



CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Mission Statement

THE CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT IS TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY, ENFORCE ALL STATE AND LOCAL LAWS AND ORDINANCES, APPREHEND AND PROSECUTE VIOLATORS AND PROVIDE THE FINEST QUALITY OF ROUTINE AND EMERGENCY POLICE SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE.

MEMBERS OF THE CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT, BOTH SWORN AND CIVILIAN, SHALL CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER, TREATING ALL PEOPLE WITH COURTESY AND RESPECT AND WITHOUT BIAS OR PREJUDICE. WE SHALL BE JUDICIOUS IN THE USE OF OUR AUTHORITY, FAIR AND COMPASSIONATE WHEN DEALING WITH THOSE WE COME IN CONTACT WITH AND SHALL DIVORCE OUR PERSONAL FEELINGS, EMOTIONS, AND OPINIONS FROM OUR DECISION MAKING WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OUR DUTIES.

MEMBERS OF THE CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE PUBLIC TRUST IS SACRED AND THAT IT MUST BE EARNED AND VIGOROUSLY MAINTAINED BY STRICT ADHERENCE TO OUR MISSION STATEMENT AND CORE VALUES. WE SHALL ESTABLISH AND FOSTER STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH ALL GROUPS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY IN ORDER TO BE BOTH PROACTIVE AND RESPONSIVE TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS, WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD.



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MESSAGE FROM CHIEF

Ryan J. Greco



Community oriented policing is a strategy of policing that focuses on developing relationships with its community members. The men and women of the Cranford Police Department have adopted this ideology and placed it into high speed, particularly during 2019. We created Police Substations in our High School, both middle schools, as well as our Community Center to enhance our relationships with both our students and residents. As opioid addiction continues to rise and lives are lost at a nearly uncontrollable pace, the Department now hosts a Community Law Enforcement Addiction Recovery site to assist those suffering from the disease of addiction. This makes the Cranford Police Department the first municipal law enforcement agency in Union County to offer this necessary assistance. Along with the instituting of a "virtual" Neighborhood Watch Program, partnering with an animal rescue to place dogs into their forever homes, and the continued conversations at "Coffee with a Cop," the Cranford Police Department is leading the way in Community Policing.

In an effort to build upon both public trust and transparency, in 2019 the Cranford Police Department began utilizing Body-Worn Cameras. This agency along with all twenty-one municipalities in Union County became the first county in the state to equip every law enforcement agency with BWC's.

On a somber note, 2019 marked a physical and emotional loss for the Cranford Police Department. Honorary Police Officer Raymond Schwartz passed away after he fought a courageous battle with cancer. The Cranford Police Department did what we do best, we rallied as a team and made Ray's final days memorable. The Schwartz Family will always be a part of the Cranford Police Department and we will never forget the joy that Ray brought to each and every member of this department. Ray was 15.

I want to thank the Cranford Township Committee, under the leadership of Mayor Patrick Giblin, for their dedication to the Cranford Police Department and their commitment to public safety. The committee continued to show their support and commitment to the department, as can be seen with the swearing-in of four new officers. It is our pleasure to work with all of the commissioners and continue to meet the needs of public safety related issues for the Township and its residents.

Lastly, I want to thank each and every member of the Cranford Police Department. You continue to meet the challenges we face in law enforcement head on and in the most professional of manners. I am humbled to be your Chief and honored to serve with you.

Ryan J. Greco

Chief of Police

COMMAND STAFF



Ryan J. Greco
Chief of Police



Joseph P. Van Bergen
Administrative Captain



Guy E. Patterson
Operations Captain

TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT



Ann Dooley
Deputy Mayor
Commissioner of
Public Safety



Patrick Giblin
Mayor



Thomas Hannen
Commissioner of
Building & Zoning



Mary O'Connor
Commissioner of
Finance



Jamie Cryan
Administrator



Jean Maisonneuve
Commissioner of
Public Works &
Engineering



IN DEDICATION

These pages are in dedication of the men & women who have served as Cranford Police Officers since 1897.

*Names in bold indicate officers that served as Chief of Police.

Ronald W. Abram
Nicholas A. Amicucci
Arthur E. Anderson
Jerome M. Andrews
Michael L. Andrews
Charles H. Archdeacon
Louis T. Atwood
John C. Baer
Thomas M. Bell
Robert L. Bell
John P. Benedetto
Otto Behnert
Thomas R. Benton
Phillip H. Bindenberger
Archie G. Bird
William Blaney
Harry A. Bohman
Lawrence Bonnell, Sr.
Lawrence T. Bonnell
Thomas F. Bowne
Vincent Brinkerhoff
Alfred Broda
Harry C. Brown
Francesco L. Buonocore
Albert Frank Burr
William H. Burr
Frank A. Caruso
Leo M. Casper
Michael W. Cavalla
Robert Chamra
Christopher R. Chapman
Bernard F. Clark
David L. Cochrane
Robert A. Colaneri
Antonio Colineri
John M. Colineri

Edward J. Coleman
Ronald Coles
William A. Connell
Nicholas Cook
Wayne Cooper
Raymond Cosmas
Harry A. Craig
William F. Crissey
William Croy
Edward Csuka
Donald A. Curry
Myron Cymbaluk
Paul R. Cymbaluk
Samuel W. Cymbaluk
Jason M. D'Agostino
Steven R. D'Ambola
Raymond L. Davidson
Edward R. Davenport
Michael A. Deane
Christopher M. DiFabio
Anthony J. Dobbins
Clifford W. Dobbins
Daniel J. Donnerstag
Michael E. Dow
Bernard A. Doyle, Jr.
Ryan Drew
Gregory J. Drexler
Nicholas Druzek
Michael P. Dubitsky
Spencer J. Durkin
Edwin F. Eldridge
George Ennesser
Larry Erickson
Derek M. Farbanec
Patrick J. Fay
Gregory M. Federici
Michael Fedroff
Thomas J. Feeney
Albert R. Fischer
William A. Fischer
Christopher Folinusz
Steven Gachko
John T. Gallagher

Lynne Galvez
Edward J. Galvin
Michael Gamba
William G. Gassman
Ryan W. Gerrity
Peter J. Graczyk
Ryan J. Greco
Jennifer Green
George Greiss
Alfred V. Grickowski
William Griffin
Christopher Gross
Louis L. Guertin
Robert A. Guertin
Lewis H. Halsey
Brian S. Hand
Robert F. Hand
Timothy L. Handy
Gerard F. Haney
Matthew T. Haney
Francis Hanley
Richard C. Harrington
Henry Harris, Jr.
Nelson W. Hearn, Jr.
John M. Heesters, III.
James E. Hennesey
William Hennesey
John J. Herzer
Thomas R. Herzer
John M. Hicks
Charles M. Hoeffler
Sean T. Holcomb
Courtney Holder
Roy Irving
John H. Itzel
Williams Jennings
Paul S. Johnson
Nadia N. Jones
Robert A. Jones
Robert R. Jordan, Jr.
George W. Kane, Jr.
Thomas E. Kane
Alex King

IN DEDICATION



Louis M. Kleeman
Rudolph Klempa
Edward J. Klubenspies
James F. Knight
John P. Korsch
Joseph R. Koury
Ralph J. Koury
Anton Kovacs
John J. Kovacs
(Unk.) Krise
Paul Lampert
Thomas Leavy
Edward N. Lee
Linn M. Lockwood, Jr.
Corey J. LoForte
Brian M. Lopez
John E. Lowrey
Russell J. Luedecker
James K. Manning
Salvatore Manuri, Jr.
Craig L. Marino
Patrick J. Martin
Eric G. Mason
Milton T. Mason
Carlangelo Massa
Joseph McCaffrey
James G. McFall
John J. McNerney
Ryan McSharry
Robert R. Merrill
Whitney C. Merrill
W. E. Merwin
Edward J. Metzner
Arthur T. Miles, Jr.
Leonard Miller
Peter F. Miller
Robert R. Moffett
Robert A. Montague
Stephen Motyczka
Ali Muhammad
Matthew R. Nazzaro
John G. Neil

Frank Neilson
Daniel S. Norton
Robert I. Nylen
Timothy W. O'Brien
John O' Donnell
William O'Donnell
Michael T. O'Neil
Alfred J. Oram
Gordon J. Ostrowsky
Harry P. Page, Jr.
William Parsons
Christian Pasternak
Guy E. Patterson
Robert E. Peters
William G. Peters
Eugene J. Perrotta
John J. Pienciak
Robert E. Pierce
William K. Pietrucha
Henry Polidoro
Christopher T. Polito
George A. Porcella
Lester W. Powell
John J. Puglisi
Gerard P. Quinn
John G. Ranhofer
John J. Rattigan
Herman Redrup
Kelly A. Rieder
Frederick G. Roberts
George L. Rosendale
Robert J. Ryan
Leo J. Schaeffer
Robert Schafer
Edward A. Schindler
Stephen D. Schlapak
Richard H. Schofield
Leo A. Schultz
Robert M. Segear
Andrew J. Sharo, Jr.
Joseph Sherbo
Matthew B. Siessel

Henry Simon
James F. Sloan
Kelly M. Sretenovic
John H. Stanier, Jr.
Thomas C. Stiansen
Joseph W. Stulpin
John J. Swandrak
James P. Switek
Shayne Temple
William D. Thermann
Robert C. Thieme
John M. Thimons
Brian D. Thomas
Lawrence T. Thomas
Russell W. Thomas
Carl Thompson
Steven R. Toy
Brian T. Trotter
Joseph P. Van Bergen, Jr.
Vanessa Van Brunt
Leonard R. Van Saders
John F. Varley, Jr.
Peter Vergalla
F. Richard Vitale
Brian J. Wagner
George C. Ward
James E. Washbourne
Matthew J. Widdows
Harry W. Wilde
Russell S. Wilde
Stephen D. Wilde
Frank T. Williams
David P. Winans
Norman Woitkowski
Thomas W. Woods, Sr.
Thomas H. Woods, Jr.
James Wozniak
Edward T. Zarzecki
William E. Zirkel
Donald P. Zsak



This year marked 44 years since the death of the only Cranford Police Officer to lose his life in the line of duty. Patrolman Robert F. Hand sacrificed his life protecting and serving the citizens of Cranford on February 11, 1975 following a motor vehicle pursuit.

The Cranford Police Department and the community at large have never forgotten Officer Hand's bravery. There are many memorial tributes to him, including a monument stone in front of police headquarters bearing Officer Hand's name and Badge #26. Also dedicated to his memory is a portrait of "The Senator," as he was affectionately known, which hangs in the lobby of the police desk. A photograph of Officer Hand along with his badge is displayed prominently in the police department hallway.

At the time of his death Patrolman Hand was 45 years old. More than 700 police officers and almost 140 police cars made a final tribute to Hand by participating in a procession from Dooley Funeral Home on North Avenue to St. Michael's Church on Alden Street where a funeral mass with full police honors was held. The procession, over a mile long, then went past police headquarters and proceeded to the burial at Graceland Memorial Park Cemetery in Kenilworth.

The Reverend Joseph Derbyshire, Cranford Police Chaplain and former assistant pastor at St. Michael's, was the celebrant of the mass. Monsignor John Davis, pastor of St. Michael's, gave the eulogy and Reverend John Oates assisted in the service. Police Chief Matthew Haney presented the flag from the casket to Patrolman Hand's 17 year old son, Brian. Hand's other children were Margaret, Timothy, and Mary.

The police pallbearers were Lieutenants Myron Cymbaluk and Henry Polidoro, Sergeants Gerard Haney and John Korsch, and Patrolmen John Herzer and Robert Nylan. Fourteen members of the

IN MEMORIAM

Robert F. Hand

Cranford Police Auxiliary handled traffic control during the funeral and police officers from Garwood, Roselle Park, and Clark were on duty for calls in Cranford.

Patrolman Robert "Bobby" F. Hand was born in 1930 and was a native of Jersey City before moving to Cranford. He attended St. Benedict's High School and in 1947 joined the United States Air Force, attaining the rank of Corporal and serving in the Korean Conflict. He received an Honorable Discharge in 1950. Robert was appointed to the Cranford Police Department on July 1, 1956 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. Hand received a number of commendations during his career. In August 1968 he was commended for breaking up a narcotics ring where 10 people were arrested. Rahway Police commended him in March 1969 for his help in the arrest of a child molester and Army deserter.

During his time with the police department, Patrolman Hand was affectionately nicknamed "The Senator" by fellow officers because he couldn't walk more than a few blocks without stopping to greet a dozen people. He always took the time to stop and say hello to people. Bobby always put others needs before his own and was notorious for his willingness to help those in need.

Robert was a member of the local Elk's Club and of VFW Post No. 335. He was also a very active member of Policemen's Benevolent Association, Local #52 and had been elected President the prior spring. He was instrumental in establishing the PBA collective bargaining unit which then resulted in the first labor contract between policemen and the township. After his death, the PBA established the Robert F. Hand Memorial Brotherhood Award which is given to the PBA member who best exemplifies the tradition of brotherhood that Officer Hand stood for. The first recipient of the honor was Lieutenant Myron Cymbaluk in 1980. In addition, the PBA announced the award of the first annual scholarship in Hand's honor to Cranford residents looking to attend college in the fall.

Each year, members of the Cranford Police Department wear black mourning bands on their badges from February 11th to February 18th in honor of Patrolman Hand.

DIVISIONS & BUREAUS

Chief of Police

Ryan Greco

Captains

Joseph P. Van Bergen

Guy E. Patterson

Patrol Division

Lt. Stephen D. Wilde

Lt. Christopher T. Polito

Sgt. Thomas J. Feeney

Sgt. Steven R. Toy

Sgt. Russell Luedecker

Sgt. Joseph Stulpin

Sgt. Thomas Stiansen

Sgt. Timothy O'Brien

Ptl. Michael Andrews

Ptl. Thomas M. Bell

Ptl. Nelson W. Hearn, Jr.

Ptl. John M. Colineri

Ptl. Brian J. Wagner

Ptl. Daniel S. Norton

Ptl. John J. Rattigan

Ptl. Kelly Rieder

Ptl. Matthew B. Siessel

Ptl. Daniel J. Donnerstag

Ptl. Michael T. O'Neil

Ptl. Corey J. LoForte

Ptl. Brian T. Trotter

Ptl. Ryan W. Gerrity

Ptl. Timothy L. Handy

Ptl. James F. Knight

Ptl. Jason M. D'Agostino

Ptl. Christian Pasternak

Ptl. Ali Muhammad

Ptl. Robert Chamra

Ptl. Lynne Galvez

Ptl. Shayne Temple

Ptl. Joseph Sherbo

Ptl. Nicholas Cook

Ptl. Christopher Gross

Ptl. Ryan McSharry

Ptl. Christopher Folinusz

Ptl. Michael Gamba

Ptl. Courtney Holder

Ptl. Ryan Drew

Communications Bureau

Stacy A. Thorn

Sandanna Jones

Robert Merrill

Michael Davis

Matthew Blanck

Liam Powell

Anthony Aurelio

Chapin Taggart

Briana Hall

Investigative Division

Det/Lt. Edward R. Davenport

Detective Bureau

Det/Sgt. John J. Swandrak

Det. Spencer Durkin

Det. Derek M. Farbanec

Det. Christopher M. DiFabio

Det. Robert R. Jordan

Community Policing Unit

Ptl. John J. Rattigan

Ptl. Gregory M. Federici

Ptl. Ryan W. Gerrity

Juvenile Bureau

Det/Sgt. Matthew Nazzaro

Det. Nadia N. Jones

Det. Michael P. Dubitsky

Det. Matthew B. Siessel

Traffic Bureau

Det/Sgt. Eugene Perrotta

Det. William K. Pietrucha

Det. Steven R. D'Ambola

Det. Brian J. Wagner

Det. John M. Colineri

Det. Shayne Temple

Traffic Maintenance

Joseph A. Corbisiero

Robert McQuone

Parking Enforcement

Arthur Kennedy

Records Division

Det/Lt. Craig L. Marino

Clerk Jean H. McComb

Clerk Janet Spricigo

Executive Secretary

Carol Cole

Police Academy

SLEO II

Peter Graczyk

John Heestr

*Names may appear more than once due to promotions or assignments throughout the year.



PERSONNEL CHANGES



Anthony Aurelio	February 27, 2019	Resigned - Communications
Shayne Temple	June 14, 2019	Officer 3rd Grade
Joseph Sherbo	June 14, 2019	Officer 3rd Grade
John Colineri	July 1, 2019	Detective - Traffic Bureau
Michael O'Neil	July 18, 2019	Officer 5th Grade
Corey LoForte	July 18, 2019	Officer 5th Grade
Brian Trotter	July 18, 2019	Officer 5th Grade
Ryan Gerrity	July 18, 2019	Officer 5th Grade
Christian Pasternak	July 20, 2019	Officer 4th Grade
Matthew Siessel	September 1, 2019	Detective - Juvenile Bureau
Shayne Temple	October 5, 2019	Detective - Traffic Bureau
William Pietrucha	November 1, 2019	Retired - Detective
Robert Jordan, Jr.	December 1, 2019	Officer 6th Grade
Timothy Handy	December 1, 2019	Officer 5th Grade
James Knight	December 1, 2019	Officer 5th Grade
Matthew Siessel	December 19, 2019	Officer 6th Grade
Gregory Federici	December 31, 2019	Officer 6th Grade
Daniel Donnerstag	December 31, 2019	Officer 6th Grade
Jason D'Agostino	December 31, 2019	Officer 5th Grade
Ali Muhammad	December 31, 2019	Officer 4th Grade
Robert Chamra	December 31, 2019	Officer 4th Grade
Lynne Galvez	December 31, 2019	Officer 4th Grade
Nicholas Cook	December 31, 2019	Officer 2nd Grade
Christopher Gross	December 31, 2019	Officer 2nd Grade
Ryan McSharry	December 31, 2019	Officer 2nd Grade
Christopher Folinusz	December 31, 2019	Officer 1st Grade
Michael Gamba	December 31, 2019	Officer 1st Grade
Courtney Holder	December 31, 2019	Officer 1st Grade
Ryan Drew	December 31, 2019	Officer 1st Grade

PATROL DIVISION



The Patrol Division is the face of the Cranford Police Department. Uniformed officers operate marked radio cars twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week throughout the township. The vast majority of citizen/police encounters involve a patrol officer. They are responsible for responding as a first responder to all calls for service. Whether an in-progress crime, alarm, medical call, fire call, motor vehicle crash, civil dispute, disorderly person, domestic disturbance, after-the-fact crime reporting or EDP/mental health crisis, uniformed patrol officers are sent as the initial resource of the Cranford Police Department. The patrol officers are responsible for assessing the situation, requesting necessary additional resources, controlling and mitigating the immediate emergency and reporting on the incident. In cases of criminal and motor vehicle investigations, the patrol officer will document the initial report for follow up by an investigator from other divisions within the Department.



Equally as important as the Patrol Division response to calls for service are their crime prevention patrol strategies. The Cranford Police Department prides itself as being a proactive municipal law enforcement agency. Over half of all activity conducted by the patrol officer is self initiated, preventative patrol activities. For 2019, that equated to approximately **32,000** self-initiated, proactive cases generated. This focus on an active patrol strategy directly contributes to the safe neighborhoods and streets enjoyed by the residents of Cranford.

The Patrol Division partners with the Traffic Bureau of the Investigative Division in emphasizing traffic enforcement throughout the community. Patrol Squads regularly conduct traffic safety and pedestrian safety checkpoints at targeted locations within the township. Additionally, individual patrol officers completed over **1,400** traffic enforcement details on municipal, county and state roadways.

Within the Patrol Division is the Field Training Unit. Coordinated by Lieutenant Stephen Wilde and Lieutenant Christopher Polito, the Field Training Unit is responsible for conducting a minimum fourteen-week coaching and mentoring program for recently graduated officers of the Police Academy. During the Field Training Period, Probationary Officers are assigned to Field Training Officers (FTO). The FTO and Probationary Officer are partnered as a two-man unit. Over the fourteen weeks, the Probationary Officer performs patrol duties while constantly being observed and coached by an experienced officer. At the end of the Field Training Period, the Probationary Officer will have successfully mastered 45 individual training tasks that cover all aspects of patrol responsibilities. Officers Christopher Folinusz, Michael Gamba, Courtney Holder, and Ryan Drew successfully completed the Field Training Program during 2019.

