

GLEN RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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ANNUAL REPORT 2017

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Honorable Paul Lisovicz
Chairperson, Public Safety Committee
Glen Ridge, New Jersey

Dear Commissioner Lisovicz:

I hereby submit the annual report for the Department of Public Safety for 2017.

As of December 31st, 2017, the Public Safety Department consisted of the following employees:

- 1 Chief of Police & Director of Public Safety
- 1 Captain
- 1 Lieutenant
- 6 Sergeants
- 2 Detectives
- 12 Police Officers
- 4 Community Service Officers
- 1 Records Clerk

The following part time employees and volunteers were under the supervision of the Public Safety Dept.:

- 17 School Crossing Guards
- 3 Reserve School Crossing Guards
- 90 Volunteer Ambulance Personnel
- 7 Volunteer Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) Members
- 5 Per-diem Dispatchers
- 1 Administrative Assistant

Mission Statement

We, the members of the Glen Ridge Police Department, are committed and prepared to provide a quality service to our community. Together we are constantly cultivating community partnerships to improve the quality of life, safety and security for all citizens. Our department is steadfast in its pursuit of excellence through **honor** as a basic principle of accepting every individual, **knowledge** with the purpose of developing understanding and **respect** toward those whom we serve.

Every member of the Glen Ridge Police Department pledges their commitment and full support to this mission.



HONOR – KNOWLEDGE – RESPECT

COMMAND STAFF

Chief of Police & Director of Public Safety
Sheila Byron-Lagattuta

Captain of Police
Sean Quinn

Lieutenant of Police
Timothy Faranda

SUPERVISORY STAFF

Sergeant of Police
Dean Gnardellis - Anthony Mazza - Daniel Manley
Matthew Koc - Ryan Schwartz - Michael Medico

DETECTIVES and UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

Nicholas Salerno - Charles Roberts - Joseph Uliano - Giuseppe Oliva - Christopher Grogan
Anthony Rivera - Patricia Romaine - Matthew Perigo - Sean Wilk - Fuquannah Holley
Michael High - Anthony Re - Carl Abrahamsen – Garrett Barbalinardo

SUPPORT STAFF

Community Service Officer
Vincent Purcell - Stephanie Riedl
Jesus Marriaga - Nikita Cherry – Joseph Anello

Records Bureau Clerk
Elizabeth Moraski

Administrative Assistant
Roslyn Cutting

NOTABLE CASES

17-3038

January 26th, 2017, Sergeant Gnardellis and Officer Roberts responded to the area of Bay Avenue. The caller, Crossing Guard Genaldean Gray, reported observing a male party walk onto the premises of a Ridgewood Avenue address and attempt to gain entry to a vehicle. Sergeant Gnardellis stopped the suspect at Mountainside Hospital, through investigation it was confirmed that the suspect had attempted to break into the vehicle and had driven a stolen vehicle to the area. Mr. Julio Duran, 23, of Newark, was arrested and charged with Burglary, Trespassing, and Receiving Stolen Property on February 27th, 2017. Crossing Guard Gray was presented with a crime prevention award for her efforts in preventing this crime.

16-36233, 16-37622, 16-37658, 16-37602

February 17th, 2017, As a result of a Detective Bureau Investigation, D/Sgt. Manley and Det. Rivera arrested a juvenile male for four outstanding Burglaries to Auto which were committed in December of 2016. The Juvenile male was identified through crime scene processing and fingerprint analysis. He was subsequently charged with four counts of Burglary and Theft.

17-3876

March 2nd, 2017, Sgt. Medio and Officer Romaine responded to Laurel Avenue on a report of a Burglary to Auto which had just occurred. Upon arrival, it was determined that the actor had fled the area. The scene was processed and several latent fingerprints were lifted for analysis. As a result of the evidence collected, D/Sgt. Manley and Det. Rivera arrested Mr. Timere Payne, 19 of Montclair for Burglary and Theft. Mr. Payne was arrested and transported to the Essex County Correctional Facility.

17-9475

March 20th, 2017, Officer Holley responded to Bloomfield Avenue for a person down in the roadway. Upon arrival, officers found a party in the roadway who was visibly intoxicated. The party was arrested shortly thereafter for Disorderly Conduct and taken to police headquarters. While in custody she refused to cooperate and assaulted and spit on Officers. Ms. Mirley Cantillo, 46, of Bloomfield was charged with Aggravated Assault, Throwing Bodily Fluids, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Hindering her own Apprehension, Obstruction and Disorderly Conduct. This case was referred to the Essex County Superior Court.

17-14192

On April 30th, 2017, Officer Anthony Re responded to the Freeman Parkway for a party who was assaulted. The victim advised that he was walking underneath the Freeman Parkway Bridge when he was assaulted by a white male. Officer Salerno and Re located

Mr. Jeffrey Harr, 57 and placed him under arrest for Aggravated Assault and Terroristic Threats. This case was referred to the Essex County Superior Court.

15-34831 & 16-06465

July 5th, 2017, Det. Anthony Rivera received notification from the New Jersey State Police Toxicology lab for two positive identifications for DNA previously submitted by the Detective Bureau. Mr. Joshua Lang-Davila was arrested and charged with two counts of Burglary and two counts of Theft stemming from the following incidents: On October 26th, 2015, a sweatshirt was recovered at the scene of a car burglary which was later submitted for DNA testing by Lt. Timothy Faranda. On March 2nd, 2017 while processing a burglary to auto, Sgt. Schwartz recovered a soda can left at the scene which was submitted for DNA testing.

17-23202

July 19th, 2017, Officer Matthew Perigo and Officer Sean Wilk responded to Chestnut Hill Place for an animal bite. The investigation determined that a rabid fox had attacked the resident at this location and that a neighbor's landscaper had killed the fox. The fox was taken by animal control and later tested positive for rabies. The resident was also treated for rabies.

17-25866

August 14th, 2017, Officer Carl Abrahamsen responded to a Ridgewood Avenue residence on a report of a bicycle theft. Prior to arriving, suspects matching the description were observed walking away from the area. The suspects, identified as juveniles, were detained and a show-up identification was conducted with the victim. The victim positively identified the suspects. The two juveniles were arrested and charged with Trespass, Theft, and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon (knife).

17-26798

August 23rd, 2017, While speaking to the driver on a motor vehicle stop, the driver placed the vehicle into drive and fled the scene. Through investigation, the Detective Bureau was able to identify the driver as Mr. Ronald Waterman 51, of South Orange. Detectives responded to the his place of employment where they attempted to arrest him. The suspect resisted arrest and began to fight with the officers while on scene. The South Orange Police Department responded and assisted our Detectives. He was charged with Hindering, Resisting Arrest and Assault.

17-30140

September 22nd, 2017, Glen Ridge Officers responded to the Glen Ridge High School which was placed on lock down for an intruder. Captain Quinn established command and officers were directed to search the school for the suspect while the students & staff remained locked in the classrooms. Sergeant Koc reported locating the suspect on Woodland Avenue outside the school shortly thereafter. The juvenile suspect was determined to be a Montclair High School student who came to the school to visit his

friends & entered through a rear door. He was charged with Defiant Trespass and referred to juvenile court.

17-32090

October 9th, 2017, Sgt. Ryan Schwartz stopped a suspicious person on Brooklawn Road. Through the course of investigation, it was determined that the suspect was hindering his apprehension by providing false information. When the party, Mr. Kenneth Johnson, was identified an active warrant for Burglary was located out of Glen Ridge. The Detective Bureau then met with Mr. Johnson and while interviewing him he admitted to committing eight burglaries and thefts in the Borough during the months of September and October.

17-36551

November 16th, 2017, Officers responded to a Hillside Avenue residence for a reported burglary which occurred in the past. D/Sgt. Daniel Manley responded to the scene. While on scene he collected evidence and processed areas inside the residence for latent fingerprints. As a result of his efforts, a positive fingerprint match was returned by the AFIS Unit. Mr. Wali Wiggs, 19, of Newark was arrested and charged with Burglary, Theft, Criminal Mischief, and Contempt of Court.

Notable Cold Cases:

17-18927, 17-18945, 17-18947, 17-18950

June 10th, 2017, Officers responded to the 200 block of Ridgewood Avenue on a report of an attempted burglary. Detectives were called to process the scene and recovered DNA evidence. While on scene, three additional residences were found to be vandalized in the area. Detectives developed a suspect and requested a court order to obtain his DNA which was submitted for comparison. On February 12th, 2018, after confirmation of the DNA recovered, the suspect, Mr. Michael Faugno, 19 of Glen Ridge was arrested and charged for the commission of the above crimes.

15-14363

April 30th, 2015, then D/Sgt. Timothy Faranda responded to Winsor Place on a Burglary to Auto. While processing the scene a ski mask was recovered and submitted to the State Police CODIS lab for analysis. On January 28th, 2018, Det. Anthony Rivera received a CODIS confirmation for the submitted DNA. As a result, Mr. Daquwan Gibbons, 20, of East Orange was arrested and charged with two counts of Burglary.

TRAINING

The Glen Ridge Police Department is mandated by the State of New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice to train all sworn personnel in the following areas:

- Use of Force (Bi-annual)
- Firearms Qualifications (Bi-annual)
- Attorney General Pursuit Guidelines (Bi-annual)
- Domestic Violence Training
- NCIC/SCIC Training
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Hazardous Materials
- Uniformed Crime Reporting
- Right to Know

The following training and certifications are valid for a two-year period as recognized by the Division of Criminal Justice. The Glen Ridge Police Department certifies and re-certifies as many officers as possible.

