

CRANFORD

Police Department

2012



Annual Report
Chief Eric G. Mason



Photo Above, Cranford Police Department Memorial Day—2012.

On the cover, 2012 Dodge Charger and Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle.

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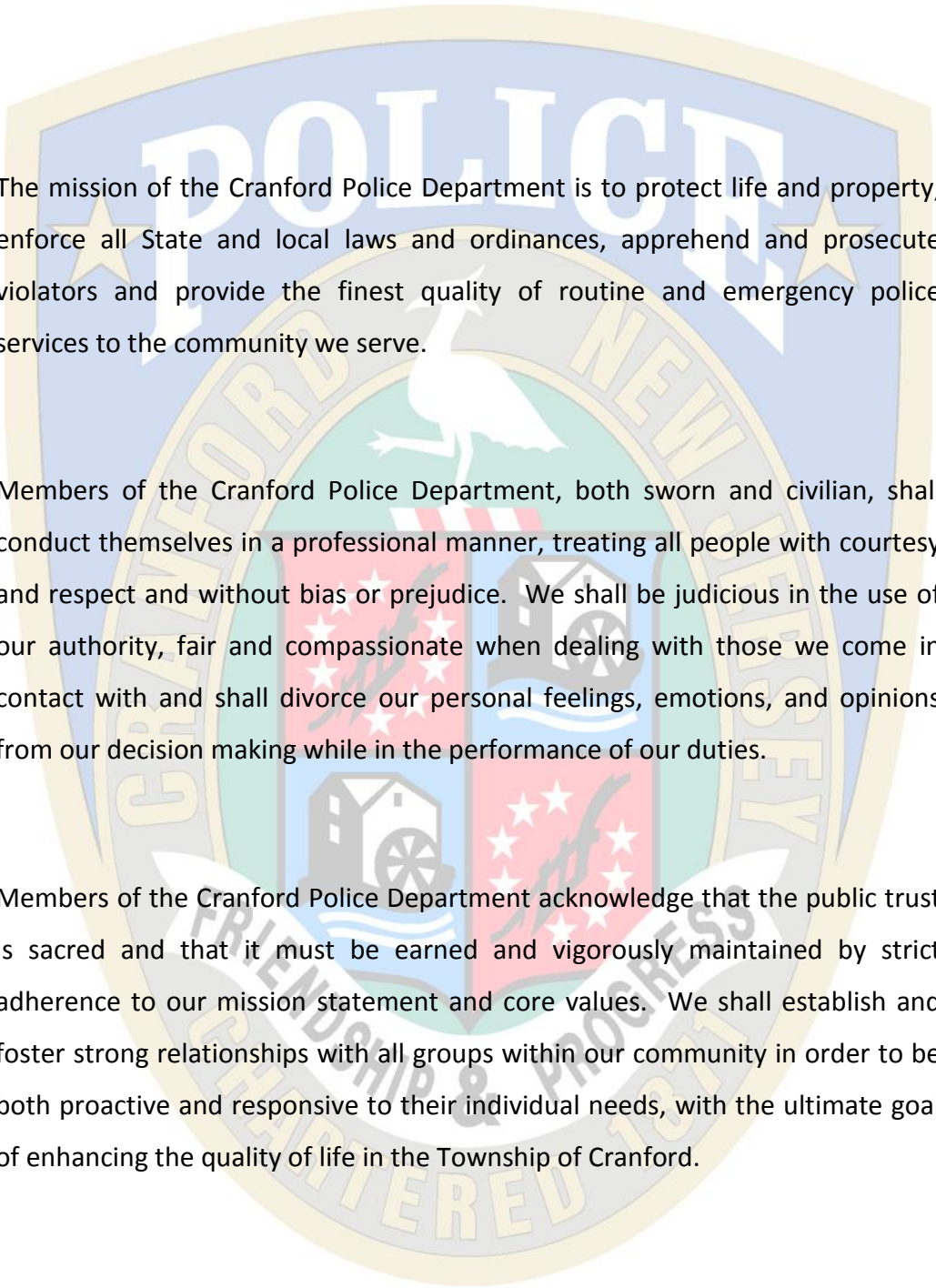
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Mission Statement

Cranford Police Department Mission Statement

The seal of the Cranford Police Department is a large, circular emblem in the background. It features a central shield with a white swan, a red and white striped banner, and a blue and white building. The shield is surrounded by a yellow border with the words "POLICE" at the top and "NEW JERSEY" at the bottom. The seal also includes the words "CRANFORD" and "FRIENDSHIP & PROGRESS" and "CHARTERED 1811".

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



For the past 10 years it has been my honor to lead the dedicated and professional men and women of the Cranford Police Department. During this time period, the department has continued to grow and develop into an organization that all of our residents can be proud of.

This annual report is representative of the commitment of the Cranford Police Department to deliver quality community service and law enforcement to our constituents. More importantly it represents the results of a community and a police department working in unity for a better Township of Cranford.

I want to thank the members of the 2012 Cranford Township Committee for their support of the police department. Their actions and support are a direct recognition of the importance of public safety to the Cranford Community.

Lastly, I want to thank and show appreciation to all of the members of the Cranford Police Department. This report is a true reflection of your unending commitment and sacrifice to making Cranford a safe community for all of our citizens.

A handwritten signature in black ink 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
Michael P. Dubitsky
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

In Dedication

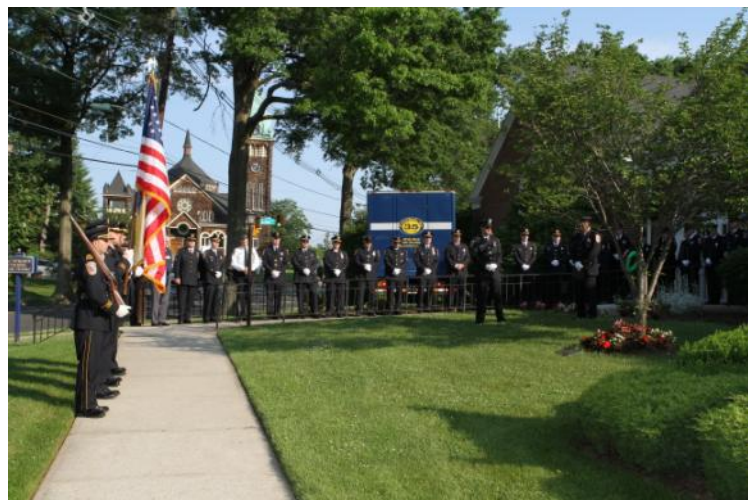
In Dedication to those who have served as Cranford Police Officers

Salvatore Manuri, Jr.
Craig L. Marino
Patrick J. Martin
Eric G. Mason
Milton T. Mason
Carlangelo Massa
Joseph McCaffrey
James G. McFall
John J. McNerney
Robert R. Merrill
Whitney C. Merrill
W. E. Merwin
Edward J. Metzner
Arthur T. Miles, Jr.
Leonard Miller
Peter F. Miller
Robert R. Moffett
Robert A. Montague
Stephen Motyczka
Matthew R. Nazzaro
John G. Neil
Frank Neilson
Daniel S. Norton
Robert I. Nylan
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. Timons

Brian D. Thomas
Lawrence T. Thomas
Russell W. Thomas
Carl Thompson
Steven R. Toy
Joseph P. Van Bergen, Jr.
Vanessa Van Brunt
Leonard R. Van Sadars
John F. Varley, Jr.
Peter Vergalla
F. Richard 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



Joseph P. Van Bergen
Captain of Police

Township Committee

Cranford Township Committee & Administrator

Cranford is governed by a five-member executive-legislative Township Committee which is elected at-large for three year terms. The commissioners elect a chairman of the committee who assumes the title of Mayor. Similarly, a Deputy Mayor is elected. Both positions carry one-year terms. Four of the commissioners take on departmental oversight assignments as Commissioners of Finance, Commissioner of Public Safety, Commissioner of Public Works and Engineering, and Commissioner of Public Affairs.



David W. Robinson
Mayor



Lisa Adubato
Deputy Mayor
Comm. of Public Safety



Kevin Campbell
Commissioner of
Public Works



Edward O'Malley
Commissioner of
Public Affairs



Andis Kalnins
Commissioner of
Finance

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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.

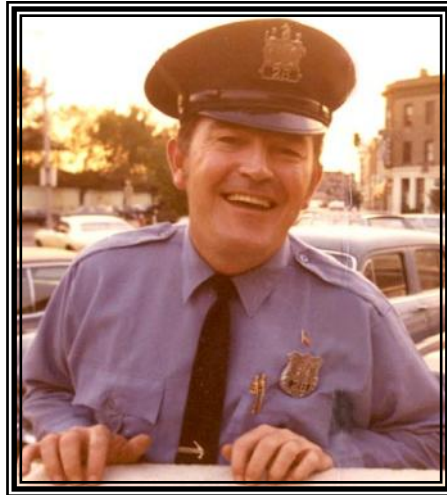


Eric G. Mason
Interim Township Administrator

In Memoriam

In Memory of Patrolman Robert F. Hand

Patrolman Robert F. Hand



This year marked 37 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 Nylen.

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

Captain

Joseph P. Van Bergen

Lieutenants

Robert A. Colaneri
Edward R. Davenport
Stephen D. Wilde
James Wozniak

Sergeants

Anthony J. Dobbins
Thomas J. Feeney
Craig L. Marino
Guy E. Patterson
Eugene J. Perrotta
Christopher T. Polito
Gerard P. Quinn
Richard Vitale
Frank T. Williams

Patrol Division

Lt. Stephen D. Wilde
Lt. Robert Colaneri
Sgt. Anthony J. Dobbins
Sgt. Thomas J. Feeney
Sgt. Frank T. Williams
Sgt. Eugene Perrotta
Ptl. Peter J. Graczyk
Ptl. John M. Heesters
Ptl. Brian M. Lopez
Ptl. Patrick J. Fay
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. Kelly A. Rieder
Ptl. Robert R. Jordan, Jr.
Ptl. Michael P. Dubitsky

Records Bureau

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

Detective Bureau

Det/Lt. James Wozniak
Det. Robert A. Montague
Det. Ryan J. Greco

Juvenile Bureau

D/Sgt. Christopher T. Polito
Det. John J. Swandrak
Det. Michael L. Andrews

Traffic Division

D/Lt. Edward R. Davenport
Det/Sgt. Guy Patterson
Det. Steven R. Toy
Det. Russell Luedecker

Traffic Maintenance

Charles E. Fette
Joseph A. Corbisiero

Accreditation/Staff Services

Det/Sgt. Gerard Quinn

Professional Standards

Det/Sgt. Richard Vitale

Communications Officers

Kathleen A. Ditzel
Stacy A. Thorn
Rosemary T. Cartwright
Anthony E. Matusawicz
Jaclyn A. Benkovich
Ewa Jackson-Feldt
Michael Urbanski
Gregory Federici

Executive Secretary

Joan Pinto
Carol Cole

Personnel Changes

Cranford Police Department 2012 Personnel Changes

Carol Cole	March 26, 2012	Hired— Executive Secretary
Joan Pinto	March 30, 2012	Retired
Kelly A. Rieder	December 31, 2012	Officer 6th Grade
Robert R. Jordan	December 31, 2012	Officer 5th Grade
Michael P. Dubitsky	December 31, 2012	Officer 1st Grade



Top Photo, Joan Pinto, Executive Secretary to the Chief of Police, retired on March 30th after serving with the Cranford Police Department for thirteen years. We wish her the best in retirement.

