

# PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT



2018  
Annual Report

*KENNETH R. EHRENBERG  
CHIEF OF POLICE*

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# PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

**“WE SERVE”  
“SERVIMUS”**

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Paramus Police Department is committed to preserving the peace, upholding the law and providing quality service in partnership with our community.

We are committed to respecting individual rights, human dignity and the value of all members of the community and the Police Department.

We are guided by the principle that every individual has dignity and worth, and we must show respect for the citizens we serve as well as for the men and women of the Paramus Police Department. The Department recognizes the value and importance of its employees and will ensure that all employees are treated equitably and fairly. We encourage our employees and the community to achieve their greatest potential in an atmosphere that promotes communication, creativity, and participation.

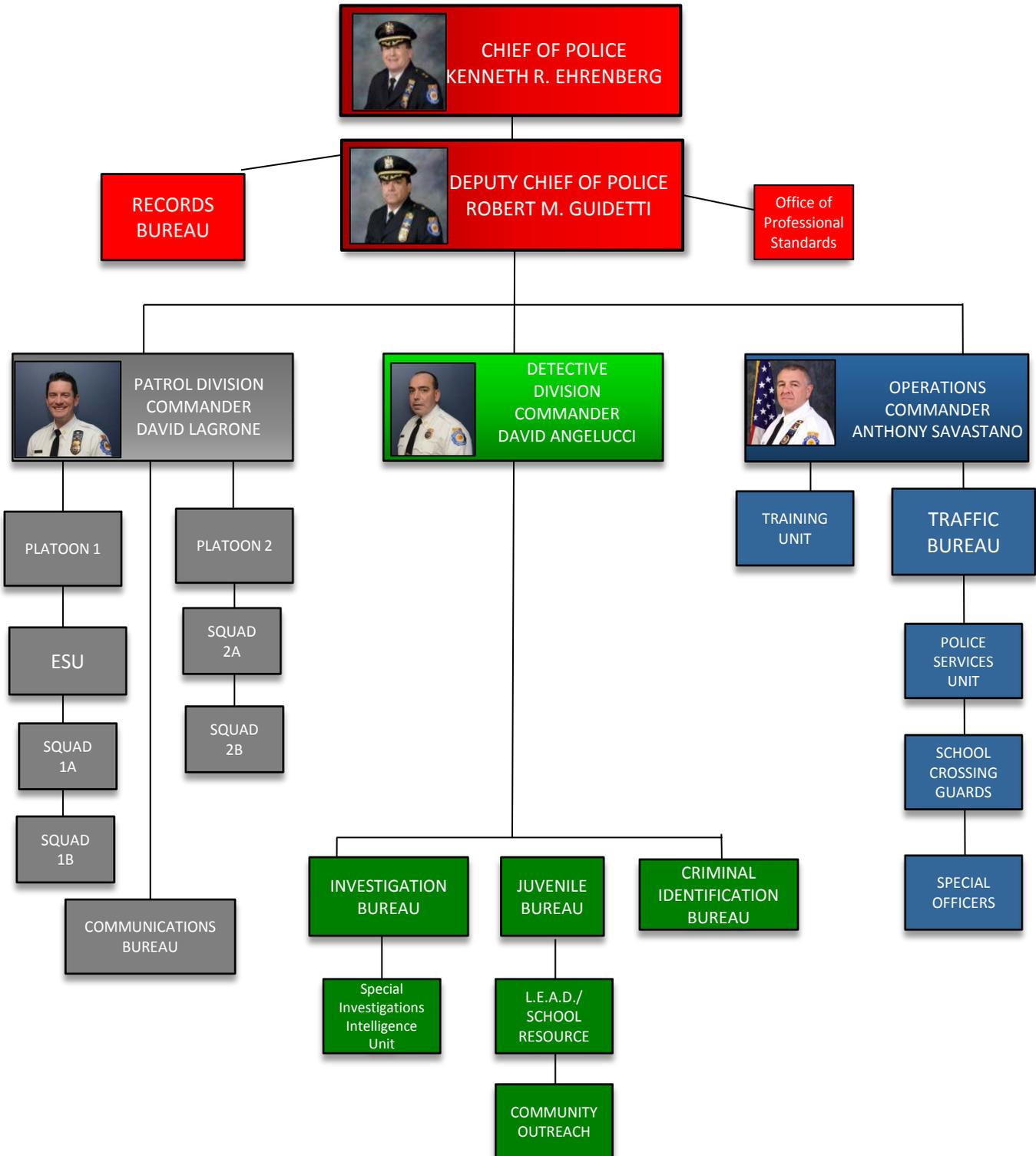
We are committed to nurturing the public trust by holding ourselves accountable to the highest standards of professionalism and ethics.

