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2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Mission Statement

THE CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT IS TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY, ENFORCE ALL STATE AND LOCAL LAWS AND ORDINANCES, APPREHEND AND PROSECUTE VIOLATORS AND PROVIDE THE FINEST QUALITY OF ROUTINE AND EMERGENCY POLICE SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE.

MEMBERS OF THE CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT, BOTH SWORN AND CIVILIAN, SHALL CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER, TREATING ALL PEOPLE WITH COURTESY AND RESPECT AND WITHOUT BIAS OR PREJUDICE. WE SHALL BE JUDICIOUS IN THE USE OF OUR AUTHORITY, FAIR AND COMPASSIONATE WHEN DEALING WITH THOSE WE COME IN CONTACT WITH AND SHALL DIVORCE OUR PERSONAL FEELINGS, EMOTIONS, AND OPINIONS FROM OUR DECISION MAKING WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OUR DUTIES.

MEMBERS OF THE CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE PUBLIC TRUST IS SACRED AND THAT IT MUST BE EARNED AND VIGOROUSLY MAINTAINED BY STRICT ADHERENCE TO OUR MISSION STATEMENT AND CORE VALUES. WE SHALL ESTABLISH AND FOSTER STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH ALL GROUPS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY IN ORDER TO BE BOTH PROACTIVE AND RESPONSIVE TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS, WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD.



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MESSAGE FROM CHIEF

Ryan J. Greco



In 2018 the Cranford Police Department continued the re-accreditation process through the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. This is the fourth such process in the department's history. The re-accreditation is recognition of the everyday efforts of every member of the Cranford Police Department.

During 2018 the Township entered into uncertainty with the departure of our Township Administrator. During this time, I took on the dual role of Interim Township Administrator and Chief of Police. Although an eye-opening and arduous task, this could not have been possible without the leadership of Captain Joseph Van Bergen and Captain Guy Patterson who assumed extra duties during this transition.

I also want to thank the Cranford Township Committee for their dedication to the residents of Cranford and their public safety. In 2018 the Cranford Police Department experienced a number of retirements which impacted the rank and file of the organization. Through their dedication and foresight, the Township Committee continued to make public safety a priority. Not only did they authorize the replacement of the retired officers, they also allowed for the replacement of anticipated retirements of officers in 2019. This planning is unprecedented from past Township Committees. It is our pleasure to work with all of the commissioners for the benefit of the community.

In 2019 we will continue to address many issues that affect our community and those of our neighbors. As school violence has continued to make media headlines, we will add manpower to our already thriving School Resource Officer Program, prioritizing the safety of our school-aged children. The Department will introduce the Community Law Enforcement Addiction Recovery initiative. Making the Cranford Police Department the first municipal law enforcement agency in Union County to offer this assistance. We will continue to expand upon our community outreach initiatives through our Community Policing Unit.

Lastly, I want to applaud all of the men and women who serve as members of the Cranford Police Department. Year in and year out your service to the people continues to be exemplary. I am extremely proud of your professionalism and consider you role models to the Cranford Community. I am proud to be your Chief and honored to serve with you.

Ryan J. Greco

COMMAND STAFF



Ryan J. Greco
Chief of Police



Joseph P. Van Bergen
Administrative Captain



Guy E. Patterson
Operations Captain

TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT



Patrick Giblin
Commissioner of
Public Safety



Thomas Hannen
Mayor



Ann Dooley
Deputy Mayor
Commissioner of
Public Works



Terence Wall
Administrator
January - October



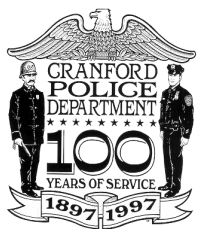
Mary O'Connor
Commissioner of
Finance



Ryan Greco
Acting Administrator
November-December



Jean Maisonneuve
Commissioner of
Public Affairs



These pages are in dedication of the men & women who have served as Cranford Police Officers since 1897.

*Names 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
Robert Chamra
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
Nicholas Cook
Wayne Cooper
Raymond Cosmas
Harry A. Craig
William F. Crissey
William Crory
Edward Csuka
Donald A. Curry
Myron Cymbaluk
Paul R. Cymbaluk
Samuel W. Cymbaluk
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.
Ryan Drew
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
Christopher Folinusz
Steven Gachko
John T. Gallagher

IN DEDICATION

Lynne Galvez
Edward J. Galvin
Michael Gamba
William G. Gassman
Ryan W. Gerrity
Peter J. Graczyk
Ryan J. Greco
Jennifer Green
George Greiss
Alfred V. Grickowski
William Griffin
Christopher Gross
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
Charles M. Hoeffler
Sean T. Holcomb
Courtney Holder
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

IN DEDICATION



Louis M. Kleeman
Rudolph Klempa
Edward J. Klubenspies
James F. Knight
John P. Korsch
Joseph R. Koury
Ralph J. Koury
Anton Kovacs
John J. Kovacs
(Unk.) Krise
Paul Lampert
Thomas Leavy
Edward N. Lee
Linn M. Lockwood, Jr.
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
Ryan McSharry
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
Ali Muhammad
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
Christian Pasternak
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.
Joseph Sherbo
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
Shayne Temple
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 Sadars
John F. Varley, Jr.
Peter Vergalla
F. Richard Vitale
Brian J. Wagner
George C. Ward
James E. Washbourne
Matthew J. Widdows
Harry W. Wilde
Russell S. Wilde
Stephen D. Wilde
Frank T. Williams
David P. Winans
Norman Woitkowski
Thomas W. Woods, Sr.
Thomas H. Woods, Jr.
James Wozniak
Edward T. Zarzecki
William E. Zirkel
Donald P. Zsak



This year marked 43 years since the death of the only Cranford Police Officer to lose his life in the line of duty. Patrolman Robert F. Hand sacrificed his life protecting and serving the citizens of Cranford on February 11, 1975 following a motor vehicle pursuit.

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

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

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

The police pallbearers were Lieutenants Myron Cymbaluk and Henry Polidoro, Sergeants Gerard Haney and John Korsch, and Patrolmen John Herzer and Robert Nylen. Fourteen members of the

IN MEMORIAM

Robert F. Hand

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 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

Ryan Greco

Captains

Joseph P. Van Bergen

Guy E. Patterson

Patrol Division

Lt. Stephen D. Wilde

Lt. Christopher T. Polito

Sgt. Thomas J. Feeney

Sgt. Frank T. Williams

Sgt. Steven R. Toy

Sgt. Russell Luedecker

Sgt. Joseph Stulpin

Sgt. Thomas Stiansen

Sgt. Timothy O'Brien

Ptl. Brian Lopez

Ptl. William Pietrucha

Ptl. Michael Andrews

Ptl. Thomas M. Bell

Ptl. Nelson W. Hearn, Jr.

Ptl. John M. Colineri

Ptl. Daniel S. Norton

Ptl. Kelly Rieder

Ptl. Matthew B. Siessel

Ptl. Gregory M. Federici

Ptl. Daniel J. Donnerstag

Ptl. Michael T. O'Neil

Ptl. Corey J. LoForte

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Ptl. Ryan W. Gerrity

Ptl. Timothy L. Handy

Ptl. James F. Knight

Ptl. Jason M. D'Agostino

Ptl. Christian Pasternak

Ptl. Ali Muhammad

Ptl. Robert Chamra

Ptl. Lynne Galvez

Ptl. Shayne Temple

Ptl. Joseph Sherbo

Ptl. Nicholas Cook

Ptl. Christopher Gross

Ptl. Ryan McSharry

Communications Bureau

Stacy A. Thorn

Sandanna Jones

Robert Merrill

Amanda Stryker

Michael Davis

Matthew Blanck

Kyle McCartney

Liam Powell

Anthony Aurelio

Jason Cruz

Chapin Taggart

Briana Hall

Investigative Division

Det/Lt. Edward R. Davenport

Detective Bureau

Det/Sgt. John J. Swandrak

Det. Spencer Durkin

Det. Derek M. Farbanec

Det. Timothy W. O'Brien

Det. Christopher M. DiFabio

Det. Robert R. Jordan

Community Policing Unit

Ptl. John J. Rattigan

Ptl. Robert R. Jordan

Juvenile Bureau

Det/Sgt. Matthew Nazzaro

Det. Nadia N. Jones

Det. Michael P. Dubitsky

Traffic Bureau

Det/Sgt. Eugene Perrotta

Det. William K. Pietrucha

Det. Steven R. D'Ambola

Det. Brian J. Wagner

Traffic Maintenance

Joseph A. Corbisiero

Robert McQuone

Parking Enforcement

Arthur Kennedy

Records Division

Det/Lt. Craig L. Marino

Clerk Jean H. McComb

Clerk Janet Spriggo

Executive Secretary

Carol Cole

Police Academy

Christopher Folinusz

Michael Gamba

Courtney Holder

Ryan Drew

SLEO II

Robert Colaneri

Peter Graczyk

John Heestr

*Names may appear more than once due to promotions or assignments throughout the year.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Christopher DiFabio	January 1, 2018	Detective - Adult Bureau
Nadia Jones	January 1, 2018	Detective - Juvenile Bureau
Michael Dubitsky	January 1, 2018	Detective - Juvenile Bureau
Jason Cruz	February 14, 2018	Communications Officer
Robert Colaneri	May 1, 2018	Resigned - SLEO II
Brian Lopez	June 1, 2018	Retired - Patrolman
Shayne Temple	June 14, 2018	Officer 2nd Grade
Joseph Sherbo	June 14, 2018	Officer 2nd Grade
Jason Cruz	June 15, 2018	Resigned - Communications
Timothy O'Brien	June 26, 2018	Promoted to Sergeant
Frank Williams	July 1, 2018	Retired - Sergeant
Troy Kettler	July 1, 2018	Academy
Robert Jordan	July 1, 2018	Detective - Adult Bureau
William Pietrucha	July 1, 2018	Detective - Traffic Bureau
Michael O'Neil	July 18, 2018	Officer 4th Grade
Corey LoForte	July 18, 2018	Officer 4th Grade
Brian Trotter	July 18, 2018	Officer 4th Grade
Ryan Gerrity	July 18, 2018	Officer 4th Grade
Chapin Taggart	July 18, 2018	Communications Officer
Christian Pasternak	July 20, 2018	Officer 3rd Grade
Troy Kettler	October 4, 2018	Resigned - Academy
Kyle McCartney	October 20, 2018	Resigned - Communications
Briana Hall	October 22, 2018	Communications Officer
Robert Jordan, Jr.	December 1, 2018	Officer 5th Grade
Timothy Handy	December 1, 2018	Officer 4th Grade
James Knight	December 1, 2018	Officer 4th Grade
Amanda Stryker	December 6, 2018	Resigned - Communications
Matthew Siessel	December 19, 2018	Officer 5th Grade
Gregory Federici	December 31, 2018	Officer 5th Grade
Daniel Donnerstag	December 31, 2018	Officer 5th Grade
Jason D'Agostino	December 31, 2018	Officer 4th Grade
Ali Muhammad	December 31, 2018	Officer 3rd Grade
Robert Chamra	December 31, 2018	Officer 3rd Grade
Lynne Galvez	December 31, 2018	Officer 3rd Grade
Nicholas Cook	December 31, 2018	Officer 1st Grade
Christopher Gross	December 31, 2018	Officer 1st Grade
Ryan McSharry	December 31, 2018	Officer 1st Grade
Christopher Folinusz	December 31, 2018	Academy
Michael Gamba	December 31, 2018	Academy
Courtney Holder	December 31, 2018	Academy
Ryan Drew	December 31, 2018	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 2018, that equated to approximately twenty-eight 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 Investigative 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 1,400 traffic enforcement details on municipal, county and state roadways.

In an effort to enhance the training of our Patrol Officers and prepare them for future specialized assignments, selected members of the Patrol Division are afforded an opportunity for temporary assignments to Union County Task Forces and Initiatives. During their temporary assignments, officers are immersed in the specific duties of the unit. Officer Michael O'Neil was assigned to the Union County Narcotics Strike Force for 90 days. Officer Jason D'Agostino participated in the Union County Prosecutor's Office Operation Helping Hand during the month of June.

Within the Patrol Division is the Field Training Unit. Coordinated by Lieutenant Stephen Wilde and Lieutenant Christopher Polito, the Field Training Unit is responsible for conducting a minimum 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. Officers Christopher Gross, Ryan McSharry and Nicholas Cook successfully completed the Field Training Program during 2018.

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 the Lieutenant or Watch Commander. Each Patrol Squad is led by a Sergeant. A Desk Sergeant works a mid shift on each Platoon. The Patrol Division is staffed twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

In 2018, the Patrol Division was staffed by twenty-seven Patrolmen, ten Communications Officers, six Sergeants and two Lieutenants.



PATROL DIVISION

Calls for Service - 2018

63,157 Total Calls for Service in 2018

18,202 calls for service involving traffic related activity including:

6,129 calls for service involving motor vehicle violations resulting in summonses/warnings

1,463 calls for service involving selective enforcement

877 calls for service involving crash investigations

17,192 calls for service for criminal related activity including:

9,267 calls involving proactive police patrols

1,832 calls involving suspicious persons/acts

1,337 calls involving burglary/trespass/alarms

409 calls involving disorderly conduct

382 calls involving warrant service

177 calls involving CDS activity

16,667 calls for service involving public service activities including:

5,195 building and public transportation facility inspections/patrols

2,850 calls for service for medical emergencies

2,954 school patrols/inspections

1,145 calls for service for public assists

1,085 calls for service for fire emergencies

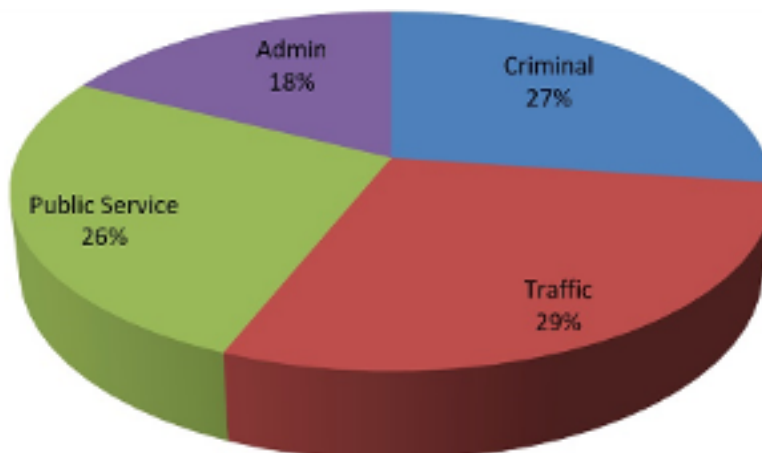
11,096 calls for service involving administrative duties including:

