

2010 Annual Report



Cranford Police Department

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Top photo, Cranford Police Department Memorial Day—2010.

Bottom photo, Cranford Police Department Memorial Day—1971. The first with “Ptl. Andrews”. He is the second from the right in the last row.

On the cover, *clockwise from top left*, Captain Andrews with his sons Phillip and Michael after his promotion to Captain in 2004; Andrews with DWI Prom Weekend Safety reminder in 1991; Andrews in 1996 at Memorial Park; Captain Andrews with son, Detective Michael Andrews after the 2010 Memorial Day parade; Andrews in a patrol car 1999; and Andrews first Patrolman’s ID photo in 1970.

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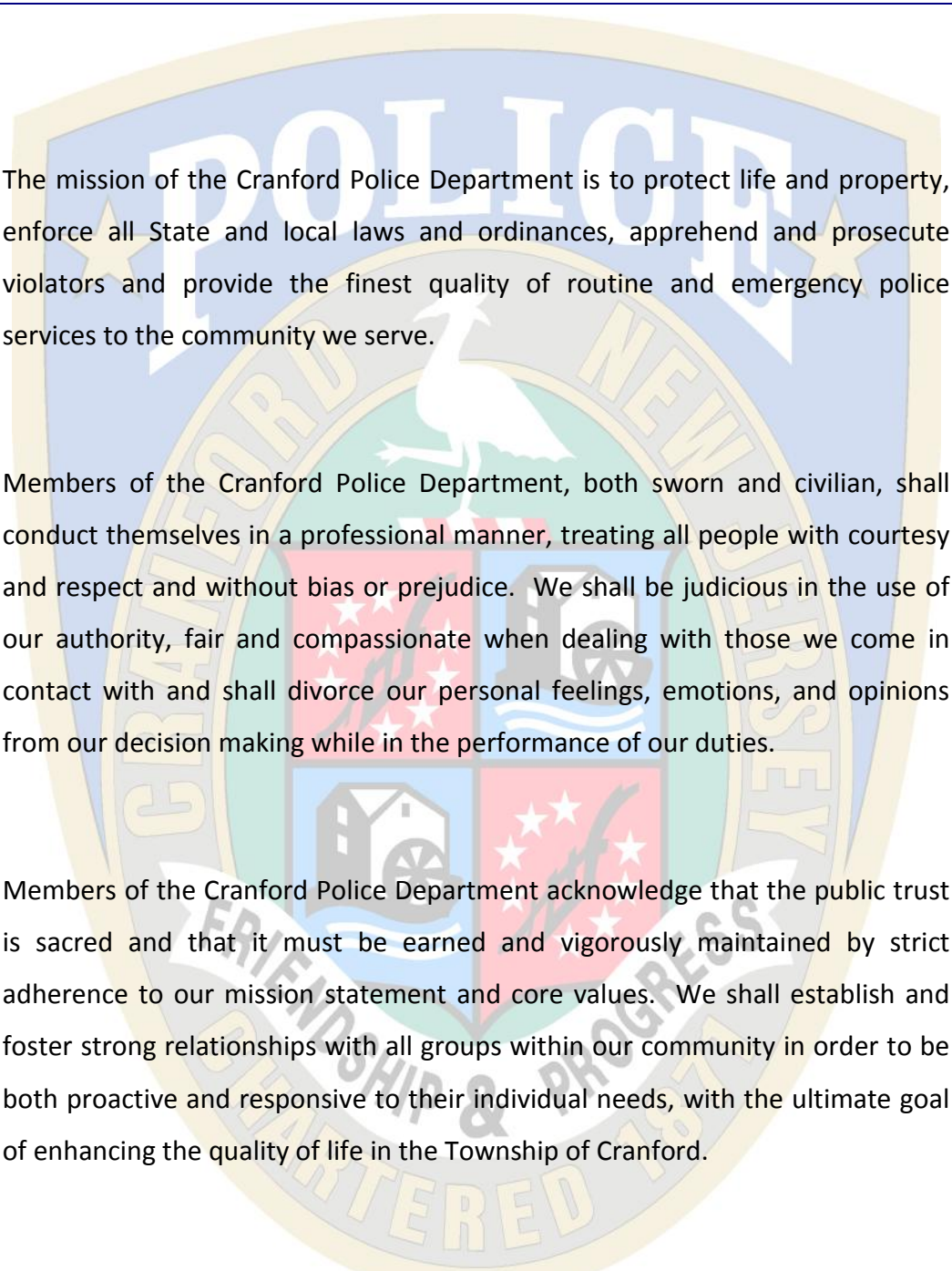
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Mission Statement

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



It is my honor to submit the 2010 Annual Report of the Cranford Police Department. This Annual Report is dedicated to all of the men and women, both sworn and civilians, who selflessly serve the Cranford community.

The key accomplishment for the police department in 2010 was receiving reaccreditation from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Accreditation Commission. Accreditation denotes the department's commitment to excellence and professionalism. Congratulations to the entire department on achieving this goal. I want to acknowledge the efforts of Captain John Baer, Sergeant Gerard Quinn and Sergeant Craig Marino for their hard work in leading the department through the accreditation process.

In 2010 the Cranford Police Department saw the retirement of several employees who together served the department and the residents for over 110 years. Their contributions to making Cranford a safe and secure community cannot be overstated.

On the cover of this annual report is a photograph of Captain Jerome Andrews. Captain Andrews retired in 2010 after 40 years of service to the Cranford Police Department. Prior to joining the department, he served his country as a member of the United States Army and is a veteran of the Vietnam War. Captain Andrews was a smart, thoughtful, loyal and dedicated member of the Cranford Police Department. We wish him well in his retirement.

Lastly, I want to thank the Cranford Township Committee and Township Administrator, Marlena Schmid for their ongoing support of the police department. Working together we are maintaining Cranford as a great community.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric G. Mason".

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

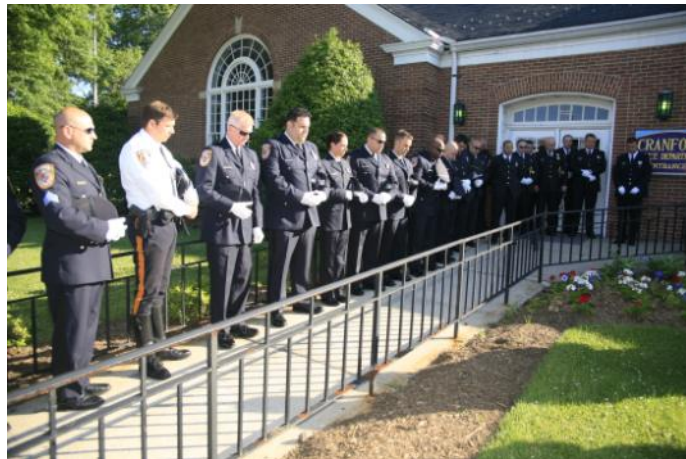
In Dedication to those who have served as Cranford Police Officers

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 Saders
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.



Mark C. Smith
Mayor



Martha Garcia
Deputy Mayor
Comm. of Public Works



David W. Robinson
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.

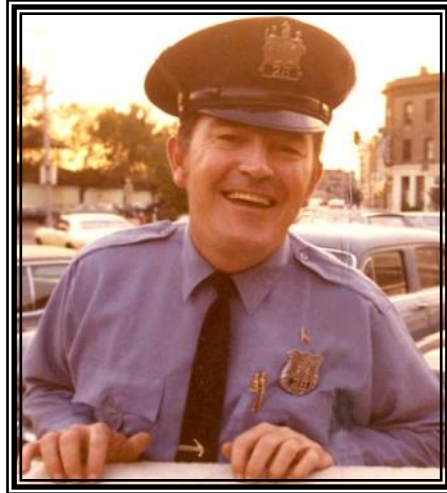


Marlana A. Schmid
Township Administrator

In Memoriam

In Memory of Patrolman Robert F. Hand

Patrolman Robert F. Hand



This year marked 35 years since the death of the only Cranford Police Officer to lose his life in the line of duty. Patrolman Robert F. Hand sacrificed his life protecting and serving the citizens of Cranford on February 11, 1975 following a motor vehicle pursuit.

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

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

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

The police pallbearers were Lieutenants Myron Cymbaluk and Henry Polidoro, Sergeants Gerard Haney and John Korsch, and Patrolmen John Herzer and Robert Nysten.

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

Patrolman Robert "Bobby" F. Hand was born in 1930 and was a native of Jersey City before moving to Cranford. He attended St. Benedict's High School and in 1947 joined the United States Air Force,

In Memoriam

In Memory of Patrolman Robert F. Hand



attaining the rank of Corporal and serving in the Korean Conflict. He received an Honorable Discharge in 1950. Robert was appointed to the Cranford Police Department on July 1, 1956 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. Hand received a number of commendations during his career. In August 1968 he was commended for breaking up a narcotics ring where 10 people were arrested. Rahway Police commended him in March 1969 for his help in the arrest of a child molester and Army deserter.

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

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

This year, to honor his memory, members of the Cranford Police Department wore black mourning bands on their badges from Thursday, February 11th through Thursday, February 18th. In addition, the department designed and installed decals on all police vehicles honouring Patrolman Hand.



“Officer Hand gave his life in service to his community. The sacrifice that he and his family made will never be forgotten. On the anniversary of his death we should all pause for a moment in our day to pay him tribute,” said Cranford Police Chief Eric G. Mason.

