

2014 ANNUAL REPORT



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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



STATEMENT

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.





MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

On March 1, 2014 I began my journey as the Chief of Police of the Cranford Police Department, fulfilling a career long goal. Words cannot describe how proud I am attaining the highest position possible in this wonderful field. I have to thank my wonderful family for their never ending support of me. They are as dedicated to me, as I am of my job. I want to thank the Township Committee for having the belief in my abilities, the courage to make this difficult decision, and their support of my vision for the future of Cranford. Finally, I want to thank the members of the CPD for their support, as well as the support of my friends and the residents of Cranford. I will work hard for you, I promise.

My first goal as the Chief of Police is to establish a strong and trusting relationship between the administration of this organization and the rank and file. Police Officers have a difficult job to begin with, we do not need to come to work with uncertainties on the direction of the organization or have distracted career thoughts. This only makes the job that much more difficult. Rediscovering the “family culture” of the Organization and realigning the work environment is paramount.

Second, is a complete and total redesign of the Department. This will include providing our Patrol Division with uniforms that are more conducive to the times, as well as, meeting the needs of the patrol function. With the uniform change comes a new shoulder patch. Our new patch is a throwback to the patch that was worn by CPD officers circa 1940-1960, with a flair from current times. Finally, our vehicle design will be completely overhauled with a new paint scheme to include the Blue and Gold of Cranford, and our new department patch. Look for something special on the rear of each vehicle to represent “Cougar Pride” as well.

All of these moves are part of a comprehensive plan to look forward to the future, not only of the Cranford Police Department, but to the future of Cranford as a whole. Since the development of Cranford Crossings, and The Riverfront Project, and the future planned development of Woodmont Station and Birchwood, Cranford is looking at a 9% population increase. Since development has started, the manpower numbers here at the CPD are down 13%. This is no way to sustain emergency services for now or for the future. Smart, strategic planning is the key to success.

Mother Teresa said “you can do what I cannot do. I can do what you cannot do. Together we can do great things”. I look forward to working as a team with the Township Committee and all the professionals in the Township to strategically and comprehensively put a plan into action to assure the safety and security of life and property. I know there will be many challenges and obstacles during my journey and I know I will have to make difficult decisions. However, I also know I will work hard and dedicate my talents to providing the best leadership possible.

James Wozniak
Chief of Police



COMMAND STAFF



Joseph P. Van Bergen
Administrative Captain



Guy Patterson
Operations Captain



TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT

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.



Andis Kalnins
Mayor



Lisa Adubato
Deputy Mayor
Comm. Of Finance



Mary O'Connor
Commissioner of
Public Safety



Robert D'Ambola
Commissioner of
Public Works



Thomas Hannen
Commissioner of
Public Affairs

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



Terence Wall
Administrator

IN DEDICATION



These pages are in dedication of the men and women who have served as Cranford Police Officers since it's founding in 1897.

***Names that appear in bold indicate officers that served as Chief of Police.**

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 Croy
Edward Csuka
Donald A. Curry
Myron Cymbaluk
Paul R. Cymbaluk
Samuel W. Cymbaluk
Jason M. D'Agostino
Steven R. D'Ambola
Raymond L. Davidson
Edward R. Davenport
Michael A. Deane
Christopher M. DiFabio
Anthony J. Dobbins
Clifford W. Dobbins
Daniel J. Donnerstag
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
Gregory M. Federici
Michael Fedroff
Thomas J. Feeney
Albert R. Fischer
William A. Fischer
Steven Gachko
John T. Gallagher
Edward J. Galvin

William G. Gassman
Ryan W. Gerrity
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
Timothy L. Handy
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
James F. Knight
John P. Korsch



IN DEDICATION

Joseph R. Koury
Ralph J. Koury
Anton Kovacs
John J. Kovacs
(Unk.) Krise
Paul Lampert
Thomas Leavy
Edward N. Lee
Linn M. Lockwood, Jr.
Corey J. LoForte
Brian M. Lopez
John E. Lowrey
Russell J. Luedecker
James K. Manning
Salvatore Manuri, Jr.
Craig L. Marino
Patrick J. Martin
Eric G. Mason
Milton T. Mason
Carlangelo Massa
Joseph McCaffrey
James G. McFall
John J. McNerney
Robert R. Merrill
Whitney C. Merrill
W. E. Merwin
Edward J. Metzner
Arthur T. Miles, Jr.
Leonard Miller
Peter F. Miller
Robert R. Moffett
Robert A. Montague
Stephen Motyczka
Matthew R. Nazzaro
John G. Neil
Frank Neilson
Daniel S. Norton
Robert I. Nylen
Timothy W. O'Brien
John O' Donnell
William O'Donnell
Michael T. O'Neil
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.
Matthew B. Siessel
Henry Simon
James F. Sloan
Kelly M. Sretenovic
John H. Stanier, Jr.
Thomas C. Stiansen
Joseph W. Stulpin
John J. Swandrak
James P. Switek
William D. Thermann
Robert C. Thieme
John M. Thimons

Brian D. Thomas
Lawrence T. Thomas
Russell W. Thomas
Carl Thompson
Steven R. Toy
Brian T. Trotter
Joseph P. Van Bergen, Jr.
Vanessa Van Brunt
Leonard R. Van Saders
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

IN MEMORIAM



Patrolman Robert F. Hand

This year marked 39 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 Nylan. 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, attaining the rank of Corporal and serving in the Korean Conflict. He received an Honorable Discharge in 1950. Robert was appointed



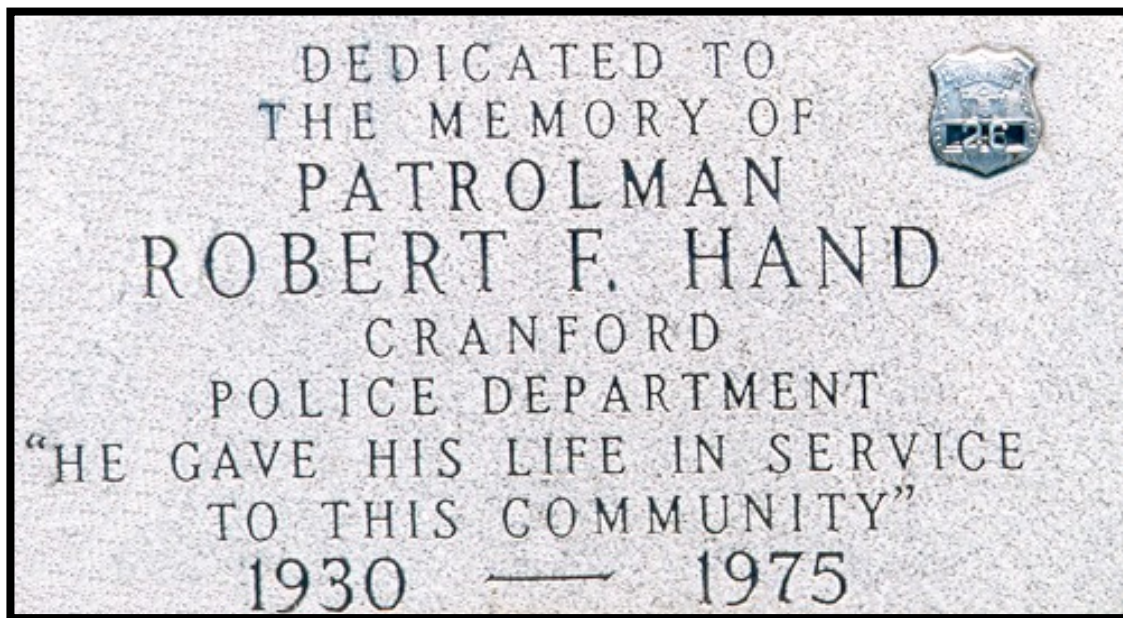
IN MEMORIAM

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.

Each year, members of the Cranford Police Department wear black mourning bands on their badges from February 11th to February 18th in honor of Patrolman Hand.



DIVISIONS & BUREAUS



Chief of Police

Eric G. Mason

Captains

Joseph P. Van Bergen

Guy E. Patterson

Patrol Division

Lt. Craig L. Marino

Lt. Christopher T. Polito

Sgt. Anthony J. Dobbins

Sgt. Thomas J. Feeney

Sgt. Frank T. Williams

Sgt. Eugene Perrotta

Sgt. John J. Swandrak

Sgt. Steven R. Toy

Sgt. Russell J. Luedecker

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. 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. Christopher DiFabio

Ptl. Thomas C. Stiansen

Ptl. John J. Rattigan

Ptl. Kelly A. Rieder

Ptl. Michael P. Dubitsky

Ptl. Matthew B. Siessel

Ptl. Gregory M. Federici

Ptl. Daniel J. Donnerstag

Ptl. Michael T. O'Neil

Ptl. Corey J. LoForte

Ptl. Brian T. Trotter

Ptl. Ryan W. Gerrity

Ptl. Robert R. Jordan, Jr.

Ptl. Timothy L. Handy

Ptl. James F. Knight

Ptl. Jason M. D'Agostino

Communications Bureau

Kathleen A. Ditzel

Stacy A. Thorn

Anthony E. Matusawicz

Jaclyn A. Benkovich

Ewa Jackson-Feldt

Michael Urbanski

Michael O'Neil

Corey LoForte

Sandanna Jones

Megan Berry

Investigative Division

Det/Lt. Stephen D. Wilde

Det/Sgt. Ryan Greco

Det. Robert A. Montague

Det. John J. Swandrak

Det. Spencer Durkin

Det. Matthew Nazzaro

Professional Standards Unit

Det/Sgt. Richard Vitale

Community Support Service

Det/Lt. Edward R. Davenport

Traffic Bureau

Det. Steven R. Toy

Det. Russell J. Luedecker

Traffic Maintenance

Charles E. Fette

Joseph A. Corbisiero

Records Bureau

Det/Sgt. Gerard P. Quinn

Clerk Jean H. McComb

Clerk Janet Spricigo

Parking Enforcement

Ralph E. Gregson

Executive Secretary

Carol Cole



PERSONNEL CHANGES

Guy Patterson	January 28, 2014	Promoted to Lieutenant
Craig Marino	January 28, 2014	Promoted to Lieutenant
Eric Mason	February 28, 2014	Retired - Chief
Janet Spricigo	March 12, 2014	Hired - Records Clerk
Gregory Federici	June 14, 2014	Probationary Patrolman
Daniel Donnerstag	June 14, 2014	Probationary Patrolman
Corey LoForte	July 17, 2014	Resigned - Communications
Michael O'Neil	July 17, 2014	Resigned - Communications
Michael O'Neil	July 18, 2014	Police Academy
Corey LoForte	July 18, 2014	Police Academy
Brian Trotter	July 18, 2014	Police Academy
Ryan Gerrity	July 18, 2014	Police Academy
Matthew Nazzaro	August 1, 2014	Detective
Christian Pasternak	August 2, 2014	Communications Officer
Kenneth Rutmayer	August 2, 2014	Communications Officer
Kathleen Ditzel	September 1, 2014	Retired - Communications
Guy Patterson	September 9, 2014	Promoted to Captain
Christopher Polito	September 9, 2014	Promoted to Lieutenant
Ryan Greco	September 9, 2014	Promoted to Sergeant
John Swandrak	September 9, 2014	Promoted to Sergeant
Steven Toy	September 9, 2014	Promoted to Sergeant
Brian Lopez	September 14, 2014	Detective
William Pietrucha	September 14, 2014	Detective
Derek Farbanec	October 12, 2014	Detective
Anthony Dobbins	October 31, 2014	Retired - Sergeant
Robert Montague	October 31, 2014	Retired - Detective
Robert Merrill, Jr.	November 12, 2014	Communications Officer
Peter Graczyk	November 30, 2014	Retired - Patrolman
Kenneth Rutmayer	November 30, 2014	Resigned - Communications
Russell Luedecker	December 1, 2015	Promoted to Sergeant
Steven D'Ambola	December 1, 2014	Detective
Robert Jordan, Jr.	December 1, 2014	Officer 1 st Grade
Timothy Handy	December 1, 2014	Probationary Patrolman
James Knight	December 1, 2014	Probationary Patrolman
Lynne Galvez	December 15, 2014	Communications Officer
Matthew Siessel	December 19, 2014	Officer 1 st Grade
Michael P. Dubitsky	December 31, 2014	Officer 3 rd Grade
Gregory Federici	December 31, 2014	Officer 1 st Grade
Daniel Donnerstag	December 31, 2014	Officer 1 st Grade
Jason D'Agostino	December 31, 2014	Police Academy

PATROL DIVISION



The Patrol Division is the face of the Cranford Police Department. Uniformed officers operate marked radio cars twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week throughout the township. The vast majority of citizen/police encounters involve a patrol officer. They are responsible for responding as a first responder to all calls for service. Whether an in-progress crime, alarm, medical call, fire call, motor vehicle crash, civil dispute, disorderly person, domestic disturbance, after-the-fact crime reporting or EDP/mental health crisis, uniformed patrol officers are sent as the initial resource of the Cranford Police Department. The patrol officers are responsible for assessing the situation, requesting necessary additional resources, controlling and mitigating the immediate emergency and reporting on the incident. In cases of criminal and motor vehicle investigations, the patrol officer will document the initial report for follow up by an investigator from other divisions within the Department.

Equally as important as the Patrol Division response to calls for service are their crime prevention patrol strategies. The Cranford Police Department prides itself as being a proactive municipal law enforcement agency. Over half of all activity conducted by the patrol officer is self initiated, preventative patrol activities. For 2014, that equated to over twenty-thousand self initiated, proactive cases generated. This focus on an active patrol strategy directly contributes to the safe neighborhoods and streets enjoyed by the residents of Cranford.

The Patrol Division partners with the Traffic Bureau of the Community Support Services Division in emphasizing traffic enforcement throughout the community. Patrol Squads regularly conduct traffic safety and pedestrian safety checkpoints at targeted locations within the township. Additionally, individual patrol officers completed over 1,800 traffic enforcement details on municipal, county and state roadways.

Within the Patrol Division is the Field Training Unit. Coordinated by Lieutenant Craig Marino and Lieutenant Christopher Polito, the Field Training Unit is responsible for conducting a fourteen week coaching and mentoring program for recently graduated officers of the Police Academy. During the Field Training Period, Probationary Officers are assigned to Field Training Officers (FTO). The FTO and Probationary Officer are partnered as a two-man unit. Over the fourteen weeks, the Probationary Officer performs patrol duties while constantly being observed and coached by an experienced officer. At the end of the Field Training Period, the Probationary Officer will have successfully mastered 45 individual training tasks that cover all aspects of patrol responsibilities. In 2014, Officer Matthew Siessel successfully completed training with Officer Joseph Stulpin; Officer Daniel Donnerstag successfully completed training with Officer John Rattigan and Officer Gregory Federici successfully completed training with Officer Derek Farbanec.

The Patrol Division is the largest Division in the Cranford Police Department, falling under the Command of Captain Guy Patterson. It is comprised of two Platoons, each consisting of two Patrol Squads. Each Platoon is led by a Watch Commander, Lieutenants Craig Marino and Christopher Polito. Each Patrol Squad is led by a Sergeant, Sergeants Anthony Dobbins, Thomas Feeney, Frank Williams, and Eugene Perrotta. A Desk Sergeant works a mid shift on each Platoon, Sergeants John Swandrak and Steven Toy.

In 2014, the Patrol Division was staffed by twenty-two Patrolmen, ten Communications Officers, six Sergeants and two Lieutenants.



