

GLEN RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

2022 saw life returning to relative normalcy, with the effects of the pandemic and associated restrictions being lessened. In turn, our officers were able to engage the community in person with the objective of furthering our open lines of communication, demonstrating police transparency, establishing trust and allowing the members to get to know the public they serve and protect in our wonderful community. As part of our community engagement initiatives, the department conducted numerous events including, but not limited to the following.

- National Night Out
- Our first ever Bicycle Rodeo
- Town-wide Santa Parade
- School Safety Drills
- Chief-for-the-Day Event
- Home Security Surveys
- Classroom Presentations for High School students (topics including Criminal Investigations, Forensic Science, Driver's Education, Social Responsibility)
- Engaging sports leadership at the high school
- Child Safety Seat Installation Events

One of many accomplishments that I am proud to report is that our National Night Out event had a record number of attendees this year. After becoming an accredited law enforcement agency through the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police in 2021, the department continues the ongoing process by continually analyzing and updating, as necessary, our policies and practices to ensure that they remain current with presiding legislation and best practices in the field of law enforcement. We will continue this venture and will be evaluated for re-accreditation in 2024. As we look to 2023, our department will continue to enhance traffic safety through education, enforcement and engineering. We will also be implementing a new initiative called the Take Me Home Program, which is aimed at helping our most at-risk residents. As part of the Take Me Home program, residents can voluntarily register their loved ones with the Glen Ridge Police Department, which will help officers locate their loved one in the event they go missing or come into contact with law enforcement.

I would like to thank the Mayor and Council, the Administration of the Borough, and our residents for their continued support of our department and its outstanding members.

Sean P. Quinn, M.S.F.S.
Chief of Police



CORE VALUES

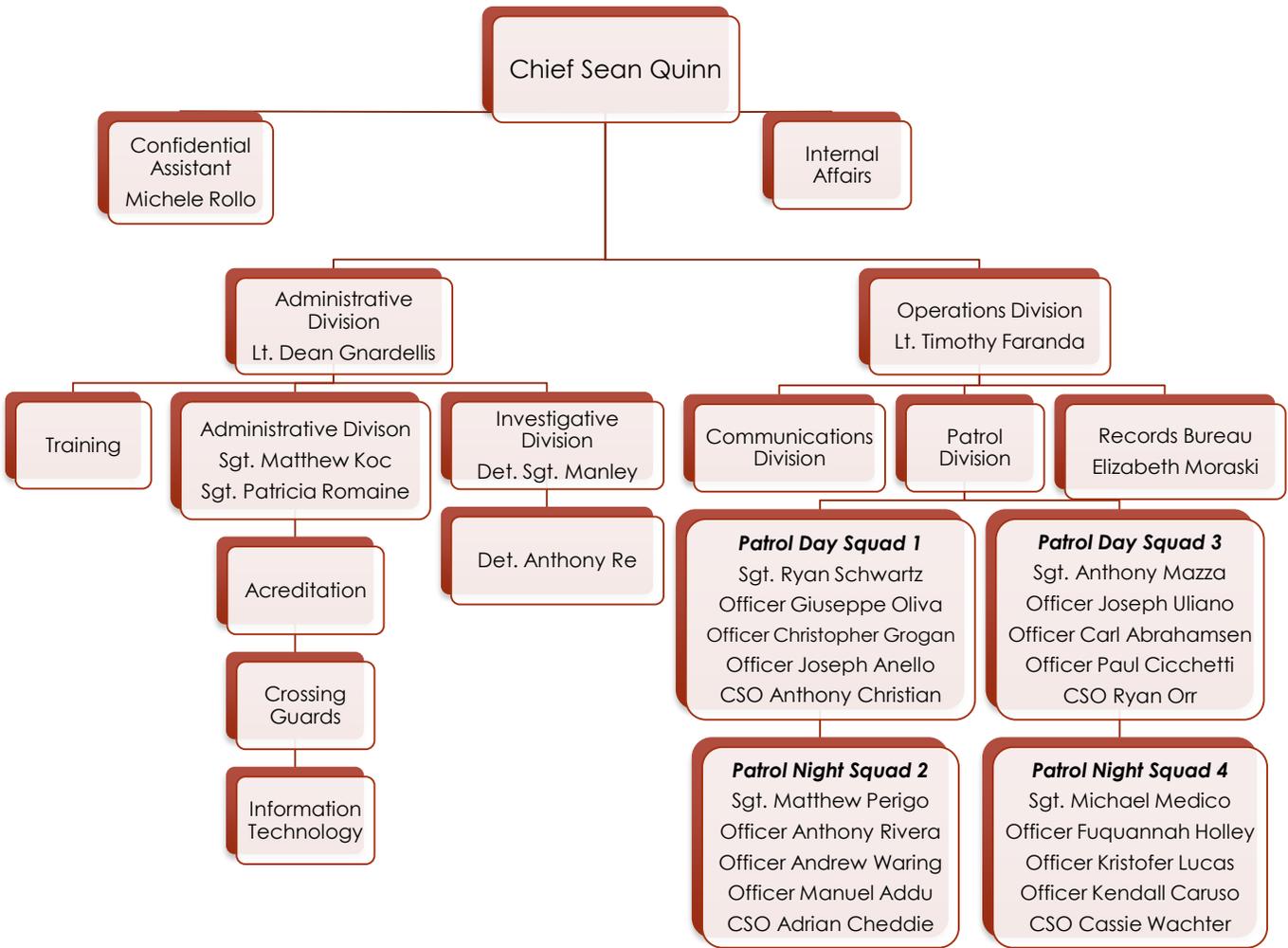
- The core values of our organization are the fundamental beliefs that dictate and direct the members of our department, helping our members to further the mission of our department. Our members chose the values they deemed to be most important to them, to reflect on the core principals to police by our motto.