9,977 miscellaneous activities

926 training assignments

193 Auxiliary Police and Police Explorer activities

Calls for Service - 2018



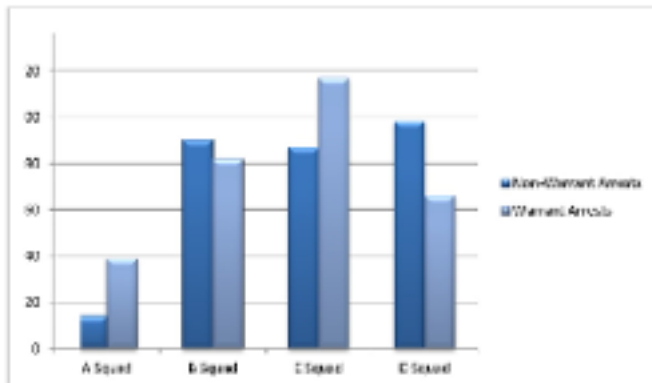
PATROL DIVISION

Statistical Reports by Squad - 2018

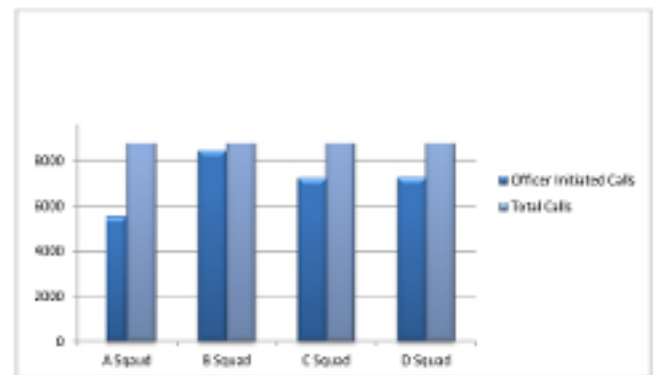
2018 Statistical Report by Squads

Squad	Non-Warrant Arrest	Warrant Arrest	Total Arrests	Officer Initiated Calls	Total Calls	% Self Initiated	% Resulting in Arrest
A	14	39	53	7,245	10,370	54%	1%
B	90	82	172	8,948	12,157	70%	1%
C	87	117	204	7,649	11,597	62%	2%
D	98	66	164	8,363	11,026	66%	1%
Total	289	304	593	28,468	45,150	63%	1%

Arrests by Squad



Calls for Service by Squad



Narcan Deployment Report - 2018

YEAR	VICTIMS	DEATHS	KITS BY PD	KITS BY FD
2014	4	0	4	0
2015	5	0	7	0
2016	7	1	7	0
2017	15	2	22	0
2018	17	3	27	3

COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU

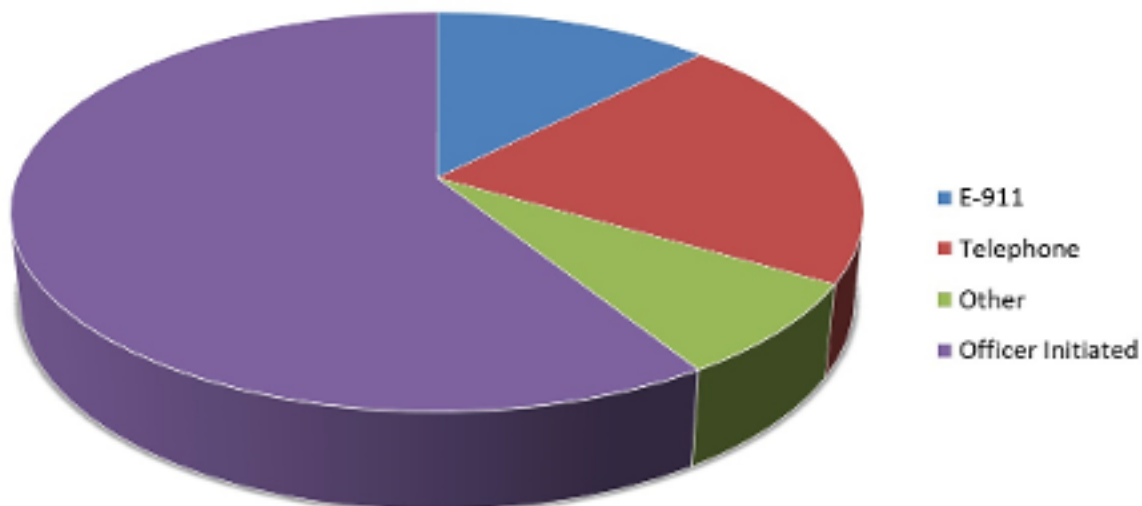
Patrol Division

The Communications Bureau is an integral part of the Patrol Division. The Communications Bureau provides twenty-four hour coverage of the Cranford Police Department's Communications Center. In 2018, Sergeants Stephen Toy, Russell Luedecker and Timothy O'Brien served as supervisors of the Communications Center. Each supervisor typically works from noon to midnight, providing supervision 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).

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. Through May of 2018, the Communications Center maintained three active 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP's). Each PSAP 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 May of 2018, The Cranford Police Department entered into an inter-local agreement with the Union County Regional Communications Center for 9-1-1 PSAP services. The Union County Regional Communications Center is staffed by full time Union County Emergency Services personnel and provides state-of-the-art 9-1-1 and dispatch technology. Under the agreement, 9-1-1 phone calls are routed to the Union County Regional Communications Center. From there, emergency calls for service in Cranford Township are transferred to the Cranford Police Communications Center. At that point, Communications Officers dispatch resources and provide the necessary pre-arrival instructions to the callers. The partnership allows for the usage of enhanced 9-1-1 technology at the cost savings associated with an interlocal agreement.

The Communications Center is comprised of three separate work stations for Communications Officers and a fourth work station for the Communications Center supervisor. The individual work stations include an array of six monitors which allows the Communications Officer to use multiple vital computer programs at the same time. The work station configurations ensure the Communications Officer can constantly monitor the Motorola radio system, Alarm System, LawSoft CAD System, GPS Mapping System, NJ CJIS, and more.

Communications Center Calls For Service



DETECTIVE BUREAU

Investigative Division

The Cranford Police Department's Investigative Division provides specialized investigative and administrative support to the Police Department. The Investigative Division is under the command of Detective Lieutenant Edward R. Davenport and is comprised of the Detective Bureau, Juvenile Bureau, Traffic Bureau, and Community Policing Unit. Furthermore, Detective Lieutenant Davenport serves as the Police Department's Public Information Officer (PIO) and as a Municipal Counter-Terrorism Coordinator (MCTC) for Union County.

The Investigative Division's primary responsibility is the thorough investigation of all crimes committed in the Township of Cranford. Cases investigated can include Thefts, Frauds, Assaults, Robberies, Burglaries and Sex Offenses to name a few.

Once the Patrol Division takes an initial report, the cases are then reviewed and assigned to Detectives based upon their expertise. A Detective's investigative expertise, professional case management, participation with various task forces, as well as the assistance of county, state and federal agencies maximizes their successful prosecution of criminals.

In addition to these duties, Detectives are formally responsible for the collection and preservation of evidence. The Detectives assigned to these tasks have developed an advanced level of expertise by attending specialized training. Detectives will process crime scenes by using state-of-the-art technology through video and photographic evidence, fingerprinting, and the collection of DNA.

Goals and objectives for the Investigative Division include an emphasis on crime reduction, information sharing and community partnerships – focusing on problem-solving within the Township of Cranford.

The photo below displays all the members of the Investigative Division.



INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Crime Statistics - 2018

2018 CLASS I OFFENSES BY MONTH													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Assault	0	1	2	0	5	2	2	3	2	5	0	4	26
Burglary	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	7
Theft	8	8	9	8	12	5	19	11	16	12	10	13	131
MV Theft	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	7
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	10	9	12	9	18	9	21	14	18	21	11	21	173

CLASS I OFFENSES		
	2017	2018
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	1	2
Assault	25	26
Burglary	15	7
Theft	153	131
MV Theft	8	7
Arson	0	0
Total	202	173

CLASS II OFFENSES		
	2017	2018
Fraud	114	120
Stolen Property	2	5
Criminal Mischief	80	74
Weapons Offenses	9	3
Sex Offenses	9	5
Narcotics Invest.	266	214
Family Offenses	51	48
DWI	75	46
Liquor Offenses	1	0
Disorderly Conduct	978	825
Missing Persons	30	34
Total	1,615	1,374

ARRESTS		
	2017	2018
Adult	1,229	736
Juvenile	20	21
Total	1,249	757

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON POLICE	
2017	2018
1	1

CASES ASSIGNED TO DETECTIVES	
2017	2018
1,424	1,809

JUVENILE BUREAU

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School Resource Officer (SRO) Program Enters Its 4th School Year

In the 4 school years of the School Resource Officer Program, the Cranford Police Department's Juvenile Bureau expanded during the 2017-2018 school year as Chief Greco's vision of this specialized function of the organization changed. Detective Nadia Jones became the lead school resource officer (SRO) while Detective Michael Dubitsky entered the Juvenile Bureau as an investigator. Detective Dubitsky's position encompassed being responsible for evidence and also being the department's liaison to the Union County Prosecutor's Office High Tech Task Force (HTTF). Detective Sergeant Nazzaro supervises both their efforts in the Juvenile Bureau and serves as the liaison to the Cranford Board of Education.

Current Events Contribute to Shared Services Agreement Being Renewed

In the wake of the Parkland Florida school shooting at the Stoneman Douglass High School on February 14, 2018, the Cranford Police Department Juvenile Bureau and Cranford Public Schools embarked on a "town hall" discussion at all district schools to discuss parent concerns related to safety and security. This series of discussions afforded an opportunity for Cranford's shared services agreement and partnership to be showcased to the public, while explaining the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Cranford Public Schools and Cranford Police Department. Parents and community stakeholders voiced a desire to see an increased presence of law enforcement within the school system and an increase in school security infrastructure.

In March of 2018, the Juvenile Bureau partnered with the Union County Prosecutor's Office, New Jersey State Police and the New Jersey Department of Education to conduct security audits of the district. As a result of this initiative and the Cranford Board of Education's budgeting of money towards safety and security, many noticeable upgrades to Cranford Public Schools were observed, including surveillance and target hardening measures.

2018 School Safety Drills and Training – Police Juvenile Bureau

During the 2017-2018 school year, the Cranford Police Department Juvenile Bureau scheduled and attended nearly every drill in district from September of 2017 until June of 2018, totaling 72 live drills. In accordance with the school drill law, schools must conduct at least 1 school security drill and 1 fire drill per month. Per annum, each school must have conducted 2 lockdown drills, 2 active shooter drills, 2 non-fire evacuation drills, and 2 bomb threat drills. Additionally, schools are permitted to participate in a "table top exercise" annually, which after the Parkland School Shooting, focused on the principles of ALICE, or Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. D/Sgt. Nazzaro is an ALICE Instructor and during the 2018-2019 school year, additional lay-person train-the-trainer courses will afford more officers in the department to become instructors as a result of the increased demand from community groups. Lastly, the Cranford Police Department assists the Cranford Public Schools Human Resources Section with new-employee on boarding in the form of a "New Employee/Substitute Security Training".

2018 Juvenile Bureau Investigations

During 2018, the Cranford Police Department Juvenile Bureau conducted investigations related to the following offenses: *Thefts, Families In Crisis, Terroristic Threats, Possession of CDS Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) Oil, Possession of CDS Marijuana, Aggravated Assault, Sexual Assault, Harassment, Criminal Mischief, Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCPP) Investigations, and Burglary.*

2018 Juvenile Bureau Proactive Engagements

In addition to the reactive investigative nature of the Juvenile Bureau, during 2018 its members organized programming for the community and schools. Detective Jones hosted a series of Cyber-Safety Lessons in the middle school to spread awareness about cyber-harassment and bullying.

In February of 2018, the Cranford Police Department partnered with High Focus Centers, The Partnership for Drug-Free Kids, and the Union County Prosecutor's Office to host a screening and subsequent discussion panel entitled "Breaking Points" to discuss the harmful effects of stress on the mind and the correlation between stress and substance use disorder.

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In March of 2018, the Juvenile Bureau hosted the Drug Enforcement Administration for a program entitled “Hidden In Plain Sight” at the Cranford Community Center to show how seemingly everyday items in a juvenile’s bedroom can actually be indicators of drug use. Detective Dubitsky created a presentation on Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems, or ENDS, called “Smoke and Mirrors” in May of 2018 after parents requested a community discussion about the emerging trend of vaping and its effects on juveniles.

In June of 2018, the Juvenile Bureau hosted the Pennsylvania Team DUI Safety Simulator at Cranford High School to demonstrate the harmful effects of alcohol and drugs on teenaged drivers. Partnering with the Cranford Police Department Traffic Bureau, all Cranford High School Juniors and Seniors saw live demonstrations of field sobriety testing and how fine motor skills are affected by substance use.

In November of 2018, Detective Jones conducted the 3rd Annual Red Ribbon Week activities at Hillside Avenue School and Orange Avenue School to commemorate DEA Agent Kiki Camarena’s memorial drug-awareness campaign. Through various partnerships in the community, businesses donated raffle prizes that middle school students could earn through actively participating and successfully answering drug and alcohol related educational trivia questions.



Project ALERT Curriculum Continues In All Cranford Middle Schools

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 as an eleven (11) week program to address the basics of drug and alcohol prevention, while the second part is 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. Detective Nadia Jones is the primary instructor of Project ALERT.

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.

The year 1 student curriculum consists of 11 lessons related to the consequences of smoking cigarettes and marijuana, drinking consequences and alternatives, introduction to pressures, social pressures to use drugs, resisting internal and external pressure to use drugs, practicing resistance skills, inhalant abuse, and smoking cessation. As this curriculum is reviewed and monitored by BEST and RAND, the information taught evolves to match the current nation trends in substance use disorder. This has modified the instruction to now focus on electronic nicotine delivery systems or ENDS, commonly referred to as “vape devices”.

To ensure that the substance use disorder training is absorbed by students, Detective Jones instructs a series of 3 booster lessons for all 8th grade students which include discussions about motivating resistance to drugs, practicing external and internal pressure, the benefits of resisting drugs and opioid awareness. All lessons incorporate the use of videos, skits, small group activities, open class discussions, and parental involvement – aiming to create awareness through honest dialogue.

POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE



Cranford Police Athletic League (PAL) Enters Its 37th Season

The Cranford PAL Board of Directors is a group of community individuals consisting of parents and police officers who serve as advisors and trustees of the entire Cranford Police Athletic League. As a board, it is their goal to set policy, discuss organizational initiatives, set budgets, vote on financial decisions, and appropriate funding towards larger projects. Because the Cranford PAL is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, it is a requirement to have a Board of Directors who meet throughout the year to discuss the state of the organization. The PAL Board is governed by a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Policy set by the PAL Board is then put into effect by the Executive Director of the Cranford PAL.

The PAL Executive Director, D/Sgt. Nazzaro, works as an intermediary between the PAL Board of Directors and the Program Directors for our Football, Basketball, Cheerleading and Wrestling Programs. In turn, the Program Directors are responsible for organizing, staffing, and directing their respective coaching staff. Most of your involvement as PAL Parents/Participants will be directly with your coaches and your Program Directors. Program Directors are responsible for communicating the needs of their respective program to the Executive Director of the PAL such as uniforms, safety equipment, manpower, field/facility reservations, and financial support. Once brought to the attention of the Executive Director, these needs will be immediately fulfilled to keep the organization seamlessly working.

