

2025
ANNUAL REPORT

THE NORTH BERGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT



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MISSION STATEMENT



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.

Duty, Honor, Courage



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A Year of Progress, Partnership, and Public Safety

The North Bergen Police Department's 2025 Annual Report reflects a year defined by measurable progress, continued investment in personnel, and a strong commitment to community partnership. Through proactive policing, strategic resource deployment, and meaningful public engagement, the department continues to deliver on its core mission of maintaining safe and stable neighborhoods for all residents.

2025 By the Numbers

- 127,068 calls for service conducted across the Township
- Major crime decreased by 18.3% compared to 2024
- Overall crime reduced by 6.3% year-over-year
- 572 total arrests made in 2025
- 2,427 traffic crash reports filed
- 17,791 traffic summonses issued
- 75 DWI arrests conducted
- 181 total department personnel, including sworn and civilian staff

These figures reflect not only a reduction in crime, but a sustained, high level of service provided by officers across all divisions.

Investing in People and Leadership

A key priority in 2025 was strengthening the department through strategic hiring and advancement. The Township welcomed 11 new police officers, enhancing the department's ability to respond to calls and maintain visibility throughout the community. In addition, 20 members were promoted, reinforcing leadership within the ranks and ensuring experienced officers are guiding operations and mentoring the next generation of law enforcement professionals.

The department also continued to build its pipeline of future officers through the Special Law Enforcement Officer program. In 2025, the North Bergen Police Department appointed 17 SLEO II officers and promoted 11 SLEO II officers to full-time police officers, further strengthening the department while creating opportunities for career growth within the organization.

Community Engagement and Public Trust

The North Bergen Police Department continues to prioritize strong relationships with the community through its Community Relations Unit. Officers participated in and hosted a wide range of programs and events, including:

- Coffee with a Cop
- Junior Police Academy
- National Night Out
- Walk to School with a Cop
- Water Olympics
- Cops & Bobbers and Touch-a-Truck
- Community meetings across all sections of the Township

These initiatives provide valuable opportunities for residents to engage directly with officers in positive, non-emergency settings, strengthening trust and communication.

In 2025, the department also expanded accessibility through the launch of a Community Relations Hotline (201-888-9008), offering residents a direct and reliable way to report concerns, ask questions, and receive follow-up support.

Modern Policing and Innovation

As policing continues to evolve, the department remains committed to integrating modern tools and technology to enhance both effectiveness and transparency. The use of body-worn cameras, drone technology, and expanded digital communication platforms supports investigations, improves accountability, and strengthens communication with the public.

Commitment to Service

Behind every statistic is the work of a dedicated team committed to protecting the community. From patrol officers responding to daily calls for service, to detectives solving complex cases, to community officers building relationships with residents, every member of the North Bergen Police Department plays a vital role in maintaining public safety.

Through continued investment in personnel, community engagement, and modern policing strategies, North Bergen remains well-positioned to meet the challenges of today while preparing for the needs of tomorrow.

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*A message from Robert J. Farley, JR.,
Chief of the North Bergen Police Department*

It is my honor to present the North Bergen Police Department's 2025 Annual Report. This report reflects the dedication, professionalism, and commitment of the men and women who serve our community each and every day.

During 2025, the North Bergen Police Department responded to more than 127,000 calls for service, addressing everything from emergency incidents and criminal investigations to quality-of-life concerns that impact our neighborhoods. Every one of those calls represents an opportunity for our officers to provide assistance, build trust, and ensure the safety and well-being of the residents we serve.

Our efforts produced encouraging results this year. **Major crimes declined by 18.3 percent and overall crime decreased by 6.3 percent compared to the previous year.** These improvements reflect the proactive work of our patrol officers, the dedication of our detectives, and the professionalism of every member of the department who contributes to keeping North Bergen safe.

At the same time, modern policing requires continual adaptation to evolving technology and investigative tools. The North Bergen Police Department continues to incorporate resources that strengthen both transparency and effectiveness, including body-worn cameras, drone technology, and improved digital communication through social media platforms. These tools help enhance investigations, improve accountability, and allow us to communicate more effectively with the public.

Behind every statistic in this report is the work of a dedicated team. I want to thank Mayor Nicholas J. Sacco and Commissioner of Public Safety Allen Pascual for their continued support of our department and their commitment to providing the resources necessary for our officers to perform their duties effectively.

Most importantly, I thank the residents of North Bergen. Public safety is strongest when there is a partnership between law enforcement and the community, and your cooperation and trust remain essential to our shared success.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert J. Farley, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert J. Farley, Jr.

Chief of Police



*A Message from Nicholas J. Sacco,
Mayor of North Bergen, New Jersey*

Ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents has always been one of the most important responsibilities of local government. I am proud of the outstanding work performed each day by the members of the North Bergen Police Department who serve and protect our community.

While effective policing is essential, public safety is strongest when there is a strong relationship between the police department and the people it serves. North Bergen has always placed a strong emphasis on community engagement, and our Community Relations Unit plays an important role in maintaining that connection.

Throughout the year, our officers participate in a wide range of community programs and events that bring residents and law enforcement together in positive and meaningful ways. Initiatives such as Coffee with a Cop, Cops & Bobbers, Touch-a-Truck, the Junior Police Academy, National Night Out, Walk to School with a Cop, and many other community gatherings allow our officers to interact directly with residents, students, and families outside of emergency situations.

These programs help build trust, strengthen relationships, and ensure that our police officers remain visible and accessible members of the community. Our officers also work closely with local schools, community organizations, and neighborhood groups to promote safety and provide guidance and support to residents of all ages.

I would like to thank Chief Robert Farley and every member of the North Bergen Police Department for their continued dedication and service. Their commitment helps ensure that North Bergen remains a safe, welcoming, and vibrant community for everyone who calls it home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicholas J. Sacco". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nicholas J. Sacco

Mayor



*A message from Allen Pascual,
Commissioner of Public Safety*

As Commissioner of Public Safety, I am proud to support the dedicated members of the North Bergen Police Department who work every day to protect our residents and maintain the high quality of life that our community values.

A strong police department begins with strong personnel. Over the past year, the Township has made a continued investment in the people who serve on the front lines of public safety. In 2025, the North Bergen Police Department welcomed **11 new police officers** to the force and recognized the dedication and experience of its members through the **promotion of 20 officers** to positions of greater responsibility.

These new hires strengthen the department's ability to serve the community, while the promotions ensure that experienced officers are stepping into leadership roles where they can guide and mentor the next generation of law enforcement professionals. Building a strong leadership structure within the department is essential to maintaining the high standards of professionalism and accountability that the residents of North Bergen expect.

The department also continues to expand the ways it communicates with and serves the community. Initiatives such as the establishment of a public safety hotline and expanded outreach efforts help ensure that residents have additional ways to report concerns, seek assistance, and stay informed.

Supporting our police department means providing the training, personnel, and resources necessary for officers to perform their duties effectively. Through these continued investments, North Bergen remains committed to maintaining a police department that is professional, responsive, and prepared to meet the challenges of modern policing.

I want to thank Chief Robert Farley and every member of the North Bergen Police Department for their dedication and service to our community.