INTEGRITY • PROFESSIONALISM • RESPECT

MISSION STATEMENT

The members of the Glen Ridge Police Department are committed and prepared to provide quality service to our community. Our goal is to enhance the quality of life, safety and security for all citizens. Every member of our department is devoted to maintain integrity, professionalism, and respect towards those that they serve.

ORGANIZATION



Chief of Police

Sean Quinn

Serving Since 2007



Lieutenant

Timothy Faranda

Serving Since
2008



Lieutenant

Dean Gnardellis

Serving Since
2004



Sergeant

Anthony Mazza

Serving Since
2005

*4 years United
States Marine
Corps*



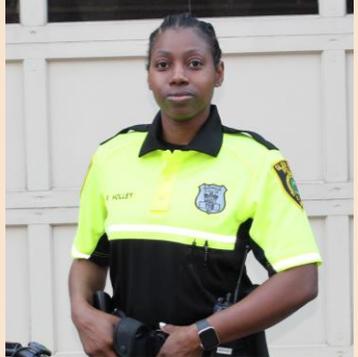
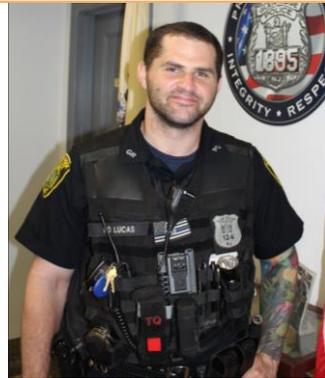
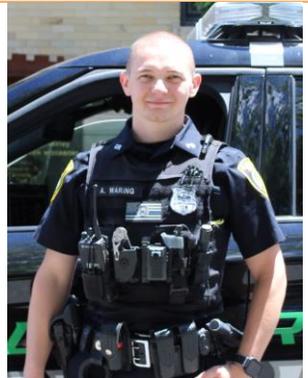
Det. Sergeant

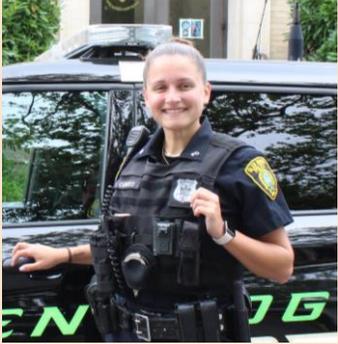
Daniel Manley

Serving Since
2008



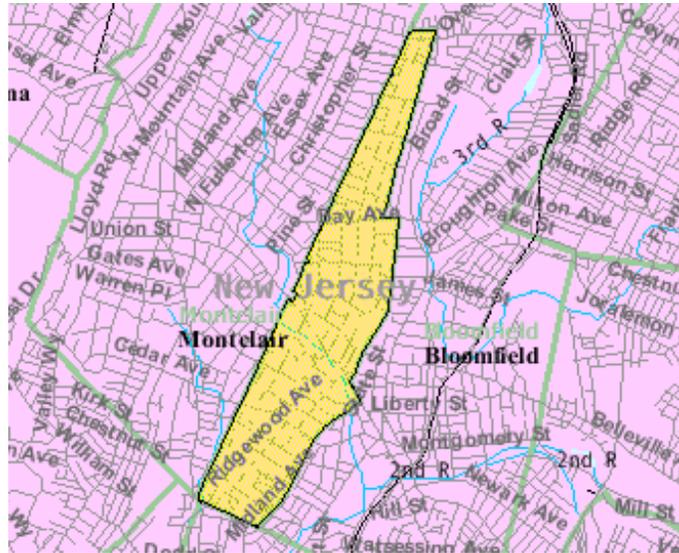
<p>Sergeant Matthew Koc Serving Since 2005</p>		<p>Sergeant Ryan Schwartz Serving Since 2007</p>	
<p>Sergeant Michael Medico Serving Since 2008</p>		<p>Sergeant Patricia Romaine Serving Since 2010</p>	
<p>Sergeant Matthew Perigo Serving Since 2013</p>		<p>Officer Joseph Uliano Serving Since 2002</p>	
<p>Officer Giuseppe Oliva Serving Since 2004</p>		<p>Officer Chris Grogan Serving Since 2005</p>	

<p>Officer Anthony Rivera Serving Since 2007</p>		<p>Officer Fuquannah Holley Serving Since 2007</p>	
<p>Detective Anthony Re Serving Since 2015</p>		<p>Officer Carl Abrahamsen Serving Since 2014</p>	
<p>Officer Paul Cicchetti Serving Since 2018</p>		<p>Officer Joseph Anello Serving Since 2017</p>	
<p>Officer Kristofer Lucas Serving Since 2019 4 years United States Marine Corps</p>		<p>Officer Andrew Waring Serving Since 2019</p>	

