



JANUARY 1, 2021 - DECEMBER 31, 2021

2021 Annual Report

**CRANFORD POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

Message From Chief



I respectfully submit the Cranford Police Department 2021 Annual Report. This report summarizes the outstanding efforts of every member of the police department.

The year 2021 was filled with challenges, some unknown and unfortunately some all too familiar. The Covid-19 Pandemic continued to affect daily life, most notably the Omicron Variant. During one stretch, nearly half of the Cranford Police Department contracted the virus, which stretched every unit and division. This truly tested our strength and fortitude to provide emergency services to our residents. In September, Hurricane Ida struck the East Coast and subsequently the storm breached the banks of the Rahway River causing massive destruction to the northeast quadrant of Cranford. Although a well-known occurrence to this area, this is the first major flood of its kind in nearly a decade. Many residents in the affected areas were relatively new to Cranford which challenged emergency personnel who were not only performing rescues by boat but were also acting as crisis intervention counselors.

Fortunately, with help from our State, County, and Local partners, the storm debris was collected in record time, allowing residents to rebuild their homes almost immediately.

It is our pleasure to serve the residents of the Township of Cranford. Working in cooperation with our citizens we have continued to contribute to the excellent quality of life enjoyed in the community.

We thank the Township Committee for their support of quality police service and their concern for officer safety. Finally, I salute all the members of the Cranford Police team whose efforts made 2021 a year of achievement and success. It is a privilege and honor to serve with them.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan J. Greco".

Ryan J. Greco
Chief of Police

2021



The Cranford Police Department is comprised of a group of dedicated men and women who strive to exceed the expectations of our fine community.

Currently, the Cranford Police Department is comprised of (53) fifty-three sworn officers. The members of the Cranford Police Department are committed to providing professional police service through a partnership with the community which promotes the highest quality of life and a sense of trust and safety for all residents, businesses and visitors.

The Cranford Police Department, led by Chief Ryan Greco, is an accredited agency through the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

Please take your time to review this comprehensive report detailing the incidents and activities our agency was involved in over the preceding year.

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD:

- Population of 23,847
- 4.87 Square Miles
- Union County, NJ
- 53 Sworn Officers
- 13 Civilian Employees
- 28.74 per 100,000 Crime Rate (2018)
- Accredited Agency (NJSACOP)
- \$7.6M Budget

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Command Staff



Ryan J. Greco
Chief of Police

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Joseph Van Bergen
Administrative Captain
**Retired 7/31/21*



Guy Patterson
Operations Captain



Edward R. Davenport
Administrative Captain

Township Government



Kathleen Miller Prunty
Mayor



Jason Gareis
Deputy Mayor



Brian Andrews
Commissioner



Thomas Hannen, Jr.
Commissioner



Mary O'Connor
Commissioner



Jamie Cryan
Business Administrator

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Department Roster



Chief of Police

Ryan Greco

Captains

Joseph Van Bergen*

Guy Patterson

Edward Davenport

Lieutenants

Lt. Stephen Wilde

D/Lt. Craig Marino*

Lt. Christopher Polito

D/Lt. Matthew Nazzaro

D/Lt. John Swandrak

Lt. Eugene Perrotta

Sergeants

Sgt. Thomas Feeney*

D/Sgt. Russell Luedecker

Sgt. Joseph Stulpin

D/Sgt. Thomas Stiansen

Sgt. Timothy O'Brien

Sgt. Derek Farbanec*

D/Sgt. Spencer Durkin

Sgt. Steven D'Ambola

Sgt. Nadia Jones

Sgt. Christopher DiFabio

Sgt. Shayne Temple

Detectives

Michael Dubitsky

Robert Jordan

John Colineri

Matthew Siessel

Ryan Gerrity

Jason D'Agostino

James Knight

Brian Trotter

Patrolman

Ptl. Michael Andrews*

Ptl. Thomas Bell

Ptl. Nelson Hearn, Jr.

Ptl. Brian Wagner

Ptl. Daniel Norton

Ptl. John Rattigan

Ptl. Kelly Rieder

Ptl. Greg Federici

Ptl. Daniel Donnerstag

Ptl. Michael O'Neil

Ptl. Corey LoForte

Ptl. Timothy Handy

Ptl. Christian Pasternak

Ptl. Ali Muhammad

Ptl. Robert Chamra

Lynne Galvez

Nicholas Cook

Christopher Gross

Ryan McSharry

Christopher Folinusz

Michael Gamba

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Department Roster



Patrolman (cont'd)

Ptl. Courtney Holder
Ptl. Ryan Drew
Ptl. Joshua Sousa
Ptl. Jason Ingram
Ptl. Antonio Bellomo
Ptl. Gianna Ricerca
Ptl. Anthony Giannico
Ptl. Liam Duffy

Records Clerks

Jean McComb*
Janet Spricigo
Patricia Kosty

*Denotes retirement in 2021

Communications Officers

Stacy Thorn
Sandana Jones
Robert Merrill
Michael Davis
Matthew Blanck
Liam Powell
Chappin Taggert
Marylynn Beltran

Parking Enforcement

Arthur Kennedy

Traffic Maintenance

Joseph Corbisiero
Robert McQuone



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Statistics



In 2021, the Cranford Police Department received **41,907** calls for service. This was a 13% decrease from 2020. Below is a breakdown of the primary categories of calls for service.

