

City of Long Branch  
2022



Department of Public Safety  
ANNUAL REPORT

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

- |  |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. - DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY         | 53. - AND DID WE MENTION?          |
| 2. <b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>            | 57. <b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>         |
| 3. - LETTER FROM THE OFFICER IN CHARGE | 58. - LETTER FROM THE FIRE CHIEF   |
| 4. - MISSION STATEMENT                 | 60. - LETTER FROM THE FIRE CAPTAIN |
| 5. - TABLE OF ORGANIZATION             | 61. - MISSION STATEMENT            |
| 6. - OFFICERS & RANKS                  | 62. - TABLE OF ORGANIZATION        |
| 7. - SPECIALIZED UNITS                 | 63. - VOLUNTEER COMPANIES          |
| 17. - PATROL ZONES                     | 65. - STATISTICS                   |
| 18. - STATISTICS                       | 68. - TRAINING                     |
| 26. - OPERATIONAL ADVANCES             | 69. - DEPARTMENT MILESTONES        |
| 28. - TRAINING                         | 71. - AWARDS                       |
| 30. - DEPARTMENTAL MILESTONES          | 73. - UNION                        |
| 40. - AWARDS                           | 74. - COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENTS |
| 42. - UNIONS                           | 76. - FIRE DEPARTMENT IN ACTION    |
| 44. - COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENTS     | 78. - AND DID WE MENTION?          |
| 52. - SOCIAL MEDIA                     | 80. <b>SPECIAL THANKS</b>          |

# INTRODUCING THE NEW DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

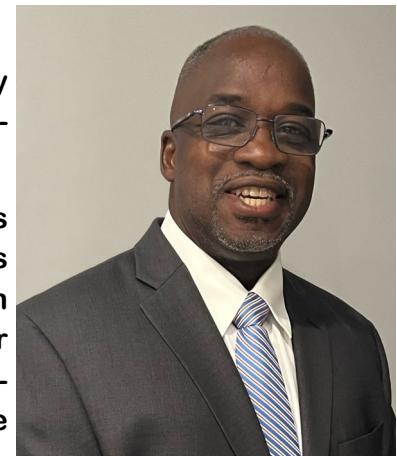
## WILLIAM BROUGHTON

The City of Long Branch approved a resolution at the council meeting on September 28th to hire new Public Safety Director, William Broughton. This comes after the retirement of Domingos Saldida who served the city for two years before relocating to another state with his family.

William Broughton has spent 26 years in law enforcement. William started his career as a patrolman in Teaneck in 1983. He rose to the rank of Sergeant in 1988. In 1991, William's law enforcement career continued to advance as he was promoted to the rank of Detective Lieutenant, where he led the Juvenile Bureau. In 1994, he was assigned to the Detective Bureau, where he served as Commander of all adult criminal investigations.

William Broughton was promoted to Captain in 2003, heading Auxiliary Services, which included administration, budget, facilities, and equipment for the Teaneck Police Department.

Recognized as a high potential executive in law enforcement, William's career continued to advance in responsibility in 2005, when he was sought out by the newly elected county Sheriff and accepted the position of Chief of Department at the Bergen County Sheriff's office, where over 550 employees serve. He was responsible for the budget, capital projects, court security, prisoner transportation, facilities security, crime scene investigations, warrant and process service, as well as internal affairs. In 2009, William retired from the Sheriff's Office as an Undersheriff.



In May of 2009, William Broughton was hired as the Township Manager for the Township of Teaneck. He proudly served in this position for over 9 years. As Township Manager and Chief Executive, William oversaw the day-to-day operations of all Township departments including police, fire, public works, and administered an annual budget of over \$70 million.

William is a proud recipient of the Bergen County NAACP's Reverend Edward P. Dixon III Community Service Award, The Teaneck Chamber of Commerce Public Service Award and the Teaneck Comes Together (TCT) Champion Award. Additionally, he has received numerous other commendations and resolutions throughout his law enforcement and public service career.

William Broughton serves on the Finance and Ushers ministries of his church and is proud to live a life grounded in the word of God. He is married to his soul mate and best friend, Sandy. They have four children, Stephen, Tyler, Gabrielle and Ariana.

"We are very fortunate that William Broughton applied to this position. He has a lot of great ideas for our city and we are excited to get started," Mayor Pallone said.

# LONG BRANCH POLICE DEPARTMENT

## A Police Officer's Prayer

When I start my tour of duty God,  
Wherever crime may be,  
as I walk the darkened streets alone,  
Let me be close to thee.

Please give me understanding  
with both the young and old.  
Let me listen with attention  
until their story's told.

Let me never make a judgment  
in a rash or callous way,  
but let me hold my patience,  
let each man have his say.

Lord if some dark and dreary night,  
I must give my life,  
Lord, with your everlasting love  
protect my children and my wife.



## LETTER FROM THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

2022 brought about a commitment within our Police Department to strengthening our relationship with the community. We are achieving these relationships through increased interactions, outreach programs and community policing initiatives. The department is also focused on improving crime prevention strategies. We have prioritized the development and implementation of proactive crime prevention measures, and are focusing on intelligence-led policing, data analysis and targeted enforcement efforts. Information sharing between state, county and neighboring agencies have proved to be an immeasurable asset.

We have leveraged technological advancements to improve efficiency and effectiveness in our overall operations. Continuous training of our officers is essential to our advancements and enhance the necessary skills and knowledge needed to handle the ever-changing policing challenges.

The department remains focused on promoting accountability and transparency. Body-worn cameras, strengthened internal review processes and fostering trust through open communications with the public is all part of our commitment.



I am honored to be a part of the City of Long Branch Police Department's 154 year tradition of professionalism, respect, integrity, dedication and excellence. I am confident that our department is on a firm foundation and will be able to rise to any challenges that policing in the 21st century will bring.

Detective Captain Frank Rizzuto  
Officer in Charge



## 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.

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

### Dedication

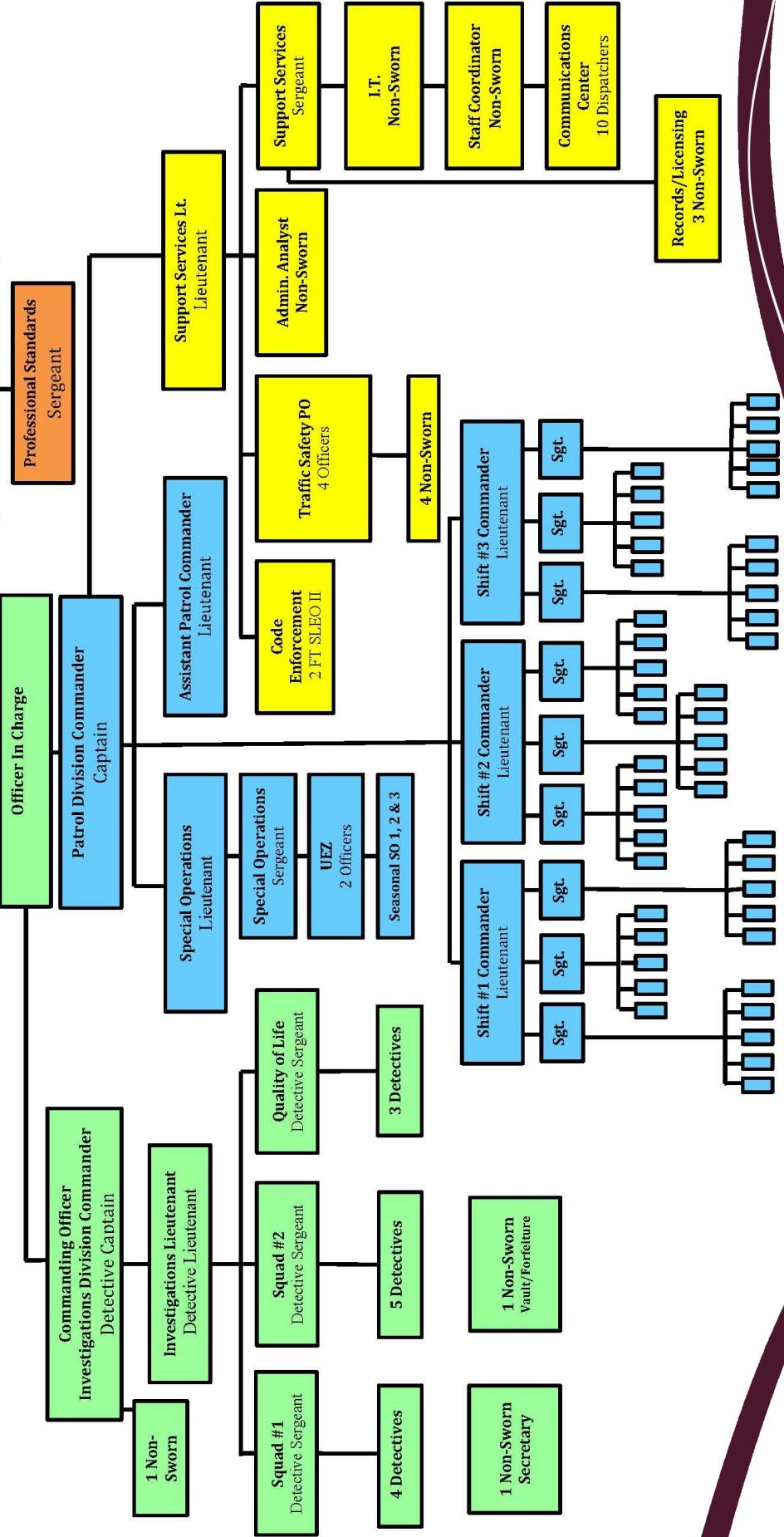
To the organization, each other, our families, and the citizens we serve. Empower department members and citizens to work together to solve community problems.

### Excellence

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

# TABLE OF ORGANIZATION

Director of Public Safety  
1 Non-Sworn



# OFFICERS & RANKS

## PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

- William Broughton

## SERGEANTS

- Robert Shamrock #245
- Antonia Gonzalez #270
- Heather Valdes #290
- Sam Jung Yoo #317
- James Beirne #354
- Michael Decker #312
- Hector Umana #328
- Joseph Kennedy #324
- David Graminski #302
- Matthew Widdis #325
- Stanley Eskridge #313
- Tracey Widdis #310
- Yujung Kim #327
- Richard O'Brien #345
- **Kimberly Leavy #308**

## CAPTAINS

- Joshua Bard #300
- Jorge Silverio #295

## COMMANDING OFFICER

- DCpt. Frank Rizzuto

## LIEUTENANTS

- Christopher Hazel #291
- Charles Shirley, Jr. #284
- Stanley Mooney #263
- Robert Bell #329
- Brian Garrett #306
- Brendan Cahill #318
- Marshall Brown #319

## CORPORALS

- Robert Korn #267
- Julio Delacruz #278
- Cesare Simonelli #298
- Lance Fanning #299
- Christopher Gant #301
- Kimberly Leavy #308
- Robert Rush Bataille #311
- Erik Wettermark #316
- Bienvenido Cruz #320
- Marco Rodriguez #322
- George Samol #330
- George Thomas Olski #336
- Cpl. Charles Simonelli #286
- Cpl. Todd Coleman #289
- Cpl. David House #296
- Joseph Spitiale #339
- Nick Romano #342
- Daniel Richards #347
- David Stone #349
- Gary Vecchione #343
- Patrick Vaccaro #353
- Dana Page #355
- Kevin Morris #357
- Steven Grant-White #358
- Daniel Gould #359
- Joseph Corcoran #360
- Mark Yutko #361
- Shane Carroll #363
- William Davies IV #365
- Charles Conover #366
- Francis Sheldrick #367
- Kevin Romano #368
- Christopher Remedios #370
- Julian Morgan #371
- Daniel Cunha #373
- Daniel DiLeonardo #374
- Robert Presley #376
- Christopher Fish #377
- Paul Garcia #378
- Joseph Pannullo #380
- Kevin Cuje #381
- Robert Poss #356
- Brian Oliveira #344
- Connor Mullan #362
- Jesus Otero #340
- Sergio Chapatro #352
- Kevin Romano #368
- Joseph Bucciero #382
- Trevor Van Ness #383
- Robert Mendez #384
- Kevin Kuhne #385
- Michael Morse #386
- Robert Graziano #387
- Devin Wright #388
- Ivan Guzman #389
- James Laco #390
- Lucas Brito #391
- Thomas Wright #392
- Ryan Howe #393
- Matthew Sanchez #394
- Victor Vargas-Cruz #395
- Shane O'Brien #396
- Melanie Mecha #398
- Jordan Pellet #399
- Sergio Llerandez #400
- Giovanni Rodriguez #402
- Kyle Collins #403
- Leeana Adamski #404
- Christian DeFazio #405

## DETECTIVES

- Cpl. Charles Simonelli #286
- Cpl. Todd Coleman #289
- Cpl. David House #296
- Joseph Spitiale #339
- Nick Romano #342
- Daniel Richards #347
- David Stone #349

## PATROL OFFICERS

- Joseph Bucciero #382
- Trevor Van Ness #383
- Robert Mendez #384
- Kevin Kuhne #385
- Michael Morse #386
- Robert Graziano #387
- Devin Wright #388
- Ivan Guzman #389
- James Laco #390
- Lucas Brito #391
- Thomas Wright #392
- Ryan Howe #393
- Matthew Sanchez #394
- Victor Vargas-Cruz #395
- Shane O'Brien #396
- Melanie Mecha #398
- Jordan Pellet #399
- Sergio Llerandez #400
- Giovanni Rodriguez #402
- Kyle Collins #403
- Leeana Adamski #404
- Christian DeFazio #405

## **SPECIALIZED UNITS**

### **INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU**

The Long Branch Police Department Investigations Division gathers facts for criminal investigations and prosecutions. The detectives investigate criminal acts including homicides, sexual assaults, armed robberies, home invasions and property crimes such as burglaries and arson as well as any unattended deaths. Detectives collect and use forensic evidence to solve crimes, and interview informants, suspects, and witnesses to ascertain alibis, motives, clues, and establish time frames. Detectives spend most of their time gathering facts and evidence for criminal cases they have been assigned. They gather evidence through informants, by interviewing witnesses, and by observing, monitoring, and recording the activities of known or suspected criminals. In performing their duties, it is absolutely necessary that they gain knowledge of suspects and the circumstances surrounding a crime before singling out a perpetrator. Once motives, alibis, past relationships, and the evidence has been determined and analyzed, a detective will interrogate a suspect with the aim of determining their guilt or innocence.

The Investigations Bureau maintains squads specializing in Major Crimes, Special Investigations, Forensics and Juvenile Matters. Detectives have specialized training in the following areas:

- Homeland Security Function
- Coordinator for Sex Offender Registry
- Long Branch Police Chaplains Program
- Bias Crime Investigations
- Public Information Officers
- Certified Negotiators
- Certified Arson Investigators
- Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)

**TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS  
FOR 2022:  
1014 CASES**

The Detectives in our Investigations Bureau are also assigned to the following roles:

- Evidence/Property Management
- Background investigations for police & fire departments
- School Programs
- Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) enforcement, background investigations, and inspections
- Social Media Monitoring
- Internet SCAMMER Awareness
- Human Trafficking Investigations
- Pop-up Party Investigations
- Taxi License background Investigations
- Solicitation Permit Background Investigations
- Second Hand Dealer License Background Investigations
- DEA Drug Take Back Program
- Liaisons to Monmouth University Quality of Life Task Force
- Liaisons to the Long Branch Housing Authority
- Liaisons to FBI/DHS/DEA/NJSP/MCPO/MCSO/ & NJ Auto Theft Task Force
- Liaisons to LB HEARS (Health, Education, Addiction and Recovery Support)
- Liaisons to Ocean House Program (Addiction Recovery)
- Instruct/Administer School Active Shooter Program
- Instructors LBPD In-Service Training Program
- Instructors of Not Even Once Program
- Members of the Monmouth/ Ocean Counties Criminal Intelligence Bureau
- Members of NJ Homicide Investigators Assoc.
- Members of NJ Gang Investigators Association
- Members of the NJ Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association
- Members Certified/Incident Response Terrorist Bombings

**In addition, Members of the Bureau maintain/participate in:**

- Juvenile Conference Committee
- E-Trace
- National Integrated Ballistics Identification Network
- National Crime Information Center
- Unidentified Persons File
- NJ Law Enforcement Teletype System
- Violent Crime Apprehension Program
- Child Abduction Response Team
- Sex Assault Response Team
- Counter Terrorism Coordination
- Criminal & Gang Intelligence Function
- Overdose Detection Mapping (ODMAP)

**Office Management:**

Tracking pawn-slips from local pawn brokers

Compile reports for juvenile complaints to be sent to MCPO

Maintain major crimes case jackets; including purging & archiving files according to AG guidelines

Maintenance of juvenile case files/database and archiving of files as juveniles turn 18

Maintain fingerprint files

Scan & upload paperwork to the Spillman database

Maintain NJ ODMAP database

Assist with typing/transposing victim statements

Assist with minor software, computer, and office equipment issues

Create video files for discovery

Assist MCPO with trial prep by locating all paperwork associated with cases

Maintain the on-call schedule and create the printable schedule

Assist with tracking down information from cold cases i.e. accessing defunct databases, old card files, and accessing archives

Various general secretarial duties including but not limited to: answering the phone, taking messages, checking voice-mail & e-mail, sorting and delivering the mail, track and order office supplies

Create and maintain new databases as necessary

Various other duties as needed, including but not limited to software help, typing letters and memos, promotional ads, assisting with creating line-ups, editing photos, mailings, etc.

## SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Special Investigations Unit is comprised of a Detective Sergeant and three Detectives. Their primary focus is to eliminate drug manufacturing and distribution within the City and reduce the amount of available narcotics. They target gang activity and violent crimes associated with their organizations and serve as an intelligence bureau for criminals involved with weapons, gangs and other illegal activity. Additionally, they are responsible for all Alcohol Beverage Commission (ABC) liquor license renewal inspections. They also assist in conducting background checks for new applicants. The Detective Sergeant of this unit also supervises the Department's Tactical Response Team.

The majority of arrests made by the Special Investigations Unit involve narcotics related offenses. The team also executes search warrants for local residences and assists County, State and Federal agencies with search warrants when needed.

In 2022, this Unit conducted 200 motor vehicle stops, 74 field interviews and issued 250 summonses. In addition, they executed 10 residential search warrants and they made over 100 arrests that resulted in the seizure of 4 handguns, 1 ½ kilos of cocaine, 300 grams of crack cocaine and over \$100,000 in U.S. Currency. In addition, this Unit investigated, charged and arrested two individuals for exchanging gunfire with each other and apprehended an individual that ultimately admitted to committing over 15 car burglaries.

## NOTABLE CASES

**22LB00401: Detective Oliveira**

Kahnaiaha Dean arrested for Aggravated Assault with Handgun and Possession of a Handgun.

**22LB09306: Detectives Poss, Oliveira & Stone**

Outtama Thavone was arrested for multiple Car Burglaries.

**22LB10119: Detectives Romano, Chaparro & Officer Garcia**

Mario Jose Lopez Menijivar arrested for Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Juvenile.

**22LB11037: Detectives Otero, Poss & Officer Olski**

Donte Gibson arrested for Kidnapping, Aggravated Assault, Robbery and Burglary.

**22LB13486: Detectives Romano & White**

Lucas Cravo Messias de Castro, Antonio Geraldo DaCosta-Filho and Daniel DeLima arrested for Aggravated Sexual Assault and Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

**22LB20156: Detectives Mullan & Oliveira**

Jose Amarildo DeSouza charged with Aggravated Sexual Assault and Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

**22LB23817: Detectives Coleman, Stone, Mullan, Otero & Poss**

Brender Tayson DeSousa Martins arrested for Sexual Assault, Kidnapping, Aggravated Assault Strangulation, Aggravated Assault and Terroristic Threats.

**22LB32460, 22LB32496, 22LB32461 22LB32822: Detectives Romano, House, Mullan & Oliveira**

Steven Worsley, Pernell Scott, Ronald Gilliard, Donte Gibson arrested in connection to multiple shootings.

**22LB34245, 22LB34882, 22LB34486, 22LB34221, 22LB34245, 22LB34315: Detectives Oliveira, Chaparro & Poss**

Onnji Campbell arrested for multiple Commercial Burglaries.

## COMMUNITY POLICING UNIT

The CPU focuses on our community in an effort to keep the lines of communication flowing between the police department and the public. The unit is run by Lieutenant Brendan Cahill and Sergeant Kimberly Leavy. In 2022, the CPU expanded and revamped the department to provide even more focus on community policing. Members include Corporals Lance Fanning and Marco Rodrigues, Officer Dana Page and SLEO II Officers Devon Slavin and Justin Falke. The unit works closely with local business owners, students and residents and provides a multitude of services such as safety programs and car seat installations throughout the year. They are instrumental in providing school presentations, senior seminars, City Hall tours for scouts and students and perhaps the two most popular, National Night Out and the Citizens Police Academy. You can always find a CPU member at the car shows, concerts and other City events or checking in with local businesses while on their foot patrol posts.



## ANIMAL CONTROL

Detective David House is the Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer (HLEO) for the Long Branch Police Department and Sergeant Francis Sheldrick is the Assistant HLEO. They are tasked with investigating any severe animal cruelty cases within the city. All our officers assist the City's Animal Control Bureau Supervisor, Deb Nagel on a regular basis responding to calls that involve animals in distress or in need of rescuing. Animal Control calls in the City range from typical dog and cat related issues to seals, squirrels, bats, geese, raccoons, deer and even occasional farm or exotic animals. In 2022 a few of our more interesting cases involved a cat stuck in a chimney and ducks running amok. Our officers have seen it all! Pictured with ACS Nagel is her K9 partner, Tucker, who patrols our waterways to give chase to geese and loves to take part in any community events involving local kids where he helps teach responsible pet ownership.



With the help of PD, FD and DPW members, in 2022, ACS Deb Nagel was able to rescue ducklings on two occasions when they were trapped in a sewer and stuck in a pool. All were safely released to local waters.



## CODE & FIRE PREVENTION

Class 2 Special Officers Madison Bou and Michael Pede are assigned to the City Code & Fire Prevention Bureau. Along with responding to calls for service as an auxiliary to police patrol units, their primary duty with code enforcement is to ensure property owners comply with the safety and quality of life ordinances. These include property maintenance, fire code compliance, zoning and building permit compliance, and environmental concerns such as recycling and proper waste disposal. They inspect for hazards to pedestrian and vehicular traffic such as low wires, dangerous trees, dangerous sidewalks, derelict or vacant homes, abandoned swimming pools and standing water issues for mosquito control. They also investigate illegal rooming houses, unregistered rental properties, conduct inspections for certificate of occupancy compliance, and perform annual "meet and greet" inspections of all off campus housing for Monmouth University to welcome students and ensure they comply with local ordinances. In addition, they set up and maintain the "hot zone" for fireworks displays, respond to any general emergency in the city, cover during state of emergencies and special events, as well as coordinate with other agencies such as the EPA/DEP and utility providers for any issues falling outside the scope of routine enforcement.

## FIREARMS UNIT



The Firearms Unit is tasked with the annual firearms training and qualifications of all LBPD Officers as well as maintaining the weapons and ammunition for the department. They provide realistic training utilizing moving targets, low or no-lighting and responding to active shooter drills. In addition, in 2022 this unit rolled out the new Axon Taser 7.

Members of this unit include Supervising Firearms Instructor, Sgt. Richard O'Brien, Instructors, Sgt. Sam Yoo, Sgt. Hector Umana, Cpl. Ben Cruz, Cpl. Chris Gant, P.O. Pat Vaccaro and Cpl. Lance Fanning, who is also the Armorer.



## TRAFFIC BUREAU

Our Traffic Bureau consists of three full-time officers, one Special Class 2 and three civilians. Members include Cpl. Cesare Simonelli, Cpl. Benny Cruz, PO Kevin Cuje, SO Mike DeCristofaro, George Medina, Karahn Morris and Ryan Scanlon and Nick Bucciero. Lt. Charles Shirley, Jr. is the Unit's Supervisor. While the Unit was originally formed with the goal of maintaining and repairing traffic signals, the responsibilities of its members have grown to include street signage, special events, road crew and new construction traffic plans, parking enforcement, vehicle upgrades and the installation and maintenance of equipment within our vehicles. With ever changing technology, these members are constantly being trained to work on new equipment. Scanlon brings an extensive skill set to the unit as he is certified in areas such as programming and installation of police radios, emergency lights, surveillance cameras, body worn cameras and digital mobile video recorders (DMVR).

## HONOR GUARD

Our Honor Guard serves at a number of official functions such as swearing-ins, promotions and funerals.

Members participate on a voluntary basis. In 2022, members consisted of Sgt. Hector Umana, Sgt. Kijung Kim, Cpl. Lance Fanning, Det. Brian Oliveira, Det. Jesus Otero, Det. Sergio Chaparro, PO Gary Vecchione, P.O. Robert Mendez and PO Sergio Llerandez.

In addition to in-house functions, they proudly present the colors at several professional sporting events and participate in City events such as the Veterans' Memorial Day services, the Columbus Day Parade and the First Responder Mass at Saint Michaels Church.

Former events where the Honor Guard participated in the opening ceremonies include:

NJ Devils Games at Prudential Center

NY Red Bulls games at Red Bull Arena

Lakewood Blue Claws games at First Energy Park

Mets v. Yankees games at Citi Field in NY

Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Services in Ocean Grove



## K9 UNIT

The City of Long Branch Police Canine (K9) Unit is lead by Sgt. Robert Shamrock and is made up of two teams, including Sgt. Shamrock and his partner Hagan. These teams respond when patrol requests help in cases that involve expertise in areas such as tracking a suspect and locating narcotics. In addition to responding to official service calls, our K9 Unit plays a vital role in our community outreach efforts, participating in numerous demonstrations for our public schools, Citizens Police Academies, National Night Out, and many other events.

Officer Christopher Remedios and partner, Ozzy are the newest members of the K9 Unit. K9 Ozzy was 1 1/2 years old when he joined in 2021 and is a Belgian Malinois. The team successfully completed a 3 month training course from Passaic county and are certified in narcotic detection. The team graduated from the Ocean County Sheriff's Office K9 Patrol School in June.



## CLASS III OFFICERS

The City of Long Branch Police Department, in conjunction with Long Branch Public Schools, employ four Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers. These officers focus on providing safety and security for the students and staff while in class and attending after-school activities. According to New Jersey state law, all Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers must be a retired law enforcement officer who is less than 65 years of age. Pictured (L to R) are our 2022 Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers Drew Winans Sr., Felix Torres, Jeffrey Diakunczak and Robert Dikun.



## MOTORCYCLE UNIT

Our Motorcycle Unit rides year-round, weather permitting. Aside from being a tremendous asset in traffic control, especially during high-congestion events, they frequently assist in motor escorts such as dignitary transports and funeral processions. Additionally, they are always a favorite at special events.

In 2022, Capt. Jorge Silverio was assigned as the Motor Unit Supervisor and the following officers were assigned as members of the unit:

- Lt. Charles Shirley
- Lt. Marshall Brown
- Cpl. Julio Delacruz
- Cpl. Cesare Simonelli
- Cpl. Christopher Gant
- Sgt. KiJung Kim



## MONNMOUTH COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (MOCERT)



MOCERT is operated by the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and integrates tactically trained officers from numerous municipal police departments to form one team. All members have received advanced training in various fields which include but are not limited to Special Weapons And Tactics, high-risk warrant service, hostage rescue, barricaded suspects, active shooters and dignitary protection. Recent team training has included preparation for weapons of mass destruction and terrorism incidents.

The team has trained with FBI SWAT and LAPD SWAT as well as instructors from various military and private organizations.

Members train as a team bi-monthly as well as for several full weeks throughout the year. Officers are on call 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. Semi-annually members undergo rigorous physical tests to remain on the team. In addition, members of the team must maintain the rank of firearms expert through firearms qualification scores.

In 2022, LBPD was proud to have multiple officers as part of the MOCERT team including Charles Conover, Conor Mullan, Daniel DiLeonardo and K9 Team Christopher Remedios & Ozzy.

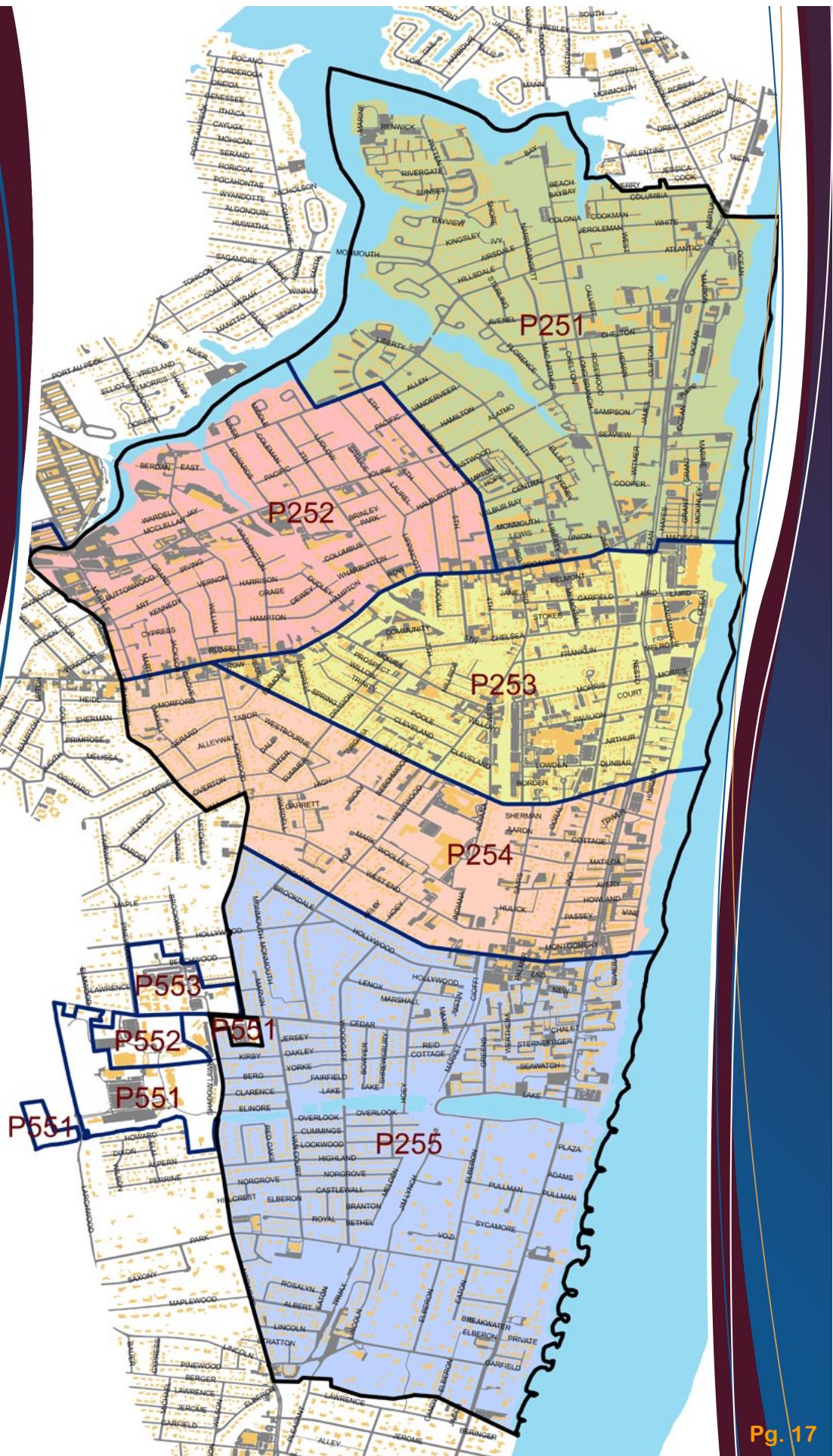
## MONMOUTH COUNTY RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE (RDF)

The RDF is a county team which provides mutual aid, responding to MOCERT activations, natural/man-made disasters, school/workplace violence, crowd control, demonstrations, incidents of civil disobedience, missing person and open area suspect searches. Members must go through a rigorous try-out to ensure their physical condition.

The LBPD was proud to have Sgt. Heather Valdes, Sgt. Matthew Widdis, Sgt. Ki Jung Kim and P.O. Dana Page as part of the RDF team in 2022.

