



CITY OF LONG BRANCH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

ANNUAL REPORT



2021

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LETTER FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

Thank you for taking the time to review the Long Branch Department of Public Safety 2021 Annual Report. I am proud to show you the accomplishments within our divisions of Police and Fire. This report includes highlights of the Administrative, Operations, and Services Bureaus, as well as the various department programs.

In 2021 the Mayor and City Council decided to go back to a 40-year tradition of a Director of Public Safety. This allowed the Agency to have an Officer in Charge, Captain Frank Rizzuto, addressing the daily operations of the Agency.

The year 2021 gave both Police & Fire Divisions an opportunity to grow in size. The police division rose from 84 Police officers to 87 with the graduation of 3 cadets from the Police Academy. An additional 7 officers are scheduled to graduate the academy in early 2022. The growth in the Police Division has allowed for the rebuilding of the Community Service (UEZ) Unit and the Patrol Division. Getting back to these numbers will allow for movement within the agency which has been stalemated for some time.

You will also find an overview of the 2021 crime data detailing Long Branch's continuous decreases in the crime rate. As always, keeping our community safe is our highest priority. Maintaining a safe community requires the combined efforts of residents, interagency partnerships, city leadership, and law enforcement. Having solid support from the Mayor, City Council, and the community all contribute to our livability here in Long Branch. The combination of effective police work and community partnerships will continue to enhance our ability to combat crime and further improve quality of life in Long Branch.

Our Uniform Fire Division has grown from 21 Fire Fighters to 25 in the last year, enhancing the response time and manpower when addressing all calls for service.





Many of the accomplishments achieved in 2021 are a result of the hard work and dedication of our officers, support staff, and volunteers. I want to thank everyone at the Long Branch Police and Fire Divisions for their commitment to serving our community.

Since being chosen as your Director of Public Safety in the winter of 2020, I have been reviewing and improving policies and procedures, investing in additional training for officers, making sure that our department is structured in a way that provides the best quality of service, and bringing a new, increased focus on community policing and involvement.

I have listened to community members and heard that transparency is extremely important. In an effort to improve transparency, we are currently in negotiations with a company that specializes in departmental policies. Once a contract is in place, all of the Long Branch Police Department Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) will be updated and maintained to reflect the ever-changing guidelines set forth by the state of New Jersey. Upon completion of the project, the policies will be posted on the city website for the public to view. We have started to implement new changes into how we collect data to improve our analytics and will continue to release more information. There is still more work to be done. My desire is that we all work together as a community to ensure that all those who live, work, and play here can do so without fear of harm from anyone. This is a goal that cannot be achieved without your help. I am looking forward to increased interest in the police and fire divisions, finding ways to work together to achieve optimal safety for everyone, and gaining a better understanding of challenges our community members face in regards to public safety so we can focus our efforts into making significant improvements.

In closing, I am extremely honored and humbled to lead the men and women of the Public Safety Divisions of the City of Long Branch. I thank our Mayor and Council and our community for their continued support.



Domingos A. Saldila

LONG BRANCH POLICE DEPARTMENT



A POLICE OFFICER'S PRAYER

When I start my tour of duty God,
Wherever crime may be,
as I walk the darkened streets alone,
Let me be close to thee.

Please give me understanding with both the young and old.
Let me listen with attention until their story's told.
Let me never make a judgment in a rash or callous way,
but let me hold my patience, let each man have his say.

Lord if some dark and dreary night,
I must give my life,
Lord, with your everlasting love
protect my children and my wife.

LETTER FROM THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

This was a year of great transition for the City of Long Branch Police Department. We welcomed a new Director of Public Safety Domingos Saldida, and established the position of Officer in Charge (OIC). I was honored to have been appointed as the OIC of the Long Branch Police Department in June of 2021.

2021 brought a fresh perspective to the administration of the police department. Advancements have been made in management, operations, and equipment. Plans have been established to grow the police department to keep pace with our rapidly expanding city. It is imperative that the police department continue to grow with the city, not only in crime prevention but in the important areas of community policing, and community relations. Modern policing demands proactivity in the above mentioned areas, and this is achieved by maintaining highly trained specialized units. Without these units a department runs the risk of becoming purely reactive to crime, and a reactive department can achieve little else.

We are fortunate that we enjoy the full support of Director Saldida and our city government in maintaining and expanding these initiatives. As Commanding Officer I am proud of the fact that our department leads the state in implementing modern progressive policing practices and programs.

I am honored to be a part of the City of Long Branch Police Department's 153 year tradition of professionalism, respect, integrity, dedication and excellence. I am confident that our department is on a firm foundation and will be able to rise to any challenges that policing in the 21st century will bring.



Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Rizzuto". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a distinct 'F' at the beginning.

D/Capt. Frank Rizzuto, Commanding Officer



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.

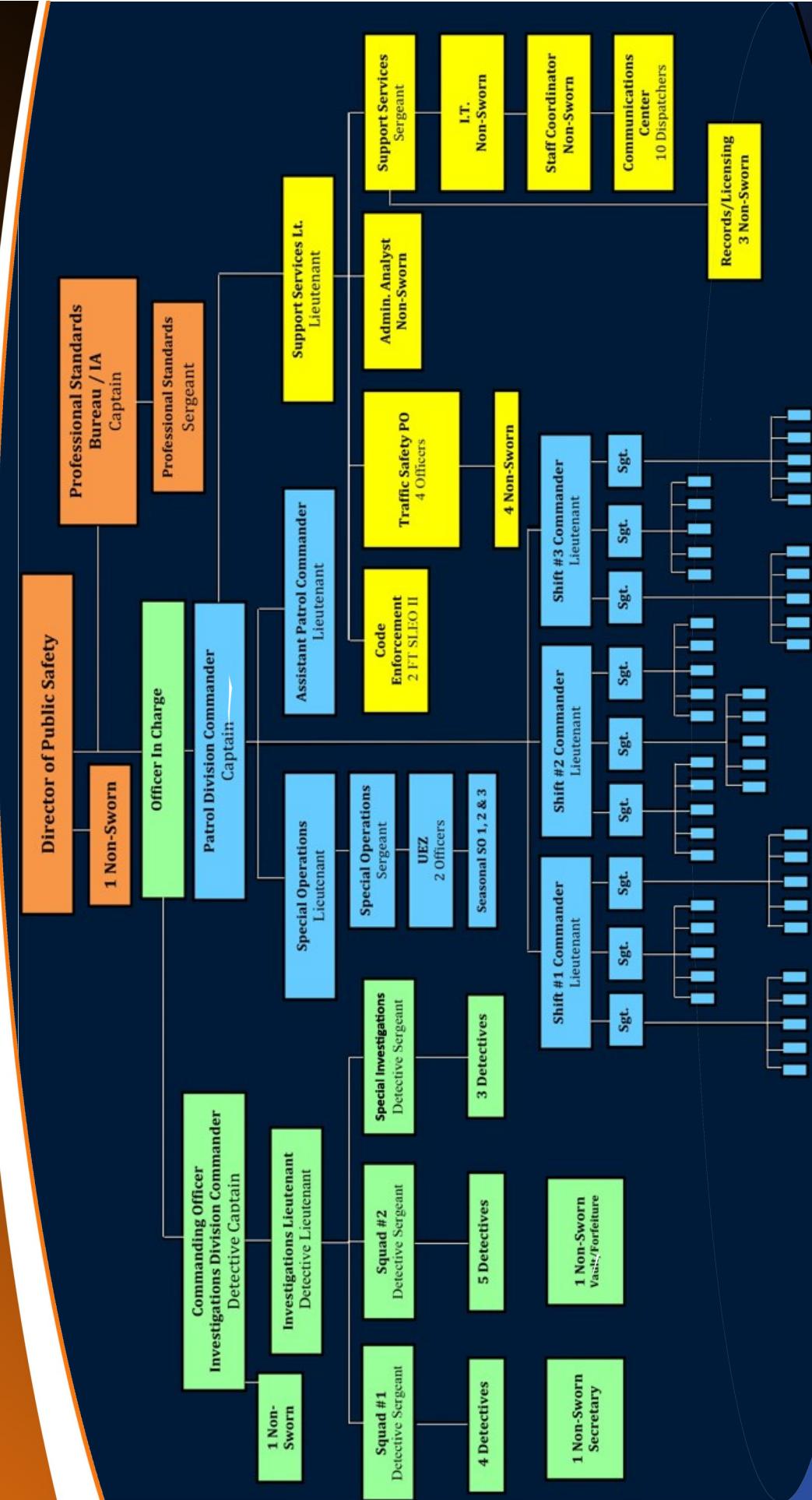
Dedication

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.

TABLE OF ORGANIZATION



OFFICERS & RANKS

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

- Domingos Saldiva

COMMANDING OFFICER

- DCpt. Frank Rizzuto

CAPTAINS

- Joshua Bard #300
- Jorge Silverio #295

LIEUTENANTS

- Christopher Hazel #291
- Charles Shirley, Jr. #284
- Stanley Mooney #263
- Robert Bell #329
- Brian Garrett #306
- John Evangelho #274
- Marshall Brown #319

CORPORALS

- Robert Korn #267
- Julio Delacruz #278
- Cesare Simonelli #298
- Lance Fanning #299
- Christopher Gant #301
- Kimberly Leavy #308
- Robert Rush Bataille #311
- Erik Wettermark #316
- Bienvenido Cruz #320
- Marco Rodriguez #322

SERGEANTS

- Robert Shamrock #245
- Brendan Cahill #318
- Antonia Gonzalez #270
- Heather Valdes #290
- Sam Jung Yoo #317
- James Beirne #354
- Michael Decker #312
- Hector Umana #328
- Joseph Kennedy #324
- David Graminski #302
- Matthew Widdis #325
- Stanley Eskridge #313
- Tracey Widdis #310
- Yujung Kim #327
- Richard O'Brien #345

DETECTIVES

- Cpl. Charles Simonelli #286
- Cpl. Michael Verdadairo #309
- Cpl. Todd Coleman #289
- Cpl. David House #296
- Joseph Spitale #339
- Nick Romano #342
- Daniel Richards #347
- David Stone #349
- Robert Poss #356
- Brian Oliveira #344
- Conor Mullan #362
- Jesus Otero #340

PATROL OFFICERS

- George Samol #330
- George Olski #336
- Gary Vecchione #343
- 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
- Shane Carroll #363
- William Davies IV #365
- Charles Conover #366
- Francis Sheldrick #367
- Kevin Romano #368
- Christopher Remedios #370
- Julian Morgan #371
- Daniel Cunha #373
- Daniel DiLeonardo #374
- Robert Presley #376
- Christopher Fish #377
- Paul Garcia #378
- Joseph Pannullo #380
- Kevin Cuje #381
- Joseph Bucciero #382
- Trevor Van Ness #383
- Robert Mendez #384
- Kevin Kuhne #385
- Michael Morse #386
- Robert Graziano #387
- Devin Wright #388
- Ivan Guzman #389
- James Laco #390
- Lucas Brito #391
- Thomas Wright #392
- Ryan Howe #393
- Matthew Sanchez #394
- Victor Vargas-Cruz #395
- Shane O'Brien #396

SPECIALIZED UNITS

INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

The Long Branch Police Department Investigations Division gathers facts for criminal investigations and prosecutions. 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 squads specializing in Major Crimes, Special Investigations, Forensics and Juvenile Matters. Detectives have specialized training in 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)

**TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS
FOR 2021:
820 CASES**



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
- Social Media Monitoring
- Internet SCAMMER Awareness
- Taxi License background Investigations
- Solicitation Permit Background Investigations
- Second Hand Dealer License Background Investigations
- 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
- Liaisons to LB HEARS (Health, Education, Addiction and Recovery Support)
- Liaisons to Ocean House Program (Addiction Recovery)
- Instructors LBPD Citizens Police Academy
- Instruct/Administer School Active Shooter Program
- Instructors LBPD In-Service Training Program
- Instructors of Not Even Once 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
- Overdose Detection Mapping (ODMAP)

Office Management:

Tracking pawn-slips from local pawn brokers

Compile reports for juvenile complaints to be sent to MCPO

Maintain major crimes case jackets; including purging & archiving files according to AG guidelines

Maintenance of juvenile case files/database and archiving of files as juveniles turn 18

Maintain 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

Maintain the on-call schedule and create the printable schedule

Assist with tracking down information from cold cases i.e. 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 and memos, promotional ads, assisting with creating line-ups, editing photos, mailings, etc.