In 2018, the Program Directors included Andrew Hooey as the Director of Football, Christopher Coccaro as the Coordinator of Flag Football, Emily Weisgerber as the Director of Cheerleading, Kevin Murray as the Director of Wrestling and John Frieri as the Director of Basketball. During the 2018 season, due to low turnout for 3rd grade tackle, Program Directors Andrew Hooey and Christopher Coccaro met with Executive Director Nazzaro and proposed that the PAL migrate towards "Rock Solid" Flex Flag Football. As a result of this move, the Cranford PAL Flag Football Program made a capital investment in soft padding and helmets and expanding the 1st and 2nd grade Flag Football Program to a 1st-3rd Grade Program. Due to this move, enrollment jumped from 20 participants to roughly 60 participants. Executive Director Nazzaro cited that recent health and safety concerns contributed to the decrease in tackle enrollment, but Cranford PAL was on the forefront of preventing tackle from disappearing. "By exploring other options for participation in youth football programming and listening to the concerns of parents, we found that the introduction of an expanded Flag Football Program kept our numbers up," said Nazzaro. Other youth programs have needed to disband due to low enrollment, including neighboring Garwood and Clark Townships.

The PAL also participates in many charitable causes throughout the year. In 2018, the PAL sponsored a car wash fundraiser for Raymond Schwartz and Nicholas Swandrak at Lincoln School. Detective Nadia Jones, new board member, organized this effort with CPU Officer John Rattigan. Additionally, the PAL proudly offers an annual scholarship as a memorial tribute to one of its founding members, Glenn Owens. The scholarship is awarded at the Senior Awards Night each June and requires that the recipient, a past PAL participant, demonstrates the traits of leadership and being a "do-er", much like the late Glenn Owens. In 2018, the scholarship was awarded to students Caroline Kelly and Anders Myhre.

2018 Board of Directors

In 2018, the Board of Directors consisted of Executive Director Matthew Nazzaro, President Gregg Wheatley, Vice President Christopher Polito, Secretary Brian Trotter, and Treasurer Guy Patterson. The members of the Board of Directors, comprised of sworn law enforcement and civilians, consisted of the following members in 2018: Ali Muhammad, Nadia Jones, James Knight, Frank Williams, Greg Federici, Kelly Rieder, Kim Capece, John Oblachinski, Michael Plick, Jamie Arch, Bob Bruns, Jim Kwiatkowski, Jocelyn Alfandre, Brian McGovern, Darren Torsone, and Robert Colaneri. Police Chief Ryan Greco is the Honorary Chairman.

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In 2018, D/Sgt. Eugene Perrotta became the supervisor of the Traffic Bureau. Detectives Steven D'Ambola, William Pietrucha and Brian Wagner served in the Traffic Bureau in 2018. Det. Wagner was in the bureau from January until June while Det. Pietrucha returned to the bureau in July. Traffic maintenance personnel includes Joseph Corbisiero and Robert McQuone. Parking Enforcement Officer Art Kennedy also serves in the Traffic Bureau.

The Traffic Bureau handles education, enforcement, and engineering aspects of traffic safety. The Cranford Police Department works energetically to ensure safe practices by the users of our roadways through multiple 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, and the Use of School Crossing Guards. Other educational programs administered by the Traffic Bureau include the HERO Designate Driver Campaign, WHALE Child Safety Campaign, and Keep Kids Alive Drive 25 Campaign. Detective Steven D'Ambola is responsible for organizing and conducting bicycle and pedestrian safety lectures as well as bicycle rodeos at every grammar school in Cranford. Detective William Pietrucha also provides training to the school crossing guards every year. All of the traffic detectives are also certified in the safe installation of car seats to make sure children are safe as they travel as passengers in vehicles.

The enforcement involves the traffic detectives out on the roads visibly writing traffic summonses. Numerous selective enforcements and radar details are undertaken by the traffic detectives on a daily basis. The Traffic Bureau monitors the number of cars using a given roadway, their speeds, and vehicle classification by using its two JAMAR Traffic Counters and two Speed Sentry Signs. This data is used to focus our enforcement on the areas that need it most and during the times of the most frequent violations. 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 long term effect on speeding than strictly enforcement. We also enforce bicycle violations and issue both summonses and warnings depending on the severity of the case.

The Department applied for and was awarded a grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety in 2018 for \$5,500 for Distracted Driving. The enforcement under this grant took place during the month of April 2018. Det. D'Ambola also coordinates the Pedestrian Decoy Program. The 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. 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's goal is to ultimately improve driver compliance and pedestrian safety.

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 Bureau office. The Traffic Bureau 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 Bureau 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.

D/Sgt. Perrotta heads the Cranford Police Department's Accreditation team. As Accreditation Manager, D/Sgt. Perrotta ensure that all CPD policies are in compliance with state standards. Over 100 standards require regular proofs to be met in accordance with these state standards. In December 2018, the NJSCOP Accreditation assessors performed a detailed on-site inspection of the Cranford Police Department. The department was granted a fourth re-accreditation following the inspection of the department's files and facilities.

D/Sgt. Perrotta is the HLEO officer for the Township of Cranford. In that capacity, D/Sgt. Perrotta serves as the liaison to the Union County Prosecutor's Office for any act of animal abuse, cruelty or neglect in Cranford. He also 21

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serves as the Domestic Violence liaison to the Union County Prosecutor's Office. D/Sgt. Perrotta attends quarterly briefings on new developments in Domestic Violence laws and procedures. He ensures that the Cranford Police Department meets or exceeds the protocols to investigate these crimes and provide victims with the resources that they need.

On July 1, 2018, the Cranford Police Department transitioned to Jobs4Blue for the administration of the police extra duty assignments. Prior to July, Det. Wagner and Det D'Ambola oversaw the awarding and scheduling of these extra duty assignments. Jobs4Blue has streamlined the extra duty assignment process and freed up the traffic detectives to spend more time on the education, enforcement and engineering aspects of traffic safety. D/Sgt. Perrotta serves as the contact person with Jobs4Blue to make sure any issues are dealt with expeditiously. He regularly checks work sites and road closure plans to make sure the safety of workers and motorists is adhered to.

D/Sgt. Perrotta also submits reports on developmental issues in the Township of Cranford as they come before the zoning and planning boards. The Developmental Review Committee meets and screens all zoning and planning board applications for potential issues before the applications proceed before those boards. D/Sgt. Perrotta serves on the DRC in looking out for traffic issues that could come about from these developmental applications.

Det. D'Ambola conducts traffic studies and completes a monthly traffic report. He is also the Assistant Accreditation Manager. Det. D'Ambola runs an annual CPD Youth Academy that completed its 12th session in 2018. He also serves as the coordinator of the CPD Explorer Program and chairs the Township of Cranford Parking Committee. In his role as Committee Chair, Det. D'Ambola runs quarterly meetings on parking issues around town. He also is the Department's DWI/DRE liaison and was elected as VP of the Union County Traffic Officers Association in 2018. Det. D'Ambola regularly runs school safety presentations and applies for traffic safety grants as well.

Det. Wagner and Det. Pietrucha ran the crossing guard program for the department in 2018. During the 2017-2018 school year the Traffic Division was required to provide coverage at **40** 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 **189** public/parochial school days occurred of which **145** did not require members of the police department to fill in for a school guard. These posts were covered by reserve school guards, the parking enforcement officer, and sworn personnel.

Detective Pietrucha 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 2018, **360 vehicles** were towed and **1** was sold at public auction. Detective Pietrucha is in charge of advertising, setting up, and running the department's car, and equipment auctions and Detective D'Ambola is in charge of the bicycle auction.

Det. Pietrucha also oversees the software programs in the police vehicles and the payroll for the crossing guards. Detective Pietrucha is responsible for the portable radio maintenance and assists in managing fleet maintenance. In addition, Detective Pietrucha coordinates the purchase, installation, maintenance, and repair of the mobile personal computers (MPC) in the radio cars.

The forty-nine 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 Officer Art

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Kennedy carries a tablet with web access that reports real time use of the lots. A quick glance at the tablet displays expired meter parking spaces as well as meter malfunctions.

Cranford hosts dozens of productions for commercials, television shows, and movies in a given year. In addition, hardly a weekend goes by through the Spring, Summer and Fall months that does not have runs, festivals, fairs or other special events taking place in Cranford. Det. D'Ambola regularly completes Special Operations Plan to safeguard the planning and security at these events. All coordination between the township and production companies, vendors and other event sponsors was done by the Traffic Bureau. This included arranging for extra duty police officers, street closings, special parking, security, and more.

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 Bureau personnel as well.

As is the case every year, Traffic Maintenance personnel, Joseph Corbisiero and Robert McQuone, were busy in 2018. 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; bicycle rodeo setup; traffic counter placement; Speed Sentry Sign; 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. In 2018, the traffic light at the intersection of North Union and Alden Street was replaced to bring it up to date to with the rest of the traffic lights in the downtown area. Summer maintenance staff included Liam Duffy and Daniel Delayo. Members of the Traffic Bureau 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.



Above, motor vehicle crash at the intersection of Springfield Avenue and North Union Avenue, November 30th. 23

SCHOOL SAFETY

Traffic Bureau

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 2018, we lost one of our long time Guards. Nazaire Jennings, appointed in 1979 and retired in early 2018, after 39 years of service! In order to fill the post of our retired guard in 2018, Gerald Werrell was elevated to full time status. To meet the need for reserve guards, Tim Corcoran was hired as a reserve in February 2018. We look forward to working with him in the coming years. The undated photo below shows Nazaire on her post.

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 2018.

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS - 2018

Tom D'Agostino	Brookside Place/Spruce Street
Phillip Andrews	Hillside Avenue Tunnel
Dennis Armento	Orange Avenue/Wadsworth Terrace
Beatriz Grasso	Denman Road/Culin Drive
Aron Tsin/Gerald Werrell	West End Place/Spruce Street
Richard Maier	Springfield Avenue/West End Place
Nazaire Jennings/Gerald Werrell/Aron Tsin	Centennial Avenue/Hillside Avenue
Robert Bell	Alden Street/Miln Street
Anna Kravetz	Denman Road/Livingston Avenue
Betty Mobley	Walnut Avenue/Blake Avenue
Roy Torrigiani	Bloomingdale Avenue/Albany Street
Leonard Messner	North Lehigh Tunnel
Vincent Ditta	Brookside Place / Orchard Street

RESERVE GUARDS

Charles Gonzalez
Tim Corcoran



Crossing Guard Robert Bell and his son, Patrolman Thomas Bell.



CRASHES & INJURIES

Traffic Bureau

REPORTABLE CRASHES					
	2017		2018		
Type	Crashes	Fatal	Crashes	Fatal	% Change
Motor Vehicle vs. Motor Vehicle	77	1	79	0	3%
Motor Vehicle vs. Parked Vehicle	8	0	3	0	-63%
Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian	14	0	8	0	43%
Motor Vehicle vs. Bicyclist	5	0	5	0	0%
Motor Vehicle vs. Fixed Object	9	0	9	0	0%
Other	0	0	0	0	0%
TOTAL	113	1	104	0	-8%

NON-REPORTABLE CRASHES			
Type	2017	2018	% Change
Motor Vehicle vs. Motor Vehicle	426	425	0%
Motor Vehicle vs. Parked Vehicle	154	148	-4%
Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian	1	1	0%
Motor Vehicle vs. Bicyclist	3	1	-67%
Motor Vehicle vs. Fixed Object	50	64	28%
Other	7	10	43%
TOTAL	641	649	1%

INJURIES FROM CRASHES			
Type	2017	2018	% Change
Transported to Hospital	88	56	-36%
Complaint of Pain (RMA)	49	73	49%
Fatality	1	0	-100%
TOTAL	138	129	-7%

MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS

Traffic Bureau

The following is a comparative classification of motor vehicle violations between the period of January 2018 and December 2018 with the same period in 2017.

VIOLATION	2017	2018
Speeding	175	151
Stop Sign	42	37
Careless Driving	329	352
Reckless Driving	17	11
Driving Under The Influence	75	46
Open Container In Vehicle	25	15
CDS In Motor Vehicle	156	121
Wrong Way On One Way Street	5	2
Traffic Signal	69	50
Improper Passing	14	23
Illegal Turns	107	83
Obstructing Traffic	283	314
Driving While On Cell Phone	131	82
Unlicensed Driver	110	78
Revoked Driver	458	261
Unregistered Vehicle	243	190
Uninsured Motorist	35	26
Failure to Exhibit Documents	702	524
Leaving The Scene Of An Accident	22	25
Fictitious/Obstructed Plates	499	394
Maintenance Of Lamps	759	415
Seatbelt Violation	609	356
Safety Glass Violation	454	295
Inspection Law	104	66
Failure To Stop For Pedestrians	27	21
Other Moving Violations	299	242
TOTALS	5,749	4,180

PARKING VIOLATIONS

Traffic Bureau

The following is a comparative classification of parking violations between the period of January 2018 and December 2018 with the same period in 2017.

VIOLATION	2017	2018
Meter Parking	3,700	3,260
Permit Parking	212	364
Restricted Hours	817	805
Improper Parking	241	340
Overnight Parking	146	215
Fire Zone	9	5
Handicap Parking	24	21
Meter Feeding	9	4
Failure To Park Off Roadway	1	3
Unattended Vehicle	0	0
Within Intersection	40	41
Parked On A Crosswalk	7	7
Blocking A Driveway	4	13
25' Of A Crosswalk	51	119
Parked On A Sidewalk	3	1
Posted "No Parking" Zone	1	0
50' Of A Stop Sign	32	55
10' Of A Fire Hydrant	15	26
Double Parking	0	1
Other Parking Violations	7	2
TOTALS	5,319	5,282

MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT

Traffic Bureau

The Cranford Police Department's motorized equipment presently consists of forty-nine (49) units; six cars, twenty sport utilities, two motorcycles, three traffic trucks, six military surplus vehicles, one command post, one electric vehicle, one trailer, two boats, one trailer-mounted generators, one stage, four light towers, and a variable message board. Below is a list of these vehicles:

1	2012 Dodge Charger
1	2013 Ford Utility Police Interceptor 4X4
5	2014 Ford Utility Police Interceptor 4X4
6	2016 Ford Utility Police Interceptor 4X4
6	2018 Ford Utility Police Interceptor 4X4
1	2010 Lincoln MKX
1	2010 Chevrolet Tahoe 4X4
1	2010 Dodge Charger
1	2010 Ford Police Interceptors
2	2008 Ford Police Interceptors
1	2006 Ford Police Interceptors
1	2010 Harley Davidson Motorcycle
1	1995 Harley Davidson Motorcycle
1	2015 Ford F-450 Super Duty Bucket Truck
1	2001 Ford F-450 Super Duty Platform Truck
1	2017 Ford F-250 Super Duty Pick-up Truck
1	1998 Toyota Camry
2	1988 American General Humvee
1	1989 American General Humvee
1	1990 American General Humvee
2	1991 BMY Harsco 5 Ton Truck
1	2009 BMY Harsco Command Post
1	2013 T3 Motion
1	2015 Zodiac ERB380 Boat
1	2017 Zodiac ERB380 Boat
1	2003 Kristi Utility Trailer
1	2012 Precision Solar Controls Message Board Trailer
1	1995 Utility Tool & Body Stage
1	1995 Utility Tool & Body Generator
1	2009 AMD Light Tower
3	2016 Allmand Light Tower

A total of **232,371 miles** were traveled by motorized equipment during the year of 2018. Vehicles were serviced approximately every 3,000 miles and were cleaned and washed on average of once a week.