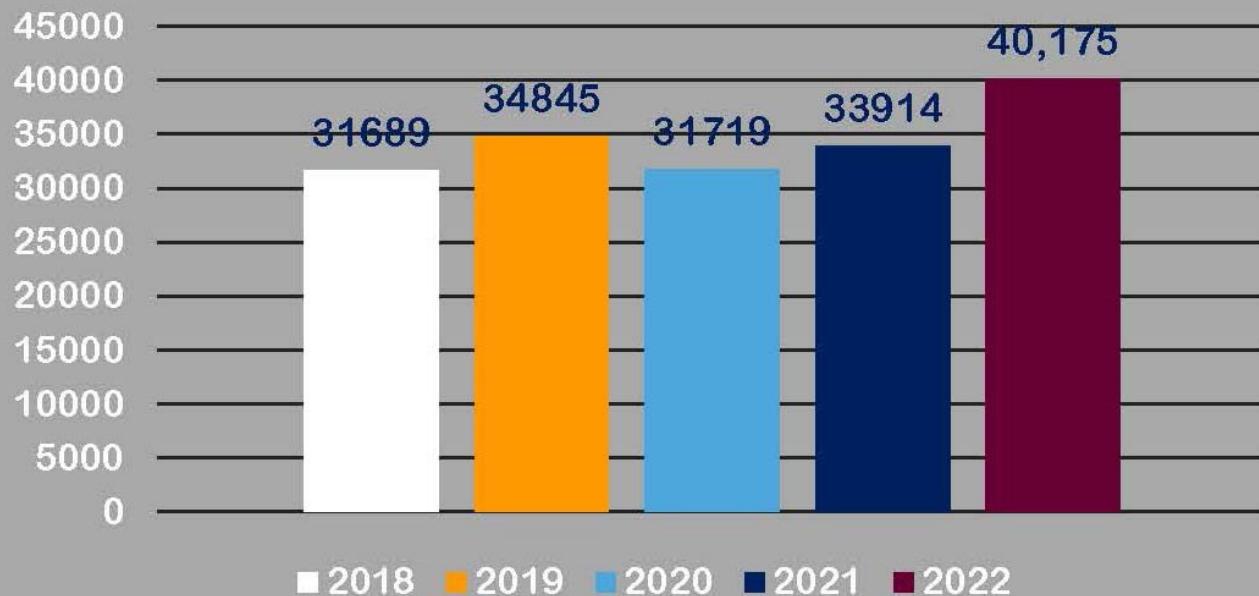


# PATROL ZONES

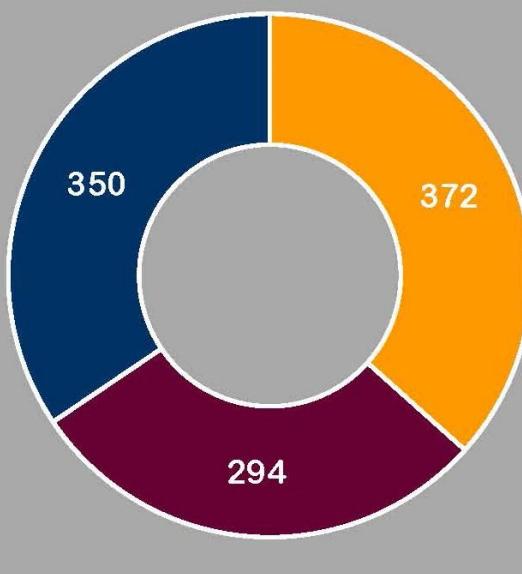


## STATISTICS

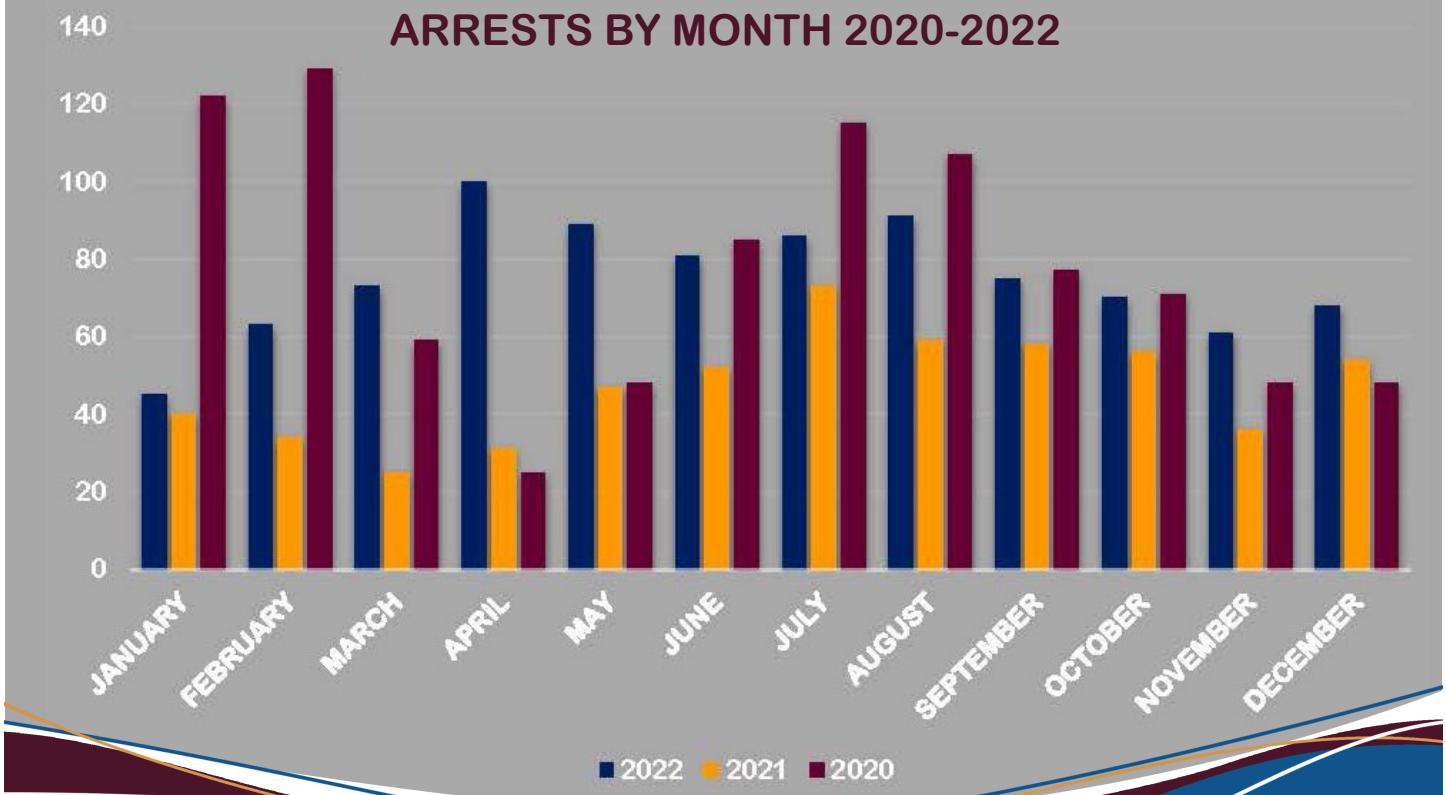
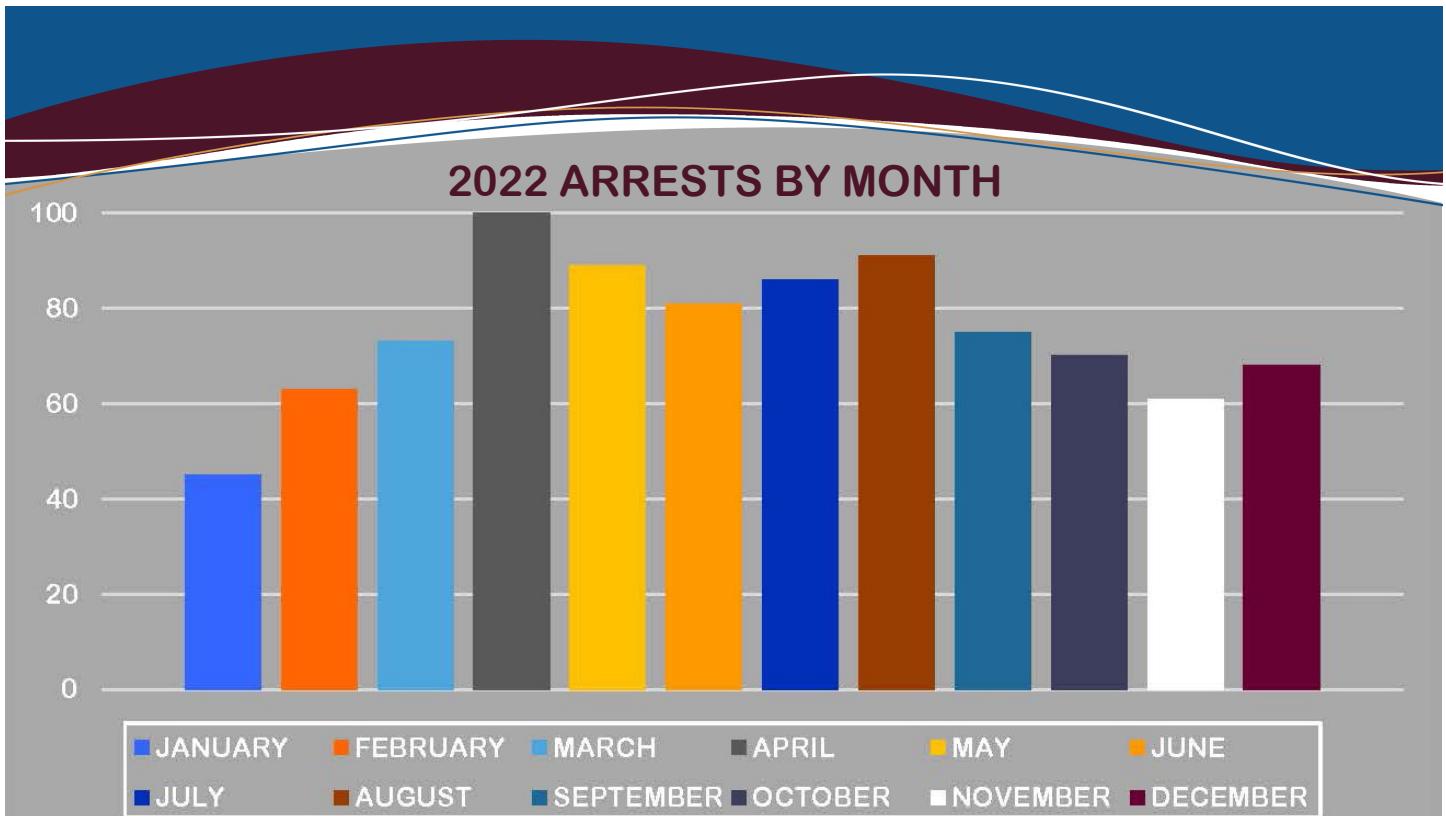
### Calls For Service



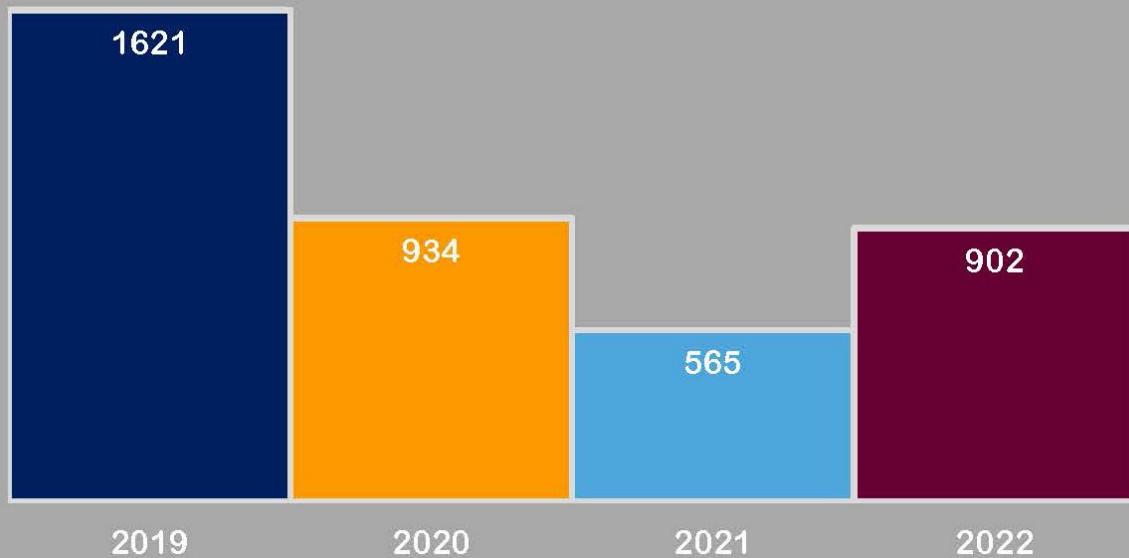
### 911 CALLS



□ 2020 □ 2021 □ 2022



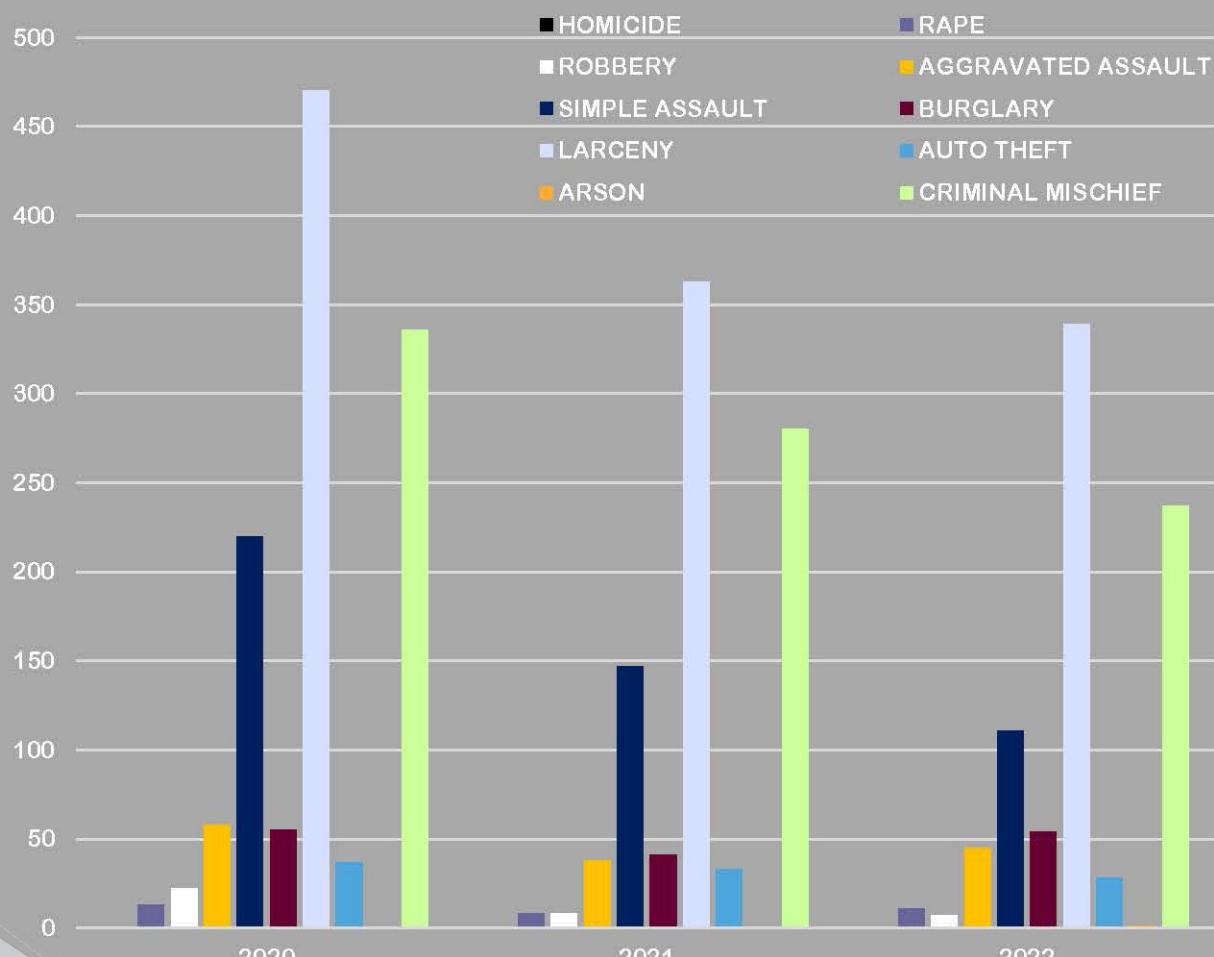
## TOTAL ARRESTS PER YEAR



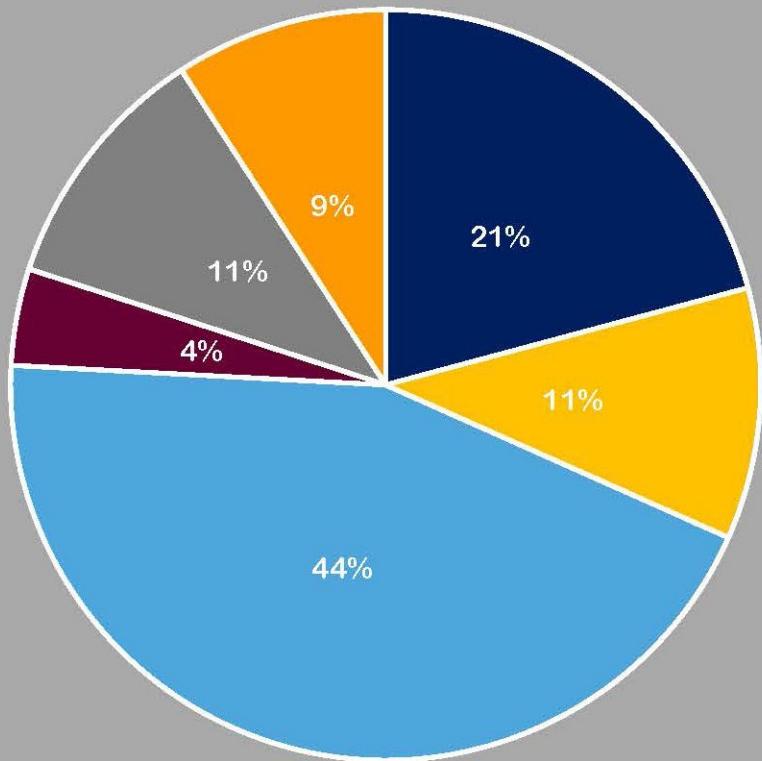
## MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS AND ACCIDENTS



## INDEX CRIMES PER YEAR 2020-2022



## ORGANIZATIONAL BREAKDOWN



■ SUPERVISORS

■ SLEO 2 FULL TIME

■ DETECTIVES

■ CIVILIANS

■ PATROL OFFICERS

■ DISPATCHERS

## INTERNAL AFFAIRS SUMMARY

This sheet contains some top-line facts and figures for Internal Affairs cases closed in 2022.  
Detailed breakdowns can be found in the subsequent pages.