Bottom Photo, National Night Out festivities on August 7, 2012.

Training

Cranford Police Department Training

The Cranford Police Department is dedicated to serving our community with a standard of excellence in the performance of our duties. To that end, Chief Eric G. Mason is committed to the concept of continued training to enhance the skills and broaden the knowledge of all personnel thereby enabling them to handle the wide array of situations they encounter with confident professionalism.

Cranford Police Officers receive their mandatory initial training and certification at the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains, New Jersey. Upon graduation, the new officer enters our Field Training Program wherein they are teamed with a more seasoned, formally trained Field Training Officer (FTO). During the next 14 weeks, the FTO functions as a mentor guiding the new officer through the practical application of policy, procedure, and tactics, accomplishing specific training tasks within the framework of response to actual calls and performance of duties in the community.

The New Jersey Attorney General mandates all New Jersey law enforcement officers receive semi-annual training in **Firearms, Use of Force and Vehicular Pursuit** as well as annual training in **Domestic Violence, Bloodborne Pathogens, Hazardous Materials, and Right to Know**. In addition to these topics all personnel received training in **Gas Pipeline Emergency Response, Understanding Influenza Pandemic, and CBRNE Awareness** during the year.

Moreover, throughout their careers, all personnel attend further training updates, programs, seminars and in-house presentations in a broad spectrum of disciplines to ensure our individual and collective competency is of the highest caliber in the service of our citizens.

In 2012 members of the Cranford Police Department completed training as follows:

Michael Andrews

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling
Juvenile Justice Update

Thomas Bell

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling

Jaclyn Benkovich

CPR Recertification

Robert Colaneri

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling

Carol Cole

POSS Administrator
Microsoft Excel
Microsoft Access

John Colineri

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling

Joseph Corbisiero

Bridge Banner Rail Safety

Steven D'Ambola

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling
Verbal Judo
EMT Recertification
NJSP Alcotest Operator Initial Certification

Training

Cranford Police Department Training

Edward Davenport

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling
Risk Management for Command Personnel
Quota Free Police Productivity System
NJ Parent/Teen Driver Orientation Facilitator
NJ Police Executive Institute—11th Session
Radar Instructor Recertification
Alcotest Operator Recertification
Social Networking: Employer & Employee Rights

Christopher DiFabio

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling

Kathleen Ditzel

CPR Recertification

Anthony Dobbins

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling

Michael Dubitsky

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling

Spencer Durkin

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling
NJSP Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enf.
Criminal Patrol & Drug Interdiction

Derek Farbanec

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling

Patrick Fay

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update

Bias Influenced Profiling

Gregory Federici

CPR Recertification

Thomas Feeney

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling
Law Enforcement Response to Suicide Bombing

Charles Fette

Bridge Banner Rail Safety
OTC Vehicle Computer Training

Peter Graczyk

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling

Ryan Greco

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling
DEA Concealment & Trap Initiative

Ralph Gregson

CPR Recertification

Nelson Hearn

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling
Tactical Handcuffing & Weapon Retention

John Heesters

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling

Sean Holcomb

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling

Training

Cranford Police Department Training

Ewa Jackson

CPR Recertification

Nadia Jones

CPR Recertification

Biennial Ethics Update

Bias Influenced Profiling

Robert Jordan

CPR Recertification

Biennial Ethics Update

Bias Influenced Profiling

Top Gun Class 41

Brian Lopez

CPR Recertification

Biennial Ethics Update

Bias Influenced Profiling

Russell Luedecker

CPR Recertification

Biennial Ethics Update

Bias Influenced Profiling

Document Fraud & Related Crimes

Crash Data Retrieval (CDR)

Collision Reconstruction

Methods of Instruction

Hazmat Awareness Refresher

Social Media for Disaster Response & Recovery

Mental Health Training

NJ Parent/Teen Driver Orientation Facilitator

Craig Marino

CPR Recertification

Biennial Ethics Update

Bias Influenced Profiling

BEAST User & Administrator

UCR Annual Seminar

Risk Management for Command Personnel

TAC Seminar

“All Shook Up” Emergency Services Table Top

8th Annual Police Accreditation Conference

Eric Mason

CPR Recertification

Biennial Ethics Update

Bias Influenced Profiling

Anthony Matusawicz

CPR Recertification

Jean McComb

Essential Customer Service Skills

Robert Montague

CPR Recertification

Biennial Ethics Update

Bias Influenced Profiling

BEAST User & Administrator

Law Enforcement Response to Suicide Bombing

Matthew Nazzaro

CPR Recertification

Biennial Ethics Update

Bias Influenced Profiling

Daniel Norton

CPR Recertification

Biennial Ethics Update

Bias Influenced Profiling

Timothy O’Brien

CPR Recertification

Biennial Ethics Update

Bias Influenced Profiling

Tactical Handcuffing & Weapon Retention

LE Response to Mental Illness Excited Delirium

Guy Patterson

CPR Recertification

Biennial Ethics Update

Bias Influenced Profiling

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

Rail Security & Safety for Law Enforcement

Grant Program Management

Crash Scene Evidence & Documentation

Radar Instructor Recertification

Union County First Alert Administrator

Basic Engineering for Police Traffic Officers

Police Work Zone Safety — Train the Trainer

Training

Cranford Police Department Training

NJ Parent/Teen Driver Orientation Facilitator

Eugene Perrotta

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling
Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)
NJSP Alcotest Operator Initial Certification

William Pietrucha

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling
Tactical Handcuffing and Weapon Retention
Motorcycle Safety & Enforcement

Christopher Polito

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling
CODIS for Collectors
NJ Juvenile Officer's Association Conference

Gerard Quinn

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling
Social Media for Disaster Response & Recovery
BEAST User & Administrator
DV Weapon Seizures
POSS Administrator
Union County First Alert Administrator
"All Shook Up" Emergency Services Table Top
LiveScan Fingerprinting Refresher
OPRA for Practitioners
Arrest Procedures—Documentation
TAC Coordinator Seminar
UCR Annual Seminar
Social Networking Protocols for Law Enforcement
8th Annual Police Accreditation Conference
Records Management for Law Enforcement

John Rattigan

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update

Bias Influenced Profiling
Advanced Medical Life Support Certification
Pediatric Advanced Life Support Certification
Conducting Effective Pedestrian Stops
Domestic Violence for Law Enforcement

Kelly Rieder

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling

Thomas Stiansen

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling
Tactical Handcuffing and Weapon Retention

Joseph Stulpin

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling

John Swandrak

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling
CODIS for Collectors
DEA Concealment & Trap Initiative
How to Conduct a Background Investigation

Stacy Thorn

CPR Recertification

Steven Toy

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling
Grant Program Management
Crash Scene Evidence & Documentation
8th Annual NJ Traffic Safety Forum

Michael Urbanski

Use of NCIC & NamUS Databases
Methods of Instruction
CPR Instructor

Training

Cranford Police Department Training

Joseph Van Bergen

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling
Quota Free Police Productivity System
Social Networking: Employer & Employee Rights
Radar Instructor Recertification

Richard Vitale

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling
Firearms Applicant Investigation and Laws
Tactical Handcuffing & Weapon Retention
DARE New Curriculum
Identity Theft I
Identity Theft II
How to Conduct a Background Investigation
NECI 911, EMD, & Fire Comm. Instructor
Bomb Making Materials Awareness
Domestic Violence Update
PATRIOT Terrorist Recognition

Brian Wagner

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update

Bias Influenced Profiling
Child Passenger Safety Technician

Suzanne Welsh

Right to Know

Stephen Wilde

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling

Frank Williams

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling

James Wozniak

CPR Recertification
Biennial Ethics Update
Bias Influenced Profiling
Union County First Alert Administrator

Photo below, Snow Storm during early 2012.



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 Joseph Van Bergen. He is assisted by Lieutenants Robert Colaneri and Stephen Wilde, who each command a platoon. They are assisted by Anthony Dobbins, Thomas Feeney, Frank Williams, and Eugene Perrotta who are in charge of the four division squads.

There were a total of **41,326** incidents reported to the Cranford Police Department during 2012.

These total incidents are broken down as follows:

7,697 calls for criminal related activity, including:

- 1,488 calls reporting burglary/trespass/alarm
- 2,284 calls reporting disorderly conduct
- 212 calls reporting thefts/stolen property
- 176 calls reporting vandalism/damage
- 400 calls reporting warrant arrests

13,776 calls for traffic related activity, including:

- 799 calls reporting motor vehicle accidents
- 4,398 calls reporting selective enforcement
- 5,973 calls reporting motor vehicle violation investigations resulting in warnings/ summonses

16,208 calls requesting public service, including:

- 1,930 medical assistance requests
- 10,833 building examinations and public transportation inspections
- 283 requests for assistance with vehicle/ house lock-outs

3,645 administrative assignments, including:

- 226 Police Auxiliary/Explorer details
- 871 In-Service/L.E.T.N. training



Photo Above, Patrolman Pietrucha on the department's Harley Davidson prior to the Memorial Day Parade.

Communications Bureau

Cranford Police Department Communications Bureau

The Communications Bureau works very closely with the Patrol Division. Lieutenant Stephen Wilde was assigned to A & B squads and Lieutenant Robert Colaneri 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, performing the duties of the patrol Watch Commander, and providing coverage for manpower shortages at the Communications Center and for the patrol supervisors.

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

Each employee who works in the Communication Center is required to have at least 8 hours per year of continuing education as it relates to 9-1-1 and Emergency Medical Dispatch. Chief Mason assigned Detective Sergeant Richard Vitale to become a certified State of New Jersey instructor in both of these courses. Vitale coordinates all the required training with the New Jersey Office of Emergency Telecommunications Services.

The physical layout of the Communications Bureau 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.

Due to aging infrastructure we hope to replace the 9-1-1 system and Alarm Monitoring Board in 2013. The door access system is expected to be replaced when construction is completed on the lower level town hall rebuild. In addition, the radio system is scheduled for replacement in 2014 due to support and hardware changes made by Motorola.

The calls for service for 2012 were **41,326**.

Photo Below, In preparation for Hurricane Sandy the department set up the Union County OEM Mobile Command Post the day before the storm hit in the event the police department lost power and/or communications.



Detective Bureau

Cranford Police Department Investigative Division

During 2012, Lieutenant James Wozniak served as the Investigative Division Commander, and was in overall charge of the Detective Bureau. Sergeant Christopher Polito served as the supervisor in the Detective Bureau. The investigative staff consisted of Detective Robert Montague and Detective Ryan Greco, for the Detective Bureau; and Detective John Swandrak and Detective Michael Andrews for the Juvenile Bureau.

The Detective Bureau operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year and is responsible for conducting follow-up criminal investigations for a wide assortment of offenses, including but not limited to, narcotic violations, burglaries, thefts, robberies, sexual assaults, missing persons, child abuse, homicide, financial and identity thefts and other in depth or long term investigations. Detectives work in cooperation with other divisions of the Cranford Police Department, as well as other municipal, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies. Each detective is responsible to cover “on call” hours during weekends, overnight and holidays. This is done on a rotating basis to assure that no emergency occurs without the immediate availability of their specialized training and expertise.

Each member receives specialized training consisting of crime scene processing, evidence handling, interview and interrogation techniques, crime scene photography, gang interdiction, surveillance techniques and intelligence gathering, and other specific topics. Advances in computer technology have created a new realm of criminal activity for modern day law

enforcement to deal with. White collar crime is now synonymous with the full range of frauds which are, typically, financially motivated and increasingly performed surreptitiously on the world-wide-web. Continuous training in these technological advancements is imperative and provides law enforcement with the tools needed to investigate crimes and capture modern criminals.