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Allen Pascual

Commissioner of Public Safety

TOWNSHIP DEMOGRAPHICS

26.5%

Identify as White**

17.5%

Identify as White alone, not Hispanic or Latino

3.5%

Identify as Black alone

1.4%

Identify as American Indian / Alaska Native alone

6.4%

Identify as Asian alone

0%

Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander

31.7%

Identify as two or more races reported**



61,250

Our estimated total population

66.7%

Of residents are employed

23,804

Households in North Bergen

52.1%

Of residents are foreign-born

73.4%

Of households speak a language other than English

33%

Of residents hold a Bachelor's Degree or higher

82%

Of residents are High School graduates or higher

71.4%

Of residents are Hispanic or Latino



**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)



FULL-TIME SWORN PERSONNEL



- 1 Chief*
- 1 Deputy Chief*
- 5 Captains*
- 14 Lieutenants*
- 19 Sergeants*
- 13 Detectives*
- 7 Corporals*
- 73 Patrol Officers*

CIVILIAN AND OTHER PERSONNEL



- 18 Special Class II (P/T)*
- 4 Records Clerks*
- 7 Full-Time Dispatchers*
- 4 Per-Diem Dispatchers*
- 10 CCTV Monitors*
- 5 Other Classification*

181 POLICE EMPLOYEES IN 2025

2025 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



ROBERT J. FARLEY, JR.

CHIEF OF POLICE

DAVID CORBISIERO

DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
CAPTAIN VICTOR QUEIRO

*ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
SOCIAL MEDIA
COMMUNITY RELATIONS
QUALITY OF LIFE*

INVESTIGATIONS
CAPTAIN DAVID DOWD

*DETECTIVE BUREAU
JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE
ON-LOAN PERSONNEL*

STREET CRIMES UNIT
CAPTAIN JORGE RAPOSO

*STREET CRIMES
INVESTIGATIONS*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
CAPTAIN MICHELE BARTOLI

*BCI / RECORDS
MUNICIPAL COURT
SLEO II OFFICERS
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE
TRAINING
ACCREDITATION
OFFICER LICENSING*

PATROL DIVISION
CAPTAIN NICHOLAS GALLIANO

*FIELD OPERATIONS
SCHOOL RESOURCES
TRAFFIC DIVISION
COMMUNICATIONS
PATROL SQUADS*



INTERNAL AFFAIRS SUMMARY 2025

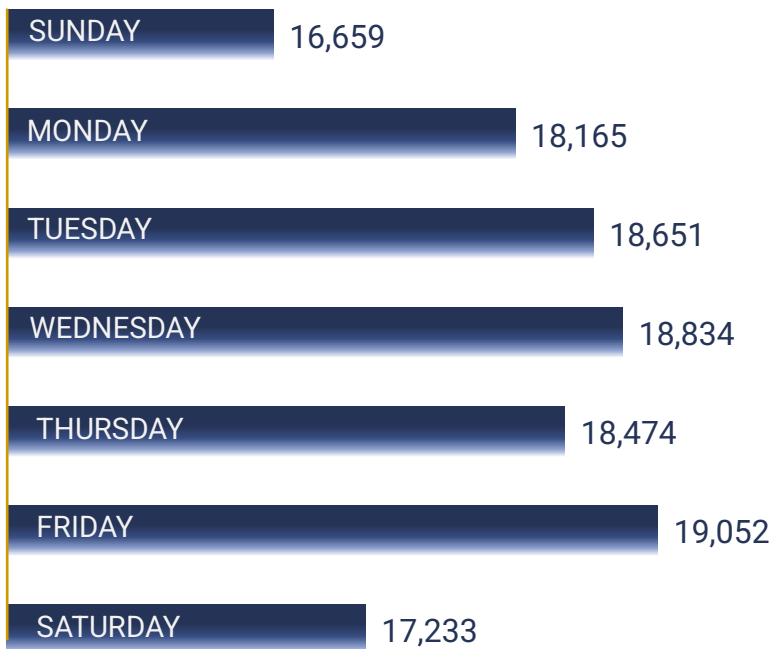
Total Cases Pending from Prior Years	11
Total Cases Opened in 2025	70
Total Cases Closed in 2025	62
Total Sustained	42
Total Complaints Not Sustained (<i>inc. 2024</i>)	21
Total Cases over 180 days old	3
Total Cases Pending at year end 2025	19

COMPLAINTS RECEIVED IN 2025						RESULT OF CASES SUSTAINED		
	Initial Allegations	Number of Initial Allegations Sustained	Number of Other Allegations Sustained	Initial Allegations Not Sustained	Unfounded	12 Exonerated	3 Incidents Resulted in Criminal Charges	39 Incidents Resulted in Internal Discipline
<i>Excessive Force</i>	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	2
<i>Improper Arrest</i>	3	0	0	3	0	3	0	0
<i>Improper Entry</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Improper Search</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Differential Treatment</i>	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
<i>Demeanor</i>	4	1	0	3	0	3	0	1
<i>Other Rule Violation</i>	46	35	0	11	0	5	0	37
<i>Domestic Violence</i>	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Other Criminal</i>	5	2	1	1	1	0	3	0
Total	62	39	3	21	1			