Bureaus & Divisions

Cranford Police Department Bureaus and Divisions

Chief of Police

Eric G. Mason

Captains

Jerome M. Andrews
John C. Baer

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
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

Lieutenants

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

Executive Secretary

Joan F. Pinto

Administrative Secretary

Lisa Vollenbroek
Theresa Snover

Records Division

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

Information Technology

Emmanuel O. Chiobi

Detective Bureau

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

Juvenile Bureau

Sgt. Christopher T. Polito
Det. Richard Vitale
Det. Robert A. Montague

Traffic Division

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

Traffic Maintenance

Charles E. Fette
Joseph A. Corbisiero

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

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
Richard Villane
Jaclyn A. Benkovich

Personnel Changes

Cranford Police Department 2010 Personnel Changes

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|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Russell Luedecker | January 1, 2010 | Detective |
| John M. Colineri | January 1, 2010 | Officer 5th Grade |
| Daniel S. Norton | January 1, 2010 | Officer 5th Grade |
| Brian J. Wagner | January 1, 2010 | Officer 6th Grade |
| Matthew R. Nazzaro | January 1, 2010 | Officer 6th Grade |
| Russell Luedecker | February 1, 2010 | Officer 5th Grade |
| Spencer J. Durkin | February 1, 2010 | Officer 5th Grade |
| Christopher M. DiFabio | February 1, 2010 | Officer 5th Grade |
| Steven R. D'Ambola | July 1, 2010 | Officer 6th Grade |
| Thomas C. Stiansen | July 22, 2010 | Officer 5th Grade |
| Sergeant Michael Dow | October 1, 2010 | Retired |
| Officer Donald Zsak | October 1, 2010 | Retired |
| John J. Rattigan | December 31, 2010 | Officer 5th Grade |
| Eugene J. Perrotta | December 31, 2010 | Officer 4th Grade |
| Kelly A. Rieder | December 31, 2010 | Officer 4th Grade |
| Robert R. Jordan | December 31, 2010 | Officer 3rd Grade |
| Kelly M. Sretenovic | December 31, 2010 | Officer 2nd Grade |
| Captain Jerome Andrews | December 31, 2010 | Retired |
| Dispatcher Diane Chilson | December 31, 2010 | Retired |

Auxiliary Captain Armand A. van Gelder



Retired Auxiliary Captain Armand A. van Gelder died on January 27, 2010 at the age of 83. van Gelder was a lifelong resident of Cranford who enlisted in the Army in 1944 and saw combat in Europe with the 102nd Infantry Division. He later transferred to the Military Police and was a guard during the Nuremberg war crime trials. He joined the Cranford Auxiliary Police as a Patrolman in 1951 and retired in 1991 as a Captain after 40 years of service.

Training

Cranford Police Department Training

Training refers to the attainment of knowledge, skills and competencies that relates to specific useful skills. It is specific and done to improve one's capacity, capabilities and performance. Training systematically builds certain skills to achieve a certain end and provides opportunities that enhance work efficiency.

Training within law enforcement is critical in order to keep current with changing trends in laws, policies and technology. In order to provide the best service possible, the constant training and re-training of police personnel is imperative. Often, repetition is used in order to make a process or task become second nature. Training takes place in the form of in-service training, legal updates, field training, skill specific training, new technologies training, supervision training and other professional development courses.

It is not only our police officers that receive these types of training. It also includes administrative clerks, communications officers, fleet mechanics and Police Auxiliary.

The Cranford Police Department utilizes numerous media publications including, but not limited to, 911 Magazine, NJ Cops Magazine, Quinlan Publishing's Arrest, Search & Seizure Law Bulletin, N.J. Learns, Investigative Stops Law Bulletin and Arrest Law Bulletin, L.E.T.N. and The Union County Prosecutors Newsletter.

Chief Eric G. Mason recognizes that training for police personnel is indispensable and has made a commitment to provide the best training possible for members of the Cranford Police Department. This continuing commitment contributes to the cultivation of more accomplished employees. Thus, benefitting the citizens of Cranford with a more reasonable, effective and efficient police force.

In 2010 members of the Cranford Police Department completed training as follows:

Michael Andrews

ABC Enforcement Techniques
Pena-Flores Search & Seizure
Domestic Violence Training
Internal Affairs Policy

John Baer

Internal Affairs Policy & Procedure
Blood Borne Pathogens
Risk Management for Police Executives

Thomas Bell

M-4 Fall Qualifications
Pena-Flores Search & Seizure
Arrest, Search & Seizure
Internal Affairs Policy

Jaclyn Benkovich

ECO Recertification
Unidentified & Missing Persons NCIC
Internal Affairs Policy

Rosemary Cartwright

ECO Recertification

Diana Chilson

Unidentified & Missing Persons NCIC
Internal Affairs Policy

Training

Cranford Police Department Training

Robert Colaneri

Emergency Communications Operator
Emergency Medical Dispatch Certification
M-4 Fall Qualifications
M-4 Training Fall Qualifications
ATF Firearms Seminar
Beretta Armory Course
Homicide Investigations & Crime Scene
Officer Survival Investigations
Pena-Flores Search & Seizure
Identifying Warning Signs of School Violence
Holtz Juvenile Law & Procedures
Blood Borne Pathogens Seminar
D.V for Police Executives
Emotional Survival II
Internal Affairs Policy
Leading on the Tough Days
Mid Atlantic LEEDS

John Colineri

Pena-Flores Search & Seizure
Holtz Juvenile Law & Procedures
Domestic Violence Training
Internal Affairs Policy
NJNEOA Seminar

Joseph Corbisiero

Slips, Fall & Lifting Material Handling
Traffic Control Technician
Work Zone Safety Awareness

Steven D'Ambola

ECO Recertification
Juvenile Justice Update
Terry v Ohio: Legal Update
Mindset of Officer Survival

Edward Davenport

ECO Recertification
Alcotest Operator Certification
Blood Borne Pathogens Seminar

Christopher DiFabio

M-4 Fall Qualifications

Kathleen Ditzel

Unidentified & Missing Persons NCIC
Internal Affairs Policy

Anthony Dobbins

XCAD, XMOBILE & XRMS
Pena-Flores Search & Seizure
Holtz Legal Update
Blood Borne Pathogens Seminar
Defensive Driving
Domestic Violence Training
Respiratory Protection Preparedness

Michael Dubitsky

ECO Recertification

Spencer Durkin

M-4 Training Fall Qualifications
Immigration Enforcement & Identity
Pena-Flores Search & Seizure
Holtz Arrest Search & Seizure
Internal Affairs Policy
NJNEOA Seminar

Derek Farbanec

Identity Theft I
Pena-Flores Search & Seizure
Internal Affairs Policy

Patrick Fay

Gang Awareness

Thomas Feeney

Holtz Legal Update
Pena-Flores Search & Seizure
Blood Borne Pathogens Seminar
Domestic Violence Training
Internal Affairs Policy
Mental Health Training

Charles Fette

Defensive Driving
Shocks/Struts and Brakes
Slips, Fall & Lifting Material Handling
Work Zone Safety Awareness

Training

Cranford Police Department Training

Peter Graczyk

DNA for First Responders
Pena-Flores Search & Seizure
Critical Incident Stress Management
Domestic Violence Training
Internal Affairs Policy

Ryan Greco

M-4 Fall Qualifications
Firearms Application Investigation
Advanced Criminal Investigations
Cyber Crime & Electronic Mail
DNA for First Responders
Document Fraud for Law Enforcement
Immigration Enforcement & Identity
Officer Survival Investigations
Crime Prevention for Community Police
Internal Affairs Policy

Nelson Hearn

Pena-Flores Search & Seizure
Holtz Arrest Search & Seizure
Domestic Violence Training
Internal Affairs Policy

John Heesters

Identity Theft I
Pena-Flores Search & Seizure
Pena-Flores Fuller Search & Seizure
Domestic Violence Training
Internal Affairs Policy

Sean Holcomb

Search Warrant Execution & Entry

Nadia Jones

ECO Recertification
Advanced Investigation of D.V. Cases
Juvenile Justice Update

Robert Jordan

Pena-Flores Search & Seizure
Holtz Legal Update
Domestic Violence Training
In-Service Internal Affairs

Russell Luedecker

XCAD, XMOBILE & XRMS
M-4 Training Fall Qualifications
Document Fraud for Law Enforcement
Immigration Enforcement & Identity
Pena-Flores Search & Seizure
Crash Investigation I
Crash Investigation II
Expert Testimony for Crash Investigator
MUTCD 2009 Update
Pedestrian Safety Enforcement
Radar Instructor Certification
Traffic Control Technician

Craig Marino

TAC Seminar
XCAD, XMOBILE & XRMS
Firearms Application Investigation
2010 Accreditation Conference
Blood Borne Pathogens Seminar
Internal Affairs Policy
Jail Diversion Program
Mental Health Training

Eric Mason

Blood Borne Pathogens Seminar
Risk Management for Police Executives

Anthony Matusawicz

ECO Recertification
Identifying Armed Subjects
Encountering Mental Illness
Police Ethics
Tour of the Union County Jail

Robert Montague

XCAD, XMOBILE & XRMS
M-4 Training Fall Qualifications
Beretta Armory Course
Immigration Enforcement & Identity
Officer Survival Investigations
Holtz Juvenile Law & Procedures
Juvenile Justice Update
Search & Seizure Pena-Flores
Ballistic Vest Workshop

Training

Cranford Police Department Training

Matthew Nazzaro

ECO Recertification
Interview & Interrogation
Holtz Juvenile Law & Procedures
Crisis Negotiation for First Responders

Daniel Norton

Pena-Flores Search & Seizure
Internal Affairs Policy
Ground Fighting & Street Survival

Timothy O'Brien

Pena-Flores Search & Seizure
Holtz Arrest Search & Seizure
Domestic Violence Training
NJNEOA Seminar

Leon Paster

Protecting Law Enforcement Responder
In-Service Internal Affairs

Guy Patterson

Holtz Legal Update
Pena-Flores Search & Seizure
Blood Borne Pathogens Seminar
Crisis Negotiation

Eugene Perrotta

ECO Recertification
Crisis Negotiation for First Responders

William Pietrucha

ECO Recertification
Interview and Interrogation
Identifying Armed Subjects
Gang Identification in Union County
K-9 Training
Police Ethics
Tour of the Union County Jail
EMS Tactical Bag Training

Christopher Polito

Identifying Warning Signs of School Violence
Protecting our Children
Holtz Juvenile Law & Procedures
Juvenile Justice Update
Search & Seizure Pena-Flores
Blood Borne Pathogens Seminar
NJSACOP Command & Leadership Program
Internal Affairs Policy

Gerard Quinn

ATF Firearms Seminar
Firearms Application Investigation
Holtz Legal Update
2010 Accreditation Conference
Blood Borne Pathogens Seminar
Crisis Negotiation
Mental Health Training

John Rattigan

ECO Recertification
DWI Standard Field Sobriety Tests
Interview & Interrogation

Kelly Rieder

ECO Recertification
Terry v Ohio: Legal Update

Kelly Sretenovic

Holtz Legal Update
Pena-Flores Search & Seizure
Pena-Flores/Fuller Search & Seizure
Narcotic Investigations for Patrol
Patrol Practices/MV Stops
In-Service Internal Affairs