During 2012, Detectives from the Investigative Division responded to numerous crime scenes; interviewed witnesses, victims and suspects; initiated narcotics investigations involving local use and distribution of illegal drugs; solved a series of burglaries and thefts; and followed up on over 1600 cases initiated or responded to by patrol officers during the course of the year. Notable cases in 2012 included the January arrest of three men for Burglary and Narcotics Distribution, the February interception of two drug dealers making a delivery to Cranford, the May arrest of a house burglar (initially reported by a detective’s mother) and the December arrest of three men for Burglary and Weapons Offenses. Between January and December 2012, Cranford Detectives seized over four pounds of marijuana, over 1100 packages of heroin, over 100 packages of crack cocaine, and approximately \$21000 cash in various narcotics operations.

The Cranford Police Department Investigative Division regularly participates in community based programs. In cooperation with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) New Jersey Division, the department participates in “Operation Take Back” on a semi-annual basis.

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Operation Take Back is a program designed to provide a safe and legal method for the citizens of New Jersey to dispose their unwanted, unused, and expired medicines. The Cranford Police Department, under the direction of Sgt. Gerard Quinn, once again participated in this very successful program. In fact, this program was so successful that in 2011, the Cranford Police collected over 250 pounds of prescription medication.

“National Night Out” has easily become the most popular program the Cranford Police Department is involved with. This program, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for local anti crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community relations and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. Detective Robert Montague has been the event organizer

since 2005 and its success has grown in popularity with citizens and police officers alike. On display at the event were vehicles and equipment used regularly by the Police Department including police cars, the police motorcycle, our zodiac boats and our emergency command unit. Citizens were entertained by a live DJ, face painting, a magician, and a demonstration presented by the Tae Kwon Do Center of New Jersey. The event was attended by over 500 residents and was a testament to its popularity and success.

The Cranford Police Investigative Division will continue to establish and foster strong relationships with all groups within our community in order to remain both proactive and responsive to their individual and collective needs, with the ultimate goal of enhancing the quality of life in the Township of Cranford.



Above, *left to right,* Investigative Division members Montague, Greco, Andrews, Wozniak, Polito, and Swandrak after an undercover investigation in 2012.

Detective Bureau

Cranford Police Department Investigative Division

2012 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	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Robbery	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
Assault	9	7	3	3	5	3	7	7	7	6	3	0	60
Burglary	4	4	4	5	4	6	4	6	3	4	1	5	50
Theft	12	11	17	15	11	14	12	1	9	18	12	11	152
MV Theft	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
Arson	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	28	24	24	24	23	27	23	23	19	28	16	18	277

CLASS I OFFENSES		
	2011	2012
Homicide	1	0
Rape	0	2
Robbery	1	7
Assault	72	60
Burglary	43	50
Theft	193	152
MV Theft	12	5
Arson	0	1
TOTAL	322	277

ARRESTS		
	2011	2012
Adult	358	369
Juvenile	83	104
TOTAL	441	473

AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS ON POLICE	
2011	2012
3	3

CLASS II OFFENSES		
	2011	2012
Fraud	134	123
Stolen Property	3	14
Criminal Mischief	312	207
Weapons Offenses	6	10
Sex Offenses (not Rape)	4	7
Narcotics Investigations	131	140
Family Offenses	82	61
DWI	85	54
Liquor Offenses	58	5
Disorderly Conduct	654	533
Missing Persons	26	55
All Other Offenses	479	326
TOTAL	1,974	1,535

CASES ASSIGNED TO DETECTIVES	
2011	2012
1,974	1,606

Juvenile Bureau

Cranford Police Department Investigative Division

The Juvenile Bureau offers an informal atmosphere conducive to creating a positive interaction between juveniles, parents, and the Cranford Police Department.

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.*
- *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 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. The Union County Youth Service Bureau has added several programs that have helped the Juvenile Bureau with Stationhouse Adjustments. These programs include Community Service, a Shoplifting Seminar, and its newest program, Anti-Bullying. These programs help the Juvenile Bureau make juveniles accountable for their actions when they break the law as a first time offender. As per the Cranford Police Department's policy all alcohol and drug cases must be handled by with a formal juvenile complaint and submitted to the Family Court.

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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 JCC usually handles all first time alcohol offenses and are now handling first time CDS cases involving under 50g of marijuana.

The Juvenile Bureau staff members, Det./Sgt. Chris Polito, Det. John Swandrak, and Det. Michael Andrews, have participated in and served on committees for the following organizations: Cranford Municipal Alliance, Cranford Police Athletic League, Union County Juvenile Officers Association, , and the New Jersey Juvenile Officers Association. They have been involved in activities in many school activities such as Project Graduation, The Prom, Cranford High School Graduation, Cranford High School Criminal Justice Classes, Prom Safety lecture and various other school lectures and programs in the Cranford School System. D/Sgt. Polito teaches the law enforcement block of instruction on Juvenile Law, Policy and Procedures to the Police Recruits, and the Juvenile Update to law enforcement officers at the Union County Police Academy.

Photos at right, photos from the 2012 season of the 4th Grade PAL Football Team at Memorial Field.



D.A.R.E. Program

Drug Abuse Resistance Education



The D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program is sponsored by the Cranford Municipal Alliance. More than 6,000 students have graduated from the DARE program since it was first introduced into the Cranford school system in 1991. Detective Sergeant Richard Vitale taught the DARE program to over three hundred Cranford 5th graders at Brookside, Hillside, Livingston and Orange Avenue schools as well as Saint Michael's school, in 2012.

DARE is a collaborative effort by certified law enforcement officers, educators, students, parents and the community to offer an educational program in the classroom to prevent drug abuse and violence among juveniles. All fifth graders receive a structured, 10-week program presented by a certified DARE officer. The DARE program offers preventative strategies to enhance the protective factors such as family, school and community bonds which foster the development of resiliency in young people who may be at risk for substance abuse and the related dangers.

The program emphasizes the knowledge and skills necessary to aid students in recognizing and resisting the direct and subtle pressures that influence them to experiment with alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and any other drug. Students learn that any drug has the potential for abuse and unintentional addiction.

DARE offers a variety of interactive, group participation and cooperative-learning activities designed to encourage students to find creative, problem solving methods. The children are not only taught to say "No" but also how to say "No". This is accomplished by:

1. Providing students with accurate information about drugs and the consequences of their decisions.
2. Teaching students about the forms of peer pressure.
3. Teaching students decision-making skills through the analysis of realistic scenarios to develop practical avoidance strategies.

Demonstrating how to utilize their knowledge and skills to resist drugs and violence.

Students write a multi-page essay detailing the knowledge and skills they have learned in DARE. The fifth grade program culminates in a DARE graduation ceremony at each school. Several students are selected to read their DARE essay to the audience. All students receive a graduation certificate and a t-shirt.

P.A.L. Program

Cranford Police Athletic League

The Cranford PAL completed its 31st year of serving the youth of Cranford in 2012. The PAL continued to provide many positive activities for the youth, including football, cheerleading, flag football, boys and girls basketball, and wrestling. The PAL also continued to support the Union County Flag Rugby Program. The strength of the PAL is 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 continues to have a strong community following, having over 700 Cranford youth registered in their programs.

The PAL is operated under the direction of Executive Director, Det./Sgt. Chris Polito and the 17 members of the Board of Directors. Members of the PAL Board of Directors are: Honorary Chairman, Chief Eric Mason, Lt. James Wozniak, Lt. Bob Colaneri, Sgt. Frank Williams, Off. Matt Nazzaro (Secretary), Off. Steve D'Ambola (Treasurer), civilians; Gregg Wheatley (President), Kim Capece (Vice President), Jim Kwiatowski, John Oblachinski, Bob Bruns, Brian McGovern, Michael Plick, Andrea DaSilva, Jocelyn Alfandre, and Rich Meola. 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. Brian McGovern,

program director, and Erik Rosenmeier, head football coach at Cranford High School, have maintained a strong working relationship. The Canford PAL Program has been a key part of the recent success of the Cranford High School Football Team. The CHS Football Staff and PAL football coaches exchanged information regarding offensive, defensive, and special team strategies. The extra time put in by all the coaches was rewarded by another successful season. The Cheerleading program had six (5) squads this year. The participants are girls in 3rd through 7th 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 nine (9) teams, all which participated in the Garden State Basketball League. The boys program consists of five (5) teams, a 4th grade team, a 5th grade teams, a 6th grade team, 7th grade team 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

P.A.L. Program

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mat. The program has over 100 wrestlers participating for the 2012/2013 season. The Program Director, Kevin Murray, and assistants Jerry Capece and Jim Wozniak led the program, participating in the Central Jersey Wrestling League and the Passaic County Wrestling League, as well as the Middle School Wrestling Program.

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. There were 110 participants in the 2012 season.

The PAL again sponsored teams in the Cranford Baseball/Softball League, as well as supporting the Booster Club, Hillside Ave. School PTA, Project Graduation, CHS Student lock-in, The St.

Michael's Feast, The March of Dimes and The CAT Fund.

The P.A.L. also continued to support the Scholarship Fund it created in 2007. The fund was created in memory of Retired UCPO Lt. and long time Cranford resident/ PAL Board Member Lt. Glenn Owens. The Glenn Owens Scholarship is awarded to a Cranford High School student, that participated in a PAL program. The amount of the scholarship is \$500 for each award. The 2012 scholarships were awarded to Anthony DaSilva and Rebecca Haupt.

In 2012 the Cranford PAL was the recipient of an extremely generous donation made by the Cranford Rotary Club. This \$10,000.00 donation was made at the Rotary Club's Annual Golf Outing at Echo Lake Country Club.



Photo Above, In only its second year competing in the Passaic County Youth Wrestling League, the Cranford Police Athletic League (P.A.L.) Middle School Wrestling Team won the regular season undefeated and the tournament championships in 2012 at Wayne Valley High School.

Internet & Social Media

Cranford Police Department Website, Facebook, Twitter, Nixle

World Wide Web

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.

The department home page provides the following information and services...

- It lists the department's address, telephone numbers, and email address (police@cranfordnj.org).
- It links to other social media sites used by the police department to communicate with the public.
- It shows pictures of department members, activities and equipment.
- It contains information and application instructions for the Police Auxiliary and Police Explorers Post.
- It presents special announcements, community updates, drunk driving enforcement news, and other current information on a "bulletin board" page.
- It allows the viewing, downloading and printing of common forms, applications, and ordinances online.
- It presents traffic safety tips and program information, including bicycle/

pedestrian safety, child seat information, safe driving campaigns, and links to the municipal court traffic ticket payment system.

- It provides crime prevention tips and advice for workers, seniors, homeowners and children.
- It lists Police Athletic League, DARE, and juvenile justice information.
- It presents a number of links to related police, local, and governmental websites.

In the past fourteen years (since 1998) the Department's Internet home page has logged over 225,000 visits to the site. In 2012, the Cranford Police home page averaged over 2,700 visits per month, totaling 32,999 visits from over 19,200 unique visitors. In addition, over 1,300 visitors in 2012 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 94 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.