2025 CALLS FOR SERVICE



CALLS FOR SERVICE BY DAY



127,068

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE IN 2025

BREAKDOWN BY SHIFT

37,484

calls between 12:00 Midnight and 8:00 AM

45,683

calls between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM

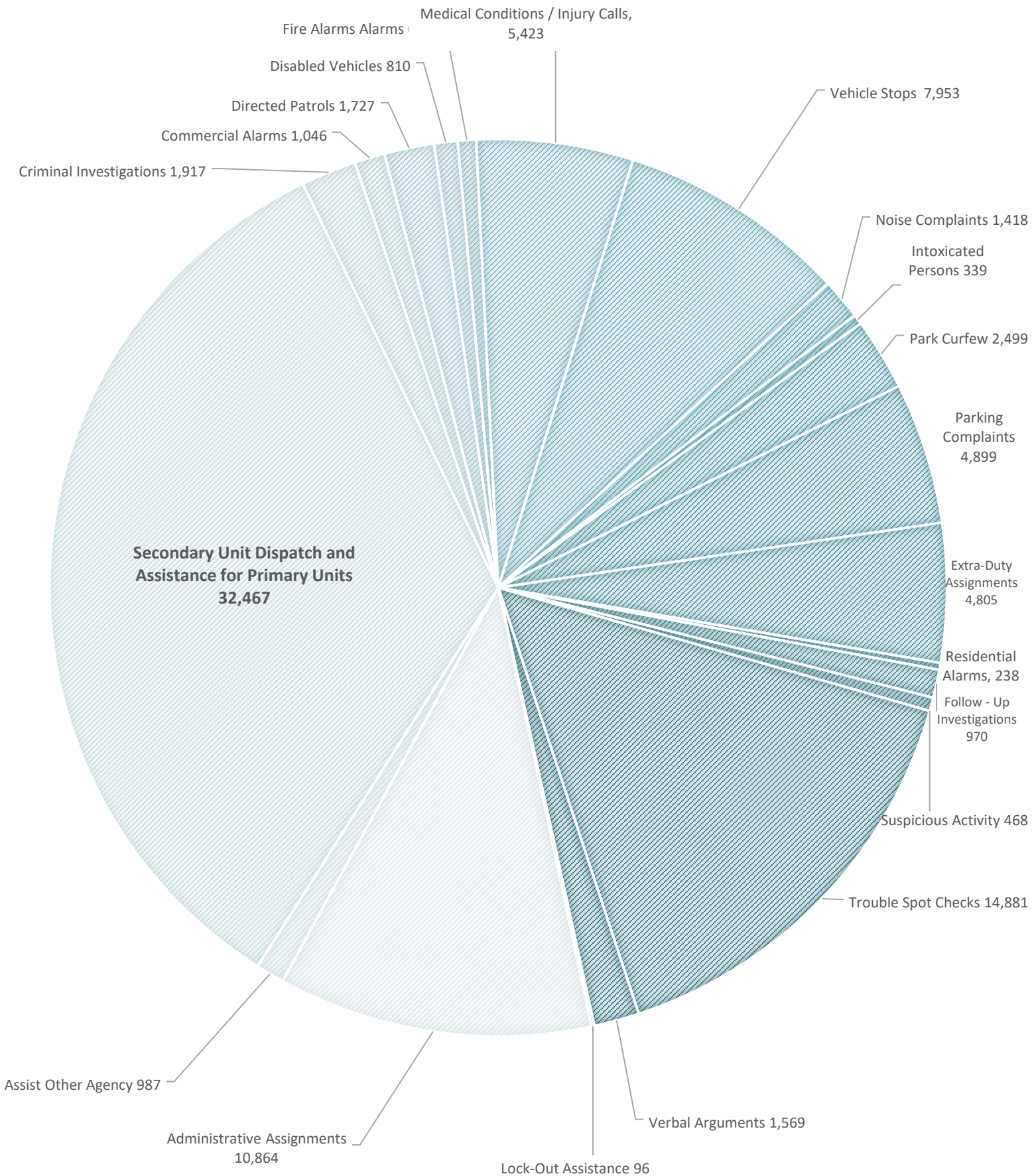
43,901

calls between 4:00 PM and 12:00 Midnight

CALLS FOR SERVICE BY HOUR

00:00 - 01:00	5,710
01:00 - 02:00	5,107
02:00 - 03:00	4,886
03:00 - 04:00	4,036
04:00 - 05:00	3,543
05:00 - 06:00	3,488
06:00 - 07:00	4,193
07:00 - 08:00	6,521
08:00 - 09:00	7,052
09:00 - 10:00	5,658
10:00 - 11:00	5,515
11:00 - 12:00	5,379
12:00 - 13:00	5,349
13:00 - 14:00	5,537
14:00 - 15:00	5,647
15:00 - 16:00	5,547
16:00 - 17:00	5,304
17:00 - 18:00	5,224
18:00 - 19:00	5,526
19:00 - 20:00	5,868
20:00 - 21:00	5,688
21:00 - 22:00	5,168
22:00 - 23:00	5,295
23:00 - 24:00	5,828

CALLS FOR SERVICE BREAKDOWN



TRAFFIC STATISTICS

2,427 TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTS WERE FILED IN 2025

<i>Crash Reports Filed</i>	<i>Injuries Reported</i>	<i>Involving Pedestrians</i>	<i>Involving Bicycles</i>	<i>Involving Motorcycles</i>	<i>Summonses Issued</i>	<i>Animals struck</i>	<i>Total Vehicles Involved</i>
<i>January</i> 188	35	6	0	0	28	0	408
<i>February</i> 171	35	5	0	0	30	0	361
<i>March</i> 212	63	5	1	0	35	0	455
<i>April</i> 180	48	10	3	2	34	2	394
<i>May</i> 198	46	5	3	1	41	1	426
<i>June</i> 215	40	6	5	1	31	1	464
<i>July</i> 220	77	4	3	1	39	1	488
<i>August</i> 185	64	7	7	0	24	0	409
<i>September</i> 223	38	3	4	0	29	0	472
<i>October</i> 215	40	9	4	3	33	3	463
<i>November</i> 209	41	3	2	0	40	0	437
<i>December</i> 211	42	9	0	0	29	0	444



TRAFFIC STATISTICS

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VEHICLES TOWED BY MONTH

INCLUDES ENFORCEMENT ACTION, TRAFFIC CRASHES, AND PARKING COMPLAINTS

January	137
February	136
March	144
April	121
May	109
June	139
July	134
August	145
September	108
October	113
November	121
December	107

SUMMONSES ISSUED BY MONTH

January	2,042
February	1,739
March	1,879
April	2,074
May	1,466
June	1,302
July	1,201
August	1,358
September	1,610
October	1,096
November	1,186
December	838

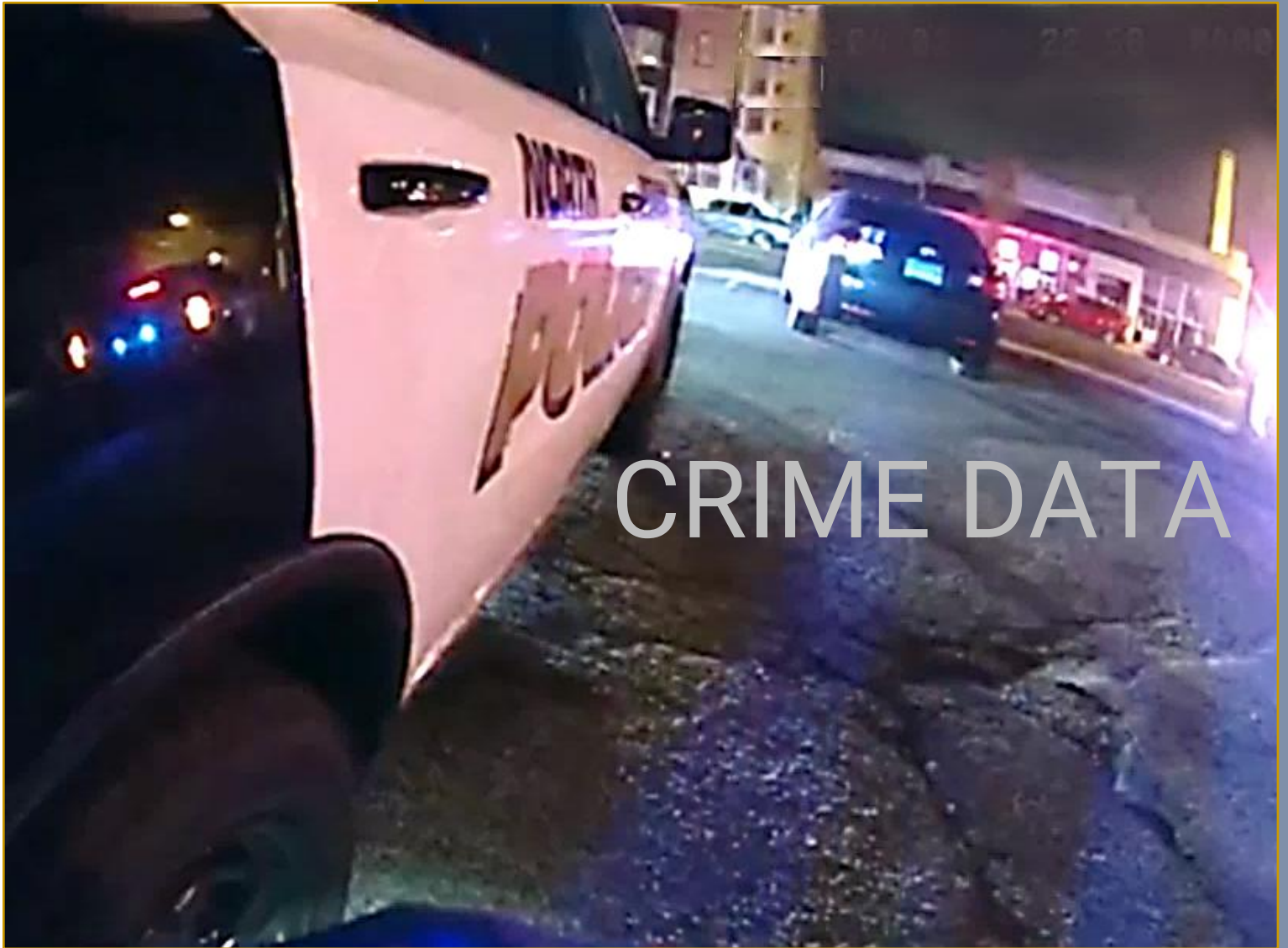
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED ARRESTS