NOTABLE CASES:

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

21LB03611– Arresting Officer was Detective Coleman Gustavo Barrientos arrested for sexually assaulting students.

21LB14261–Arresting Officer was Detective Richards

Dyquan Williams arrested for attempted murder, possession of assault rifle and handgun.

21LB17032–Arresting Officer was Detective Romano Shaquante Davon Simms arrested for armed robbery.

21LB32996– Arresting Officer was Detective Romano

Daniel Da Cruz arrested for Stalking/targeting off-campus college students.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Special Investigations 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. Additionally, they are responsible for all Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC) Liquor License renewal inspections and perform background investigations on applicants for Police Officer. The Commander of the unit is also the supervisor of the department-wide Tactical Response Unit.

The majority of arrests made by the Special Investigations 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.

In 2021, the Special Investigations Unit investigated 617 law calls, made 186 motor vehicle stops, issued 176 motor vehicle citations and performed 65 field contacts. They executed 15 search warrants for narcotics and made a total of 90 arrests. Through their investigations and arrests, they seized 1 vehicle for forfeiture along with approximately \$100,000.00 in U.S. currency and were able to remove approximately 51 kilos of cocaine and 1,700 doses of heroin from the streets.

URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE UNIT (UEZ)

The UEZ 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 services such as safety presentations and car seat installations, throughout the year. They are instrumental in providing programs such as school presentations, senior seminars, City Hall tours for scouts and students, and perhaps the two most popular, National Night Out and the Citizens Police Academy (CPA). You can always find a UEZ member at the car shows, concerts and other City events or checking in with local businesses while on their foot patrol posts.



TRAFFIC BUREAU

Our Traffic Bureau consists of three full-time officers, one Special Class 2 and three civilians. Members include Cpl. Cesare Simonelli, Cpl. Benny Cruz, PO Kevin Cuje, SO Mike DeCristofaro, George Medina, Karahn Morris 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, one of our newest members, 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).

CODE & FIRE PREVENTION

Class 2 Special Officers Christian DeFazio and Michael Pede 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 2021 a few of our more interesting cases involved snapping turtles in roadways and a pigeon who got lost in a parking garage. Our officers have seen it all! Seen in the photo with ACS Nagel is her partner, Tucker, who patrols our waterways to give chase to geese and loves to take part in any community events involving local kids where he helps teach responsible pet ownership.



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. Richard 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. Additionally, they are always a favorite at special events.

In 2021, Capt. Jorge Silverio was assigned as the Motor Unit Supervisor and the following officers were assigned as members of the unit:

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





HONOR GUARD

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

2021 members consisted of Sgt. Hector Umana, Sgt. KiJung Kim, Cpl. Lance Fanning, Det. Daniel Richards, Det. Brian Oliveira, Det. Jesus Otero, PO Gary Vecchione and PO Brian Boryszewski.

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

While most events were cancelled in 2021, due to the pandemic, they were proud to present the colors at the Monmouth County Police Academy Graduation on Friday, June 11th, and participate in the annual Columbus Day Parade.

Former events where the Honor Guard participated in the opening ceremonies include:

NJ Devils Games at Prudential Center

NY Red Bulls game at Red Bull Arena

Lakewood Blue Claws games at First Energy Park

Mets v. Yankees game at Citi Field in NY

Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Service in Ocean Grove



K9

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 2021, Officer Christopher Remedios and partner, Ozzy became the newest members of the K9 Unit. K9 Ozzy was 1 1/2 years old when he joined and is a Belgian Malinois. The team successfully completed a 3 month training course from Passaic county and are certified in narcotic detection. Additional training over the summer certified the team in K9 Patrol.





CLASS III OFFICERS

The City of Long Branch Police Department in conjunction with Long Branch Public Schools employ four Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers. These officers focus on providing safety and security for the students and staff while in class and attending after-school activities. According to New Jersey state law, all Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers must be a retired law enforcement officer who is less than 65 years of age. Pictured (L to R) are our 2021 Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers Drew Winans Sr., Felix Torres, Jeffrey Diakunczak and Robert Dikun.



DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA)

From 2019 through 2021, Officer Kevin Morris was 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 as a Deputized Task Force Officer, he conducted and assisted in numerous narcotics investigations throughout the state, which led to the arrests of multiple subjects involved in the illegal trafficking of controlled dangerous substances and participated in numerous search warrant executions, which seized large sums of narcotics, money, and weapons, including multi-kilo seizures of Fentanyl.

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.

In 2021, LBPD was proud to have multiple officers as part of the MOCERT team including Charles Conover, Conor Mullan and K9 Team Christopher Remedios & Ozzy.

MONMOUTH COUNTY RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE (RDF)



The RDF is a county team which provides mutual aid, responding to MOCERT activations, natural/man-made disasters, school/workplace violence, crowd control, demonstrations, incidents of civil disobedience, missing person and open area suspect searches. Members must go through a rigorous try-out to ensure their physical condition.

The LBPD was proud to have Sgt. Heather Valdes and P.O. Dana Page as part of the RDF team in 2021.

MONMOUTH COUNTY SERIOUS COLLISION ANALYSIS RESPONSE TEAM (SCART)



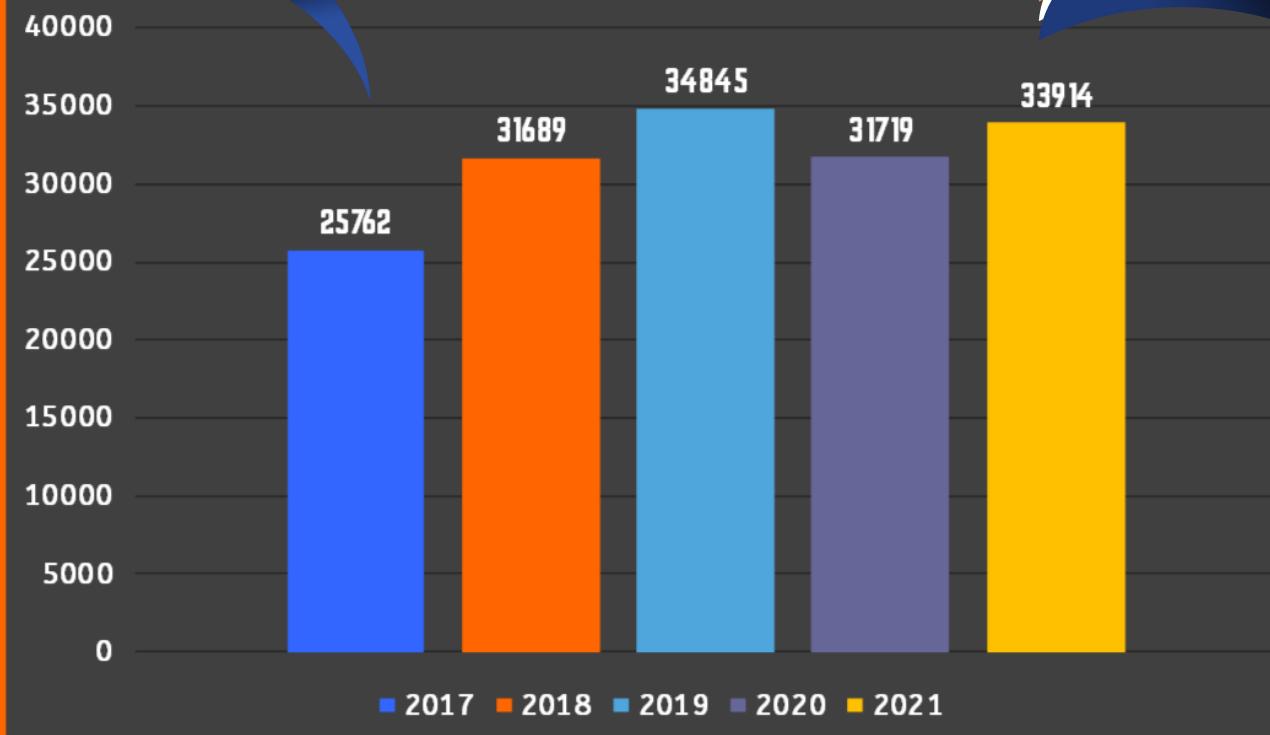
Officer Brian Boryszewski, a member of our Traffic Bureau continues to serve as a member of the Monmouth County Serious Collision Analysis Response Team (SCART) since the fall of 2018. He is on call one week a month and responds to any fatal or serious bodily injury motor vehicle crashes in Monmouth County during that timeframe.

