



THE MISSION OF THE CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT IS TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY, ENFORCE ALL STATE AND LOCAL LAWS AND ORDINANCES, MAINTAIN THE FINEST QUALITY OF ROUTINE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND PROVIDE THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE. MEMBERS OF THE CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER, TREATING ALL CITIZENS WITH DIGNITY, FAIR AND COMPASSIONATE WHEN DEALING WITH THOSE WE COME IN CONTACT WITH. OUR PERSONAL FEELINGS, EMOTIONS AND OPINIONS FROM OUR DECISION MAKING SHALL NOT AFFECT THE PERFORMANCE OF OUR DUTIES. MEMBERS OF THE CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCEPT THAT PUBLIC TRUST IS SACRED AND THAT IT MUST BE EARNED AND VIGOROUSLY MAINTAINED. WE SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN CLOSE 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.



CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

2008

ANNUAL REPORT

AN ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

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MISSION STATEMENT

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of 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.

CHIEF'S LETTER

LETTER FROM CHIEF ERIC G. MASON

I respectfully submit the Cranford Police Department 2008 Annual Report. This report summarizes the outstanding efforts of every member of the police department.

It is our pleasure to serve the residents of the Township of Cranford. Working in cooperation with our citizens we have continued to contribute to the excellent quality of life enjoyed in the community.

This annual report is dedicated to all of the men and women who serve in the police department. Their professionalism, bravery and sense of duty are immeasurable. It is my honor to serve with them all.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric G. Mason". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'E' and 'M'.

Eric G. Mason
Chief of Police

IN DEDICATION

IN DEDICATION TO THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AS CRANFORD POLICE OFFICERS

Ronald W. Abram	Michael W. Cavalla	Bernard A. Doyle, Jr.
Nicholas A. Amicucci	Christopher G. R. Chapman	Gregory J. Drexler
Arthur E. Anderson	Bernard F. Clark	Nicholas Druzek
Jerome M. Andrews	David L. Cochrane	Spencer Durkin
Michael L. Andrews	Robert A. Colaneri	Edwin F. Eldridge
Charles H. Archdeacon	Antonio Colineri	George Ennesser
Louis T. Atwood	John M. Colineri	Larry Erickson
John C. Baer	Edward J. Coleman	Derek Farbanec
Thomas M. Bell	Ronald Coles	Patrick Fay
Robert L. Bell	William A. Connell	Michael Fedroff
John P. Benedetto	Wayne Cooper	Thomas J. Feeney
Otto Behnert	Raymond Cosmas	Albert R. Fischer
Thomas R. Benton	Harry A. Craig	William A. Fischer
Phillip H. Bindenberger	William F. Crissey	Steven Gachko
Archie G. Bird	William Crory	John T. Gallagher
William Blaney	Edward Csuka	Edward J. Galvin
Harry A. Bohman	Donald A. Curry	William G. Gassman
Lawrence Bonnell, Sr.	Myron Cymbaluk	Peter J. Graczyk
Lawrence T. Bonnell	Paul R. Cymbaluk	Ryan J. Greco
Thomas F. Bowne	Samuel W. Cymbaluk	Jennifer Green
Vincent Brinkerhoff	Steven D'Ambola	George Greiss
Alfred Broda	Raymond L. Davidson	Alfred V. Grickowski
Harry C. Brown	Edward R. Davenport	William Griffin
Francesco L. Buonocore	Michael A. Deane	Louis L. Guertin
Albert F. Burr	Christopher DiFabio	Robert A. Guertin
William H. Burr	Anthony J. Dobbins	L. H. Halsey
Frank A. Caruso	Clifford W. Dobbins	Brian S. Hand
Leo M. Casper	Michael E. Dow	Robert F. Hand

IN DEDICATION

IN DEDICATION TO THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AS CRANFORD POLICE OFFICERS

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

Sean T. Holcomb

Charles M. Hoeffler

Roy Irving

John H. Itzel

Williams Jennings

Paul S. Johnson

Nadia N. Jones

Robert A. Jones

Robert Jordan

George W. Kane, Jr.

Thomas E. Kane

Alex King

Louis Max Kleeman

Rudolph Klempa

Edward J. Klubenspies

John P. Korsch

Joseph R. Koury

Ralph J. Koury

Anton Kovacs

John J. Kovacs

Paul Lampert

Thomas Leavy

Edward N.I Lee

Linn M. Lockwood, Jr.

Brian Lopez

John E. Lowrey

Russell 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

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 Montague

Stephen Motyczka

Matthew R. Nazzaro

Frank Nielsen

Daniel S. Norton

Robert I. Nylen

Timothy W. O'Brien

John O' Donnell

William O'Donnell

Alfred J. Oram

Gordon J. Ostrowsky

Harry P. Page, Jr.

William Parsons

Guy E. Patterson

Robert E. Peters

William G. Peters

Eugene J. Perrotta

John J. Pienciak

Robert E. Pierce

William Pietrucha

Henry Polidoro

Christopher T. Polito

George A. Porcella

Lester W. Powell

John J. Puglisi

Gerard P. Quinn

John G. Ranhofer

IN DEDICATION

IN DEDICATION TO THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AS CRANFORD POLICE OFFICERS

John J. Rattigan

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. Segeear

Andrew J. Sharo, Jr.

Henry Simon

James F. Sloan

Kelly M. Sretenovic

John H. Stanier, Jr.

Thomas Stiansen

Joseph W. Stulpin

John Swandrak

James P. Switek

William D. Thermann

Robert C. Thieme

John M. Thimons

Brian D. Thomas

Lawrence T. Thomas

Russell W. Thomas

Carl Thompson

Steven Toy

Joseph P. Van Bergen, Jr.

Vanessa Van Brunt

Leonard R. Van Sadlers

John F. Varley, Jr.

Peter Vergalla

Richard J. Vitale

Brian Wagner

George C. Ward

James E. Washbourne

Matthew Widdows

Harry W. Wilde

Russell S. Wilde

Stephen D. Wilde

Frank 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

Names that appear in bold indicate Chiefs of Police

POLICE ADMINISTRATION

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION



Eric G. Mason
Chief of Police



Jerome M. Andrews
Captain of Police



John C. Baer
Captain of Police

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

CRANFORD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE & ADMINISTRATOR

Cranford is governed by a five-member executive-legislative Township Committee which is elected at-large for three year terms. The commissioners elect a chairman of the committee who assumes the title of Mayor. Similarly, a Deputy Mayor is elected. Both positions carry one-year terms. Four of the commissioners take on departmental oversight assignments as Commissioner of Finance, Commissioner of Public Safety, Commissioner of Public Works and Engineering, and Commissioner of Public Affairs. The Mayor of Cranford does not take on a departmental assignment.



Robert I. Puhak
Mayor



David W. Robinson
Deputy Mayor
Commissioner of
Finance



Michael A. Plick
Commissioner of
Public Safety



Martha Garcia
Commissioner
of Public Affairs



Mark C. Smith
Commissioner
of Public Works &
Engineering

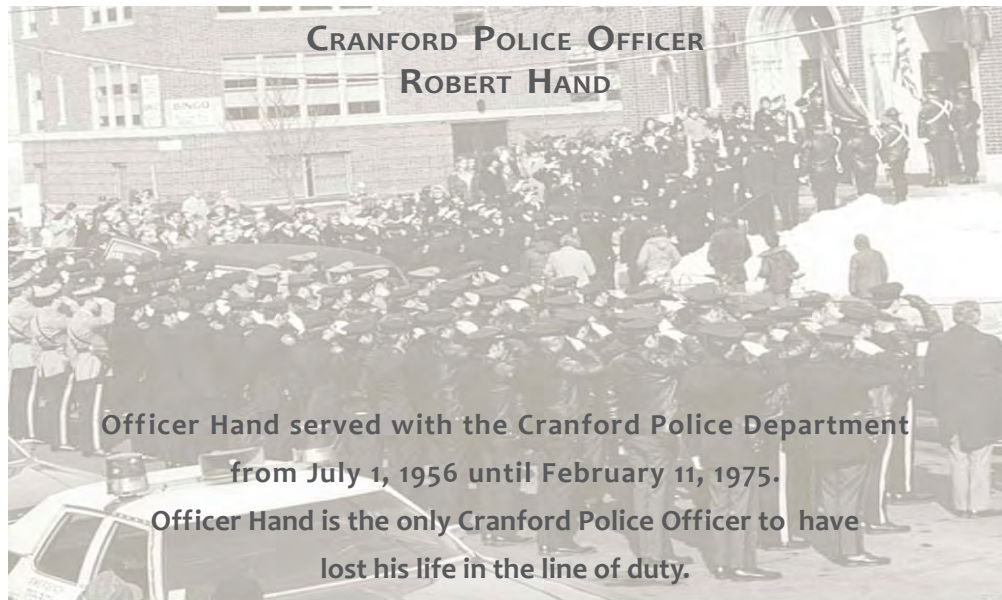
The Township Administrator is appointed to implement the policies established by the Township Committee. The Administrator is also responsible for the overall management of the town's workforce and the development and oversight of the operating and capital budgets, personnel administration, public information and the development and management of special projects.



Marlana A. Schmid
Township Administrator

IN MEMORIAM

IN MEMORY OF CRANFORD POLICE OFFICERS



RETIRED DETECTIVE LIEUTENANT MICHAEL F. FEDROFF



Former Cranford Police Detective Lieutenant Michael F. Fedroff died February 13th at the age of 83 at the Leisure Park Nursing Center in Lakewood.

Lieutenant Fedroff was born in Jersey City and moved to Cranford in 1946 where he lived until retiring to Bradenton, Florida in 1976. He attended Hamilton Grammar School in Union and Union High School. He served in the United States Army 593rd Signal Air Warning Battalion from January 1943 to December 1945 in the European Theatre – Italy, France, and Germany.

He joined the Cranford Police Department April 1, 1949, serving for 28 years before retiring July 1, 1976 as a Detective Lieutenant. He was assigned to the Detective Bureau on June 1, 1961, promoted to the rank of Detective Sergeant November 1, 1966, promoted to rank of Detective Sergeant First Class October 1, 1972, and then Detective Lieutenant January 1, 1974. Michael was the Commander of the Detective Bureau from 1966 until his retirement in 1976.

Detective Lieutenant Fedroff was a member of the Union County Detectives Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, New Jersey State Police Benevolent Association, and was a past president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer of the Cranford PBA Local 52

RETIRED PATROLMAN WILLIAM F. CRISSEY



Former Cranford Police Officer William F. Crissey died September 7th at the age of 81 at his home in Lakewood.

Patrolman Crissey was born in Jersey City in 1927 and was a life long Cranford resident before retiring to Florida and then eventually moving to Lakewood, New Jersey. He served in the United States Navy from 1945-1947 in the Asiatic Theater. He joined the Cranford Police Department in May of 1950, serving for almost 30 years before retiring in August of 1980 as a Patrolman.

BUREAUS & DIVISIONS

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT BUREAUS AND DIVISIONS

CHIEF OF POLICE

Eric G. Mason

CAPTAINS

Jerome M. Andrews
John C. Baer

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Joan F. Pinto

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Jennifer C. Burns

LIEUTENEANTS

Robert A. Colaneri
Joseph P. Van Bergen
Stephen D. Wilde
James Wozniak

SERGEANTS

Francis Hanley
Michael E. Dow
Anthony J. Dobbins
Thomas J. Feeney
Craig L. Marino
Gerard P. Quinn
Frank T. Williams
Christopher T. Polito
Edward R. Davenport

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Sergeant Michael E. Dow
Sergeant Anthony J. Dobbins

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS

Kathleen A. Ditzel
Diana M. Chilson
Stacy A. Thorn
Rosemary T. Cartwright
Anthony E. Matusawicz
Salvatore A. Angiletta
Leon T. Paster
Michael P. Dubitsky
Rachel Venckus

PATROL DIVISION

Lieutenant Stephen D. Wilde
Lieutenant James Wozniak
Sergeant Thomas J. Feeney
Sergeant Francis Hanley
Sergeant Guy E. Patterson
Sergeant Frank T. Williams
Officer Robert E. Peters
Officer Donald P. Zsak
Officer Patrick J. Fay
Officer Peter J. Graczyk
Officer John M. Heesters
Officer Brian M. Lopez
Officer William K. Pietrucha
Officer Derek M. Farbanec
Officer Brian D. Thomas
Officer Thomas M. Bell
Officer Timothy W. O'Brien
Officer Ryan J. Greco
Officer Joseph W. Stulpin
Officer Nadia N. Jones
Officer Nelson W. Hearn, Jr.
Officer Sean T. Holcomb
Officer Matthew R. Nazzaro
Officer Brian J. Wagner
Officer Steven R. D'Ambola
Officer Matthew J. Widdows
Officer John M. Colineri

Officer Daniel S. Norton
Officer Russell J. Luedecker
Officer Spencer J. Durkin
Officer Christopher M. DiFabio
Officer Kelly M. Sretenovic
Officer Thomas C. Stiansen
Officer John J. Rattigan
Officer Eugene J. Perrotta
Officer Kelly A. Rieder
Officer Robert R. Jordan

RECORDS DIVISION

Sergeant Craig L. Marino

RECORDS DIVISION CIVILIANS

Information Systems
Technician Emmanuel O. Chiobi
Principal Clerk Typist Jean H. McComb
Principal Clerk Typist Suzanne M. Welsh

DETECTIVE BUREAU

Lieutenant Robert A. Colaneri
Sergeant Gerard P. Quinn
Detective John J. Swandrak
Detective Robert A. Montague
Detective Michael L. Andrews
Detective Ryan J. Greco

JUVENILE BUREAU

Sergeant Christopher T. Polito
Detective Richard Vitale
Detective Matthew J. Widdows

TRAFFIC DIVISION

Lieutenant Joseph P. Van Bergen
Sergeant Edward R. Davenport
Detective Steven R. Toy

TRAFFIC DIVISION CIVILIANS

Traffic Maintenance Charles E. Fette
Traffic Maintenance Joseph A. Corbisiero

PERSONNEL CHANGES

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT 2008 PERSONNEL CHANGES

John M. Colineri	January 1, 2008	Officer 3 rd Grade
Daniel S. Norton	January 1, 2008	Officer 3 rd Grade
Brian J. Wagner	January 1, 2008	Officer 4 th Grade
Matthew R. Nazzaro	January 1, 2008	Officer 4 th Grade
Russell J. Luedecker	February 1, 2008	Officer 3 rd Grade
Spencer J. Durkin	February 1, 2008	Officer 3 rd Grade
Christopher M. DiFabio	February 1, 2008	Officer 3 rd Grade
Christopher T. Polito	June 10, 2008	Sergeant
Steven R. D'Ambola	July 1, 2008	Officer 4 th Grade
Matthew J. Widdows	July 1, 2008	Officer 4 th Grade
Thomas C. Stiansen	July 22, 2008	Officer 3 rd Grade
Edward R. Davenport	October 21, 2008	Sergeant
Francis Hanley	October 1, 2008	Retired
Nadia N. Jones	December 1, 2008	Officer 6 th Grade
Nelson W. Hearn, Jr.	December 1, 2008	Officer 6 th Grade
Sean T. Holcomb	December 1, 2008	Officer 6 th Grade
John J. Rattigan	December 31, 2008	Officer 3 rd Grade
Eugene J. Perrotta	December 31, 2008	Officer 2 nd Grade
Kelly A. Rieder	December 31, 2008	Officer 2 nd Grade
Robert R. Jordan	December 31, 2008	Officer 1 st Grade
Kelly M. Sretenovic	December 31, 2008	Probationary Officer



From Left to right: Chief Eric Mason and Sergeant Christopher Polito. Sergeant Polito was promoted on June 10, 2008.