January	6
February	5
March	10
April	7
May	5
June	7
July	6
August	6
September	5
October	5
November	7
December	6

VEHICLES TOWED
1,514

SUMMONSES ISSUED
17,791

DWI ARRESTS
75



CRIME RATE AND FIVE-YEAR COMPARISON

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

UCR Part 1 Index Crimes	2025		2024		% Change From 2024	5-Year (2020) Comparison		% Change From 2020
	Offense Count	Crime Rate*	Offense Count	Crime Rate*		Offense Count	Crime Rate*	
Murder	0	0	2	0.03	-200%	0	0	0%
Rape	10	0.16	15	0.25	-33.3%	12	0.19	-16.7%
Robbery	15	0.24	28	0.47	-46.4%	11	0.17	36.4%
Aggravated Assault	49	0.79	63	1.06	-22.2%	30	0.48	63.3%
Burglary	25	0.40	25	0.42	0%	20	0.32	25%
Larceny (Theft)	291	4.72	374	6.29	-22.2%	230	3.73	26.5%
Automobile Theft	74	1.20	61	1.02	21.3%	58	0.94	27.6%
Arson**	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0
Crime Index Total	464	7.51	568	9.56	-18.3%	361	5.85	28.6%

Crimes Against Persons	74	1.20	108	1.82	-31.5%	53	0.86	39.6%
Crimes Against Property	390	6.32	460	7.74	-15.2%	308	4.99	26.6%
Overall Crime***	1616	26.22	1724	29.02	-6.3%	1582	25.67	2.2%

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

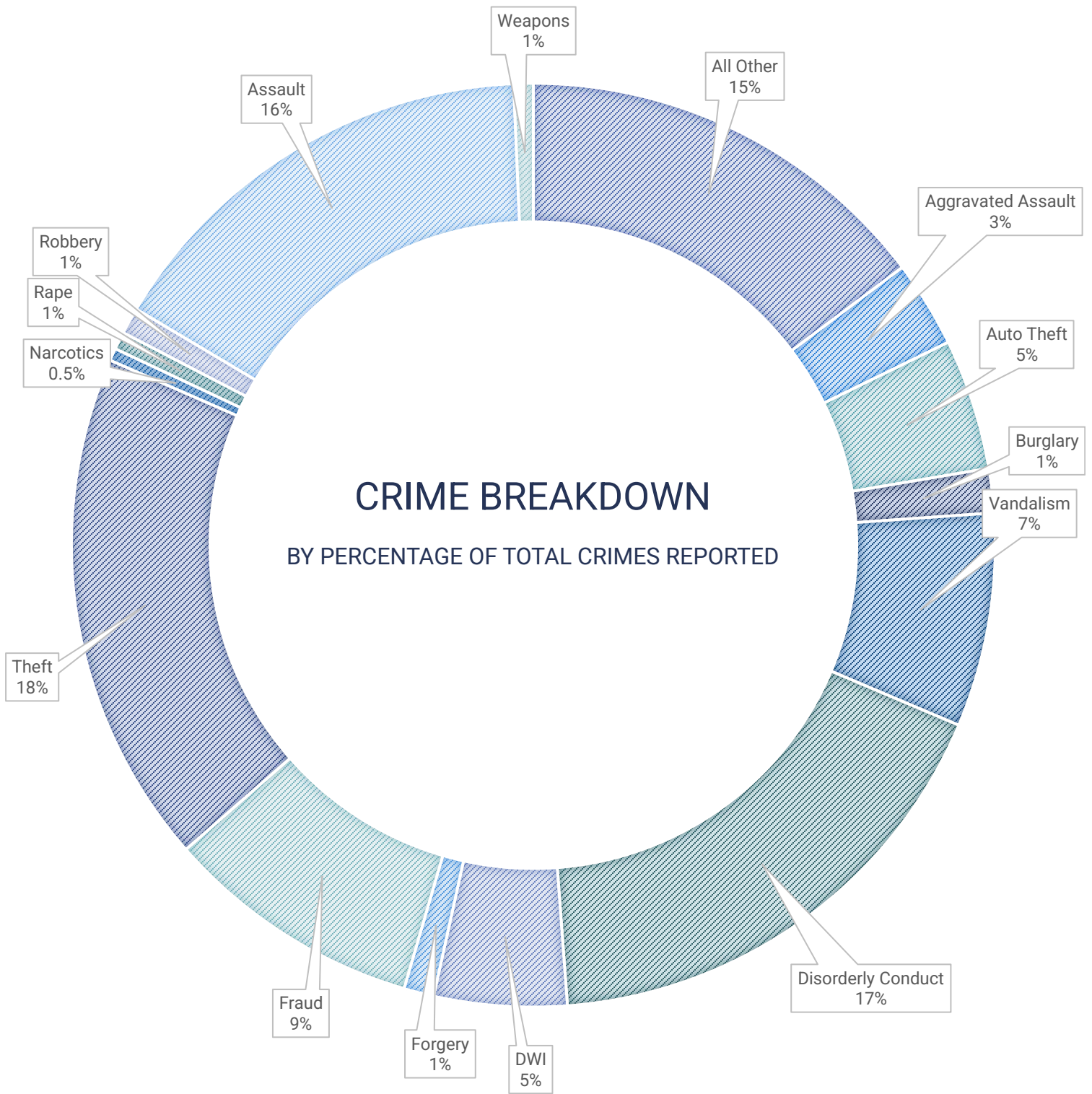
***Overall Crime: UCR **Part I Offenses** are listed in this chart. **NOT LISTED** are **Part II Offenses** that include Forgery, Counterfeiting, Fraud, Embezzlement, Stolen Property, Vandalism, Weapons Offenses, Prostitution, Sex Offenses, Drug Offenses, DWI, Liquor Law Offenses, Disorderly Conduct,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

INDEX CRIMES OFFENSE COUNT BY YEAR

Offense	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Murder	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Rape	10	15	9	14	24	12	16	19	9
Robbery	15	28	18	16	21	11	18	27	35
Aggravated Assault	49	63	45	55	33	30	57	51	52
Burglary	25	25	33	32	33	20	55	70	55
Larceny (Theft)	291	374	482	369	368	230	306	298	366
Automobile Theft	74	61	77	58	46	58	44	62	66
Arson**	0	0	3	1	2	0	1	0	1