We are committed to providing the highest quality of professional law enforcement service to the community with the goal of enhancing the quality of life in the Borough of Paramus.

We are committed to empowering our members and the community to resolve problems by creating an environment that encourages a solution that addresses the needs of the community.

We endorse the philosophy of community policing as a means of concentrating the attention, resources, and groups in the community, at all levels in the Police Department and throughout all departments of our local government.

# OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE ADMINISTRATION



# OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE



The Paramus Police Department is pleased to report that crime rates remained flat, at historic lows, during 2018. Burglaries were down 17 %, down from 29 to 24 total burglaries. Motor vehicle thefts were down 10 % from 31 vehicle thefts to 28 thefts. Other thefts, which include shoplifting, decreased by 7% during the year. On the negative side, we experienced 3 sexual assaults in 2018 up from 0 in 2017. All of these assaults involved persons who knew each other. Robberies also increased from a total of 7 in 2017 to 12 in 2018. Most of these robberies were shoplifting incidents where physical force was used or threatened. There were no murders or arsons reported in 2018.

We attribute these low numbers to the proactive and aggressive work by our department which focuses its attention on known felons. The Paramus Police Department utilizes Intelligence lead policing to track where and when these crimes are occurring. We have partnered with a litany of agencies including the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, New Jersey State Police, New York City Police department, Newark Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Drug Enforcement Administration to share intelligence and information. Paramus participates on full time Task Forces with the FBI, DEA and Prosecutors Office. Criminals know no borders, with Paramus' criminals also committing other crimes throughout the Tri State Area.

The heroin and opioid problem still plagues Paramus and the country at large. The Paramus Police Department places a strong emphasis and commits huge resources to fighting this scourge on three levels, Education, Treatment and Enforcement. Every Paramus Patrol Officer carries Narcan which was used to revive 19 persons in 2018. The Borough did experience 2 fatal overdoses during the year down from 4 that occurred in 2017. The Police Department continues to operate the Heroin Addiction Response Team (HART) and conducts walk-in hours every Wednesday. In 2018 the Paramus HART Program was able to place 11 addicts into initial treatment. The Department also continues to teach the successful "Not Even Once Program" an anti-opioid course for our high school students as well as our L.E.A.D. Program for our middle school students. Along with these, our Department sponsors Operation Medicine Drop where persons can dispose of dangerous narcotics 24 hours every day. The Paramus Police Department also partners with the Bergen County Prosecutors Office in the "Helping Hands Program" which sends officers into the drug selling areas and arrests suspects as they are buying heroin. These arrestees are then offered medical treatment in lieu of criminal charges.

The Department is also responsible for many other tasks not associated with narcotics. The Police Traffic Safety Unit continues to upgrade school and pedestrian crossing zones. Stony Lane School was upgraded in 2018 and our Rapid Flasher Crossing System was installed there.

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Plans are being finalized to add Rapid Flashers to 4 more crosswalks in 2019. The Traffic Safety Unit is also working hard with its partners on planning improvements to intersections at Howland and Forest Avenues, Midland and Forest Avenues, and Ridgewood Avenue and Roosevelt Boulevard along with other problem locations.

In December 2018 we were pleased that the Mayor and Council hired 6 additional officers for our force which now stands at 94 sworn personnel. In 2018, the Mayor and Council also promoted two officers to the position of acting detective. We had 2 retirements in 2018, Captain Anthony Savastano left after 30 years of service and Sergeant Michael Guglielmo retired from injuries caused by an on duty motor vehicle crash. The Borough also hired 6 Class I Special Officers. These officers assist with court duties, traffic control, and crowd control. They also patrol our Borough parks and schools in order to prevent vandalism and other incidents.

Paramus continues to be the recipient of a Federal Department of Justice COPS Grant valued at \$625,000, given over three years. Paramus also receives a New Jersey Safe and Secure Grant valued at \$60,000 per year to enhance school security. The Police Department also is actively involved in shared services agreements with numerous communities. The Paramus Police Department answers 9-1-1 for ten other agencies, with each agency paying a per-resident fee. Paramus also operates a state of the art firearms training center which brought in over \$100,000 of gross revenue in 2018. The Paramus Police Records Unit by partnering with Car Fax also received \$20,000 in revenue from traffic accident report distribution. In addition police service agreements with Suez Water, PSE&G, Verizon, Optimum and others brought in net revenue of over \$305,000.

