

Cranford Police Department

2009 Annual Report



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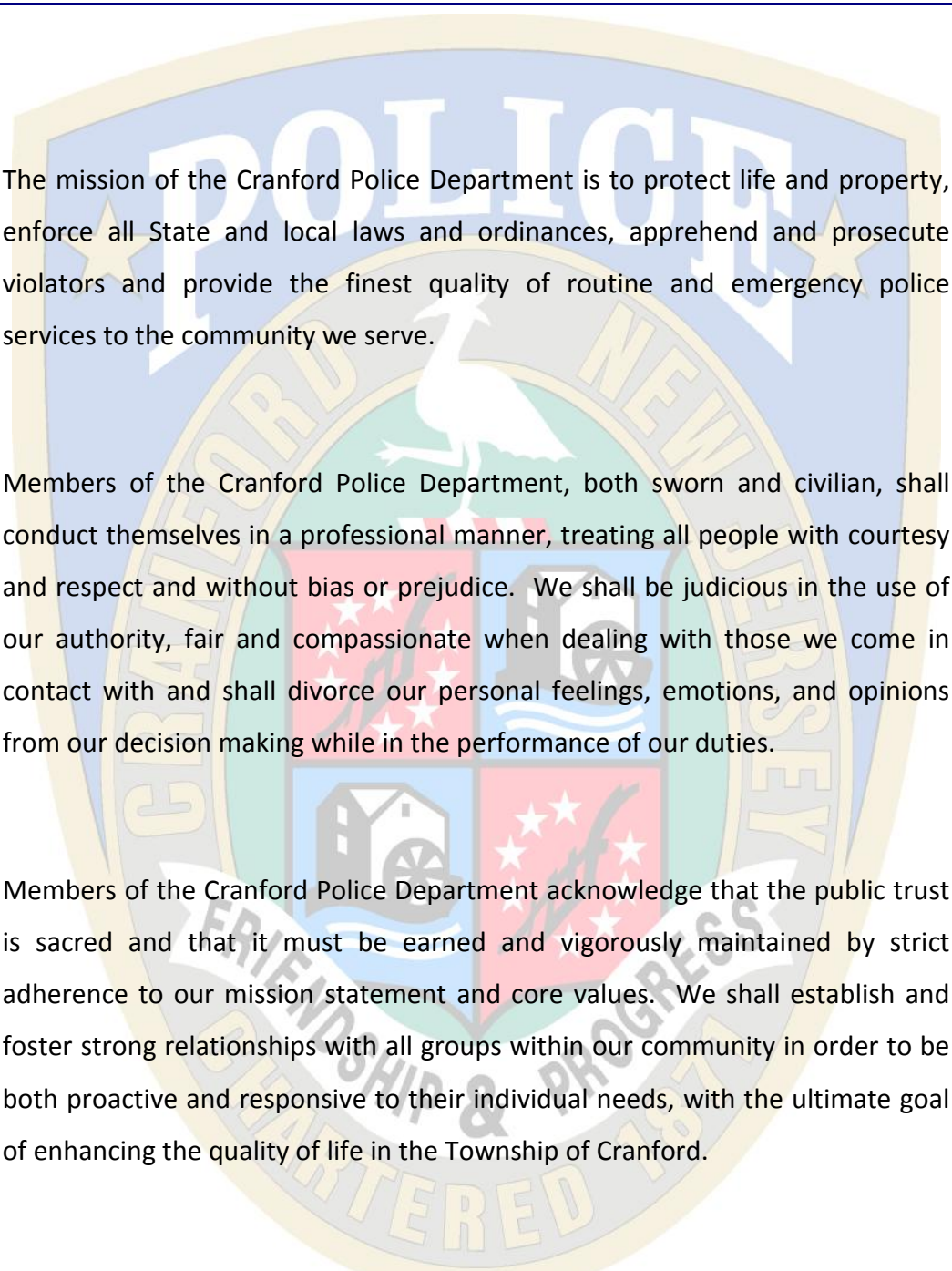
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Mission Statement

Cranford Police Department Mission Statement

The seal of the Cranford Police Department is a large, semi-transparent watermark in the background. It features a central shield with a white swan, a red and white striped section, and a blue section with a white house. The shield is surrounded by a yellow border with the word 'POLICE' at the top and 'NEW JERSEY' at the bottom. The words 'CRANFORD' and 'CHARTERED 1874' are also visible.

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

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ERIC G. MASON
CHIEF OF POLICE



I respectfully submit the 2009 Annual Report for the Cranford Police Department. This report is a collection of the stellar efforts of all the men and women of the police department during the last year.

Despite the continuing economic troubles of New Jersey and the country as a whole, the Cranford Police Department has, and will, continue to provide the professional services that the community has come to expect.

To continue the open lines of communication between the police department and community, we held our fourth session of the Citizens Police Academy as well as the third session of the Youth Police Academy this year. Both programs continue to grow each year with positive results.

In keeping with changing trends in traffic safety, the police department took part in two pilot enforcement programs in 2009. The first was the "Hang Up! Just Drive." campaign which targeted violators of the state's cell phone law. The second program was the "Don't Drive Stupid" GDL Education and Enforcement Mobilization. This effort was designed to increase teen driver awareness of the potentially deadly consequences of bad driving behaviors. Due to these and other traffic safety programs, the Cranford Police Department was again recognized with a first place finish in the New Jersey Law Enforcement Challenge as having the best overall traffic safety program in agencies with 45-65 officers.

I would like to thank the Cranford Township Committee for their continued support. In addition, I want to acknowledge Township Administrator Marlana Schmid for her commitment to the Cranford Police Department in it's efforts to serve the community.

I continue to consider it a privilege to serve the residents of Cranford with the members of the Cranford Police Department.

The image shows the handwritten signature of Eric G. Mason in black ink.

Eric G. Mason
Chief of Police

To Protect and Serve

In Dedication

In Dedication to those who have served as Cranford Police Officers

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

William Crory
Edward Csuka
Donald A. Curry
Myron Cymbaluk
Paul R. Cymbaluk
Samuel W. Cymbaluk
Steven R. D'Ambola
Raymond L. Davidson
Edward R. Davenport
Michael A. Deane
Christopher M. DiFabio
Anthony J. Dobbins
Clifford W. Dobbins
Michael E. Dow
Bernard A. Doyle, Jr.
Gregory J. Drexler
Nicholas Druzek
Spencer J. Durkin
Edwin F. Eldridge
George Ennesser
Larry Erickson
Derek M. Farbanec
Patrick J. Fay
Michael Fedroff
Thomas J. Feeney
Albert R. Fischer
William A. Fischer
Steven Gachko
John T. Gallagher
Edward J. Galvin
William G. Gassman
Peter J. Graczyk
Ryan J. Greco
Jennifer Green
George Greiss
Alfred V. Grickowski
William Griffin
Louis L. Guertin
Robert A. Guertin
Lewis H. Halsey
Brian S. Hand
Robert F. Hand

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 R. Jordan, Jr.
George W. Kane, Jr.
Thomas E. Kane
Alex King
Louis M. Kleeman
Rudolph Klempa
Edward J. Klubenspies
John P. Korsch
Joseph R. Koury
Ralph J. Koury
Anton Kovacs
John J. Kovacs
(Unk.) Krise
Paul Lampert
Thomas Leavy
Edward N. Lee
Linn M. Lockwood, Jr.
Brian M. Lopez
John E. Lowrey
Russell J. Luedecker
James K. Manning
Salvatore Manuri, Jr.

In Dedication

In Dedication to those who have served as Cranford Police Officers

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 A. Montague
Stephen Motyczka
Matthew R. Nazzaro
John G. Neil
Frank Neilson
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 K. Pietrucha
Henry Polidoro
Christopher T. Polito
George A. Porcella
Lester W. Powell
John J. Puglisi

Gerard P. Quinn
John G. Ranhofer
John J. Rattigan
Herman Redrup
Kelly A. Rieder
Frederick G. Roberts
George L. Rosendale
Robert J. Ryan
Leo J. Schaeffer
Robert Schafer
Edward A. Schindler
Stephen D. Schlapak
Richard H. Schofield
Leo A. Schultz
Robert M. Segear
Andrew J. Sharo, Jr.
Henry Simon
James F. Sloan
Kelly M. Sretenovic
John H. Stanier, Jr.
Thomas C. Stiansen
Joseph W. Stulpin
John J. 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 R. Toy
Joseph P. Van Bergen, Jr.
Vanessa Van Brunt
Leonard R. Van Sadars
John F. Varley, Jr.
Peter Vergalla
Richard J. Vitale
Brian J. Wagner
George C. Ward
James E. Washbourne
Matthew J. Widdows

Harry W. Wilde
Russell S. Wilde
Stephen D. Wilde
Frank T. Williams
David P. Winans
Norman Woitkowski
Thomas W. Woods, Sr.
Thomas H. Woods, Jr.
James Wozniak
Edward T. Zarzecki
William E. Zirkel
Donald P. Zsak

***Names that appear in bold
indicate Chiefs of Police**

Police Administration

Cranford Police Department Administration



Eric G. Mason
Chief of Police



Jerome M. Andrews
Operations Captain



John C. Baer
Administrative Captain

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 Commissioners 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.



David W. Robinson
Mayor



Mark C. Smith
Deputy Mayor
Comm. of Public Works



Martha Garcia
Commissioner of
Public Safety



Mark P. Dugan
Commissioner of
Finance



Daniel J. Aschenbach
Commissioner of
Public Affairs

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 Patrolman Robert F. Hand

Patrolman Robert F. Hand



Patrolman Robert F. Hand served with the Cranford Police Department from July 1, 1956 until February 11, 1975 when he died in the line of duty. He gave his life in service to this community and his sacrifice will never be forgotten.

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

Communications Division

Sgt. Michael E. Dow
Sgt. Anthony J. Dobbins

Communications Officers

Kathleen A. Ditzel
Diana M. Chilson
Stacy A. Thorn
Rosemary T. Cartwright
Anthony E. Matusawicz
Leon T. Paster
Michael P. Dubitsky
Rachel Venckus
Justin Conklin
Richard Villane
Jaclyn A. Benkovich

Detective Bureau

Lt. Robert A. Colaneri
Sgt. Gerard P. Quinn
Det. John J. Swandrak
Det. Robert A. Montague
Det. Michael L. Andrews
Det. Ryan J. Greco

Juvenile Bureau

Sgt. Christopher T. Polito
Det. Richard Vitale
Det. Matthew J. Widdows

Lieutenants

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

Patrol Division

Lt. Stephen D. Wilde
Lt. James Wozniak
Sgt. Thomas J. Feeney
Sgt. Frank T. Williams
Sgt. Guy E. Patterson
Sgt. Edward R. Davenport
Ptl. Robert E. Peters
Ptl. Donald P. Zsak
Ptl. Peter J. Graczyk
Ptl. John M. Heesters
Ptl. Patrick J. Fay
Ptl. Brian M. Lopez
Ptl. William K. Pietrucha
Ptl. Derek M. Farbanec
Ptl. Brian D. Thomas
Ptl. Thomas M. Bell
Ptl. Timothy W. O'Brien
Ptl. Joseph W. Stulpin
Ptl. Nadia N. Jones
Ptl. Nelson W. Hearn, Jr.
Ptl. Sean T. Holcomb
Ptl. Matthew R. Nazzaro
Ptl. Brian J. Wagner
Ptl. Steven R. D'Ambola
Ptl. John M. Colineri
Ptl. Daniel S. Norton
Ptl. Spencer Durkin

Sergeants

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

Patrol Division (Cont.)