The Patrol Division is the largest Division in the Cranford Police Department, falling under the Command of Captain Guy Patterson. It is comprised of two Platoons, each consisting of two Patrol Squads. Each Platoon is led by the Lieutenant or Watch Commander. Each Patrol Squad is led by a Sergeant. A Desk Sergeant works a mid shift on each Platoon. The Patrol Division is staffed twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

In 2019, the Patrol Division was staffed by twenty-five Patrolmen, ten Communications Officers, six Sergeants and two Lieutenants.

64,695 Total Calls for Service in 2019

19,067 calls for service involving traffic related activity including:

8,141 calls for service involving motor vehicle violations resulting in summonses/warnings

1,507 calls for service involving selective enforcement

876 calls for service involving crash investigations

18,278 calls for service for criminal related activity including:

11,857 calls involving proactive police patrols

1,842 calls involving suspicious persons/acts

1,584 calls involving burglary/trespass/alarms

449 calls involving disorderly conduct

258 calls involving warrant service

172 calls involving CDS activity

16,490 calls for service involving public service activities including:

4,108 building and public transportation facility inspections/patrols

2,538 calls for service for medical emergencies

3,044 school patrols/inspections

1,224 calls for service for public assists

971 calls for service for fire emergencies

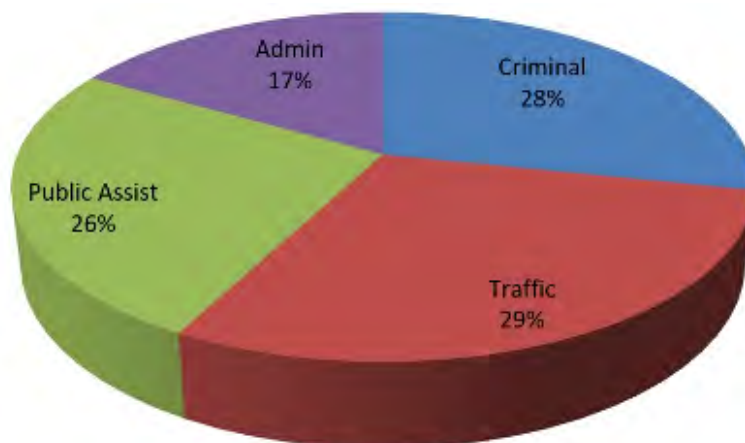
10,860 calls for service involving administrative duties including:

9,975 miscellaneous activities

722 training assignments

163 Auxiliary Police and Police Explorer activities

Calls for Service - 2019



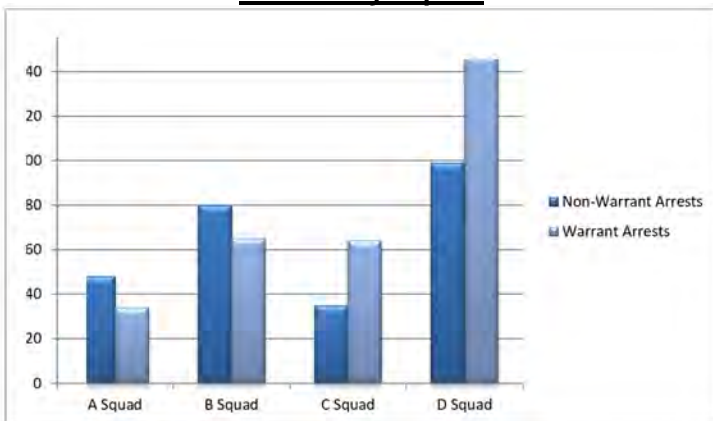
PATROL DIVISION

Statistical Reports by Squad - 2019

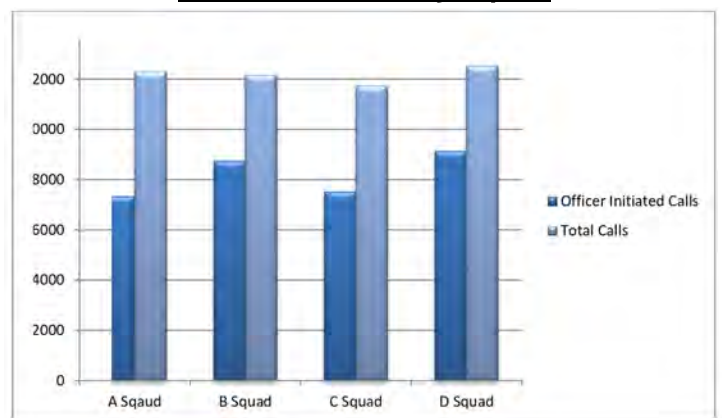
2019 Statistical Report by Squads

Squad	Non-Warrant Arrest	Warrant Arrest	Total Arrests	Officer Initiated Calls	Total Calls	% Self Initiated	% Resulting in Arrest
A	48	34	82	7,337	12,295	60%	1%
B	80	65	145	8,740	12,161	72%	1%
C	35	64	99	7,514	11,741	64%	1%
D	99	147	246	9,124	12,535	73%	2%
Total	262	310	572	32,715	48,732	67%	1%

Arrests by Squad



Calls for Service by Squad



Narcan Deployment Report - 2019

YEAR	VICTIMS	DEATHS	KITS BY PD	KITS BY FD
2015	5	0	7	0
2016	7	1	7	0
2017	15	2	22	0
2018	17	3	27	3
2019	10	2	9	4

COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU

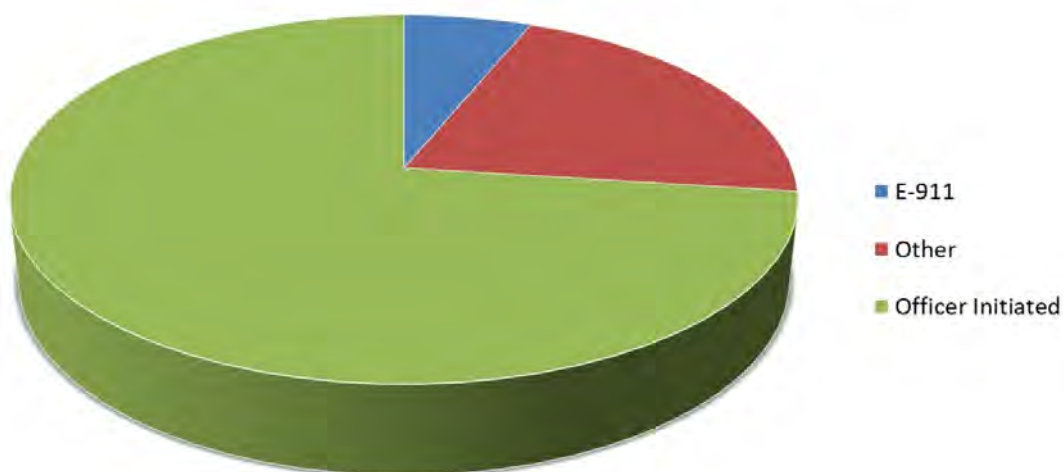
Patrol Division

The Communications Bureau is the nerve center of the Patrol Division. The Communications Bureau provides twenty-four hour coverage of the Cranford Police Department's Communications Center. In 2019, Sergeants Russell Luedecker and Timothy O'Brien were assigned as supervisors of the Communications Center. Each supervisor typically works from noon to midnight, providing coverage for both the night and day shifts.

The Communications Bureau is staffed by ten full-time Communications Officers. Communications Officers are specially trained civilian employees. Communications Officers are the initial point of contact for most public interactions with the Cranford Police Department. Non-emergency calls for service typically begin with a phone call to the Communications Center. Communications Officers are tasked with determining the appropriate agency to provide assistance to the specific request and detailing resources. Emergency calls for service are typically received via the 9-1-1 system. In May of 2018, the Cranford Police Department entered into an inter-local agreement with the Union County Regional Communications Center for 9-1-1 PSAP Services. In August of 2019, the Cranford Police Department increased the shared services agreement with Union County. This increase resulted in the Union County Regional Communications Center providing both 9-1-1 PSAP Services as well as assuming all Fire and EMS Dispatch. The Cranford Police Communications Center handles all Police related 9-1-1 emergencies and non-emergency contacts. In addition to handling telephone and 9-1-1 calls, Communications Officers are responsible for all police dispatch and radio transmissions.

The Communications Center is comprised of three separate workstations for the Communications Officers and a fourth workstation for a Patrol Supervisor. The individual workstations include an array of six monitors which allow the Communications Officers to use multiple vital computer applications at the same time. The configurations ensure each individual Communications Officer can constantly monitor the Motorola Radio System, Burglar, Fire and Medical Alarm Systems, LawSoft CAD System, GPS Mapping System, NJ CJIS, and more.

Communications Center Calls for Service



DETECTIVE BUREAU

Investigative Division

The Cranford Police Department's Investigative Division provides specialized investigative and administrative support to the Police Department. The Investigative Division is under the command of Detective Lieutenant Edward R. Davenport and is comprised of the Detective Bureau, Juvenile Bureau, Traffic Bureau, and Community Policing Unit. Furthermore, Detective Lieutenant Davenport serves as the Police Department's Public Information Officer (PIO) and as a Municipal Counter-Terrorism Coordinator (MCTC) for Union County.

The Investigative Division's primary responsibility is the thorough investigation of all crimes committed in the Township of Cranford. Cases investigated can include Thefts, Frauds, Assaults, Robberies, Burglaries and Sex Offenses to name a few.

Once the Patrol Division takes an initial report, the cases are then reviewed and assigned to Detectives based upon their expertise. A Detective's investigative expertise, professional case management, participation with various task forces, as well as the assistance of county, state and federal agencies maximizes their successful prosecution of criminals.

In addition to these duties, Detectives are formally responsible for the collection and preservation of evidence. The Detectives assigned to these tasks have developed an advanced level of expertise by attending specialized training. Detectives will process crime scenes by using state-of-the-art technology through video and photographic evidence, fingerprinting, and the collection of DNA.

Goals and objectives for the Investigative Division include an emphasis on crime reduction, information sharing and community partnerships – focusing on problem-solving within the Township of Cranford.



Photos, In February the Cranford Police Department Community Policing Unit of the Investigative Division held a Coffee with a Cop event at Union County College.

INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Crime Statistics - 2019

2019 CLASS I OFFENSES BY MONTH													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Assault	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	3	11
Burglary	0	0	1	0	1	1	4	4	0	0	0	0	11
Theft	20	7	12	11	20	19	21	16	9	15	12	15	177
MV Theft	2	1	2	0	2	3	0	1	2	3	0	0	16
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	22	11	15	11	24	23	25	22	13	19	12	19	216

CLASS I OFFENSES		
	2018	2019
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	2	1
Assault	26	11
Burglary	7	11
Theft	131	177
MV Theft	7	16
Arson	0	0
Total	173	216

CLASS II OFFENSES		
	2018	2019
Fraud	120	102
Stolen Property	5	4
Criminal Mischief	74	119
Weapons Offenses	3	9
Sex Offenses	5	8
Narcotics Invest.	214	221
Family Offenses	48	38
DWI	46	70
Liquor Offenses	0	2
Disorderly Conduct	825	1,132
Missing Persons	34	69
Total	1,374	1,774

ARRESTS		
	2018	2019
Adult	736	772
Juvenile	21	24
Total	757	796

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON POLICE	
2018	2019
1	3

CASES ASSIGNED TO DETECTIVES	
2018	2019
1,809	1,623

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School Resource Officer (SRO) Program Enters Its 5th School Year

In the 5th school year of the School Resource Officer Program, the Cranford Police Department's Juvenile Bureau once again expanded during the 2019-2020 school year as school safety and security became a national priority and a demand from the residents of Cranford. Detective Nadia Jones led the school resource officer (SRO) Project ALERT curriculum, and was joined by Detective Matthew Siessel in September of 2019. Detective Michael Dubitsky's position encompassed being responsible for evidence and also being the department's liaison to the Union County Prosecutor's Office High Tech Task Force (HTTF). Detective Sergeant Nazzaro supervises both their efforts in the Juvenile Bureau and serves as the liaison to the Cranford Board of Education.

2019 School Safety Drills and Training – Police Juvenile Bureau

During the 2017-2019 school years, the Cranford Police Department Juvenile Bureau scheduled and attended nearly every drill in district from September of 2018 until June of 2019, totaling 72 live drills. In accordance with the school drill law, schools must conduct at least 1 school security drill and 1 fire drill per month. Per annum, each school must have conducted 2 lockdown drills, 2 active shooter drills, 2 non-fire evacuation drills, and 2 bomb threat drills. Additionally, schools are permitted to participate in a "table top exercise" annually, which after the Parkland School Shooting, focused on the principles of ALICE, or Alert, Lockdown, Inform Counter and Evacuate. Lastly, the Cranford Police Department assists the Cranford Public Schools Human Resources Section with new-employee on boarding in the form of a "New Employee/Substitute Security Training".

2019 Juvenile Bureau Investigations

During 2019, the Cranford Police Department Juvenile Bureau conducted investigations related to the following offenses: Burglary, Harassment, Thefts, Family Crisis Situations, Criminal Mischief, DCPD Notifications, Child Abuse/Custody Disputes, Missing Persons/Juveniles, Fire Investigations, Terroristic Threats, Possession of CDS Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) Oil, Possession of CDS Marijuana, Criminal Sexual Assault, and Animal Abuse.

2019 Juvenile Bureau Proactive Engagements

In addition to the reactive investigative nature of the Juvenile Bureau, during 2019 its members organized programming for the community and schools. Detective Jones hosted a series of Cyber-Safety Lessons in the middle school to spread awareness about cyber-harassment and bullying. Detective Siessel participated in talks in elementary schools related to stranger-danger and acts of kindness.

Detective Dubitsky created and presented a presentation on Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems, or ENDS, called "Smoke and Mirrors" after parents requested a community discussion about the emerging trend of vaping and its effects on juveniles.

The successful implementation of Police and Teens Together (PATT) ensured that this annual programming occurred during Cranford High School's criminal justice classes in the Spring of 2019. By exchanging experiences, both from the perspective of student and police officer, mutual respect and appreciation is fostered into a positive relationship.

In June of 2019, because of the generosity of the Cranford Municipal Alliance, the Juvenile Bureau once again hosted the Pennsylvania Team DUI Safety Simulator at Cranford High School to demonstrate the harmful effects of alcohol and drugs on teenaged drivers.

In September of 2019, the Juvenile Bureau and Traffic Bureau joined forces to discuss safe pedestrian tips to students who partook in "Walk to school day".



Project ALERT Curriculum Continues In All Cranford Middle Schools

Project ALERT stands for **A**dolescent **L**earning **E**xperiences **R**esistance **T**raining. Its curriculum was created and tested by RAND, the nation's leading think tank on drug policy. Developed over a ten-year period, Project ALERT addresses the pro-drug mindset of today's teens and

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effectively increases their likelihood to remain drug-free. This program is a two (2) part curriculum; the first part is taught as an eleven (11) week program to address the basics of drug and alcohol prevention, while the second part is a three (3) week booster program to take that foundation of knowledge and expand the discussion to other current drug trends and peer pressure struggles. Detectives Nadia Jones and Matthew Siessel are the Project ALERT instructors for the department.

This curriculum transitions from lectures given by a teacher or police officer to participative learning. Students are asked to enter the classroom without heightened barriers in order to foster open, honest, and blunt discussions about drugs, alcohol, and peer pressures. Critical in this effort is setting the tone of a welcoming learning environment where students are asked to respect their classmates' contributions to the group discussions while keeping discussions confidential.

The year 1 student curriculum consists of 11 lessons related to the consequences of smoking cigarettes and marijuana, drinking consequences and alternatives, introduction to pressures, social pressures to use drugs, resisting internal and external pressure to use drugs, practicing resistance skills, inhalant abuse, and smoking cessation. As this curriculum is reviewed and monitored by BEST and RAND, the information taught evolves to match the current nation trends in substance use disorder. This has modified the instruction to now focus on electronic nicotine delivery systems or ENDS, commonly referred to as "vape devices".

To ensure that the substance use disorder training is absorbed by students, Detective Jones instructs a series of 3 booster lessons for all 8th grade students which include discussions about motivating resistance to drugs, practicing external and internal pressure, the benefits of resisting drugs and opioid awareness. All lessons incorporate the use of videos, skits, small group activities, open class discussions, and parental involvement – aiming to create awareness through honest dialogue.



Left Photo, In November of 2019, Detective Jones conducted the 3rd Annual Red Ribbon Week activities at Hillside Avenue School and Orange Avenue School to commemorate DEA Agent Kiki Camarena's memorial drug-awareness campaign. This year, Morgan Thompson from Prevention Links told her story of how she embarked onto the road to recovery.

Right Photo, Detective Siessel at the Cranford High School School Resource Officer office.

POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE



Cranford Police Athletic League (PAL) Enters Its 38th Season

The Cranford PAL Board of Directors is a group of community individuals consisting of parents and police officers who serve as advisors and trustees of the entire Cranford Police Athletic League. As a board, it is their goal to set policy, discuss organizational initiatives, set budgets, vote on financial decisions, and appropriate funding towards larger projects. Because the Cranford PAL is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, it is a requirement to have a Board of Directors who meet throughout the year to discuss the state of the organization. The PAL Board is governed by a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Policy set by the PAL Board is then put into effect by the Executive Director of the Cranford PAL.

The PAL Executive Director, D/Sgt. Nazzaro, works as an intermediary between the PAL Board of Directors and the Program Directors for our Football, Basketball, Cheerleading and Wrestling Programs. In turn, the Program Directors are responsible for organizing, staffing, and directing their respective coaching staff. Most of your involvement as PAL Parents/Participants will be directly with your coaches and your Program Directors. Program Directors are responsible for communicating the needs of their respective program to the Executive Director of the PAL such as uniforms, safety equipment, manpower, field/facility reservations, and financial support. Once brought to the attention of the Executive Director, these needs will be immediately fulfilled to keep the organization seamlessly working.

In 2019, the Program Directors included Andrew Hooey as the Director of Football, Christopher Cocco as the Coordinator of Flag Football, Emily Fuentes as the Director of Cheerleading, Kevin Murray as the Director of Wrestling and Jim Kwiatkowski as the Director of Basketball.

The PAL proudly offers an annual scholarship as a memorial tribute to one of its founding members, Glenn Owens. The scholarship is awarded at the Senior Awards Night each June and requires that the recipient, a past PAL participant, demonstrates the traits of leadership and being a “do-er”, much like the late Glenn Owens. In 2019 the scholarship was awarded to Kathryn Pringle, Lauren Williamson, Johnny Bush and Michael Carracino.

2019 Board of Directors

In 2019, the Board of Directors consisted of Executive Director Matthew Nazzaro, President Gregg Wheatley, Vice President Christopher Polito, Secretary Brian Trotter, and Treasurer Guy Patterson. Additionally, the members of the Board of Directors, comprised of sworn law enforcement and civilians, consisted of the following members in 2019: Ali Muhammad, Nadia Jones, James Knight, Frank Williams, Greg Federici, Kelly Rieder, Kim Capece, John Oblachinski, Michael Plick, Jamie Arch, Bob Bruns, Jim Kwiatkowski, Jocelyn Alfandre, Brian McGovern, Darren Torson, and Robert Colaneri. Chief Ryan Greco is the Honorary Chairman.



December 2019 PAL Football Breakfast Banquet



4th Grade Football & Cheer Programs in October 2019.



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In 2019, D/Sgt. Eugene Perrotta was the supervisor of the Traffic Bureau. Detectives Steven D'Ambola, William Pietrucha, John Colineri, and Shayne Temple served in the Traffic Bureau in 2019. Det. Pietrucha was in the bureau from January until his retirement in October while Det. Colineri was assigned to the bureau in July. Det. Temple joined traffic in November. Traffic maintenance personnel includes Joseph Corbisiero and Robert McQuone. Parking Enforcement Officer Art Kennedy also serves in the Traffic Bureau.

