

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

2016

ANNUAL REPORT



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LBPD MISSION STATEMENT

The City of Long Branch Police Department is committed to providing a safe community and improving the quality of life for all people. We accomplish this by delivering quality police services and enforcing laws with equality and impartiality. In partnership with the community, we reduce crime through public education, prevention, and awareness. In meeting this objective, we demand of ourselves the highest professional standards and dedication to our core values.



LONG BRANCH POLICE DEPARTMENT CORE VALUES

Professionalism

In our actions, conduct, and job performance. Committed to training, education, individual self-discipline, service orientation and other attributes of a true professional.

Respect

For all citizens, each other, and for differing points of view, regardless of age, race, gender, appearance, individual beliefs, or lifestyles.

Integrity

Truthful and honest in word and deed. Ethical, being guided by the concept of fundamental fairness in everything we do, doing what is right.

Dedication

To the organization, each other, our families, and the citizens we serve. Empower department members and citizens to work together to solve community problems.

Excellence

In everything we do. Seeking to improve and excel, always.

LBFD MISSION STATEMENT



The City of Long Branch Fire Department is dedicated to protecting and serving our entire community of residents and visitors with the utmost commitment to professionalism and performance.

We will accomplish this mission through fire suppression, rescue, public education and professional development training. Our core values of Service, Integrity, Bravery and Dedication drive our mission forward every day.

From the desk of THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Greetings Community Members and Friends,

Thank you for taking the time to peruse our second edition of the Public Safety Annual Report for the City of Long Branch.



We have compiled the following information to share with you in our on-going effort to keep you well-versed on the workings of the Public Safety Department. It is our goal to help inform and educate the public and to strengthen the already strong bond shared between our community and members of our police and fire departments. To demonstrate our commitment to realizing that objective, in 2016, we joined the White House's Police Data Initiative (PDI). The goal of the initiative is to "increase transparency, build community trust, and strengthen accountability" through the use of data and we are one of the first 5 agencies in New Jersey leading the way. (More details on the inside, back cover.) In addition, two more Citizen Police Academies were held and a similar program was implemented for our community seniors. Our latest Academy, had a record-breaking enrollment of nearly 3 times that of our first academy class in 2015.

Please enjoy the stories, data and photos in this review. If everyone who takes the time to read this learns just one thing about our Department and our City, we will have accomplished our goal.

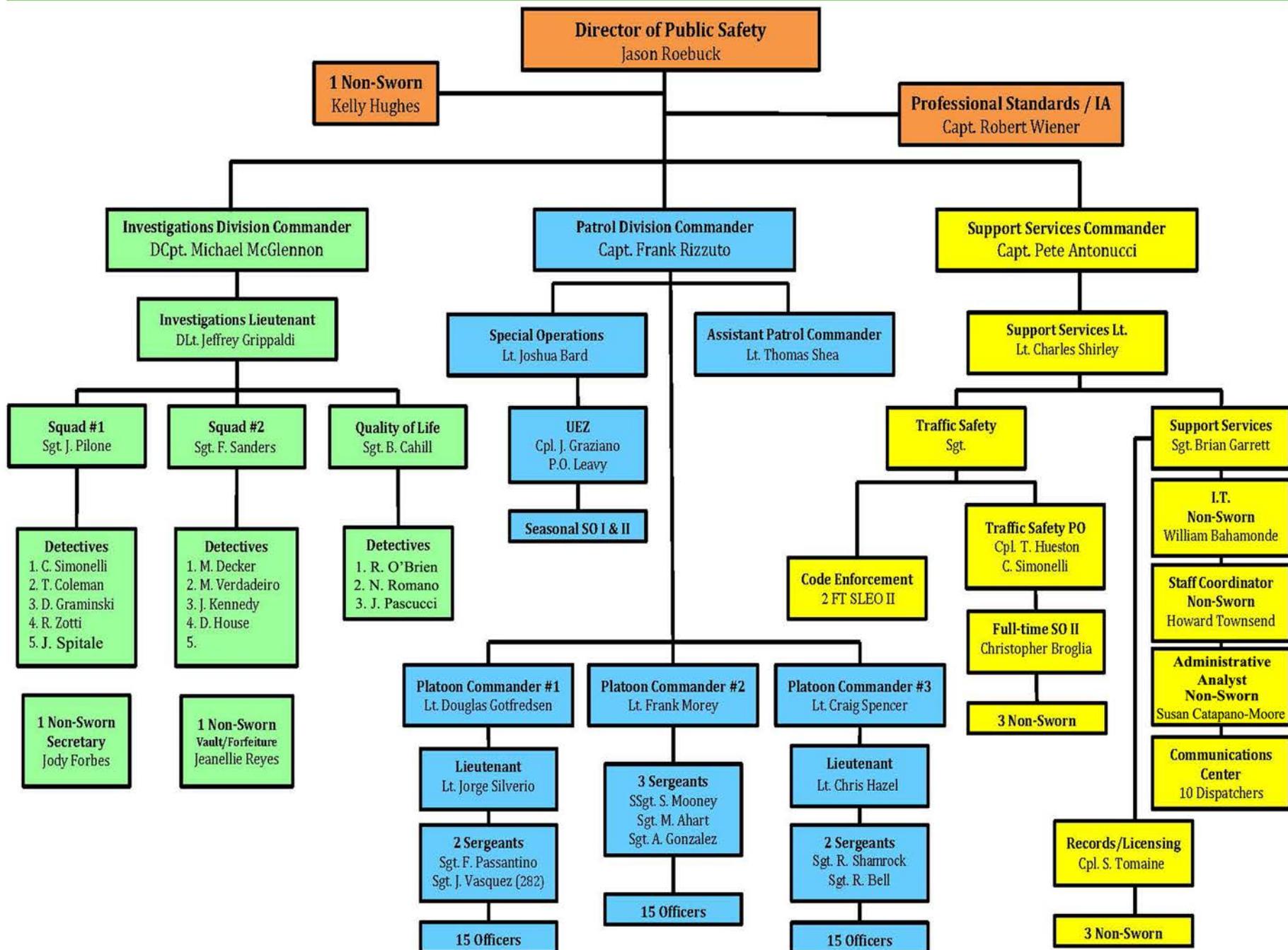


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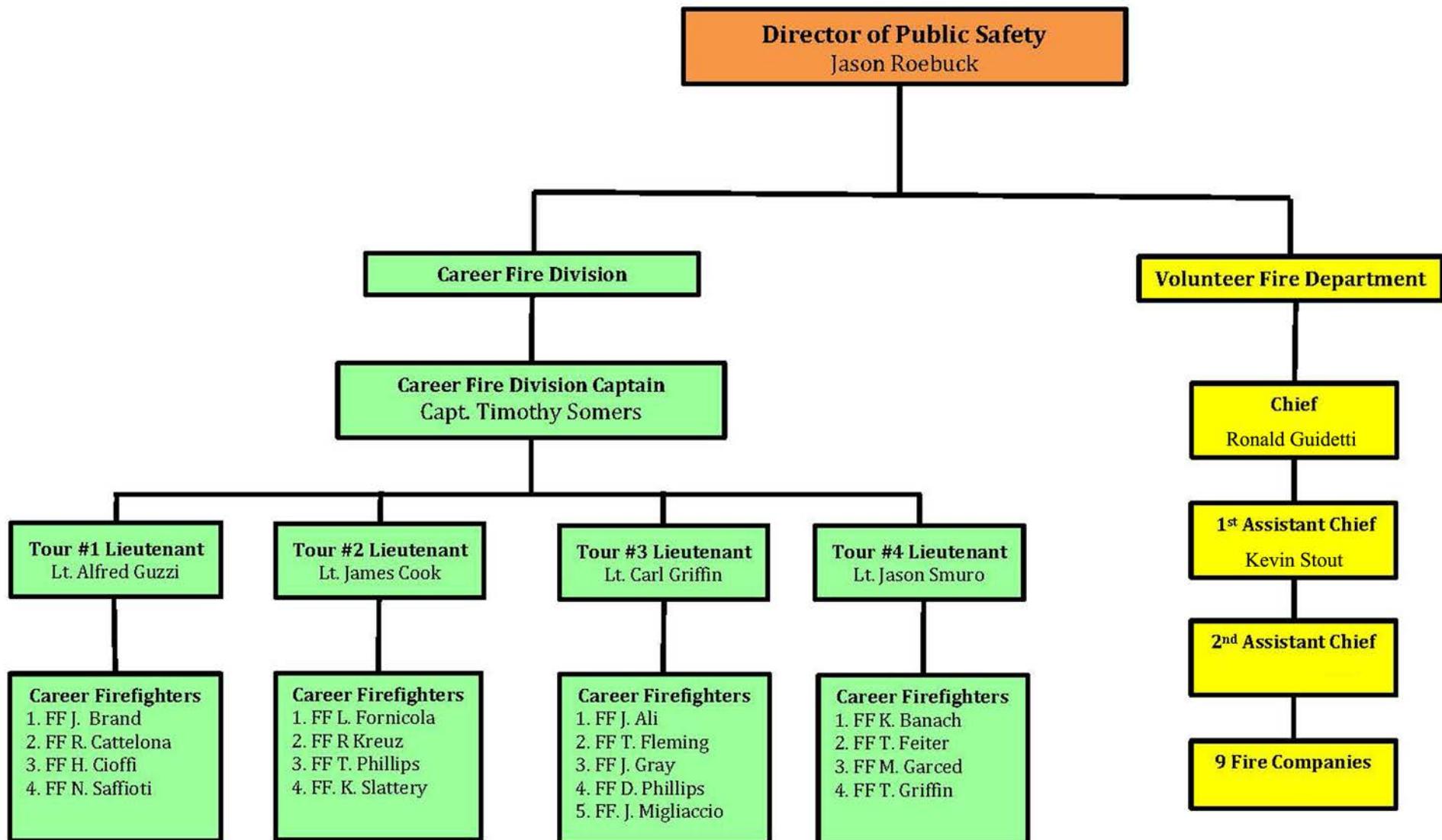
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*Jason Roebuck
Director of Public Safety*

POLICE DEPARTMENT TABLE OF ORGANIZATION



FIRE DEPARTMENT TABLE OF ORGANIZATION



POLICE CAPTAINS



Peter Antonucci
#265
Support Services Commander



Robert Wiener
#244
Professional Standards /
Internal Affairs Commander



Michael McGlennon
#243
Investigations Commander



Frank Rizzuto
#266
Patrol Commander

POLICE LIEUTENANTS



Frank Morey
#254



Craig Spencer
#258



Joshua Bard
#300



Jeffrey Grippaldi
#292



Jorge Silverio
#295



Christopher Hazel
#291



Charles Shirley, Jr.
#284



Fernando Sanders
#250

Not pictured:

Lt. Thomas Shea III #279, Lt. Douglas Gotfredsen, Jr. #260 and DLt. Raymond Chaparro #251

POLICE SERGEANTS



Stanley Mooney
#263



Michael Ahart
#271



Robert Shamrock
#245



Brendan Cahill
#318



Antonia Gonzalez
#270



Brian Garrett
#306



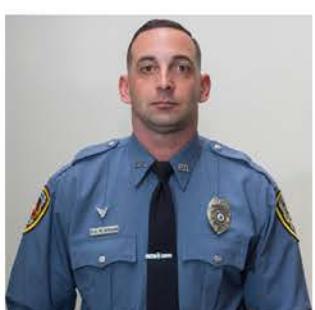
Robert Bell
#329



Juan H. Vasquez
#282



John Evangelho
#274



Marshall Brown
#319



Heather Valdes
#290

Not pictured:
Jeffrey Pilone #255 and
Frank Passantino #234

POLICE CORPORALS

15+ YEARS OF SERVICE



Sebastian Tomaine #237



Michael McGowan #248



Michael Vogler #256



Joseph Graziano #257



Robert Korn #267



Juan E. Vasquez #272



Edwin Gomez #276



Julio Delacruz #278



Kevin King #281



Charles Simonelli #286



Todd Coleman #289



Thomas Hueston #294



Cesare Simonelli #298



Lance Fanning #299



Christopher Gant #301



David Graminski #302



Jennifer Gant #304



Kimberly Leavy #308



Michael Verdadeiro #309

**Not pictured:
Raul Aponte #249**

UNIFORMED FIRE DIVISION



SPECIALIZED UNITS

CANINE TEAMS



LBPD wishes K9 Bala a long and happy retirement! Bala was born in Belgium and arrived in the U.S. at approximately 14 months old. Bala and his partner, P.O. Erik Wettermark, attended the Port Authority Police 18th K9 scent class and graduated 01/27/06. They were certified as an Explosives Detection K9 team, making them the first Explosive Detection K9 team for the LBPD. In addition, they attended the Long Branch/Tinton Falls Police K9 Patrol Class #1, graduating on 06/02/06 as a certified Patrol K9 team. (i.e. tracking, criminal apprehension, article search, etc.) K9 Bala served the City of Long Branch for 10 years before retiring on July 31, 2016. He and partner, P.O. Wettermark are seen above at their K9 graduation and later, at a K9 demonstration in town.