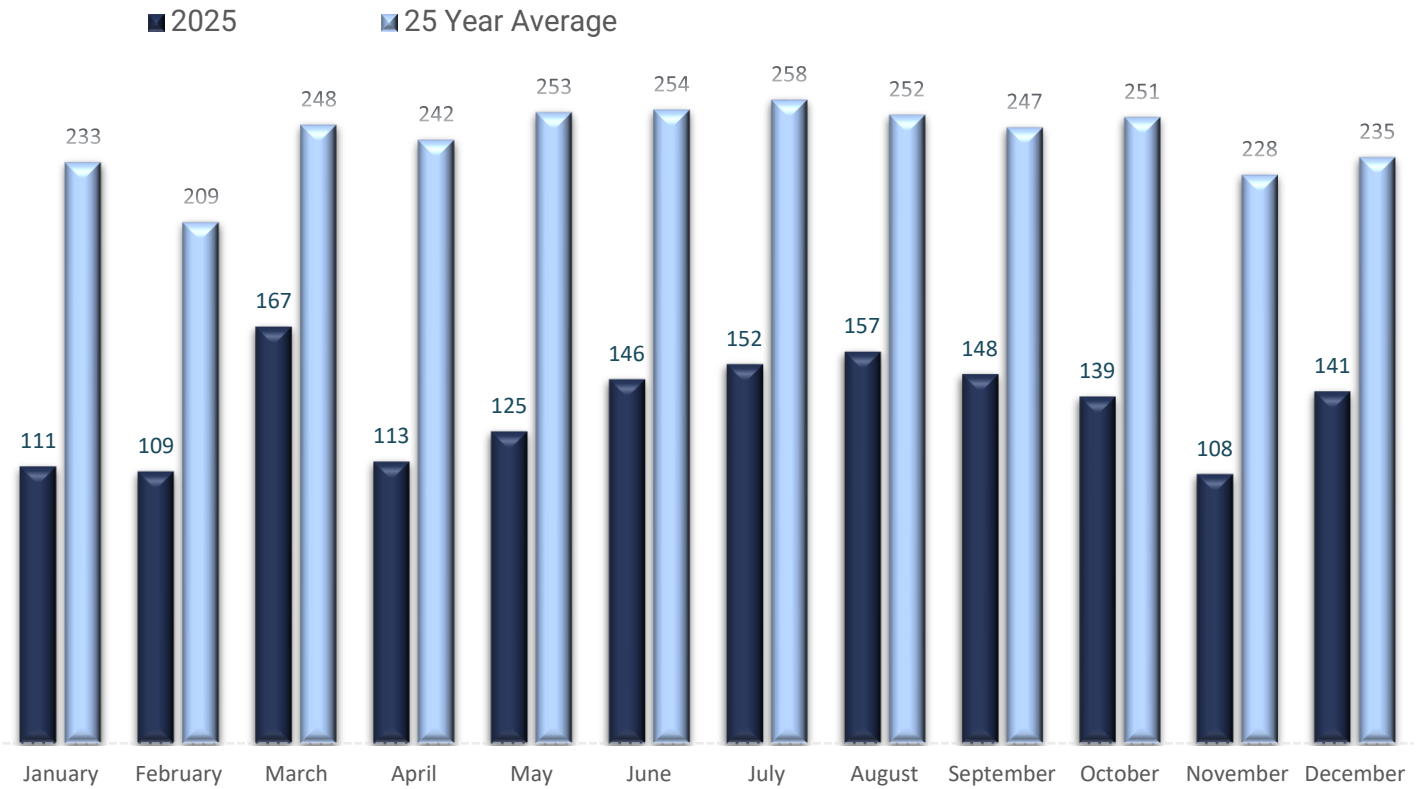
NOTE: All crime data is reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation using the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS), which is a detailed, data-driven format that collects multiple individual data points from each incident. NIBRS is not used to calculate these statistics as NIBRS allows multiple crimes to be reported in each incident, which may appear as an inflated count of events per incident. The Uniform Crime Reporting System is still utilized internally in categorizing and prioritizing investigations but UCR data is no longer collected by the F.B.I.

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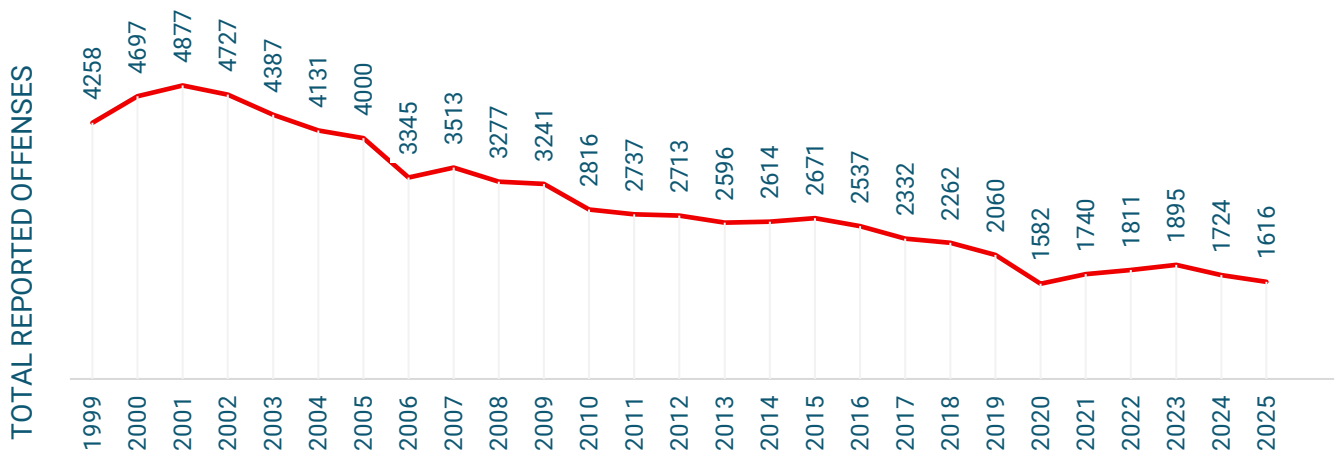


TOTAL REPORTED CRIMES

2025 IN COMPARISON WITH 25-YEAR AVERAGE



TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFENSES REPORTED BY YEAR



ARREST DATA

Adult Arrests

540

Juvenile Arrests

23

Arrests for Other Agencies

9

TOTAL ARRESTS

572

TOTAL WARRANTS PROCESSED FOR OTHER AGENCIES ACROSS ALL ARRESTS

66



	2025	2024
JUVENILES	14	13
ADULTS	276	411
UCR PART I SUBTOTAL	290	424
JUVENILES	9	22
ADULTS	264	278
UCR PART II SUBTOTAL	273	300
	2025	2024
TOTAL JUVENILE ARRESTS	23	35
TOTAL ADULT ARRESTS (INCLUDING ARRESTS FOR OTHER AGENCIES, AND ALL UCR OFFENSES)	549	736
2025 VS 2024	572	771

ARREST DATA

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2025 Overall Clearance Rate

32%

<i>Part 1 Offense</i>	<i>Arrests by Offense</i>	<i>Number of Offenses</i>	<i>Clearance Rate</i>
<i>Murder / Manslaughter</i>	0	0	0
<i>Rape</i>	7	10	70%
<i>Robbery</i>	9	15	60%
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	43	49	88%
<i>Burglary</i>	5	25	20%
<i>Larceny</i>	77	291	26%
<i>Auto Theft</i>	6	74	8%



NOTABLE CASES

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Robbery and Shooting

In early February, officers responded to Christ Hospital on a report of a male suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim reported he was seated in his vehicle at a prearranged location on 7th Street to conduct a sneaker transaction arranged through a social media platform. Four males approached and demanded the sneakers. When the victim refused, one in the group produced a handgun and fired a round through the vehicle window, striking the victim. The round narrowly missed vital organs and ultimately lodged near the victim's heart. Investigators executed a search warrant on his vehicle and determined that the incident was likely a narcotics transaction. Detectives canvassed the surrounding area for surveillance footage and retraced the suspects' movements, tracking the suspects across approximately twenty blocks in Union City. Clear images were recovered, and a regional alert was issued. A Union City detective identified the shooter based on prior encounters, and the juvenile shooter was located and taken into custody, charged with Attempted Murder, Robbery, Weapons Offenses, and Conspiracy. Shortly thereafter, two additional juvenile suspects were also identified and charged as well.



