank these officers for their bravery and dedication during this incident. I would also like to thank ALL our officers and First Responders who have been on the front lines during the COVID19 pandemic. We appreciate all the daily sacrifices you have made and continue to make during this unprecedented time in our history. Thank you again.

Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office · April 2020

Long Branch Woman's Death Determined A Suicide

FREEHOLD – An early morning call reporting an unconscious and bleeding female at a residence on Norwood Avenue in Long Branch has been determined to be a suicide, announced Monmouth County Prosecutor Christopher J. Gramiccioni.

The postmortem examination of June Chronic-Huhn, 73, conducted this morning determined she died as a result of suicide by a single gunshot wound to the chest. The determination was made by Dr. Stephen Melito at the Middlesex County Regional Medical Examiner's Office.

Long Branch Police Department was dispatched to the Norwood Avenue residence on Friday, April 3, 2020 at approximately 12:51 a.m. on the report of an unconscious and bleeding female. Police Officers arrived on location and located the victim, who was laying on the floor with an apparent gunshot wound. Medical personnel

Long Branch Police Department · Chief Roebuck · July 2020

There was a report of a stabbing on Ocean Avenue near Morris Avenue. The incident stemmed from a disagreement on the beach concerning fishing versus swimming areas. The suspect was arrested shortly after and the victim is stable. Detectives are on the scene to further investigate. Any witnesses please contact us at 732-222-1000. Thank you.

Long Branch Police Department · Chief Roebuck · October 2020

There is an ongoing investigation into an assault on Willow Avenue. The victim and suspects were known to each other, and it does not appear there is any ongoing danger to the neighborhood..

Long Branch Police Department · Chief Roebuck · December 2020

On Thursday December 3rd, 2020 at approximately 5:40 pm, Myeson Pennington Jr., 24 years of age, of Long Branch was arrested by Officers Conor Mullan and Pat Sheldrick for possession of a handgun. Officer Mullan observed Pennington in the area of Crown Chicken, 230 Broadway, acting in a suspicious manner. The observant Officer stopped Pennington a few minutes later, and during a pat down felt a handgun in his waistband. Before he could be handcuffed, Pennington fled from the scene, with Officer Mullan in foot pursuit, joined by Officer Sheldrick who had arrived as his backup.

As he ran, Pennington held the firearm in his waistband with one hand, and at one point tripped and fell, losing the firearm. Mullan saw a black firearm slide across the pavement. Officers ordered Pennington to stop and to not touch the firearm, and Officer Mullan drew his service weapon. Pennington disregarded the orders, retrieved the firearm and began running again with the firearm in hand now.

Mullan and Sheldrick continued their pursuit, eventually capturing Pennington and recovering the firearm. The firearm was found to be a Taurus 9mm, stolen out of Ohio.

Pennington was subsequently charged with Unlawful possession of a firearm, Possession of a firearm for unlawful purpose, Resisting arrest, Receiving stolen property, Possession of a large capacity magazine and Possession of hollow point ammunition. He was transported to the hospital after complaining about having trouble breathing, but was soon released with no injuries. He was then transported to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution.

I wish to commend these Officers on their actions, not only for the observations that made the arrest possible, but also for the restraint they showed in a dangerous situation. By relying on their training and experience, they averted what could have been a tragedy. Newly appointed Director of Public Safety Domingos Saldida also wishes to pass his compliments of a job well done to the Officers.

AWARDS



Chief Roebuck was honored to accept an appreciation award from NCSY, the youth organization of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Communities during their recent retreat at the Ocean Place. Over 350 teens and 150 NCSY staff, in addition to special guests of honor from the Jewish community, participated in the program.

"Due to the unique security issues of this time, leaders of the NCSY teen youth movement came up with the idea to show appreciation to our law enforcement members and leaders."

Thanks to Rabbi Greene and everyone at NCSY for this recognition!



SAINT JEROME SCHOOL
NATIONAL
HEROES
DAY

FEBRUARY 21, 2020

Thanks to Saint Jerome School for inviting us to their 1st Annual Hero's Day Mass "Honoring Those Who Serve & Protect" In February. It was a beautiful mass followed by a delicious breakfast. Chief Jason Roebuck, Captain Frank Rizzuto, Captain Joshua Bard, Captain Jorge Silverio, Corporal Kimberly Leavy, Corporal Chris Walls & Corporal Lance Fanning attended the ceremony and were honored to each accept a Certificate of Appreciation for their service.



Congratulations to Officers Roselli and LoBello who have been chosen as recipients of this year's NJNEOA Award. Officer Roselli is being recognized for his work with MCPO's Strike Force "Operation On The Ropes" and Officer LoBello is being recognized for his work with the Bayshore Task Force "Operation Finished Business".