“U Drive. U Text. U Pay.” Mobilization

The Cranford Police Department received \$5,500 in grant money from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for seatbelt enforcement during the national “U Drive. U Text. U Pay.” campaign. The goal of the program is to increase seatbelt usage rates through education and enforcement.

Distracted driving is a dangerous epidemic on America’s roadways. In 2015 alone, 3,477 people were killed in distracted driving crashes. An estimated 391,000 people were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver. In New Jersey, driver inattention remains the most significant cause of fatal and incapacitating crashes. Driver inattention was listed as a contributing circumstance in 52 percent of the state’s crashes in 2015. Driver inattention was in fact listed as a contributing factor in crashes at a rate nine times higher than that of the next highest contributing factor (speed).

Distracted driving is any activity that diverts a person’s attention away from the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger driver, passenger and bystander safety. Because using a hand-held cell phone while driving to make calls or send text messages requires visual, manual, and cognitive attention from the driver, they are by far the most alarming distractions.

April is National Distracted Driver Month, which is a time to remind New Jersey motorists of the state’s distracted driving laws, which include a ban on hand-held cell phone use and text messaging by all drivers and a ban on all cell phone use (hand-held or hands free) by novice drivers.

This year’s “U Drive. U Text. U Pay.” Mobilization was conducted from April 1, 2018 to April 21, 2018. A total of 120 hours of overtime were utilized, by Cranford officers, on an overtime basis, to conduct special enforcement patrols targeting distracted drivers. The patrols consisted of roving patrols and a fixed checkpoint. These overtime hours were reimbursed by the grant. Below is a summary of the department’s enforcement efforts.

Total Cell Phone Violations: 23

All Other Violations: 325

TOTAL SUMMONSES DURING THE MOBILIZATION: 348

Arrests included 51 for drug possession and/or felony/warrants.

DWI PROGRAM

Traffic Bureau

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 2018 we had in Cranford **ten (10) accidents (zero (0) involving injury)** directly attributed to drunk drivers. There has been a **decrease** in the number of alcohol related accidents over the **fifteen (15)** we had in 2017. 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 2018 the department had **twenty-four (24)** 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 Ryan Greco	Sgt. Thomas Feeney	Ptl. Brian Wagner
Det/Lt Stephen Wilde	Sgt. Steven Toy	Ptl. Michael Andrews
Det/Lt Edward Davenport	Sgt. Russell Luedecker	Ptl. Thomas Bell
Lt. Craig Marino	Det. Spencer Durkin	Ptl. John Colineri
Lt. Christopher Polito	Det. William Pietrucha	Ptl. John Rattigan
Det/Sgt. Eugene Perrotta	Det. Derek Farbanec	Ptl. Timothy Handy
Det/Sgt. Matthew Nazzaro	Det. Steven D'Ambola	Ptl. James Knight
Det/Sgt. John Swandrak	Det. Christopher DiFabio	Ptl. Shayne Temple

As in previous years this agency stressed to our officers the need to detect and apprehend those driving while intoxicated. During the year **2018** these efforts resulted in **forty-six (46)** arrests being made for Driving While Intoxicated within the Township of Cranford. Of the **46** arrests, **8** refused to submit to breath testing, **3** gave urine and **0** had blood drawn. This shows a **39%** decrease from the **seventy-five** arrests made in the year **2017**. The Department's Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), Detective Steven D'Ambola, was called out to perform an evaluation for **four (4)** subject.

As we move forward into the year **2019** 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 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

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as one drink and is caught driving can be charged with DWI. In **2017 (2)** drivers were charged under this law. This number **has decreased to zero (0) in 2018**.

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. There has been **zero (0)** arrests made within the township under this law in **2018**, the same as in 2017.

Despite the lowering of the BAC to .08%, we continue to believe that one of the most important programs in reducing the number of drunk drivers on our roadways has been that of educating the public on the hazards of driving while under the influence. During 2018 the department continued its educational program at Cranford High School in conjunction with the Director for Athletics/ Supervisor of Physical Education and Health Mr. Darren Torsone. This program has been conducted for the past *twenty eight* years. The day is dedicated to our officers giving a slide/lecture presentation on alcohol related accidents which have occurred within the township over the past several years. The officers give the students a review of New Jersey Drunk Driving Laws and the consequences they would face if charged for D.W.I. Afterwards the officers have had some very lively discussions with the students on the laws and penalties involved with drinking and driving, especially those related to the underage driver. Students have the opportunity to wear the Drunk Busters Goggles and navigate a coned course while operating a pedal cart. We also, during these sessions, receive so very positive input from the students on both our enforcement and educational programs.

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.



Photo Above, motor vehicle crash on Myrtle Street near Centennial Avenue on March 5th involving a DWI.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The chart below depicts all of the complaints received by the Cranford Police Department in 2018.

Type of Complaint	Anonymous Complaints	Citizen Complaints	Agency Complaints	Total Complaints
Excessive Force	0	2	0	2
Improper Arrest	0	0	0	0
Improper Entry	0	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	1	0	1
Other Criminal Violation	0	2	0	2
Differential Treatment	0	2	0	2
Demeanor	0	3	0	3
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0
Other Rule Violation	0	1	10	11
TOTAL	0	11	10	21

All allegations are investigated by experienced, specially trained investigators who analyze the incidents. Completed investigations are forwarded to the Chief of Police for review with a recommended final disposition.

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

The chart below depicts the complaints concluded with a final disposition by the Department in 2018.

Type of Complaint	Sustained	Exonerated	Non Sustained	Unfounded	Admin Closed	Total Dispositions
Excessive Force	0	2	0	0	0	2
Improper Arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Entry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Criminal Violation	0	1	0	1	0	2
Differential Treatment	0	0	0	3	0	3
Demeanor	0	3	0	0	0	3
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Rule Violation	9	1	0	0	1	11
TOTAL	9	7	0	4	1	21

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

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, Transfer/Reassignment, Monetary Fine, Loss of Promotional Opportunity, Demotion, or Dismissal.

The Internal Affairs Unit files all quarterly and yearly reports with the Union County Prosecutor's Office. The unit also investigates and/or completes all required reporting related to use of force incidents, discharge of weapons not related to training, vehicle pursuits, and collisions involving department vehicles. All complaints, investigations, and final dispositions are monitored and evaluated as part of our early warning system, for indicators of any need for additional training, assistance, or modification of existing policy or procedure.

The chart below indicates the use of force summary for the Cranford Police Department in 2018.

USE OF FORCE SUMMARY	2017	2018
Total Use of Force Incidents	18	14
Type of Force Used		
Physical Force	17	13
Mechanical Force	1	0
OC	1	1
PR-24	0	0
Other	0	0
Deadly Force	0	0
Sex		
Male Suspect	16	12
Female Suspect	2	2
Injuries		
Suspect Injured	2	0
Officer Injured	0	1
Type of Assignment		
Crime in Progress	3	1
Motor Vehicle Stop/Arrest	13	6
Domestic Violence	1	1
Other (Medical, Suspicious, etc.)	1	6

RECORDS DIVISION

Detective Lieutenant Craig Marino replaced Detective Sergeant Russell Luedecker as Records Division commander and is assisted by two civilian clerks, Jean McComb and Janet Spricigo. Jean has been assigned to the Records function for over 30 years; Janet is in her fifth year.

One of the primary responsibilities of the Records Division is records management. Every report or document generated within the Department gets processed through the Records Division for data entry, filing and quality assurance. By law, we are required to maintain every record for a specified amount of time and provide for public access to these reports under the Open Public Records Act. Reports are also provided to attorneys for discovery, the Family Court in domestic violence cases, and other Township entities. The Records Division 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 division function that generates the largest amount of revenue is the sale and management of parking permits: 12-hour permits (\$600/year), 9-hour permits (\$500/year), and overnight permits(\$200/year). In addition to permits, the Records Division also sells parking smartcards. The Records Division also manages and enforces our alarm registration and monitoring program and collects revenues from and manages Firearms Purchaser Identification applications, handgun purchase permits, and permit to carry applications.

Firearms Purchaser ID Card Applications 67
Permit to Carry Applications 2

Handgun Purchase Permit Applications 193
Replacement/Duplicate ID Card Applications 28

The following revenue was collected by the Cranford Police Department Records Bureau in 2018.

Account	Revenue Collected
False Alarm Fees	\$1,940.00
Alarm Registration	\$23,390.00
Firearms Permits	\$537.00
Fingerprinting	\$170.00
Miscellaneous	\$250.00
Bicycle Licenses	\$812.00
Accident Reports	\$2,985.00
Parking Permits	\$411,704.82
Peddler/Canvasser Permits	\$450.00
Discovery	\$924.98
Smart Cards	\$2,339.00
MRNA	\$595.29
Misc. Meter Money	\$5,446.50
Total	\$451,544.59

In addition to traditional records management and permitting functions, Detective Lieutenant Marino is also the Information Technology officer and system administrator for the various in-house computer systems used by the police. 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.

This year the Records Bureau received permission from the New Jersey Department of Archives and Records Management to purge records that were no longer required to be held according to the established records retention schedule. The purging of the records was started and the filing system for the newly created records was changed to make future purging easier and more efficient. A new copy machine was also purchased in 2018.

TRAINING

Cranford police officers receive their initial, mandatory training and certification at the John H. Stamler Police Academy. Upon graduation, the new officers enter our Field Training Program where they are teamed with a senior officer for 14 weeks.

The New Jersey Attorney General mandates semi-annual training in firearms, use of force, and vehicular pursuits 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 topics. Cranford Police Department personnel completed the following training courses in 2018:

Michael Andrews

CPR Recertification
LE Resp to Indiv w/Special Needs/Mental Health Issue

Anthony Aurelio

CPR Recertification
Verbal Judo

Thomas Bell

CPR Recertification
Document Fraud For Law Enforcement

Matthew Blanck

CPR Recertification
Telecommunicator Continuing Education Refresher
Telecommunicator Role in Active Shooter Events

Robert Chamra

Narcotics I
CPR Recertification
Motor Vehicle Laws: Title 39 Update
Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training
Juvenile Investigations
Becoming the Title 39 Expert
The Automobile: Stopping, Searching, Seizing

Carol Cole

Microsoft Excel Basic

John Colineri

LE Resp to Indiv w/Special Needs/Mental Health Issue
CPR Recertification
LIDAR Operator Certification

Nicholas Cook

Bleeding Control for the Injured
Radar Operator Certification

Joseph Corbisiero

Work Zone Temporary Control Tech
CPR Recertification
Traffic Signs & Pavement Markings

Jason D'Agostino

Radar Operator Rcertification
Basic Field Training Officer
Active Shooter Training
ARIDE- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enfmt
CPR Recertification
Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training
Water Rescue & Emergency Response Operations
Forcible Entry/Breaching Course

Steven D'Ambola

Crime Scene Processing
Accreditation Manager Training
NJDHHS Crash Analysis Tool
Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)
GIS System Update
Radar Instructor Certification
Mass Fatality Management - Vehicle Attacks
NJ Impaired Driving Summit
CPR Recertification
NJ Crossing Guard Training - Train the Trainer
Pedestrian/Bicycle Crash Investigation Level 1 & 2
Police Work Zone Safety - Train the Trainer
Emerging Drug Trends & Fentanyl Safety
Alcotest 7110 Recertification
CARFAX Investigations Seminar
DRE Re-Certification

Edward Davenport

Radar Instructor Refresher
Crime Scene Processing
Cybersecurity Awareness for Law Enforcement
The Dark Web
Plan/Prep for Rallies & Protests on College Campus
Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)
GIS System Update
Active Shooter Training
CPR Recertification
Creating Safe & Secure Schools
Understanding Bitcoin In Criminal Investigations
News Media Relations
eCDR & LiveScan Refresher
LE Resp to Indiv w/Special Needs/Mental Health Issue
BEAST - User Training
Firearms Application & Registration System (FARS)

TRAINING

2018 Safe Schools Symposium
Homegrown Violent Extremist Mobilization Indicator
Alcotest 7110 Recertification
CARFAX Investigations Seminar
Social Media Methods

Michael Davis

CPR Recertification
Verbal Judo
Telecommunicator Continuing Education Refresher

Christopher DiFabio

Firearms Laws & Applicant Investigations
Crime Scene Processing
LE Resp to Indiv w/Special Needs/Mental Health Issue
GIS System Update
Active Shooter Training
CPR Recertification
Liquor License Investigations
Water Rescue & Emergency Response Operations
DWI/SFST Refresher
F.A.T.S. Instructor Training
Firearms Application & Registration System (FARS)
Economic Crisis Seminar
Alcotest 7110 Recertification

Daniel Donnerstag

Basic Feld Training Officer
ARIDE- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enfnt
Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training
CPR Recertification
Firearms Instructor Certification
Exterior Response to Active Shooter Events-Trainer
M4 Qualifications
Bicycle Patrol I
Active Shooter Training

Michael Dubitsky

Radar Operator Recertification
Crime Scene Processing
Reid Interviewing & Advanced Interrogation
Electronic Nicotene Delivery Systems (ENDS)
GIS System Update
Active Shooter Training
Advanced Crisis Intervention/Juvenile Issues
CPR Recertification
Understanding Bitcoin In Criminal Investigations
Cyber Crime Scene & Internet Investigations
Juvenile Justice Update
Child Abduction & Missing Person Investigations
Statement Taking
Evidence Collection & Packaging Procedures
The Bullet Proof Mind

36 Safe Schools Resource Officer/School Liaison

BEAST User Training 2018
Recovery of Evidence from CCTV Video Recordings
Firearms Application & Registration System (FARS)

Spencer Durkin

Electronic Nicotene Delivery Systems (ENDS)
GIS System Update
Active Shooter Training
CPR Recertification
LE Resp to Indiv w/Special Needs/Mental Health Issue
Liquor License Investigations
Animal Cruelty Training
Firearms Application & Registration System (FARS)
ABC: Enforcement Techniques for Law Enforcement
CARFAX Investigations Seminar

Derek Farbanec

The Dark Web
GIS System Update
Retirement Planning
LE Resp to Indiv w/Special Needs/Mental Health Issue
MTU - Anti-Terrorism Symposium
CPR Recertification
Understanding Bitcoin in Criminal Investigations
Firearms Application & Registration System (FARS)
Economic Crisis Seminar