The Traffic Bureau handles education, enforcement, and engineering aspects of traffic safety. The Cranford Police Department works energetically to ensure safe practices by the users of our roadways through multiple initiatives. Educational programs in the schools include such topics as Driving While Under the Influence, Teen Driving, Bicycle Rodeos, Bicycle Safety and Registrations, Pedestrian Safety, and the Use of School Crossing Guards. Other educational programs administered by the Traffic Bureau include the HERO Designate Driver Campaign, WHALE Child Safety Campaign, and Keep Kids Alive Drive 25 Campaign. Detective Steven D'Ambola is responsible for organizing and conducting bicycle and pedestrian safety lectures as well as bicycle rodeos at every grammar school in Cranford. Detectives William Pietrucha and John Colineri also provides training to the school crossing guards every year. Detectives Pietrucha, D'Ambola, and Temple are also certified in the safe installation of car seats to make sure children are safe as they travel as passengers in vehicles.

The enforcement involves the traffic detectives out on the roads visibly writing traffic summonses. Numerous selective enforcements and radar details are undertaken by the traffic detectives on a daily basis. The Traffic Bureau monitors the number of cars using a given roadway, their speeds, and vehicle classification by using its two JAMAR Traffic Counters and two Speed Sentry Signs. This data is used to focus our enforcement on the areas that need it most and during the times of the most frequent violations. These signs are very effective in bringing speed compliance to neighborhood streets. In fact, studies have shown that use of these speed displays have a better long term effect on speeding than strictly enforcement. We also enforce bicycle violations and issue both summonses and warnings depending on the severity of the case.

Det. D'Ambola applied for and was awarded grants for the Cranford Police Department from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety in 2019 for \$5,500 each for Distracted Driving, Click It or Ticket, and Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over. The enforcement under these grants took place during the months of April, May, and December respectively. Det. D'Ambola also coordinates the Pedestrian Decoy Program. The program is meant to educate drivers and pedestrians of the state's pedestrian safety laws. In addition to education, enforcement is used to reinforce driver observance of the Stop for Pedestrians law. During details a police officer in plain clothes acts as the pedestrian and the other officers stop vehicles that fail to stop for the pedestrian. The program's goal is to ultimately improve driver compliance and pedestrian safety.

Traffic personnel review every crash report written by patrol officers and conduct any follow up investigation that may be necessary. Each report is entered into a database program that allows us to identify trends around the township and determine crash causation. In addition, all crashes are pinned on a map of the township located in the Traffic Bureau office. The Traffic Bureau is constantly looking for ways to make our roads safer. Engineering at certain intersections and roadways is found to be a cause of many traffic problems. Data is collected from traffic counters, crash reports, intersection reviews, and citizen complaints in order to assist the Traffic Bureau in evaluating roadways or intersections for engineering changes. These changes can be as simple as better signage or pavement markings or can be as complicated as roadway widening or traffic signal installations.

D/Sgt. Perrotta heads the Cranford Police Department's Accreditation team. As Accreditation Manager, D/Sgt. Perrotta ensure that all CPD policies are in compliance with state standards. Over 100 standards require regular proofs to be met in accordance with these state standards. In March 2019, the NJSCOP Accreditation review board approved of the Cranford Police Department's fourth re-accreditation.

D/Sgt. Perrotta is the HLEO officer for the Township of Cranford. In that capacity, D/Sgt. Perrotta serves as the liaison to the Union County Prosecutor's Office for any act of animal abuse, cruelty or neglect in Cranford. He also 21

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serves as the Domestic Violence liaison to the Union County Prosecutor's Office. D/Sgt. Perrotta attends quarterly briefings on new developments in Domestic Violence laws and procedures. He ensures that the Cranford Police Department meets or exceeds the protocols to investigate these crimes and provide victims with the resources that they need.

Jobs4Blue completed its first full year of handling the administration of the police extra duty assignments in 2019. D/Sgt. Perrotta serves as the contact person with Jobs4Blue to make sure any issues are dealt with expeditiously. He regularly checks work sites and road closure plans to make sure the safety of workers and motorists is adhered to.

D/Sgt. Perrotta also submits reports on developmental issues in the Township of Cranford as they come before the zoning and planning boards. The Developmental Review Committee meets and screens all zoning and planning board applications for potential issues before the applications proceed before those boards. D/Sgt. Perrotta serves on the DRC in looking out for traffic issues that could come about from these developmental applications.

Det. D'Ambola conducts traffic studies and completes a monthly traffic report. He is also the Assistant Accreditation Manager. Det. D'Ambola runs an annual CPD Youth Academy that completed its 13th session in 2019. He also serves as the coordinator of the CPD Explorer Program and chairs the Township of Cranford Parking Committee. In his role as Committee Chair, Det. D'Ambola runs quarterly meetings on parking issues around town. He also is the Department's DWI/DRE liaison and serves as VP of the Union County Traffic Officers Association. Det. D'Ambola regularly runs school safety presentations and applies for traffic safety grants as well.

Det. Colineri and Det. Pietrucha ran the crossing guard program for the department in 2019. During the 2018-2019 school year the Traffic Division was required to provide coverage at **61** school post assignments due to school guards failing to report for duty for either personal or medical reasons. During this calendar year, a total of **188** public/parochial school days occurred of which **141** did not require members of the police department to fill in for a school guard. These posts were covered by reserve school guards, the parking enforcement officer, and sworn personnel.

Detectives Pietrucha and Colineri had the responsibility of vehicle impounds and obtaining junk titles on all vehicles not claimed. New Jersey State Statute requires that any vehicle held for more than 20 business days be auctioned. This requires him to send certified mail to all owners/lien holders requesting they respond to pick up their vehicle otherwise it will be sold at auction. In 2019, **338 vehicles** were towed and **0** were sold at public auction. Three (3) Township vehicles were sold at the one auction held by the Traffic Bureau. Detective Pietrucha is in charge of advertising, setting up, and running the department's car, and equipment auctions and Detective D'Ambola is in charge of the bicycle auction.

Detectives Pietrucha and Temple oversee the software programs in the police vehicles and the payroll for the crossing guards. Detective Pietrucha is responsible for the portable radio maintenance and assists in managing fleet maintenance. In addition, Detective Pietrucha coordinates the purchase, installation, maintenance, and repair of the mobile personal computers (MPC) in the radio cars.

The forty-nine digital pay stations are maintained and collected by Traffic Maintenance personnel. The central pay stations allow for easier maintenance, collection, and security. A central parking system server allows us to monitor payment, violations, and status at all pay stations. All pay stations connect via a cellular connection to the server and report use as well as any malfunctions as they happen. Parking Enforcement Officer Art Kennedy carries a tablet with web access that reports real time use of the lots. A quick glance at the tablet

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Cranford hosts dozens of productions for commercials, television shows, and movies in a given year. In addition, hardly a weekend goes by through the Spring, Summer and Fall months that does not have runs, festivals, fairs or other special events taking place in Cranford. Det. D'Ambola regularly completes Special Operations Plan to safeguard the planning and security at these events. All coordination between the township and production companies, vendors and other event sponsors was done by the Traffic Bureau. This included arranging for extra duty police officers, street closings, special parking, security, and more.

The Traffic Division coordinates all of the maintenance and repair of portable and mobile police radios. All insurance claims related to police vehicles, Victorian street lights, parking garage lights, traffic lights, and traffic signs are handled by Traffic Bureau personnel as well.

As is the case every year, Traffic Maintenance personnel, Joseph Corbisiero and Robert McQuone, were busy in 2019. They are responsible for the maintenance and repair of all vehicles in the police department fleet; vehicle equipment installation; street sign maintenance and installation; maintenance and repair of 16 traffic signal intersections and 5 flashing lights; crosswalk and centerline painting; meter maintenance and collection; bicycle rodeo setup; traffic counter placement; Speed Sentry Sign; parking garage lighting; and much more. Traffic Maintenance personnel are also on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week in case of storms, power outages, and traffic light damage/ maintenance. In 2019, the traffic light at the intersection of Brookside Place and Gallows Hill Road was replaced with a larger flashing light for better visibility. In addition, the Township's first Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) system were installed at Lexington Avenue and Denman Road with hopes for more in 2020. Summer maintenance staff included Liam Duffy and Ryan Weck.

Members of the Traffic Bureau are on call on a rotating basis in order to provide 24 hour a day, 365 days a year coverage in the event of a serious or fatal motor vehicle accident. In 2019, there was one fatal motor vehicle crash in Cranford. Detective D'Ambola was the lead investigator of the incident which took place at the intersection of Centennial Avenue and Lincoln Avenue on February 5th.



Above, motor vehicle crash fronting 321 North Avenue East in January.

SCHOOL SAFETY

Traffic Bureau

An important safety measure in our school zones is the use of school crossing guards. We once again, salute them and extend our sincere appreciation for a job well done in protecting our most precious possessions. Rain or shine we can always be assured that these dedicated people will be on the job!

In November 2019, we sadly lost one of our retired, long time Guards, Joseph Lopes (St. Michael's post). In addition, two of our guards retired, Betty Mobley, appointed in 2004, and Roy Torrigiani, appointed in 2014. In order to fill the posts of our retired guards in 2019, Tim Corcoran and Charles Gonzalez were elevated to full time status. To meet the need for reserve guards, Julia Colucci, Elaine Clauer, and Victoria Oerfradi were hired in 2019. We look forward to working with him in the coming years. The undated photo below shows Mr. Lopes on his post.

As with all programs offered by the Cranford Police Department, the School Safety Program is constantly analyzed and adjusted as needs change. This year no school posts were added or deleted from the roster. As always, we wish all of our former school guards luck in their future endeavors.

Below is a list of guard positions as of the end of 2019.

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS - 2019

Tom D'Agostino
Phillip Andrews
Dennis Armento
Beatriz Grasso
Gerald Werrell
Richard Maier
Aron Tsin
Robert Bell
Anna Kravetz
Betty Mobley/Tim Corcoran
Roy Torrigiani/Charles Gonzalez
Leonard Messner
Vincent Ditta

Brookside Place/Spruce Street
Hillside Avenue Tunnel
Orange Avenue/Wadsworth Terrace
Denman Road/Culin Drive
West End Place/Spruce Street
Springfield Avenue/West End Place
Centennial Avenue/Hillside Avenue
Alden Street/Miln Street
Denman Road/Livingston Avenue
Walnut Avenue/Blake Avenue
Bloomingdale Avenue/Albany Street
North Lehigh Tunnel
Brookside Place / Orchard Street

RESERVE GUARDS

Julia Colucci
Elaine Clauer
Victoria Oerfradi



CRASHES & INJURIES

Traffic Bureau

REPORTABLE CRASHES					
	2018		2019		
Type	Crashes	Fatal	Crashes	Fatal	% Change
Motor Vehicle vs. Motor Vehicle	79	0	85	0	8%
Motor Vehicle vs. Parked Vehicle	3	0	14	0	367%
Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian	8	0	17	1	113%
Motor Vehicle vs. Bicyclist	5	0	7	0	40%
Motor Vehicle vs. Fixed Object	9	0	13	0	44%
Other	0	0	0	0	0%
TOTAL	104	0	136	1	31%

NON-REPORTABLE CRASHES			
Type	2018	2019	% Change
Motor Vehicle vs. Motor Vehicle	425	408	-4%
Motor Vehicle vs. Parked Vehicle	148	163	10%
Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian	1	2	100%
Motor Vehicle vs. Bicyclist	1	2	100%
Motor Vehicle vs. Fixed Object	64	61	-5%
Other	10	12	20%
TOTAL	649	648	0%

INJURIES FROM CRASHES			
Type	2018	2019	% Change
Transported to Hospital	56	66	18%
Complaint of Pain (RMA)	73	104	42%
Fatality	0	1	N/A
TOTAL	129	171	33%

MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS

Traffic Bureau

The following is a comparative classification of motor vehicle violations between the period of January 2019 and December 2019 with the same period in 2018.

VIOLATION	2018	2019
Speeding	151	275
Stop Sign	37	56
Careless Driving	352	348
Reckless Driving	11	37
Driving Under The Influence	46	70
Open Container In Vehicle	15	6
CDS In Motor Vehicle	121	134
Wrong Way On One Way Street	2	1
Traffic Signal	50	56
Improper Passing	23	99
Illegal Turns	83	135
Obstructing Traffic	314	425
Driving While On Cell Phone	82	215
Unlicensed Driver	78	108
Revoked Driver	261	398
Unregistered Vehicle	190	207
Uninsured Motorist	26	40
Failure to Exhibit Documents	524	775
Leaving The Scene Of An Accident	25	40
Fictitious/Obstructed Plates	394	566
Maintenance Of Lamps	415	549
Seatbelt Violation	356	468
Safety Glass Violation	295	517
Inspection Law	66	120
Failure To Stop For Pedestrians	21	45
Other Moving Violations	242	336
TOTALS	4,180	6,026

PARKING VIOLATIONS

Traffic Bureau

The following is a comparative classification of parking violations between the period of January 2019 and December 2019 with the same period in 2018.

VIOLATION	2018	2019
Meter Parking	3,260	3,553
Permit Parking	364	511
Restricted Hours	805	800
Improper Parking	340	501
Overnight Parking	215	301
Fire Zone	5	4
Handicap Parking	21	19
Meter Feeding	4	3
Failure To Park Off Roadway	3	1
Unattended Vehicle	0	0
Within Intersection	41	29
Parked On A Crosswalk	7	12
Blocking A Driveway	13	12
25' Of A Crosswalk	119	246
Parked On A Sidewalk	1	6
Posted "No Parking" Zone	0	7
50' Of A Stop Sign	55	137
10' Of A Fire Hydrant	26	24
Double Parking	1	3
Other Parking Violations	2	5
TOTALS	5,282	6,174

MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT

Traffic Bureau



The Cranford Police Department's motorized equipment presently consists of forty-nine (49) units; six cars, twenty sport utilities, two motorcycles, three traffic trucks, six military surplus vehicles, one command post, one electric vehicle, one trailer, two boats, one trailer-mounted generators, one stage, four light towers, and a variable message board. Below is a list of these vehicles:

1	2012 Dodge Charger
1	2013 Ford Utility Police Interceptor 4X4
5	2014 Ford Utility Police Interceptor 4X4
6	2016 Ford Utility Police Interceptor 4X4
6	2018 Ford Utility Police Interceptor 4X4
1	2010 Lincoln MKX
1	2010 Chevrolet Tahoe 4X4
1	2010 Dodge Charger
1	2010 Ford Police Interceptors
2	2008 Ford Police Interceptors
1	2006 Ford Police Interceptors
1	2010 Harley Davidson Motorcycle
1	1995 Harley Davidson Motorcycle
1	2015 Ford F-450 Super Duty Bucket Truck
1	2001 Ford F-450 Super Duty Platform Truck
1	2017 Ford F-250 Super Duty Pick-up Truck
1	1998 Toyota Camry
2	1988 American General Humvee
1	1989 American General Humvee
1	1990 American General Humvee
2	1991 BMY Harsco 5 Ton Truck
1	2009 BMY Harsco Command Post
1	2013 T3 Motion
1	2015 Zodiac ERB380 Boat
1	2017 Zodiac ERB380 Boat
1	2003 Kristi Utility Trailer
1	2012 Precision Solar Controls Message Board Trailer
1	1995 Utility Tool & Body Stage
1	1995 Utility Tool & Body Generator
1	2009 AMD Light Tower
3	2016 Allmand Light Tower

A total of **263,551 miles** were traveled by motorized equipment during the year of 2019. Vehicles were serviced approximately every 3,000 miles and were cleaned and washed on average of once a week.



“U Drive. U Text. U Pay.” Mobilization

The Cranford Police Department received \$5,500 in grant money from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for seatbelt enforcement during the national “U Drive. U Text. U Pay.” campaign. The goal of the program is to increase seatbelt usage rates through education and enforcement.

Distracted driving is a dangerous epidemic on America’s roadways. In 2018 alone, 2,841 people were killed in distracted driving crashes. An estimated 400,000 people were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver. In New Jersey, driver inattention remains the most significant cause of fatal and incapacitating crashes. Driver inattention was listed as a contributing circumstance in 50 percent of the state’s crashes in 2018. Driver inattention was in fact listed as a contributing factor in crashes at a rate nine times higher than that of the next highest contributing factor (speed).

Distracted driving is any activity that diverts a person’s attention away from the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger driver, passenger and bystander safety. Because using a hand-held cell phone while driving to make calls or send text messages requires visual, manual, and cognitive attention from the driver, they are by far the most alarming distractions.

April is National Distracted Driver Month, which is a time to remind New Jersey motorists of the state’s distracted driving laws, which include a ban on hand-held cell phone use and text messaging by all drivers and a ban on all cell phone use (hand-held or hands free) by novice drivers.

This year’s “U Drive. U Text. U Pay.” Mobilization was conducted from April 1, 2019 to April 21, 2019. A total of 100 hours of overtime were utilized, by Cranford officers, on an overtime basis, to conduct special enforcement patrols targeting distracted drivers. The patrols consisted of roving patrols and a fixed checkpoint. These overtime hours were reimbursed by the grant. Below is a summary of the department’s enforcement efforts.

Total Cell Phone Violations: 107

All Other Violations: 386

TOTAL SUMMONSES DURING THE MOBILIZATION: 493

Arrests included 56 for drug possession and/or felony/warrants.



“Click It or Ticket” Mobilization

The CranfordPoliceDepartment received \$5,500 in grant money from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for seatbelt enforcement during the national “Click It or Ticket” campaign. The goal of the program is to increase seatbelt usage rates through education and enforcement.

New Jersey reported that there were 524 fatal crashes with 563 people killed in 2018. A large percentage of the motor vehicle occupants killed in these traffic crashes were not wearing a safety belt. The use of a safety belt remains the most effective way to avoid death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash.

This year’s “Click It or Ticket” Mobilization was conducted from May 20, 2019 to June 2, 2019. The department conducted three seat belt checkpoints and additional hours of focused roving patrols utilizing overtime, patrol, and traffic personnel. In addition, we conducted 20 hours of night time enforcement due to statistics pointing to very low seat belt use in the evening. A total of 100 hours of overtime were utilized, which was reimbursed by the grant. Below is a summary of the department’s enforcement efforts.

Total Seatbelt Violations:72

All Other Violations:270

TOTAL SUMMONSES DURING THE MOBILIZATION:342

In addition to the summonses issued arrests included 26 for drug possession and/or felony/warrant arrests. A post survey of seat belt usage showed a 95% compliance rate on Cranford roadways.



“Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” Mobilization

From December 6, 2019 through January 1, 2020 the Department stepped up impaired driving enforcement as part of *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2019 Year End Crackdown*. The holiday season, which concludes with the New Year’s Eve holiday, is traditionally a time for social gatherings, which often include alcohol. The goal of the program is to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving and to decrease incidents of drunk driving through education and high-visibility enforcement. Motorists who choose to drive while impaired by drugs or alcohol were arrested. The department also received a \$5,500 grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for 100 hours of overtime enforcement during this holiday year end period.

The department conducted roving patrols utilizing patrol and overtime personnel during this mobilization. Below is a summary of the department’s enforcement efforts.

TOTAL PRODUCTIVITY DURING THE MOBILIZATION:

12/06/19 - 1/01/20

DWI Arrests 10

DWI -Drug Arrests 1

Other Arrests 41

Summonses 389



SOCIAL MEDIA

When the Cranford Police Department established a website in 1997 to give the public more access to departmental information and allow for communication with the public, we never could've imagined all the social media options we enjoy today – Nixle, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, YouTube, and the MyPD App.

Website: The department website (www.cranfordnj.org/police-department) was started in November 1996 and provides information about the services we offer, includes links to our social media sites, and allows the viewing, downloading and printing of common forms/applications.

