

# **NEW PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**2024**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**DANIEL W. HENN**  
**CHIEF OF POLICE**



I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for the incredible support this community continues to show our police officers. The partnership between law enforcement and the community is more important than ever, and I am proud to say that our town exemplifies what it means to work together for the safety and well-being of all. Whether it is at our annual town hall event or coffee with a cop, at National Night Out or just on a casual encounter at one of our local business, the success of our officers is often predicated on the support of our community. For this, I thank you.

Every day, the men and women of the New Providence Police Department serve with dedication, professionalism, and integrity. Whether responding to emergencies, assisting those in need, or engaging in community outreach, they do so with a commitment to protecting and serving our residents. Their hard work and compassion make our town a safer, stronger place to live, work, and raise families.

Our annual report attempts to give the residents of New Providence a glimpse of all the daily activities our officers may undertake. We stand ready to serve and engage our population, 24 hours a day - 365 days a year.

As we move forward together, I encourage open communication, collaboration, and continued mutual respect. Our department remains committed to transparency, fairness, and ensuring that every resident can access the Police Department. We are proud to serve you, and we look forward to continuing our partnership in making our community even stronger.

Respectfully,

*Chief Daniel Henn*







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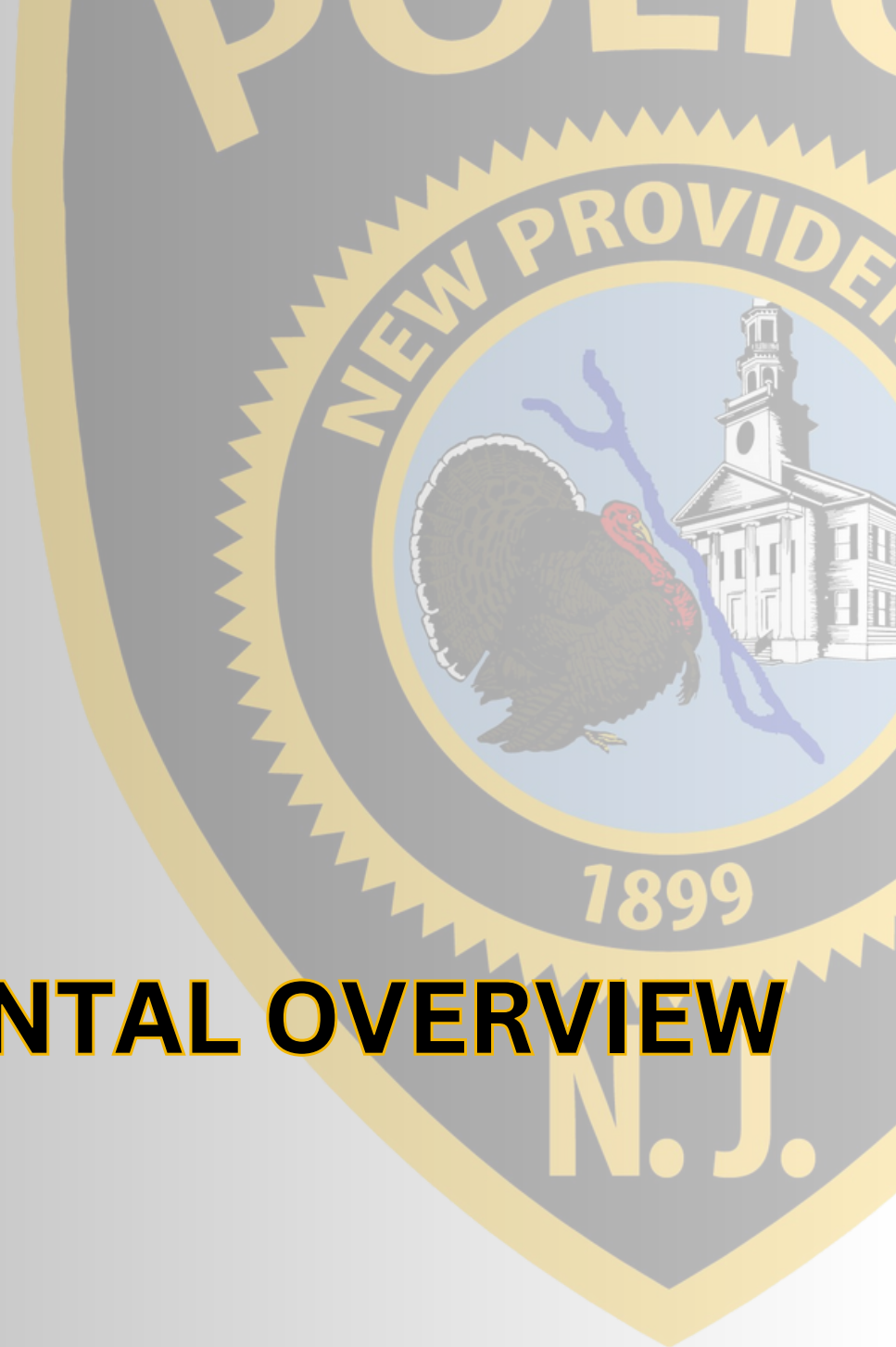
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## **SECTION I**

# **DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW**





## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Mission of the New Providence Police Department is to protect and serve all citizens impartially and without bias. Officers strive to enhance the quality of life and instill a sense of security within the community, through proactive patrol and professional public interaction. We pledge to be vigilant while serving with dignity, respect and excellence.