PATROL DIVISION

37,7227 Total Calls for Service in 2014

12,610 calls for service involving traffic related activity including:

6,772 calls for service involving motor vehicle violations resulting in summonses/warnings
1,898 calls for service involving selective enforcement
873 calls for service involving crash investigations

12,343 calls for service for criminal related activity including:

6,558 calls involving proactive police patrols
1,504 calls involving suspicious persons/acts
1,389 calls involving burglary/trespass/alarms
621 calls involving warrant service
478 calls involving disorderly conduct
227 calls involving CDS activity

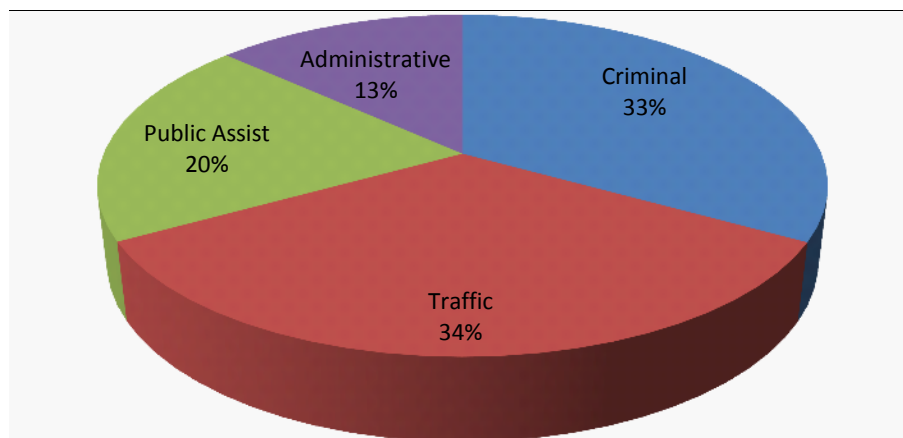
7,374 calls for service involving public service activities including:

2,447 building and public transportation facility inspections/patrols
1,845 calls for service for medical emergencies
1,626 calls for service for public assists
1,020 calls for service for fire emergencies

4,950 calls for service involving administrative duties including:

932 training assignments
407 inspections of police equipment/cell block management
285 Auxiliary Police and Police Explorer activities

Calls for Service

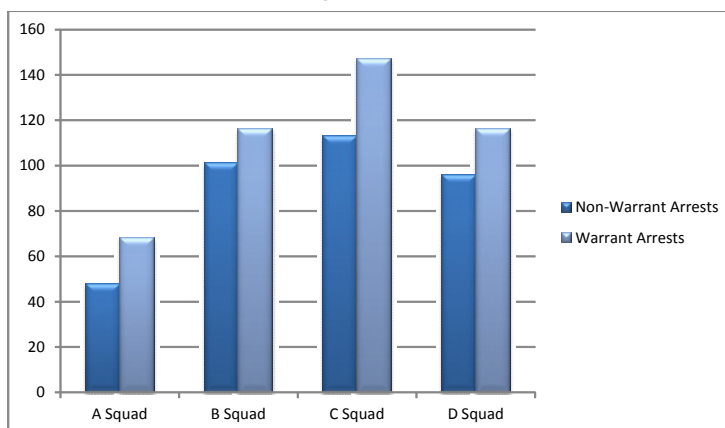




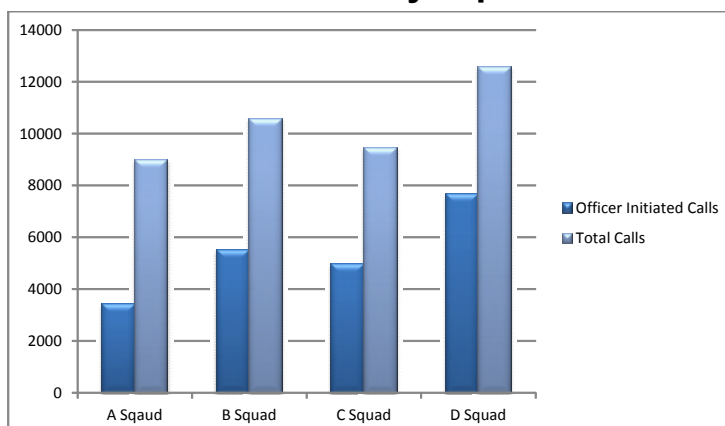
2014 Statistical Report by Squads

Squad	Non-Warrant Arrests	Warrant Arrests	Total Arrests	Officer Initiated Calls	Total Calls	% Self Initiated	% Resulting in Arrest
A	48	68	116	3,432	8,966	38%	1%
B	101	116	217	5,521	10,567	52%	2%
C	113	147	260	4,970	9,444	53%	3%
D	96	116	212	7,658	12,558	61%	2%
Total	358	447	805	21,581	41,535	52%	2%

Arrests by Squad - 2014



Calls for Service by Squad - 2014





COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU

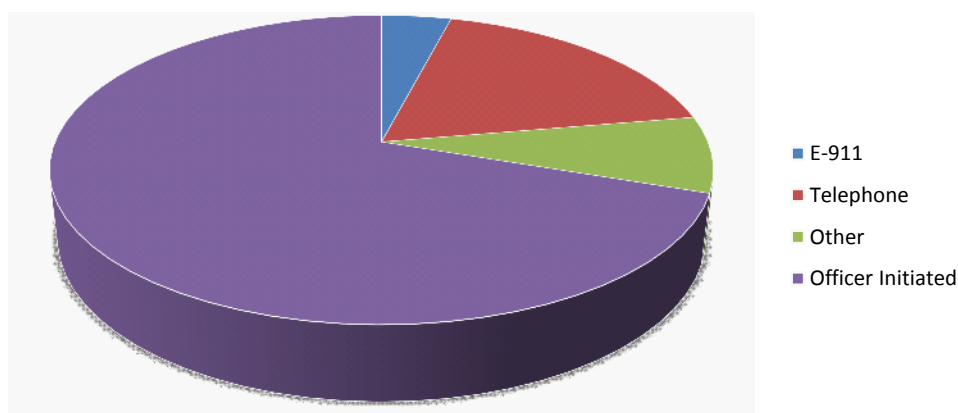
The Communications Bureau is part of the Patrol Division. The Communications Bureau provides twenty-four hour coverage of the Cranford Police Department's Communications Center. In 2014, Sergeants John Swandrak and Stephen Toy were assigned as supervisors of the Communications Center. Each supervisor typically works from noon to midnight, providing coverage for both the night and day shifts.

The Communications Bureau is staffed by ten full-time Communications Officers. Communications Officers are specially trained civilian employees certified in Basic Telecommunications and Emergency Medical Dispatch through the NJ Office of Emergency Telecommunications Services (NJOETS). Communications Officers are the initial point of contact for most public interactions with the Cranford Police Department. Non-emergency calls for service typically begin with a phone call to the Communications Center. Communications Officers are tasked with determining the appropriate agency to provide assistance to the specific request and detailing resources. Emergency calls for service are typically received via the 9-1-1 system. The Communications Center has three active 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP's). Each PSAP is capable of receiving 9-1-1 calls. Communications Officers are trained to provide lifesaving medical intervention instructions via the phone for those in need. In addition to handling telephone and 9-1-1 calls, Communications Officers are responsible for all radio transmissions from Police, Fire and EMS responders within Cranford. Through an existing inter-local agreement, the Cranford Police Communications Center provides these same services to Winfield Township.

In 2014, The Communications Center underwent several major changes. A complete re-design of the space resulted in a more functional and efficient work space. Three separate work stations were developed for each PSAP. A fourth work station was developed for the Communications Center supervisor. In conjunction with the improved work space, upgrades to software and radio systems were completed in 2014. The Archonix Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system was replaced by the LawSoft CAD System. The new LawSoft system provides seamless integration between the CAD system, Report Writing system and Records Management System. The existing Motorola radio system had become obsolete and was no longer repairable. As a result a new Motorola system was installed with the rebuild. The radio system provides digitally encrypted transmissions, radio alarms

on each radio and individual radio identifiers to enhance communication capabilities and officer safety. The work individual stations include an array of six monitors which allows the Communications Officer to use multiple vital computer programs at the same time. These physical and software improvements ensure the Communications Officer is able to constantly monitor the E-9-1-1 system, Motorola radio system, Alarm System, LawSoft CAD System, LawSoft GPS Mapping System and NJ CJIS.

**Communications Center Calls For Service
2014**



INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION



2014 was a year of transition within the Investigative Division. Lieutenant Stephen Wilde served as the Investigative Division Commander beginning in January. Sergeant Christopher Polito was assigned as the Detective Bureau Supervisor in 2014 until his promotion to Patrol Lieutenant in September. Detective Ryan Greco was promoted to Sergeant and filled the vacant Detective Bureau Supervisor position. In 2014 Detective Swandrak, Detective Montague, Detective Durkin, Detective Lopez, and Detective Farbanec all served in the Detective Bureau where they handled general investigations. Detective Matthew Nazzaro was assigned to the newly created School Resource Officer position in September 2014.

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.

In 2014 the Detective Bureau was assigned 1,731 criminal investigations. These investigations included robberies, burglaries, sexual assaults, frauds, thefts, assaults, motor vehicle thefts, and narcotic distribution.

The following investigations and arrests highlighted the 2014 year in the Detective Bureau:

In January a Clark man was arrested at his home by Detective John Swandrak, Detective Ryan Greco and Detective Spencer Durkin after he committed an armed robbery of a Raritan Road service station.

In February Sergeant Quinn, Sergeant Polito, Detective Greco, Detective Swandrak, and Detective Montague were recognized by Newark FBI SAC Aaron Ford for their role in the arrest of individuals who were committing armed hold ups of banks in New Jersey, including a bank in Cranford.

In March Detective Greco lead a team of detectives during a narcotics search warrant at a South Avenue convenience store. As a result of this search warrant three men were charged with distribution of synthetic marijuana and police seized \$8000 cash and 100 packets of synthetic marijuana with a street value of over \$10,000.00.



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In March Cranford Detective John Swandrak lead a team of Detectives during the execution of a narcotics search warrant. As a result of this search warrant a seventeen year old Cranford resident was charged with distribution of marijuana and police recovered several ounces of marijuana.

In May detectives executed a narcotics search warrant at the home of a 33 year old Cranford resident. This warrant resulted in the seizure of \$700 cash, twenty one (21) bags of marijuana, and 78 prescription pain pills.

In June Detective Durkin lead a team of detectives during a narcotics search warrant in Rahway, NJ. The three month long investigation began when Detective Durkin developed information that the Rahway resident was selling narcotics from his car within the Township of Cranford, and was armed with a handgun. The search warrant resulted in the seizure of 1,100 packages of heroin, \$4,000 cash, and a loaded 9mm handgun.

In December Detective Derek Farbanec responded to an armed robbery of a service station on Raritan Road. While responding to the scene Detective Farbanec observed the suspects fleeing in the getaway car. He followed them onto the Parkway and radioed for assistance. The two suspects were cornered in a service station parking lot in Roselle and taken into custody without incident. Police recovered the proceeds from the armed robbery as well as the weapon that was used.

National Night Out

In August the Cranford Police Department participated in National Night Out. This program is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, and it is designed to heighten crime and drug awareness and to strengthen the relationship between the police and the community. The Cranford Police Department has participated in National Night Out for more than a decade, and in 2014 the event was coordinated by Detective Robert Montague. On display were Cranford Police cars, Zodiac water rescue boats, the Mobile Command Post, the police motorcycle, and many emergency vehicles and equipment from Union County Public Safety. Children were entertained by face painters, a magician, and a demonstration presented by Tae Kwon Do Center of New Jersey. The event was well attended with over 500 residents attending.



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2014 CLASS I OFFENSES BY MONTH													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Assault	3	2	3	5	6	3	4	3	1	6	1	2	39
Burglary	1	4	3	3	3	3	5	4	1	4	4	1	36
Theft	11	5	9	11	8	14	9	13	17	18	7	12	134
MV Theft	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	16	12	15	20	18	20	18	20	19	28	12	16	214

CLASS I OFFENSES		
	2013	2014
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	4	3
Assault	49	39
Burglary	26	36
Theft	150	134
MV Theft	11	2
Arson	1	0
TOTAL	241	214

ARRESTS		
	2013	2014
Adult	427	404
Juvenile	31	45
Total	458	449

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON POLICE		
	2013	2014
	4	1

CASES ASSIGNED TO DETECTIVES		
	2013	2014
	1723	1731

CLASS II OFFENSES		
	2013	2014
Fraud	110	148
Stolen Property	23	18
Criminal Mischief	114	136
Weapons Offenses	7	7
Sex Offenses	3	3
Narcotics Invest.	191	164
Family Offenses	57	86
DWI	70	61
Liquor Offenses	10	12
Disorderly Conduct	453	526
Missing Persons	39	35
All Other Offenses	396	357
TOTAL	1473	1553



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History of the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program

In August of 2014, the Cranford Police Department Administration took an innovative step towards better engaging with Cranford's youth. This conversation began when Chief Wozniak became Chief of Police earlier in the year. With the success of an annual youth police academy, a robust corps of Police Explorers, and a large youth population in Cranford, the need to create a designated Juvenile Officer became evident.

As a result of attrition beginning in 2009, specialized divisions experienced reductions in manpower which directly impacted the former Juvenile Bureau. This led to the merging of the Juvenile Bureau with the Detective Bureau. During this merge, detectives became cross-trained to handle both traditional investigations and juvenile investigations. This reduced the Investigative Division manpower from six (6) detectives and three (3) supervisors to four (4) detectives and two (2) supervisors. When the police department began seeing its ranks restored during 2014, one of the department's top priorities was designating an officer to specifically handle juvenile matters. This led to the creation of a School Resource Officer or SRO.

In 1998, then-Governor Christie Todd Whitman enacted the "Safe School Resource Officer Program" or NJ-S.S.R.O.P. to better handle juvenile matters. This initiative was intended to combine the efforts of police departments and school districts to have a positive effect on youth, especially regarding acts of juvenile delinquency. Traditionally, juvenile matters were handled reactively, but the implementation of a SRO Program arguably works to reduce juvenile delinquency through the following means:

1. Building relationships
2. Handling minor offenses informally
3. Employing timely case-monitoring
4. Collaborating efforts of school principals, counselors, SAC's, and police
5. Ensuring that information flows evenly and consistently between school officials and police to keep discipline and good order of the schools
6. Informing students and staff of the role of police officers and the function of the legal system
7. Preventing juvenile delinquency through police omnipresence
8. Working towards school safety through emergency management planning and site assessment for vulnerabilities
9. Breaking down barriers between juveniles and police officers (by introducing police to students both in uniform and plainclothes)

Shared Services Agreement: Cranford Police Department and Cranford BOE

The SRO Program in Cranford first began during the 2014-2015 School Year. This was the first year of a three (3) year "Shared Services" agreement between the Township of Cranford and the Cranford Board of Education. As part of the agreement, the Cranford Police Department will have an officer designated and trained as a "Safe Schools Resource Officer" assigned to the district to act as a liaison between both government agencies. In exchange for this arrangement, the Cranford Police Department SRO has a portion of the salary supported through the Cranford Board of Education Budget. As a result of this shared service agreement, cost-saving measures including cooperative purchasing, combined training, and resource pooling will act to save taxpayers money while avoiding financial redundancy.

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The Cranford Public School System has eight (8) schools that the SRO covers on a daily basis Monday through Friday during school hours. The partnership between the police department and the Cranford Board of Education is further enhanced with the signing of a detailed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). This document clearly outlines what police investigative information can be formally shared, informally discussed or acted upon while designating roles and responsibilities of both the police and school officials. This agreement formally allows for the police department to share vital information that reduces delayed police intervention or redundancy while providing consistent police-school responses to events involving juveniles and their families.

Banner Year Achievements of Cranford Police SRO Program

Since August of 2014, this partnership between the Township of Cranford and Cranford Board of Education fostered achievements in the following four (4) areas: Information Sharing, Providing Training, Implementing Necessary Changes and Improving Community Outreach.

In the area of Information Sharing, the SRO has:

1. Met with each Principal prior to the school year to discuss policies, problem areas, and goals for the 2014-2015 school year.
2. Became an administrator on the district's "PowerSchool" program, allowing emergency access to information instantaneously.
 - a. Improvements to Photograph feature are proposed for 2015-2016 school year.
3. Attended faculty meetings at each school to introduce myself to faculty and staff.
4. Attended all eight (8) "Back to School" nights throughout the district, introducing the Cranford Police Department to each schools' parents.
5. Received annual drill schedule for each school in the district. By law, each school must conduct the following drills:
 - a. Bomb threat
 - b. Evacuation
 - c. Active Shooter/Killer
 - d. Lockdown
 - e. Fire Drill
6. Learned the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for the district, including each school's rally and reunification points during evacuation and displacement emergencies.
7. Introduced Patrol Division to monthly school drills to demonstrate faculty, staff and student response during Active Shooter, Lockdown, Evacuation, and Bomb Threat incidents.
8. Established direct communication between each school Principal and the Cranford Police Department.

Regarding the Training Provided to Principals, Schools, and Staff, the SRO has:

9. Trained staff on usage of "Safe Schools" radio.
10. Conducted defibrillator familiarization with the school staff, including nursing staff. Inspected all defibrillators.
 - a. Reviewed district-wide "Janet's Law" preparedness.
11. Participated in 3 Administrative Council meetings with administrators from each school to discuss the following:
 - a. The New Jersey Drill Law.



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- b. Best practices on emergency responses to Active Shooter/Lockdown scenarios.
- c. Project ALERT implementation.
- 12. Attended Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) training to address district-wide policy on how to investigate allegations of bullying.
- 13. Conducted a CPR recertification course with school faculty at the Board of Education office on Election Day.
- 14. Created a monthly safety and security presentation for the "New Substitute Orientation" on-boarding at the Board of Education office.
- 15. Performed tabletop exercise at Orange Avenue School.