Thomas Stiansen

M-4 Fall Qualifications
Pena-Flores Search & Seizure
Holtz Search & Seizure
In-Service Internal Affairs

Training

Cranford Police Department Training

Joseph Stulpin

Immigration Enforcement & Identity
Pena-Flores Search & Seizure
Holtz Juvenile Law & Procedures
Holtz Legal Update
Pena-Flores/Fuller Search & Seizure
Domestic Violence Training
Internal Affairs Policy

John Swandrak

ATF Firearms Seminar
A.B.C. Enforcement Techniques
Get Smart Seminar
Pena-Flores Search & Seizure
D.A.R.E. Officer Training
Domestic Violence Training
In-Service Internal Affairs

Steven Toy

M-4 Training Fall Qualifications
Pena-Flores Search & Seizure
Expert Testimony for Crash Investigator
MUTCD 2009 Update
NHTSA Older Driver Law Enforcement
Pedestrian & Bicycle Crash Investigation
Pedestrian Safety Enforcement
Work Zone Safety Awareness

Joseph Van Bergen

Pena-Flores Search & Seizure
Domestic Violence Training
Emotional Survival II
Internal Affairs Policy & Procedure
Jail Diversion Program
Leading on the Tough Days
Police Executive Institute 9th Session
Risk Management for Police Executives
Driven to Distraction Seminar
MUTCD 2009 Update
Pedestrian Safety Enforcement

Richard Vitale

M-4 Training Fall Qualifications
Advanced Criminal Investigations
Child Sexual Exploitation Investigations

Cyber Crime & Electronic Mail
Digital Photography 2010
Document Fraud for Law Enforcement
Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative
NJ Juvenile Officers Assoc. Conference
Holtz Juvenile Law & Procedures
Internal Affairs Policy
NJSACOP Front Line Supervision

Brian Wagner

ECO Recertification
Mindset of Officer Survival
Anti Smuggling/Anti Terrorism
Search Warrant Execution & Entry

Stephen Wilde

ECO Recertification
Holtz Juvenile Law & Procedures
Blood Borne Pathogens Seminar
Domestic Violence for Police Executives
Emotional Survival
Jeopardy and Liability Reduction
Leading on the Tough Days

Frank Williams

Domestic Violence Investigative
Domestic Violence Update
Holtz Juvenile Law & Procedures
Blood Borne Pathogens Seminar
Crisis Negotiation for First Responders

James Wozniak

VCSI Conference
Pena-Flores Search & Seizure
Blood Borne Pathogens Seminar
Cell Block Management
Domestic Violence Training
DV for Law Enforcement Executives
Emotional Survival II
Internal Affairs Policy
Leading on Tough Days
Mental Health Training
Respiratory Protection Preparedness
Risk Management for Police Executives
Tour of the Union County Jail

Firearms Unit

Cranford Police Department Firearms Unit

In early 2010, the Cranford Police Department Firearms Unit researched and evaluated the replacement of department issued Benelli shotguns. The purpose was to provide our police officers with a more modern, practicable weapon for law enforcement in an age of active shooter situations. The weapon chosen was the Beretta CX4 Storm carbine. The Storm is a magazine fed, .40 caliber carbine that gives officers much more flexibility than the current shotguns offer. The shotgun is a close quarter weapon and cannot be fired beyond 20 yards with law enforcement ammunition. The Storm allows officers the protection and safety of being able to deploy and fire the weapon from distances to and including 50 yards. The Storm is more compact and can be quickly deployed. Each Storm is outfitted with a sling, weapon mounted light and spare magazines. Training on the new weapon included a safety lecture, nomenclature, shooting while moving drills, shooting in low light conditions and deploying the weapon from a radio car.

Patrolman Joseph Stulpin is shown below with the new Beretta CX4 Storm utilizing the sling.



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.

Lieutenant Stephen Wilde was assigned to A & B squads and Lieutenant James Wozniak was assigned to C & D squads. The lieutenants generally work from noon until midnight to cover a majority of both the day and night shifts. Duties included but were not limited to overseeing 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. With retirements, the Communication Division ended the year with 8 full time employees including Communications Officer Ewa Jackson who was hired in 2010.

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. Chief Mason assigned Sergeant Anthony Dobbins to become a certified 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. All employees completed the training in 2010.

The physical layout of the Communication Division provides four separate workstations allowing 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 2010 were **60,110**.



Above, Auxiliary Officer Stephen Pietrucha takes time for a photo at National Night Out.

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 three Detectives; Detective John Swandrak, Detective Michael Andrews and Detective Ryan Greco all served in the unit during 2010. Each Detective handles a multitude of criminal and non-criminal investigations.



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.

Notable cases successfully investigated in 2010 included:

- The arrest of a Red Bank man who robbed the TD Bank on South Avenue.
- Two suspects were tracked and arrested for several burglaries they committed in Cranford and several other communities throughout Union County.
- With the help of a Cranford resident, another burglar was apprehended inside the resident's home. Detectives were able to link this man to another burglary in Cranford.
- A suspect in 19 vehicle burglaries was tracked and apprehended. Cranford detectives were able to link him to 10 more vehicle burglaries within the township.
- One of the largest narcotics arrest took place in 2010 when an undercover operation connected the suspect to distributing over 20 grams of cocaine and having possession of over 15 pounds of marijuana.

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,

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

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Investigators Association is one vehicle for such cooperation and coordination.

During 2010, detectives were assigned a total of 2281 cases. Each Detective handled an average of 456 cases in 2010.

In addition to handling a daily caseload, the detectives conducted 146 background investigations for firearms applicants. 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 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 2010, the Detective Bureau fingerprinted 98 applicants. Due to changing policies dictated by the State of New Jersey, only those residents applying for federal jobs, or applying for firearm permits can be fingerprinted locally.

Each year the Detective Bureau is responsible for conducting annual inspections of licensed establishments that serve or sell alcohol. In 2010, Detectives John Swandrak and Michael Andrews conducted 13 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. 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 Ryan Greco and Detective John Swandrak.

The Cranford Police Department participated in "Operation Take Back New Jersey." This program encourages local community residents to properly dispose of their unused, unwanted and expired medicine. Lieutenant Colaneri and Detective Robert Montague collected over 100 lbs. of prescription drugs.

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.

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| 2010 CLASS I OFFENSES BY MONTH | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | TOTAL |
| Homicide | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rape | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Robbery | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Assault | 3 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 71 |
| Burglary | 8 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 51 |
| Theft | 22 | 11 | 14 | 10 | 15 | 13 | 12 | 18 | 19 | 24 | 20 | 16 | 194 |
| MV Theft | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Arson | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 34 | 20 | 20 | 21 | 25 | 35 | 23 | 31 | 27 | 38 | 27 | 29 | 330 |

| CLASS I OFFENSES | | |
|------------------|------------|------------|
| | 2009 | 2010 |
| Homicide | 0 | 0 |
| Rape | 4 | 0 |
| Robbery | 6 | 5 |
| Assault | 82 | 71 |
| Burglary | 48 | 51 |
| Theft | 157 | 194 |
| MV Theft | 9 | 8 |
| Arson | 0 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 306 | 330 |

| ARRESTS | | |
|--------------|------------|------------|
| | 2009 | 2010 |
| Adult | 390 | 412 |
| Juvenile | 51 | 63 |
| TOTAL | 441 | 475 |

| AGGRAVATED ASSULTS ON POLICE | |
|------------------------------|------|
| 2009 | 2010 |
| 5 | 3 |

| CLASS II OFFENSES | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2009 | 2010 |
| Fraud | 126 | 83 |
| Stolen Property | 13 | 5 |
| Criminal Mischief | 249 | 243 |
| Weapons Offenses | 14 | 8 |
| Sex Offenses (not Rape) | 0 | 3 |
| Narcotics Investigations | 159 | 153 |
| Family Offenses | 60 | 142 |
| DWI | 67 | 68 |
| Liquor Offenses | 8 | 5 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 699 | 552 |
| Missing Persons | 53 | 49 |
| All Other Offenses | 1385 | 1503 |
| TOTAL | 2833 | 2814 |

| CASES ASSIGNED TO DETECTIVES | |
|------------------------------|------|
| 2009 | 2010 |
| 2256 | 2281 |

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.

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:

- To ensure that public safety is protected;
- To rehabilitate the juvenile so that he or she can grow into a resourceful and productive person who will contribute positively to society; and
- 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. These programs include Community Service, Anger Management Seminar, and a Shoplifting Seminar. These programs help the Juvenile Bureau make juvenile

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accountable for their actions when they break the law as a first time offender. Alcohol and drug cases cannot 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; Rutgers Safety Certification Program; Cranford Police Department - Superior Officers Staff; and Cranford Police Athletic League - Board of Directors.

The Juvenile Bureau staff members, Det./ Sgt/ Chris Polito, Detective Richard Vitale and Detective Robert Montague, have

participated in and served on committees for the following organizations: Cranford Municipal Alliance, Cranford Police Athletic League, and the New Jersey Juvenile Officers Association.

They have been involved in many school activities such as Project Graduation, The Prom, Cranford High School Graduation, Cranford High School Criminal Justice Classes and various other school lectures and programs in the Cranford School system.

The Juvenile Bureau also teaches a block of instruction for the Cranford Police Department Citizen's Academy and the Cranford Police Department Youth Academy. Detective Montague and Officer D'Ambola conducted the fourth session of the Youth Academy in 2010.



Above, Detective Ryan Greco teaches the Youth Academy recruits the proper techniques for fingerprinting.

D.A.R.E. Program

Drug Abuse Resistance Education



The Drug Abuse Resistance Education ("DARE") Program is sponsored and funded by the Cranford Municipal Alliance. More than 4,900 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 2010, 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. Det. John Swandrak attended the two week DARE Officer Certification School and will be a DARE instructor in 2011.

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

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.

P.A.L. Program

Cranford Police Athletic League

The Cranford Police Athletic League ("PAL") completed its 29th year of serving the youth of Cranford in 2010. The PAL continued to provide many positive activities for Cranford youth, including football, cheerleading, flag football, boys and girls basketball, wrestling, fencing, volleyball and track. The PAL also continued to support the Union County Flag Rugby Program. The strength of the PAL is due to the dedication and support 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. These are just a few of the reasons the volunteers, parents, coaches and Cranford police officers involved with the PAL provide considerable financial, and administrative support to the program.