## **VISION STATEMENT**

The New Providence Police Department will maintain the highest level of service to our community through thoughtful decision making and fostering strong relationships with our community. We choose innovative thinking and collaboration as a means of delivering meaningful actions. Ultimately, we will identify the changing needs of our community and model best practices throughout law enforcement to deliver on the mission of this agency.

## **VALUE STATEMENT**

Central to our mission and vision, the New Providence Police Department establishes our values as characteristics or qualities of worth. These values are the foundation and guiding principles that lead us to fulfill our commitment and promises to our community.

We value:

• *Integrity* • *Accountability* • *Fairness* • *Compassion* • *Respect* • *Dignity*

## Full-time Police Officer



Officer Michael Gelormini was appointed as a Full-time Police Officer after graduating from the John H. Stamler Police Academy on June 13, 2024.

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## Special Class II Police Officer



Officer Lindsey Knopf was appointed as a Special Class II Police Officer after graduating from the John H. Stamler Police Academy on December 18, 2024.



## Special Class II Police Officer



Officer Wayne Bruton was appointed as a Special Class II Police Officer on April 30, 2024. Officer Bruton retired as a Lieutenant from the Secaucus Police Department. He will assist with court security and patrol actions.

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## Special Class III School Resource Officer



Officer William Stankan was appointed as a Special Class III School Resource Officer on October 22, 2024. Officer Stankan retired as a Police Officer from the Watchung Police Department and will be assigned to the Morris Union Jointure Commission Developmental Learning Center.

# NIBRS CRIME REPORT STATISTICS



The National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) provides a detailed record regarding the serious crimes that have been committed in New Providence. This data allows for a more accurate perspective on criminal activity in the Borough, which provides insight into the various trends or patterns that our agency may need to focus more resources or manpower towards.

Offense	2023	2024	Change
Crime Against Person			
Aggravated Assault	1	0	-1
Fondling	0	0	0
Human Traffic Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	0
Human Traffic Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0
Intimidation	8	4	-4
Kidnapping / Abduction	0	0	0
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape	1	0	-1
Sexual Assault with Object	0	0	0
Simple Assault	8	7	-1
Sodomy	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0

# NIBRS CRIME REPORT STATISTICS



Offense	2023	2024	Change
<b>Crime Against Property</b>			
All Other Larceny	38	36	-2
Arson	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0
Burglary	6	4	-2
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	0
Credit Card / Automated Teller Machine Fraud	49	35	-14
Destruction / Damage / Vandalism of Property	5	8	+3
Embezzlement	0	0	0
Extortion / Blackmail	0	0	0
False Pretenses / Swindle / Confidence Game	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	1	-5
Pocket-picking	0	0	0
Purse-snatching	0	0	0
Robbery	0	1	+1
Shoplifting	3	0	-3
Theft from Building	1	4	+3
Theft from Motor Vehicle	9	3	-6
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	0	0	0
<b>Crime Against Society</b>			
Drug/Narcotic Violations	2	2	0
Weapons Law Violations	2	0	-2
<b>Other Offenses</b>			
Justifiable Homicide	0	0	0

# **SECTION II**

# **PRIMARY SERVICES**







The New Providence Police Department Patrol Division encompasses the largest portion of our department. It is part of the Operations Division along with the Traffic Bureau. The Patrol Division respond to calls for service, enforce New Jersey traffic and criminal law, conduct business and residential checks, patrol the Borough roadways, and are most often the first to arrive on scene at all EMS and fire calls.

The New Providence Police Department handled 18,045 calls for service in 2024. Officers made 2,251 motor vehicle stops and issued 1,364 traffic summonses. From those motor vehicle stops, 24 DWI arrests were made. Officers conducted 1,323 traffic details. Officers responded to 375 motor vehicle crashes including 347 with no injuries, 28 with injuries, 54 hit and run, and 2 pedestrian related. Officers issued over 946 parking summonses.

New Providence Police Officers spend most of their shifts performing tasks that are not normally recognized but are essential to the service of the community. Officers responded to 868 medical calls, 183 fire related calls, 73 lock outs, 175 animal related calls, over 2,941 property and area checks, and 1,487 school facility checks. Patrols responded to one non-fatal overdose call for service.

When Patrol Officers aren’t responding to calls for service they also spend much of their time community policing. Officers walk the schools on security checks and drills, visit with our residents at the Senior Citizen Center, and talk to business owners and patrons during downtown park-and-walk details. It is part of the mission of our department to ensure that our community feels connected to our officers to further instill a feeling of security while living or visiting the Borough.