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Social Media



In 2010, the Cranford Police Department was one of Union County's earliest adopters of public safety alert and notification technology offered by Nixle, winner of the 2011 award for best Mass Notification System given by the publication Government Security News. In October and November 2012 the Nixle service, which uses email and SMS "text" messaging to provide real-time information to registered users, was leveraged extensively during Hurricane Sandy. Residents were given information on a timely basis with regards to power issues, evacuations, shelters and available services, FEMA news, etc. Throughout the year the Nixle platform was also used to alert residents to scheduled road work, traffic concerns and delays, public events, weather alerts and other relevant topics. As of December 2012, over 6500 Internet users were registered for this service.



In March 2011, the Internet presence of the Cranford Police Department was expanded to include a more robust Social Media presence. The agency created a page on Facebook, the social media networking and information sharing service with over one billion users as of October 2012. The Facebook page (www.facebook.com/cranfordpd) is regularly updated to include reports of arrests and reported crimes, links to community access stories and current agency projects, photos and historical information about the Cranford Police Department. During the lead up to Hurricane Sandy in October 2012, the Cranford Police Department Facebook page exceeded 1,000 followers for the first time.



Also in March 2011, the Cranford Police Department created a Twitter account (@CranfordPD) to broaden the agency's ability to connect on a real time basis with a more media and Internet savvy public. Over 500 Internet users have signed up to follow the agency's "tweets" and receive focused messages of 140 characters or less regarding a variety of topics. Since inception, the Cranford Police Department has broadcast over 900 messages.

Each of the Social Media platforms used by the Cranford Police Department is integrally linked to the other available media sites, allowing a message posted on one site to be relayed and/or promoted on another automatically. In this way, the police department has broadened its reach to include the maximum number of followers and ensure that real time messages reach the greatest possible number of recipients.

Web Administration

Design, maintenance and management of the Cranford Police Department's Internet and Social Media presence, 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 Edward Davenport and Captain Joe VanBergen. Each of the Department's division and bureau heads has provided information and regularly contributes to the overall makeup of the site.

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. Through its Internet and Social Media presence, the department intends to continue its progressive tradition and meet the technological challenges of the new millennium.

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 on Germany. During this time, reports of domestic sabotage were rampant and the need for additional protection from within our own borders became commonplace. Memorialized in the *Cranford Citizen* were references to the **Home Guard**. This organization, comprised strictly of 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 their 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, war in Vietnam, and the stockpiling of atomic weapons by the Soviet Union, 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 these threats within the world diminished, activities for the **Cranford Police Reserves** transitioned to traffic duty at local events, Election Day polling duty, natural disaster emergency response, child searches, oil spills, and other duties, whenever extra assistance was needed.

The Cranford Auxiliary Police, in 2012, 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 twelve-week, Basic Auxiliary Police Course prior to performing active duty with the unit. This training is provided annually at the John H. Stamler Police Academy. Their duties are designed to augment those of full-time, sworn police personnel and include directed foot and vehicular patrols, traffic control, enforcement of laws, ordinances and regulations, apprehension of violators, detaining of suspicious persons, and providing emergency services during times of natural disaster and civil unrest.

Auxiliary Police

Cranford Police Department Auxiliary Police

The 2012 membership of the Cranford Auxiliary Police is shown below:

Auxiliary Captain Ralph Gregson

Auxiliary Lieutenant Anthony Matusawicz

Auxiliary Lieutenant James Nalepa

Auxiliary Sergeant Russell Albert

Auxiliary Sergeant Michael Urbanski

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 Ken Novak

Auxiliary Officer Jedeon Virata

Auxiliary Officer Francis Young

In 2012, the Cranford Police Auxiliary welcomed Kenneth Novak, who graduated from the Auxiliary Police Academy in May of 2012. Officer Novak is an enthusiastic and dedicated addition to our unit and we wish him years of successful involvement in the organization. Three officers departed our ranks during 2012. Officer Eddie Solis was hired by the New Jersey Department of Corrections. Officer Burim Kadrijaj was hired by the NYPD, and Officer Javier Nino enlisted in the U.S. Army. We appreciate their service to Cranford and wish them success in their new endeavors. We have four new Auxiliary Officers attending the 2013 Auxiliary Police Academy; James Grogan, Avsar Patel, Alexander Ruiz and Matthew Wichelns. They are scheduled to graduate in May, 2013 and begin performing actual duties and field training with experienced officers. We proudly recognize

and commend Auxiliary Officer Edward Bernier, Jr. on achieving five years of service and Auxiliary Officer Archie DeMartino on achieving 10 years of service.

The Cranford Auxiliary Police volunteered 1,970 hours of service to our community in 2012. The assistance the Cranford Auxiliary Police rendered to Cranford during and after the devastation wrought by Superstorm Sandy was exemplary. The Auxiliary presence freed full-time officers from fixed posts, enabling them to respond to urgent situations and higher priority emergency calls. The Auxiliary Police demonstrated their value as a force multiplier by providing Cranford with staffing levels and coverage that, otherwise, would have been absent.



Photo Above, Youth Academy cadets at end of day flag ceremony.

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.

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 Capt Joseph VanBergen, D/Sgt Christopher Polito, and Off. Steven D'Ambola

In 2012 the Post had 16 members. 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, traffic accident report and traffic summons writing, DWI enforcement,

CDS investigations, gang recognition, crime scene investigation, first aid, CPR and other basic department procedures.

Some of the activities the Post participated in during 2012 were traffic control at the 4th of July fireworks, Spring and Fall Festivals, Memorial Day parade, and firearms qualifications. One of the highlights of the Explorer experience is participating in the Police Department's Ride-Along Program. In this program the Explorer goes on patrol with an experienced police officer and receives first hand view of their roles and responsibilities. In this way, the basic idea of civic responsibility can be instilled.

For two weeks in August, Explorer Brendan McSharry attended the Union County Sheriff's Youth Academy. This program is designed to familiarize young people with the role of a police officer and operates similar to an actual police academy for teens interested in law enforcement. Participants of the Youth Academy received hands-on experience in a wide variety of emergency services and law enforcement functions and training. The academy ended with a graduation ceremony led by Sheriff Ralph Froehlich.



Left Photo, *left to right*, Cranford Police Explorers Marc Vaccaro, Peter Sopranzetti, Brendan Mcsharry, and Ryan McSharry during firearms training at the range.



Right Photo, Explorer Brendan McSharry with Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich after the Union County Sheriff's Youth Academy graduation ceremony.

Records Bureau

Cranford Police Department Records Bureau

Detective Sergeant Craig Marino commands the Records Bureau, 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 Bureau 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.

Most of the services provided by the Records Bureau generate revenue. The Records Bureau registered alarms for businesses and residences within the Township and billed for multiple false alarms. This provided for a total revenue of \$35,592.50.

In January of each year, the Records Bureau teams up with the Cranford Health Department and hold a rabies clinic for both cats and dogs. 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 221 cats and 1076 dogs were licensed. This generated a total revenue of \$23,403.00.

As a commuter town, parking is a vital resource to the infrastructure. It is what draws many hard working families to Cranford. Easy accessibility to New York City, Newark Liberty Airport and the many prestigious learning institutions in the metro area entices many to our Town. Our parking program allows for a variety of uses in our downtown area. The Records Bureau 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. For those that live in the downtown area we provide overnight parking permits at \$200.00 for the year. The Records Bureau also issues smart cards to be used at the pay stations.

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 \$402,920.11.

The Records Bureau also collects revenues from Firearms Applications, Fingerprinting, Bicycle Licensing and copies of Police Reports. The Cranford Police Departments Investigative Division provides fingerprinting services on Tuesdays for persons that need to submit their fingerprints out of state or to the federal government only. The Cranford

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Police Department provides this service for a fee of \$5.00 for 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 2012 to \$472,987.11.**

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. 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.



Photos Above, Patrolman Matthew Nazzaro gives a tour of the police department in April to a local Cub Scout Pack.

Traffic Division

Cranford Police Department Traffic Division

The Traffic Division is comprised of a division commander, supervisor, two traffic detectives, two traffic maintenance personnel, one meter enforcement officer, and fifteen 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 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.

Detective Toy also provides training to the school crossing guards every year.

Detective Lieutenant Edward Davenport, Sergeant Guy Patterson and Detective Russell Luedecker provided training to local parents with the “Share the Keys” Teen Driving Program.

ENFORCEMENT

The “**enforcement**” of our laws ensures 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.

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

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

The Department applied for and was awarded a number of enforcement grants from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety in 2012 totaling \$12,800. The first was \$4,000 for “Click It or Ticket” efforts between May 21st and June 3rd. The Department also received \$4,400 of grant money for the “Over the Limit, Under Arrest” DWI Enforcement program from August 17th to September 3rd and \$4,400 for “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” DWI Enforcement from December 7th 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.

One engineering project handled in 2012 was the upgrade of the traffic signal at the intersection of Union County College and Springfield Avenue. This project was completed by the County of Union after a traffic study was completed by the Traffic Division and then recommended to the Union County Engineering Department.

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***.

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.

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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 2010 to 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. The 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:

A Pay-by-Phone application called "ParkNow!" was added to our current parking system allowing customers the convenience of paying for parking by using their cellular phones.

SCHOOL GUARDS

During the 2011-2012 school year the Traffic Division was required to provide coverage at **167** 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 **183** public/parochial school days occurred of which **77** did not require members of the police department to fill in for a school guard. This equated to **1.72** school guards out every school day which was a slight increase over the 1.49 the previous year (2010-2011) and from the 2.37 in 2009-2010. These posts were covered by reserve school guards, the parking enforcement officer, and sworn personnel.

OTHER DUTIES

Lieutenant Edward Davenport's and Sergeant Guy Patterson's responsibilities include assigning selective enforcement details, scheduling, traffic maintenance planning, ordinance development, purchasing bids and quotes, managing the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing Program, traffic safety grants, site plan reviews, and testifying at township board and committee meetings. One major responsibility that keeps them busy is the filling of extra duty assignments. In 2012 the Traffic Division coordinated and filled **584 off duty jobs**. These jobs include traffic control at township festivals and construction zones, as well as security at private events.

Lieutenant Davenport 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 Davenport is a member of the Traffic Coordinating Committee, Parking Advisory Committee, Union County Traffic Officers Association, New Jersey Police Traffic Officers Association, New Jersey

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Association of Accident Reconstructionists, and is a Notary Public.

Detective 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 2012 about **259 vehicles** were towed and two 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.

Also, Detective Toy is responsible for the data entry of the daily crash reports and vehicle reports. He is responsible for School Crossing Guard training and payroll.

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 Luedecker is responsible for the in-car video camera systems, portable radio maintenance and assists in managing fleet maintenance. 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. 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 425 on-street parking meters and twenty-six central space rental machines are maintained and collected by Traffic Maintenance personnel. The central pay stations allow for easier maintenance, collection, and security.

A central parking system server allows us to monitor payment, violations, and status at all pay stations. All pay stations connect via a cellular connection to the server and report use as well as any malfunctions as they happen. Parking enforcement personnel carry a smart-phone with web access that reports real time use of the lots. A quick glance at the phone displays expired meters as well as meter malfunctions.

Members of the Traffic Division are on call on a rotating basis in order to provide 24 hour a day, 365 days a year coverage in the event of a serious or fatal motor vehicle accident. Each Detective is on call for two weeks at a time with the Lieutenant providing coverage as needed.

Cranford hosts dozens of productions for commercials, television shows, and movies in a given year. All coordination between the township and production companies was done by the Traffic Division. This included arranging for extra duty police officers,

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street closings, special parking, security, and more.

TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE

As is the case every year, Traffic Maintenance personnel were busy in 2012. They are responsible for the maintenance and repair of all vehicles in the police department fleet; vehicle equipment installation; street sign maintenance and installation; maintenance and repair of 16 traffic signal intersections and 5 flashing lights; crosswalk and centerline painting; meter maintenance and collection; maintaining approximately 400 Victorian lights; bicycle rodeo setup; traffic counter placement; Speed Trailer placement; parking garage lighting; and much more. Traffic Maintenance personnel are also on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week in case of storms, power outages, and traffic light damage/ maintenance.

Member of the Traffic Division over the last year were:

Detective Lieutenant Edward R. Davenport

Detective Sergeant Guy Patterson

Detective Steven R. Toy

Detective Russell J. Luedecker

Civilian Personnel included:

Ralph Gregson, *Parking Enforcement*

Charles Fette, *Traffic Maintenance*

Joseph Corbisiero, *Traffic Maintenance*

Sean Trotter, *Summer Traffic Maintenance*

Kurt Rutmeyer, *Summer Traffic Maintenance*



Photo Above, Detective Toy giving a Pedestrian Safety Lecture to local students in February.

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Top Photo, a two car collision with roll over at the intersection of Commerce and Jackson Drives in April.

Bottom Photo, a head on collision in July on South Avenue near Hollywood Avenue.

Law Enforcement Challenge

Cranford Police Department: 2011 Law Enforcement Challenge Winners

The Cranford Police Department was honored on May 15, 2012 after receiving a first place finish in the 46-75 officer category of the New Jersey Law Enforcement Challenge for the fifth 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 highest overall score for all department categories. For placing first overall, the department received a Whelen Liberty light

bar from Mobile Fleet, LLC. valued at \$3,500. The Whelen light bar will be used to replace an older model currently in our fleet.

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 its own state Challenge program along with the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety.

Below, due to the discontinuation of the Ford Crown Victoria the Cranford Police Department purchased their first fleet of Dodge Charger police cars in 2012. The department had been purchasing Ford's for over 25 years.



Crashes and Injuries

Cranford Police Department Crashes and Injuries Summary

REPORTABLE CRASHES

	2011		2012		
Type	Crashes	Fatal	Crashes	Fatal	% Change
Motor Vehicle vs. Motor Vehicle	63	0	77	0	+22%
Motor Vehicle vs. Fixed Object	18	0	13	1	-27%
Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian	7	0	6	0	-14%
Motor Vehicle vs. Bicyclist	6	0	5	0	-17%
Motor Vehicle vs. Parked Vehicle	7	0	6	0	-14%
Other	0	0	0	0	0%
TOTAL	101	0	107	1	+6%

NON-REPORTABLE CRASHES

Type	2011	2012	% Change
Motor Vehicle vs. Motor Vehicle	408	353	-13%
Motor Vehicle vs. Fixed Object	45	39	-13%
Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian	0	0	0%
Motor Vehicle vs. Bicyclist	5	3	-40%
Motor Vehicle vs. Parked Vehicle	177	131	-26%
Other	14	10	-29%
TOTAL	649	536	-17%

INJURIES

Type	2011	2012	% Change
Transported to Hospital	30	52	+73%
Complaint of Pain (RMA)	74	85	+15%
Fatality	0	1	N/A
TOTAL	104	138	+33%

Violations

Cranford Police Department Motor Vehicle Violations

The following is a comparative classification of motor vehicle violations between the period of January 2012 and December 2012 with the same period in 2011.

VIOLATION	2011	2012
Speeding	161	102
Stop Sign	32	36
Careless Driving	287	260
Reckless Driving	5	1
Driving Under The Influence	85	54
Open Container In Vehicle	15	13
CDS In Motor Vehicle	61	61
Wrong Way on One Way Street	4	5
Traffic Signal	71	71
Improper Passing	60	33
Illegal Turns	84	84
Obstructing Traffic	202	80
Driving While On Cell Phone	188	63
Unlicensed Driver	91	48
Revoked Driver	195	155
Unregistered Vehicle	139	109
Uninsured Motorist	46	25
No License In Possession	101	68
No Registration In Possession	125	94
No Insurance Card In Possession	175	109
Leaving The Scene Of An Accident	30	19
Fictitious/Obstructed Plates	258	141
Maintenance Of Lamps	562	344
Seatbelt Violations	695	491
Safety Glass Violations	386	312
Inspection Law	222	145
Other Hazardous Violations	136	83
Other Non-Hazardous Violations	216	130
TOTALS	4,632	3,136

Violations

Cranford Police Department Parking Violations

The following is a comparative classification of parking violations between the period of January 2012 and December 2012 with the same period in 2011.

VIOLATION	2011	2012
Meter Parking	3,492	4,316
4:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.	490	399
Restricted Hours	779	438
9 Hour Permit	366	285
12 Hour Permit	89	100
Overnight Parking	449	421
25' Of An Intersection	34	13
25' Of A Crosswalk	246	225
2 Hour Limit	376	341
10' Of A Fire Hydrant	20	11
50' Of A Stop Sign	114	57
Parked On A Crosswalk	5	1
Parked On A Sidewalk	9	9
Blocking A Driveway	30	20
School Zone	39	16
Bus Stop	1	0
Disabled Vehicle	0	2
Fire Zone	44	31
Facing Wrong Direction On Street	97	47
Between Signs	6	2
Head In Only	62	43
Not Within Lines	182	127
Handicapped	18	26
Loading Zone	48	35
Meter Feeding	46	26
No Parking Anytime	141	185
Other Parking Violations	101	18
TOTALS:	7,284	7,194

Motorized Equipment

Cranford Police Department Motorized Equipment

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

- 1 2010 Harley Davidson Motorcycle
- 1 1995 Harley Davidson Motorcycle
- 1 2013 Ford Utility Police Interceptor 4X4
- 1 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe 4X4
- 1 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe 4X4
- 1 2006 Ford Explorer 4X4
- 1 2004 Ford Explorer 4X4
- 1 2004 Ford Excursion 4X4
- 5 2012 Dodge Chargers
- 1 2010 Dodge Charger
- 5 2010 Ford Police Interceptors
- 3 2008 Ford Police Interceptors
- 1 2006 Ford Police Interceptors
- 1 2005 Ford Police Interceptor
- 1 2003 Ford Police Interceptor
- 1 2002 Ford Police Interceptors

- 1 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 2013 T3 Motion
- 2 2001 Zodiac Boats & Trailers
- 1 2003 Kristi Utility Trailer
- 1 2009 AMD Portable Light Tower
- 1 2012 PSC Speed /Message Board Trailer

A total of **230,601 miles** were traveled by motorized equipment during the year of 2012. Vehicles were serviced approximately every 3,000 miles and were cleaned and washed on average of once a week.

Photo Below, a 2012 Dodge Charger and Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle.



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 2012 included two personnel changes within the school guard ranks. This year we had the retirement of Margaret Herzer from her post at Retford Avenue and Livingston Avenue. Margaret had faithfully crossed students for 42 years of service. Elsie Muldrow retired from her post at Orange Avenue and Wadsworth Terrace after 9 years of service. The students of Cranford will miss both of these dedicated school guards. We wish both former guards luck in their future endeavors.

As with all programs offered by the Cranford Police Department, the School Safety Program is constantly analyzed and adjusted as needs change. As a result of a pedestrian traffic study, the school guard posts were restructured for the 2012—2013 school year. Two guard posts were added after the start of the academic year. These posts included the North Lehigh Tunnel and the intersection of Brookside Place and Orchard Street.

Below is a list of guard positions as of the end of 2012.

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Howard Frost	Brookside Place/Spruce Street
Elizabeth Erdody	Hillside Avenue Tunnel
James Desiderio	Orange Avenue/Wadsworth Terrace
Sam Reynolds	Denman Road/Culin Drive
Charles Haller	West End Place/Spruce Street
Leonard Messner	Springfield Avenue/West End Place
Nazaire Jennings	Centennial Avenue/Myrtle Street
Joseph Lopes	Alden Street/Miln Street
Deborah Saenger	Denman Road/Livingston Avenue
Betty Mobley	Walnut Avenue/Blake Avenue
Iris Lopez	Bloomington Avenue/Albany Street
Daniel Simone	North Lehigh Tunnel
Robert Bell	Brookside Place/Orchard Street

RESERVE GUARDS

Richard Maier
Robert Serratelli

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 589 fatalities in 2012, 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 21, 2012 to June 3, 2012. The department conducted two seat belt checkpoints and 57 hours of focused roving patrols utilizing overtime, patrol, and traffic personnel. In addition, we conducted 23 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:	74
All Other Violations:	128

TOTAL SUMMONSES DURING THE MOBILIZATION:	202
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In addition to the summonses issued arrests included 13 for drug possession and/or felony/warrant arrests. A post survey of seat belt usage showed a 96% compliance rate on Cranford roadways.



Above, police vehicles awaiting inspection during the December Accreditation On Site Review.

Over the Limit, Under Arrest

Cranford Police Department Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Mobilization



The Cranford Police Department participated in the national end of summer and holiday “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” 2012 Statewide Crackdowns. The goal of the program is to decrease incidents of drunk driving through education and enforcement.

From August 17th to September 3rd 2012, the Cranford Police Department stepped up impaired driving enforcement as part of New Jersey’s end of summer *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2012 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 7, 2012 through January 2, 2013, the Department stepped up impaired driving enforcement as part of *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2012 Year End Crackdown*. The department also received a \$4,400 grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for 88 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 MOBILIZATIONS:

	<u>8/17/12—9/3/12</u>	<u>12/7/12—1/2/13</u>
DWI Arrests	7	6
Drug Arrests	5	9
Warrant Arrests	14	28
Summonses	132	162

Safety ID Program

Cranford Police Department Safety ID Tag Program

The department continued it's Safety ID Tag Program which began in 2005. 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.



Above, *left to right*, Cranford Police Explorers Peter Sopranzetti, Marc Vaccaro, Brandon Hoffer, and Alex Estok all assisted with the Cranford Police Department Youth Academy.

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 **2012** we had, in Cranford, **9 accidents** (*Three* involving injury) directly attributed to drunk drivers. There has been **a decrease** in the number of alcohol related accidents over the **14** we had in 2011. In order to keep decreasing 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 **2012** the department had twenty-three (**23**) 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
Det./Lt. James Wozniak
Lt. Robert Colaneri
Det./Lt. Edward Davenport
Sgt. Anthony Dobbins
Sgt. Thomas Feeney
Det./Sgt. Craig Marino
Det./Sgt. Gerard Quinn
Sgt. Frank Williams
Sgt. Guy Patterson
Det./Sgt. Christopher Polito
Sgt. Eugene Perrotta
Det./Sgt. Richard Vitale
Det. John Swandrak
Det. Robert Montague
Det. Michael Andrews
Det. Steven R Toy
Det. Ryan Greco
Ptl. Peter Graczyk
Ptl. Derek Farbanec
Ptl. Thomas Bell
Ptl. Brian Wagner
Ptl. Steven D'Ambola

As in previous years this agency stressed to our officers the need to detect and apprehend those driving while intoxicated.

During the year **2012** these efforts resulted in Fifty-Four (**54**) arrests being made for Driving While Intoxicated within the Township of Cranford. Of the **54** arrests, **9** refused to submit to breath testing and **1** had blood drawn. This shows a **36%** decrease from the **85** arrests made

DWI

Cranford Police Department Driving While Intoxicated Program

in the year **2011**.

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 **2011**, one **(1)** driver was charged under this law. This number has increased to those of **2012** when four **(4)** 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 **2012**.