PATROL ZONES

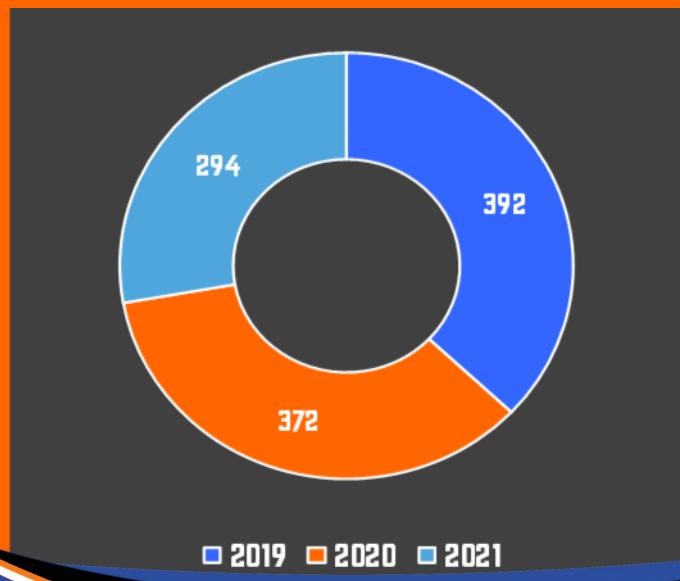


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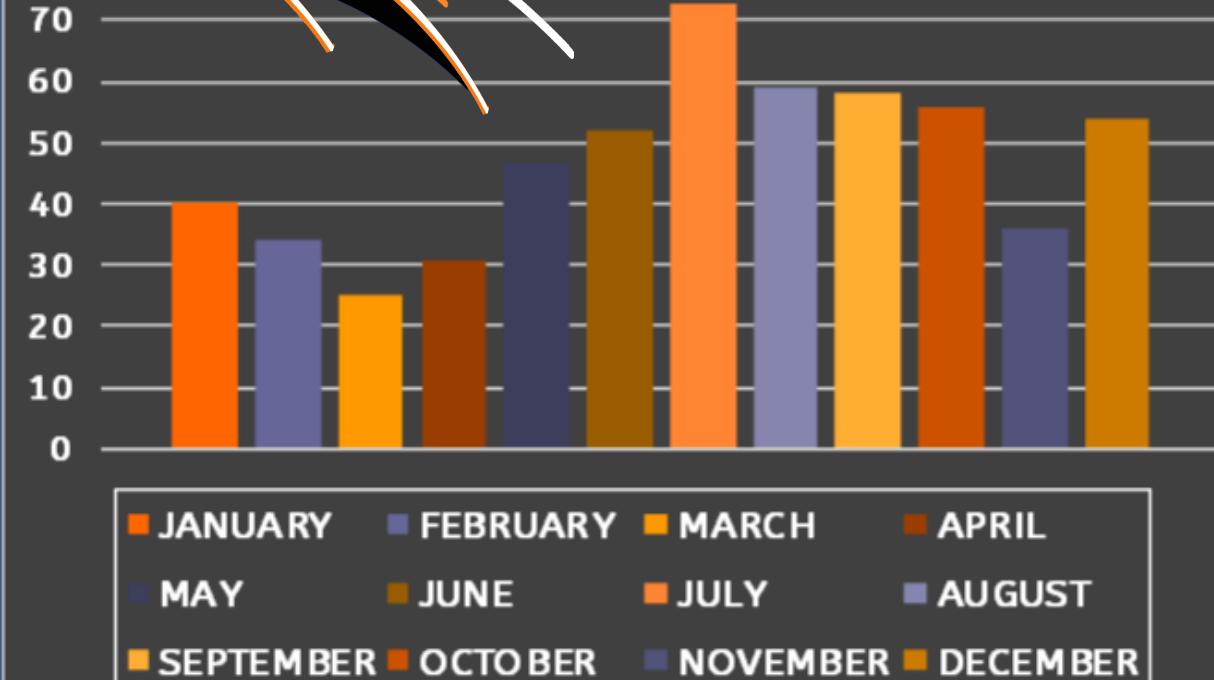
CALLS FOR SERVICE



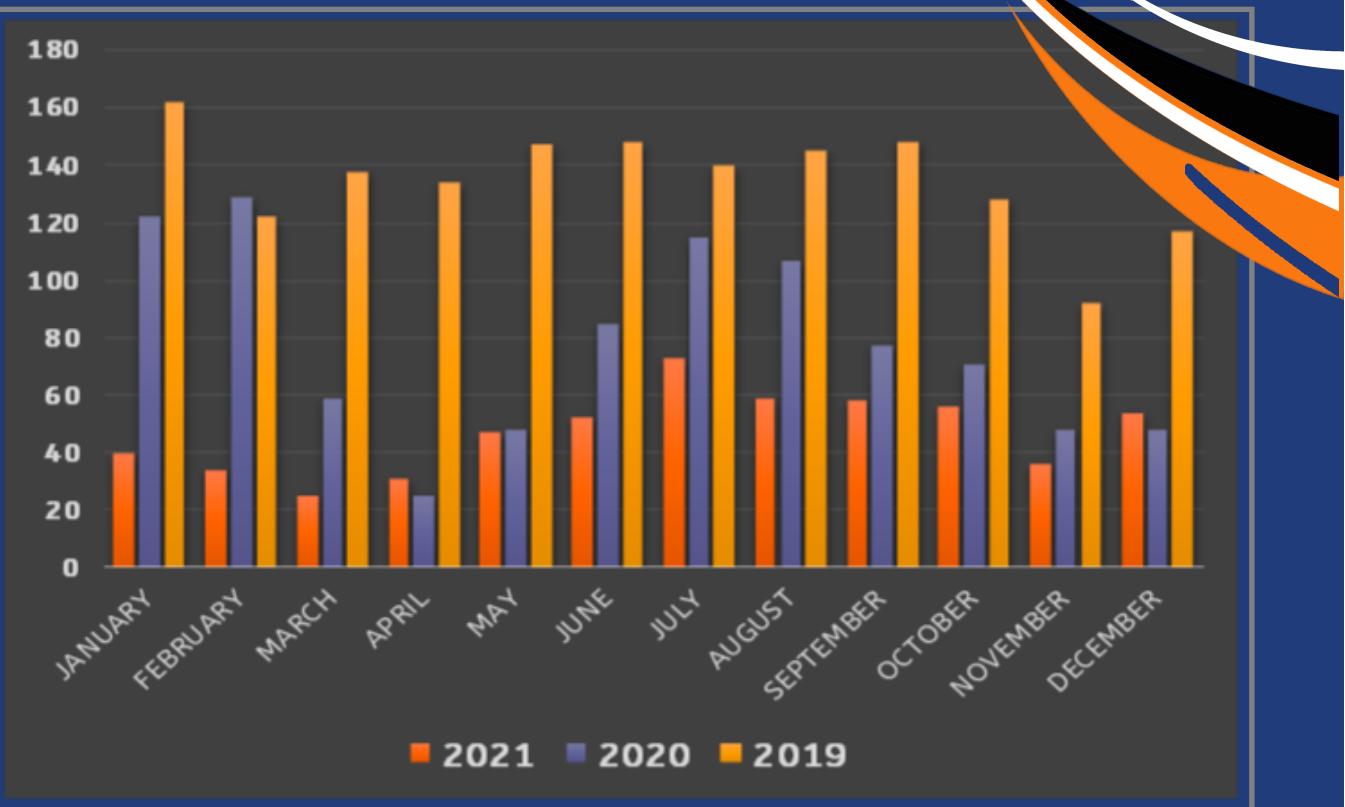
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2021 ARRESTS BY MONTH

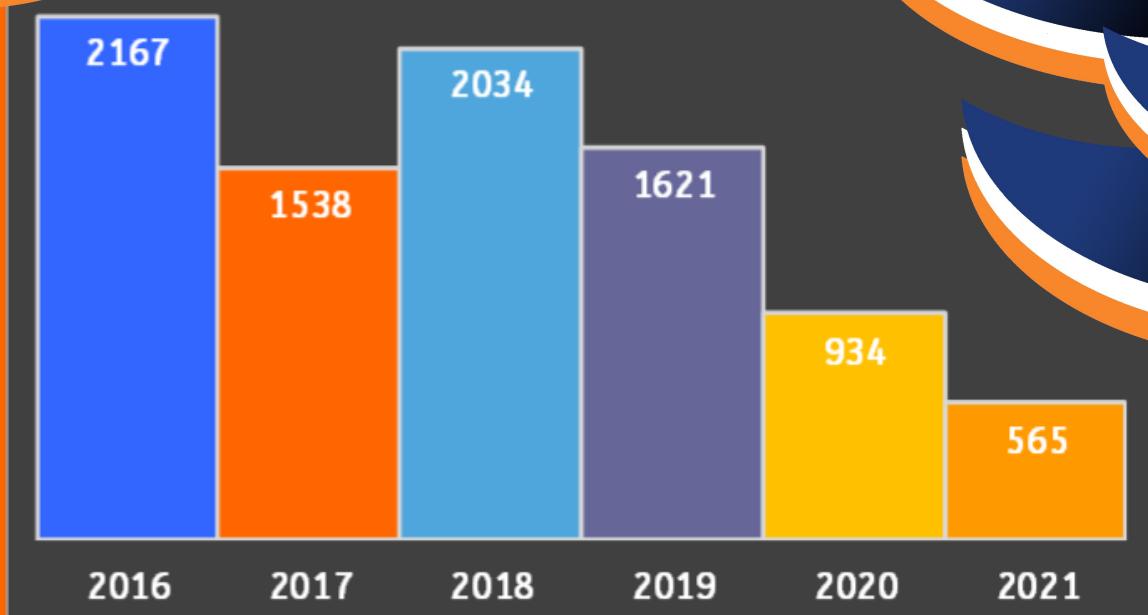


ARRESTS BY MONTH 2019-2021

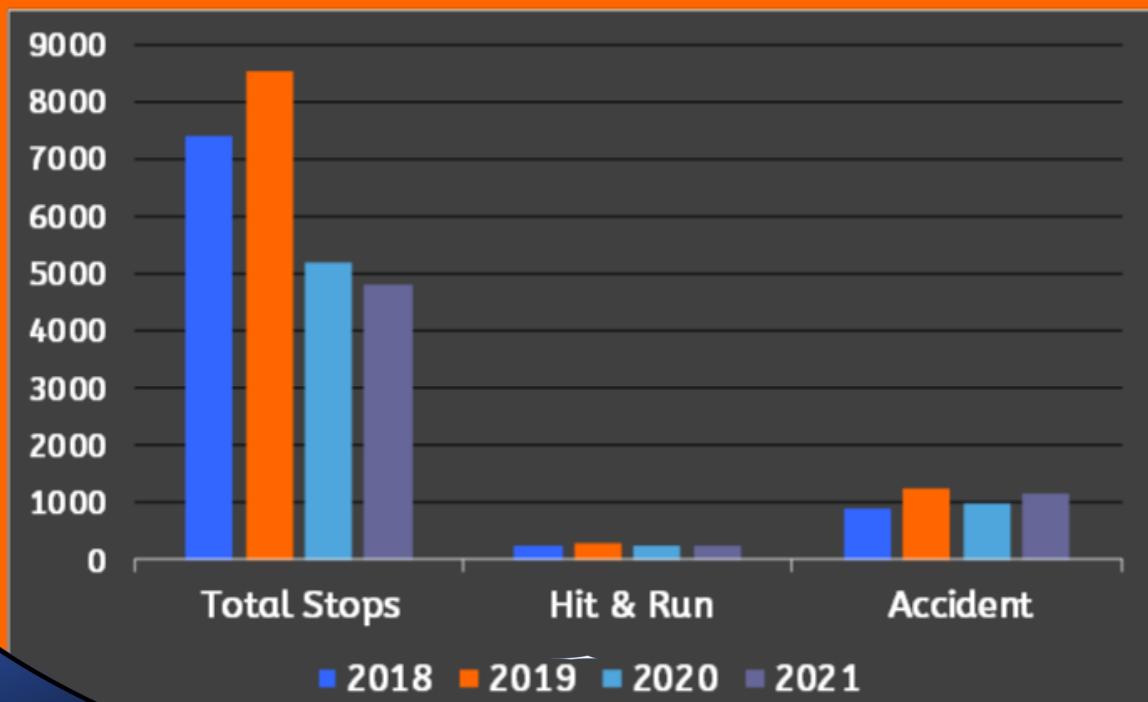


*Due to restrictions during the pandemic, arrest statistics during 2020-2021 were significantly lower than average years