Arrest Totals	2023	2024	Change
Adult	67	68	+1
Juvenile	1	0	-1



The Detective Bureau is one of the units comprised in the Investigations Division, which also includes the Juvenile Bureau and Community Services Officer. The detectives work together to conduct follow-up investigations of all criminal matters that occur within the Borough. Detectives also conduct background investigations for pre-employment, crossing guards, civilian firearms applications, EMS and Fire Department membership, and Borough permit applications such as liquor, soliciting, and livery. Many of the investigations may include processing crime scenes, obtaining and executing search and arrest warrants, completing subpoena requests, conducting surveillance of suspicious activities and persons, interviewing and interrogating suspects, victims, and witnesses, and collecting and analyzing evidence. Though detectives do not work 24 hours a day, they maintain an on-call schedule and respond to all calls for service where a more extensive investigation is required.

In 2024, the Detective Bureau closed 299 calls for service and cases. These investigations included fraud, theft, assault, harassment, suspicious incidents, controlled substance investigations, criminal mischief, and domestic violence incidents.

Detectives conducted 188 local background or records checks for other police agencies, Division of Child Protection and Permanency, permitting purposes, or for emergency volunteer service membership applications. Detectives were responsible for providing discovery for 89 requests in 2024 and multiple case preparations to the Union County Prosecutor’s Office and the Municipal Court. Detectives also completed 16 expungements ordered by the court. Detectives spent time assisting patrol on calls for service whether it was for extra manpower or to assist with interviews or processing of prisoners. They filled in for School Resource Officers, school crossing posts, and court security if the need arose. As part of their duties in background checks, they completed firearms application investigations which go through a lengthy process with an extra amount of time needed to complete a permit to carry application.

Firearms Applications	2023	2024	Change
ID card, permit to purchase, change of information, replace	110	141	+31
Concealed Carry Permits	7	23	+16



The Borough of New Providence utilizes the services of the Union County Regional Communications Center. The Borough and County of Union began this partnership on December 4, 2023. This partnership provides the Borough of New Providence the opportunity to tap into the public safety resources that the County of Union provides to all of its residents. The Union County Regional Dispatch answers calls for emergency service needs for New Providence, including all non-emergency phone calls, 911 calls, and resource dispatching for Police, Fire, and EMS.

The New Providence Police Department has enjoyed a successful first year with the Union County Regional Dispatch with a seamless transition for both the Police Department and the Borough. We look forward to this continued partnership.





Officers were advised by an outside agency that they were attempting to locate a suicidal male who's phone was pinging in the Borough. The male was said to be in possession of two loaded handguns. Officers located the vehicle in the center of town and waited to conduct a motor vehicle stop in a less congested area, away from pedestrian and vehicle traffic. Officers conducted a high risk motor vehicle stop and took the male into custody without any incidents. The guns were located and the male was transported to the hospital for a psychiatric evaluation.

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Officers were alerted to a package theft from the porch of a residence. During a canvass of the area, the suspect and vehicle was captured on a home surveillance camera. Detectives located the stolen item for sale on a social media website and conducted a controlled buy with the assistance of the Union County Prosecutor's Office. Detectives completed the buy and arrested two individuals for criminal trespass, theft by unlawful taking, and fencing. During the arrest, officers located cocaine and CDS packaging materials. The individuals were also charged with possession of CDS, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of CDS with intent to distribute.

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Officers responded on a report of a road rage incident which included the possible brandishing of a firearm. Officers spoke with the victim who indicated that an individual exited his vehicle, threatened him, yelled a racial slur, and showed his waistband which he believed had a handgun tucked in it. Through an investigation, the suspect was identified and located in an outside jurisdiction. Officers responded to that location to arrest the individual. The suspect was charged with terroristic threats.





Officers received a license plate reader hit for a stolen motor vehicle entering the Borough. The vehicle was located at a Borough bank with the occupants returning to the vehicle after conducting business inside the bank. The vehicle then fled the scene with officers attempting to stop it. Though the vehicle was not apprehended, it was later recovered in a jurisdiction outside of New Providence. Officers conducted a follow-up investigation which included obtaining surveillance video, collecting evidence at the bank, and processing the recovered stolen vehicle. Through evidence from the follow-up investigation, officers charged the driver with resisting arrest through eluding, receiving stolen property, and obstruction of the administration of the law.

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Officers attempted to stop a motorcycle traveling at a high rate of speed. Attempts to stop the motorcycle were terminated as the motorcycle began passing vehicles and further accelerating. Officers continued to monitor traffic, in case the motorcycle was seen again, and observed it pull into a parking lot. With the assistance of the Detective Bureau in an unmarked vehicle, officers apprehended the operator without incident. The operator was arrested for resisting arrest through eluding and was charged with numerous motor vehicle summonses.

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Officers responded on a report of a female being followed home by an unknown male. The male reportedly spoke with the female on her doorbell camera and attempted to open her door. The male was located and after an investigation, was arrested for criminal trespass.

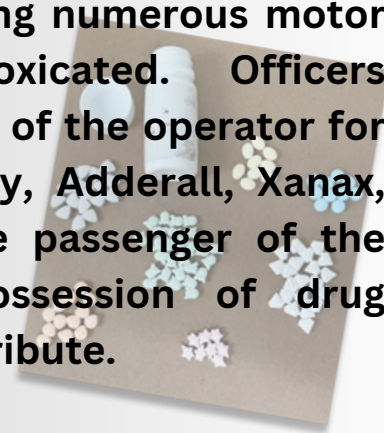


Officers responded on a report of a theft of gas involving two individuals who fled in a vehicle, nearly knocking over the gas attendant. Surveillance video with pictures of the driver was obtained from surrounding businesses and the actor was identified through the assistance of other police agencies. Detectives used various investigative techniques to determine the vehicle in question. Through the investigation, officers located and seized the vehicle used in the commission of the crime. Charges for theft of moveable property were obtained and the suspect was located and arrested at a known associate's residence.