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 2012 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 three* 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 **2012** we participated in the **Driver Sober or Get Pulled Over** program sponsored by the *New 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 2012 Impaired Driving Crackdown* is a campaign that ran from August 17, 2012 through September 3, 2012. During this eighteen-day period, officers assigned to this campaign made Four **(4)** DWI arrest and issued **(300)** summonses for various violations. *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2012 Year End Crackdown* campaign ran from December 7, 2012 to January 2, 2013. During this twenty-seven day period, officers assigned to this campaign made six **(6)** DWI arrests and issued **(299)** summons for various violations.

DWI

Cranford Police Department Driving While Intoxicated Program

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, Cranford Police Youth Academy cadet learning about effects of driving while intoxicated utilizing impaired simulation goggles.

Honor Guard

Cranford Police Department Honor Guard

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

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

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

Sergeant Anthony J. Dobbins is the commander of the Cranford Police Department Honor Guard. Six other members are assigned to the unit. The six other members are Detective Steven Toy, Detective 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 Cranford Police Department Honor Guard continues participating in Funeral Services for Retired Cranford Police Officers, officers killed in the line of duty, and officers who passed away while in active service to their respective Police Departments around the State.

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



Above, the Honor Guard during the Memorial Day Parade on Central Avenue. *Left to right*, Sergeant Anthony Dobbins, Detective Steven Toy, Patrolman Tom Bell, Patrolman Dan Norton, and Detective Ryan Greco.

Water Rescue Team

Cranford Police Department Water Rescue Team

The Cranford Police Department Water Rescue Team was formed in 1998 in response to a need for specialized equipment and trained officers to respond in times of river flooding in the township's flood zones. Throughout the years the Water Rescue Team has evolved to its current format of eight specially trained officers. These officers serve on an on-call basis and respond when the team is activated during times of emergency. Since 2008, Sgt. Guy Patterson has served as the commander of the team.

Team Members

The Cranford Police Water Rescue Team is comprised of the following personnel:

Sergeant Guy Patterson
Sergeant Anthony Dobbins
Sergeant Thomas Feeney
Det. Ryan Greco
Officer Timothy O'Brien
Officer Joseph Stulpin
Officer Christopher DiFabio
Officer John Rattigan

Training

All Water Rescue Team members receive their training through internationally recognized Lifesaving Resources Inc. All officers are trained as Certified Water Rescue Technicians and Certified Swift Water Rescue Technicians. Sgt. Guy Patterson is a Certified Water Rescue and Swift Water Rescue Instructor. Additionally Sergeant Anthony Dobbins, Sergeant Guy Patterson and Officer Joseph Stulpin are Emergency Medical Technicians. Officer John Rattigan is an MICU Paramedic. Team members participate in multiple training sessions throughout the year. These trainings include

annual requalification, open water rescue operations and boat operation training. Requalification training was conducted on March 28, 2012 at the Centennial Avenue Pool. Open water rescue operations and boat operation training were conducted on July 31, 2012 at the Round Valley Reservoir.

Equipment:

Russell I – 2001 Zodiac Mark II Futura 12'6"
Inflatable Boat - Mercury Jet 40 Outboard Motor

Russell II – 2001 Zodiac Mark II Futura 12'6"
Inflatable Boat - Mercury Jet 40 Outboard Motor

Cold Water Rescue Suits
Gortex "Dry" Rescue Suits
Search and Rescue Personal Flotation Devices
Specialty Stretcher With Flotation Collar
Rope Rescue Equipment

Deployment:

On October 28, 2012 the Cranford Police Water Rescue Team was activated in response to the impending Super Storm Sandy bearing down on New Jersey. Despite the widespread flooding seen in other areas of the state, the Rahway River held its banks and Cranford was spared of any substantial flood damage. Water Rescue Team personnel assisted with other duties during this event including the initial set up of the regional evacuation shelter and responding to emergency calls for service. As the threat of flooding dissipated, Team Members were deactivated and returned to their respective assignments.

Firearms Unit

Cranford Police Department Firearms Unit

The Cranford Police Department Firearms Unit continued conducting training drills during semiannual qualifications. Training drills conducted during 2012 included a live fire “officer down” scenario. Teams of 3-4 officers tactically approached and rescued the “officer”. Officers utilized the new M.U.S.T. shield for the training. The skills will enable officers to rescue officers and victims during an active shooter situation.

Top Photo, *left to right,* Sgt. Dobbins, Officer Bell, and Officer Dubitsky.

Bottom Photo, *left to right,* Sgt. Dobbins, Officers Bell and Dubitsky are shown during the officer down training utilizing the M.U.S.T. ballistic shield. Firearms Instructor Officer John Rattigan is directing the rescue.



Youth Academy

Cranford Police Department Youth Police Academy

The Cranford Police Department held the sixth session of the Youth Police Academy from June 25 through June 29, 2012. The academy gave thirty-one 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 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 Off. Steven D'Ambola and Det. Robert Montague. The academy participants, "cadets," started their day with roll call. Following roll call the cadets had military drill lead by Off. Joseph Stulpin and a physical training session by Off. D'Ambola and Det. Montague. Physical training consisted of running, pushups, sit-ups, an obstacle course and various other exercises. During the military drill portion of the day, the cadets learned how to stand at attention, complete facing movements, properly salute and march as a unit.

Following PT and drill, the cadets had 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 and third day of the Academy were held at the Cranford Community Center. The Union County Sheriff's K-9 unit gave a demonstration using both bomb and drug sniffing dogs. Det. Montague gave a presentation on crime scene processing and criminal investigations. Detective Sergeant Christopher Polito explained the Juvenile Justice process in Cranford and Off. Christopher DiFabio then gave a lecture on the Union County Homicide Task Force.

The third day of the Academy, members of the Cranford Fire Department brought their ambulances, engines and tower to show and explain how they compliment the Police Department in responding to emergencies. Det. Steven Toy of the Traffic Bureau gave a lecture on DWI enforcement and then cadets were able to try and operate a mini cart while wearing Fatal Vision Goggles for hands on experience on how dangerous it is to drink and drive. The day was concluded with a Water Rescue presentation by Sgt. Guy Patterson who brought one of the water rescue zodiac boats.

The fourth and fifth days of the Academy were held at the John H. Stamler Police Academy. On the fourth day the cadets witnessed the capabilities of police vehicles during a demonstration on the EVOC course before the Northstar Helicopter from UMDNJ landed for its own presentation. After the cadets were instructed in proper firearms safety and familiarization of the department's weapons by the lead instructors they were able to make split second decisions in the F.A.T.S. room that simulated possible scenarios where a firearm

Youth Academy

Cranford Police Department Youth Police Academy

may be required. The New Jersey State Police then gave a gang awareness presentation.

On the fifth day the cadets had presentations by the Union County SWAT team and Bomb Squad. Det. Leslie Sanchez, currently assigned to the DEA then gave a remarkable presentation of the DEA's operations at Newark Airport and the surrounding communities as well as their combined efforts with local law enforcement.

The Academy ended with a graduation ceremony for the cadets and their families. The cadets marched in and viewed a presentation on what they had accomplished 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.



Top Photo, Youth Academy instructors, left to right, Ptl. Stulpin, Det. Montague, and Ptl. D'Ambola at graduation; **Middle Photo**, Youth Academy Graduation at Union County Police Academy; **Bottom Photo**, 2012 Youth Academy Class photo.

Professional Standards Unit

Cranford Police Department Office of Professional Standards

The Professional Standards Unit manages numerous programs and responsibilities, including:

- Investigation of all Internal Affairs complaints involving Cranford Police Officers
- Administration and presentation of the DARE program to the entire Cranford school system
- Cranford Police Auxiliary liaison and training officer
- Management of the department's training program, including the Field Training Officer (FTO) program for sworn and communications officers
- 9-1-1 system training and operational requirements
- Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) officer responsible for inspections and investigations related to all licensed establishments within the Township of Cranford
- Domestic Violence liaison officer to the Union County Prosecutor's Office
- Investigation of personal and professional background information for all individuals seeking a position associated with the Cranford Police Department or Cranford Police Auxiliary.
- Investigation and processing of all firearms related applications within the Township of Cranford
- Investigation and processing of all taxi, limousine, solicitor, peddler and raffle applications and licensing within the Township of Cranford
- Public presentations, regarding various aspects of law enforcement, to schools and organizations at the direction of the Chief of Police

The Professional Standards Unit of the Cranford Police Department manages and/or investigates all complaints against police personnel received from the public (external) or from another officer (internal), in accordance with the New Jersey Attorney General's Guidelines. Citizen complaints are accepted from anyone at anytime, including anonymous and third party complaints. While the public perception may be that Internal Affairs complaints against officers generally involve citizen complaints of criminal conduct by officers, in reality many complaints are originated internally by supervisory officers and are related to infractions of rules, regulations, policies and procedures. Moreover, the majority of the complaints received from the public are related to a citizen's dissatisfaction with the officer's demeanor during an interaction, such as a motor vehicle stop.

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All complaints are examined with the utmost professional integrity and are classified into the following nine categories:

- Excessive Force
- Improper Arrest
- Improper Entry
- Improper Search
- Differential Treatment
- Domestic Violence
- Demeanor
- Other Criminal Violation
- Other Rule Violation

All allegations are investigated to their logical conclusion by experienced and specially trained investigators who analyze the incident in question. Completed investigations are forwarded to the Chief of Police for review with one of the following recommended final dispositions:

Unfounded: The alleged incident did not occur.

Exonerated: The alleged incident occurred, but the actions of the officer were justified, legal, and proper.

Not Sustained: The investigation failed to disclose sufficient evidence to clearly prove or disprove the allegation.

Sustained: The investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to prove the allegation.

Administratively Closed: The complainant voluntarily requests that a complaint be withdrawn, the subject officer terminates his or her employment prior to final

disposition of the complaint, or some other factor precludes investigators from concluding the investigation.

Allegations determined to be “Sustained” by the Chief of Police may result in one of the following actions or penalties:

- Counseling/Training
- Oral Reprimand
- Written Reprimand
- Suspension
- Loss of time off (i.e.: vacation time, compensatory time, Personal time)
- Transfer/Reassignment
- Monetary fine
- Loss of promotional opportunity
- Demotion
- Dismissal

The Professional Standards Unit files all required quarterly and yearly reports related to Internal Affairs complaints with the Union County Prosecutor’s Office. Furthermore, the unit investigates and completes all required reporting regarding any event resulting in the use of force, discharge of a weapon or vehicle pursuit involving a Cranford Police Officer.

All complaints, investigations and final dispositions are monitored and evaluated, as part of the agency’s early warning system, for indications of any need for additional training, assistance, or modification of existing policy and procedure. Lesson plans and in-service presentations are developed, and mandatory training is assigned, as a need is determined based upon requirements from the New Jersey Attorney General, Union County Prosecutor’s Office, and other State and Federal authorities.

Professional Standards Unit

Cranford Police Department Office of Professional Standards

The chart below depicts all of the complaints received by the Professional Standards Unit in 2012.

Type of Complaint	Anonymous Complaints	Citizen Complaints	Agency Complaints	Total Complaints
Excessive Force	0	0	0	0
Improper Arrest	0	0	0	0
Improper Entry	0	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	2	0	2
Other Criminal Violation	1	0	0	1
Differential Treatment	0	4	0	4
Demeanor	0	7	0	7
Domestic Violence	0	1	0	1
Other Rule Violation	1	1	13	15
Total	2	15	13	30

The chart below depicts the complaints concluded with a final disposition by the Professional Standards Unit in 2012.