In 2018, the Paramus Police Department continued to remain active with its calls for service. The most notable event was the May 17th school crash involving a bus from the East Brook Middle School which caused the death of a student and teacher. The Paramus Police Department responded to the scene and became vigorously involved for many months. Paramus Officers provided material support for the families of the deceased and all of those injured in the crash. They provided rides for victims and family members and stayed with families to offer support while in the hospital and at home when needed.

Our next unusual event was the crash of a single engine Moony aircraft at the Paramus Golf Course on December 9. In this incident we were lucky that the victims only received minor injuries after the pilot almost made a perfect landing on the 9<sup>th</sup> fairway of the course. During the week of June 25th the Paramus Police Department sponsored and held its first Junior Police Academy which afforded several dozen Paramus youth the chance to experience what it's like to be a police officer. The academy was a huge success and will be held again in 2019.

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In July, Detectives from the Paramus Police and Bergen County Prosecutor's Office smashed a residential burglary ring responsible for numerous burglaries throughout the area. Four suspects were taken into custody in this month long operation.

The Borough of Paramus hosted the Northern Trust PGA Golf Tournament during the week of August 20. Planning for the event had started in January and culminated in an extremely successful and enjoyable week with no negative issues at all.

In October, Detectives from the Paramus Police Department Special Investigations Unit and the New York City Police Department arrested two men involved a year long string of burglaries to jewelry stores such as Kay Jewelers and Nordstrom's throughout the Tri State area. The suspects had stolen several hundred thousand dollars' worth of jewelry during their spree.

2018 ended on a sad note for the Paramus Police Department when our 2016 Police Chief of the Day, Neha Ann Kurian passed away after a lengthy illness. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with her family.

For 2019, the outlook for the Paramus Police Department remains optimistic that crime rates will remain low. We will continue to explore all avenues to cut overall crime within the Borough. Officers will continue to proactively patrol and work with residents and business owners to deter crime. The Department will continue to emphasize school safety and the protection of our students. The Department hopes to cut auto theft again this year by educating residents not to leave their vehicle fobs in their car and to lock their cars and homes at night. Our Traffic Safety Unit will continue aggressive enforcement as well as work with planners on designing and improving the roads and intersections in the Borough. This is a crucial time to make improvements as several large projects such as the new Valley Hospital come to fruition. The Department will also be exploring new ways to combat the heroin/opioid crisis in order to save lives and reduce crime. We thank the Mayor and Council and all of our residents for their continued unwavering support for the Paramus Police Department.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth R. Ehrenberg".

Kenneth R. Ehrenberg  
Chief of Police

Member of Bergen County Chiefs Association  
New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police  
International Association of Chiefs of Police  
Member of New Jersey State Bar  
Accredited Command Executive – N.J.S.A.C.O.P

# OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE ADMINISTRATION



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**DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE  
ROBERT M. GUIDETTI**

The Paramus Police Department is the primary law enforcement agency for the 10.67 square miles that comprises the Borough of Paramus. Paramus, the hub of Bergen County, contains over 8,200 residential and 2,500 commercial properties. Three major highways; Route 17, Route 4 and the Garden State Parkway, bisect the borough. Paramus is 6 miles west of the George Washington Bridge and Upper Manhattan, 3 miles east of the City of Paterson and approximately 17 miles north of Newark.

Paramus is a mix of well-maintained residential homes and a thriving commercial sector consisting of three major shopping centers and hundreds of other smaller businesses. The largest commercial property is the Westfield Garden State Plaza Center that is over 2.5 million square feet in size with over 300 individual stores and a 16-plex movie theater.

Paramus is the home of Bergen Community College, four high schools and over 30 private and public places of learning. While Paramus' residential population is approximately 26,880, its workplace population is over 55,000 and the total population, including transients and shoppers, may be closer to 300,000 on certain days.

The administrative function of the Department is handled through the Office of the Chief of Police. This includes the Chief, Deputy Chief and one confidential secretary. The Records Bureau and the Office of Professional Responsibility (Internal Affairs) report directly to the Chief's Office. The Office of the Chief is responsible for implementing policy, directives and general orders. The Chief's Office also plans, organizes and directs major incidents and events that take place within the borough. The Chief and Deputy Chief are also responsible for developing and communicating the vision, mission, and strategies of the Department.