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Officers conducted a motor vehicle stop after observing numerous motor vehicle violations consistent with driving while intoxicated. Officers conducted an investigation which resulted in the arrest of the operator for DWI. Officers located marijuana, mushrooms, ecstasy, Adderall, Xanax, MDMA, cocaine, and crystal methamphetamine. The passenger of the vehicle was arrested for possession of CDS, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of CDS with intent to distribute.

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Officers responded on a report of several package thefts. Officers located the suspect on a moped and attempted to stop the individual. The individual was apprehended in another jurisdiction with stolen packages and what was found to be a stolen moped. The individual was charged with theft of movable property, resisting arrest through eluding, and receiving stolen property.

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## **2024 New Providence Police Departmental Awards**

- **Exceptional Duty Award - Armed Encounter (June 25, 2024):** Corporal Nicholas Guerriero, Officer Andrew Lynch, and Officer Gregory Miller
- **Life Saving Award - Narcan/CPR (November 26, 2024):** Corporal Michael Scuorzo, Officer Marcos Martinez, and Officer Ronald Guidetti
- **Letter of Commendation - Storm Response (August 18, 2024):** OEM Coordinator Susan DeLuise, Corporal David Rodriguez, Officer Daniel Nozza, Officer Carly Bouman, and Administrative Assistant Grace Felezzola



## **External Recognition**

- **Mothers Against Drunk Driving “2023 Top Cop Award of Excellence” (June 24, 2024):** Detective Jeffrey Bruder
- **Congressman Tom Kean, Jr. Law Enforcement Hometown Hero Award (October 11, 2024):** Lieutenant Donald Sretenovic



## **SECTION III**

# **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**







Training is an essential part of the growth of our officers as our department strives to provide the best service to all members of the community. Department personnel attended and participated in over 4,000 hours of mandated and elective training that was held either at the department or at various police academies in the State.

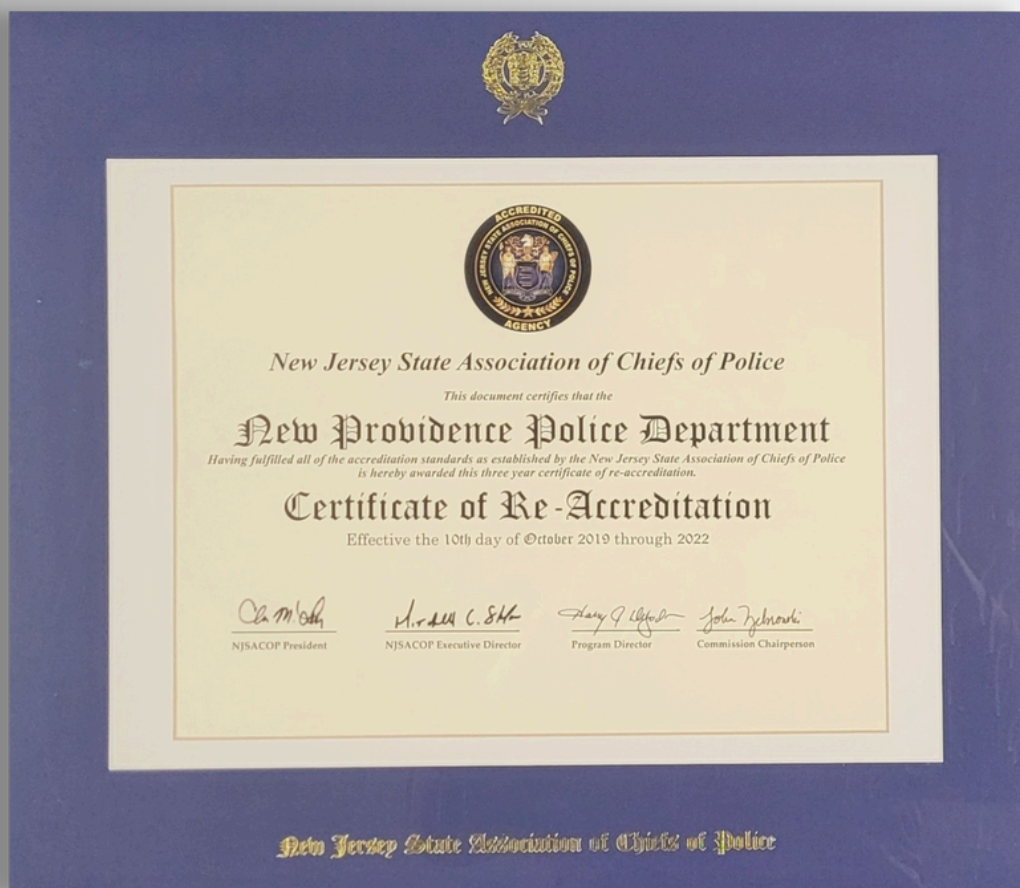
Our agency held mandated firearms, rifle, taser, use of force, defensive tactics, domestic violence, and CPR recertifications. Active shooter training was also provided to all members of the police department with updates and always evolving methods on how to best prepare for these types of incidents. Each officer was also provided specialized instruction in defensive and survival tactics utilizing jiu-jitsu. Training also included mental health and special needs crisis training, hazmat, right to know, detention facilities training, harassment in the workplace, and continued education for field training officers.

