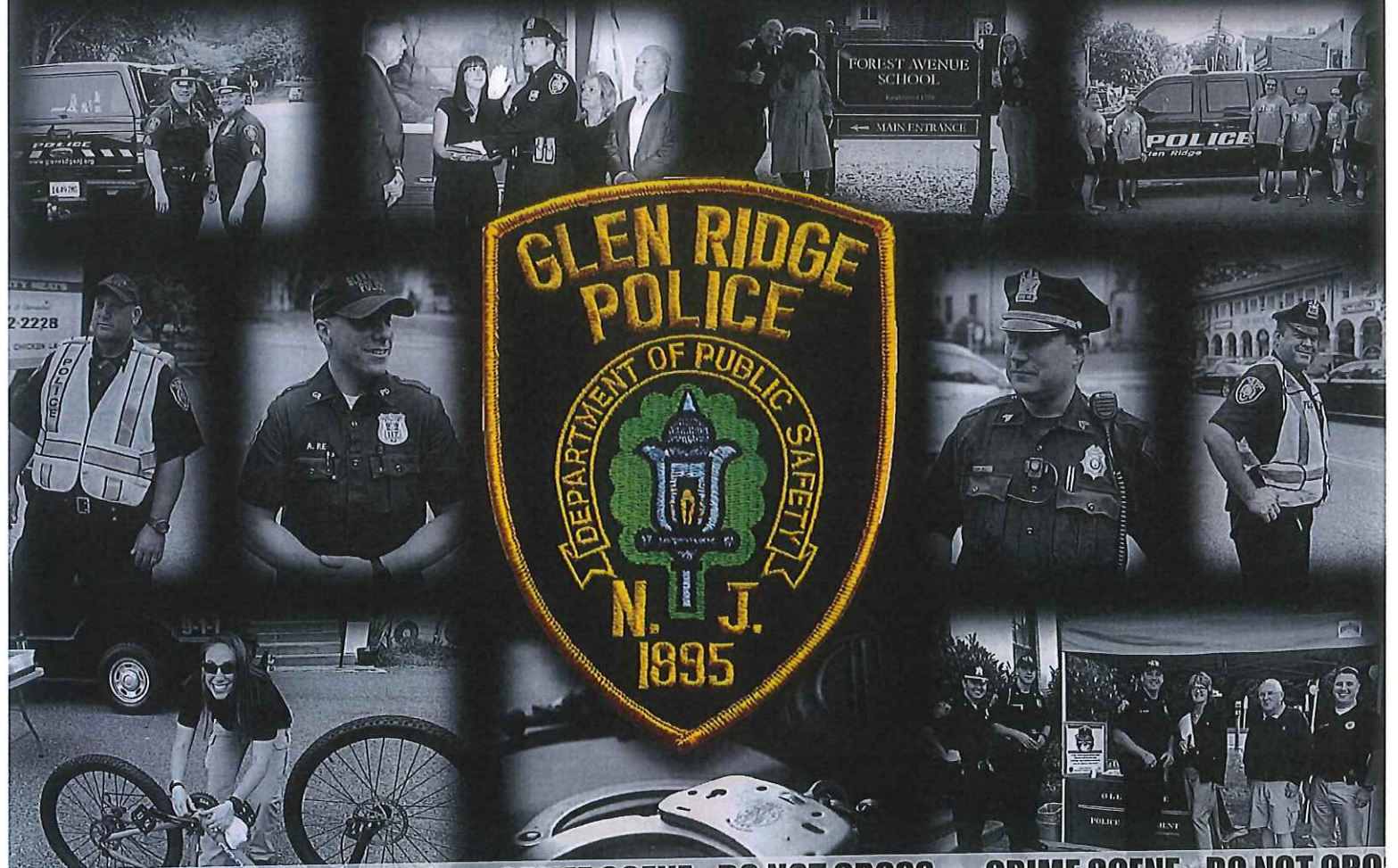
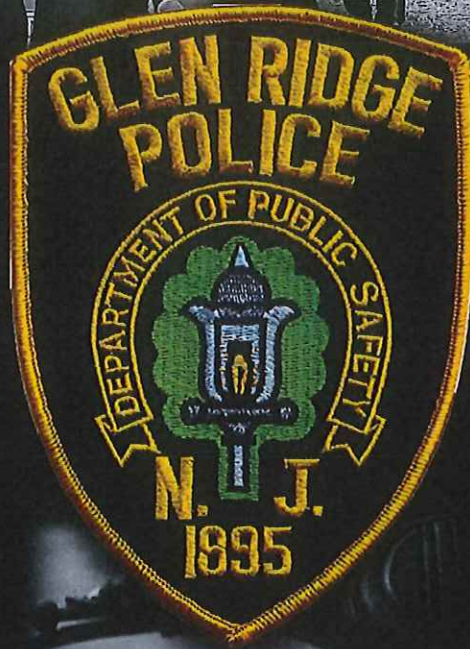


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March 1st, 2019

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 2018.

As of December 31st, 2018, 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
- 11 Police Officers
- 5 Community Service Officers
- 1 Records Clerk

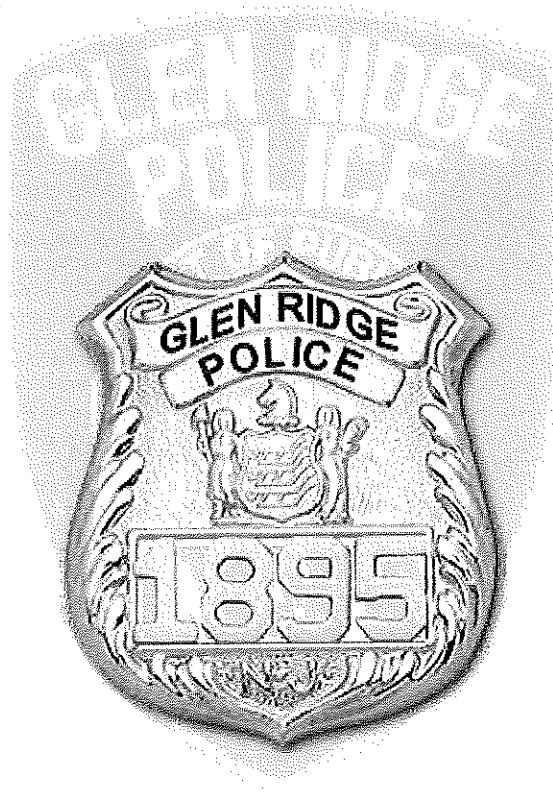
The following part time employees and volunteers were under the supervision of the Public Safety Department:

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

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 -
Anthony Re - Carl Abrahamsen - Paul Cicchetti

SUPPORT STAFF

Community Service Officer
Stephanie Riedl - Nikita Cherry
Joseph Anello - Ethan Collins - Adrian Cheddie

Records Bureau Clerk
Elizabeth Moraski

Administrative Assistant
Roslyn Cutting

NOTABLE CASES

18-3669

February 2nd, 2018, Officers responded to Madison Street for a report of a stolen vehicle which occurred during the evening hours. Det. Patricia Romaine responded to the scene. Through investigation Det. Romaine was able to locate the vehicle in Elizabeth, NJ. Det. Sgt. Manley and Det. Romaine responded to Elizabeth and along with Elizabeth PD were able to locate the vehicle which was occupied. Mr. Daevon Saunder-Roberts, 20, of Montclair was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property and contempt of court.

18-3910

February 4th, 2018, Officer Sean Wilk responded to Midland Avenue for a report of a garage burglary. Det. Rivera responded to the scene and met with the victim who reported interacting with the suspect. The victim was able to provide a description and a composite sketch was completed with the assistance of the New Jersey State Police. As a result of the composite sketch, Mr. Anthony Martinelli, 53, of Newark, was developed as a suspect. He was subsequently located in Newark by Lt. Faranda and Det. Sgt. Manley where he was arrested for Burglary.

18-10380

April 2nd, 2018, Officer Charles Roberts observed a vehicle near the post office mail box. The vehicle's occupants were acting suspicious and upon investigation it was determined that they were attempting to steal mail from the U.S. mailbox. Mr. Jose Vasquez, 25, of Paterson, and Mr. Rochet Medina, 25, Garfield were arrested and charged with possession of burglar tools.

18-12031

April 17th, 2018, Officer Fuquannah Holley observed a suspicious vehicle near Glen Ridge Parkway. While investigating, the vehicle pulled away and she effected a motor vehicle stop on Ardsley Road. Officer Matthew Perigo responded to assist. While speaking with both parties, Officer Perigo observed a piece of mail underneath the vehicle. The driver and passenger were arrested and charged with theft of mail, burglar tools, and conspiracy. It was determined that they were in possession of numerous stolen mail and stolen checks totaling over \$125,000.00 dollars. Mr. Eduardo Lora-Nunez, 20, of Paterson and Mr. Stanley Serrano, 20 of Paterson were both arrested and remanded to the Essex County Correctional Facility.

18-13452

April 29th, 2018, Officer Garrett Barbalinardo was blocking traffic for a motor vehicle accident at Ridgewood Avenue and Bloomfield Avenue when his vehicle was struck by another vehicle. The driver of the vehicle, Mr. Rafal Dziedzic, 28, of Pennsylvania, was determined to be intoxicated. He was arrested and charged with aggravated assault and DWI.

18-15089

May 13th, 2018, Sgt. Schwartz and Officer Oliva responded to Clark Street for an armed robbery. The victims reported being robbed of their belongings by three males while walking home. D/Sgt. Manley was able to locate the stolen cell phone in the city of Newark. He and Officer Grogan responded to the area and with the assistance of Newark PD were able to locate the stolen cell phone in the possession of a Mr. David Jackson. Mr. Jackson was further investigated and identified through a line up investigation by the victim. He was subsequently charged with first degree robbery and second degree conspiracy and remanded to the Essex County Correctional Facility.

18-16774

May 26th, 2018, Officer Giuseppe Oliva observed a suspicious occupied vehicle. While speaking with the driver, he became alarmed by his actions. The occupant advised that he was waiting on a friend. Through a field investigation it was determined that the vehicle was stolen out of Jersey City, and the occupant was in possession of drug paraphernalia and a controlled dangerous substance. The suspect's friend was located soliciting for money in town. Mr. Vontra Marrow, 22, of Jersey City and Mr. Corey Wilson, 22 of Jersey City were arrested for Hindering their own apprehension, receiving stolen property and possession of CDS. They were remanded to the Essex County Correctional Facility.

