THE NORTH BERGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

2024 ANNUAL REPORT







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MISSION STATEMENT

Duty, Honor, Courage







The primary mission of the North Bergen Police Department is to provide safe and stable neighborhoods for the residents and visitors to the Township of North Bergen through various department programs and community policing efforts. This goal can only be accomplished through a mutually cooperative relationship between the North Bergen Police Department and the resident and business communities which it serves. By working together, we can maintain peace, provide safety and security for our citizens, and reduce crime. We are part of a team dedicated to the safety and protection of our community.

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ROBERT J. FARLEY, JR.
CHIEF OF POLICE

Dear North Bergen Residents,

It is my honor to present this year's annual review of the North Bergen Police Department, highlighting our progress, challenges, and commitment to serving our community. One of the defining strengths of our department is its deep-rooted connection to North Bergen's diverse population.

We have long prioritized recruiting officers who reflect the very community they serve, ensuring cultural understanding, mutual respect, and a shared commitment to public safety. While many departments nationwide have only recently begun focusing on diversity and inclusion, we have always led the way in fostering a representative and community-driven force.

I want to personally thank the men and women of our department for their dedication and hard work. I also extend my gratitude to the residents of North Bergen for your trust and partnership. Together, we will continue our mission to serve and protect with integrity, professionalism, and an unwavering commitment to safety.

Respectfully,

Robert Farley Jr.
Chief of Police, North Bergen Police Department



NICHOLAS J. SACCO
MAYOR

Dear Residents of North Bergen,

Our police department's annual review is a direct reflection of our unwavering commitment to public safety and community representation. For decades, our police department has stood as a model of inclusivity, mirroring the diverse and vibrant fabric of our township. Long before diversity, equity, and inclusion became widely discussed in law enforcement, North Bergen had already embraced these principles. Our officers come from the very neighborhoods they serve, ensuring an understanding of our community's unique needs and fostering trust among residents.

This year's report presents a dual reality in crime trends: while crimes against property, such as auto theft and general theft, have decreased, we have seen an unfortunate rise in crimes against persons, including assault, robbery, and other violent offenses. These challenges require continued vigilance and collaboration between law enforcement and the community. Rest assured, our administration, in partnership with our dedicated police department, is actively addressing these concerns with strategic initiatives and increased resources where they are needed most, as you will see in this report.

As always, public safety remains our top priority. We are grateful to the men and women of the North Bergen Police Department for their service and dedication. Together, we will continue to build a safer, stronger, and more united North Bergen.

Sincerely,

Nicholas J. Sacco
Mayor, Township of North Bergen



ALLEN PASCUAL
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Dear North Bergen Community,

As the Commissioner of Public Safety, I take immense pride in the work of our North Bergen Police Department, which continues to set the standard for professionalism, inclusivity, and service. In North Bergen, representation has never been a challenge—we have long understood that a police force should reflect the people it protects. Our department has always prioritized recruiting and promoting individuals who understand the diverse backgrounds and cultures of our township, strengthening relationships and trust between officers and residents.

The past year has presented new challenges in public safety. While we are encouraged by the decline in property-related crimes such as auto theft and burglary, we recognize the troubling increase in crimes against individuals, including assaults and robberies. Our department is responding with targeted enforcement strategies, community engagement efforts, and increased patrols in key areas to curb these incidents and keep North Bergen safe.

I want to extend my gratitude to our officers for their dedication and to our community members for their continued partnership in crime prevention. Working together, we will continue to make North Bergen a safe and welcoming place for all.

Best regards,

Allen Pascual
Commissioner of Public Safety, Township of North Bergen

TOWNSHIP DEMOGRAPICS



59,394*

Our estimated total population

61.9%

Of residents are employed

23,784

Households in North Bergen

50.3%

Of residents are foreign-born

73.4%

Of households speak a language other than English

32%

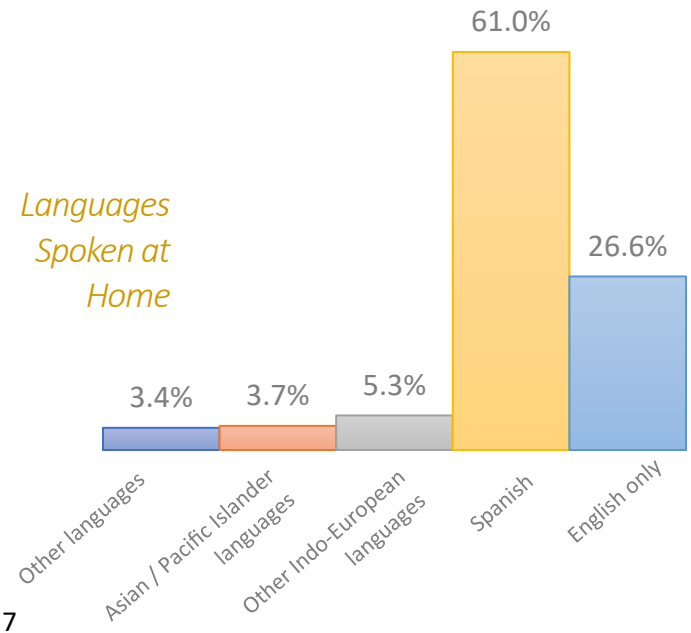
Of residents hold a Bachelor's Degree or higher

83%

Of residents are High School graduates or higher

68.6%

Of residents are Hispanic or Latino



34.8%

Identify as White**

19.9%

Identify as White alone, not Hispanic or Latino

4.2%

Identify as Black alone

1.2%

Identify as American Indian / Alaska Native alone

6.7%

Identify as Asian alone

0%

Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander

26.4%

Identify as two or more races reported**

**Refers to combinations of two or more of the following race categories: White, Black / African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, or Some Other Race. (www.census.gov)

2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, U.S. Census www.census.gov



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SWORN PERSONNEL

1 Chief

1 Deputy Chief

5 Captains

13 Lieutenants

18 Sergeants

13 Detectives

6 Corporals

70 Patrol Officers

21 Special Class II (P/T)

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Records Clerks 5

*Full-Time Dispatchers **7***

*Per-Diem Dispatchers **3***

*CCTV Monitors **12***

*Other Classification **5***

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CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