Officers voluntarily attended classes related to emergency management, school-based incidents, advanced supervision and leadership, crimes scene processing, digital evidence recovery, DWI enforcement, drug recognition, traffic management, and resiliency.

Officers from the New Providence Police Department are members of the Union County SWAT Team and the Union County Emergency Response Team (UCERT). These officers receive advanced training in civil disorder, crowd control, and active shooter and some have received extensive training in crisis negotiation.

Our agency also provides training to new police recruits at the John H. Stamler Police Academy. These officers instructed in such areas as Title 39, crash investigations, firearms, and report writing. This agency also provided training on domestic violence law, missing persons investigations, and sex assault investigation as part of the Union County Chiefs of Police Supervisor Training Course.

The New Providence Police Department is currently preparing for the sixth re-accreditation with the New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police. The seventh cycle will conclude at the end of 2025. The process ensures that this agency follows the best practices and standards while maintaining policies that are up-to-date and in-line with county and state directives and procedures. The process includes the review of all of the Department's Standard Operating Procedures along with making sure that the officers follow these rules during their daily activities. There is a great deal of pride felt by all officers of this agency as seen in the hard work and dedication our officers show in providing fair and impartial treatment to all.



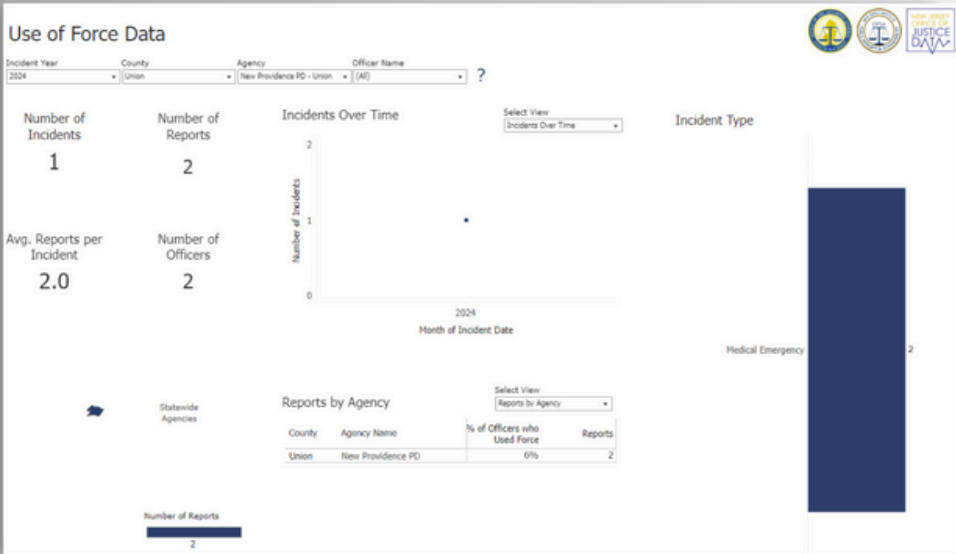


The New Providence Police Department is dedicated to serving the public in a fair, impartial, professional, and honest manner. Officers are held to the highest standard through proper training and supervision coupled with the department’s dedication to being an accredited agency. Our agency prides itself on our officers’ professionalism and the responsive service that our officers provide to all they serve.

Along with the oversight completed by our department’s front line supervisors, the Internal Affairs Officer is responsible for insuring that the members of this police department meet the expected high standards. The Internal Affairs Officer investigates all complaints of misconduct against members of the New Providence Police Department. The Internal Affairs Officer also investigates all use of force incidents in a timely and thorough manner.

2024 Internal Affairs Complaints	
Disposition	Total
Exonerated	0
Sustained	2
Not Sustained	4
Administratively Closed	0
Pending	0
Unfounded	1
Total Complaints	7
Complaint sources- 71.5% agency / 28.5% civilian	
**THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS INVOLVING MAJOR DISCIPLINE IN 2024.	

Use of Force



In 2024, New Providence Police Officers were assigned to 18,045 incidents, resulting in a single use of force incident.

# **SECTION IV**

# **SUPPORT SERVICES**







The Traffic Safety Bureau is responsible for enforcing traffic laws, investigating traffic-related incidents, promoting road safety, and managing traffic flow. The Traffic Bureau's main focus is to proactively enforce motor vehicle law to promote safer roadways as a goal of reducing crashes, injuries, and fatalities.

The Traffic Bureau works collaboratively with various public and private entities by conducting site plan reviews and providing feedback on engineering and construction projects. These entities include the Borough's Planning and Zoning Departments, private property owners, and other stakeholders. The Traffic Bureau also conducts numerous speed studies on Borough roadways and assists with pre-planning for events and infrastructure projects.