The PAL is operated under the direction of Executive Director, Det./Sgt. Chris Polito and the 16 members of the Board of Directors. Members of the PAL Board of Directors are: Honorary Chairman, Chief Eric Mason, Lt. Robert Colaneri, Lt. James Wozniak, Sgt. Frank Williams, Off. Matthew Nazzaro (Secretary), Off. Steve D'Ambola (Treasurer), Gregg Wheatley (President), Kim Capece (Vice President), Marc Taglieri, John Oblachinski, Bob Bruns, Brian McGovern, Michael Plick, Andrea DaSilva, and Dan Fay. These volunteers spend a tremendous amount of time making decisions and organizing programs that make the PAL a successful non-profit organization.

The PAL has six (6) football teams for 3rd through 8th grade athletes. In 2010, the PAL divided the teams by grades with a positive outcome for both grades. With over 190 children joining the football program, participation was at an all time high. Brian McGovern, program director, and Erik Rosenmeier, head football coach at Cranford High School, hosted several clinics and meetings between the PAL 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. In addition, the PAL applied for and was given a \$2,500 equipment grant used to purchase new shoulder pads.

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 PAL 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 team, a 6th grade team, two 7th grade teams and an 8th grade team. The program has four (4) girls basketball teams for 5th through 8th grades. John Frieri, program director, provided valuable technical and strategic information to the coaching staff. He was invaluable in coordinating gym facility use for games and practices for all the basketball teams as well as arranging the tryouts and schedules for each team.

The wrestling program continued to grow in number of participants and in success on the mat. The program has over 100 wrestlers participating for the 2010/2011 season. The Program Director, Kevin Murray, led the program, participating in the Central Jersey Wrestling League and the Passaic County Wrestling League. This year the PAL added the Middle School Wrestling Program to help out with the recent Board of Education decision to cancel all middle school sports due to budget restraints.

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The track program, under director Det./Sgt. Chris Polito, was held at Memorial Field. Tim Styler orchestrated the program with the help of his employees from the Westfield Running Company. There were over 100 participants in the program.

The flag football program, directed by Det./Sgt. Chris Polito, completed its tenth year. There were over 80 1st and 2nd grade athletes involved in the program. The flag football program continues to fuel the football program, year to year.

The flag rugby program is co-sponsored by the PAL and the Union County Rugby Football Club. The season runs from June through July with games on Saturdays at Unami Park. The PAL Fencing program with the help of instructor, Alena Laminsky had another successful year.

In 2010 the Cranford PAL expanded its reach to the children of the community by adding a Mentoring Program for children in grades 3-8. The funds for the new program were secured through the National PAL Recovery Act Mentoring Subgrant. The Cranford PAL was one of 100 PALs across the country that received the grant. The grant is a reimbursement grant, up to \$25,000. The program currently has 17 mentees and 6 mentors, including 5 Cranford High School students as mentors.

The Cranford PAL conducted their third annual Field of Dreams Day in 2010. 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 5th. 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 where each child received a medal from Chief Eric Mason. Over 30 special needs children participated in the event and over 100 volunteers helped out with the event. The Office Restaurant and Avenue East provided a ton of food for the event and Shoprite of Garwood donated water. The day was a huge success!

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

The PAL 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 PAL program. The amount of the scholarship is \$500 for each award. The 2010 scholarships were awarded to Spenser Frieri and Emily Weisgerber.



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:

- Address, telephone numbers, and email address (police@cranfordnj.org);
- Photographs of department members, activities and equipment;
- Information and application instructions for the Police Auxiliary and Police Explorers Post;
- Special announcements, community updates, drunk driving enforcement news, and other current information on a "bulletin board" page;
- Viewing, downloading and printing of common forms, applications and ordinances online;
- 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;
- Crime prevention tips and advice for workers, seniors, homeowners and children;
- Information on Police Athletic League, DARE, and juvenile justice; and
- Links to related police, local, and governmental websites.

In the past thirteen years (since 1998) the Department's Internet home page has logged over 163,000 visits to the site. In 2010, the Cranford Police home page averaged over 910 visits per month, totaling 13,833 visits from over 9,000 unique visitors. In addition, over 1,300 visitors in 2010 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 83 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 Detective 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 a platoon. 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 **60,110** incidents reported to the Cranford Police Department during 2010. These total incidents are broken down as follows:

9,269 calls for criminal related activity, including:

1,673 calls reporting burglary/trespass/alarm
2,350 calls reporting disorderly conduct
403 calls reporting thefts/stolen property
295 calls reporting vandalism/malicious damage
630 calls reporting warrant arrests

21,189 calls for traffic related activity, including:

1,089 calls reporting motor vehicle accidents
5,075 calls reporting selective enforcement assignments
11,785 calls reporting motor vehicle violation investigations resulting in warnings/ summonses

26,297 calls requesting public service, including:

4,071 medical assistance requests
17,643 building examinations and public transportation inspections
398 requests for assistance with vehicle/house lock-outs

3,355 administrative assignments, including:

356 Police Auxiliary/Explorer details
1,088 In-Service/L.E.T.N. training



Auxiliary Police

Cranford Police Department Auxiliary Police

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

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

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

Eventually, as the threats of the world suppressed, activities for the **Cranford Police Reserves** were reduced to traffic duty at local events Election Day polling duty, natural disaster emergency response, child searches, oil spills and other duties wherever extra assistance was needed.

In 2010 the Cranford Auxiliary Police is a service organization composed entirely of volunteer members and operates under the division of the Cranford Office of Emergency Management. All members are required to be at least 18 years of age, possess a high school diploma or GED and complete a Basic Auxiliary Police Course prior to performing active duty with the Auxiliary. This training is provided at the John H. Stamler Police Academy annually. Their duties are designed to augment those of sworn police personnel and include directed foot and vehicle patrols, traffic control, enforcement of laws and regulations, apprehension of violators, detaining of suspicious persons and providing emergency services during times of natural disasters and civil unrest. Current membership of the Cranford Auxiliary Police stands at 19 and the members are:

Auxiliary Police

Cranford Police Department Auxiliary Police

Auxiliary Captain Ralph Gregson
Auxiliary Lieutenant Anthony Matusawicz
Auxiliary Lieutenant James Nalepa
Auxiliary Sergeant Russell Albert
Auxiliary Sergeant David Tenbroeck
Auxiliary Officer Phillip Andrews
Auxiliary Officer Edward Bernier Jr
Auxiliary Officer Justin Conklin
Auxiliary Officer Archie DeMartino
Auxiliary Officer Terance Duane
Auxiliary Officer Gregory Federici
Auxiliary Officer Ewa Jackson-Feldt
Auxiliary Officer Michael Meistrell
Auxiliary Officer Stephen Pietrucha
Auxiliary Officer Johnathan Regan
Auxiliary Officer Eddie Solice
Auxiliary Officer Michael Urbanski
Auxiliary Officer Jedeon Virata
Auxiliary Officer Francis Young

In 2010, the Cranford Police Department welcomed Auxiliary Officer Eddie Solice who graduated from the Academy in April. Officer Solice has already exhibited professionalism and exuberance in his new position. Welcome aboard Eddie. We also lost two Officers this year as they fulfilled lifelong goals in their law enforcement careers. Sergeant David Tenbroek was hired by the Montvale NJ Police Department and Officer Michael Meistrell was hired by the New Jersey Department of Corrections. We know the training and experience they attained with the Cranford Auxiliary will help each of them in their new endeavors. Good luck gentlemen.

This year the Cranford Auxiliary Police volunteered over 3300 hours of service to the community. In these difficult fiscal times, their involvement is both welcomed and crucial. Many of these hours enabled a sworn police officer to respond to emergency calls that hold a higher priority, thereby, providing a more efficient police force altogether.

Training is an important aspect and process of the Cranford Auxiliary Police. Continuing training is an important as officers are required by accreditation standards to maintain certain certifications such as CPR, Use of Force and Firearms Familiarization. This year the Cranford Auxiliary Police spent over 400 hours training and the topics were as follows:

POSS automated scheduling system

EMS Tactical Bag Training

Gang Identification

Identifying Armed Suspects

CPR Certification

Firearms Familiarization

Encountering Mental Illness

K-9 Training

Tour of the Union County Jail

Use of Force

Police Ethics

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 2010, the Post had 16 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 200 hours of volunteer service for the department and township. The Post continued to hold training sessions at the monthly meetings. These sessions included discussions and training videos on current police topics and hands on practical scenarios. Post advisors taught 10 codes and phonetic alphabet, traffic control, crowd control, domestic violence procedures, traffic accident report and traffic summons writing, 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 2010 were: traffic control at the 4th of July fireworks, the Spring and Fall Festivals, and the Memorial Day Parade.

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. 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 \$33,145.00.

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. 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 299 cats and 1211 dogs were licensed. This generated a total revenue of \$27,326.00.

As a commuter town, parking is a vital resource to the infrastructure. It is what draws many 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 \$366,895.81.

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The Records Division also collects revenues from Firearms Applications, Fingerprinting, Bicycle Licensing and copies of Police Reports. The Cranford Police Department's Detective Bureau provides fingerprinting services 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.

The Cranford Police Department is 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 2010 to \$441,957.57.**

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.

Photo below, an officer speaks with a motorist during a Click It or Ticket Checkpoint on Kenilworth Boulevard near County Park Drive in May 2010.



Traffic Division

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

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. In addition, all crashes are pinned on a map of the township located in the Traffic Division office.

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 Russell 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.

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, Speed Dolly and LED Speed Sentrys 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 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

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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.

The Department applied for and was awarded a number of enforcement grants from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety in 2010 totaling \$13,400. The first was \$4,000 for "Click It or Ticket" efforts between May 24th and June 6th. The Department also received \$4,400 of grant money for the "Over the Limit, Under Arrest" DWI Enforcement program from August 20th to September 6th and \$5,000 for DWI enforcement from December 6th to January 2nd.

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.

Our 2008 and 2009 ***Safe Routes to School Grants*** were completed this year. Specifically, we installed two LED Flashing Pedestrian Crossing signs at the crosswalk of Walnut Avenue and Blake Avenue as part of the 2008 grant. As for the 2009 grant, we installed four LED speed displays along Walnut Avenue and Denman Avenue.

Law Enforcement Challenge

The Cranford Police Department was honored in May for receiving a first place finish in the 46-75

officer category ***New Jersey Law Enforcement Challenge***. The Department also finished with the second 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 fourth 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. Pizza House on North Union Avenue was our sponsor and offered a free slice of pizza to any child given a "summons" 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 new bicycle. This year's raffle winner was Orange Avenue School fourth grade student Teddy Trojan.