Ptl. Christopher DiFabio
Ptl. Thomas C. Stiansen
Ptl. John J. Rattigan
Ptl. Eugene J. Perrotta
Ptl. Kelly A. Rieder
Ptl. Robert R. Jordan, Jr.
Ptl. Kelly M. Sretenovic

Records Division

Sgt. Craig L. Marino
Clerk Jean H. McComb
Clerk Suzanne M. Welsh

Information Technology

Emmanuel O. Chiobi

Traffic Division

Lt. Joseph P. Van Bergen
Det. Steven R. Toy
Det. Russell Luedecker

Traffic Maintenance

Charles E. Fette
Joseph A. Corbisiero

Personnel Changes

Cranford Police Department 2009 Personnel Changes

Ryan J. Greco	January 1, 2009	Detective
John M. Colineri	January 1, 2009	Officer 4th Grade
Daniel S. Norton	January 1, 2009	Officer 4th Grade
Brian J. Wagner	January 1, 2009	Officer 5th Grade
Matthew R. Nazzaro	January 1, 2009	Officer 5th Grade
Russell J. Luedecker	February 1, 2009	Officer 4th Grade
Spencer J. Durkin	February 1, 2009	Officer 4th Grade
Christopher M. DiFabio	February 1, 2009	Officer 4th Grade
Steven R. D'Ambola	July 1, 2009	Officer 5th Grade
Matthew J. Widdows	July 1, 2009	Officer 5th Grade
Thomas C. Stiansen	July 22, 2009	Officer 4th Grade
Robert E. Peters	September 1, 2009	Retired Patrolman
Matthew J. Widdows	November 20, 2009	Resigned Detective
John J. Rattigan	December 31, 2009	Officer 4th Grade
Eugene J. Perrotta	December 31, 2009	Officer 3rd Grade
Kelly A. Rieder	December 31, 2009	Officer 3rd Grade
Robert R. Jordan	December 31, 2009	Officer 2nd Grade
Kelly M. Sretenovic	December 31, 2009	Officer 1st Grade

Patrolman James F. Sloan



Former Cranford Police Officer James Sloan died June 24th at his home in Annapolis, Maryland at the age of 62 after a battle with ALS, Lou Gehrig's Disease. Officer Sloan was born in 1947 in Springfield, Massachusetts and moved to Cranford in 1961. He entered the U.S. Army in 1967 and served in Germany as a signal corps lieutenant until 1970.

Sloan joined the Cranford Police Department September 16, 1970 and resigned March 1, 1973 after taking a position with the Union County Prosecutor's Office where he worked as a homicide investigator and polygraph examiner. In 2003 he was appointed by President George W. Bush as the Assistant Commandant for Intelligence and Criminal Investigations for the U.S. Coast Guard, eventually retiring March 19, 2009. Sloan's career in security and law enforcement spanned a wide array of positions. Prior to his position with the U.S.C.G. he worked as director of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, a division of the U.S. Treasury Department, where he oversaw policies to prevent and detect money-laundering and the financing of terrorism. In 2001, he served as the acting undersecretary of enforcement at the treasury department. Sloan also served in the U.S. Secret Service as deputy assistant director for protective operations, which oversaw protection of vice president George H.W. Bush and later Barbara Bush, when she was First Lady, and President Bill Clinton.

Training

Cranford Police Department Training

The Cranford Police Department is committed to developing and continuing training programs that will improve the skills and knowledge of its officers thereby enhancing the level of service delivered to the community. The *Training Mission* for the Cranford Police Department is to develop a system of training which will enhance the knowledge, abilities, attitudes and behavior of all its members.

In order to provide the best service possible, the constant training and re-training of police personnel is imperative. Employers want workers who are more productive and require less management. Better trained workers tend to be more productive than those who are untrained. The more an officer knows about a particular job's function or the more they understand a particular task, the more valuable they will become to the organization. Chief Eric G. Mason recognizes the need for continued training to keep our officers' skills current and educate them on the new programs and techniques. Having well trained officers is a necessity, not a luxury and provides the following:

- Improves employee performance
- Informs workers about critical policies and operations
- Protects the organization from legal problems
- Prevents accidents and injuries
- Develops skills and knowledge to prepare workers and the organization for future challenges
- Supports excellence and quality

For Police Officers in the Cranford Police Department, training begins with the Cranford Police Department Field Training Program. Immediately upon graduating from the John H. Stamler Police Academy, each officer is teamed up with a Field Training Officer (FTO) and spends the next 14 weeks becoming proficient in certain training tasks required by our FTO Program. This training not only teaches the new officers policies, procedures and guidelines, but also exposes them to real life situations with a more experienced officer at their side. Ultimately, the FTO program allows for the proper assimilation and acclimation of our new Officers into the Department where they may spend the next twenty- five years serving the citizens of Cranford.

The Cranford Police Department continues training in the form of in-service training, professional development courses, specialized skills training and legal updates, to name a few. This training is provided for all sworn officers, communications officers, and civilian employees. Also, all police officers within Union County must be trained twice a year in firearms qualifications, the use of force and the New Jersey Attorney General's pursuit guidelines. The Cranford Police Department also utilizes numerous media publications, including but not limited to 911 Magazine, NJ Cops Magazine, Quinlan Publishing's Arrest, Search & Seizure Law Bulletin, Investigative Stops Law Bulletin and Arrest Law Bulletin, and The Union County Prosecutors Newsletter.

The following pages are a list of the training programs our employees attended in 2009. In addition, all sworn personnel were trained in Penn-Flores Search & Seizure and Internal Affairs.

Training

Cranford Police Department Training

Jerome Andrews

Sexual Harassment & Discrimination
NJ Emergency Preparedness Conference
Domestic Terrorism Seminar
Gang Identification and Auto Crime Techniques
Suicide Bomber: Modern Terror Threat
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Michael Andrews

Gang Identification and Auto Crime Techniques
Transient Criminal Activity Seminar
CODIS Conference for DNA Collectors
Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Refresher Course
Alcoholic Beverage Control Enforcement
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

John Baer

Law Enforcement Accreditation Conference
Public Assistance Regional Workshops
Sexual Harassment & Discrimination
FBI National Academy Seminar
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Thomas Bell

Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Refresher
ECO Refresher
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Jaclyn Benkovich

EMD Training

Rosemary Cartwright

ECO Refresher & CFD Guidelines

Diana Chilson

ECO Refresher & CFD Guidelines

Robert Colaneri

Identifying Warning Signs of School Violence
Bulletproof Mind: Prevailing Violent Encounters
2009 Safe School Symposium
Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Refresher
Officer Involved Incidents: Investigations
Juvenile Justice Update
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

John Colineri

Managing Civil Actions in Threat Incidents UCERT
Narcotic Investigations for Patrol Officers
ECO Refresher & CFD Guidelines
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Joseph Corbisiero

Fork Lift Operator
ICOP Digital Installer Certification

Steven D'Ambola

Eco Refresher & CFD Guidelines
Gang Identification and Investigation
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Edward Davenport

Contemporary Supervision Techniques
NJSACOP Command & Leadership Program
Radar instructor Recertification
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Christopher DiFabio

Law Enforcement Encounters- Hispanic Community
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Kathleen Ditzel

ECO Refresher & CFD Guidelines
Being the Best Dispatcher

Anthony Dobbins

Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Refresher
Sexual Harassment & Discrimination
CFD Guidelines
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Michael Dow

ECO Refresher
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Michael Dubitsky

ECO Refresher & CFD Guidelines

Spencer Durkin

ECO Refresher
Gangs and Drugs

Training

Cranford Police Department Training

Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Derek Farbanec

ECO Refresher & CFD Guidelines
Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Refresher
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Patrick Fay

Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Thomas Feeney

CFD Guidelines
Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Refresher
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Charles Fette

Forklift Operator
ICOP Digital Installer Certification
Comeback Prevention Seminar

Peter Graczyk

ECO Refresher & CFD Guidelines
Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Refresher
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Ryan Greco

Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Refresher
Basic Fingerprinting I
Digital Evidence Collection
NJSP Criminal Investigations School
Transient Criminal Activity
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Nelson Hearn

ECO Refresher & CFD Guidelines
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

John Heesters

ECO Refresher & CFD Guidelines
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Sean Holcomb

Gang Awareness
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Nadia Jones

ECO Refresher & CFD Guidelines
DWI Field Sobriety
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Robert Jordan

ECO Certification
EMD Certification
Handcuffing Techniques
Drug Recognition/Under the Influence
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Brian Lopez

Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Russell Luedecker

Insurance Fraud
Statement Taking
“Best Practices” Safety Symposium
Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification
Child Passenger Safety Technician Recertification
LIDAR Operator Certification
NJTR-1 Motor Carrier Refresher
Safe Passage Symposium
ICOP Digital Installer Certification
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Craig Marino

TAC Seminar
Officer Involved Incidents
Law Enforcement Accreditation Conference
Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Refresher
FBI National Academy Seminar
Public Assistance Regional Workshop
New Jersey Accreditation Assessor
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Eric Mason

FBI National Academy Seminar
Public Safety Shared Services Forum
“Best Practices” Safety Symposium
Safe Passage Symposium
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Anthony Matusawicz

Training

Cranford Police Department Training

ECO Refresher & CFD Guidelines
Being the Best Dispatcher

Robert Montague

Firearms Practical Handling and Operations
Homicide Conference
Holtz Arrest, Search, & Seizure
Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Refresher
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Matthew Nazzaro

ECO Refresher
DORON Driving Simulator
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Daniel Norton

ECO Refresher & CFD Guidelines
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Timothy O'Brien

ECO Refresher & CFD Guidelines
Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Refresher
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Leon Paster

ECO Refresher

Guy Patterson

CFD Guidelines
Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Refresher
PHTLS
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Eugene Perrotta

ECO Refresher
Insurance Fraud
Holtz Arrest, Search, and Seizure
Understanding Occults, Cults, & Sub Culture
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Robert Peters

ECO Refresher
Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Refresher
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

William Pietrucha

ECO Refresher
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Christopher Polito

Advanced Criminal Investigations
Safe Schools Symposium
Juvenile Justice Update
Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Refresher
Contemporary Supervision Techniques
National PAL Conference
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Gerard Quinn

UCR Training
Safe Schools Symposium
Law Enforcement Accreditation Conference
Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Refresher
Leadership Principles for Investigators
Public Assistance Regional Workshop
NJ Accreditation Assessor
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

John Rattigan

ECO Refresher
Domestic Drug Interdiction
Incident Command Systems Manager
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Kelly Rieder

ECO Refresher
Drug Recognition and Under the Influence
Domestic Violence for Municipal Law Enf.
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Kelly Sretenovic

ECO Refresher
Holtz Arrest, Search, and Seizure
DORON Driving Simulator
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Thomas Stiansen

ECO Refresher
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Training

Cranford Police Department Training

Joseph Stulpin

ECO Refresher & CFP Guidelines
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

John Swandrak

Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Refresher
ABC Enforcement Techniques
Digital Evidence Collection
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Brian Thomas

Identity Theft
Insurance Fraud
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Stacy Thorn

ECO Refresher & CFD Guidelines

Steven Toy

Holtz Legal Update
Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Refresher
Digital Photography for Crash Investigators
Law Enforcement Challenge Workshop
New Jersey Work Zone Safety
NJTR-1 Motor Carrier Refresher
Safe Passage Symposium
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Joseph Van Bergen

FBI Mid-Atlantic LEEDS
Public Assistance Regional Workshop
Public Safety Shared Services Forum
“Best Practices” Safety Symposium
Safe Passage Symposium
NJTR-1 Motor Carrier Refresher
Plan 4 Safety
Radar Instructor Recertification
Traffic Control Independence
ICOP Digital Installer Certification
FBI National Academy Seminar
Dare to Prepare
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Richard Villane

ECO Refresher

Richard Vitale

Internal Affairs Policy and Procedure
Sexual Assault Prevention
NJJOA Annual Training
Juvenile Justice Update
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course
Holtz Arrest, Search, and Seizure
Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Refresher
Managing Police Discipline

Brian Wagner

ECO Refresher
Insurance Fraud
Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Operator Certification
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Matthew Widdows

Online Networking
RIED Advanced Interview and Interrogation
RIED Interview and Interrogation
Juvenile Justice Update
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Stephen Wilde

ECO Refresher & CFD Guidelines
EMD Certification
Domestic Violence Update
Holtz Legal Update
Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Refresher
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Frank Williams

Domestic Violence Update
Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Refresher
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

James Wozniak

ECO Refresher & CFD Guidelines
Domestic Violence for Municipal Law Enf.
Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Operator Certification
Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Donald Zsak

Departmental S&W .40 cal Weapon Course

Firearms Unit

Cranford Police Department Firearms Unit

The Cranford Police Department Firearms Unit began researching a replacement handgun in late 2006 for our department issued firearm. The current weapon at the time was a Smith & Wesson model 4586 .45 caliber semi automatic issued in 1996.