TRAINING

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

Education, training, and specialized certifications are the foundation to remaining current with crime prevention and overall law enforcement.

Education is a cornerstone in the Cranford Police Department. Education and training will assist officers in understanding crime trends, and give officers the ability to protect the residents of Cranford through crime prevention and appropriate crime investigation.

Chief Eric Mason has made a commitment to provide the best training possible for the members of the Cranford Police Department. As a result, the citizens of Cranford can rely on a police department fully committed to carrying out their mission statement on training:

“The Cranford Police Department’s Training Mission is to develop a system of training which will enhance the knowledge, skills, abilities, attitudes, and behaviors of all its members.”

In 2008 the members of the Cranford Police Department completed training as follows:

JEROME ANDREWS

Police Response to Mental Illness
Radar Operator Recertification
CPR Recertification
Annual Counter Terrorism Conference
Pipeline Safety: Emergency Response
CPR / Defibrillator Refresher
Civil Rights Training - Color of Law Investigation
Gang Awareness Training
Tour of NJ State Police Ops & Intel Center
NJ Emergency Preparedness Conference
NJ Legal Update
Gang 101 Training
Retirement Planning
Understanding Arrest, Search & Seizure
Domestic Violence for Law Enforcement Executives

MICHAEL ANDREWS

DNA for 1st Responders & Investigators
Radar Operator Recertification
NJ Law of Arrest, Search & Seizure
CPR Recertification

JOHN BAER

CPR/Defibrillator Recertification
Domestic Violence for Law Enforcement Executives
Mandatory 2008 TAC Seminar
2008 Law Enforcement Accreditation Conference
Extremis Leadership

THOMAS BELL

EMD Recertification
Radar Operator Recertification
CPR Recertification
Cranford Police M-4 Training
NJ Legal Updates

ROSEMARY CARTWRIGHT

CPR Recertification

DIANA CHILSON

EMD Recertification
CPR Recertification

ROBERT COLANERI

Civil Rights Training - Color of Law Investigation
Radar Operator Recertification
Police Response to Mental Illness
Lawmen Supply Co. Open House
CPR Recertification
Juvenile Justice Update

JOHN COLINERI

EMD Recertification
Radar Operator Recertification
CPR Recertification
Police Professionalism & Cultural Diversity

JOSEPH CORBISIERO

Traffic Signal Level II Recertification
Signs and Markings Level I Recertification
NEMA TS1 Traffic Signal Controller Assembly
Autoscope Video Detection Systems
Work Zone Safety Awareness Program
IMSA Technical Conference

STEVEN D’AMBOLA

EMD Recertification
Radar Operator Recertification
CPR Recertification

TRAINING

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

EDWARD DAVENPORT

NJ Safe Routes to School Leadership Training
NJ Legal Updates
Grade Crossing Collision Investigation
DDC - Alive at 25 Instructor
Pedestrian Crash Investigations
CPR/Defibrillator Recertification
Police Response to Mental Illness

CHRISTOPHER DIFABIO

Homicide Task Force Training
Radar Operator Recertification
CPR Recertification
Water Rescue Technician
Swiftwater Rescue Technician
Introduction to Homicide Task Force
Narcotic Investigations for Patrol Officer

KATHLEEN DITZEL

CPR Recertification

ANTHONY DOBBINS

Police Response to Mental Illness
Water Rescue Technician
Swiftwater Rescue Technician
Water Rescue - Cold Water Familiarization
Water Rescue - Rope Training
Mandatory 2008 TAC Seminar
NJ Law of Arrest, Search & Seizure
Unidentified & Missing Persons NCIC Training
Cell Block Management & Suicide Awareness
CPR Recertification

MICHAEL DOW

CPR Recertification
Radar Operator Recertification
EMD Recertification

MICHAEL DUBITSKY

EMD Recertification
CPR Recertification

SPENCER DURKIN

EMD Recertification
Radar Operator Recertification
NJ Drug Recognition Experts Assoc.
Cranford Police M-4 Training
CPR Recertification

DEREK FARBANEC

CPR Recertification
Radar Operator Recertification

PATRICK FAY

CPR Recertification
Radar Operator Recertification

THOMAS FEENEY

Water Rescue - Cold Water Familiarization
Water Rescue Technician
Swiftwater Rescue Technician
Water Rescue - Rope Training
CPR Recertification

CHARLES FETTE

Autoscope Detection Systems
Work Zone Safety Awareness Program
Signs and Markings Level I Recertification
Traffic Signal Level II Recertification
IMSA Technical Conference
Electronic Ignition System Diagnostics

PETER GRAZCYK

Water Rescue Technician
Water Rescue - Cold Water Familiarization
Water Rescue - Rope Training
Radar Operator Recertification
CPR Recertification
Cranford Police M-4 Training
EMD Recertification

RYAN GRECO

DNA for 1st Responders & Investigators
Basic Fingerprinting I
Statement Taking
Crime Scene Processing
Water Rescue - Rope Training
Transient Criminal Groups
Interviewing and Interrogation
Water Rescue - Cold Water Familiarization
Swiftwater Rescue Technician
Statement Taking
Crime Scene Processing
Water Rescue Technician
Cranford Police M-4 Training
CPR Recertification

FRANCIS HANLEY

Use of Force - Firearms & Pursuit

TRAINING

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

NELSON HEARNS

EMD Recertification
CPR Recertification

JOHN HEESTERS

CPR Recertification
Radar Operator Recertification
NJ Supreme Court / Shirley Reid vs. Lowes Twp
EMD Recertification

SEAN HOLCOMB

CPR Recertification

NADIA JONES

CPR Recertification

ROBERT JORDAN

CPR Recertification
Radar Operator Certification
Patrol Practices/Motor Vehicle Stops

BRIAN LOPEZ

CPR Recertification

RUSSELL LUEDECKER

CPR Recertification
Radar Operator Recertification

Introduction to Improvised Explosive Devices
Explosive Effect Class

CRAIG MARINO

Managing Police Discipline
Radar Operator Recertification
National Response Framework
CPR / Defibrillator Recertification
2008 Law Enforcement Accreditation Conference
Internal Affairs Policy & Procedures
Managing Police Discipline
Domestic Violence Response Team Seminar

ERIC MASON

Intermediate Level Incident Command
Civil Rights Training - Color of Law Investigation
Police Executive Institute
CPR Recertification

ANTHONY MATUSAWICZ

CPR Recertification

JEAN MC COMB

Matron Training

ROBERT MONTAGUE

Breaching Kit Training
Smith and Wesson Armorers School
Crime Prevention for Community Policing Officers
DNA for 1st Responders & Investigators
Transient Criminal Groups
CPR Recertification
Lawmen Supply Co. Open House
NJ State Police Forensic Specialist/DNA Lab
O.C. Spray Instructor's Certification Course

MATTHEW NAZZARO

CPR Recertification

DANIEL NORTON

CPR Recertification
Radar Operator Recertification

TIMOTHY O'BRIEN

EMD Recertification
CPR Recertification
Water Rescue - Rope Training
Water Rescue Technician
Swiftwater Rescue Technician
Water Rescue - Cold Water Familiarization
Transient Criminal Training

LEON PASTER

CPR Recertification

GUY PATTERSON

CPR Recertification
Police Response to Mental Illness
Water Rescue - Rope Training
Water Rescue - Cold Water Familiarization
Radar Operator Recertification
EMD Recertification

TRAINING

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

ROBERT PETERS

CPR Recertification
NJ Law of Arrest, Search & Seizure
EMD Recertification

WILLIAM PIETRUCHA

CPR Recertification

CHRISTOPHER POLITO

School Violence: Identifying Warning Signs
National PAL Science on Patrol Grant Writing
National PAL Conference
CPR Recertification
DNA for 1st Responders & Investigators

GERARD QUINN

Understanding NJ Attorney Gen Guidelines
UCR Training Seminar
NJ State Forensic Specialist/DNA Lab
DNA for 1st Responders & Investigators
2008 Law Enforcement Accreditation Conference

JOHN RATTIGAN

Tactical Combat Casualty Care
Water Rescue - Cold Water Familiarization
Water Rescue - Rope Training
EMD Recertification
Narcotic Investigation for Patrol
Officer In Crisis
CPR Recertification
Swiftwater Rescue Technician
Water Rescue Technician
Tactical Combat Casualty Care

KELLY RIEDER

CPR Recertification
EMD Recertification
Defensive Tactics and Street Survival for Female

THOMAS STIANSEN

NJ Legal Updates
CPR Recertification
Gang Awareness

JOSEPH STULPIN

Water Rescue Technician
Swiftwater Rescue Technician
Water Rescue - Cold Water Familiarization
Cranford Police M-4 Training
CPR Recertification

Water Rescue - Rope Training
EMD Recertification
Water Rescue Technician

JOHN SWANDRAK

Smith and Wesson Academy
Investigation & Prosecution of Domestic Violence
DNA for 1st Responders & Investigators
Smith and Wesson Armorers School
O.C. Spray Instructor's Certification Course
CPR Recertification
ABC Beverage Laws

BRIAN THOMAS

CPR Recertification

STACY THORN

CPR Recertification

STEVEN TOY

Work Zone Safety Awareness
Forensic Digital Photography
Commercial Vehicle Inspection
Cranford Police M-4 Training
Police Work Zone Safety Training
CPR / Defibrillator
Traffic Occupant Protection Strategies TOPS
SafeKids National CPS Tech Certification
CPR Recertification

JOSEPH VAN BERGEN

Grade Crossing Collision Investigation
NJ Safe Routes to School Leadership Training
MUTCD Amendments for New Addition
Risk Management and Critical Development
Road Safety Audit Train the Trainer Workshop
CPR / Defibrillator Recertification
Pedestrian Decoy Safety Program: Train Trainer
Annual Safety Forum
Budgeting for Law Enforcement Agencies
Domestic Violence for Law Enforce Execs
Developing Command Staff for the Future
Pedestrian Crash Investigations
Work Zone Safety Awareness Program
DDC-Alive at 25 Instructor
Road Safety Audit Train-the-Trainer Workshop
Work Zone Safety Awareness

TRAINING

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

JOSEPH VAN BERGEN

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RACHEL VENCKUS

EMD Certification
CPR Recertification

RICHARD VILLANE

CPR Recertification

RICHARD VITALE

O.C. Spray Instructor's Certification Course
Radar Operator Recertification
CPR Recertification
DNA for 1st Responders & Investigators
Juvenile Law & Procedures
Cranford Police M-4 Training
NJ Juvenile Officer's Association Annual Training
Identifying Signs of School Violence

BRIAN WAGNER

CPR Recertification
NJ Legal Updates

MATTHEW WIDDOWS

Crime Scene Processing
Radar Operator Recertification
CPR Recertification
Statement Taking
DNA for 1st Responders & Investigators
Juvenile Justice Update
EMD Recertification
DARE Officer Certification

STEPHEN WILDE

Risk Management and Critical Development
Domestic Violence for Law Enforcement Executives
CPR Recertification
Police Response to Mental Illness
Officer Down Surviving Critical Incidents
Extremis Leadership

FRANK WILLIAMS

Successful Supervision
Radar Operator Recertification
Police Response to Mental Illness
CPR Recertification
Domestic Violence for Law Enforcement Executives

JAMES WOZNIAK

CPR Recertification
Radar Operator Recertification
Risk Management and Critical Development
Excellence in the FTO Program
Developing Command Staff for the Future
EMD Recertification
Police Response to Mental Illness
POSS Annual Training Summit
Extremis Leadership

PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Edward Davenport Promoted to Sergeant

Officer Edward Davenport was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the Cranford Police Department on Tuesday, October 21, 2008.

An 11-year veteran of the department, Sergeant Davenport was a member of the Patrol Division until July 2004 when he was assigned as a detective to the Traffic Division. During the promotion ceremony, Police Chief Eric Mason called the officer a dedicated member and an asset to the department.



October 21, 2008. From left to right: Sergeant Edward Davenport, Chief Eric Mason, Captain John Baer and Captain Jerome Andrews.

Christopher Polito Promoted to Sergeant

Officer Christopher Polito was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the Cranford Police Department on Tuesday June 10, 2008.

As a 10-year veteran of the department, Chris initially served the department in the Patrol Division until his assignment as a detective in the Juvenile Bureau in July of 2004. During the swearing in ceremony, Chief Mason stated that "Sergeant Polito possesses the necessary character, intelligence, and integrity to succeed in his new assignment."



June 10, 2008. From left to right: Chief Eric Mason, Captain Jerome Andrews, Father John McGovern, Captain John Baer and Sergeant Christopher Polito.

Kelly Sretenovic Sworn in as Patrolman

Officer Kelly Sretenovic was sworn in as a probationary officer in the Cranford Police Department on Tuesday, December 23, 2008.

Kelly began her career with the Cranford Police Department in October 2006 as a dispatcher. Officer Sretenovic participated in the Alternate Route Program of the John H. Stamler Police Academy, where she graduated in December 2008. While referencing Officer Sretenovic, Chief Mason stated that "she possess all of the traits necessary to become a successful police officer and an asset to this department."



December 23, 2008. From left to right: Chief Eric Mason, Officer Kelly Sretenovic and Captain John Baer.

COMMUNICATIONS

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

The Communications Division is under the direct supervision of Administrative Captain John Baer.

Supervisors assigned to the division are Sergeant Anthony Dobbins and Sergeant Michael Dow.

Ten full time civilian communications officers comprise this division. The schedule for the communications officers is as follows: two day shift officers, two night shift officers, and one mid-shift officer per day.