The Traffic Bureau responds to assist the Patrol Division on crash scenes. This assistance may include helping with traffic control, investigating the scene, or completing the crash report. Every crash report that comes to the Police Department is thoroughly reviewed by members of the Traffic Bureau to ensure that the reports are accurate and completed properly. All hit and run motor vehicle crashes are investigated by the Traffic Bureau to ensure that these individuals are held accountable for their actions or damage they created.

Other functions of the Traffic Bureau include maintenance of the equipment utilized or deployed by the department. This equipment includes the vehicle fleet, Alcotest machine, radar speed measurement devices, automated license plate recognition systems, AEDs, message boards, portable generators, cones, portable parking signs, and other various traffic control devices. The school crossing guards also fall under this unit for the daily coordination, training, and yearly evaluations of all guards.

In 2024, the position of Special Services Officer was created to primarily support the operations of the Patrol Division while also supporting the Traffic Unit. This position has been a great addition to the workforce as it supplements patrol during the busiest portions of the day including rush hour and school drop-off and dismissal times. The officer has also assisted as a first responder on emergency calls for service, has acted as a back-up to officers on motor vehicle stops, and has assisted the Traffic Bureau with traffic studies and details. Officer Andrew Lynch was assigned as the Special Services Officer, who is directly supervised by the Traffic Sergeant.

- Reviewed/investigated 375 motor vehicle crashes
- Investigated 54 hit and run crashes
- Conducted 450 traffic enforcement details
- Effectuated 331 motor vehicle stops
- Issued 274 summonses
- Issued 176 warnings
- Installed 21 child safety seats
- Deployed VMB/Speed feed-back signage at 34 locations
- Conducted four speed studies on Borough roadways
- Procured/upfit three police vehicles



## Traffic Management and Initiatives

- Rapid Flash Pedestrian Installation and upgrades in several locations
- Improvement project including updating signage and continued on-going study of additional improvements
- Management of four month water main construction with traffic control and extra duty officers
- Completed Borough-wide traffic safety and circulation plan
- Managed traffic related social media posts on Police Department accounts
- Purchased new variable message board trailer
- Issued towing licenses to various applicants
- Conducted right-of-way tree/shrub enforcement
- Audited Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund and conducted four details
- Managed all vehicle seizures



Special Services Officer  
Andrew Lynch



All cases involving juveniles are investigated by the Juvenile Detective which includes safety concerns but also any cases involving offenses committed by juveniles. In 2024, patrol officers took seven juveniles into protective custody.

There were twenty juvenile cases in need of a follow-up investigation with five stationhouse adjustments issued and completed in lieu of formal charges.

The Juvenile Detective completes all Handle with Care notifications. The Handle with Care program is an initiative to mitigate the negative effects experienced by children who have been exposed to trauma. The Juvenile Detective submits these notices to the school administration to ensure that the school is aware there was an issue and to keep alert to any change in the behavior of the child.

The Juvenile Detective also acts as a point of contact for the New Providence School Resource Officers. Through the Memorandum of Understanding with the New Providence school district, the Juvenile Detective is able to receive and provide important, timely information with the school administration. These investigations are vital to the safety and security of all students and faculty and the cooperation with the school administrations have helped to ensure that protecting the youth of the Borough remains of paramount importance.



# SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS



The School Resources Officers are responsible for the safety and security of all students, parents, faculty, and staff during school hours. They provide a safe environment by showing their presence within and around the school property. They respond to emergencies within the school and are a link between the schools and our Police Department. They provide medical assistance when needed and help maintain traffic flow at drop-off and dismissal times. They provide immediate information to patrol officers which is vital in such events like locating missing students or identifying suspicious incidents. The School Resource Officers are members of the Police Department who utilize their current and previous law enforcement experience to provide excellent service to their school communities.



Officer Dennis Carovillano retired as a Sergeant from the New Providence Police Department and is currently assigned to the New Providence High School and Middle School.

Officer Eduar Cruz has been a Special Law Enforcement Officer II with the department since October 2021 and is currently assigned to Salt Brook School.



Officer Robert Moran retired from the Union County Police Department as a Lieutenant and is currently assigned to Allen W. Roberts School.



The Special Class II Law Enforcement Officers provide support to the department through numerous job duties. They have the same police powers that full-time officers have, while in the confines of the Borough. Their first function is to provide security to the shared court of New Providence, Berkeley Heights, and Summit which is located in the municipal building. They provide coverage at the Borough schools when the School Resource Officers are unavailable and often assist with open school crossing posts. They respond to emergency call-outs and help with major public gatherings by assisting with security, parking, and traffic control.



Officer Gerald Pydeski



Officer Wayne Bruton

These officers have been an extremely valuable part of the department. Over the years many of the Special Class II Officers have been individuals who have aspired and been successful at becoming full-time officers within the department. Several of the other Special Class II Officers have been retired police officers looking to continue their service to others.