In order to Implement Necessary Changes, the SRO has:

- 16. Replaced the D.A.R.E. Program with Project ALERT (Adolescent Learning Experience Resistance Training).
 - a. Program rolled-out to all 6th grade students during the 2014-2015 school year.
 - b. Program addresses medical marijuana, prescription pill abuse, inhalant abuse, social norms and self-pressure, and alcohol abuse.
- 17. Outfitted each patrol post car and supervisors with instantaneous "key-fob" access to each of the 8 public schools.
 - a. Mapped out entry point locations for Cranford Police Department.
- 18. Addressed vehicular safety concern at Walnut Avenue School where vehicles were creating hazardous pedestrian conditions. Working with facilities management, posted parking provisions that aided traffic congestion along bike and walking routes.
- 19. Addressed suspected drug and alcohol activity occurring on the outskirts of Hillside Avenue School by issuing Patrol Alerts and working with school staff to breakdown "hang-out" place for teens.
- 20. Created a "Juvenile Interaction Report" to document one-on-one encounters between police officers and juveniles at risk for delinquency.
- 21. Increased positive police presence at all schools, especially at Cranford High School, Orange Avenue School and Hillside Avenue School which host our largest population of students.
- 22. Appointed to study and recommend considerations for Active Shooter scenarios that encompass plain-speech techniques and components of A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate).
- 23. Evaluation of current district Emergency Action Plan (EAP) and emergency flip-chart for each school.
- 24. Assisted in modification of visitor rules at districts schools during school hours.
- 25. Became trained in "Site Assessment Evaluation" to determine vulnerabilities of each of the district's eight (8) schools, with a site-assessment planned for June/July/August of 2015.

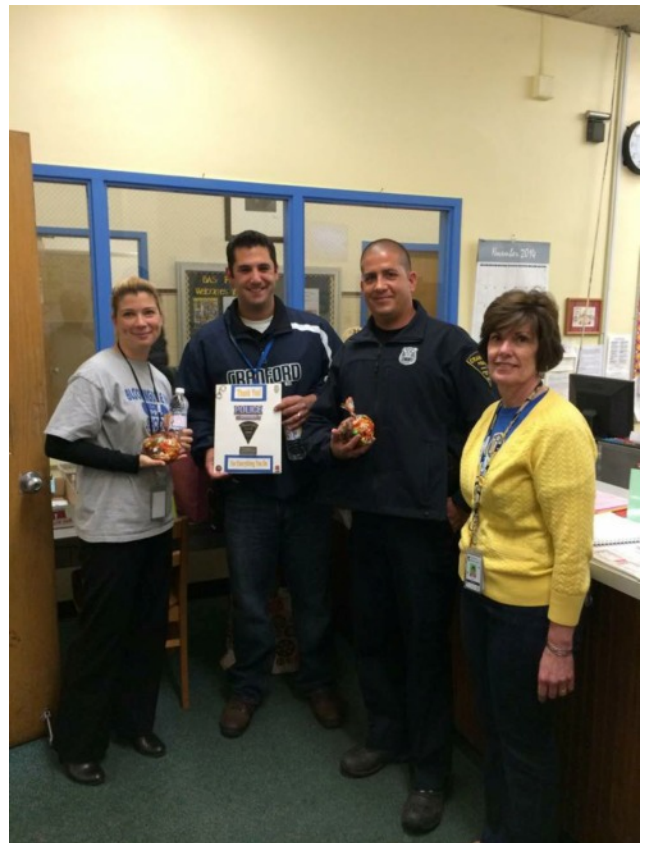
In the interest of Community Outreach for our Students and Parents, the SRO:

- 26. Attended PTC meeting in September 2014 to introduce School Resource Officer program to PTA presidents and administrators.
- 27. Attended meetings as member of the Joint Action Committee on Underage Substance Abuse, Cranford Municipal Alliance and the Juvenile Officers Association of Union County.
- 28. Participated in "Diversity Day" at Orange Avenue School, educating students about Bias Crimes and the law enforcement response to criminal acts of hate.
- 29. Presented cyber-safety presentation to the Captain's Council at Cranford High School, educating them on the pitfalls of social media for youth leaders.

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30. Worked with the Union County Prosecutor's Office, Union County Sheriff's Office, parents, students, school faculty and administrators to investigate and resolve a bomb threat occurring at Cranford High School within 4 hours. This resulted in no disruption of the school function and the successful prosecution of the accused juvenile.
31. Created and delivered presentations for the Criminal Justice classes at Cranford High School related to crime-scene processing.
32. Presented to students at Brookside Place School, Walnut Avenue School, Livingston Avenue School, and Bloomingdale Avenue School in uniform to build trust between police officers and children.
33. Developed and presented "police use of force" roundtable discussion with students in grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 to discuss the events leading to the nationwide protests about police-community relations.
34. Encountered approximately 800 Cranford School District Students in intimate groups of 25 students or less at a time to discuss age-appropriate topics including stranger danger, peer pressure, substance abuse awareness, juvenile law, cyber-safety/responsibility, drunk driving, and citizenship.
35. Developed a positive relationship with the Juvenile Conference Committee of Union County to improve programming for our Cranford youth.
36. Established direct contact and mentorships with juveniles whose parents contacted the School Resource Officer for guidance.



Left Photo, School Resource Officer Nazzaro at Livingston Avenue School during an assembly.

Top Photo, SRO Nazzaro with Patrolman Timothy O'Brien and staff at Bloomingdale Avenue School.



Background

The Cranford Police Department has provided drug abuse resistance education, or D.A.R.E. programming, since the early 1990's. During this time, police officers have engaged in lessons and discussions with 5th grade students in the Cranford Public School District about the dangers of drug abuse.

D.A.R.E. was first introduced as a tool for law enforcement to interact with schoolchildren in 1983, more than 31 years ago. During the course of its existence, D.A.R.E. updated its programming to the current "Too Good For Drugs" program, adopted by New Jersey D.A.R.E. This was a ten (10) week program that intended to empower students with drug resistance techniques, while educating them of the consequences of such risky behavior.

According to one piece of research conducted by David Hansen, PhD., "as early as 1994 when analysts from the Research Triangle Institute published their findings, the word was out: On the measure of stemming teenage drug use, D.A.R.E. didn't work. Children who went through D.A.R.E. were no more likely to "say no" as adolescents than their uninstructed counterparts."

The Cranford Police Department has maintained D.A.R.E. programming because its core philosophy serves a purpose: To connect children with Cranford Police Officers in a positive, nurturing environment while combating a social crisis (drug abuse). The members of the Cranford Police Department agree that this is a necessary function of law enforcement, but that the need for programming must be met by a program that addresses current drug trends in our community while utilizing proven teaching methods to best motivate our students. D.A.R.E. and "Too Good For Drugs" does not meet these needs any longer.

Needs of the Cranford Community

Over the course of the past decade, several high-profile local incidents of underage alcohol abuse have occurred, resulting in the arrest(s) and subsequent stationhouse adjustment of Cranford juveniles. The expose of these incidents' frequency indicated to the community and the Cranford Police Department that something shifted in social norms, and that our children began seeing underage consumption of alcohol as a rite of passage. Mandated educational programs for both affected juveniles and their parents were received positively while stakeholders in the community such as the Cranford Municipal Alliance and Prevention Links entered the arena to further educate our community. These efforts have been positive and have introduced our community to the concept of "true social norms".

Marijuana use was on the decline in the 1990's, but suddenly shifted in the mid 2000's. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, "Marijuana use by adolescents has been on the increase since then. In 2013, 7.0 percent of 8th graders, 18.0 percent of 10th graders, and 22.7 percent of 12th graders used marijuana in the past month, up from 5.8 percent, 13.8 percent, and 19.4 percent in 2008. Daily use has also increased; 6.5 percent of 12th graders now use marijuana every day, compared to 5 percent in the mid-2000s." Although research is still being conducted, the "acceptability" of using marijuana has been perceived by juveniles in light of states such as Colorado and New York legalizing its consumption and purchase for medicinal and recreational usage.

One of the most significant public health issues facing our community and the nation is the proliferation of Heroin. As a result of this, Cranford Police Officers have encountered calls regarding Heroin in such a steady increase, that its officers have been equipped with life-saving Narcan, a so-called "antidote" to Heroin and opioid

overdose. Most significant in this proliferation is that research has demonstrated most addiction to Heroin stems from individuals originally utilizing prescription opioid-based “pain” pills.

Lastly, the usage of cigarettes in Cranford by juveniles is still a problem, to the extent that the Cranford Health Department still employs its “underage decoy” program which attempts to thwart the sale of tobacco products to underage consumers in Cranford.

Scope of Program: Project ALERT at a Glance

Project ALERT stands for **A**dolescent **L**earning **E**xperiences **R**esistance **T**raining. Its curriculum was created and tested by RAND, the nation’s leading think tank on drug policy. Developed over a ten-year period, Project ALERT addresses the pro-drug mindset of today’s teens and effectively increases their likelihood to remain drug-free. This program is a two (2) part curriculum; the first part is taught to sixth grade students as an eleven (11) week program to address the basics of drug and alcohol prevention, while the second part is taught to eighth grade students (who have already participated in the sixth grade curriculum) as a three (3) week booster program to take that foundation of knowledge and expand the discussion to other current drug trends and peer pressure struggles.

This curriculum transitions from lectures given by a teacher or police officer to participative learning. Students are asked to enter the classroom without heightened barriers in order to foster open, honest, and blunt discussions about drugs, alcohol, and peer pressures. Critical in this effort is setting the tone of a welcoming learning environment where students are asked to respect their classmates’ contributions to the group discussions while keeping discussions confidential.

Cost of Program Implementation

The cost of this program’s implementation, supplies, videos, paperwork is free. All media, handouts, and training materials are provided and updated constantly on the Project ALERT website www.projectALERT.com. Training for this program is also free and internet-based. This means that if the Cranford Board of Education wanted to have its school social workers, physical education staff, or 6th grade teaching staff involved in this process, training may be completed online and without time or cost constraints.

Success of Project ALERT

Project ALERT has been adopted by numerous school districts and police departments nationwide and currently has over 500 trained instructors in New Jersey. In fact, Project ALERT is currently being utilized by the Los Angeles, California School System, which was the birthplace of D.A.R.E. Additionally, Project ALERT offers multiple means of implementation and assessment of its programming to ensure that Cranford’s adoption of this curriculum is seamless. These resources are available online.

While this program was originally intended for 7th and 8th graders, Project ALERT staff recommends that program implementation suit the needs of your respective community. Cranford currently offers drug resistance education for 5th graders in the form of D.A.R.E., and topics encompassed in the Project ALERT curriculum are trends we have seen locally. These trends include drug and alcohol abuse, smoking cigarettes, and peer pressures. The implementation of this program for graduating 6th graders and incoming 8th graders ensures that we address two (2) critical age groups BEFORE problems fester. Additionally, this curriculum acts as the foundation for high school programming related to drug and alcohol abuse.

The most impressive part about this program is its focus on connecting gateway drugs to other illicit drug activity. For example, students are asked to detail the reason someone would abuse alcohol. After listing all of the reasons students believe their peers would abuse alcohol, students are asked to list the reasons why someone would use marijuana. The common theme is that underlying reasons exist for why students choose to abuse drugs and alcohol relating to peer pressure, social norms, and misinterpretation of common drug facts and statistics. Breaking down these “norms” through creative programming such as Project ALERT will hopefully shift mindsets of our adolescent students. This program provides an open and honest dialogue between students and law enforcement while encouraging a respectful, thoughtful learning process. The Cranford Police Department is confident that a program such as Project ALERT will positively benefit our community by combating drug and alcohol abuse and increasing awareness of its affects on our children and their future.



Top Photo, presentation by Detective Nazzaro.

Bottom photo, Youth Police Academy with New Jersey State Police helicopter.



The Cranford PAL completed its 33rd year of serving the youth of Cranford in 2014. 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. This is 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, Lt. Chris Polito and the 19 members of the Board of Directors. Members of the PAL Board of Directors are: Honorary Chairman, Chief James Wozniak, Retired Lt. Bob Colaneri, Sgt. Frank Williams, Det. Matt Nazzaro (Vice President), Det. Steve D'Ambola (Treasurer), Officer Sean Holcomb, civilians; Gregg Wheatley (President), Kim Capece, Jim Kwiatowski, John Oblachinski, Bob Bruns, Brian McGovern, Michael Plick, Andrea DaSilva, Jocelyn Alfandre, Rich Meola, Kelly Howard, and Darren Torsone. These volunteers spend a tremendous amount of time making decisions and organizing programs that make the PAL a successful non-profit organization.

The PAL had 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. This was apparent with The Cranford High School Football Team making it to the State Finals this season. 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 four (4) squads this year. The participants are girls in 4th through 8th grade. The cheerleaders, under the guidance of program director, Jennifer Mooney and her 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. There were 100 girls registered for the program.

The PAL basketball program consisted of nine (9) teams, two of which participated in the Garden State Basketball League, the other seven teams participated in the newly formed JBA League. The boys program consists of five (5) teams, a 4th grade team, a 5th grade team, 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 mat. The program has approximately 85 wrestlers participating for the 2014/2015 season. The Program Director, Kevin Murray, and assistants Rob Kanterman and Andrew Hooey 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 approximately 100 participants in the 2014 season.



POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

The PAL again sponsored teams in the Cranford Baseball/Softball League, as well as supporting the Booster Club, The Cranford Rotary Club, Project Graduation, The St. Michael's Feast, The CAT Fund. The Cranford PAL joined forces with the Cranford High School Football Team and raised \$1000.00 for Breast Cancer Awareness and donated the money to the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer 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 2014 scholarships were awarded to Cameron Kutzer and Kerry Wischusen.



Above, Chief Wozniak assisting with collecting donations for Breast Cancer Awareness at the PAL table during a CHS Football game.

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The Professional Standards Unit manages these programs and responsibilities:

- Investigation of all Internal Affairs complaints involving Cranford Police Officers
- Examination and analysis of all complaints, and all other incidents, involving any discharge of a firearm not related to training, all use of force incidents resulting in injury to the suspect or a third party, all vehicular pursuits undertaken by members of the department, and all collisions involving department vehicles.
- Cranford Police Auxiliary liaison and training
- Management of the department's training programs to ensure compliance with local, county, state and federally-mandated requirements.
- 9-1-1 State-mandated operational and training requirements
- Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) officer responsible for inspections and investigations related to all licensed establishments
- 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
- Investigation and processing of all firearms related applications
- Investigation of all taxi, limousine, solicitor, peddler, and raffle applications, and licensing
- Public presentations, regarding various aspects of law enforcement, to schools and organizations

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, often 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.

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

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| 1. Excessive Force | 6. Domestic Violence |
| 2. Improper Arrest | 7. Demeanor |
| 3. Improper Entry | 8. Other Criminal Violation |
| 4. Improper Search | 9. Other Rule Violation |
| 5. Differential Treatment | |

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: 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.

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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 chart below depicts all of the complaints received by the Cranford Police Department Professional Standards Unit in 2014.

Type of Complaint	Anonymous Complaints	Citizen Complaints	Agency Complaints	Total Complaints
Excessive Force				
Improper Arrest				
Improper Entry				
Improper Search		1		1
Other Criminal Violation	1	2		3
Differential Treatment		2		2
Demeanor		4		4
Domestic Violence				
Other Rule Violation		4	19	23
TOTAL	1	13	19	33

The chart below depicts that complaints concluded with a final disposition by the Cranford Police Department in 2014:

Type of Complaint	Sustained	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Admin Closed	Total Dispositions
Excessive Force						
Improper Arrest						
Improper Entry						
Improper Search		1				1
Other Criminal Violation				3		3
Differential Treatment				2		2
Demeanor	3	1		1		5
Domestic Violence		1				1
Other Rule Violation	18	2		1	1	22
TOTAL	21	5		7	1	34

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

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/or completes all required reporting regarding any use of force resulting in an injury to the suspect or a third party, discharge of a weapon not related to training, any vehicle pursuit involving a Cranford Police Officer, and any collision involving a department vehicle.

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, if a need is identified based upon requirements from the Union County Prosecutor's Office, New Jersey Attorney General, and other State and Federal authorities.



TRAFFIC BUREAU

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

The department continues to use the Speed Trailer, Speed Dolly, and LED Speed Sentrys on township roadways to alert drivers of their speed. After the trailer/dolly is on the roadway for a few days, it is then removed and followed up by radar enforcement. These signs are very effective in bringing speed compliance to neighborhood streets. In fact, studies have shown that use of these speed displays have a better and longer term effect on speeding than strictly enforcement.



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

We also enforce bicycle violations and issue both summonses and warnings depending on the 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 2014 totaling \$8,400. The first was \$4,000 for "Click It or Ticket" efforts between May 19th and June 1st. The Department also received \$4,400 of grant money for the "Over the Limit, Under Arrest" DWI Enforcement program from August 15th to September 1st .

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.

Law Enforcement Challenge

The Cranford Police Department was honored in October for receiving a third place finish in the 46-75 officer category of the 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.

- **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 BUREAU

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:

- In 2014, the Township of Cranford moved forward with our new parking system by installing 46 digital pay stations throughout the downtown. The project was 3 months ahead of schedule and the official launch date was July 1st.