- Radar Operator
- ALCOTEST Operator
- Healthcare Provider (CPR, AED, and BLS programs)

The Glen Ridge Police Department mandates all sworn personnel receive annual training in the following areas:

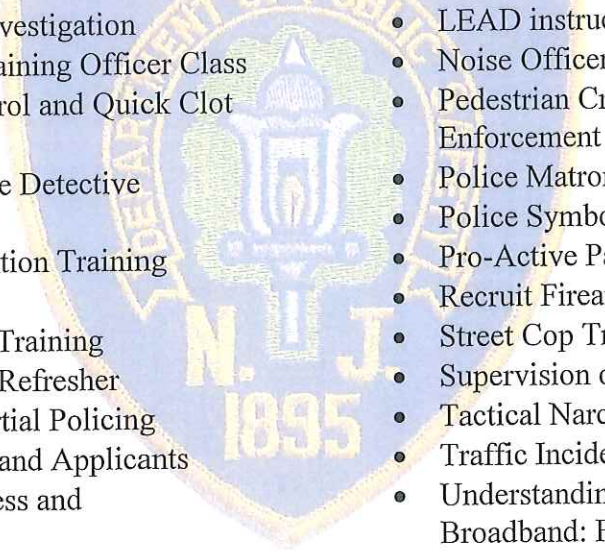
- Cell Block Management
- Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
- Use of Force
- Firearms Qualifications
- No Tolerance in the Workplace
- CJIS Recertification
- Internal Affairs

The Glen Ridge Police Department has certified officers that instruct at the police academy or in-house to our Officers in the following areas:

- Active Shooter
- Arson Investigation
- Assault Rifle Instruction
- Basic Telecommunication/Emergency Medical Dispatch
- Bias Incident
- Bicycle Patrol
- Car Seat Inspection/Installation
- Citizen Complaint/Internal Affairs Investigations
- Crime Prevention
- Crime Scene
- Criminal Investigations
- Defensive Driving Instruction
- Domestic Violence Instruction
- Emergency Management
- Fingerprint Classifying/Development Matching
- CPR Healthcare Provider Instruction
- L.E.A.D.
- Megan's Law

- Methods of Instruction
- Oleoresin Capsicum (O.C.) Instructor
- Pursuit Guidelines Instruction
- Racial Profiling
- Radar Operator
- Right-to-Know
- Side-Handle Baton Instruction
- Sub-Gun Instruction
- Terminal Agency Coordinator
- Use of Force/Firearms Instruction

In 2017, training classes were provided to members of the police department, below is just an example of some of the training classes received by members.

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- Basic Crash Investigation
 - Basic Field Training Officer Class
 - Bleeding Control and Quick Clot
 - Bicycle Patrol
 - Comprehensive Detective Training
 - Crisis Intervention Training
 - Cyber Attacks
 - De-escalation Training
 - DWI & SFST Refresher
 - Fair and Impartial Policing
 - Firearms Law and Applicants
 - Gang Awareness and Identification
 - Human Trafficking
 - Internal Affairs Investigations and OPRA
 - Interview & Interrogation
 - LEAD instructor Training
 - Noise Officer Certification
 - Pedestrian Crosswalk Enforcement
 - Police Matron Training
 - Police Symbology
 - Pro-Active Patrol
 - Recruit Firearms Training
 - Street Cop Training
 - Supervision of Law Enforcement
 - Tactical Narcotics Training
 - Traffic Incident Management
 - Understanding Public Safety Broadband: First Net
 - Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Devices
 - Work Zone Safety

Department Activity

During 2017, The department investigated the following UCR Offenses: three (3) Robberies, twenty-nine (29) Assaults, thirty six (36) Burglaries, one hundred fifteen (115) Larceny-Thefts and eight (8) Motor Vehicle Thefts.

The UCR part one offenses, which showed a decrease in 2017 from 2016, are:

Burglary: -21% [45 to 36]

The UCR part one offenses, which showed an increase in 2017 from 2016, are:

Assault: 61% [18 to 29]
Larceny-Theft: 4% [110 to 115]
Motor Vehicle Theft: 300% [2 to 8]

The UCR part one offenses, which showed no change in 2017 from 2016, are:

Homicide [0]
Rape [0]
Robbery [3 to 3]
Arson [0]

The Record Bureau reported that 50 UCR (part 1 only) offenses were cleared in 2017 as opposed to 46 UCR (part 1 only) offenses which were cleared in 2016, this reflects an 8% increase in clearances.

The Glen Ridge Police Department Detective Bureau investigated 426 incidents and cleared 187 related offenses in 2017. The Detective Bureau cleared 44% of assigned cases in 2017, which is a 5% decrease from 2016, which saw 49% of cases cleared.

There were 68 Borough Ordinance summonses issued for various violations of the Municipal Code.

The Department patrolled 120,127 miles during 2017, averaging 10,011 miles per month. This is a 2.5% increase from 2016 to 2017.

The Department received a total of 40,621 non-emergency phone calls, and a total of 1,941 emergency 911 phone calls. Phone calls received in our Communications Center for emergency and non-emergencies increased by 2% during 2017.

During 2017, the Department processed a total of 158 prisoners within our cell block. Of these, 128 were male and 30 were female. This is a decrease of 4% in prisoners processed from 2016.

Glen Ridge Volunteer Ambulance Squad

The Glen Ridge Volunteer Ambulance Squad responded to 1,196 calls for service during 2017. Of these, 520 were for emergencies within the Borough of Glen Ridge. There were 686 mutual aid requests to surrounding towns. The ambulance squad saw a decrease of 87 calls for service. This resulted in a 7% decrease of total calls between 2016 and 2017. The medical transport also completed a total of 227 ambulatory transports for 2017, a 17% decrease from 2016. The medical transport team consists of dedicated individuals who assist local residents with non-emergency transports to and from medical appointments. They continue to promote this great program, additional information can be found on the Boroughs website.

The Glen Ridge Volunteer Ambulance Squad welcomed 14 new members in 2017, 3 adults and 11 high school students. These new members are currently working towards completing their EMT certifications and driver training. GRVAS began an aggressive membership drive at the end of 2017, which is currently producing promising candidates. The ambulance corps also began a formal background check for all new members through Verified Volunteers as well as the implementation of the statewide mandated electronic patient care reporting system. GRVAS continues to participate in all town events including the Lager Run, A8K, Eco Fair and Arts Festival and thanks the community and Borough for its continued support.

2017 Crime Prevention Report

In 2017, the Crime Prevention Unit was made up of Chief Sheila Byron-Lagattuta (certified), Detective Sergeant Daniel Manley, Sergeant Michael Medico (certified) and Motor Officer Christopher Grogan (certified). The unit has taken a proactive approach to the increase in offenses occurring within the Borough. The unit has increased awareness of the services offered to residents through the Crime Prevention Unit. Home security surveys and other services offered by the unit have been discussed and offered through media outlets and personal one on one contact with the community. In addition, this year the unit implemented several new crime prevention initiatives that have proven to be extremely successful in deterring crime in the Borough.

The home security survey is a free service provided to all residents and businesses. In 2017 there was one residential home security survey completed by Officer Christopher Grogan. During the survey, the officer documents strengths and weakness of a residence from a security stand point. A detailed outline is provided to the homeowner, listing improvements in areas that are deficient or that need repair in order to maximize security. The survey points out how daily routines and certain behaviors can deter or attract criminal activity. This report provides valuable information to the homeowner by pointing out security features available, including lighting inside and outside of the resident's home, which help deter criminal activity.

The Crime Prevention Unit continued its crime fighting initiative coined, *Patch-2-Patch*. During this crime prevention program, Glen Ridge Officers went door to door on bordering streets with an officer from another town. This year we were joined by members of the Montclair Police Department. Officers met with residents from the area of Stephen Street and Ridgewood Avenue. Residents were able to speak with officers in an informal setting to discuss crime that rolled over municipal lines. The neighborhood enjoyed a sharp decrease in criminal activity as a result of this program.

In 2017, the Crime Prevention Unit hosted two *Coffee with a Cop* events. Coffee with a Cop brings police officers and the community members they serve together, over coffee, to discuss issues and learn more about each other. The event is an informal forum that allows individuals in the community to discuss specific issues, concerns, or problems that causes concerns. It also allows for officers and community members to interact in a positive manner during low stress situations. During the October Coffee with a Cop, which was held at the Glen Ridge Train Station, detectives passed out traffic safety belts which were reflective. These belts were handed out as a way to increase visibility for pedestrians when walking during nighttime hours.

Project Medicine Drop

To tackle the growing amount of prescription medicine abuse statewide, the Glen Ridge Police Department participates in Project Medicine Drop. This state sponsored program allows for residents to drop off unwanted, unused, or expired medications, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days per year. The proper disposal of medications has shown to significantly reduce the amount of prescription medicine abuse nationwide. During 2017, The Glen Ridge Police Department collected 293 pounds of disposed medications. A 144% increase from 120 pounds in 2016.

Traffic Safety

As with all areas of law enforcement, the Glen Ridge Police Department has a perpetual mission to improve traffic safety within the Borough. Our ultimate goal is to reduce accidents and traffic violations while increasing the safety of those who reside and pass through the Borough.

Our traffic data collection is an on-going process that provides the Patrol Division and Public Safety Committee the information needed to make proper decisions based upon fact. Once the data is collected, analyzed, and reviewed the Patrol Division conducts traffic enforcement and radar enforcement details in the area to alleviate any of the traffic concerns. The department has also utilized an electronic LED speed sign to combat speeding violations. This speed sign was deployed to nineteen (19) locations in town in 2017. The speed sign continues to be a great success and the department continues to receive requests to have the sign deployed to specific streets. There were twenty-three (23) area specific traffic details conducted in 2017 which resulted in 732 individual traffic details, 825 motor vehicle stops and 307 summonses.

In 2017, the Patrol Division participated in the following National and State Campaigns: *Click It or Ticket* (May 2017), *U Text, U Drive, U Pay* (April 2017), *Be Street Smart Campaign* (May 2017), *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* (August 2017), and *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* (December 2017). The Be Street Smart Campaign was a statewide effort coordinated by the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority to “raise awareness of pedestrian and motorist laws and change the behaviors that lead to pedestrian and cyclist crashes and fatalities. Obeying traffic laws and street signs is vital to everyone’s health and safety.” (<http://www.bestreetsmart.org>). The department also received a grant for \$5,500.00 to participate in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign in December. The participation in this grant and campaign was incredibly successful and resulted in eleven (11) arrest for various motor vehicle offenses, 207 motor vehicle stops, 95 motor vehicles summonses and two (2) driving under the influence arrest. During, 2017, eleven (11) persons were arrested for driving under the influence of liquor and/or drugs, a 50% decrease from 22 in 2016.