# **SECTION V IN THE COMMUNITY**



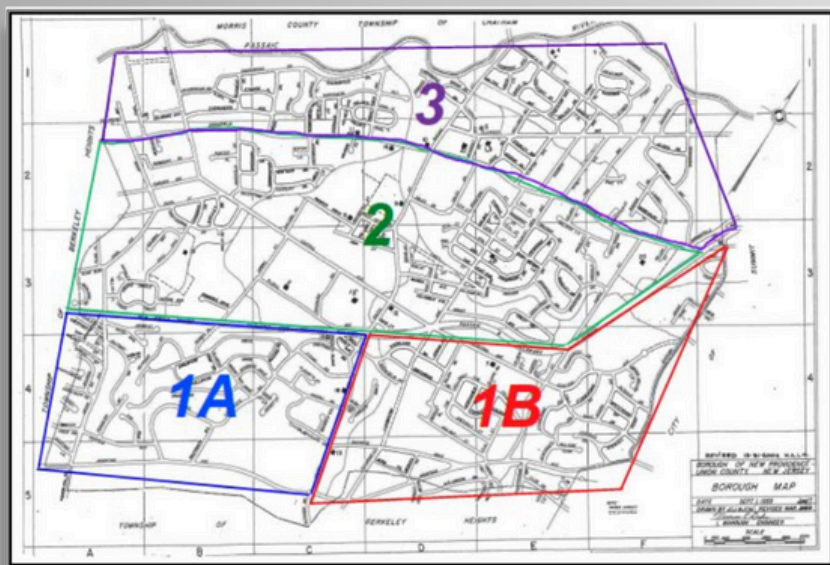
The Community Services Officer role was designed to continue to further the communication and partnership between the department and community. This position was created in September of 2020 to strengthen these relationships by bringing new ideas and programs to the Borough. The Community Services Officer is responsible for the promotion of community related events, safety initiatives, information sharing, and fraud/scam alerts.

The Community Services Officer worked with local organizations, the Municipal Alliance, leaders, and citizens to promote open lines of communication between the department and public. This officer worked with community groups to discuss and address specific problems while working towards certain goals.

The Community Services Officer is the lead officer for the PACT (Police and Community Together) program. In 2024, the department added the PACT Watch program to our community policing initiatives which includes Home and Business Security Assessments. Along with the PACT Watch program, the Community Services Officer runs the Blue Angel program, Blue Guardian program, Blue Envelope program, Ring Neighbors Public Safety Service, Safe Places Initiative, National Night Out, the Veteran's Banner program, Coffee With A Cop, Cookie with a Cop, Senior Center visits, Tours and Presentations to the Boy and Girl Scouts, PATT program at the High School, Youth Academy, the LEAD program coordination, Special Needs Registry, and the PACT Newsletters.

## P.A.C.T. Watch

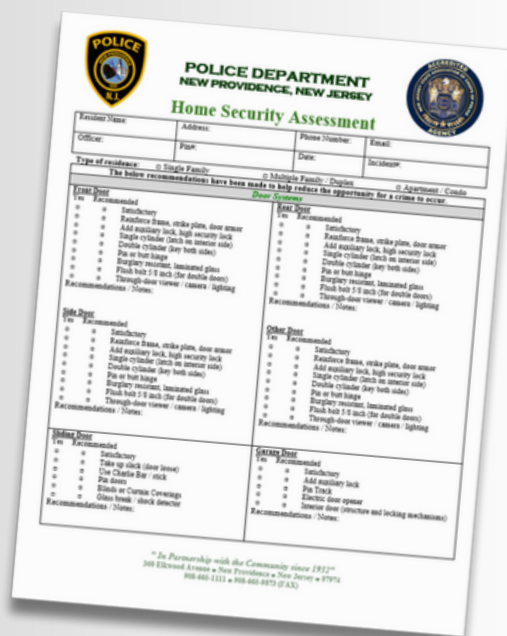
P.A.C.T. Watch is the New Providence Police Department's residential crime program which has been created for the Police Department to provide the public with crime information and area specific information in a timely manner. Each area is assigned two police officers who are designated P.A.C.T. "Watch Leaders" and disseminate information or make home visits. These home visits may include a home security inspection or follow-up to a question or investigation. The purpose of this program is to build better communication lines, educate the community on emergency preparedness, and provide a greater sense of security and control.



[www.newprov.us/619/PACT-Watch](http://www.newprov.us/619/PACT-Watch)

## Home Security Assessments

The Home Security Assessment has been implemented for the purpose of attempting to decrease or eliminate the potential for the victimization of business and home owners. The goal of the program is to provide as much information and suggestions in the hope that this lessens these opportunities while providing a greater sense of personal security.





## Youth Academy

The New Providence Police Department Youth Academy gives children a chance to spend some time in the shoes of a police recruit. It allows not only the children to spend time learning about our agency, but our officers a chance to connect with the youth of the community. Children will gain insight into the daily operation of the police department, what it takes to become an officer, the continued training of our officers, and the outside agencies that work with our agency to provide services to the community. Students learn about crime scene processing, job assignments, the dispatch center, and motor vehicle stops. They receive instruction from New Providence Police Officers along with the New Providence Emergency Medical Services, New Providence Fire Department, New Providence Court Staff, New Jersey Transit Police, and the Union County K9, Drone Unit, Bomb Squad, UCERT, and SWAT.



## National Night Out

The 2024 National Night Out was held on August 6th in the Municipal Center. There were games, giveaways, and music. Numerous sponsors helped make this year another successful event. This event provides our department along with the New Providence Fire Department and New Providence Rescue Squad a chance to meet and spend time with members of the community, especially the youth.