18-21940

July 9th, 2018, Officer Matthew Perigo was dispatched to Lorraine Street for a vehicle burglary, which had just taken place. While responding to the area he located the three suspects on Midland Avenue. The suspects fled on foot and Officer Perigo gave chase and was able to apprehend one suspect on Carteret Street in Bloomfield. The identified juvenile was charged with resisting arrest, burglary and trespassing

18-28335

September 1st, 2018, Officer Sean Wilk responded to Wildwood Terrace on a motor vehicle theft which occurred during the night. Shortly thereafter, the vehicle was recovered by Irvington PD. Det. Anthony Rivera responded and processed the vehicle for latent fingerprints and DNA evidence. The fingerprints returned a positive ID when processed. Mr. Zahir Lancaster, 18, of East Orange was charged with receiving stolen property and theft. He was later arrested by GRPD, processed and turned over to the Essex County Correctional Facility.

18-29495

September 10th, 2018, Officer Giuseppe Oliva and Sgt. Ryan Schwartz responded to Mead Terrace for a burglary to a vehicle, which was in progress. While responding to the area, Sgt. Schwartz located the suspects on foot on Baldwin Street. He was able to arrest one suspect, however two fled on foot (a search of the area by responding officers for the outstanding suspects was negative). An identified juvenile was taken into custody and charged with burglary to auto and defiant trespass. He was remanded to the Essex County Youth Facility.

18-38339

November 26th, 2018, Glen Ridge Officers responded to Bloomfield Avenue between High Street and Ridgewood Avenue for a motor vehicle accident and car fire. Responding officers were met with harsh conditions and it was determined that both occupants of the vehicle were deceased. This was a single-car fatal crash and both occupants were pronounced dead at the scene after their vehicle struck a light pole, a tree and then burst into flames. The driver died inside the vehicle and the passenger was ejected from the vehicle upon impact. The investigation remains ongoing with the assistance of the Essex County Prosecutors Office.

2018 Notable Detective Investigation:

Mail Fraud Investigation

From late 2017 through 2018, the department began to see an increase in mail fraud reports. Through investigations and arrest, D/Sgt. Daniel Manley determined that the frauds were a result of an organized crime ring composed primarily of Dominican gang members. The suspects would use homemade devices to lift or "fish" mail out of United States Postal Service collection bins located throughout town. Once the suspects were in possession of the mail, they would remove all of the checks and deposit them into one of the many accounts that they had established through social media recruitment. The stolen checks were then deposited into the accounts using an ATM. This method left the victims unaware that their checks had been compromised until the intended recipient advised that payment had not been received.

Working with the United States Postal Inspectors Service, the Essex County Prosecutors Office Financial Crimes Unit, and the Bloomfield Police Department, Detective Sergeant Daniel Manley was able to establish a multijurisdictional investigation into this wide spread check fraud scheme. During the course of this investigation, they were able to arrest over a dozen criminal actors that were responsible for over \$500,000.00 in fraud. The suspects victimized over 250 individuals across North Jersey over a span of approximately 12 months. Specifically, over \$140,000 had been stolen from Glen Ridge victims. The following criminal actors were taken into custody as they were tied directly to victims in Glen Ridge; Kendra Uribe-Mercedes, 20 of Passaic, Jaritsa Grullon, 21 of Paterson, Jose Vasquez, 25 of Paterson, Rochet Medina, 25 of Garfield, Stanley Serrano, 19 of Paterson, and Eduardo Lora-Nunez, 20 of Paterson. In addition, the investigation identified 6 other suspects that were turned over to the United States Postal Inspectors Service as cooperating witnesses.

For his outstanding work and dedicated service, Det. Sgt. Manley was honored by the New Jersey Security Association at their Annual Luncheon. Recipients of this award are considered to be leaders in the law enforcement profession and are honored for their commitment in combating financial crimes in New Jersey. As a direct result of this

investigation, the majority of victims were reimbursed by their respective financial institutions and the various criminal actors were brought to justice.

2018 Notable Solved Cold Cases:

16-36212

December 1st, 2016, Officers responded to Essex Avenue for a burglary to a residence. Det. Medico responded and processed the scene for evidence. While on scene he located a water bottle, which was swabbed for DNA and submitted for analysis. On March 15th, 2018, Det. Sgt. Manley was notified by the State CODIS lab that there was a positive hit for the submitted DNA. Mr. Rathny Barquero, 22, of Caldwell, was charged with burglary and served his charges while in custody at a NJ State correctional facility.

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 with four counts of Criminal Mischief.

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 DNA 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
- Domestic Violence
- Motor Vehicle Pursuit
- 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
- Basic Telecommunication/Emergency Medical Dispatch
- Bias Incident
- Bicycle Patrol
- Car Seat Inspection/Installation
- Citizen Complaint/Internal Affairs Investigations
- Crime Prevention
- Crime Scene
- Criminal Investigations
- 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 2018, training classes were provided to members of the police department, below is just an example of some of the training classes received by members.

- Advanced Crash Investigation
- Basic Crash Investigation
- Bleeding Control and Quick Clot
- Current Trends in Document Fraud
- Detective Academy
- Documenting Discipline
- DWI & SFST Refresher
- EMD Training
- Fair and Impartial Policing
- High Impact Supervision
- Internal Affairs Investigations and OPRA
- Interview & Interrogation
- NIBRS Training
- Pre-employment background investigations
- Pro-Active Supervision
- Recruit Firearms Training
- School Security Assessment Training
- Sex Crimes and Child Abuse Investigations
- Sub gun Instructor Course
- U.N.I.T.

Department Activity

During 2018, the Department investigated the following UCR Offenses: two (2) Robberies, twenty-two (22) Assaults, twenty-five (25) Burglaries, one hundred twenty-four (124) Larceny-Thefts and fifteen (15) Motor Vehicle Thefts.

The UCR part one offenses, which showed a decrease in 2018 from 2017, are:

Robbery:	-33%	[3 to 2]
Assault:	-24%	[29 to 22]
Burglary:	-30%	[36 to 25]

The UCR part one offenses, which showed an increase in 2018 from 2017, are:

Larceny-Theft:	8%	[115 to 124]
Motor Vehicle Theft:	87%	[8 to 15]

The UCR part one offenses, which showed no change in 2018 from 2017, are:

Homicide	[0]
Rape	[0]
Arson	[0]

The Glen Ridge Police Record Bureau reported that 60 UCR (part 1 only) offenses were cleared in 2018 as opposed to 50 UCR (part 1 only) offenses which were cleared in 2017, this reflects a 20% increase in clearances.

The Glen Ridge Police Department Detective Bureau investigated 384 incidents and cleared 175 related offenses in 2018. The Detective Bureau cleared 46% of assigned cases in 2018, which accounted for a 2% increase from 2017, which saw 44% of cases cleared.

There were 81 Borough Ordinance summonses issued for various violations of the Municipal Code.

The Department patrolled 117,239 miles during 2018, averaging 9,770 miles per month. This is a -2.4% decrease from 2017 to 2018.

The Department received a total of 1,866 emergency 911 phone calls. This reflected a decrease by 4% during 2018.

During 2018, the Department processed a total of 158 prisoners within our cell block. Of these, 117 were male and 21 were female. This is a decrease of 10% in prisoners processed from 2017.

Glen Ridge Volunteer Ambulance Squad

The Glen Ridge Volunteer Ambulance Squad (GRVAS) responded to 1,123 calls for service during 2018. Of these, 543 were for emergencies within the Borough of Glen Ridge. There were 580 mutual aid requests to surrounding towns. The ambulance squad saw a decrease of 46 calls for service. This resulted in a 4% decrease of total calls between 2017 and 2018. The medical transport car also completed a total of 205 ambulatory transports for 2018, an 11% decrease from 2017. The medical transport consist 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. GRVAS continues to participate at all town events including the Lager Run, A8K, Eco Fair, National Night Out, the Rhino Romp and the Arts Festival and thanks the community and Borough for its continued support.

Crime Prevention Report

In 2018, 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.

The Home Security Survey is a free service provided to all residents and businesses. 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 officers from neighboring town. This year we were joined by members of the Bloomfield Police Department on two separate occasions. Officers met with residents from the area of Essex Avenue as well as Midland Avenue. Residents were able to speak with officers in an informal setting to discuss crime that rolled over municipal lines.

In 2018, the Crime Prevention Unit hosted three *Coffee with a Cop* events. *Coffee with a Cop* brings police officers and the community members they serve together, over coffee, while discussing 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 cause concern. It also allows for officers and community members to interact in a positive manner during low stress situations. This year's events were held at the Boiling Springs Savings Bank, Starbucks, and police headquarters.

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 2018, the Glen Ridge Police Department collected 276 pounds of disposed medications. A 6% decrease from the 293 pounds collected in 2017.

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 fifteen (15) locations in town in 2018. 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-nine (23) area specific traffic details conducted in 2018 which resulted in 801 individual traffic details, 750 motor vehicle stops and 367 summonses.

In 2018, the Patrol Division participated in the following National and State Campaigns: *Click It or Ticket* (May 2018), *U Text, U Drive, U Pay* (April 2018), *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* (March, August 2018), and *Distracted Drunk Driving* (July 2018). During, 2018, thirteen (13) persons were arrested for driving under the influence of liquor and/or drugs, an 18% increase from 11 in 2018.

During 2018, the Traffic Unit conducted eight (8) traffic surveys utilizing the Department's three traffic counters throughout the Borough. Areas of concern are brought to the attention of the 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 Willow Street, Ridgewood Avenue and Sunset Avenue, Hillside Avenue (July), Hillside Avenue (November) Hillside Avenue (December), High Street, and Carteret Street.

The Glen Ridge Police Department initiated a Traffic Unit this year beginning in July, which consisted of six officers who are also assigned to the Patrol Division. The Traffic Unit is responsible for maintaining all items assigned to the traffic unit, conducting monthly checks of the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Devices (RRFD) for the Borough's crosswalks, speed signs, message board, and traffic surveys. They also complete monthly traffic initiatives and give suggestions for any traffic improvements. This year they completed the following statistics in their inaugural six months: Traffic Stops – 699, Motor vehicle summons – 370, Traffic Details – 334.