Gregory Federici

Drug Interdiction & Concealed Compartments
ARIDE- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enfnt
CPR Recertification
Child Abductions & Missing Persons Investigations
Basic Tactical Narcotics Training Class #3
Active Shooter Training
Community LE Addiction Recovery Training

Thomas Feeney

Radar Operator Recertification
FBI LEEDA - Command Leadership Institute (CLI)
CPR Recertification
LE Resp to Indiv w/Special Needs/Mental Health Issue
Evidence Collection & Packaging Procedures
Active Shooter Training

Lynne Galvez

CPR Recertification
Child Abductions & Missing Persons Investigations
Female Officer Survival
Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)
Active Shooter Training
Community LE Addiction Recovery Training

TRAINING

Ryan Gerrity

LE Resp to Indiv w/Special Needs/Mental Health Issue
Radar Operator Recertification
Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training
Narcotics I & II
Courtroom Testimony
Conductive Energy Device Training
CPR Recertification
Interview & Interrogations
Gang Awareness
M4 Qualifications
LIDAR Operator Certification
Active Shooter Training

Ryan Greco

New Police Chiefs Orientation
CPR Recertification
Creating Safe & Secure Schools
LE Resp to Indiv w/Special Needs/Mental Health Issue
OPRA & Records Management for Chiefs & Executives
NJSACOP Budgeting for the Police Executive
NJSACOP Annual Training Conference
Active Shooter Training
Medical Marijuana: Public Employers Need to Know

Christopher Gross

Narcan Training
Active Shooter Training
Below 100
CPR Recertification
Verbal Judo
Bleeding Control for the Injured
Patrol Practices/Motor Vehicle Stops
LE Resp to Indiv w/Special Needs/Mental Health Issue
Radar Operator Certification
Update on Recent Case Law

Briana Hall

Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD)

Timothy Handy

Radar Operator Recertification
CPR Recertification
Union County Advanced Gang Training
Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training
Alcotest 7110 Operator Certification
LIDAR Operator Certification
Active Shooter Training

Nelson Hearn

Radar Operator Recertification
CPR Recertification
LE Resp to Indiv w/Special Needs/Mental Health Issue
DWI/SFST Refresher

CPR Recertification

Nadia Jones

Share the Keys Facilitator Training
Radar Operator Recertification
Crime Scene Processing
Community Policing - Train the Trainer - PATT
Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)
GIS System Update
Advanced Crisis Intervention/Juvenile Issues
CPR Recertification
Evidence Collection & Packaging Procedures
Juvenile Justice Update
Statement Taking
School Security Assessments - Train the Trainer
The Bullet Proof Mind
Firearms Application & Registration System (FARS)
Teen Dating Abuse
Bias Based Policing
Women in Law Enforcement Leadership Symposium

Sandana Jones

CPR Recertification
Telecommunicator Continuing Education Refresher

Robert Jordan

#NotEvenOnce Training
Radar Operator Recertification
Crime Scene Processing
Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)
GIS System Update
Active Shooter Training
CPR Recertification
Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events- Trainer
POAC Autism Shield Training
Sexual Assault Investigations
Crime Prevention for Community Policing Officers
School Security Assessments - Train the Trainer
Water Rescue & Emergency Response Operations
Firearms Application & Registration System (FARS)
Statement Taking
CARFAX Investigations Seminar
REID Technique of Interview & Interrogation
Community LE Addiction Recovery Training

Arthur Kennedy

CPR Recertification

James Knight

Radar Operator Recertification
Adv. Crisis Intervention/Juvenile Issues
LE Resp to Indiv w/Special Needs/Mental Health Issue
Conductive Energy Device Training

TRAINING

CPR Recertification
ARIDE- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enfcmnt
Crisis Negotiation for First Responders
Active Shooter Training

Corey LoForte

Radar Operator Recertification
CPR Recertification
Advanced Identification of Fraudulent Documents
Cyber Crime & Internet Investigations
Child Abductions & Missing Persons Investigations
Active Shooter Training

Russell Luedecker

NJSACOP Command & Leadership Program
LE Resp to Indiv w/Special Needs/Mental Health Issue
Conductive Energy Device Training
CPR Recertification
Alctest 7110 Recertification
Evidence Collection & Packaging Procedures

Craig Marino

LE Resp to Indiv w/Special Needs/Mental Health Issue
Cybersecurity Awareness for Law Enforcement
Internal Affairs Investigations
OPRA & Records Management for Supervisors
CPR Recertification
Drug testing & The Internal Affairs Investigator
OPRA In Depth: Privacy & Law Enforcement Issues
eCDR & LiveScan Refresher
CASIM- Comprehensive Active Shooter Incident Mgt

Jean McComb

OPRA Indepth Privacy & Law Enforcemet Issues
CPR Recertification

Robert McQuone

Traffic Signal Field technician Level II
Traffic Signs & Pavement Markings
CPR Recertification

Ryan McSharry

Bleeding Control for the Injured
Radar Operator Certification

Robert Merrill

CPR Recertification
Telecommunicator Training NECI 911 - DV Calls
Telecommunicator Training - Cimes in Progress
CIT-NJ Tele-Communicators Program
Telecommunicator Role in Active Shooter Events

Ali Muhammad

BTC 9-1-1 Certification
Emergency Medical Dispatch EMD Certification

Active Shooter Training
Narcotics I
CPR Recertification
Basic Spanish I & II for Law Enforcement Officers
DWI Detection & SFST Course
Becoming the Title 39 Expert

Matthew Nazzaro

Electronic Nicotene Delivery Systems (ENDS)
GIS System Update
Internal Affairs Investigations
LE Resp to Indiv w/Special Needs/Mental Health Issue
Drug testing & The Internal Affairs Investigator
Creating Safe & Secure Schools
The Bullet Proof Mind
NJSACOP Command & Leadership Program
Firearms Application & Registration System (FARS)
2018 Safe Schools Symposium

Daniel Norton

LE Resp to Indiv w/Special Needs/Mental Health Issue
CPR Recertification

Timothy O'Brien

Radar Operator Recertification
GIS System Update
CPR Recertification
LE Resp to Indiv w/Special Needs/Mental Health Issue
Sexual Assault Investigations
Water Rescue & Emergency Response Operations
Evidence Collection & Packaging Procedures

Michael O'Neil

Radar Operator Recertification
ARIDE- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enfcnt
Active Shooter Training
Narcotics I & II
CPR Recertification
Child Abductions & Missing Persons Investigations
Water Rescue & Emergency Response Operations
M4 Qualifications

Christian Pasternak

Narcotics I & II
CPR Recertification
DWI Detection & SFST Course
Active Shooter Training

Guy Patterson

Disaster Management for Electrical Power Systems
Disaster Management for Water/Wastewater Utilities
Critical Infrastructure Security & Resilience Awareness
Jurisdictional Threat ID & Risk Assessment
Protective Measures Course
Plan/Prep for Rallies & Protests on College Campus

TRAINING

GIS System Update
IED Search Procedures
Mass Fatality Management - Vehicle Attacks
NJ Impaired Driving Summit
Critical Asset Risk Management
MTU Anti-Terrorism Symposium
Advanced Critical Infrastructure Protection
CPR Recertification
Disaster Management for Public Services
Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals & Healthcare
CASIM- Comprehensive Active Shooter Incident Mgt
Megan's Law/Offender Watch Training
F.A.T.S. Instructor Training
2018 Safe Schools Symposium
Active Shooter Training
ICAT - Train the Trainer
Medical Marijuana: Public Employers Need to Know
NJSACOP Mid-Year Conference
Using Schools as a Shelter During Crisis
Bomb Threat Management Course
Community LE Addiction Recovery Training

Eugene Perrotta

Share the Keys Facilitator Training
Crime Scene Processing
GIS System Update
Common Sense Solutions for Intersection Problems
Active Shooter Training
LE Resp to Indiv w/Special Needs/Mental Health Issue
Traffic Signs & Pavement Markings
CPR Recertification
NJ Crossing Guard Training - Train the Trainer
Animal Cruelty Training
NJTR-1 Crash Form Refresher
NJSACOP Budgeting for the Police Executive
Traffic Incident Management for 1st Responders
Work Zone Safety Awareness for Police
LIDAR Operator Certification
PTC Certified Humane Law Enforcement Officer
Alcotest 7110 Recertification
CARFAX Investigations Seminar
NJSACOP Mid-Year Conference

William Pietrucha

Radar Operator Recertification
LE Resp to Indiv w/Special Needs/Mental Health Issue
Radar Instructor Certification - Initial
CPR Recertification
CARFAX Investigations Seminar

Christopher Polito

Plan/Prep for Rallies & Protests on College Campus
Mass Fatality Management - Vehicle Attacks
Sports & Special Events Incident Management

CPR Recertification
Mid-Atlantic LEEDS
Active Shooter Training

Liam Powell

CPR Recertification
CIT-NJ Tele-Communicators Program
Telecommunicator Role in Active Shooter Events

John Rattigan

Share the Keys Facilitator Training
Taser X2 CEW V20 Instructor Course
Radar Operator Recertification
Crime Scene Processing
CPR Recertification
Leadership & Supervision
Crime Prevention for Community Policing Officers
Firearms Application & Registration System (FARS)
Forcible Entry/Breaching Course
Update on Recent Case Law
Trauma Management

Kelly Rieder

Active Shooter Training
LE Resp to Indiv w/Special Needs/Mental Health Issue
CPR Recertification

Joseph Sherbo

CPR Recertification

Matthew Siessel

Active Shooter Training
LE Resp to Indiv w/Special Needs/Mental Health Issue
Conductive Energy Device Training
CPR Recertification
Interview & Interrogations
Bicycle Patrol I
Community LE Addiction Recovery Training

Janet Spricigo

CPR Recertification
OPRA & Records Management for Clerks

Thomas Stiansen

Supervision, Leadership, & Mentoring
Conductive Energy Device Training
CPR Recertification
LE Resp to Indiv w/Special Needs/Mental Health Issue
NJSACOP Front Line Supervision Program
Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training
Evidence Collection & Packaging Procedures

Joseph Stulpin

Radar Operator Recertification

TRAINING

CPR Recertification
Evidence Collection & Packaging Procedures
FBI LEEDA - Supervisor Leadership Institute (SLI)

John Swandrak

Firearms Laws & Applicant Investigations
Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)
GIS System Update
Retirement Planning
IED Search Procedures
Mass Fatality Management - Vehicle Attacks
Command Level Property & Evidence Management
CPR Recertification
Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events-Trainer
Managing the Police Training Function
M&P 2.0 Armorers School
Firearms Application & Registration System (FARS)
CARFAX Investigations Seminar
NJSACOP Mid-Year Conference
Community LE Addiction Recovery Training

Chapin Taggart

Telecommunicator Role in Active Shooter Events
Active Shooter & Counterterrorism Response for Comm

Shayne Temple

Conductive Energy Device Training
CPR Recertification
LE Resp to Indiv w/Special Needs/Mental Health Issue
ARIDE- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enfornt
Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)
Alcotest 7110 Operator Certification
LIDAR Operator Certification

Stacy Thorn

CPR Recertification

Steven Toy

EMT Refresher ABC Core 13
Cybersecurity Awareness for Law Enforcement
CPR Recertification
Evidence Collection & Packaging Procedures

Brian Trotter

Radar Operator Rcertification
Drug Interdiction & Concealed Compartments
Active Shooter Training
CPR Recertification
LE Resp to Indiv w/Special Needs/Mental Health Issue
How Not To Have Your Case Dismissed
Water Rescue & Emergency Response Operations
Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

Joseph Van Bergen

IED Explosive Effects Mitigation
Disaster Management for Electrical Power Systems
Disaster Management for Water/Wastewater Utilities
Critical Infrastructure Security & Resilience Awareness
Jurisdictional Threat ID & Risk Assessment
Cybersecurity Awareness for Law Enforcement
Protective Measures Course
Plan/Prep for Rallies & Protests on College Campus
GIS System Update
Mass Fatality Management - Vehicle Attacks
NJ Impaired Driving Summit
Creating Safe & Secure Schools
CPR Recertification
Managing Training Records in PowerDMS
OPRA & Records Management for Chiefs & Executives
NJSACOP Budgeting for the Police Executive
Disaster Management for Public Services
Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals & Healthcare
LE Resp to Indiv w/Special Needs/Mental Health Issue
FEMA - Special Events Contingency Planning
CASIM- Comprehensive Active Shooter Incident Mgt
Social Media Methods
Medical Marijuana: Public Employers Need to Know

Brian Wagner

Crime Scene Processing
NJDHTS Crash Analysis Tool
Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)
GIS System Update
Active Shooter Training
CPR Recertification
Adv. ID of Fraudulent ID & Fake DL Recognition
NJ Crossing Guard Training - Train the Trainer
Vehicle Theft and Staged Accidents
DWI/SFST Refresher
M4 Qualifications
Basic Crime Scene Investigation for Detectives

Stephen Wilde

Comprehensive Active Shooter Incident Management
Plan/Prep for Rallies & Protests on College Campus
CPR Recertification
LE Resp to Indiv w/Special Needs/Mental Health Issue
Domestic Violence Update
Microsoft Word Basic & Intermediate
Update on Recent Case Law



SOCIAL MEDIA

When the Cranford Police Department established a website in 1997 to give the public more access to departmental information and allow for communication with the public, we never could've imagined all the social media options we enjoy today – Nixle, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, YouTube, and the MyPD App.

Website: The department website (www.cranfordnj.org/police-department) provides information about the services we provide, includes links to our social media sites, and allows the viewing, downloading and printing of common forms/applications.

Nixle: In 2010, we implemented Nixle as our public safety alert and notification system. In 2018 it was used 318 times to alert residents to scheduled road work, traffic concerns/delays, public events, weather/storm alerts and other relevant topics. As of December 2018 we had over 8,500 registered users.

Facebook: In 2011, we launched a Facebook page (facebook.com/CranfordPD) and as of December 31, 2018 we had 7,837 followers (7.5% increase). The page includes reports of arrests and crimes, links to community access stories and current agency projects, photos, and historical information about the Department.

Twitter: Also in 2011, we 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. As of December 2018, we had 2,057 followers (12% increase) and since 2011 have broadcast over 6,000 messages.

Instagram: In April 2014, we expanded our social media presence by adding an Instagram account (@CranfordPolice) to appeal to the younger generation. In 2018 we broadcast 435 images of community events, agency equipment, and law enforcement activities to 2,742 followers (103% increase from 2017).

Pinterest: In July 2015, we added a Pinterest account (@CranfordPD) and in 2018 used it for 25 posts and had 14 followers.

YouTube: In 2017, we created a YouTube account to enhance our ability to share video. As of 2018 we had 12 subscribers and 1,120 views.

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.

MyPD App: In May 2015 we launched a new smartphone app in an effort to streamline public access to police information. MyPD, available free to iPhone and Android users via their respective app stores, offering about 40 features. The app features easy to view/use icons which connect users with agency contact information, directions, traffic updates, and weather services. MyPD also allows users to submit crime tips, ask questions and commend police officers. Thanks to social media integration, The Cranford Police Facebook Page, Twitter feed, and Instagram posts are viewable from within the MyPD app.