Congratulations to Corporal Korn for being a 2020 Valor Award Recipient from The 200 Club of Monmouth County! This is the most prestigious of their awards given to First Responders who go above and beyond the call of duty to protect the communities they serve.

Here is the entry we submitted on his behalf: At approximately 9:39AM on February 5, 2019, Corporal Robert Korn responded to a domestic incident involving a subject actively attempting to murder his wife. When Corporal Korn arrived, he observed the suspect, Michael Smith, swinging and grabbing at the victim, who was lying on the ground. Without hesitation or regard for his own safety, he pulled the subject away from the victim, disarmed him of two knives utilized in the assault and placed him under arrest. The victim was listed in stable condition at the hospital after being stabbed multiple times in the chest and head. Corporal Korn's swift and heroic response allowed other officers to administer first aid to the victim and undoubtedly helped to save her life.



Attorney General's 2020 Excellence in Policing Award Ceremony



Congratulations to Sergeant Antonia Gonzalez for being selected as the recipient of the Attorney General's Detective Pablo Santiago Resiliency Award!

As part of the Attorney General's first-ever Excellence in Policing Awards, Sgt. Gonzalez, has been selected as the recipient of the Detective Pablo Santiago Resiliency Award – A Police Officer who developed an innovative program or initiative to improve officer safety and wellness. Named for Mercer County Sheriff's Office Detective Pablo Santiago who lost his life to suicide in December 2018. Detective Santiago's untimely death was the inspiration for the Attorney General's Statewide Law Enforcement Resiliency Program. She will be honored during a virtual ceremony on Friday, December 4th.

Here is the nomination we sent in on her behalf: In October 2019, as part of the directive from the NJ AG's office, the LBPD appointed Sgt. Antonia Gonzalez as one of our first "Resiliency Officers". Sgt. Gonzalez has a Bachelor's Degree and an extensive background in Health & Wellness and envisioned a space where Officers could go to de-stress, receive critical incident de-briefings, meet with Chaplains, do reports, take meal breaks, and relax in a safe and stress-free environment. With help from the property owner of an underutilized police substation, the PBA, SOA and several LBPD Officers, her vision, a "Resiliency Room." was realized.

UNIONS

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.



PBA BOARD

Charles Simonelli, President

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Cesare Simonelli, Treasurer

Joshua Wagner, Financial Secretary

Todd Coleman, State Delegate

Joseph Spitale, Trustee

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Robert Bell, Trustee

Antonia Gonzalez, Sergeant at Arms

COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENTS



Members of the LBPD proudly participated in the Long Branch High School's 6th Annual Career Day on Friday, February 7th. Representatives of LBPD shared information about their career specialties including police work, forensics and Information Technology. Pictured in the group photo (L to R) are Detective Poss, Detective Oliveira, Corporal Fanning, Corporal Leavy & Officer Torres.



On 5/8/20, LBPD Capt. Frank Rizzuto and Lt. Charles Shirley helped out at St Luke's United Methodist Church's Food Pantry. Special thanks to Michael Oppegaard, Michael McGlenon and Andrew Caruso of the

Monmouth County Sheriff's Office for their help making this outreach program a huge success!



The LBPD PBA Local #10 & Monmouth Beach P.B.A. provided Pizza, Sandwiches and Salads to the hard working Staff of the ER & ICU of Monmouth Medical Center. Thanks to Bella's Pizza, MJ's Pizza and My Kitchen Witch for the support!



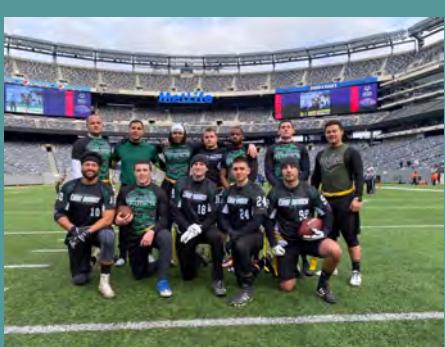
LBPD Pays tribute to our Veterans at The City of Long Branch, NJ Veterans Day Services. (L to R) SO Breese, Lt. Garrett, Capt. Rizzuto, Lt. Evangelho, PO Morse, SO Brito, SO Alcide.



LBPD Officers participated in the Annual NJ Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics which entered our City at the old Sunoco Gas Station on Norwood Avenue on Friday, October 9th .



March 31, 2020 Peaceful protest and walk against Racial Injustice. Participants gathered in Pier Village and walked to the Police Department before returning to Pier Village. Hundreds gathered and many voices were heard. Chief Roebuck provided several individuals with his vehicle's loudspeaker system.