During 2017, the Traffic Unit conducted six (6) traffic surveys utilizing the department’s three traffic counters throughout the Borough. Areas of concern are brought to the attention of the police department by concerned citizens, and are addressed by the Patrol Division through radar posts and traffic details. Borough streets where these surveys have been completed were Clark Street, Edgewood Road, Laurel Place, Sherman Avenue, Washington Street and Willow Street.

There were a total of 269 motor vehicle crashes in 2017, a 4% decrease from 280 in 2016. Of these 269 motor vehicle crashes: 49 resulted in injuries, 27 involved “hit-and-run” vehicles, and 5 involved pedestrians or a bicyclist struck by a motor vehicle. The Patrol Division continues to take a proactive approach to pedestrian safety through enforcement and education, and maintains a zero tolerance policy with violations. In doing so, the Department continues to maintain and purchase “Stop for Pedestrian” signs that are placed on crosswalks. In addition, the department had two Rectangular Rapid Flashing Devices installed at the intersection of Ridgewood Avenue and Darwin Place and Belleville Avenue and Sherman Avenue. The installation of the RRFB will make it easier for pedestrians to cross the street at these locations. The RRFB’s will go active in 2018.

The Patrol Division issued 2,847 total traffic summonses during 2017, a 13% decrease from 3,293 in 2016; 1,216 were issued for moving violations and 1,563 were issued for parking violations and 68 were issued for Borough Ordinance Violations. The Patrol Division has made a total of 2,505 motor vehicle stops during 2017, a 5% decrease from 2,652 in 2016. The department currently uses three approved tow companies, which have resulted in 160 vehicles towed for 2017 a 13% increase from 141 in 2016.

2017 Noise Officer Annual Report

During 2017, the Patrol Division received 100 noise complaint calls for service. Noise Control Officer Christopher Grogan conducted seven follow up noise investigations with one requiring the noise meter to determine the validity of a violation of the ordinance

during the year. This proactive approach of following up by the Noise Control Officer has resulted in the complainants being satisfied with the outcomes of the investigations. Noise complaints received were classified as follows: thirty-eight (38) for music or loud noise, twenty-one (21) for construction or landscape equipment, nine (9) for animal related complaints, nine (9) for loud neighbors, four (4) for loud vehicles, and nineteen (19) other noise complaints.

Domestic Violence Unit Report

The Domestic Violence Unit consists of Chief Sheila Byron-Lagattuta, Sergeant Dean Gnardellis and Officer Nicholas Salerno. All members of this unit, along with the Detective Bureau, are responsible for reviewing every domestic violence call and family trouble and following up with all victims and families. The Unit also maintains an on-call status, and as per policy, are to be called to review cases when guidance and assistance are needed. If a domestic violence or a family trouble requires the presence of a member of the Unit, they respond to the Department. This service provided by the Domestic Violence Unit is utilized 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

During 2017, the Glen Ridge Police Department fielded 13 domestic violence calls for service yielding three (3) arrests. These cases have included criminal charges such as Aggravated Assault, Terroristic Threats, Harassment, Assault, and Criminal Mischief. In addition to domestic violence calls the Department also responded to thirty (30) family trouble incidents.

In conjunction with the Domestic Violence Unit is the Domestic Violence Response team (DVRT), which consists of seven volunteers who help victims cope with the incidents that have occurred both at the time of the call and in the past. These volunteers have been trained to offer information about shelters, free attorney services, counseling programs, prepare escape plans, and can provide emergency funds to assist victims with certain needs at the time of these incidents. The team also assists victims with transportation and accompanies the victim to Family Court when requested.

The Glen Ridge Police Department will continue to meet the needs of its residents and visitors through intensive training in domestic violence. The Domestic Violence Unit will continue to review and take an active role with patrol in the successful handling of all incidents.

LEAD Officers Unit Annual Report

The LEAD (Law Enforcement Against Drugs) Unit within the Glen Ridge Police Department is made up of Captain Sean Quinn (Coordinator), Sergeant Dean Gnardellis, Sergeant Michael Medico, Police Officer Charles Roberts and Detective Anthony Rivera. The LEAD officers completed the 10 session course curriculum with the 6th grade and concluded with a LEAD Graduation, where all 165 students were taken on a hike through Eagle Rock Reservation.

The officers began teaching the LEAD Course Curriculum during the months of November and December 2016, to the 6th grade students. There are currently 165 students and they will continue to complete the LEAD Course Curriculum during 2017 school year.

The LEAD Unit continues to have three clothing donation boxes that are located at the Hillside Avenue parking lot and at the Glen Ridge town yard. Proceeds from donations made to the boxes will go to the Glen Ridge LEAD Program. The LEAD fund receives \$350.00 per box as a credit to our LEAD merchandise vendor which enabled us to order LEAD supplies throughout the year.

Juvenile Officer Report

In 2017, the Glen Ridge Police Department Detective Bureau consisted of one Detective Sergeant and two Detectives. All members of the Detective Bureau worked within the schools to assist in teaching, guiding, and developing relationships with the juveniles in our community. Each Detective was assigned to two schools to assist during the year; however every Detective assisted with investigations when required. Detective Anthony Rivera was the primary liaison for the Forest Avenue and the Ridgewood Avenue School. Detective Patricia Romaine was the primary liaison for the Linden Avenue School and the Glen Ridge High School. Detective Sergeant Manley also assisted and dealt with each school Principal directly in the absence of their primary liaison.

Each Detective set up monthly school security drills at each school. These drills included active shooters training, bomb threats, school lockdowns, relocation drills, and intruder alerts. In addition, the Detectives regularly met with schools' Principals and staff to discuss current trends and problems among school age juveniles, juvenile safety, and any other juvenile related incidents that were reported. An example of the trends discussed were social media, cell phones and drug and alcohol use among teenagers. Procedures for school entry were discussed and the procedures for entry at every school are now universal throughout the district. After-hours security within the school buildings were also identified as an area of concern. This included the rules for user groups when using the schools. In addition, building on collaboration between the schools and the police department with the implementation of *Share 9-1-1*, the school district and the police department are now operating on the same emergency notification system.

Detectives conducted safety talks with the students of the Forest Avenue and Linden Avenue School about Halloween safety, safe routes to school, and bicycle safety. Detectives also attended Back to School Night where they met with the parents and identified themselves as the school liaison. Detectives attended the Glen Ridge Home and School Association, New Parent Orientation in order to meet new residents who were enrolling in the school district. Detectives also participated with "*Read Across America*" day where they read stories to the elementary school students. Detective Patricia Romaine also provided Glen Ridge High School students with a presentation on the dangers of tobacco use as it pertains to e-cigarettes and vaping. During the summer, the Detective

Bureau, along with several members of the patrol division, co-hosted *Teen/Tween Night* at the Glen Ridge Community Pool. Officers and juveniles competed in various competitions including swim races, water basketball, foosball, board games, and even a cannon ball contest. Officers gave out gift cards to local businesses as well as various Glen Ridge Police Department handouts.

Detective Sergeant Manley and Detective Romaine also presented a program on the consequences of drinking alcohol and driving at the Glen Ridge Women's Club to the students attending the annual Candy Cane Dance. This presentation is given annually and continues to be a success. Since implementing this pre-event presentation, there have been zero alcohol related incidents at during the dance. For this year's presentation, there were over 300 students and parents in attendance.

In 2017, the Detective Bureau continued their popular *Lunch with a Cop* community policing program. This weekly event held at the Ridgewood Avenue School provides students the opportunity to interact with police officers in an informal and positive setting. Each week a different "featured officer" met with 7-10 students during their lunch period to discuss various topics specific to juveniles. Since launching this program in the fall of 2016, officers have met with over 200 students from the third and fourth grade. The police department is looking to continue building on this innovative program in 2018.

In 2017, the Youth Aid Bureau began aggressively implementing "Stationhouse Adjustment Agreements" for juveniles in lieu of formal Juvenile Complaints. This program, which is governed by the Attorney General's Office and supported by the Essex County Prosecutor's Office, the Juvenile Justice Committee, the Municipal Alliance Committee, and the Glen Ridge Board of Education, permits first time non-violent juvenile offenders an opportunity to answer for their actions without facing formal criminal prosecution. Juvenile offenders must acknowledge their role in the offense and agree to complete various "Conditions" to be eligible for the program. Since implementing this program, 10 juveniles have been adjusted with a zero percent recidivism rate. In addition, over 120 hours of community service has been put into the community at locations such as the Glen Ridge Library, the Congregational Church, and various food banks through Essex County. Lastly, over \$800 in restitution has been made to victims of these crimes by the juvenile offenders. In 2018, the Youth Aid Bureau is looking to build on this program but providing educational sessions to parents and juveniles alike.

Office of Emergency Management Report

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) consists of Coordinator Michael Rohal, Deputy Coordinator Sheila Byron-Lagattuta, Deputy Coordinator Sean Quinn and Deputy Coordinator Jason Bhulai. The Glen Ridge Office of Emergency Management works closely with both the Essex County Office of Emergency Management and the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management when dealing with large events or weather related disasters.

Glen Ridge OEM coordinates, plans and provides a safe environment for large events such as the Ashenfelter 8K and the Fitzgerald's Lager Run every year. Glen Ridge OEM participated in one drill at Mountainside Hospital in cooperation with the Mountainside Hospital Security Team. OEM also participated in several drills with the Glen Ridge Public School, these drills included evacuation drills, active shooter drills, bomb threats and relocation drills.