Welcome to K9 Hades and partner, P.O. Omar Akel (left), our newest K9 team! Hades is a 16 month Belgian Malinois & German Shepherd mix who joined us in 2016. The team will graduate Canine Basic Patrol Class #3 on January 6, 2017 and then attend K-9 Basic Scent Class #3 for narcotics. Both of these classes are hosted by the LBPD under the instruction of Sgt. Robert Shamrock. His third Basic Scent Class is due to graduate in April of 2017. Below are photos of Sgt. Shamrock and his K9 partner, Hagan.



K-9

SLEO



OPEN HOUSE

City of Long Branch Police Department

The Long Branch Police Department will be looking for candidates for Special Law Enforcement Officers (SLEO I)

The Positions are for Seasonal Employment, Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Must have completed 5 page application with you.

Applications available @ Police Headquarters and at <http://bit.ly/SLEOsapp2016>

November 5, 2016 11:00am Sharp
City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers
344 Broadway
Long Branch, NJ 07740

For Additional Information email
Lt. Bard - jbard@longbranch.org
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE



Our Special Law Enforcement Officers Class I & II are instrumental to our department in assisting with special details and events. The SLEO I seasonal officers are hired each year for the summer months. The first step in the hiring process is the Open House held each winter. Many are brought back for special winter events such as visits from Santa. The Unit Supervisor is Lt. Joshua Bard seen above second from left. Becoming a SLEO I Officer is often how many of our full-time officers get their start.



HONOR GUARD

Honor Guard members hold voluntary positions. These officers assist at official police functions such as swearing in ceremonies, promotions and funerals.
Left: Officers Oliveira, Richards & Boryszewski.
Right: Officer Otero



MOTOR UNIT



Our Motorcycle Unit participates in year-round activities including escorts, funeral details and safety programs such as "Share The Road" and "Toys for Tots" runs. This year, the unit sends a special thanks out to Toys for Tots for presenting them with a plaque of appreciation and to our friends at Woolley-Boglioli Funeral Home for their very generous donation of heated hand grips. The grips will help to keep them warm during inclement weather and, inevitably help ensure their safety while riding.

HAZMAT TEAM

The Hazardous Materials Response Team (HAZMAT) is comprised of members from both the PD and the FD. The team responds as the mass decontamination unit in the event citizens are exposed to a hazardous material and provides specialized equipment to help clean off products that may contaminate individuals in an emergency. Members are seen here, along with Asbury Park members, participating in mandatory annual training drills.



In August, the Fire Department, Beach Lifeguards, Office of Emergency Management, First Aid and the U.S. Coast Guard-Manasquan participated in a multi-agency water rescue drill simulation at the Morris Avenue beach. The drill was an opportunity for all responding agencies to work together in a real-life, in-water operation that took place in real time. The scenario simulated a party boat exploding and sinking 300 yards off-shore. Lifeguards acted as victims in the water clinging to debris. Some acted as injured victims needing immediate rescue. The victims had to be removed from the water by Lifeguards and Firefighters. The Lifeguards deployed jet skis, boats and rescue boards, while the Firefighters deployed rescue boards. The Coast Guard provided scene safety, keeping away curious onlookers, and simulated the removal of a deceased victim. At the conclusion of the drill a team meeting was held, all lessons learned were discussed and a report detailing the drill was distributed to all involved. A future event is planned for next summer to keep our first responders at the top of their game. Photos were taken via drone.

WATER RESCUE TEAM





The Urban Enterprise Zone (U.E.Z.) is our Community Outreach Team. They are focused on maintaining the flow of information to our local businesses and the community. Corporals Joseph Graziano and Kimberly Leavy, members of the UEZ, play a major role in the development and implementation of the many programs and events throughout the city. They run City Hall/PD tours, give presentations to business owners, provide numerous school presentations about police and safety for our younger students, coordinate the annual Night Out, assist the fire department with fire safety presentations, participate in local organizations' events such as "Trunk Or Treat" and countless others. In addition, they are credited with creating our very successful Citizens Police Academy and Seniors' Police Academy, and recently became certified to perform car seat safety checks.





STREET CRIMES UNIT

The Street Crimes Unit is a team comprised of one Commanding Officer and three Detectives. Their primary focus is to eliminate drug manufacturing and distribution within the City and reduce the availability of narcotics and other illegal substances to our citizens. In addition, they serve as an intelligence bureau for criminals involved with weapons, gangs and other illegal activity.

In 2016, the unit made 220 arrests. 133 arrests were narcotics related. Seized during those arrests were:

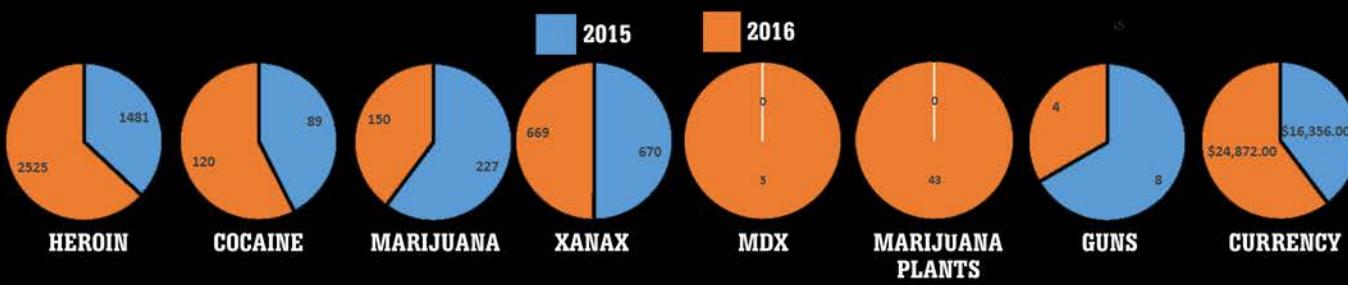
- 2,525 Decks of Heroin
- 120 grams of Cocaine
- 150 grams of Marijuana
- 669 Xanax pills
- 5Lbs MDX- synthetic opioid
- 43 Marijuana Plants
- 4 Handguns
- \$24,872.00 US Currency

In 2015, the unit made 214 arrests. Seized during those arrests were:

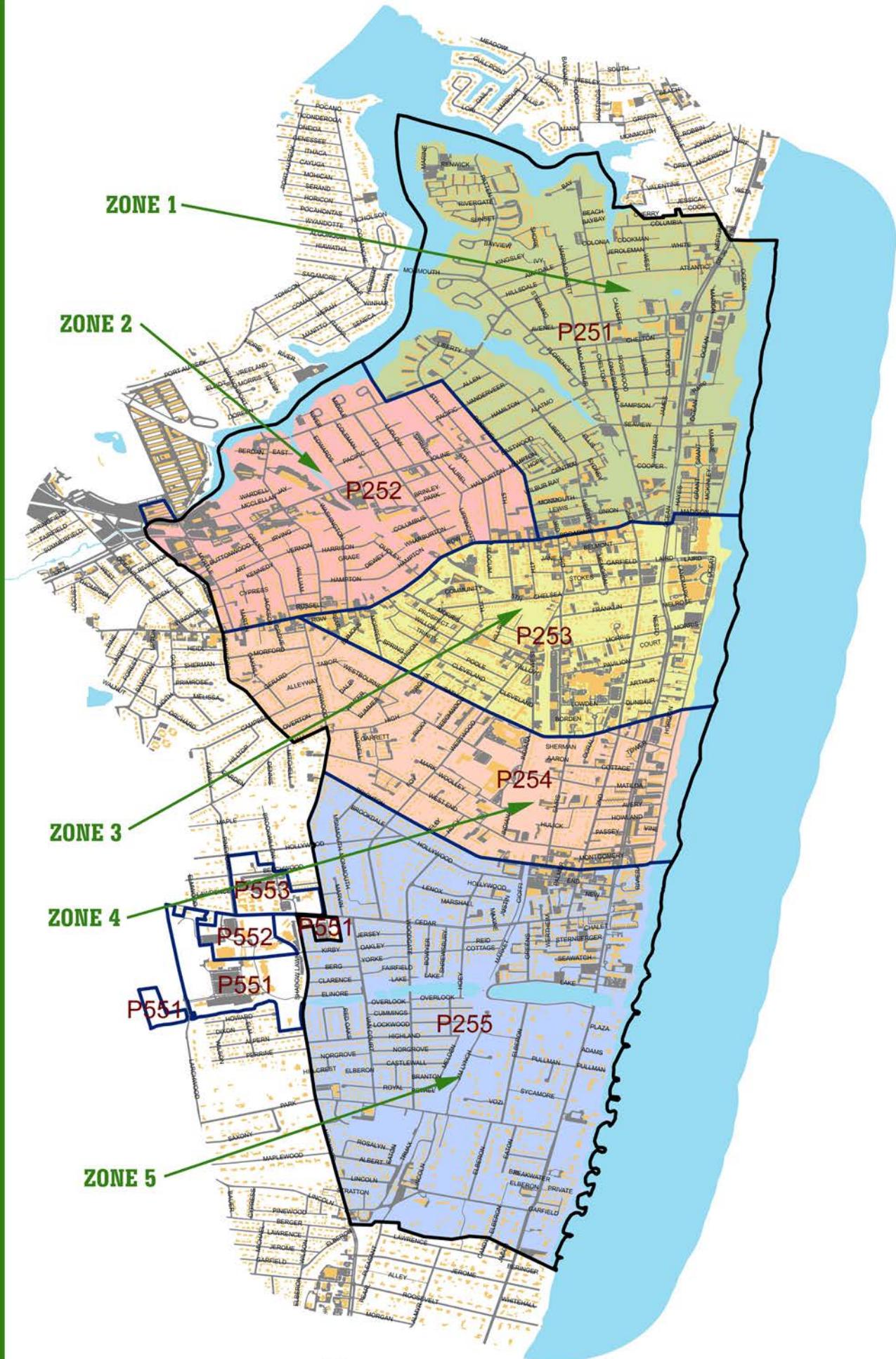
- 1481 Decks of heroin
- 89 grams of Cocaine
- 1/2 Lb of Marijuana
- 670 Xanax pills
- 8 Guns
- \$16,356.00 US Currency

The Unit formed a Search Warrant Entry Team this past year which submitted 4 vehicles for forfeiture as well as drafted search warrants for 9 residences and 4 vehicles.