	# allegations	# initial allegation sustained	# other allegation sustained	# not sustained
Criminal violation	3	0	0	3
Differential treatment	3	0	0	3
Excessive force	5	0	0	5
Improper arrest	0	0	0	0
Improper entry	0	0	0	0
Improper search	2	0	0	2
Domestic violence incident (non-criminal)	1	0	0	1
Demeanor	3	1	0	2
Other rule violation	16	0	1	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>29</b>

*Distribution of sources for complaints closed in 2022*



*Frequency of discipline by type for complaints closed in 2022*

		2022 Summary	
Oral reprimand or performance notice	2	Total Pending from Prior Years	6
Written reprimand or written warning	0	Total Opened	28
Monetary fine or loss of pay	0	Total Closed	33
Suspension without pay	2	Total Sustained	4
Separated while IA pending	0	Total Not Sustained	29
Demotion or loss of promotion opportunity	0	Total >180 Days	1
Discharge from employment	0	Total Pending at end of 2022	1
Training, coaching, or counseling	0	None	0
Loss of time	0	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>

**NOTE:** This sheet provides a snapshot of IA cases at a single point in time. As a case progresses, classifications and categorizations may change.

A single Internal Affairs case may involve one or more officers. This Summary refers to the count of OFFICERS who were named in an Internal Affairs Complaint.

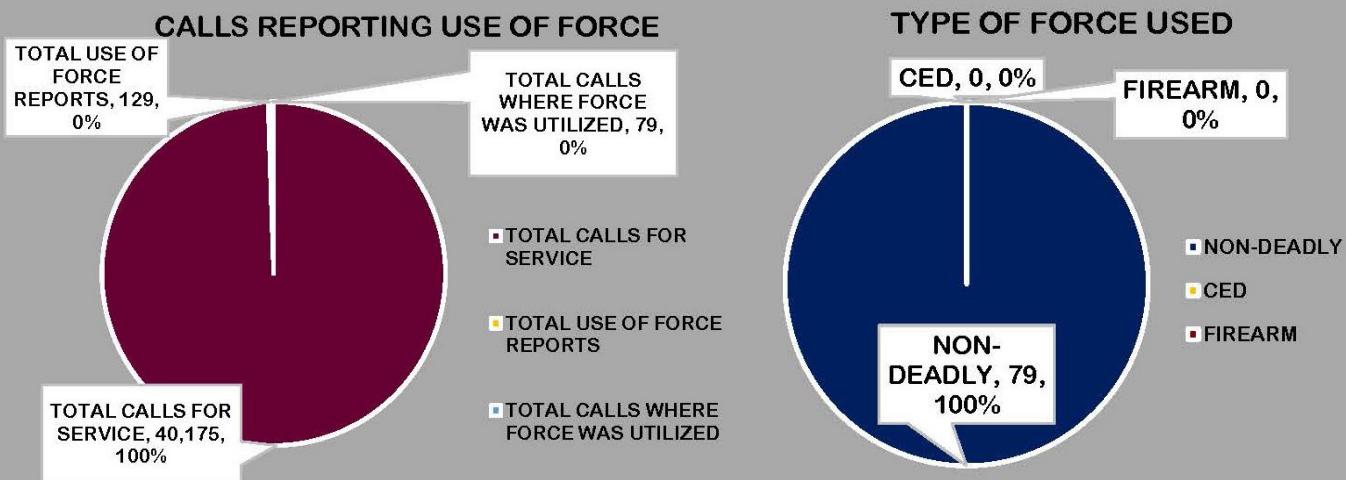
## USE OF FORCE REPORTING

Attorney General (AG) Guidelines require that all law enforcement officers who have responded to a call where physical force is utilized must complete a Use of Force report.

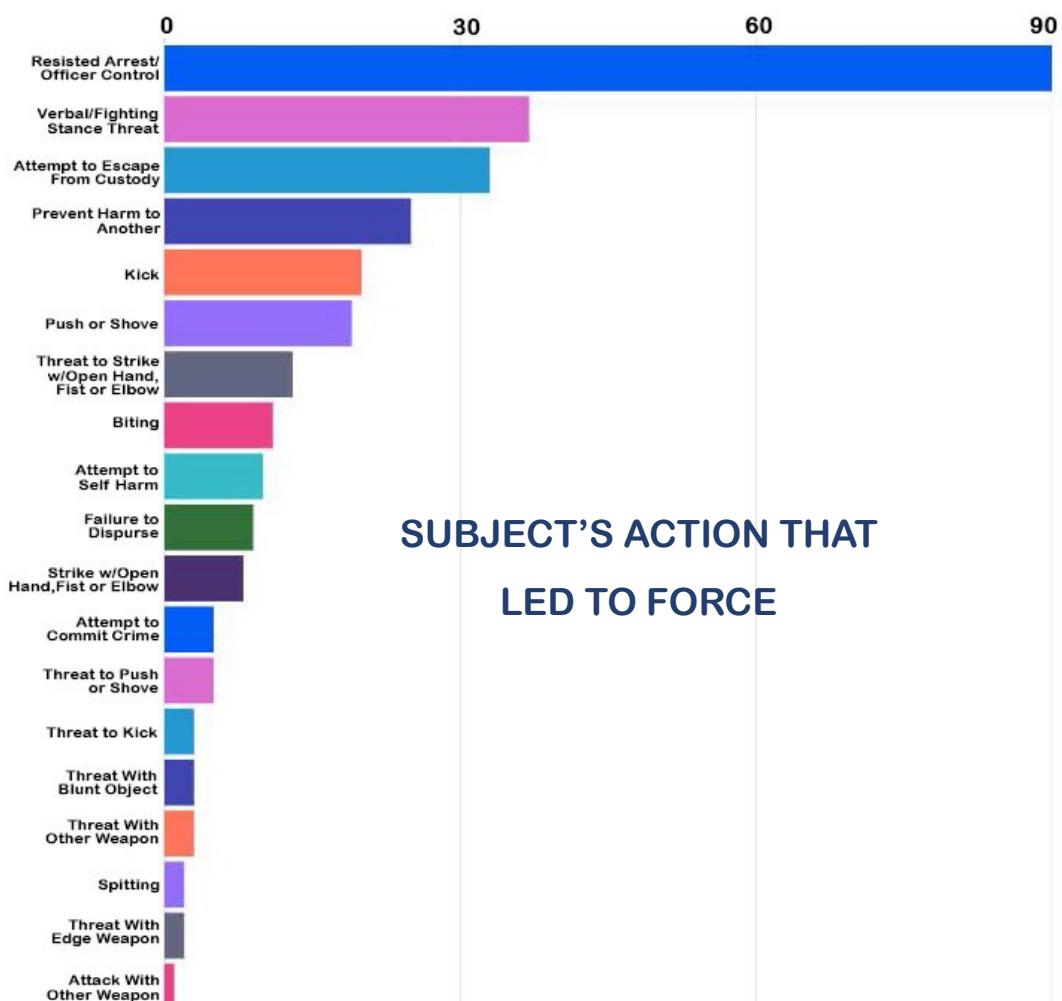
The AG's office defines physical force as follows:

"Physical force involves contact with a subject beyond which is generally utilized to effect an arrest or other law enforcement objective. Physical force is employed when necessary to overcome a subject's physical resistance to the exertion of the law enforcement officer's authority, or to protect persons or property.

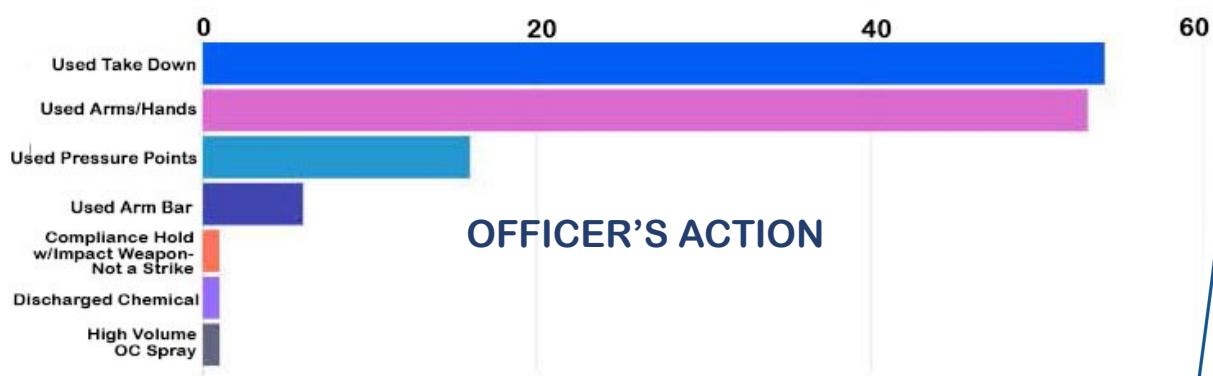
Examples include wrestling a resisting subject to the ground, using wrist locks or arm locks, striking with the hands or feet, or other similar methods of hand-to-hand confrontation."



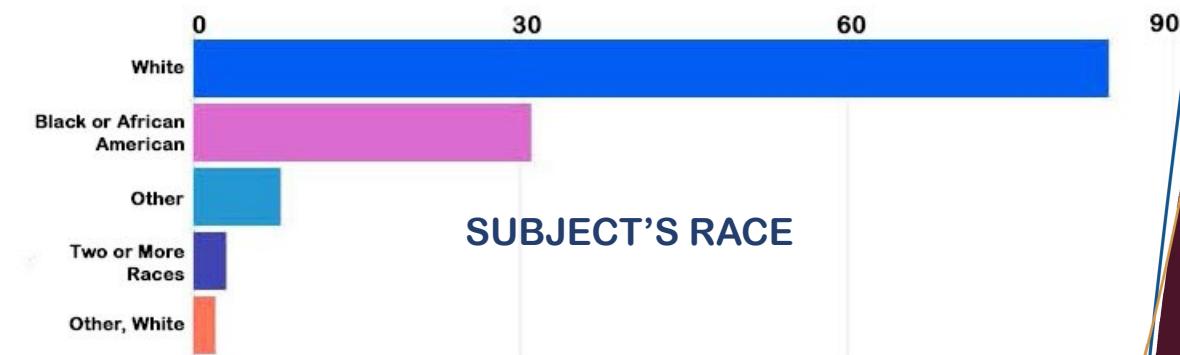
USE OF FORCE BREAKDOWN BY CALLS	
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	40,175
TOTAL USE OF FORCE REPORTS*	129
TOTAL PRIMARY OFFICERS FOR USE OF FORCE REPORTS	79
TOTAL CALLS WHERE FORCE WAS USED	79
* More than one report is often written for each call involving force as all responding officers are required to file a report.	
TYPE OF FORCE USED	
NON-DEADLY	79
CONDUCTED ENERGY DEVICE (CED)	0
FIREARM	0



SUBJECT'S ACTION THAT  
LED TO FORCE



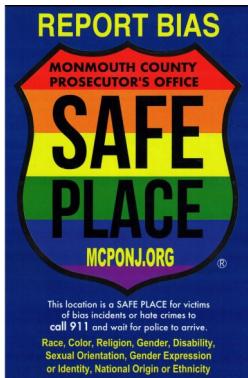
OFFICER'S ACTION



SUBJECT'S RACE

# OPERATIONAL ADVANCES

## SAFE PLACE PROGRAM



Long Branch Police Department is very proud to join the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office as one of the first local agencies to pilot SAFE PLACE! This program is “a public-private partnership centered on the reporting of bias incidents and hate crimes targeting any protected class of individuals – whether motivated by race, color, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or ethnicity. Through the Program, local participating businesses, social organizations, and schools will be given brightly colored decals for posting prominently in an entrance area, allowing anyone who spots them to know that the location will provide a safe environment for someone to call 911 for assistance if they believe they have been the target of a bias incident or hate crime.” Participation is free and “the only requirement is twofold: if a victim of any crime enters the premises, call 911 immediately; and allow the victim to remain on the premises until police arrive.”

LBPD held a kickoff event on February 4, 2022, which included visits to several of the initial participating locations. Among those attending were Acting Monmouth County Prosecutor Lori Linskey, MCPO Det. Kayla Santiago, Senator Vin Gopal, Mayor John Pallone, Councilwoman Dr. Anita Voogt, Public Safety Director Domingos Saldida, OIC DCapt. Frank Rizzuto, Capt. Jorge Silverio, Lt. Brendan Cahill, Sgt. Kimberly Leavy, Cpl. Marco Rodrigues, PO Dana Page, Library Director Tonya Garcia, Library Social Worker David Perez, City Officials, members of LBPD, Library administrative members and community representatives.

Inaugural participants included Long Branch Free Public Library (Main & Elberon), Gold's Gym, The Mix Lounge, Chabad of the Shore and Jersey Auto Spa. Since the kickoff, many other local organizations have joined.



## POP-UP PARTY LAWSUITS

Long Branch paved the way to stop pop-up party organizers from promoting, advertising or encouraging unlawful events in the City. The City was represented by City Attorney Lou Rainone in a legal victory ordering three defendants to remove their social media posts advertising a May 21st pop-up party/beach linkup and to announce the cancellation of the event.

Failure to comply with the order would empower the City of Long Branch to take legal action to hold defendants financially responsible for the costs of police and emergency response, clean-up and attorney's fees.

"This is a legal victory for the city, but the work is not done," said Mayor John Pallone, "we are ready to add any individuals who promote any future events without permits to our lawsuit and hold them accountable."

"For two years, municipalities across the state have struggled to respond to this difficult and growing problem. Long Branch has shown the way forward, and now other towns are following our lead," said City Attorney Lou Rainone.

## RECOVERY DIVERSION PROGRAM



Long Branch proudly participated in the inaugural Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office Recovery Diversion Program (RDP). The graduation took place at Long Branch Municipal Court and was attended by First Assistant Prosecutor Michael Wojciechowski, Municipal Court Judge Luanne Peterpaul, Municipal Prosecutor James Butler, RDP Coordinator AP Lindsay Ashwal and Public Safety Director Saldida. "RDP is another measure that

Acting Prosecutor Lori Linskey instituted to combat substance use and co-occurring disorders. This program substitutes peer recovery and treatment services for non-violent municipal court offenders rather than traditional prosecution. Municipal defendants who successfully complete substance use treatment, maintain contact with their peer recovery coach and remain arrest free are eligible to have their charges dismissed and expunged." Thanks to our peer recovery and treatment partners, Hope Sheds Light, CPC Behavioral Healthcare and New Hope, who joined in celebrating the event.



## TRAINING

New officers, are required to complete the police academy training course which includes all the fundamentals of law enforcement training. All Officers are required to attend in-service training sessions to stay up-to-date on current laws, professional guidelines, operations and procedures. Some training is department specific, while much of it is mandated by the County Prosecutor, Attorney General and by state or federal statutes. Most mandated training is required every six months to one year. A few topics covered in the training are firearms requalification, domestic violence, blood-borne pathogens, hazardous materials and breathalyzer recertification. In addition to classroom training, hands-on training exercises are conducted by members of our department including firearms, active shooter drills and other response scenarios.





Specialized units conduct job-specific training and qualification sessions and officers are assigned to attend other agency training courses as needed. The following list shows just a fraction of the training courses that our officers attended in 2022.