There were a total of 274 motor vehicle crashes in 2018, a 2% increase from 269 in 2017. Of these 274 motor vehicle crashes: 53 resulted in injuries, 27 involved "hit-and-run" vehicles, and 17 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 two Rectangular Rapid Flashing Devices installed at the intersection of Ridgewood Avenue and Darwin Place and Belleville Avenue and Sherman Avenue continue to be a great success and continue to make crossing the street at these locations much easier.

The Patrol Division issued 3,313 total traffic summonses during 2019, a 9% increase from 2,856 in 2018; 1,409 were issued for moving violations and 1,930 were issued for parking violations and 81 were issued for Borough Ordinance Violations. The Patrol Division has made a total of 2,397 motor vehicle stops during 2018, a 4% decrease from 2,505 in 2017. The Department currently uses three approved tow companies, which have resulted in 138 vehicles towed for 2018 a 13% decrease from 160 in 2017.

2018 Noise Officer Annual Report

During 2018, the Patrol Division received 82 noise complaint calls for service. Noise Control Officer Christopher Grogan conducted zero noise investigations that required the noise meter to determine the validity of a violation of the ordinance during the year. The proactive approach by responding officers has kept noise complaints from escalating to a level where a noise investigation would be required. Noise complaints received were classified as follows: twenty-nine (29) for music or loud noise, twenty (20) for construction or landscape equipment, three (3) for animal related complaints, twenty-three (23) for loud neighbors, and eight (8) for loud vehicles. In addition, one borough ordinance violation was issued for starting construction work before 9 AM on a Saturday morning.

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 2018, the Department fielded 16 domestic violence calls for service yielding six (6) arrests. These cases have included criminal charges such as assault, harassment, criminal mischief and contempt of court. In addition to domestic violence calls, the Department also responded to seventeen (17) 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 the Essex County 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 Law Enforcement Against Drugs (LEAD) 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. This year we utilized the LEAD funding to purchase impairment goggles. Each of 165 students participated in an obstacle course designed by the LEAD officers while wearing one of the impairment goggles. This was to show the students the effects of having one of the body senses impaired, their vision.

The officers began teaching the LEAD course curriculum during the months of November and December 2017, to the 6th grade students. There are currently 165 students and they will continue to complete the LEAD course curriculum during 2018 school year.

The LEAD unit continues to have two clothing donation boxes that are located at the Hillside Avenue parking lot. Proceeds from donations made to the box 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 2018, 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 Ridgewood Avenue Schools. 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. A total of 33 emergency drills were conducted in coordination with the schools. 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, vaping and drug and alcohol use among teenagers. Procedures for school entry were reviewed 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 continued use 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 Schools 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.

Detective Sergeant Manley and Detective Romaine also presented a program on the consequences of drinking alcohol and driving impaired 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 during the dance. For this year's presentation, there were over 400 students and parents in attendance. Detectives also discussed the Borough's new form letter for those suspected of hosting underage drinking parties (See page 59).

In 2018, the Detective Bureau continued their popular *Lunch with a Cop* community policing program. This event was held at the Ridgewood Avenue School and 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 350 students from the third and fourth grade. The police department is looking to continue building on this innovative program in 2019.

In 2018, the Youth Aid Bureau continued its aggressive implementation of 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. There were two (2) stationhouse adjustments in 2018 and this is attributed to the vigorous implementation of this program in 2017. In addition, over 30 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. The juvenile bureau saw a decrease in qualifying stationhouse crimes by 70% and a decrease in juvenile crimes by 31%.

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, Deputy Coordinator Timothy Faranda 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, the Rhino Romp 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. OEM also participated in several drills with the Glen Ridge Public Schools, these drills included evacuation drills, active shooter drills, bomb threats and relocation drills.

The Office of Emergency Management has for over the past fifteen years utilized a command trailer to coordinate all race and OEM functions, the trailer was purchased with the support of Mrs. Bowden from Glen Ridge. The command trailer was originally used by FEMA during Hurricane Katrina in the New Orleans area. Due to its age and functionality the trailer was retired this year as it no longer was able to provide effective service to the residents of Glen Ridge. Due to the unexpected retirement of this equipment, OEM is

currently in the process of looking to procure a new and effective solution which will serve the Borough and our residents for the foreseeable future.

National Night Out

The Glen Ridge Police Department Detective Bureau and the Municipal Alliance Committee sponsored *National Night Out 2018* on August 7th, 2018. The Unit held an event at the Glen Ridge Community 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 Department had several pieces of their equipment on hand for residents to see, along with the Glen Ridge Ambulance and Montclair Fire Department. This year various organizations from the community participated in the event, these organizations included the Glen Ridge Public Library, The Glen Ridge Domestic Violence Response Team, the Montclair YMCA, the Montclair Fire Department, Boiling Springs Savings Bank, New York Life, Hackensack UMC Mountainside, Angelo's Pizza, and the Glen Ridge Volunteer Ambulance Squad. 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.

STARR

The Self Defense Tactical Awareness & Risk Recognition, also known as S.T.A.R.R., self defense course was presented to Glen Ridge residents in May of 2018. This program was free and was opened to any adult aged woman in the Borough. Participants were instructed in a tactical approach to self-defense education, including identifying aggressive behaviors, resist and escape techniques, and hands on self-defense skills. The program was filled to capacity and was a great success.

Social Media

The Glen Ridge Police Department continued its social media initiative in 2018 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.

The Department also uses Nixle for emergency notifications to the public. Nixle is a text message-based application which will notify recipients by both text message and email of important departmental messages.

Internal Affairs Report

The Internal Affairs Division (IAD) 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 member's actions, including but not limited to misconduct, professionalism, and demeanor. Complaints are accepted from any person, at any time and any place. The IAD 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 2018.

Annual Revenue Report 2018

The Glen Ridge Police Department Records Bureau received \$2,192.24 in revenue collected for discovery requests and copies of police reports. The Records Bureau received \$475.00 in dumpster permits, \$950.00 for landscaping permit renewals, \$1,450.00 for hardship permit parking applications and \$30.00 for letters of good conduct. This is a total of \$5,547.24 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 228 alarms in 2018 which were billable. Of these alarms, four-teen (14) fines were issued and three (3) summonses for violations of the Borough's alarm ordinance for failing to pay fines.

The Glen Ridge Police Department Detective Bureau collected \$256.00 in revenue. Of this, \$195.00 was for fingerprinting residents and Glen Ridge resident photo identification cards, \$61.00 for firearms applications.

Total revenue received by the Glen Ridge Police Department during 2018 was \$5,803.24.

Respectfully,

Sheila Byron-Lagattuta

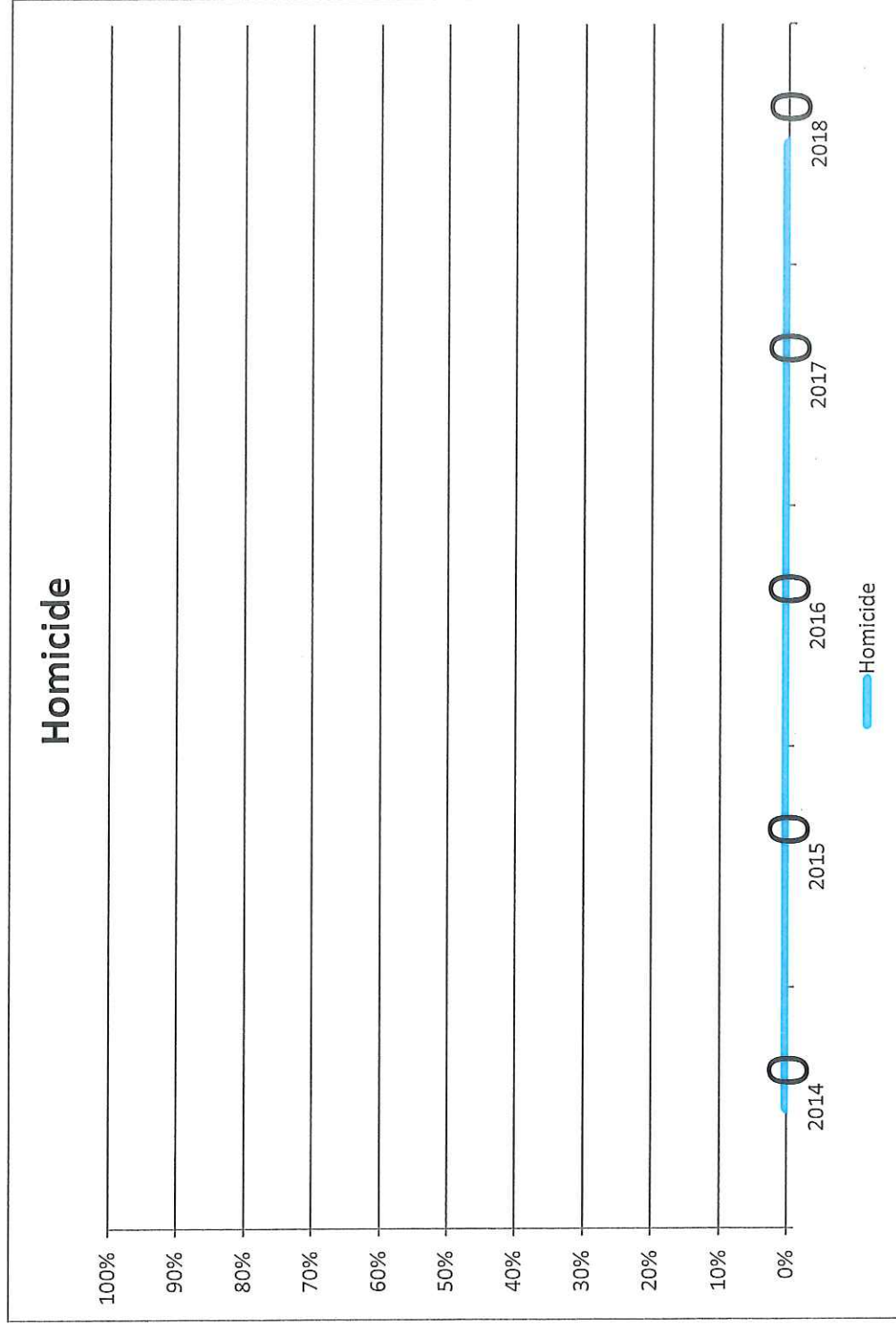
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Chief of Police