The layout of the Communications Center provides four separate workstations which creates an environment more conducive to focus and concentration. Three of these stations are used by the communications officers and serve as Public Safety Answering Points for incoming 9-1-1 calls. All radios and paging systems work off of personal computers which are linked to the police

department's network. The fourth of the workstation enables the Supervisor to closely monitor each of the three communications officers. The digital and portable radio systems provide encrypted transmissions, emergency alarms on every radio, and individual radio identification.

The calls for service for 2008 were **69,365**. This is an increase of 3,261 from 2007. Since 2001, call volume has been on the rise annually. Increased security and protections checks, along with growth in enforcement efforts, contribute to higher call volume in the Communications Center.

As the hub of the township's emergency response system, the Communications Center operates with state-of-the art equipment and highly trained personnel, ensuring the maximum amount of safety to the residents of Cranford.



The Communications Center in the Cranford Police Department.

DETECTIVE BUREAU

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT DETECTIVE BUREAU

In July of 2008, Lieutenant Robert Colaneri became the Investigative Division Commander of the Detective Bureau. In September of 2008 Officer Ryan Greco was assigned to the Bureau as well. Sergeant Gerard Quinn is currently assigned as the nightshift supervisor in charge of the Detective Bureau.

The Bureau is staffed with four detectives: Detective Robert Montague, Detective John Swandrak, Detective Michael Andrews and Detective Ryan Greco. Each detective handles criminal and non criminal investigations.

The Detective Bureau runs 24-7, 365 days a year operation. Each detective is responsible to cover on-call duties 11 weekends a year. In addition, each detective assigned to the nightshift is on call from 11:00pm until 5:30am. Detective Bureau supervisors are on call around the clock.

The Detective Bureau is responsible for investigating all reported incidents and crimes. Detectives must follow all leads and utilize their technical skills. Members of the Detective Bureau are committed to providing quality investigative services to the residents of Cranford. During 2008, detectives were assigned a total of **2580** cases. Each Detective handled an average of **430** cases.

In addition to handling a daily caseload, the detectives conducted 34 background investigations for firearms applicants. These background investigations involve interviewing all references, a state criminal history review, a mental health records check, a domestic violence/restraining order inquiry, and submission of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the New Jersey State Police.

As a special service to the residents of Cranford, the Detective Bureau offers fingerprint services

to all residents every Tuesday. In 2008 the Detective Bureau fingerprinted 108 applicants. Due to changing policies only those residents applying for federal jobs, or applying for firearms permits can be fingerprinted locally. This caused a decrease in fingerprinting services in 2008.

Each year the Detective Bureau is responsible for conducting annual inspections of licensed establishments. In 2008 Detective John Swandrak conducted 13 inspections of licensed establishments in order to verify compliance with New Jersey State ABC (Alcoholic Beverage Control) regulations.

The Cranford Police Department is committed to serving the citizens of Cranford by providing a series of educational programs and lectures designed to increase awareness. In 2008 Lieutenant Robert Colaneri, Sergeant Jerry Quinn and Detective Matthew Widdows conducted a block of instruction to the Cranford Police Departments Citizens Academy on crime scene processing. Detectives within the unit spoke to various civic groups within the community concerning safety and awareness. Sergeant Gerard Quinn spoke to Cranford High School students and faculty concerning Internet safety and social networking. Sergeant Quinn also spoke to the Union County Rape Crisis counselors on the role the police department plays in sexual assault investigations. Home security surveys were also conducted throughout the year by Detective Robert Montague. One of the most rewarding programs was "National Night Out". This program is run nationwide. 2008 was the 25th anniversary of this successful program. This year Detective Robert Montague organized the event and was assisted by many detectives, officers, and volunteers throughout the community. Educating the citizens of Cranford and other agencies through awareness programs, not only help protect our citizens, but also help foster relationships between the police and the public.

DETECTIVE BUREAU

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT DETECTIVE BUREAU

In order to cultivate relationships with members of other law enforcement agencies Detective Bureau personnel held memberships in the following organizations in 2008:

The FBI National Academy Association, The New Jersey State Crime Prevention Officers Association, The Union County Municipal Investigators Association, The Association of Evidence and Property Officers, The New Jersey Narcotics Officers Association, The High Tech Crime Officers Association, The New Jersey Fraud Investigators Association and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.



Jewelry and property recovered as a result of the Investigative Division's processing.

CLASS I OFFENSES BY MONTH: 2008

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	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	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	4
Assault	6	4	5	5	2	4	7	2	6	2	6	9	58
Burglary	4	4	6	3	2	2	8	5	1	2	3	5	45
Theft	17	13	21	23	21	18	31	25	26	14	21	13	243
MV Theft	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	8
Arson	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Arrests	2007	2008
Adult	486	418
Juvenile	104	71
Total	590	489

Aggravated Assault on Police	2007	2008
	4	5
Cases Assigned and Investigated by Detectives	2007	2008
	2659	2580

CLASS I OFFENSES

	2007	2008
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	6	4
Assault	67	58
Burglary	34	45
Theft	196	262
MV theft	6	8
Arson	4	1
Total	313	378

CLASS II OFFENSES

	2007	2008
Fraud	123	93
Stolen Property	6	3
Criminal Mischief	343	265
Weapons offenses	15	7
Sex Offenders	5	1
Narcotics Investigations	182	194
Family Offenses	81	120
DWI	83	96
Liquor Offenses	9	6
Disorderly Conduct	448	317
Missing Persons	34	45
All Other Offenses	1391	1420
Total	2720	2567

JUVENILE BUREAU

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT JUVENILE BUREAU

The Juvenile Bureau is located in Cleveland Plaza as an annex to Police Headquarters. There are three detectives assigned to the Juvenile Bureau: Sergeant Christopher Polito, Detective Richard Vitale, and Detective Matthew Widdows.

When cases are assigned to the Juvenile Bureau, a follow-up investigation will be performed. This may result in the signing of juvenile complaints. Juveniles are taken into custody to protect the health, morals and well being of the juvenile. Juveniles are not arrested. All investigations and complaints are handled individually and impartially. Juvenile officers attempt to resolve minor incidents without the need to file a complaint with the court. In these cases, the victim is given the opportunity to have input as to the final resolution of the matter. The officers work with the victims, juvenile offenders, and their families, to ensure the consequences are appropriate. An acceptable resolution is reached and fair action is taken.

Diverting juvenile offenders from appearing before the Family Court in Elizabeth provides an opportunity to educate and rehabilitate the individual. During the past year, juvenile offenders have been referred to the Fire Setter Program of the Cranford Fire Department, the Trinitas Mental Hygiene Unit, the Carrier Clinic, the High Focus Center, and the S.E.R.V. Center.

The Juvenile Bureau has an excellent working relationship with school officials and works closely with the Student Assistance Counselors (Bob Segear, Brian Gilroy, and Lisa Barenboim) in the Cranford Public School system.

The Union County Youth Service Bureau - Crisis Intervention Unit is designed to preserve the unity of the family and secure each child's welfare. Last year, 12 referrals were made to the Division of Youth and Family services. The Union County Youth Service Bureau has added several programs that have helped the Juvenile Bureau with Stationhouse Adjustments. These programs include Community Service, Anger Management

Seminar, and a Shoplifting Seminar. Alcohol and drug cases can't be handled as Stationhouse Adjustments.

The Juvenile Conference Committee continued to play an active, integral part in the adjudication of juvenile delinquents. The members of the J.C.C. are volunteers from Cranford who are trained by court staff and appointed by the Presiding Judge of the Family Court to informally hear juvenile complaints that are referred by the court. The J.C.C. is primarily concerned with preventing future misconduct of young people. All matters coming before the Committee are strictly confidential.

The Juvenile Bureau is easily accessible to the public making it convenient for parents, their children and the police to meet in a comfortable setting that fosters open dialogue amongst all parties. The office is also the home of the *Cranford Police Athletic League*.

The Juvenile Bureau staff members have participated in the following organizations: Cranford Municipal Alliance, Red Ribbon Week, Cranford Police Athletic League, Union County Juvenile Officers Association, Union County D.A.R.E. Officers Association, New Jersey D.A.R.E. Officers Association and the New Jersey Juvenile Officers Association.

They have been involved in many school activities including: Project Graduation, The Prom, Cranford High School Graduation, Peer Development, The ADAPT Program, Cranford High School Criminal Justice Classes and various other school lectures and programs in the Cranford School System.

Detective Vitale and A/P Doreen Yanik are the lead instructors of Juvenile Laws, Procedures, and Juvenile Updates at the Union County Police Academy. The Juvenile Bureau spends an entire week in Cranford High School, teaching over 25 Peer Development classes (approx. 200 students) about underage drinking and the potential health and legal consequences. The Juvenile Bureau also teaches a block of instruction for the Cranford Police Department Citizens Academy. Detective Widdows and Officer D'Ambola are the lead instructor's at the Cranford Police Department Youth Academy.

D.A.R.E. PROGRAM

DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION

The D.A.R.E. Program is sponsored and funded by the Cranford Municipal Alliance. More than 4300 students have graduated from the D.A.R.E. Program since it was first introduced into the Cranford school system in 1991. These students have been given a head start in the fight against drugs. In 2008 the D.A.R.E. Program was taught at five of the Cranford schools. Hillside Avenue School and Brookside School were taught by Det. Richard Vitale. Orange Avenue School and St. Michael's School were taught by Det./Sgt. Chris Polito and Livingston School was taught by Det. Matthew Widdows.

D.A.R.E. is a collaborative effort by D.A.R.E. certified law enforcement officers, educators, students, parents, and community members to offer a program in the classroom to prevent or reduce drug abuse and violence among children and youth. The fifth grade classes receive a structured, 10-week core program presented by a certified D.A.R.E. officer. The D.A.R.E. program offers preventative strategies to enhance those protective factors – especially bonding to the family, school, and community.

The emphasis of the program is to help students recognize and resist the pressures that influence them to experiment with alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, inhalants, or other drugs or to engage in violence. D.A.R.E. offers a variety of interactive, group-participation, cooperative learning activities which are designed to encourage students to solve problems of major importance in their lives. It teaches children "life skills." The children are not simply told to "SAY NO", but are taught "HOW TO SAY NO".

The tasks accomplished by D.A.R.E. are by:

1. Providing students with accurate information about alcohol and drugs.
2. Teaching "8 WAYS TO SAY NO" to drugs and provide alternatives to drug use.
3. Teaching students decision-making skills and the consequences of their behavior.

4. Assist with self esteem building while teaching them how to resist peer pressure.
5. Students are also taught how to resolve personal disputes and deal with stress, which will help reduce acts of violence.

The fifth grade program is concluded with a ceremony in which every 5th grade student receives a D.A.R.E. Graduate certificate. The success of this program is being measured by the number of D.A.R.E. students who continue to hold on to their commitment to "SAY NO" to drug use.



P.A.L PROGRAM

CRANFORD POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

The P.A.L. completed its 27th year of serving the youth of Cranford in 2008. The P.A.L. continued to provide football, cheerleading, flag football, field hockey, boys and girls basketball, wrestling, volleyball and track. This year the PAL introduced fencing to its repertoire. The strength of the P.A.L. is the dedication of the volunteers who give selflessly to the children, working to make a difference in their lives. We feel athletic participation instills certain desirable educational, social and personal values. This is just a few of the reasons the volunteers, parents, coaches and Cranford police officers involved with the P.A.L, provide considerable financial, and administrative support to the program.

The P.A.L. is operated under the direction of Executive Director, Detective Sergeant Chris Polito and the 20 members of the Board of Directors. Members of the P.A.L. Board of Directors are: Honorary Chairman, Chief Eric Mason, Lieutenant Bob Colaneri, Lieutenant Jim Wozniak, Sergeant Frank Williams (Treasurer), Officer Matt Nazzaro, Officer Steve D'Ambola (Secretary) Officer Joe Stulpin, Retired Lieutenant Milt Mason, Retired Detective Bob Segear, Gregg Wheatley (President), Kim Capece (Vice President), Marc Taglieri, John Oblachinski, Bob Bruns, Brian McGovern, and Kevin Murray. Detective Matt Widdows, Dan Fay (UCPO), Andrea DaSilva, and Michael Plick joined the Board in 2008. These volunteers spend a tremendous amount of time making decisions and organizing programs that make the P.A.L. a successful non-profit organization.

The P.A.L. has seven (7) football teams for 3rd through 8th grade athletes. John Christiano, program director, and Erik Rosenmeier, head football coach at Cranford High School, hosted several clinics and meetings between the P.A.L. coaching staff and the varsity coaching staff. The staffs exchanged information regarding offensive, defensive, and special team strategies. The extra time put in by all the coaches was rewarded by another successful season.

The cheerleading program had five (5) squads this year. The participants were girls in 3rd through 6th

grade. The cheerleaders, under the guidance of program director, Christine Alger and their coaches, invested many hours of practice during the season. The cheerleading squads provided both vocal and emotional support for the football teams throughout the year. The enthusiastic performances given every Sunday were evidence of their hard work and devotion to their sport.

The P.A.L. basketball program consisted of eleven (11) teams participating in different leagues throughout the state. The boys program consists of seven (7) teams, a 4th grade team, two 5th grade teams, a 6th grade team, two 7th grade teams and an 8th grade team. The program has four (4) girls basketball teams for 5th through 8th grades. John Frieri, program director, provided valuable technical and strategic information to the coaching staff. He was invaluable in coordinating gym facility use for games and practices for all the basketball teams as well as arranging the tryouts and schedules for each team. The wrestling program continued to grow in number of participants and in success on the mat. Program director, Kevin Murray, led the program to a 16-3 record, participating in the Central Jersey Wrestling League and the Union County Wrestling League. The team had 17 state qualifiers, 6 state place finishers, and 120 tournament place winners.

The track program, under director Detective Sergeant Chris Polito, was held at Memorial Field. There were 125 participants in the program. The field hockey program was held at Orange Avenue School. The program, directed by Erin Polito taught 16 girls between 4th and 6th grade the skills of the sport. The flag football program, directed by Detective Sergeant Chris Polito and Detective Matt Widdows, completed its eighth year. There were 109 1st and 2nd grade athletes involved in the program.

The newest program the PAL ventured into was Fencing. It was a program started with the intention of bringing in children not involved with the main stream sports. It was anticipated that the program would bring in 15-20 participants. You can imagine the surprise when the program was introduced in the spring and 74 children ages 7-14 registered. It was such a success that the PAL ran the program again in

P.A.L PROGRAM

CRANFORD POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

the fall, when an additional 47 children registered. The PAL offered a class for beginner and intermediate level fencing for these kids.