SEIZURE COMPARISONS 2015 & 2016

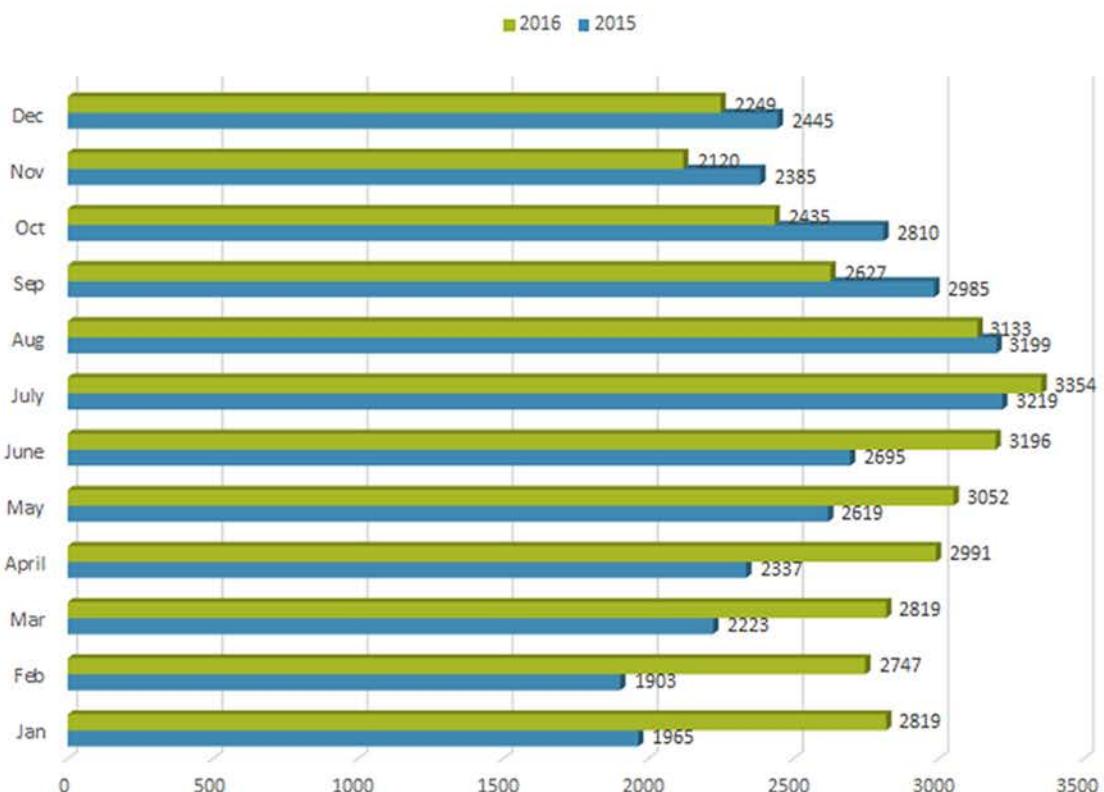


P.D. P A T R O L Z O N E S



POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Calls For Service Comparison 2015 & 2016

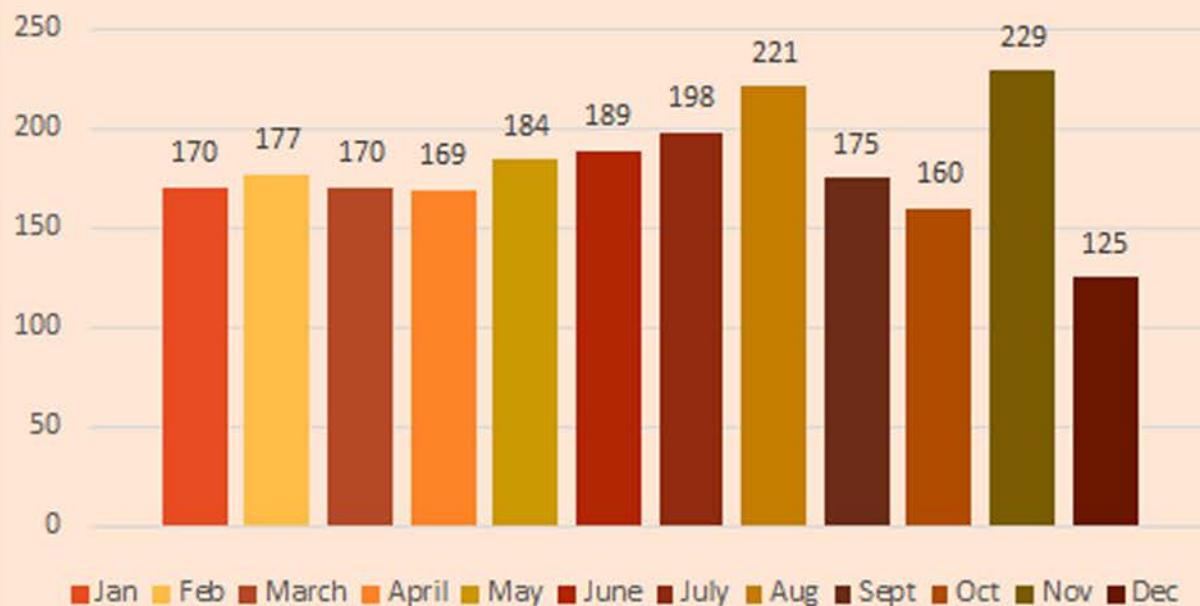


9-1-1 Call Comparison 2015 & 2016

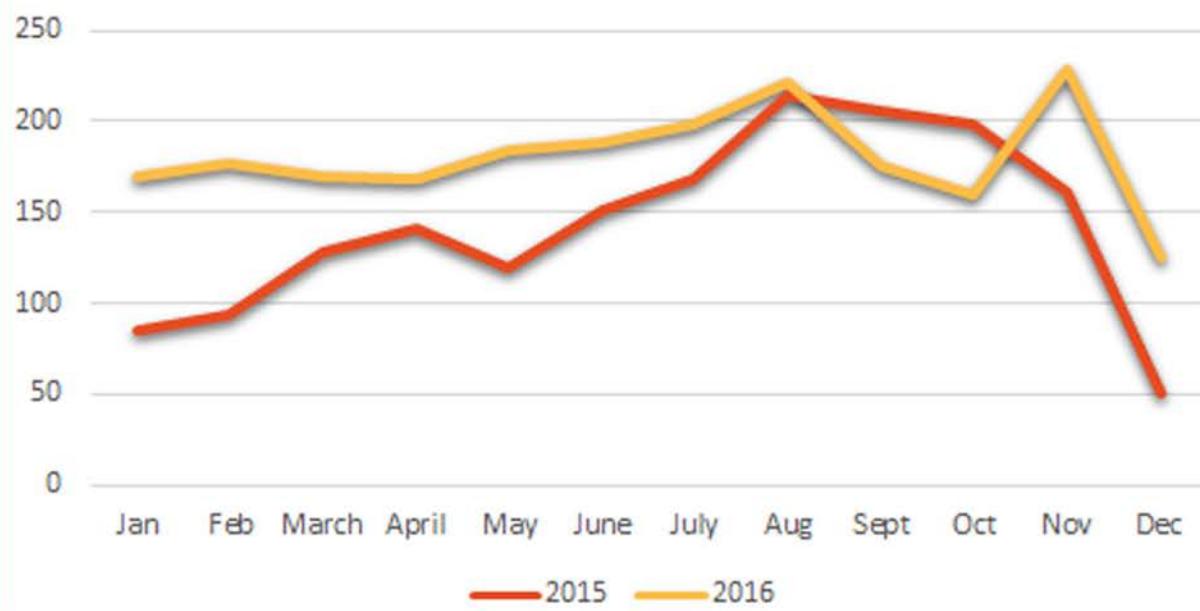
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Arrests By Month for 2016