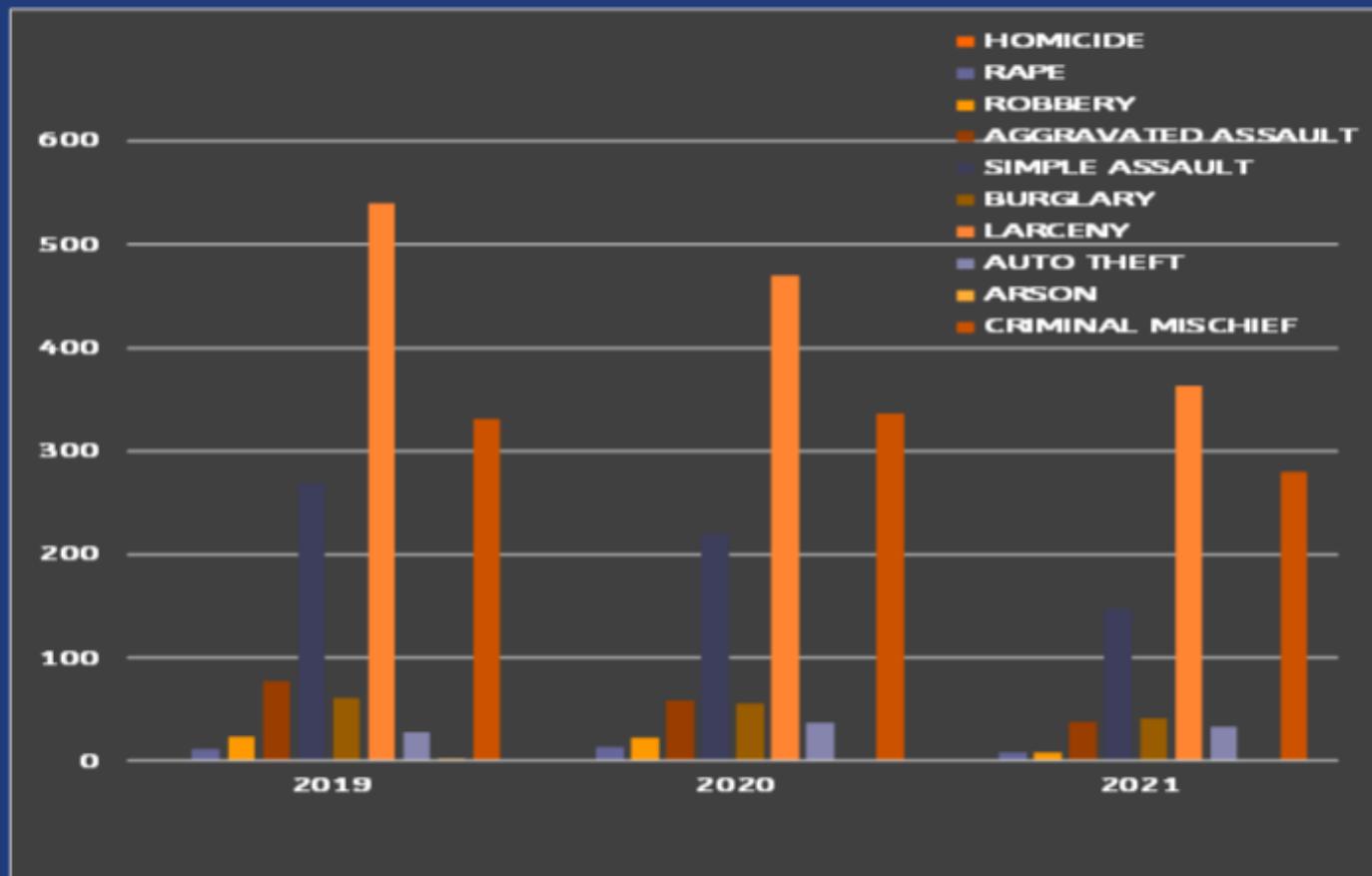
TOTAL ARRESTS PER YEAR



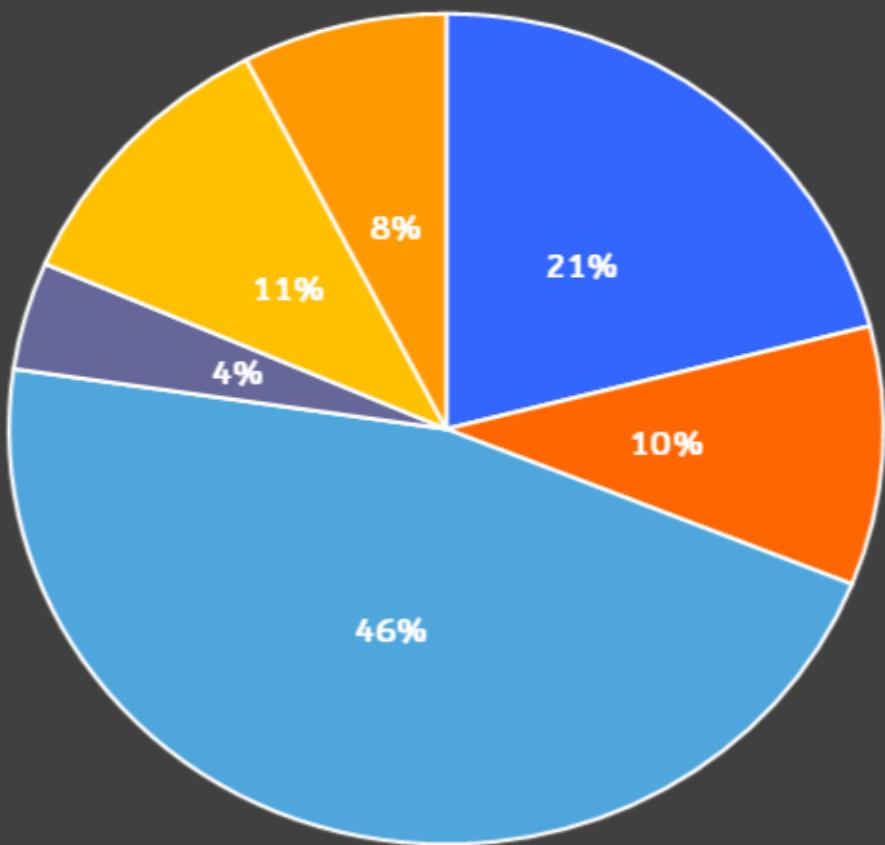
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS AND ACCIDENTS



INDEX CRIMES PER YEAR 2019–2021 (VIOLENT AND PROPERTY CRIMES)



ORGANIZATIONAL BREAKDOWN



■ SUPERVISORS

■ SLEO 2 FULL TIME

■ DETECTIVES

■ CIVILIANS

■ PATROL OFFICERS

■ DISPATCHERS

INTERNAL AFFAIRS SUMMARY

City of Long Branch Police Department		
2021 Internal Affairs Report		
ORIGIN	COMPLAINT TYPE	EXONERATED
Agency Complaint	Other Rule Violation	Sustained
Agency Complaint	Other Criminal Violation	Sustained
Agency Complaint	Other Rule Violation	Sustained
Agency Complaint	Excessive Force	Exonerated
Agency Complaint	Other Rule Violation	Exonerated
Agency Complaint	Other Rule Violation	Exonerated
Citizen Complaint	Other Rule Violation	Exonerated
Citizen Complaint	Other Criminal Violation	Exonerated
Citizen Complaint	Other Criminal Violation	Exonerated
Citizen Complaint	Demeanor	Exonerated
Citizen Complaint	Other Criminal Violation	Exonerated
Citizen Complaint	Other Rule Violation	Exonerated
Citizen Complaint	Demeanor	Sustained
Citizen Complaint	Other Rule Violation	Administratively Closed
Citizen Complaint	Other Rule Violation	Administratively Closed
Citizen Complaint	Other Rule Violation	Administratively Closed
Citizen Complaint	Other Rule Violation	Exonerated
Citizen Complaint	Other Criminal Violation	Exonerated
Citizen Complaint	Demeanor	Exonerated
Citizen Complaint	Other Criminal Violation	Pending
Citizen Complaint	Other Criminal Violation	Exonerated
Citizen Complaint	Excessive Force	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."

USE OF FORCE BREAKDOWN BY CALLS

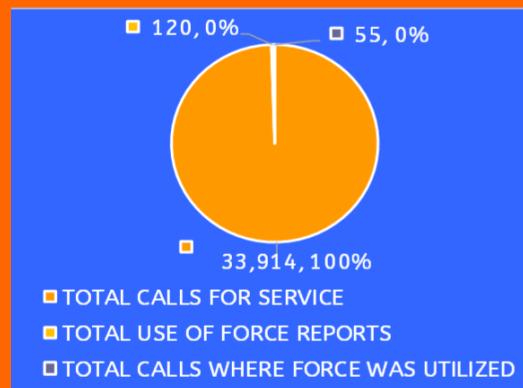
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	33,914
TOTAL USE OF FORCE REPORTS*	120
TOTAL CALLS WHERE FORCE WAS UTILIZED	55
CRISIS CALLS	22
ANIMAL CALLS	0
ALL OTHER CALLS	33

* 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	54
CED (CONDUCTED ENERGY DEVICE)	1
FIREARM	0

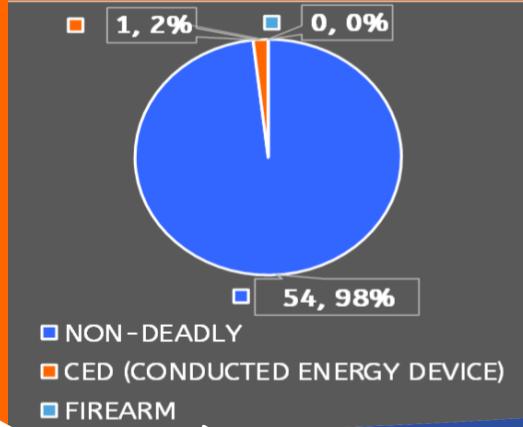
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OPERATIONAL ADVANCES

BODY WORN CAMERAS



LBPD secured a grant allowing us to provide every officer with a Body Worn Camera (BWC). By recording events and actions as they occur, BWC's are an effective tool in ensuring professional behavior by both officers and members of the public. We are confident that the use of these new cameras will assist in promoting community trust & encourage positive police relations. In an online survey shared with community members, the overwhelming majority of participants agreed that the use of BWC's is a positive step for our department.

RESILIENCY PROGRAM

Monmouth Medical Center (MMC) hosted a Dedication Event in July to announce a new partnership between the LBPD and MMC Behavioral Health Services.

Through the LBPD Resiliency Program, police officers who have responded to a critical incident can privately and confidentially receive psychological support from MMC's outpatient behavioral health team.

Sergeant Antonia Gonzalez, founder of the Resiliency Program, is credited with the creation of our Resiliency Room, the first of its kind in New Jersey, a stress-free space officers can use to receive critical incident de-briefings, meet with Chaplains or just take a moment to relax. The new wellness program she has coordinated provides confidential support and services focusing on the mental and emotional wellness of our officers.