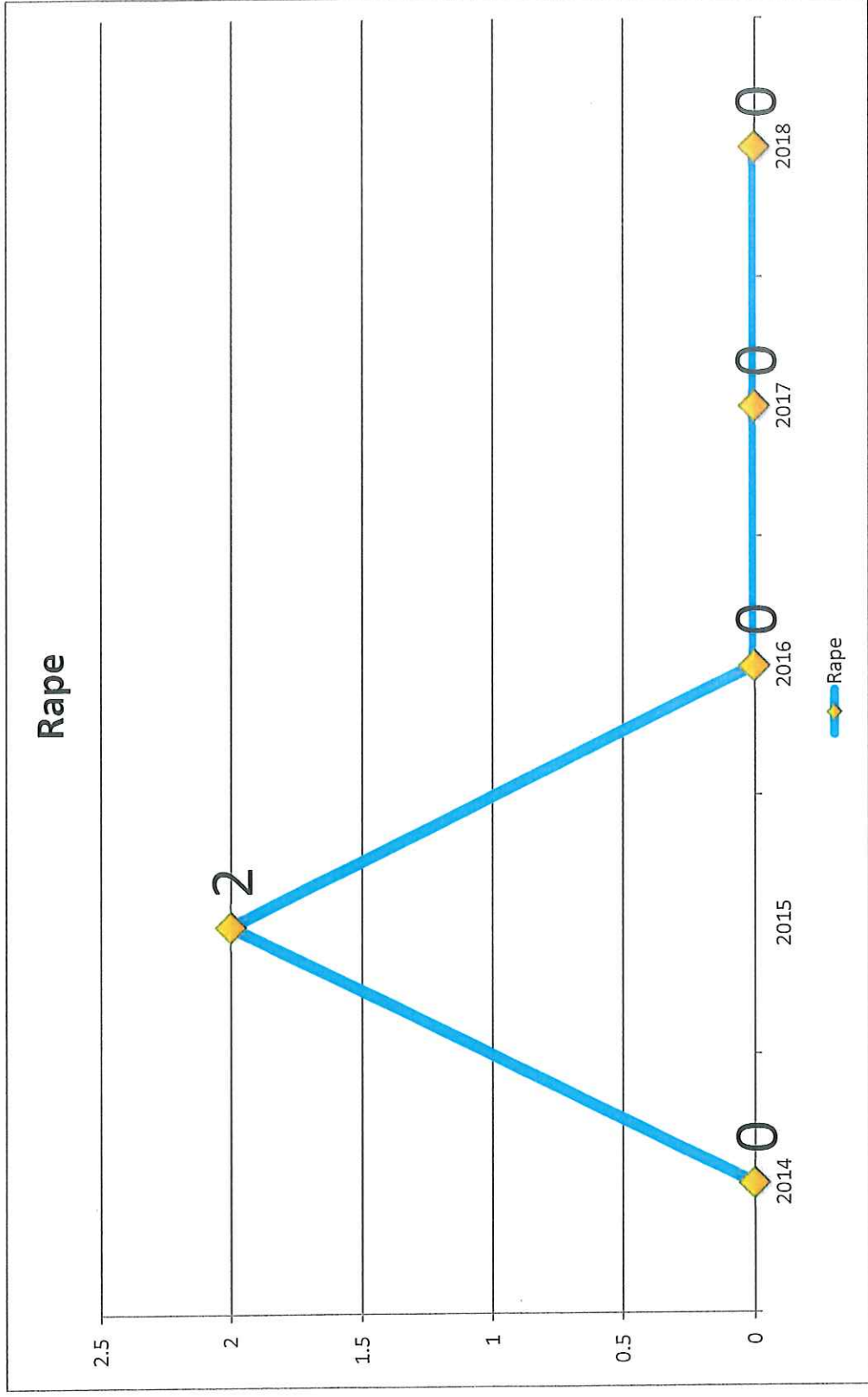
INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMPLAINTS 2018

<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

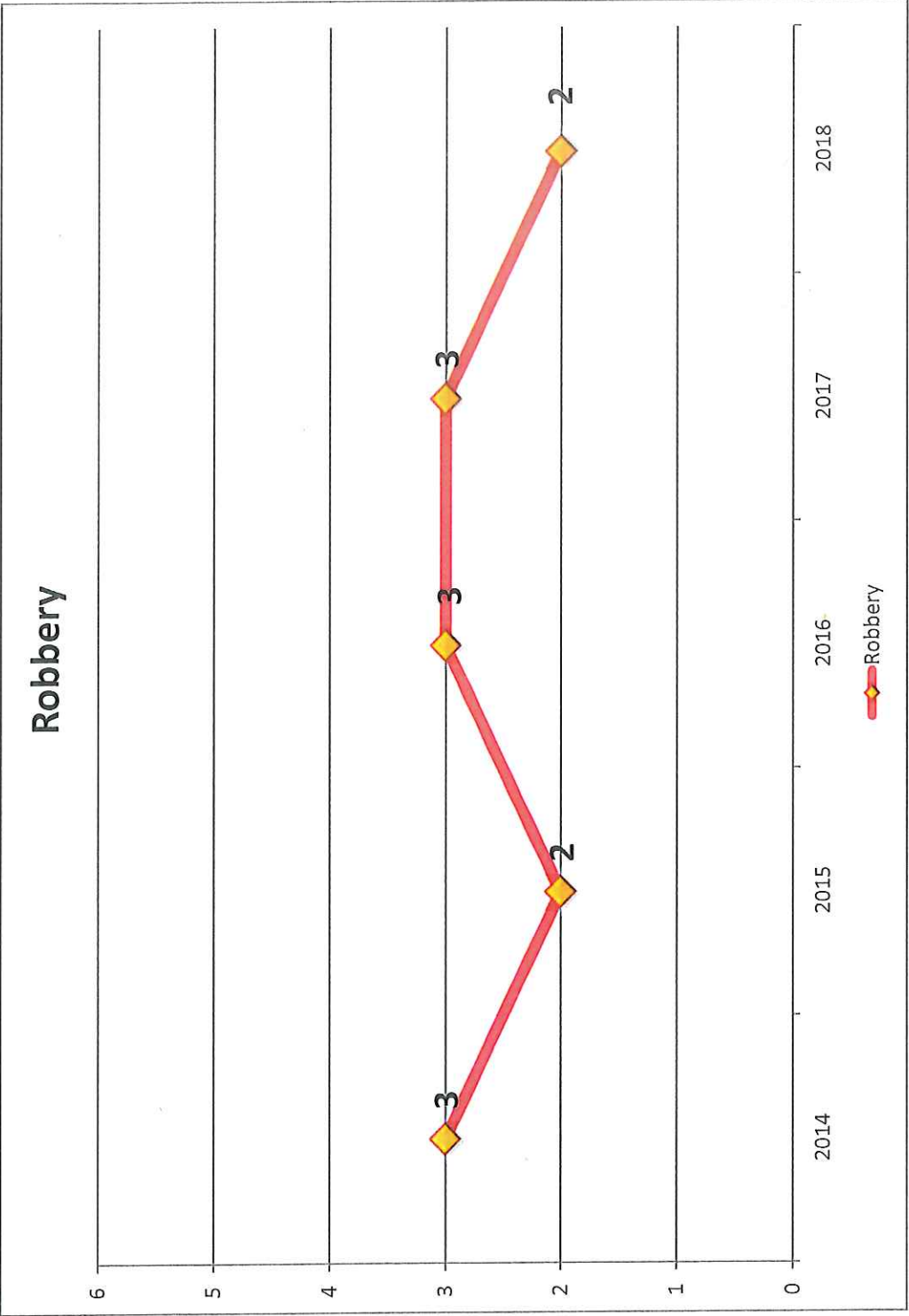
INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMPLAINT DISPOSITIONS 2018

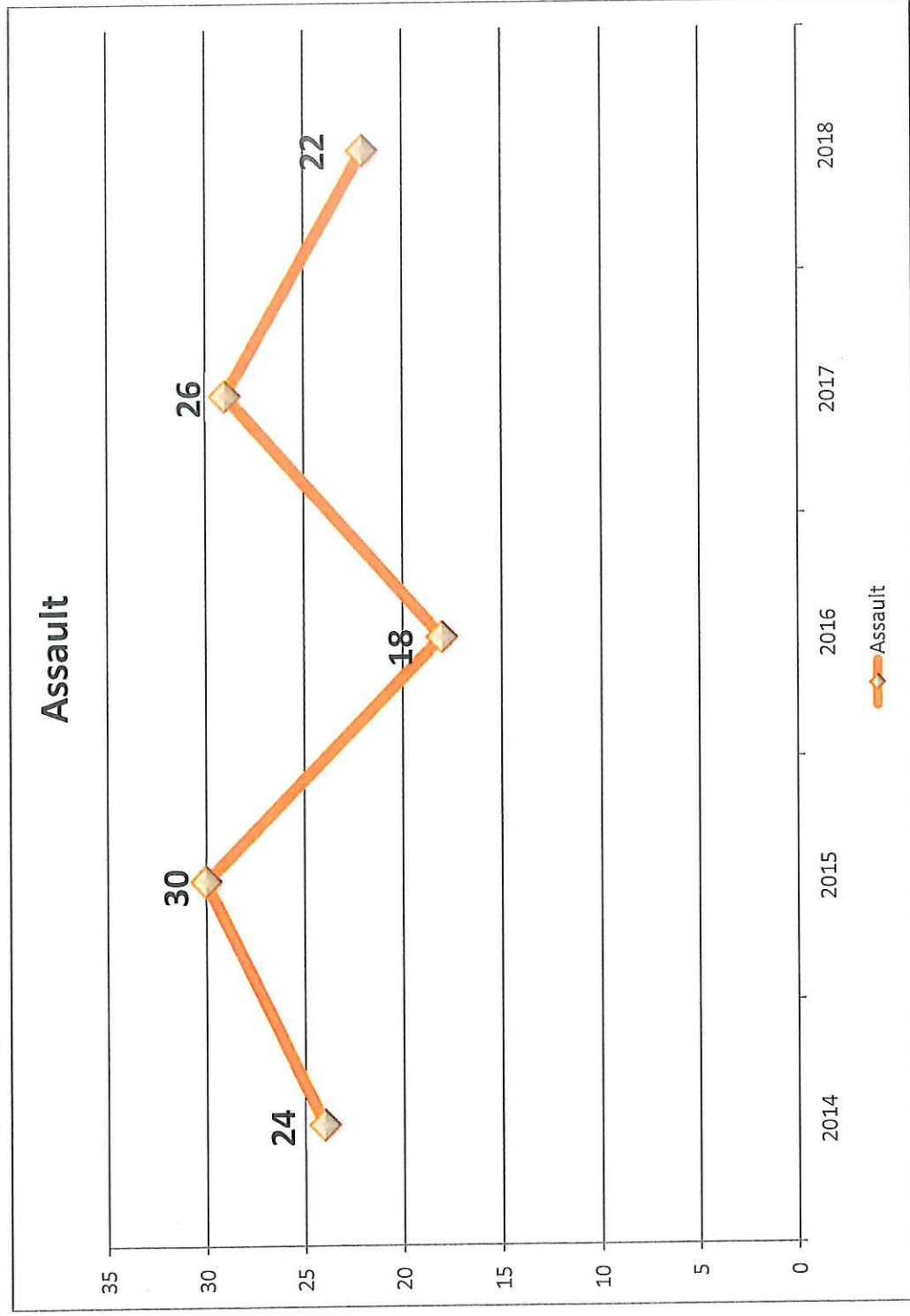
<i>Type of Complaint</i>	<i>Sustained</i>	<i>Exonerated</i>	<i>Not Sustained</i>	<i>Unfounded</i>	<i>Administratively closed</i>	<i>Total</i>
Excessive Force	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Entry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Criminal Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Differential 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