Administration is responsible for developing, implementing and regulating the Department's budget, asset forfeiture and grant applications. The Office of the Chief is also tasked with media relations, liaison to other borough agencies, and other law enforcement agencies at the local, state and federal level. The administration is responsible for all aspects of the Department and has overall command of the Patrol Division, Detective Division and the Operations Division. This includes asset allocation and the overall strategic planning of the Department ensuring our services always reflect the core values of respect, professionalism, dedication and leadership. Our employees strive daily to serve our community tirelessly and efficiently with the utmost integrity and compassion. They do this effortlessly as they work closely with our residents, schools, businesses, and visitors dealing with many issues that impact all aspects of our community. I am often impressed by the manner in which the officers, auxiliary officers and the volunteers of the Borough of Paramus execute their service by going above and beyond what's expected from them. From incredible acts of heroism to simple acts of kindness, they ensure the highest level of service possible. We are truly fortunate as a police department to have incredible support from our community, Borough management and elected officials and it is through that trust and support that our employees are able to achieve great motivation and success. I would like to thank every employee and volunteer of the Department for their unwavering dedication to serving our community.

Robert Guidetti  
Deputy Chief of Police

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# OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

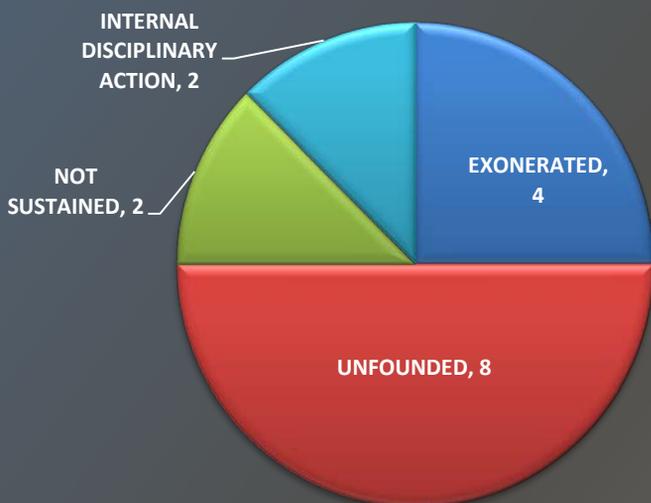
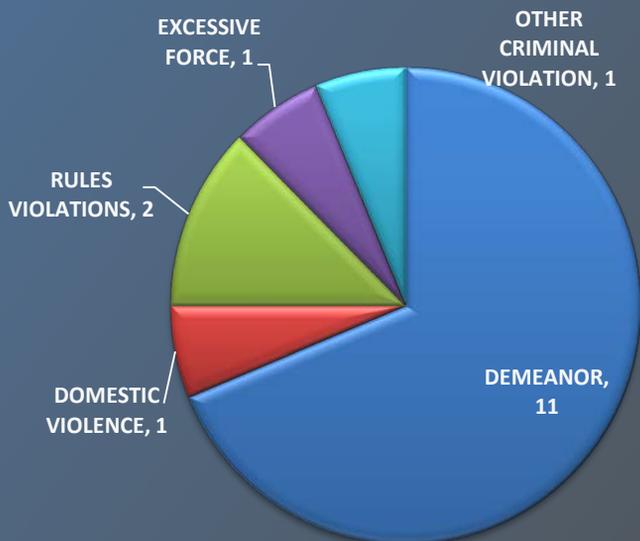
The Office of Professional Standards is tasked with making sure that the Paramus Police Department upholds the law in a fair, just and professional manner. The unit is responsible to verify that all people who come in contact with the Paramus Police Department are treated equally under the law. The members of the Department understand that their credibility and the respect shown to them by the general public, is contingent on their day to day interactions with our citizens. The Office of Professional Standards is broken into two separate but intertwined functions, the Internal Affairs element and the Policy and Procedure element.

The Internal Affairs function is responsible for investigating all allegations of misconduct by any member of the department. They also investigate officer involved shootings and civil claims made against the Department. The unit is committed to upholding the integrity of the department and maintaining community confidence in its police force. Internal Affairs officers investigated 16 complaints in 2018.

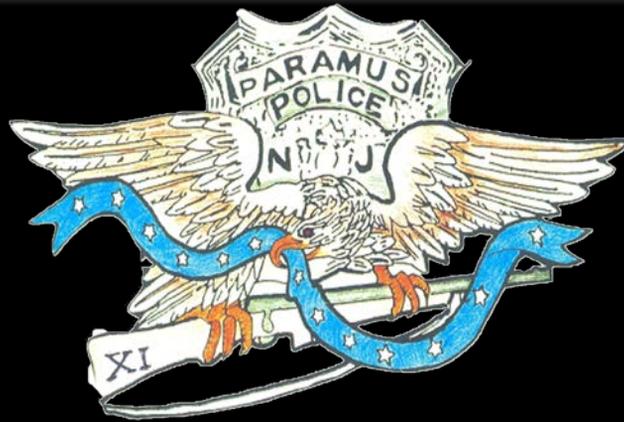
The Policy and Procedure function is responsible for ensuring that the Paramus Police Department is adhering to the best practices as subscribed by the New Jersey Attorney General and Bergen County Prosecutors' Office.