National Night Out

The Glen Ridge Police Department Detective Bureau and the Municipal Alliance Committee sponsored *National Night Out 2017* on August 1st, 2017. The unit held an event at the Glen Ridge Pool where the pool was open to all community members for the evening. Crime Prevention Officers were on hand to answer any questions that the residents had, members also provided information about home security and safety as well as specific crime trends in town. The police department had several pieces of their equipment on hand for residents to see, along with the Glen Ridge Ambulance and Montclair Fire Department. The Essex County Prosecutor's Office also assisted in raising domestic violence awareness by providing information to residents on how they could help victims of domestic violence. This year's event was the largest in recent history with over 450 community members participating. The event was a success, with the department providing refreshments to all those in attendance and a special guest appearance by McGruff the Crime Dog. The police department also raffled off two complimentary parking passes for the upcoming school year.

Social Media

The Glen Ridge Police Department continued its social media initiative in 2017 under Chief Sheila Byron-Lagattuta. The department's Facebook page continues to be a source of information for the public. The purpose of developing and maintaining a Departmental Facebook page was to extend the media outreach of the Glen Ridge Police Department. The goal of this outreach is to continue building trust with the public and those we serve while ensuring the legitimacy and transparency of the Department.

Internal Affairs Report

The Internal Affairs Division is comprised of Captain Sean Quinn, Lt. Timothy Faranda and Sgt. Dean Gnardellis. The Glen Ridge Police Department accepts complaints of police misconduct regarding the department and its members actions, including but not limited to misconduct, professionalism, and demeanor. Complaints are accepted from any person, at any time and any place. The Division investigates all complaints received thoroughly and objectively and is tasked with ensuring that all personnel abide by the Departmental Rules and Regulations set forth. Attached is a summary of complaints received for 2017.

Annual Revenue Report 2017

The Glen Ridge Police Department Records Bureau received \$1,642.21 in revenue collected for discovery requests and copies of police reports. The Records Bureau received \$200.00 in dumpster permits, \$750.00 for landscaping permit renewals, \$600.00 for hardship permit parking applications and \$80.00 for letters of good conduct. This is a total of \$3,322.21 in revenue collected through the Glen Ridge Police Department Records Bureau.

Alarm enforcement is conducted by Sergeant Anthony Mazza. Sgt. Mazza reported that there were 176 alarms in 2017 which were billable. Of these alarms, four (4) fines were issued and two (2) summonses for violations of the Borough's alarm ordinance for failing to pay fines.

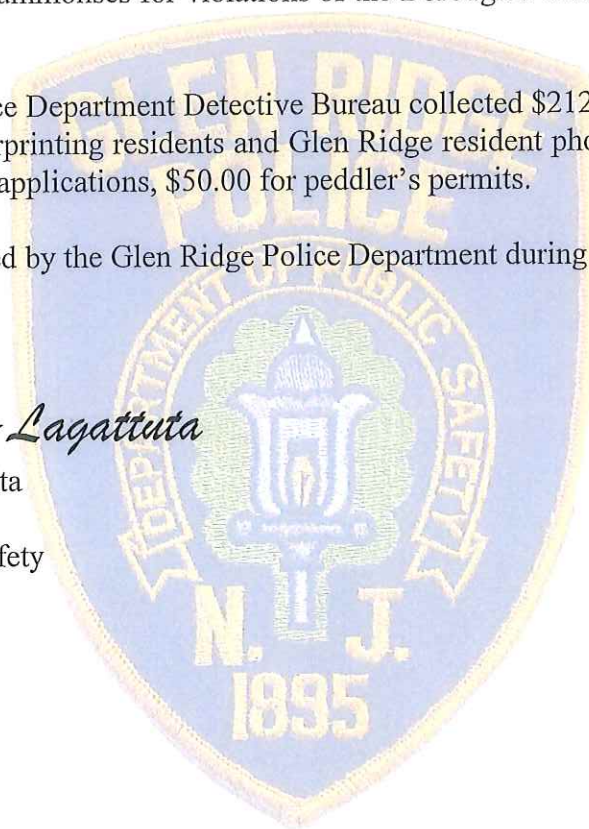
The Glen Ridge Police Department Detective Bureau collected \$212.00 in revenue. Of this, \$79.00 was for fingerprinting residents and Glen Ridge resident photo identification cards, \$133.00 for firearms applications, \$50.00 for peddler's permits.

Total revenue received by the Glen Ridge Police Department during 2017 was \$3,534.21.

Respectfully,

Sheila Byron-Lagattuta

Sheila Byron-Lagattuta
Chief of Police
Director of Public Safety

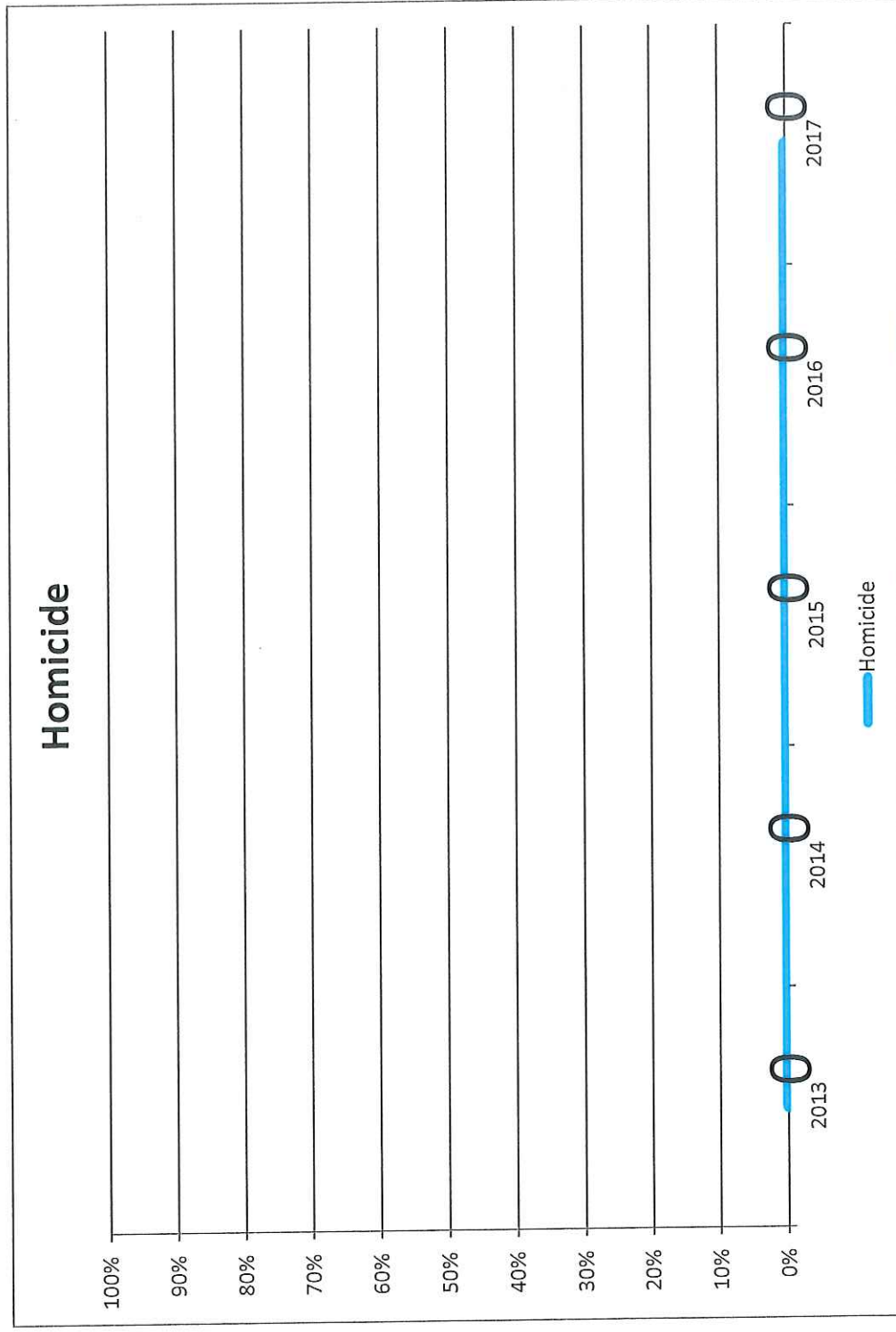


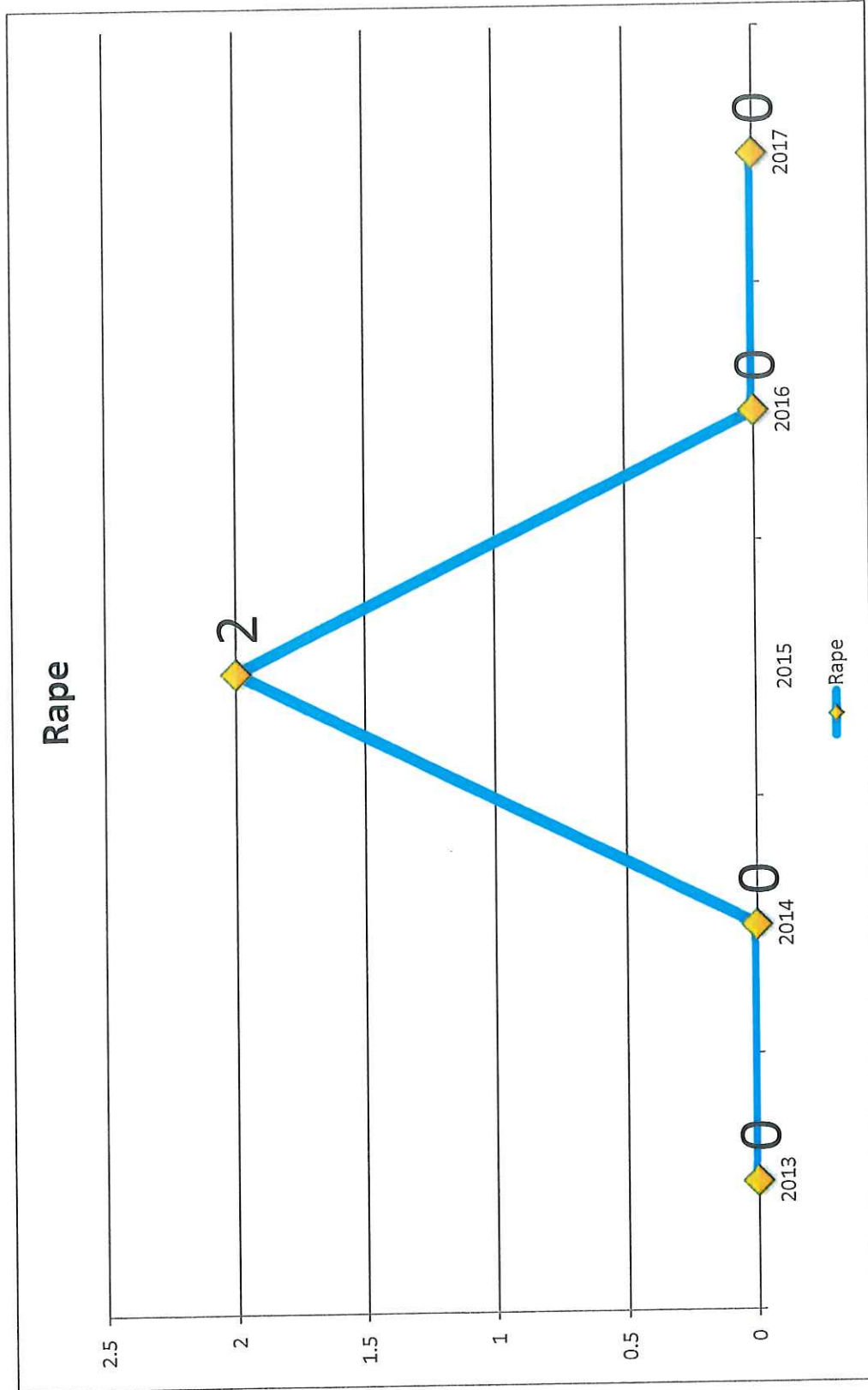
INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMPLAINTS 2017