Nixle: In 2010, we implemented Nixle as our public safety alert and notification system. In 2019 it was used 297 times to alert residents to scheduled road work, traffic concerns/delays, public events, weather/storm alerts and other relevant topics. As of December 2019 we had over 9,000 registered users.

Facebook: On March 29, 2011, we launched a Facebook page (facebook.com/CranfordPD) and as of December 31, 2019 we had 8,800 followers (12% increase). The page includes reports of arrests and crimes, links to community access stories and current agency projects, photos, and historical information about the Department.

Twitter: Also on March 29, 2011, we created a Twitter account (@CranfordPD) to broaden the agency's ability to connect on a real time basis with a more media and Internet savvy public. As of December 2019, we had 2,333 followers (13% increase) and since 2011 have broadcast over 7,000 messages.

Instagram: In April 2014, we expanded our social media presence by adding an Instagram account (@CranfordPolice) to appeal to the younger generation. In 2019 we broadcast 301 images of community events, agency equipment, and law enforcement activities to 4,087 followers (49% increase from 2018).

Pinterest: In July 2015, we added a Pinterest account (@CranfordPD) and in 2019 used it for 44 posts and had 20 followers.

YouTube: On July 18, 2017, we created a YouTube account to enhance our ability to share video. As of 2019 we had 17 subscribers and 1,319 views.

Each of the Social Media platforms used by the Cranford Police Department is integrally linked to the other available media sites, allowing a message posted on one site to be relayed and/or promoted on another automatically. In this way, the police department has broadened its reach to include the maximum number of followers and ensure that real time messages reach the greatest possible number of recipients.

MyPD App: In May 2015 we launched a new smartphone app in an effort to streamline public access to police information. MyPD, available free to iPhone and Android users via their respective app stores, offering about 40 features. The app features easy to view/use icons which connect users with agency contact information, directions, traffic updates, and weather services. MyPD also allows users to submit crime tips, ask questions and commend police officers. Thanks to social media integration, The Cranford Police Facebook Page, Twitter feed, and Instagram posts are viewable from within the MyPD app.

Web Administration

Design, maintenance and management of the Cranford Police Department's Internet and Social Media presence, as well as responding to and recording email correspondence, is the responsibility of Captain Joseph Van Bergen and Lieutenant Edward Davenport. Each of the Department's division and bureau heads has provided information and regularly contributes to the overall makeup of the site. Today, and even more so in the near future, the public we serve is making use of Internet technologies; the Cranford Police Department is adapting to meet the challenges of this new medium. Through its Internet and Social Media presence, the department intends to continue its progressive tradition and meet the technological challenges of the future.

DWI PROGRAM

Traffic Bureau

The number of alcohol related accidents resulting in both fatal and serious injuries continues to be a major focal point for law enforcement throughout the country. Despite the major changes made in New Jersey's DWI laws, the news media continually reminds us of the deadly consequences of driving while under the influence of alcohol and/or illicit drugs. On the local level we are not immune to this problem. During the year 2019 we had in Cranford **twenty-seven (27) accidents (ten (10) involving injury)** directly attributed to drunk drivers. There has been an **increase** in the number of alcohol related accidents over the **ten (10)** we had in 2018. In order to decrease this number, the Cranford Police Department will continue to aggressively seek out and arrest those that would drive through our community while under the influence of alcohol and/or illicit drugs.

Our officers are aware that there are certain medical conditions that mimic the behaviors of a drunk driver. Because of this it becomes necessary to have highly trained officers that are capable of detecting those drivers that are under the influence of alcohol and/or narcotics and those whose actions may be caused by one of several common medical conditions. This is where the use of Standardized Field Sobriety Testing and breath test machines such as the Alcotest 7110 MK III-C play a significant role in aiding the officer in making a determination as to whether or not someone is under the influence of alcohol and/or illicit drugs, or is perhaps suffering from a medical condition.

The Alcotest 7110 MK III-C is an instrument that measures the alcoholic content of a person's blood through analysis of a breath sample. The Alcotest is a computerized instrument that uses two different measuring systems to analyze breath alcohol. Infrared spectroscopy and electro-chemical cell technology are both used in conjunction with technologically advanced computer technology to obtain highly accurate breath test readings.

Upon the conclusion of 2019 the department had **twenty-five (25)** officers certified as Alcotest 7110 MK III-C operators, all of whom were trained by the Office of the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey. Instruction on Field Sobriety Testing as well as the Alcotest is conducted solely by the New Jersey State Police Alcohol/Drug Test Unit. Currently the following officers are qualified to administer breath tests:

Lt Stephen Wilde	Det/Lt Edward Davenport	Det/Lt. Craig Marino
Lt. Christopher Polito	Det/Sgt. Eugene Perrotta	Det/Sgt. Matthew Nazzaro
Det/Sgt. John Swandrak	Sgt. Thomas Feeney	Sgt. Steven Toy
Sgt. Russell Luedecker	Sgt. Timothy O'Brien	Det. Spencer Durkin
Det. Derek Farbanec	Det. Steven D'Ambola	Det. Christopher DiFabio
Det. William Pietrucha	Det. John Colineri	Det. Shayne Temple
Ptl. Michael Andrews	Ptl. Thomas Bell	Ptl. Brian Wagner
Ptl. John Rattigan	Ptl. Timothy Handy	Ptl. James Knight
Ptl. Lynne Galvez		

As in previous years this agency stressed to our officers the need to detect and apprehend those driving while intoxicated. During the year **2019** these efforts resulted in **seventy (70)** arrests being made for Driving While Intoxicated within the Township of Cranford. Of the **70** arrests, **18** refused to submit to breath testing, **13** gave urine and **5** had blood drawn. This shows a **52%** increase from the **forty-six** arrests made in the year **2018**. The Department's Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), Detective Steven D'Ambola, was called out to perform an evaluation for **fourteen (14)** subjects. A non-departmental DRE was called out for **one (1)** additional evaluation. These **fifteen (15)** evaluations are a **200%** increase from the **five (5)** in 2018.

As we move forward into the year **2020** the citizens of our community can rest assured that we will continue our aggressive enforcement practices. We will continue to send a strong message to those that would violate our drunk driving laws that will be arrested should they drive through our community.

DWI PROGRAM

Traffic Bureau

A part of New Jersey's DWI laws pertains directly to those drivers under the legal drinking age of 21. This law states that anyone under the legal drinking age of 21 can be charged if their blood alcohol level is anywhere between .01% to .07%. This in essence means that anyone under the legal drinking age who consumes as much as one drink and is caught driving can be charged with DWI. In **2018 (0)** drivers were charged under this law. This number **remained zero (0) in 2019**.

Another portion of New Jersey's DWI laws pertains directly to those operating commercial vehicles. Any operator of a commercial vehicle with a weight over 26,001 lbs that has a blood alcohol reading of .04% or more can be charged with driving while under the influence. There has been **zero (0)** arrests made within the township under this law in **2019**, the same as in 2018.

Despite the lowering of the BAC to .08%, we continue to believe that one of the most important programs in reducing the number of drunk drivers on our roadways has been that of educating the public on the hazards of driving while under the influence. During 2019 the department continued its educational program at Cranford High School in conjunction with the Director for Athletics/ Supervisor of Physical Education and Health Mr. Darren Torson. This program has been conducted for the past *twenty-nine* years. The day is dedicated to our officers giving a slide/lecture presentation on alcohol related accidents which have occurred within the township over the past several years. The officers give the students a review of New Jersey Drunk Driving Laws and the consequences they would face if charged for D.W.I. Afterwards the officers have had some very lively discussions with the students on the laws and penalties involved with drinking and driving, especially those related to the underage driver. Students have the opportunity to wear the Drunk Busters Goggles and navigate a coned course while operating a pedal cart. We also, during these sessions, receive so very positive input from the students on both our enforcement and educational programs.

In the coming year we will continue to provide educational programs by way of lectures and demonstrations on the hazards of drunk driving to the various religious, civic, and educational organizations within the community. In conjunction with these educational programs we will continue to vigorously enforce the drunk driving laws of our state utilizing patrol and additional enforcement activities.

The problem of drinking and driving is one that continues to demand constant attention. It is only through the combined efforts of education and enforcement that we will continue to strive for a reduction in the senseless and too often tragic accidents that occur on our roadways. The citizens of our community can be assured that the men and women of the Cranford Police Department will do everything in their power to ensure that the streets of our community remain some of the safest in which to live, play, work, and drive in the nation.



Photo Above, DWI Checkpoint being held in June at Centennial Avenue and Cayuga Road.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The chart below depicts all of the complaints received by the Cranford Police Department in 2019.

Type of Complaint	Anonymous Complaints	Citizen Complaints	Agency Complaints	Total Complaints
Excessive Force	0	0	0	0
Improper Arrest	0	0	0	0
Improper Entry	0	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	1	0	1
Other Criminal Violation	0	3	0	3
Differential Treatment	0	3	0	3
Demeanor	0	3	0	3
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0
Other Rule Violation	1	3	10	14
TOTAL	1	13	10	24

All allegations are investigated by experienced, specially trained investigators who analyze the incidents. Completed investigations are forwarded to the Chief of Police for review with a recommended final disposition.

The number of complaints received and the number of final dispositions may not equal as investigations may commence before, and continue beyond, or conclude after, the reporting period.

The chart below depicts the complaints concluded with a final disposition by the Department in 2019.

Type of Complaint	Sustained	Exonerated	Non Sustained	Unfounded	Admin Closed	Total Dispositions
Excessive Force	0	1	0	0	0	1
Improper Arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Entry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Criminal Violation	0	0	1	1	1	3
Differential Treatment	0	0	0	2	1	3
Demeanor	0	1	0	2	0	3
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Rule Violation	9	1	2	1	1	14
TOTAL	9	3	3	6	3	24

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Allegations determined to be "Sustained" by the Chief of Police may result in one of the following actions or penalties: Counseling/Training, Oral Reprimand, Written Reprimand, Suspension, Loss of Time Off, Transfer/Reassignment, Monetary Fine, Loss of Promotional Opportunity, Demotion, or Dismissal.

The Internal Affairs Unit files all quarterly and yearly reports with the Union County Prosecutor's Office. The unit also investigates and/or completes all required reporting related to use of force incidents, discharge of weapons not related to training, vehicle pursuits, and collisions involving department vehicles. All complaints, investigations, and final dispositions are monitored and evaluated as part of our early warning system, for indicators of any need for additional training, assistance, or modification of existing policy or procedure.

The chart below indicates the use of force summary for the Cranford Police Department in 2019.

USE OF FORCE SUMMARY	2018	2019
Total Use of Force Incidents	14	17
Type of Force Used		
Physical Force	13	17
Mechanical Force	0	0
OC	1	0
PR-24	0	0
Other	0	0
Deadly Force	0	0
Sex		
Male Suspect	12	14
Female Suspect	2	3
Injuries		
Suspect Injured	0	1
Officer Injured	1	1
Type of Assignment		
Crime in Progress	1	2
Motor Vehicle Stop/Arrest	6	7
Domestic Violence	1	2
Other (Medical, Suspicious, etc.)	6	6

RECORDS DIVISION

Detective Lieutenant Craig Marino commands the Records Division and is assisted by two civilian clerks, Jean McComb and Janet Spricigo. Jean has been assigned to the Records function for over 30 years; Janet is in her sixth year.

The Records Division has a number of different responsibilities. One of the primary ones is records management. Every report or document generated within the Department gets processed through the Records Division for data entry, filing and quality assurance. By law, we are required to maintain every record for a specified amount of time and provide for public access to these reports under the Open Public Records Act. Reports are also provided to attorneys for discovery, the Family Court in domestic violence cases, and other Township entities. The Records Division also manages criminal record expungements, and the submission of criminal arrest data to the New Jersey State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation through monthly Uniform Crime Reports.

The Division function that generates the largest amount of revenue is the sale and management of parking permits: 12-hour permits (\$600/year), 9-hour permits (\$500/year), and overnight permits(\$200/year). In addition to permits, the Records Division also sells parking smartcards. The Records Division also manages and enforces our alarm registration and monitoring program and collects revenues from and manages Firearms Purchaser Identification applications, handgun purchase permits, and permit to carry applications.

Firearms Purchaser ID Card Applications 56
Permit to Carry Applications 0

Handgun Purchase Permit Applications 249
Replacement/Duplicate ID Card Applications 38

The following revenue was collected by the Cranford Police Department Records Bureau in 2019.

Account	Revenue Collected
False Alarm Fees	\$735.00
Alarm Registration	\$23,320.00
Firearms Permits	\$591.00
Fingerprinting	\$107.00
Miscellaneous	\$0
Bicycle Licenses	\$599.00
Accident Reports	\$2,380.00
Parking Permits	\$412,726.57
Peddler/Canvasser Permits	\$1,200.00
Discovery	\$75.00
Smart Cards	\$761.75
MRNA	\$6,178.57
Misc. Meter Money	\$1,056.50
Total	\$449,730.39



In addition to traditional records management and permitting functions, Detective Lieutenant Marino is also the Information Technology officer and system administrator for the various in-house computer systems used by the police. He is also the Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC Officer) and is responsible for maintenance, training and review of the National Crime Information Center, Criminal Justice Information System, Computerized Criminal History and NCIC2000 law enforcement computer systems.

This year the Records Division was remodeled, including new desks, file cabinets, carpet, and paint.



TRAINING

Cranford police officers receive their initial, mandatory training and certification at the John H. Stamler Police Academy. Upon graduation, the new officers enter our Field Training Program where they are teamed with a senior officer for 14 weeks.

The New Jersey Attorney General mandates semi-annual training in firearms, use of force, and vehicular pursuits as well as annual training regarding domestic violence, bloodborne pathogens, hazardous materials, and right to know information regarding hazardous materials.

Throughout their careers, all personnel attend training updates and programs in a broad spectrum of topics. Cranford Police Department personnel completed the following training courses in 2019:

Michael Andrews

NJTR-1 Refresher
Alcotest 7110 Recertification
Active Shooter Training

Thomas Bell

Taser Requalification
M4 Qualification
Alcotest 7110 Recertification
Active Shooter Training

Matthew Blanck

NECI 911 Crimes in Progress
Crisis Intervention Training for 911 Telecommunicators
Telecommunications Continuing Ed Refresher

Robert Chamra

Community Law Enforcement Addiction Recovery Officer
Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement ARIDE
Radar Operator Recertification
Advanced Crisis Intervention - Juvenile Issues
Conducting Effective Pedestrian Stops
Bicycle Patrol I
Advanced Substance Abuse/Addiction Training
Active Shooter Training

John Colineri

Statement Taking
Interview & Interrogations
Alcotest 7110 Recertification
The Art of Interviewing
Vigilant - License Plate & Facial Recognition
Railroad Safety for Police Investigations
Risk Management for After School Activities/Athletics
NJSACOP Mid-Year Meeting & Vendor Showcase

Active Shooter Training

Nicholas Cook

Active Shooter Training

Jason D'Agostino

M4 Qualification
Swiftwater Rescue Technician
Water Rescue Training
Active Shooter Training

Steven D'Ambola

DRE Medical Marijuana Dispensary Tour
Motorcycle Crash Investigation
Drug Monitoring Initiative (DMI)
Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Training
NJTR-1 Refresher
Public Safety Starting a Drone Program
Energy Methods & Damage Analysis Reconstruction
DWI Cannabis - Understanding the Highway High
Active Shooter Training
Nixle User Group
Vigilant - License Plate & Facial Recognition
Risk Management for After School Activities/Athletics

Edward Davenport

Victim Centered Sexual Assault Investigations
NJCCIC Cyber Symposium
Public Information Officer - Media Relations
Safety & Security Solutions Conference
Advanced Substance Abuse/Addiction Training
UCPO Mandatory Megan's Law Update
Risk Management for After School Activities/Athletics
Active Shooter Training
Vigilant - License Plate & Facial Recognition
NJSARS Basic User Training
NJSACOP Mid-Year Meeting & Vendor Showcase

Christopher DiFabio

Trauma Informed Domestic & Sexual Violence Investigations
Victim Centered Sexual Assault Investigations
Firearms Applicant Investigation & Laws
Swiftwater Rescue Technician
Advanced Substance Abuse/Addiction Training
M4 Qualification
Computer & Electronic Device Investigations
Active Shooter Training
Water Rescue Training
Vigilant - License Plate & Facial Recognition

Daniel Donnerstag

PR-24 Controlled Device Instructor Certification
Active Shooter Instructor
Successful Control of a Passive Resistor

TRAINING

Patrol Rifle Instructor Certification
M4 Qualification
Water Rescue Training
Field Force Operations (PER-200)
CPR Instructor Certification
EMT - Core ABC Recertification
Active Shooter Training

Ryan Drew

Radar Operator Certification
Active Shooter Training
Tactical Bleeding Control

Michael Dubitsky

National Assoc. of Bunco Investigators Training
Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement ARIDE
Computer & Electronic Device Investigations
Active Shooter Training
Vigilant - License Plate & Facial Recognition

Spencer Durkin

Community Law Enforcement Addiction Recovery
Suspect Interview Techniques
Victim Centered Sexual Assault Investigations
M4 Qualification
The Opioid Crisis Devastating our Community
NJ Anti-Money Laundering Task Force Training
Distraction Thefts
Firearms Applicant Investigation & Laws
Advanced Substance Abuse/Addiction Training
Alcotest 7110 Recertification
Active Shooter Training
Vigilant - License Plate & Facial Recognition

Derek Farbanec

Trauma Informed Domestic & Sexual Violence Investigations
Victim Centered Sexual Assault Investigations
Firearms Applicant Investigation & Laws
Mobile Trauma Center Anti-Terrorism Symposium
Computer & Electronic Device Investigations
Active Shooter Training
Vigilant - License Plate & Facial Recognition

Gregory Federici

Community Policing & Teens Together (PATT) Trainer
Firearms Applicant Investigation & Laws
The Opioid Crisis Devastating our Community
Conducting Complete Traffic Stops
Crime Prevention for Community Policing Certification
ALICE Instructor Certification
Active Shooter Training
Successful Control of a Passive Resistor

Thomas Feeney

Executive Leadership (FBI-LEEDA)
Alcotest 7110 Recertification
Active Shooter Training

Christopher Folinusz

Radar Operator Certification
Tactical Bleeding Control
Active Shooter Training

Lynne Galvez

Radar Operator Recertification
Alcotest 7110 Initial Operator Certification
Active Shooter Training
Advanced Substance Abuse/Addiction Training

Michael Gamba

Radar Operator Certification
Tactical Bleeding Control
Active Shooter Training

Ryan Gerrity

Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement ARIDE
Community Law Enforcement Addiction Recovery
Taser Requalification
M4 Qualification
The Opioid Crisis Devastating Our Community
Opposed CQB Training
Crime Prevention for Community Policing Certification
Active Shooter Training
Firearms Instructor Certification
ALICE Instructor Certification
The Art of Interviewing
Active Threat Integrated Response Course - RTF

Ryan Greco

Best Practices in Managing Use of Force Events
On the Front Lines of the Opioid Epidemic
NJSACOP Training Conference
Active Shooter Training

Christopher Gross

Search & Seizure for Proactive Policing
DWI Detection & SFST
Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)
Active Shooter Training
Verbal Judo

Timothy Handy

Successful Control of a Passive Resistor
Intro to NJ GDL for Law Enforcement
Statement Taking
Active Shooter Training

TRAINING

Nelson Hearn

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)
Active Shooter Training

Courtney Holder

Radar Operator Certification
Tactical Bleeding Control
Active Shooter Training

Nadia Jones

Community Law Enforcement Addiction Recovery
Victim Centered Sexual Assault Investigations
REID Technique of Interview & Interrogation
Advanced Substance Abuse/Addiction Training
Resiliency Training Symposium
Active Shooter Training

Robert Jordan

Suspect Interview Techniques
Victim Centered Sexual Assault Investigations
Firearms Applicant Investigation & Laws
Taser Requalification
Swiftwater Rescue Technician
Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement ARIDE
Advanced Substance Abuse/Addiction Training
Active Shooter Training
Water Rescue Training
Vigilant - License Plate & Facial Recognition