There is no certified number of years that a firearm is recommended to be replaced; however, the International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors recommends the acceptable time frame for “police duty issued firearm” replacement is ten years. This number takes into account the fact that the weapons are carried daily in holsters exposed to all weather elements, humidity, and varying temperatures. Also, due to biannual firearms qualifications these weapons have had an average of 3,000 rounds of ammunition through them.

In the end the Firearms Unit recommended the Smith & Wesson model M&P 40. The M&P is the “Military & Police .40 caliber” semi

automatic handgun and went into production in 2005. It utilizes a polymer frame with stainless steel structural components including a through hardened stainless steel slide and barrel with a black Melonite finish. This finish provides enhanced protection from wear, tear, solvents, salts, and weather. The M&P 40 is double action only and utilizes a magazine disconnect for officer safety. There is a universal rail at the bottom of the frame to accommodate a gun mounted light (shown below). This allows officers to keep both hands on their gun while firing in low light conditions.

The switch from .45 caliber to .40 caliber was due to higher magazine capacity (15 rounds vs. 8 rounds), lighter weight gun (29 oz. vs. 40 oz), and FBI ballistic evaluations that found the .40 caliber to outperform the .45 caliber.

Below top is the full size M&P 40 used by members of the Patrol Division. Bottom gun is the compact M&P 40 used by specialized division members.



Communications Division

Cranford Police Department Communications Division

The Communications Division works very closely with the Patrol Division and falls under the direct supervision of Administrative Captain John Baer.

Sergeant Anthony J Dobbins was assigned to A & B squads and Sergeant Michael Dow was assigned to C & D squads. The sergeants generally work from noon until midnight to cover a majority of both the day and night shifts. Duties included but were not limited to oversee day-to-day operations related to Communications.

Ten full time civilian Communications Officers comprise the workforce. The schedule for these Communications Officers is as follows: two day shift officers, two night shift officers, and one mid-shift officer per day. Both the Communications and Patrol Divisions adhere to the four-day on, four day off work schedule.

Each employee who works in the Communication Center is required to have at least 8 hours per year of continuing education as it relates to 9-1-1 and Emergency Medical Dispatch. In 2009 the continued required training was conducted by Sergeant Anthony Dobbins, who is a State of New Jersey instructor in both of these courses. This allows all personnel to be trained in-house over the course of the year. This in-house training is all done without overtime and is a huge savings to the Township of Cranford. All employees completed the training in 2009.

With the physical layout providing four separate workstations, it allows for an environment more conducive to productive work. Three of these stations are for use by

the Communications Officers and are a Public Safety Answering Point for receiving 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 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 2009 were **67,633**. In the Communications Center, like every department within the Cranford Police Department, we continue to strive to be the best. By following the guides of the Accreditation Standards and internal policies our Communications Center is second to none.

The Communications Center will continue to grow and flourish. As the hub of the township's emergency response system, the updates in equipment and personnel ensure the maximum amount of safety to the residents of Cranford. The increased responsibility that is put on the Communications Officer each year with new technology requires employees to be at the top of their game at all times. Increased training and raising the bar on hiring practices has maintained this stellar work force. In December of 2009, Chief Mason announced that our department would be returning to a more traditional model. This will be assigning two patrol lieutenants as the watch commanders of the shift. We look forward to 2010.

Detective Bureau

Cranford Police Department Investigative Division

The Detective Bureau is a unit within the Investigative Division, and is under the command of Lieutenant Robert Colaneri. Sergeant Gerard Quinn is the evening shift supervisor in charge of the Detective Bureau. When fully staffed, the Bureau is manned by four Detectives; Detective John Swandrak, Detective Robert Montague, Detective Michael Andrews and Detective Ryan Greco all served in the unit during 2009. Det. Montague was reassigned to the Juvenile Bureau in November 2009. Each Detective handles a multitude of criminal and non-criminal investigations.

The Detective Bureau maintains the availability of highly trained investigators and crime scene processors 24 hours per day and 365 days per year. Each detective is responsible to cover off hours and is assigned to an on-call rotation that includes weekends, holidays and overnight periods. Regardless of the time of day or night, detectives will respond to emergencies and crime scenes within minutes of notification. Detective Bureau supervisors are on call around the clock and will respond to the most serious events.

The Detective Bureau is responsible for conducting follow-up investigations of all reported incidents and crimes. These investigations involve a thorough review of all case facts, an analysis of clues and evidence recovered at the scene or through additional investigation, and the identification and possible interrogation of criminal suspects. They also involve making contact with and interviewing victims, witnesses and other involved parties. All Cranford detectives are trained in various investigative techniques, interview & interrogation, surveillance, counter-terrorism, gang interdiction and intelligence gathering. Detectives also receive specialized training on modern technology and are able to access databases maintained by the FBI, Secret Service, Union County Prosecutor, etc., for the purpose

of developing leads in criminal investigations. Although detective work can be tedious and time consuming at times, detectives will follow all leads and utilize the technical skills they have learned, along with other senses they possess, to successfully solve a case. Many times instinct and hunches supplement a detective's training and experience.

Notable cases successfully investigated in 2009 included the arrest of a carjacking suspect in August following a month long investigation, the first successful cyber-stalking investigation and prosecution in New Jersey (following the passage of a new law in March 2009), and the surveillance and arrest of a former resident following a rash of nighttime "cat" burglaries.

Members of the Detective Bureau are committed to the goal of suppressing crime in the community as well as providing quality police services to the residents of the Township of Cranford. Due to the unpredictable nature of criminal investigations, it is also common for the Detective Bureau to solve crimes that occurred in neighboring communities, or to benefit from an investigation initiated in another jurisdiction. Membership in the Union County Municipal Investigators Association is one vehicle for such cooperation and coordination.

During 2009 detectives were assigned a total of 2256 cases. Each Detective handled an average of 376 cases in 2009.

In addition to handling a daily caseload, the detectives conducted 136 background investigations for firearms applicants (a 400% increase over 2008). These background investigations involve verifying biographical data, interviewing multiple character references, conducting a state criminal history review, requesting a mental health records check, conducting a domestic violence/restraining order inquiry, and submission of fingerprints to

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the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the New Jersey State Police. Background checks are also conducted for every taxi, limousine, solicitor and peddler permit issued by the Township.

As a special service to the residents of Cranford, the Detective Bureau offers ink fingerprint services to all residents every Tuesday during business hours. In 2009 the Detective Bureau fingerprinted 69 applicants. Due to changing policies dictated by the State of New Jersey, only those residents applying for federal jobs, or applying for firearms permits can be fingerprinted locally. This caused a decrease in fingerprinting services in 2009 as compared to previous years.

Each year the Detective Bureau is responsible for conducting annual inspections of licensed establishments that serve or sell alcohol. In 2009 Detectives John Swandrak and Michael Andrews conducted 14 inspections of licensed establishments in order to verify compliance with New Jersey State ABC regulations. In order to comply with state regulations and meet local responsibilities, both detectives have received specialized training in the laws and procedures surrounding licensed businesses.

The Cranford Police Department, and specifically the Detective Bureau, is committed to serving the citizens of Cranford by providing a series of educational programs and lectures designed to increase public awareness and safety. In 2009 Lieutenant Robert Colaneri and Sergeant Jerry Quinn conducted a block of instruction to the Cranford Police Departments Citizens Academy on crime scene processing and fingerprinting. Detectives within the unit spoke to various civic groups within the community concerning safety and awareness. Sgt. Gerard Quinn spoke to several organizations (scouts, PTAs, SERV Centers of NJ) about Internet safety and social networking. Sgt. Quinn also spoke to the Union County Rape Crisis counselors on the role the

police department plays in a sexual assault investigation. 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 to symbolize solidarity and victory of neighborhoods and communities against street crime and drugs. As in previous years, Detective Robert Montague organized the event. He was assisted by many detectives, officers and volunteers throughout the community and was able to provide a wealth of literature, information and positive impressions with residents of Cranford. Educating the citizens of Cranford and other agencies through awareness programs not only helps protect our citizens but also helps foster improved and productive relationships between the police and the public. The members of the Detective Bureau enjoy providing this service, and most find it very rewarding.

In order to cultivate relationships with members of other law enforcement agencies, Cranford Detective Bureau personnel held memberships in the following organizations in 2009:

The FBI National Academy Association, the New Jersey State Crime Prevention Officers Association, the Union County Municipal Investigators Association, the Mid-Atlantic Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network, the Association of Evidence and Property Officers, the New Jersey Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association, the High Tech Crime Investigators Association, the International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists, the National White Collar Crime Center, the New Jersey Fraud Investigators Association, the Internet Fraud Complaint Center, the National Association of the Town Watch and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

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2009 CLASS I OFFENSES BY MONTH													
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Robbery	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	6
Assault	6	4	14	5	11	5	10	7	4	9	5	2	82
Burglary	0	0	5	7	7	3	6	4	8	2	5	1	48
Theft	11	14	6	18	15	22	14	12	11	8	6	20	157
MV Theft	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	9
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	19	18	27	31	37	32	31	24	24	19	18	26	306

CLASS I OFFENSES		
	2008	2009
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	4
Robbery	4	6
Assault	58	82
Burglary	45	48
Theft	262	157
MV Theft	8	9
Arson	1	0
TOTAL	378	306

ARRESTS		
	2008	2009
Adult	418	390
Juvenile	71	51
TOTAL	489	441

AGGRAVATED ASSULTS ON POLICE	
2008	2009
5	3

CLASS II OFFENSES		
	2008	2009
Fraud	93	126
Stolen Property	3	13
Criminal Mischief	265	249
Weapons Offenses	7	14
Sex Offenses (not Rape)	1	0
Narcotics Investigations	194	159
Family Offenses	120	60
DWI	96	67
Liquor Offenses	6	8
Disorderly Conduct	317	699
Missing Persons	45	53
All Other Offenses	1420	1385
TOTAL	2567	2833

CASES ASSIGNED TO DETECTIVES	
2008	2009
2580	2256

Juvenile Bureau

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The Juvenile Bureau, located in Cleveland Plaza, offers an informal atmosphere conducive to creating a positive interaction between juveniles, parents, and Detective Sergeant Christopher Polito, Detective Richard Vitale, and Detective Robert Montague. Parents are critical in fostering positive moral and social character development. Parents need to ask questions, make suggestions, console, comfort, support, encourage, discuss, teach, befriend, communicate, trust and respect their children. A parent who is actively involved their child's life does make a difference.

The responsibilities and functions relating to juvenile delinquency, deterrence, and enforcement are exercised through the Family Court, Union County Prosecutor's Office and departmental policies. The goals of the Juvenile Justice System are: (1) To ensure that public safety is protected, (2) To rehabilitate the juvenile so that he or she can grow into a resourceful and productive person who will contribute positively to society, and (3) To hold the juvenile accountable for his or her acts.

All cases assigned to the Juvenile Bureau are handled by a follow-up investigation, which 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. Many times, formal involvement in the juvenile justice system is unwarranted and may even be counterproductive. 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, in agreement with the victim, juvenile offender, and their families, fashion the juvenile's consequences specifically to the needs of the involved parties. In these instances, the matter is resolved swiftly and to the satisfaction of the victim, the police, and the juvenile and their family.

The purpose of diverting juvenile offenders from appearing before the Family Court in Elizabeth is to seek the help specifically designed 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. The Juvenile Bureau has utilized the resources 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 serves as a mediation mechanism designed to preserve the unity of the family, whenever possible, and to secure for each child the appropriate care, guidance and control in the best interest of the 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.

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These programs include Community Service, Anger Management Seminar, and a Shoplifting Seminar. These programs help the Juvenile Bureau make juvenile accountable for their actions when they break the law as a first time offender. 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 encourages open dialogue amongst all parties. The office is also the home of the *Cranford Police Athletic League*. The Juvenile Bureau Conference Room was used for meetings by the following organizations during the past year: Juvenile Conference Committee; Project Access - Crisis Intervention; Division of Youth and Family Services; Union County Juvenile Officer's Executive Board; Union County Juvenile Probation; Cranford Municipal Alliance; Cranford Chamber of Commerce; Cranford Baseball/Softball League - Executive Officers; Rutgers Safety Certification Program; Cranford Police Department - Superior Officers Staff;

Cranford Police Athletic League - Board of Directors.