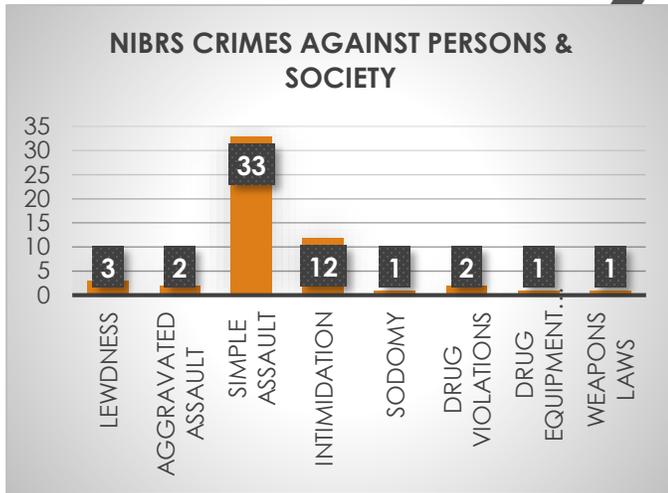
<p>Officer Kendall Caruso Serving Since 2020</p>		<p>Officer Manuel Addu Serving Since 2021</p>	
<p>CSO Adrian Cheddie Serving Since 2005 <i>6 years United States Marine Corps Reserves</i></p>		<p>CSO Ryan Orr Serving Since 2019</p>	
<p>CSO Anthony Christian Serving Since 2020</p>		<p>CSO Cassie Wachter Serving Since 2022</p>	
<p>Records Clerk Elizabeth Moraski Serving Since 2000</p>		<p>Confidential Assistant Michele Rollo Serving Since 2020</p>	

Borough & Police Dept. Demographics

Police Department Personnel	
Chief	1
Lieutenants	2
Sergeants	7
Detectives	1
Police Officers	12
Dispatchers	4
Civilian Staff	2
Crossing Guards	18
Total	47



	Service Population		Current Sworn Officers		Current Sworn Officers Female	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Caucasian	6,206	78.7%	19	82.6%	2	8.7%
African-American	410	5.2%	2	8.7%	1	4.30%
Hispanic	726	9.2%	2	8.7%	0	0%
Asian	544	6.9%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	7,886	100%	23	100%	3	13.0%



The following NIBRS offenses were not reported in 2022:

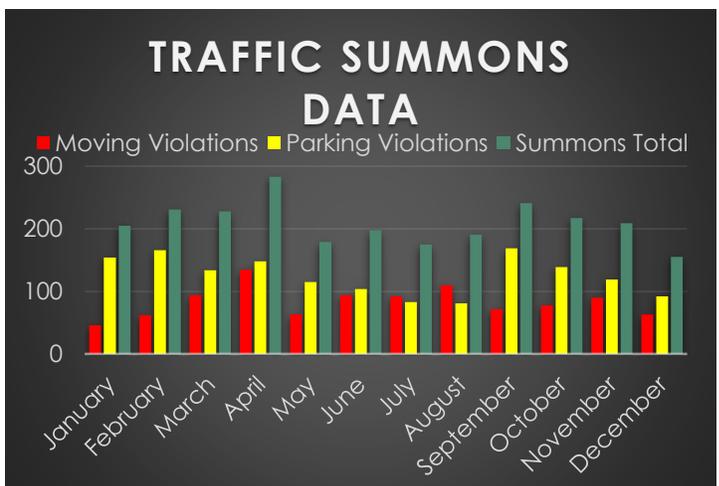
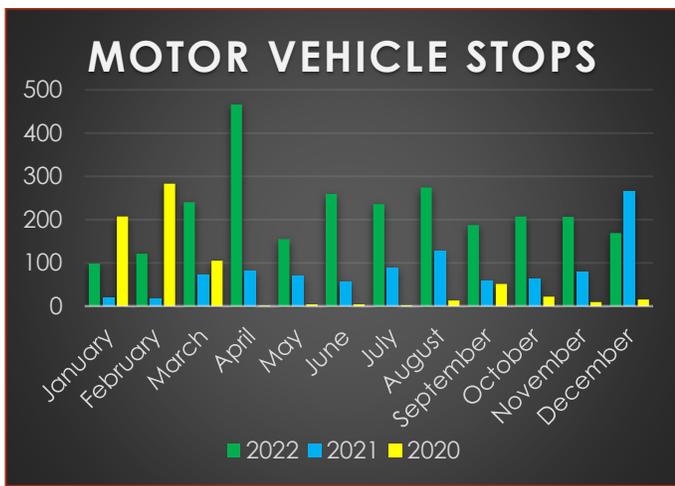
- Murder
- Justifiable
- Kidnapping
- Incest Statutory
- Bribery
- Manslaughter
- Homicide Rape
- Sexual Assault with an object
- Rape
- Gambling Offenses
- Human Trafficking
- Prostitution
- Involuntary Servitude
- Pornography Offense

NIBRS Crime	Total Reported	Total Cleared	Percentage Cleared
Sodomy	1	0	0%
Fondling	3	3	100%
Aggravated Assault	2	1	50%
Simple Assault	33	24	72.73%
Intimidation	12	10	83.33%
Crimes Against Persons Total	51	38	74.51%
Robbery	1	1	100%
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	10	3	30%
Larceny/Theft Offenses	87	23	26.44%
Motor Vehicle Theft	17	4	23.53%
Destruction Of Property	12	9	75%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	8	5	62.50%
Fraud Offense	40	0	0%
Embezzlement	3	2	66.67%
Extortion/Blackmail	2	0	0%
Stolen Property Offenses	6	6	100%
Crimes Against Property Total	186	53	28.49%
Drug/Narcotic Violations	2	2	100%
Drug Equipment Violations	1	1	100%
Weapons Law Violations	1	1	100%
Crimes Against Society Total	4	4	100%
Total Group "A" Offenses	241	95	39.42%