SCHOOL GUARDS

During the 2013-2014 school year the Traffic Division was required to provide coverage at 168 school post assignments due to school guards failing to report for duty for either personal or medical reasons. During this calendar year, a total of 182 public/parochial school days occurred of which 65 did not require members of the police department to fill in for a school guard. This equated to .92 school guards out every school day which was an increase over the .49 the previous year (2012-2013) and from the .91 in 2011-2012. These posts were covered by reserve school guards, the parking enforcement officer, and sworn personnel.

OTHER DUTIES

Lieutenant Edward Davenport'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 2014 the Traffic Division coordinated and filled 635 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 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 2014 about 277 vehicles were towed. 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 (Vice Pres.), 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 58 on-street parking meters and forty-six digital pay stations 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 tablet with web access that reports real time use of the lots. A quick glance at the tablet 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 24/7 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, street closings, special parking, security, and more.

TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE

As is the case every year, Traffic Maintenance personnel were busy in 2014. 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 Steven R. Toy (Jan-Sep)
Detective Russell J. Luedecker (Jan-Nov)
Detective William Pietrucha (Sep-Dec)
Detective Steven D'Ambola (Dec)

Ralph Gregson, Parking Enforcement Officer
Charles Fette, Traffic Maintenance
Joseph Corbisiero, Traffic Maintenance
Tommy Trotter, Summer Traffic Maintenance
Kurt Rutmeyer, Summer Traffic Maintenance



LAW ENFORCEMENT CHALLENGE

3RD PLACE AWARD NEW JERSEY LAW ENFORCEMENT CHALLENGE

The Cranford Police Department was recently honored after receiving a third place finish in the 26-75 officer category of the New Jersey Law Enforcement Challenge. The Law Enforcement Challenge is a competition between similar sizes and types of law enforcement agencies. It recognizes and rewards the best overall traffic safety programs in the United States. The areas of concentration include efforts to enforce laws and educate the public about occupant protection, impaired driving, and speeding. The winning safety programs are those that combine officer training, public information, and enforcement to reduce crashes and injuries within its jurisdiction. The Township of Cranford saw a 13% decrease in injury related crashes in 2013.

The Cranford Police Department finished the competition with the seventh highest overall score for all department categories. For placing seventh overall, the department received a Stalker hand-held radar unit valued at \$1,500. The radar unit will be used by the Patrol Division to assist with our enforcement efforts.

The Law Enforcement Challenge is financed through a grant awarded to the International Association of Chief's 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.



Above, Police Chief Wozniak and Detective Lieutenant Davenport with a representative from Stalker Radar. The agency was awarded the hand held radar unit for their 3rd place finish in the Law Enforcement Challenge.



Reportable Crashes

2013

2014

Type	Crashes	Fatal	Crashes	Fatal	% Change
Motor Vehicle vs. Motor Vehicle	65	0	53	0	-18%
Motor Vehicle vs. Fixed Object	10	0	4	0	-60%
Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian	5	0	7	0	40%
Motor Vehicle vs. Bicyclist	6	0	3	0	-50%
Motor Vehicle vs. Parked Vehicle	5	0	6	0	20%
Other	2	0	1	0	-50%
TOTAL	93	0	74	0	-20%

Non-Reportable Crashes

Type	2013	2014	% Change
Motor Vehicle vs. Motor Vehicle	405	412	2%
Motor Vehicle vs. Fixed Object	55	60	9%
Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian	2	1	-50%
Motor Vehicle vs. Bicyclist	0	2	200%
Motor Vehicle vs. Parked Vehicle	145	139	-4%
Other	8	17	113%
TOTAL	615	631	3%

Injuries from Crashes

Type	2013	2014	% Change
Transported to Hospital	48	28	-42%
Complaint of Pain (RMA)	64	61	-5%
Fatality	0	0	0%
TOTAL	112	89	-21%



MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS

The following is a comparative classification of motor vehicle violations between the period of January 2014 and December 2014 with the same period in 2013.

VIOLATION	2013	2014
Speeding	58	103
Stop Sign	36	30
Careless Driving	261	285
Reckless Driving	5	8
Driving Under The Influence	68	61
Open Container In Vehicle	18	14
CDS In Motor Vehicle	104	103
Wrong Way on One Way Street	3	1
Traffic Signal	78	53
Improper Passing	30	46
Illegal Turns	66	84
Obstructing Traffic	77	72
Driving While On Cell Phone	47	74
Unlicensed Driver	69	74
Revoked Driver	234	305
Unregistered Vehicle	141	225
Uninsured Motorist	29	53
No License In Possession	54	74
No Registration In Possession	69	141
No Insurance Card In Possession	121	163
Leaving The Scene Of An Accident	19	43
Fictitious/Obstructed Plates	131	212
Maintenance Of Lamps	337	445
Seatbelt Violations	495	432
Safety Glass Violations	220	357
Inspection Law	109	129
Other Hazardous Violations	80	69
Other Non-Hazardous Violations	81	100
TOTALS	3,040	3,756

PARKING VIOLATIONS



The following is a comparative classification of parking violations between the period of January 2014 and December 2014 with the same period in 2013.

VIOLATION	2013	2014
Meter Parking	3,917	2,976
4:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.	370	236
Restricted Hours	254	517
9 Hour Permit	323	381
12 Hour Permit	90	68
Overnight Parking	406	273
25' Of An Intersection	19	39
25' Of A Crosswalk	382	267
2 Hour Limit	262	124
10' Of A Fire Hydrant	11	17
50' Of A Stop Sign	115	92
Parked On A Crosswalk	0	1
Parked On A Sidewalk	9	13
Blocking A Driveway	27	26
School Zone	55	168
Bus Stop	0	1
Disabled Vehicle	1	0
Fire Zone	51	53
Facing Wrong Direction On Street	73	35
Between Signs	4	9
Head In Only	66	55
Not Within Lines	82	106
Handicapped	20	6
Loading Zone	20	12
Meter Feeding	7	5
No Parking Anytime	124	172
Other Parking Violations	34	22
TOTALS:	6,722	5,674



MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT

The Cranford Police Department's motorized equipment presently consists of 48 units; 15 cars, eleven sport utilities, two motorcycles, three traffic trucks, five military surplus vehicles, one command post, one electric vehicle, four trailers, two boats, two trailer -mounted generators, one stage, and a variable message board. Below is a list of these vehicles:

2	1988 American General Humvee
1	1990 American General Humvee
1	1990 BMY Harsco 2 ½ Ton Truck
1	1991 BMY Harsco 2 ½ Ton Truck
1	2009 BMY Harsco Command Post
1	2010 Harley Davidson Motorcycle
1	1995 Harley Davidson Motorcycle
5	2012 Dodge Charger
1	2013 Ford Utility Police Interceptor 4X4
6	2014 Ford Utility Police Interceptor 4X4
1	2004 Ford Excursion 4X4
1	2006 Ford Explorer 4X4
1	2008 Chevrolet Tahoe 4X4
1	2010 Chevrolet Tahoe 4X4
1	2010 Dodge Charger
3	2010 Ford Police Interceptors
2	2008 Ford Police Interceptors
1	2006 Ford Police Interceptors
1	2005 Ford Police Interceptor
1	2002 Ford Police Interceptor
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 Precision Solar Controls Message Board Trailer
1	1995 Utility Tool & Body Stage
2	1995 Utility Tool & Body Generator

A total of **222,512 miles** were traveled by motorized equipment during the year of 2014. Vehicles were serviced approximately every 3,000 miles and were cleaned and washed on average of once a week.



An important safety measure in our school zones 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!

In 2014, we regrettable lost one of our longtime school crossing guards, Charles Haller. Charlie, who completed almost 10 years with the department, passed away in May 2014. Charlie worked several posts during his career but finished the last couple years at the intersection of West End Place and Spruce Street. He will be remembered for his dedication to the township and how much he enjoyed crossing our children.

As a result of Charles Haller's demise, reserve school crossing guard Lawrence Docimo was elevated to full-time status. Larry fits in well with our current system and mans the intersection of West End Place and Spruce Street. We wish him success in his new position and look forward to working with Larry in upcoming school years.

In addition to these changes we hired one new reserve school crossing guard, Roy Torrigiani. Roy was hired in August 2014 to replace reserve school guard Lisa Marelli. Lisa left the position in 2014 after completing one year of service.

As with all programs offered by the Cranford Police Department, the School Safety Program is constantly analyzed and adjusted as needs change. This year no school posts were added or deleted from the roster. As always, we wish all of our former school guards luck in their future endeavors.

Below is a list of guard positions as of the end of 2014.

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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
Lawrence Docimo	West End Place/Spruce Street
Richard Maier	Springfield Avenue/West End Place
Nazaire Jennings	Centennial Avenue/Hillside Avenue
Joseph Lopes	Alden Street/Miln Street
Deborah Saenger	Denman Road/Livingston Avenue
Betty Mobley	Walnut Avenue/Blake Avenue
Iris Lopez	Bloomington Avenue/Albany Street
Leonard Messner	North Lehigh Tunnel
Robert Bell	Brookside Place / Orchard Street

RESERVE GUARDS

Roy Torrigiani
Beatriz Grasso



CLICK IT OR TICKET

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 542 fatalities in 2013, and a large percentage of the motor vehicle occupants killed in these traffic crashes were not wearing a safety belt. The use of a safety belt remains the most effective way to avoid death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash.

This year’s “Click It or Ticket” Mobilization was conducted from May 19, 2014 to June 1, 2014. The department conducted two seat belt checkpoints and additional 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:	63
All Other Violations:	172
TOTAL SUMMONSES DURING THE MOBILIZATION:	235

In addition to the summonses issued arrests included 28 for drug possession and/or felony/warrant arrests. A post survey of seat belt usage showed a 95% compliance rate on Cranford roadways.



DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER



The Cranford Police Department participated in the national end of summer “Drive Sober, Get Pulled Over” 2014 Statewide Crackdowns. The goal of the program is to decrease incidents of drunk driving through education and enforcement.

From August 15th to September 1st 2014, the Cranford Police Department stepped up impaired driving enforcement as part of New Jersey’s end of summer *Drive Sober, Get Pulled Over 2013 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.

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

TOTAL PRODUCTIVITY DURING THE MOBILIZATION:

	8/15-9/1/14
DWI Arrests	5
Drug Arrests	15
Indictable/ Warrant Arrests	42
Summonses	205





DWI PROGRAM

The number of alcohol related accidents resulting in both fatal and serious injuries continues to be a major focal point for law enforcement throughout the country. Despite the major changes made in New Jersey's DWI laws, the news media continually reminds us of the deadly consequences of driving while under the influence of alcohol and/or illicit drugs. On the local level we are not immune to this problem. During the year **2014** we had, in Cranford, **21 accidents** (Seven involving injury) directly attributed to drunk drivers. This has been **an increase** in the number of alcohol related accidents over the **13** we had in 2013. In order to decrease this number, the Cranford Police Department will continue to aggressively seek out and arrest those that would drive through our community while under the influence of alcohol and/or illicit drugs.

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

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

Upon the conclusion of **2014** the department had twenty-six (**26**) 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:

Chief James Wozniak
Capt. Guy Patterson
Det./Lt. Stephen Wilde
Det./Lt. Edward Davenport
Lt. Criag Marino
Lt. Christopher Polito
Sgt. Anthony Dobbins
Sgt. Thomas Feeney
Det./Sgt. Gerard Quinn
Sgt. Frank Williams

Sgt. Eugene Perrotta
Det./Sgt. Richard Vitale
Sgt. John Swandrak
Sgt. Steven Toy
Det./Sgt. Ryan Greco
Sgt. Russell Luedecker
Det. Robert Montague
Det. Spencer Durkin
Det. Matthew Nazzaro
Det. Derek Farbanec

Det. Steven D'Ambola
Ptl. Peter Graczyk
Ptl. Michael Andrews
Ptl. Thomas Bell
Ptl. Brian Wagner
Ptl. John Colineri
Ptl. Chris DiFabio

As in previous years this agency stressed to our officers the need to detect and apprehend those driving while intoxicated. During the year **2014** these efforts resulted in Sixty-One (**61**) arrests being made for Driving While Intoxicated within the Township of Cranford. Of the **61** arrests, **11** refused to submit to breath testing and **3** had blood drawn. This shows a **10%** decrease from the **68** arrests made in the year **2013**.

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



As we move forward into the year **2015** the citizens of our community can rest assured that we will continue our aggressive enforcement practices. We will continue to send a strong message to those that would violate our drunk driving laws that they will be arrested should they drive through our community.

A part of New Jersey's DWI laws pertains directly to those drivers under the legal drinking age of 21. This law states that anyone under the legal drinking age of 21 can be charged if their blood alcohol level is anywhere between .01% to .07%. This in essence means that anyone under the legal drinking age who consumes as much as one drink and is caught driving can be charged with DWI. In **2013**, one **(1)** driver was charged under this law. This number has remained the same for **2014**.

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 **2014**.

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.

The department has 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 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 **2014** 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. *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2014 Statewide Crackdown* is a campaign that ran from August 15, 2014 through September 1, 2014. During this eighteen-day period, officers assigned to this campaign made Five **(5)** DWI arrest and issued **(205)** summonses for various violations.

In the coming year we will continue to provide educational programs by way of lectures and demonstrations on the hazards of drunk driving to the various religious, civic, and educational organizations within the community. In conjunction with these educational programs we will continue to vigorously enforce the drunk driving laws of our state utilizing patrol and additional enforcement activities.

The problem of drinking and driving is one that continues to demand constant attention. It is only through the combined efforts of education and enforcement that we will continue to strive for a reduction in the senseless and too often tragic accidents that occur on our roadways. The citizens of our community can be assured that the men and women of the Cranford Police Department will do everything in their power to ensure that the streets of our community remain some of the safest in which to live, play, work, and drive in the nation. 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 James Wozniak 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.

Our community is a dynamic, diverse environment necessitating continuous training of our personnel to meet the challenges presented by changing laws and legal requirements, criminal tactics and trends, and the rapid evolution of technology.



RECORDS BUREAU

Detective Sergeant Gerard Quinn commands the Records Bureau. He is assisted by two civilian records clerks, Jean McComb and Janet Spriggo. Jean McComb has been assigned to the Records function for over 27 years; Janet Spriggo was hired in March 2014 to fill a vacancy created when Suzanne Welsh transferred to another Township position.

The Records Bureau has a number of different responsibilities. One of the primary responsibilities is records management. Every report or document generated within the Cranford Police Department gets processed through the Records Bureau for data entry, filing 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 public access to these reports under the provisions set forth in the Open Public Records Act. Reports are also provided to attorneys under the rules of discovery for judicial proceedings, the Family Court in domestic violence cases, and other Township entities when required by law (e.g. dog bite incidents are referred to the Health Department. The Records Bureau also manages criminal record expungements, and the submission of criminal arrest data to the New Jersey State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation through monthly Uniform Crime Reports.

The bureau function that generates the largest amount of revenue is the sale and management of parking permits. Cranford's reputation as a commuter town, in close proximity to New York City, Newark Airport and various institutions of higher learning, and with easy access to mass transit, has led to significant demand for parking in the downtown area. The Cranford Police Department sells 12-hour commuter parking permits, 9-hour business parking permits, and overnight downtown resident parking permits. Free permits are also offered to verified residents restricted parking zones throughout the Township.

Fee Structure – Parking Permits	Semi-Annual	Annual
12-Hour Commuter Parking	\$300	\$600
9-Hour Downtown Business Parking	\$250	\$500
Overnight Downtown Resident Parking	--	\$200

In addition to permits, the Records Bureau also sells smartcards to local residents and business owners. Purchasers can use credit cards or cash to load a set value on the cards, which are then accepted for payment at the various pay stations in the downtown area. In 2014, the Records Bureau generated \$365,177.32 in parking related revenue.

Another responsibility assigned to the Records Bureau is management and enforcement of the Cranford Police Department's alarm registration and monitoring program. Chapter 55 of the Township Code requires all residents to register their burglar and fire alarm systems with the Cranford Police Department. Residents or businesses utilizing a third party monitoring service pay an initial rate of \$40, followed by an annual \$25 renewal fee. Accounts that are programmed to dial into the Cranford Police Department's direct alarm monitoring system are charged \$95 for residential accounts and \$200 for business accounts. The direct monitoring system was upgraded in 2014, and includes state of the art Security Information Systems Alarm Center software, and two Bosch alarm receivers that provide a redundant system in the event of a technical failure. In 2014, alarm registration was responsible for \$34,576.50 in revenue. False alarm billing resulted in an additional \$2020.00.

The Records Division also collects revenues from and manages Firearms Purchaser Identification applications, handgun purchase permits, and permit to carry applications. In 2014 the Cranford Police Department migrated to



an online criminal background check system for repeat firearms applicants; this resulted in a streamlining of the application process that reduced permit wait times by several weeks. Firearms related permits generated \$492.50 in revenue.