180 POLICE EMPLOYEES IN 2024

2024 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



CHIEF OF POLICE
ROBERT J. FARLEY, JR.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE
DAVID CORBISIERO

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS	INVESTIGATIONS	PATROL	PROFESSIONAL DEV.	STREET CRIMES
CAPTAIN CYNTHIA MONTERO	CAPTAIN DAVID DOWD	CAPTAIN NICHOLAS GALLIANO	CAPTAIN MICHELE BARTOLI	CAPTAIN JORGE RAPOSO
SOCIAL MEDIA	DETECTIVE BUREAU	FIELD OPERATIONS	BCI / RECORDS	STREET CRIMES
TRAFFIC DIVISION	JTTF	PATROL SQUAD 1	MUNICIPAL COURT	
COMMUNITY POLICING	ON-LOAN PERSONNEL	PATROL SQUAD 2	SCHOOL RESOURCES	
		PATROL SQUAD 3	SLEO II OFFICERS	
		PATROL SQUAD 4	TRAINING	
		PATROL SQUAD 5	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	
		PATROL SQUAD 6		
		COMMUNICATIONS		
		PROPERTY EVIDENCE		

2024 INTERNAL AFFAIRS SUMMARY

2024 Summary

Total Cases Pending from 2023	27
Total Cases Opened in 2024	44
Total Cases Closed in 2024	59
Total Sustained	14
Total Complaints Not Sustained *(inc. 2023)*	45
Total Cases over 180 days old	7
Total Cases Pending for 2024	12

Complaints Received in 2024

Excessive Force	2
Improper Arrest	0
Improper Entry	0
Improper Search	0
Differential Treatment	1
Demeanor	20
Other Rule Violation	31
Domestic Violence	0
Other Criminal	5
Total New Complaints	59

2024 INTERNAL AFFAIRS CASE DISPOSITIONS

Includes Pending from 2023	Sustained		Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded
	Criminal Charge	Internal Discipline Action			
Excessive Force	0	0	1	1	0
Improper Arrest	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Entry	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	0	0	0	0
Differential Treatment	0	1	1	0	0
Demeanor	0	2	11	7	0
Other Rule Violation	0	11	9	4	0
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0
Other Criminal	0	0	0	0	0
39 Total Case Dispositions in 2024	0	14	13	12	0

CALLS FOR SERVICE





2024 CALLS FOR SERVICE

CALLS FOR SERVICE BY DAY

Sunday	*16,016*
Monday	*18,097*
Tuesday	*17,629*
Wednesday	*17,731*
Thursday	*17,589*
Friday	*17,937*
Saturday	*16,311*