* See page 24 for a description of NIBRS Crime reporting

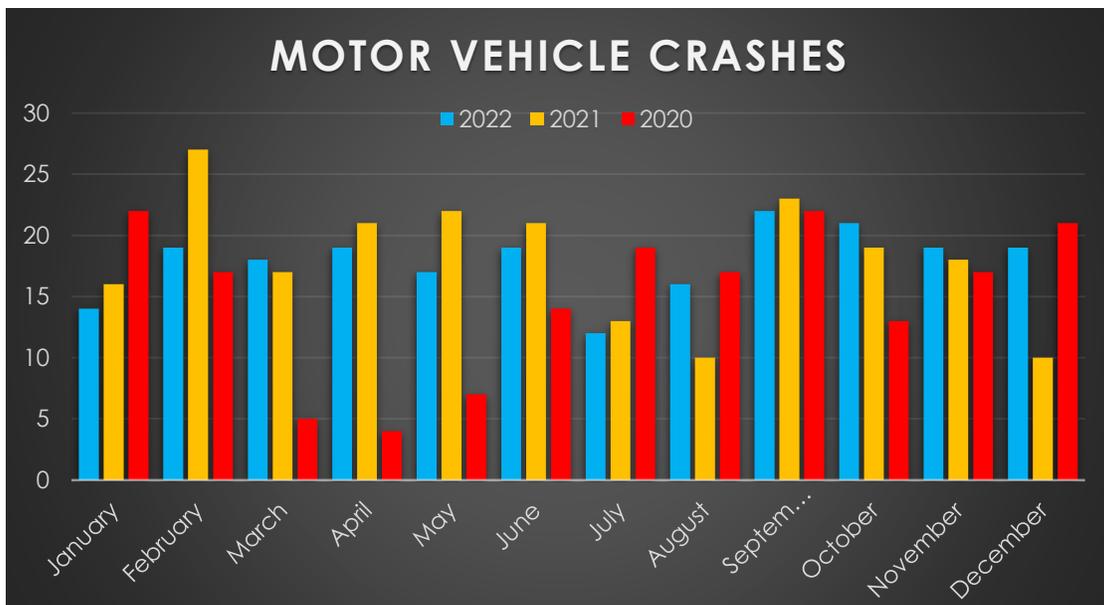
Traffic Data Violations and Motor Vehicle Data

The Glen Ridge Police Department issued 2,513 traffic summonses in 2022. A total of 999 summonses were issued for moving violations, 1,505 summonses for parking violations and 9 borough ordinance violations were issued. There were a total of 2,618 traffic stops, 628 traffic details and 190 vehicles towed. The department also completed 5 traffic surveys and received 17 traffic related complaints.