The flag rugby program is co-sponsored by the P.A.L. and the Union County Rugby Football Club. The season runs from June through July with games on Saturdays at Unami Park.

In 2008 the Cranford PAL developed a community service project that was the highlight of the 2008 year. The Board of Directors created the first Cranford PAL "Field of Dreams Day." Field of Dreams Day was held on Saturday June 7th, one of the hottest days of the year. The PAL invited over 40 Cranford children with special needs and their families to participate in a fun filled day of games, sports, and food. The day ended with an awards ceremony with each child receiving a medal from Chief Eric Mason. Over 30 special needs children participated in the events and over 100 volunteers helped out with the event. The Office Restaurant provided burgers

and hot dogs for the event. The day was such a success that it will become an annual PAL event.

The P.A.L. again sponsored teams in the Cranford Baseball/Softball League, as well as supporting the Booster Club, Hillside Avenue School PTA, Project Graduation, and the St. Michael's Feast. The PAL also made a long term commitment to the CAT Fund, the fund created to bring field turf to Memorial Field. The \$5000.00 a year commitment was made for the next 10 years. The turf is expected to be installed in the summer of 2009.

The P.A.L. also continued to support the Scholarship Fund it created in 2007. The fund was created in memory of Retired UCPO Lieutenant and long time Cranford resident/ PAL Board Member Glenn Owens. The Glenn Owens Scholarship is awarded to two Cranford High School students, one boy and girl, that participated in a P.A.L. program. The amount of the scholarship is \$500 for each award. The 2008 scholarships were awarded to Dan McMahon and Stephanie Cuoto.



Cranford Police Athletic League's Field of Dreams
Saturday, June 7, 2008

INTERNET WEB SITE

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERNET WEB SITE

In 1997, recognizing the larger role that technology and computers would play in the future, the Cranford Police Department became one of the first police departments in Union County to establish a permanent presence on the Internet's World Wide Web. The creation and maintenance of the police website (www.cranford.com/police) was designed to give the public more access to departmental information, and to present a means for people, both local and non-local, to communicate non-emergency concerns. Today, the public we serve is making use of Internet technologies and the Cranford Police Department is adapting to meet any challenges that presents.

The department home page provides the following information and services:

- It lists the department address, phone numbers, and email address (police@cranfordnj.org).
- It shows pictures of department members, activities and equipment.
- It contains information and application instructions for the Police Auxiliary and Police Explorers Post.
- It presents special announcements, community updates, drunk driving enforcement news, and other current information on a "bulletin board" page.
- It allows the viewing, downloading and printing of common forms, applications, and ordinances online.
- It presents traffic safety tips and program information, including bicycle/pedestrian safety, child seat information, safe driving campaigns, and links to the municipal court traffic ticket payment system.
- It provides crime prevention tips and advice for workers, seniors, homeowners and children.
- It lists Police Athletic League, DARE, and juvenile justice information.
- It presents a number of links to related police, local, and governmental websites.

In the past eleven years (since 1998) the Department's Internet home page has logged over 140,000 visits to the site. That averages over 34 visitors per day. In 2008, the Cranford Police Website averaged over 2500 visits per month (approximately 1000 per month to the main homepage alone). In addition, over 175 visitors per month take advantage of the Department's online form downloads.

Email has been received from numerous local residents as well as foreign citizens and law enforcement agencies. Local residents have reported everything from fraud cases to chronic barking dog issues; they have requested information for school reports and have arranged home and business security inspections. Foreign visitors have exchanged training and scheduling information, have requested patches or memorabilia, or have just stopped by to say "hi." Retired officers have checked in from as far away as Arizona and Florida.

Design and maintenance of the Cranford Police website, as well as responding to and recording email correspondence, is the responsibility of Sergeant Gerard Quinn (in cooperation with the web design team at Cranford.com). Lieutenant Joe VanBergen assists with the email correspondence and the management of the site, particularly traffic and news bulletin related information. Each of the Department's division and bureau heads has provided information and regularly contributes to the overall makeup of the site. Through its Internet presence, the department intends to continue its progressive tradition and meet the technological challenges of the new millennium.

PATROL DIVISION

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is manned by more officers than any other division within the department. The Division's preventive and proactive patrol efforts contribute toward safe streets and neighborhoods. Personal safety and property security are of paramount importance in guiding our efforts to preserve public safety. The Patrol Division is under the command of Captain Jerome Andrews. He is assisted by Lieutenants James Wozniak and Stephen Wilde, who each command two platoons. They are assisted by Sergeants Thomas Feeney, Guy Patterson, Frank Williams, and Edward Davenport who supervise the four squads.

There were a total of **69,365** incidents reported to the Cranford Police Department during 2008. These total incidents are broken down as follows:

9,692 calls for criminal related activity, including:

1,589 calls reporting burglary/trespass/alarm
2,293 calls reporting disorderly conduct
443 calls reporting thefts/stolen property
281 calls reporting vandalism/malicious damage
544 calls reporting warrant arrests

27,989 calls for traffic related activity, including:

1,018 calls reporting motor vehicle accidents
4,607 calls reporting selective enforcement assignments
20,725 calls reporting motor vehicle violation investigations resulting in warnings/ summonses

28,182 calls requesting public service, including:

3,268 medical assistance requests
19,050 building examinations and public transportation inspections
347 requests for assistance with vehicle/house lock-outs



From left to right: Lieutenant Joseph Van Bergen, Captain Jerome Andrews and Sergeant Thomas Feeney surveying the scene at the Crisanti Shoe Hospital fire on March 17, 2008.

AUXILIARY POLICE

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY POLICE

The Cranford Auxiliary Police originally formed as the “Civil Defense Force”, has been a volunteer squad since 1917. The Auxiliary Police have come a long way since those early days when they were given a minimal uniform next to no training. The auxiliary force of today consists of 18 officers, an increase from 13 in 2007. It is the responsibility of this squad to supplement the regular police force not only during times of emergency, but with other duties such as traffic direction at accident scenes, or walking the “beat” in the downtown area on shopping nights.

The Cranford Auxiliary police are a highly trained, professional organization dedicated to helping keep the town safe, and providing our citizens with the same high quality of service given them by the regular officers of the police department.

Today’s auxiliary officers must go through an interview process, background check, and the auxiliary police academy. After completing the academy, they must then successfully complete a three-month on the job training program before they are finally accepted as full time members of the auxiliary police.

Auxiliary officers do not carry firearms, but are trained in their use for safety reasons. Should a regular officer become disabled, then the auxiliary officer would be able to assist by securing the disabled officer’s weapon for safety. For their protection, auxiliary officers do carry PR-24 nightsticks, handcuffs, and Oleoresin Capsicum.

Although our auxiliary officers rarely make arrests, they do have the same authority to do so as a regular officer while on duty. While on patrol, they can issue warning summons for parking violations, bicycle violations or hazardous warnings. If they observe a violation that they feel requires a summons, they can notify a regular officer so one can be issued to the offender.

The 18 active members of the Auxiliary Police are:

Auxiliary Captain Ralph Gregson
Auxiliary Lieutenant James Nalepa

Auxiliary Lieutenant Anthony Matusawicz
Auxiliary Sergeant Russell Albert
Auxiliary Sergeant David Tenbroek
Auxiliary Officer Philip Andrews
Auxiliary Officer Edward Bernier, Jr.
Auxiliary Officer Justin Conklin
Auxiliary Officer Archie DeMartino
Auxiliary Officer Terrance Duane
Auxiliary Officer Greg Federici
Auxiliary Officer Ewa Jackson-Feldt
Auxiliary Officer Michael Meistrell
Auxiliary Officer Stephen Pietrucha
Auxiliary Officer John Regan
Auxiliary Officer Frank Young
Auxiliary Officer Jed Virata
Auxiliary Officer Mike Urbanski

In 2008 Auxiliary Officer Quashon Hasan and John Kurdt both resigned. However, the auxiliary police force has increased in the past year due to the recruiting efforts of Auxiliary Captain Ralph Gregson.

During 2008 the Auxiliary officers volunteered 2290 hours of service to the community. This is a slight increase over 2007. Their duties range from traffic control for which they logged 904 hours, to motorized and foot patrol that accounted for 506 hours. Auxiliary officers also logged 154 emergency hours. Emergency hours are hours that are not accrued due to a planned event such as; a tree or wire down blocking a roadway, or covering traffic redirection after an accident or blocked street

Other duties performed by the auxiliary officers included assisting at DWI checkpoints, and courtroom security. In addition to the service hours to the community, the auxiliary police received over 410 hours of training. Some of the topics covered included: Gang Awareness, Verbal Judo, CPR/Defibrillator, Handcuffing, Dealing with Juveniles

The service provided by our auxiliary unit to both the department, and the community is invaluable and cannot be measured in dollars and cents. As we move forward, the Cranford Auxiliary Police will continue to provide our citizens with the same high quality of service and professionalism which has been customary for 91 years.

EXPLORER Post #74

CRANFORD POLICE EXPLORER POST #74

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.

Through involvement, the Explorer program establishes an awareness of the complexities of police service. Exploring gives the members an opportunity to see firsthand the efforts of sworn police personnel and later share their observations with their fellow explorer members and peers. In this way, the basic idea of civic responsibility can be instilled.

The Cranford Police Explorer Post # 74 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 Lieutenant Joseph Van Bergen, Patrolman Matthew Widdows, Patrolman Steven D'Ambola, and Patrolman Kelly Rieder.

In 2008, the Post had 7 members and was led by Explorer Sergeant Deanna Stirk. That number is continually growing due to the recruitment efforts of the members of the Post.

We are proud to report that the Post performed over 175 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, traffic control, crowd control, traffic accident report and traffic summons writing, domestic violence procedures, D.W.I. recognition and procedures, CDS investigation, crime scene investigation, first aid, CPR and other basic department procedures.

Practical exercises included mock motor vehicle stops in the rear lot of headquarters. The Explorers conduct motor vehicle stops as if they were real police officers. Fellow explorers and post advisors act as the "suspects." After the



scenarios are done the post discusses the positive and negative actions of the Explorers. Mock crime scenes were also set up and investigated by the Explorers.

Some of the activities the Post participated in during 2008 were: traffic control at the 4th of July fireworks, the Spring and Fall Festivals, and the Memorial Day Parade.

Three Explorers from Cranford, Deanna Stirk, Joe Kopf, and Trevor Hertz, attended the Jersey City Police Explorer Academy in July of 2008. The Jersey City Academy was one week long. The Academy was run like a real police academy. The Explorers were taught military drill, participated in physical training, and had classroom and practical instruction sessions. The Explorers received instruction on many different police topics, such as: traffic and criminal law, domestic violence, accident investigation, crime scene investigation, self defense, handcuffing, arrest procedures and report writing.

One of the highlights of the Explorer experience is their participation in the Police Department's Ride Along Program. In this program, the Explorer goes on patrol with an experienced police officer. This gives the Explorer a first hand view of the roles and responsibilities of a Cranford Police Officer.

RECORDS DIVISION

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS DIVISION

One of the primary responsibilities of the Records Division is records management. By law, the Cranford Police Department is required to maintain each record and report as set forth in The Open Public Records Act. Every report generated within the Cranford Police Department gets processed through the Records Division for data entry and quality assurance.

Sergeant Craig Marino supervises the overall operations of the division. Jean McComb and Suzanne Welsh are the administrative records clerks. Day-to-day operations in the records division include the processing of; firearms applications, dog and cat licenses, parking permits, and alarm registrations. The records division is also responsible for practicing the Rules of Discovery through providing records to attorneys for courtroom proceedings.

The Records Division registered alarms for businesses and residences within the Township and billed for multiple false alarms. This provided for a total revenue intake of **\$47,365.00**.

In January of each year, the Records Division teams up with the Cranford Health Department and offers a rabies clinic for both cats and dogs. During this event, residents can purchase licences for cats and dogs as well. This year the Township of Cranford changed the licensing fees for cats and dogs in accordance with New Jersey State Laws. A license for a cat or dog that is spayed or neutered is now \$18.00 and a license for a cat or dog that is not spayed or neutered is now \$21.00. A total of 384 cats and 1300 dogs were licensed. This generated total revenue of **\$30,489.50**.

The Records Division issues parking permits for commuters, shoppers, business owners, and residents. The nine (9) hour permit provides business owners and their employees a place to park while providing goods and services to the town. These permits were \$500.00 a year. They are issued semi-annually or annually. This year the permits were changed from decals to Rear View mirror hanging style permits. Twelve (12) hour parking permits are also issued semi-annually or

annually and cost \$600.00 a year. Some of these permits are issued to non-residents for the Parking Garage and they are sold for \$780.00 a year. This year the style of the permits was changed from being an inside decal to an outside mounted decal. For those that live in the downtown area we provide overnight parking permits at \$200.00 a year. Some roadways in Cranford allow for residential exemptions from parking restrictions. These permits are free of cost. These permits were redesigned this year and color-coded for different sections of town. All residential permits were replaced with the new permits and easier to display visitor passes. Parking continues to be our largest revenue generator at **\$383,342.10**.

The Records Division also collects revenues from Firearms Applications, Fingerprinting, Bicycle Licensing and copies of Police Reports. These processes combined generated a total revenue for 2008 of **\$482,891.21**.

Sergeant Marino is also the Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC Officer) and he is responsible for maintenance, training and review of the NCIC, CJIS, CCH and NCIC2000 systems. All new members of the Cranford Police Department were given and passed a written test on these systems as required by The New Jersey State Police.

In the spring of 2008, the Records Division took over the responsibility of entering data from all motor vehicle summonses and warnings issued into an access database. The Traffic Division uses this database to issue a statistical monthly report on the number and type of summonses issued. The warnings were previously issued verbally and this change was made at the recommendation of the Union County Prosecutors Office.

In March the Township Engineering Department installed a permanent back up generator for the Municipal Building. The process involved rewiring portions of the main electrical panel that provides power to the Police Department. The Records Division worked closely with the Engineering Department to assure that the Police Department's emergency equipment remained operational during the process.

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The Traffic Division is comprised of a supervisor, two traffic detectives, two traffic maintenance personnel, one meter enforcement officer, and twenty five school crossing guards.

The three “E’s” of traffic safety are Education, Enforcement, and Engineering. As you will see the Cranford Police Department Traffic Division utilizes all three to formulate a comprehensive traffic safety plan for the Township of Cranford.

CRASHES

The Traffic Division’s main function is the investigation of crash causation in order to reduce their frequency and the injuries caused by them.

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 see where improvements can be made that will lower the crash and/or injury rates. In addition, all crashes are pinned on a map of the township located in the Traffic Division office. This allows for a quick identification of possible crash problems in Cranford.