The Juvenile Bureau staff members have participated in and served on committees for 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 activities in many school activities such as 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 Susan Gleason are the lead instructors of Juvenile Laws, Procedures, and Juvenile Updates at the Union County Police Academy. The Juvenile Bureau also teaches a block of instruction for the Cranford Police Department Citizen's Academy. Detective Montague 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 DARE Program is sponsored and funded by the Cranford Municipal Alliance. More than 4600 students have graduated from the DARE 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 2009 the DARE Program was taught at five of the Cranford schools. Hillside Avenue School and Brookside School were taught by Det. Richard Vitale. Orange Avenue School, Livingston Ave. School and St. Michael's School were taught by Det./Sgt. Chris Polito.

DARE is a collaborative effort by certified law enforcement officers, educators, students, parents, and community to offer an educational 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 DARE officer. The DARE program offers preventative strategies to enhance those protective factors – especially bonding to the family, school, and community - which appear to foster the development of resiliency in young people who may be at risk for substance abuse or other problem behaviors.

The emphasis of the program is to help students recognize and resist the many direct and subtle pressures that influence them to experiment with alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, inhalants, or other drugs or to engage in violence. DARE 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 only told to "SAY NO", but are taught "HOW TO SAY NO".

The tasks accomplished by DARE are by:

1. Providing students with accurate information about alcohol and drugs.
2. Teaching students "8 WAYS TO SAY NO" to drugs while providing alternatives to drug use.
3. Teaching students decision-making skills and the consequences of their behavior.
4. Building student's self esteem 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 punctuated by a ceremony in which every 5th grade student receives a DARE Graduate certificate and a DARE tee shirt. The success of this program is being measured by the number of DARE students who 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 28th year of serving the youth of Cranford in 2009. The P.A.L. continued to provide many positive activities for the youth, including 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 and tenacity 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, Det./Sgt. 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, Lt. Bob Colaneri, Lt. Jim Wozniak, Sgt. Frank Williams, Off. Matt Nazzaro (Secretary), Off. Steve D'Ambola (Treasurer), Gregg Wheatley (President), Kim Capece (Vice President), Marc Taglieri, John Oblachinski, Bob Bruns, Brian McGovern, Kevin Murray, Michael Plick, Andrea DaSilva, and Dan Fay. 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. Brian McGovern, 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 are girls in 3rd through 8th 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 performance given every Sunday was 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, a 5th grade teams, two 6th grade teams, a 7th grade teams and two 8th grade teams. 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.



TOURNAMENT CHAMPS—The Cranford fifth grade boys PAL Basketball Team went undefeated in two tournaments, The Clem Santy and Garden State, giving them First Place championship trophies.

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The wrestling program continued to grow in number of participants and in success on the mat. Program director, Kevin Murray, led the program, participating in the Central Jersey Wrestling League and the Union County Wrestling League.

The track program, under director Det./Sgt. Chris Polito, was held at Memorial Field. There were 134 participants in the program. The field hockey program was held at Orange Avenue School. The program, directed by Erin Polito taught girls between 4th and 6th grade the skills of the sport. The flag football program, directed by Det./Sgt. Chris Polito, completed its ninth year. There were over 80 1st and 2nd grade athletes involved in the program.

The PAL Fencing program run with the help of the Westfield YMCA had another successful year. 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.

The PAL's newest program, led by Dan Fay was the strength and conditioning program. The program for athletes grades 6th-8th was run during the summer months, giving the athletes a chance to stay in shape for the upcoming fall sports.

In 2009 the Cranford PAL conducted their second annual Field of Dreams Day. The Board of Directors created Cranford PAL "Field of Dreams Day" for Cranford children with special needs. Field of Dreams Day was held on Saturday June 6th. 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 and Shoprite of Garwood donated water. The day was a huge success!

The P.A.L. again sponsored teams in the Cranford Baseball/Softball League, as well as supporting the Booster Club, Hillside Ave. School PTA, Project Graduation, CHS Student lock-in, The St. Michael's Feast and The CAT Fund.

The P.A.L. also continued to support the Scholarship Fund it created in 2007. The fund was created in memory of Retired UCPO Lt. and long time Cranford resident/ PAL Board Member Lt. Glenn Owens. The Glenn Owens Scholarship is awarded to a Cranford High School student, that participated in a P.A.L. program. The amount of the scholarship is \$500 for each award. The 2009 scholarship was awarded to Catherine Goski.



Photos above, Field of Dreams Day at Memorial Field.

Internet Web Site

[http:// www.cranford.com/police](http://www.cranford.com/police)

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, and even more so in the near future, the public we serve is making use of Internet technologies; the Cranford Police Department is adapting to meet the challenges of this new medium.

The department home page provides the following information and service:

- It lists the department's address, telephone 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 twelve years (since 1998) the Department's Internet home page has logged over 150,000 visits to the site. In 2009, the Cranford Police home page averaged over 280 visits per week, totaling almost 15000 visits from over 9000 unique visitors. In addition, over 1400 visitors in 2009 took 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 (page hits were received from 54 distinct countries) 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 Joseph Van Bergen 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 the backbone of the Cranford Police Department. It 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 allowing the residents of Cranford to enjoy walking and cycling in complete confidence. Personal safety and property security are a paramount importance in guiding our efforts to preserve public tranquility.

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 Thomas Feeney, Guy Patterson, Frank Williams, and Edward Davenport who are in charge of the four division squads.

There were a total of **67,633** incidents reported to the Cranford Police Department during 2009. These total incidents are broken down as follows:

9,119 calls for criminal related activity, including:

- 1,471 calls reporting burglary/trespass/alarm
- 2,342 calls reporting disorderly conduct
- 363 calls reporting thefts/stolen property
- 249 calls reporting vandalism/malicious damage
- 709 calls reporting warrant arrests

26,239 calls for traffic related activity, including:

- 998 calls reporting motor vehicle accidents
- 4,531 calls reporting selective enforcement assignments
- 18,565 calls reporting motor vehicle violation investigations resulting in warnings/ summonses

29,166 calls requesting public service, including:

- 3,629 medical assistance requests
- 22,322 building examinations and public transportation inspections
- 382 requests for assistance with vehicle/house lock-outs

3,109 administrative assignments, including:

- 286 Police Auxiliary/Explorer details
- 660 In-Service/L.E.T.N. training



Auxiliary Police

Cranford Police Department Auxiliary Police

The Cranford Auxiliary Police originally formed as the “Civilian 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 and next to no training. The auxiliary force of today consists of 18 officers. It is the responsibility of this squad to supplement the regular police force not only during times of emergency, but also 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 sworn 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 a full time member 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 summonses for parking violations, bicycle violations, or hazardous violations. 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 during 2009 were:

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

During 2009 the Auxiliary officers volunteered 3,274 hours of service to the community. This is an increase of over 1,000 hours from 2008. Their duties range from traffic control for which they logged 933 hours, to motorized and foot patrols that accounted for 524 hours. Auxiliary officers also logged 327 administrative hours and 153 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.

Other duties performed by the auxiliary officers included assisting at motor vehicle checkpoints and courtroom security. In addition to the service hours to the community, the auxiliary police received over 1,337 hours of training. Some of the topics covered included: Gang Awareness, Verbal Judo, CPR/Defibrillator, Handcuffing, Dealing with Juveniles, Fraudulent Documents, and more. The service provided by our auxiliary unit to both the department and community is invaluable and cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

Police Explorer Post

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, and Patrolman Steven D'Ambola.

In 2009 the Post had 8 members and was led by Explorer Lieutenant 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 headquarter. 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 were done the post discussed 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 2009 were: traffic control at the 4th of July fireworks, the Spring and Fall Festivals, and the Memorial Day Parade.

Two Explorers from Cranford, Deanna Stirk and Trevor Hertz, attended the Jersey City Police Explore Academy in July of 2009. 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



Detective Sergeant Craig Marino commands the Records Division, which has many responsibilities. One of the primary responsibilities is records management. Every report generated within the Cranford Police

Department gets processed through the Records Division for data entry and quality assurance. By law, the Cranford Police Department is required to maintain each and every record for a specified amount of time and provide for access to these reports under the provisions set forth in the Open Public Records Act. Reports are also provided to attorneys under discovery rules for courtroom proceedings. These acts are completed with the help of his experienced administrative staff, Jean McComb and Suzanne Welsh. Jean McComb began working in the Records Division of the Cranford Police Department in 1987 and Suzanne Welsh began working in the Records Division of the Cranford Police Department in 2005. Both Administrative Clerks are well versed in Gun Permit Rules, Dog and Cat Licensing, Parking Rules, Alarm Registrations, Rules of Discovery, The Open Public Records Act and Criminal Record Expungements. These are just some of the responsibilities that fall under the Records Division.

Most of the services provided by the Records Division generate revenue. The Records Division registered alarms for businesses and residences within the Township and billed for multiple false alarms. This provided for a total revenue of \$40,480.00.

In January of each year, the Records Division teams up with the Cranford Health Department and hold a rabies clinic for both cats and dogs. At this clinic we have a table set up for the issuance of licenses. Residents brave the,

usually in climate, weather to obtain two valuable services in one outing. This valuable service is well received not only by the Township residents, but also their pets. A license for a cat or dog that is spayed or neutered is sold for \$18.00 and a license for a cat or dog that is not spayed or neutered is sold for \$21.00. A total of 323 cats and 1237 dogs were licensed. This generated a total revenue of \$28,307.50.

As a commuter town, parking is a vital resource to the infrastructure. It is what draws many hard working families to Cranford. Easy accessibility to New York City, Newark Liberty Airport and the many prestigious learning institutions in the metro area entices many to our Town. Our parking program allows for a variety of uses in our downtown area. 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 cost \$500.00 for the year. They are issued semi-annual or annual. Twelve (12) hour permits allow the mass transportation commuter flexibility in their workday. Twelve (12) hour parking permits are also issued semi-annual or annual and cost \$600.00 for the year. Some of these permits are issued to non-residents for the Parking Garage and they cost \$780.00 for the year. For those that live in the downtown area we provide overnight parking permits at \$200.00 for the year. Some roadways in Cranford allow for residential exemptions from parking restrictions. These permits are free of cost. These permits are color-coded for different sections of town. Parking continues to be our largest revenue generator at \$359,318.90.

The Records Division also collects revenues from Firearms Applications, Fingerprinting, Bicycle Licensing and copies of Police Reports. In March of 2008 the State of New Jersey changed the

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process for submitting fingerprint checks. Fingerprint checks to obtain individual criminal background checks are only accepted when submitted by live scan (computer based) fingerprinting services provided by Sagem Morpho, Inc., a private company under contract with the State of New Jersey. The types of background checks included are good conduct, immigration, naturalization, personal record, visa, international adoption, foreign business, expungements, employment and volunteering. The Cranford Police Departments Detective Bureau continues to provide the fingerprinting (non computer based) service on Tuesdays for persons that need to submit their fingerprints out of state or to the federal government only. The Cranford Police Department provides this service for a fee of \$5.00 for residents and \$10.00 for non-residents.

In April of 2008 the Cranford Police Department partnered with the National Bike Registry to offer residents discounted bicycle licenses. These licenses are sold for \$4.00 each and are valid for ten years. Adding the parking and animal licensing revenue to the daily revenue from Firearms Applications, Fingerprinting

Services, Bicycle Licensing, and Police Reports brought the **total revenue for 2009 to \$443,521.28.**

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.

The Records Division also has 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.

In January the Townships Engineering Department replaced a main electrical panel in the Municipal Building. This electrical panel provided power to the Police Department and the Records Division worked closely with the Engineering Department to assure that the Police Departments emergency equipment remained operational during the process.



Above, *left to right*, Captain John Baer and Patrolman Brian Wagner at National Night Out.