James Knight

Basic Field Training Officer (FTO)
Taser Requalification
Alcotest 7110 Recertification
Water Rescue Training
Active Shooter Training

Corey LoForte

Active Shooter Training

Russell Luedecker

Radar Instructor Recertification
1st Responder Integration for Active Shooter Incidents
Taser Requalification
Advanced Substance Abuse/Addiction Training
Active Shooter Training
Vigilant - License Plate & Facial Recognition

Craig Marino

Firearms Applicant Investigation & Laws
Active Shooter Training
Alcotest 7110 Recertification

Jean McComb

Firearms Applicant Investigation & Laws

Ryan McSharry

Patrol Tactics
Active Shooter Training
Drug Interdiction & Conducting Complete MV Stops

Ali Muhammad

Radar Operator Recertification
Crisis Intervention team (CIT)
Bicycle Patrol I
Active Shooter Training

Matthew Nazzaro

Radar Operator Recertification
Victim Centered Sexual Assault Investigations
NJ Internal Affairs Investigation Program
Safety & Security Solutions Conference
On the Front Lines of the Opioid Epidemic
Alcotest 7110 Recertification
Advanced Substance Abuse/Addiction Training
Active Shooter Training
FBI LEEDA - Supervisor Leadership Institute (SLI)

Daniel Norton

Community Law Enforcement Addiction Recovery
Advanced Substance Abuse/Addiction Training
Active Shooter Training

Timothy O'Brien

Swiftwater Rescue Technician
Alcotest 7110 Initial Operator Certification
Extreme Risk Protection Order Training
Advanced Substance Abuse/Addiction Training
Active Shooter Training
Water Rescue Training
Vigilant - License Plate & Facial Recognition

Michael O'Neil

M4 Qualification
Swiftwater Rescue Technician
Intro to Hidden Compartments
Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement
Water Rescue Training
Active Shooter Training

Christian Pasternak

Radar Operator Recertification
Search & Seizure for Proactive Policing
Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)
Active Shooter Training

Guy Patterson

Enhanced All Hazards Incident Mgt/Unified Command
Best Practices in Managing Use of Force Events

TRAINING

EOC Operations & Planning for All Hazards
Mobile Trauma Center Anti-Terrorism Symposium
Safety & Security Solutions Conference
On the Front Lines of the Opioid Epidemic
Planning for Disaster- Debris Management (MGT-460)
Flooding Hazards - Science & Preparedness (AWR-362)
Active Shooter Training
UCR Training Seminar
Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks

Eugene Perrotta

Recruiting for Law Enforcement
Events Policing
Radar Operator Recertification
Basic Crash Investigation
Electronic Investigation & EDD
Extreme Risk Protection Order Training
Active Shooter Training
Vigilant - License Plate & Facial Recognition
Railroad Safety for Police Investigations
Risk Management for After School Activities/Athletics

William Pietrucha

PFRS - Retirement Planning

Christopher Polito

Managing the FTO Unit
Alcotest 7110 Recertification
Extreme Risk Protection Order Training
Active Shooter Training
Advanced Substance Abuse/Addiction Training
Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks

Liam Powell

Crisis Intervention Training for 911 Telecommunicators

John Rattigan

M4 Qualification
Planning the Active Shooter Drill
Alcotest 7110 Recertification
Water Rescue Training
ODMAP Implementation
Active Threat Integrated Response Course - RTF
Autism Spectrum Disorder - Police Response
Active Shooter Training

Kelly Rieder

Community Law Enforcement Addiction Recovery
Radar Operator Recertification
Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)
Active Shooter Training
Advanced Substance Abuse/Addiction Training

DWI Detection & SFST
Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)
Drug Recognition / Under the Influence

Matthew Siessel

Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement ARIDE
Taser Requalification
NJTR-1 Refresher
Advanced Substance Abuse/Addiction Training
The Art of Interviewing
Active Shooter Training
Water Rescue Training
Interview & Interrogation
Safe Schools Resource Officer/School Liaison
Police & Teens Together (PATT) Train the Trainer

Janet Spricigo

Firearms Applicant Investigation & Laws

Thomas Stiansen

Radar Operator Recertification
Taser Requalification
Advanced Substance Abuse/Addiction Training
Active Shooter Training

Joseph Stulpin

Taser Requalification
Advanced Substance Abuse/Addiction Training
High Impact Supervision
Active Shooter Training
EMT - Core ABC Recertification

John Swandrak

Victim Centered Sexual Assault Investigations
Firearms Applicant Investigation & Laws
Planning the Active Shooter Drill
On the Front Lines of the Opioid Epidemic
ALICE Instructor Certification
Alcotest 7110 Recertification
M4 Qualification
Vigilant - License Plate & Facial Recognition
Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks
Active Shooter Training

Shayne Temple

Basic Crash Investigation
Taser Requalification
M4 Qualification
Pedestrian Safety Enforcement for Law Enforcement Officer
Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification
NJ Crossing Guard Training & Resource Train the Trainer
Active Shooter Training
Traffic Incident Management for Emgcy Responders (TIM)
Share the Keys Facilitator Training
Railroad Safety for Police Investigations

TRAINING

Risk Management for After School Activities/Athletics

Steven Toy

PFRS - Retirement Planning
Taser Requalification
Alcotest 7110 Recertification
Active Shooter Training

Brian Trotter

Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement ARIDE
Basic Field Training Officer (FTO)
Swiftwater Rescue Technician
Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement
Active Shooter Training

Joseph Van Bergen

Best Practices in Managing Use of Force Events
NJCCIC Cyber Symposium
Safety & Security Solutions Conference
Physical & Cybersecurity for Critical Infrastructure
Planning for Disaster - Debris Management (MGT-460)
Flooding Hazards- Science & Preparedness (AWR-362)
Risk Management for After School Activities/Athletics
Nixle User Group
Active Shooter Training

Brian Wagner

Radar Operator Recertification
Gang Awareness
Drug Identification
M4 Qualification
Alcotest 7110 Recertification
Active Shooter Training

Stephen Wilde

Managing the FTO Unit
Alcotest 7110 Recertification
Extreme Risk Protection Order Training
Advanced Substance Abuse/Addiction Training
Active Shooter Training
PFRS - Retirement Planning



The Cranford Auxiliary Police had their safe restraint and martial arts training with Sensei Arthur Hearn at Hands of Life Martial Arts in November.



Cranford Police Auxiliary Officers Maycott and Valarde working the Centennial Village Musicfest near Lincoln Avenue School in September.



PHOTOS at RIGHT, members of the department taking part in Active Shooter training utilizing simunitions.

POLICE AUXILIARY

The history of the Cranford Auxiliary Police dates back to 1917 shortly after the United States declared war on Germany. During this time, reports of domestic sabotage were rampant and the need for additional protection from within our own borders became commonplace. Memorialized in the *Cranford Citizen* were references to the **Home Guard**. This organization, comprised strictly of men, would be “detailed to patrol duty under the tutelage of regular patrol officers”. The Home Guard consisted of 16 men; citizens of Cranford whom were trained weekly on Thursday nights. Although the scope of the training was not specific, archived information noted that Robert Crane held the rank of Captain within the organization.

After World War I, there is no documented history of the Home Guard until 1941, when the United States declared war on Japan, after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Evidence of German U-boats spying on the United States off the coast of New Jersey was revealed, and with the establishment of the Local Defense Council, “dim outs” and “air raid drills” were instituted. Cities and towns established their own emergency policies in accordance with the national and state guidelines. The March 19, 1941 *Cranford Citizen and Chronicle* reported the formalization of the **Civil Defense Emergency Police** under the direction of Chief Lester Powell. This unit consisted of 96 members and required a three month intensive training program. Once the training was complete, the men were presented with police shields, arm bands, whistles, and steel helmets. They were responsible for ensuring that all lights were extinguished during air raid drills.

The post World War II era promulgated the nuclear age with the Cuban missile crisis, war in Vietnam, and the stockpiling of atomic weapons by the Soviet Union, thus compelling the **Civil Defense Emergency Police** to continue to function as a branch of the police. Upon receipt of the sounding of the Red Air Raid warning, members would respond to their predetermined “Shelter Area” or “First Aid Station” and provide the required services for that station.

Eventually, as these threats within the world diminished, activities for the **Cranford Police Reserves** transitioned to traffic duty at local events, Election Day polling duty, natural disaster emergency response, child searches, oil spills, and other duties, whenever extra assistance was needed.

42 In 2019, the Cranford Police Auxiliary started the year

with sixteen (16) members. Three (3) officers departed our ranks during 2019. Officers DeMartino, Young, and Howard left for personal reasons or moved on in the hierarchy of law enforcement.

The Cranford Auxiliary Police had volunteer hours in 2019 totaling 2,393 hours of service to our community. The Auxiliary presence during the year freed full-time officers from fixed posts, enabling them to respond to urgent situations and higher priority emergency calls. The Auxiliary Police demonstrated their value as a force multiplier by providing Cranford with staffing levels and coverage that, otherwise, would have been absent. The benefit provided by the Auxiliary Police to both the Police Department and the community is extraordinary and cannot be solely measured by dollars and cents.

The 2019 membership of the Cranford Auxiliary Police stands at 13. The current members are:

Auxiliary Captain James Nalepa
Auxiliary Lieutenant Anthony DeMeo
Auxiliary Sergeant John Guempel
Auxiliary Officer Philip Andrews
Auxiliary Officer Taryn Curry
Auxiliary Officer Matthew Devlin
Auxiliary Officer James Evelina
Auxiliary Officer Kyla Grodzka
Auxiliary Officer Timothy Lisowski
Auxiliary Officer Kelvin Mangual
Auxiliary Officer Kimberly Maycott
Auxiliary Officer Jedeon Virata



Photo, Auxiliary Officer Caesar Velarde at his graduation from the Union County Police Auxiliary Academy in June. He also received the most dedicated recruit award. Shown with fellow members of the Cranford Police Auxiliary & CPD Sgt. Luedecker.



POLICE EXPLORERS

Law Enforcement Exploring is run through the Boy Scouts of America. Exploring is a program designed to educate and involve youth in police operations and to expose them to law enforcement functions. Members are between 14 to 21 years old and must be at least a freshman in high school.

The Cranford Police Explorer Post #2074 was established in 1982 and has served hundreds of children in those years. Numerous members of the Cranford Police Department were previously Explorers. The current advisors to the post are Capt Joseph Van Bergen, Det. Steven D'Ambola, and Det/Sgt. Matthew Nazzaro.

In 2019 the Post had 26 members. That number is continually growing due to the recruitment efforts of the members of the Post. This year eight (8) new members joined. Unfortunately, we lost nine (9) members who graduated high school and are now attending college. Eight (8) members of our post participated in the 2019 Cranford Police Youth Academy.

We are proud to report that the Post performed over 200 hours of volunteer service for the department and township. The Post continued to hold training sessions at the monthly meetings. These sessions included discussions and training videos on current police topics and hands on practical scenarios. Post advisors taught "10" codes and phonetic alphabet, DWI and Marijuana Investigations, Share the Keys, First Aid, Pursuits, Firearms, Ambush Attacks, Motor Vehicle Crash Investigation, Motor Vehicle Stops, and other basic department procedures.

Some of the activities the Post participated in during 2019 were traffic control at the 4th of July fireworks, Firecracker 4-miler, National Night Out, and Memorial Day parade. Explorers Kayla Murray, William Pietrucha, Anthony Andrews, Abigail Chang, Allen Davies, Ian Spurr, Peter Roefaro, and Jose Calixto donated a week out of their summer to help as assistant instructors for the 2019 Cranford Police Youth Academy. One of the highlights of the Explorer experience is participating in the Police Department's Ride-Along Program. In this program the Explorer goes on patrol with an experienced police officer and receives first hand view of their roles and responsibilities. In this way, the basic idea of civic responsibility can be instilled. Many of the Explorers are interested in pursuing careers in law enforcement and are grateful for the mentorship from seasoned officers.



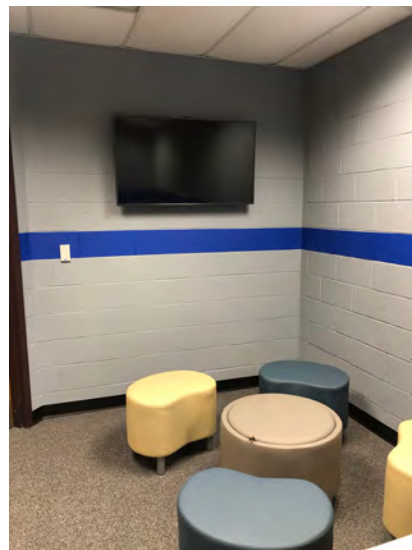
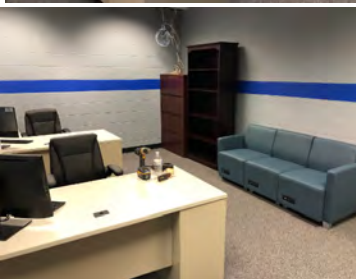
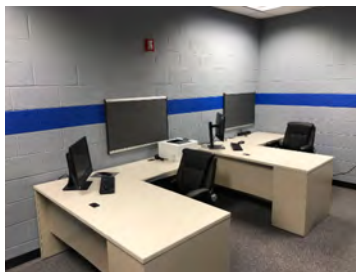
Photo, police explorer meeting with Sean Clancy, retired Captain of Detectives - Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office, teaching about Crime Scenes and his NationalCSIcamp.org.

COMMUNITY POLICING UNIT

The Community Policing Unit of the Cranford Police Department was created in January of 2018 with Officers John Rattigan and Robert Jordan under the supervision of Detective Sergeant John Swandrak. During 2019 due to promotions and reassignments, Patrolman Greg Federici and Ryan Gerrity were assigned to CPU to replace Patrolmen Rattigan and Jordan. The reason for this unit is to have dedicated officers develop and maintain a positive working relationship with the community. Our officers are forming partnerships with, residents, business owners, local leadership groups, religious organizations as well as schools. With these partnerships we are able to solve local community issues, reduce crime and improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

Following is a list of a few of our programs in 2019: Coffee with a Cop, Firearms Safety Awareness Training, Special Needs Registry, Mobile Medication Drop Off, School Supplies Drive, Residential/ Business Security Surveys, Food Drive, Active Shooter Training for Civilians, Safecam, Dog of the Month, & more.

In the fall/winter of 2019 we converted a storage room in the Community Center to our new Community Policing Unit offices. This office will allow our officers to interact with the community during many different events and also provides an inviting space for our youth to stop in. The doors contain a photo wrap of the department from the 1920s. We expect to be operational by early 2020.





SPECIAL OPERATIONS TEAM

It is recognized that the presence of a highly trained, highly skilled police tactical unit has shown to substantially reduce the risk of injury or loss of life to citizens and suspects. The Cranford Police Department Special Operations Team provides the Cranford Police Department with the resource of a skilled team with advanced training in the containment of critical incidents. It is the policy of our Special Operations Team to respond to critical incidents and serve as a containment team unless otherwise specified by the on duty supervisor or the incident.

The following officers are members of the Special Operations Team: Patrolman John Rattigan- Commander of the Team, Patrolman John Rattigan – Commander of the Team, Detective Spencer Durkin, Patrolman Thomas Bell, Patrolman Brian Wagner, Detective Christopher DiFabio, Patrolman Daniel Donnerstag, Patrolman Michael O’Neil, Patrolman Ryan Gerrity, Patrolman Jason D’Agostino, and Patrolman Shayne Temple.

In 2019 the Special Operations Team conducted the following training: Rifle qualifications, Rifle shooting drills, Handgun shooting drills, Breaching (mechanical and hydraulic), Room clearing, and more.



Photos above, annual spring firearms qualifications.

HONOR GUARD

In May of 2007 the Cranford Police Department initiated an Honor Guard unit comprising of seven volunteers. Each volunteer undergoes careful screening of their abilities, physical dexterity, motivation and professionalism. Each of the selected Officers have also shown an exceptionally high standard in both conduct and appearance with a strong attention to detail.

Once selected, these Officers undergo a one week training program in ceremonial conduct and practices for the various functions they will serve. In most of these functions the Honor Guard is required to move as one single unit, often times requiring little, if any, command direction. Each Officer is responsible for learning their respected position assignment as well as the other members so they can maintain unit integrity throughout a ceremony. The Honor Guard strengthens this knowledge through continued training and practice.

The Honor Guard is distinguished by the uniform they wear. The uniforms are tailored to each specific Officer and designed to stand out from the rest. These tailored uniforms also take into account the maneuvering of the Officer with regards to marching, rifle movements and the flying of the colors. The most notable functions of the Honor Guard are to represent the Police Department in ceremonies and parades.

The Honor Guard members are Sergeant Steven Toy (Commander); Detectives William Pietrucha (Coordinator) and Derek Farbanec; and Patrolmen Thomas Bell, Daniel Norton, John Rattigan, Kelly Rieder, and Michael O'Neil.

The Cranford Police Department Honor Guard continues to represent our agency in Funeral Services for Retired Cranford Police Officers, officers killed in the line of duty, and officers who passed away while in active service to their respective Police Departments around the State. We also participate in parades and various ceremonies. The primary purpose of the CPD Honor Guard is to provide funeral honors for fallen Officers. The Honor Guard has always, and will continue, to represent the Cranford Police Department with dignity, honor and pride.



Left Photo, Members of the Honor Guard attended the Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Service in Ocean Grove in May to honor those officers that have died in the line of duty in New Jersey.
46 Right Photos, Memorial Day 2019 in Cranford.

WATER RESCUE UNIT

The Township of Cranford has been called the Venice of New Jersey. Whether it is a Northeaster, hurricane, or a severe thunderstorm, many in Cranford wonder, is it going to flood. To offset these concerns the Cranford Police Department Water Rescue Team was established in 1998. What started as a few Officers who had been lifeguards in their younger years and owned jet ski's, this team has morphed into a trained group of Cranford Police Officers from various Divisions within the Department.

Each member of the Water Rescue Team is trained as Certified Water Rescue Technicians and Swift Water Rescue Technicians. Training consists of classroom time, swimming in the Cranford Pool, and practical training at Round Valley Reservoir and Scudders Falls in New Jersey. The training includes annual requalifications, open water rescue operations, and boat operation training. The Cranford Police and Cranford Fire Departments conduct joint water rescue training.

The Water Rescue Team utilizes 2 "boat's in a bag." These boats are stored in bags which eliminate the need to trailer a boat. Once needed, the boat is inflated and an Evinrude 25hp Motor is attached. This allows the Water Rescue Team to deploy at almost any location and in a matter of minutes.

The Water Rescue Team was not deployed in 2019, however the Team did participate in the Cranford Police Youth Academy. The Water Rescue Team also conducted several training evolutions throughout the year.

Team Members in 2019 were: Sergeant Timothy O'Brien- Commander of Team, Sergeant Joseph Stulpin, Detective Steven D'Ambola, Detective Christopher Difabio, Detective Robert Jordan, Patrolman John Rattigan, Patrolman Matthew Siessel, Patrolman Daniel Donnerstag, Patrolman Michael O'Neil, Patrolman Brian Trotter, Patrolman James Knight, and Patrolman Jason D'Agostino.

Equipment:

- 2015 Zodiac ERB 380 12'9" Inflatable Boat Evinrude 25mph Motor
- 2017 Zodiac ERB 380 12'9" Inflatable Boat-Evinrude 25mph Motor
- Gortex "Dry" Rescue Suits
- Search and Rescue Personal Flotation Devices
- Specialty Stretcher with Flotation Collar
- Rope Equipment
- 4 Humvees
- 2 Five Ton Trucks



MOBILE COMMAND POST UNIT



The Cranford Police Department acquired military surplus vehicles in 2015 as part of a federal program that repurposes decommissioned military equipment for use by municipal and state agencies. All vehicles and equipment were obtained at no cost to the township, We were able to secure numerous pieces of equipment to assist our response to floods and hazardous weather. In addition, we obtained a vehicle to be used as a Mobile Command Post - 2009 BMV Harsco M934 Expandable Van. The department had not had a Command Post vehicle since the early 1980s when we decommissioned the vehicle which had been in use since the early 1960s. Coincidentally the previous vehicle was also an ex-military vehicle - 1942 Ford ambulance.