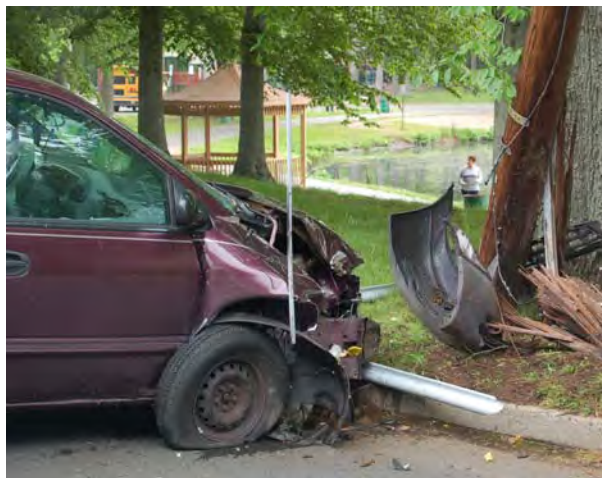


Photo taken at the scene of a crash where the vehicle operator struck a telephone pole on Springfield Avenue, near Union County College and Nomahegan Park.

Two fatal crashes occurred in Cranford during 2009. The first crash involved a drunk driver who struck the end of road barriers at the end of Lexington Avenue where it meets the railroad. The second involved the death of a pedestrian on Springfield Avenue fronting Union County College. In this incident, a student of the college crossed against the traffic signal while on a cell phone and was struck by a vehicle traveling north on Springfield Avenue.

EDUCATION

The Cranford Police Department works energetically to insure safe practices by the users of our roadways through multiple “**education**” 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, Don’t Talk To Strangers, and Use of School Crossing Guards.



Other educational programs administered by the Traffic Division include the HERO Designate Driver Campaign, WHALE Child Safety Campaign, PACE Car Program, Keep Kids Alive Drive 25 Campaign, Positive Helmet Safety Reward Program, and the Alive at 25 Parent Program.

Detective Toy is responsible for organizing and conducting bicycle and pedestrian safety lectures as well as bicycle rodeos at every grammar school in Cranford, including Saint Michael’s School. Meanwhile, Detective Davenport provides training to the school crossing guards every year.

Lieutenant Van Bergen instructs the recruits of the Union County Police Auxiliary Academy in traffic control and other police traffic issues. The academy is run by the Union County Police Chief’s Association and is held at the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains. As a radar instructor, Lieutenant Van Bergen is in charge of the department’s Radar Certification and Re-Certification of all officers. He is assisted with this training by Detective Davenport.

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ENFORCEMENT

The “**enforcement**” of our laws insures that the education is carried out.

Detective Toy continued to conduct selective enforcement assignments as his primary assignment within Traffic. The division also issues Traffic Enforcement Bulletins to the Patrol Division so they can focus their own selective enforcement efforts where they are needed most. When crashes occur, it is usually because of a type of careless operation. Due to the severe injuries that occur during high speed crashes, we are constantly enforcing the speed laws.

The department continues to use the Speed Trailer on township roadways to alert drivers of their speed. After the trailer is on the roadway for a few days, it is then removed and followed up by radar enforcement. 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 and longer term effect on speeding than strictly enforcement.

The Traffic Division monitors the number of cars using a given roadway, their speeds, and vehicle classification by using its two JAMAR Traffic Counters. This data is used to focus our enforcement on the areas that need it most and during the times of the most frequent violations.

We also enforce bicycle violations and issue both summonses and warnings depending on the severity of the case. We impound bicycles that are unsafe or are being operated in an unsafe manner and also impound skateboards and other human powered devices that are operated in a careless manner. This would include go-peds and mini-bikes.

The Department applied for and was awarded a “Click It or Ticket” grant from the New Jersey State Division of Highway Traffic Safety for extra enforcement efforts during a two week period from the end of May to early June. The Department also received grant money for the “Over the Limit, Under Arrest” DWI Enforcement program during the Labor Day holiday.

ENGINEERING

The Traffic Division 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 Division 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.

In using Engineering to improve safety, Detective Davenport with the assistance of the Board of Education applied for the 2008 **Safe Routes to School Grant** and was awarded \$9,000 for improvements to be completed in 2009. Specifically, we will be installing two LED Flashing Pedestrian Crossing signs at the crosswalk of Walnut Avenue and Blake Avenue.

Law Enforcement Challenge

The Cranford Police Department was honored on May 21, 2008 for receiving a first place finish in the 46-65 officer category **New Jersey Law Enforcement Challenge**. The Department also finished with the highest overall score. In addition to finishing first, the police department also received a Special Recognition Award for our Child Passenger Safety Program.



New Community Programs

PACE Car Program: A citizen based traffic calming program which supplements the department’s Keep Kids Alive Drive 25® initiative. The goal of the Pace Car Program is to create safer Cranford streets by encouraging residents to proactively promote driver responsibility and roadway safety through an educational

and awareness campaign. Residents participate in the Pace Car Program by pledging to drive safely and within the posted speed limits while displaying a KKAD25 vehicle magnet or bumper sticker on the rear of their vehicle. The magnets and stickers are provided

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free of charge to residents as the police department's thank you for helping to be part of the solution of keeping our kids safe.

Positive Helmet Safety Rewards Program: For the second straight year the department received a grant to reward children for wearing a helmet. The program was administered through the Traffic Division from May until September. Il Giardino Ristorante on Miln Street was our sponsor and offered a free slice of pizza to any child given a "summonses" for riding their bike or skateboard or rollerblading while wearing a helmet. Each child also got a raffle ticket for a raffle at the end of the program for a \$100 Downtown Cranford Gift Check. The gift check was made possible by a donation from Cranford Policemen's Benevolent Association Local # 52 and is good at any downtown business. This year's raffle winner was Joey Lopes, a student at Bloomingdale Avenue School.

TRAFFIC COORDINATING COMMITTEE

On a regular basis, safety meetings are held with members of the **Traffic Coordinating Committee**. This committee is comprised of members from the Police Department, Fire Department, Township Administrator's Office, Engineering Department, Department of Public Works, Board of Education, and the Downtown Management Corporation. During the past year the following projects were handled by the Traffic Division and placed on the agenda of this committee for review:

The Township purchased six pay stations from their capital budget and will be installing them in the Centennial Avenue Village shopping district where the Township Committee enacted new ordinances to allow for metered parking. In 2009 the township plans to further expand the use of pay stations.

An ordinance for a 25 MPH zone on Walnut Avenue between Lincoln Avenue and North Avenue was approved by the town and the County and will become effective January 30, 2009.

A request for a school crossing guard at West End Place and Springfield Avenue was investigated and approved to receive a new guard starting January 5, 2009.

New parking lot identification and directional signs were purchased and installed at the entrance to all municipal parking lots.

New lighting and fencing was installed under the Walnut Avenue Underpass between North and South Avenues to improve pedestrian safety.

PSE&G lighting upgrades were completed on Springfield Avenue at Holly Street and in front of Grays Funeral Home, as well as fronting the library/ community center for better pedestrian visibility. Six lights were upgraded on Johnson Avenue after neighborhood complaints and new floodlights were installed in lots #10 and 14.

Residential Parking restrictions were enacted on Centennial Avenue between South and Lincoln Avenues to prevent commuters from parking. Similar restrictions were also put in place on Grant Street, Burnside Avenue, and Elise Street.

The NJDOT restriped North Avenue westbound to have a dedicated left turn only lane prior to Centennial Avenue and a right turn only lane prior to Springfield Avenue to improve traffic flow.

Lot #1 received a new model pay station on an evaluation basis. At the completion of testing the town purchased the unit for \$1.

Chapter 72 covering bicycles in the Township Code was completely rewritten after it was discovered it had not been updated since the early 1970's.

Eastman and Holly Streets received a new 12" LED flashing signal upgrade as well as new signage to improve safety.

Lincoln Avenue and High Street received new signage and better crosswalk marking to improve pedestrian safety. Also, new street lights were installed by PSE&G.

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SCHOOL GUARDS

During the 2007-2008 school year the Traffic Division was required to provide coverage at 233 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 180 public/parochial school days occurred of which only 28 did not require members of the police department to fill in for a school guard. This equated to 1.29 school guards out every school day which was a slight decrease over the 1.54 the previous year.

These posts were covered by reserve school guards, the parking enforcement officer, and sworn Traffic Division personnel.

OTHER DUTIES

Lieutenant Joseph Van Bergen's responsibilities include assigning selective enforcement details, scheduling, traffic maintenance planning, ordinance development, purchasing bids and quotes, traffic safety grants, site plan reviews, and testifying at township board and committee meetings. One major responsibility that keeps him busy is the filling of extra duty assignments. In 2008 the Traffic Division coordinated and filled **572 off duty jobs**. These jobs include traffic control at township festivals and construction zones, as well as security at private events.

Lieutenant Van Bergen maintains the responsibility of Fleet Manager and is in charge of making sure the police vehicle fleet is maintained by Traffic

Maintenance personnel. He is also responsible for vehicle equipment and upgrades to the equipment.

Lieutenant Van Bergen is a member of the Traffic Coordinating Committee, Parking Advisory Committee, Union County Traffic Officers Association (Vice-President), New Jersey Police Traffic Officers Association, New Jersey Association of Accident Reconstructionists, National Association of Fleet Administrators, Institute of Transportation Engineers, and is a Notary Public. He is also an advisor of the Cranford Police Explorers.

Detective Edward Davenport has 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 2008 about **417 vehicles** were towed and four auctions were held for any vehicles not reclaimed by owners.

Also, Detective Davenport is responsible for the data entry of the daily summonses, crash reports, vehicle reports, and driver abstract requests. In 2008, **477** driver abstract requests were prepared for patrol personnel.

Detective Davenport is in charge of advertising, setting up, and running the department's car, bicycle, and equipment auctions. He also is responsible for the in-car video camera systems and portable radio

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maintenance and repair. In addition, Detective Davenport coordinates the purchase, installation, maintenance, and repair of the mobile personal computers (MPC) in the radio cars.

Detective Davenport is also a certified Child Passenger Seat Technician and Radar Instructor. He also is responsible for School Crossing Guard training and payroll. Detective Davenport is a member of the Union County Traffic Officers Association (Secretary), New Jersey Police Traffic Officers Association, New Jersey Association of Accident Reconstructionists, Cranford Bicycle Safety Board, and is a Notary Public.

Detective Steven Toy has the primary responsibility of enforcement. When necessary, however, he assists Lieutenant Van Bergen and Detective Davenport in the above administrative duties. He is a member of the Union County Traffic Officers Association and New Jersey Police Traffic Officers Association.

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 Division personnel as well.

The 400 on-street parking meters and nineteen central space rental machines 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 personnel carry a smart-phone with web access that reports real time use of the lots. A quick glance at the phone displays expired meters as well as meter malfunctions.

Members of the Traffic Division 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. Each Detective is on call for two weeks at a time with the Lieutenant providing coverage as needed.

Cranford hosts dozens of commercial, television show, and movie filmings a year. All coordination between and township and movie studio was done by the Traffic Division. This included arranging for extra duty police officers, street closings, special parking, security, and more.

TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE

As is the case every year, Traffic Maintenance personnel were busy in 2008. 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; maintaining approximately 400 Victorian lights; bicycle rodeo setup; traffic counter placement; Speed Trailer placement; 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.

The Traffic Maintenance personnel completed the department's upgrade of our VHS based mobile video recording systems to completely digital units manufactured by **ICOP Digital**. These new units mount in the dashboard where the factory AM/FM radio is. They utilize ruggedized hard drives to collect the video and download wirelessly to a central server.

Member of the Traffic Division over the last year were:

Lieutenant Joseph P. Van Bergen
Detective Edward R. Davenport
Detective Steven R. Toy

Civilian Personnel included:

Ralph Gregson, *Parking Enforcement*
Charles Fette, *Traffic Maintenance*
Joseph Corbisiero, *Traffic Maintenance*
Jamar Ingram, *Summer Traffic Maintenance*
Brian Trotter, *Summer Traffic Maintenance*

LAW ENFORCEMENT CHALLENGE

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT: 2008 LAW ENFORCEMENT CHALLENGE WINNERS

The Cranford Police Department was honored on May 21, 2008 after receiving a first place finish in the 46-65 officer category of the New Jersey Law Enforcement Challenge. The Law Enforcement Challenge is a competition between similar sizes and types of law enforcement agencies. It recognizes and rewards the best overall traffic safety programs in the United States. The areas of concentration include efforts to enforce laws and educate the public about occupant protection, impaired driving, and speeding. The winning safety programs are those that combine officer training, public information, and enforcement to reduce crashes and injuries within its jurisdiction.

The Cranford Police Department also finished the competition with the highest overall score for all department categories. For placing first overall, the department received a Radar Speed Display Board from Decatur Electronics valued at \$4,750. The speed display board is small enough that it can be used on roadways where the department can not use their larger sign message board. The sign will mainly be used in school zones during the day to enhance pedestrian safety in these high traffic locations.

In addition to finishing in first place, the police department also received a Special Recognition

Award for their Child Passenger Safety Program. In 2007 the Department began the *W.H.A.L.E. Campaign* which is a Child Safety Seat Occupant Identification Program. WHALE stands for "We Have A Little Emergency!" The purpose of WHALE is to provide vital information about a child involved in a car crash in the event the driver and passengers become incapacitated during the crash. Stickers are attached to the back of a child's seat providing emergency contact information. Packets include an informational brochure, two side window decals, two car seat stickers, and an identification card. Each time a member of the Traffic Division conducts a child passenger seat inspection or installation the parents are given a WHALE packet. Approximately 250 WHALE packets were distributed in the first year for this program. WHALE packets are available at the police department front desk or by contacting the Traffic Division at 908-272-2222.

The Law Enforcement Challenge is financed through a grant awarded to the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Both of these organizations believe an increase in traffic enforcement in a community results in a decrease in motor vehicle crashes, injuries, and fatalities. The New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police has established it's own state Challenge program along with the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety.



Photo taken with the Radar Speed Display Board from Decatur Electronics. From left to right: Lieutenant Joseph Van Bergen, Mayor Michael Plick and Chief Eric Mason.

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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. There were **13 accidents** (eight involving injury and one fatality) directly attributed to drunk drivers in Cranford during 2008. There has been **no change** in the number of alcohol related accidents since 2007. 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. As a result, 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 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 advanced computer technology to obtain highly accurate breath test readings.