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE

121,306



CALLS FOR SERVICE BY SHIFT

33,497 calls

between 12:00 Midnight and 8:00 AM

44,098 calls

between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM

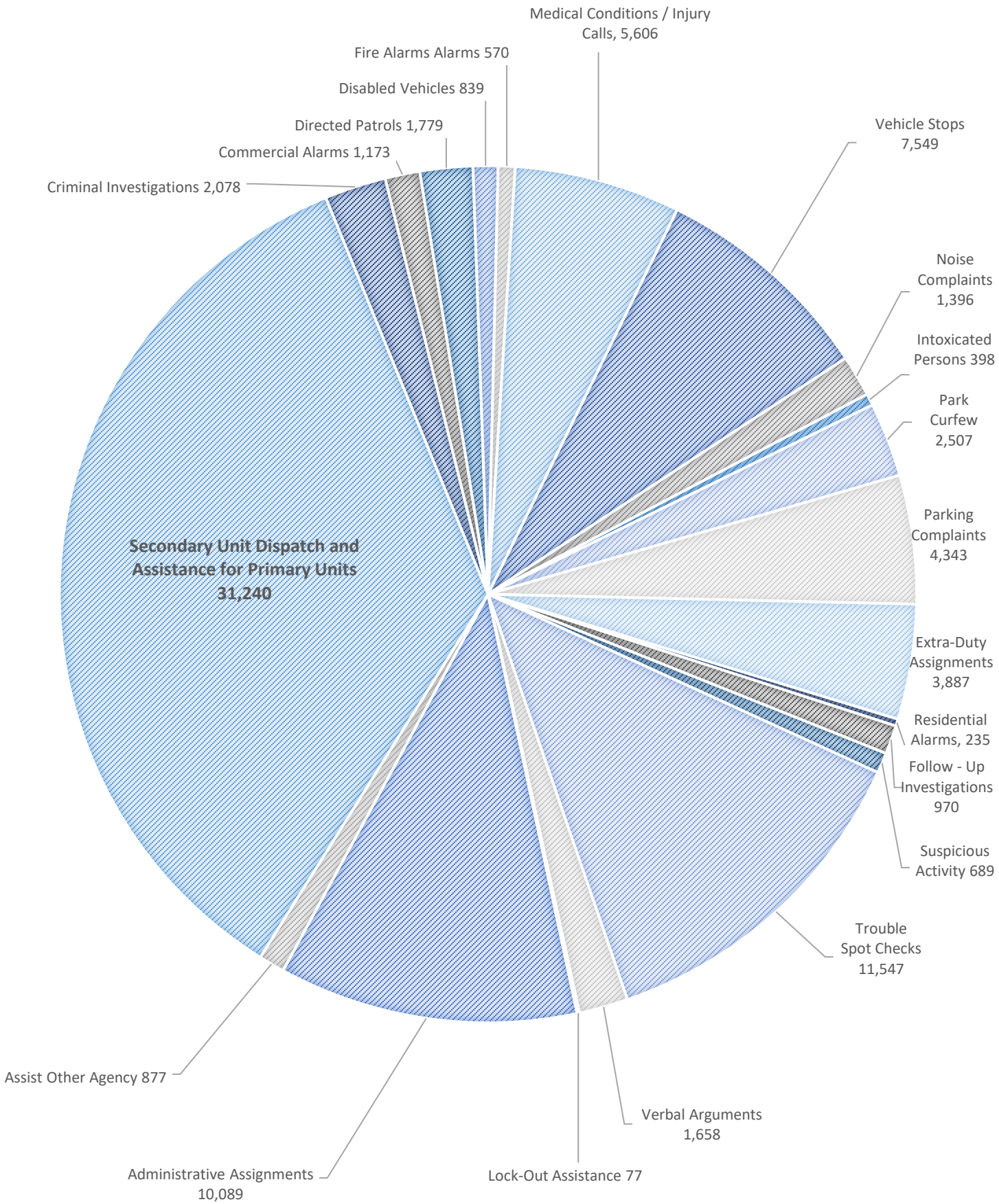
43,711 calls

between 4:00 PM and 12:00 Midnight

CALLS FOR SERVICE BY HOUR

00:00 - 01:00	5,563
01:00 - 02:00	5,073
02:00 - 03:00	4,526
03:00 - 04:00	3,839
04:00 - 05:00	3,210
05:00 - 06:00	3,177
06:00 - 07:00	4,179
07:00 - 08:00	5,731
08:00 - 09:00	7,059
09:00 - 10:00	5,826
10:00 - 11:00	5,229
11:00 - 12:00	4,862
12:00 - 13:00	5,239
13:00 - 14:00	4,889
14:00 - 15:00	5,557
15:00 - 16:00	6,242
16:00 - 17:00	6,170
17:00 - 18:00	5,787
18:00 - 19:00	5,856
19:00 - 20:00	6,143
20:00 - 21:00	6,406
21:00 - 22:00	6,080
22:00 - 23:00	6,368
23:00 - 24:00	6,130

CALLS FOR SERVICE BREAKDOWN



TRAFFIC STATISTICS

2,871 TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTS WERE FILED IN 2024

OF THOSE, 2,073 IDENTIFIED DRIVER INATTENTION AS THE MAIN CONTRIBUTING FACTOR.

Reports Filed by Month		Injuries Reported	Involving Pedestrians	Involving Bicycles	Involving Motorcycles	Summonses Issued	Animals struck	Total Number of Vehicles Involved
January	198	56	6	3	1	29	1	434
February	187	33	7	3	0	23	0	402
March	247	41	4	6	0	44	0	556
April	248	58	4	2	0	40	0	542
May	253	38	5	7	2	36	2	545
June	270	72	11	9	0	51	0	584
July	232	46	9	4	0	42	0	507
August	216	33	4	3	0	33	0	470
September	259	50	7	4	0	34	0	557
October	252	63	10	4	1	47	1	555
November	238	56	9	7	1	46	1	517
December	271	49	6	3	1	53	1	586



TRAFFIC STATISTICS

(CONTINUED)

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

January	*7*
February	*8*
March	*7*
April	*4*
May	*4*
June	*6*
July	*1*
August	*8*
September	*14*
October	*5*
November	*4*
December	*12*

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES

January	*1,538*
February	*1,525*
March	*1,811*
April	*1,418*
May	*1,339*
June	*1,169*
July	*1,107*
August	*1,487*
September	*1,594*
October	*1,990*
November	*1,366*
December	*1,157*

VEHICLES TOWED BY MONTH

includes enforcement action, traffic crashes, and parking complaints

January	*120*
February	*119*
March	*159*
April	*108*
May	*98*
June	*133*
July	*143*
August	*110*
September	*132*
October	*137*
November	*157*
December	*135*



CRIME DATA



CRIME RATES

*Crime rate per 1,000 inhabitants based on est. population for each respective calendar year.

UCR Part 1 Index Crimes	2024		2023		% Change From 2023	5-Year (2019) Comparison		% Change From 2019
	Offense Count	Crime Rate*	Offense Count	Crime Rate*		Offense Count	Crime Rate*	
Murder	2	0.03	0	0	100%	1	0.02	100%
Rape	15	0.25	9	0.14	66.7%	16	0.26	-6.3%
Robbery	28	0.47	18	0.28	55.6%	18	0.29	55.6%
Aggravated Assault	63	1.06	45	0.71	40%	57	0.92	10.5%
Burglary	25	0.42	33	0.52	-24.2%	55	0.89	-54.6%
Larceny (Theft)	374	6.29	482	7.61	-22.4%	306	4.96	22.2%
Automobile Theft	61	1.02	77	1.22	-20.8%	44	0.72	38.6%
*Arson***	0	0	3	0.04	-100%	1	0.02	-100%
Crime Index Total	*568*	*9.56*	*667*	*10.53*	*-14.8%*	*498*	*8.06*	*14.1%*
Crimes Against People	108	1.82	72	1.14	50%	92	1.49	17.4%
Crimes Against Property	460	7.74	595	9.39	-22.7%	405	6.57	13.6%
*Overall Crime****	*1724*	*29.02*	*1890*	*29.83*	*-8.8%*	*2060*	*33.43*	*-16.3%*