Traffic Division

Cranford Police Department Traffic Division

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. Detective Russell Luedecker was assigned to the Traffic Division in February to replace Edward Davenport who was promoted to Sergeant and transferred to the Patrol Division.

The Cranford Police Department Traffic Division utilizes the three “E’s” of traffic safety (Education, Enforcement, and Engineering) to formulate a comprehensive traffic safety plan for the Township.

CRASHES

Traffic personnel review every crash report written by patrol officers and conduct any follow up investigation that may be necessary. Each report is entered into a database program that allows us to identify trends around the township and determine crash causation. Improvements can be made that will lower the crash frequency 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 quick identification of crash problems in Cranford.

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 Steven Toy is responsible for organizing and conducting bicycle and pedestrian safety lectures as well as bicycle rodeos at every grammar school in Cranford. Meanwhile, Detective Luedecker provides training to the school crossing guards every year.

Lieutenant Joseph Van Bergen instructs the recruits of the Union County Police Auxiliary Academy in traffic control and 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 manages the department’s Radar Certification and Re-Certification of all officers.

ENFORCEMENT

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

Detective Luedecker conducts 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 and Speed Dolly on township roadways to alert drivers of their speed. After the trailer/dolly 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

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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, including go-peds and mini-bikes.

The Department applied for and was awarded a number of enforcement grants from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety in 2009 totaling \$21,000. The first was \$4,000 for Cell Phone Enforcement from March 2nd to 15th. The next grant was a \$2,000 grant for GDL Education and Enforcement from April 6th to 24th. We again got a \$4,000 grant for "Click It or Ticket" efforts between May 18th and 31st. The Department also received \$6,000 of grant money for the "Over the Limit, Under Arrest" DWI Enforcement program from August 21st to September 7th and \$5,000 for DWI enforcement from December 7th to January 3rd.

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 11, 2009 for receiving a first place finish in the 45-65 officer category ***New Jersey Law Enforcement Challenge***. The Department also finished with the highest overall score.

Community Programs

PACE Car Program: This 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. The magnets and stickers are provided free of charge to residents as the police department's thank you for helping to be part of the solution of safer streets and keeping our kids safe.

Positive Helmet Safety Rewards Program: For the third 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

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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 Dylan Costello, a student at Bloomingdale Avenue School.

Pedestrian Decoy Program

After Lieutenant Van Bergen and Detective Toy became certified in Pedestrian Decoy Details in November 2008, a policy and procedure was developed and issued in 2009. The Pedestrian Decoy Program is meant to educate drivers and pedestrians of the state's pedestrian safety laws. In addition to education, enforcement is used to reinforce driver observance of the Yield to Pedestrians law.

During a detail a police officer in plain clothes acts as the pedestrian and the other officers stop vehicles that fail to yield the right of way to the pedestrian. Ultimately this program will improve driver compliance and pedestrian safety. In the first ever detail a drunk driver was taken off the road after driving around Patrolman Luedecker who was acting as the pedestrian. Other details have been equally successful, including numerous drug seizures.

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 three pay stations from their capital budget and will be installing two on North Avenue between Alden and Eastman Streets and one on

South Avenue between Walnut Avenue and High Street. In 2010 the township plans to continue to expand the use of pay stations.

- New High Street Footbridge was installed and opened on April 30th. The temporary school guard post at Walnut and Lincoln Avenues was removed on May 18th after notification to schools.
- Holly Street between Springfield Avenue and Alden Street was reconstructed during August/September. This included new curbs, sidewalks, drainage, and pavement.
- The Springfield Avenue bridge near the Canoe Club was closed for replacement on August 25th and is expected to reopen by Memorial Day 2010. Daily enforcement details are conducted in the surrounding neighborhoods to maintain traffic safety.
- Parking was restricted on one side of Nomahegan Court as you enter from Kenilworth Boulevard to improve safety.
- As part of the 2007 Safe Routes to School Grant, two flashing 25 MPH signs were installed on Bloomingdale Avenue as well as two on Denman Road. In addition, approximately 200 Bikeway Signs were replaced along the bikeway system. The curb and sidewalk was replaced and improved at South Union and Livingston Avenues so that children no longer have to walk in the street at the intersection. Also, thermoplastic crosswalks were installed at Livingston Avenue School, Walnut Avenue School, Brookside Place School, and at South Union and Livingston Avenues School Post.
- Residential Parking restrictions were enacted on Cranford Hall, Lincoln Park East, Johnson Avenue, and Central Avenue.
- The Police Department was awarded a 2009 Safe Routes to School Grant for \$16,000 to

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purchase four portable radar displays for Walnut Avenue and Denman Road. Installation is expected in 2010.

- Lincoln Avenue traffic signals were replaced at intersection with Centennial Avenue and Walnut Avenue during September and October. This included new poles, mast-arms, controllers, etc.
- On October 27th a new No Parking Anytime restriction was implemented on both sides of Hillside Avenue from Centennial Avenue to Collins Street.
- Orchard Street and Brookside Place received a new 12" LED flashing signal upgrade on October 29th as well as new pole and mast-arm to improve safety.

SCHOOL GUARDS

During the 2008-2009 school year the Traffic Division was required to provide coverage at **307** 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 **182** public/parochial school days occurred of which only **26** did not require members of the police department to fill in for a school guard. This equated to **1.69** school guards out every school day which was an increase over the 1.29 the previous year.

These posts were covered by reserve school guards, the parking enforcement officer, and sworn 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 2009 the Traffic Division coordinated and filled **732 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 Steven Toy 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 2009 about **349 vehicles** were towed and three auctions were held for any vehicles not reclaimed by owners.

Detective Toy is in charge of advertising, setting up, and running the department's car, bicycle, and equipment auctions. Steven is a certified Child Passenger Seat Technician as well.

He is a member of the Union County Traffic Officers Association, New Jersey Police Traffic Officers Association, Cranford Bicycle Safety Board, and is a Notary Public.

Detective Russell Luedecker is responsible for

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the data entry of crash reports, vehicle reports, and driver abstract requests. In 2009, **387** driver abstract requests were prepared for patrol personnel.

Also, he is responsible for the in-car video camera systems and portable radio maintenance and repair. In addition, Detective Luedecker coordinates the purchase, installation, maintenance, and repair of the mobile personal computers (MPC) in the radio cars.

Detective Luedecker is a certified Child Passenger Seat Technician and Radar Instructor. He also assists Detective Toy with School Crossing Guard training and payroll. Russell has the primary responsibility of enforcement. When necessary, however, he assists Lieutenant Van Bergen and Detective Toy in the above administrative duties. He is a member of the Union County Traffic Officers Association, New Jersey Police Traffic Officers Association, and is a Notary Public.

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 2009. 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.

Member of the Traffic Division over the last year were:

Lieutenant Joseph P. Van Bergen
Detective Steven R. Toy
Detective Russell J. Luedecker

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*

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The below pictures are from the conversion of the flashing traffic signal at the intersection of Orchard Street and Brookside Place on October 29th. The previous signal had 8" signals and was hung by a span wire between two utility poles. The new signals are 12" and are hung by a new traffic pole and mast arm. This makes the signal more visible and improves the overall safety of the roadway. The Cranford Police Traffic Maintenance personnel were assisted by the DPW due to the size and weight of the new equipment.



Law Enforcement Challenge

Cranford Police Department: 2009 Law Enforcement Challenge Winners

The Cranford Police Department was honored on May 11, 2009 after receiving a first place finish in the 45-65 officer category of the New Jersey Law Enforcement Challenge for the second year in a row. 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 second highest overall

score for all department categories. For placing second overall, the department received a laser speed gun from Laser Technology, Inc. valued at \$3,000. The laser speed gun will be used for speed enforcement mainly in high traffic locations where traditional Doppler radar is difficult to conduct.

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.



Above, Patrolman Russell Luedecker of the Traffic Division displays the department's new laser speed gun which was won in the 2009 Law Enforcement Challenge.

Crashes and Injuries

Cranford Police Department Crashes and Injuries Summary

REPORTABLE CRASHES

	2008		2009		
Type	Crashes	Fatal	Crashes	Fatal	% Change
Motor Vehicle vs. Motor Vehicle	106	0	77	0	-27%
Motor Vehicle vs. Fixed Object	24	1	18	0	-25%
Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian	13	1	15	0	+15%
Motor Vehicle vs. Bicyclist	7	0	9	0	+29%
Motor Vehicle vs. Parked Vehicle	11	0	14	0	+27%
Other	1	0	1	0	0%
TOTAL	162	2	134	0	-17%

NON-REPORTABLE CRASHES

Type	2008	2009	% Change
Motor Vehicle vs. Motor Vehicle	378	399	+6%
Motor Vehicle vs. Fixed Object	44	46	+5%
Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian	2	2	0%
Motor Vehicle vs. Bicyclist	6	3	-50%
Motor Vehicle vs. Parked Vehicle	157	153	-3%
Other	7	7	0%
TOTAL	594	610	+3%

INJURIES

Type	2008	2009	% Change
Transported to Hospital	75	81	+8%
Complaint of Pain (RMA)	94	54	-43%
Fatality	2	0	-100%
TOTAL	171	135	-21%

Violations

Cranford Police Department Motor Vehicle Violations

The following is a comparative classification of motor vehicle violations between the period of January 2009 and December 2009 with the same period in 2008.

VIOLATION	2008	2009
Speeding	563	379
Stop Sign	43	75
Careless Driving	358	300
Reckless Driving	14	9
Driving Under The Influence	96	73
Open Container In Vehicle	15	18
CDS In Motor Vehicle	95	87
Wrong Way on One Way Street	9	5
Traffic Signal	138	262
Improper Passing	75	44
Illegal Turns	195	120
Obstructing Traffic	176	80
Driving While On Cell Phone	261	430
Unlicensed Driver	103	100
Revoked Driver	366	257
Unregistered Vehicle	215	188
Uninsured Motorist	57	56
No License In Possession	187	162
No Registration In Possession	174	156
No Insurance Card In Possession	87	125
Leaving The Scene Of An Accident	18	17
Fictitious/Obstructed Plates	555	336
Maintenance Of Lamps	845	772
Seatbelt Violations	1,119	846
Safety Glass Violations	813	571
Inspection Law	658	382
Other Hazardous Violations	90	164
Other Non-Hazardous Violations	221	190
TOTALS	7,546	6,204

Violations

Cranford Police Department Parking Violations

The following is a comparative classification of parking violations between the period of January 2009 and December 2009 with the same period in 2008.

VIOLATION	2008	2009
Meter Parking	5,604	4,209
4:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.	992	681
Restricted Hours	762	648
9 Hour Permit	393	405
12 Hour Permit	121	128
Overnight Parking	578	390
25' Of An Intersection	81	47
25' Of A Crosswalk	145	131
2 Hour Limit	270	246
10' Of A Fire Hydrant	17	21
50' Of A Stop Sign	92	61
Parked On A Crosswalk	4	6
Parked On A Sidewalk	5	4
Blocking A Driveway	24	19
School Zone	169	92
Bus Stop	0	0
Disabled Vehicle	4	7
Fire Zone	48	18
Facing Wrong Direction On Street	39	62
Between Signs	13	5
Head In Only	59	48
Not Within Lines	168	180
Handicapped	31	47
Loading Zone	64	46
Meter Feeding	2	41
No Parking Anytime	92	67
Other Parking Violations	73	40
TOTALS:	9,850	7,649

Motorized Equipment

Cranford Police Department Motorized Equipment

The Cranford Police Department's motorized equipment presently consists of 39 units; 20 cars, six sport utilities, two motorcycles, three traffic trucks, one electric vehicle, three trailers, two boats, and two ambulances. Below is a list of these vehicles:

1	2010 Harley Davidson Motorcycle
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 /Message Board Trailer

A total of **307,663 miles** were traveled by motorized equipment during the year of 2009. Vehicles were serviced approximately every 3,000 miles and were cleaned and washed on average of once a week.

Below, Patrolman William Pietrucha with the department's new 2010 Harley Davidson motorcycle in front of Cranford High School. The unit was purchased using drug forfeiture money.