Carjacking

In early April, a male drove into Columbia Park Mall and dropped off family members in front of a store. As he looked for a parking space, a juvenile ran up to his moving car and attempted to pull on the handle, trying to open the driver's side door and yelling at the victim to, "give me your car." The victim drove away, then observed the involved juveniles attempting to flee. The victim attempted to detain one of the juveniles, when the other juveniles threw a rock, shattering the passenger side window. The third juvenile jumped in the front driver's seat. A witness observing this attempted to intervene, mistakenly believing the juveniles were in trouble. She recorded the incident with her cell phone and drove the juveniles to Union City. Detectives were able to track down this witness and she provided the exact location in Union City where she dropped off the juveniles. Detectives canvassed for surveillance video and through the assistance of Union City School Resource Officers were able to identify the three juveniles involved. They were placed into custody and charged with Carjacking, Conspiracy, and Criminal Mischief.

NOTABLE CASES

(CONTINUED)

Kidnapping and Endangering the Welfare of a Minor

One afternoon in late April, police were alerted to 79th Street and Bergenline Avenue for a report of a man holding and dragging a young girl, while refusing to let her go. Officers located the victim,



and she recounted that as she walked along Bergenline Avenue, the male ran toward her, grabbed her, and pulled her several feet away from the street in an apparent attempt to abduct her. The suspect held the teen for about two minutes as she struggled to escape. Three nurses from a nearby doctor's office, along with a male passerby, heard her cries for help and intervened, successfully pulling her away from the suspect. When additional

officers arrived, the victim and several witnesses identified the suspect, who was taken into custody without incident. He was arrested at the scene and transported to the Hudson County Correctional Facility on charges of kidnapping and endangering the welfare of a child.

Credit Card Theft and Unlawful Use of Credit Cards

In mid-June, a North Bergen resident received an unrecognized bill, and subsequently reported to police that a credit card was opened under her name and over \$4,000 dollars in unauthorized transactions had been made. Detectives itemized the fraudulent charges, and visited the multiple locations where transactions were made. Recovering images from surveillance systems, Detectives were able to investigate two suspects, one of whom was employed as a United States Postal carrier. While on her delivery route in North Bergen, the carrier stole mail, specifically credit cards. She then gave those cards to her accomplice, who used them for multiple fraudulent credit card transactions. Additionally, the mail carrier intercepted credit card statements to prevent victims from discovering that accounts had been fraudulently opened in their names, allowing the scheme to continue undetected. The North Bergen Police



Department, with the assistance of the United States Postal Service, Office of Inspector General, apprehended both persons involved on multiple charges of Credit Card Theft, Fraudulent Use of Credit Cards, Conspiracy, and Intent of Cardholder to Defraud, putting an end to the unwitting victims' losses.

NOTABLE CASES

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Attempted Murder

At approximately 9:30 PM in early September, a male resident went to the neighborhood deli on 61st Street to purchase food. When he entered, he bumped into another male, who then remained and stared menacingly at the victim while he waited for his order.



When the victim left the deli, he noticed the suspect waiting outside. The suspect then produced a handgun and shot the victim in the shoulder. The suspect fled towards Meadowview Avenue. Detectives were able to track the suspect on surveillance video to his residence. They obtained a search warrant, and activated the Hudson County Swat Team to

execute the warrant, subsequently apprehending the suspect without incident. The involved firearm was recovered, and the juvenile male was charged with Attempted Murder and Weapons Offenses. Ballistic analysis identified microscopic evidence that confirmed the recovered shell casing had been discharged from the recovered handgun.

Robbery / Criminal Attempt Sexual Assault

During the early morning hours in mid-September, a female resident walked home from a bus stop in the area of 7th Street and Grand Avenue. As she walked along Grand Avenue an unknown male approached her from behind, grabbed her neck, and pushed her down to the ground. The male attempted to remove her clothing, but she was able to fight back, temporarily disabling the actor. He fled with her cellular phone, and detectives later observed him on surveillance video discarding the victim's cellphone in a dog waste receptacle. Detectives continued tracking the suspect to the area of Nelson Avenue in Jersey City. Detectives believed the suspect lived on this block and set up surveillance. On September 18th, detectives were able to observe a male that highly resembled the suspect entering a residence.



Surveillance continued through the night and when the suspect exited, detectives confirmed the suspect matched the assailant. He was arrested and charged with Criminal Attempt Aggravated Sexual Assault and Robbery, and remanded to jail.

NOTABLE CASES

(CONTINUED)

Carjacking a Car Service

In late November, an Uber driver dropped off a customer in the midtown area on Liberty Avenue. The customer asked for help in retrieving his bag from the trunk, and as the Uber driver went to the trunk area, the customer quickly jumped into the driver's seat and drove off with the car. As he did this, the victim leapt into the open trunk as the suspect sped away. The suspect then began driving recklessly, attempting to shake the victim out of the car. He was unsuccessful, and drove



several blocks until getting stuck in traffic. The suspect

exited the car and attempted to retrieve two paper license plates he had left in the rear seat. Recognizing this, the victim was able to fend off the suspect from collecting the plates. The suspect then fled on foot. As detectives processed the car for evidence, they recovered the license plates which were fictitious paper temporary print outs. Despite this, detectives were able to obtain information from the fictitious plates. Through

additional investigative techniques, detectives were able to identify the actor and his last known residence. Soon after, the suspect was arrested and charged with Carjacking.

Attempted Murder

One afternoon in early December, officers responded to a call of several juveniles slashing tires near the intersection of 87th Street and 2nd Avenue. Upon arrival, officers found a male with a deep stab wound to his abdomen which appeared to be life threatening. As the investigation unfolded, our agency received reports of another juvenile with a stab wound to the chest. As more officers arrived on scene it became known that the initial victim and his friends were followed by a group of 4 to 5 juveniles. This rival group of juveniles were upset with the victim regarding a prior incident. Through obtaining video surveillance from cameras in the area, detectives were able to obtain suspect descriptions. As detectives further canvassed for surveillance video, they were able to track down quality images of the suspects that helped lead to their identification. Two main actors were identified and detectives set up surveillance at their respective residences. They were ultimately apprehended at their place of employment and charged with attempted murder, weapon offenses, and conspiracy. Three additional juvenile actors were taken into custody and charged with Riot and Weapons Offenses. This nearly month-long investigation resulted in clearing the streets of North Bergen of several dangerous individuals.