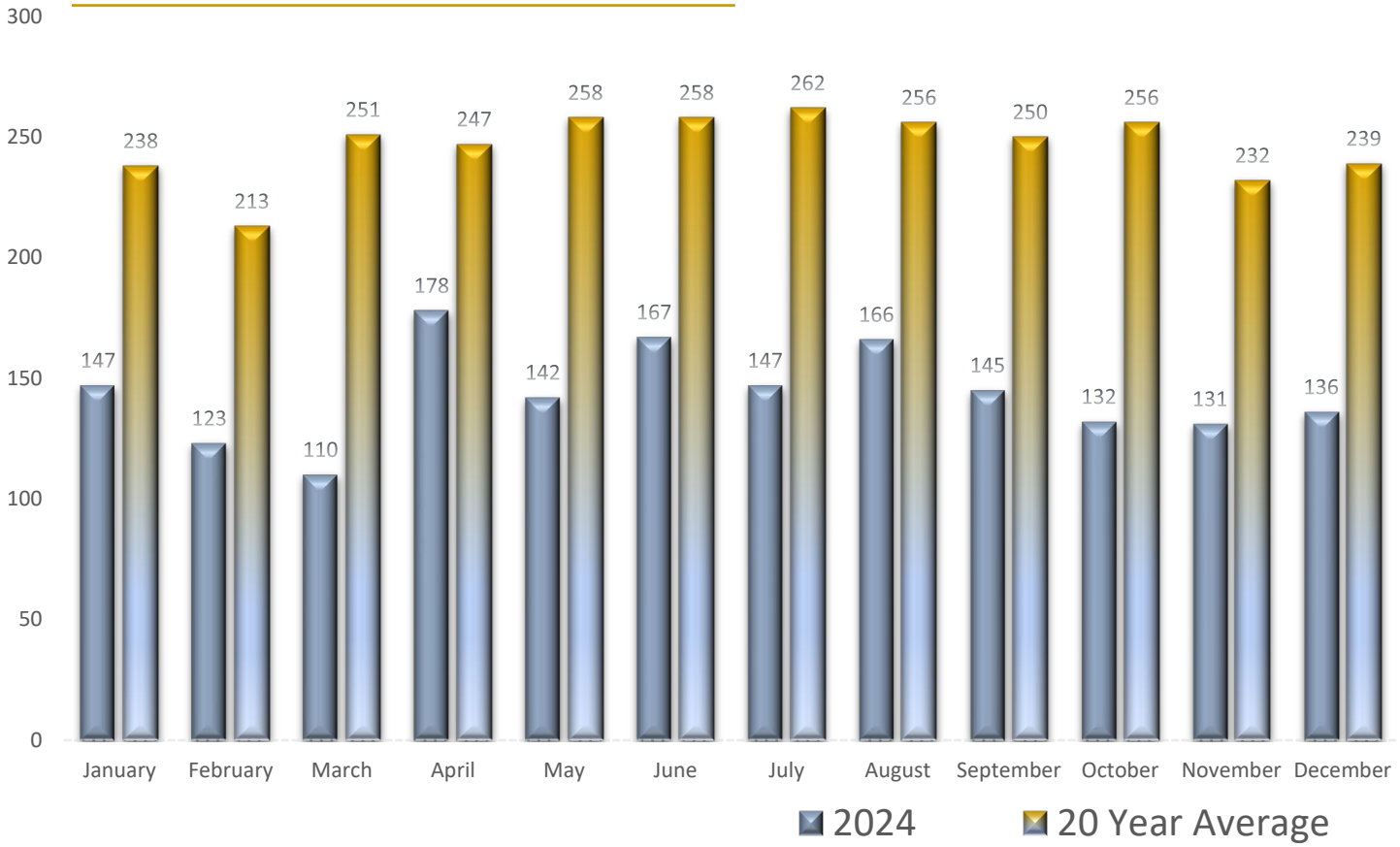
**The UCR Program does not include arson statistics when tabulating Index Crime totals.

***Overall Crime: UCR **Part I Offenses** are listed in this chart. **NOT LISTED** are **Part II Offenses** that include Forgery, Counterfeiting, Fraud, Embezzlement, Stolen Property, Vandalism, Weapons Offenses, Prostitution, Sex Offenses, Drug Offenses, DWI, Liquor Law Offenses, Disorderly Conduct, and any other offense not listed.

OFFENSE COUNT BY YEAR

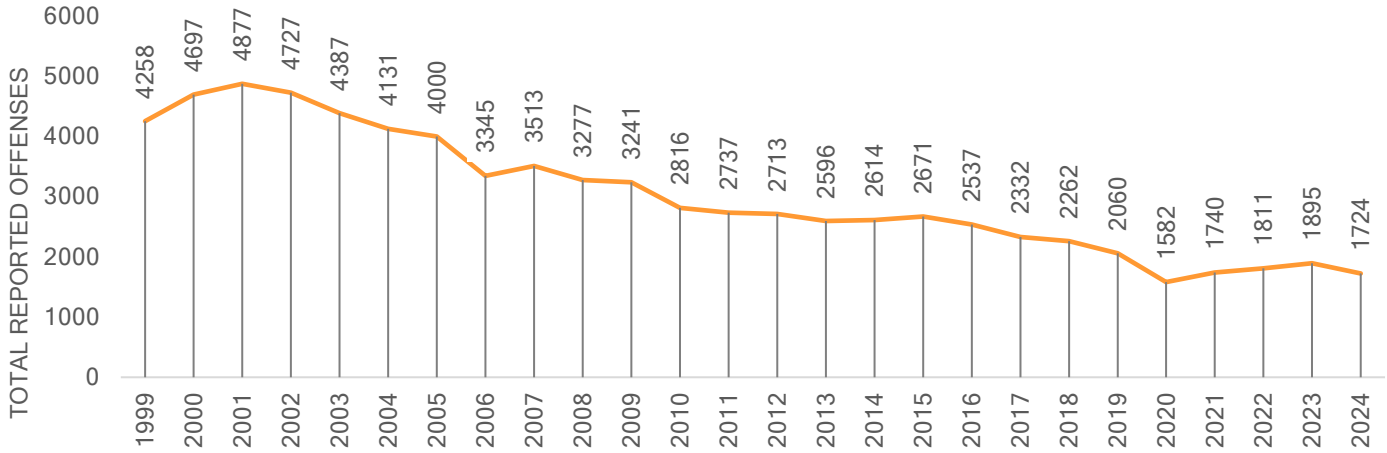
Offense	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Murder	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Rape	15	9	14	24	11	16	19	9
Robbery	28	18	16	21	12	18	27	35
Aggravated Assault	63	45	55	33	29	57	51	52
Burglary	25	33	32	33	20	55	70	55
Larceny (Theft)	374	482	369	368	212	306	298	366
Automobile Theft	61	77	58	46	54	44	62	66
*Arson**	0	3	1	2	0	1	0	1