<i>Type of complaint</i>	<i>Anonymous complaint</i>	<i>Citizen complaint</i>	<i>Agency complaint</i>	<i>Total complaints</i>
Excessive Force	0	0	0	0
Improper arrest	0	0	0	0
Improper entry	0	0	0	0
Improper search	0	0	0	0
Other criminal violation	0	0	0	0
Differential treatment	0	3	0	3
Demeanor	0	6	0	6
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0
Other Rule Violation	2	0	1	3
TOTAL	2	9	1	12

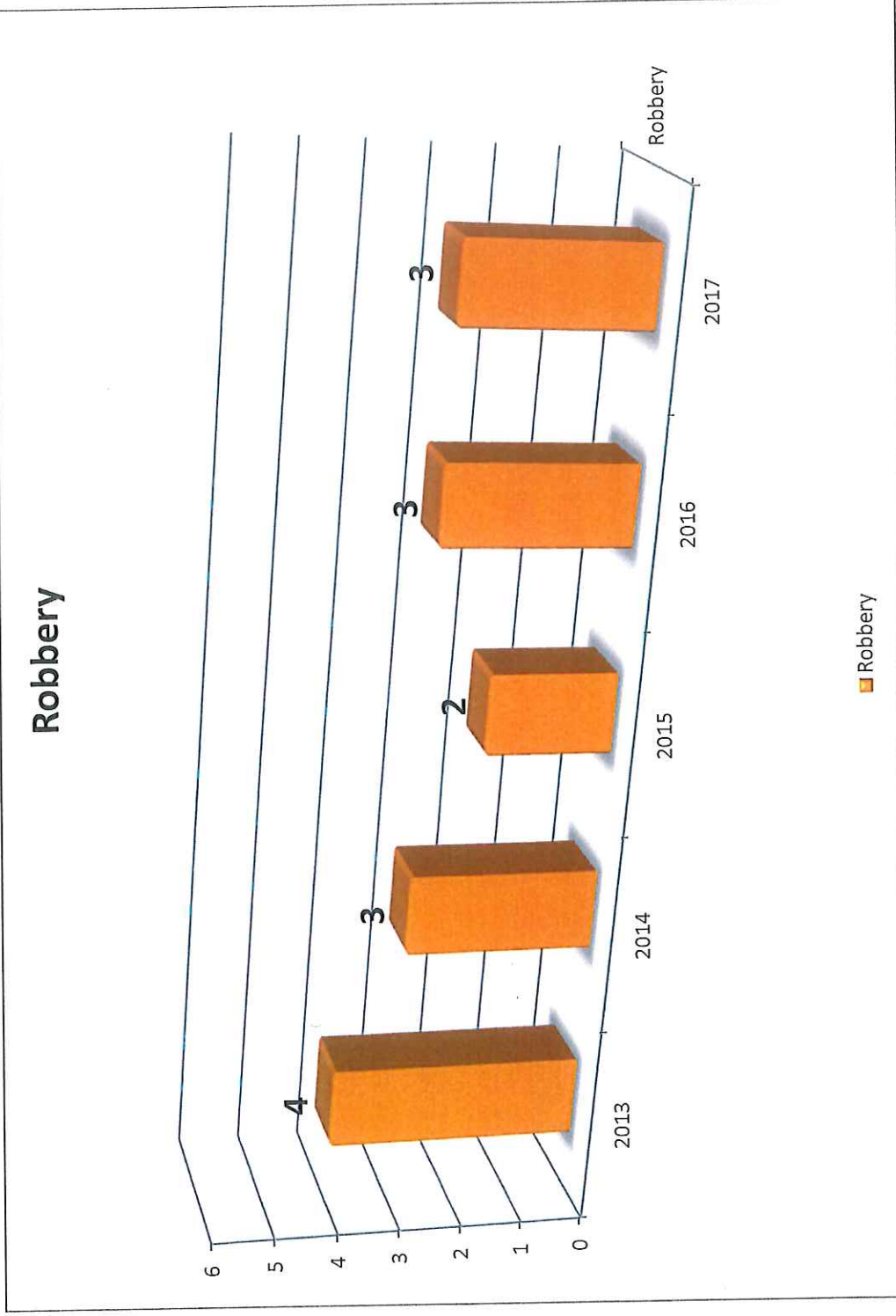
INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMPLAINT DISPOSITIONS 2017

<i>Type of Complaint</i>	<i>Sustained</i>	<i>Exonerated</i>	<i>Not Sustained</i>	<i>Unfounded</i>	<i>Administratively closed</i>	<i>Total</i>
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	2	0	1	0	3
Demeanor	0	3	2	1	0	6
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Rule Violation	1	0	2	0	0	3
Total	1	5	4	2	0	12