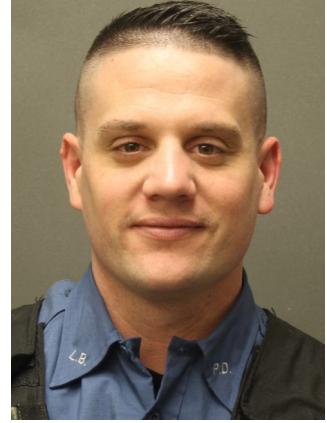
ACADIS Records & Training Portal	Juvenile eCDR
Active Shooter EMT Stop the Bleed	Light Duty Policies for Public Safety
Advanced Animal Fighting Investigations	Low Light Tactical
Advanced Crash Investigation	MCSO Flex User Training Session
Alcotest	Mental Preparation in Law Enforcement
Basic Crash Investigation	Methods of Instruction
Baton Defense Tactic Instructors	NJ Criminal Justice Information System
Case Law Updates (K9)	NJ Outlaw MC Gang Awareness
CED Instructor Use of Force Update	NYPD Homicide Investigators
Cellebrite Digital Forensics	Officer Wellness Seminar
Crime Scene Investigation	Operation Helping Hands
Crisis Intervention Team	Patrol Rifle Instructor
Detective Skills Enhancement	Planning Active Shooter Drills
Development, Education & Leadership	Police Bicycle Patrol Instructor
Domestic Violence Updates	Police Patrol Dog Training
Drug Identification	Police Professionalism & Cultural Diversity
DWI Detection	Pre-employment Background Investigation
EMT CORE A, B, C	Project FIND-Senior Advocacy
Field Force Operations	Protecting the Pedestrian Officer
Financial Crimes Investigation	Rapid Response to Active Threat-Instructor
Finding Words/Child First NJ	Regional Internal Affairs Training
Fire Investigation/Arson Awareness	Report Writing
Firearms Application & Registration System	Role of the Undercover
Gang Investigation	Sexual Assault Response Team
GLOCK Modular Optic System	Sniper Basic Course of Instruction
Integrating Communication, Assessment & Tactics	Special Victims Investigation
Incident Command System-300	Tactical Medical for First Responders
Insight to Batterer Behavior	TASER Operator

## DEPARTMENT MILESTONES

### NEW OFFICERS

**Sworn in on January 3rd**

- Officer Jordan Pellet #399
- Officer Kyle Collins #403



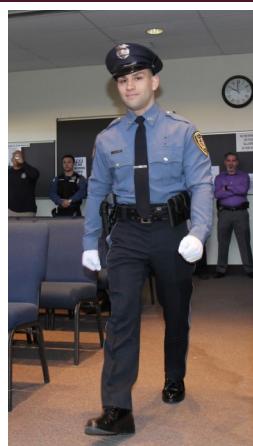
**Sworn in on February 2nd**

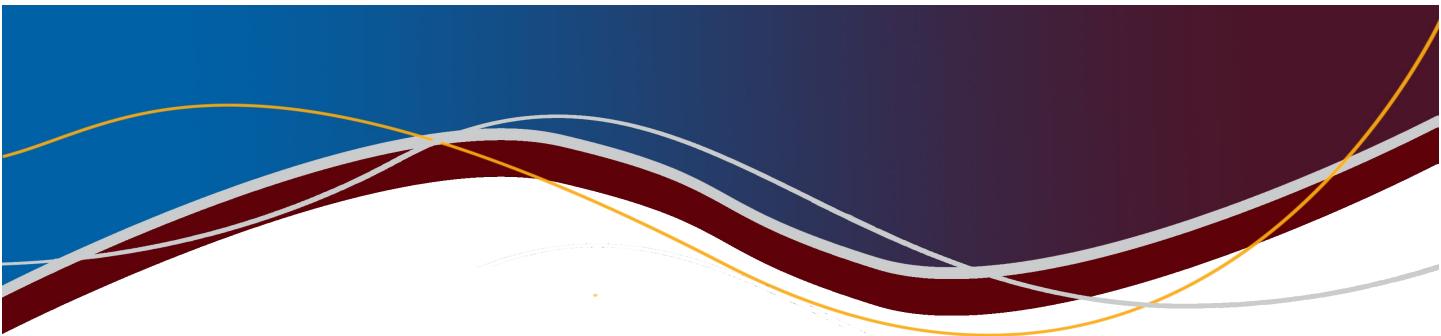
- Officer Sergio Llerandez #400
- Officer Joe Benner #401



**Sworn in on March 15th**

- Officer Christian DeFazio #405





**Sworn in on June 3rd**

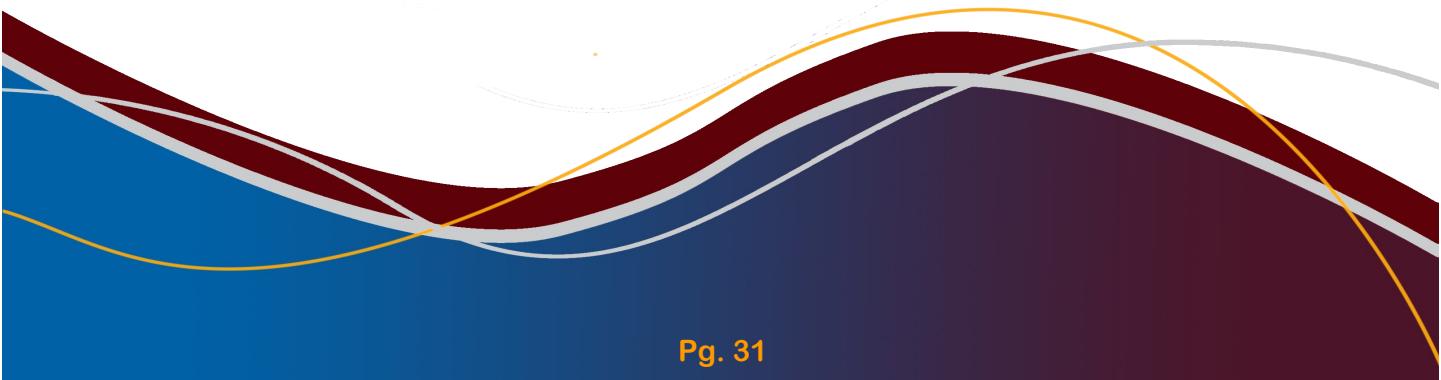
- Officer Melanie Mecha #398
- Officer Giovanni Rodriguez #402
- Officer Leeana Adamski #404



---

**Sworn in on October 3rd**

- Officer Brandon Winston #406



## CLASS II OFFICERS

Graduated Academy on December 22, 2021

- Class II Officer Justin Falke #2021
- Class II Officer Sciuto #2022
- Class II Officer Anthony Ianicelli #2023

Congratulations to Falke for the Marksmanship Award and Sciuto for the Outstanding Award!



Sworn in on March 25th

- Class II Officer Alonso Olson #2028
- Class II Officer Madison Bou #2029



Graduated Academy on April 27th

- Class II Officer Tyler Mendez #2025
- Class II Officer Ryan Ludwig #2026
- Class II Officer Joseph LaBarca #2030
- Class II Officer Austin Cheesman #2031





#### Sworn in on June 3rd

- Class II Officer Ryan Kroeger #2032
- Class II Officer Daved Tropper #2033
- Class II Officer Jackie Tumipamba #2034
- Class II Officer Jorge Lopez #2036



#### Graduated Academy on December 7th

- Class II Tyler Brewer #2039



## CLASS I OFFICERS

Welcome to our new Special Law Enforcement, Class I (SLEO I) Officers joining us for the 2022 summer season! SLEO I Officers must complete a lengthy application process which includes NJ State mandated police academy training. They do not carry a firearm but are trained in the use of Oleoresin Capsicum (OC or pepper spray) as well as other defensive tactics for emergency situations. Their focus is the enforcement of ordinances, primarily pertaining to the beachfront, boardwalk, and summer events such as concerts and car shows. They are there to assist whenever needed by Lifeguards, Beach Personnel, full-time Officers and, of course, the public. SLEO I's are a key proponent in our on-going efforts to provide community policing and public safety for the thousands of residents and visitors we serve throughout the city during the summer months. Many SLEO I Officers join our department with hopes of using their on-the-job training to advance to full-time Officers. In fact, the majority of our current Police Officers started out as SLEO I Officers. Our SLEO I Officers are easily identified by their bright yellow uniforms (often said to resemble bumblebees) and friendly attitudes. Next time you visit Long Branch and see one of our SLEO I Officers, please stop, say hello and join us in welcoming them! We hope they will be a part of our team for many years to come!

We'd also like to welcome back our returning Class I Officers and thank Lt. Brendan Cahill for all his efforts in making the SLEO I program a successful one. He starts the process for hiring by conducting an open house in the fall which draws hundreds of interested applicants. Lt. Cahill, along with assistance from others, including Sergeant Kimberly Leavy, see the hiring process through, including providing many hours of training.



# PROMOTIONS

Monday, January 3rd

- Sergeant Brendan Cahill promoted to Lieutenant
- Corporal Kimberly Leavy promoted to Sergeant



October 3

- James Beirne promoted to Lieutenant



November 23

- Francis "Patrick" Sheldrick promoted to Sergeant



## Corporal Robert Korn #267

Congratulations to Corporal Robert Korn on his retirement from the LBPD on January 1, 2022, after a long, fulfilling career serving our community, beginning in September of 1996.

Corporal Korn was presented with several awards over the years, with multiple agencies commanding him on his life-saving performance at a call in 2019. At approximately 9:39AM on February 5, 2019, Corporal Robert Korn responded to a domestic incident involving a subject actively attempting to murder his wife. When Corporal Korn arrived, he observed the suspect, Michael Smith, swinging and grabbing at the victim, who was lying on the ground. Without hesitation or regard for his own safety, he pulled the subject away from the victim, disarmed him of two knives utilized in the assault and placed him under arrest. The victim was listed in stable condition at the hospital after being stabbed multiple times in the chest and head. Corporal Korn's swift and heroic response allowed other officers to administer first aid to the victim and undoubtedly helped to save her life.

Please join us in wishing him a rewarding retirement and all the best for whatever his next chapter brings! Here are some photos including his first and last day at LBPD.



Corporal  
Robert Korn  
#267



## Lieutenant Charles F. Shirley, Jr. #284

Lieutenant Shirley was hired as a Police Officer by the City of Long Branch on October 6, 1997. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in October of 2011 and to Lieutenant in January of 2016. During his tenure with the Long Branch Police Department, Lt. Shirley has served in several specialized divisions, including Patrol, Bicycle Unit, Street Crimes, Fire Bureau and most recently, Support Services.

In addition to his police duties, Lt. Shirley also served as the Deputy Coordinator for the Office of Emergency Management and Deputy Homeland Security Coordinator for the City of Long Branch. As the Emergency Management Deputy, Lt. Shirley was instrumental in assisting the city administration with the successful documentation and reimbursement of several federally declared disasters including the most recent hurricanes, Irene and Sandy.

Throughout his career, Lt. Shirley has received numerous awards and commendations, including two Unit Citations, Meritorious Service, two Life Saving Awards and three Valor Awards from the 200 Club of Monmouth County.

Lt. Shirley will retire from the Long Branch Police Department on October 1, 2022. We thank him for his service and wish him all the best in his retirement and future endeavors. Here are some photos including his very first day at LBPD.

*Thank You for your Service!  
Congratulations on your Retirement!*



## Lieutenant Charles Shirley, Jr. #284

## Detective Corporal Simonelli #286

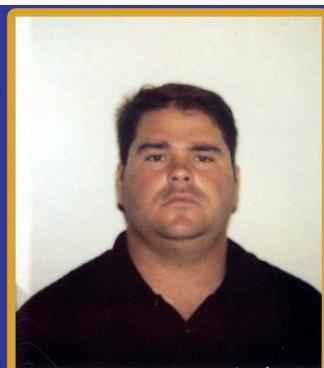
Detective Simonelli was born and raised in Long Branch, NJ and attended the Long Branch Public Schools. On October 6th, 1997 he was hired by the Long Branch Police Department and attended the New Jersey State Police Academy. Upon graduation of the 197th Municipal Class, he was assigned to the Patrol Division. In 2001, he was assigned to the UEZ Community Policing Unit and worked there until his transfer into the Youth Services Bureau, a division of the Detective Bureau, in 2002. While in the Youth Services Bureau, Det. Simonelli was very involved with youth programs such as PAL and POP Warner, and served as a D.A.R.E. and a G.R.E.A.T. Officer. He has continued to be instrumental to our youth, spending numerous hours in the schools teaching Gang Awareness as well as developing and implementing multiple safety programs, including "Stranger Awareness," "The Truth about Bullying," "Cyber Bullying" and "Bicycle Safety". Most recently, he has been the key presenter of the "Not Even Once" program which teaches the dangers of opioid use.

Detective Simonelli was assigned to the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office Gang Task Force, at various points throughout his career and was involved in a variety of investigations and operations assisting the MCPO such as:

- "Operation Honeycomb": 41 individuals charged & an estimated street value of drugs seized at \$1 million
- "Operation Sweep 4": 50 accused gang members & drug dealers arrested including 22 local members
- "Operation Hats Off": 41 arrested for alleged roles in a gang-affiliated heroin trafficking & local distribution
- "Operation High Life": Seized over 10K bags of heroin for local distribution & 9 individuals arrested
- "Operation Lights Out": 29 arrests of alleged Jersey Shore gang members including members of the Long Branch-based faction of the Bloods dubbed "G-Shine", plus gang associates and seized guns and drugs
- Detective Simonelli also served on the MCPO Internet Crimes against Children Task Force.

He has received numerous commendations throughout his 25-year career including a Medal of Merit from the 200 Club, Exceptional Service Award, Honorable Service Awards, and Unit Citations. He was honored two times as Policeman of the Year in 2014 and 2018.

Det. Simonelli will retire from the LBPD on October 1, 2022. We thank him for his many years of devoted service and wish him nothing but the best in whatever this new chapter may bring for him!





## REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN

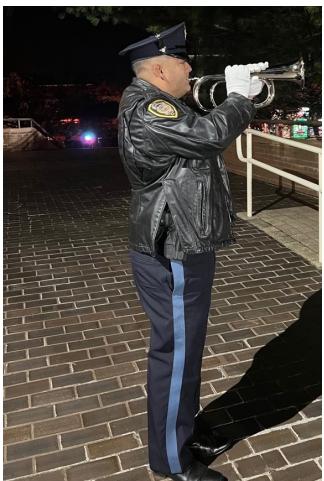
Sergeant Patrick A. King #167

25 Year Remembrance

On November 20, 2022, a ceremony honoring the memory of Detective Sergeant Patrick A. King #167 was held at the Long Branch Police Department's Memorial Wall outside of Police Headquarters.

Detective Sergeant King was shot and killed in the line of duty by a wanted murderer who "vowed that he would not go to prison and decided to kill as many police officers as he could before killing himself."

Chaplains, co-workers from our City as well as county agencies, community members and friends all gathered for a remembrance ceremony of reflection, prayer and a moment of silence. After the ceremony, many met up off-site as bagpipers played and a toast was made in his honor.



## AWARDS



On Thursday, May 19, 2022, The Long Branch Elks Lodge # 742 held their annual Charity Ball. Due to the pandemic, this year's event was for the 117th and 118th ball honorees. Honorees included:



2020 Officer of the Year - Retired Corporal Robert Korn

2021 Officer of the Year - George Thomas "Tom" Olski



Officer Robert Graziano honored by The 200 Club of Monmouth County at their annual awards luncheon on June 24. He was honored for his response to an active fight call at a local restaurant which resulted in the arrest of a fleeing subject and the recovery of a concealed handgun.



Detective Corporal Charles Simonelli honored by the Latino American Association for his "outstanding and invaluable contributions to the community" at their 28th Annual Awards Banquet .



Detective Sergio Chaparro honored as New Jersey Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Law Enforcement Officer of the Year!

Det. Chaparro was one of "two dozen individuals who took part in MCPO's inaugural round of CIT training, which provides an in-depth look at mental illness, behavioral health, developmental disabilities, and their implications for a law-enforcement response during a crisis, with a strong emphasis on de-escalation." He was recognized for utilizing his training to save a life in crisis last summer.



**Sergeant Kimberly Leavy and Officer Dana Page Honored By Shore House at their Beacon of Hope Event on June 2nd, receiving the Wellness Hero Award. To be recognized for their outreach by the Shore House, "a Clubhouse for mental wellness," is community policing at its finest.**



**On April 29th, Sergeant Kimberly Leavy was honored at The Long Branch Public Library's 10th Annual Library Champions Dinner for always going the extra mile to advocate and support the library's services and programs.**



**In December, Class II Special Law Enforcement Officer Guiseppe Alioto accepted a Certificate of Recognition for the City's Gold level Recognition for the NJ Safe Route Program, from EZ RIDE.**

## POLICE UNIONS

The Long Branch Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA) Local #10 and the Superior Officers Association (SOA) Local #10a share in their mission 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 and ordinances, the safeguarding of constitutional rights and guarantees and to 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.