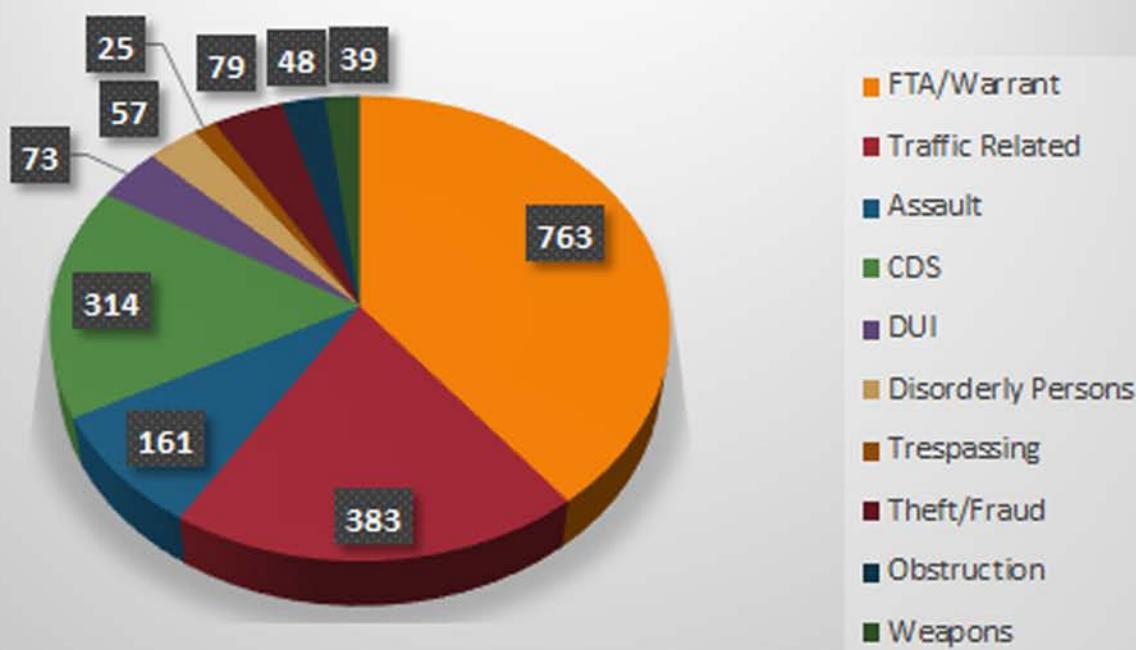


Monthly Arrest Comparison 2015 & 2016



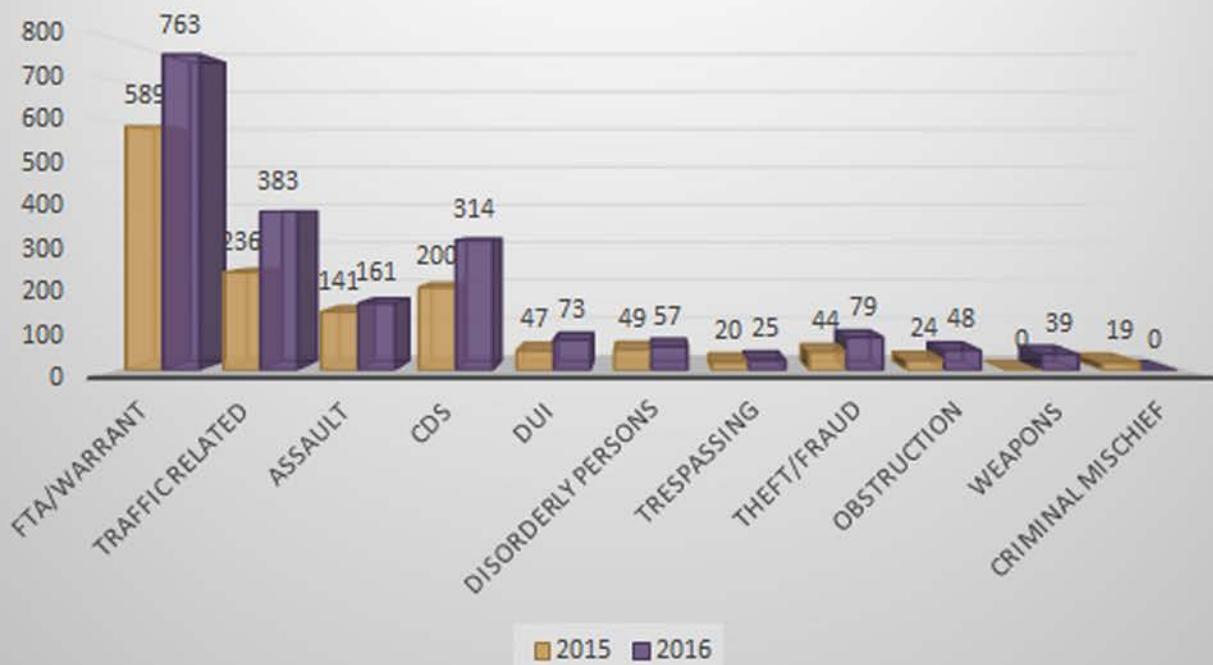
10 Most Common Arrest Charges for 2016

*Only the most severe charge per arrest was calculated. Additional lesser charges may exist for each arrest.



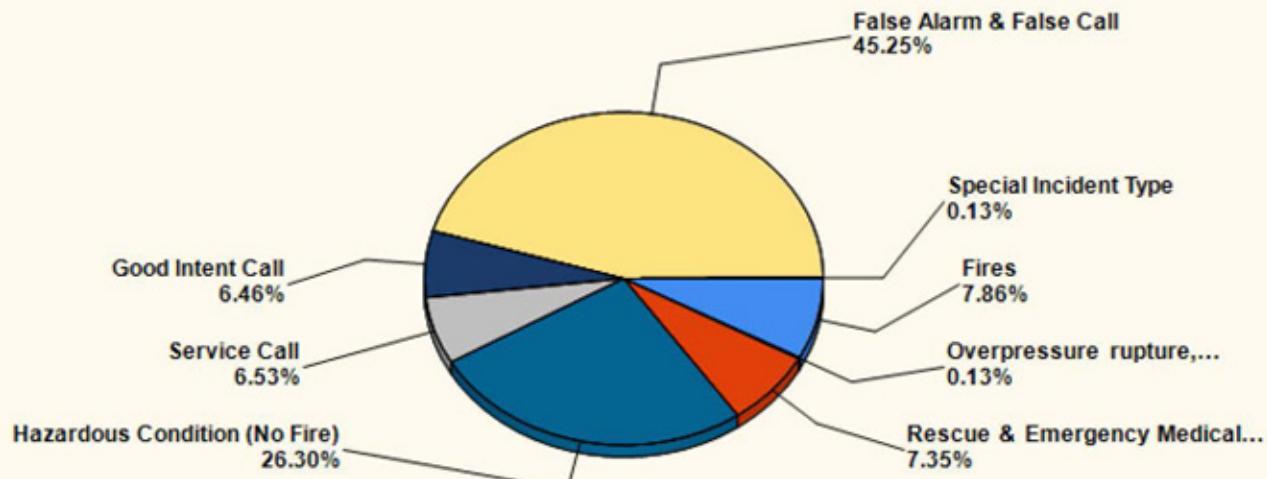
2015-2016 Comparison of 10 Most Common Arrest Charges

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FIRE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

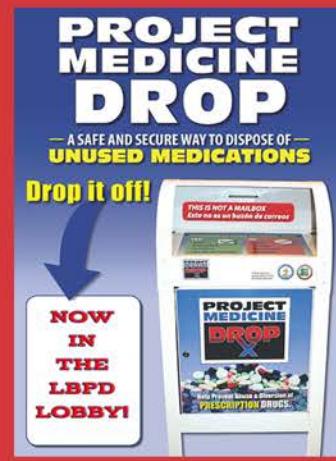
BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR INCIDENT TYPES



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	124	7.86%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat - no fire	2	0.13%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	116	7.35%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	415	26.30%
Service Call	103	6.53%
Good Intent Call	102	6.46%
False Alarm & False Call	714	45.25%
Special Incident Type	2	0.13%
TOTAL	1578	100.00%

OPERATIONAL ADVANCES

LBPD is proud to announce it's partnership with the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs and the implementation of Project Medicine Drop! Now you can safely & anonymously dispose of unused/expired medications 24 hours per day right in our lobby! For more information: www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/meddrop



In April, the City Fire Department took delivery of two new fire apparatus. The pumbers were built by Pierce Manufacturing in Appleton, Wisconsin. Pierce is known for its quality in the fire service for over 100 years. The twin pumbers have 2000 gallon per minute pumps on board and have begun to help modernize our aging apparatus fleet. One of the units is stationed at Fire Headquarters on Union Avenue and will be operated by the city's career staff. The other unit is stationed at Neptune Hose Company on Branchport Avenue. Neptune Hose is one of the oldest volunteer companies in the City and this unit should provide them and the City with years of service.

The Department of Public Safety developed and implemented an evaluation system for all employees of the police and fire departments. The core evaluation consists of a trait-based assessment and there will be two evaluation periods per year. Supervisors will use the evaluation process as an opportunity to conduct career counseling relative to such topics as advancement, specialization, or what training may be appropriate based on the employee's position.

CITY OF LONG BRANCH POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE REVIEW		
SECTION A - EMPLOYEE INFORMATION		
Name:	Rank:	Supervisor's Name:
Title:	Grade:	Supervisor's Title:
Evaluation Date:	Evaluation Period:	
SECTION B - EVALUATION RATINGS		
Rating Title	Rating Code	
Above Average	AA	
Average	A	
Below Average	BB	
Unsatisfactory	U	
Not Applicable	NA	
SECTION C - CORE TRAITS FOR ALL EMPLOYEES		
Evaluated Trait And Description	Rating Code	Comments
CATEGORY 1 - EMPLOYEE CONDUCT		
1. Punctuality/Observance of Work Hours Shows up on time and presented to begin work hours	Additional space is provided on the last page of this evaluation. Be sure to list the Section Category and Trait if you are providing the additional information on.	
2. Attendance Habits No abuse of sick time. Follow proper procedures for time off.		
3. Personal Grooming Dress neatly and presentable, maintain a positive and professional image.		

OFFICER TRAINING

Officers and Firemen are required to attend in-service training sessions to stay up-to-date on current laws, professional guidelines, operations and procedures. The sessions consist of classroom style instruction as well as hands-on training. Some of the training is department specific, while much of it is mandated by the county prosecutor, Attorney General and by state or federal statutes and rules. Most of the mandated training is required every six months to one year. A few topics covered in the training are firearms requalification, domestic violence, bloodborne pathogens, hazardous materials and breathalyzer recertification. In addition to in-service days, all specialized units conduct job-specific training and qualification sessions and officers are assigned to attend other agency training courses as needed. The lists below show course topics that some officers may complete throughout the year.

1. 2016 eCDR Enhancement Rollout
2. 2016 OEM Basic Workshop Training
3. 2016 Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Conference
4. 8th Annual CODIS Conference
5. Advanced Victim Witness Training for LE
6. Alcotest 7110 Re-Certification
7. Arrest Search and Seizure
8. Arrest, Search and Seizure Update
9. Arson Case Management
10. Bail Reform Training & Speedy Trial Act
11. Basic Active Shooter / Rapid Deployment
12. Basic Course for Police Officers 90th CI
13. Basic Spanish for Law Enforcement
14. Benelli Shotgun Armorer Course
15. Bias Incident Investigations
16. Case Law Update for K-9 Handlers
17. CED Instructor Training on Use of Force
18. Cell Phone Investigation Training
19. Combating Targeted Violence
20. Computer Crimes
21. Criminal Justice Reform Training
22. Detective Enhancement Training
23. Document Fraud/Motor Vehicle Commission
24. DVR/Digital Evidence Training
25. DWI Detection & SFST Course
26. Effectively Dealing with Civil Disorder
27. Effects of Domestic Violence on Children
28. Excel 1 for Law Enforcement
29. Explosives & Explosive Effects
30. Fire Investigation/Arson Awareness
31. Fire Investigation/Fire Awareness
32. Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings
33. JTTF Current Threats Assessment
34. Juvenile Officer Association Conference
35. Live-Fire Combat Training V-ALCTS
36. Mandatory Training on CED Policy Changes
37. Matron Training Course
38. MCPO OPRA Training
39. MCPO Serious Accident Invest Training
40. Methods of Instruction
41. Missing Children: Dynamics & Response
42. MOCERT Dispatch Training
43. Monmouth County CRS Training
44. Moving up to Supervision
45. Narcotics Training Conference
46. National Child Passenger Safety Cert
47. NJ Police Records Management
48. NJSP UCR Training
49. NJTR-1 Refresher Course
50. NRA Basic Range Safety Officer Course
51. NYPD Homicide Investigators Course
52. OPRA for Police Custodians of Records
53. Penn State Field Training Officer Cert
54. Police Professionalism & Cultural Divers
55. Prevention & Response to Suicide Bombing
56. Pro-Active Patrol
57. Property/Evidence Room Custodian Seminar
58. Protective Measures Course
59. Radar Instructor's Refresher Course
60. Rapid Response to Active Shooter
61. Report Writing
62. Response to the Active Shooter
63. Review MCPO Policies for Law Enforcement
64. Review of MCPO Policies for Law Enforcement
65. Roadside Safety Features
66. Roadway & Traffic Safety Improvement
67. Search Warrant Entry Techniques
68. Self Defense for Female Police Officers
69. Sex Crimes Investigation Course
70. Sexual Assault Response Team Training
71. Simunitions Scenario Instructor Cert
72. Special Needs Registry Liaison Training
73. Spillman CAD & Practical Mobile Training
74. Terminal Agency Coordinator Seminar
75. Traffic Calming
76. Traffic Incident Management
77. Traffic Incident Management (NJSP/NJDOT)
78. Traffic Signs
79. Training for Gun Permit Officers & Chief
80. Understanding the Victim of Domestic Violence
81. Work Zone Safety Awareness TTT

RETIRED OFFICERS

These six long-time Officers retired in 2016:
Det. Lieutenant Ray Chaparro, Lt. Douglas Gotfredsen, Jr.,
Sergeant Frank Passantino, Sergeant Michael Ahart,
Corporal Raul Aponte and Officer Joan Ahart.
We thank them for their many years of dedicated service
and wish them all the best in their retirement and
future endeavors!