The Mobile Command Post is fully equipped with radios, telephones, and computers. In addition to coordinating field activities and personnel, the Mobile Command Post can serve as the police communications center if the municipal building is damaged or inaccessible, as was the case during Hurricane Irene. The vehicle is deployed for special events and large gatherings as a base of operations for our officers as well as an easily identifiable location for the public if in need of a police officer.

A Mobile Command Post Unit was created with officers trained in the use of the equipment in the vehicle as well as in the operation of the vehicle. Members of the Unit in 2019 were: Captain Joseph Van Bergen, Sergeant Russell Luedecker – Commander of the Team, Detective Sergeant Matthew Nazzaro, Detective Nadia Jones, Detective Chris DiFabio, Detective Michael Dubitsky, Detective William Pietrucha, Detective Robert Jordan, Patrolman Brian Wagner, Patrolman John Rattigan, Patrolman Gregory Federici, Patrolman Daniel Donnerstag, Patrolman Michael O'Neil, Patrolman Corey LoForte, Patrolman Ryan Gerrity, and Patrolman James Knight.



Above Photo, Mobile Command Post deployed at the Spring Street Festival with Lieutenant Edward Davenport..



Top Right Photo, Mobile Command Post deployed for the annual Police Youth Academy.



Bottom Right Photo, Mobile Command Post deployed at 48 National Night Out in August.

YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

13th Session

We held the thirteenth class of the Cranford Police Department Youth Police Academy from July 8-12, 2019. The academy program, designed to bridge the gap between the members of the police department and the youth of Cranford, included 51 cadets from Cranford between the ages of 11 and 14.

The Youth Academy is held at the Cranford Police Department, Cranford Community Center, and Centennial Avenue Pool Complex. The Academy is under the direction of Detective Steven D'Ambola and Captain Joseph Van Bergen with Patrolman Daniel Donnerstag leading the daily military drill and physical fitness training. Patrolmen Ryan Gerrity and Lynne Galvez also assist in the daily activities. Following the daily drill and PT, the cadets have classroom activities.

Training sessions are designed to familiarize the cadets with the roles of Cranford police officers, as well as the functions of various county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. During the week, cadets received classroom lectures and practical exercises on police department structure, patrol operations, motor vehicle stops, investigative techniques, DWI, first aid/CPR, firearms safety, gang awareness, and traffic investigations.

Demonstrations were presented by the Cranford Police Department's Water Rescue Unit, Firearms Unit, Investigative Division, and Traffic Bureau. Additional presentations were made by the Cranford Fire Department Emergency Medical Services, United States Marine Corps, New Jersey State Police, New Jersey Transit Police Department, New Jersey Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness, Union County Sheriff's K-9 and Crime Scene Units, Union County Bomb Squad, Union County SWAT, Union County Prosecutor's Office, Union County OEM HAZMAT, U.S. Secret Service, and U.S. Homeland Security Investigations.

More than 150 family and friends of the cadets attended the graduation ceremony held in the gym at the Cranford Community Center. Chief Ryan Greco, Captain Joseph Van Bergen, and Detective Steven D'Ambola led the graduation ceremonies. During the ceremony, family and friends were given an overview of the Youth Academy Program. The highlight of the graduation was a video and slide show depicting the week-long training experience. All graduating cadets received certificates for their participation in the program.

This year's session of the academy was dedicated to Honorary Police Officer Raymond Schwartz who passed away in early 2019 after a courageous fight against cancer. Ray was a previous Youth Academy cadet and junior instructor. In his honor the Ray Schwartz Memorial Award was created and awarded to a cadet for displaying exceptional integrity and dedication to the Cranford Police Department and Police Youth Academy. This year's award was presented to cadet Ryan Kilbashian, see photo at end of report.

Retired United States Secret Service Agent Tom Sloan donated a signed copy of his book, "Guardians of Democracy," to each cadet. The book chronicles the 150-year history of the US Secret Service. In addition, we had every cadet sign a copy of the book in Ray's memory and the book was presented to the Schwartz family at graduation.



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Afternoon Car Stop Leads to Handgun Arrest

On Friday, February 22, 2019 the Cranford Police Department seized marijuana, money and a loaded 9mm handgun during the course of a motor vehicle stop on Springfield Avenue.

Detective William Pietrucha was conducting traffic enforcement when he noticed the 2017 Mazda being driven carelessly, on Springfield Avenue near North Union Avenue, around 1:09 PM. Det. Pietrucha conducted a motor vehicle stop and after an investigation on scene, arrested the driver, Shawn Mcleod (23 y/o, Irvington, NJ) for suspected marijuana and a large sum of cash found in his possession. During a search of the vehicle, Det. Pietrucha then discovered a loaded 9mm handgun with hollow-point ammunition.

Mcleod was subsequently charged with Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, Possession of Hollow-Point Bullets, Possession of Under (50g) of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was processed and remanded to the Union County Jail pending a detention hearing.

Chief Ryan Greco of the Cranford Police Department stated, "This arrest marks the second gun arrest from a motor vehicle stop we've had in the past eight days." Chief Greco went on to praise Det. Pietrucha's efforts and reiterated, "This is just another example of the everyday dangers our Officers are exposed to."



Above, DPW Employee, Chris Corbisiero, found a personalized Christmas ornament while disposing of trees in January and mentioned it to his brother, CPD Traffic Maintenance Joseph Corbisiero, who then thought we should post it on our social media accounts. After a short time we were able to reunite it with the happy family. Toni Yates of ABC7NY and CBS New York both stopped by headquarters to cover this great story and reunification.



Above, In January, Captain Patterson attended Enhanced All Hazards Incident Management/Unified Command training at Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service- TEEX and TEEX National Emergency Response & Recovery Training Center. Training was paid for by FEMA.

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CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT BECOMES C.L.E.A.R. PROGRAM LOCATION

February 1, 2019, the Cranford Police Department joined in Union County's Community Law Enforcement Addiction Recovery (C.L.E.A.R.) Program as a local C.L.E.A.R. Program Location. The C.L.E.A.R. Program is a partnership between the County of Union and Prevention Links in which law enforcement agencies provide on-site drug addiction recovery services to Union County residents seeking assistance.

Since June of 2017, the Union County Sheriff's Office in Elizabeth and Union County Police Department have been the two locations where services could be found. Since its inception, the C.L.E.A.R. Program has assisted 72 individuals towards recovery. In strategizing on how best to address the grave consequences of substance use disorder, Chief Greco welcomed the opportunity to have the CPD participate in a program that provides another avenue to combat the opioid problem in Union County. In 2018, the Cranford Police Department responded to 17 opiate overdose calls for service. Three of those calls resulted in fatalities. "It is clear that law enforcement cannot arrest its way out of the problem of substance abuse. Medications such as Naloxone are incredibly useful but are at best a band-aid in a time of emergency. To truly tackle this problem, those individuals facing the disease of addiction need to find their way to recovery," Greco said. Chief Greco believes that the innovative approach of partnering his officers with Prevention Links and High Focus Centers makes perfect sense. "I can only hope that by providing an additional C.L.E.A.R. Program location and expanding the program hours we will be able to assist even more people towards recovery."

Coordinated by Captain Guy Patterson, twelve Cranford Police Officers received advanced substance abuse training and serve as facilitators for participants. C.L.E.A.R. Program participants seeking treatment will be met by one of the department's specially trained officers who will assist the individual and pair them with a partner agency recovery coach. A recovery coach serves as the individual's guide to appropriate treatment facilities and recovery support networks. C.L.E.A.R. provides services at any of the program locations Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00AM and 5:00 PM. In addition to the regular business hours, the Cranford Police Department has created a partnership with local stakeholders at High Focus Centers to provide after-hours recovery coaching services. Collectively, these partnerships allow for the Cranford Police Department to offer substance abuse recovery assistance services 24 hours a day seven days a week.



Above left, Sergeant Matthew Nazzaro graduated from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Command and Leadership Academy in January. The training focused on conflict management, critical thinking, communications, counseling, decision making, & leadership science.



Above right, members took part in the Shining Stars basketball game in March to benefit the local special needs community.

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RAYMOND SCHWARTZ
POLICE OFFICER
CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



It is with heavy hearts that we report the death of Honorary Police Officer Raymond Schwartz. After a courageous battle he passed away February 12, 2019 at the age of 15. Please keep Ray and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Ray, we have the watch from here.



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Captain James E. Washbourne

James E. Washbourne, 74, passed away April 20, 2018. Born in Garwood, James lived in Cranford for 30 years, Scotch Plains for 27 years, before settling to Westfield.

He joined the Cranford Police Department in March 1966 as a Patrolman, then became Sergeant in June 1989, and ultimately became Captain in January 1994. James was a graduate of Cranford High School, obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from William Paterson University, and then served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War prior to joining the Cranford Police Department.

He served in the patrol and investigative divisions and was the Operations Captain when he retired in June 2004 with close to 39 years of service.

He is predeceased by his brother William Washbourne and is survived by his wife Catherine (Klein) Washbourne, three children Jody, Jason, and Jeffrey, and eight grandchildren.

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Detective Samuel W. Cymbaluk

Samuel W. Cymbaluk, 93, passed away on June 17, 2019. A longtime Cranford resident, Sam served 25 years with the Cranford Police Department after graduating first in his class from the Union County Police Academy. He earned the rank of detective in 1972, retiring in 1979. His son, Paul, followed in his father's footsteps and was given the distinguished honor of wearing his father's badge through his 25-year career. Sam's brother, Myron, also served as a Cranford Police officer from 1950-1980.

After graduating from Cranford High School in 1944, Sam served in the United States Army from 1950 to 1952, attaining the rank of corporal. Sam loved his country, serving for many years with the Cranford VFW Honor Guard, carrying our country's flag in many of Cranford's Memorial Day parades. Sam was predeceased by both of his wives: Wanda (Berlinski) Cymbaluk in 1979 and Anna (DeHanes) Cymbaluk in 2017. Sam loved to travel. He, his wife Wanda and their three children camped extensively across North America. He was quite the accomplished fisherman and golfer, the latter highlighted by several holes in one. He golfed until the age of 92.

Sam and his wife Anna retired to Sebastian, Fla., where they enjoyed golfing, fishing and traveling the world. They were married 32 years. Sam was the fifth of six sons born to the late Simon and Eva (Sznyra) Cymbaluk; he was predeceased by Michael, Stephen, Myron and Teddy. He is survived by William, of Cranford. He is also survived by his three children, Paul, husband of Angela (Moroney) Cymbaluk, of Linden, N.J., Nancy, wife of Paul Dango, of Jackson, N.J., and Mary Cymbaluk of Reading, Pa. There are also stepchildren, Mark DeHanes and his wife Elizabeth of Westfield, N.J., Daniel of Sarasota, Fla., and Anne Marie Talty, wife of Thomas, of Pittsburgh, Pa. Sam's family includes five grandchildren, Lisa Cymbaluk, Matthew Dango and his wife Andrea, Samantha Blosssey and her husband Jeremy, and Mitchell and Wanda Davis, along with two 54 great-grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

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Communications Officer Rosemary T. Cartwright

Rosemary T. Cartwright, 73, passed away July 9, 2019, in Livingston, N.J. Born in New York City, and formerly of Brooklyn, Rahway, and Cranford, she was residing in Kenilworth.

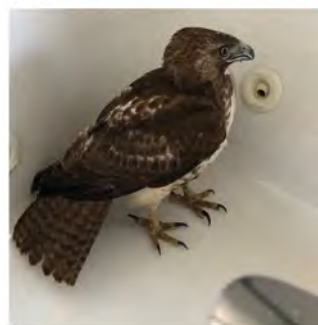
Rosemary was active in Cranford, as she was instrumental in the Child Safety Shield program, and she taught CCD at St. Michael's School. She worked as a travel consultant for Eastern Airlines until 1989. She then became a 9-1-1 dispatcher in Cranford in 2000, and worked until 2011.

She was predeceased by her parents, Thomas and Mary. Surviving are husband, Drexel; her children: son, Thomas Jason and his wife, Alicia and her grandchild, Jenna Marie and daughter, Samantha Mary and her sister, Marjorie Woolf.



Above, Detective Steven D'Ambola was presented with the Police Shield Award from the Cranford Knights of Columbus, Council 6226 in March for his faithful service, commitment, & dedication to the Cranford Community.

Below, Strange call of the day....police units responded to a call of a bird that flew through a bathroom window into the home in March. Upon arrival officers found this little hawk relaxing in the jacuzzi. Patrolman Bell was able to convince him to leave and go back to a nearby tree.



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Pet Chip Reader Purchased

We are happy to announce that in March we purchased an Omni Max Pet Chip Reader. The microchip reader will allow us to more quickly determine if a found animal has a microchip and, if so, obtain the owners information so we can get the pet home. In the past we have utilized the services of local veterinarians, but feel this will be more efficient. We began using the scanner March 27th and actually had two separate stray dogs that we found, both with microchips. We were able to quickly identify the owners and get them home. It is important to make sure your contact information is up to date with your chip vendor. If you aren't sure who your vendor is you can stop by police headquarters and we can get the information for you. Patrolman Ryan Gerrity is shown below with our first successful dog scan.



Cranford Police Partner with Animal Rescue to Help Dogs Find a Forever Home

In March, we announced that we will be partnering with Home for Good Dog Rescue and additional rescues in the future in an effort to find loving and forever homes for dogs in need. We sponsor a dog in need of a home each month from our Facebook page where we share links to photos and bios of the dog as well as a link to the adoption applications. As we expand the program we will feature additional rescues. Photos at right are a few of our "Dog of the Month" posts.



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Coffee with a Cop

Photos above, our Community Policing Unit held Coffee with a Cop in April at Starbucks on South Avenue. On October 2nd we took part in National Coffee with a Cop Day at Track 5 and were visited and featured on TV by Heather Childers of Fox & Friends First on Fox News and Dr. Darrin Porcher (retired NYPD Lt.).

Public Safety Day

Photos at left, The Cranford Police Department took part in the annual Week of the Young Child Celebration held by Calvery Lutheran Nursery School and Helen K. Baldwin Nursery School on Holly Street 57 in April.

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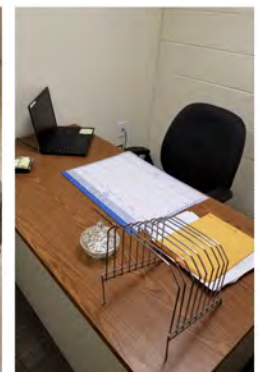
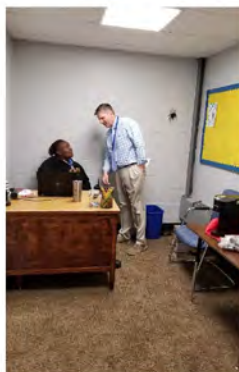
Police Substations Open in Three Public Schools

In April, the Cranford Police Department and Cranford Public Schools announced the creation of school "Police Substations" within its three largest schools in an ongoing effort to increase school safety, security and law enforcement visibility. This effort complements the district's recent additions to safety and security infrastructure throughout the township's public schools.

Both organizations have a shared services agreement in which the schools contribute funding to the township in exchange for services from the police department's Juvenile Bureau and School Resource Officer Program. Cranford High School, Hillside Avenue School and Orange Avenue School now have designated offices to be used by the School Resource Officers and members of the Patrol Division on a daily basis. "The purpose of a police substation is to increase police visibility while offering officers another place to complete reports, make follow-up calls, and conduct school business," said Cranford Police Chief Ryan Greco. The Police Department already has a healthy relationship with Principals, faculty and students, but the substations have increased that bond. "Our officers participate in classroom lessons, offer feedback on mandated school drills, and interact with teachers on a daily basis," Chief Greco continued. "The consistent presence in schools afforded by these designated spaces foster communication and a healthy working relationship."

The Cranford Public Schools' in-house building, grounds and custodial personnel created these spaces swiftly since the idea first came forward in November of 2018. Additionally, The Home Depot of Garwood, led by Store Manager Gino Temporal, provided construction supplies, paint and carpeting to aid in the project's successful completion. Laptop computers that may be used by officers to complete reports and follow-up investigations were supplied by generous donors. According to Dr. Scott Rubin, Cranford Superintendent of Schools, "This is yet another fine example of the community coming together for the benefit of our children. The District is very proud and appreciative of its strong partnership with the Cranford Police Department and thanks all involved in helping to make this important initiative a reality."

The Cranford Police Department and Cranford Public Schools have had a shared services agreement since 2014. **Pictured from left to right** are D/Sgt. Matthew R. Nazzaro, Gino Temporal of The Home Depot, Dr. Scott Rubin, Superintendent of Schools, Chief Ryan J. Greco, Chief of Police, Dr. Curt Fogas, School Safety Specialist and Hillside School Principal, Dr. Marc Edery, Principal of Orange Avenue School, and D/Lt. Edward Davenport.





Cranford Police Launch Virtual Neighborhood Watch Program

The Cranford Police Department is proud to announce a new Community/Police Partnership Program. The Police Department has launched a virtual neighborhood watch program by creating a voluntary registry of business' and homeowners' surveillance cameras systems, utilized to catch criminals.

The Cranford Civilian Cam (CCC) Program, maps out the locations of the cameras, so officers can find possible evidence faster. The directory does NOT allow officers to tap into private cameras, and would only indicate where the cameras are located. By registering your camera with us, the Department can quickly identify nearby cameras that may have captured criminal activity. After registering your camera, you would only be contacted by the Cranford Police Department if there was a law enforcement related need in the vicinity of your security camera. Police personnel, if necessary, may request to view your camera footage in order to assist in the investigation. The directory will be confidential and only accessible to law enforcement.

Many business owners and residents currently operate surveillance systems at their businesses and/or homes. As crimes occur nearby, they are not always aware that their system may have captured information that could help solve the crime, thus keeping our community safer. In turn, the police are also not always aware who may or may not have this potentially vital information. The Police Department is requesting residents and businesses across town to register their privately-owned surveillance camera systems.

Using the geographic locations of the registered cameras, the Cranford Police Department will be able to directly e-mail or call citizens in an area in which a crime occurred. A standard e-mail may ask the citizen to check their video surveillance system for a specific date and time for video capturing a suspect, getaway car or a crime. If the citizen finds any video evidence, they can contact the Police Department to make arrangements for video retrieval. Installing video surveillance is a great example of community-police partnerships and is something we highly value as a police agency serving our community.

Interested citizens can register their cameras by filling out a short application that is located on our website www.cranfordnj.org/police-department. The applications can also be picked up at the police department. The Cranford Police Department is committed to our partnership with the community and believes this is yet another powerful solution in fighting crime.

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23rd Annual Police Unity Tour

Captain Guy Patterson, Sergeant Joseph Stulpin and Patrolman Joseph Sherbo represented the Department on the Police Unity Tour bicycle ride to honor the sacrifices of police officers killed in the line of duty.

Each year, Cranford Police Officers ride to honor recently fallen officers and for Cranford Patrolman Robert F. Hand, who died in the line of duty serving the citizens of Cranford on February 11, 1975. This year is special for all those participating and even more so for Patrolman Sherbo. Patrolman Sherbo will be riding in honor of his late father, Patrolman Dewey J. Sherbo III of the Newark Police Department. Patrolman Dewey Sherbo was killed in the line of duty on November 9, 1997.

They departed May 9th for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. Auxiliary Sergeant John Guempel followed in a vehicle providing support along the multi-day, 300 mile ride.



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Arrest Made in Car Burglary Investigation

Over a three-day span between May 7-9, 2019, the Cranford Police Department responded to sixteen southside residences on reported car burglaries. The incidents all occurred during the overnight hours on North Lehigh Avenue, Myrtle Street, Elm Street, Mendell Avenue and Crane Parkway. Various items were stolen from unlocked vehicles along these streets. Additionally, a vehicle was stolen from its owner's driveway on Mendell Avenue during this same time period.