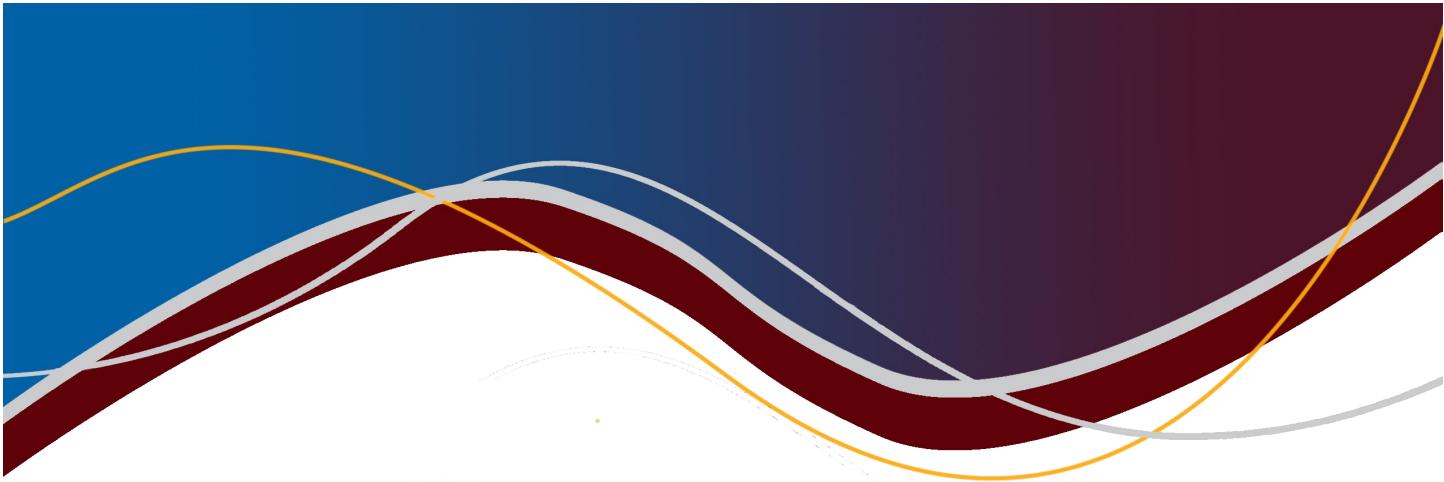
### SOA BOARD

Christopher Hazel, President  
Stanley Mooney, Vice President  
Jorge Silverio, Recording Secretary  
Brian Garrett, Treasurer  
James Beirne, Trustee  
Sam Yoo, Trustee  
Robert Bell, Trustee  
Antonia Gonzalez, Sergeant at Arms



### PBA BOARD

Christopher Gant, President  
Charles Simonelli, Vice President  
Sergio Chaparro, Recording Secretary  
Robert Poss, Treasurer  
Daniel DiLeonardo, Financial Secretary  
Todd Coleman, State Delegate  
Joseph Spitale, Trustee  
Brian Oliveira, Trustee  
Steven Grant-White, Trustee  
Daniel Gould, Sergeant at Arms



**LBPD SOA Local #10a and PBA Local #10 participated in several community-related programs in 2022, including the following:**

- Participated in and donated to the NJ Special Olympics Torch Run in June
- Donated LED light-up rings, necklaces and bracelets, flashlights & other “goodies” for officers to hand out to Trick-or-Treaters on Halloween. The treat theme was “Be Safe, Be Seen! Have a Happy Halloween!”
- In November, officers were permitted to participate in No-Shave November when they pledged a donation to a charity for men’s health. PBA Local #10 made an additional pledge to the charity
- Donated food, money and toys to multiple local charities



# COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENTS



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The annual “National Night Out” event was held in Slocum Park on Tuesday, August 2nd. This event just keeps growing and getting better each year! It spanned both sides of Broadway to include the entire park and the lot across the street! It was packed with fun & games and had a tremendous turnout! This free event included food, refreshments, DJ, Gaga Pit, Dunk Tank, K9 Demo, Child ID’s, Games, Prizes, Giveaways, Inflatables, Touch-A-Truck, Entertainers & More! Special thanks to our many sponsors & our Community Policing Unit who spends countless hours preparing for this event!

## SHOP WITH A COP



Members of the LBPD once again participated in the Shop With A Cop Program! Approximately 50 Long Branch students, along with their families, met with officers and volunteers at Walmart in Neptune to Shop With A Cop for Christmas gifts from their wish list.

Each student had a set budget to spend on whatever they wanted at Walmart. (toys, clothing, electronics, arts & crafts, bicycles, sports equipment, etc.) Officers and volunteers had so much fun with the student shoppers and helped to keep them on budget.

Special thanks to Walmart of Neptune and all who helped make this special event possible!

## COFFEE WITH A COP

Long Branch Police Officers shared coffee & conversation with community members at our annual “National Coffee With A Cop Day” event on October 5th. Thanks to our hosts, Bom de Mais and Miller’s Luncheonette!

Officers pictured are Sgt. Kimberly Leavy, Corporal Marco Rodrigues, Corporal Julio Delacruz and SLEO 2 Officers Ryan Ludwig, Ryan Kroeger & Joseph LaBarca. Also pictured is Mayor Pallone and our new Public Safety Director, William Broughton.



## LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

Members of the LBPD proudly participated in the 39th annual NJ Law Enforcement Torch Run in June, helping to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics New Jersey.



## COLUMBUS DAY PARADE

LBPD officers, including Traffic Bureau members, K9 partners and our Honor Guard participated in the annual Columbus Day parade.



## SAFETY PRESENTATIONS

Our Community Policing Unit organized several safety presentations and training programs for community members including talking to our local seniors about elder fraud and scams and teaching them how to avoid becoming a victim.





SO Mendez had a great time assisting EZ Ride and the Long Branch Elks Lodge # 742 at their Youth Week Bike Safety Event! Members of the LBPD also visited the Elks in May for Family Fun Day!

## HOLIDAY EVENTS

LBPD Officers got a chance to have their photo taken with the Easter Bunny and do some fun crafts with local kids at the Long Branch Arts & Cultural Center. Plus, they met Santa at the City's Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration!



## CITY CONCERTS & EVENTS

LBPD Officers are present at all of our many city events such as the Free Concert Series, Car Shows, Art In the Park, Fun Days, Halloween Pooch Parade, Oceanfest and countless others.



## SCHOOL PROGRAMS & EVENTS



Members of the Long Branch Police, Fire and First Aid departments attended the Career Day Fair at the High School on Friday, April 8, 2022 to talk to the students about careers in Public Safety.



Members of the LBPD, LBFD and Office of Community and Economic Development visited the High School to share information about the new Long Branch Summer Youth Internship Program. The program allows for residential students 14 - 18 to obtain hands-on experience in local government, through a paid internship with the City. Opportunities are available through various offices including the Police Department, Fire Department, Recreation, Public Works, Arts and Cultural Center, Community and Economic Development, Special Events, and the Senior Center.



Members of the Long Branch Police Department participated in Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Day by visiting local classrooms and reading with the kids!



SLEO II's Mendez and DeCristofaro, along with SLEO I's McQuade & Rubino escorted the Gregory school students and staff members by walking and safely crossing them for a fun day at the beach.



Members of the LBPD attended a spelling bee at the Long Branch Middle School with participants from 6th and 7th grades. Congratulations to Winner, Gabriel Simoes, and the 2nd-4th place runners up! Vice Principal Volpe along with Director Saldida, LBPD officers and judges are pictured.

Anastasia School students made care packages for the homeless and Corporal Rodrigues and SLEO 2 Ludwig picked them up from the students and helped distribute them.



Officers Gary Vecchione and Dana Page were thrilled to receive an invite to Ms. Marra's 3rd grade class at Gregory School for Valentine's Day! Hope they liked your Valentine's Day goody bags!

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media allows us to communicate with our community 24/7, keeping them informed of any emergency notifications, events and important news. Additionally, it provides a terrific venue to highlight some of the unique programs, contests and current events we participate in as well as some of the accomplishments of our officers. While our Facebook page is our most visited site, ending the year with over 15.9K followers, we also maintain several other platforms in addition to our website.



**WEBSITE:**  
[longbranch.org/Police](http://longbranch.org/Police)



**NEXTDOOR:**  
[bit.ly/LBPDNextdoor](http://bit.ly/LBPDNextdoor)  
3,504 Followers



**FACEBOOK:**  
[facebook.com/LongBranchPolice](http://facebook.com/LongBranchPolice)  
15, 940 Followers



**NEIGHBORS:**  
[ring.com/neighbors](http://ring.com/neighbors)



**TWITTER:**  
[twitter.com/LongBranchPD](http://twitter.com/LongBranchPD)  
3,953 Followers



**ALERT LONG BRANCH  
(SMART911):**  
[smart911.com](http://smart911.com)

### FUN FACEBOOK FACTS:

#### Highest Reach:

1. 62,945 (October 11th Press Release)
2. 23,572 (September 30th Parkway Work Alert)
3. 22,966 (November 20th DSgt. Pat King memorial)

#### Most Likes:

1. 1,151 (November 20th DSgt. Pat King memorial)
2. 851 (September 30<sup>th</sup> DCpl. Simonelli retirement post)
3. 834 (October 11th Press Release)

Find photos of all the great events & happenings involving #LongBranchPD on our Facebook page!





AND DID WE MENTION?



Long Branch Police, Fire, First Aid and Emergency Services were honored at a Mass hosted by Saint Michael's Church. The "Mass for the First Responders of the City of Long Branch" was held on Sunday, June 5th, at 12:00 noon and was presided over by Father John Butler. Many members of the community joined to pray for and honor these first responders and express their gratitude for their service and sacrifices.



LBPD collaborated with CPC Behavioral Healthcare, Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and HOPE Sheds Light to discuss the best ways to help and provide needed resources and support for individuals and families in our area affected by substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders.



LBPD, in partnership with our local 7-11 stores, brought back the Slurpee Tickets in Summer 2022 after they were halted due to the pandemic. These special tickets are good for one free medium Slurpee and are issued to kids as a reward for wearing their bike helmet. They are also used as a reward for using safe behaviors such as crossing at crosswalks & kids acting as good Samaritans. Our first ticket in 2022 went to this Junior Officer!



### OFFICIAL L.B.P.D. TICKET

Good for 1 Medium Slurpee  
Valid for 1 year from issue date



This Ticket Issued To:

Reason For Ticket:

- Wearing a safety helmet
- Crossing at a crosswalk
- Being a Good Samaritan
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**SAMPLE**



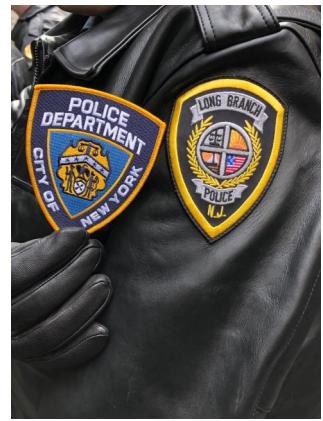
Members of the LBPD had the pleasure of meeting Dawson and his dad, Tony, at Headquarters. Dawson, of Toms River, suffered a traumatic brain injury 3 years ago in a motorcycle accident on Rt. 37 in his home town. Dawson's goal is to visit every police, fire and first aid department in NJ and thank them personally for all they do.

Pictured (L to R) are Officer Morris, Det. Spitale, Sgt. Kennedy, Dawson, Officer Presley and Sgt. Gonzalez

Cpl. Marco Rodrigues & SO Justin Falke proudly represented the LBPD at the Eagle Oaks Country Club's Annual Honor Day on May 26.

"Honor Day is an opportunity to honor and welcome service men and women from all military branches to thank them for their service. The day is dedicated to all the service men and women of the armed forces that have served in the past, are serving today, or will serve in the future."



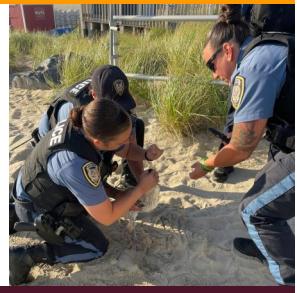


In February, Officers from PBA & SOA Local #10 went to NYC to pay respect and mourn the passing of Officer Wilbert Mora. His bravery & sacrifice will never be forgotten!



**SLEO 2 DeCristofaro at Investors Bank by their Stars of Hope wall.**  
The branch asks clients to leave a message of hope on their stars and then sends them to Stars of HOPE. "In response to tragedies such as mass violence and natural disasters, Stars of HOPE uses art-making in the form of a star to give hope, show compassion, and promote healing."

Officers Page, Adamski & Carroll came to the rescue of a Seagull they found in distress with fish netting wrapped all around its head and neck. They were able to catch it, cut the netting away and safely release it, unharmed!



Our officers love it when our youngest supporters approach them to talk and take photos! Thanks to all the parents that encourage their children to have positive interactions with our officers!



We were excited to once again hold an event for "National Bring Your Child to Work Day", for the first time since 2019, due to the pandemic. On Thursday, April 28th, the LBPD invited Police & City Personnel families to a special event that included some fun activities including:

- Tour of City Hall & PD
- K9 Team Demo
- Animal Control Meet & Greet
- Detective Demo (Fingerprints)
- Explore Police and Fire vehicles
- Group photo of kids & parents
- Pizza & Drinks for lunch
- (Compliments of the LBPD PBA Local #10)
- Goody Bag & Certificate of Participation
- (Signed by Director Saldida, compliments of LBPD)

All attendees, ages 2-14, learned something about what their parents do as employees of the City and, from the looks of the pictures, they seemed to have a good time!

Thanks so much to all who participated, including Business Administrator, George Jackson, Public Safety Director, Domingos Saldida, Capt. Frank Rizzuto who lead the tour, Captain Silverio for arranging the police vehicles, Capt. Bard for his police segway demo, FD Captain Carl Griffin for bringing the fire vehicles, Detectives Oliveira & Poss for the Fingerprint Demo, P.O. Remedios & K9 partner, Ozzy and AC Officer Nagel & partner Tucker, along with other officers!



# LONG BRANCH FIRE DEPARTMENT

## A Fire Fighter's Prayer

When I'm called to duty God wherever flames may rage,  
give me strength to save a life whatever be its age.

Help me to embrace a little child before it is too late,  
or save an older person from the horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert to hear the weakest shout,  
and quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me  
to guard my neighbor and protect his property.

And if according to your will I have to lose my life,  
bless with your protecting hand my children and my wife.





## LETTER FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

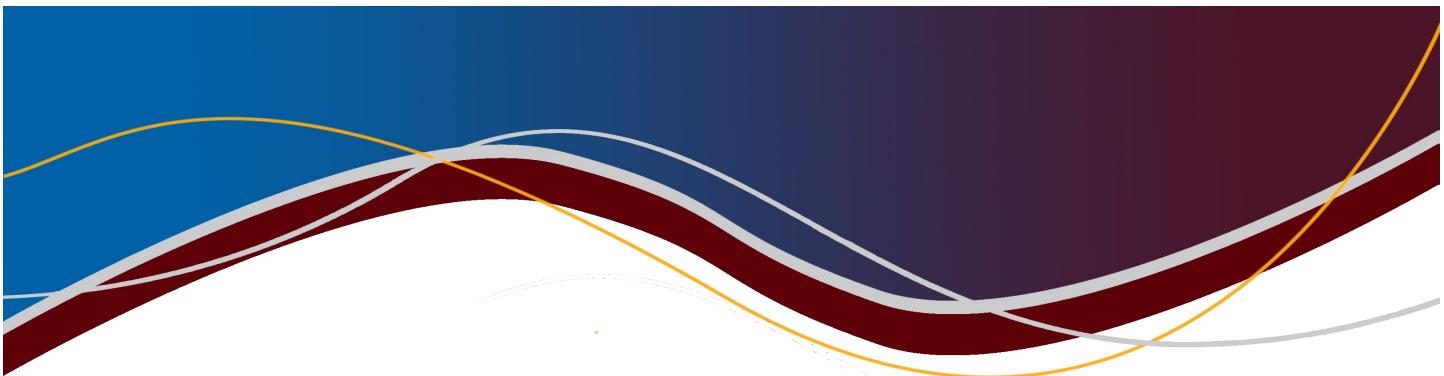
In 2020, the Mayor and Council expressed a desire for the Volunteer membership of the Long Branch Fire Department to become a focus of their support. Membership and participation had declined in the several years leading up to 2020.

I was elected 2nd Assistant Chief in December of 2020 by the membership of the Fire Dept. and assumed office on January 1, 2021, as the sole department Chief. Soon after, another election was held, and Miguel Guarda was elected 2nd Assistant Chief in March 2021. I became first Assistant Chief at that time.

In 2021, focus was given to rebuilding and training members of the Department. Brian Valentino was appointed as Training Officer, and a robust schedule of training commenced. Members who had not been active answering calls came back, and a recruiting effort for new members was commenced. Three members attended the Middletown, NJ Fire Academy and graduated. New drivers were qualified on our trucks. Membership increased on the Volunteer side, and through the support of the Mayor and Council an additional three paid firefighters were hired increasing the number of paid firefighters on 24-hour staffing from four to five.