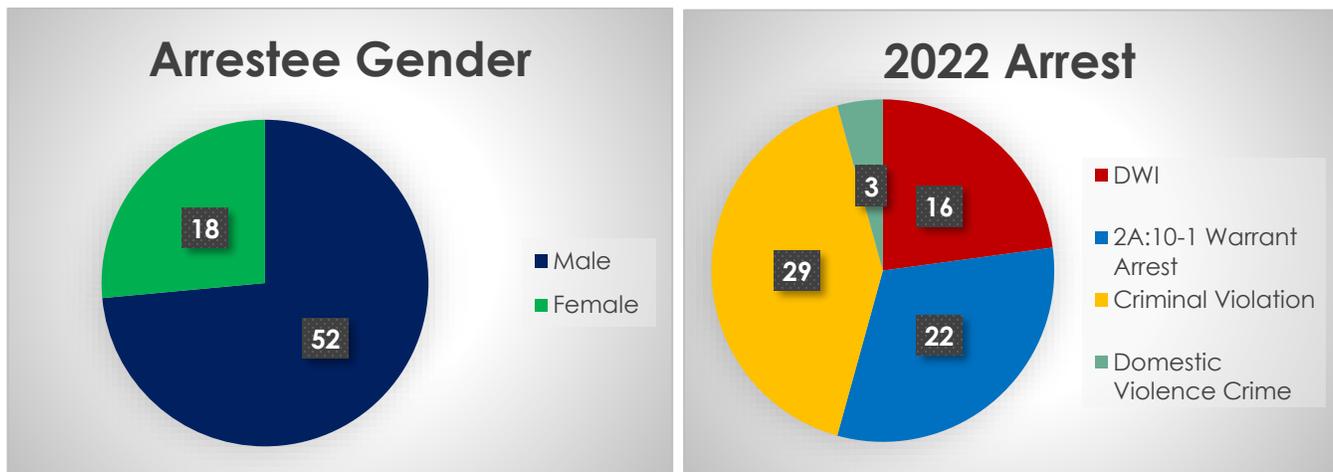


Traffic Accidents

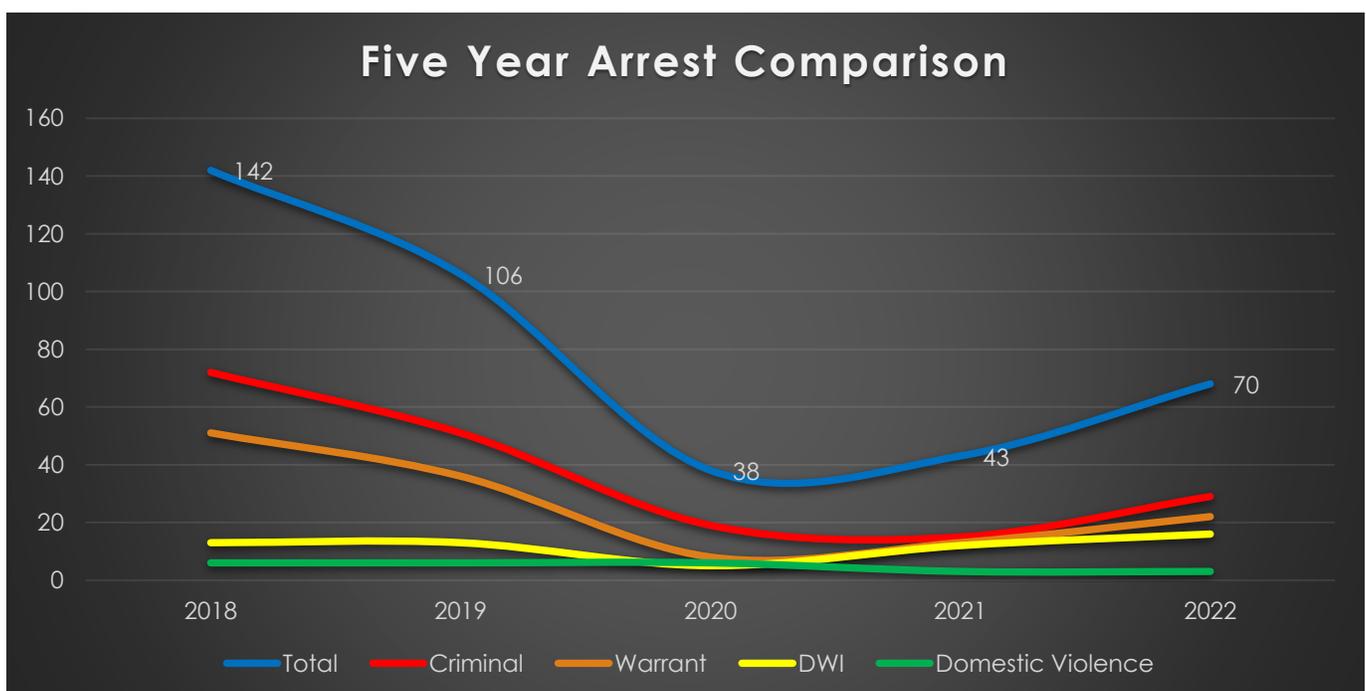
The department responded to 215 traffic accidents, of which 36 had injuries. There were 2 fatal motor vehicle accidents and 2 pedestrians which were struck by a motor vehicle.



In 2022, The Glen Ridge Police Department made 68 arrests. Those arrested were processed at the Glen Ridge Police Department and either released or transported to the Essex County Correctional Facility.



The Glen Ridge Police Department filed 54 criminal complaints with the court.



Call Types

During 2022, the officers of the Glen Ridge Police Department documented 34,808 incident call types where an officer was out of service. A sampling of those calls are as follows:

Aid / Assist	733	Lockout House / MV	24
Alarm Calls	450	Missing Persons	13
Animal Complaints	108	MV Crash	215
Ambulance Calls	455	Noise Complaints	77
Back Up Officer	5,261	Open Doors	166
Building Check	4,141	Parking Enforcements	2,050
Community Outreach	1,678	Property Calls	148
Crossing Detail	162	Suspicious Conditions	436
Field Checks	1,659	Traffic Related	1,269
Fire Dispatch	229	Welfare Check	71

Departmental Statistics

1,593
Reports

2,201
911 Calls

2,226
Vacant House
Checks

229
Fire Department
Calls

1,299
Ambulance
Responses

111,971
Miles Patrolled

Internal Affairs Report & Major Discipline

The Internal Affairs Division is made up of Lt. Faranda, Lt. Gnardellis and D/Sgt. Manley. The unit processed one complaint in 2022. The unit also processed two random drug tests of sworn officers in accordance with the New Jersey Attorney General Guidelines and monitored the Early Warning System for officer conduct. The Internal Affairs unit also monitors and reports to the Essex County Prosecutor's Office any Brady and Giglio violations which would result from untruthfulness.

				Source of Complaint			Criminal Outcome				Internal Disciplinary Outcome					
	Pending from Prior Years	New cases	Cases Closed	Agency	Civilian	Anon.	Conviction	Diversion	Acquittal	Dismissal	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Administratively Closed	Sustained	Pending End
Excessive Force	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Entry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Criminal Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Differential Treatment	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Demeanor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Rule Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Total Cases Opened	1
Total Cases Closed	1
Total Cases Pending	0
Total Criminal Cases	0

There was no major discipline imposed on a Glen Ridge Officer in accordance with AG Directive 21-6.

Motor Vehicle Pursuits

The Glen Ridge Police Department engaged in no motor vehicle pursuits during 2022. There were six reported instances where a vehicle failed to stop for a Glen Ridge Officer, which fled the scene and no pursuit was initiated.

Use of Force

In 2022, twelve use of force reports were completed by officers during seven incidents. One incident resulted in one officer injured, two of the incidents involved officers assisting Mountainside Hospital with a patient and three resulted in criminal charges. Six incidents were determined to involve a person with a mental health condition. All seven incidents were categorized as physical force as defined by the New Jersey Attorney General.