CRIME TRENDS



NORTH BERGEN CRIME TRENDS

PART 1 AND PART 2 OFFENSE TOTALS BY YEAR



ARREST DATA

2024 OVERALL CLEARANCE RATE **46%**

Offense	Arrests by Offense	Number of Offenses	Clearance Rate
Murder / Manslaughter	2	2	100%
Rape	3	15	20%
Robbery	31	28	111%
Aggravated Assault	48	63	76%
Burglary	14	25	56%
Larceny	158	374	42%
Auto Theft	5	61	8%

TOTAL ARRESTS 2024 VS 2023

UCR PART 1 OFFENSES	2024	2023
JUVENILES	13	15
ADULTS	411	448
SUBTOTAL PART I	424	463

UCR PART 2 OFFENSES	2024	2023
JUVENILES	22	19
ADULTS	278	308
SUBTOTAL PART II	300	327

	2024	2023
TOTAL JUVENILE ARRESTS	35	34
TOTAL ADULT ARRESTS* INCLUDING ARRESTS FOR OTHER AGENCIES, AND ALL UCR OFFENSES	736	756
2024 VS 2023	771	790

47 WARRANTS PROCESSED FOR OTHER AGENCIES

*Arrests made simultaneously for North Bergen charges and other-agency issued warrants are counted individually for statistical purposes.

NOTABLE CASES



NOTABLE CASES (continued)

Armed Robbery at 10th Street and Grand Avenue



On the morning of January 11th at 1:30 AM, a man and his friend were approached by two males on a moped. The moped riders demanded their belongings and threatened to kill them if they did not comply. They made off with the victim's AirPods, backpack, bank card, camera, and other personal items. Detectives conducted interviews, and canvassed the area for surveillance systems, and eventually were able to review several videos showing the suspects in the area. The AirPods were tracked to a location in Union City, and detectives investigated, recovering CCTV footage of the suspects returning to that Union City address on the moped that the victim's described. Detectives persisted in the investigation and obtained CCTV footage from the area which helped to identify both suspects. Detectives surveilled the Union City address and were able to apprehend the first suspect on January 30th, who was in possession of a stolen moped as well. The second suspect was apprehended in Pennsylvania with the assistance of US Marshalls.

Carjacking at 6701 Tonnelle Avenue



During the afternoon of January 15th, a patron was loading boxes from his storage unit into his rented U-Haul van. Three masked individuals exited another U-Haul van and approached him and began striking him with a baseball bat, demanding the keys to the U-Haul he was renting. After taking the keys from the victim, the actors fled towards West Side Avenue in both U-Haul vehicles. Both vehicles were flagged throughout the State, and the details were broadcasted to neighboring jurisdictions. The victim suffered a loss of $1,400 in cash, four children's bicycles, four boxes of clothing and one box of children's toys. His iPhone 14 was also damaged during the robbery. On March 30th, South Amboy Police reported the recovery of the stolen U-Haul, which had been used in another carjacking. After a months-long investigation beginning in January and lasting until October, involving several subpoena requests, extensive review of call records and cellular data, detectives identified two of the actors involved and successfully made two arrests to conclude this incident.

NOTABLE CASES (continued)

Gunpoint Robberies at Downtown Gas Stations

On March 31st, 2024 at approximately 5:00 AM, units responded to the Shell gas station located at 1810 Tonnelle Avenue on a report of an armed robbery, during which a male brandished a handgun, demanded money, and forced the store patron to lay on the floor while he fled with $2000. He was accompanied by a second male. Surveillance video captured the incident, and an alert was sent to all surrounding area agencies. Seeing that alert, an officer assigned to the DEA recognized one of the males from prior contact and advised North Bergen detectives. On April 2nd, 2024 at approximately 3:00 AM, while patrolling gas stations in downtown North Bergen, Lieutenant Appello observed a male in all-black clothing, a black ski mask, and white sneakers walking near the BP gas station at 1000 Tonnelle Avenue. He attempted an investigative stop and the male ran, but was apprehended after a foot pursuit. Canvass of the area led to the recovery of the discarded handgun used in the prior robbery. Detectives reviewed area surveillance and determined that a second male had dropped off his accomplice, and was waiting in a nearby motel lot. Extensive investigative efforts were made reviewing CCTV, tracking the suspect vehicle used, and sharing information with other agencies to identify and apprehend the second actor in May, bringing these incidents to a conclusion.



Strongarm Robbery at 7200 Palisade Avenue

One day in late March, the victim reported that upon exiting a bus, he was approached from behind by an unknown male wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt, who grabbed his $3000 gold necklace from his neck and pushed him to the ground. Detectives reviewed area surveillance and determined the suspect had exited that same bus and had followed the victim, then fled on foot into West New York. Detectives learned from West New York police that they were also investigating a similar incident, and had tentatively identified a suspect with a criminal history of robbery. Detectives obtained surveillance footage from that suspect's apartment building where he was observed wearing the same clothing reported in the North Bergen incident. He was identified and apprehended.



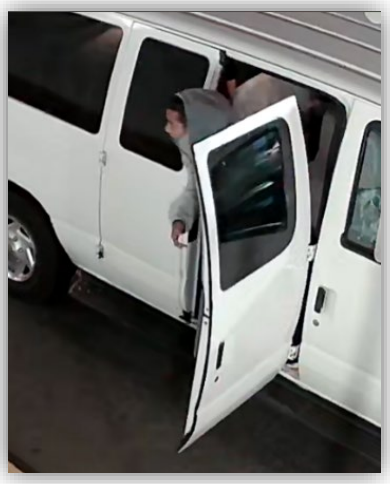
NOTABLE CASES (continued)

Attempted Murder for Hire 2200 Paterson Plank Road

On May 9th, 2024 a person requesting anonymity arrived at Police Headquarters to report a murder for hire. The anonymous person gave a statement that he had befriended the suspect one year prior, and recently, the suspect offered $6,000 to kill the suspect's wife. The suspect provided him with a photograph of Lya Bolivar, the address and schedule for her place of work, and suggested how he should carry out the murder. The suspect recommended that the anonymous party use a stolen vehicle to strike Lya Bolivar when she exits her workplace. He also emphasized that he needed his wife murdered before she testified against him in May, 2024 in a divorce hearing. The investigation was turned over to the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office Homicide Unit which ultimately led to the arrest of the suspect in May.