Pedestrian Decoy Program

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 Stop for Pedestrians law which was enacted on April 1st of this year to

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replace the old Yield for Pedestrians law.

During details, a police officer in plain clothes acts as the pedestrian and the other officers stop vehicles that fail to stop for the pedestrian. This program will ultimately improve driver compliance and pedestrian safety.

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:

- Willow Street between West End Place and Lafayette Place was reconstructed. This included new curbs, sidewalks, drainage, and pavement.
- Route 28 (North Avenue) was repaved from the Roselle Park border to the Garwood border in September and October. This project included repairs to sidewalks and curbs as necessary.
- Parking was restricted an additional 25 feet at the Riverside Drive and Central Avenue intersection to improve the sight triangle for cars traveling south on Riverside Drive.
- Centennial Avenue Corridor Study was completed in October and includes recommendations for new traffic signals at the intersection of Centennial Avenue and Hillside Avenue that will be coordinated with upgraded signals at Myrtle Street. In addition, the Wall Street traffic signal will also be upgraded. The Raritan Road signal will receive a new battery back up system.

The study also recommends a 30 MPH speed limit for Centennial Avenue through the business district.

- Residential Parking restrictions were enacted on Amherst Road, Penn Road, Harvard Road, and Doering Way.
- A Yield sign was installed at Hampton Street and Berkeley Place.
- Springfield Avenue traffic signals were replaced at intersection with North Union Avenue and Orange Avenue during June and July. This included new poles, mast-arms, controllers, etc.
- No Parking School Days restriction was repealed along Pacific Avenue after the closure and tear down of old Roosevelt School.
- Two new handicapped parking spaces (one in the front and one along the side) were installed at St. Michael's due to a new elevator installation.
- A re-examining of the school guard posts was done and it was determined three posts could be eliminated based on children crossing, traffic changes, and improvements to intersections. Springfield Avenue at Tulip Street was eliminated October 4th and children directed to West End Place or Doering Way. The same day, South Union Avenue at Lincoln Avenue was eliminated due to the installation of new traffic signals at the intersections of Springfield Avenue at North Union and Orange Avenues.

SCHOOL GUARDS

During the 2009-2010 school year the Traffic Division was required to provide coverage at **426** school post assignments due to school guards failing to report for duty for either personal or medical reasons. During this calendar year, a total of **180** public/parochial school days

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occurred of which only **12** did not require members of the police department to fill in for a school guard. This equated to **2.37** school guards out every school day which was an increase over the 1.69 the previous year (2008-2009) and 1.29 in 2007-2008. 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 includes the filling of extra duty assignments. In 2010, the Traffic Division coordinated and filled **694 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 (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 2010 about **419 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.

Detective Toy is also responsible for the date entry of the daily crash reports, vehicle reports, and driver abstract requests. In 2010, **348** driver abstracts requests were prepared for patrol personnel.

Detective Toy 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. He is also a certified Child Passenger Seat Technician.

Detective Russell Luedecker 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. He is also a certified Child Passenger Seat Technician and Radar Instructor. He is responsible for School Crossing Guard training and payroll.

Detective Luedecker is a member of the Union County Traffic Officers Association (Secretary), 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

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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 2010. 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.

Members of the Traffic Division over the last year were:

Detective 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*



Above, Charlie Fette installing a new LED School Crossing Signal at Walnut Avenue and Blake Avenue.

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Top, Detective Toy at Orange Avenue School Bike Rodeo.

Bottom, Traffic Maintenance personnel Charlie Fette and Joseph Corbisiero install new LED School Crossing Signals in front of Walnut Avenue School as part of a Safe Routes to School Grant.



Law Enforcement Challenge

Cranford Police Department: 2010 Law Enforcement Challenge Winners

The Cranford Police Department was honored on May 19, 2010 after receiving a first place finish in the 46-75 officer category of the New Jersey Law Enforcement Challenge for the third 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 Doppler radar unit from MPH Industries, Inc. valued at \$2,500. Unlike traditional radar units, this unit allows officers to isolate traffic from only one lane, while disregarding other lanes and directions. The radar unit will be used for speed enforcement on a daily basis.

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, the department's new Dodge Charger which was installed with the new MPH radar unit.

Crashes and Injuries

Cranford Police Department Crashes and Injuries Summary

REPORTABLE CRASHES

| | 2009 | | 2010 | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|----------|-------------|
| Type | Crashes | Fatal | Crashes | Fatal | % Change |
| Motor Vehicle vs. Motor Vehicle | 77 | 0 | 90 | 0 | +17% |
| Motor Vehicle vs. Fixed Object | 18 | 0 | 14 | 0 | -22% |
| Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian | 15 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0% |
| Motor Vehicle vs. Bicyclist | 9 | 0 | 13 | 0 | +44% |
| Motor Vehicle vs. Parked Vehicle | 14 | 0 | 16 | 0 | +14% |
| Other | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -100% |
| TOTAL | 134 | 0 | 148 | 0 | +10% |

NON-REPORTABLE CRASHES

| Type | 2009 | 2010 | % Change |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Motor Vehicle vs. Motor Vehicle | 399 | 409 | +3% |
| Motor Vehicle vs. Fixed Object | 46 | 43 | -7% |
| Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian | 2 | 0 | -100% |
| Motor Vehicle vs. Bicyclist | 3 | 1 | -67% |
| Motor Vehicle vs. Parked Vehicle | 153 | 157 | +3% |
| Other | 7 | 8 | 14% |
| TOTAL | 610 | 618 | +1% |

INJURIES

| Type | 2009 | 2010 | % Change |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Transported to Hospital | 81 | 52 | -36% |
| Complaint of Pain (RMA) | 54 | 107 | +98% |
| Fatality | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| TOTAL | 135 | 159 | +18% |

Violations

Cranford Police Department Motor Vehicle Violations

The following is a comparative classification of motor vehicle violations between the period of January 2010 and December 2010 with the same period in 2009.

| VIOLATION | 2009 | 2010 |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Speeding | 379 | 313 |
| Stop Sign | 75 | 41 |
| Careless Driving | 300 | 300 |
| Reckless Driving | 9 | 8 |
| Driving Under The Influence | 73 | 77 |
| Open Container In Vehicle | 18 | 20 |
| CDS In Motor Vehicle | 87 | 71 |
| Wrong Way on One Way Street | 5 | 6 |
| Traffic Signal | 262 | 166 |
| Improper Passing | 44 | 49 |
| Illegal Turns | 120 | 85 |
| Obstructing Traffic | 80 | 90 |
| Driving While On Cell Phone | 430 | 239 |
| Unlicensed Driver | 100 | 103 |
| Revoked Driver | 257 | 284 |
| Unregistered Vehicle | 188 | 179 |
| Uninsured Motorist | 56 | 70 |
| No License In Possession | 162 | 160 |
| No Registration In Possession | 156 | 152 |
| No Insurance Card In Possession | 125 | 179 |
| Leaving The Scene Of An Accident | 17 | 27 |
| Fictitious/Obstructed Plates | 336 | 262 |
| Maintenance Of Lamps | 772 | 620 |
| Seatbelt Violations | 846 | 770 |
| Safety Glass Violations | 571 | 481 |
| Inspection Law | 382 | 363 |
| Other Hazardous Violations | 164 | 261 |
| Other Non-Hazardous Violations | 190 | 274 |
| TOTALS | 6,204 | 5,650 |

Violations

Cranford Police Department Parking Violations

The following is a comparative classification of parking violations between the period of January 2010 and December 2010 with the same period in 2009.

| VIOLATION | 2009 | 2010 |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Meter Parking | 4,209 | 3,902 |
| 4:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. | 681 | 452 |
| Restricted Hours | 648 | 592 |
| 9 Hour Permit | 405 | 414 |
| 12 Hour Permit | 128 | 93 |
| Overnight Parking | 390 | 393 |
| 25' Of An Intersection | 47 | 50 |
| 25' Of A Crosswalk | 131 | 163 |
| 2 Hour Limit | 246 | 282 |
| 10' Of A Fire Hydrant | 21 | 20 |
| 50' Of A Stop Sign | 61 | 99 |
| Parked On A Crosswalk | 6 | 6 |
| Parked On A Sidewalk | 4 | 10 |
| Blocking A Driveway | 19 | 16 |
| School Zone | 92 | 91 |
| Bus Stop | 0 | 3 |
| Disabled Vehicle | 7 | 13 |
| Fire Zone | 18 | 34 |
| Facing Wrong Direction On Street | 62 | 80 |
| Between Signs | 5 | 4 |
| Head In Only | 48 | 44 |
| Not Within Lines | 180 | 210 |
| Handicapped | 47 | 26 |
| Loading Zone | 46 | 57 |
| Meter Feeding | 41 | 7 |
| No Parking Anytime | 67 | 143 |
| Other Parking Violations | 40 | 28 |
| TOTALS: | 7,649 | 7,232 |

Motorized Equipment

Cranford Police Department Motorized Equipment

The Cranford Police Department's motorized equipment presently consists of 40 units; 20 cars, seven 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
- 1 2010 Dodge Charger
- 5 2010 Ford Police Interceptors
- 5 2008 Ford Police Interceptors
- 3 2006 Ford Police Interceptors
- 1 2005 Ford Police Interceptor
- 1 2003 Ford Police Interceptor
- 1 2002 Ford Police Interceptors

- 2 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 **291,871 miles** were traveled by motorized equipment during the year of 2010. Vehicles were serviced approximately every 3,000 miles and were cleaned and washed on average of once a week.

Below, 2010 Dodge Charger purchased with insurance funds after a radio car was struck on the Garden State Parkway protecting a crash scene. This is the first non-Ford marked car in the department's fleet in over 20 years.



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 2010 included a number of personnel changes within the guard ranks. Below are the retirements and hires from 2010. It is with great sadness that we report Anthony Lopez passed away after retiring April 15, 2010. Anthony had been a guard since June 2006 and spent the majority of his time at Bloomingdale Avenue School. He will be missed by the members of the police department as well as by the children he safely crossed everyday! After 8 years of service, Everitt Nye retired from his post at the North Lehigh Tunnel on June 23rd. We wish him well in his retirement.