Lt. Gotfredsen
#260



DLt. Chaparro
#251



Sgt. Passantino
#234



P.O. Ahart
#305



Cpl. Aponte
#249



Sgt. Ahart
#271

NEW OFFICERS

LBPD welcomed Officer Steven Grant-White #358
He is seen here at his 5/20/16 Swearing-In Ceremony with
his proud Mom (and veteran LBPD Dispatcher), Hope White.

IN ADDITION:

In 2016, 17 new SLEO I Officers and 15 new
SLEO II Officers joined the team.



Although hired in 2015, four new Police Officers and one new Firefighter shared a Swearing-In Ceremony on 1-8-2016 with three promoted Police Officers . Pictured above, left to right:
FF James Migliaccio, Lt. Christopher Hazel, Lt. Charles Shirley, Sgt. Juan H. Vasquez,
PO James Beirne, PO Dana Page, PO Robert Poss, PO Kevin Morris



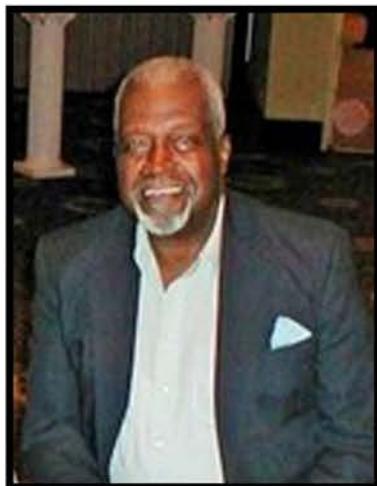
In May, FF James Migliaccio graduated from the Essex County College Police and Fire Academy, successfully completing the N.J. State Firefighter I and II programs. The academy is one of the only courses in the state designed for career firefighters and runs similar to the police academy style. The firefighters are run through a rigorous daily physical fitness and discipline program as well as their firefighter training. This intensive program has made FF Migliaccio an asset to the Fire Department for many years to come.

Remembering

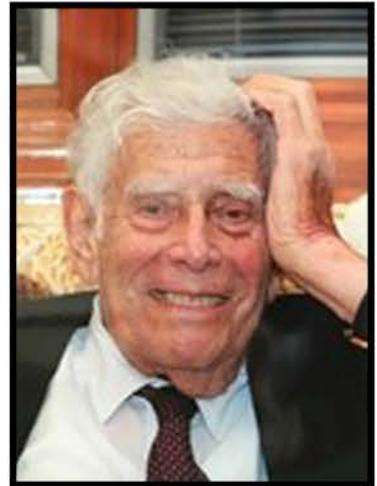
Our Fallen



*Ret. Detective Serafino
"Sal" Maccioli*
1923-2016



*Ret. Corporal William
"Big Bill" Hayes*
1935-2016



*Ret. Detective Sergeant
Frank J. Pallone, Sr.*
1923-2016



*Ret. Director of Public Safety
Louis Napoletano*
1952-2016



*Ret. Corporal
Howard Townsend*
1956-2016

Remembering

Our Fallen



*Ret. Captain
Edward H. Williams
1931-2016*



*Ret. Firefighter
Kevin M. Hoy
1959-2016*



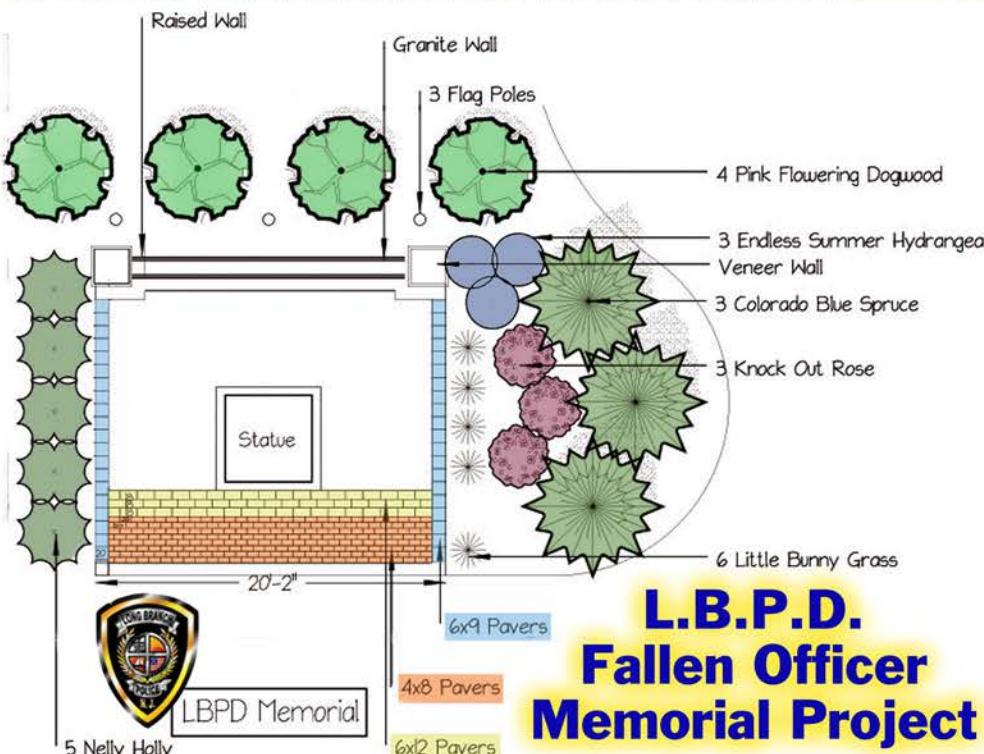
P.B.A. Fallen Officer Memorial Project



P.B.A. Local #10 introduced a plan to give our Fallen Officers Memorial a much-needed facelift. Work began on the project in the Spring with the erection of the wall. Supporters were offered the opportunity to become a part of P.D. History by purchasing a personalized paver stone to be placed within the garden. Proceeds will be used to purchase a bronze sculpture of an officer for the center of the monument.

Thanks to our sponsors!

Joe Ciambrone
of V&S Landscape Supply
Elite Landscape & Pavers
EP Henry Corp. Perry's Trophy Co.



**L.B.P.D.
Fallen Officer
Memorial Project**



Personalized Pavers are still available for this project! Contact 732-571-5676

PROMOTIONS

January 1, 2016:

P.O. Juan H. Vasquez # 282 - to Sergeant
Sgt. Charles Shirley, Jr #284 - to Lieutenant
Sgt. Christopher Hazel #291 - to Lieutenant

(Pictured below, left to right)



May 20, 2016:

P.O. Marshall Brown # 319 - to Sergeant
P.O. John Evangelho # 274 - to Sergeant

September 9, 2016:

P.O. Heather Valdes # 290 - to Sergeant
Sgt. Fernando Sanders #250 - to Lieutenant



AWARDS & COMMENDATIONS



Long Branch Elks, Lodge #742 honored the following officers at their Annual Charity Ball:

Police Officer of the Year - Det. Nicholas Romano

Honored for a routine traffic stop that turned into a foot pursuit, during which the subject resisted and attempted to disarm the officer. Det. Romano successfully and safely apprehended the subject who was found to be in possession of 236 envelopes of suspected crack cocaine, several envelopes of suspected heroin, numerous pre-paid debit cards and a stack of money totaling over \$3,000.00.

UFD Fireman of the Year - Lt. James Cook

Honored for his professionalism and performance during several structure fires both in and out of town. He and his crew were the first to arrive on scene at a structure fire in Oceanport where his professional response and hard work were reported by letter to the Fire Captain. He was also one of the first on scene at a fatal fire on Joline where he and his crew worked quickly and skillfully, under difficult and dangerous conditions, to remove the victims of the tragic event.

Volunteer Fireman of the Year - Arthur Green

Honored for his long-time service and dedication to the Fire Department and Neptune Hose Company No. 1. He takes great pride in his work and is known for taking impeccable care of the engines. He has held numerous positions during his many years of service at the department including active Fireman, Captain, Relief Driver, Head Drive Operator, Vice President and President. In addition, he has participated in many special programs and services such as school fire prevention presentations, driver for fire truck rides, mascot, training coordinator and Fire Company Chaplain.

Also honored: First Aiders of the Year - Laura Thrall & Charles Riveira

The New Jersey Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association (NJNEOA) honored four of our Officers with the Guns, Gangs & Narcotics Law Enforcement Award.

Detectives Joseph Spitale, Richard O'Brien and Nicholas Romano

Recognized for a narcotic distribution investigation that resulted in the seizure of a substantial amount of heroin.

Officer Patrick Vaccaro

Recognized for a narcotic distribution investigation that resulted in the seizure of a substantial amount of ecstacy.



Official Commendation



CITY OF LONG BRANCH

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Distinguished Service

Sgt. Robert Shamrock

For: "Your keen observation of four armed subjects on the night of February 16th, 2016. Your bravery and prompt, professional management of the situation led to a swift and peaceful resolution. You are commended for your decisive actions which resulted in the arrest of four gang members and removing multiple deadly weapons from our City streets."

For the same incident,

Unit Citations

were presented to:

Lt. Christopher Hazel
P.O. Tracey Widdis
P.O. Jesus Otero
P.O. Gary Vecchione
P.O. Brian Oliveira
P.O. Sergio Chaparro
P.O. Kevin Morris
SLEO Matthew Swiger
SLEO Joseph Paulson

For: "...swift and courageous actions on the night of February 16th, 2016. The exemplary communication and professional efforts allowed for a peaceful resolution to what could have been a volatile situation. The exemplary teamwork put forth by you and your unit in this case resulted in the arrest of four armed gang members and the seizure of multiple deadly weapons."

Honorable Service

P.O. Dana Page

For: "The diligence you exhibited on the morning of April 10, 2016 during a call on Long Branch Avenue. Thanks to your keen observations and thorough inquiries, a large-scale narcotic manufacturing facility was discovered and shut down in response to what could have been viewed as a routine first aid call. Your commendable actions led to the arrest of a drug manufacturer and the seizure of a significant amount of illegal drugs."

For the same incident,

Letters of Commendation

were presented to:

Sgt. Michael Ahart
Cpl. Juan E. Vasquez

Certificates of Commendation

P.O. Patrick Vaccaro
P.O. Omar Akel

For: "Swift decision-making skills and life-saving actions on the evening of May 2nd, 2016. Your prompt response and ability to formulate a plan for rescue allowed you to save the life of an individual engaging in an active suicide attempt. The teamwork displayed by you and your partner in this case was exemplary."