Robbery at Gunpoint at 76th Street and Bergenline Avenue

A man and a woman exited a bus on June 18th at 2:30 AM. As they walked, they were approached by a male who brandished a silver firearm, racked the gun, and demanded they hand over their valuables. The actor threatened to shoot the female, and the male victim struck him. The actor then fired the gun at the ground in front of the victim and fled west on 76th Street. Detectives conducted extensive canvass and reviewed multiple surveillance systems, eventually identifying a second actor in a white van approaching the scene. The actor had exited that vehicle, and detectives focused on tracking that vehicle, eventually identifying the registration. Detectives were led to the area of 65th Street in West New York where they encountered the suspect vehicle and conducted a traffic stop to interview the driver. They were able to identify who was using the vehicle on the date of the crime, and found probable cause to make an initial arrest. Detectives interviewed that initial suspect and were able to subsequently identify and arrest four additional males involved in the crime. In a ten-day exhaustive investigation, which extended into several other jurisdictions, North Bergen patrol units, detectives, and specialized units worked to remove five dangerous individuals from the streets, ensuring the safety of the community was quickly restored.



NOTABLE CASES (continued)

Armed Robbery at 1507 48th Street

On June 23rd, 2024 at approximately 3:10 AM, three friends were smoking marijuana outside the residence when they observed two males approaching. Those two males stopped and asked for marijuana, then attempted to grab the victim's backpack. As the victim struggled, the second actor lifted his shirt to expose a black firearm, indicating he would use it. The actors stole the bag containing marijuana, and reached into the victim's pockets and stole his iPhone worth $1,000.00. Upon review of surveillance CCTV on Tonnelle Avenue, the actor with the firearm was identified by the detective bureau, recognized through prior contact. On July 5th, the Street Crimes Unit was patrolling the area of 62nd Street and Bergenline Avenue in West New York for that known offender, who was observed in that area entering a white Chevrolet. A traffic stop was conducted and that offender was arrested. On July 6th, the Street Crimes Unit again patrolled the area and observed the second offender on 61st Street at Bergenline Avenue. He noticed officers and attempted to flee but was apprehended after a brief foot chase. A black Glock 9mm handgun was found in his front right pocket. He was subsequently transported to the Hudson County Correctional Facility.



Domestic Violence Aggravated Assault on 10th Street

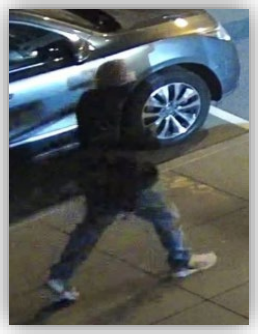
During the early morning hours of August 10th, an ex-boyfriend arrived at the residence of his ex-girlfriend, distraught over their recent break-up. According to witnesses, he kept knocking on her door and her window, with no answer. Becoming frustrated that she would not answer the door, the jilted ex-boyfriend fired three shots in the air using a handgun, then fled on foot towards Union City. Officers and detectives canvassed the area and recovered three .9mm shell casings. Statements were taken, and the ex-boyfriend was later apprehended by Union City police and members of the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office in Union City, NJ.

Robbed of an Electric Bicycle



A victim reported that while at the intersection of 79th Street and Broadway, he was approached by a man who stole his electric bicycle. The actor had approached the victim from behind and grabbed the bicycle. When the victim attempted to pull the bike from the actor's grasp, the actor gestured that he had a firearm. Fearing for his safety, the victim let go and the actor fled. Upon review of CCTV cameras, the actor was tracked to the area of 61st Street in West New York. A review of CCTV cameras captured the actor speaking with a member of the Union City Parking Authority, who was interviewed and was able to identify the suspect as a neighbor of his. A check of the suspect's identity with Union City police determined his current address was on 29th Street, and when detectives responded there, the suspect was arrested without incident. The victim's bicycle was recovered from the front of the suspect's residence and returned to the victim.

Strongarm Robbery at 9018 2nd Avenue



One September night at 9:15 PM, a female resident was walking home when a male in a black ski mask charged at her, grabbed her by the shoulders and punched her in the face. He threatened to kill her and demanded the victim give him her money. She was able to break free from the actor and kick him in the face. During the struggle, she pulled off his ski mask and recognized him as an acquaintance known through mutual friends. The male grabbed the victim's iPhone and fled north on 2nd Avenue. During the encounter, the actor had the speaker phone on and was speaking to a female whose voice the victim recognized. After the incident, that person on the phone was identified, but she did not wish to cooperate. The male was identified and complaints were issued, and on October 3rd, that male turned himself in to our agency. He was processed and transported to the Hudson County Correctional Facility.