An investigation conducted by the Cranford Police Department Investigative Division eventually led to the arrest of a 16-year old juvenile from Roselle. Detective Robert Jordan, the lead investigator, has subsequently charged the juvenile with multiple burglary and theft crimes. The stolen vehicle was recovered in Newark on Thursday evening and, along with other stolen items recovered from the investigation, are being returned to their respective owners.

Crossing guard struck by vehicle while crossing student

On May 23rd at approximately 8:07 AM, we responded to the intersection of Walnut Avenue and Blake Avenue for a reported motor vehicle crash involving a pedestrian. The preliminary investigation revealed a Cranford school crossing guard was struck in the crosswalk by a 2003 Cadillac being operated by an 86-year-old male from Union County. The school crossing guard had stopped traffic to cross a student walking to school. The school crossing guard, who was equipped with a traffic vest and "stop" paddle, suffered injuries from the crash and was transported to an area hospital for evaluation.

The intersection of Walnut Avenue and Blake Avenue is a county road, directly in front of Walnut Avenue School. The intersection is a dedicated school crossing post and is manned by a school guard. The Township of Cranford has added a flashing beacon light to the intersection to assist pedestrians and the school guard by alerting traffic of the upcoming crossing. In addition, the intersection also has an in-street "Stop for Pedestrian" sign to increase the visibility of those crossing the street.



Above, left to right, Sergeant Stulpin, Mayor Giblin, Patrolman LoForte, and Patrolman Rattigan at the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade in Union.



Above, department members at the annual Hillside Avenue School Spring Scramble run in April.



Above, left to right, Lieutenant Davenport with Torch runners Sergeant Nazzaro, Sergeant Swandrak, Captain Patterson, Tommy Wisniewski, Detective Jordan, Patrolman Chamra, & Detective Dubitsky in June took part in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics of New Jersey.

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Body-Worn Cameras

Beginning in May, a limited number of officers were equipped with body-worn cameras. This initiative was part of a county-wide effort by the Union County Prosecutor's Office aimed at equipping all Union County police agencies with body-worn cameras. The public will see the new cameras being worn by police officers working in the Patrol Division.

Body-worn cameras have been effective in memorializing important information during critical incidents. Cranford Police Officers are required to activate the body cameras when conducting investigative and enforcement actions such as making an arrest, issuing a summons, searches or stopping a person on the street in the course of an investigation. All officers equipped with body-worn cameras have received training on the devices. The body-worn cameras supplement our existing in-car digital video systems which currently record motor vehicle traffic stops. Patrolman John Colineri is shown at right with the camera.



Police & Teens Together

For a week in May we were at Cranford High School for our annual Police and Teens Together (PATT) program instructed by SRO Detective Jones and members of the Community Policing Unit, Traffic, Patrol, and Investigative Divisions. Photos show both the classroom and outdoor scenes.



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Volunteer of the Year

Detective Nadia Jones of the Juvenile Bureau was selected as Cranford's Municipal Alliance Volunteer of the Year by the Local Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (LACADA). Det. Jones was nominated by her colleagues on the Cranford Municipal Alliance for her work with Cranford's children in Project ALERT, Police and Teens Together, and Red Ribbon Week. Det. Jones is also a volunteer for the Police Athletic League, Cranford PBA, Habitat for Humanity, and has organized charitable events locally and regionally, all while declining public recognition, until the May awards dinner at the Galloping Hill Caterers.



Police Seize Over 15lbs. of Marijuana from Cranford Home

On June 6th at approximately 1220 hours, Patrolman Matthew Siessel conducted a motor vehicle stop at the intersection of Bloomingdale Avenue and Elizabeth Avenue for a view obstruction. Following an investigation on scene, Ptl. Siessel arrested the driver, Dominique Williams (25 y/o, Bermuda), for suspected marijuana found inside the vehicle. Williams, who was renting a Cranford home on Bloomingdale Avenue, was processed and provided with a Municipal Court appearance date. A follow-up investigation, by Det. Robert Jordan of the Cranford Police Detective Bureau, led back to the Bloomingdale Avenue home in Cranford where detectives eventually seized over 15lbs. of packaged marijuana and cash. In connection with this seizure, Det. Jordan arrested a second renter at the address, Cole Hill (25 y/o, Alabama), for Distribution of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, Distribution of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in a School Zone and Possession of Marijuana. Hill was processed at Cranford Police HQ and was provided with an upcoming Superior Court appearance date.

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CPD Awards Ceremony

On Thursday, May 16, 2019 the Cranford Police Department held our awards ceremony. Officers receiving awards are shown in the photo below, left, to right, Detective Farbanec, Patrolman Siessel, Detective Pietrucha, Patrolman Trotter, Patrolman O'Neil, Patrolman Knight, Patrolman Federici, Chief Greco, Patrolman Hearn, Jr., Detective Jordan, Patrolman Sherbo, Sergeant Stiansen, Patrolman Handy, Patrolman Temple, and Detective Sergeant Swandrak. Not pictured are Detective DiFabio and Patrolman Donnerstag.



Below are short summaries of the incidents related to the commendations received by the officers.

Patrolman Gregory Federici

On February 28th, 2017 Officer Gregory Federici was on patrol when he observed a gray Chrysler in the area of Centennial Avenue and Cayuga Road being driven in an erratic manner. Officer Federici conducted a motor vehicle stop. A search of the vehicle was conducted and produced the following: a pound of marijuana, three zip lock bags of MDMA, 25 pills of oxycodone, 10 ecstasy pills, 11 bags of crack cocaine, a scale, and \$4000 in cash. The driver was arrested and subsequently detained at the Union County Jail. The estimated street value of the narcotics was \$6,000 which were destined to for sale on the street.

Sergeant Thomas Stiansen & Patrolman Gregory Federici

On May 3, 2017 Central Communications received a call reporting an active fire at Cranford Health and Extended Care. Officer Federici and Sergeant Stiansen were first to arrive on scene at which time they observed smoke billowing from the window of one of the rooms. As they made their way toward the building, they could hear screams coming from occupants of one of the units. Sergeant Stiansen and Officer Federici immediately broke the window to an adjacent room, made entry, and evacuated the residents. An additional twelve patients were evacuated from the structure by responding patrol units so the Cranford Fire Department could fight the fire. It was determined that the fire had started from a heating and air conditioning unit in one of the rooms. Stiansen and Federici have also been honored with the prestigious 200 Club Valor Award for their actions during this incident.

Patrolman Timothy Handy

On May 21, 2017 Officer Timothy Handy was on patrol in the area of the Homewood Suites Hotel when he observed a Gray Chevy operating recklessly through the parking lot. Upon stopping the motor vehicle, he observed the rear seat passenger frantically moving around in attempt to conceal an item. A search of the vehicle revealed a loaded 9mm handgun concealed between the rear seat. Three occupants of the vehicle were arrested and charged with weapons and narcotics offenses. Officer Handy potentially averted the commission of a violent crime stemming from this incident.

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Patrolman Michael O'Neil

On November 5, 2017 Officer Michael O'Neil was patrolling the area of Raritan Road when he observed numerous equipment violation on a Ford Explorer. Officer O'Neil effectuated a motor vehicle stop and as the vehicle pulled to the side of the road an occupant immediately exited the vehicle and fled the scene on foot. With a potentially dangerous motor vehicle stop unfolding and being at the edge of town Officer O'Neil ordered the remaining occupants to place their hands out the window until additional units arrived on scene. Officer O'Neil continued to transmit clear concise radio transmissions describing the fleeing actor all while maintaining control of the three remaining occupants. Once additional units arrived on scene, the occupants of the vehicle were removed, and a search of the vehicle was conducted. Recovered from inside the vehicle were two loaded handguns with hollow point bullets, marijuana, and a credit card scanner. Furthermore, Linden Police Department units who arrived on scene to assist, informed Cranford Police units that the occupants were currently suspects in a string of armed robberies specifically targeting gas stations. All three were arrested and charged with weapons and narcotics offenses. Days later Cranford Police Department Detectives were able to identify and apprehend the fourth suspect that fled the scene.

Patrolman Nelson Hearn, Jr. & Detective Christopher DiFabio

On December 10, 2017 Irvington Police Department was in pursuit of a white van southbound on the Garden State Parkway. The vehicle was wanted in connection with a carjacking, kidnapping, and multiple robberies in Essex and Union Counties. Irvington Police lost the vehicle in the area of the GSP 137 Exit. Clark Police Department advised that the vehicle was last seen in their town northbound on Walnut Avenue. Simultaneously, residents of Pershing Avenue began calling 911 to report a suspicious white van parked in the driveway of a Pershing Avenue home. Officer Hearn responded and as he exited his vehicle the van reversed nearly striking him. As this was occurring Detective DiFabio was arriving on scene and observed the events unfolding. DiFabio could see that Hearn was uninjured and engaged in a motor vehicle pursuit through five Municipalities. The suspect clearly disregarded human life, and one point took an evasive maneuver which disabled Officer DiFabio's radio car. Hearn along with Clark Police units were able to apprehend the suspect after he crashed his vehicle in an industrial area of Linden. The suspect was charged with a multitude of charges stemming from this pursuit along with charges of carjacking and kidnapping in Irvington.

Det/Sergeant John Swandrak & Patrolmen Michael O'Neil, Gregory Federici, Brian Trotter, & James Knight

On December 29, 2017 Patrol Units responded to a Preston Avenue address to conduct a welfare check of the female resident. A third-party caller reported that the occupant of the residence was possibly being held against her will by her estranged ex-boyfriend. Upon arriving on scene, Federici and O'Neil were confronted by an irrational male screaming at the officers through a locked door. At this point, Sergeant Swandrak was summoned to the scene and attempted to calm the male down. The male refused to exit the residence and could be heard telling the female resident exactly what to say to the on-scene police units. As the negotiations continued officers determined that the male had barricaded himself inside the residence by pushing a sofa against the door. After negotiations had failed and fearing for the safety of the female resident, Sergeant Swandrak made the decision to force entry into the residence. All units tactically entered the residence where they were confronted by the male who was now armed with a large butcher knife. Although deadly force would have been justified, units were able to subdue the suspect by utilizing OC Spray. Once the scene was secure they provided medical attention to the female who stated that she was assaulted and held captive by the male who had threatened her with the butcher knife. The male was ultimately charged with a multitude of criminal offenses including kidnapping and weapons related offenses.

Detective Robert Jordan

On February 16, 2018 Detective Jordan was on routine patrol in the area of North Avenue and Carpenter Place. Jordan stopped a Pontiac for equipment and moving violations. During his investigation, Jordan had the occupant

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exit the vehicle to conduct a search of the vehicle. Located inside the vehicle was a loaded 9mm handgun. The sole occupant was taken into custody and charged with numerous weapons related offenses and remanded to the Union County Jail. The firearm was determined to be stolen out of Alabama in 2014.

Patrolman Brian Trotter

On July 14th, 2018 Officer Brian Trotter was on patrol on Raritan Road in the area of Coleman Place when he observed the occupants of a Mercedes Benz not wearing their seatbelts. Officer Trotter conducted a motor vehicle stop of this vehicle during which a subsequent search of the vehicle resulted in the recovery of a loaded Glock handgun. Further investigation determined that this handgun was stolen out of Georgia. Three individuals were taken into custody and remanded to the Union County Jail. One of the individuals had an extensive Criminal History which included murder, robbery, and burglary.

Detective Derek Farbanec

On October 6 2018 at 0044 hrs. Patrol Units responded to the Industrial Park for the report of an armed robbery with a handgun. The victim was approached by two males outside his workplace and forced to turn over personal belongings with the threat of being shot. The suspects fled the area via the Garden State Parkway. Detective Farbanec responded to the scene to conduct a follow-up investigation. Within hours Detective Farbanec had developed a suspect, by utilizing surveillance footage at a nearby convenience store where the actors had used the victims credit card. That same day members of the Cranford Police Department Detective Bureau responded to a Maplewood residence where they placed one of the actors under arrest and recovered a loaded .25 caliber handgun. This actor ultimately confessed to his role in the crime and identified the second actor. Both were remanded to the Union County Jail.

Patrolmen Timothy Handy, Shayne Temple, & Joseph Sherbo

On January 1, 2019 at 2019 hrs., Patrol Units responded to a Walnut Avenue residence on a report of an unresponsive 52-year-old male. Upon arriving on scene Officers Timothy Handy and Joseph Sherbo immediately began assessing the patient. Both officers determined that the individual had no pulse and was not breathing. They immediately began life-saving measures by initiating CPR and utilizing an AED. As the exhausting initial phase of life-saving measures continued Handy and Sherbo were joined by Officer Shayne Temple and members of the Cranford First Aid Squad. While on scene, the patient received five shocks from an AED while officers continued to rotate the tiresome process of chest compressions. Just prior to being transported to an area hospital a faint pulse was detected on the patient. Over the next several days the victim remained in critical condition of the Intensive Care Unit, but doctors determined that he would make a full recovery.

Patrolman Daniel Donnerstag

On January 28, 2019 Officer Daniel Donnerstag responded to a Central Avenue address for a two-year old child who had an object lodged in his throat. Upon arriving, Officer Donnerstag was met by a frantic grandmother and neighbor who were attempting to clear the obstruction. After recognizing that the child was clearly in distress Donnerstag instinctively began life-saving measures. Donnerstag gave several back blows eventually dislodging the object. This traumatic ordeal for all parties involved took place over only a matter of minutes, but ultimately prevented a life time of grief for this family.

Patrolman Matthew Siessel

On February 14, 2019 Officer Siessel conducted a motor vehicle stop in the area of 333 E. North Avenue after he witnessed numerous motor vehicle violations. Officer Siessel conducted a search of the vehicle and located narcotics and a loaded firearm. A subsequent follow-up investigation determined that the individual claiming ownership of this illegally possessed firearms had just left Union County College and possessed the weapon while on campus.

Detective William Pietrucha

On February 22, 2019 Detective Pietrucha observed a motor vehicle operating in an erratic manner in the area of Springfield Avenue and Holly Street and conducted a motor vehicle stop. After an investigation, Detective Pietrucha began a methodical search of the vehicle which resulted in the recovery of narcotics, currency, and a loaded firearm. The subject was ultimately arrested, lodged in the Union County Jail, and charged with numerous weapons and narcotic related offenses.

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT ELUDING ARREST

Two Essex County men were arrested and the investigation into the identities of two others continues, after a stolen vehicle fled Cranford Police Officers. Akim Gibson, 22 of Newark, and Jakill Simmons, 25, of East Orange are facing multiple criminal and motor vehicle charges stemming from this incident.

On June 30, 2019 at 2:52 AM, Patrolman Gregory Federici observed the driver of a 2013 Volkswagen not wearing his seatbelt. The Volkswagen was occupied by four individuals and was traveling in the area of North Avenue East. When Federici attempted to stop the vehicle, it fled through town center and headed north on Springfield at a high rate of speed. Federici pursued the vehicle shortly as it traveled northbound on Springfield Avenue, but terminated the pursuit due to the high speeds and erratic operation, by the driver, through the residential neighborhood. Unbeknownst to the driver, Springfield Avenue had been closed completely to traffic, due to a downed tree and powerlines, from a severe thunderstorm earlier in the day.

Cranford Police patrol units eventually located the Volkswagen, which was determined to have been stolen out of Montclair, at the dead-end of Princeton Road after it crashed adjacent to a residence. A foot pursuit ensued and Jakill Simmons was apprehended by Westfield Police near a cemetery. Akim Gibson was subsequently arrested by the Cranford Police Department after he was located in a swampy area behind Union County College.

An investigation is underway to determine the identities of the two other occupants of the vehicle. Additionally, Gibson and Simmons are believed to be suspects in numerous other motor vehicle thefts in surrounding jurisdictions. "The interagency cooperation from the Union County and Westfield Police Department's undoubtedly assisted in the apprehension of individuals committing numerous motor vehicle thefts and burglaries in an around Union County. We remind residents to remove key fobs and lock their vehicles at the end of the day, as there has been an uptick in motor vehicle thefts and burglaries." stated Chief Ryan Greco. Gibson was charged with Eluding and Possession of Stolen Property and turned over to the New Jersey State Police on an active warrant. Simmons was charged with Resisting Arrest and Possession of Stolen Property and released on a summons pending an appearance in Union County Superior Court.

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Operation Chill

In July Cranford Police Officers began "ticketing" kids who are caught in the act of doing GOOD, by giving them free 7-Eleven Slurpee beverage coupons.

The Cranford Police Department and 7-Eleven partnered once again on a Community Policing Project celebrating good behavior! For example, children who are seen wearing bicycle helmets, participating in community activities, or helping their parents are just a few of the ways how children can score a "ticket" from the CPD. Our goal is to have positive interactions with the kids of our great community.

We also partnered with Vinny's Pizza for the "Caught Doing The Right Thing" program which resulted in a free slice of pizza to any child doing the right thing, such as wearing a helmet.



SUSPECT IN POLICE VEHICLE BURGLARIES ARRESTED

On Sunday, July 28th the Cranford Police Department discovered six Cranford Police vehicles parked at the Cranford Municipal Building were broken into overnight. The suspect gained entry to the vehicles by breaking their rear windows. Inside the vehicles, the suspect rummaged through police equipment stored in the trunk area and in one instance physically removed a gun vault, which was bolted into the vehicle. The suspect attempted to make entry to the gun vault but was unsuccessful and only managed to steal a police "Raid" jacket with Cranford Police patches. The suspect caused over \$4,000 in damage during the commission of this crime.

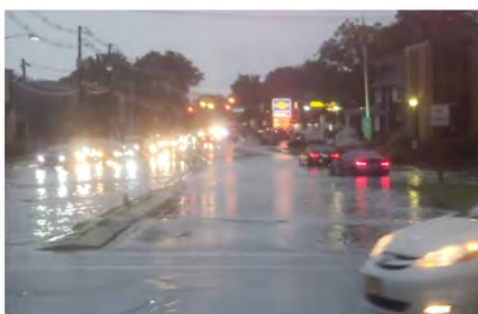
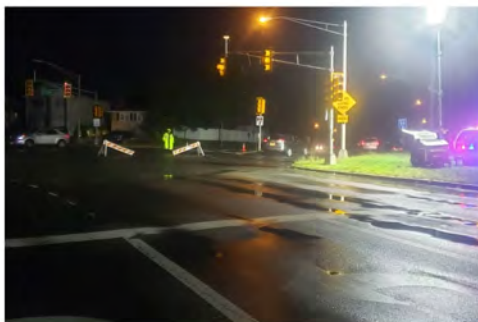
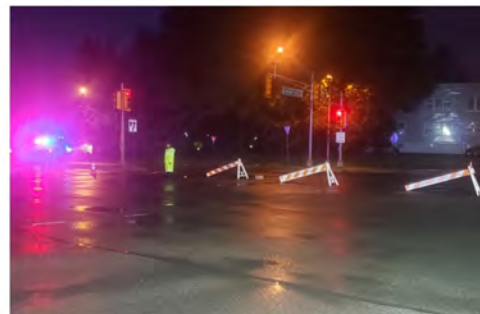
A thorough investigation led by the Cranford Police Department Investigative Division commenced and a person of interest was developed, by midweek, using video surveillance from local businesses and residents. Unfortunately, the suspect struck again on Friday, August 2, 2019 returning to the Municipal Building Parking Lot and breaking into several more police cars. This time the suspect stole three bulletproof vests, an entry tool kit and a police gear bag.

The Cranford Police Department Investigative Division was able to confirm the identity of the suspect by midday Friday and received charge approval from the Union County Prosecutor's Office for two arrest warrants.

On August 2nd at 12:44 pm the Cranford Police Department Investigative Division took custody of the suspect, Jake Fichiera (19 y/o Cranford), outside his residence. Fichiera was charged with four counts of Criminal Mischief and two counts of Burglary and Theft. He was processed and remanded to the Union County Jail pending a detention hearing. The Cranford Police Department recovered all three bulletproof vests, entry tool kit and police gear bag.