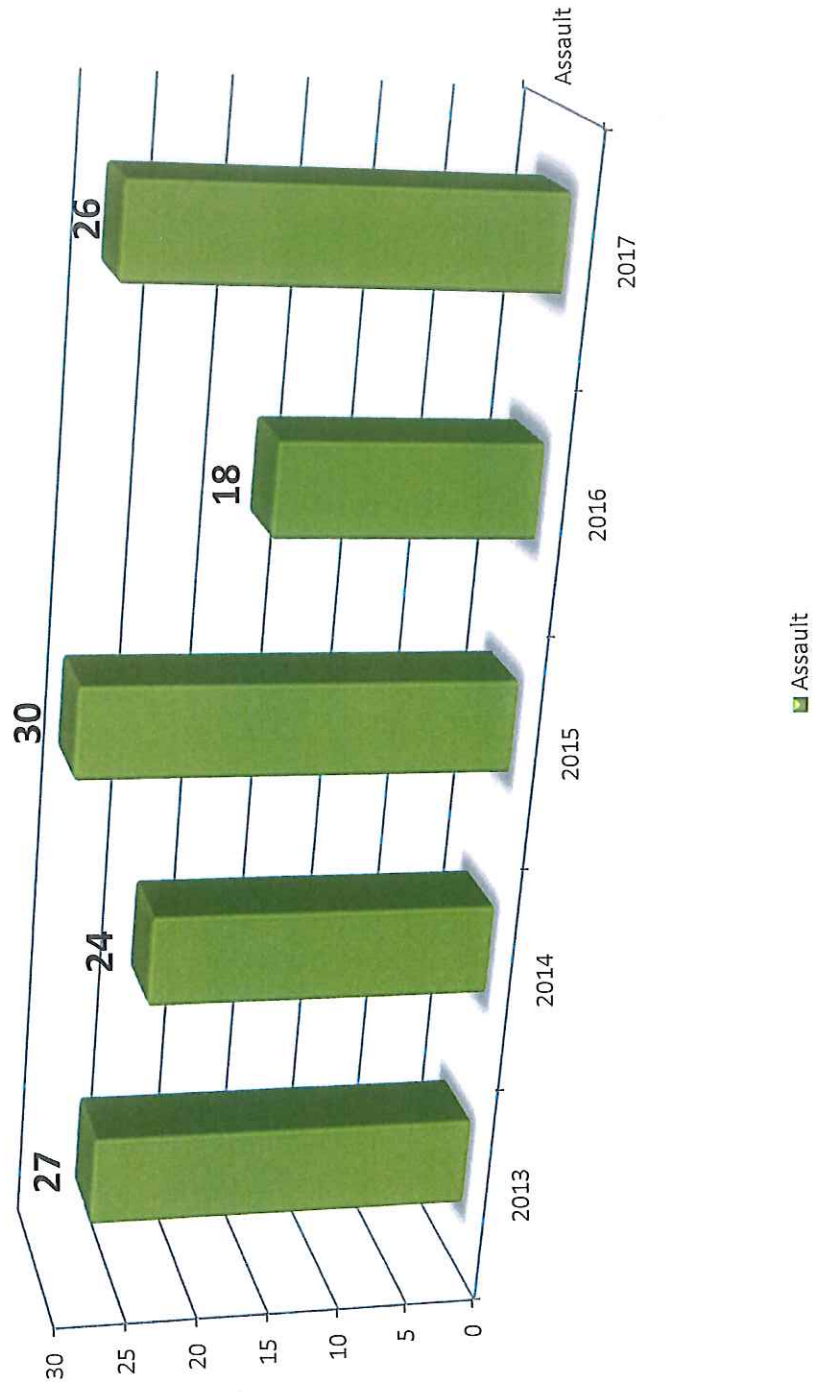


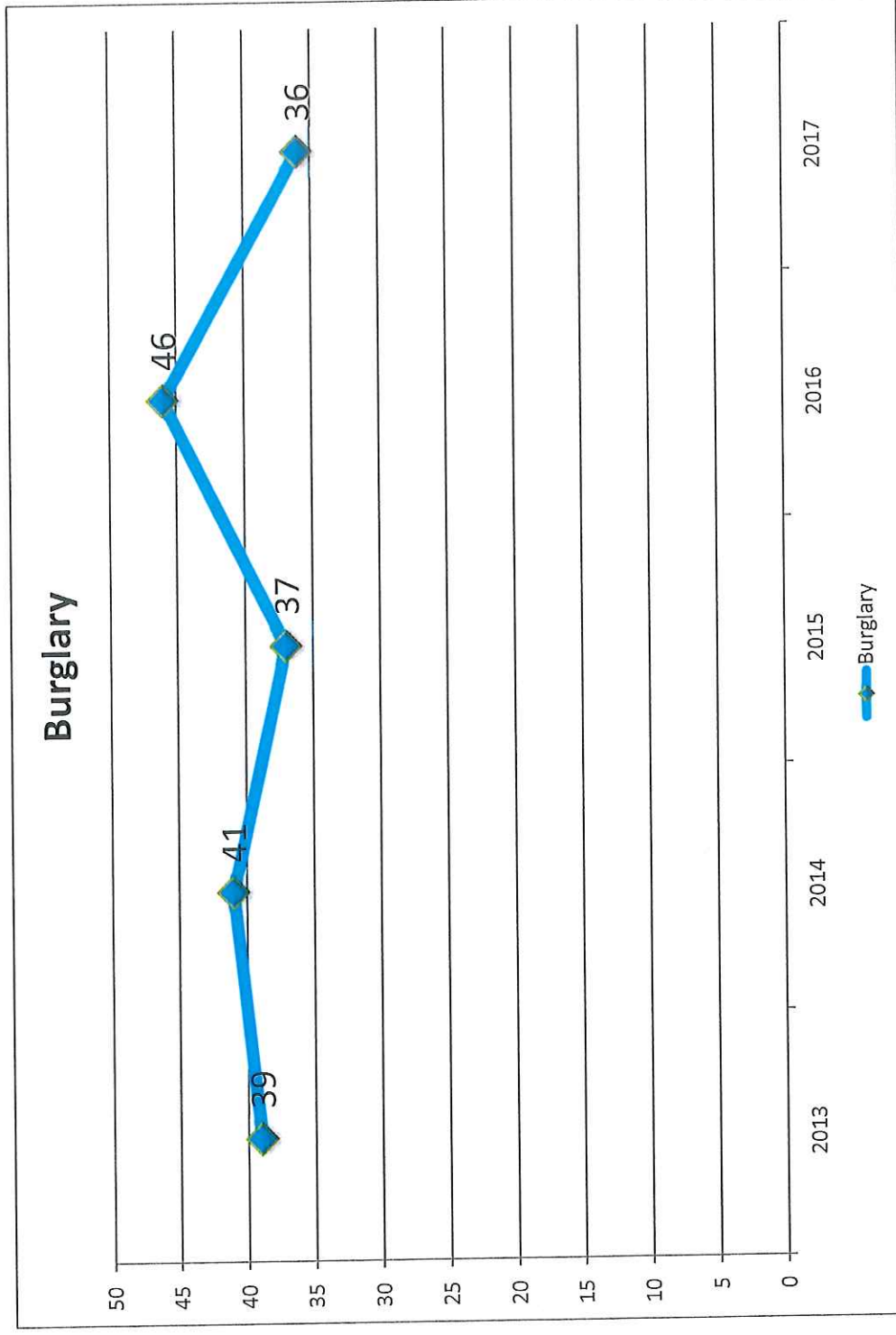


*Note: Upon a review of the 2015 UCR statistics by the NJSP it was determined that the number of Rapes was incorrectly reported. The total number of reported rapes for 2015 has been corrected and is reflected above. The definition of Rape for the UCR was also amended in 2015 by the FBI.