Criminal Activity - 3,181

Proactive Protection & Security Checks - 17,171

Motor Vehicle Stops - 2,770

Radar / Selective Enforcement Details - 3,318

Traffic Related - 3,672

Medical Assistance - 1,518

Alarms - 1,628

911 Calls - 2,183

Other - 6,466



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The uniformed Patrol Division consists of two Platoons, each consisting of a day and night Squad. The personnel on these Squads make up the the largest percentage of our police force. The Patrol Division is our primary first responders to "calls for service" and is also responsible for proactively preventing crime. The below listed data represents each Squads efforts in 2021.

2021 Stastical Report by Squads

Squad	Non-Warrant Arrest	Warrant Arrest	Total Arrests	Officer Initiated Calls	Total Calls	% Self Initiated	% Resulting in Arrest
A	10	0	10	6,002	9,748	62%	0%
B	16	28	44	9,727	12,461	78%	0%
C	19	29	48	5,658	8,982	63%	1%
D	27	16	43	8,468	11,280	75%	0%
Total	72	73	145	29,855	42,471	70%	0%

2021 Narcan Deployment Report

Year	Victims	Deaths	Kits used by Police	Kits used by Fire	Total Kits Used
2019	10	2	9	4	13
2020	7	2	3	3	6
2021	6	1	2	4	6



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The Cranford Police Department's goal of promoting safe and expeditious vehicular travel is accomplished through a three prong approach of engineering, education and enforcement. Below, you can review our crash and injury data; motor vehicle enforcement statistics; and parking violations from 2021.

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SUMMONES	TOTALS 2021	TOTALS 2020	% CHANGE
Moving	2,278	2,482	-8%
Parking	4,808	3,495	38%
Totals:	7,086	5,977	19%

WARNINGS	TOTALS 2021	TOTALS 2020	% CHANGE
Total Warnings	1,819	2,084	-13%

CRASHES	TOTALS 2021	TOTALS 2020	% CHANGE
Reportable	103	69	49%
Non-Reportable	484	390	24%
Total Crashes	587	459	28%
Injuries	132	89	48%
Enforcement	350	335	4%

MILEAGE	TOTALS 2021	TOTALS 2020	% CHANGE
Total Miles	189,360	219,116	-14%

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The number of alcohol related crashes resulting in both fatal and serious injuries continues to be a major focal point for law enforcement throughout the country.

During 2021, the Cranford Police Department made **twenty-eight (28)** Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) arrests. This was a 3% reduction from 2020. The Cranford Police Department currently has eighteen Alcotest Operators and two Drug Recognition Experts within their ranks.