NOTABLE OFFICERS



OFFICER
ALEXANDER LAMBROS



OFFICER
GISSSELL FRANCISCO



SERGEANT
ALFREDO ECHEVERRIA

On a cold January day, Officer Lambros responded to an uptown firehouse where a 12-year-old female had wandered in seeking shelter. She was not dressed warmly and had endured a three-hour wait in the cold before seeking assistance. Officers encountered a shy, hesitant, and scared child and, recognizing her stress, they employed compassion and empathy, utilizing their training in interviewing skills to eventually gain the child's trust. After considerable time, and by using a mindset of both parent and public servant, the officers at the scene were able to determine that a family friend who was supposed to take care of her had in fact left her on the street. Officers administered medical and emotional care and successfully reunited the child with her parents, determining that the parents were intentionally misled by that family friend. Appropriate actions were taken against those responsible for leaving the child, and during this entire encounter, our officers' actions exemplified their excellent training, patience, and empathy, and tested the officers in their approach and use of resources. At the end, the positive outcome successfully improved how a juvenile perceived law enforcement.



OFFICER
JAVIER RIANCHO



OFFICER
FREDDY AU-CASTILLO



OFFICER
SAMMY AWADALLAH



SERGEANT
RAMON DEJESUS

On February 8, 2025 at about 4:23pm, the above officers responded to 6131 Grand Avenue on a report of a working fire. Upon arrival on the scene, they scaled eight flights of stairs to reach the source of the fire. As they entered the eighth floor, they were met with a barrier of smoke collecting in the hallway. They confirmed that the apartment on fire was unoccupied, and then systematically evacuated the elderly residents of the surrounding apartments, accommodating multiple residents with disabilities who required assistance. Employing their training, they coordinated their efforts, communicated clearly, and designated selected apartments as temporary shelters while firefighters arrived. Once they accounted for every affected resident, they rendered aid as needed. Throughout the emergency response, these officers recognized the significant danger to the elderly occupants of the building. Their swift, professional conduct remains indicative of the level of character, training, and professionalism of our personnel.



On an October day, Officer Nader Awadallah and SLEO II Santos responded to a distress call regarding a suicidal individual who had intentionally inflicted a deep laceration to his wrist with a razor blade. Upon arrival, the officers were confronted with a chaotic and bloody scene, where the victim was actively losing a significant amount of blood and in critical condition.

Without hesitation, both officers took immediate control of the situation. They ensured the safety of the scene, assessed the severity of the victim's injuries, and began rendering emergency medical aid. Demonstrating calm under pressure, SLEO Santos swiftly and correctly applied his department-issued tourniquet to the victim's arm, effectively stemming the bleeding and stabilizing the individual until EMS arrived. Officer Awadallah provided critical support throughout the intervention, maintaining communication and ensuring the rapid coordination of care.

Their prompt response, composure, and decisive actions directly contributed to saving the life of a person in crisis. The teamwork, professionalism, and compassion displayed by both officers exemplify the highest standards of law enforcement and reflect great credit upon themselves and this department.



OFFICER
NADER AWADALLAH



SLEO CLASS II
JEFFREY SANTOS-GARCIA



PROMOTIONS AND NEW OFFICERS



DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS

FEBRUARY 2025



TO LIEUTENANT
CONSTANTINOS
APOSTOLAKOS



TO SERGEANT
ERIC WEYAND



TO SERGEANT
GEORGE DABAL



TO CORPORAL
ELIZABETH SINISI



TO CORPORAL
SARAY DURANGO



TO DETECTIVE
CHRISTOPHER NUNEZ

JUNE 2025



SLEO CLASS II
ENRIQUE MARRERO III



SLEO CLASS II
KAYLEEN OCASIO



SLEO CLASS II
JEFFREY SANTOS-GARCIA



SLEO CLASS II
SEBASTIAN PEREZ



SLEO CLASS II
NICHOLAS PINO-RIQUELME



SLEO CLASS II
CHRISTOPHER CASTILLO



SLEO CLASS II
MARK CERQUEIRA



SLEO CLASS II
GABRIEL CHOCHÉ



SLEO CLASS II
JASON LOPEZ

DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS

(CONTINUED)

SEPTEMBER



TO LIEUTENANT
GLENY HENRY



TO SERGEANT
ERIC CRAFTON



TO SERGEANT
INDIRA CABRERA

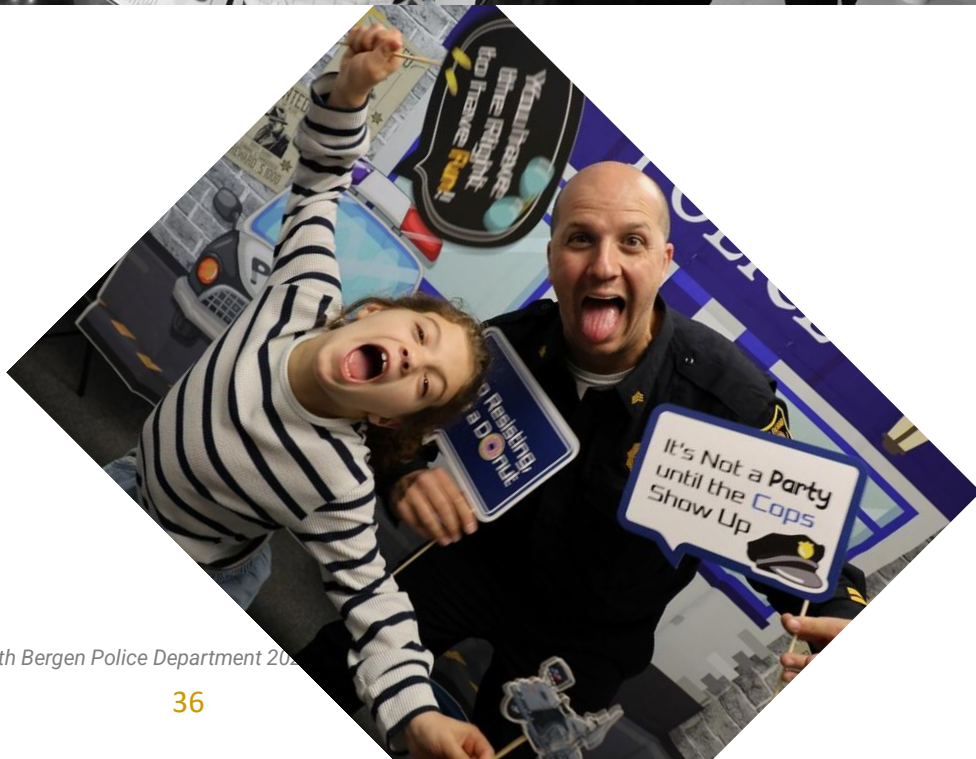


FROM CLASS II SLEO TO FULL-TIME OFFICER (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT)

ISHMAEL GOMEZ, CHRISTIAN ANGULO, CHRISTIAN CORREA, MIGUEL CARDENAS, ANGEL APARICIO, ANDRES FAIFE,
KIANA ROSADO, KEVIN ZAMBRANO, BRYAN HEREDIA, WELLINGTON TOBAR, MICHAEL SANTINI



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



1ST RESPONDER - COMMUNITY DAY



The North Bergen Police Department's Community Relations Unit sponsored the inaugural "First Responders Community Day" on Saturday, May 31 at Bruin Stadium. The public connected with first responders and explored the showcase of vehicles and equipment. This event was presented by the North Bergen Police Department in conjunction with Mayor Nicholas Sacco and the Township Commissioners. The public enjoyed access to personnel and equipment of participants from the Hudson County Sheriff's Office, Hudson County Regional SWAT Team, North Bergen Emergency Medical Services, North Hudson Regional Fire & Rescue, and the Army National Guard.