Unit Citations

Lt. Christopher Hazel
Sgt. Robert Bell
P.O. Christopher Gant
P.O. Sam Jung Yoo
P.O. Marco Rodriguez
P.O. Matthew Widdis
P.O. David Stone
P.O. James Beirne

For: “*Promptly, professionally and bravely effecting the arrest of two suspects within minutes of an attempted murder on the night of April 9th, 2016. Your swift efforts and exemplary communication skills allowed for a speedy resolution without any further injuries to the patrons of the nightclub or officers on scene. The teamwork put forth by you and your unit in this case was exemplary and rid our streets of two individuals with no regard for human life.*”

Certificates of Commendation

Sgt. Michael Ahart
Det. Joseph Kennedy
P.O. Sam Jung Yoo
P.O. Patrick Joyce
P.O. Gary Vecchione
P.O. Sergio Chaparro
P.O. Vincent Roselli
SLEO Jason Brooks
SLEO Dominique Russo
SLEO Matthew Buono

For: “*The outstanding professionalism displayed on the morning of August 1st, 2015. Your exceptional police work safely and successfully averted a burglary in progress wherein the subject was wielding a knife. The swift capture and arrest effected by you and your team prevented any injuries and allowed for the return of all items to their rightful owner.*”

Letters of Commendation

P.O. Sam Jung Yoo
P.O. Patrick Vaccaro

For: “*the exceptional manner in which you performed on March 25, 2016 in connection with the arrest of a suspect in multiple burglaries. Through your diligent patrol and professional initiative, you were able to apprehend a suspect who had evaded attempts to locate him for days. In addition, you removed a habitual burglar from the City streets, making it a safer place for residents. The level of professionalism you demonstrated during this incident stands as a credit to the Long Branch Police Department.*”

Awards from The 200 Club of Monmouth County

VALOR AWARDS

Lt. Jim Cook
A/Lt. Kerin Slattery
FF Nicholas Saffioti
FF Lawrence Fornicola
FF Timothy Phillips FF
FF Peter Banach



COMMENDATIONS

Chief Ronald Guidetti
Chief Kevin Stout
Lt. Carl Griffin
FF Ronald Cattelona
FF Timothy P. Griffin
FF Walt Olenhaus
FF Ken Banach Jr.

On 9/1/15 the FD responded to a structure fire that was upgraded to a possible entrapment while enroute. Upon arrival, A/Lt Slattery confirmed a working fire in a 2 1/2 story wood-frame occupied dwelling and asked for a 2nd alarm to be transmitted. Firefighters confirmed trapped occupants on the second floor and proceeded to the scene to join the search and rescue effort. The stairwell area was on fire with heavy smoke and heat conditions. The stairwell and landings were heavily soaked with a gasoline smelling liquid that made these conditions potentially very dangerous. A/Lt. Slattery found victim #1 and removed him via the stairwell. Chief Guidetti, with assistance from LBPD, placed a hand line in service to protect the stairwell while the rescues progressed. FF Phillips finished a search of the top floor, made his way down to the 2nd floor, and located victim #2 and removed him via the stairwell and side door. Chief Guidetti controlled the fire and stairwell with the handline until FF Banach advanced it and was then operating in the 2nd floor hallway. Phillips and Guidetti along with Lt Griffin began CPR on the child. FF Saffioti, low on air, located victim #3. and turned her over to Lt Cook and FF Banach who removed the victim down the stairwell. At this time, the fire was knocked down and a moderate smoke condition was effecting the 2nd floor. A/Lt. Slattery, who had re-entered the dwelling, notified Lt. Griffin that there was another victim unaccounted for. Lt. Griffin, FF Griffin and FF Cattelona began a secondary search and found victim #4 and removed him and administered CPR. It was later confirmed that a large amount of gasoline had been poured throughout the building. All members were aware that this accelerant posed an extremely hazardous condition to the lives of the victims and firefighters. In conducting these multiple rescues, initially without the protection of a hand line, the members placed themselves in an extreme situation and performed in the highest traditions of the fire service and the City of Long Branch Fire Department.

MERIT AWARD

Sgt. Frank Passantino

While off-duty and traveling home from a training course, Sgt. Frank Passantino was stopped at a traffic light and stumbled upon a road rage incident in progress. An individual, holding a baseball bat, ran towards an individual in another car's driver's window, yelling and swinging the bat. Sgt. Passantino drew his service weapon and ordered the subject to drop his weapon. He then ordered the man to the ground and called the Wall Police. He checked the well-being of the victim and kept custody of the suspect until local police arrived. The incident, which had started on Route 18, escalated with the suspect speeding up on Route 138, driving onto the curb and tossing coins at the victim's window. When they were forced to stop for the light at an intersection, the suspect ran from his car swinging his bat.

COMMENDATION

Sgt. Robert Shamrock

On February 16th, 2016 SGT Robert Shamrock responded to a call for service of loud noise at 36 Jackson Street. Upon his arrival he made his way up to the source of the noise in a second floor apartment. As he went up the steps, he heard the distinctive metallic sound of a rifle bolt being racked back and forth, and then heard voices discussing "doing a shooting". He continued up the stairs, and the door to the apartment was slightly open. He was able to observe several subjects passing around a bolt action rifle and "racking" it. They were also discussing how not to leave prints on the rifle after using it in the shooting. Realizing he was out numbered, SGT Shamrock backed away to observe the activity and called for assistance. After a standoff, they were able to arrest all 4 individuals and locate various handguns and contraband in the residence.



Members of Long Branch FMBA Local #68 were honored by the New Jersey State Firefighters Mutual Benevolent Association at their 2016 Valor Awards Banquet. The Firemen listed below were awarded the Gold Medal of Valor for their performance during a structure fire on September 15, 2015. During that call, each of the officers showed tremendous bravery and professionalism in their search and rescue efforts. In spite of the extreme dangers of this structure fire, including the presence of an accelerant, these men were able to remove three trapped individuals, attempt CPR and re-enter the scene for the fourth. They later learned that gasoline was poured throughout the house and that all four victims had been shot in a murder-suicide.

Pictured left to right:

Firefighter Nicolas Saffioti, Firefighter Kerin Slattery, Lieutenant James Cook, Firefighter Lawrence Fornicola, Firefighter Tim Phillips



S.O.A. & P.B.A. BOARDS

The Long Branch Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA) Local #10 and the Superior Officers Association (SOA) Local #10a share in their missions to provide mutual protection and benefits for their members in all aspects of job welfare and security. They are committed to the prevention of crime, protection of life and property, enforcement of laws, ordinances and the safeguarding of constitutional rights and guarantees and providing safety to officers and the public. They strive to develop and grow their partnerships with the community and to improve the community as a whole through their support of local charities and events as well as through their development of social and cultural assemblies.



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Sebastian Tomaine, Trustee
Thomas Hueston, Sergeant At Arms

FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS



A major focus for 2016 events was raising awareness and funding for the 2017 Police Unity Tour. 2017 will mark the 20 year anniversary of the tragic loss of DSgt. Patrick A. King and many of our officers wish to take part in the Unity Tour in honor of his memory. Proceeds from the P.B.A.'s Horseshoe Tournament & Pig Roast in September as well as the P.B.A.'s Gilbert Horrach Memorial Golf Tournament in October were donated to the cause.



Another successful S.O.A. Venison Dinner took place in February, hosted by Ron's West End Pub. Proceeds from the event were donated to the family of Ret. Cpl. Howard Townsend whose family suffered two major tragedies in 2016. Early in the year, a house fire claimed their home and all belongings. Then, in November, we all suffered the unexpected passing of Cpl. Townsend.

FMBA BOARD

The Long Branch Fireman's Mutual Benevolent Association Local #68 strives to protect the lives and property of all residents and visitors of the City of Long Branch by means of fire suppression, fire prevention, public education, emergency medical services and the extensive pool of resources available to the City to mitigate disasters either natural or manmade. They are committed to protecting the safety and well-being of their firefighters as they strive to make Long Branch a safer place to live, work and visit.



FMBA Local #68 donated over 300 dinners (hams, sides & dessert) to our city food bank. In addition, two truck loads of non-perishable food for their pantry was collected during their annual food drive.



Members of the FMBA sold pink "Give cancer the Boot" breast cancer awareness shirts again this year. Proceeds allowed them to present a \$2,500.00 check to the Jacqueline M. Wilentz Breast Center at Monmouth Medical Center.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS



K-9

Sgt. Robert Shamrock heads our K9 Program and is currently running his third successful course lineup of K9 training. The program is designed for law enforcement agencies interested in adding a K9 team. In addition, our K9 Unit provides many demonstrations each year for local schools, our Citizens Police Academies, the Senior Center and special events throughout the city.

FACILITY TOURS & DEMONSTRATIONS

Both the Police and Fire Departments enjoy providing fun and educational tours of their facilities and City Hall. Many students from local schools as well as organized clubs such as scouting programs visit our departments each year to learn about the facilities, operations, government and important safety issues. Younger students often take part in a mock City Council meeting while some of the older visitors, such as the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Academy (LEPS) students seen below, are treated to a demonstration of forensic investigation. In addition, intern positions are offered to local college students who plan to make public safety their career. Students accepted to the program spend several days along-side a Police Officer or Fireman to get a feel for real-life, day-to-day operations.





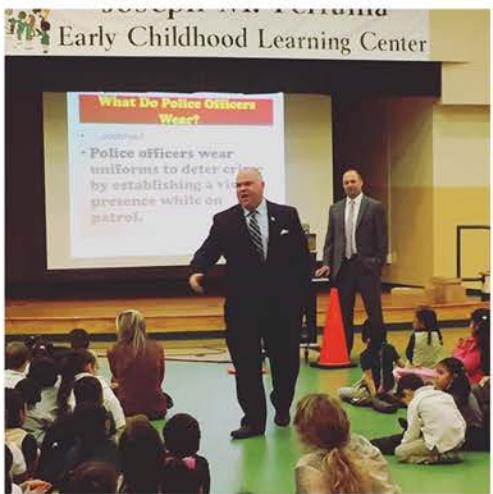
EXPLORERS POST #167

Police Explorers Post #167 invites young adults, ages of 14 – 20 years old to learn valuable skills, first-hand from officers. A few skills covered are Self Defense, Traffic Direction, Life-Guarding, EMS and Fire Fighting. Members are offered opportunities to volunteer as police assistants during local events, learning the basics of public safety, while making new friends in a positive environment. Events include Car Shows, Concerts, Parades, Oceanfest and other events both in the city and out-of-town. Post #167 promotes a Team effort in a productive environment and rewards members with trips to places like the Monmouth County Police Academy and even Great Adventure.



CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMIES

Citizens Police Academy #3 graduated in December. Developed and run by Cpl. Joseph Graziano and P.O. Kimberly Leavy, this course is FREE and full of information to help the public understand day-to-day operations of the Police Department. Many guest speakers from the department, City Administration, Public Schools, hospital, MCPO, MCSO and other county organizations donate their time to share informative presentations with the class. Each academy class is unique in the topics covered but some of the most common include a Meet & Greet with the Mayor, Council & Public Safety Director, Legal Overview, Active Shooter Situations & School Safety, Understanding Use of Force, Motor Vehicle Stops, Fire Department Operations and a K9 Demonstration. At the conclusion of the eight week session, graduates are invited to a graduation ceremony at City Hall where they are presented with certificates by members of the Council, the Police Department and the Mayor. The 2016 class graduated 3 times the students from the Class #1 enrollment. This year also marked the start of the Senior Citizens Police Academy. Run in cooperation with the Senior Center, the class was a huge success and really helped to address the concerns of our senior community.



SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Department of Public Safety is very proud of the relationships we have with our schools. Throughout the school year, our Police Officers and Firemen are invited to visit the schools, both public and private, and speak to the students about age-specific safety issues. Presentations are made by the Fire Department on health, fitness and fire safety. Detectives Charles Simonelli and Michael Decker visit the Middle School and High School students to discuss topics such as Cyber Safety and Drug Awareness while Cpl. Joseph Graziano and P.O. Kimberly Leavy visit the younger grades to teach them about general safety and what Police Officers do. In addition to annual presentations, these and other officers also participate in career days, health fairs and other school events.