Firearms Purchaser ID Card Applications	71
Handgun Purchase Permit Applications	52
Permit to Carry Applications	1
Replacement/Duplicate ID Card Applications	11

Fingerprinting of local residents federal background checks, bicycle licensing and the online sale of police accident reports also generate revenue. The Cranford Police Departments Detective Bureau provides fingerprinting services on Tuesdays for persons that need to submit their fingerprints out of state or to the federal government only. The Cranford Police Department provides this service for a fee of \$5.00 for residents and generated a yearly total of \$165.50. 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. In 2014, the total revenue from bike license sales was \$924.00. The sale of police accident reports generated an additional \$1590.00. Finally, solicitor and peddler permits generated an annual revenue total of \$525.00.

Through September 2014, the Cranford Police Department was responsible for the sale and tracking of dog and cat licenses to township residents. In October 2014, this responsibility was shifted to the Health Department. A license for a cat or dog that was spayed or neutered was sold for \$18.00 and a license for a cat or dog that was not spayed or neutered was sold for \$21.00. Dog and Cat Licensing was responsible for \$19,915.00 through the first 9 months of 2014

The total revenue generated by the Cranford Police Department Records Bureau in 2014 was **\$428,183.22.**

In addition to traditional records management and permitting functions, Sergeant Quinn is also the Information Technology officer and system administrator for the various in-house computer systems used by the police department (computer aided dispatch, GIS mapping, video and audio monitoring systems, police radio equipment, mobile data terminals, etc). He is also the Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC Officer) and is responsible for maintenance, training and review of the National Crime Information Center, Criminal Justice Information System, Computerized Criminal History and NCIC2000 law enforcement computer systems.

Sergeant Quinn serves as the Cranford Police Department's Press Information Officer (PIO) and is responsible for liaising with print, online and television media to coordinate the timely and accurate release of information to the various news sources via press release, telephone, or the social media platforms used by the Cranford Police Department (e.g. Twitter, Facebook, Nixle).

Sergeant Quinn is also the property and evidence custodian. In 2014, the department took custody of or processed 924 individual items of evidence, including over 350 narcotics items and 10 handguns.

Finally, Sergeant Quinn serves as the agency's Accreditation Manager and is responsible for maintaining compliance with the standards set forth by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (LEAP).



TRAINING

Cranford Police Officers receive their initial, mandatory training and certification at the John H. Stamler Police Academy. Upon graduation, the new officer enters our Field Training Program wherein they are teamed with a more seasoned, certified, 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 semi-annual training in firearms, use of force and vehicular pursuit as well as annual training regarding domestic violence, bloodborne pathogens, hazardous materials, and right to know information regarding hazardous materials. Throughout their careers, all personnel attend training updates and programs in a broad spectrum of courses, seminars, and in-house presentations.

Cranford Police Department personnel completed the following training in 2014:

Michael Andrews

RADAR Operator Recertification
Fire Scene Situational Awareness
Mental Health Training

Thomas Bell

RADAR Operator Recertification
Fire Scene Situational Awareness
Honor Guard Camp

John Colineri

S&W M&P Armorer
Field Training Officer
Fire Scene Situational Awareness
The Street Smart Cop/ProActive Patrol Tactics
RADAR Operator Recertification

Joseph Corbisiero

IMSA Annual Meeting & Technical Conference
NJ Transit Contractor Safety Training

Steven D'Ambola

RADAR Operator Recertification
Field Training Officer
Drug Recognition Expert
Methods of Instruction
Alcotest Refresher
Grade Crossing Collision Investigation

Edward Davenport

Financial Crimes Investigation

DWI Search Warrant Procedure

Budgeting for Law Enforcement Agencies
Mid-Atlantic LEEDS
Alcotest Refresher
Share the Keys Facilitator Update

Christophe DiFabio

RADAR Operator Recertification
Emergency Communications Operator ECO
Emergency Medical Dispatcher EMD
Alcotest 7110 Operator
Criminal Patrol & Drug Interdiction
Field Training Officer

Anthony Dobbins

Honor Guard Camp

Daniel Donnerstag

Crisis Intervention for the Road Cop
Fire Scene Situational Awareness
The Street Smart Cop/ProActive Patrol Tactics

Michael Dubitsky

Recognizing the Characteristics of Armed Suspects
Fire Scene Situational Awareness
The Street Smart Cop/ProActive Patrol Tactics
DWI SFST

Spencer Durkin

RADAR Operator Recertification
eCDR Training



Body Language of the Drug Trade
Cell Phone Boot Camp
Cyber Crime Scene & Internet Investigations
Pawnshop Investigative Techniques
Reid Technique on Interview & Interrogation
Sex Crimes Investigations
Juvenile Justice Update
NJ Laws of Arrest, Search & Seizure

Derek Farbanec

RADAR Operator Recertification
HyperDrive Narcotics Investigation
Reid Technique of Interview/Interrogation
Safe Investing Conference
Jail Diversion Program 2014
Honor Guard Camp

Patrick Fay

Fire Scene Situational Awareness
RADAR Operator Recertification

Gregory Federici

Crisis Intervention for the Road Cop
Fire Scene Situational Awareness

Thomas Feeney

Bus Security & Safety for Law Enforcement
Fire Scene Situational Awareness

Charles Fette

IMSA Annual Meeting & Technical Conference
Nat'l Safety Council Defensive Driver Course
NJ Transit Contractor Safety Training

Peter Graczyk

RADAR Operator Recertification

Ryan Greco

Cell Phone Boot Camp
Child Abduction & Missing Person Investigations
HIDTA Technologies Against Police
Pawnshop Investigative Techniques
High Impact Supervision
Internal Affairs Policy & Procedures
NIMS I-300

Uniform Crime Reporting Initial Training

Nelson Hearn

eCDR Training
DWI SFST
Recognizing the Characteristics of Armed Suspects
Field Training Officer
Fire Scene Situational Awareness
Pro-Active Patrol / Street Smart Cop

John Heesters

RADAR Operator Recertification

Sean Holcomb

Drug Recognition / Under the Influence Course

Ewa Jackson

Fire Scene Situational Awareness

Nadia Jones

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)
NJ Women in Law Enforcement Conference

Brian Lopez

eCDR Training
Reid Technique of Interview & Interrogation
Safe Investing Conference
Crisis Intervention for the Road Cop
Pro-Active Patrol / Street Smart Cop

Russell Luedecker

Alcotest Operator
Proactive Police Supervision
Driver Education Teacher Conference
Practical Engineering for Police Officers
Share the Keys Facilitator Update

Craig Marino

RADAR Operator Recertification
DWI Search Warrant Procedure
Fire Scene Situational Awareness

Anthony Matusawicz

Active Shooter Incidents for Telecommunicators
Missing Children: Dynamics and Response



TRAINING

Fire Scene Situational Awareness

Jean McComb

Firearms Applicant Investigation & Laws

Robert Montague

APBnet Critical Reach User Meeting

Cell Phone Boot Camp

Jail Diversion Program 2014

School Based Threat Assessment

Matthew Nazzaro

3 Part Cyber-Safety Training

eCDR Training

Reid Technique of Interview & Interrogation

Advanced SRO Seminar

NJASRO Symposium on School Safety

Juvenile Justice Update

EVOC Instructor Certification

ALICE Instructor Training

Basic School Resource Officer

Share the Keys

Daniel Norton

RADAR Operator Recertification

Fire Scene Situational Awareness

Night Time High Risk MV Stops

Honor Guard Camp

Timothy O'Brien

Body Language of the Drug Trade

Fire Scene Situational Awareness

Pro-Active Patrol / Street Smart Cop

Christian Pasternak

Emergency Communications Operator ECO

Emergency Medical Dispatcher EMD

Guy Patterson

DWI Search Warrant Procedure

Autism & Law Enforcement 2014

Internal Affairs Policy & Procedures

Management of a Small Law Enf Agency

NIMS I-300

NJEMGrants Public Assistance

William Pietrucha

Mental Health Training

Pro-Active Patrol / Street Smart Cop

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

Honor Guard Camp

Comprehensive Insurance Fraud Training Program

Crossing Guard Training & Resources Trainer

Grade Crossing Collision Investigation

LIDAR Operator

Motor Officer Refresher

Share the Keys Facilitator Training

Traffic Incident Management

Eugene Perrotta

Fire Scene Situational Awareness

Excellence in Policing Accreditation Conference

New Accreditation Manager

Alcotest Refresher

Christophe Polito

RADAR Operator Recertification

Fire Scene Situational Awareness

Risk Management for Command Personnel

School Based Threat Assessment

Gerard Quinn

RADAR Operator Recertification

Excellence in Policing Accreditation Conference

Police Executive Institute 13th Session

UCR Update

John Rattigan

Patrol Rifle Instructor Course

Rapid Response to Active Shooter

S&W M&P Armorer

Nasal Narcan - Train the Trainer

Fire Scene Situational Awareness

Honor Guard Camp

NJSP Incident Command I-400

Tactical Emergency Medical Services for Patrol

Kelly Rieder

Drug Recognition / Under the Influence Course

DWI SFST

Basic Spanish for Law Enforcement

Coaching as a Leadership Skill in Law Enforcement
NJ Women in Law Enforcement Conference

Kenneth Rutmayer

Emergency Communications Operator ECO
Emergency Medical Dispatcher EMD
Fire Scene Situational Awareness

Matthew Siessel

Emergency Communications Operator ECO
Emergency Medical Dispatcher EMD
Drug Recognition / Under the Influence
Crisis Intervention for the Road Cop
Fire Scene Situational Awareness
The Street Smart Cop/ProActive Patrol Tactics

Janet Spricigo

Firearms Applicant Investigation & Laws
Police Matron
UCR Update

Thomas Stiansen

Firearms Instructor Certification
Night Time High Risk MV Stops
Pro-Active Patrol / Street Smart Cop
Street Crimes Seminar

Joseph Stulpin

Bus Security & Safety for Law Enforcement
Fire Scene Situational Awareness

John Swandrak

RADAR Operator Recertification
Patrol Rifle Instructor Course
NJSACOP Front Line Supervision Program

Steven Toy

RADAR Operator Recertification
Fire Scene Situational Awareness
High Impact Supervision
Honor Guard Camp
Proactive Police Supervision
Electronic Investigation for Civil & Criminal Inve
Share the Keys Facilitator Update

Michael Urbanski

Active Shooter Incidents for Telecommunicators
Missing Children: Dynamics and Response

Joseph Van Bergen

Federal Equitable Sharing Training
NJEMGrants Public Assistance

Richard Vitale

RADAR Operator Recertification
Firearms Applicant Investigation & Laws
Internal Affairs Policy & Procedures

Brian Wagner

Field Training Officer
Fire Scene Situational Awareness
Suicide By Cop
CPS Technician Re-certification

Stephen Wilde

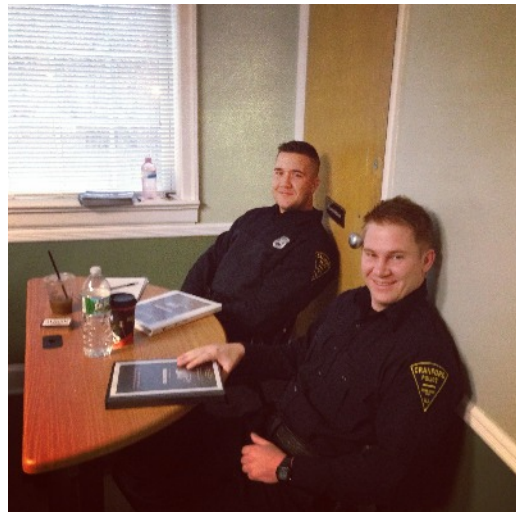
DWI Search Warrant Procedure
Homegrown Violent Extremism

Frank Williams

RADAR Operator Recertification

James Wozniak

Federal Equitable Sharing Training
New Police Chief Orientation



Above, left to right, Officers Federici & Siessel at in service class held in our training room in December.



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, Project Alert, and juvenile justice information.
- It presents a number of links to related police, local, and governmental websites.

In the past sixteen years (since 1998) the Department's Internet home page has logged over 263,000 visits to the site. In 2014, the Cranford Police home page averaged 1,663 visits per month, totaling 19,958 (up 7% from 2013) visits from over 12,200 unique visitors. 6,487 visitors (32%) used a mobile platform such as Apple or Android to access the site. In addition, over 300 visitors in 2014 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 89 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.

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. Throughout the year the Nixle platform was used to alert residents to scheduled road work, traffic concerns and delays, public events, weather/storm alerts and other relevant topics. As of December 2014, 7906 Internet users were registered for this service (600 more than in 2013).

In 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 almost 1.35 billion users as of October 2014. 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. As of December 31, 2014 the Cranford Police Department's Facebook page had 2414 followers, representing a 77% increase over the previous year's total.

Also in 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 970 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 2300 messages.

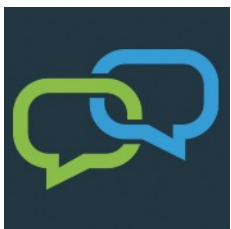
Finally, in April 2014, the Cranford Police Department expanded its social media presence by adding an Instagram account (cranfordpolice). Instagram is a photo sharing application with appeal to the younger generation. In 2014 the department broadcast 132 images of community events, agency equipment and law enforcement activities to 245 followers. Each image is intended to strengthen the bond between the police and the local community.

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 Joseph Van Bergen. 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.





POLICE AUXILIARY

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 2014, 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.

In 2014, the Cranford Police Auxiliary welcomed Anthony Demeo, Timothy Lisowski and Brianna Hall, who graduated from the Auxiliary Police Academy in May of 2014. All three officers are an enthusiastic and dedicated addition to our unit and we wish them all years of successful involvement in the organization. Two officers departed our ranks during 2014. Officer Alex Ruiz, Ed Bernier resigned due to a new job position and personal reasons. Officer Alex Ruiz was hired by the Union County Police Department. We appreciate their service to Cranford and wish them success in their new endeavors. We have four new Auxiliary Officers including one women attending the 2015 Auxiliary Police Academy; Michael Aduato, John Daly, Troy Kettler and Deanna Stirk. They are

scheduled to graduate in May, 2015 and begin performing actual duties and field training with experienced officers. We proudly recognize and commend Auxiliary Lieutenant James Nalepa and Lieutenant Anthony Matusawicz on achieving fifteen years of service this year.

The Cranford Auxiliary Police had a 30% increase of volunteer hours in 2014 totaling 2,978 hours of service to our community. The Auxiliary presence during the year 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. The benefit provided by the Auxiliary Police to both the Police Department and the community is extraordinary and cannot be solely measured by dollars and cents.

2014 membership of the Cranford Auxiliary Police stands at 14. The current members are:

Auxiliary Captain Ralph Gregson
Auxiliary Lieutenant Anthony Matusawicz
Auxiliary Lieutenant James Nalepa
Auxiliary Sergeant Russell Albert
Auxiliary Sergeant Michael Urbanski
Auxiliary Officer Philip Andrews
Auxiliary Officer Justin Conklin
Auxiliary Officer Archie DeMartino
Auxiliary Officer James Grogan
Auxiliary Officer Ewa Jackson
Auxiliary Officer Ken Novak
Auxiliary Officer Avsar Patel
Auxiliary Officer Jedeon Virata
Auxiliary Officer Francis Young





POLICE EXPLORERS

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. Members are between 14 to 21 years old and must be at least a freshman in high school.

The Cranford Police Explorer Post #2074 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, Det. Steven D'Ambola, and Det. Matthew Nazzaro.

In 2014 the Post had 25 members. That number is continually growing due to the recruitment efforts of the members of the Post. This year 6 new members joined subsequent their participation in the 2014 Cranford Police Youth Academy.

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 2014 were traffic control at the 4th of July fireworks, Firecracker 4-miler, Spring and Fall Festivals, National Night Out, and Memorial Day parade. Explorers Brendan McSharry, Ryan McSharry, Erik Monteagudo, Grace Diano, Peter Sopranzetti, Tom Siliato, and Dan Dasilva donated a week out of their summer to help as assistant instructors in the 2014 Cranford Police Youth Academy. Explorers received hands on firearms safety and qualification training at the Linden Police Firearms Range. 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. Many of the Explorers are interested in pursuing careers in law enforcement and are grateful for the mentorship from seasoned officers.

On August 14th, 110 Cadets graduated the Union County Sheriff's Youth Academy at Union County College. Among the cadets were two Cranford Police Explorers - David Lugara and Anthony Capello. Both David and Anthony started as participants in the Cranford Police Youth Academy and have been Cranford Explorers for over a year. Over the course of two weeks in the program the recruits learned how to march and perform military drill, participate in physical training, and received instruction and classroom lectures from the instructor staff and many other guest speakers from several different disciplines and backgrounds of Law Enforcement and Military. In addition, there were class trips to the Elizabeth Police Department, the Union County Jail located in Elizabeth and the Union County SWAT team shooting range where SWAT team personnel showed us their equipment and conducted some demonstrations for the class. Explorer Lugara stated that participating in this program was a very educational and thrilling experience.