## Union County Special Needs Registry



The Special Needs Registry is a voluntary service open to all citizens. The registry was created to help police officers and other emergency service personnel to better assist residents with special needs in the event of an emergency by providing those first responders with vital information regarding the registrant's disability, emergency contact information, a physical description, and current photograph of the registrant. The goal of the Special Needs Registry is to ensure all residents who have Special Needs are able to get the help and support they need in a time of emergency or during interaction with Law Enforcement, Fire, or EMS personnel. This information is only shared with first responders during an emergency or for the purpose of planning an emergency response.

## The Blue Envelope Program

The Blue Envelope program brings together law enforcement and motorists with Autism and other sensory disorders. The envelope is resealable and a convenient place to keep all driver documents. It contains instructions for both the driver and the interacting officer in the event of a traffic stop.



## Hometown Hero Banners

The New Providence Hometown Hero Banners is a program that serves as a daily reminder of the brave citizens of the Borough that honorably served our country in the Armed Services.



## Operation Blue Angel / Blue Guardian



These programs assist residents, who due to advanced age, mobility, medical concerns, or disabilities may be unable to answer their door during an emergency. This program assists officers in gaining entry into residences when time is of the essence.

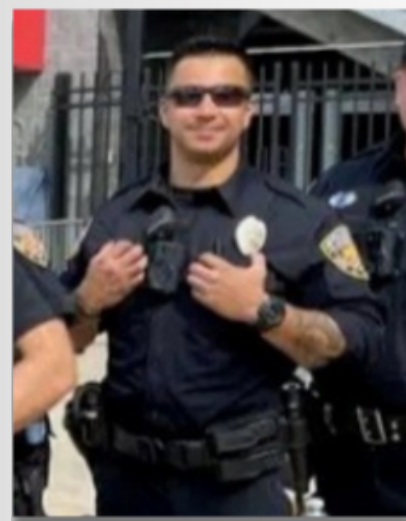
## Safe Place Initiative

The Safe Place Initiative is a cooperation with local businesses to provide a "safe place". Partnering businesses display the rainbow decal on their storefront to let victims of crimes know that they can feel comfortable contacting and waiting for a police officer in their business.





## SWAT and UCERT



The New Providence Police Department has officers assigned to both the Union County SWAT team and Union County Emergency Response Team (UCERT). Members of SWAT and UCERT receive advanced training in crowd control, civil disorder, active shooter, warrant execution, and room entry. Corporal Nicholas Guerriero is a member of both SWAT and UCERT and Officer Kevin Gutierrez is a member of UCERT. Detective Sergeant Chad Wilson is also a member of SWAT with a special assignment to the Crisis Negotiation Team. These members have responded to calls for service that span throughout Union County at all times of the day and night.

## ARRIVE Together Program



The New Providence Police Department participates in the Union County ARRIVE Together Program which stands for “Alternative Responses to Reduce Instances of Violence and Escalation”. This partners a plainclothes officer with a mental health professional, who will respond together to mental health emergencies in an unmarked police vehicle. Detective Christian Cely has served as the New Providence Police Department’s primary ARRIVE Together Police Officer. Detective Cely is a certified Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) member with experience not only in patrol and the detective bureau but also as a former Emergency Medical Technician.





The New Providence Police Honor Guard represents our agency at Law Enforcement events, celebrations, funerals, parades, and sporting events. The Honor Guard consists of Detective Sergeant Chad Wilson, Sergeant Joseph Parlapiano, Detective Michael Carlino, Detective Jeffrey Bruder, Corporal Michael Scurzo, Corporal Nicholas Guerriero, Officer Gregory Miller, and Officer Kevin Gutierrez.





# 2024 PBA LOCAL 132 EVENTS



**National Night Out**

**Trunk or Treat**

**Blood Drives**

**PBA Car Show**

**Pumpkin Carving**

**Special Olympics Torch Run**

**Egg My House**

**Officer for a Day**

**Toys for Tots**

**Fishing Derby**

**Officer for a Day**

# **SECTION VI**

# **FUTURE GOALS**



The New Providence Police Department continues to strive to bring the best service to the community, making every effort to enhance the quality of life and security of the Borough. Our pledge is to self evaluate by improving on all aspects of our service, even our successes. We do this through open communication, training, and forward thinking. In 2025 we look to further our commitment to those we serve. Here is a snapshot of what is ahead for the department in 2025.

## *Hiring and Promotions*

- Expected hiring and promotions to fill positions left vacant through upcoming retirements

## *Re-accreditation*

- Seventh cycle of Accreditation to take place in last quarter of the year

## *Uniform Update*

- Exploration of new uniforms and patrol officer equipment to stay contemporary with modern policing.

## *Building Modernization*

- Reviewing and moving forward with plans for the modernizations of the Police Department

## *Annual Programs*

- Town hall meeting to discuss traffic and crime related information to take place in the first quarter of the year. This will also include information on P.A.C.T. Watch and Home Security Assessments.
- Various P.A.C.T. community events including but not limited to Coffee/Cookie with a Cop, National Night Out, and the Youth Academy