The year ended with new members on the trucks responding to calls, an additional five members training in the Monmouth County Fire Academy, and several department officers training hard to obtain the training credentials to run for the office of Fire Chief. In December 2021, Harold 'Buster' Bentley an Ex-Chief again stood for election to become 2nd Assistant Chief.

On January 1, 2022, the Long Branch Fire Department had three Chiefs for the 1st time in seven years. Members of the department trained in the thousands of hours and gave additional thousands of hours of free firefighter-power to our city and surrounding communities not only for emergency services but also for community related events.



Also in 2022, one of our junior members (membership is available starting at age 14) started a membership recruitment drive as part of his Eagle Scout project. This allowed the fire department not only the opportunity to recruit new members, but it also allowed us to meet and connect with citizens from all over our city. New members were not only brought into the department, but Joe Valentino, who headed the project, was invited to the NJ State Fire Chief's Association to brief them on this very successful effort.

Several fire companies that did not have a large group of active responding members were consolidated into more active companies. The result has been more members responding to 4 stations. Fire apparatus has been relocated as well. This consolidation allows for better service to the city and a greater number of personnel responding in a group.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize Mayor Pallone, all of the members of the City Council, and Director William Broughton for their support of the Fire Department, both on the volunteer and paid side. Mayor Pallone, who comes from a family of Long Branch Fire-fighters has a vision not only of the department's rich history but also of its bright and important future.

It has been one of my life's great honors to have been Chief, and I will continue to be active in the department into the future.

In short, your fire department has progressed into a more active and responsive agency that continues to respond to our community in times of emergency and participate in making our City a great place to live and visit.

Peter DeLisa  
Fire Chief 2021-2022  
City of Long Branch



## LETTER FROM THE UNIFORMED FIRE DIVISION COMMANDER

On behalf of the Uniformed Fire Division, City of Long Branch Fire Department, it is my pleasure to present the 2022 year in review. This report gives an overview of the service which the Uniformed Division provides to the city day in and out. When fire is a threat, or there is an imminent hazard or threat to life, you may rest assured that your firefighters are highly motivated, well trained, professionally lead, responding in modern fire apparatus with the proper tools, and equipment to do the job safely and efficiently. Beyond our call volume and statistics, I'm proud of the impact our division makes each day. Whether it's taking the time to participate in a community event, providing fire safety education classes to the schools or other organizations within and outside the city or just having an open-door for a resident to ask a question, or a child to see a fire truck, we are here at your service. The division had more than 25 educational visits with an outreach of over 1800 kids and adults. The Uniformed Fire Division has always stepped up when called upon and will continue to do so to help our community when they need it most.

In 2022, through the efforts of the career and volunteers of the city, we responded to 1,581 calls for service ranging from alarms, fires, vehicle crashes, hazardous conditions, and rescues. In addition to calls for service, we also focus on training for the ever changing fire service. We do this by attending numerous classes on the local, state and national platforms. This past year, the division amassed over 2700 man hours of training. With new issues arising in the fire service from alternate fuel vehicles, building materials, health and mental wellness, our firefighters are continuously learning, and with the ongoing development of our city, and the number of visitors increasing, our division will need to continue to adjust.

In closing, it is an absolute honor and privilege to serve as Captain, Uniformed Fire Division for the City of Long Branch and lead such a dedicated group of firefighters each and every day. Together our professional staff remains ever vigilant and committed to promoting the health, safety, and well-being of our community by providing the highest level of services possible. I would be remiss if I did not continue to convey my sincere thanks to the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator and the Public Safety Director for their continued support and commitment to our division, staff, and overall mission of protecting life and property of the City residents and its visitors.

Sincerely,



Captain Carl E. Griffin Sr.

Uniformed Fire Division Commander



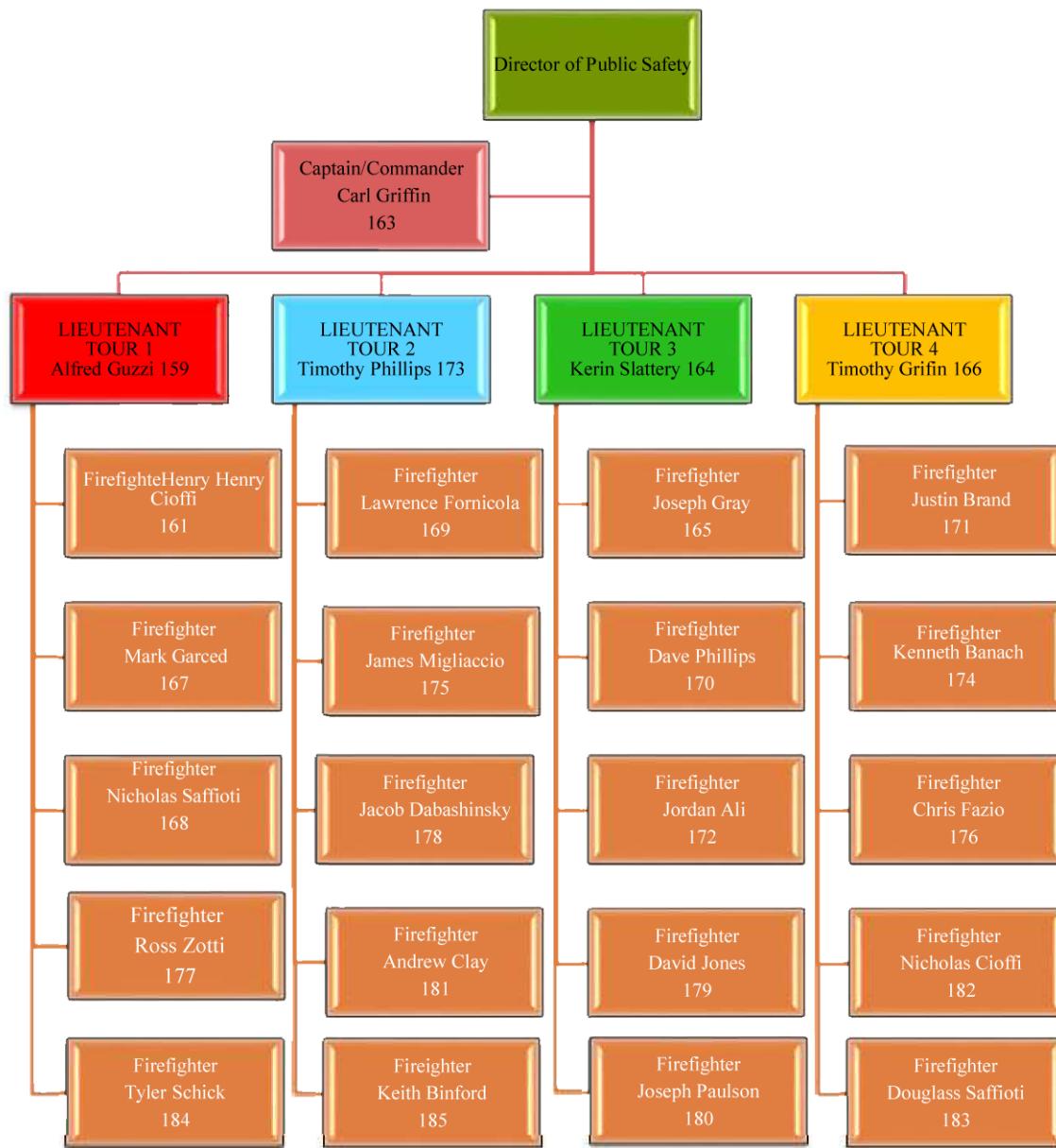
## MISSION STATEMENT

### Responding with Integrity, Serving with Compassion

The City of Long Branch Uniformed 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, professional development, training and public education. Our core values of; Service, Integrity, Bravery and Dedication drive our mission forward every day.



## UNIFORMED FIRE DIVISION TABLE OF ORGANIZATION



## VOLUNTEER FIRE DIVISION

The City of Long Branch has the proud distinction of being the birth place of the first organized fire company in Monmouth County. Prior to this all communities employed the citizen "bucket brigade."

Organized in 1866 the Neptune Hook-Ladder & Hose Company became the 1st organized effort to battle the ravages of fire with a dedicated group of men and a fire apparatus. Their station on Branchport Avenue, now designated as Station 5 is also the home of the Oliver Byron Fire Eng. Co. No. 5 organized in 1890 and the Atlantic Fire Eng. & Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2 organized in 1874. The three consolidated companies operate a 2016 Pierce fire Engine 2575.



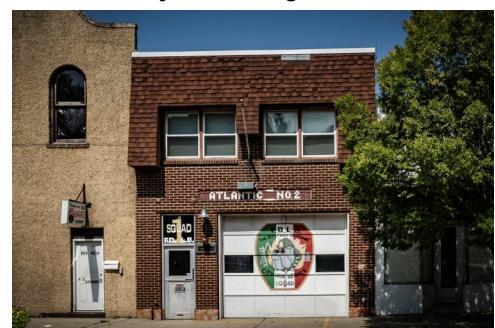
Neptune Hook-Ladder & Hose Co. No. 1

The City's first Municipal Building built c. 1873 on Norwood Ave is the current home of the Oceanic Fire Eng. Co. No. 1 organized in 1872, the Phil Daly Hose Co. No. 2 organized 1889 and the Independent Eng. & Truck Co. No. 2 organized in 1910. Out of this station the three consolidated companies operate Rescue 2585 and a Smeal fire Engine 2573. It now carries the designation as Station 6.



Oliver Byron Fire Engine Co. No. 5

The Branchport Hose Company No. 3 located on Branchport Ave also now designated as Station 2 was organized in 1905 when the hamlet of Branchport was annexed into the City. They currently operate an E-Onefire Engine 2572.



Atlantic Fire Engine & Hook-Ladder Co. No. 2

The Elberon Engine Co. No. 4 located on Lincoln Ave is now designated as Station 3. Organized in 1890, the Engine has been relocated to Station 6 where it can serve the community better but the station is still the home of the Elberon EMS which is very active. Fire-fighters of the Elberon Eng. Company still have access to the fire engine which has been relocated.



Elberon Engine Co. No. 4



Branchport Hose Company No. 3



Oceanic Fire Eng. Co. No. 1  
Phil Daly Hose Co. No. 2  
Independent Eng. & Truck Co. No. 2



West End Engine Co. No. 3

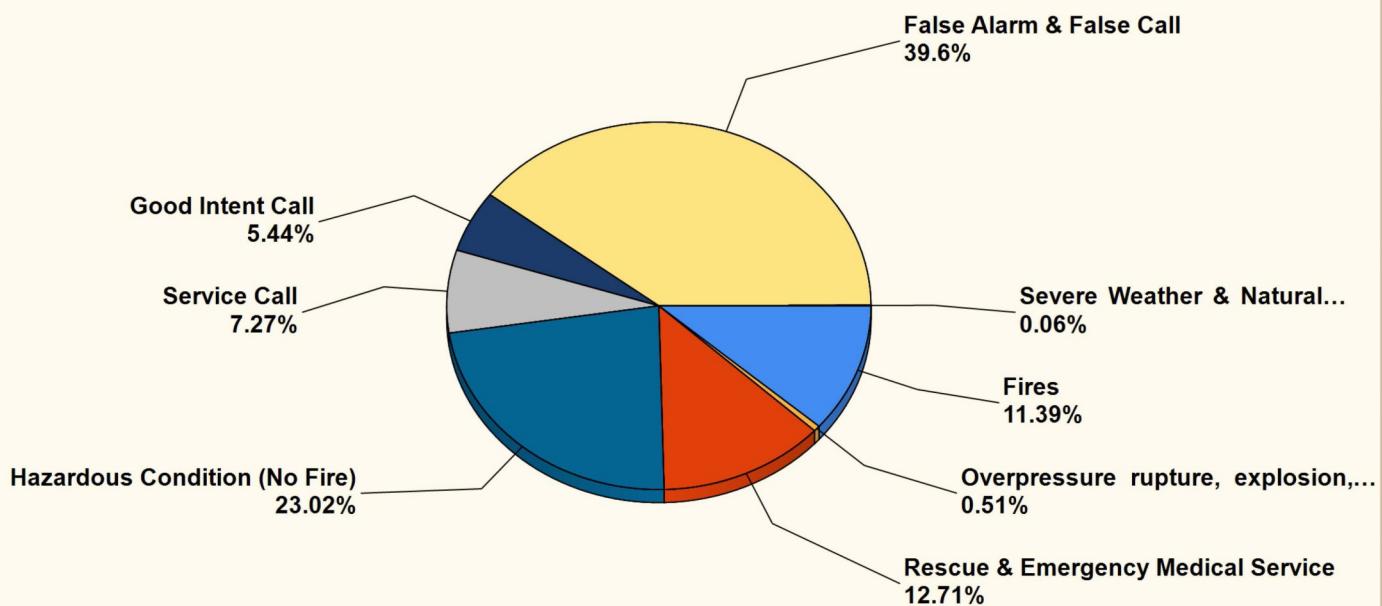


As of 2022, our Volunteer Fire Division has approximately 30 active volunteers on the roster including the Chief, 1st Assistant Chief and 2nd Assistant Chief, who work alongside our Uniformed Fire Division. Additionally, we have a Fire Police Unit which has nine members and three vehicles.

The Fire Police respond to calls mutually with the fire department and assist with traffic control, keeping the scene free from obstructing vehicles and vehicles that are not authorized to enter the area. Fire Police serve a crucial and intricate part in ensuring our firefighters' safety by controlling traffic matters at the fire scene. Their work prevents vehicles from injuring our firefighters by striking them or running over water supply hose which could damage the hose and trap firefighters within a dangerous structure with minimal water pressure. In addition to responding to fire calls, they are specifically requested to assist the Police Department with traffic control in emergencies and for community events. They are also part of a Monmouth County Fire Police Mutual Aid Agreement and often assist other jurisdictions with traffic control.



## FIRE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	180	11.39%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheating - no fire	8	0.51%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	201	12.71%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	364	23.02%
Service Call	115	7.27%
Good Intent Call	86	5.44%
False Alarm & False Call	626	39.6%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1	0.06%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1581</b>	<b>100%</b>

## DETAILED BREAKDOWN BY INCIDENT TYPE

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
100 - Fire, other	2	0.13%
111 - Building fire	32	2.02%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	58	3.67%
116 - Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	1	0.06%
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	5	0.32%
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	10	0.63%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	15	0.95%
142M - Mulch fire	34	2.15%
151 - Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	14	0.89%
154 - Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	7	0.44%
162 - Outside equipment fire	2	0.13%
200 - Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat other	1	0.06%
212 - Overpressure rupture of steam boiler	1	0.06%
240 - Explosion (no fire), other	1	0.06%
251 - Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	5	0.32%
300 - Rescue, EMS incident, other	1	0.06%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	13	0.82%
320 - Emergency medical service, other	1	0.06%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1	0.06%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	86	5.44%
323 - Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	1	0.06%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	26	1.64%
331 - Lock-in (if lock out , use 511 )	3	0.19%
350 - Extrication, rescue, other	1	0.06%
351 - Extrication of victim(s) from building/structure	2	0.13%
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	2	0.13%
353 - Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	52	3.29%
357 - Extrication of victim(s) from machinery	2	0.13%
363 - Swift water rescue	2	0.13%
364 - Surf rescue	7	0.44%
365 - Watercraft rescue	1	0.06%
400 - Hazardous condition, other	2	0.13%
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	3	0.19%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	54	3.42%
413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	6	0.38%
421 - Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)	1	0.06%
422 - Chemical spill or leak	1	0.06%
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	34	2.15%
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	3	0.19%
441 - Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	5	0.32%
442 - Overheated motor	6	0.38%
443 - Breakdown of light ballast	2	0.13%
444 - Power line down	181	11.45%
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	11	0.7%
461 - Building or structure weakened or collapsed	7	0.44%
462 - Aircraft standby	28	1.77%
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	19	1.2%
480 - Attempted burning, illegal action, other	1	0.06%
511 - Lock-out	5	0.32%
520 - Water problem, other	1	0.06%
522 - Water or steam leak	63	3.98%
531 - Smoke or odor removal	1	0.06%
542 - Animal rescue	5	0.32%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	9	0.57%
552 - Police matter	1	0.06%

#### Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
553 - Public service	7	0.44%
554 - Assist invalid	2	0.13%
555 - Defective elevator, no occupants	2	0.13%
561 - Unauthorized burning	3	0.19%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	16	1.01%
600 - Good intent call, other	9	0.57%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	4	0.25%
621 - Wrong location	2	0.13%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	11	0.7%
631 - Authorized controlled burning	4	0.25%
641 - Vicinity alarm (incident in other location)	4	0.25%
650 - Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke, other	1	0.06%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	37	2.34%
652 - Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	8	0.51%
653 - Smoke from barbecue, tar kettle	4	0.25%
671 - HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	2	0.13%
710 - Malicious, mischievous false call, other	4	0.25%
714 - Central station, malicious false alarm	1	0.06%
721 - Bomb scare - no bomb	1	0.06%
730 - System malfunction, other	1	0.06%
731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	10	0.63%
732 - Extinguishing system activation due to malfunction	1	0.06%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	12	0.76%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	10	0.63%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	18	1.14%
740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	5	0.32%
741 - Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	4	0.25%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	536	33.9%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	4	0.25%
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	19	1.2%
815 - Severe weather or natural disaster standby	1	0.06%
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS:</b>	<b>1581</b>	<b>100%</b>