School Safety

Cranford Police Department School Crossing Guards

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

The year 2009 included a number of personnel changes within the guard ranks. Below are the retirements and hires from 2009. It is with great sadness that we report Kathleen Meier passed away on December 10th. Kathy had been a guard since September 1983 and spent almost her entire career at the intersection of Denman Road and Culin Drive. She will be missed by the members of the police department as well as by the children she safely crossed everyday! After 4 years of service, Claus Broderius retired from his post at South Union and Lincoln Avenues on September 16th. We wish him well in retirement. In addition, reserve guards Evelyn West, Bessie Ward, and Thomas Ernst all resigned after only a few months duty each.

We would like to welcome the following four guards hired in 2009. Howard Frost and Deborah Saenger were hired in February as reserve guards. William Borski joined the department as a reserve guard in December. Thomas Gugliucci was given a full time post at Brookside Place and Gallows Hill Road in January to replace Susan Czarnatowicz who's post was moved to Orange Avenue and Wadsworth Terrace. Charles Haller moved from the Orange Avenue post to the newly created post at West End Place and Springfield Avenue on January 5, 2009. With the retirement of Claus Broderius, reserve guard Michael Bevilacqua was made a full time guard at South Union and Lincoln Avenues in September. Mr. Frost was made a full time guard at Denman Road and Culin Drive after the death of Mrs. Meier. On October 22nd Michael Bevilacqua switched his post to Brookside Place and Spruce Street and Sam Reynolds moved to South Union and Lincoln Avenues.

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Michael Bevilacqua	Brookside Place/Spruce Street
Charles Campbell	Hillside Avenue Tunnel
Susan Czarnatowicz	Orange Avenue/Wadsworth Terrace
Elizabeth Erdody	Springfield Avenue/Tulip Street
Howard Frost	Denman Road/Culin Drive
Thomas Gugliucci	Brookside Place/Gallows Hill Road
Charles Haller	Springfield Avenue/West End 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
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	South Union Avenue/Lincoln Avenue
Sol Rubenstein	Springfield Avenue/Doering Way
Louise Ruggiano	Brookside Place/Orchard Street

RESERVE GUARDS

Robert Bell

Deborah Saenger

William Borski

Click It or Ticket

Cranford Police Department Annual Click It or 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.

New Jersey reported 592 fatalities in 2008, a large percentage of which 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.

This year’s “Click It or Ticket” Mobilization was conducted from May 18, 2009 to May 31, 2009. The department conducted three seat belt checkpoints and 66 hours of focused roving patrols utilizing overtime, patrol, and traffic personnel. In addition, for the first time, departments were required to conduct enforcement efforts at night due to statistics pointing to very low seat belt use in the evening. A total of 80 hours of overtime were utilized, which was reimbursed by the grant. Below is a summary of the department’s enforcement efforts.

Total Seatbelt Violations:	093
All Other Violations:	179
TOTAL SUMMONSES DURING THE MOBILIZATION:	272



In addition to the summonses issued the following arrests were made, three for DWI, six for drug possession, and 16 felony/warrant arrests. A post survey of seat belt usage showed a 97% compliance rate on Cranford roadways.

Safety ID Program

Cranford Police Department Safety ID Tag Program

The department continued its 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.

Over the Limit, Under Arrest

Cranford Police Department Over the Limit, Under Arrest Mobilization



The Cranford Police Department participated in the national end of summer and holiday “Over the Limit, Under Arrest” 2009 Statewide Crackdowns. The goal of the program is to decrease incidents of drunk driving through education and enforcement.

From August 21st to September 7th 2009, the Cranford Police Department stepped up impaired driving enforcement as part of New Jersey’s end of summer *Over the Limit, Under Arrest 2009 Statewide Crackdown*. The department received a \$6,000 grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for 120 hours of 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 7, 2009 through January 3, 2010, the Department stepped up impaired driving enforcement as part of *Over the Limit, Under Arrest 2009 Year End Crackdown*. The department also received a \$5,000 grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for 100 hours of overtime enforcement during this holiday year end period.

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

TOTAL PRODUCTIVITY DURING THE MOBILIZATION:

	<u>8/21/09-9/7/09</u>	<u>12/7/09-1/3/10</u>
DWI Arrests	7	8
Drug Arrests	4	14
Warrant Arrests	1	40
Summonses	320	370

Hang Up! Just Drive

Cranford Police Department Cell Phone Enforcement Mobilization

The Cranford Police Department received \$4,000 in grant money from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for cell phone enforcement during the statewide “Hang Up! Just Drive.” Cell Phone Crackdown.

This year’s “Hang Up! Just Drive.” Mobilization was conducted from March 2-15, 2009. The department conducted 16 mobile patrols utilizing overtime personnel. A total of 92.5 hours of overtime were utilized, which was reimbursed by the grant. Below is a summary of the department’s enforcement efforts.

A post survey of cell phone usage showed a **5%** violation rate after the mobilization compared to a pre mobilization survey result of **13%**.



Cell Phone Violations	165
Other Moving Violations	262
DWI Arrests	1
Drug Arrests	4
Felony/Warrant Arrests	30
TOTAL SUMMONSES	427

Don't Drive Stupid

Cranford Police Department GDL Education and Enforcement Mobilization

The Cranford Police Department received \$2,000 in grant money from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for graduated driver license education and enforcement during the countywide “Don’t Drive Stupid.” GDL Education and Enforcement Mobilization. The mobilization is designed to increase teen driver awareness of the potentially deadly consequences of bad driving behaviours. The main focus was not enforcement but education. All teen contacts made were given literature on GDL restrictions as well as tips for safe driving habits.

This year’s “Don’t Drive Stupid.” Mobilization was conducted from April 6-24, 2009. Although the program ran for almost three weeks our school system was closed for spring recess for half of this time. The department conducted low staffed checkpoints utilizing overtime personnel. A total of 40 hours of overtime were utilized, which was reimbursed by the grant. Below is a summary of the department’s education and enforcement efforts.

GDL Violations	8
Other Moving Violations	25
TOTAL SUMMONSES	33
TOTAL TEEN CONTACTS	165



Safety Helmet Program

Think Positive: A Helmet Reward Program



In an effort to promote the use of helmets and encourage safe behavior, the Cranford Police Department in collaboration with Safe Kids Union County at Children's Specialized Hospital and the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey, implemented the *Think Positive: A Helmet Safety Reward Program* for the third year in a row. This safety initiative uses positive reinforcement and education as a means to reinforce 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 Dylan Costello, a kindergarten 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.

The program is funded by the Office for the Prevention of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.



Photo at top left, *left to right*, Chief Eric Mason, Anthony Scuderi (owner of Il Giardino), and Patrolman Russell Luedecker.

Photo at bottom right, *left to right*, Chief Eric Mason, Dylan Costello, and PBA President Matthew Nazzaro present Dylan with a \$100 Downtown Cranford Gift Check.

Cranford Police Department Driving While Intoxicated Program

The number of alcohol related accidents resulting in both fatal and serious injuries continues to be a major focal point for law enforcement throughout the country. Despite the major changes made in New Jersey's DWI laws, the news media continually reminds us of the deadly consequences of driving while under the influence of alcohol and/or illicit drugs. On the local level we are not immune to this problem. During the year **2009** we had, in Cranford, **14 accidents** (Seven involving injury) directly attributed to drunk drivers. There has been **an increase** in the number of alcohol related accidents over the **13** we had in 2008. In order to decrease this number, the Cranford Police Department will continue to aggressively seek out and arrest those that would drive through our community while under the influence of alcohol and/or illicit drugs.

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

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

Upon the conclusion of **2009** the department had twenty-two (**22**) officers certified as **Alcotest 7110 MK III-C** operators, all of whom were trained by the *Office of the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey*. Instruction on Field Sobriety Testing as well as the **Alcotest** is conducted solely by the New Jersey State Police Alcohol/Drug Test Unit. Currently the following officers are qualified to administer breath tests:

Lt. Stephen Wilde
Lt. James Wozniak
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
Det. Ryan Greco
Ptl. Robert Peters
Ptl. Peter Graczyk
Ptl. Derek Farbanec
Ptl. Thomas Bell
Ptl. Timothy O'Brien
Ptl. Brian Wagner

As in previous years this agency stressed to our officers the need to detect and apprehend those driving while intoxicated. During the year **2009** these efforts resulted in seventy three (**73**) arrests being made for Driving While Intoxicated within the Township of Cranford.

Of the **73** arrests, **15** refused to submit to breath testing and **4** had blood drawn. This shows a **24%** decrease from the **96** arrests made in the year **2008**.

DWI

Cranford Police Department Driving While Intoxicated Program

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.

As we move forward into the year **2010** 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 **2008**, two **(2)** drivers were charged under this law. This number has increased to those of **2009** when five **(5)** 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 **2009**.

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 2009 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 two extra enforcement initiatives to augment patrol efforts in enforcing DWI within the township. The **Extra DWI Patrol Programs** have been in place since 1988. In **2009** we participated in the **Over the Limit Under Arrest** program sponsored by the *New*

DWI

Cranford Police Department Driving While Intoxicated Program

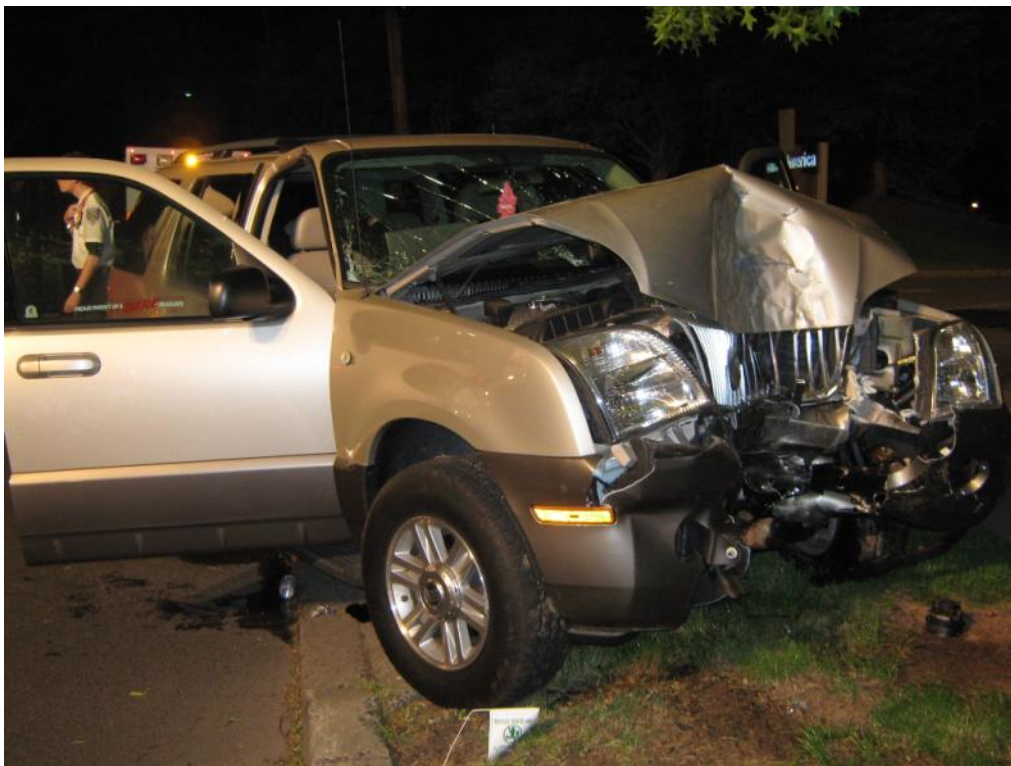
Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety.

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 2009 Impaired Driving Crackdown* is a campaign that ran from August 21, 2009 through September 7, 2009. During this eighteen-day period, officers assigned to this campaign made seven **(7)** DWI arrest and issued **(320)** summonses for various violations. *Over the Limit Under Arrest 2009 Year End Crackdown* campaign ran from December 7, 2009 to January 3, 2010. During this twenty-eight day period, officers assigned to this campaign made eight **(8)** DWI arrests and issued **(370)** 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.