Upon the conclusion of **2008** the department had twenty (**20**) 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 are 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. Robert Colaneri
Sgt. Anthony Dobbins
Sgt. Thomas Feeney
Sgt. Craig Marino
Det/Sgt. Gerard Quinn
Sgt. Frank Williams
Sgt. Guy Patterson
Sgt. Christopher Polito
Det. John Swandrak
Det. Robert Montague
Det. Michael Andrews
Det. Richard Vitale
Det. Steven R Toy
Ptl. Robert Peters
Ptl. Peter Graczyk
Ptl. Derek Farbanec
Ptl. Thomas Bell
Ptl. Timothy O'Brien
Ptl. Ryan Greco

This agency continues to stress the need to detect and apprehend those driving while intoxicated to our officers. In **2008** these efforts resulted in ninety six (**96**) arrests being made for Driving While Intoxicated within the Township of Cranford.

Of the **96** arrests, **20** refused to submit to breath testing and **3** had blood drawn. This shows a **14%** increase from the **84** arrests made in the year **2007**.

Breath Tests are the primary tool used by officers to determine a subject's level of intoxication. The Cranford Police Department also has another very important tool at its disposal to identify those under the influence of alcohol and/or illicit drugs. One such resource is the **Drug Recognition Expert**. Detective Michael Andrews is a **DRE (Drug Recognition Expert)** Certified by the *New Jersey State Attorney General's Office* to conduct tests on individuals suspected of being under the influence of narcotics.

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As we move forward into the year **2009** 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 they will be arrested should they drive through our community.

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 **2007**, seven (**7**) drivers were charged under this law. This number has decreased to those of **2008** when two (**2**) subjects were arrested for underage DWI.

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. We are happy to state that there have been zero (**0**) arrests made within the township under this law in **2008**.

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 2008 the department continued its educational program at Cranford High School in conjunction with the driver education instructor Mr. Gene Millano. This program has been conducted for the past twenty 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. We also, during these sessions, receive some very positive input from the students on both our enforcement and educational programs.

The department also participated in the township's spring and fall festivals in the downtown area as well as National Night Out. During these events officers displayed photographs of alcohol related accidents within the township and surrounding communities, and handed out literature on traffic safety. The officers also gave away hundreds of pens, pencils, and bumper stickers all with drunk driving awareness slogans on them. These items were all purchased through grant monies received through a special DWI fund set up by the state which is funded through fines levied against those convicted of DWI.

The department used three extra enforcement initiatives to augment patrol efforts in enforcing DWI within the township. The **DWI Checkpoint Program** and **Extra DWI Patrol Programs** have been in place since 1988. In **2008** we participated in the **Over the Limit Under Arrest** program sponsored by the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety.

The checkpoint program consists of setting up in a fixed location and checking a predetermined numbered vehicle (i.e.: every third, fifth, etc vehicle as decided by the supervisor assigned to the scene and traffic conditions at the time) or vehicles with specific violations, such as headlights out, overdue inspection, odors of alcohol, etc. The drivers of these vehicles were checked for their credentials as well as driving while intoxicated. The department conducted (**1**) checkpoint throughout the year. The extra patrol program consists of putting extra patrols out on selected weekends (usually holidays) with the specific assignment of detecting and apprehending drivers who are under the influence. *Over the Limit Under arrest 2008 Impaired Driving Crackdown* is a campaign that ran from August 15, 2008 through September 1, 2008. During this eighteen-day period, officers

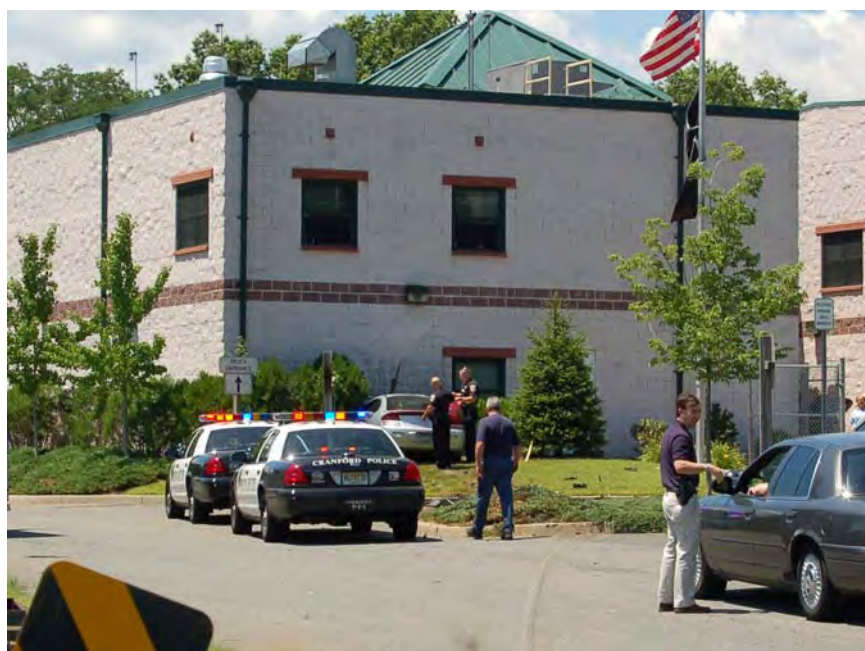
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assigned to this campaign made four **(4)** DWI arrest and issued **(406)** summonses for various violations. *Over the Limit Under Arrest 2008 Year End Crackdown* campaign ran from December 8, 2008 to January 2, 2009. During this twenty-seven day period, officers assigned to this campaign made eight **(8)** DWI arrests and issued **(275)** summons for various violations.

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.



Officers Sean Holcomb, John Rattigan and Lieutenant Joseph Van Bergen on scene after a drunk driver crashed.

CRASHES AND INJURIES

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT CRASHES AND INJURIES SUMMARY

REPORTABLE CRASHES

NON-REPORTABLE CRASHES

Type	2007			2008		
	Crashes	Injuries	Fatal	Accidents	Injuries	Fatal
Motor Vehicle vs. Motor Vehicle	84	88	0	106	112	0
Motor Vehicle vs. Fixed Object	13	14	0	24	24	1
Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian	18	18	1	13	13	1
Motor Vehicle vs. Bicyclist	11	11	0	7	7	0
Motor Vehicle vs. Parked Vehicle	13	11	0	11	12	0
Other	0	0	0	1	1	0
TOTAL	139	142	1	162	169	2

Type	2007	2008
Motor Vehicle vs. Motor Vehicle	408	378
Motor Vehicle vs. Fixed Object	44	44
Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian	2	2
Motor Vehicle vs. Bicyclist	2	6
Motor Vehicle vs. Parked Vehicle	155	157
Other	11	7
TOTAL	622	594

MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT

The Cranford Police Department's motorized equipment consists of thirty eight units; twenty cars, six sport utilities, one motorcycle, three traffic trucks, one electric vehicle, three trailers, two boats, and two ambulances. List as follows:

- 1 1995 Harley Davidson Motorcycle
- 1 1994 Chevrolet Suburban 4X4
- 1 1997 Ford Expedition 4X4
- 1 2004 Ford Excursion 4X4
- 1 2004 Ford Explorer 4X4
- 1 2006 Ford Explorer 4X4
- 1 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe 4X4
- 6 2008 Ford Police Interceptors
- 5 2006 Ford Police Interceptors
- 1 2005 Ford Police Interceptor
- 1 2003 Ford Police Interceptor
- 3 2002 Ford Police Interceptors
- 3 2000 Ford LTD Crown Victorias
- 1 2001 Ford F-450 Super Duty Platform Truck
- 1 2000 Ford F-450 Super Duty Bucket Truck
- 1 1999 Ford F-250 Super Duty Pick-up Truck
- 1 1998 Toyota Camry
- 1 2007 T3 Motion
- 2 2005 Ford F-350 Ambulances
- 2 2001 Zodiac Boats
- 1 2003 Kristi Utility Trailer
- 1 2009 AMD Portable Light Tower
- 1 1998 AMR Speed Detection/Message Board Trailer

A total of **317,288 miles** were traveled by motorized equipment during the year of 2008. Vehicles were serviced approximately every 3,000 miles and were cleaned and washed on average of once a week.

Photo right: Cranford Police Department Harley Davidson Motorcycle.



Above: Sergeant Edward Davenport operating the T3 Motion Vehicle used in parking enforcement efforts.



VIOLATIONS

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS

The following is a comparative classification of motor vehicle violations between the period of January 2008 and December 2008 with the same period in 2007.

VIOLATION	2007	2008
Speeding	680	563
Stop Sign	61	43
Careless Driving	318	358
Reckless Driving	20	14
Driving Under The Influence	83	96
Open Container In Vehicle	21	15
CDS In Motor Vehicle	113	95
Wrong Way on One Way Street	11	9
Traffic Signal	146	138
Improper Passing	105	75
Illegal Turns	174	195
Obstructing Traffic	60	176
Driving While On Cell Phone	38	261
Unlicensed Driver	132	103
Revoked Driver	326	366
Unregistered Vehicle	227	215
Uninsured Motorist	48	57
No License In Possession	148	187
No Registration In Possession	179	174
No Insurance Card In Possession	66	87
Leaving The Scene Of An Accident	12	18
Fictitious/Obstructed Plates	444	555
Maintenance Of Lamps	811	845
Seatbelt Violations	1,002	1,119
Safety Glass Violations	755	813
Inspection Law	392	658
Other Hazardous Violations	82	90
Other Non-Hazardous Violations	136	221
TOTALS	6,590	7,546

VIOLATIONS

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT PARKING VIOLATIONS

The following is a comparative classification of parking violations between the period of January 2008 and December 2008 with the same period in 2007.

VIOLATION	2007	2008
Meter Parking	4,491	5,604
4:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.	716	992
Restricted Hours	447	762
9 Hour Permit	382	393
12 Hour Permit	282	121
Overnight Parking	506	578
25' Of An Intersection	97	81
25' Of A Crosswalk	79	145
2 Hour Limit	134	270
10' Of A Fire Hydrant	27	17
50' Of A Stop Sign	114	92
Parked On A Crosswalk	9	4
Parked On A Sidewalk	4	5
Blocking A Driveway	19	24
School Zone	142	169
Bus Stop	0	0
Disabled Vehicle	0	4
Fire Zone	11	48
Facing Wrong Direction On Street	58	39
Between Signs	6	13
Head In Only	42	59
Not Within Lines	130	168
Handicapped	22	31
Loading Zone	21	64
Meter Feeding	2	2
No Parking Anytime	65	92
Other Parking Violations	28	73
TOTALS:	7,834	9,850

SCHOOL SAFETY

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

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

The year 2008 included a number of personnel changes within the guard ranks. After 7 years of service, Jean Parenti retired from her post at Brookside Place and Spruce Street on September 8th. Loretta Honeywell, Springfield Avenue and Doering Way post, retired September 30th after 10 years of service. They

will both be missed by not only the members of the police department but by the children they safely crossed everyday! We wish them both well.

We welcomed the following four guards in 2008. Susan Czarnatowicz was hired in March as a reserve guard and given a full time post at Brookside Place and Gallows Hill Road in October. Thomas Gugliucci joined the department as a reserve guard in May. Michael Bevilacqua was hired in August as a reserve guard. In October, Evelyn West was also hired as a reserve guard. With the retirement of Jean Parenti, reserve guard Sam Reynolds was made a full time guard at Brookside Place and Spruce Street.

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Claus Broderius	South Union Avenue/Lincoln Avenue
Charles Campbell	Hillside Avenue Tunnel
Susan Czarnatowicz	Brookside Place/Gallows Hill Road
Elizabeth Erdody	Springfield Avenue/Tulip Street
Charles Haller	Orange Avenue/Wadsworth Place
Margaret Herzer	Retford Avenue/Livingston Avenue
Nazaire Jennings	Centennial Avenue/Myrtle Street
John Leonard	Lexington Avenue/Denman Road
Joseph Lopes	Alden Street/Miln Street
Anthony Lopez	Bloomingdale Avenue/Albany Avenue
Iris Lopez	Denman Road/Livingston Avenue
Samuel Manderson	Centennial Avenue/Severin Court
Elizabeth Manfredo	South Union Avenue/Livingston Avenue
Kathleen Meier	Denman Road/Culin Drive
Betty Mobley	Walnut Avenue/Blake Avenue
James Mulcahy	Springfield Avenue/Miln Street
Elsie Muldrow	West End Place/Spruce Street
Everitt Nye	North Lehigh Tunnel
Samuel Reynolds	Brookside Place/Spruce Street
Sol Rubenstein	Springfield Avenue/Doering Way
Louise Ruggiano	Brookside Place/Orchard Street

RESERVE GUARDS

Robert Bell
Thomas Gugliucci
Michael Bevilacqua
Evelyn West

CLICK IT OR TICKET

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL CLICK IT TICKET MOBILIZATION

The Cranford Police Department received \$4,000 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. Due to the department’s previous results during the “Click It or Ticket” mobilization the Division of Highway Traffic Safety chose Cranford as their media launch point for the Central Region. A representative from NJDHTS was on site during our checkpoint on May 19th and Lieutenant Joseph Van Bergen was interviewed by News 12 for the evening edition of the newscast.



New Jersey reported 716 fatalities in 2007. More than half of the motor vehicle occupants killed were not wearing a seatbelt. Also, seatbelt use is especially important for teens and young adults, as motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for people ages 15 to 34 in the United States.

The department’s results were consistent with 2007 which reported 252 seat belt/child restraint violations and 212 non-seatbelt violations for a total mobilization of 464 summonses. Total seat-belt summonses were down, but total summonses were up by 47 summonses. A post survey of seat belt usage showed a 97% compliance rate.

The “Click It or Ticket” Mobilization was conducted from May 19, 2008 to June 1, 2008. The department conducted six seat belt checkpoints utilizing overtime, patrol, and traffic personnel. A total of 98.5 hours of overtime were utilized, which was reimbursed by the grant.

According to the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety’s 2008 Click It or Ticket Mobilization Summary Report the Cranford Police Department finished in the top four for summonses among the twenty two police departments that participated in Union County during the mobilization.

Below is a summary of the department’s enforcement efforts during the mobilization:

Seat Belt Violations by overtime officers	083
Seat Belt Violations by patrol/traffic officers	079
Child Restraint Violations by overtime officers	000
Child Restraint Violations by patrol/traffic officers	005
TOTAL SEATBELT:	167
Non-Seatbelt Violations by overtime officers	088
Non-Seatbelt Violations by patrol/traffic officers	277

TOTAL SUMMONSES DURING THE MOBILIZATION: 511

OVER THE LIMIT, UNDER ARREST

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT OVER THE LIMIT, UNDER ARREST PROGRAM

The Cranford Police Department participated in the national end of summer and holiday “Over the Limit, Under Arrest” 2008 Statewide Crackdowns. The goal of the program is to decrease incidents of drunk driving through education and enforcement.