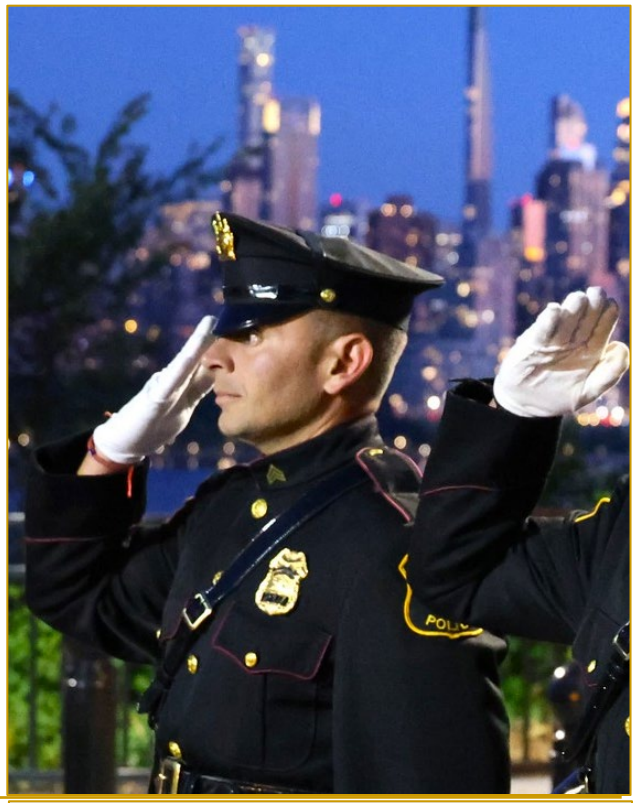
Armed Robbery at 2229 Kennedy Boulevard



On October 10th, an employee of the Quick Mart was working behind the register when a male with covering over his face approached and handed the employee a paper that said, "I got a gun! Give me the money quietly but quickly." He handed the actor $1,000 from the register and the actor fled. Surveillance cameras captured the actor riding a scooter south on Kennedy Boulevard and detectives conducted an extensive canvass, tracking the suspect into Jersey City. Notice was issued to surrounding agencies, and Weehawken police identified the suspect as also wanted in multiple other incidents in both Weehawken and Jersey City. Surveillance was conducted at the suspect's residence and footage was obtained showing the suspect entering while wearing the same clothing worn during the robbery. He was subsequently arrested in a joint operation between Jersey City police and Weehawken police, and was processed for the North Bergen charges as well. He was then remanded to jail.

Homicide at 6101 Meadowview Avenue

On August 5th around 9:30 PM, units responded to a male suffering from a gunshot wound. EMS administered CPR and rushed the victim to the hospital. Despite efforts, the victim was pronounced deceased at the hospital. A witness reported that he observed the suspect fleeing the area on foot going west on 61st Street towards Tonnelle Avenue minutes before police arrival. A canvass of the area of 69th Street and Tonnelle Avenue resulted in the apprehension of James Baker of Secaucus, NJ. A black semi-automatic firearm was recovered from his bag. He was then transported to the Hudson County Prosecutor's office and the case was turned over to the HCPO. Investigation would later determine that the incident was a narcotics transaction that escalated to the fatal confrontation. As a result of the investigation, a second person was also arrested for this offense as well.



NOTABLE OFFICERS





OFFICER ERIC CRAFTON

On Saturday, May 14th, Officer Eric Crafton was honored by the North Bergen VFW Post 2648 at their Change of Command Ceremony. He was acknowledged for his unwavering commitment to maintaining the highest standards of law enforcement, evidenced by his successful coordination of a massive Veterans Day event at the American Dream Mall and his continued commitment to aiding homeless veterans in securing suitable housing.

Officer Crafton is assigned part-time to the North Bergen Police Community Relations Unit and has shown remarkable dedication to the community. In June, he responded to assist an elderly male in cognitive decline who was reporting his vehicle was stolen. Recognizing a mental health issue, Officer Crafton summoned community resources and family support, and while doing so, the elderly male brandished a knife and threatened suicide by attempting to jump from the terrace. Officer Crafton's calm demeanor and reassurance diffused the situation and the male relinquished the weapon and sought appropriate medical care. The resident has since recovered and returned under the care of a home health aide, appreciative of Office Crafton's efforts.

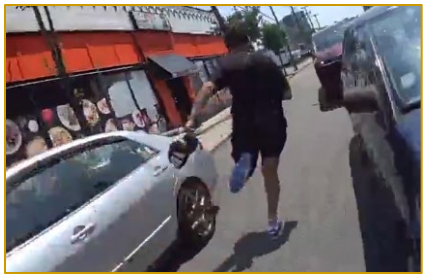
OFFICER SCOTT MILNE AND SLEO II ANDRES FAIFE



On July 24th, Officer Scott Milne and SLEO Andres Faife responded to the cliff of 7400 Boulevard East on report of a despondent female who had made suicidal comments, then left the residence. The officers carefully searched and located the female quickly, and maintained a calm and empathetic demeanor. They assessed the risk that the scene posed and were able to connect, communicate, and convince the female to return to the sidewalk for medical evaluation. She complied, and sought further mental health assistance. Rather than accelerate and elevate any anxiety the victim may have had, the officers used effective communication and empathy to bring this situation to a safe conclusion.

NOTABLE OFFICERS (continued)

On July 16th, Officer Andrew Brennan was dispatched to a midtown Kennedy Boulevard address on report of males engaged in a verbal dispute outside. During the dispute, one male brandished a handgun. Officer Brennan arrived and met with three males, calmly but firmly advising them of why he was there. During their interaction, the male holding the gun suddenly bolted, attempting to escape. Officer Brennan gave chase on foot, into mid-day traffic on Kennedy Boulevard while clearly broadcasting a description. Clear communication helped Officer Corbisiero position himself to head off the fleeing suspect, enabling Officer Corbisiero to bracket the suspect, then apprehend him. Arriving Sergeant Brian O'Neill continued communicating the status and scene information, and retraced the path of the suspect and successfully recovered the discarded handgun, which was thrown by the suspect during the chase. In an exceptionally short time, officers communicated and responded effectively to apprehend a dangerous individual in broad daylight without further risk to innocent persons. All officers acted swiftly and bravely with remarkable composure, putting themselves at risk to bring this to a safe conclusion.







TOP LEFT: Officer Brennan chases suspect
TOP RIGHT: Sergeant O'Neill recovering the handgun
BOTTOM: Officer Corbisiero intercepting the suspect



SERGEANT BRIAN O'NEILL



OFFICER ANDREW BRENNAN



OFFICER DAVID CORBISIERO, JR.

PROMOTIONS AND NEW HIRES



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FEBRUARY 1



Chief of Police
ROBERT J. FARLEY, JR.