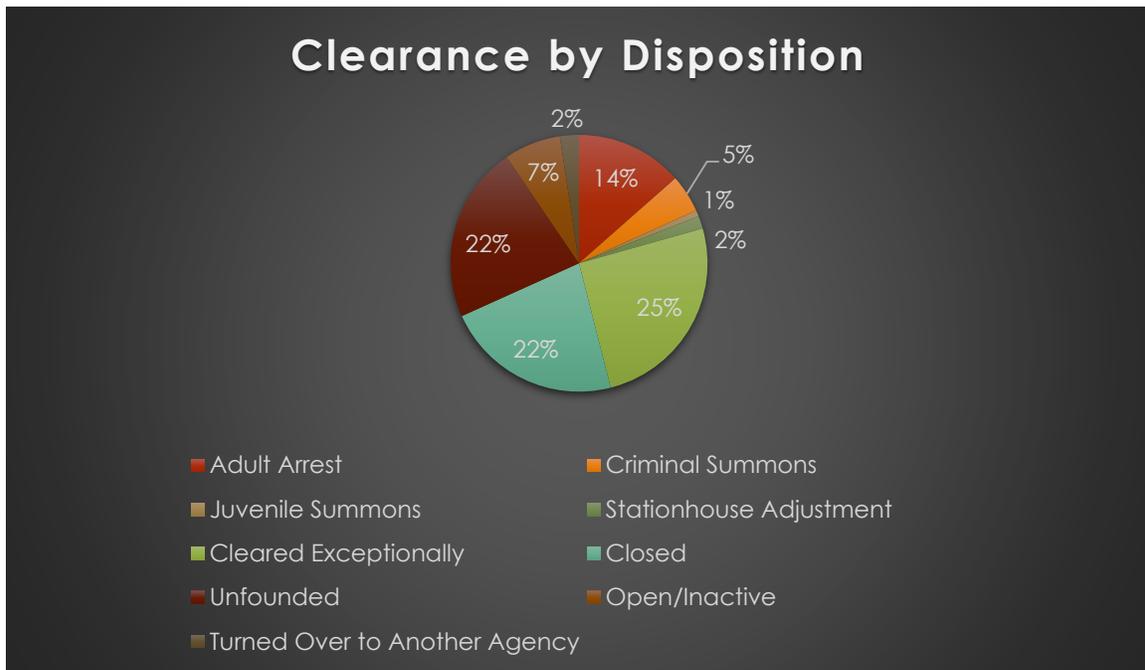
There was one show of force where constructive authority with a firearm was utilized, the suspect was observed holding a handgun and subsequently complied with the officer's directions.

A command level review was completed for each use of force incident. There was no indication that force used was administered inappropriately.

Complaints

The Glen Ridge Police Department accepts and investigates all complaints of department and employee alleged misconduct or wrongdoing from any citizen, department employee or any other source, including anonymous sources.

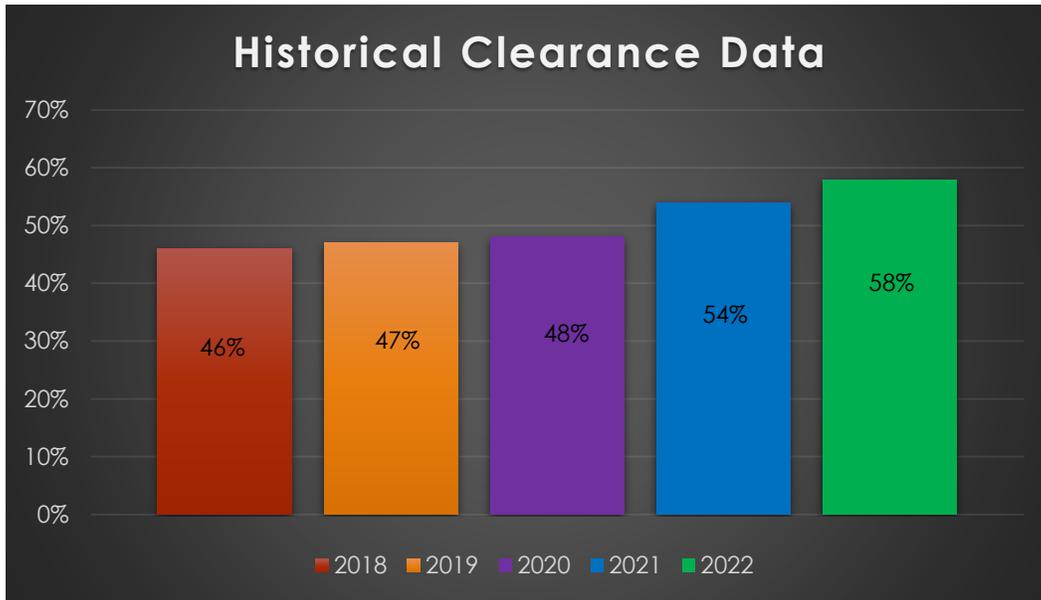
During 2022, the Detective Bureau investigated 322 incidents and consisted of one supervisor and two detectives. A total of 188 cases were cleared resulting in a clearance rate of 58%. This clearance rate is a 4% increase from 2021.