This summer, Explorer Brendan McSharry, participated in the 96th Trooper Youth Week at the New Jersey State Police Academy in Seagirt. Trooper Youths took part in physical training, learned and practiced military drill, and gained knowledge about the New Jersey State Police and its many specialized units. The weekend, although grueling at times, was very enjoyable and established in the Trooper Youths a sense of discipline and decorum.

The weekend was conducted through a rigid schedule where the Trooper Youths were expected to be punctual and organized at all times and accountable for their actions. Individuals had to be up at 5:30am to be ready for roll call at 6:00am and begin the day. Time was set aside for military drill and physical training throughout the weekend where individuals learned basic formation and facing movements.

Specialized units within the State Police put on demonstrations in the hopes of expanding the Trooper Youths' knowledge and understanding of the agency as a whole. These units included Crime Scene, Aviation, and K-9 as well as the Bomb/Arson unit. Members of the State Police exposed the Trooper Youths to certain training tactics including that of firearms and driving. DWI and its dangers was a topic at certain points during the weekend. Trooper Youths were given the opportunity to utilize "drunk goggles" and see firsthand how dangerous drinking and driving can be. The Trooper Youth Week instilled in the Trooper Youths the meaning of the agency's core values: honor, duty, and fidelity and created disciplined and well-rounded individuals fit to embark on life's endeavors.



Above, Members of the Police Explorer Post at their end of year party along with Detective Steve D'Ambola.

Top right, Explorer Brendan McSharry attended the New Jersey State Police Trooper Youth Week in 2014.

Bottom right, Explorers at the annual Fourth of July Fireworks display at Nomahegan Park.





HONOR GUARD

In May of 2007 the Cranford Police Department initiated an Honor Guard unit comprising of seven volunteers. Each volunteer undergoes careful screening of their abilities, physical dexterity, motivation and professionalism. Each of the selected Officers have also shown an exceptionally high standard in both conduct and appearance with a strong attention to detail.

Once selected, these Officers undergo a one week training program in ceremonial conduct and practices for the various functions they will serve. In most of these functions the Honor Guard is required to move as one single unit, often times requiring little, if any, command direction. Each Officer must learn the moves of, not only their own but, the other members as well. The Honor Guard strengthens this knowledge through continued training and practice.

The Honor Guard is distinguished by the uniform they wear. The most notable functions of the Honor Guard is to represent the Police Department in ceremonies and parades, the uniforms are tailored to each specific Officer and designed to stand out from the rest. These tailored uniforms also take into account the maneuvering of the Officer with regards to marching, rifle movements and the flying of the colors.

In 2014 we saw a few personnel changes to the Honor Guard. Sergeant Steven Toy replaced the retiring Sergeant Anthony Dobbins as the Honor Guard Commander; Patrolman Gregory Federici filled the vacant position made by Sergeant Anthony Dobbins and the Honor Guard increased from seven to eight Officers with the addition of Patrolwoman Kelly Rieder on vocals. With the addition of Officer Kelly Rieder, the Honor Guard has been able to increase its ability and functions into areas once requiring outside assistance.

With the changes and the close of 2014, the Honor members are Sergeant Steven Toy, Detective William Pietrucha, Patrolman Thomas Bell, Daniel Norton, Patrolman John Rattigan, Patrolwoman Kelly Rieder and Patrolman Gregory Federici.

In August of 2014 the Honor Guard attended an Honor Guard boot camp at the Bergen County Police Academy. Where they learned dress drills, casket carrying, line formations, command structure for large formations and silent drill.



The Cranford Police Department Honor Guard continues to represent our agency 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. We also participate in parades and various ceremonies. The primary purpose of the CPD Honor Guard is to provide funeral honors for fallen Officers. Sadly, The Honor Guard has attended far too many funerals for fallen officers in the tri-state area in 2014.

The Honor Guard has always, and will continue, to represent the Cranford Police Department with dignity, honor and pride.

WATER RESCUE UNIT



The Water Rescue Unit participated in the annual Youth Police Academy this year and did a live demonstration at the Centennial Avenue Pool Complex. In 2015 we hope to replace one of the Zodiac Boats with a new Zodiac.





YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

The Cranford Police Department held the eighth session of the Youth Police Academy from July 7 through July 11, 2014. Twenty-seven Cranford juvenile participants, was given 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 Centennial Avenue Pool. The Academy was under the direction of Off. Steven D'Ambola and Detective Russell Luedecker. 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 the lead instructors. 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.

Throughout the week, the lead instructors, and guest instructors from the Cranford Police Department and local, county, state, and federal agencies gave lectures and hands on demonstrations on the various career paths within the law enforcement profession. 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, fourth, and fifth day of the Academy were held at the Cranford Community Center. The Union County Sheriff's K-9 Unit gave a demonstration of both bomb and drug sniffing dogs. The Cranford Fire Department responded with an engine, rescue truck, and ambulance to explain how they compliment the police department in responding to emergencies. Det. Greco gave a presentation on crime scene processing and criminal investigations. Det. Luedecker instructed the cadets on safe ways to use social media to avoid bullying and identity theft.

On the third day the cadets met at the Centennial Avenue Pool. Lt. Patterson and Off. Stulpin gave a lecture on the Cranford Water Rescue Team. They then gave a practical demonstration saving "victims," Cadets Wozniak and Pietrucha, in mock life saving scenarios in the deep end of the pool. The class then made their way to the Hillside Avenue School Landing Zone where members of the New Jersey State Police TEAMS unit repelled out of a helicopter. Union County HAZMAT adorned their hot protective suits in the sweltering summer heat. The day ended with a bang when members of the Union County Bomb Squad blew up a watermelon at Memorial Field and Detective Fay of the Union County SWAT team detonated a Flash-bang grenade.

Instruction blocks for the remainder of the week included Det. Steven Toy of the Traffic Bureau gave a lecture on DWI enforcement. Cadets were then able to try and negotiate a coned obstacle course on a mini cart while wearing Fatal Vision Goggles for hands on experience on how dangerous it is to drink and drive. Detective Gary Webb of the Union County Prosecutors office gave a very informative presentation on street gangs and their impact on Union County and its residents. He highlighted how narcotics sales and use contribute to a majority of violent crimes in Union County. Additional presenters included New Jersey Homeland Security, ICE, and NJ Transit ESU, who brought their remote controlled robot that took one of the cadets for a ride.

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.

In the Fall of 2014 The Cranford Police Department ran the 5th Session of the Citizen's Police Academy. The Citizen's Academy was administered by Detective Lieutenant Stephen Wilde and it spanned seven consecutive weeks beginning on September 24th.

The goal of the Citizen's Academy is to educate the members of our community in police department policies, procedures, and programs. Applicants must live or work in Cranford and must be 21 years of age or older. The Citizen's Academy is offered free of charge and at the end of the seven week program students are invited to attend a graduation ceremony that is held during a regularly scheduled township council meeting.

Each weekly block of instruction is between 2-3 hours, and the instructors are all Cranford Police officers. In addition to classroom instruction, students are invited to participate in our ride along program, where participants are assigned to an on duty patrol officer and respond with them to calls for service, including burglar alarms, medical calls, car accidents, disturbances, and motor vehicle stops. Students are also given an opportunity to spend a day at the firing range where they are permitted to shoot departmental weapons.

Cranford Citizen's Academy Students receive classroom instruction in the following areas of instruction:



The History of the Cranford Police Department
The Patrol Function
The Field Training Program
First Aid
The Water Rescue Program
Cyber Crimes
Firearms Permitting Process
Motor Vehicle Stops
Role of the Police Auxiliary
The School Resource Officer Function
Social Media
Weapons Familiarization
Search and Seizure/Use of Force
Driving While Intoxicated
Community Support Services/Traffic Bureau Function
Investigative Division Function
The Communications Center Function



The following students graduated from the Cranford Police Department Citizen's Academy in November 2014 before the Township Council:

Donna Dilts
Anne Montross
Mary O'Connor
Arthur Kennedy
Ann Cusack
Lisa Adubato
Rene Wozniak
Natalie Duncan



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Cranford Police Investigation Leads to Arrests in Martin Jewelers Heist

A joint investigation involving the Cranford Police Department, The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the New York City Police Department (NYPD) has led to additional arrests and federal charges in connection with a theft at Martin Jewelers in Cranford last month.

On January 9, 2014 at 12:51pm, the owner of Martin Jewelers reported that 3 male suspects entered the store and smashed a display case with handheld sledgehammers. The suspects fled on foot with 2 Rolex watches. At that time, Ptl. Timothy O'Brien observed one of the suspects exiting the front door of the business and was able to apprehend him after a brief foot pursuit. The other two suspects fled through a rear door and left in a vehicle described by witnesses as a silver BMW with a black bumper guard and Pennsylvania license plates.

Over the next several weeks, Cranford detectives joined an existing FBI investigation into a string of jewelry store robberies spanning several states, including New York and Virginia. Based on the initial vehicle description from the Martin Jewelers incident, Detectives Ryan Greco and John Swandrak, in cooperation with the Westfield Police Department, were able to positively identify a gray 2003 BMW observed leaving the area. After additional investigation, the two detectives linked Allen Williams, age 35 of Brooklyn NY, to that vehicle and identified him as an additional suspect in the case. On January 21, 2014 they obtained an arrest warrant charging Williams in the theft at Martin Jewelers.

On January 30, 2014 a robbery took place at Cartier, a jewelry store located on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan. Using the vehicle information developed by Detectives Greco and Swandrak, representatives of the NYPD and the FBI located and arrested the suspects within hours.

As a result of that arrest and follow-up, as well as the investigation of the Cranford Police Department, three suspects were charged federally in the Southern District of New York in connection with the Martin Jewelers theft. Allen Williams, Tyrone Dehoyos (age 35, previously arrested by Cranford Police), and Roberto Grant, age 33, were all charged with robbery in



interstate commerce and conspiracy to commit robbery in interstate commerce. The charges were announced by Preet Bharara, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, George Venizelos, the Assistant Director-in-Charge of the New York Office of the FBI, and William Bratton, the Police Commissioner of the City of New York. The suspects were also charged in connection with incidents in Atlantic City, New Jersey and Richmond, Virginia.

All members of the investigation were recognized at an awards ceremony held February 12th at the Newark Field Office of the FBI. **Photo, left to right, Lt. Davenport, Det. Montague, D/Sgt. Greco, FBI SAC Aaron Ford, Det. Swandrak, D/Sgt. Quinn, and Det. Luedecker.**



Armed Robbery Investigation

On January 14, 2014 at approximately 8:07 pm, officers responded to a report of an armed robbery at H&B Shell, 1170 Raritan Road. According to a gas station employee, a white male wearing all black clothing, entered the service station attendant booth and demanded cash while brandishing a knife. After taking approximately \$100, the suspect fled the area on foot across Raritan Road towards Clark. Police from both towns checked the surrounding area, but were initially unable to locate the suspect.

Detectives Ryan Greco and Spencer Durkin, assisted by Detective George Marmarou of the Clark Police Department, conducted a follow up investigation and identified a potential suspect that resided several blocks from the scene. A field interview was conducted with William Black, age 24 from Clark NJ, but initial evidence was insufficient to warrant charges. Detectives proceeded to interview witnesses and obtained surveillance footage from the service station.

On January 15, 2014, Detective John Swandrak canvassed the route the male suspect took when he fled the scene and located footprints leading towards the house of the previously identified suspect. At approximately 1:15 pm, Detectives Swandrak, Durkin and Marmarou located William Black near his home and arrested him on an unrelated warrant.

Following an investigation at Cranford Police Headquarters, detectives positively linked Black to the service station robbery. He was charged with robbery, a second degree crime, and weapons possession, a third degree crime. Bail was set at \$50,000 and the Black was eventually transferred to the Union County Jail pending a first appearance in Union County Superior Court.

Promotional Ceremony

The Cranford Police Department held a promotional ceremony on January 28, 2014 at the Township Committee meeting to fill open positions within the command structure of the department.

Guy Patterson is shown in the top right photo with his family after his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant. Patterson is a 15 year veteran of the Cranford Police Department and was previously assigned as a Sergeant in the Traffic Division.

Lieutenant Patterson is now assigned to the Patrol Division as the Watch Commander of C and D Squads.

Craig Marino, shown in bottom right photo, with his family after his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant. Marino is a 25 year veteran of the Cranford Police Department and was previously assigned as a Sergeant in the Records Bureau.

Lieutenant Marino is now assigned to the Patrol Division as the Watch Commander of A and B Squads.





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Above, in February we converted the old Traffic Division to a new Training and Conference Room. The room will also act as our Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in emergencies. The Traffic Division was relocated to the lower level of the municipal building.

Below, snow pictures from January & February.



Suspicious Person Call Leads to Burglary Arrests

A suspicious person call in a residential neighborhood resulted in three burglary arrests by the Cranford Police Department on March 7, 2014.

Police credited an alert neighbor who witnessed two suspects attempting to enter an unoccupied home on Morse Street. The resident notified police, who immediately responded to the area with multiple patrol and detective units.

Sergeants Christopher Polito and Anthony Dobbins, and Detective John Swandrak, arrived within moments and interrupted two juvenile male suspects exiting the dwelling through a rear window. Both suspects were apprehended inside a nearby garage after a foot chase through several yards.

Based on information provided by witnesses, Patrolman Michael Andrews located an occupied beige Mazda minivan several blocks away. Following an investigation at the scene, the driver of that vehicle, Gina Tedesco, Age 26 of Roselle NJ, was placed under arrest in connection with the burglary. Police also recovered suspected burglary proceeds in that vehicle from an earlier Cranford incident reported on February 18, 2014.

Tedesco was charged with two counts of burglary and one count of receiving stolen property. Both males, age 17 from Roselle NJ, were charged with three counts of burglary and one count each of criminal mischief, theft and resisting arrest.

DNA Leads to Burglary Arrest

DNA evidence recovered in May 2013, during a burglary investigation, has led to the arrest of a Keyport man by Cranford Police detectives. The incident was initially reported on May 6, 2013, when a Lincoln Avenue East resident returned home and found that her residence was burglarized. An unknown person had entered the home by breaking a side window, and left with electronics and computer equipment valued at approximately \$1000.

The scene was processed by Detective Robert Montague, who recovered a sample of dried blood from the broken side window. The blood was submitted to the Union County Forensic Laboratory for DNA analysis. Months later, the laboratory located a match in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), and identified the suspected burglar as Elliot A. Greene, age 31, of Keyport, New Jersey. After detectives located Greene and obtained a court ordered sample of his DNA for direct comparison, the laboratory was able to confirm the initial results through further testing.

James Wozniak Sworn in as Chief of Police



James Wozniak was promoted to the rank of Chief of Police on March 11, 2014. Chief Wozniak, a life long resident of Cranford, is a 24 year veteran of the police department and is the tenth chief in our 117 year history. Chief Wozniak was sworn in by the Honorable Mark Cassidy, photo at left.

The invocation was offered by Police Chaplain Father John McGovern of Saint Michael's Church. Also present for the ceremony were Senator Thomas Kean and representatives of the Union County Police Chiefs Association. The Police and Fire Department Honor Guards presented the Flags and Michael Nigro of Cranford sang the National Anthem. Officer Kelly Rieder performed God Bless America and Chris Scorese recited the Policeman's Prayer..

Chief Wozniak replaced Eric Mason who had been chief for eleven years before retiring to become the Director of the Union County Police Academy in Scotch Plains.

Chief Wozniak joined the force in 1990 and has worked in the Patrol, Records, Traffic, Communications, and Investigative Divisions of the Police Department. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2002 and served as the Emergency Services Coordinator, Communications supervisor, and Records supervisor as sergeant. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2005 and served as a Patrol supervisor and then commander of the Investigative Division until his promotion to Captain in 2013.

Mayor Kalnins stated the following about Chief Wozniak at his promotional ceremony, "As a member of the Cranford Police Department, and a member of this community, he has served on the Teen Advisory Board, he has coached and served on the board of directors of the Cranford PAL for over 20 years, and he has been involved with various committees with the Board of Education including the Joint Action Committee on Underage Drinking."

After his swearing in, Chief Wozniak stated, "Now let us stand strong with our backs to the past and our eyes to the future. We are embarking on a new era in our long history. Join me in taking part in the greatness of what is to come for the future of this traditionally rich law enforcement agency. Wait, I'm sorry. For this law enforcement family. I'm proud to be your chief."





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Photo at left, Chief Wozniak with, *left to right*, Commissioner Thomas Hannen, Commissioner Robert D'Ambola, Commissioner Lisa Adu-bato, Commissioner Mary O'Connor, and Mayor Andis Kalnins.

Bottom photo, members of the department after the swearing in ceremony.

Photo at right, Chief Wozniak showing his Cranford High School football jersey.

Photo at far right, CPD Honor Guard and scouts prior to the ceremony.