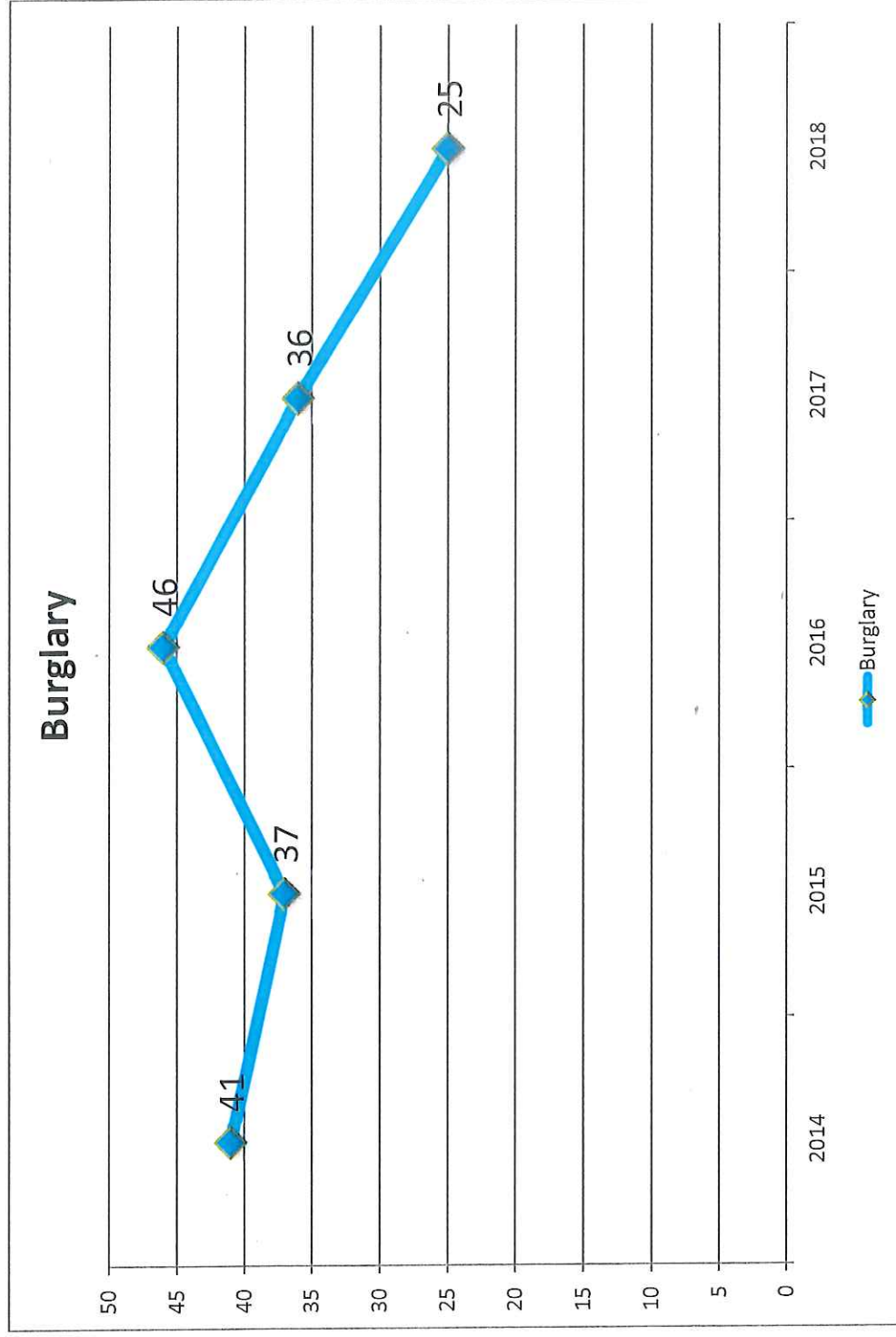




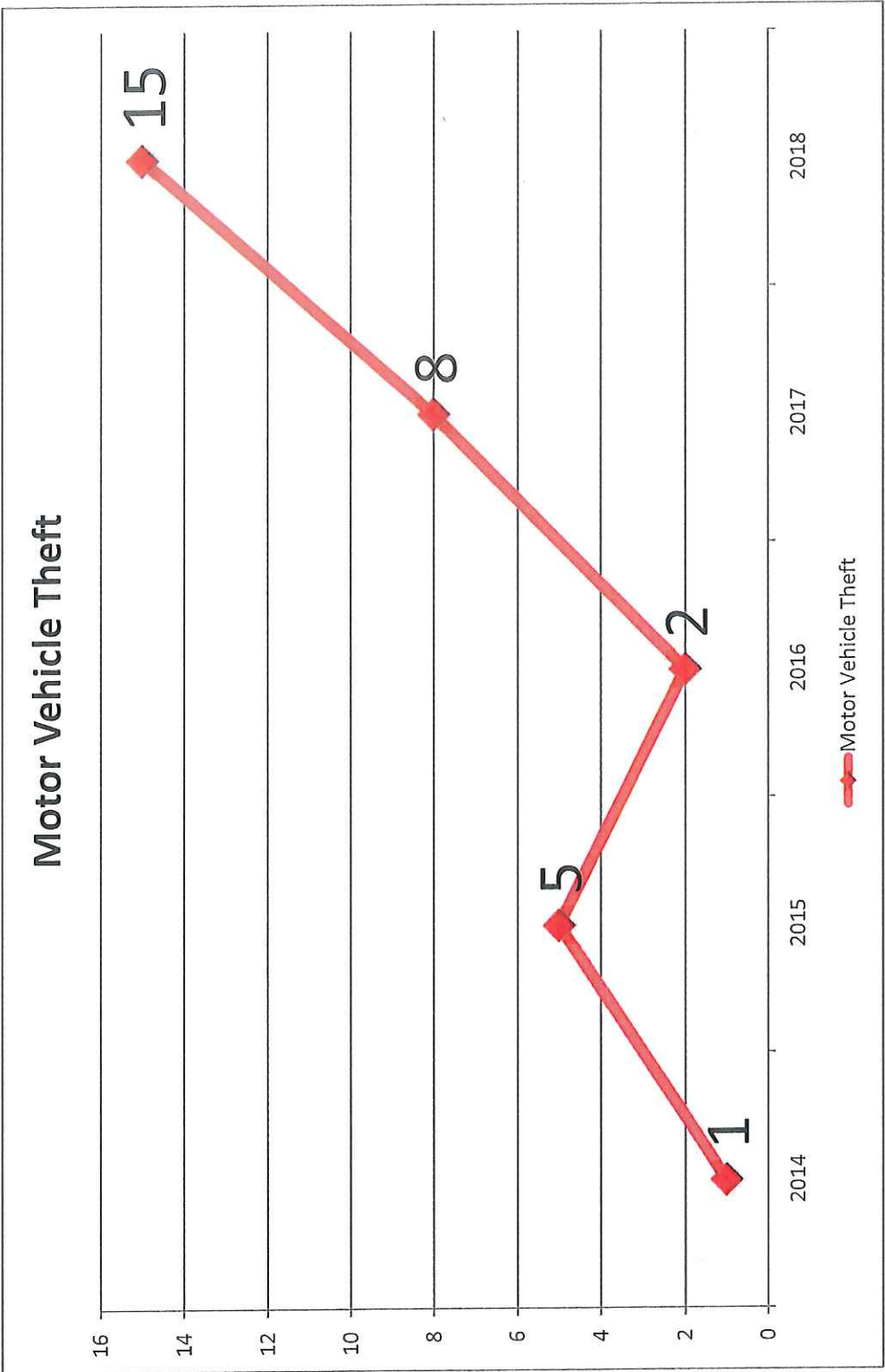
*Note: Upon a review of the 2015 UCR statistics by the NJSP it was determined that the number of Rapes was incorrectly reported. The total number of reported rapes for 2015 has been corrected and is reflected above. The definition of Rape for the UCR was also amended in 2015 by the FBI.