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 Captain Joseph Van Bergen and Lieutenant Edward Davenport. 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 future.

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.

In 2018, the Cranford Police Auxiliary welcomed three (3) 42 new officers to the unit, Jalen Howard, Kelvin Mangual



and Kimberly Maycott who graduated from the Auxiliary Police Academy in May of 2018. All three officers are an enthusiastic and dedicated addition to our unit and we wish them all years of successful involvement in the organization. Four (4) officers departed our ranks during 2018. Officers Urbanski, Kettler, Conklin and Sliva left for personal reasons or have moved on in the hierarchy of law enforcement.

We proudly recognize Officer Guempel who was awarded the Ralph Gregson award for outstanding service to the Township of Cranford. Officer Guempel also received the Training Citation Award. Administrative awards were given to Captain Nalepa, Lieutenant Demeo, Officer Grodzka and Lisowski. Retiring Officer Conklin was given the service award for ten years of service to the Cranford Police Auxiliary.

The Cranford Auxiliary Police had volunteer hours in 2018 totaling 3,215 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.

The 2018 membership of the Cranford Auxiliary Police stands at 15. The current members are:

Auxiliary Captain James Nalepa
Auxiliary Lieutenant Anthony DeMeo
Auxiliary Officer Philip Andrews
Auxiliary Officer Taryn Curry
Auxiliary Officer Archie DeMartino
Auxiliary Officer Matthew Devlin
Auxiliary Officer James Evelina
Auxiliary Officer Kyla Grodzka
Auxiliary Officer John Guempel
Auxiliary Officer Jalen Howard
Auxiliary Officer Timothy Lisowski
Auxiliary Officer Kelvin Mangual
Auxiliary Officer Kimberly Maycott
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/Sgt. Matthew Nazzaro.

In 2018 the Post had 26 members. That number is continually growing due to the recruitment efforts of the members of the Post. This year 7 new members joined. Unfortunately, we lost seven members who graduated high school and are now attending college. Twelve (12) members of our post participated in the 2018 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, DWI and Marijuana Investigations, Share the Keys, First Aid, Pursuits, Firearms, Ambush Attacks, Motor Vehicle Crash Investigation, Motor Vehicle Stops, and other basic department procedures.

Some of the activities the Post participated in during 2018 were traffic control at the 4th of July fireworks, Firecracker 4-miler, National Night Out, and Memorial Day parade. Explorers David Lugara, Kayla Murray, Anthony Graziano, Abigail Chang, Luke O'Brien, Jennifer Foster, Allen Davies, Timothy McSharry, Malik Mayers, Ben Romero, and Ray Schwartz donated a week out of their summer to help as assistant instructors for the 2018 Cranford Police Youth Academy. 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.



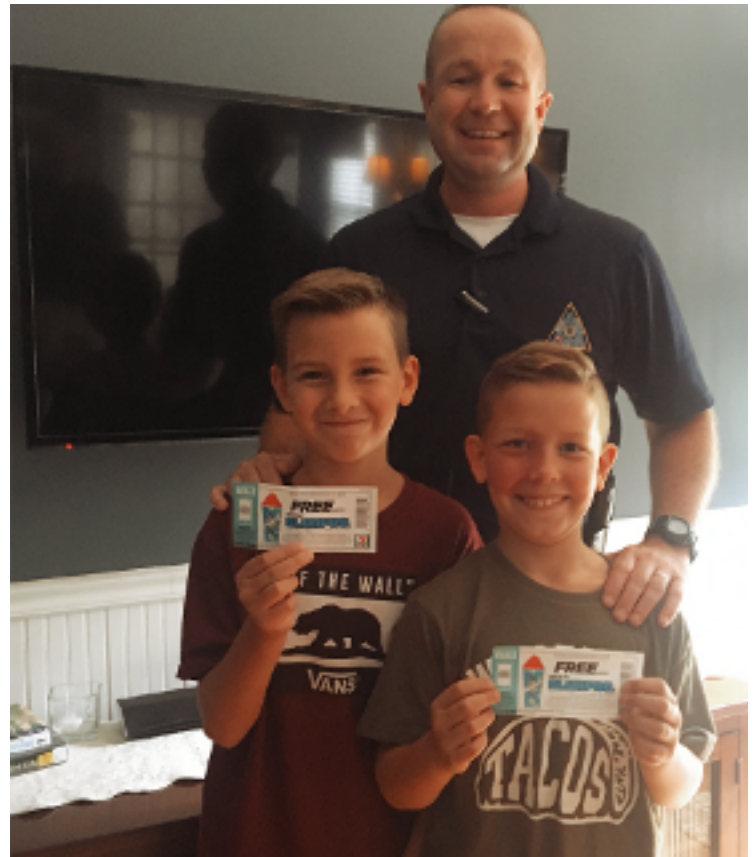
Photo Above, a few police explorers assisting at our National Night Out event in August.

COMMUNITY POLICING UNIT

The Community Policing Unit of the Cranford Police Department was created in January of 2018 with Officers John Rattigan and Robert Jordan under the supervision of Detective Sergeant John Swandrak. The reason for this unit is to have dedicated officers develop and maintain a positive working relationship with the community. Our officers are forming partnerships with, residents, business owners, local leadership groups, religious organizations as well as schools. With these partnerships we are able to solve local community issues, reduce crime and improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

Following is a list of our programs initiated in 2018:

- Coffee with a Cop
- Cop Cards
- Sambulance
- Firearms Safety Awareness Training
- Special Needs Registry
- Self Defense Class for High School Senior Girls
- Robbery Awareness Presentation
- Mobile Medication Drop Off
- School Supplies Drive
- Residential/ Business Security Surveys
- Food Drive
- Active Shooter Training for Civilians
- No sale of Tobacco to Minors
- Safecam





SPECIAL OPERATIONS TEAM

It is recognized that the presence of a highly trained, highly skilled police tactical unit has shown to substantially reduce the risk of injury or loss of life to citizens and suspects. The Cranford Police Department Special Operations Team provides the Cranford Police Department with the resource of a skilled team with advanced training in the containment of critical incidents. It is the policy of our Special Operations Team to respond to critical incidents and serve as a containment team unless otherwise specified by the on duty supervisor or the incident.

The following officers are members of the Special Operations Team: Patrolman John Rattigan- Commander of the Team, Patrolman John Rattigan – Commander of the Team, Detective Spencer Durkin, Patrolman Thomas Bell, Detective Brian Wagner, Detective Christopher DiFabio, Patrolman Daniel Donnerstag, Patrolman Michael O'Neil, Patrolman Ryan Gerrity, Patrolman Jason D'Agostino, and Patrolman Shayne Temple.

In 2018 the Special Operations Team conducted the following training: Rifle qualifications, Rifle shooting drills, Handgun shooting drills, Breaching (mechanical and hydraulic), Room clearing, and more.



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 is responsible for learning their respected position assignment as well as the other members so they can maintain unit integrity throughout a ceremony. The Honor Guard strengthens this knowledge through continued training and practice.

The Honor Guard is distinguished by the uniform they wear. 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. The most notable functions of the Honor Guard are to represent the Police Department in ceremonies and parades.

The Honor Guard members are Sergeant Steven Toy (Commander); Detectives William Pietrucha (Coordinator) and Derek Farbanec; and Patrolmen Thomas Bell, Daniel Norton, John Rattigan, Kelly Rieder, and Michael O'Neil.

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



Photo, Sergeant Steven Toy, Commander of the Honor Guard Unit.

WATER RESCUE UNIT

The Township of Cranford has been called the Venice of New Jersey. Whether it is a Northeaster, hurricane, or a severe thunderstorm, many in Cranford wonder, is it going to flood. To offset these concerns the Cranford Police Department Water Rescue Team was established in 1998. What started as a few Officers who had been lifeguards in their younger years and owned jet ski's, this team has morphed into a trained group of Cranford Police Officers from various Divisions within the Department.

Each member of the Water Rescue Team is trained as Certified Water Rescue Technicians and Swift Water Rescue Technicians. Training consists of classroom time, swimming in the Cranford Pool, and practical training at Round Valley Reservoir and Scudders Falls in New Jersey. The training includes annual requalifications, open water rescue operations, and boat operation training. The Cranford Police and Cranford Fire Departments conduct joint water rescue training.

The Water Rescue Team utilizes 2 "boat's in a bag." These boats are stored in bags which eliminate the need to trailer a boat. Once needed, the boat is inflated and an Evinrude 25hp Motor is attached. This allows the Water Rescue Team to deploy at almost any location and in a matter of minutes.

The Water Rescue Team was not deployed in 2018, however the Team did participate in the Cranford Police Youth Academy. The Water Rescue Team also conducted several training evolutions throughout the year.

Team Members in 2018 were: Sergeant Timothy O'Brien- Commander of Team, Sergeant Joseph Stulpin, Detective Steven D'Ambola, Detective Christopher Difabio, Detective Robert Jordan, Patrolman John Rattigan, Patrolman Matthew Siessel, Patrolman Daniel Donnerstag, Patrolman Michael O'Neil, Patrolman Brian Trotter, Patrolman James Knight, and Patrolman Jason D'Agostino.

Equipment:

- 2015 Zodiac ERB 380 12'9' Inflatable Boat Evinrude 25mph Motor
- 2017 Zodiac ERB 380 12'9' Inflatable Boat-Evinrude 25mph Motor
- Gortex "Dry" Rescue Suits
- Search and Rescue Personal Flotation Devices
- Specialty Stretcher with Flotation Collar
- Rope Equipment
- 4 Humvees
- 2 Five Ton Trucks



MOBILE COMMAND POST UNIT



The Cranford Police Department acquired military surplus vehicles in 2015 as part of a federal program that repurposes decommissioned military equipment for use by municipal and state agencies. All vehicles and equipment were obtained at no cost to the township. We were able to secure numerous pieces of equipment to assist our response to floods and hazardous weather. In addition, we obtained a vehicle to be used as a Mobile Command Post - 2009 BMV Harsco M934 Expandable Van. The department had not had a Command Post vehicle since the early 1980s when we decommissioned the vehicle which had been in use since the early 1960s. Coincidentally the previous vehicle was also an ex-military vehicle - 1942 Ford ambulance.

The Mobile Command Post is fully equipped with radios, telephones, and computers. In addition to coordinating field activities and personnel, the Mobile Command Post can serve as the police communications center if the municipal building is damaged or inaccessible, as was the case during Hurricane Irene. The vehicle is deployed for special events and large gatherings as a base of operations for our officers as well as an easily identifiable location for the public if in need of a police officer.

A Mobile Command Post Unit was created with officers trained in the use of the equipment in the vehicle as well as in the operation of the vehicle. Members of the Unit in 2018 were: Captain Joseph Van Bergen, Sergeant Russell Luedecker – Commander of the Team, Detective Sergeant Matthew Nazzaro, Detective Nadia Jones, Detective Chris DiFabio, Detective Michael Dubitsky, Detective William Pietrucha, Detective Robert Jordan, Patrolman Brian Wagner, Patrolman John Rattigan, Patrolman Gregory Federici, Patrolman Daniel Donnerstag, Patrolman Michael O'Neil, Patrolman Corey LoForte, and Patrolman James Knight.



Above Left Photo, Mobile Command Post deployed at the July 4th Fireworks at Nomahegan Park.

Above Right Photo, Mobile Command Post deployed for the annual Spring Street Festival in the Downtown.

YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

12th Session



We held the twelfth class of the Cranford Police Department Youth Police Academy from June 25 through June 29, 2018. The academy program, designed to bridge the gap between the members of the police department and the youth of Cranford, included 64 cadets from Cranford between the ages of 11 and 14.

The Youth Academy is held at the Cranford Police Department, Cranford Community Center, and Centennial Avenue Pool Complex. The Academy is under the direction of Detective Steven D'Ambola and Captain Joseph Van Bergen with Patrolman Daniel Donnerstag leading the daily military drill and physical fitness training. Following the daily drill and PT, the cadets have classroom activities.

Training sessions are designed to familiarize the cadets with the roles of Cranford police officers, as well as the functions of various county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. During the week, cadets received classroom lectures and practical exercises on police department structure, patrol operations, motor vehicle stops, investigative techniques, DWI, first aid/CPR, firearms safety, gang awareness, and traffic investigations.

Demonstrations were presented by the Cranford Police Department's Water Rescue Unit, Firearms Unit, Investigative Division, and Traffic Bureau. Additional presentations were made by the Cranford Fire Department Emergency Medical Services, United States Marine Corps, New Jersey Transit Police Department, New Jersey Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness, Union County Sheriff's K-9 and Crime Scene Units, Union County Bomb Squad, Union County SWAT, Union County Prosecutor's Office, Union County OEM HAZMAT, and U.S. Homeland Security Investigations.

More than 200 family and friends of the cadets attended the graduation ceremony held in the gym at the Cranford Community Center. During the ceremony, family and friends were given an overview of the Youth Academy Program. The highlight of the graduation was a video and slide show depicting the week-long training experience. All graduating cadets received certificates for their participation in the program.



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Above left, Members of the Cranford Police Department, as well as Cranford VFW Post 335 were on hand for Cranford resident Robert Clark celebrating his 100th birthday this weekend. Mr. Clark was a World War II Captain in the U.S. Marine Corps during the war.



Above right, the NJSP NorthStar helicopter at the John H. Stamler Police Academy in May.



Above left, Officer Siessel was patrolling his post in May & was flagged down by a group of children on Stratford Terrace. The kids asked if he would attend a funeral they were having for Peanut the neighborhood squirrel. He was happy to attend & gave the kids a tour of the police car during the repass. This was definitely a first for CPD.

Above right, Patrolman Rattigan of our Community Policing Unit and Detective D'Ambola of our Traffic Bureau gave a Distracted Driving presentation to Verizon service technicians/drivers at their Cranford facility in February.



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Public Safety Day

The Cranford Police Department took part in the annual Week of the Young Child Celebration held by Calvery Lutheran Nursery School and Helen K. Baldwin Nursery School on Holly Street in April.



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Left Column: Top, department members at the Hillside Avenue School Spring Scramble run in April; **Middle & Bottom**, members taking part in the Shining Stars Basketball Game in April to benefit the local special needs community.

Right Column, photo of various pedestrian and bicycle safety lectures and bicycle rodeos done by the Traffic Bureau at Cranford schools.

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B Hard Headed: Bicycle Safety Reward Campaign

In an effort to promote the use of helmets and encourage safe behavior, the Cranford Police Department and Children's Specialized Hospital Safe Kids Union County launched the "B Hard Headed" campaign during the month of May. This safety initiative uses positive reinforcement and education as a way to emphasize the importance of helmet safety and brain injury prevention.

Children under the age of 17 seen wearing a helmet when participating in a wheeled sport activity were given a "positive summons" by a Cranford Police Traffic or Juvenile Detective. The summons included a reward for the child for practicing safe responsible behavior. The reward, donated by Il Giordino Ristorante of 103 Miln Street, could be redeemed for a free slice of pizza at their establishment through June 15, 2018.