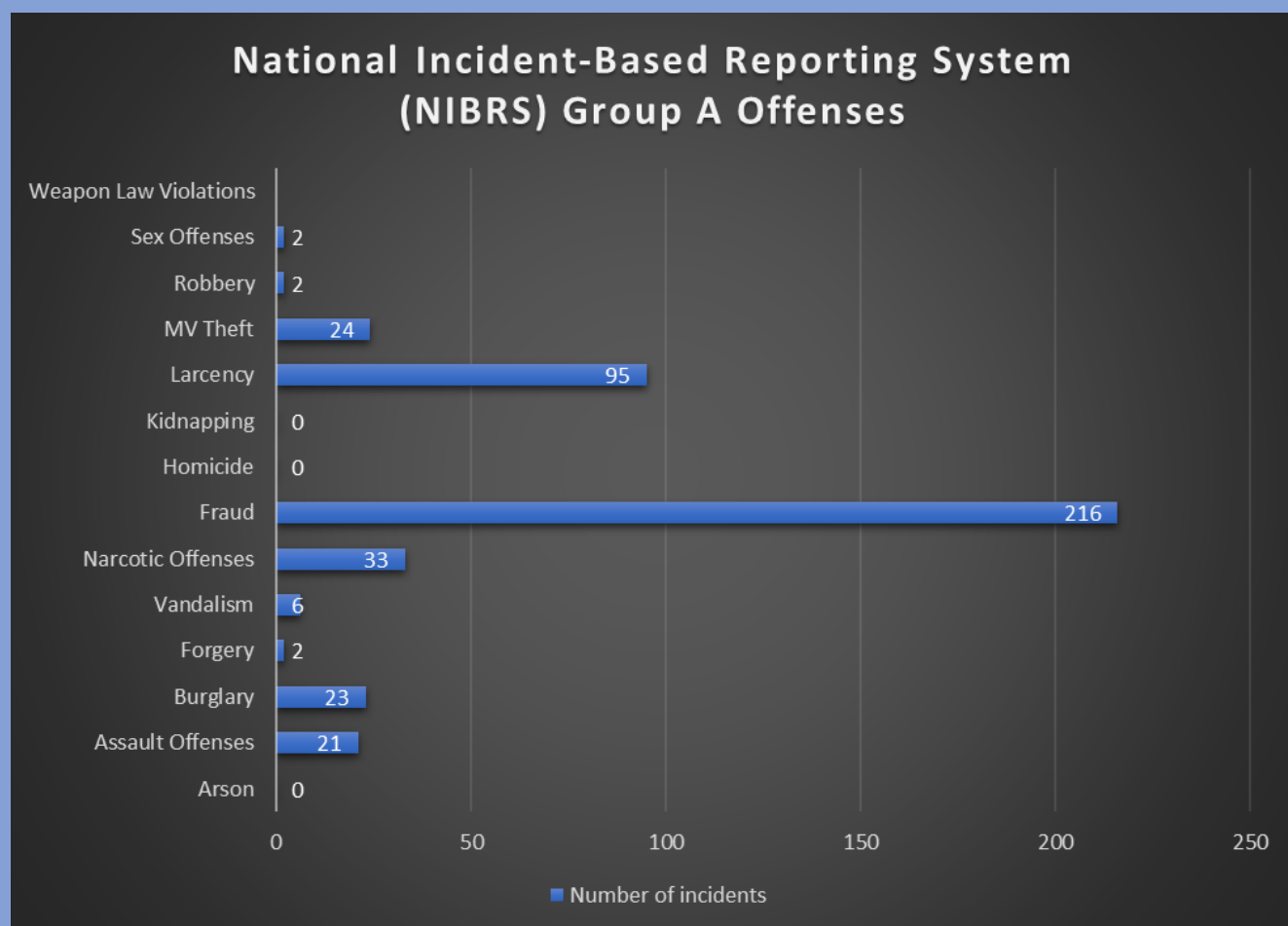
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When used to its full potential, the UCR Program's National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) identifies with precision when and where crime takes place, what form it takes, and the characteristics of its victims and perpetrators. Armed with such information, law enforcement can better define the resources it needs to fight crime, as well as use those resources in the most efficient and effective manner. The Cranford Police Department began using the NIBRS system, in 2021.

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The Cranford Police Investigative Division's primary task is the investigation of all criminal activity that has impact on the Township of Cranford and its citizens. A majority of these activities involve the investigation of property crimes and related offenses but also may consist of conducting proactive investigations while working in conjunction with or assisting other police agencies.

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ARRESTS		
	2020	2021
Adult	370	189
Juvenile	20	2
Total	390	191

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON POLICE		
	2020	2021
Cranford PD	1	2

CASES ASSIGNED TO DETECTIVES		
	2020	2021
Cranford PD	1,520	1,319

Professional Standards



The chart below depicts all of the complaints received by the Cranford Police Department in 2021.

Type of Complaint	Anonymous Complaints	Citizen Complaints	Agency Complaints	Total Complaints
Excessive Force	0	0	0	0
Improper Arrest	0	0	0	0
Improper Entry	0	1	0	1
Improper Search	0	0	0	0
Other Criminal Violation	0	0	0	0
Differential Treatment	0	2	0	2
Demeanor	0	2	0	2
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0
Other Rule Violation	0	0	5	5
TOTAL	0	5	0	10

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 2021.

Type of Complaint	Sustained	Exonerated	Non-Sustained	Unfounded	Admin Closed	Total Dispositions
Excessive Force	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0
Differential Treatment	0	0	0	2	0	2
Demeanor	1	1	0	0	0	2
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Rule Violation	5	0	0	0	0	5
TOTAL	6	1	0	2	0	9

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The chart below depicts all of the pursuits the Cranford Police Department were involved in during 2021.