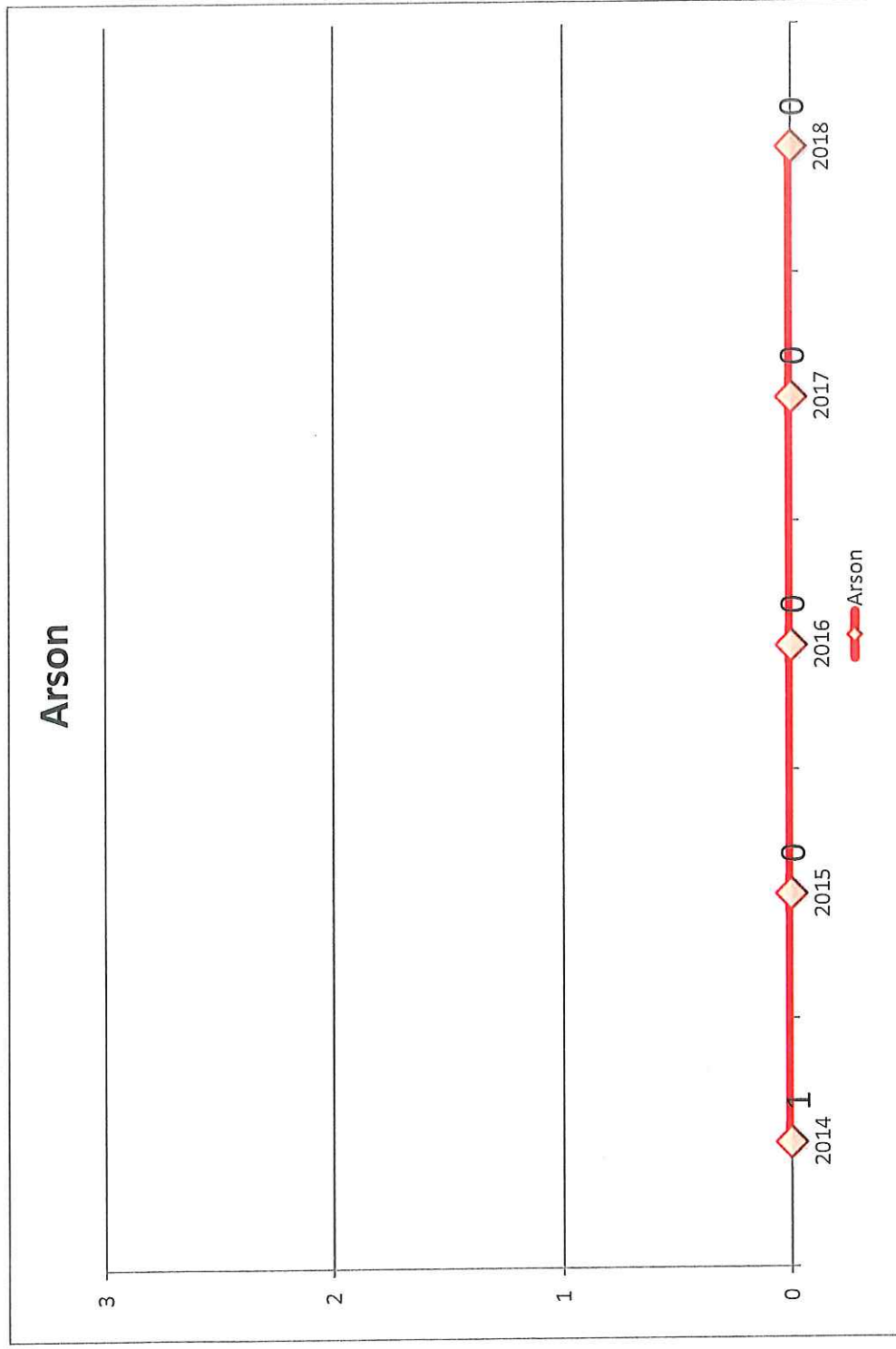








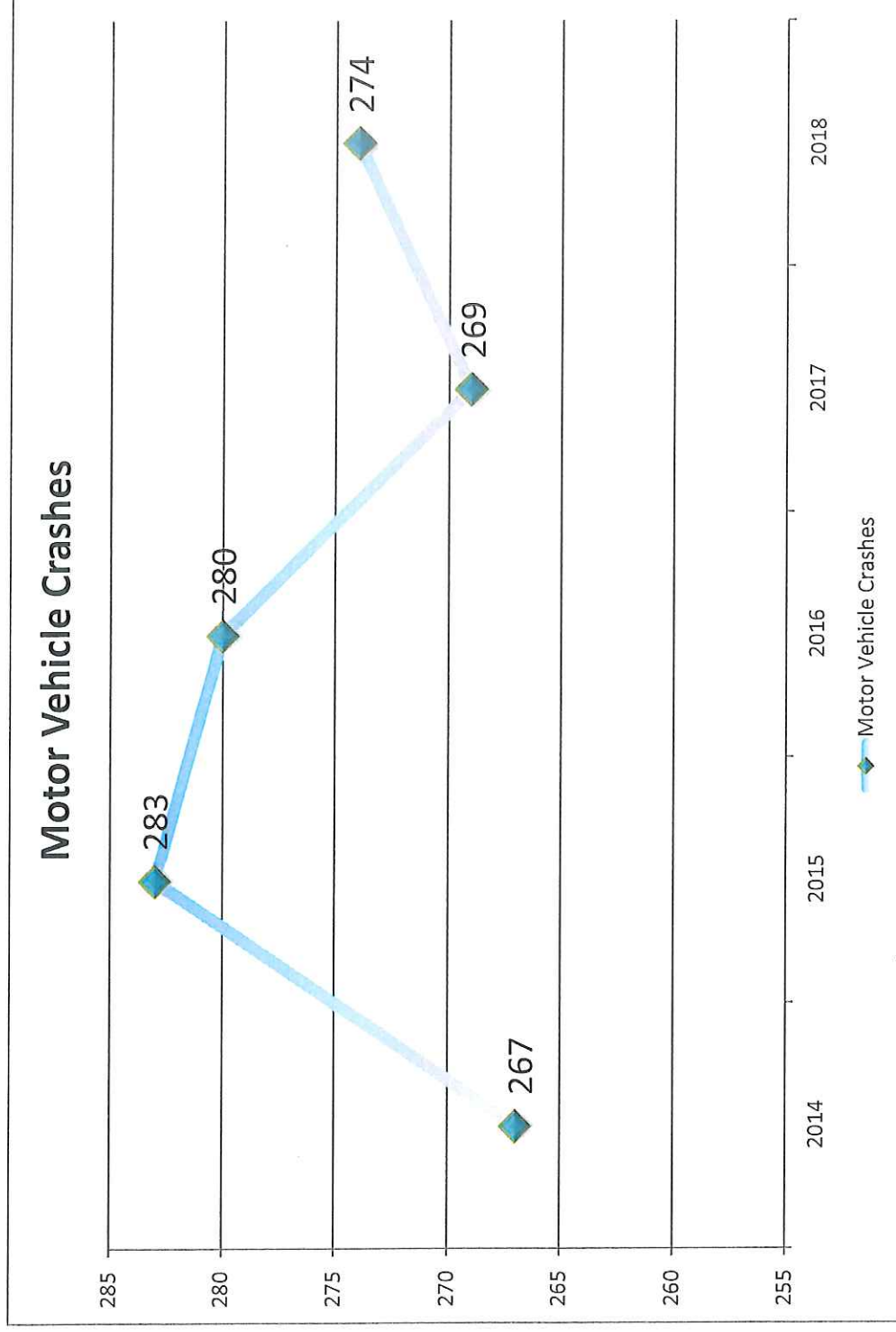






Prisoners Processed







Glen Ridge Police Department

3 Herman Street Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

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

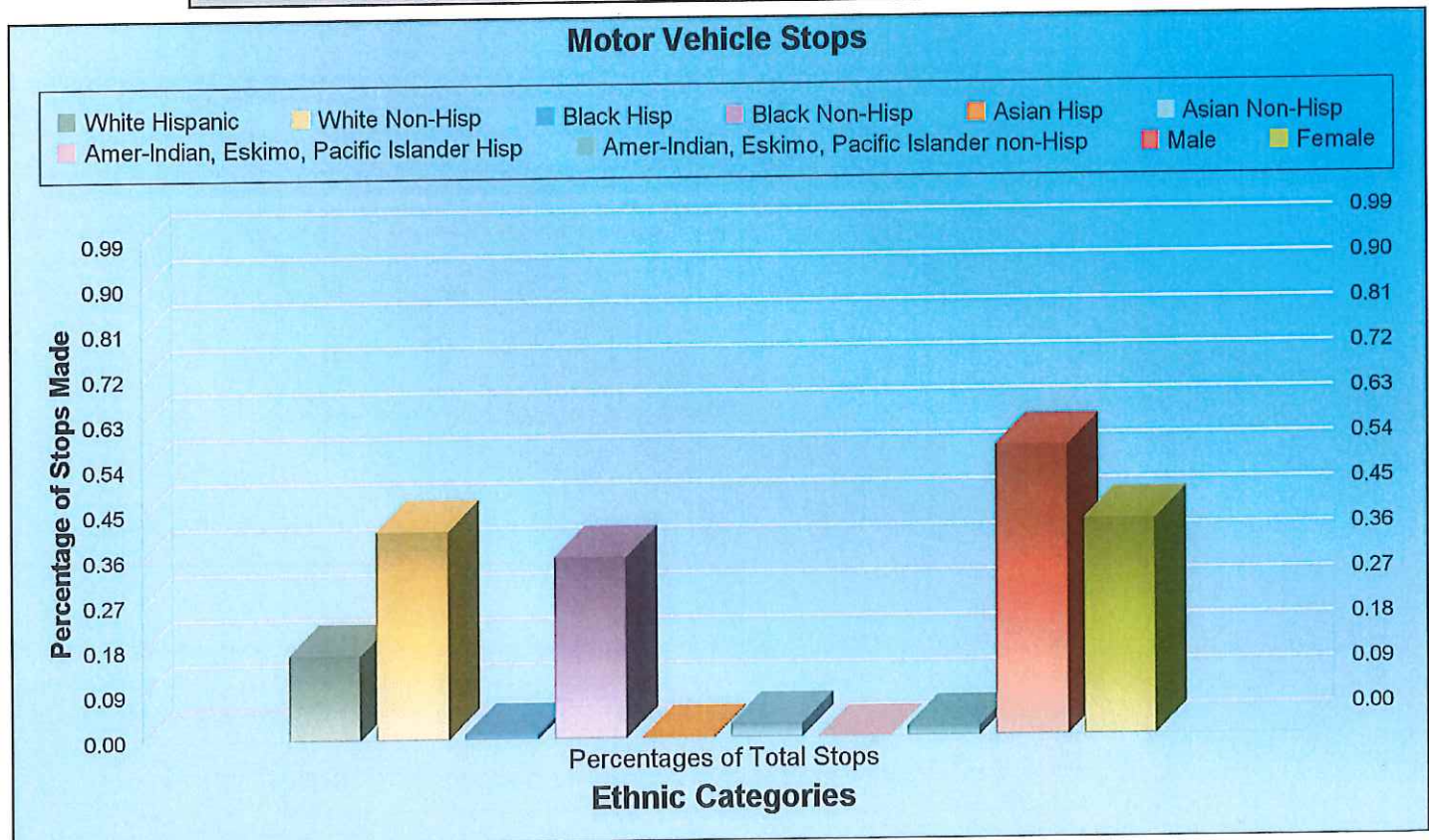
Ethnicity Report - MV Stops



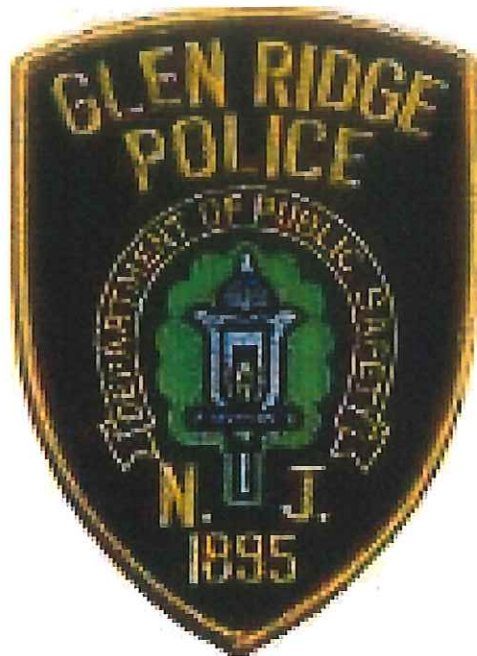
Total MV Stops In 2018: 2,374

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

Race Code	Total #	Percentage
White Hisp.	404	17.02%
White Non Hisp.	988	41.62%
Black Hisp.	26	1.10%
Black Non-Hisp.	859	36.18%
Native Amer/Eskimo Hisp	5	0.21%
Native Amer/Eskimo Non-Hisp	65	2.74%
Asian Hisp.	0	0.00%
Asian Non-Hisp.	47	1.98%
Male	1371	57.75%
Female	1023	43.09%



Glen Ridge Police Department



2018

Community Policing

January

In January 2018, two Rapid Reflecting Flashing Beacons (R.R.F.B.) were successfully installed. R.R.F.B.'s were installed at Belleville Avenue and Sherman Avenue as well as at Ridgewood Avenue and Darwin Place. The beacons are designed to assist pedestrians with safely crossing the street.



February

The department continued its successful Lunch with a Cop program at the Ridgewood Avenue School. Officers were guest for lunch with classes, guest officers were announced on Facebook prior to sitting down for lunch with the students.



March

Read Across America

Officer Charles Roberts participated in read across America day at the Forest Avenue School.



April

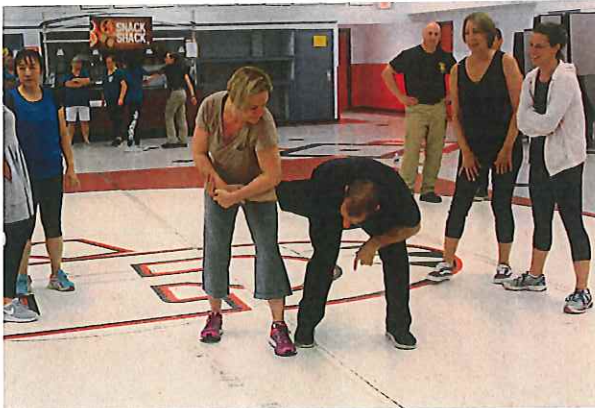
In April of 2018, The Glen Ridge Police Department hosted Coffee with a Cop with our community neighbor, Boiling Springs Bank. This outreach program continues to be successful with each event and the Det. Bureau looks forward to hosting several events in 2019.



May

S.T.A.R.R.

Self Defense Tactical Awareness & Risk Recognition

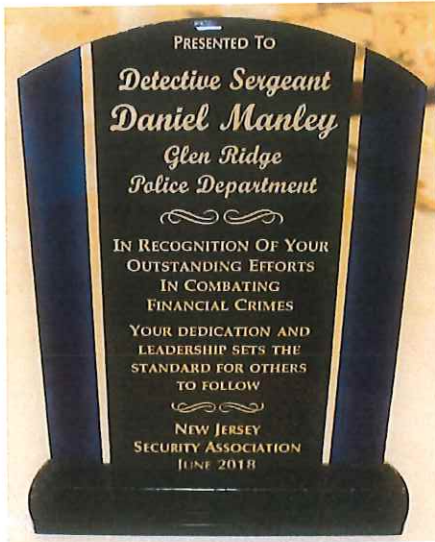


On May 15th, 2018, The Glen Ridge Police Department hosted a Self-Defense Course for Women which was free to all residents. Participants had the opportunity to raise their awareness of aggressive behaviors, recognize aggressive behavior, learn steps to avoid aggressive behavior and practice hands on self-defense skills. The program was a phenomenal success and registration was filled to capacity within two weeks.