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Photos, clockwise from top left:

1. Sergeant Perrotta and Detective D'Ambola after accepting the Department's Reaccreditation certificate from the NJ SACOP.

2. Retired Cranford Police Officer Steve Gachko stopped by with his grandson and both got to sit in new patrol unit.

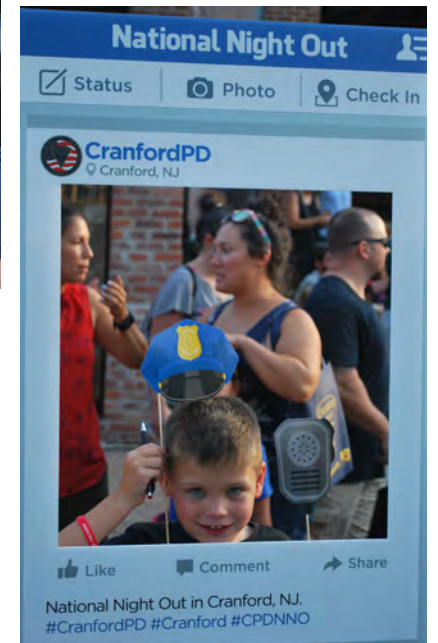
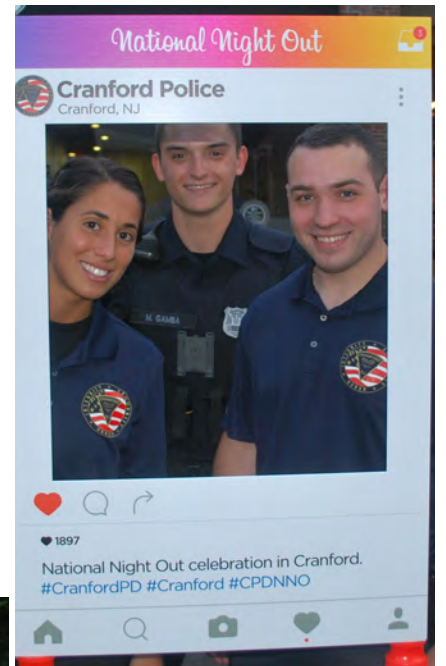
3. In late July, officers conducted several water rescues of persons who drove into flood waters during an evening storm. Luckily there were no injuries reported.

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National Night Out

The CPD took part in the 36th Annual event on August 6th from 6-9 pm at Patrolman Robert F. Hand Plaza - coordinated by Det. Jones and Captain Van Bergen.



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DETECTIVES ARREST NIGHTTIME BURGLAR

Cranford Police Detectives arrested a Union County man on burglary and theft charges, stemming from several overnight residential burglaries. George Brown, 61, of Elizabeth, was arrested on August 30th after police responded to numerous investigations on Severin Court and Burchfield Avenue in the early morning hours.

In one of the occurrences, the victim observed forcible entry to his residence and several items missing which prompted him to contact the Cranford Police.

The investigation was led by Cranford Police Detective Derek Farbanec, who developed Brown as a suspect while reviewing surveillance footage at a neighboring residence. Detectives Robert Jordan, Michael Dubitsky, and Farbanec were able to locate and apprehend Brown in the City of Newark without incident. Brown has had prior contacts with detectives which ultimately led to his identification.

Detectives are continuing with the investigation in an attempt to recover the victim's property and determine Brown's involvement in additional cases.

Brown was charged with 3rd Degree Burglary, two counts of Attempted Burglary, 3rd Degree Theft, 4th Degree Criminal Trespass, and Criminal Mischief a Disorderly Persons Offense. Brown was remanded to the Union County Jail pending a Detention Hearing.



Top Photo, Traffic Maintenance personnel upgraded the flashing 8" signals at Brookside Place and Gallows Hill Road with 12" lightheads for safety.

Middle Photo, The Atria hosted breakfast for us in September for World Gratitude Day.

Bottom Photo, In October, our Traffic Bureau was recognized by AAA Northeast with the Gold Award for Community Traffic Safety. Accepting the award from AAA Northeast President David Hughes were Captain Joseph Van Bergen, Detective Shayne Temple, & Detective Lieutenant Edward Davenport.





CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT JOINS STATE CAMPAIGN TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

The Township of Cranford kicked off another month-long Street Smart NJ campaign in November to raise awareness of pedestrian safety ahead of daylight saving time ending, as the potential for pedestrian-involved crashes increases and darkness falls earlier.

The campaign is a collaborative effort between the Township of Cranford, EZ Ride Transportation Management Association and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), which coordinates the Street Smart NJ program. The Cranford Police Department will be enforcing pedestrian-related laws and working with Township officials and the school district to educate everyone about safe driving and walking practices.

“We rarely are more vulnerable than when walking in suburban areas, crossing busy streets and negotiating traffic. And we all are pedestrians from time to time, so it's important to pay attention to what is going on around us,” Cranford Police Chief Ryan Greco said. He added, “We can't stress enough that we need drivers to obey speed limits and stop for pedestrians in crosswalks. If we follow the campaign's simple safety reminders — stopping for pedestrians, using crosswalks, putting down the phone and obeying traffic laws — we can save lives and prevent crashes.”

Pedestrian safety is an ongoing challenge in New Jersey. In 2017, 184 pedestrians died as a result of pedestrian-vehicle crashes, according to the most recent data available from the New Jersey State Police. From 2013 through 2017, 825 pedestrians were killed on New Jersey's roads (NJSP). During that time, more than 22,000 people were injured. This translates into one death every 2 days and 12 injuries daily.

“I commend the Cranford Police Department and Township on implementing our Street Smart NJ initiative,” said Union County Freeholder Angel Estrada, who also serves as Chair of the NJTPA Board of Trustees. “The more communities that join our pedestrian safety program, the more we can educate people about safe driving and walking practices. Campaigns like Cranford's are helping to make Union County a safer place to live, work and visit.”

More than 80 communities have participated in Street Smart NJ since the campaign's inception in 2013, and the campaigns have had a positive impact. An analysis of campaigns conducted by the NJTPA in 2016 found a 40 percent reduction in drivers failing to stop for pedestrians and a 28 percent reduction in pedestrians crossing mid-block or against the signal.

“This campaign is about changing behaviors and saving lives and we've seen some great successes,” said NJTPA Executive Director Mary Ameen. “Working together on these campaigns we can make a difference and help reduce pedestrian fatalities and injuries in our state.”

The intersection of Walnut Avenue and Chestnut Street will be a focus of the campaign. The Cranford Police Department Traffic Bureau will conduct pre-campaign observations at the intersection and will return to the intersection for post-campaign observations after the Police Department concludes its education and enforcement activities. Throughout the campaign, street signs, posters, safety tip cards, coasters and cup sleeves will be on display in the township. “Cranford is excited to participate in Street Smart NJ to help make our streets safer for everyone,” said Cranford Mayor Patrick Giblin. “Pedestrian safety is also good for our local economy. When people feel safe, they are more likely to walk around our business district, visiting our restaurants and local shops.”

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SUSPECT ARRESTED IN APARTMENT BURGLARIES

On August 6, 2019 the Cranford Police Department responded to 555 South Avenue East on two reported residential burglaries within the apartment complex. Various personal effects were stolen from the apartments including cash, jewelry and a .357 caliber handgun. The Cranford Police Investigative Division developed a lead in the case and by Wednesday evening were granted an arrest warrant for Albert D. Hudson, II. (43 y/o, Belleville) on two counts of Burglary, two counts of Theft, one count of Unlawful Possession of a Weapon and one count of Certain Persons Not to Have Weapons.

Hudson was arrested and taken into custody without incident outside his home in Belleville. He was processed and transported to the Union County Jail pending a detention hearing. Detectives were able to recover the stolen handgun and proceeds from the crime.

Cranford Police Chief Ryan Greco commended the detectives who worked the case for their efforts in quickly solving these burglaries. "Our detectives worked hard to bring these cases to a resolution for the safety and sake of the quality of life in our community. By successfully removing a handgun from our streets, they most certainly prevented its use in additional crimes."



RRFB Installations

In October & November we installed the Township's first Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) systems at the intersections of Lexington Avenue at Denman Road and Balmiere Parkway at Springfield Avenue. Our Police Traffic Maintenance personnel installed the signs. These signs flash after the pedestrian pushes a button indicating to motorists that a pedestrian is crossing. We will be proposing additional intersections for 2020 as part of our capital budget request.

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB)

These flashing lights increase pedestrian visibility at crosswalks by alerting motorists that a pedestrian wants to cross the street. They are activated by push button.

Pedestrians

1. Push the button to activate flashing lights.
2. Wait until traffic stops, make eye contact with drivers.
3. Cross the street.

Motorists

1. Watch for the new RRFB lights at intersections.
2. STOP when lights flash indicating that a pedestrian is crossing.
3. Never pass another vehicle that has stopped or slowing at a crosswalk.
3. Proceed after the pedestrian has crossed completely to the other side.



Tip from Concerned Citizen Leads to Drug Investigation and Arrest

After a tip from a concerned citizen, the Cranford Police Department arrested two men in connection with illegal drug activity taking place on Hawthorne Street in Cranford. After days of watching the home, Detectives were able to identify Kevin Frullo, 46, as the resident of the Cranford home and suspected him of engaging in drug activity.

On the morning of November 13, 2019, members of the Cranford Police Investigative Division setup surveillance in the vicinity and arrested Frullo outside of his home and charged him with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

In addition, a 2019 Honda Civic was also stopped in the area after Detectives witnessed the operator conduct a drug transaction with Frullo. Police arrested Wesley Atherely, 38, of Newark and charged him with several counts of Distribution of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. On scene Detectives located and seized over 500 folds of Heroin, 28 bags of Cocaine, 3 bags of Crack-Cocaine and \$2,046 in cash from Atherely's vehicle. Both men were processed at Cranford Police Headquarters & released pending Union County Superior Court.



CPD "NO-SHAVE NOVEMBER"

Members of the Cranford Police Department, ranging from the rank of Captain to Communications Officer participated in Cranford PBA Local 52's No-Shave November. From November 1st through November 30th, Officers and Civilian employees put down their razors in an effort to raise money for those in the fight against cancer.

Beginning in 2009, "No-Shave November" is a national, month-long non-profit fundraising event during which participants forgo their normal shaving and grooming routine in an attempt to promote cancer awareness. Typically, participants donate the money they spend on shaving and grooming products, which ultimately benefits such organizations as the American Cancer Society, Prevent Cancer Foundation, Fight Colorectal Cancer, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To date, No-Shave November has raised millions of dollars for these organizations. Since 2014, members of the Cranford Police Department, nicknamed The Fuzz, have raised between \$5,000 and \$10,000 annually for No-Shave November.

Investigation by local police, UCPO yields arrest of man charged with 5 burglaries

An Elizabeth man is in custody and charged in connection with five commercial vehicle burglaries that occurred over the span of two days in Cranford last week, resulting in thousands of dollars' worth of work tools being stolen, acting Union County Prosecutor Lyndsay V. Ruotolo and Cranford Police Chief Ryan Greco jointly announced Friday.

Steven Cuartas, 30, is charged with five counts of third-degree burglary and single counts of third-degree theft, fourth-degree criminal mischief, and two minor drug offenses.

An investigation by the Cranford Police Department that expanded to involve the newly created Intelligence-Driven Investigation and Prosecution Unit of the Prosecutor's Office revealed that the various vehicle burglaries took place on Thursday, November 14 and Friday, November 15, affecting vehicles parked on the 200 block of Bloomingdale Avenue, the 300 block of North Avenue East, and the 500 block of Claremont Place, as well as near the intersection of Casino Avenue and Claremont Place, and the intersection of Pacific Avenue and Locust Drive. All of the burglarized vehicles were commercial work trucks, and the items stolen from them included various tools with a combined estimated value of approximately \$4,350.

With the Roselle Park and Union police departments also assisting, the investigation ultimately resulted in Cuartas being identified as a suspect in the case, and he was arrested without incident by members of the participating agencies outside his home on the 100 block of Chilton Street in Elizabeth on Wednesday, November 20. A search of his vehicle conducted later in the day revealed numerous tools, some believed to be stolen.

Cuartas was lodged in the Union County Jail pending a detention hearing scheduled to take place in Superior Court. Additional criminal charges against this defendant are possible, and anyone with information about his activities is being asked to contact Cranford Police Department Detective Spencer Durkin at 908-709-7346.

These criminal charges are mere accusations. Each defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.



Photo, Detective William Pietrucha's last day at work on October 30th before retirement.

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Top Photos, for the 20th consecutive year the police department was happy to escort Santa along with the Jaycees elves for Santa Deliveries.

Bottom Photos, left to right, Lieutenant Wilde, Patrolman D'Agostino, and Detective Temple were honored at a Seton Hall basketball game as the AT&T FirstNet First Responders of the Game; Explorer Kayla Murray attended the Union County Sheriff's Office Youth Academy over the summer; and In April all CPD marked vehicles displayed Autism patches in recognition of Autism Awareness Month.

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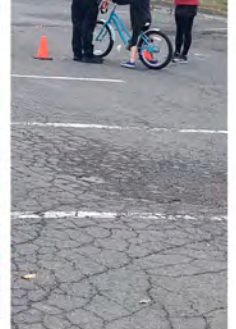
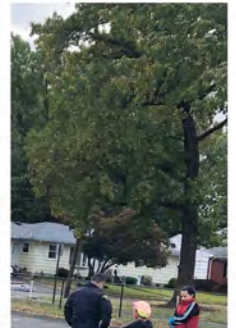
These are a small sample of our lemonade stand visits in 2019.



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These are a few pictures from the many bicycle rodeos we conducted in 2019 as well as a few bike to school day photos.



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These photos represent a few of the many cub scouts, girl scouts, and school tours we conducted in 2019.



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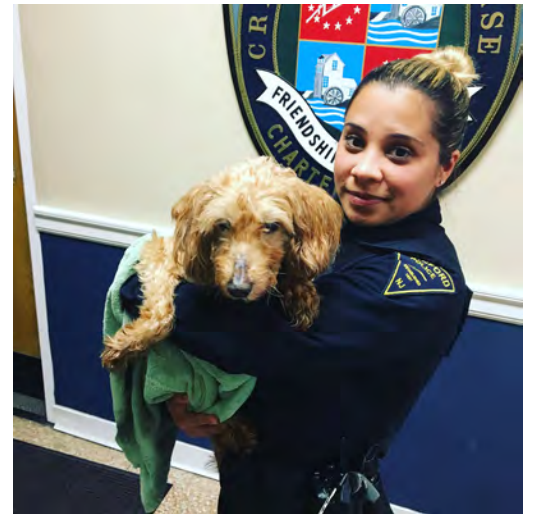
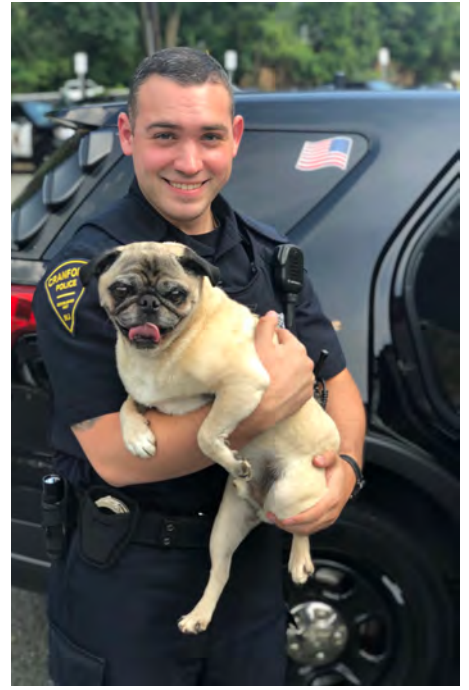
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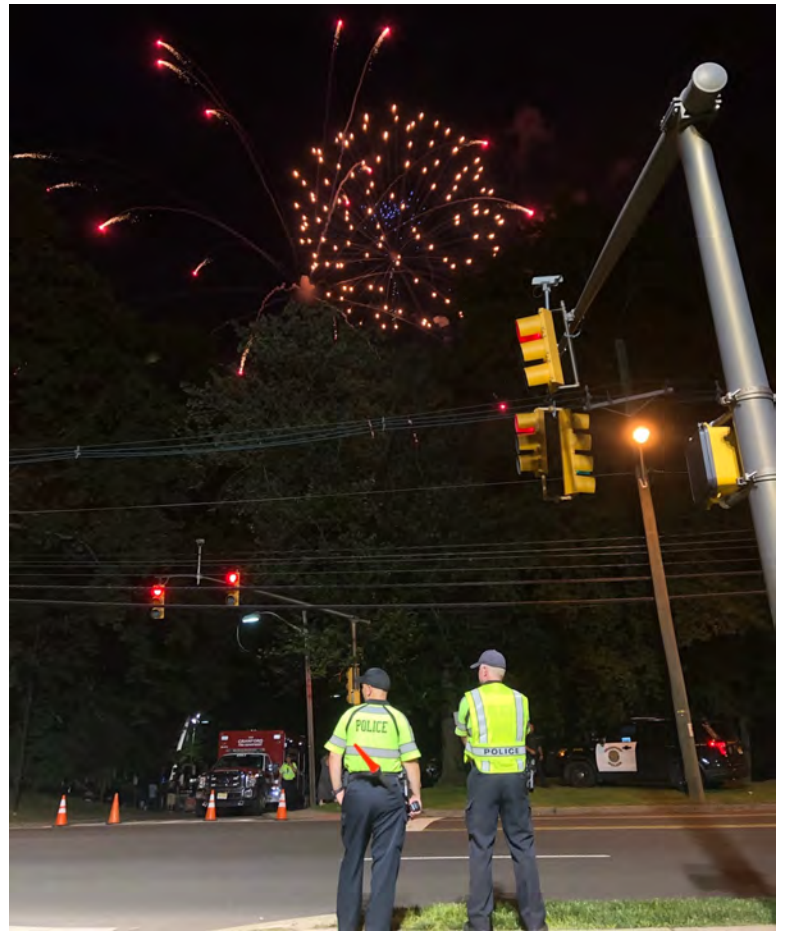
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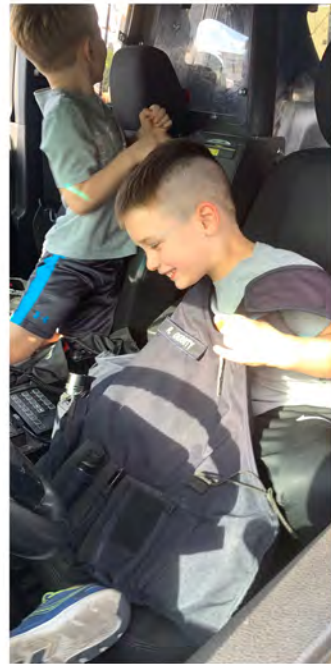
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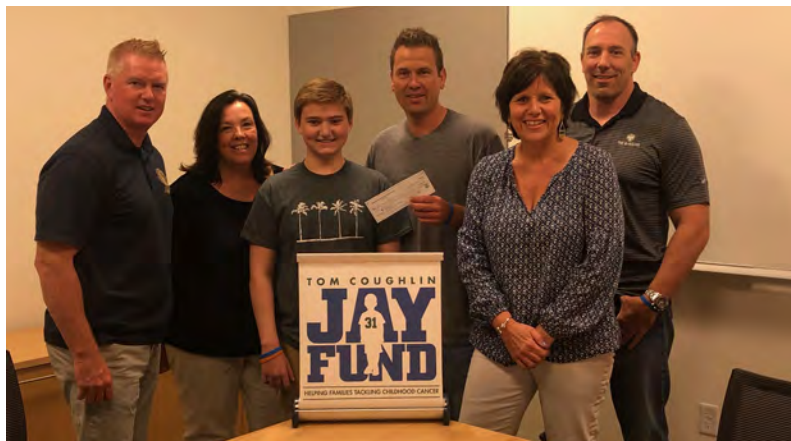
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