We would like to welcome the following three guards hired in 2010. Leonard Messner, Daniel Simone, and James Desiderio were hired between February and May as reserve guards. Due to changes in walking patterns, on October 4th, the posts at Springfield Avenue at Tulip Street and South Union at Lincoln Avenue were eliminated. At the same time, Tom Gugliucci switched his post to West End Place at Spruce Street, Elsie Muldrow moved to Brookside Place at Gallows Hill Road, Sam Reynolds moved to Bloomingdale Avenue at Albany Street, and Elizabeth Erdody moved to the North Lehigh Tunnel. As of December 31st, the post at Springfield Avenue and Miln Street was eliminated. James Mulcahy was moved from this location to South Union and Livingston Avenues effective January 1, 2011 to cover the post for Elizabeth Manfredo who has been out for medical reasons. Deborah Saenger has been filling in for full time guards and currently is assigned to Brookside Place and Orchard Street for Louise Ruggiano who is out on a leave of absence. Below is a list of guard positions as of the end of 2010:

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| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Michael Bevilacqua | Brookside Place/Spruce Street |
| Charles Campbell | Hillside Avenue Tunnel |
| Susan Czarnatowicz | Orange Avenue/Wadsworth Terrace |
| Elizabeth Erdody | North Lehigh Tunnel |
| Howard Frost | Denman Road/Culin Drive |
| Thomas Gugliucci | West End Place/Spruce Street |
| 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 |
| Iris Lopez | Denman Road/Livingston Avenue |
| Samuel Manderson | Centennial Avenue/Severin Court |
| Betty Mobley | Walnut Avenue/Blake Avenue |
| James Mulcahy | South Union Avenue/Livingston Avenue |
| Elsie Muldrow | Brookside Place/Gallows Hill |
| Samuel Reynolds | Bloomingdale Avenue/Albany Street |
| Sol Rubenstein | Springfield Avenue/Doering Way |
| Louise Ruggiano | Brookside Place/Orchard Street |
| <i>Elizabeth Manfredo</i> | <i>Leave of Absence</i> |
| <i>Louise Ruggiano</i> | <i>Leave of Absence</i> |

RESERVE GUARDS

Robert Bell, William Borski, Leonard Messner, Daniel Simone and James Desiderio

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 586 fatalities in 2009, 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 24, 2010 to June 6, 2010. The department conducted four seat belt checkpoints and 40 hours of focused roving patrols utilizing overtime, patrol, and traffic personnel. In addition, we conducted 22 hours of night time enforcement 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: | 167 |
| All Other Violations: | 268 |
| TOTAL SUMMONSES DURING THE MOBILIZATION: | 435 |



In addition to the summonses issued the following arrests were made, six for DWI and 41 for drug possession and/or 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" 2010 Statewide Crackdowns. The goal of the program is to decrease incidents of drunk driving through education and enforcement.

From August 20th to September 6th 2009, the Cranford Police Department stepped up impaired driving enforcement as part of New Jersey's end of summer *Over the Limit, Under Arrest 2010 Statewide Crackdown*. The department received a \$4,400 grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for 88 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 6, 2010 through January 2, 2011, the Department stepped up impaired driving enforcement as part of *Over the Limit, Under Arrest 2010 Year End Crackdown*. The department also received a \$5,000 grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for 83 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>8/20/10—9/6/10</u> | <u>12/6/10—1/2/11</u> |
|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| DWI Arrests | 3 | 6 |
| Drug Arrests | 7 | 4 |
| Warrant Arrests | 46 | 42 |
| Summonses | 313 | 119 |



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 fourth 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 Pizza House – Pizza Chef of 123 North Union Avenue could be redeemed for a free slice of pizza.

The summonses also contained a raffle ticket for a new bicycle. This year's raffle winner was Teddy Trojan, a fourth grade student at

Orange 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.

Photo, top left, Detective Steven Toy presents Teddy Trojan with a new bicycle as this year's Safety Helmet raffle winner.

Photo, below, Detective Russell Luedecker issues a "summons" to a child wearing a helmet at the Second Annual Pedal Paddle Fun held on October 10, 2010.



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 **2010**, we had, in Cranford, **15 accidents** (nine involving injury) directly attributed to drunk drivers. There has been **an increase** in the number of alcohol related accidents over the **14** we had in 2009. 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 **2010** 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
Sgt. Edward Davenport
Det. John Swandrak
Det. Robert Montague
Det. Michael Andrews
Det. Richard Vitale
Det. Steven R Toy
Det. Ryan Greco
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 **2010** these efforts resulted in seventy seven (**77**) arrests being made for Driving While Intoxicated within the Township of Cranford.

Of the **77** arrests, **20** refused to submit to breath testing and **3** had blood drawn. This shows a **5%** increase from the **73** arrests made in the year **2009**.

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 **2011** 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 **2009, five (5)** drivers were charged under this law. This number has remained consistent to those of **2010** 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 **2010**.

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 2010, 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 one* 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 **2010** 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 2010 Impaired Driving Crackdown* is a campaign that ran from August 20, 2010 through September 6, 2010. During this eighteen-day period, officers assigned to this campaign made three **(3)** DWI arrests and issued **(313)** summonses for various violations. *Over the Limit Under Arrest 2010 Year End Crackdown* campaign ran from December 6, 2010 to January 2, 2011. During this twenty-eight day period, officers assigned to this campaign made six **(6)** DWI arrests and issued **(119)** 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, a one car motor vehicle crash in April at the intersection of South and Hollywood Avenues.

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. Members need 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.

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. The six other members assigned to the unit are Det. Steven Toy, Det. Ryan Greco, Officer Thomas Bell, Officer William Pietrucha, Officer Daniel Norton and Officer John Rattigan. 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 CPD Honor Guard continues to participate 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 2010. They will continue to train in order to represent the Cranford Police Department with dignity and pride.



Above, the Honor Guard at the department's annual Memorial Day ceremony for Patrolman Hand.

Emergency Medical Services

Cranford Police Department EMS

Cranford Emergency Medical Service (CEMS) is in its 9th 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 2010, CEMS responded to 1,425 calls for service. This was an increase of 139 service calls over 2009. Since being formed in 2002, the CEMS calls for service have increased each year. CEMS response times are recorded using the electronic patient care system. As of December 31, 2010, CEMS average response time was 2.97 minutes. The national standard is 7-9 minutes.

Two EMS crews are on call daily, with two certified EMT-Basics per crew at all times. 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 at CEMS since February 2003 and has 12 years of EMS experience. He is also 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 8 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 EMTs 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 EMTs providing the best emergency service to the residents and visitors of Cranford. All employees also undergo monthly in-service training.

CEMS handles a multitude of 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 system helps to rapidly identify locations of emergencies. Should the need arise this system 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 (ePCRs), CEMS uses Mobile Tablet PCs to capture all patient information and signatures. This has allowed CEMS to rapidly access important medical information during emergencies. CEMS is the first and only BLS agency in Union County to use this system.

Emergency Medical Services

Cranford Police Department EMS

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 delivery a pre-selected dose of epinephrine, used to treat severe allergic reactions. All employees undergo 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 delivery prompt and effective care to the residents of Cranford.

CEMS continues with the File of Life Program. This program distributes information to senior living facilities, seniors at home and any other residents wishing to have medical information available to Police and EMS in the 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 to Cranford if we are unavailable due to a high number of calls that day.

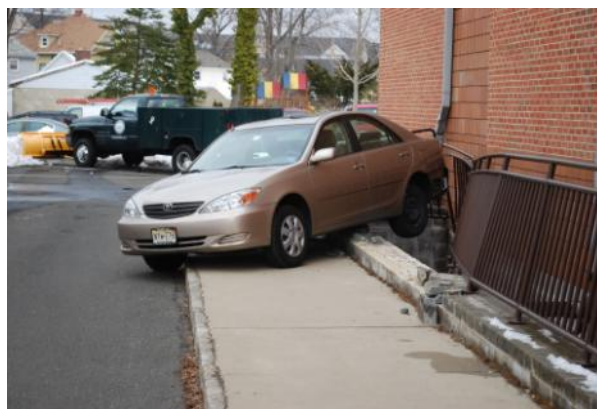
When warranted, Advanced Life Support (ALS) units respond from MONOC, Overlook Hospital, Trinitas Regional Medical Center, and Rahway Hospital to support us within the township. Some of the calls that may warrant ALS would be cardiac calls, respiratory calls, severe trauma, strokes, and

serious motor vehicle accidents. Advanced Life Support from surrounding hospitals was requested a total of 380 times. Of those 380 times, 168 resulted in an ALS treatment and transport. ALS was cancelled by BLS 174 times out of the 380 and ALS released the patient for BLS transport only 38 times.

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 2010 include:

Mikael Diaz, MICP, EMT-T, 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
Michael Urbanski, EMT-B, BA
Matthew Steitz, EMT-B
Augustine Alvarez, EMT-B



Youth Academy

Cranford Police Department Youth Police Academy



The Cranford Police Department held the fourth session of the Youth Police Academy from June 28, 2010 through July 2, 2010. The academy gave seventeen Cranford juveniles the opportunity to be introduced to law enforcement through a simulated police academy environment. The Youth Police Academy was started in June of 2007 by Chief Eric Mason to provide the youth of Cranford with a firsthand introduction to many aspects of law enforcement.

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

Following PT and drill, the cadets had a short break 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 Detective Ryan Greco gave a presentation on crime scene processing, criminal investigations and had a hands on activity on fingerprinting. Members from the Union County Gangs Guns Drugs and Violent Crimes Task Force gave a narcotics presentation that included sample narcotics and packaging that drug dealers use. The cadets then got to see the Union County SWAT truck and were familiarized with some of the weapons and equipment the SWAT team uses.

The third day of the academy was held at the John H. Stamler Police Academy. The Northstar helicopter landed in the EVOC course and the crew gave a short presentation. Detective Lieutenant Robert Colaneri and Detective Montague gave a firearms safety presentation and the cadets got to see all of the different weapons that members of the Cranford Police Department carry. The day concluded with a DWI detection and enforcement presentation. After which the cadets were able to experience simulated intoxication by using the Fatal Vision goggles.

The fourth day was again held at the Cranford Community Center. Sergeant Anthony Dobbins brought one of the police departments boats and equipment and gave a presentation on the department's water rescue team.