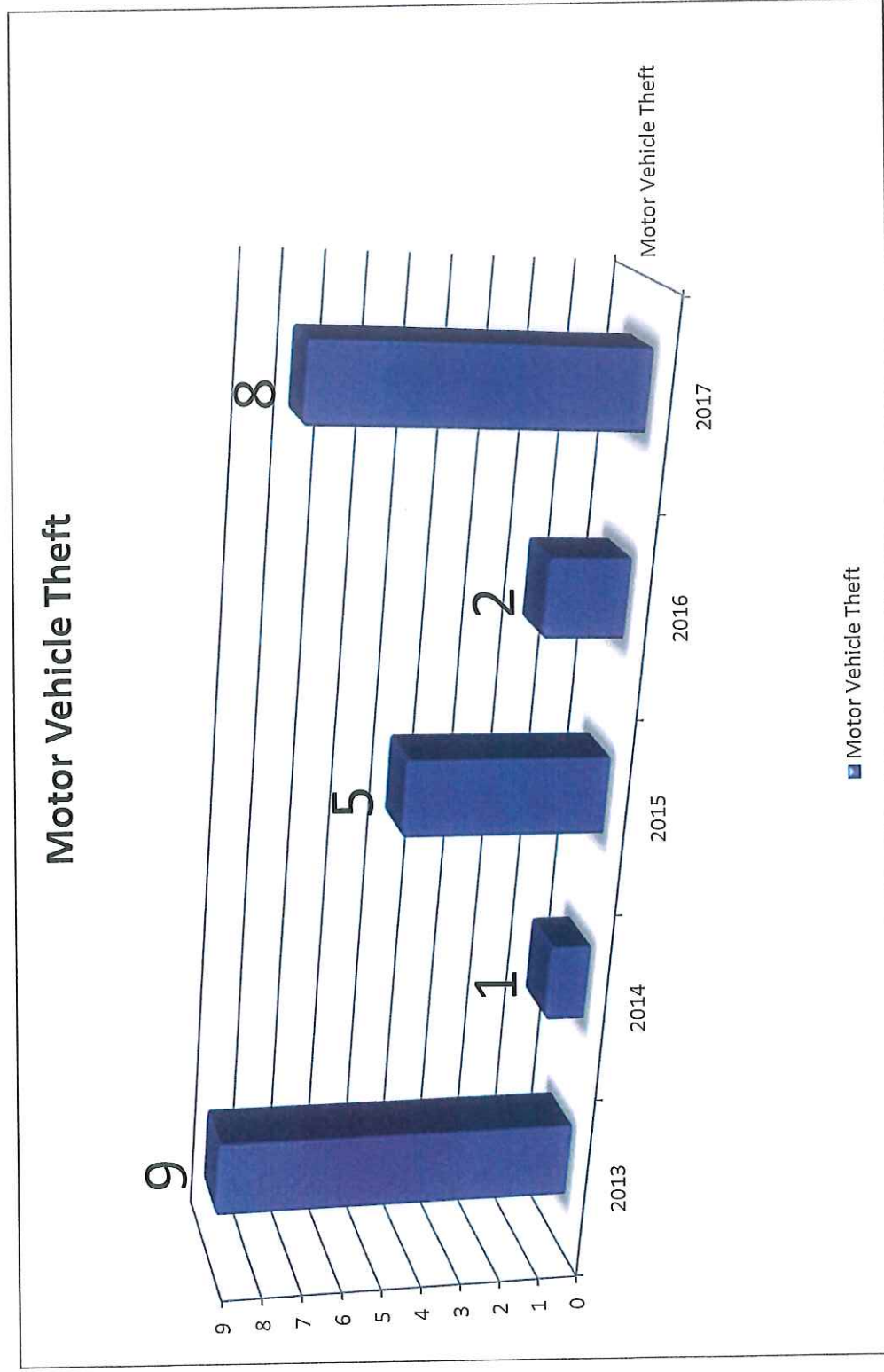


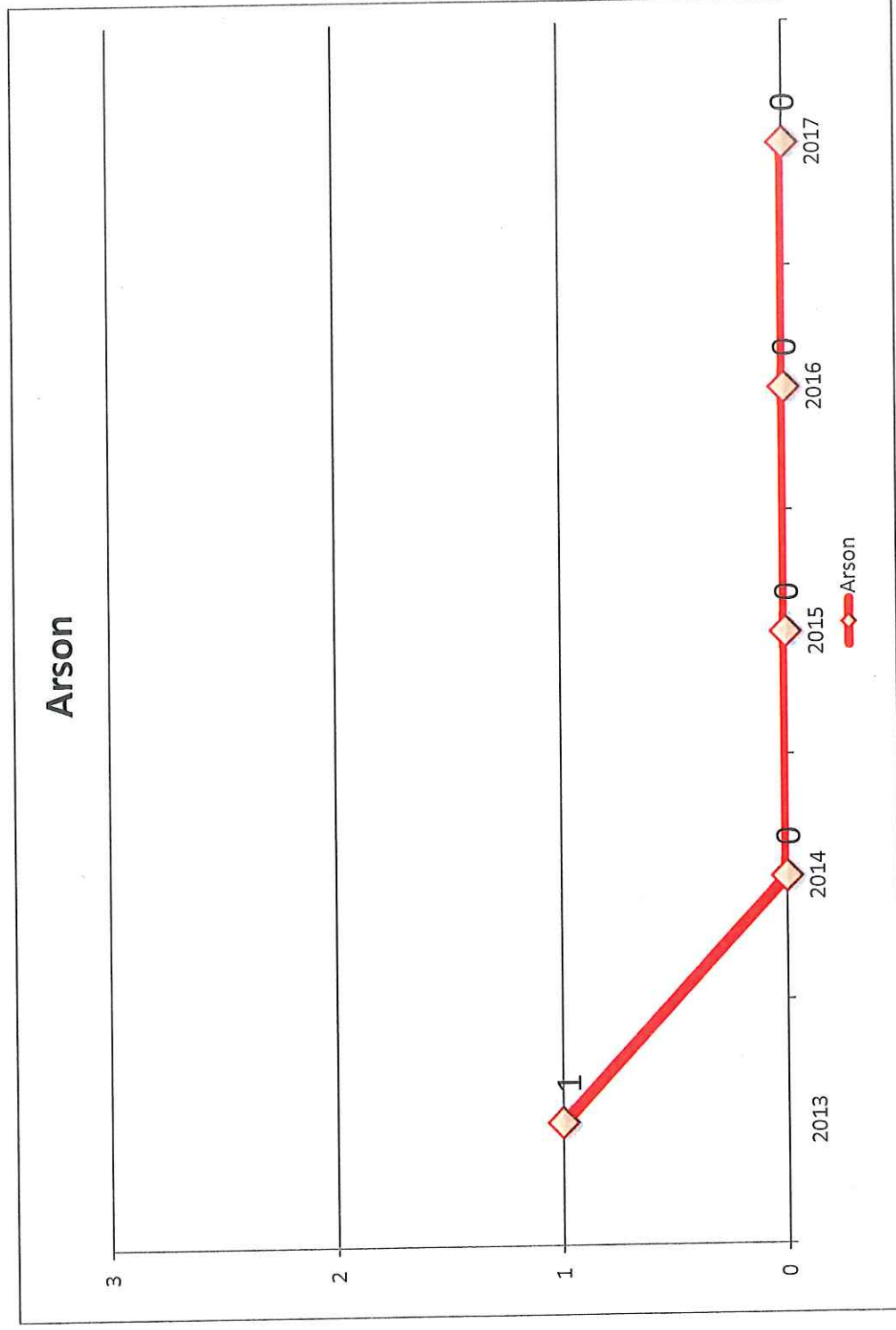
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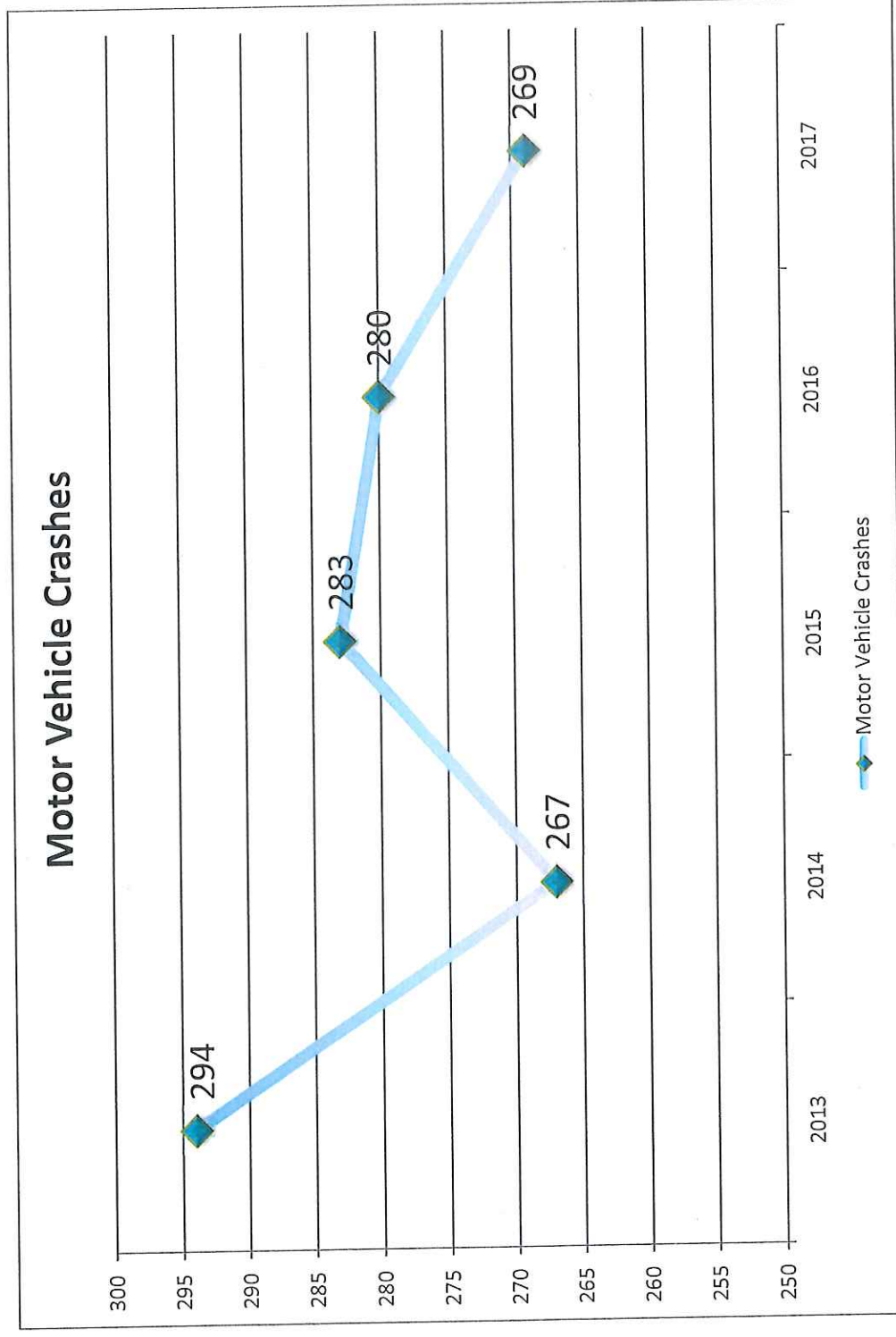






Prisoners Processed







Glen Ridge Police Department

3 Herman Street Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

Phone: 973-748-5400 Fax: 973-748-2596 Mun. Code: 0708

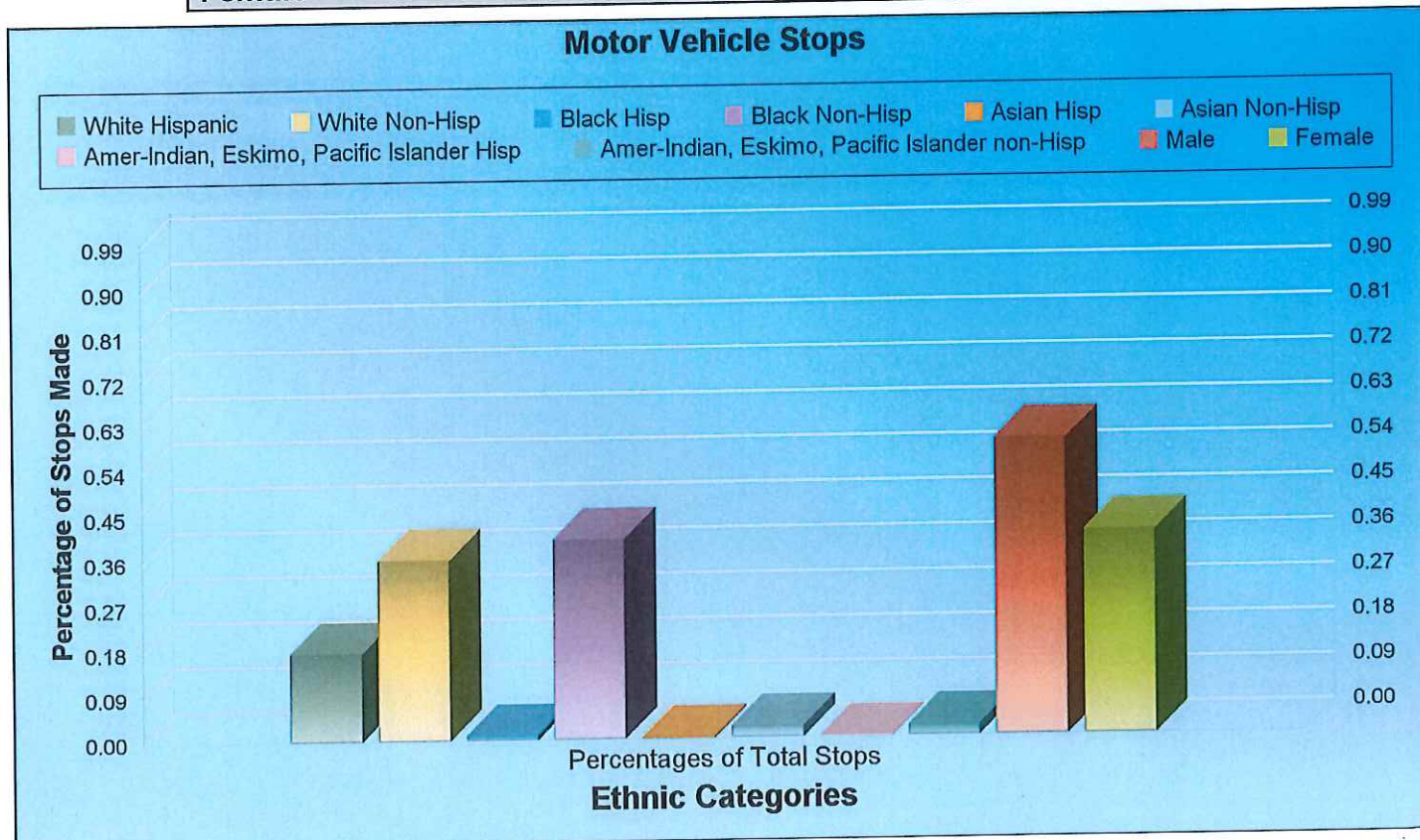
Ethnicity Report - MV Stops



Total MV Stops In 2017: 2,505

Gender / Ethnic breakdown shown in percentages of overall number of MV Stops

Race Code	Total #	Percentage
White Hisp.	445	17.76%
White Non Hisp.	907	36.21%
Black Hisp.	25	1.00%
Black Non-Hisp.	1004	40.08%
Native Amer/Eskimo Hisp	5	0.20%
Native Amer/Eskimo Non-Hisp	59	2.36%
Asian Hisp.	3	0.12%
Asian Non-Hisp.	57	2.28%
Male	1483	59.20%
Female	1022	40.80%



2017

Glen Ridge Police Department Community Policing



SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY POLICING EFFORTS BUILT ON TRUST

2017 Command Staff



Chief Sheila Byron-Lagattuta

Captain Sean Quinn

Lieutenant Timothy Faranda

Swearing in Ceremonies



Sergeant Ryan Schwartz (R) and Sergeant Michael Medico (L) are sworn in with members of their family.