The summons also entered the helmet compliant rider into a raffle for a brand new Huffy Rock It 20-inch bicycle. This gift was made possible by a donation from the Children's Specialized Hospital. Chief Ryan Greco of the Cranford Police Department stated, "Our goal is to increase the use of helmets by those under the age of 17 and encourage children throughout our community to get "caught" wearing a helmet through this reward-based program."

Brain injury is a leading cause of death and disability in children and young adults. A properly worn helmet is the single most effective safety device available to reduce the chance of brain injury and death by as much as 85 percent. New Jersey's helmet law requires that "Children under the age of 17 wear a helmet while bicycling, skateboarding, and roller-skating." B Hard Headed is a community program that involves not only police and local children, but also schools, businesses, community leaders, media, and parents.

Photos, recipients of positive summonses in 2018.



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JUVENILE CHARGED IN RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE CASE

Patrolman Robert Charma was on patrol the evening of May 13, 2018 when he attempted to stop a motor vehicle for a traffic violation. As the driver slowed his 2000 Dodge van down, near the intersection of Orchard Street and Makatom Drive, he exited the moving vehicle in an attempt to flee the scene.

Cranford Police Officers engaged in a foot pursuit with the suspect as he entered the rear yards of residences along Brown Terrace. A perimeter was quickly established and through the assistance of the Union County Sheriff's Department, a Police K-9 was used to search for the subject. Further investigation had revealed that the Dodge van was a stolen vehicle out of Bayonne, NJ.

After a thorough search was conducted, the Garwood and Westfield Police Departments advised they had found a subject on a bicycle matching our description of the individual sought, near the intersection of South Avenue and Central Avenue in Westfield. The subject, a male 17-year old juvenile from Jersey City, was identified and placed under arrest by Ptl. Charma for Receiving Stolen Property and Eluding.

It was later determined that evening, that the juvenile had entered a vehicle on Beech Street while fleeing, and pulled its ignition, but was eventually unable to start it. The juvenile was processed and released to a parent. The Cranford Police Juvenile Bureau its continuing its investigation into the matter and expects additional charges of Burglary to be served to the juvenile.

Chief Ryan Greco of the Cranford Police Department was pleased with his officers' actions and the cooperation exhibited by the Garwood and Westfield Police Departments. "Working together with our neighboring-community Police Departments we were able to recover a stolen vehicle and prevent further criminal activity this individual had intended to commit", stated Chief Greco.



Photos at left, Our Community Policing Unit and School Resource Officers arranged for two SAMBULANCE presentations in May at Walnut Avenue School. Sambulance's mission is to foster the independence of individuals with special needs through educational programming and safety alliances. They offer hands-on programming designed to educate individuals about first responders, 9-1-1 emergencies, and basic first aid.

TWO OFFICERS HONORED FOR HEROIC ACTIONS DURING FIRE

On Friday, May 11, 2018 The Two Hundred Club of Union County recognized 17 local heroes for going above and beyond the call of duty. Two of those heroes included Cranford Police Sergeant Thomas Stiansen and Patrolman Gregory Federici. Both officers were honored with this prestigious award at a ceremony before hundreds of attendees in Scotch Plains, NJ.

Sergeant Stiansen and Patrolman Federici were honored for their involvement in an incident back on May 3, 2017 at approximately 7:40pm. On that date and time, the Cranford Police Department was dispatched to an active fire at a local nursing home facility. Officers arriving on scene discovered that many of the bedridden patients were trapped in the facility as a result of the fire. The Officers on scene immediately began assisting the facility's staff evacuating residents.

Sergeant Stiansen and Patrolman Federici arrived on scene and determined, from the exterior of the building, the exact room the fire had originated within. The officers were able to break a window with a lawn chair they found outside the facility and entered the room which had visible flames and a heavy smoke condition. After the Officers entered the room, they located two trapped residents. The Officers were able to save these individuals by evacuating them back through the window they had entered the room through. Sergeant Stiansen and Patrolman Federici turned the two residents safely over to EMS personnel and then continued to assist the other police units with their evacuation efforts.

Both Officers were eventually treated at St. Barnabas Medical Center for smoke inhalation once the Cranford Fire Department got the fire under control and took command of the scene. Chief Greco of the Cranford

Police Department stated, "The quick thinking and heroic actions by these Officers undoubtedly resulted in two lives being saved. Being honored with The Two Hundred Club of Union County Valor Award is well-deserved for their actions on this date."

Each year, Valor Award recipients are chosen in part on the recommendations of the Chiefs of Police and firefighters in the 21 municipalities here in Union County. They are submitted to The Two Hundred Club of Union County Valor Award Committee for review and final selection. In the Spring of each year the Annual Spring Valor Award Luncheon is held where the recipients are presented with their Valor Awards.

Sergeant Stiansen and Patrolman Federici join over 400 police officers, firefighters and state troopers who have received this Valor Award since 1968.



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22nd Annual Police Unity Tour

Cranford Police officers Captain Guy Patterson and Detective Derek Farbanec once again represented the Department on the Police Unity Tour bicycle ride to honor the sacrifices of police officers killed in the line of duty. They departed New Jersey on May 9, 2018 for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington.





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Cranford Teen With Cancer Sworn In As Honorary Police Officer

CRANFORD, NJ – As a severe thunderstorm raged outside, 14-year-old Raymond Schwartz fulfilled his dream of becoming a police officer during his swearing-in ceremony on Tuesday evening in Cranford's Council Chambers.

Late last year, Schwartz, a student at Hillside Avenue School, was diagnosed with Glioblastoma, a rare form of cancer. After summers spent participating in the Cranford Police Youth Academy, Patrolman John Rattigan and Detective Steven D'Ambrola organized the ceremony, followed by a pizza party, to honor Schwartz's dream.

"I feel great," Schwartz said. "I liked being in the youth academy. Some kids just can't handle it, it's too much for them. My favorite part was the bomb squad blowing watermelon up."

The ceremony began with a bagpipe procession and an invocation from Pastor Tom Rice of the Cranford Alliance Church. The committee chambers were filled to the brim with Schwartz's fellow officers, classmates, teachers, family and friends, who gave him a standing ovation.

Schwartz, dressed in his own uniform and badge, was sworn in by Mayor Thomas Hannen, Jr. and Public Safety Commissioner Patrick Giblin, followed by a speech from Chief Ryan Greco of the CPD.

"Ray is an example to his peers and his community," Greco said. "He embodies everything we look for in a police officer and the finest traditions of the Cranford Police Department. It is my privilege to recommend to the mayor and the council that Raymond Schwartz become a police officer today."

Schwartz will represent the CPD in the Memorial Day Parade and serve as an instructor at this summer's Police Youth Academy.

"As the saying goes, leaders are born and not made," Greco said. "Ray, you are a leader. You've shown tenacity and you will exude that during this year's youth academy."

Article from TAP into Cranford by Leah Scalzadonna, May 15, 2018.

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Top Photo, Officers assist with annual Relay for Life.

Middle Photos, for a week in May we were at Cranford High School for our Police And Teens Together (PATT) program instructed by SRO Detective Jones & members of Community Policing Unit, Traffic, Patrol, & Investigations. This year the program was expanded to over 60 students and coincided with National Police Week.

Bottom photos, new Training/EOC Room, renovations, & wide photo shows Traffic Division before renovation.





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Left column, top photo, In June members of the department took part in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics of New Jersey. CPD Torch Run runners this year were Lieutenant Chris Polito and Patrolmen Tom Bell, Dan Donnerstag, John Rattigan, James Knight, and Lynn Galvez with Tommy Wisniewski. Also shown is Patrolman Brian Wagner.

Left column, bottom photo, Chief Greco and members of the Department were honored to attend the 8th grade graduation ceremony at Hillside Avenue School in June and wish a personal congratulations to graduate Honorary Police Officer Raymond Schwartz.

Right column photos, starting June 1st, Cranford Police Officers began “ticketing” kids who are caught in the act of doing GOOD, by giving them free 7-Eleven Slurpee beverage coupons.

The Cranford Police Department and 7-Eleven partnered on a Community Policing Project celebrating good behavior! For example, children who are seen wearing bicycle helmets, participating in community activities, or helping their parents are just a few of the ways how children can scored a “ticket” from the CPD. Our goal was to have positive interactions with the kids of our great community.

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Left Photo, TRAINING GRADUATION - Sergeant Russell Luedecker graduated from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Command & Leadership Academy in May. The training focused on conflict management, critical thinking, communications, counseling, decision making, & leadership science.

Right Photo, PROMOTION CEREMONY - The Cranford Police Department held a promotional ceremony on June 26th at the Township Committee meeting. Timothy O'Brien was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. O'Brien is a 19 year veteran of the Cranford Police Department and was previously assigned as a Detective in the Detective Bureau of the Investigative Division.



5 Arrested, Firearm Seized in Motor Vehicle Traffic Stop

On July 14, 2018 at 9:52 p.m., Patrolman Brian Trotter stopped a 2001 Mercedes Benz on Raritan Road near the intersection of Coleman Avenue when he observed a seatbelt and brake lamp violation. After an investigation on scene, Patrolman Trotter located a loaded handgun in the rear passenger-side seat pocket of the vehicle.

The firearm, loaded with hollow-point ammunition, was later discovered to be stolen from Georgia. All five occupants were arrested and charged with Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, Possession of Hollow-Point Ammunition, and Receiving Stolen Property.

The three adults: Abdul Simmons, 23, Irvington; Natez Winston, 20, Hillside; and Darrian Winston, 25, Hillside were all processed and remanded to the Union County Jail pending a Superior Court appearance date. The two juveniles in the vehicle were processed and released to their family.

Chief Ryan Greco stated, "This was a dangerous situation and I'm proud of the way our officers conducted themselves." There's no doubt that we prevented a crime from occurring and we were successful in removing another firearm from the streets," Greco added.

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Cranford Police Issue New Cop Cards

Trading cards featuring photos and biographies of 52 Cranford Police Department officers, including Chief Ryan Greco, were unveiled in August. They are distributed by officers as a way to open up communications with the public.

"These trading cards are going to provide us with a valuable tool to connect with children and show the human-side of policing; as well as an aid to get to know your local police department," Chief Greco said. Cranford officers were last featured on similar trading cards in 2000 and the project was a huge success. Several of our veteran officers who were featured in the first set are also in this year's cards. Chief Greco added, "The cost of the cards was funded by sponsorship money from local residents and businesses."

Each officer was given 800 trading cards to share with the children in the community. The project was spearheaded by the Cranford Police Department Community Policing Unit and is part of a series of initiatives aimed at encouraging interactions with our local youth and presenting the officers as role models. 61

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Cranford Police Department Unveils New Police Car Design

The Cranford Police Department is paying tribute to fallen officer, Patrolman Robert F. Hand, with its new vehicle design, which also incorporates a gold police seal that was previously used on Township police cars from the 1960's through 1991.

According to Police Chief Ryan Greco, "We wanted to integrate modern and classic aspects of law enforcement into the new design." Today, the Cranford Police Department fleet, which consists primarily of Ford Police Interceptor Utilities, incorporates the traditional black and white police vehicle paint scheme with bold gold lettering. In addition, Patrolman Robert F. Hand, who died in the line of duty on February 11, 1975, is being remembered by a badge memorial decal affixed on the rear tailgate of each police car.

The design is being implemented on older vehicles as well as new cars being rotated into service. Captain Joseph Van Bergen was primarily responsible for the new design and has been instrumental in the upfitting of Cranford's police vehicles since the 1990's. "I wanted to keep the design clean and simple, while incorporating symbols of the department's traditions," stated Captain Van Bergen.

62 The new design was unveiled at National Night Out on August 7th.

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Cranford Police Department Implements Special Needs Registry

In August the Cranford Police Department took steps to make it easier to help our residents who may be lost or have trouble communicating with officers. Our new Special Needs Registry is specifically designed for those who may be challenged with developmental disabilities such as Autism, Dementia, Down Syndrome, or other special needs. The program was formed to better assist loved ones who might be at a higher risk for wandering from home and getting lost. By voluntarily registering, the Cranford Police Department will have access to personal information should they encounter an individual who has difficulty speaking or identifying themselves.

Interested family members will be asked to complete a descriptive questionnaire regarding their family member in need, providing the registrant's height, weight, and other information useful to first-responders, such as emergency contacts, a recent photo of the individual and their home address.

The information will be kept on file at Police Headquarters and will be accessible at times such as during an encounter where an individual can't tell officers where he/she lives, or beneficial in cases where a person is reported missing, so that their pedigree and photograph are immediately available to responding police officers.

The program is completely voluntary and all the information kept on file will remain confidential within the Cranford Police Department.

Photos at left, Cranford Police Department, Cranford Police Athletic League, & Cranford CHS Class of 2022 held a fundraiser CAR WASH for students Nicholas Swandrak & Ray Schwartz who are battling cancer on September 16th Lincoln School. Home Depot of Garwood donated the washing supplies and assisted in washing.



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Cranford Police Department Initiates Bicycle Patrol Unit with Assistance from Hilltop Bicycles

Hilltop Bicycles of Cranford donated a new bicycle to the Cranford Police Department as part of our ongoing efforts to start a Bicycle Patrol Unit. The bicycle donated, a Raleigh Cadent electric bike, has an estimated value of \$2,800. The Cranford Police Department has already registered two officers for bicycle patrol training in mid-September and plans to increase this number to eight by next year.

Chief Ryan Greco was appreciative of the donation from Hilltop Bicycles and stated, "Having a Bicycle Patrol Unit in Cranford provides several advantages for us. It will be used for improved community relations, patrolling our parks and bicycle routes and the obvious cost savings and environmental benefits.

Left Photo (L-R): Tom Dunn, Co-Owner of Hilltop Bicycles; Dan Cooper, Manager of Hilltop Bicycles; Police Chief Ryan Greco, Det./Lieutenant Edward Davenport and Captain Joseph Van Bergen.

Right Photo, Patrolman Matt Siessel on patrol in October.

Left Photo, Patrolman Kelly Rieder visited the Stratford Terrace Block Party in September.



Right Photo, Patrolmen Tom Bell and Kelly Rieder at the Township's 9-11 Memorial Ceremony.



Clark Resident charged with Criminal Mischief and Disorderly Conduct

After a two-week investigation, Matthew Rodriguez, 18 years of age from Clark, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after police witnessed him placing a large rock, in the middle of Raritan Road, in the early morning hours of September 2, 2018. Leading up to the investigation, the Cranford Police Department had been receiving several reports of rocks, paving stones and debris placed in the roadway along Raritan Road. All of the incidents occurred overnight when it was difficult for drivers to see the oncoming hazards in the roadway. At least one vehicle reported damage from the rocks being placed in the roadway on September 1, 2018. When Cranford Police Officer's Shayne Temple and Brian Trotter witnessed the September 2nd, events unfold, they were able to make the arrest with the assistance of other patrol units and the Clark Police Department. Further investigation into the incident led Det. Robert Jordan to tie in another open case from an Iroquois Road resident whose vehicle's rear window had recently been smashed with a large rock. As a result, Rodriguez was also charged with Criminal Mischief and provided with upcoming court appearance dates.