## TRAINING

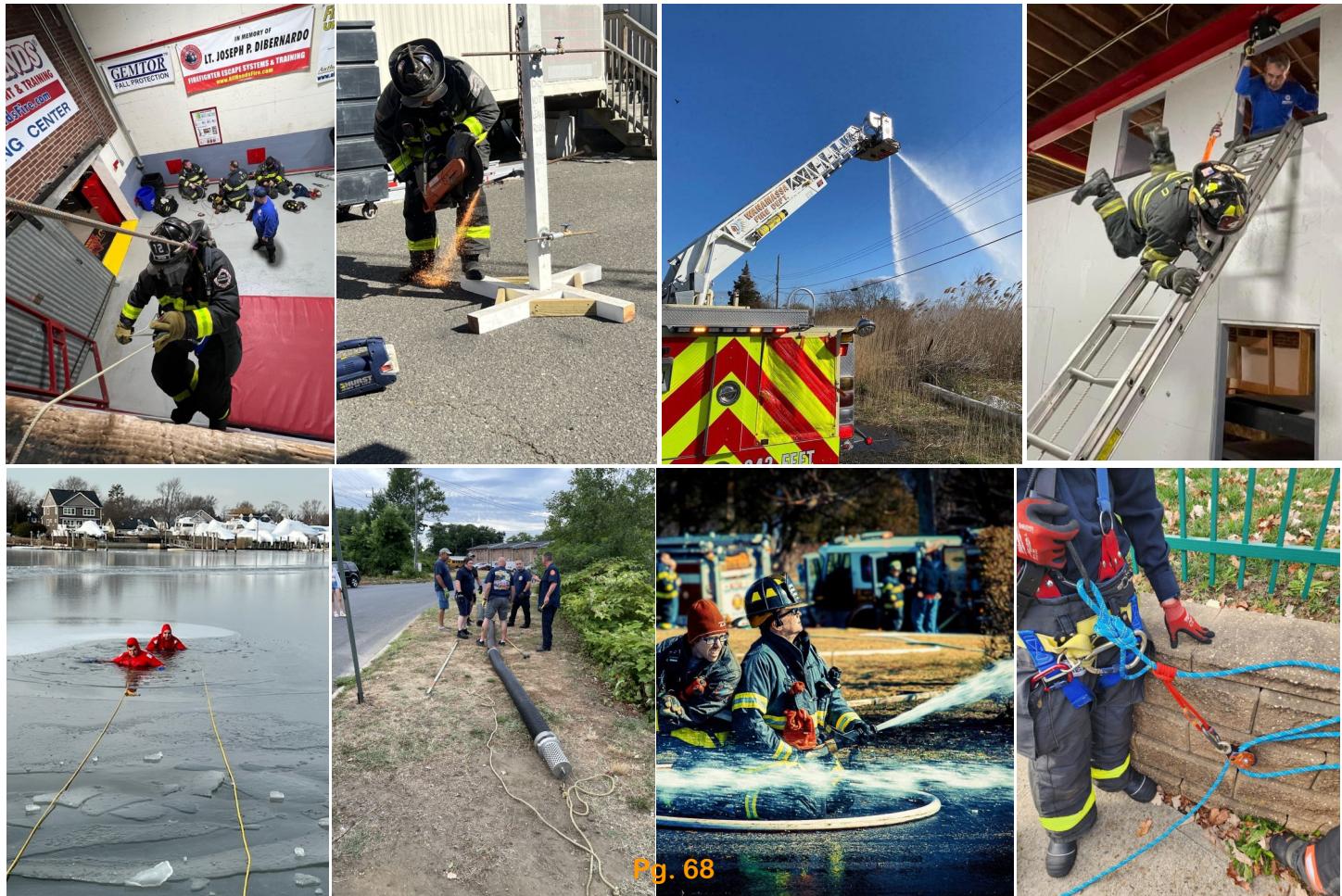


In addition to the rigorous training that our members complete in the Fire Academy, they are responsible for additional training courses and frequent recertification. Both career and volunteer firefighters attend countless hours of training throughout the year both in-house, with mutual aid, and at various fire academies. Many firefighters attend additional training for the use of equipment and specialized teams. A few examples include cold water/ice rescue operations, master stream operators, firefighter escape systems and confined space training.

In 2022, The Division of Training started a pilot training program entitled “Fire Officer Development for Company Commanders.” This 52-hour course consists of thirteen different tracks, each addressing a core function of the demanding jobs held by firefighters in the city. Examples of topics include Firefighter Safety & Risk Management, Delivery of Emergency Services, Human Resources, and Budgeting and Financial Management.

The course consisted of both classroom and practical instruction. Firefighters toured city facilities, pre-planned fire department resource allocation at key locations throughout the community, discussed fire department culture and strategic planning, and the future of the fire service. Unlike other fire officer training programs, this course was designed specifically for the City of Long Branch and how our local government and fire service operates.

Thirteen volunteers began the course and five completed the entire syllabus earning their training certificate at the annual department training graduation and awards ceremony in December.



# FIRE DEPARTMENT MILESTONES

## NEW FIREFIGHTERS



Douglas Saffioti-5/1/22

Tyler Schick-5/1/22

## PROMOTIONS



Timothy Griffin promoted to Lieutenant- 5/1/22



Keith Binford- 9/1/22



Timothy Phillips promoted to Lieutenant- 9/1/22

## RETIREMENTS



Lieutenant Jason Smuro # 156 and Firefighter Ronald Cattelona #160 retired 5/1/22

Lieutenant James Cook #157  
retired 9/1/2022

## NEW FIRE CHIEFS

New Fire Chiefs serve a one year term and a new chief takes office annually. In December, Brian Budd was Elected Second Assistant Chief and was officially sworn in, along with new Fire Chief Miguel Guarda and First Assistant Fire Chief Harold Bentley on January 1, 2023. Chief Peter DeLisa was issued his Ex-Chief badge at the January 1, ceremony.



## AWARDS

On Thursday, May 19, 2022, The Long Branch Elks Lodge # 742 held their annual Charity Ball. Due to the pandemic, this year's event was for the 117th and 118th ball honorees. Here are the firefighters who were honored



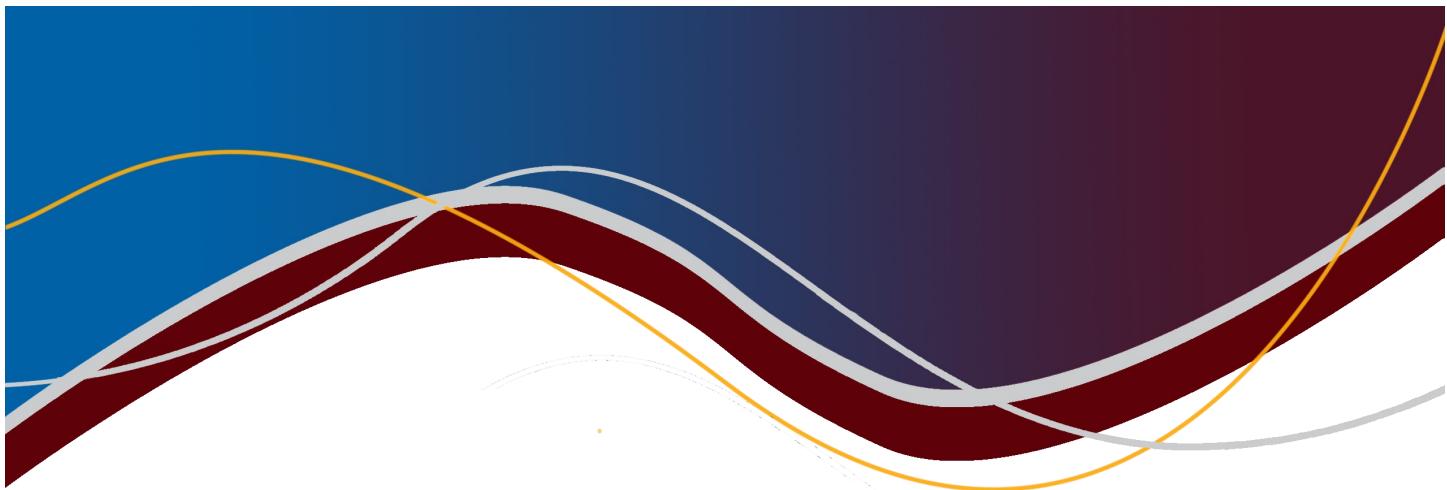
2020

UFD Fire Fighter Timothy Phillips & VFD Ex-Captain Brian Budd



2021

Fire Fighter Ronald Cattelona, VFD Ex-Captain Larry Smith



The annual Training Graduation and Award Ceremony held in December recognized the following members.

- Chief Elect Brian Budd accumulated over 400 hours of training earning him the prestigious John F. Kiely Award.
- The Armand F. Guzzi Award for lifetime achievement in the LBFD was awarded to Ex-Chief Sebastian "Sam" Tomaine.
- The top five responders for the year were Bryan Wartel, Larry Smith, Ashleigh Layton, Fred Crum and Randy Thorne.
- The top responder for the Fire Police was Tom Corsentino.
- Arthur Green was recognized for his lifetime of service to the department.
- Two new members, Fred Crum and Justin Ward, were recognized for their hard work.
- Director of Public Safety William Broughton was recognized and spoke briefly to the membership.
- Training Division Captain Brian Valentino, who has done an outstanding job leading the effort to bring the department back to a ready status over the past two years was also recognized.



# FIRE UNION

## FMBA LOCAL #68



Tim Phillips—President

Larry Fornicola—Vice President

Joe Gray—Secretary

Joe Paulson—Treasurer

Tim Griffin—Delegate

The Long Branch Fire Department is a combination fire department consisting of both paid and volunteer components. The career staff is made up of 25 members who are divided into four shift tours and work 24 hours on 72 off. The Uniform Division Captain runs day to day operations and works a Monday to Friday schedule. The career staff is known as the Uniform Firefighters Division and is represented by the New Jersey Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association (FMBA) and are designated as Local 68. The Long Branch Fire Department responds to an average 1600 calls for assistance each year. The career staff members all started as volunteer firefighters and chose to pursue firefighting as a vocation. The career and volunteer members work side by side to provide fire protection to Monmouth County's largest city.

FMBA Local 68 established a Charitable Trust Fund 19 years ago to provide assistance to city based organizations or individuals in need. Over the years the Trust has provided 3 yearly scholarships for the Long Branch High School, assisted numerous local sports programs, provided assistance to families after a fire loss, prepared and served Holiday Dinners to local charity groups, held an annual "Food Drive" for the local food banks, raising money for the Breast Center at Monmouth Medical Center, a block party/BBQ for the neighborhood, and finally, an annual "Cigar Dinner" at Rooney's Oceanfront Restaurant. This one night event and a yearly mailer provides us the means to give back to the community and do all of this. Most recently we donated 15k to the beach front with the first all handicap accessible beach area in the county. These are just a few of the many beneficiaries of the FMBA Local 68. Aside from providing 24 hour a day seven day a week emergency service coverage to the citizens of Long Branch, FMBA Local 68 is dedicated to helping better the community for the citizens of the City of Long Branch.



# FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENTS

Firefighters organize and participate in a wide variety of community events throughout the year. Below is a list of just a few of the events that they participated in during 2022.

MLK Ceremonies

Easter Bunny runs around town

Egg Hunts and Easter events in the City

Memorial Day Ceremonies within the City

Department wide BBQ conducted in the summer

National Night Out

Oceanfest and other firework displays

Senator Vin Gopal's Community Fair

Community Cyclists escort and Welcome

Columbus Day Parade

Santa runs around town

Christmas events such as the annual Tree Lighting

Menorah Lightings

Annual Fire Department Awards Ceremony

Polar Plunges

Various touch a truck events

Community Fun Days





Countless hours are spent with local students and youth organizations by both the career and volunteer firefighters teaching fire safety and prevention. Firefighters visit students at their schools for presentations and often give tours and safety presentations at fire houses and headquarters. Additionally, firefighters attend local career fairs, participate in internship programs and visit the schools for various community programs throughout the year.



## FIRE DEPARTMENT IN ACTION



## It's not always all about fires!

The fire department is called for cases that involve hazardous conditions and respond to many automobile accidents, specifically in cases where extrication is required utilizing hydraulic rescue tools, commonly referred to as the Jaws of Life, and when a car fire is present or possible.



Long Branch Firefighters are often called to assist with some very interesting animal calls. In 2022, a few of these involved rescuing ducks from a sewer and a cat stuck in a chimney, below floor level, which required some heavy machinery to remedy. The operation took almost an hour and the crew operated with the utmost professionalism and respect for the homeowner, who was present the entire time. Damage to the chimney was minimal and the animal was unharmed during the operation.



## AND DID WE MENTION?

LBFD Junior Firefighter Joseph Valentino planned and executed the first-ever comprehensive volunteer firefighter recruitment drive to complete his community service project for promotion to Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America. On 14 different days in the Fall, he organized more than 50 volunteers, Scouts and community members to hand deliver recruiting information to homes across the city as well as during community parades and events. This was followed up by four open houses at city fire stations. More than 720 hours of effort went into this drive which produced about 16 viable candidates—a testament to just how difficult it is to recruit new volunteer firefighters.



The members of LBFD would like to thank the Long Branch Elks Lodge 742 for their generous donation of two NRS Swift Water Rescue suits to the department.

Pictured: Mayor John Pallone, Public Safety Director Saldida, Division Commander Griffin, FMBA Local #68 members, and Elks Lodge #742 members.



Prince was bestowed Honorary Membership in the Department. He was issued a badge with Bridal from the company. This handsome fellow, is a 15 year old Percheron Draft Horse who stands 17 hands and is supplied to the company by William Milius, one of his owners . Prince resides in Jackson NJ at the horse farm.



## AMERICAN RESUE PLAN FIREFIGHTER GRANT

Through this program, fire departments can request support for key equipment to ensure that they are properly equipped to combat the combined threats of COVID-19 and other emergency response calls.

### Eligible Projects

- Turnout gear and personal protective equipment
- Cleaning and advanced cleaning equipment
- SCBA and Oxygen equipment

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) awarded \$38,000 to the City of Long Branch Fire Department. The award, part of the American Rescue Plan - Firefighter Grant, considered factors such as city population, equipment needed, and number of firefighters. This grant will help ensure Long Branch Firefighters, both uniform and volunteer, secure the proper fire protection apparatus, along with updated cleaning and sanitizing machines needed to maintain their safety.



Members of the Fire Department really get into the holiday spirit! They take part in all City holiday events and even help to light the menorah in Pier Village and drive Santa around the City to wave to all the kids each year!

Photos, events and information about the LBFD can be found on official City social media pages:



LongBranchCity



LongBranchPolice



LongBranchPD



visitlongbranch

Volunteers maintain a Facebook Group:



Long Branch N.J. Firefighters Group

[facebook.com/groups/1124643557963372](https://facebook.com/groups/1124643557963372)

The FMBA maintains a Facebook and Instagram page:



LB FMBA Local 68:

LongBranchFire



@longbranchfire

## SPECIAL THANKS



A huge thanks to Al Williams (left) for all he has done for the City of Long Branch! Al works tirelessly, on a volunteer basis, to photograph most City, Fire Department and Police Department events. He has been instrumental in documenting the history of our City, including fire calls, parades, National Night Out, Bring Your Child to Work Day, Oceanfest, Tree Lightings, Santa Runs, Easter Bunny Runs, holiday events, LBFD's BBQ & Movie Night and so many other events. Additionally, he has preserved City history through his amazing photography for the City Firehouses, Engines, and other City property. We always know we can count on Al to photograph an event and we are extremely grateful for his help and talent! His work was instrumental in the creation of this report.

All photographs were used with permission wherever photographers were known. Some photos were taken directly from city social media sites and the photographers are unknown.

Thanks to all photographers who allowed us to use their work!

6abc Action News-WPVI	Danna Kawut	Brian Oliveira
William Bahamonde	Joseph Kennedy	Dana Page
Sergio Chaparro	Kimberly Leavy	Robert Poss
Lance Fanning	The Link News	Christopher Remedios
Brian Garrett	Monmouth Co. Prosecutor's Office	Robert Shamrock
Carl Griffin	Monmouth Co. Sheriff's Office	Richard Thompson
Miguel Guarda	Susan Moore	Al William
Kelly Hughes	Deb Nagel	

The 2022 Annual Report was compiled and produced in 2023 by Kelly Hughes under the direction of Director of Public Safety William Broughton