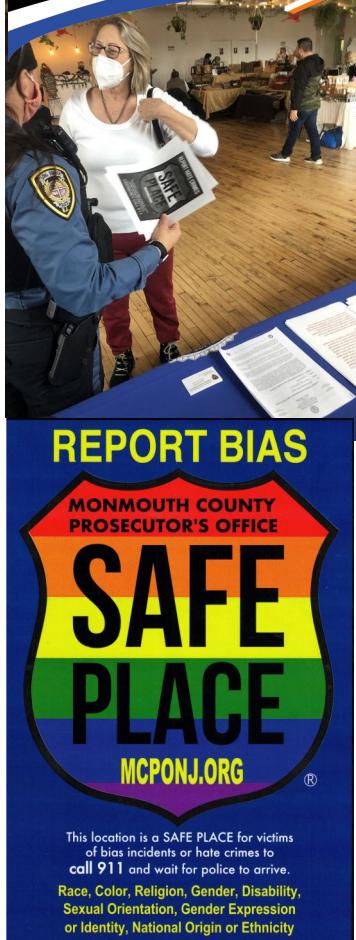
ARMORED ROBOT TARGET SYSTEM

The LBPD acquired a MotoShot Elite Armored Robot “Johnny 5” to utilize during firearms training at the range. The robot is a remote controlled moving target system that can move in any direction at variable speed and can turn and charge the shooter in an instant. This makes for an intensely realistic and challenging firearms training course that assists in improving officers’ skills.



SAFE PLACE PROGRAM

Long Branch Police Department is proud to join Asbury Park and Red Bank as the first local organizations to partner with the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office as pilots of MCPO SAFE PLACE. This program is “a public-private partnership centered on the reporting of bias incidents and hate crimes targeting any protected class of individuals – whether motivated by race, color, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or ethnicity. Through the Program, local participating businesses, social organizations, and schools will be given brightly colored decals for posting prominently in an entrance area, allowing anyone who spots them to know that the location will provide a safe environment for someone to call 911 for assistance if they believe they have been the target of a bias incident or hate crime.”



LBPD will be implementing the SAFE PLACE PROGRAM in early 2022 and encourages interested business, social organizations, and schools to participate. Participation is FREE and “the only requirement is twofold: if a victim of any crime (especially a hate crime) enters the premises, call 911 immediately; and allow the victim to remain on the premises until police arrive”.

TRAINING

New officers, are required to complete the police academy training course which includes all the fundamentals of law enforcement 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 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. 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.

Captain Joshua Bard and Sergeant Heather Valdes head the department's training unit responsible for scheduling all required certifications and offering additional helpful courses while keeping within budgetary guidelines.



Specialized units conduct job-specific training and qualification sessions and officers are assigned to attend other agency training courses as needed. The following list shows just a fraction of the training courses that our officers attended in 2021. Due to Covid-19, Many courses were given remotely. On average, nearly 400 training orders are issued to individual officers per year.

- Alcotest Re-Certification
- Arrest, Search & Seizure
- Art of Interviewing
- Background Investigations
- Bicycle Patrol Instructor
- Biological Evidence
- BLS Instructor Recertification
- Bystandership for Law Enforcement
- Digital & Social Media Forensics
- Criminal Investigation
- Crisis Intervention Training
- Driver Simulator
- Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Symposium
- Driving While Intoxicated Detection
- Effective Victim Interviewing
- Emergency Medical Technician Refresher
- eTRO Training
- Field Training Officers Course
- Firearms Instructor Course
- Front Line Supervisors
- GLOCK Armorers Course
- Grant Writing
- Incident Command
- Integrating Communication, Assessment, & Tactics
- K-9 Scent Detection
- Managing Police Records
- Marijuana Post-Decriminalization
- Methods of Instruction
- MOCERT Training
- NJ Bias Crimes
- NJ DCJ CODIS
- Pedestrian & Bicycle Crash Investigation
- Police & Press Relations
- Proactive Police Supervision
- Rapid Response to Active Threat
- Redacting Records in NJ
- Report Writing
- Resiliency Training
- Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement
- School Liaison Training
- Scenario Based Active Threat Training
- Search Warrant Execution
- Special Weapons & Tactics (SWAT)
- Tactical Ballistic Shield Instructor
- Taser Instructor Certification
- Water Rescue

DEPARTMENTAL MILESTONES

NEW OFFICERS

Police Officer Devin Wright #388 graduated the Monmouth County Police Academy on Friday, June 11th, where he won the Outstanding Trainee Award for his class and was runner up for Top Gun for firearms! He was officially sworn in by the City Clerk on Monday, June 14th, 2021. Below are photos from the graduation ceremony held at Brookdale Community College as well as at the swearing in at City Hall. Also pictured are DCpt. Rizzuto, Capt. Silverio and members of the LBPD.



Police Officers James Laco #390, Lucas Brito #391, Thomas Wright #392, Ryan Howe #393, Victor Vargas-Cruz #395 and Shane O'Brien #396 were officially sworn in on Monday, August 2, 2021 at 1:00 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Each of these officers previously served the department as Class 2 Special Law Enforcement Officers (SLEO 2) and were recently promoted to full time Police Officer. Also pictured are Public Safety Director Domingos Saldida and Captain Jorge Silverio.



CLASS II SEASONAL OFFICERS



Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers Andrew DePinho, Ryan Howe, Shane O'Brien and Keila Braga graduated the Monmouth County Police Academy on Friday, June 11th, 2021, along with Officer D. Wright. All were officially sworn in by the City Clerk on Monday, June 14th, 2021. They are pictured above at their City Hall swearing in and academy graduation ceremony held at Brookdale Community College.

CLASS I SEASONAL OFFICERS

In May we welcomed 44 Seasonal Class 1 Special Law Enforcement Officers (SLEO 1) to their first training day! Some of them joined this year, while many returned from last season! SLEO 1 Officers must complete a lengthy application process which includes NJ State mandated police academy training. They do not carry a firearm but are trained in the use of Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) as well as other defensive tactics for emergency situations.

Their focus is the enforcement of ordinances, primarily pertaining to the beachfront, boardwalk, and summer events such as concerts and car shows. They are there to assist whenever needed by Lifeguards, Beach Personnel, full-time officers and, of course, the public. SLEO 1's are a key proponent in our on-going efforts to provide community policing and public safety for the thousands of residents and visitors we serve throughout the city during the summer months.

Many SLEO 1 Officers join our department with hopes of using their on-the-job training to advance to full-time officers. In fact, the majority of our current Police Officers started out as SLEO 1 Officers.

Here they are in a group photo op outside City Hall! Front row (L to R): Lieutenant Brian Garrett, Corporal Kimberly Leavy, Captain Frank Rizzuto, Public Safety Director Domingos Saldida, Congressman Frank Pallone, Captain Jorge Silverio, Sergeant James Beirne, Lieutenant John Evangelho & Corporal Lance Fanning.



PROMOTIONS



June 10, 2021:
Officer Matthew Widdis
promoted to Sergeant

July 14, 2021:
Officer Stanley Eskridge
promoted to Sergeant



September 1, 2021:
Tracey Widdis promoted to Sergeant
KiJung Kim promoted to Sergeant



December 1, 2021:
Marshall Brown promoted to Lieutenant
Richard O'Brien promoted to Sergeant

RETIRED OFFICERS

Captain Peter Antonucci #265 · Retired 04/01/21

Captain Peter Antonucci was hired as a Long Branch Police Officer August 14, 1995, and attended the Monmouth County Police Academy. He was promoted to Sergeant December 15, 2000, to Lieutenant on March 17, 2003 and to Captain on July 20, 2007. He served in the Patrol Division as a Patrol Officer, Patrol Sergeant, and a Platoon Patrol Commander. As Captain, he served as Patrol Commander, Support Services Commander and Commander of the Detective Bureau. Captain Antonucci also served in the Bicycle Unit, the Special Investigations Unit (Street Crimes), and Internal Affairs/Training Unit. He was also assigned to the Monmouth County Narcotics Strike Force. Captain Antonucci received numerous awards and commendations throughout his career.



Sgt. Thomas Hueston #294 · Retired 4/1/21

Sergeant Thomas Hueston graduated the Monmouth County Police Academy in May 1994 and began his career with Middletown Township PD. From July 1994-1997 he worked as a full time Class 2 Special for the Highlands Police Department and from November 1997-1999 worked for the Sea Bright Police Department as a full time Special Officer. On August 16, 1999, he joined the Long Branch Police as a full time Police Officer and graduated the New Jersey State police Academy in December 1999. In July of 2019, he was promoted to Sergeant. Throughout his career he served in the Patrol Division as well as in the Traffic Safety Unit under the Support Services Division where he received several awards and letters of accommodation, including a life-saving award for water rescues during Superstorm Sandy. In addition to his regular duties, Sergeant Hueston was an active member of the Police Motorcycle Unit, a Radar Instructor, and was trained in Advanced Crash Investigations and Traffic Engineering.



Corporal Joshua Wagner #323 · Retired 5/31/21

Corporal Joshua Wagner was hired as a Long Branch Police Officer on January 23, 2004. He served in the Patrol Division and was assigned to the Special Investigations Unit within the Investigations Bureau for a brief time to experience the workings of the unit. In addition to his regular duties, Corporal Wagner served as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) for the department for several years and was a certified Alcotest, M-4 and Taser operator. Due to a motor vehicle accident, Corporal Wagner retired earlier than he had originally anticipated. During his career, Corporal Wagner was presented with multiple awards and commendations.



Chief Jason Roebuck #261 · Retired 06/01/21

Chief Jason Roebuck became a member of the Long Branch Police Department August 14, 1995, and attended the Monmouth County Police Academy. He was assigned to the uniformed patrol division from 1995 until March of 1998, and also served as a training officer during that time. He was promoted to Sergeant in March of 2002, Lieutenant in 2007 and Captain in April of 2012. He was hired as Director of Public Safety in April of 2013 and held that title until becoming Police Chief, provisionally in 2017 and sworn in 2018. Chief Roebucks assignments throughout his career include Bicycle Patrol Unit, Special Investigations Unit (Street Crimes), Patrol Sergeant, Special Investigations Unit Supervisor, Platoon Commander and Investigations Commander. During his service, Chief Roebuck has received numerous awards and commendations including Policeman of the Year in 1998. He has served as a Firearms, Active Shooter and Emergency Vehicle Operations instructor for the department. Chief Roebuck was also a member of the Monmouth County Emergency Response Team (MOCERT) from its inception in 2004 until 2012, and served as the Deputy Commander of the team until 2012 when his position as Detective Captain required him to take leave. He was also an active member of the Superior Officer's Association, holding the positions of Recording Secretary and President.



Detective Sergeant Jeffrey Pilone #255 · Retired 09/01/21



Sergeant Jeffrey Pilone began his law enforcement career in June 1990 as a Corrections Officer with the Monmouth County Correctional Institute. In November of 1993 he was transferred to the law enforcement division of the Monmouth County Sheriff's Department as a Sheriff's Officer. He attended the Monmouth County Police Academy in 1994-1995, and upon graduation was hired as a police officer for the City of Long Branch Police Department on April 3rd, 1995. During his tenure with the department he served in the Patrol Division until 1996, when he was transferred to the Bicycle Unit. He served in the Bike Unit until 1998 and then was transferred to the Special Investigations Unit (Street Crimes). He served in the Unit until March 10th, 2003, when he was assigned as a Detective with the Criminal Investigations Unit. In April 2005 he was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to the Patrol Division until being reassigned to the Investigations Unit as a Detective Sergeant Supervisor. Sergeant Pilone has received numerous awards and commendations during his career, including Policeman Of The Year for the Long Branch Exchange Club. In addition to his regular duties, he was an active member of the Police Motorcycle Unit and a member of the Oral Review Board and the Awards Committee.