HOW TO SAVE A LIFE - PROJECT PROM

Hosted by the Long Branch High School, this annual program aims to raise awareness, before the prom, of the very serious and very real consequences that can stem from teen drinking. This program is a tremendously powerful and large-scale presentation that is made possible through the partnering of the Long Branch Public Schools with many local and state agencies. The Long Branch Police Department, Long Branch Fire Department, Long Branch First Aid, Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, New Jersey State Police, and other local organizations and local businesses all assist.

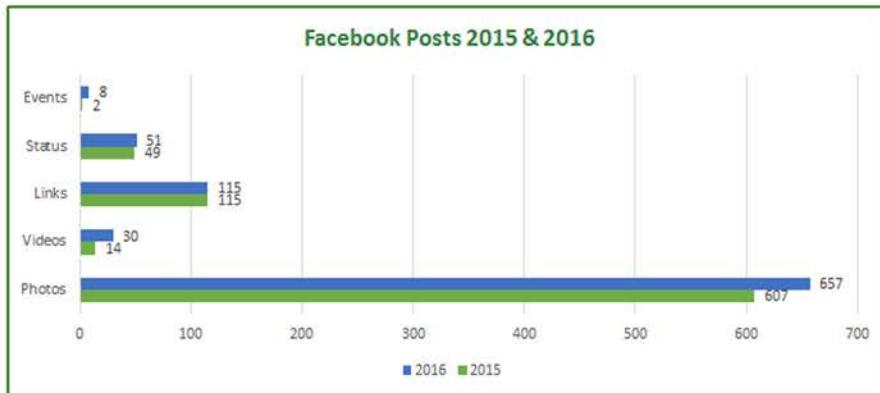


SUMMER PROGRAMS

Our educational programs don't stop just because the school year does! Summer is one of our favorite times for reaching out to our community. Our Firemen and Police Officers love to visit with local kids during the summer at camps and events in the City. A few of them can be seen in the photos below participating in events such as the annual "National Night Out Against Crime" and the "Blankets & Books" program in Slocum Park which was sponsored in part by the Long Branch Public Library and Long Branch Public Schools.



SOCIAL MEDIA MILESTONES



A Cop Made My Day!
This campaign invited fans to send in photos of our officers doing good deeds. Participants received a LBPD magnet pictured below.



On 4/22/16, we celebrated 3 years on Facebook!



VISIT US!
Facebook: www.facebook.com/LongBranchPolice
Twitter: www.twitter.com/LongBranchPD

SOCIAL MEDIA

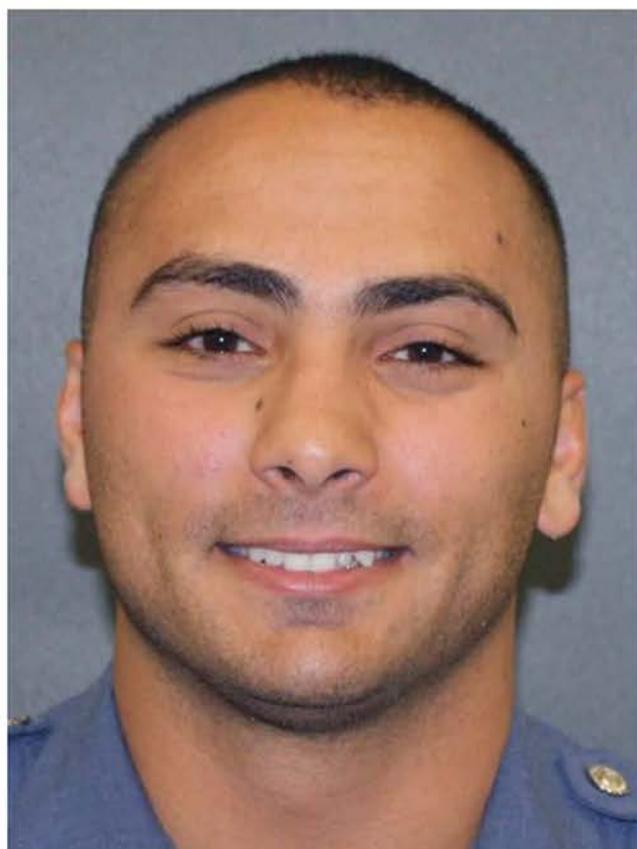
Most Popular Facebook Posts

Way to go Officer Akel!

On Friday, February 12th, LBPD Officer Omar Akel responded to an emergency call on the 100 block of Lippincott Avenue. The caller reported that a 9 month old infant was choking. Officer Akel arrived on scene and began to administer first aid to the child. He dislodged the obstruction and cleared the child's airway. His ability to rapidly assess the situation and take appropriate action allowed him to save the infant's life!

Congratulations on a job well done! We thank you and we're sure the family does too!

#LongBranchPD



MOST LIKES & COMMENTS

Our post about P.O. Akel saving a choking infant:

2960 Likes

368 Comments

NJ COP SHOT – ALERT

20k Reward offered in assault of Long Branch Police Officer
\$20,000 REWARD

The NJ Cop Shot program has posted a reward of \$20,000 dollars leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspects responsible for the assault of a Long Branch Police Officer early Tuesday morning. The officer was in uniform when he observed flashlights and movement within an abandoned property on the corner of Bath Avenue & Westwood Avenue, Long Branch. The officer approached the property and a foot pursuit ensued. The officer was found unconscious in the back of the property. The officer was rushed to an area hospital and is in stable condition suffering from head and neck injuries.

New Jersey State PBA President Patrick Colligan said, "Our thoughts and prayers are with this officer, his family, and all the officers within the Long Branch Police Department during this difficult time. In an effort to capture anyone responsible for the assault of this officer, the State PBA is offering a \$20,000 reward through the NJ COP SHOT program for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone responsible for this assault on a police officer."

The NJ State PBA is asking anyone with information to call Crime Stoppers of Monmouth County at 1-800-671-400 or to text "TIPCOP" plus your tip to 274637 (CRIMES). NJ Cop Shot is a program run by the New Jersey State PBA.

There are two (2) ways to report a crime while remaining completely anonymous (confidential).

1. Call the tip line 1-800-671-4400
2. Text "TIPCOP" plus your tip to: 274637 (CRIMES)



MOST SHARES

Our post about the reward for information about the attack on P.O. Monahan

704 Shares

*The reward has since increased to \$30K

PRESS RELEASES

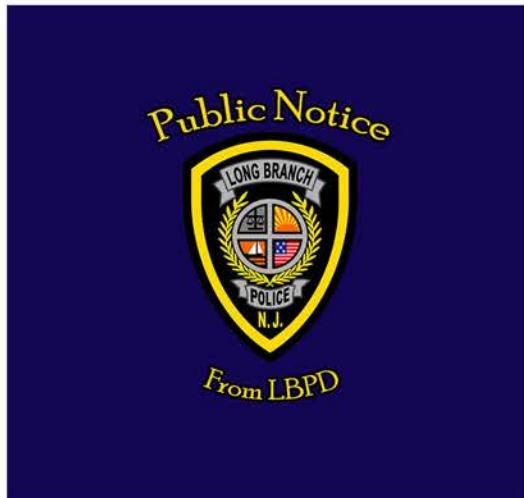
On March 31st 2016, at approximately 0600 hours, Lt. Jorge Silverio was patrolling in the area of Myrtle Avenue when he recognized a stolen vehicle being operated by a subject later identified as Dwayne Williams. After a short vehicle pursuit, Williams crashed into a parked vehicle and fled on foot, discarding a handgun and black mask. A perimeter was set up and Long Branch PD K9 handler, Sgt. Robert Shamrock and Monmouth County Sheriff's Officer K9 handler, Kurt Kroepel performed a track for the suspect. Further investigation revealed that a subject matching Williams' description called for a cab from a nearby location, McDonald's in West Long Branch, and took that cab to Wanamassa. L.B.P.D's Detective Bureau was on scene by this time and Detectives Lt. Jeff Grizzaldi, Sgt. Jeff Pilone, Joseph Spitali, Todd Coleman, Michael Verdadeiro, Ross Zotti and Joe Kennedy went to that location, near Wanamassa Gardens. With the assistance of Ocean Township PD and Lt. Segarra, Detective Lt. Torchia, Detectives Malone and Burke, they were able to locate Williams hiding in the attic of a nearby apartment complex.

For several months, Williams had been a person of interest in a string of armed home invasions and burglaries in the Brazilian community. Because of the cooperation between the Long Branch Detective Bureau and the Patrol Division, and with the assistance of the Ocean Township Police, Williams was ultimately charged with several of these burglaries and home-invasion style robberies.

Williams was charged with multiple counts of burglary, robbery, possession of a weapon, possession for unlawful purpose, aggravated sexual contact, theft, eluding, resisting arrest and obstruction for crimes within Long Branch. He was wanted on a violation of probation for possession of a weapon. Judge Joseph Oxley set Williams' bail on the above charges at \$400,000 cash only with no 10% option. Williams was also charged in Ocean Township for hindering his own apprehension and resisting arrest. Judge Sonnenblick set bail on these charges at \$20,000.00 with no 10% option. Williams is 26 years old with a last known address of Allen Ave in Ocean Township.

On March 8, 2016 at approximately 0215, Officer Patrick Vaccaro effected a motor vehicle stop on Ocean Blvd. for a tinted windows offense. Further investigation revealed the occupant, Alan Fajardo, was in possession of a large amount of MDMA (also known as Ecstasy or Molly) and a smaller amount of marijuana. Officer Matt Widdis and LT Jorge Silverio arrived as backup, and Vaccaro took Fajardo into custody.

Recovered during the investigation were 1848 blue and orange pills, and under 50 grams of marijuana. Fajardo's vehicle and \$305 in cash was seized for forfeiture. He was charged with multiple drug possession charges along with several motor vehicle citations. His bail was set at \$151,000 with no 10% option by Judge Kilgallen. Officer Vaccaro should be commended for his initiative, and for once again proving how motor vehicle offenses can and often do lead to larger arrests.



On February 16th, 2016 SGT Robert Shamrock responded to a call for service of loud noise at 36 Jackson Street. Upon his arrival he made his way up to the source of the noise on a second floor apartment. As he went up the steps, he heard the distinctive metallic sound of a rifle bolt being racked back and forth, and then heard voices discussing "doing a shooting". He continued up the stairs, and the door to the apartment was slightly open. He was able to observe several subjects passing around a bolt action rifle and "racking" it. They were also discussing how not to leave prints on the rifle after using it in the shooting. Realizing he was out numbered, SGT Shamrock backed away to observe the activity and called for assistance. PO Tracy Widdis, PO Sergio Chaparro, PO Gary Vecchione, PO Kevin Morris, PO Brian Oliveira and LT Hazel arrived as backup. Together, after a bit of a standoff, they were able to arrest all 4 individuals and locate various handguns and contraband in the residence.

These officers used tremendous restraint when facing 4 armed adversaries. They should be commended for not using deadly force, although it may have been justified in this case. Thankfully, cooler heads and training prevailed, and SGT Shamrock should be especially praised for his leadership in this crisis.