Detective/Sergeant Christopher Polito provided the cadets with a presentation on the Juvenile Bureau and juvenile law. Officer Christopher DiFabio, currently assigned to the Union County Homicide Task Force, gave a presentation on the county task force's efforts to investigate homicides. The Union County Bomb Squad provided hands on demonstrations in the rear parking lot. The last day of the academy was held back at the Cranford Police Department. Detective Lieutenant Joseph Van Bergen and Detective Steven Toy gave a presentation of the

Youth Academy

Cranford Police Department Youth Police Academy

Traffic Division then continued DWI instruction by allowing the cadets to wear the Fatal Vision goggles and attempt to navigate a pedal cart through an obstacle course. Presentations were given by members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the New Jersey State Police Gang Task Force unit. Instruction was concluded with a presentation by the Cranford Police Department EMS.

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.

Photos, various activities conducted during the one week academy.



2010 In Review

Cranford Police Department Commendations

A Department Awards Ceremony was held on May 11th to coincide with National Police Week with the following awards being issued:



Patrolmen Christopher DiFabio and Nelson Hearns were given the Life Saving Award for their efforts to resuscitate a resident who was found unconscious and unresponsive. In photo, Chief Mason, Patrolman Hearn, and Patrolman DiFabio.



Sergeant Edward Davenport and Patrolman Matthew Nazzaro were also given the Life Saving Award for resuscitating Donald Waters, who was present to help present the award. In photo, Sergeant Davenport, Mr. Waters, and Patrolman Nazzaro.

Patrolmen Derek Farbanec and Kelly Sretenovic received the Departmental Citation for their early morning efforts to track a suspect who had broken into a number of cars in Cranford, eventually taking him into custody at the downtown train station after following the footprints he had left in the freshly fallen snow. The suspect was eventually charged with more than 400 car burglaries in Union County and the surrounding area.



Patrolmen Eugene Perrotta (below) and Brian Lopez also received a Departmental Citation for stopping a suspect who was found to have a loaded gun, a bulletproof vest and imitation police uniform in his possession.



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Cranford Police Department 2010 Events



Sergeant Frank Williams and Patrolman Sean Holcomb received their Departmental Citation along with a young resident who called 911 after hearing someone break into her home.



The Chief's Medal was awarded to **Detective Ryan Greco** and **Patrolman Donald Zsak** for finding and arresting a suspect who carjacked a woman as she sat in her car at the township's North Avenue Dairy Queen.



Public Safety Day

In April, the department took part in the annual Public Safety Day on Holly Street. The event is held each year and offers students of Calvary Nursery School and Helen K. Baldwin Nursery School a chance to meet officers and explore police, fire, and EMS equipment.



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Cranford Police Department 2010 Events



Torch Run 2010

The Cranford Policemen's Benevolent Association Local #52 participated in the annual La Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics held on Friday, June 11th. The PBA has raised over \$3,500 for the Special Olympics over the last 2 years.

In the photo above, Cranford Police Officer Bobby Jordan carries the torch along North Avenue with the other members of the local.

Photo below, *left to right*, Running for the PBA were officers Joseph Stulpin, Phil Andrews, Steve D'Ambola, John Rattigan, Tom Bell, Robert Montague, and Bobby Jordan.



The PBA also took part in the Cranford Jaycees third annual "Pride of Cranford" softball tournament on June 26th. All proceeds benefit the Jaycees General Scholarship Fund. Playing on the team were, *left to right*, Derek Farbanec, Chris DiFabio, John Swandrak, Steve D'Ambola, Bobby Jordan, Lee Paster, Tom Stiansen, Mike Dubitsky, John Rattigan, Jason Ingram, Gene Perrotta, and Guy Patterson.

At the Polar Bear Plunge on March 6th, members of the PBA raised \$1,500 for the New Jersey Special Olympics. The Cranford PBA also handed out water bottles at the Hillside Avenue Fun Run in April. Shown below, *left to right*, Stiansen, Greco, Stulpin, Colaneri, Van Bergen, Jordan, Nazzaro.



2010 In Review

Cranford Police Department 2010 Events

Patrolman Robert F. Hand Plaza Dedicated

On June 30th at 11:00 a.m. residents, friends, family, and police officers were invited to attend the dedication of Patrolman Robert F. Hand Plaza. The plaza incorporates the portion of Springfield Avenue between North Avenue and North Union Avenue—fronting Police Headquarters. The plaza dedication was a fitting tribute to a man who so fully represented the Cranford Police Department during his 19 years as an officer. More than 100 people gathered in front of police headquarters for the ceremony, which included the children and grand children on Patrolman Hand. The article on the following page was printed in the Cranford Chronicle and recaps the ceremony.



Left Photos: Top photo, the new memorial street sign. Middle photo, Officer Kelly Rieder singing God Bless America. Bottom photo shows those in attendance with the Hand family in the front row.



Below Photos: Top photo, members of the police department and Hand family unveil the new street sign at North Union and Springfield Avenues. Bottom photo shows the Honor Guard and dignitaries.



2010 In Review

Cranford Police Department 2010 Events

Plaza renamed to keep officer's memory alive

By Leslie Murray

CRANFORD — With the clang of church bells in the air, the Cranford Police Department honored a fallen member of the department, Officer Robert F. Hand.

Hand is the only member of the Cranford Police Department ever to be killed in the line of duty. On Wednesday, June 30, the plaza which incorporates the portion of Springfield Avenue between North Avenue and North Union Avenue — fronting the department — was renamed in his honor.

A native of Jersey City, Hand was born in 1930. After joining the United States Air Force, attaining the rank of Corporal and serving in the Korean Conflict, Hand became a member of the Cranford Police Department on July 1, 1956. He was elected PBA president by the Cranford department and was affectionately dubbed "The Senator" by his fellow officers.

Hand was killed on February 11, 1975 in a motor vehicle accident as he pursued a suspect from Cranford across the border with Clark.

Speaking about Hand, Chief of Police Eric Mason called the plaza dedication a fitting tribute to a man who so fully represented the Cranford Police Department during his 19 years as an officer.

The ceremony drew a crowd on the warm Wednesday afternoon, including Cranford Mayor Mark Smith and Deputy Mayor Martha Garcia, Union County Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, New Jersey State PBA President Anthony Wieners, Cranford PBA President Matthew Nazzaro, Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow and Hand's children and grandchildren.

Smith said the tribute was utterly fitting.

"This plaza will serve as a constant reminder of the ideals that Officer Hand embodied in the past and that the Cranford Police Department embodies today," he said.

Kowalski said she and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders were thrilled to honor



PLAZA DEDICATION—Union County Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski presents a resolution to Cranford Police Chief Eric Mason proclaiming Springfield Avenue in front of the Cranford Police Headquarters will be named Robert F. Hand Plaza in memory of Cranford Patrolman Hand who was killed in the line of duty in 1975, during the dedication ceremony on June 30. (Photo by Jim Lowney/County of Union)

the fallen officer.

"We know he served well and we know that he served with his heart," Kowalski said.

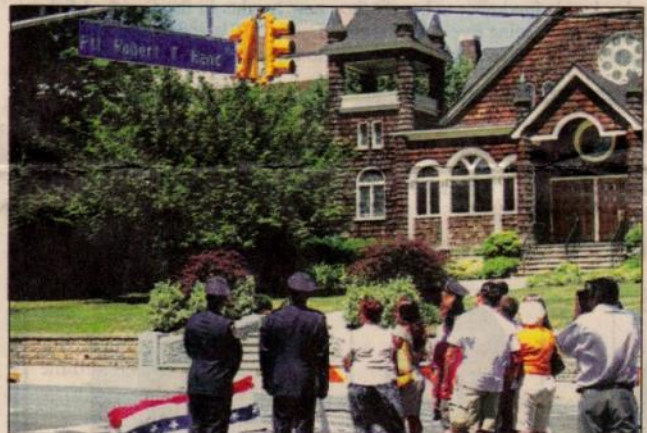
Offering comments of praise for Hand, Nazzaro said that Cranford's police union benefited from his leadership when Hand became the first PBA president to establish a collective bargaining unit for the department. In addition to caring for the safety of his fellow officers, Hand "lifted the spirits of those surrounding him," Nazzaro said.

In his comments, Romankow said he has the unfortunate duty of attending memorials for individuals such as Officer Hand who gave their lives in the service and protection of others.

"Every time I attend a memorial I am struck by the fact that the man or woman who died, died for me and you... died for a cause," Romankow said.

Speaking about the true meaning of heroism, Romankow said the word had been incorrectly assigned to those who achieve fame.

"The reality is they are mis-



ROBERT F. HAND PLAZA dedication in front of Cranford Police Headquarters. (Photo by Leslie Murray)

ing the word 'hero'. Our heroes are serving us now. They are the men and women who are in the armed services. The men and women in law enforcement," Romankow said.

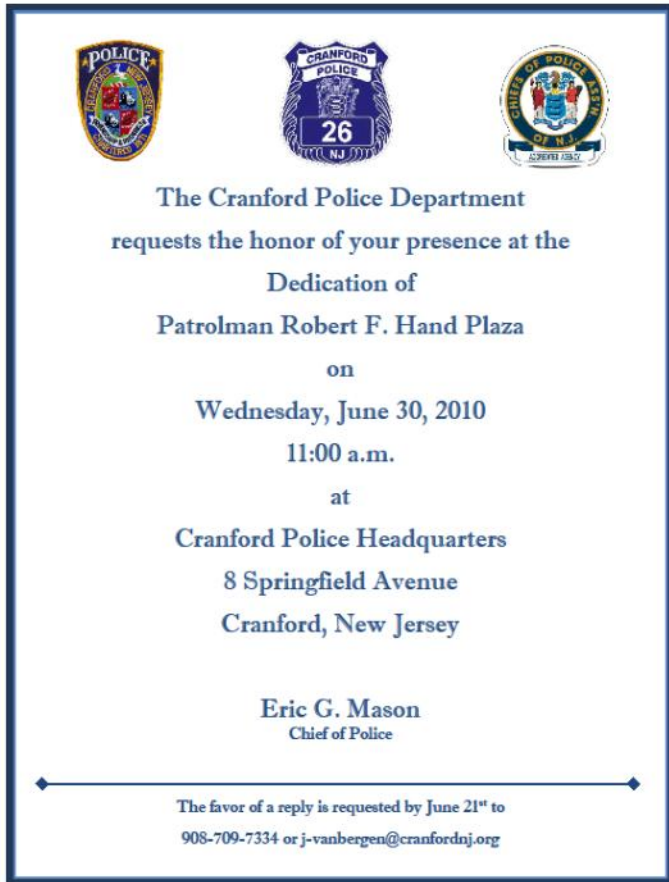
Offering comments for her family, Officer Hand's daughter Peggy Cleveland thanked the crowd

for attending the event and the township for honoring her father in a lasting and meaningful way.