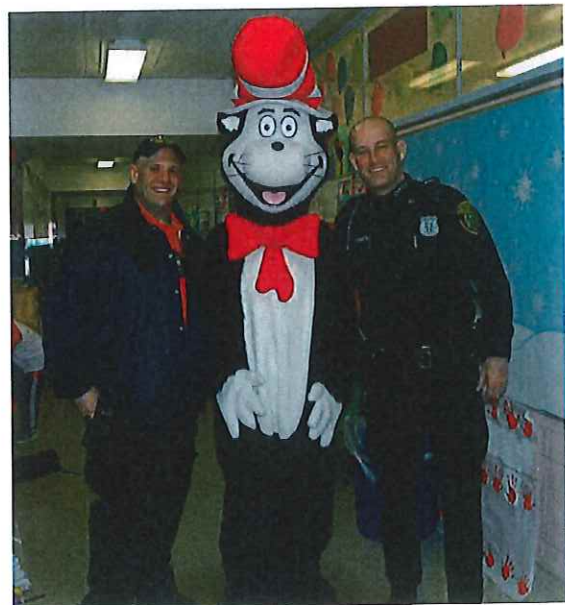
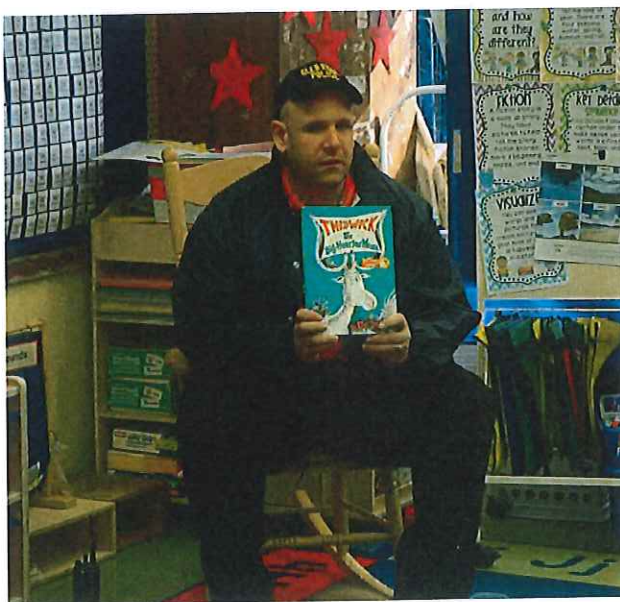
Officer Anthony Re, (R), Officer Carl Abrahamsen (C) and Officer Garrett Barbalinardo (L) are sworn in with members of their family.

March 2017

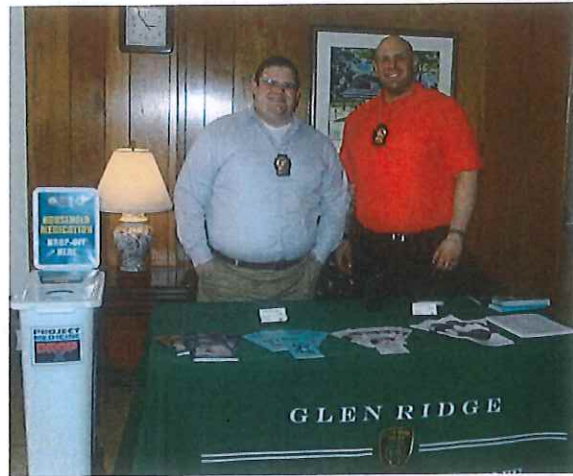
Read Across America



Officer Charles Roberts and Detective Anthony Rivera participate in *Read Across America* at the Forest Avenue School.



Project Medicine Drop Box



D/Sgt. Daniel Manley and Det. Anthony Rivera continued the highly popular project medicine drop box program this year with mobile outreach centers set up throughout the Borough.

Forensic Science Class



The Glen Ridge Police Department continued its support of education by participating in a Forensic Science Class with the Glen Ridge High School. Capt. Quinn, Lt. Faranda, D/Sgt. Manley, & Det. Rivera instructed on various topics related to Law Enforcement and Evidence Collection.

April 2017

Coffee with a Cop & Fireman





The popular Coffee with a Cop Program continued in 2017. This installment was especially special for the community as members of the Montclair Fire Department joined the PD at the Glen Ridge Starbucks to discuss problems and concerns throughout the community.

May 2017
Special Olympics



Captain Quinn, D/Sgt. Manley, Officer Roberts, and Det. Rivera participated in the 2017 Special Olympics. Officers donned medals on participants who medaled in their events.



Essex County Crime Prevention Association Police Expo 2017

Sergeant Michael Medico received the distinct honor at this year's police expo as the Essex County Crime Prevention Officer of the Year.



Memorial Day 2017



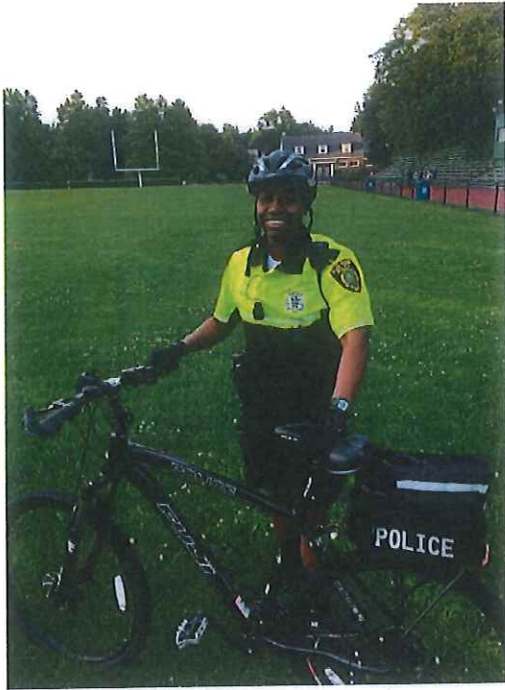
Members of the Glen Ridge Police Department marched in the Borough's annual Memorial Day Parade. This year was extra special as Captain Sean Quinn played the bagpipes while marching.

June 2017

Special Olympics Torch Run



Captain Sean Quinn, Sgt. Matthew Koc, & Officer Anthony Re participated in the 2017 Special Olympics Torch Run.



Officer Fuquannah Holley was certified as the newest Bicycle Officer within the Glen Ridge Police Department.

LEAD Graduation



Sgt. Dean Gnardellis presents the 2017 LEAD Class with their course certificates. The department currently has five (5) certified LEAD Officers – Capt. Sean Quinn, Sgt. Dean Gnardellis, Sgt. Michael Medico, Officer Charles Roberts and Det. Anthony Rivera.

JULY 2017

Bicycle Registration



Det. Anthony Rivera and Det. Patricia Romaine hosted two bicycle registrations during the month of the July. The voluntary bicycle registration is used to combat bicycle theft within the Borough. Each year the program continues to grow and has assisted Officers with recovering stolen bicycles.

THE GREAT GNOME HUNT



Local resident Anne Sutton conducts the Great Gnome Hunt each July. This year Det. Patricia Romaine was given a Gnome on July 26th, 2017. Residents had to decipher the clue which led to her location with the Gnome.

Riddle:

Lettuce help you be more effective.
The gnome is with the newest detective.
She's working right now just in one spot,
Instead of driving all around a lot.
If you have been reading your feed.
You have all the information you'll need.

August 2017

National Night Out Against Crime



McGruff the Crime dog (L) visits with local residents. Sgt. Dean Gnardellis and Office Charles Roberts (R) play games with local children.



Chief Byron-Lagattuta poses for a photo with McGruff!



Pedals for Progress



Glen Ridge Police Department, in conjunction with, the Glen Ridge Rotary Club donated 54 abandoned bicycles to Pedals for Progress. Pedals for Progress rescues bicycles destined for overburdened U.S. landfills and ships them to developing countries where they are sorely needed and highly valued.

September 2017



The Glen Ridge Police Department, Glen Ridge PBA Local 58, the Mayor and Council for the Borough of Glen Ridge, members of the Glen Ridge Town Hall, as well as members of the community all paid homage to friends, family and neighbors who perished on September 11th, 2001. This year a new memorial commemorating the day and those who perished was unveiled in front of the Police Department.

October 2017

Coffee with a Cop



The Glen Ridge Detective Bureau hosted a second Coffee with a Cop event this year during the month of October. This meeting was held in the early morning hours so that Detectives and Patrol Officers could interact and discuss concerns with commuters who were taking the train to work. This event was also very special as Detectives handed out *Reflective Neon Green Running Belts* in an effort to bring awareness to pedestrian safety for commuters when walking to and from the train station during evening and early morning hours.

Halloween Safety Talks



Detectives and special guest McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog met with the students of Linden Avenue School and Forest Avenue School to discuss Halloween Safety.

November 2017

Detectives and Officers of the Glen Ridge Police Department provided a tour of our headquarters and facilities to the Cedar Grove Daisy Troop #20278.



Members of the Department also provided a tour to the local Glen Ridge Girl Scout Troop:



Ashenfelter 8K Classic



Members of the Glen Ridge Police Department, Montclair State University K-9, NJ Transit K-9, and Essex County Sheriff's Office are pictured above prior to the start of the 2017 race with Race Director and Councilor Dan Murphy. This year's race was a great success due to the dedication of all personnel involved with the race!

December 2017
Candy Cane Dance Presentation



Christ Church Santa Claus Visit



Detective Anthony Rivera and Officer Garrett Barbalinardo assisted members of the Christ Church with presenting gifts to children during the Holiday season.