Number of pursuits initiated	4
Number of pursuits resulting in accidents	0
Number of pursuits resulting in injuries (No Deaths)	0
Number of pursuits resulting in death	0
Number of pursuits resulting in arrest	0
Number of vehicles in accidents	
Pursued vehicles	0
Police vehicles	0
Third party vehicles	0
Number of people injured	
Pursued vehicles	0
Police vehicles	0
Third party vehicles	0
Pedestrians	0
Number of people killed	
Pursued vehicles	0
Police vehicles	0
Third party vehicles	0
Pedestrians	0
Number of people arrested	0
Number of pursuits in which a tire deflation device was used	0

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Total Use of Force Incidents	8
Type of Force Used	
Physical Force	8
Mechanical Force	0
Oleoresin Capsicum	0
PR-24	0
Other	0
Deadly Force	0
Sex	
Male Suspect	6
Female Suspect	2
Injuries	
Suspect Injured	1
Officer Injured	1
Type of Assignment	
Crime in Progress	0
MV Stop/Arrest	5
Domestic Violence	0
Other: Medical, ATRA Susp., etc	3

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Records Division



Account	Revenue Collected
False Alarm Fees	\$145.00
Alarm Registration	\$9,940.00
Firearms Permits	\$661.00
Fingerprinting	\$10.00
Parklets	\$6,786.00
Bicycle Licenses	\$620.00
Crash Reports	\$1,970.00
Parking Permits	\$111,541.25
Peddler/ Canvasser Permits	\$950.00
MRNA	\$2,064.17
Meter Money (Misc.)	\$1,728.00
Total	\$136,415.42

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CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT UTILIZES “SENSORY COMMUNICATION KITS”

Submitted by Detective Lieutenant Edward R. Davenport

A forward-thinking police officer, a generous Cranford-based business, and the Police Department's Community Outreach Unit combined efforts to create and deploy "Sensory Communication Kits" in all primary radio cars in Cranford. "The Sensory Communication Kits are intended to improve relationships and mitigate communication barriers between our officers and those individuals in our community who may have an underlying diagnosis involving sensory issues," Chief Ryan Greco announced.

Officer John Rattigan, a 16-year veteran of the force and paramedic, saw the value in providing officers with a kit comprised of self-soothing tools, ear protection, eye protection, and whiteboards to be used during crisis situations in which hypo and hyper-sensitivities may affect an officer's interaction with individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). After he assembled a prototype and pitched the idea to the organization, the Cranford Police Department created an additional 7 kits to outfit police vehicles in the Patrol Division, Juvenile Bureau and Community Outreach Unit. One kit will also be housed inside police headquarters.

The Community Outreach Unit, comprised of Lieutenant Matthew Nazzaro and Officer Ali Muhammad, then determined that the kits could benefit from being housed inside clearly identifiable, custom made bags. After approaching Scott and Donna Marino of Cougar Headquarters in Cranford to discuss design options, Scott and Donna immediately offered to design, produce, and donate all of the custom sensory bags towards this initiative. "Cranford is a special place where we have raised our family and grown our business," said Donna Marino. "We were thrilled to be a part of this new endeavor and are always on board to help the youth of the Cranford community." Cougar

headquarters has worked with many local organizations on custom, Cranford-themed apparel and has supplied equipment and uniforms for the annual Cranford Police Department Youth Police Academy held during summer months. "It was our pleasure to have partnered with the Cranford Police Department on this latest initiative."

The majority of Cranford Police Officers are Crisis Intervention Trained (CIT) and some officers have advanced training in Juvenile Crisis Intervention Training. "De-escalation is a major component of modern law enforcement that aids in the peaceful disposition of police-citizen encounters," Chief Greco added. He applauded Officer Rattigan for this innovative idea, and was encouraged when Officer Muhammad of the Community Outreach Unit spearheaded the effort to make the concept a reality. "Aside from showing great teamwork, I trust that this initiative demonstrates our officers' commitment to our Special Needs Community," said Chief Greco.

In addition to this initiative, the Cranford Police Department actively offers a Special Needs Registry. The Special Needs Registry is designed for residents who may be challenged with developmental disabilities such as Autism, Dementia, Down Syndrome, or other special needs. The program was created to better assist families with loved ones who might be at a higher risk for wandering from home and getting lost. By voluntarily registering, the police will have access to personal information should they encounter an individual who has difficulty speaking or identifying themselves.

For more information about the Special Needs Registry or other Community Outreach Initiatives, please contact Officer Ali Muhammad at a-muhammad@cranfordnj.org or call 908-272-8989.



(above) Officer Ali Muhammad with the assembled Sensory Communication Kits



(above, l-r) Officer John Rattigan, Donna Marino, Lt. Matthew R. Nazzaro



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The baby's proud parents say little Lucas is healthy and they had a chance to express their gratitude to the officers.

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CRANFORD POLICE: NO KAYAKING IN THE RAHWAY RIVER

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Welcome



Retirements

— HAPPY — Retirement



Captain Joseph Van Bergen, Ret.
July 26, 1996 - July 31, 2021



Det. Lieutenant Craig Marino, Ret.
February 1, 1989 - December 31, 2021



Sergeant Thomas Feeney, Ret.
August 1, 1990 - October 31, 2021

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Retirements

— HAPPY — Retirement



Sergeant Derek Farbanec, Ret.
January 5, 1994 - September 30, 2021



Patrolman Michael Andrews, Ret.
August 1, 1996 - December 31, 2021



Records Clerk Jean McComb, Ret.
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