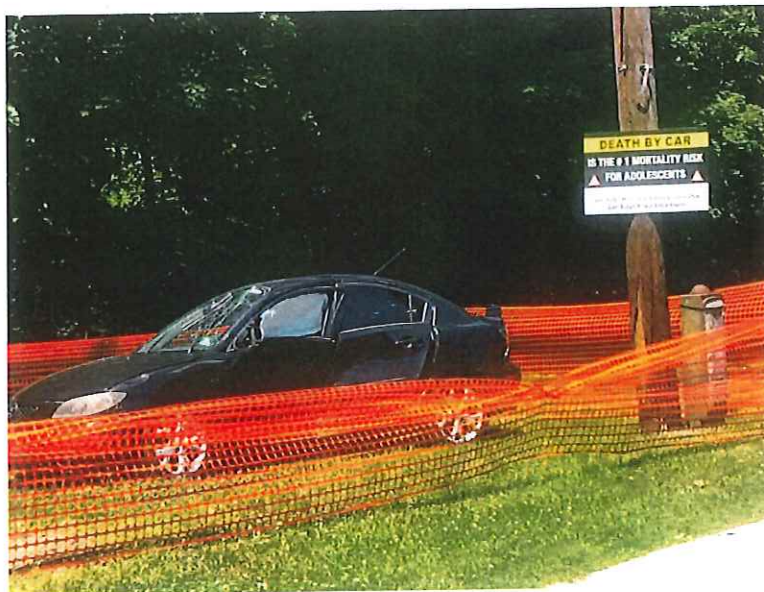
June

2018 Special Olympic Torch Run





Detective Sergeant Daniel Manley was recognized by the New Jersey Security Association for his efforts to in combatting financial crimes which the Borough was faced with during the past year.



The Glen Ridge Police Department wished all graduating seniors a safe celebration. GRPD placed a automobile which was involved in a drinking and driving accident on display on Bloomfield Avenue to remind everyone of the dangers of drinking and driving.

L.E.A.D. Graduation



July



Members of the Glen Ridge Police Department wishing the community
a safe and Happy Fourth of July!!! (above)



Officer Christopher Grogan &
Det. Patricia Romaine. Hosted a free bicycle
registration. This program is designed to prevent
bicycle loss and theft.

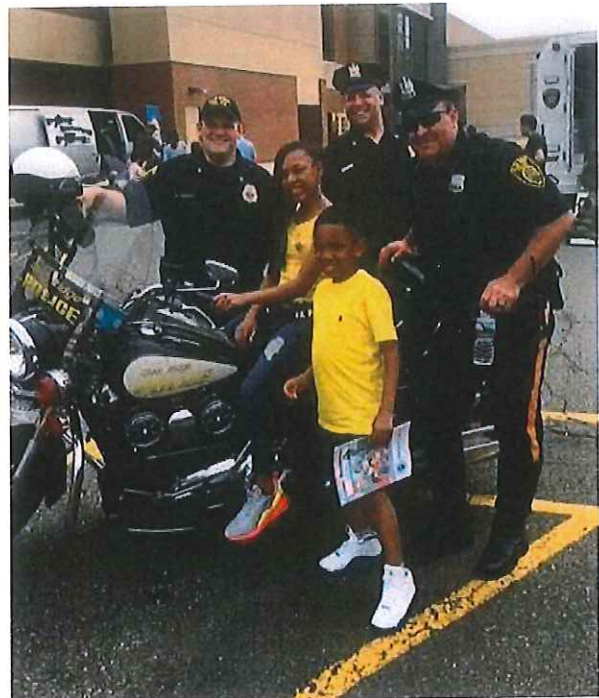
Lemonade with a Law Enforcement Officer



The Detective Bureau hosted Lemonade with Law Enforcement in July of 2018. The purpose of this event was to foster better community relations with the youth of Glen Ridge. Det. Romaine and Sgt. Mazza pour lemonade for children in Carteret Park (Above). Officer Re plays a quick game of knock hockey with kids in the park, although he lost the game everyone walked away smiling!

Essex County Police Expo

D/Sgt. Manley, Det. Rivera and Motor Officer Grogan attended the Essex County Police Exposition in Livingston, NJ. The event highlighted police equipment from all around the region. Pictured below, Det. Rivera shows off truck 30, the department's pickup truck (left) and D/Sgt. Manley, Det. Rivera, & Motor Officer Grogan pose for a photo the departments motorcycle.



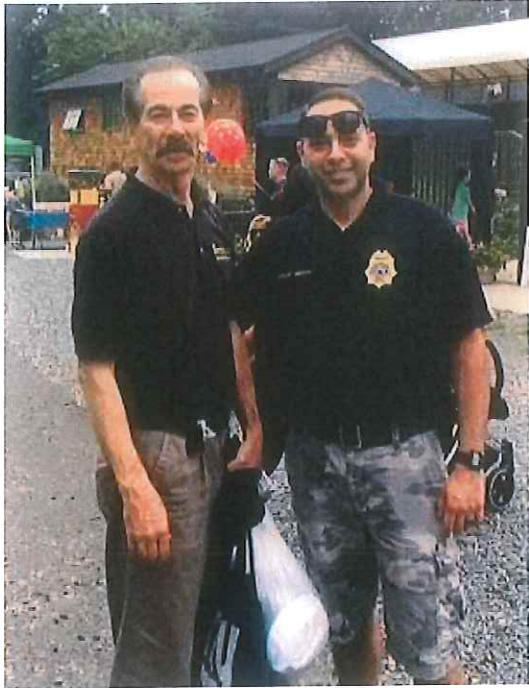
August

National Night Out Against Crime



The Glen Ridge Police Department participated in National Night Out Against Crime. This year's event was hosted at the Glen Ridge Community Pool. The pool was open to all members of the community. The community policing division provided crime prevention tips, bicycle registrations as well as games and activities for all children and adults! The event continues to remain a huge success with the members of our community. .