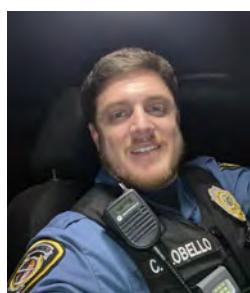
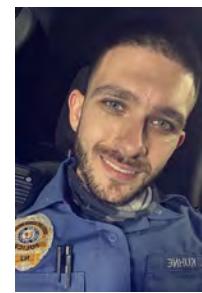
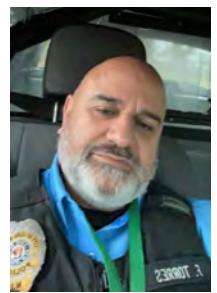
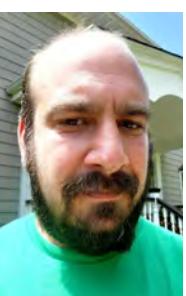
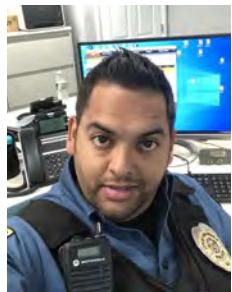
First Place! Members of the LBPD PBA Local #10 competed at MetLife Stadium in the 14th Annual Snow Bowl to benefit Special Olympics New Jersey and took 1st place in the LE/FF Recreation B category.

The team, "Strong Branch", was lead by team Captain, Officer Kevin Morris. Other members were: Richard O'Brien, Paul Garcia, Kevin Kuhn, Conor Mullan, Julian Morgan, Jordan Rodriguez, Joseph Nunez, William Davies, Daniel Gould, Michael Denino, Brandon Winston, William Kosh, Chris Fish and Andrew Mercado.

No Shave November



During the month of November, in the interest of spreading awareness for men's health issues, such as prostate cancer and testicular cancer, Chief Roebuck issued a temporary order permitting officers to grow facial hair while participating in "No Shave November". Officers choosing to participate in this awareness campaign pledged a donation to a charity chosen by LBPD PBA Local #10 who made an additional pledge to the charity.





Thanks to Star of The Sea for the beautiful Blue Mass they performed in November to honor and bless local first responders! Here are some photos of our officers attending the ceremony.



Officer Sergio Chaparro helping the students with a math lesson at Long Branch Public Schools. Officers often stop in the schools to participate in lessons as well as have lunch with the students.



PBA President Detective Corporal Charles Simonelli, Police Chief Jason Roebuck and SOA President Lieutenant Chris Hazel (L to R) at the local NFL Alumni Central Jersey Chapter's food drive presenting a donation for local food banks on 5/30/20.



Over 200 motorcycle riders joined the Long Branch police and Fire Departments to make sure patients at Monmouth Medical Center's Unterberg Children's Hospital had toys for the holiday season.

The toys were collected over several months. In addition, the Long Branch Police Department and Long Branch Fire Department together raised more than \$5,000 for the children's hospital's Cystic Fibrosis Center.

SOCIAL MEDIA



April 22, 2021 marked 7 years that we've been sharing with you on Facebook! Thanks for your support & for being a part of our online family!

www.facebook.com/LongBranchPolice



We were very excited to have reached 11,000 likes on our Facebook page on January 31, 2020 and then 12,000 likes on June 25, 2020!

Thanks to all of you for your likes, comments & shares!

In addition to Facebook, we reach our online community with the help of these platforms:



TWITTER

twitter.com/LongBranchPD



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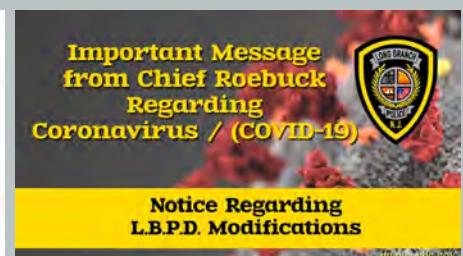


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Covid-19 became the main focus for the City, State & Nation for much of the year. Thanks to social media, we were able to communicate the ever-changing mandates, modifications and updates during the pandemic.



While many tuned in for the important updates and safety messages , the most popular post of the year goes to a deer who somehow managed to get himself stuck in the ocean. First spotted in the water near Rooney's Oceanfront Restaurant and, thanks to a tremendous team effort, came ashore safely at Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park!

The coordinated effort to save this poor guy involved the help of many, including Class 1 Officers Devon Slavin and Charles Barreda, Animal Control Supervisor, Deb Nagel, Beach Supervisor, Stan Dzuiba, LB Beach Rescue members Brian Gleason and Sam MacPherson on jet-skis and 7 Presidents' Lifeguards Chester English and Kate Crilly on paddle boards. We are happy to report that the deer survived his swim unharmed. This is a perfect example of how lucky we ALL are to have such a wonderful and dedicated team of employees working together across all departments here in Long Branch and a great reminder to only swim when a lifeguard is present!