From August 15th to September 1st 2008, the Cranford Police Department stepped up impaired driving enforcement as part of New Jersey’s end of summer *Over the Limit, Under Arrest 2008 Statewide Crackdown*. The department received a \$5,000 grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for overtime enforcement.

The summer driving season, which concludes with the Labor Day 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 through high-visibility enforcement, and to arrest motorists who choose to drive while impaired by drugs or alcohol. From December 8, 2008 through January 2, 2009, the Department stepped up impaired driving enforcement as part of *Over the Limit, Under Arrest 2008 Year End Crackdown*. The holiday



season 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 through high-visibility enforcement, and to arrest motorists who choose to drive while impaired by drugs or alcohol.

The department conducted roving patrols utilizing patrol personnel during both mobilizations. Below is a summary of the department’s enforcement efforts for each.

TOTAL PRODUCTIVITY DURING THE MOBILIZATION:

	8/15/08-9/1/08	12/8/08-1/2/09
DWI Arrests	5	9
Summonses	403	377
TOTAL:	408	386

SAFETY ID PROGRAM

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT SAFETY ID PROGRAM

The department continued it’s Safety ID Tag Program which began in 2005 in order to give outdoor exercisers a little piece of mind. Participants can come to police headquarters to obtain a Safety ID Tag at no cost to them. They will be issued a reflective, waterproof Safety ID Tag which can attach to their sneaker/shoe laces.

The Safety ID Tag contains basic contact information, as well as pertinent medical information such as allergies that will assist first responders in case of a medical emergency. Since many people go for walks or a run without any identification, this small Safety ID Tag can be a lifesaver.

Police Chief Eric G. Mason stated he would encourage all Cranford runners, joggers, and walkers to come to police headquarters and pick up their free Safety ID Tag. The tags have also been picked up by parents for use by their small children.

SAFETY HELMET PROGRAM

THINK POSITIVE: A HELMET SAFETY REWARD PROGRAM

In an effort to promote the use of helmets and encourage safe behavior, the Cranford Police Department in collaboration with Safe Kids New Jersey and the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey, implemented the *Think Positive: A Helmet Safety Reward Program* for the second year in a row. This safety initiative uses positive reinforcement and education as a means to convey the importance of helmet safety and brain injury prevention.

Children under the age of 17 seen wearing a helmet, when participating in a wheeled sport activity, were given a “positive summons” by a police officer. The summons includes a reward for the child for practicing safe responsible behavior. The reward donated by Il Giardino Ristorante of 103 Miln Street could be redeemed for a free slice of pizza. The summonses also contained a raffle ticket for a \$100 Downtown Cranford Gift Check. The gift check was made possible by a donation from Cranford Policemen’s Benevolent Association Local # 52 and is good at any downtown business. This year’s raffle winner was Joey Lopes, a student at Bloomingdale Avenue School.

The summons when shown to the parent provides additional information on brain injury and helmet safety. The reward made the

program appealing to the kids and encouraged them to get “caught” wearing their helmet.

Brain injury is a leading cause of death and disability in children and young adults. A properly worn helmet is the single most effective safety device available to reduce brain injury and death by as much as 88% (Dr. C. Everett Koop). New Jersey’s helmet law requires that “Children under the age of 17 wear a helmet while bicycling, skateboarding, and roller-skating.” *Think Positive: A Helmet Safety Reward Program* is a community program that involves not only police and local children, but also schools, businesses, community leaders, media, and most importantly parents.

Think Positive Union County 2008 was sponsored by Safe Kids New Jersey and supported by Children’s Specialized Hospital, the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey, Allstate New Jersey Insurance Ron Bansky & Associates Agency, the Office for the Prevention of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, and the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety.



Left to right, Police Chief Eric Mason, raffle winner Joey Lopes, and Cranford PBA President Matthew Nazzaro



Left to right, Sergeant Edward Davenport, Il Giardino Owner and prize sponsor Anthony Scuderi, Chief Eric Mason and Lieutenant Joseph Van Bergen.

CITIZENS ACADEMY

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Cranford Police Department hosted the 3rd Session of its Citizens Academy in the Fall of 2008. There were 13 new members who embarked on a journey to gain perspective on how the Cranford Police Department functions day-to-day.

The 10-week class gave the citizens an inside look at the daily operations of the Cranford Police Department. Each class involved members of the department giving presentations on areas including traffic, patrol, investigations, auto theft, SWAT and gang activities. Citizen Academy members took part in patrol “ride-alongs” throughout the course. Members also attended the Clark Police Range to shoot weapons used by the Cranford Police Department.

The purpose of the Citizens Academy is to foster better communication between citizens and police through education. The academy creates a nucleus of well-informed citizens who possess greater insight into police practices and service.

Academy graduates are encouraged to share their knowledge and experiences with the community. “It is apparent that the word has spread regarding the Citizens Academy, we have received more inquiries to attend this class than ever before,” said Lieutenant Robert Colaneri.

The class graduated on December 9, 2008 and was made up of members of the Cranford

community including members of the Board of Education, Township Committee, and residents.

Danielle Bache, a participant, had this to say about her experience in the Citizens Academy:

“After completing the Citizens Police Academy, I have a better understanding of the duties of an officer and therefore a true appreciation for everything they do. I learned a great deal about each department and how the decisions made affect the citizens in the community. I believe I got a glimpse into the inner workings of the police department and because of that I thank the people who are willing take this job to protect us everyday. It was an extremely worthwhile experience and I am glad to have been a part of it.”

Another Citizens Police Academy member, Bernard Wagenblast shared his thoughts on the academy:

“I want to thank all the members of the Cranford Police Department and the officers from the other departments who made the Citizens Police Academy such an educational and enjoyable experience. From the first night through the time at the shooting range it was a tremendous opportunity to begin to understand some of what takes place in local law enforcement. Having worked in journalism and broadcasting I’ve had the chance to do some very interesting things but the 10 sessions I spent here have been among the most interesting.”



Citizens Academy 2008

Danielle Bache
Lee Cohen
Mark Dinglestedt
Martha Garcia
Ewa Jackson - Feldt
Cathy Morgese
Shawn Murphy
Phillip Murray
Michael Plick
Charles Scaturro
George Kalafatis
Bernhard Wagenblast

YOUTH ACADEMY

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT YOUTH ACADEMY

The Cranford Police Department held the second session of the Youth Police Academy from June 23, 2008 through June 27, 2008. The Academy gave twenty-two Cranford juveniles the opportunity to be introduced to law enforcement through a simulated police academy environment. The Youth Police Academy was started in June of 2007 by Chief Eric Mason to provide the youth of Cranford with a firsthand introduction to many aspects of law enforcement.

This year, the Youth Academy was held at the Cranford Police Department, the Cranford Community Center and the John H. Stamler Police Academy. The Academy was under the direction of Officer Steven D'Ambola and Officer Matthew Widdows. The Academy participants, "cadets", started their day with roll call. Following roll call the cadets had a physical training session and military drill training instructed by Off. D'Ambola and Off. Widdows. Physical training consisted of running, pushups, sit-ups, pull-ups, an obstacle course and various other exercises. During the military drill portion of the day, the cadets learned how to stand at attention, complete facing movements, properly salute, and march as a unit.

Following PT and drill, the cadets had a short break, then started their classroom activities. The first day of the Academy the cadets had a tour of the Cranford Police Department and radio cars. They then received an introduction to the structure of the Cranford Police Department, patrol operations and basic law. The cadets were brought outside and had the opportunity to conduct mock motor vehicle stops. The second day of the Academy was held at the Cranford Community Center. The Union County Police K-9 unit gave a demonstration using both bomb and drug sniffing K-9s. The cadets were then introduced to DNA analysis

and the Union County Forensic Lab. After lunch Detective/Sergeant Gerard Quinn gave a presentation on crime scene processing, criminal investigations and had a hands on activity on fingerprinting. Detective/Sergeant Christopher Polito provided the cadets with a presentation on the Juvenile Bureau and juvenile law. Off. D'Ambola and Off. Widdows then introduced DWI detection and enforcement to the cadets. The cadets were able to experience simulated intoxication by using the Fatal Vision goggles.

The third day of the Academy was held at the John H. Stamler Police Academy where Det. Montague taught the cadets about firearms and firearms safety. The cadets then participated in simulated police situations using the firearms training simulator. The Northstar helicopter then landed in the EVOC course and the crew gave a short presentation.



Youth Academy students had the opportunity to ride T3 Motion vehicle during their training. Above: Timothy Mason operates the vehicle.

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The last two days of the Academy were held at the Cranford Community Center. Lieutenant Joseph Van Bergen and Detective Edward Davenport gave a presentation on the Traffic Division and accident investigation. The cadets then received training in basic first aid and CPR. The Union County HAZMAT team and the Union County Police Bomb Squad provided hands on demonstrations. Officer Russell Luedecker gave a presentation on the Union/Essex Auto Theft Task Force. The cadets were given a presentation on local gangs, Union County SWAT and the Cranford Police Department's Water Rescue Team.

The Academy ended with a graduation ceremony for the cadets and their families. The cadets marched in and viewed a presentation on what they did during the week. All of the cadets received certificates for completing the

Academy. The cadets left the Academy with a unique insight into the field of law enforcement and the Cranford Police Department.



Youth Academy students were fortunate to receive a Helicopter demonstration from the State Police. Above River Galloway and Jillian Sobocinski view the interior of the helicopter.



2008 Youth Academy

Far Left: Officer Steven D'Ambola, Far Right: Detective Matthew Widdows

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K-9 Unit demonstration for the Youth Academy.



The Youth Academy getting a look at the inside of the Cranford Police Department's holding cell.



Jillian Sobocinski tries on the HAZMAT suit during the Youth Academy training.



Officer Steven D'Ambola and Youth Academy members during the the New Jersey State Police helicopter presentation.



Sergeant Gerard Quinn during his classroom presentation on crime scene processing



The Youth Academy during a visit to the John H. Stamler Police Academy

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

CRANFORD EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

Cranford Emergency Medical Service (CEMS) has served the township since June of 2002 responding to emergency medical calls. CEMS operates weekdays from 5:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. In 2008 CEMS responded to 1,303 calls for service. CEMS calls for service have increased each year since being formed in 2002. Two EMS crews are on call daily, with two certified EMT-Basics per crew.

CEMS operates under the direction of the Cranford Police Department and CEMS Supervisor Mikael Diaz. CEMS employees are experienced, practiced, and knowledgeable emergency medical technicians. Each employee must be a state certified EMT-Basic and possess a valid CPR certification. Every employee is trained in nationally recognized Incident Command System courses. In addition, we require that all full time EMT's possess a certificate in Certified Emergency Vehicle Operations, completion of a recognized Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support course, and completion of additional Incident Command System courses. These requirements assure us that we have competent and skilled EMT's providing the best emergency service to the residents and visitors of Cranford. All employees attend an orientation session prior to their first workday. Employees are trained on proper radio protocol, CEMS policies, ambulance supplies and equipment, and much more.

CEMS handles emergencies such as difficulty breathing, chest pains, motor vehicle accidents, falls, trauma, choking, sport injuries, machinery injuries, labor and delivery, strokes, and many more. In addition, we do Basic Life Support Presentations at schools, which includes a tour of our ambulance, supplies, and equipment, as well as the instruction of basic first aid. CEMS stands by at large sporting events such as marathon runs, and also at Hazardous Material scenes and fire scenes.

In 2008 CEMS joined the Department of Health and Senior Services in a new Electronic Patient Care reporting system. This service is being

delivered by the state free of charge for a minimum of 5 years. With this new technology EMS will be able to eliminate the need for numerous paper charts. This system also helps in rapidly identifying locations of emergencies. Should the need arise it will also help to give EMS information on patients who may be unable to provide such information at the time of an emergency. The system is fully compliant with all federal HIPPA regulations regarding privacy of patient medical information.

CEMS continues, under the permission of New Jersey Department of Health, to participate in the Epinephrine Auto Injector Program. Epinephrine Pens (Epi-Pens) are designed to deliver a pre-selected dose of epinephrine, used to treat severe allergic reactions. All employees underwent training with the cooperation of Trinitas Hospital to ensure proper use of the Epi-Pens. In the event of a severe allergic reaction CEMS is better equipped to deliver prompt and effective care to the residents of Cranford.

CEMS continues to expand the formerly known Vial of Life program with the File of Life Program. This program distributes a form to senior living facilities, seniors at home and any other residents wishing to have medical information available to Police and EMS in case of an emergency. This information provides a crucial link in delivering rapid and effective medical care to residents.

CEMS also provides timely information to senior citizens on the effects of extreme weather conditions such as heat waves, and snowstorms and how to stay safe and uninjured during such events.

Mutual aid is delivered to surrounding towns should they require assistance in a time of a medical emergency. Surrounding towns reciprocate the same for us if we are unavailable due to a high number of calls that day.

ALS units that respond to the Township of Cranford when warranted are based out of MONOC, Overlook Hospital, Trinitas Regional Medical Center, and Rahway Hospital. Some of the calls that may warrant ALS would be cardiac calls, respiratory calls, severe

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trauma, strokes, and serious motor vehicle accidents.

CEMS employees report to headquarters for the start of their shift at 0530 hours. The day is started with a very lengthy rig check performed by all staff. Oxygen levels, equipment, supplies, and cleanliness are all checked. The State of New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services license CEMS ambulances to provide Basic Life Support Services. EMS 1 and EMS 2 were inspected by the state in 2008 for all requirements needed for licensed ambulances. CEMS passed the inspection and is licensed until December of 2010.

CEMS is based out of the Cranford Fire Headquarters. Along with the Cranford Police Department, all three agencies work closely together in an effort to provide the most superior medical care.

Employees of the Cranford Emergency Medical Service for 2008 include:

Mikael Diaz, MICP, Supervisor

Jeffrey Webb, EMT-B, Asst. Supervisor

Michael Davitt, EMT-B

Kyle Dobiszewski, EMT-B

Tiffany Gaven, EMT-B, RN

Heather Giles, EMT-B

Kimberly Loessel, EMT-B

Philip Rivera, EMT-B

Kenneth Wetzel, EMT-B

Robert Kahl, EMT-B

Bryan Resser, EMT-B

Bijan Rastegarpanah, EMT-B

Timothy Loessel, EMT-B

Matthew Steitz, EMT-B

Augustine Alvarez, EMT-B

Training courses completed in 2008:

Mikael Diaz:

Incident Command System 300

Vehicle Rescue

EmsCharts Train the Trainer

Jeffrey Webb:

Epi-Pen

Vehicle Rescue



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January

The Cranford Police Department received approval in early 2008 for the department to use a United States Department of Justice grant for capital projects.