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Narcotics Search Warrant at Local Business Leads to Multiple Arrests

Following an undercover investigation by Cranford Police detectives, three local businessmen have been arrested and charged in connection with an illegal narcotics distribution scheme operating out of a local convenience store.

The investigation began approximately three months ago when Detective Ryan Greco received information that synthetic marijuana, banned by New Jersey criminal statutes since March 2013, was being sold by employees of the Krauszer's Food Store located at 299 South Avenue East. Following multiple undercover and surveillance operations, members of the Cranford Police Department Investigative Division, assisted by the Union County Sheriff's K-9 Unit, executed a search warrant at the business on March 27, 2014.

As a result of the search warrant, police recovered over 100 packages of suspected synthetic marijuana with a street value exceeding \$10,000. They also seized over \$8000 in suspected proceeds.

Arrested at the scene were owner Prashantk Shah (age 48, Iselin NJ), Tusharkum Shah (age 53, Roselle Park NJ) and Bhumikkum Patel (age 40, Parlin NJ). Each was charged with possession of synthetic cannabinoid with intent to distribute, possession of synthetic cannabinoid with intent to distribute in a school zone, and possession of a synthetic cannabinoid over one ounce. Police noted that illegal activities took place less than 1000 feet from a nearby nursery school and day care facility.

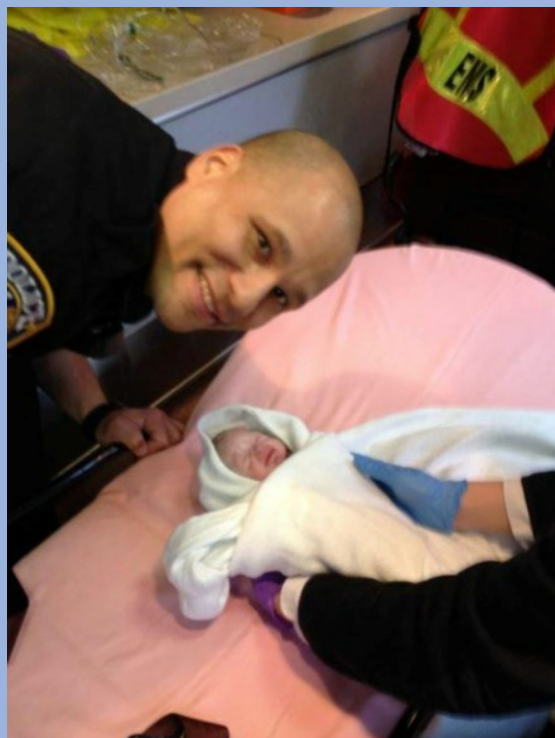
Cranford Police Officer Assists With Special Delivery

On Sunday, March 30, 2014 at approximately 8:59am, Cranford Police officers were called to 85 James Avenue on a reported pregnant woman who had passed out. First to arrive on scene was Officer Nelson Hearn, a veteran officer with over 11 years of patrol experience. Once at the residence, he found Jody Copier, Age 31, who was awake and in labor. Copier's husband Scott Kraft was also present at the scene.

Hearn immediately moved to assist and saw that the baby's feet were presenting first in an imminent breech birth, a rare and potentially life threatening delivery presentation. Hearn drew on his years of experience to reassure and position Jody while using a towel and supporting the baby during the delivery. Kace Kraft was born at 9:11am, weighing in at 4 pounds 1 ounce. Cranford First Aid Squad personnel and an advanced life support unit from the Monmouth Ocean Hospital Service Corporation arrived with moments of the birth.

The family was transported to Saint Barnabas Medical Center (Livingston NJ) by first aid personnel. According to Scott Kraft, both mother and child are doing well. The couple has since decided to recognize Hearn's efforts by giving Kace the middle name Nelson.

Officer Hearn was excited to assist with the birth and happy that Kace will share his name. "It's an honor and a blessing," he stated, "to be part of something special in their lives."





Public Safety Day

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





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Take Your Child To Work Day

On April 24th the Cranford Police Department participated in the National Take Your Child To Work Day by allowing staff to bring their children in to work for a day of activities. Children got a tour of the police department and related equipment. In addition, New Jersey Transit Police conducted a demonstration with their robot. Everyone was also given a tour of TV-35 and got to explore the studio and cameras.



CRANFORD POLICE OFFICERS TO HONOR FALLEN HEROES IN POLICE UNITY TOUR



Three Cranford Police officers took part in the Police Unity Tour bicycle ride to honor the sacrifices of police officers killed in the line of duty. Officers from around the United States converged on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. on Monday, May 12, 2014. Lieutenant Guy Patterson and Officers Derek Farbanec and Joseph Stulpin were the second group of Cranford officers to participate in the annual event, traveling over 300 miles by bicycle. Patterson and Farbanec also participated in the 2013 event. They departed New Jersey on Friday, May 9, 2014.

The Police Unity Tour was organized in May 1997 by Chief Patrick P. Montuore of the Florham Park Police Department, with the hope of bringing public awareness of Police Officers who died in the line of duty and to honor their sacrifices. The first event included 18 riders on a four day fund-raising bicycle ride from Florham Park, NJ to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. Over time, the event has grown to encompass eight chapter organizations consisting of nearly 1,600 members nationwide. In addition to officers representing 40 different states, participants have traveled to the event from Australia, Canada, England, India, Israel and Italy.

Through obtaining sponsorship and donations, officers participating in the Police Unity Tour raise funds that are donated to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF). The May 2013 event resulted in over 1.72 Million Dollars being donated to the NLEOMF, bringing total donations to the fund since inception to nearly 14 Million Dollars. The three participating Cranford officers committed to raising over \$2,000.00 each through their participation in the tour.

According to Lieutenant Patterson, the tour represents an ongoing opportunity to challenge himself for a good cause. "It's a lot of work, but it's always worth the effort. I think this ride is an excellent way for the three of us, and for the whole department and all of our supporters, to show respect for these fallen officers and their families."

Cranford Police Chief James Wozniak is an outspoken supporter of his officers' participation in the Police Unity Tour. "The Cranford Police Department is all about giving back to the community," he stated, "and whether that means our local community, our schools, or the broader law enforcement community, I will wholeheartedly commend any officers that make an extra effort to make a difference. These officers are involved in a great program for a great cause and I support them 100 percent."





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Cranford Police Officers Assist with Baby Delivery

On Monday, May 19, 2014 at 5:35 am the Union County Police Department notified the Cranford Police Department via radio that they had received a 911 call reporting a woman who was going into labor at the intersection of North Avenue at Carpenter Place. Cranford Police Officers John Rattigan, Nadia Jones, and Steven D'Ambola arrived and found the woman, Jaqueline Elliot, of Linden, seated in the front passenger seat of her car. Officer Rattigan, who is also a Paramedic, assisted the woman and guided the baby girl during delivery. He then directed the father, George Elliot, to cut the umbilical cord. The newborn and her mother were transported to Newark Beth Israel Hospital by Cranford EMS and all are doing well. This is the third time in as many years that a Cranford Police Officer has delivered a baby. In August 2012 Officer Matt Nazzaro delivered a baby on Lincoln Avenue and in March 2014 Officer Nelson Hearn delivered a baby on James Avenue.

Fanwood Man Arrested & Charged with Stalking Cranford Resident

Following an investigation that began in March 2014, a Cranford Police Department detective arrested Luke Mineo, Age 20, of Fanwood, and charged him with stalking. The 18 year old victim, a Cranford resident, initially contacted police on March 31, 2014 to report several suspicious acts involving Mineo, including instances of him following her in his car. Detective Spencer Durkin handled the case and worked with the victim over the course of the 8 week investigation. On May 25, 2014, Mineo arrived uninvited at the victim's house, parking his white 2010 Hyundai Elantra in her driveway. Cranford Police responded and Mineo voluntarily left the property.

After reviewing the case events with the Union County Prosecutor's Office, an arrest warrant was obtained and Luke Mineo was charged with one count of stalking, a fourth degree crime. He was located and arrested by Det. Durkin on June 2, 2014. Cranford Police are not releasing a motive or speculating on Mineo's intentions, but according to D/Lt. Stephen Wilde of the Cranford Police Investigative Division, the parties were not involved in a dating relationship, nor were they believed to be friends or acquaintances. Mineo was initially committed to the Union County Jail, but was released after posting \$5000.00 bail and pending an appearance in Superior Court.

Narcotics Search Warrant Leads to Arrest of Cranford Man

On May 23, 2014, Cranford Police arrested Patrick Ekstrom, Age 33, of Cranford, New Jersey, and charged him with Distribution of Marijuana, Distribution of Prescription Medications, and other related charges in connection with narcotics investigation that spanned over a month.

The investigation began in April 2014 when Det. Spencer Durkin received information indicating that Ekstrom was involved in the distribution of various illegal drugs from his residence. Following a series of undercover and surveillance operations by Cranford detectives, Durkin was able to corroborate the initial tip and apply for a search warrant for Ekstrom's residence. The warrant was authorized by a Judge of the Superior Court, and was executed on May 23, 2014.

During the execution of the search warrant, members of the Cranford Police Investigative Division recovered 21 vacuum sealed bags of suspected marijuana, 78 pills suspected to be Xanax, assorted distribution related narcotics paraphernalia, and \$700 cash. Ekstrom was charged with Possession of Marijuana (over 50 grams), Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute, Prescription of Legend Drugs with Intent to Distribute, Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance with Intent to Distribute in a School Zone and Possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia. Ekstrom was processed at police headquarters and released pending an arraignment in Superior Court.



Narcotics Operation Leads to Arrest of Rahway Man for Drugs/Weapons Offenses

On June 10, 2014, Cranford Police arrested Rajul Thomas, age 41, of Rahway, New Jersey, and charged him with Heroin Distribution and Possession of a Handgun in connection with an undercover operation spanning over three months.

Cranford Detective Spencer Durkin initiated a narcotics investigation in March 2014 after receiving a tip that that Thomas was selling heroin and delivering it to buyers inside the Township of Cranford. After corroborating the tip and verifying that Thomas resided in Rahway, Det. Durkin expanded the investigation to include Det. William Mannix of the Union County Guns, Gangs and Drugs Task Force. The joint investigation by Cranford detectives and county investigators led to multiple successful undercover narcotics purchases, and eventually lead to arrest and search warrants being authorized by a Superior Court judge in early June 2014.

On June 10, 2014, Thomas was located at his Rahway residence and placed under arrest. Detectives from Cranford, Rahway, and the Union County Prosecutor's Office executed the search warrant and recovered over 1100 packages of suspected heroin from the residence. In addition, police seized a loaded 9mm Beretta handgun, over \$4000 cash, and the 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee used in the narcotics transactions.

As a result of the investigation and seized contraband, Thomas was charged with Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, Certain Persons Not to Have Weapons, Possession of a Defaced Firearm, Distribution of Heroin in a School Zone, and Distribution of Heroin in a Park Zone. He was also cited for various narcotics possession offenses. Thomas is being held at the Union County Jail in lieu of \$220,000 bail and is scheduled for a first court appearance on June 13, 2014.

Motor Vehicle Investigation Nets Over 5 Ounces of Heroin

On June 23, 2014 Cranford Police arrested Freddy Hill, age 32, of South Plainfield, New Jersey, and charged him with possession of heroin with intent to distribute in connection with a motor vehicle investigation. Officers Derek Farbanec and Patrick Fay initially stopped Hill's 2010 Lexus on North Avenue East for equipment violations. As a result of an investigation at the scene, including the use of a specially trained narcotics canine employed by the Union County Sheriff's Office, Cranford detectives applied for and obtained a search warrant for the vehicle.

While executing the search warrant, officers discovered over 5 ounces of suspected heroin, with a street resale value of over \$75,000, inside the vehicle. Police also seized approximately \$3300 dollars in cash, packaging materials, and other narcotics paraphernalia. Hill was arrested without incident and was charged with first degree possession of heroin with intent to distribute, possession of heroin, possession of narcotics paraphernalia with intent to distribute, and possession of narcotics paraphernalia. He was processed by detectives and was released after posting \$150,000 bail.

Cranford Police Chief James Wozniak vowed to maintain his aggressive approach to narcotics enforcement. "Illegal drugs, along with the host of other crimes that follow in their wake, pose one of the single greatest threats to the safety and security of this community," he stated. "As a department, we will continue to focus considerable effort on eliminating the impact of drugs on our residents and neighborhoods."



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Photo at right, Patrolman Steven D'Ambola was recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving for the third consecutive year.

The MADD Distinguished Service Award recognizes police officers that lead their departments with the most DWI arrests in a year.



Photo at left, In August a new style crosswalk was installed at Centennial Avenue and Elm Street. In addition, Centennial Avenue was re-paved and a new traffic signal installed at Hillside Avenue and Myrtle Street.

Bottom Photo, left to right, Brian Trotter, Corey Lo-Forte, Chief James Wozniak, Michael O'Neil, and Ryan Gerrity at the swearing in ceremony for the four officers on June 24, 2014. The officers started the police academy in July and graduated the academy in December.



Cranford Officers Deploy Narcan in Effort to Prevent Overdose Deaths



On July 1, 2014, as part of a countywide program, Cranford Police officers began carrying a powerful medication capable of reversing the often-fatal effects of heroin overdoses. The medication, Narcan, was distributed to police officers countywide, acting Union County Prosecutor Grace H. Park said Tuesday in a joint announcement made with the Union County Police Chiefs Association and its various members.

The Prosecutor's Office distributed a total of 200 Narcan kits among the county's 21 municipal departments, with all of the kits available for immediate use. All front line patrol vehicles in Cranford are equipped with the medication kits. An aerosol form of the drug naloxone, Narcan is administered to sufferers of a heroin overdose nasally through use of a device known as an atomizer. The kits were priced at approximately \$30 per unit, and federal forfeiture funds used to cover the costs. Officers in every department already have undergone training illustrating precisely how to administer Narcan, and the kits are being deployed in patrol vehicles countywide.

Union County recorded 42 fatal drug overdoses in 2013, with 45 occurring in 2012 for a two-year total of 87. Thirty-nine of those 87 fatal overdoses involved heroin, according to records compiled by the Union County Medical Examiner's Office.

Cranford Police Chief James Wozniak believes that the program gives his officers another tool to save lives. "Our community is certainly not immune to the reality of heroin and prescription drug abuse and the detrimental effects it has on families in our community," he stated. "If by deploying these Narcan kits one or more of our residents benefits, then tragedies are averted and locally the program is a success."

Plans for police to utilize Narcan in Union County started being formulated early this year. During a press conference held last month, Governor Chris Christie said that police in all 21 New Jersey counties soon will start administering Narcan to overdose victims, as a pilot program launched in April in Ocean and Monmouth counties has been credited with reversing more than 40 overdoses to date. Acting New Jersey Attorney General John Jay Hoffman announced during the press conference that the New Jersey State Police also are moving forward with the Narcan initiative, with 900 kits having been ordered to ensure that every State Police patrol vehicle is equipped.

New Jersey's Narcan program traces its roots to a collaboration between the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office and Dr. Kenneth Lavelle, an emergency room physician at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. Working together, they developed a template modeled after a successful program launched in another state.

The distribution of the Narcan kits will supplement continuing outreach efforts by the Prosecutor's Office to spread awareness about the harmful effects of heroin addiction and addiction to prescription painkillers – office representatives have organized or participated in informational forums addressing the topic in half a dozen Union County municipalities during the last year.





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National Night Out

Cranford Police took part in the 31st Annual National Night Out on August 7th from 6-9 PM on Patrolman Robert F. Hand Plaza and the front lawn of the police department. 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 much more.

Detective Robert Montague has coordinated this event for many years and this was his last year due to his retirement. The event used to be held in Lot #1, but has out grown that space and necessitated the expansion to the plaza fronting headquarters.





Air Raid Sirens Decommissioned

The original civil defense sirens were installed in 1941 and then replaced in 1960 in order to improve the distance of the sirens could be heard from. In 1966 the sirens were used to alert residents of school closings. In addition, the sirens were sounded each Saturday at noon as a test.

In October 2001 the sirens were disconnected and no longer used, having been replaced with instant notifications systems such as Reverse 9-1-1 and Nixle. In August of 2014 three of the sirens were taken down and the poles removed. The fourth and last siren at police headquarters will be removed in August 2015.

Siren 1 at Brookside Place School near Harvard Road and Siren 2 at Walnut Avenue School near Blake Avenue were both a Federal Signal Model SD-10. Siren 3 at Orange Avenue School near Wadsworth Terrace was a Federal Signal Model 5T. Siren 4 at the rear of police headquarters was a Federal Signal Model 3T22.