The **North Bergen Police Department Community Relations Unit**, led by Lt. Alex Barrios, hosts recurring community meetings to discuss safety, traffic, and local neighborhood concerns directly with residents. This initiative provides a relaxed environment to enable residents to be heard without necessitating formal meetings. **"Coffee with a Cop"** sessions are informal gatherings that allow residents to chat with officers over free coffee and snacks, and are held at various businesses throughout the Township. Our **"Neighborhood Watch Community Meeting"** series offers an opportunity to meet directly with Commissioners Allen Pascual and Anthony Vainieri, along with Chief Robert Farley and numerous officers, who share current and future initiatives as well as individual concerns received from residents. Many concerns are dealt with on the spot, while others are researched for follow-up efforts. Meetings are hosted at downtown, midtown, and uptown locations to provide an equal forum for all residents. The NBPD has also launched a new **Community Relations Hotline** that is available 24/7 for questions or issues. Call 201-888-9008 for a response within 48 business hours.



Everyone is invited to attend any community meeting for a chance to discuss matters that concern you and that impact your neighborhood. Watch for meeting announcements posted on social media, the Township website, and our police department website.

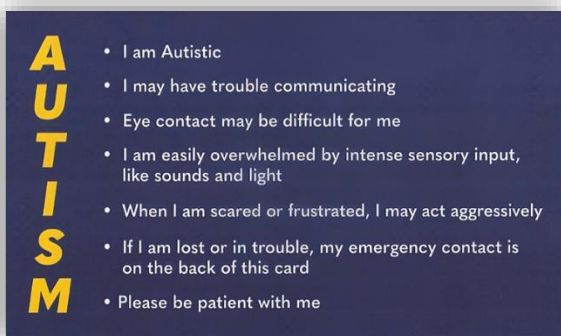




The North Bergen Police Department is proud to have launched the “**NBPD Blue Envelope Program**” under the vision of Public Safety Commissioner Allen Pascual and leadership of Chief Robert J. Farley Jr. This voluntary initiative is designed to support drivers with Autism-Spectrum Disorder (ASD) by improving communication and reducing stress during traffic stops.

Participants in the program receive a blue envelope and decals to place on their vehicle and their home as notification to law enforcement officers or first responders. The envelope is designed to hold essential documents (such as a driver’s license, registration, and insurance) and includes clear, written instructions for both the driver and law enforcement.

Envelopes are available now at Police Headquarters. We encourage those interested to stop by and participate in this important step toward greater understanding and inclusion.



- I am Autistic
- I may have trouble communicating
- Eye contact may be difficult for me
- I am easily overwhelmed by intense sensory input, like sounds and light
- When I am scared or frustrated, I may act aggressively
- If I am lost or in trouble, my emergency contact is on the back of this card
- Please be patient with me



LAW ENFORCEMENT **TORCH RUN**[®] FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEW JERSEY

The **42nd Annual New Jersey Law Enforcement Torch Run** for Special Olympics New Jersey was held on **Friday, June 6, 2025**. Over **3,000 law enforcement officers**—known as the "Guardians of the Flame"—carried the "Flame of Hope" across **26 separate routes** totaling nearly 750 miles throughout New Jersey, finally converging at **The College of New Jersey (TCNJ)** in Ewing to light the cauldron during the opening ceremony of the Summer Games. Fundraising for this valuable annual event raises awareness for athletes with intellectual disabilities. For 2025, the North Bergen Police Department was eighth-highest in fundraising across all participating agencies, and North Bergen police officers are proud to consistently be ranked in the top ten state-wide in fundraising efforts.

National **Take Your Child to Work Day** (now also known as "Take a Child to Work Day and Beyond") took place on **Thursday, April 24, 2025**. The day is designed to expose children ages 8–18 to the working world, showing them the value of their education and inspiring future career goals. Chief Farley, Jr. is a life-long proponent of this annual tradition, as he celebrates a long history of visits to the police department with his father, retired Deputy Chief Robert Farley, Sr. as inspiration for his career.



Positive engagement with children is a consistent priority of the men and women of the North Bergen Police Department, and that priority includes having fun! Annual participation in events such as the **NBPD Water Olympics, Trunk-Or-Treat, and L.E.A.D. Day** reinforces holistic mentorships and builds community relationships at an early age.



The **Student Law Day** is an annual event that welcomes North Bergen High School students to gain insight into the workings of the township government. They are immersed in an in-depth tour of the police station headquarters where they learn about case investigations, statistical analysis, resource deployment, and fundamental police operations such as property and evidence, patrol, and communications. Students then have the privilege of shadowing township officials,

participating in a mock commission meeting to experience the roles of board members, with fellow students participating from the audience to ask questions and engage in debates. Students then visit the Municipal Court to see the inner workings of the Court. Students depart with a deeper knowledge of these critical components of our township, and better prepared for potential future government roles.



The first Tuesday in August, for most of the United States, marks the annual **National Night Out Against Crime**. This annual community-building campaign promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer. North Bergen hosts one of the larger celebrations of the Night Out with seven locations spanning the entire township. Each location hosts a block party and cookout, with free food and drinks. Bounce houses, face painting, music, and giveaways helped bring each neighborhood location together to liaison with local officials and North Bergen Police Department personnel to build upon already strong neighborhood spirit. The vast majority of the police department volunteers to staff locations and contribute to a successful, safe Night Out.





The North Bergen Police Department hosted our annual **Junior Police Academy** for local 7th & 8th grade students who demonstrated notable leadership skills. Twenty-one cadets began their week-long academy with physical training, marching drills, defensive tactics exercises, and a tour of police headquarters. The week included a visit to the Hudson County Police Academy, with a drill instructor demonstration, a SWAT truck demo, and K9 demo. The rest of the week was packed with more fun and educational activities like a trip to a firearms simulator in Jersey City, a drone demonstration, CPR/basic first aid training, a motorcycle demonstration, lessons in crime scene investigations, fingerprinting, evidence, and DNA collection. This immersion allowed students to gain an understanding of the commitment necessary to succeed in law enforcement, and motivated them to believe in themselves regardless of career path.



Walk to School with a Cop provides an opportunity for students to get to know the officers serving our community and become more comfortable interacting with the police. Students, parents, and siblings participate in this annual event that remains a meaningful way to bring families and officers together, building trust and a shared sense of safety in our neighborhood.





The Township of North Bergen has a cherished tradition of the annual **Winterfest**. The event kicks off with a parade down Bergenline Avenue featuring Santa and Mrs. Claus, followed by performances from North Bergen student choruses, rides, games, free photos with Santa, food, and more fun. Downtown and uptown locations host annual celebrations of holiday spirit, with thousands of residents coming together to welcome the holiday season. The entire North Bergen Police Department has a long-standing tradition of volunteering their time to staff and participate in North Bergen's biggest event.



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