Sergeant Juan E. Vasquez #272 · Retired 09/01/21



Sergeant Juan E. Vasquez joined the LBPD on September 2nd of 1996 as a full time Police Officer. He was promoted to Sergeant in October of 2017 and served in multiple units and capacities during his career including Patrolman, Patrol Supervisor, K9 Officer, Detective for the Juvenile Detective Bureau and Detective for the Major Crimes Division. He has also served as a member of the New Jersey Gang Investigators Association , Monmouth County Bias Crimes Investigators Association and as a Field Training Officer (FTO) for the Long Branch Police Department. In addition to his regular duties, Sergeant Vasquez was an active member of the Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA Local #10) as both a Trustee and as Vice President. During his tenure, Sergeant Vasquez has earned numerous awards and commendations including a Life Saving Award, two Honorable Service Awards, three Unit Citations and multiple Letters of Commendation.

Detective Lieutenant Jeffrey Grippaldi #292 · Retired 12/01/21

Lieutenant Jeffrey Grippaldi began his career in Long Branch as a Special Police Officer in 1995 where he served until August of 1999 when he was hired as a Police Officer and attended the State Police Academy at Sea Girt. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2010 and to Lieutenant in August of 2014. Lieutenant Grippaldi served in multiple units and capacities throughout his tenure including the Patrol Division, Investigations Bureau as Detective and the Special Investigations Unit (Street Crimes) as a Detective and later a Supervisor. Additionally, he served the Monmouth County Emergency Response Team as a SWAT Operator, the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office Narcotics Division and then the DEA as a Task Force Officer. Over the years, Lieutenant Grippaldi has received numerous awards, including the 200 Club Award, and Policeman of the Year in 2003, Exceptional Duty in 2004, Honorable Service in 2006 as well as multiple other Commendations and Unit Citations.



OFFICERS RETIRING 01/01/2022



Corporal Robert Korn #267 · Retiring 01/01/22

Corporal Robert Korn served the Long Branch Police Department for 25 years. He was originally hired in September of 1996 and was assigned to the Patrol Division for the majority of his career as well as some time as a Detective for the Special Investigations Unit (Street Crimes). During his time with the LBPD, Corporal Korn received several in-house awards and commendations including two life-saving awards, meritorious service and Commanding Officer Award. Most recently, he received Valor Awards from NJ State, NJ State PBA and the 200 Club of Monmouth and was honored as the 2020 Police Hero for the ELKS for his life-saving actions responding to a call in 2019 involving a subject actively attempting to murder his wife.

Lieutenant John Evangelho #274 · Retiring 01/01/22

Lieutenant John Evangelho was hired by the Long Branch Police Department September 2, 1996. He began his career in the Patrol Division, was assigned as a Detective for the Investigations Bureau and was promoted from Corporal to Sergeant in 2016. In July of 2019, he was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to Administration in the capacity of Special Operations Supervisor where he was in charge of the Special Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO) Program and the Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) Program and was the Special Events Coordinator for the Department. He also served in a variety of functions and titles for specialized units including Field Training Officer, Firearms instructor, Taser Instructor, Active Shooter Instructor, member of the Motorcycle Unit and member of Monmouth County Emergency Response Team (MOCERT). He received numerous awards and commendations throughout his career including the 200 Club Valor Award and Life Saving Award, an Honorable Service Award and several Unit Citations.



Detective Corporal Michael Verdadeiro #309 · Retiring 01/01/22



Detective Corporal Michael Verdadeiro joined the Long Branch Police Department in August of 2001. He began his career in the Patrol division and was assigned as a Detective to the Investigations Bureau in 2006 where he spent most of his career. In addition to his regular duties, he served as the department's Megan's Law Officer, Auto Theft Investigator and as a tri-lingual translator. Det. Verdadeiro is credited with numerous major crimes investigations which resulted in successful arrests. One particular high profile case involving a homicide aired on Television's ID Discovery Channel. Det. Verdadeiro has received numerous awards throughout his career including 200 Club Valor Award, ELKS Officer of the Year, multiple Unit Citations and Commendations.

REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN

On November 20, 2021, a ceremony honoring the memory of Detective Sergeant Patrick A. King #167 was held at the Long Branch Police Department's Memorial Wall. It was an impressive gathering of family members, Chaplains, co-workers from our City as well as county agencies, community members and friends. Special thanks to Detective Captain Frank Rizzuto who presided over the event and LBPD Chaplains, Reverend John Butler of St. Michael's and Rabbi Cy Stanway of Temple Beth Miriam for performing the Invocation and Benediction.

DSgt. Patrick A.
King #167
End of Watch
11/20/ 1997



POLICE 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.



SOA BOARD

Christopher Hazel, President
Stanley Mooney, Vice President
Jorge Silverio, Recording Secretary
Brian Garrett, Treasurer
James Beirne, Trustee
Sam Yoo, Trustee
Robert Bell, Trustee
Antonia Gonzalez, Sergeant at Arms



PBA BOARD

Charles Simonelli, President
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Steven Grant-White, Trustee
Julio Delacruz, Sergeant at Arms



THE LOCAL BLOOD SUPPLY IS DANGEROUSLY LOW. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED NOW.

EMERGENCY BLOOD & PLATELET DRIVE

COMMUNITY CALL TO ACTION
PLEASE HELP US TO SAVE LIVES!

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2021
12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.
Sponsored by the Long Branch PBA

Adam "Bucky" James Community Center
23 Wilbur Ray Ave., Long Branch, NJ 07740

Appointments are strongly encouraged and available online at rwjhdonorcenter.org or by calling 732-235-8100 ext. 221. Medical eligibility questions should be referred to a RWJUH Donor Services staff person at 732-235-8100 ext. 241. Bring a photo ID & be sure to eat and drink prior to donating.

Monmouth Medical Center

THIS THURSDAY AND EVERY THURSDAY 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Location: Long Branch Senior Center
Parking Lot
85 2nd Ave, Long Branch, NJ

RAIN OR SHINE
RECURRING EVERY THURSDAY
WITH NEW 7 DAY MENU

USDA SFSP FOOD BOXES ARE FREE AND AVAILABLE TO ANYONE WITH CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 WHO HAVEN'T RECEIVED FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS

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LBPD SOA Local #10a and PBA Local #10 participated in several community-related programs in 2021, including the following:

- Participated in and donated to the NJ Special Olympics Torch Run in June
- Organized a blood drive in July at the Adam "Bucky" James Community Center to replenish the local blood supply that was drastically low
- Partnered with the City to provide free food distribution to those in need for several months during the year
- Donated LED light-up rings, necklaces and bracelets for officers to hand out to Trick-or-Treaters on Halloween.
- In November, officers were permitted to participate in No-Shave November when they pledged a donation to a charity for men's health. PBA Local #10 made an additional pledge to the charity.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENTS

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



National Night Out Against Crime took place on Tuesday, August 3rd, 2021 in Slocum Park. This event just keeps growing and getting better each year! It spanned both sides of Broadway to include the entire park and the lot across the street! It was packed with fun & games and had a tremendous turnout! This free event included food, refreshments, DJ, Gaga Pit, Dunk Tank, K9 Demo, Child ID's, Prize Wheel, Giveaways, Inflatables, Touch-A-Truck, Games, Prizes, Entertainers & More!

LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN



On Friday, June 11, 2021 more than 3,000 officers took to the streets of their local communities on one of 26 separate routes to help carry the "Flame of Hope" a distance of nearly 750 miles throughout the Garden State to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics NJ. They entered our town at the old Elberon Sunoco Gas Station and ran past Monmouth University to the West Long Branch Shoprite. Long Branch PD officers are proud to participate in this event annually and the P.B.A. presents a donation to the organization.

NOT EVEN ONCE



In November, Detective Charles Simonelli held a presentation at the Academy of Law and Public Safety, part of the Monmouth County Vocational School District. He spoke to the students about the dangers of opioids.

SHOP WITH A COP



LBPD proudly participated in the 1st Annual Shop With A Cop! 50 Long Branch students were given a had a \$150 budget to spend on whatever they wanted at Walmart. Officers and volunteers assisted the student shoppers and helped to keep them on budget. Upon checkout, their families were also given a \$50 gift card to a local supermarket!

PORTUGUESE CLUB ANNIVERSARY RIDE



Members of the PD along with other city officials including Councilman Vieira joined members of the Portuguese Club of Long Branch for an Annual Anniversary Ride In September.

PRESCRIPTION TAKEBACK DAY



LBPD participates in all DEA Prescription Take Back Days to encourage the safe, anonymous disposal of unwanted medications and prevent them from becoming a danger to someone else.

COLUMBUS DAY PARADE



LBPD officers, including Traffic Bureau members, K9 partners and our Honor Guard participate in The Columbus Day parade.

CITY EVENTS



LBPD Officers are present at all of our many city events such as the Free Concert Series, Car Shows, Art In the Park, Fun Days, Halloween Pooch Parade, Oceanfest and countless others.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media allows us to communicate with our community 24/7, keeping them informed of any emergency notifications, events and important news. Additionally, it provides a terrific venue to highlight some of the unique programs, contests and current events we participate in as well as some of the accomplishments of our officers. While our Facebook page is our most visited site, ending the year with over 13K likes & 14K followers, we also maintain several other platforms in addition to our website.



WEBSITE:
longbranch.org



NEXTDOOR:
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NEIGHBORS:
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ALERT LONG BRANCH
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PO Dana Page at the Morris Avenue School.



SLEO's Rubino & Cruz with visitors on the beach.



Cpl. Cruz and FF Joe Gray show off their size difference.



SLEO 2's Slavin & Reyes with Santa.



National Women's Month photo. (L to R): Sergeant Heather Valdes, Sergeant Antonia Gonzalez, Corporal Kimberly Leavy & Corporal Tracey Widdis.



L.B.P.D. Goes Pink: "During the month of October, in the interest of spreading awareness for Breast Cancer Month, officers are permitted to wear a pink shirt in place of a black shirt underneath their uniform. This is a voluntary procedure, not a mandatory order, and will span for the timeframe of October 1st, through October 31st."



September 12th was National Police Woman Day and many consider September to be National Women in Policing Month. As of September of 2021, it was estimated that only approximately 10% of the police force in the U.S. is made up of women. LBPD spotlighted our female officers and support staff. Pictured (L to R): Front: Sgt. Gonzalez, PO Page, Sgt. Widdis, Middle: SLEO 1/Dispatcher Demo, Sgt. Valdes, Cpl. Leavy, Top Row: SLEO 2 Reyes, Susan Catapano-Moore, Catherine Camacho, Kelly Hughes, Jody Forbes

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, Director Saldida 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.



Captain Silverio bravely rescued two baby ducklings from traffic on Broadway!

Corporal Fanning changing a flat tire for a lady near his traffic post.

Corporal Cesare Simonelli with our famous furry resident, Taylor, at the beach.

Corporal Leavy taking a ride on the Seashore Express Train at the City Christmas Tree Lighting event in Pier Village.