In 2022, the Detective Bureau again saw an increase in clearance rates for the fifth consecutive year. The continued increases in clearance rates are a testament to the dedication and hard work of the department’s detectives. Over the past year, the department has made significant strides in closing a higher percentage of cases while bringing closure and justice to victims and their families. This increase in clearance rates is a result of a combination of factors, including improved investigation techniques, greater cooperation between agencies, additional training, and the use of advanced technologies. The efforts of the detective bureau have made our community safer and we are proud to report that the trend of increased clearance rate shows no signs of slowing down.

Project Medicine Drop

The department’s prescription drug abuse prevention program, Project Medicine Drop, continued to grow in popularity in 2022. This proactive crime prevention program provides residents an opportunity to properly discard expired, unused or unwanted prescription medications. The department collected 170 pounds of expired, unused, or unwanted prescription medications. Since launching the program in 2017, the department has collected 1,320 pounds of medication.



Firearms Licensing Report

In 2022, the Detective Bureau received 43 applications for firearms identification cards and handgun purchaser permits. Among the applicants, 38 were approved and 5 are currently pending. Additionally, 70 handgun purchaser permits issued by the department were executed through federal firearms dealers in 2022. There were eight applications for a permit to carry, 4 were approved and 4 are pending with the court.

Reassignment of Personnel

On June 1, 2022, Detective Matthew Perigo was reassigned from the detective bureau to the patrol division. Detective Perigo was promoted to the rank of sergeant and was assigned to the patrol division night squad for the remainder of the year. During his tenure in the detective bureau, Sergeant Perigo made numerous notable arrests including arrests for murder, robbery, burglary, theft, and weapons possession.

School Engagement

In addition to investigative responsibilities, the detective bureau served as the liaison to the school district. Detective Matthew Perigo was assigned as the primary school liaison to the Linden Avenue School and Glen Ridge High School. Detective Anthony Re was the liaison to the Forest Avenue School, Central Avenue School, and Ridgewood Avenue School. During the academic year, detectives conducted a variety of security drills and community policing programs at their respective school.

Robbery, Theft, Assault & Burglary

On February 2nd, 2022, Officer Grogan responded to the 400 block of Ridgewood Avenue. The resident dialed 911 reporting that an unknown person was inside the residence, had stolen a lap top, and assaulted the resident. Upon arrival, Officers located the suspect exiting the residence and placed him under arrest. While in custody, the suspect overdosed and was successfully provided two doses of NARCAN by Officers on scene. The suspect then assaulted Officers in an attempt to flee while at the hospital. He was charged and transported to the Essex County Correctional Facility.

Motor Vehicle Theft

On April 2nd, 2023, headquarters received a report of a stolen motor vehicle. The vehicle in question was later utilized to commit numerous crimes around Essex County including theft and robbery. The vehicle was later involved in a motor vehicle crash. Following the crash, Det. Re processed the vehicle and located several latent fingerprints. These latent fingerprints were later submitted to AFIS. A suspect was identified and charged with theft. The identity of the suspect was also forwarded to impacted agencies, who filed additional charges.

Burglary

On April 7th, 2022, The Glen Ridge Bottle King was burglarized during the early morning hours. The suspect forced entry to the front door and stole cash, liquor, and cigarettes. Det. Perigo and Det. Re were able to develop a suspect by utilizing numerous criminal databases. They also determined that the suspect was wanted for multiple burglaries in Morris and Bergen Counties. The suspect was identified and charged with Burglary and Theft.

Fatal MVA & Pursuit

On May 10th, 2022, the Montclair Police Department pursued a vehicle wanted for an armed robbery. The driver of the vehicle lost control, crashing the vehicle into the Glen at Bloomfield Avenue and Ridgewood Avenue. As a result of the crash, two of the occupants died upon impact. The Attorney General's Office responded to the scene and investigated the crash. While on scene several firearms were located.

Burglary, Theft, & Fraud

On May 17th, 2022, an unlocked vehicle was entered and a wallet was removed. The offender later utilized a credit card that was contained within the stolen wallet at a Game Stop in Kearny. Det. Re then collaborated with Kearny PD and utilized computerized investigative tools to identify the actor. The party in question was also tied to several vehicle burglaries and frauds in Kearny. Furthermore, following Det.

Re's identification of the actor, he conducted a social media investigation and several other unidentified burglars were identified.

CPR

On June 2nd, 2022, Officer Cicchetti and Officer Uliano responded to a Ridgewood Avenue residence on a report of a person having difficulty breathing. Officer Cicchetti located the patient and determined that he was no longer breathing and did not have a pulse. Officers began CPR and were able to regain a pulse shortly thereafter. The patient was able to make a full recovery due to their efforts.

Theft & Fraud

On July 26th, 2022, a high value check was stolen from the mailbox of a house of worship. The check was then unlawfully deposited at a local ATM. Det. Re was able to ascertain where the check had been deposited and was able to secure video footage of the incident. Utilizing computerized investigative tools, Det. Re was able to identify the offender. The suspect was charged with theft and fraud.

Burglaries to Auto

On September 16th, 2022, Sgt. Medico, Officer Lucas and Officer Caruso responded to the 300 block of Ridgewood Avenue for a burglary to auto in progress. Responding Officers set up a perimeter and shortly thereafter located a suspect loitering on the front porch of a residence. The suspect was stopped and located in his possession were stolen items from the vehicle. Officers were able to locate five additional vehicles which were entered as well as numerous stolen items. The suspect was charged with burglary and theft and transported to the Essex County Correctional Facility.

Fatal MVA

On September 27th, 2022, The Glen Ridge Police Department responded to Bloomfield Avenue and High Street for a report of a motor vehicle accident involving a motorcycle. Responding Officers located a motorcyclist down in the roadway. Officers rendered aid and began CPR, however the driver succumbed to his injuries.