April 10



Police Officer
ALEXANDER LAMBROS

May 2



Special Class II
ANGEL RAICES

March 26



Special Class II Police Officers
ISHMAEL GOMEZ, GIANNY FALCONI, CHRISTIAN CORREA

June 19



Special Class II Police Officers
ANDRES FAIFE, CHRISTIAN ANGULO, ANGEL APARICIO, JORDY DILONE, MIGUEL CARDENAS, KEVIN ZAMBRANO, MICHAEL SANTINI, BRYAN HEREDIA

September 26



Special Class II
WELLINGTON TOBAR

Police Officer
CHRISTOPHER ARCE

Special Class II
KIANA ROSADO

December 15



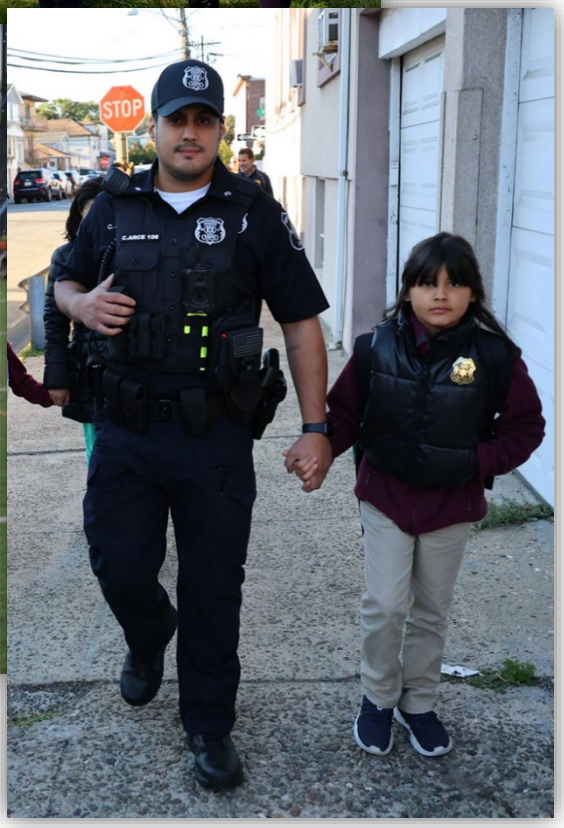
Police Officer
JULIAN VARGAS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT









The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics New Jersey is a statewide campaign coordinated and managed by all divisions of Law Enforcement officers and officials throughout the State of New Jersey. Through their efforts, events are conducted year-round by the law enforcement community to raise funds for the athletes of Special Olympics New Jersey. The June 7th, 2024 Torch Run was the 41st annual event in support of Special Olympics, an organization whose mission is to provide sports training and athletic competition to children and adults with intellectual disabilities, completely free of charge. The program is invaluable in fostering independence and pride in its participants. The North Bergen Police Department is proud to again be among the top ten agencies in New Jersey in fundraising for Special Olympics of New Jersey 2024.







COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (continued)

The National Night Out Against Crime takes place annually on the first Tuesday in August. The Night Out provides an opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. By interacting together as neighbors and community members, residents have the opportunity to help heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, as well as to support and participate in local anti-crime efforts. The vast majority of the North Bergen Police officers volunteer their time to attend and participate in what has grown to become a town-wide event with multiple locations throughout downtown, midtown, and uptown areas. The Night Out Against Crime remains an invaluable day of outreach driven by positivity and unity, and the continued success of the event is indicative of the relationship the North Bergen Police Department continues to maintain with the citizens it serves.









North Bergen TAPS refers to the North Bergen Township Alternative Policing Strategy, an initiative by the North Bergen Police Department to enhance police-community relations through meetings and engagement. Residents will get to meet the officers who patrol their neighborhoods, and the officers can learn about any matters of concern directly from the residents. By engaging in open dialogue, residents can voice their concerns and be heard, fostering trust and collaboration. The North Bergen Police Community Relations Unit prides itself on identifying and addressing the needs identified at these meetings. Resident issues are then communicated to relevant responsive units within the department, leading to better police planning and responsiveness. We continue to benefit from this informal yet critically important interaction, as hearing a resident face to face imparts ownership of the issue and delivers better results.





New Jersey Women in Law Enforcement, Inc. (NJWLE) is a professional and inclusive organization of active and retired officers who are working together to strengthen public recognition of the successes and unique contributions of women to the profession of law enforcement. The North Bergen Police Department prides itself on our female members of NJWLE who continue to do outstanding work both as officers and as mentors. **International Women's Day** is celebrated in March, and serves to enhance awareness of the contributions of women in law enforcement.



TOP ROW, Left to Right: Sergeant Gleny Henry, Officer Jennifer Fernandez, Officer Genesis Yepez, Officer Elizabeth Sinisi, Officer Kayla Sanchez, Officer Gisselle Francisco, Officer Victoria Martin

BOTTOM ROW: PO Yosseline Marquez, Officer Catherine Cabrera, Detective Samantha Sexton, Officer Jessica Toro

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (continued)

Law Day, established in 1958 and held annually on May 1, is a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law. Law Day provides an opportunity to understand how law and the legal process protect our liberty. Every May, students from the North Bergen High School are afforded the opportunity to visit and immerse themselves in Town Hall, where they experience how local government is conducted. They also tour the Municipal Court building and experience the process and cycle that due process requires. A portion of their day is also spent at Police Headquarters, where students participate in statistical analysis and planning meetings to see how and why police resources are deployed. They also tour and experience how criminal investigations are conducted, and do practical exercises in crime scene processing. This annual visit succeeds in provoking young minds to project beyond their perceptions of the law and its processes and helps build trust through transparency.











COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (continued)

Once again, the North Bergen Police Department held our annual Junior Police Academy for students in 7th and 8th grades. Our program aims to provide young people with a positive introduction to law enforcement, offering hands-on experiences. Participants engage in activities like physical training, drill and ceremony, and demonstrations from specialized units, with a special visit from the New Jersey State Police Aviation Unit. The curriculum covers criminal law, procedure, enforcement, physical fitness, teamwork, and respect, and encourages young people to be partners in building safer communities, transforming the traditional role of police officers into mentors and friends.











COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (continued)

To complete the year, nearly the entire police department volunteered their time to participate in North Bergen's annual Winterfest. This annual street festival hosted by the Township sees thousands of residents converge to celebrate with holiday spirit. The strong police presence and festive atmosphere ensures a good time is had by all.





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