September

School Safety Talks

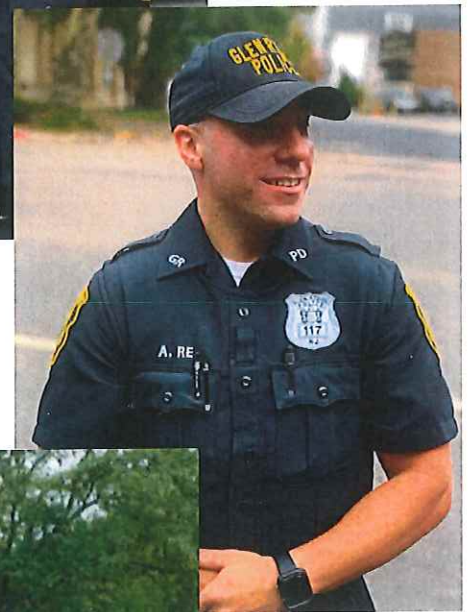


Zeuner Memorial Rock Dedication



A memorial plaque was dedicated to Sgt. Robert Zeuner (ret.) on Bloomfield Avenue in memory of his service to the Borough of Glen Ridge.





September 11th Memorial



Mead Terrace Community Policing Meeting

On September 18th, 2018, members of the Glen Ridge community policing team met with the residents of Mead Terrace, Sherman Avenue, Arglye Street, and Highland Avenue to discuss crime prevention techniques as well as to review a series of auto-burglaries that had been reported in the area. The team was proud to report, that with the communities assistance several suspects had been arrested and were being charged for their crimes.



October

Swearing in of Officer Paul Cicchetti





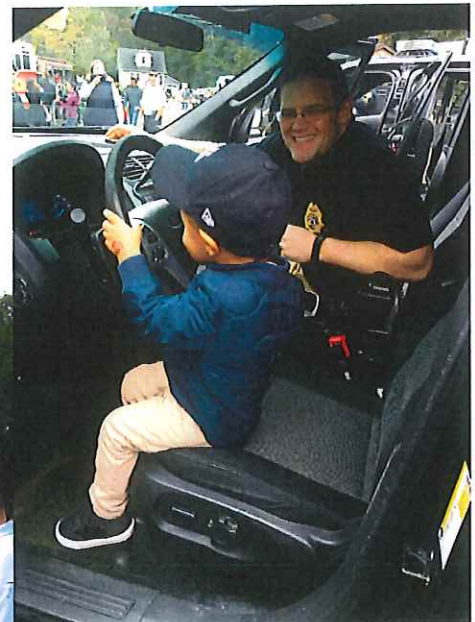
Chili Cook Off

Det. Rivera and Officer Roberts participated in the Christ Church's Chili Cook off as guest judges!



Touch a Truck Event

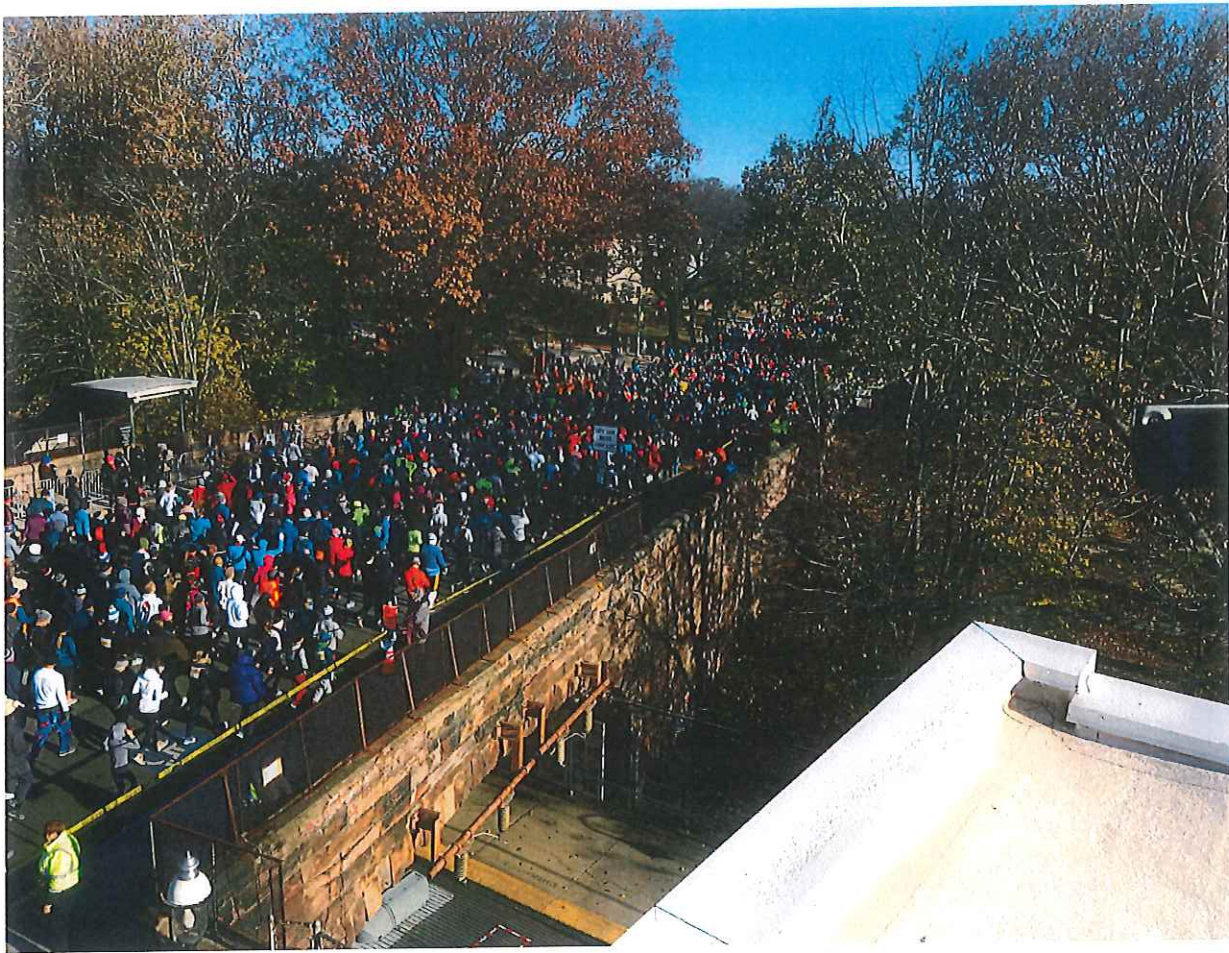
On Saturday October 20th, 2018, members of the Detective Bureau and the Department participated in the Touch a Truck event which was presented by the Glen Ridge Library.



November

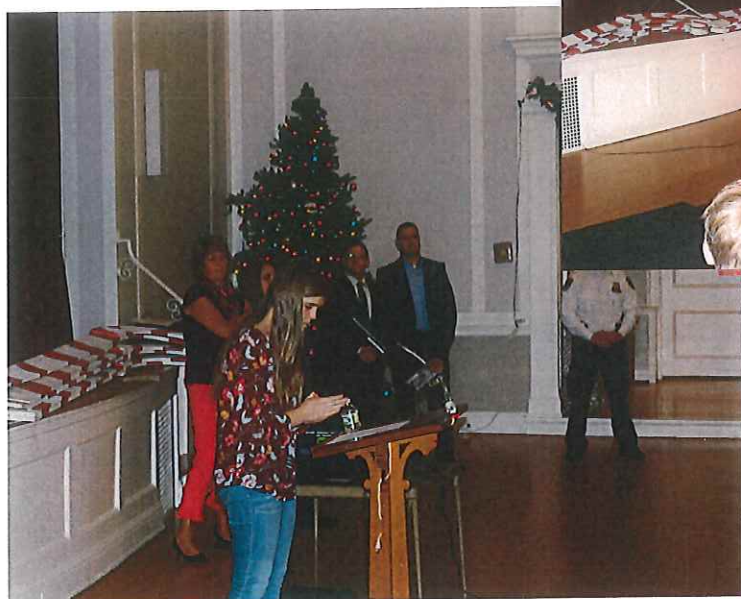
Ashenfelter 8K Race

Members of the department participated in the safety and security of this year's Ashenfelter 8K race. This year's race was another huge success. The Department would like to thank all the volunteers who make this event a continued success.



December

Candy Cane Dance



The Detective Bureau presented this years Annual safety presentation at the Glen Ridge Women's Club for the Candy Cane Dance.

Christ Church Santa Claus Visit

Detective Patricia Romaine and Officer Paul Cicchetti, along with Santa, visited the Christ Church to deliver gifts to the children at the school.



Cheer Me Up Foundation

Detective Sergeant Manley and Detective Romaine participated in the Cheer Me Up Foundation annual Christmas Party at Nanina's In The Park on December 17, 2018. This event is for special needs and under privileged children. The children all get a buffet dinner, a visit with Santa, and a night filled with dancing, face painting, and lots of fun.





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Dear Resident of: *INSERT ADDRESS*

The Glen Ridge Police Department recently received concerning information pertaining to underage consumption of alcohol at your residence. As a reminder, it is against the law to provide alcohol to any person within the state that is under twenty-one years of age. According to N.J.S.A. 2C:33-17, anyone who purposely or knowingly offers or serves or makes available an alcoholic beverage to a person under the legal age for consuming alcoholic beverages (21) or entices or encourages that person to drink an alcoholic beverage is a disorderly person. The mere availability of alcohol to someone under the age of twenty-one is grounds for violation of this statute. In addition, a person who makes real property owned, leased or managed by him available to, or leaves that property in the care of, another person with the purpose that alcoholic beverages will be made available for consumption by, or will be consumed by, persons who are under the legal age for consuming alcoholic beverages is also guilty of a disorderly person's offense.

As your Municipal Police Chief, I am officially putting you on notice that should it be proven that there is another incident at your residence, you will be personally prosecuted under N.J.S.A. 2C:33-17. Furthermore, in addition to any criminal liability, you may be held responsible for any civil losses resulting from your actions. In the future, I strongly urge you to consider your actions and the implications that they have on the community before hosting an underage drinking party or providing/making available alcohol to under age persons. Please feel free to email or call me to set up an appointment to discuss the underage party.

Yours in Law Enforcement



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