Aggravated Assault

On December 13th, 2022, Officers responded to the Emergency Room at Mountainside Hospital for a fire alarm and a dispute with a patient. Officers located the patient and, through investigation, it was determined that the patient, who was unsatisfied with hospital staff, discharged a fire extinguisher in the E.R. and struck two security guards before exiting the E.R. He was arrested and charged with assault, criminal mischief, disorderly conduct and terroristic threats.

Weapons Possession, DWI, and CDS Possession

On December 24th, 2022, Sgt. Perigo and Officer Holley responded to a suspicious vehicle which was parked against the flow of traffic on Sherman Avenue. After numerous attempts, they were able to awaken the driver who attempted to reach for his opened backpack. The driver was arrested for suspicion of drunk driving. While completing the arrest, Officers located 13 ounces of illegal marijuana and a loaded Glock 19 handgun inside the opened backpack. The suspect was charged with unlawful possession of a weapon, extended magazines, and unlawful possession of CDS with intent to distribute.



Cold Cases

Burglary

On April 13th, 2022, Det. Re received an AFIS fingerprint hit for a residential burglary which occurred on September 21st, 2012. The suspect, having been identified by latent fingerprints, was charged with burglary and theft.

Motor Vehicle Theft

On June 6th, 2022, Det. Re received a CODIS DNA hit for a cigarette that had been located inside a recovered stolen vehicle. The suspect was identified and charged with motor vehicle theft.

Sgt. Matthew Perigo

On September 27th, 2022, Matthew Perigo was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sgt. Perigo began his career with the Glen Ridge Police Department in 2013 and was previously assigned to the detective bureau as well as the patrol division.

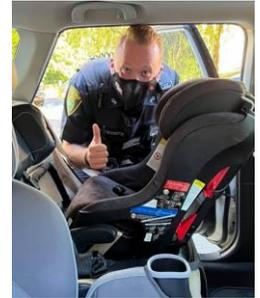


Accreditation

The Glen Ridge Police Department continues to maintain its accreditation status which it received from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. The department was awarded accreditation in October 2021 and received a formal certificate of recognition in February of 2022. The department continues to update policies and procedures and intends to seek re-certification in 2024.



Car Seat Installation Event – The Glen Ridge Police Department has two certified child safety seat installers. A community event was held this year where 6 installations were conducted. Additionally, residents may make an appointment for a child seat installation.



National Night Out – The National Night Out event was held at the Glen Ridge Community Pool. The event continues to be a huge success within the community. This year, the department of Homeland Security joined us to educate the community on their mission and equipment. The US Coast Guard also conducted a fly over for the event.



Bicycle Rodeo – The Glen Ridge Police Department hosted a Bicycle Rodeo at the Central Avenue School in May. Residents were encouraged to attend, register their bicycles and then put their skills to the test on our obstacle course.

Electric Bicycle – The Glen Ridge Police Department purchased an e-bike through Voltaire Cycles. The e-bike is utilized by our Bicycle Officers during their daily patrols as well as at all community policing events.



Ashenfelter 8K – The A8K race was held on Thanksgiving Day 2022. The department provided security for the over 5,000 attendees at the event. The event remains a success and we're proud to be a part of it.

Special Olympics Torch Run – Members of the Borough and the Police Department ran in the Essex leg of the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run which runs along Bloomfield Avenue through town.



Santa Detail – Members of the Police Department, Ambulance Squad, DPW, Montclair Fire Department and the Borough escorted Santa through town this December. Members of the public were able to track Santa’s progress through town via social media.

Police Memorial – Members of the department, as well as Rob’s family, visited the National Law Enforcement Memorial to pay tribute to Officer Charles Roberts whose name is etched on the memorial.



Chief for the Day – On November 11th, 2022, honorary Chief Meyer was honored as the “Chief for the Day” with the Glen Ridge Police Department. Chief Meyer visited with different officers, processed crime scenes, utilized handheld radar with officers and dispatched radio calls.

Training

Glen Ridge Officers are trained in various specialties surrounding the law enforcement profession. Annually, our officers are required to attend training which are mandated by the New Jersey Attorney General, some of the training includes, CLEAR, firearms, use of force, pursuit and domestic violence training.

The department has certified instructors in CPR & First Aid, NARCAN, Firearms, Domestic Violence, Pursuit and Use of Force.

Officers were certified in the following trainings this year:

911 and Emergency Medical Dispatch
iCat & ABLE
Active Shooter Response
ALCOTest Operator
ALICE Training
Autism Shield
Basic Crash Investigation
Crime Scene Investigation

Crime Prevention Certification
Narcotic Trends
Digital Evidence
Interview and Interrogation
Motorcycle Instructor
Matron Training
Resiliency Training
Tactical Emergency Care

NIBRS Crime Reporting

The Glen Ridge Police Department is certified for NIBRS (National Incident Based Reporting System) crime reporting by the state of NJ to the FBI. The NIBRS program replaced the UCR summary crime reporting program. The main difference being that NIBRS reporting is much more detailed and reports 52 classifications of crimes whereas the UCR program reported 8 classifications of crimes. Additionally, 48 states throughout the U.S.A. report their crime statistics the same way using the NIBRS program. The NIBRS program classifications differ from the traditional reporting terms as it is a nationwide system designed to achieve uniformity.

Photos





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