	Sustained	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Admin. Closed	Total Dispositions
Excessive Force	0	0	0	1	0	1
Improper Arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Entry	0	2	0	0	0	2
Improper Search	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Criminal	0	0	0	1	1	2
Differential Treatment	0	2	0	2	0	4
Demeanor	2	4	0	1	0	7
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Rule Violation	13	0	0	2	4	19
Total	15	8	0	7	5	35**

****The number of complaints received and the number of final dispositions may not equal as investigations may commence before, continue beyond, or conclude after the reporting period.**

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Burglar Caught on New Years

On January 1, 2012 at 2:02 a.m., we received a report of a burglary in progress of a residence in the 200 block of North Union Avenue. The caller knew the house to be vacant and was observing lights going off and on in the house.

Officers Derek Farbanec and Kelly Rieder were the first to arrive on the scene. They immediately began checking the perimeter of the residence.

Officer Rieder found the Bilco doors leading into the basement of the residence were unlocked. Upon opening the doors she found the interior door to the basement was open.

Additional responding officers formed a perimeter around the house while Officers Farbanec and Rieder entered the basement to perform an interior search.

Once inside the home, the officers observed a pair of boots located on the stairway leading to the first floor. Inside one of the boots the officer located a pipe used to smoke crack cocaine.

While continuing the search, Officers Farbanec and Rieder located and apprehended the burglar who was found hiding in a bathtub. The burglar was taken into custody without incident and charged with: Burglary, Possession of Cocaine, and Possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia.

Investigation Leads to Burglary/Narcotics Charges

In December 2011, Cranford Police Department detectives identified a link between local burglaries and a suspected heroin distribution ring operating in Cranford Township. Cranford detectives identified several suspects and initiated a detailed investigation. Following an undercover surveillance operation in the area of several commercial burglaries on January 3, 2012, detectives stopped and arrested James Mattis, age 21, of Cranford NJ. He was charged with two counts of Distribution of a Controlled Dangerous Substance (Heroin & Cocaine), third degree crimes, as well as Distribution of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in a School Zone (St. Michael's School).

While investigating the same series of commercial burglaries to a North Ave. East business, as well as a Denman Road residence, Detectives Michael Andrews, John Swandrak, Robert Montague and Ryan Greco developed evidence and obtained an arrest warrant for Clifford Andrews (Age 28, Cranford NJ) charging him with three counts of Burglary and three counts of Theft. On January 17, 2012, detectives located Andrews traveling in a vehicle operated by Michael Pascale (Age 46, Rockaway NJ). During the stop of that vehicle, Andrews and Pascale were found to be in possession of over 100 paper folds of suspected heroin. Andrews was also found to be in possession of suspected crack cocaine. In addition to the Burglary and Theft charges, Andrews was charged with Distribution of a Controlled Dangerous Substance (Heroin), two counts of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance (Heroin & Cocaine), and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Pascale was charged with Distribution of a Controlled Dangerous Substance (Heroin), Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance (Heroin), and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

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Drug Seizure Based on Tip

Acting on information provided to Lieutenant James Wozniak by a concerned resident, Cranford Police detectives began an investigation that resulted in the arrest of two men and the seizure of over 1,000 packages of suspected heroin and over 100 bags of suspected rock cocaine.

The investigation began in early February 2012 when information was obtained that identified two Newark men as being involved in the regular distribution of narcotics in Cranford. The investigation was spearheaded by Detective Ryan Greco and involved undercover surveillance and intelligence gathering operations in Cranford and Newark NJ.

On February 16, 2012 at approximately 9:20am, Cranford detectives intercepted Darius Scott (Age 34, Newark NJ) and Milton Lee (Age 35, Newark NJ) during a suspected delivery attempt in Cranford. The pair were operating a 2004 Volvo sport utility on Orchard Street. As a result of the motor vehicle stop, both Scott and Lee were arrested. Seized during the stop and arrest were 1037 packages of suspected heroin and 124 bags of suspected rock cocaine with an estimated street value over \$10,000, as well as over \$4400 cash.

Darius Scott was charged with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance (Heroin and Cocaine), a third degree crime; Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance with Intent to Distribute, a second degree crime; and Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance with Intent to Distribute in a Park Zone (Hampton Park), a second degree crime. Bail was set at \$150,000. Milton Lee was charged with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance (heroin), a third degree crime. Bail was set at \$10,000.

Gun Recovered on Car Stop

On March 4, 2012 at 1:00 a.m. Patrolman Robert Jordan conducted a motor vehicle stop in front of the Garwood Pathmark on South Avenue.

Officer Jordan approached the suspect vehicle and asked the driver for his credentials. As the driver reach across to his glove box, Officer Jordan, utilizing his flashlight, began scanning the interior of the vehicle.

He immediately observed what he believed to be the butt of a handgun on the floor near the driver's seat.

Upon noting this observation, Officer Jordan removed the suspect from the vehicle and immediately placed him in handcuffs.

A loaded Rohm .22 caliber handgun was recovered from the suspect's vehicle. The suspect was also found to be in possession of eight (8) .22 caliber bullets in his pocket in addition to 8 small bags of marijuana.



Above, members of Cranford PBA Local #52 distributed water at the Hillside Avenue School Spring Scramble on April 28, 2012.

Left to right, Cranford Police Officers Matt Nazaro, Ed Davenport, Nadia Jones, Tom Feeney, Bob Montague, and Robert Colaneri.

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Det/Sergeant Thomas R. Benton

Retired Cranford Police Detective Sergeant Thomas Roy Benton passed away on Thursday, April 5, 2012 in his Cranford home at the age of 91. Tommy was born in 1920 in Coblenz Germany.

His father was Secretary to the American Embassy in Germany while his mother assisted the Red Cross in Germany during World War I. His family returned to the United States in 1922 and settled in Newark.

After graduation from high school Tommy enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1942 and during World War II was stationed in the Pacific in Guadalcanal and New Zealand. Tommy moved to Cranford in 1948 and joined the Cranford Police Department in 1951 as a Patrol Officer and through his 29 years on the force was promoted to Detective Sergeant serving in various bureaus in the department. Tommy was nicknamed "High Pockets" by his fellow officers since he was very tall. Tommy retired from the force in 1980.

Medical Response CPR Save

On April 28, 2012 Patrolmen Matthew Nazzaro and Daniel Norton were dispatched to an Eastman Street address on the report of an unconscious 59 year old female.

As the officers arrived on the scene, the caller, who was being given instructions over the telephone by Patrolman Thomas Bell, was attempting CPR on the patient.

Patrolmen Nazzaro and Norton arrived on the scene and found that the patient had a thread pulse and was not breathing. Patrolman Nazzaro observed that the airway was constricted and immediately performed first aid to establish an airway.

Officers Norton and Nazzaro then performed CPR on the patient for approximately ten (10) minutes until the arrival of paramedics. The patient was transported to Overlook Hospital where the patient survived.



Above, Cranford Police Department marching on Walnut Avenue during the 2012 Memorial Day Parade.

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Top Gun DWI Award

On April 24, 2012 Patrolman Steven D'Ambola was awarded a 2011 "Top Gun" award by the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety (DHTS) in recognition of his ongoing efforts in detecting and arresting drunk and impaired drivers. The DHTS awards one "Top Gun" in each county and to each New Jersey State Police troop.

Patrolman D'Ambola received the award for 2011 after leading all Union County police officers with 26 impaired driver arrests. In 2012 Patrolman D'Ambola led the Cranford Police Department with 13 impaired driver arrests. He was also honored in 2011 and 2012 by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for leading the department in DUI arrests for those years.

Cranford Police Chief Eric Mason indicated that impaired driver enforcement is taken seriously by the entire department, which frequently participates in statewide enforcement crackdowns such as last December's Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign. "Drunk driving is recognized nationwide as a phenomenon that needlessly and recklessly endangers countless innocent lives," he stated. "I applaud Officer D'Ambola, and all of the recipients of this award statewide, for their stellar efforts to protect motorists from those whose behavior often leads to tragedy." The Chief further noted that over 30% of all fatal crashed can be attributed in some way to alcohol.

The award was presented at the DHTS' New Jersey Remembers ceremony at the Trenton War Memorial. The ceremony is held annually to honor and remember those lives lost in crashes involving impaired drivers, and to spotlight officers that consistently excel in impaired driver enforcement. It is run by DHTS in cooperation with local and state law enforcement agencies, substance abuse prevention organizations, and traffic safety advocates.

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Alert Resident Assists in Arrest of Burglar

On May 25, 2012, Cranford Police arrested Michael Marione, age 27, of Rahway, New Jersey and charged him with Burglary, Theft, Criminal Mischief, and Possession of Burglary Tools after he was captured exiting a Pershing Avenue residence. Marione was also charged with Possession of a Hypodermic Syringe.

Police credited an alert neighbor who witnessed Marione on the property wearing gloves and carrying a backpack. When she saw him attempting to enter the home, she contacted the Cranford Police Department and was able to give an accurate description to responding officers.

Detectives John Swandrak and Ryan Greco, and Detective Sergeant Christopher Polito, arrived within moments of the call and witnessed Marione exiting the home. They confronted Marione on the front lawn of the residence and placed him under arrest without incident. During the arrest police recovered a backpack which contained jewelry (valued at approximately \$10,000) belonging to the resident of the home. Detectives also recovered a hypodermic syringe; burglar tools, including gloves, a flashlight, knife and utility tool; and almost \$2000 cash.

Following a brief investigation at the scene, it was determined that Marione entered the home by forcing entry through a first floor window. Detectives also located and impounded Marione's 2012 Red Honda Civic which was found parked on a nearby street.

Arrest of Resident for Narcotics

On May 4th Cranford Police arrested Michael Flesher, 19, of Cranford in connection with an undercover operation spanning two months.

The investigation began in March 2012 when Det. John Swandrak received information indicating that Flesher was involved in the distribution of marijuana from his residence. Following a series of undercover and surveillance operations by Cranford detectives, Swandrak was able to corroborate the initial tip and apply for a search warrant for Flesher's residence.

During the execution of the search warrant, detectives recovered over 11 ounces of suspected marijuana, assorted distribution related narcotics paraphernalia, and over \$17,500 cash. Flesher was charged with Possession of Marijuana (over 50 grams), Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute, Possession with Intent to Distribute in a School Zone, and Possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia.



Photo Above, On April 26th the police department took part in the annual Public Safety Day on Holly Street. This event is held each year during the national "Week of the Young Child." Students from Calvary Nursery School and Helen K. Baldwin Nursery School attend the event and are able to interact with members of the police and fire departments.

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Cranford Detectives Solve Residential Burglary **And Recover Stolen Weapons**

In the early morning hours of May 7, 2012 the Cranford Police Department responded to a Hickory Street address on the report of a residential burglary. During the course of the burglary, seven firearms, ammunition, and various personal belongings were stolen from the home. Detective Ryan Greco processed the crime scene and was successful in collecting physical evidence that would prove critical in identifying the actors. While Cranford Detectives were investigating the case, the Belleville and Nutley Police Departments assisted with a break in the case.