AND DID WE MENTION?



On 2/4/21 our agency was notified by the Borough of Tinton Falls Police Department of a heroic act by an off-duty Long Branch Police Officer within their jurisdiction. On January 2nd, 2021 a 56 year old male suffered a massive heart attack at his residence. The victim's son ran to a neighbor for assistance. He found Officer Kevin Kuhne, who immediately ran to the male in distress and administered lifesaving CPR. Within a few minutes, multiple Tinton Falls Officers arrived along with First Aid. The victim was rushed to the hospital where immediate surgery was performed. Lt. Kyle Pierson advised that it was Officer Kuhne's immediate actions that saved the male's life. Officer Kuhne was visiting a friend at the time of need and immediately rushed to a stranger's aid. Officer Kuhne's actions are a direct reflection of the valor he displays each day within the City of Long Branch. The incident has been selected for consideration for a Life Saving Award within the Tinton Falls Police Department.



LBPD hosted a meeting in September for the NJ LGBTQ Law Enforcement Liaisons. Leading the conversations (pictured L to R) were: Lori Linskey, Acting Monmouth County Prosecutor, Captain Frank Rizzuto, LBPD Officer in Charge, David D'Amico, Chief Investigator, Middlesex County Dept. of Corrections, Dana Page, Long Branch PD LBGTQ Liaison Officer, John Hayes, Lieutenant NJ State Police

Additionally, among the many attendees, the following law enforcement organizations were represented: NJ State Police, NJ State Parole Board, NJ State Department of Corrections, Monmouth County Prosecutors Office, Hudson County Corrections, Morris County Prosecutor's Office, Morris County Sheriff's Office, Middlesex County Corrections and numerous public safety departments from across the state.

We appreciate the tremendous support from our local religious communities. Ministers and leaders from the many spiritual organization throughout the city take part in many department events such as promotions, new officer ceremonies and memorials. Our Police Chaplains Unit is comprised of members from a diverse group of local congregations including Temple Beth Miriam, Second Baptist, Chabad of the Shore, Covenant, Searchlight, Christ the King, The Power of Christ's Gospel Ministries, Trinity AME, First Baptist, Long Branch Ministerium, St. Michael's and Tabernacle of Light Ministries.

Additionally, we are very grateful for the many events they host to give their blessings to our city's first responders. Below are photos from an April visit from members of the National Day of Prayer Task Force who came to LBPD to pray for our Police Officers and Firemen and a Mass for National Police Week at St. Michael's Church in May.



THANK YOU!



A sincere thanks goes out to the very many individuals and businesses that showed their support this year, especially during the pandemic! We were humbled by the amazing acts of kindness, gifts and donations that included an electric bicycle, delicious meals and treats, personal notes and handmade crafts that were truly heartwarming!

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

LONG BRANCH FIRE DEPARTMENT



A FIRE FIGHTER'S PRAYER

When I'm called to duty God wherever flames may rage,
give me strength to save a life whatever be its age.

Help me to embrace a little child before it is too late,
or save an older person from the horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert to hear the weakest shout,
and quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me
to guard my neighbor and protect his property.

And if according to your will I have to lose my life,
bless with your protecting hand my children and my wife.

UNIFORMED FIRE DIVISION COMMANDER



On behalf of the men of the Uniformed Fire Division, City of Long Branch Fire Department, it is my pleasure to present the 2021 year in review. This report gives an overview of the service which the Uniformed Division provides to the city day in and out. When fire is a threat, or there is an imminent hazard or threat to life, you may rest assured that your firefighters are highly motivated, well trained, professionally lead, responding in modern fire apparatus with the proper tools, and equipment to do the job safely and efficiently. Beyond our call volume and statistics, I'm proud of the impact our division makes each day, whether it's taking the time to participate in a community event, providing fire safety and education classes to the schools and numerous other organizations within and outside the city or just having an open-door for a resident to ask a question, or a child to see a fire truck, we are here at your service. We have always stepped up first and helped our community when they needed it most. These past couple of years reminded us that there are no "normal" days in the Fire Department nor our regular world. Each day was not only a challenge, but it brought an incredible opportunity to make a positive difference to the lives of those that we serve, the residents and visitors of Long Branch.

In 2021, through the efforts of the career and volunteers of the city, we responded to 1,538 calls for service ranging from alarms, fires, vehicle crashes, hazardous conditions, and rescues. In addition to calls for service, we also focus our energy and efforts on fire prevention through education, and life safety. We do this by visiting the schools, and community outreach. The division had more than 15 educational visits with an outreach of over 1300 kids and adults. This has become extremely difficult with COVID measures, but we all made it work. 2022 looks to be a banner year for education as we have started in the schools already.

2021 also brought us new faces to bolster our ranks from 5 to 6-man tours, a number not seen since the early 90's. These fresh faces will bring new ideas, concepts, innovations and morale to our division. With the ongoing development of our city, and the number of visitors increasing, our division needs to adjust for these changes. We are on the right track.

In closing, it is an honor and privilege to serve as Captain, Uniformed Fire Division and lead such a dedicated group of firefighters each and every day. Together our professional staff remains ever ready and committed to promoting the health, safety, and wellbeing of our community by providing the highest level of services possible. Also, I would be remiss if I did not convey my sincere thanks to the Mayor, City Council, and City Administrator and Public Safety Director for their continued support and commitment to our division, staff, and overall mission.



Captain Carl E. Griffin Sr.

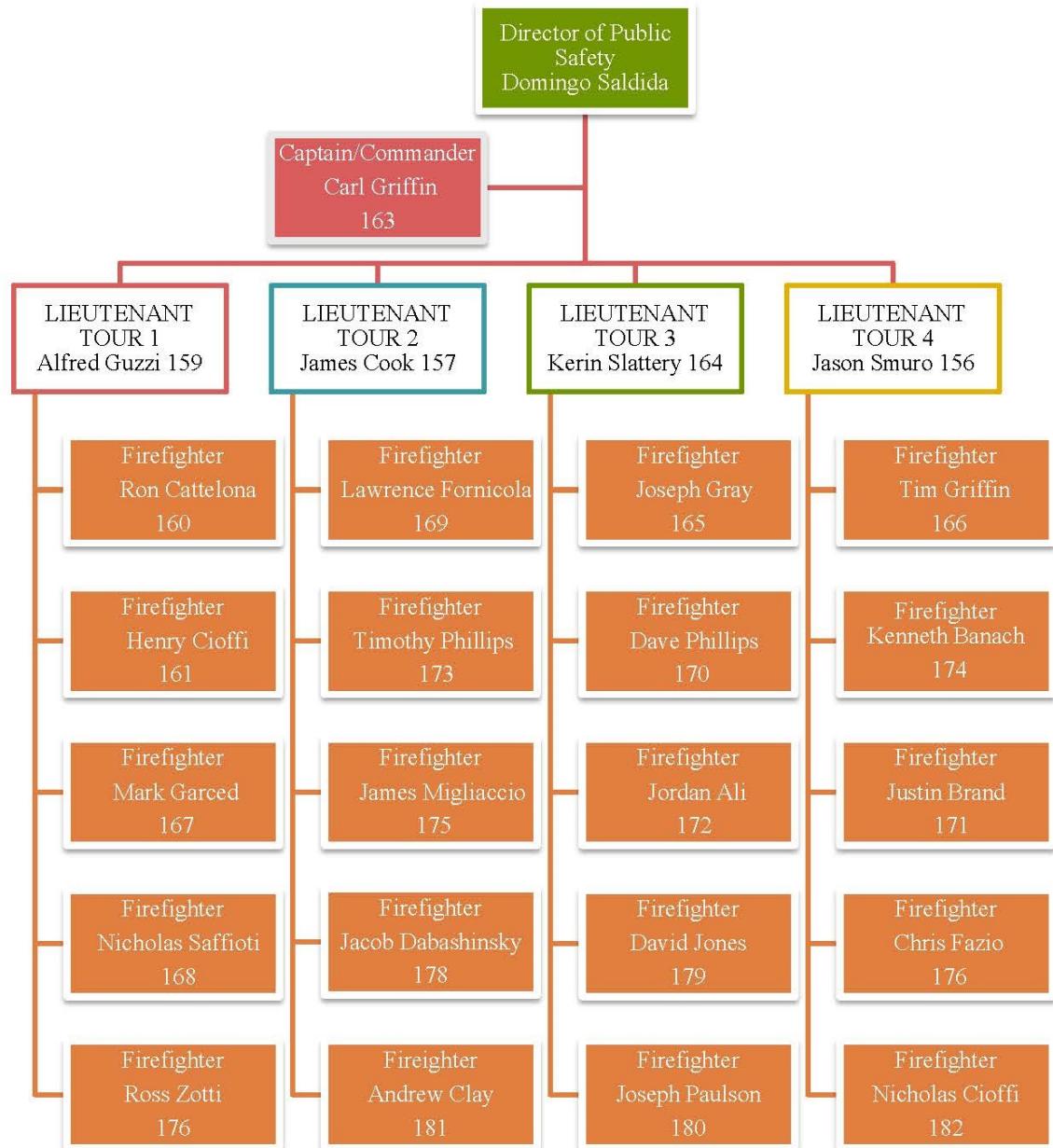
MISSION STATEMENT



“RESPONDING WITH INTEGRITY, SERVING WITH COMPASSION”

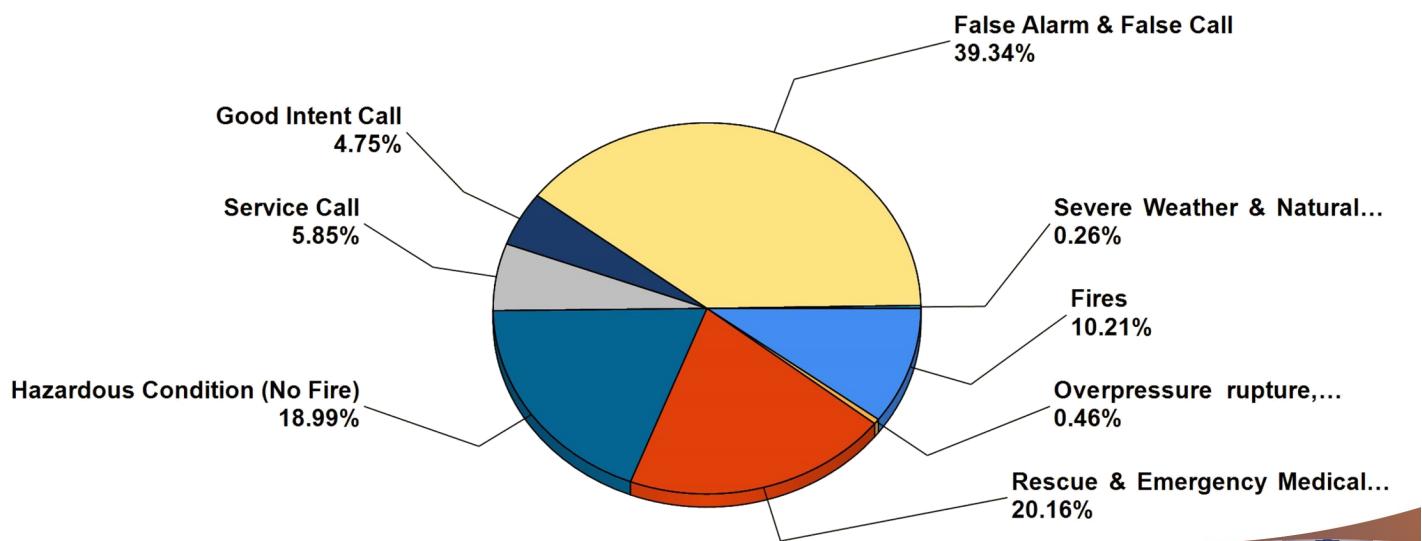
The City of Long Branch Uniformed Fire Department is dedicated to protecting and serving our entire community of residents and visitors with the upmost commitment to professionalism and performance. We will accomplish this mission through fire suppression, rescue, professional development, training and public education. Our core values of; Service, Integrity, Bravery and Dedication drive our mission forward every day.