Property seized:

- Maverick 9mm Handgun
- American Eagle 22 caliber rifle sawed off
- Smith & Wesson 357 Revolver
- Savage Arms 12 gauge shotgun sawed off
- American Body Ballistic Vest
- Assorted ammunition

All were charged with:

- 2C:39-5B Unlawful possession of handgun
- 2C:39-4A Possession of Weapons for Unlawful Purpose
- 2C:39-3B Prohibited Weapons- Sawed- off Shotguns
- 2C:39:3.F (1) Body Armor Piercing Bullets
- 2C: 35-10A (4) Possession of CDS; Marijuana less than 50 grams
- 2C:36- 2 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Bail was set at \$130,000.00 with no 10% option for each subject

- Arrested were:

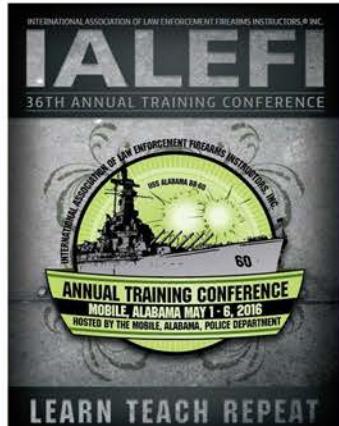
- Damion W. Tyler 24 yoa B/M
- 36 Jackson Street; Apt #2 Long Branch, NJ
- Derrick Tyler 25 yoa B/M
- 36 Jackson Street; Apt #2 Long Branch NJ
- Tysef T. Sims 20 yoa B/M
- 180 Monmouth Avenue Long Branch, NJ
- Devaughn Pierce 21 yoa B/M
- 376 West End Avenue; Apt #35 Long Branch, NJ

On Tuesday, 9-21-16, a little before 2AM, Officer Michael Monahan was on patrol in the City of Long Branch. He noticed what he believed to be several subjects with flashlights near an abandoned building by Westwood and Bath Avenues. Monahan, a 12 year veteran, exited his vehicle to investigate, and the subjects fled. He gave chase on foot, and apprehended one subject, before being struck on the back of his head and knocked unconscious. Responding officers were unable to reach him on the radio, and finally located him by spotting the light given off by his flashlight, which was on the ground. He was found face down and unconscious. He was transported to Jersey Shore Medical Center where he underwent observation for a head injury. We are hopeful and optimistic for a full recovery.

This is another example of the sacrifices that police officers endure daily, putting their lives in danger to protect the public. We are proud of Officer Monahan for his dedication to duty and hope he has a speedy recovery.

This is an active investigation at this point, and we are working to bring these subjects to justice. Anyone with information about this crime, please reach out to DET Joe Spiale of the Long Branch Police Department at 732-222-1000, or DET Pam Ricciardi from the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office. Crime Stoppers is also offering a reward for up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of any suspect. The number is 1-800-671-4400. An additional \$5,000.00 was also donated by Long Branch resident, Vin Gopal, bringing the reward total to \$30,000.00.

NEWS & NOTEWORTHY



Cpl. Sebastian "Sam" Tomaine's hard work and expertise in the Firearms field was recognized with the acceptance of his application to be an Instructor at the International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors (IALEFI) Conference. Officer Sam Yoo assisted Cpl. Tomaine at the 36th Annual Training Conference in May which was hosted by Mobile, Alabama Police Department.

The conference took place May 1st through 6th and our officers taught "Patrol Rifle Close Quarter Moving & Shooting Techniques in the Street Environment".

[Course #36.145 - 4 Hours]

The course description read:

Safely demonstrate shooting and moving techniques where "Down Range" may not be the only position to start the fight. Students will dry fire and live fire advancing to their targets from the 25 yard line in various speeds of Covert, Warrant and HRT speeds. Students will back out and shoot on command. Pivoting Drills both left and right platforms will be used. Transition drills both dry and live fire will be done with Rifle/Subgun and Handgun with duty belt."

Officers from all over United States and international law enforcement agencies from China, Italy, Hong Kong, Brazil and Taiwan attended. The class went very well with feedback that was overwhelming positive. Members of the IALEFI in charge of training have already asked them to come back to teach at next year's conference.

The boardwalk reopened on April 11th bigger, stronger and more beautiful than before! And, thanks to the countless hours and untiring effort that Lt. Charles Shirley devoted to the project, it opened ahead of schedule.

In addition to his many regular duties for both our Support Services Division and our Traffic Department, Lt. Shirley devoted innumerable hours to assessing damages caused within the City, in the wake of Superstorm Sandy. For years to come, he did constant research, made uncountable phone calls and completed an unbelievable amount of paperwork to facilitate the necessary repairs. His expertise and dedication was instrumental in the acquisition of funds to repair the boardwalk, as well other projects throughout the City.

In total, he oversaw 10 public assistance projects, totaling approximately \$32,000,000.00. Plus, he was able to secure an additional \$11,000,000.00 (on top of the original \$24,000,000.00) to make the boardwalk even more resilient when FEMA accepted his mitigation application.



Officer Kimberly Leavy was featured by the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office in March in their "Behind The Badge - Meet Monmouth County's Front Line" video series. Her interview can be seen on our Facebook page in the videos section.



Please note that this is not a political endorsement. It's not everyday that you get to provide assistance to the U.S. Secret Service and Homeland Security, but the LBFD did in September. They were detailed to provide fire protection, within the city, to presidential candidate, Donald Trump.

The Fire Department welcomed its newest member, "Sparky" to the team in August. Sparky has proven to be a great addition and already made a ton of new friends during his tours of the firehouse and his many visits to events all over the City. He debut was the "Books & Blankets" read-a-long in Slocum Park, but there's no telling where he'll be spotted next!



LBPD recently donated one of our retired SUVs to the Long Branch Public Schools. Nice job by the Long Branch Board of Ed in turning it into a beautiful Security vehicle.



P.O. Dana Page shows that a little lemonade goes a long way! We entered this into the annual C.O.P.S. photo contest. C.O.P.S or Community Oriented Policing Services is part of U.S. Department of Justice. This is our second year participating in the contest. We didn't win, but that won't stop us from trying again next year!



The FD showed their support for the men and women in blue with the addition of these flags to their trucks.

AND DID WE MENTION...?



On Monday, September 5, 2016, a little after 6PM, LBDP Officers Cpl. Jennifer Gant and P.O. Christopher Walls responded to an EMS call on Myrtle Avenue. Dispatch advised the officers that there was an 8 month pregnant female that had collapsed and was unresponsive. Upon arrival, the officers were greeted by a child who directed them to the kitchen where he said, "Mommy dropped the blueberries and fell down". Neither officer could find a pulse and the female was not breathing so Cpl. Gant immediately began chest compressions and P.O. Walls spoke to the victim's boyfriend to obtain information.

MONOC arrived and began treating the woman as Cpl. Gant continued to administer CPR, administering chest compressions and providing breaths. The woman regained a heartbeat and began to take some small breaths. Cpl. Gant continued to assist with medical treatment all the way to the ambulance. Both Cpl. Gant and P.O. Walls escorted the ambulance to MMC. Thanks to Cpl. Gant's training, knowledge and swift actions, Mom and baby are recovering!

Since that call, Cpl. Gant has stayed in close contact with the family, visiting the hospital, checking on the dad and even bringing gifts to the other children in the family. As of this date, we are happy to announce that, although it will be a long road to recovery for mom, progress is being made. Baby is back home and mom is in a rehabilitation facility. And, if that isn't amazing enough, we've also learned that the baby girl was given "Jennifer" as her middle name to honor Cpl. Gant! When the dad told Cpl. Gant about this, he added, "So now you're stuck with us, your new extended family. I wanted to honor you and that was the best way I knew how."

Congratulations goes out to several of our officers who have completed 15 years of service as of August 1, 2016, and have earned the status of Corporal!



Christopher Gant #301
Det. David Graminski #302
Jennifer Gant #304
Kimberly Leavy #308
Det. Michael Verdadeiro #309

On Saturday, August 13, 2016, Cpl. Heather Valdes responded to a flag down by a father attempting to help his unresponsive daughter. Cpl. Valdes's quick thinking and actions allowed her to save the child. The following is from a letter written by the girl's mother.

"I wanted to write in about Officer Valdes and commend her actions. Our daughter fell in the pool without her life jacket, and when we took her out, she was unresponsive and limp. We tried to do CPR, but it wasn't helping so we jumped in the car to drive to the hospital. En route, we saw a police car and my husband jumped out of our car and begged her to stop. Officer Valdes saw him, quickly got out, asked what happened and took action. She gave her two good hits to the back and a ton of water came up and she started to cry, which was music to our ears! She had me and my daughter get into her cop car, and she drove us to the hospital. I didn't know what to do while in her car because my daughter looked sleepy. She told me to rub her sternum to keep her up. Once we got to the hospital, she stayed with us to get the entire story, and showed such sympathy and I truly appreciate all she did for us. She definitely saved our daughter that day!"



Later that night, she called the Pediatric Intensive Care unit where we were for the night and made sure all was ok and to check in with how our daughter was doing. Also, the following morning, I got another call and it was her again saying she just woke up and we were on her mind. The level of concern and care she expressed is above and beyond anything I expected. She truly exemplifies what a police officer should be and we couldn't be more appreciative. In a world full of police uncertainty recently due to the media, I wish we could tell our story to the world and restore some faith into how important police men and women are!

I hope you take this story to your police force, and commend her for going above and beyond for a family who needed her so badly that hot summer day! Please express our gratitude and thankfulness for her quick actions, and sympathetic nature! She is an angel in our eyes! Our family has remained complete because of her!"



Lt. Craig Spencer represented the LYPD once again by taking part in the 2016 Police Unity Tour, riding from NJ to Washington DC.

The 2017 Unity Tour promises to have a large group of participants from the LYPD as they plan to ride in honor of the 20 year remembrance of DSgt. Pat King.



POLICE DATA INITIATIVE

Public Safety Director, Jason Roebuck was invited to join a briefing at the White House on July 15th, 2016.

The purpose of the briefing was to review the White House Task Force Report on Advanced 21st Century Policing. As a result of his learnings, Director Roebuck committed himself and the City of Long Branch Department of Public Safety to take part in The Police Data Initiative (PDI). Introduced by President Obama, the PDI supports “making data open and available to the public, demonstrating a commitment to transparency and accountability.” Through the use and guidance of the Police Foundation’s Public Safety Open Data Portal, the PDI aims to share data with the public in hopes of creating transparency and accountability, strengthening community bonds and providing a tool to help improve public safety. We are very excited to be one of the first 120 agencies nationwide that are leading the way in support of this program and are proud to be one of the first 5 agencies in New Jersey to join the PDI.



PUTTING THE PDI TO WORK FOR YOU

We have devoted a section of our City website to the PDI and have already begun sharing information. Samples of our page are shown in the screen shots below. Some of the categories of available data on the site are: Calls for Service, Community Involvement, Contacts, Juvenile Statistics, Officer Demographics and Fire Department Statistics



Calls For Service

[BURGLARY](#) [DRUGS](#) [VIOLENT CRIMES](#) [HOME](#)

Calls For Service are the events captured within our agency's Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system used to facilitate incident response.

Fire Department Open Data



Officer Demographics

The City of Long Branch Police Department is committed to providing a safe community and improving the quality of life for all people. We accomplish this by delivering quality police services and enforcing laws with equality and impartiality. In partnership with the community, we reduce crime through public education, prevention and awareness. In meeting this objective, we demand of ourselves the highest professional standards and dedication to our core values.

Here are the job descriptions for each officer rank:

Police Officer

Police Sergeant

Police Lieutenant

Police Captain

Educational standards are set forth by both the State of NJ, and Long Branch. Here is an outline of what is expected of an officer before and during their service to our city.

Recruitment Training (outline)

Mandatory Annual Training

Departmental Training



Visit: <http://www.visitlongbranch.com/police-department/public-safety-open-data>



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