Above, one car crash involving a drunk driver on Walnut Avenue near #750 on May 24th.

Honor Guard

Cranford Police Department Honor Guard

The Cranford Police Department Honor Guard was initiated in May of 2007.

An **honor guard**, by definition, is a **group of people serving as an escort or performing drill exhibitions on ceremonial occasions**. (Wikipedia)

Usually comprised of volunteers who are carefully screened for their ability and physical dexterity, the department wanted members who are highly motivated and maintain exceptional standards of appearance and conduct. As well, members needed to show aptitude for ceremonial duty in order to be considered. The primary purpose of the CPD Honor Guard is to provide funeral honors for fallen comrades.

However, an honor guard may also serve as the "guardians of the colors". They present a nation's colors for various ceremonies and official state functions, both in and around Union County. Additionally, they serve as ambassadors to the public, presenting a positive image of their service, and assisting with the

recruiting effort.

Sergeant Anthony J. Dobbins is the commander of the Cranford Police Department Honor Guard. Six other members were assigned to the unit. The six other members are Detective John Swandrak, Detective Steven Toy, Detective Ryan Greco, Officer Thomas Bell, Officer William Pietrucha, and Officer Daniel Norton. The Honor Guard participated in the Memorial Day Parade and presentation of the Ceremonial Wreath. The Honor Guard also participated in several community events.

The Cranford Police Department Honor Guard continues participating in Funeral Services for Retired Cranford Police Officers, officers killed in the line of duty, and officers who passed away while in active service to their respective Police Departments around the State. Sadly, The Honor Guard attended numerous funerals for fallen officers in the tri-state area in 2009.

They will continue to train, representing the Cranford Police Department with dignity and pride.



Emergency Medical Services

Cranford Police Department EMS

Cranford Emergency Medical Service (CEMS) is in its 8th year of service to the township CEMS has been responding to medical emergencies with the township since June of 2002. CEMS operates weekdays from 5:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. In 2009 CEMS responded to 1,286 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. The crews are titled EMS 1 and EMS 2. Each crew is assigned to an ambulance at the start of their shift.

CEMS operates under the direction of the Cranford Police Department and CEMS Supervisor Mikael Diaz, MICP. Supervisor Diaz has been CEMS since February 2003 and has 11 years of EMS experience. He is also currently a member of the Union County Emergency Response Team and SWAT as a Tactical Paramedic. Assistant Supervisor Jeffrey Webb has been with CEMS since January of 2005 and has 7 years of EMS experience. 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 2009 CEMS began utilizing the Department of Health and Senior Services new Electronic Patient Care reporting system. This service is being delivered by the state free of charge. With this new technology EMS will have been able to eliminate the need for 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. Along with Electronic Patient Care Reports (ePCR's) CEMS began in September of 2009 to use Mobile Tablet PC's to capture all patient info and signatures. This has allowed CEMS to rapidly access important medical information during emergencies. CEMS has been the first and still the only agency in Union County to use this system.

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.

Emergency Medical Services

Cranford Police Department EMS

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 in to town with us 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 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 again in 2009 for all requirements needed for licensed ambulances. CEMS passed the inspection and is licensed until December of 2010.

In 2009 CEMS was nominated for Public EMS Agency of the Year through the Department of

Health and Senior Services Office of EMS. This was an honor for the agency as well as all the employees who through their efforts have raised CEMS to a level that is recognized statewide.

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

Employees of the Cranford Emergency Medical Service for 2009 include:

Mikael Diaz, MICP, Supervisor
Jeffrey Webb, EMT-B, Asst. Supervisor
Michael Davitt, EMT-B, AAS
Kyle Dobiszewski, EMT-B, MS
Tiffany Gaven, EMT-B, RN, BSN
Heather Giles, EMT-B
Kimberly Loessel, EMT-B
Timothy Loessel, EMT-B
Philip Rivera, EMT-B, BS
Kenneth Wetzel, EMT-B, BS
Robert Kahl, EMT-B
Bijan Rastegarpanah, EMT-B, BS
Timothy Loessel, EMT-B
Matthew Steitz, EMT-B
Augustine Alvarez, EMT-B

Training courses completed in 2009:

Mikael Diaz:
Roadway Safety
Planning for BLS Services During Community and Special Events
Penetrating Trauma Injuries
Terrorism Awareness for Fire and EMS
Vehicle Technology Concerns for Extrication
Treating Pain
Recreational Drug Awareness

Citizens Academy

Cranford Police Department Citizens Police Academy

Founded by Lieutenant Robert Colaneri, the program celebrates its fourth year in existence this Fall. There were 13 new members who embarked on a journey to gain perspective on how the Cranford Police Department functions on a daily basis.

The 10 week class gave the citizens an inside look at the daily operations of the Cranford Police Department. Members of the Cranford Police Department would present topics such as traffic, patrol, investigations, auto theft, SWAT and CPR. Class members also participated in weekly “ride-alongs” with patrol officers 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. Past class members have even joined our Auxiliary Police to volunteer for their community. “We find it very fulfilling not only for those who come to the class, but also for the police officers,” said Chief Eric Mason. “We need to know what all our cops are thinking, but also what the citizens are thinking about what we do. Feel free to critique us as we go on.”

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,” I had to place citizens on a waiting list for the 2010 class,” said Lieutenant Robert Colaneri.

The class culminated with a graduation ceremony on January 12, 2010 and was made up of members of the Cranford community including our first member from the media. Whitney Rhodes from Patch.com covered the Academy on a weekly basis adding her

experiences to the patch website.

Kevin Killen, a participant, had this to say about his experience in the Citizens Academy: “Overall the class was excellent, well organized and focused content, the presenters were well prepared and the practical exercises were eye opening. I highly recommend the class, which I have been doing with friends in town. Overall I learned a lot about the town and the department. After completing the program I feel I am being well served by the Cranford Police Department.”

Another Citizens Academy Member, Susan Landsman shared her thoughts on the Academy: “I couldn’t think of any improvements you could make. I thought the program was excellent. I learned so much about this wonderful township in which I chose to live and raise my family. I want to thank you for putting this class together and I have been recommending it.” ‘I also want to sign my 12 year old daughter up for the Youth Academy.”

Citizens Academy 2009

Michael Bauman
Cecelia Burisch
Lynne Jacks
Andis Kalnins
Kevin Killen
Susan Landsman
Michael Mason
Michael Morgese
Brian Pizzella
Whitney Rhodes
Theo Robinson
Richard Salway
John Shubeck

Youth Academy

Cranford Police Department Youth Police Academy

The Cranford Police Department held the third session of the Youth Police Academy from July 6, 2009 through July 10, 2009. The Academy gave twenty-five 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 2008 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 Detective 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 Det. Widdows. Physical training consisted of running, pushups, sit-ups, pull-ups, an obstacle course and various other exercises. During the military 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, and 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. After lunch the Cranford Detective Bureau gave a presentation on crime scene processing, criminal investigations and had a hands on activity on fingerprinting. Cadets were given a presentation

by the Cranford Police Water Rescue Team and the Union County Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team.

The third day of the Academy was held at the John H. Stamler Police Academy where Detective Lieutenant Colaneri and Det. Montague taught the cadets about firearms and firearms safety. Lieutenant Wozniak gave a demonstration of the emergency vehicle operations. The Northstar helicopter then landed in the EVOC course and the crew gave a short presentation. A member from the Union County Narcotics Strike Force also gave a presentation. The last of the two days of the Academy were held at the Cranford Community Center. Officer introduced DWI detection and enforcement to the cadets. The cadets were able to experience simulated intoxication by using the Fatal Vision goggles. Additional presentations included Juvenile Investigations by the Cranford Police Juvenile Bureau, the Union/Essex County Auto Theft Task Force, Gang Awareness taught by the New Jersey State Police, a presentation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cranford Police Department Traffic Division, and First Aid and CPR instruction.

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.



2009 In Review

Cranford Police Department Commendations

A Department Awards Ceremony was held on May 12, 2009 at Town Hall with the following awards being issued:

Lieutenant Robert Colaneri, Sergeant Frank Williams, and Detectives Robert Montague, Richard Vitale, and John Swandrak were awarded the department's Administrative Service Award for their leadership and expertise in transitioning the 52 members of the department to their new .40 caliber automatic Smith & Wesson handguns.



Patrolman Matthew Nazzaro was awarded the Life Saving Award for his efforts of October 2, 2008 when he provided CPR to a person while he was off duty at Kean University. His efforts led to the victim making a full recovery.



Patrolman Nelson Hearns received a Departmental Citation for his actions on March 17, 2009. While conducting radar at 3 a.m. on Centennial Avenue he stopped a vehicle with three occupants and through his investigation recovered marijuana, narcotics paraphernalia, and a stun gun from the driver.



Patrolmen Christopher DiFabio, Nelson Hearns, and **Robert Jordan** were issued the Departmental Citation for their work on January 13, 2009. While conducting a traffic enforcement detail along Centennial Avenue at 2 a.m. they stopped a vehicle and through their investigation determined the driver was suspended. A search of the car then revealed a .38 caliber Colt revolver with three live rounds and three spent rounds.



2009 In Review

Cranford Police Department 2009 Events

Donation to WWI Flagpole

The Cranford Policemen's Benevolent Association Local #52 made a donation to the "Raise the Flagpole Fund" in January to assist with the efforts to reinstall the World War I Memorial Flagpole at Peace Park across from the Cranford Post Office. Pictured below are Cranford PBA President Matthew Nazzaro at right and VFW Post #335 Commander Jim D'Arcy.



Carjacking at Dairy Queen

Quenton Morales, 18, of Newark was arrested and charged with carjacking on Tuesday, Aug. 4, at 9:30 p.m. by Detective Ryan Greco and Officer Donald Zsak at a motel in Fairfield with the assistance of the Fairfield Police Department.

The month long investigation led by Greco began after a Rahway woman was shoved from her car on Tuesday, July 7, at 3:42 p.m. at the Dairy Queen at 337 North Avenue East by a suspect who she described to police as a Hispanic man with curly brown hair, a white t-shirt, and a tribal tattoo on his left bicep.

The victim's Nissan was recovered at 11:40 p.m. that same evening in Newark. Cranford Police took possession of the vehicle and the stolen Dodge that was recovered from the Dairy Queen parking lot, which police believed the suspect had used to drive to Cranford.

Grants to Improve Safety

In January, a \$9,000 Safe Route to School grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation was awarded to the Police Department and will be used to install solar powered LED Pedestrian Crossing signs at the intersection of Walnut Avenue and Blake Avenue. These signs will blink anytime a pedestrian pushes the button to cross. Installation is expected by the start of the 2010 school year.

Later in the year the Police Department was awarded an additional \$16,000 Safe Routes to School grant from the NJDOT. This money will be used to purchase four portable LED speed display signs to be used in school zones. These signs alert drivers that they are speeding so they slow down. These signs should be ready to be deployed by the start of next school year.

Public Safety Day

In April, the Cranford Police Department participated in the annual Public Safety Day on Holly Street. The event is held each year and offers students from Calvary Nursery School & Child Care as well as Helen K. Baldwin Nursery School a chance to speak with officers one on one and explore police, fire, and EMS equipment.



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Cranford Police Department 2009 Events

Public Safety Open House—April 23rd



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Cranford Officer, Vet Leads Memorial Day Parade



Cranford Patrolman and United States Marine Corps veteran Sean T. Holcomb was the Grand Marshal of the 2009 Memorial Day Parade. Patrolman Holcomb is a lifelong resident of Cranford. He graduated Cranford High School in 1995 and attended Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island before enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1998.

After completing basic training, he was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment where he was assigned as a rifleman in the Infantry Platoon.

During his first deployment, Holcomb took part in humanitarian efforts in Turkey due to a devastating earthquake and then a two month peacekeeping mission in Kosovo called Operation Joint Guardian. He successfully completed Scout Sniper Indoctrination at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and spent the remainder of his military career as a spotter in the Scout Sniper Platoon, from which he was deployed on both combat and humanitarian missions.