On the evening of May 8, 2012 the Belleville and Nutley Police pursued a vehicle that had been carjacked in East Orange on May 5, 2012. The suspects were wanted in connection with a string of armed robberies with a shotgun, a second attempted carjacking, and burglaries from motor vehicles in both Belleville and Nutley. The pursuit ended after the vehicle crashed in Belleville. A foot pursuit ensued and the two suspects, Yusuf Shark age 19 and Devon Bailey age 20, both from East Orange, were apprehended. A .45 caliber handgun and a shotgun were recovered inside the carjacked vehicle. The weapons were two of the seven taken from the residential burglary in Cranford.

Cranford Police Detective Greco developed information through his investigation that the proceeds of the burglary, including the five missing weapons and ammunition were being stored at a Shepard Avenue address in East Orange. On May 10, 2012 Cranford and East Orange Police Detectives conducted a search at the East Orange location and recovered the remaining five firearms, the ammunition and most of the victim's stolen personal items.

Both Shark and Bailey have numerous charges now pending in Belleville, Nutley, and East Orange, and are the focus of active investigations in several other jurisdictions. In Cranford, the pair are charged with Burglary, Theft, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, and Possession of a Weapon for Unlawful Purposes. Both Shark and Bailey are being held in the Essex County Jail pending a New Jersey Superior Court date in Union County. They are each being held on \$ 100,000 Bail with no 10% for the Cranford charges.

Cranford Police Chief Eric G. Mason stated, "It took only hours for these stolen weapons to be used in multiple violent crimes; however, through the swift and diligent work of the Cranford Police Department's Investigative Division these suspects were apprehended and all the guns recovered. The inter-agency cooperation between Cranford and the Nutley and Belleville Police Departments was instrumental in resolving this case and ensuring that no one else fell victim to their crime spree."

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Torch Run 2012

Members of the Cranford Police Department participated in the 29th Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics of New Jersey on June 8th. This is a statewide campaign coordinated and managed by all divisions of Law Enforcement officers and officials from throughout the state. Members of Cranford Policemen's



Top, Tom Wisniewski of Cranford joined our officers on the Torch Run. He then went on to compete in the NJ Special Olympics.



Middle, Cranford officers on North Avenue near Centennial Avenue with Tom Wisniewski holding the torch.

Benevolent Association Local #52 took the Torch from members of the Roselle Park Police Department at the corner of North Avenue and Carpenter Place and took the torch to North Avenue and Lincoln Avenue where it was turned



over to members of the Garwood Police Department. Our representatives continued with Garwood's runners through to Westfield.

Bottom, left to right, Cranford Police Officers Tony Dobbins, Guy Patterson, John Rattigan, Derek Farbanec, Matt Nazzaro, Bobby Jordan, Tom Bell, Gene Perrotta, Dan Norton, Joe Stulpin, and Peter Graczyk.

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National Night Out

Cranford Police took part in the 29th Annual National Night Out on August 7th from 6—9 p.m. at the Gazebo at the corner of North Union Avenue and Springfield Avenue. The free event is intended to promote crime prevention awareness and allows the public to interact with members of the police department in order to obtain information about our many programs. In addition to the emergency vehicle displays, there was a DJ, face painter, magician, and more.



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OFFICER ASSISTS WITH SPECIAL DELIVERY

On August 3rd at 9:28 p.m., Cranford Police were called to the parking lot of the Butcher Block (209 Centennial Avenue) on a reported woman in labor in a parked vehicle. First to arrive on scene was Officer Matthew Nazzaro, a certified Emergency Medical Technician and a Basic Life Support Instructor with over ten years of pre-hospital emergency medical experience. In the lot, he found Diego Ramos, of Cranford, and his wife, Teresa Pires-Ramos, who stated she was in labor. The couple were en route to the hospital, but stopped and called 9-1-1 when they realized they weren't going to make it.

Nazzaro immediately saw that the baby's head was "crowning" and the birth was imminent. Assisted by Sergeant Frank Williams, and Officers Robert Jordan and Michael Dubitsky, Nazzaro began preparations for the delivery. With the vehicle seat reclined, and the mother pushing hard, Nazzaro was able to support the infant's head and body while removing the umbilical cord from around the baby's neck and averting a potentially life threatening complication. The newborn baby boy was successfully delivered moments before the arrival of the Cranford First Aid Squad. Nazzaro signed the official birth certificate for baby Adam Ramos and was also asked to be Adam's Godfather when he is baptized in 2013.

The Ramos family stopped by the police department on August 10th to thank Officers Matthew Nazzaro and Michael Dubitsky and big brothers David and Evan were given a tour of the police department while new baby brother Adam slept.

Cranford Policemen's Benevolent Association Local #52 Delegate Robert Montague presented a gift certificate to the Ramos family on behalf of the local to help with some of the new baby expenses.

Photo, left to right, Patrolman Michael Dubitsky, Detective Robert Montague, Patrolman Matthew Nazzaro holding baby Adam, David Ramos, Diego Ramos, Teresa Pires-Ramos, and Evan Ramos.

2012 In Review

Cranford Police Department 2012 Events

Reaccreditation



On December 9-10, 2012 the Cranford Police Department participated in the final phase of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police reaccreditation process. The professional accreditation process has been an ongoing primary focus of the department since receiving original accreditation in 2006.

During this final phase, assessors visited police headquarters, interviewed personnel, reviewed policies, procedures, documentation and proofs of compliance. The assessors also conducted ride-alongs with members of the Patrol Division and were available for public discussion via a telephone call in session.

The department expects to have our final Accreditation Committee Hearing and Presentation in early 2013.

Photo Above, left to right, Detective Sergeant Marino, Chief Mason, Assessor Allen Sondej, Detective Sergeant Quinn, Assessor Al Kernagis, and Captain Van Bergen during the Reaccreditation On-Site Inspection December 9th.

Package Thieves Arrested

On December 18, 2012, Cranford Police officers located and arrested two Hillside men in connection with the theft of a package delivered to an unoccupied home.

At approximately 3:55 p.m., a U.S. Postal Service employee contacted police when he observed a package being stolen from a front porch on Keith Jeffries Avenue. The employee was able to describe one of the black male suspects, as well as the white Pontiac Grand Prix being operated by the thieves. During the initial investigation, another witness approached police with a similar description of the incident.

Moments later, Patrolman Peter Graczyk observed a vehicle matching the suspect description on South Avenue East. With assistance from other police units, the Pontiac was stopped near the Cranford Train Station. After a brief investigation at the scene, police arrested Daryl Evans (Age 23) and Najee Johnson (Age 21) of Hillside, New Jersey. Officers also recovered the stolen package, as well as evidence linking the suspects to additional thefts.

Najee Johnson was charged with Theft and Receiving Stolen Property. Daryl Evans was charged with Receiving Stolen Property.



Above, Aux. Captain Gregson at National Night Out.

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Burglary Arrests

On December 12, 2012 at 9:45 a.m. our Communications Center received a call reporting suspicious activity of High Street in the area of Pine Street. The caller reporting the occupants of a white Chevrolet were exiting the vehicle and were ringing doorbells in the area. They then left the area and returned a short time later, parking in front of a home in the 500 block of High Street. The occupants again exited the vehicle and walked to the rear of the residence.

Officer Durkin was the first officer to arrive on the scene. He took up a concealed position where he was able to observe the 2 suspects on the rear deck of the residence. Sergeant Patterson was the second unit to arrive on the scene. As he took up a position in the rear yard, he observed that the two suspects had disappeared. Upon closer observation, Sergeant Patterson found signs of forced entry into a rear window. Below the window the suspects had placed a cooler to allow them to climb into the window.

Sergeant Patterson directed additional units to respond to the residence in order to form a perimeter around the area. As officers waited to make entry into the residence, Sgt. Patterson observed one of the suspects walking on Hawthorne Street towards High Street. This information was transmitted to Officer O'Brien who was able to take that suspect into custody without incident.

While checking the area for additional suspects, Officer O'Brien located and took into custody a second suspect in the area of Hawthorne Street. At the time of his apprehension, this suspect was found to be in possession of burglary tools.

Detective Greco and Officer Heesters, who were set up in front of the house, located and took into custody a third suspect who was sitting in the white Chevrolet serving as a lookout.

To the surprise of everyone at the scene, the officers also discovered that the three burglary suspects had also brought a 14 month old baby girl with them during their attempted burglaries. The baby was safely transported to Headquarters and eventually reunited with her mother.

Upon further investigation, it was learned that all three suspects were Blood gang members with extensive criminal histories.

Arrested were Isaiah Thomas, Age 19, Cory Collins, Age 19, and Calvin Steed, Age 25, all of Roselle NJ. The three subjects were charged with Conspiracy to Commit Burglary and Receiving Stolen Property. In addition, Thomas was charged with Criminal Mischief, Possession of a Weapon, Possession of Burglary Tools and Criminal Attempt. Steed was also charged with Criminal Attempt. All issued charges are crimes of the third degree

In addition to the attempted burglary of the Cranford residence, they were found to be responsible for six burglaries in Rahway, Linden and Woodbridge. Additionally, the three subjects were suspects in up to fifty burglaries in Union and Middlesex Counties.

2012 In Review

Cranford Police Department—Hurricane Sandy



Hurricane Sandy

On October 29, 2012, Hurricane Sandy made landfall in New Jersey with devastating impact in many low lying and coastal communities, including some in Union County. The Cranford Police Department and the Cranford Office of Emergency Management prepared for the worst and took measures to ensure the safety and security of residents in the event of flooding or other catastrophic damage from the storm.

In preparation for Sandy's arrival, the Township ordered a curfew, travel ban, and mandatory evacuation for homes in the flood plain. Over 2500 people were evacuated and

an emergency shelter was opened at the Cranford Community Center on Walnut Avenue in cooperation with the Union County Office of Emergency Management and the American Red Cross. 147 area residents were housed at the shelter over the course of the hurricane and aftermath.

Although Cranford did not experience significant surface flooding, such as that seen with Hurricane Irene in 2011, the Township was impacted by an overwhelming number of downed trees and power lines resulting in a loss of power for over 6700 of Cranford 7200 residences and business by midday on October 30, 2013. Official estimates placed the number of trees down at 400, effecting 218 power lines. Included in the power outage was the municipal building and police headquarters, which operated with an emergency generator for over a week.

In the days after the storm hit New Jersey, Cranford Police officers dealt with extensive power



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outages, road closures and detours, regional fuel shortages, unscheduled school closures, and a national general election. There were four injuries associated with the hurricane. There were no fatalities or unaccounted for residents. Additional personnel were placed on duty to provide extra security and deterrent patrols in areas with significant damage or with limited power.

Within days, the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) and the Small Business Administration (SBA) had established satellite offices in neighboring communities to assist residents and business owners coping with an estimated 5.2 million dollar private property damage assessment. Although the local travel ban, curfew and evacuation orders were officially lifted on the evening of October 31, 2013, repair and recovery efforts continued for months, with many Township facilities and services limited through the middle of November.

Photos, Top Page 70, the rear entrance to town hall was closed with cinderblocks prior to the storm to prevent flooding.

Bottom Page 70, primary electrical lines that came down the night of October 29th.

Top Page 71, Patrolmen Durkin and Heesters .

Bottom Page 71, road closure on Springfield Avenue fronting Union County College.



Days Gone By

Historical Perspective of the Cranford Police Department



Above, The photo above shows a tree blocking South Union Avenue on April 15, 1951. The photo was taken from the train bridge looking south down South Union Avenue towards the intersection of South Avenue.

Perrotti's Quality Meats & Groceries can be seen across South Avenue in the same location it is today. Across the street from Perrotti's is the building currently occupied by The Office Restaurant. The Texaco Gas Station is on the lot currently occupied by the Cranford Crossing Development and Township Parking Garage.