Cranford Towers Fire

On August 30, 2014 at 1448 hours the Cranford Police Department received reports of an apartment fire at 18 Springfield Avenue. Detective Lieutenant Edward Davenport arrived on scene and observed smoke and fire already showing from a 5th floor apartment. Patrolmen Timothy O'Brien and William Pietrucha along with Detective Russell Luedecker had already arrived on scene and were making their way up to the fire floor. As Davenport entered the 5th floor he found heavy smoke and deteriorating conditions. It was hard to see and breath, but Pietrucha, O'Brien, and Luedecker had already begun evacuating residents from the fire floor under these extremely adverse conditions. Without hesitation these four officers systematically evacuated all of the mostly elderly residents, including the resident of the apartment where the fire began who was carried down all five floors by Lieutenant Davenport.

After confirming all residents were safe, these officers remained in the building and continued to assist the Cranford Fire Department by pulling hose through the staircase. These efforts directly assisted the Fire Department in containing the fire to one apartment.



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Guy Patterson with his family, **photo at left**, after his promotion to the rank of Captain. Patterson is a 15 year veteran of the Cranford Police Department and was previously assigned as a Lieutenant in the Patrol Division. Captain Patterson is now assigned to the Operations Section.

Chris Polito with his family, **photo page 79 bottom right**, after his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant. Polito is a 15 year veteran of the Cranford Police Department and was previously assigned as a Sergeant in the Investigative Division. Lieutenant Polito is now assigned to the Patrol Division as the Watch Commander of C and D Squads.

Ryan Greco, **photo page 79 bottom left**, with his family after his promotion to the rank of Detective Sergeant. Greco is a 14 year veteran of the Cranford Police Department and was previously assigned as a Detective in the Investigative Division. Sergeant Greco is now assigned as a supervisor in the Investigative Division.

John Swandrak with his family, **photo page 79 top right**, after his promotion to the rank of Sergeant. Swandrak is a 20 year veteran of the Cranford Police Department and was previously assigned to the Investigative Division as a Detective. Sergeant Swandrak is now assigned to the Patrol Division as the supervisor of Squad B.

Steven Toy with his family, **photo page 79 top left**, after his promotion to the rank of Sergeant. Toy is a 19 year veteran of the Cranford Police Department and was previously assigned to the Traffic Division as a Detective. Sergeant Toy is now assigned to the Patrol Division as a desk supervisor for Squads A and B.

Photo at right, left to right, Chief James Wozniak, Captain Guy Patterson, Lieutenant Chris Polito, Sergeant Steven Toy, Sergeant John Swandrak, and Detective Sergeant Ryan Greco after their promotional ceremony.



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Cranford Police Modernize Equipment and Uniforms

In an effort to modernize the look and feel of the Cranford Police Department, as well as strengthen ties to the community, Chief James Wozniak announced changes to the agency's marked vehicle fleet and the uniforms worn by patrol officers. Chief Wozniak noted that little had changed regarding police uniforms in over 50 years. He stated, "Until now, our officers' uniforms looked amazingly similar to those worn in the 1960s and 1970s. These uniforms sacrificed utility and comfort for a dated appearance. It was time to move forward."

The new look adopts advanced technology and fabric while remaining true to the 117 year history of the Cranford Police Department. The new patch, an inverted navy triangle with "Cranford Police, Established 1897, NJ" embroidered in gold, harkens back to some of the earliest patches worn by Cranford officers of the last century. New uniforms exchange the formal looking clip-on ties and military hats for lightweight moisture wicking fabric and cargo pockets. According to Captain Joseph Van Bergen, "The new uniform is more comfortable and more functional; it is now appropriate for the job police are expected to perform every day."



Cranford's newest police vehicles also received a make-over. While maintaining the easily recognizable black and white scheme employed by police agencies across the country, the new 2014 Ford Utility Police Interceptors entering service this month also display blue and gold lettering and striping. The colors were selected because of their connection to Cranford and the community's various athletic teams. A Cranford Cougar paw can be found on the rear bumper. This was the third vehicle design Van Bergen has been involved in since 1991. The department vehicles have been black and white since 1980. The new utility vehicles are



a change from the existing fleet of Dodge and Ford sedans, but are expected to reduce maintenance costs and enhance the ability of officers to remain on patrol during major weather events.

Chief Wozniak was the driving force behind the changes. "When I arrived in this position," he stated, "I had two main goals. First, I wanted to provide my team with the equipment, tools, and direction to professionally protect the citizens of Cranford. Second, I wanted to build on our existing ties to this community and make it clear to everyone here that as much as we police this town, we are part of this town."



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Photos:

Top left, during the month of October, all marked radio cars displayed a pink ribbon for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Middle left, on October 18th a DWI Checkpoint was held on Centennial Avenue near Cayuga Road.

Bottom left, Det. Pietrucha of Traffic on Walk to School Day in Oct.

Top right, Detective Pietrucha and Patrolman D'Ambola of the CPD took part in the escort of 500 motorcycles from Rahway to Robert Wood Children's Hospital for a toy run with Santa and his elves.

Bottom right, members of the police department took part in Jeans for Troops Day on November 12th to support the GI Go Fund.





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Parking Enforcement Officer
James "Jimmy" F. White

James Francis White, 79, of Holiday City South, Berkeley Township, New Jersey passed away on November 26, 2014.

James was born in 1935 in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He was a graduate of Thomas Edison High School. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the US Army and served as a Special Forces Paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne for four years. After an honorable discharge, James met the love of his life, Maryann Bloise, whom he married in 1960.

James worked at Hall's/Flying Tigers Trucking from 1962 to 1986. He then went to work for the Cranford Police Department as a Traffic Enforcement Officer until his retirement in 1996.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Maryann White, his 2 sons James White of Berkeley Twp., Michael White & his wife Colleen of Aberdeen, NJ and 2 grandchildren Jason & Justin White.



Lieutenant George W. Kane, Jr.

George W. Kane, Jr., 81, of Raeford, North Carolina, passed away on October 4, 2014. George was born in Plainfield, New Jersey, and spent most of his life in Cranford, New Jersey. He was a 1949 graduate of Cranford High School and served in the United States Navy during the Korean War before joining the Cranford Police Department for twenty-six years, retiring in 1980.

While employed with the Cranford Police Department George attained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Safety Administration from William Patterson College, graduating Magna Cum Laude. He was also the first member in the history of the Cranford Police Department to receive a Masters Degree. His degree was in Urban Education and Community Affairs from William Patterson College in 1975, again graduating with honors - Magna Cum Laude.

George served in the Patrol, Traffic, and Records Divisions as well as the Photography Lab. He was a PTC certified instructor and a member of the New Jersey Narcotics Officers Association, Cranford Jaycees, and American Legion.



Lieutenant John P. Korsch

John P. Korsch, 79, of Ormond Beach, Florida, entered into eternal rest on October 20, 2014, after a brief illness.

John was born August 22, 1935 in Elizabeth, New Jersey, but spent most of his life in Cranford, New Jersey. John is survived by his beloved wife of fifty-one years, Judith Bowne Korsch and his children, Jacqueline Kalamaras (John) of Forked River, NJ, Janet VanBenschoten (Bob) of Cranford, NJ, and Jennifer Campbell (Scott) of Ormond Beach, FL. John was also the exceedingly proud grandfather of Katherine, Julie, Kristen, John, Ryan, and Emily.

John served his country in the United States Army before becoming a dedicated member of the Cranford Police Department for twenty-eight years.



Patrolman John J. Herzer, Jr.

John J. Herzer, Jr., 87, of Cranford, New Jersey, passed away in December 2014.

John was born in Newark, New Jersey, and spent almost his entire life in Cranford. He served in the United States Navy before joining the Cranford Police Department in 1949.

After serving for twenty-seven years, John retired in July of 1976. John spent his career in the Patrol Division.



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Awards Ceremony

The police department held an awards ceremony in November at the Township Committee meeting. Those receiving awards are show in the photograph above, *left to right*, Chief Wozniak, Patrolman O'Brien, Patrolman D'Ambola, Patrolman Rattigan, Patrolman Hearn, Patrolman Donnerstag, Lieutenant Davenport, Detective Luedecker, Patrolman Holcomb, Detective Farbanec, Sergeant Greco, Sergeant Dobbins, Detective Montague, Lieutenant Polito, and Sergeant Swndrak.



Photos above and at left, fire-arms qualifications and training at Fort Dix by our Special Operations Team members.



Promotion and New Hires

The Cranford Police Department held a promotional ceremony on November 25, 2014 at the Township Committee meeting to fill open positions within the command structure of the department. In addition to the promotion, three new patrolman were hired.

Russell Luedecker was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Luedecker is a 9 year veteran of the Cranford Police Department and was previously assigned as a Detective in the Traffic Division. Sergeant Luedecker is now assigned to the Patrol Division as the supervisor of D Squad.

Patrolman James Knight was hired and is an alternate route cadet at the John H. Stamler Police Academy, graduating in December along with the four officers the department hired in July.

Patrolman Timothy Handy was also sworn in and was previously a Class II Special Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO-II) which allows him to enter directly into our Field Training program.

Jason D'Agostino was also sworn in and will start his training in January 2015 at the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains.

Photo above left, left to right, Patrolman Jason D'Agostino, Patrolman Timothy Handy, Chief James Wozniak, Sergeant Russell Luedecker, and Patrolman James Knight.

Photo above right, Sergeant Russell Luedecker with his family after his promotional ceremony.



15th Annual CPD Santa Deliveries

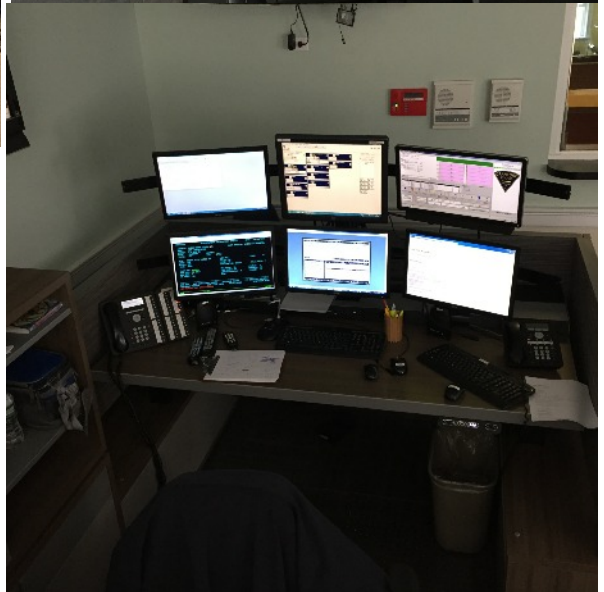
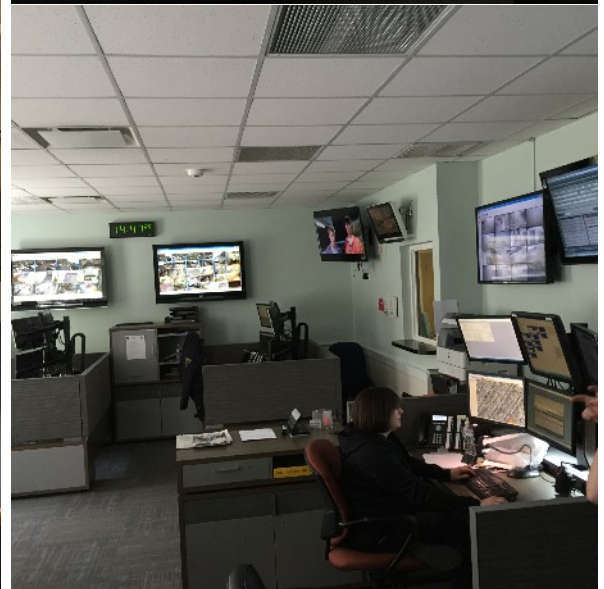
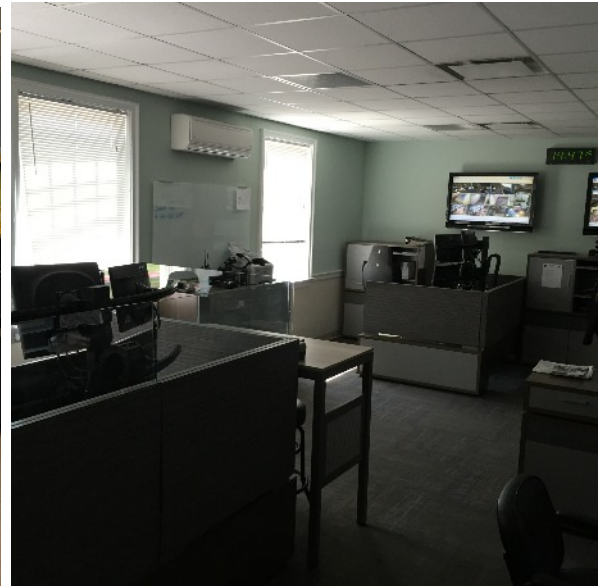
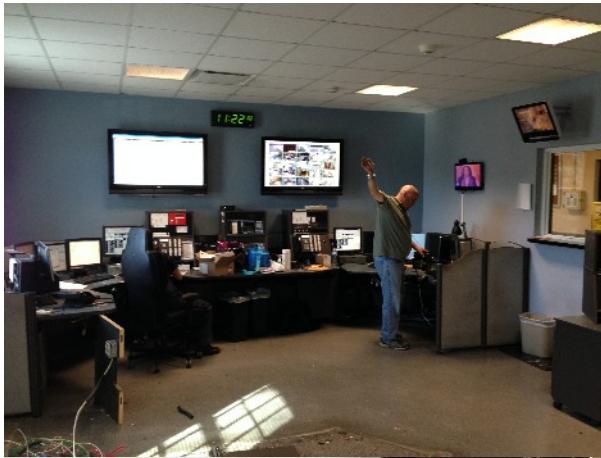
The Cranford Police Department assisted again this year by the Cranford Jaycees and Cranford Fire Department for the annual Santa Deliveries. Santa delivers gifts to children and arrives via police car or fire truck. Santa delivered 640 gifts to 265 homes and an additional 500 gifts were donated to Toys for Tots.



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Communications Center Renovation

October 21st we moved dispatch into the new Training Room to allow for the remodel of the communications center. The existing room was completely emptied and re-built to accommodate new furniture and radio equipment. On November 25th the new communications center was fully operational. The first three photos in the near column show the demolition, the bottom photo is the temporary dispatch center, and the three photos in the far column are the new communications center.



Department Office Upgrades

In addition to the new Training and Conference Room and Communications Center, the existing Evidence Room was converted into an Interview Room, the Administrative Captain Office was converted to a new, larger Evidence Room, and the Conference Room was converted into the Operations Captain Office.

A remodel of the Investigative Division is scheduled for 2015 and the Mug and Print Room in 2016.



Cranford Police Officers Rescue Choking Dog

Three Cranford police officers kept the holiday season from turning tragic for a local family on Friday night when they acted quickly to rescue a choking dog.



Shortly after 7:00pm on December 19th, Cranford Police received a frantic 9-1-1 call reporting a choking dog in the field adjacent to Walnut Avenue School. During a game of catch, Leo, a Great Dane/Shepherd mix weighing over 140 pounds, began choking and couldn't breathe when a tennis ball became lodged in his throat. The first police unit to arrive was Officer Robert Jordan. Without hesitation, Officer Jordan encircled the dog with his arms and attempted to clear the dog's airway using abdominal thrusts. Officers John Rattigan and Brian Trotter arrived and assisted in the rescue.

When the ball was partially dislodged and the responding officers detected that the Leo was able to breathe, they immediately moved the canine to a waiting patrol car. Leo and his owner, Cranford resident Donna Stone, were transported to Westfield Animal Hospital by Officers Rattigan and Trotter, where waiting staff performed an emergency procedure to completely remove the tennis ball.



Photo above, Patrolman Jordan being interviewed by News 12.

Gas Station Robbery Arrests Made

Cranford Police arrested two Linden men following a robbery at a Raritan Road gas station on Monday, December 15, 2014.

At approximately 8:25 pm, a 2002 Chevrolet Impala occupied by two males pulled into the Shell gas station located on Raritan Road. After requesting gas, the passenger exited the vehicle and displayed a handgun, demanding cash from the attendant before fleeing the scene on foot. The vehicle left the lot in the same direction.

Moments later, following the 9-1-1 call reporting the incident, Detective Derek Farbanec observed the suspect vehicle, occupied by two males, entering the Garden State Parkway northbound. Detective Farbanec was able to follow the suspects in an unmarked police vehicle as they exited the Parkway and drove around various side streets, eventually pulling into an Exxon gas station on West First Avenue in Roselle NJ. Additional marked police units converged on the area and affected a motor vehicle stop in the lot. Both the driver, Terrell Bagley, age 19, and the passenger, Bey Udraka, age 19, were taken into custody without incident by Det. Farbanec, Sgt. Frank Williams, and members of the Roselle Police Department.

Officers recovered a BB pistol from inside the vehicle, as well as a small amount of cash. Both suspects were processed at Cranford Police Headquarters and were charged with robbery, a first degree crime, and multiple weapons offenses. Bail was set at \$100,000 and both subjects were transported to the Union County Jail pending a court appearance.



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