Our father loved this town and knew everyone, mostly by name," Cleveland said. "My father lived authentically. He did what he wanted to do, which was serve the town he loved.

2010 In Review

Cranford Police Department 2010 Events



Special thanks were extended to the following businesses and organizations for their generous donations/contributions to honor the memory of Patrolman Hand:

Cranford P.B.A. Local #52
Cranford Township Committee
Cranford Department of Public Works
Cranford Fire Department
Cranford Recreation Department
New Jersey Department of Transportation
Readington Township Police Department
Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders
Union County Bureau of Traffic Safety
Union County Police and Fire Pipes and Drums
Dreyer Farms
Emma's Brick Oven Pizza & Café
Kilkenny House Restaurant & Pub
Rekemeier's Flower Shop
Sounds By Paul
The Gourmet Deli
Tony's Café
Traffic Safety Service, LLC

PROGRAM

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| Welcome | Eric G. Mason, Chief of Police |
| Invocation | Rev. John P. McGovern, St. Michael's Church Chaplain, Cranford Police Department |
| Presentation of Colors | Cranford Police Honor Guard |
| <i>God Bless America</i> | Officer Kelly A. Rieder Cranford Police Department |
| Remarks | The Honorable Mark Smith, Mayor Township of Cranford The Honorable Daniel P. Sullivan, Chairman Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders President Anthony Wieners NJ State Policemen's Benevolent Assoc. President Matthew R. Nazzaro Cranford P.B.A. Local #52 |
| Keynote Speaker | The Honorable Theodore J. Romankow Union County Prosecutor |
| Dedication | Chief Eric G. Mason Patrolman Matthew R. Nazzaro Hand Family Members |
| Moment of Silence | |
| Taps | Patrolman Robert D. Quinlan Readington Township Police Department |
| <i>Amazing Grace</i> | Union County Police & Fire Pipes and Drums |
| Remarks | Members of the Hand Family |
| Benediction | Rev. Donald K. Hummel, St. Agnes Parish Chaplain, NJ State Assoc. of Chiefs of Police |
| Retirement of Colors | Cranford Police Honor Guard |
| Reception | Cranford Fire Department Headquarters <i>Courtesy Cranford P.B.A. Local #52</i> |

A copy of the invitation for the Plaza dedication is shown above left. In addition, the figure above shows the itinerary for the day.

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Chief Mason Becomes President of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police

On June 23rd, Cranford's Chief Eric G. Mason was installed as President of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP). The NJSACOP promotes the highest ethical and professional standards in law enforcement and sponsors professional training and educational programs for police and law enforcement personnel along with offering accreditation programs. The NJSACOP runs a series of programs designed to encourage professional development for Chiefs of Police in New Jersey, from leadership academies to new chief mentoring programs. The association also runs accreditation programs, entrance exams and promotional exams looked to by police departments throughout the state.

Photo above shows Chief Mason being sworn into his new position by Union County Prosecutor Theodore J. Romankow.



In August, the Cranford Police Department utilized a new communication service that sends important community information to residents' electronic devices. Nixle is a community information service provider built exclusively to provide secure and reliable communications. It is the first authenticated and secure service that connects municipal agencies and community organizations to residents in real time, delivering information to geographically targeted consumers over their cell phones (via text messages), through e-mails and via Web access. Nixle has secured a partnership with Nlets (the International Justice and Public Safety Network), allowing local police departments nationwide to send immediate alerts and advisories. Privately funded, Nixle, which has offices in New Jersey and California, is free to all governments, their agencies and organizations, nongovernmental organizations and consumers. For more information, visit www.nixle.com.

Bank Robbery

Working with Red Bank Police, Cranford authorities charged Wilfred A. Dunn, Jr. with the robbery of the TD Bank at 465 South Avenue East on August 27th. A description of the suspect and vehicle was broadcast to surrounding towns. Detectives were able to zero in on the vehicle which allowed the Red Bank police officers to observe and pull over the suspect in question.

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National Night Out

The Department participated in the 27th Annual National Night Out on August 3rd from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. near the Gazebo at North Union and Springfield Avenues. The free nationwide event is designed to promote crime prevention awareness. It also allows the public to interact with members of the police department and obtain information about the department's main programs. Visitors got a chance to sit in a police car, explore an ambulance, get into a rescue boat, and more. A DJ, face painter, magician, and balloon animal maker were on hand to entertain. Robert Wood Johnson Hospital and the American Red Cross were also present and handed out literature and free giveaways. A blood drive was held in memory of NJ State Trooper Mark Castellano. Members of Cranford PBA #52 were present and handing out free Italian ices to all in attendance as well.



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Pedal Paddle Fun

The Cranford Police Department assisted with the Township's second annual Pedal Paddle Fun bicycle ride on October 10th. The ride started at municipal lot #1 and followed the bike path through the township with short breaks at Nomahegan Park and Mohawk Park before ending back at lot #1. Photo at top left shows Lieutenant Van Bergen reviewing the route with the event staff at Mohawk Park.



Santa Delivers Presents in Cranford

The eleventh annual Santa Home Deliveries to children under the age of 10 was again coordinated by Detective Sergeant Chris Polito. The following photos show Santa and his CPD elves.



Farewell Staff Meeting

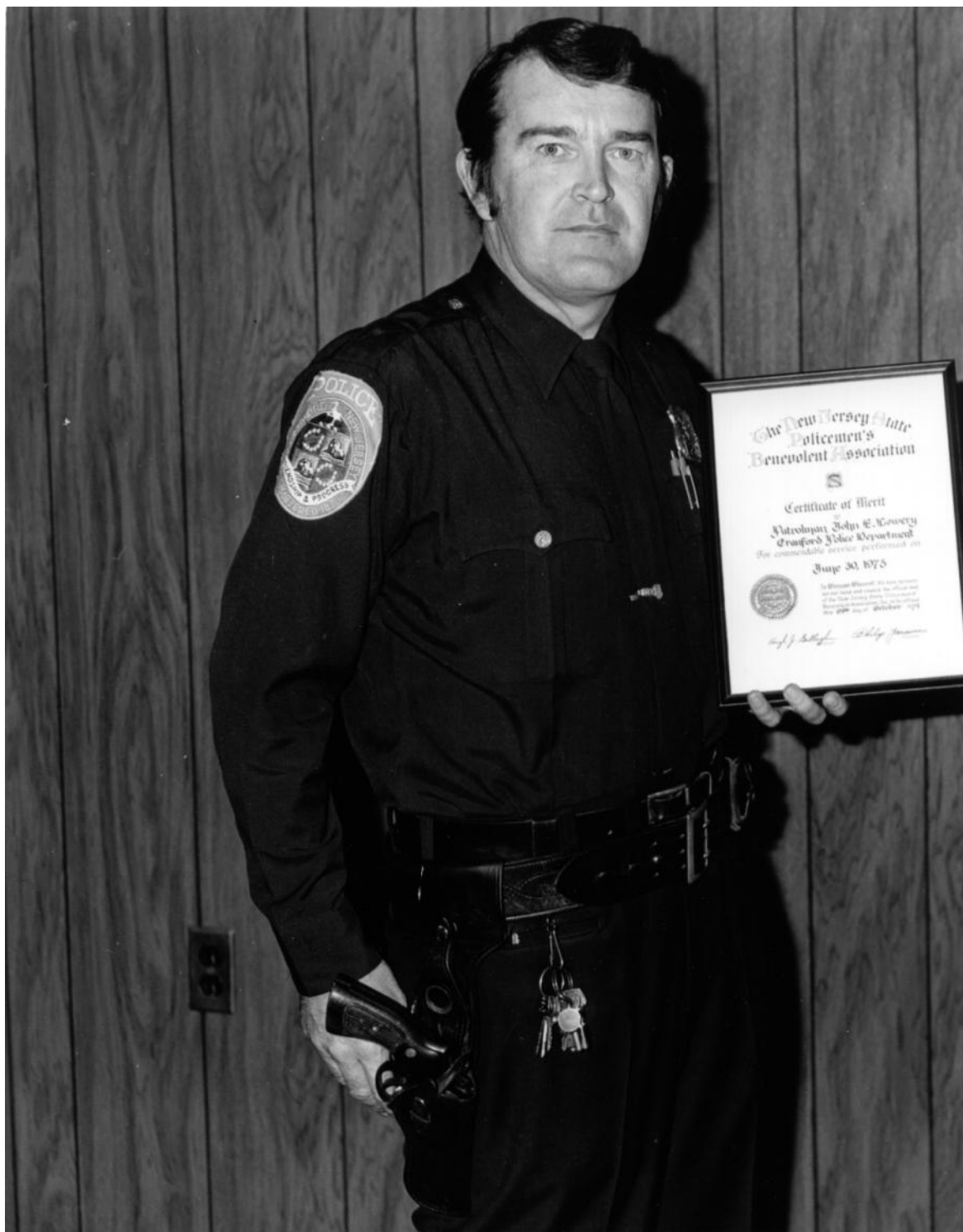
After 40 years of service with the Cranford Police Department, Captain Jerome Andrews retired on December 31, 2010. The photo above was taken at his last staff meeting where he enjoyed a farewell with his fellow officers, *left to right*, Lieutenant Wilde, Chief Mason, Sergeant Quinn, Captain Baer, Lieutenant Wozniak, Lieutenant Colaneri, Captain Andrews, Sergeant Williams, Sergeant Davenport, Sergeant Feeney, Sergeant Marino, and Lieutenant Van Bergen.



The Robert Hand Memorial Scholarships was recreated by the PBA were awarded on June 8th to CHS seniors Deanna Stirk and Emily Weisgerber. The recipients were selected based on their history of volunteerism and academic excellence. The purpose of the scholarship is to honor Patrolman Robert F. Hand for giving his life in service and to let the Cranford Community and the Hand family know that his sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Days Gone By

Historical Perspective of the Cranford Police Department



Patrolman Robert Hand holding a PBA Certificate of Merit for Patrolman John Lowery in 1973.

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Lieutenant George Rosendale and Patrolman Henry Simon next to Car 1 in February 1946.