After the events of September 11th, Holcomb

took part in Operation Enduring Freedom, serving in Kabul, Afghanistan where he conducted security operations in and around the U.S. Embassy. He left the Marine Corps as a Sergeant due to family illness and returned to Cranford in 2002. Sean was hired as a police officer in Cranford on December 1, 2002 and currently serves in the Patrol Division.



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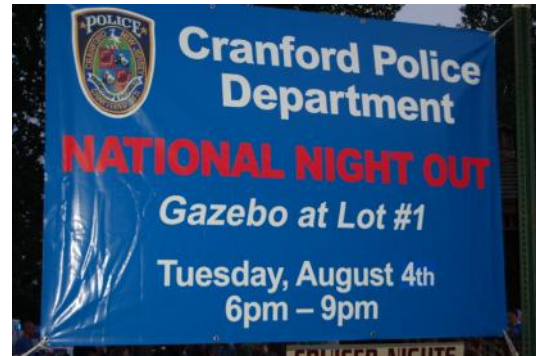


Torch Run 2009

The Cranford Policemen's Benevolent Association participated in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics held on Friday, June 12th. The PBA raised \$2,500 for the Special Olympics.

In the photo above, Cranford Patrolman Eugene Perrotta passes the torch to his brother Garwood Patrolman David Perrotta on North Avenue near Lincoln Avenue. Looking on is Cranford Patrolman Robert Jordan.

Photo below, *left to right*, Running for the PBA were Officers Brian Thomas, Matthew Nazzaro, Thomas Stiansen, Derek Farbanec, Guy Patterson, Robert Jordan, Joseph Stulpin, and Eugene Perrotta.



National Night Out

On August 4th hundreds of Cranford residents attended the Cranford Police Department National Night Out event held in Municipal Parking Lot #1 at the gazebo from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The free, nationwide event is designed to promote crime prevention awareness and allow the public to interact with the members of the police department to obtain information about department programs and activities.

Visitors got a chance to sit in a police car, explore an ambulance, get into a rescue boat, and other equipment. The Cranford PBA provided frozen treats and hot pretzels as well as a DJ, face painter, magician, and balloon animal maker.

A blood drive with Community Blood Services of New Jersey was held to honor the memory of Jersey City Police Detective Marc DiNardo.

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Davenport Graduates Command and Leadership Program

Sergeant Edward Davenport of the Cranford Police Department was among 44 graduates in December of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Command and Leadership Program. Participation in the prestigious Command and Leadership Program is based upon the applicant's successfully completing a competitive selection process.

The program is the result of collaboration between the United States Military Academy and the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. The program combines leadership theory with practical applications for law enforcement executives.

In addition to successfully completing the challenging program, Sergeant Davenport was awarded the Chief Harry W. Wilde Award, which is presented to the graduate who achieves the highest academic average throughout the program. This was only the second time in the 17 year history of the program that a member of the Cranford Police Department was awarded this honor. The award is named in honor of retired Cranford Police Chief Harry W. Wilde who was the visionary for the Command and Leadership Program and is credited with

bringing this prestigious leadership training program to the New Jersey law enforcement community.

Cranford Police Chief Eric G. Mason who nominated Sergeant Davenport for this program stated, "Graduates of the Command and Leadership Program have been trained to apply leadership theory and principles as a science, utilizing logic, critical thinking and scientific methodology to solving leadership problems. They learn how to combine their decision making, counseling, stress management and communication skills in the context of managing a complex law enforcement organization." He further added, "A program like this requires the participant to be focused and committed to being a law enforcement leader. The training that Sergeant Davenport received will serve him, his community and the department well."

Sergeant Davenport is a 13-year veteran of the Cranford Police Department. He is a graduate of Thomas Edison State College where he earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics. Sergeant Davenport currently serves as a night supervisor within the Patrol Division.

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Family Fun Bike Ride

The Cranford Police Department assisted with the Township's first annual Family Fun Bike Ride on November 8th. The ride started in the Station Plaza parking lot and traveled along the bicycle path with a short break at Nomahegan Park. The ride then continued along the path and ended back at Station Plaza.

Photo below shows Patrolman William Pietrucha leading the ride on the motorcycle.



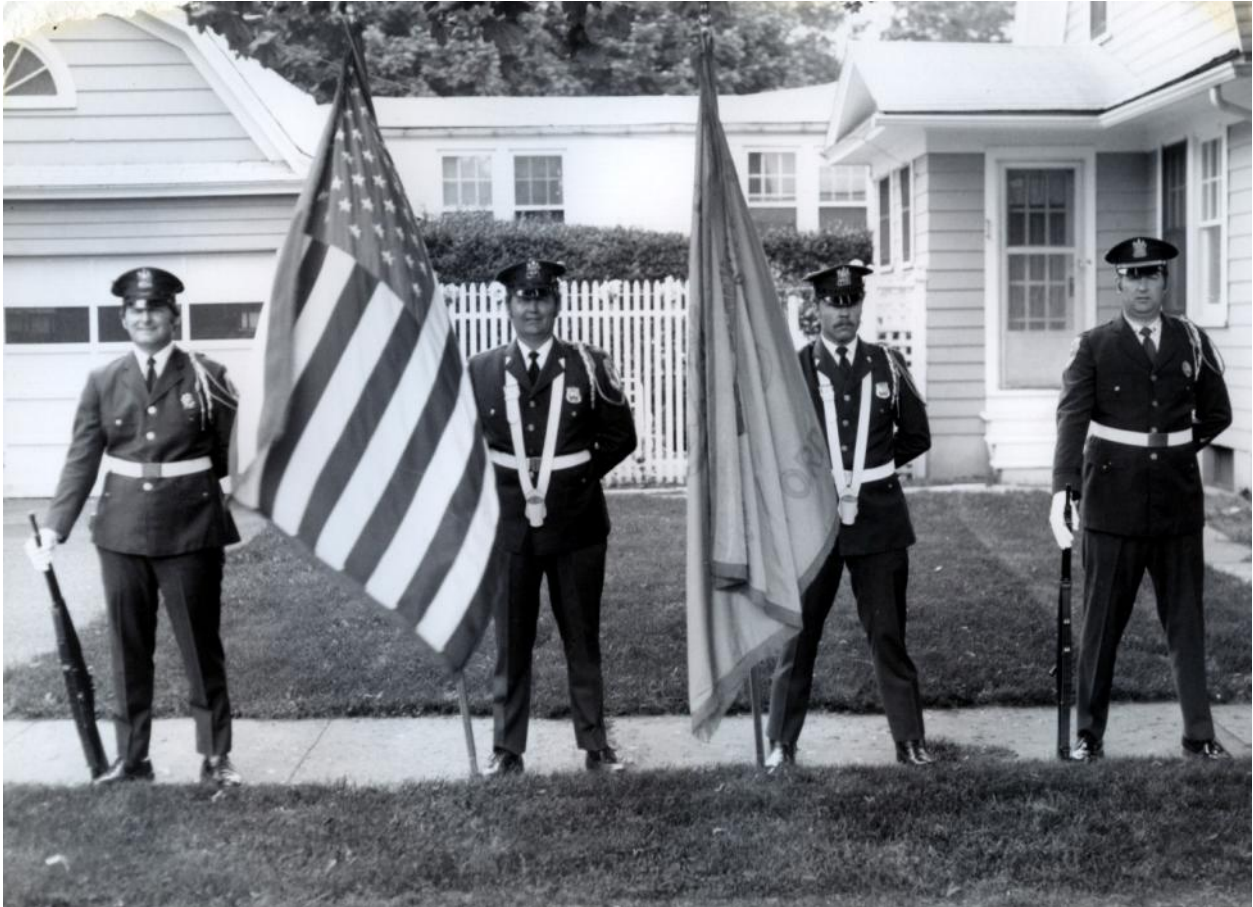
Santa Visits Cranford

The tenth annual Santa Home Deliveries to children 10 and younger was again coordinated by Detective Sergeant Christopher Polito. The following photos show Santa and his CPD elves.



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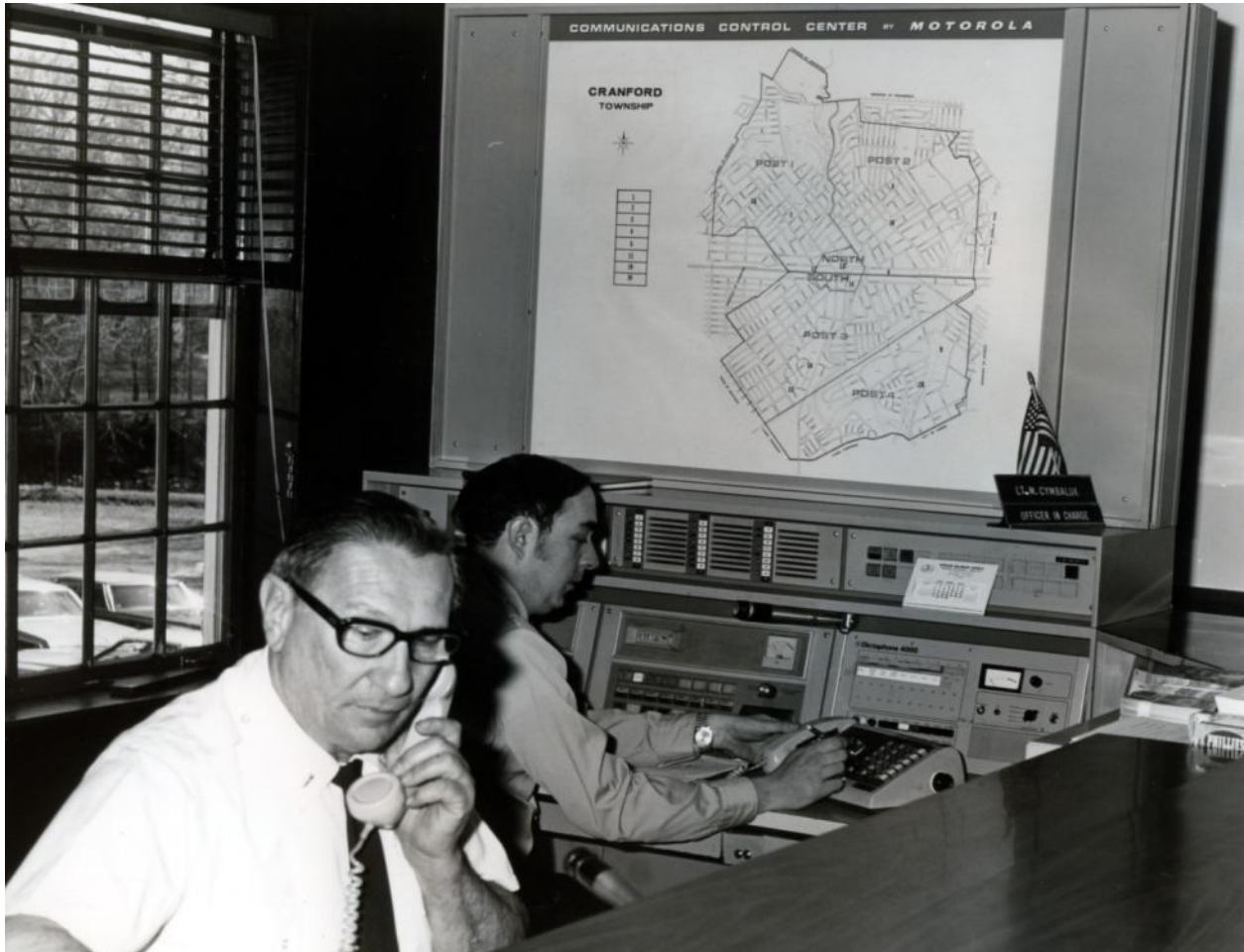
Historical Perspective of the Cranford Police Department



Memorial Day 1974, *left to right*, Patrolman James Washbourne, Patrolman Arthur Anderson, Patrolman John Stanier, and Sergeant Robert Guertin.

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Cranford Police Communications Desk, *left to right*, Lieutenant Myron Cymbaluk and Patrolman William Griffin. This was located in what is today the Traffic Division.

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Cranford Police Department Communications Center after it was remodeled in 1991.

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Patrolman John Baer at the Eastman Street Clock Plaza with a new 1991 Ford Crown Victoria.