UNIFORMED FIRE DIVISION TABLE OF ORGANIZATION



UNIFORMED FIRE DIVISION STATISTICS

MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	157	10.21%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat - no fire	7	0.46%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	310	20.16%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	292	18.99%
Service Call	90	5.85%
Good Intent Call	73	4.75%
False Alarm & False Call	605	39.34%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	4	0.26%
TOTAL	1538	100%



DETAILED BREAKDOWN BY INCIDENT TYPE

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
111 - Building fire	35	2.28%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	48	3.12%
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1	0.06%
116 - Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	1	0.06%
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	5	0.33%
123 - Fire in portable building, fixed location	1	0.06%
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	10	0.65%
132 - Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1	0.06%
134 - Water vehicle fire	1	0.06%
138 - Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire	1	0.06%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	10	0.65%
142M - Mulch fire	21	1.37%
150 - Outside rubbish fire, other	1	0.06%
151 - Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	13	0.85%
154 - Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	3	0.2%
161 - Outside storage fire	1	0.06%
162 - Outside equipment fire	3	0.2%
163 - Outside gas or vapor combustion explosion	1	0.06%
243A - Fireworks explosion (no fire), Sparkling devices and novelties only	2	0.13%
251 - Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	5	0.33%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	25	1.63%
320 - Emergency medical service, other	1	0.06%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	6	0.39%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	161	10.47%
323 - Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	19	1.24%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	11	0.72%
331 - Lock-in (if lock out , use 511)	1	0.06%
350 - Extrication, rescue, other	1	0.06%
351 - Extrication of victim(s) from building/structure	1	0.06%
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	10	0.65%
353 - Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	49	3.19%
354 - Trench/below-grade rescue	2	0.13%
357 - Extrication of victim(s) from machinery	1	0.06%
361 - Swimming/recreational water areas rescue	1	0.06%
363 - Swift water rescue	6	0.39%
364 - Surf rescue	13	0.85%
381 - Rescue or EMS standby	2	0.13%
400 - Hazardous condition, other	1	0.06%
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	4	0.26%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	44	2.86%
413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	6	0.39%
421 - Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)	3	0.2%
422 - Chemical spill or leak	3	0.2%
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	22	1.43%
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	8	0.52%
441 - Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	2	0.13%
442 - Overheated motor	10	0.65%
443 - Breakdown of light ballast	1	0.06%
444 - Power line down	103	6.7%

445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	9	0.59%
451 - Biological hazard, confirmed or suspected	1	0.06%
460 - Accident, potential accident, other	1	0.06%
461 - Building or structure weakened or collapsed	4	0.26%
462 - Aircraft standby	38	2.47%
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	28	1.82%
480 - Attempted burning, illegal action, other	1	0.06%
481 - Attempt to burn	2	0.13%
482 - Threat to burn	1	0.06%
510 - Person in distress, other	1	0.06%
511 - Lock-out	5	0.33%
520 - Water problem, other	1	0.06%
522 - Water or steam leak	36	2.34%
531 - Smoke or odor removal	2	0.13%
542 - Animal rescue	4	0.26%
550 - Public service assistance, other	3	0.2%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	14	0.91%
553 - Public service	5	0.33%
554 - Assist invalid	1	0.06%
555 - Defective elevator, no occupants	1	0.06%
561 - Unauthorized burning	9	0.59%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	8	0.52%
600 - Good intent call, other	7	0.46%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	9	0.59%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	6	0.39%
631 - Authorized controlled burning	7	0.46%
641 - Vicinity alarm (incident in other location)	1	0.06%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	28	1.82%
652 - Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	6	0.39%
653 - Smoke from barbecue, tar kettle	4	0.26%
671 - HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	5	0.33%
710 - Malicious, mischievous false call, other	2	0.13%
715 - Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	2	0.13%
731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	6	0.39%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	7	0.46%
734 - Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.06%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	3	0.2%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	23	1.5%
740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	3	0.2%
741 - Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	8	0.52%
742 - Extinguishing system activation	1	0.06%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	520	33.81%
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	0.06%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	9	0.59%
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	19	1.24%
812 - Flood assessment	4	0.26%

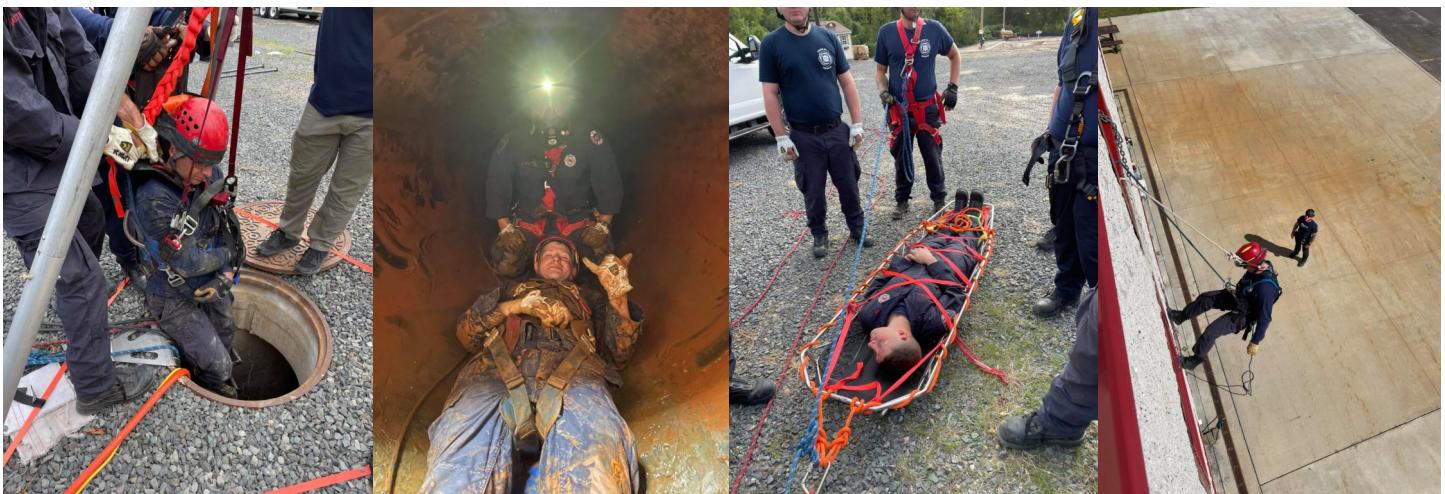
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UNIFORMED FIRE DIVISION TRAINING

In addition to the rigorous training that our members complete in the Fire Academy, they are responsible for additional training courses and frequent recertification. On occasion, they also take part in equipment and specialized training classes such as below.



February training on cold water / ice rescue operations & master stream operations in March.



Confined space training with Asbury Park Firefighters.

UNIFORMED FIRE DIVISION MILESTONES



Jacob Dabashinsky graduated from the Morris County Fire Academy in December, 2020, becoming a probationary FF until 2021 when he was made permanent.



Joseph Paulson, Andrew Clay & Nicholas Cioffi hired 8/23/21 are seen here with Captain Carl Griffin at academy graduation.



David Jones hired 5/10/21, was officially sworn in 6/10/21 as a new Fireman for the Long Branch Fire Department. He is pictured with Captain Carl Griffin and with (L to R) Director Saldida, Councilwoman Dr. Celli, Councilman Viera, Councilwoman Widdis and Mayor Pallone.

FIRE UNION



The Long Branch Fire Department is a combination fire department consisting of both paid and volunteer components. The career staff is made up of 25 members who are divided into four shift tours and work 24 hours on 72 off. The Uniform Division Captain runs day to day operations and works a Monday to Friday schedule. The career staff is known as the Uniform Firefighters Division and is represented by the New Jersey Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association (FMBA) and are designated as Local 68. The Long Branch Fire Department responds to an average 1600 calls for assistance each year. The career staff covers the vast majority of these emergencies and is supplemented by the volunteer fire department. The career staff members all started as volunteer firefighters and chose to pursue firefighting as a vocation. The career and volunteer members work side by side to provide fire protection to Monmouth County's largest city.

FMBA Local 68 established a Charitable Trust Fund 19 years ago to provide assistance to city based organizations or individuals in need. Over the years the Trust has provided 3 yearly scholarships for the Long Branch High School, assisted numerous local sports programs, provided assistance to families after a fire loss, prepared and served Holiday Dinners to local charity groups, holds an annual "Food Drive" for the local food banks, raising money for the Breast Center at Monmouth Medical Center, a block party/BBQ for the neighborhood, and finally, an annual "Cigar Dinner" at Rooney's Oceanfront Restaurant. This one night event and a yearly mailer provides us the means to give back to the community and do all of this. Most recently we donated 15k to the beach front with the first all handicap accessible beach area in the county. These are just a few of the many beneficiaries of the FMBA Local 68. Aside from providing 24 hour a day seven day a week emergency service coverage to the citizens of Long Branch, FMBA Local 68 is dedicated to helping better the community for the citizens City of Long Branch.

Tim Phillips—President · Larry Fornicola—Vice President · Joe Gray—Secretary

Joe Paulson—Treasurer · Tim Griffin—Delegate



UNIFORMED FIRE DIVISION COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENTS

Members of the Long Branch Fire Department prioritize the needs of the city and always find unique ways to give back. Student programs and tours, Scholarships, food banks, fire safety training with "Sparky" and charitable donations are just a few of the many ways they help our community.



Numerous tours of the firehouse were given throughout the year.



Fire Safety Training
with Sparky

Donation of handi-
capped accessible ramp
on the West End beach.

End of Summer, free block party with free
food and a movie at the firehouse.



Sparky marching in the Halloween Pooch Parade with Animal Control Supervisor, Deb Nagel and Tucker.



Capt. Griffin accepting the Cook-Off award from Director Saldida at National Night Out.



Members proudly escorting Santa on a ride through the city with kids gathered along the route to catch a glimpse and wave to Santa.



Just days before Christmas, when members were alerted that approximately 60 kids in the city were not going to have gifts for Christmas, they assembled at Target and purchased a truckload of gifts to donate.



UFD Members provide a full Holiday Meal for 25 families in town that need their help. They teamed up with Stop & Shop of West End who donated everything for these families. They are seen here ready for their annual Christmas Eve dinner delivery.



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UNIFORMED FIRE DIVISION IN ACTION



SPECIAL THANKS

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