The department was granted \$235,000 for new technology for the police department under the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program from the Department of Justice.

In addition to covering the \$100,000 cost of an emergency generator, the grant was also used to purchase new in-car video systems, mobile computer systems, a portable light tower, three computer servers, 17 desktop computers, two ruggedized laptop cases, and two mobile printing systems.

Mayor Puhak highlighted the grant as part of the Township's efforts to find outside funding for projects within Cranford.

Chief Mason said that the money would cover the capital budget requests that had been outlined for the department until 2010.

Chief Mason had stated that the amount of technology the Cranford Police Department was able to acquire at one time was, in some ways, unprecedented.

February

The Cranford Police Department received a hearty thanks from David Flynn, owner of Roscommon Pictures, LLC, who recently presented Police Chief Eric Mason with a check for \$500 to be used towards the purchase of body armor for Cranford Police officers.

The donation was made after the Westfield based company finished filming "The Undying" at the Cranford Police Department.

Police Lieutenant Joseph Van Bergen said that one vest could be purchased with the amount donated by Mr. Flynn.

Flynn said that Cranford's reputation as a town amenable to filming is well deserved. "Cranford has got some great locations, and an extremely helpful police department. We had a great experience".

Van Bergen said the shooting made use of one office in the police headquarters and did not disrupt the workings of the department. "They were very conscious of our needs and stayed out of our way," Van Bergen said. "It was probably the most respectful film crew we've ever worked with."



the check presentation to the Cranford Police Department by Roscommon Pictures, LLC. Fromleft to right: Chief Eric Mason, Mr. David Flynn and Sergeant Edward Davenport

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March

Motorists using hand held phones or electronic communications devices while driving became a primary offense in March. The law does not prohibit the use of heads sets to use cellular phones.

Previously, drivers could only be ticketed by police if they were pulled over for a separate violation, such as running a red light or speeding.

“The previous legislation was virtually unenforceable absent a primary violation,” Cranford Police Chief Eric Mason said.

The offense carries a fine of \$100. Warnings may be issued instead of tickets at the officer’s discretion.

“I believe the new law is going to go a long way toward reducing the number of injuries and fatalities related to the number of people using cell phones while operating their cars,” Mason said. “This law is long overdue and there is no doubt in my mind that it will save lives.”

Mason said he has already observed fewer people operating their vehicles while talking on the phone in Cranford.

“We’re depending on the public to comply with the law, and enforcement will be the key to the success of this legislation,” Mason said.

April

The Cranford Police Department partnered with the National Bike Registry (NBR) to offer township residents discounted bicycle licenses to protect their bicycles in case they are stolen.

The NBR program gives the Cranford Police Department access to the extensive NBR registry so they can track down the rightful owners of bikes they recover. This registry now increases the chances that a stolen bicycle from Cranford will be matched to its owner no matter where it is recovered. If stolen, NBR registered bikes are 9 times more likely to be returned, than the national average.

Each year, 1,500,00 bicycles are stolen nationwide and about half of them are recovered, no less than 2 percent are ever returned because there’s no way to link a bike to its owner. When a bicycle is labeled and registered in the NBR database, it can be easily identified by police and returned to its rightful owner. Every time a police officer has recovered a bike that was in the NBR database, they have been able to quickly identify the owner so that the bike could be returned.

By joining the National Bike registry, Cranford bicycle owners can now increase security, discourage theft, and enjoy their bikes for years to come.

April



The Cranford Police Department participated with emergency vehicles and water crafts during the Calvary Lutheran Open House in April. Patrolman Sean Holcomb answers questions from preschoolers during the presentation.

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Calvary Lutheran Open House



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May

From May 19 to June 1, 2008, law enforcement officers in New Jersey stepped up enforcement and education of the state's Primary Seat Belt Law. The campaign came as part of the nationwide annual "Click It or Ticket" mobilization.

The goal of the program is to increase the statewide safety belt usage rate to 93 percent. Last year, the seat belt usage rate in New Jersey rose for the 11th consecutive year, to 91.4%.

In 2007, there were 716 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey, a large per-centage of which occurred because passengers were not wearing a safety belt. Between 1975 and 2000, safety belts prevented 135,000 fatalities and 3.8 million injuries nation-wide, saving an estimated \$585 billion in medical and other costs.

Safety belt use is especially important for teens and young adults. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for people age 15 to 34 in the United States.

During the mobilization period from May 19 to June 1, the Cranford Police Department conducted a zero tolerance safety belt enforcement campaign. Motorists who were not buckled up were issued a ticket.

"High visibility enforcement saves lives," said Police Chief Eric G. Mason. "Our goal is to make sure that all motor vehicle occupants are wearing their seatbelt."

June

On Saturday, June 14th the Cranford Police Department held an open house. This year's activities included tours of police headquarters, bicycle and pedestrian safety information, alcohol/drug awareness, and displays of police equipment. Children also had the opportunity to have their photo taken while sitting in a police car, motorcycle, and zodiac boat. Union County Sheriff's Department K9, Crime Scene, Union County Police Department Bomb Squad, Union County Office of Emergency Management Hazmat, and Cranford Police EMS demonstrations took place as well.



Meghan Quinn getting a first hand look at the Union County SWAT vehicle.



Officer Joseph Stulpin shows Matthew Marino the Cranford Police Department's rescue zodiac.



The Cranford Police Department participated in the Annual Torch Run to raise awareness for the Special Olympics on June 6, 2008. From left to right: Sergeant Anthony Dobbins, Sergeant Guy Patterson, Officer Matthew Nazzaro, Officer Thomas Stiansen, Officer Peter Graczyk, Detective John Swandrak, Officer Steven D'Ambola, Officer Christopher DiFabio and Officer William Pietrucha.

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July

For the second year in a row, the Cranford Police Department, in collaboration with the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey, implemented “Think Positive,” a helmet safety reward program.

This initiative, which began June 1, 2008 uses positive reinforcement and education as a means to emphasize the importance of helmet safety and brain injury prevention. Children under the age of 17 who are seen wearing a helmet when participating in a wheeled sport activity are given a “positive summons” by a police officer. The summons included a reward for practicing safe responsible behavior - a free slice of pizza donated by Il Giardino Ristorante of 103 Miln St. The summons also contained a raffle ticket for a \$100 Downtown Gift Check courtesy of the Cranford PBA. In addition to the “positive summons,” the department also issued “Best Buy Bucks” to older children found wearing a helmet. Best Buy donated these \$5 coupons for use in any of their New Jersey stores.

Brain injury is a leading cause of death and disability in children and young adults. A properly worn helmet is the single most effective safety device, reducing brain injury and death by as much as 88%. New Jersey’s helmet law requires kids under the age of 17 wear a helmet while bicycling, skateboarding, and rollerskating.

August

On August 5, 2008 dozens of families visited the Cranford Police Department’s display and celebrated National Night Out, a series of events across the county that brings residents and law enforcement together to put a stop to crime at the local level.

The visitors were located in the parking lot on Springfield Avenue across from Cranford Police headquarters and had a chance to get behind the wheel of a police cruiser, explore an ambulance, a rescue boat and other police vehicles. Visitors also enjoyed frozen treats courtesy of the PBA and entertainment by Donna Winter, better known as Petals the Clown. Detective Robert Montague said the event drew between 200 and 400 visitors, offering them a better look at how the police department operates.



PBA President, Officer Matthew Nazzaro and Chief Eric Mason at the PBA booth during National Night Out.



Emma Van Bergen enjoys the ice cream provided by the Cranford PBA Local 52.



Isabelle and Owen Hunt test the interior of a Cranford Police patrol car.

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National Night Out



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September

In September 2008 the Cranford Police Department re-launched their Pace Car Program.

The Pace Car Program is a citizen-based traffic calming program which supplements the department's Keep Kids Alive Drive 25 initiative.

The goal of the Pace Car Program is to create safer Cranford streets by encouraging residents to proactively promote driver responsibility and roadway safety through an educational and awareness campaign. Residents participate in the Pace Car Program by pledging to drive safely and within the posted speed limits while displaying a KKAD25 vehicle magnet or bumper sticker on the rear of their vehicle supplied free of charge by the department.

Residents participated in the Pace Car Program and pledged to following through by: Driving the speed limit; Stopping at all stop signs; Stopping at all red traffic lights; Yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks; and Displaying the Keep Kids Alive Drive 25 logo and encourage others to join the Pace Car Program.

October

A pair of Somerville men were charged with theft after a laptop was reported stolen from a North Avenue business, which lead police to a series of additional reports of suspicious activity.

According to Lieutenant Robert Colaneri, Cranford Police received a report from a North Avenue store, Fine Electronics that a man entered the store and distracted the owner while another man stole a laptop used for business purposes that was sitting on a counter. A report was filed and a description of the two men was provided to police.

The next day, Lieutenant James Wozniak saw one of the men near the Cranford Crossing parking garage carrying a coffee cup from Java's Brewin' marked "tips". Wozniak and Officer John Rattigan arrested the men, Harry Cohen, 48, and Noel Brown, 19, and took them in for questioning.

While in custody, Cohen and Brown admitted that they took the laptop from Fine Electronics and the tip cup from Java's Brewin', police said. Cohen also admitted that he took a pair of Prada sunglasses from Cranford Ophthalmology, police said.

Cohen was charged with two counts of theft, admitting to taking the laptop and the sunglasses, and Brown was charged with one count of theft and one count of disorderly conduct, admitting he took the tip cup and provided a distraction during the other theft.



Commissioner Martha Garcia, Trudy Allen, Ann Brown and Lieutenant Joseph Van Bergen display the "Keep Kids Alive Drive 25 Materials for the Pace Car Program.

2008 IN REVIEW

CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT 2008 EVENTS

November

Police Chief Eric G. Mason advised all highway users to exercise caution during the 2008 Thanksgiving holiday.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration statistics showed that 31,693 passenger vehicle occupants died in crashes in 2004 and more than half of those killed were not wearing safety belts at the time of the crash.

Because the hazards increase with personal travel Chief Mason said, "It is important for motorists to concentrate on safety, avoid the distractions, drive defensively, and wear safety belts at all times."

"Another concern is part-time safety belt users either forget or just fail to wear their safety belts on shorter trips or when traveling close to home." Chief Mason said, "Deadly traffic crashes can and do happen anywhere at any time, so all vehicle riders must buckle up."

National surveys show that safety belt use is far lower for passengers in the rear seat than those in the front seat. Only 47 percent of rear-seated passengers buckle up compared to 80 percent in the front seat. Even though there is pending legislation to require rear seat passengers to buckle up Chief Mason urged "voluntary compliance by all passengers; it's an undisputable fact that safety belts prevent certain injuries and save lives, regardless of where you're sitting in the vehicle."

December

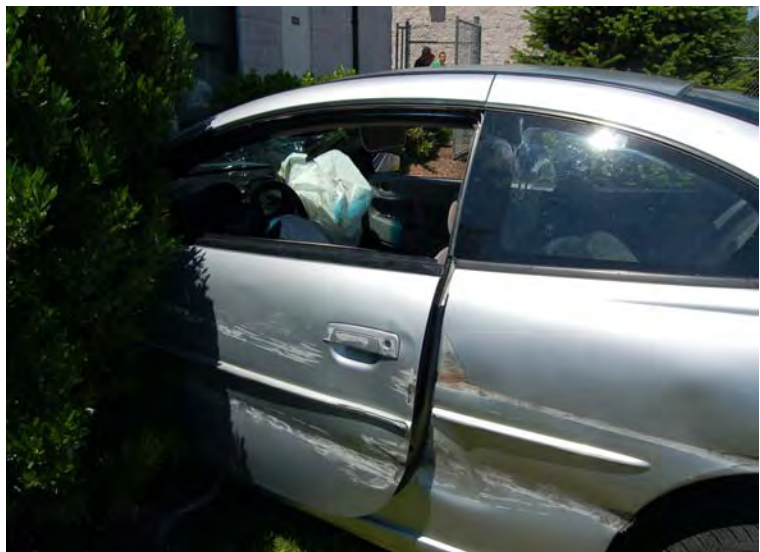
From December 8, 2008 through January 2, 2009, the Cranford Police Department stepped up impaired driving enforcement as a part of the annual holiday season "You Drink and Drive, You Lose" campaign.



A concentrated national effort, the campaign helps to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving through high visibility enforcement and public education.

The Cranford Police Department advises motorists:

- If you plan to drink, choose a designated driver before going out.
- Take mass transit, a taxicab, or ask a sober friend to drive you home.
- Spend the night where the activity is held.
- Report impaired drivers to law enforcement. New Jersey drivers may dial 77 on their cell phones to report a drunk driver.
- Always buckle up. It is your best defense against an impaired driver.



Side view of a vehicle after a crash where a drunk driver attempted to elude Cranford Police.

2008 IN REVIEW

2008 CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMENDATIONS

March, 2008

Sergeant Francis Hanley

Officer Brian Thomas

Commended for their efforts in the apprehension of a perpetrator responsible for breaking and entering into a Cranford residence.

March, 2008

Lieutenant James Wozniak

Sergeant Francis Hanley

Officer Joseph Stulpin

Officer Eugene Perrotta

Officer John Rattigan

Officer Robert Jordan

Officer Sean Holcomb

Officer Brian Lopez

Officer Derek Farbanec

Officer Peter Graczyk

Officer Timothy O'Brien

Officer Brian Thomas

Commended for their efforts surrounding the investigation and apprehension of a Cranford resident wanted for the crimes of Armed Robbery, Possession of a Weapon, Aggravated Assault, and Burglary.

July, 2008

Detective John Swandrak

Commended for his efforts in the investigation of a burglary/theft that led to apprehension of the perpetrators and the recovery of the stolen property.

October, 2008

Lieutenant Stephen Wilde

Sergeant Anthony Dobbins

Officer John Rattigan

Commended for their efforts toward the apprehension of a perpetrator responsible for the theft of a purse, resulting in the recovery of the stolen property.

October, 2008

Officer Matthew Nazzaro

Commended for his actions during an off duty incident where he performed life saving CPR on an unconscious woman who was not breathing.

December, 2008

Sergeant Christopher Polito

Detective Richard Vitale

Detective Matthew Widdows

Commended by the Union County Prosecutor for their outstanding level of investigative ability and commitment to the Juvenile Bureau.

DAYS GONE BY...

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE OF THE CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



Lieutenant George Rosendale and Sergeant Harry Page with a tank at the Annual Township of Cranford Memorial Day Parade on May 30, 1950.