Jackson Drive Robbery Suspect Arrested

On Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 12:44 AM, the Cranford Police Department responded to a reported robbery occurring on Jackson Drive in Cranford. The 25-year-old victim, who was walking near his place of employment, was approached by a black male with a knife demanding all his personal possessions. After the suspect committed the robbery, he fled the area in a white Honda Accord being driven by another male accomplice. Detective Derek Farbanec of the Cranford Police Department led the follow-up investigation and discovered a significant lead when one of the suspect's used the victim's credit card to attempt a fraudulent transaction at a Roselle Park business. The Cranford Police Detective Bureau was quickly able to ascertain the identity of the suspect who committed the robbery and with the help of the Maplewood Police Department, arrested him at his home around 7 AM the same day. The suspect, Christopher Bruton-Frazier, 31 years-old, was arrested and formally charged with robbery and two counts of fraudulent use of a credit card. The suspect was taken into custody and remanded to the Union County Jail pending a detention hearing. Additional charges are pending and an ongoing investigation is taking place to identify the second suspect involved in the crime.

Chief Greco of the Cranford Police Department stated, "I am proud of the work that Detective Farbanec and the Detective Bureau has done and will continue to do for our Police Department. This is an example of the hard work our officers do on a daily basis to keep our community safe, and I am thankful for their professionalism and expertise."

On October 17th, the second subject in the robbery case was identified as Gareek Drayton, 27, of Maplewood, NJ. He was taken into custody by the Cranford Police Detective Bureau for first degree robbery and additional outstanding warrants from other NJ jurisdictions.

Both suspects have been remanded to the Union County Jail pending detention hearings. They both face charges of first-degree robbery, possession of a weapon (firearm), possession of a weapon for unlawful purposes, and two counts of credit card fraud.

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Cranford Bikeway Project - Girl Scout Silver Award

Girl Scouts of Cranford Troop 40534 has recently completed a Silver award project. The Silver Award is the second highest award in Girl Scouting. To complete the award, three girls from Troop 40534 worked together on a project to improve their community. The girls decided to focus their project on Cranford's bikeways. Upon investigation, the girls discovered that Cranford's old bikeways map was in fact illegible. That is because the map was made from an architectural drawing, resulting in the street names being too small and difficult or often impossible to read. As such, the girls wondered how helpful the old map was to the township's residents, or to the numerous "through bikers" who ride the East Coast Greenway, which passes directly through town from north to south.

With the support of Lieutenant Edward Davenport and the Cranford Police Department's Traffic Bureau, the bikeways project team remapped the Cranford Bikeways using a program called Scribble Maps. The new Bikeways of Cranford map is web based and interactive, allowing users of the map to zoom in and out and easily read street names. The girls also pinned information on Cranford's parks to the map as well, including information on the available amenities at each park (such as parking and bathroom facilities, playground equipment, special features, etc.).

In addition to mapping the Cranford Bikeways, the bikeways project team also rode the bikeways, documenting needed improvements and reporting those issues back to Lieutenant Davenport. This varied from discovering large potholes and cracks in the pavement, to debris in the bikeways, to missing bikeways signs or in a couple of instances bikeways signs facing in the wrong direction. In late April the girls also set up a booth at the Cranford Street Fair to get the word out about their project. Finally, they created a website with important information relating to bike safety and the benefits of bicycling to a person's health and well being.

Now that their Silver project is complete, the girls hope their fellow Cranford residents, neighbors and friends find that riding the Cranford bikeways and utilizing Cranford parks is both easier and much more enjoyable and that the new bikeways map will encourage more Cranford residents to use the Cranford bikeways.

More information can be found on their website at: <https://cranfordbikeways.weebly.com>

The map can also be accessed from the Police Department's website at:

<https://www.cranfordnj.org/traffic-bureau/pages/bicycle-registration>

Submitted by Anne-Marie McGuinness

Photo, left to right - Ariadne Mahadeo, Elaina Michetti and Tess Hagstrom



National Night Out

The CPD took part in the 35th Annual event on August 7th from 6-9 pm at Patrolman Robert F. Hand Plaza - coordinated by Ptl. Jordan and Captain Van Bergen.

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Kean University 2018 Traffic Safety Specialist Program Graduates

Detective Steven D'Ambola, Sgt. Russell Luedecker, Det. Lt. Craig Marino, and Detective William Pietrucha of the Cranford Police Department received the Traffic Safety Specialist, Level – I, Leadership designation at the Bergen County Police Traffic Officers' Association event held October 17th.

The Traffic Safety Specialist (TSS) program was first established in Maryland to recognize police officers who had attained notable experience, education, training, and proficiency in Highway Safety Enforcement methods and procedures. Eligibility involves officers enrolling in the program and submitting documentation on employment, completion of appropriate certifications, and permission of employers. Level 1 requirements include three years of independent patrol experience, speed detection device certification, standard field sobriety certification, and 30 points of earned electives. One elective point is awarded for each year of military service. Also, points are awarded for documented college experience.

This voluntary program was first piloted through the Ocean County Police Traffic Officers Association in February 2016. There are over 100 awardees in New Jersey. Several officers are also participating in TSS Level 2, which involves the development and implementation of a technical study to improve traffic safety conditions in the sponsoring community.



CPD AWARDED 2018 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMENDATION FROM AAA

On November 1st the Cranford Police Department was the recipient of the AAA Northeast 2018 Pedestrian Safety Commendation awarded for achieving zero pedestrian fatalities in 2017. Detective Lieutenant Edward Davenport and Detective Sergeant Eugene Perrotta were on hand to accept the award at a ceremony held in East Hanover, NJ. AAA Northeast offers a variety of community outreach programs that help spread the word about safe driving, walking and bicycling for people of all ages. They regularly work with local police departments, school and community centers to reach as many citizens as possible. Chief Ryan Greco of the Cranford Police Department stated, "Traffic Safety remains a priority for the Township of Cranford. This award demonstrates our commitment and we will continue working to improve the safety of our roadways for all road-users." **Photo** (L-R): Shani Jarvis, AAA Assistant Manager of Public Affairs; David Hughes, AAA Northeast President & CEO; Detective Lieutenant Edward Davenport; Detective Sergeant Eugene Perrotta



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CPD RECOGNIZED FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

On October 18th the Cranford Police Department was presented with the Silver Level Recognition for New Jersey Safe Routes to School by EZ Ride at their 35th Anniversary & Annual Recognition Event. Annually, EZ Ride recognizes and honors the deserving individuals, municipalities and corporations who work tirelessly behind the scenes to affect positive change in our state's mobility. Captain Guy Patterson and Detective Lieutenant Edward Davenport were on hand to accept the certificate of recognition for the Cranford Police Department who were honored for their commitment and support of the Safe Routes to School program and by encouraging children to walk and bicycle to school. The Cranford Police Department has initiated a variety of education, enforcement, and engineering programs to improve the Township's walkability throughout the community.



CPD "NO-SHAVE NOVEMBER"

Members of the Cranford Police Department, ranging from the rank of Captain to Communications Officer took part in Cranford PBA Local 52's No-Shave November. From November 1st through November 30th, Officers and Civilian employees put down their razors in an effort to raise money for those in the fight against cancer.

Beginning in 2009, "No-Shave November" is a national, month-long non-profit fundraising event during which participants forgo their normal shaving and grooming routine in an attempt to promote cancer awareness. Typically, participants donate the money they spend on shaving and grooming products, which ultimately benefits such organizations as the American Cancer Society, Prevent Cancer Foundation, Fight Colorectal Cancer, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To date, No-Shave November has raised millions of dollars for these organizations. This year, Cranford PBA Local # 52 collected the donations and donated the funds directly to members of the Cranford PBA Family and Extended Family that are currently putting up inspiring fights in their cancer battles.

Chief Ryan Greco supports his officers in their efforts. "The Cranford Police Department is a big family and our people have big hearts. They will always do anything they can to support the families of some of our own. They've been doing this for years to raise money to help people. This year they're even more motivated to help those closer to home."

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CRANFORD POLICE CHARGE SCHOOL FACULTY MEMBER FOR THREAT MADE TOWARDS SCHOOL

On November 2nd the Cranford Police Department was alerted to an incident involving a threat made by a faculty member of Orange Avenue School. Following an investigation, by members of the Cranford Police Department, Matthew Acosta, 33, of Kenilworth was charged with one count of 3rd Degree Terroristic Threats and one count of 4th Degree Risking Widespread Injury or Damage. Acosta was remanded to the Union County Jail pending a detention hearing. An ongoing investigation is being conducted by the Cranford Police Department Investigative Division. Chief Greco recognized the efforts of all involved and the ongoing partnership between the police department and schools. "In today's day and age, we must take every threat or negative comment involving our schools seriously," Chief Ryan Greco said. "We will act swiftly and certainly to protect the safety of our children."

According to Mark Spivey, the Director of Communications for the Union County Prosecutor's Office, State Superior Court Judge Daniel R. Lindemann granted the State's motion to remand defendant Acosta pending a mental health screening for dangerousness. A subsequent hearing will be scheduled following the filing of a report on the screening and receipt of the report by the defense and the State. The State was represented in court by Union County Assistant Prosecutors Kathleen Dillon and Robert Vanderstreet.

CRANFORD EDUCATOR ADMITS TO THREAT, SURRENDERS TEACHER'S LICENSE

On January 3, 2019, a Cranford-based special education teacher has admitted to making a perceived general threat against the school where he worked late last year (2018), acting Union County Prosecutor Michael A. Monahan.

Matthew Acosta, 34, of Kenilworth pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct, a petty disorderly persons offense, during a court hearing before state Superior Court Judge Joseph P. Donohue.

A joint investigation by members of the Prosecutor's Office and the Cranford Police Department determined that on Thursday, November 1, 2018, Acosta made a comment to a colleague at Orange Avenue School in Cranford indicating that he might commit an act of gun violence at the school, according to Prosecutor's Office Investigations Supervisor John Esmerado, who prosecuted the case. Moments later, Acosta indicated that he was not being serious when he made the remark.

Acosta was arrested the next day without incident and later remanded pending a mental health evaluation for dangerousness; that evaluation indicated that Acosta was not believed to be a danger to himself or others, and he was released pending adjudication of the case. Acosta forfeited his position as a teacher in the Cranford Public School District and will be permanently banned from ever again holding any public office in New Jersey, including any teaching position, according to the terms set down by Judge Donohue during sentencing Thursday. He also is permanently banned from ever again visiting any Cranford Public School District property.

Press Release provided by the Union County Prosecutor's Office

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Photo at left, Traffic Maintenance personnel at Springfield Avenue and Kenilworth Boulevard replacing a traffic signal pole and mast arm after a vehicle struck it in December.

New Hires Sworn In

The Department held a swearing in ceremony on December 18th at the Township Committee meeting.

Christopher Folinusz, Michael Gamba, Ryan Drew, and Courtney Holder were sworn in as probationary patrolmen at the meeting and are shown in the photo with Chief Ryan Greco. The new officers will begin their training at the John H. Stamler Police Academy in January.



Suspect Arrested for Car Burglaries

On Monday morning, December 3rd, the Cranford Police Department responded to three southside residences on reported car burglaries. The incidents occurred during the overnight hours on both South Union Avenue as well as Georgia Street. The Garwood Police Department swiftly alerted neighboring agencies that they had arrested an individual, Angelo Spalliero, 29 years of age from Staten Island, in their town for having stolen property in his possession. Following an investigation, Det. Christopher DiFabio of the Cranford Police Department charged Spalliero with burglary, theft and theft of a credit card. Spalliero was provided with a Superior Court appearance date and is being held in the Union County Jail awaiting a detention hearing in connection with crimes he committed in Garwood. Chief Ryan Greco reiterated, "the teamwork and collaboration between Garwood and Cranford Police Departments quickly led to solving these crimes and ultimately returning stolen property to the respective victims."

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Photos, for the 19th consecutive year the police department was happy to escort Santa along with the Jaycees 72 elves for Santa Deliveries.



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Reaccreditation

In December the Department took part in the final phase of the NJSACOP Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. The assessment team was led by Captain Thomas Reinholt (Evesham PD). The assessors reviewed our facility, equipment, personnel, policies, and proofs of compliance.

The Department initially received accredited agency status from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police in 2006. In order to retain accreditation, the department is required to pass Accreditation Commission review every three years. This was our fifth successful reaccreditation.



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LEMONADE

These are just a small sample of our lemonade stand visits in 2018.





These photos are just a few of the cub scouts, girl scouts, & school tours we did in 2018.



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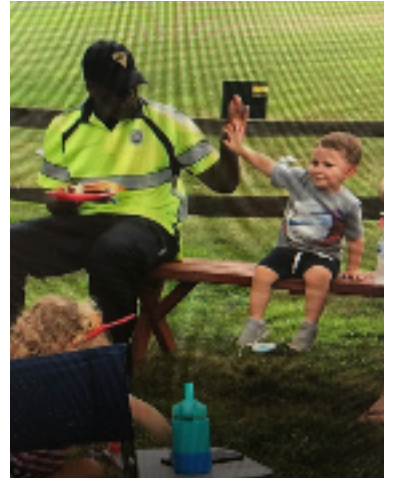




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Photos are additional community interactions by our officers as well as some candid pictures from 2018.



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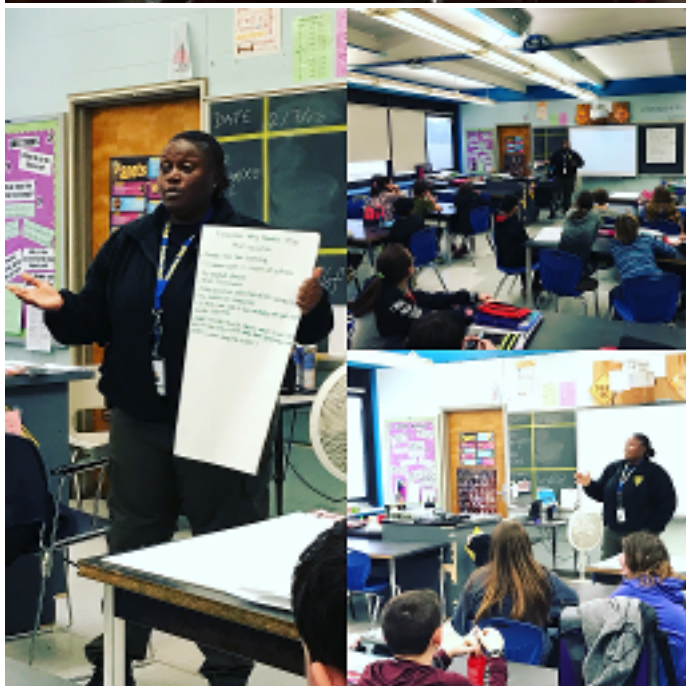
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