Engagement: 2704 Shares: 219 Post Reach: 36,266 Reactions: 2091



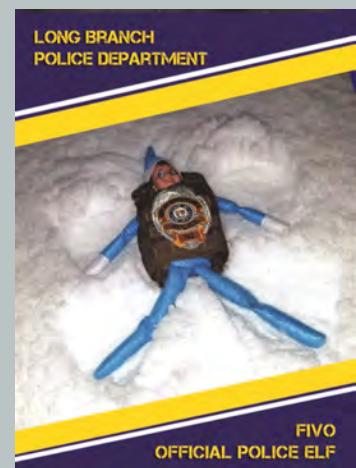
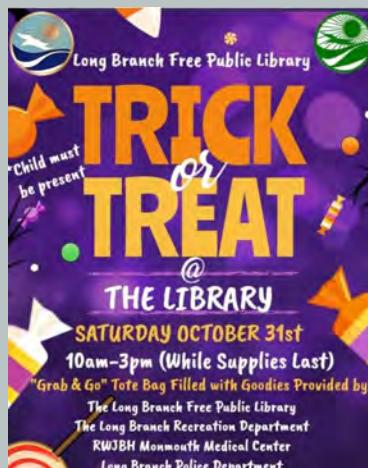


Chief Jason Roebuck, issued a temporary order permitting officers to wear a pink shirt under their uniform in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



During the month of November, in the interest of spreading awareness for men's health issues, such as prostate cancer and testicular cancer, Chief Roebuck issued a temporary order permitting officers to grow facial hair while participating in "No Shave November".

#Fivo secretly arrived in Long Branch in October. After completing his 14 day quarantine, he partnered with Officer Jeanellie Reyes, on Halloween. After successfully requalifying at the range, he dressed up and patrolled the city for trick-or-treaters. He gave out goodies and his own personal #LongBranchPD Trading Card! He even remembered to wear a mask!





Covid-19 made it difficult to stay connected with the children in our community. We overcame that challenge by launching a Kids' Contest Series. Winners got a voucher for a free pizza which was delivered to their door by one of our officers! Below are a few examples of the contests.

Special Thanks to these restaurants for helping to make these contests possible!



AND THE WINNERS ARE...

Here are some of the winners from the Kids' Contests





"Ring" in the New Year Giveaway

The Long Branch Police Department held a four week drawing to give away one Ring Video Doorbell System per week.

Winners were required to be a Long Branch resident or business owner & 18 or older. A simple online form needed to be submitted and then winners were chosen at random.

We had such tremendous participation that we decided to give away TWO Ring Video Doorbell Systems per week instead of one!

And the Winners are:

Week #1

Twana Richardson & Miguel Cruz

Week #2

Julio Arevalo & Ken Cartaxo

Week #3

Shannon Littlehale & Marta Cano

Week #4

Susan Sharp & Hassel Reyes



AND DID WE MENTION?

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After a long day of training, officers sometimes gather for a full-course meal. This one was prepared by Captain Josh Bard who borrowed the P.B.A. Grill for the occasion.



Officer Christopher Remedios was caught on camera sportin' some skateboard moves.



Recently, a good Samaritan came across this piece of LBPD memorabilia and turned it in to us. It is a silver Long Branch PBA Local #10 Honorary Membership card dated 1958!



Stay With Us, Madison | The Murder Tapes

Madison Wells, a sixteen-year-old student in New Jersey, is found murdered in her aunt's kitchen. When police look into her relationship with a twenty-year-old, they go down a rabbit hole that exposes an abusive relationship with a tragic end.

INVESTIGATIONDISCOVERY.COM

Investigation Discovery's "The Murder Tapes" presentation of "Stay With Us Madison" aired June 30, 2020.

LBPD Officers and family members tell the story of Madison Wells, the sixteen year old Long Branch girl who was fatally stabbed on September 8, 2018. Twenty year old Bryan Cordero-Castro, whom Madison had recently ended a relationship with, was charged with the crime.



Photos from August's Presidential detail when President Donald Trump visited Long Branch.

Pictured are PO Samol, PO Vecchione, Sgt. Yoo, PO LoBello, Cpl. Korn, Lt. Garrett, Sgt. Graminski, Cpl. Simonelli, PO Boryszewski and Sgt. Hueston

THANK YOU!



A sincere thanks goes out to the very many individual and businesses that showed their support this year, especially during the pandemic! We were humbled by the amazing gifts and donations that included delicious meals and treats, personal protective equipment, hand sanitizer, personalized face masks and professional services to name a few. The personal notes and drawings we received from some of our youngest community members may have been the most heartwarming of all!

We appreciate each and every one of you more than you will ever know! Thank you!



SPECIAL THANKS

All photographs were used with permission wherever photographers were known. Some photos used were taken directly from City social media sites and the photographers are unknown.

Thanks to all photographers who allowed us to use their work!

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