Complaints from the public, whether substantiated or not, increase the awareness of the leadership of this agency to actual or potential problems, as well as the perceptions of the community. This feedback will ultimately assist in determining whether the mission statement and goals of this agency are being attained.

The members of the Paramus Police Department are committed to providing law enforcement services that are fair, effective, and impartially applied.



# OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE CEREMONIAL HONOR GUARD



February, 1 1991, Chief Joseph J. Delaney established the Ceremonial Honor Guard, to perform functions and to enhance the professional image of the Paramus Police Department. The Guard provides funeral honors, for fallen comrades, and serves as the “guardian of the colors” by displaying the national flag at ceremonial occasions and at various official functions. The original 13 members of the Honor Guard were Captain Frederick Corrubia, Police Officer Vincent M. Brock, Police Officer Robert Wright, Police Officer Robert Dugan, Police Officer Robert M. Guidetti, Police Officer Albert Sodaro, Police Officer Glenn Doughty, Police Officer Robert Von Schalscha, Police Officer Brian Goggin, Police Officer Kenneth Ehrenberg, Police Officer Thomas Delaney and Police Officer Philip Bellomo.

In 1993, the unit suffered a tremendous loss as one of its original members; Police Officer Vincent M. Brock was tragically killed in the Line of Duty. After this tragedy, a bond was formed with the Police Pipes and Drums of Bergen County and the Paramus Police Ceremonial Honor Guard, which then became the official honor guard for the pipe band.

Currently the unit consists of 15 highly trained and disciplined officers who are extremely motivated and maintain exceptionally high standards of appearance and conduct. All members of the unit are trained to perform as rifle team (21 gun salute), casket guards, pall bearers, and color guard. Each year the Guard participates in a number of parades, civic celebrations, state and local law enforcement memorial services, and line of duty funerals. Over the past 27 years, the Guard has on occasion presented colors during the National Anthem for the NY Giants, NJ Devils, NJ Nets, NY Red Bulls and several local baseball teams. The unit has had the honor of escorting the Police Pipes and Drums of Bergen County at events including the New York City St. Patrick’s Day Parade, Bergen County Chiefs of Police functions and National Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremonies in Washington, D.C. and Police memorial ceremonies in Ocean Grove, NJ, Cleveland, Ohio, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Connecticut.

In 2018 the Ceremonial Honor Guard escorted the Army’s “Fighting 69<sup>th</sup>” up 5th Avenue in New York City as well as the Police Pipes and Drums of Bergen County in Hilton Head Island, SC, for the Saint Patrick’s Day Parade. The unit performed as a rifle team for the State of New Jersey’s Police Memorial in Ocean Grove and supervised the ceremonial aspect of the Newark Blue Mass.

# OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE CEREMONIAL HONOR GUARD

## Commanders:

P.O. Daniel De Rienzo

P.O. Diego Cruz

P.O. Gil Maynard



## Members:

DSG James Teehan

Sgt. Michael Kelly

DSG Craig McEllen

Mark Pinajian

Amit Vaidya

Robert Sobocinski

Gregory Hooper

Steven Nepola

Thomas Holden

Henry Ramm

Ryan Hayo

Paul Siemon

Jon Umanzor

## 2018 Breakdown

Paramus Ceremonial Honor Guard which currently consists of 15 active members participated in 26 jobs in 2018

**Parades:** Rutherford, Hilton Head Island S.C., NYC, Yonkers, Pearl River, Paramus 4th of July

**Color teams:** Paramus Mayor and Council Re-Organization Meeting, Bergen County Chiefs of Police Association Dinner, New Paramus Police Officer Swearing-In Ceremony, Paramus Police Memorial, East Brook Middle School L.E.A.D. Graduation, West Brook Middle School L.E.A.D. Graduation, Bergen County Police Academy Graduation (x2), Paramus Jr. Police Academy Graduation, NY Red Bulls soccer game, United Rental's 9/11 Ceremony, Westfield Garden State Plaza 9/11 Ceremony, Veteran's Day Ceremony, L.E.A.D. Gala, River Vale Police Academy Graduation.

**Funerals:** Funeral of Officer E. Egan— Fair Lawn Police Officer

**Rifle Teams:** Ocean Grove Police Memorial and Paramus Memorial Day Ceremony



# OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE CEREMONIAL HONOR GUARD

## MISSION

*The Paramus Police Ceremonial Honor Guard serves as an example of the high standard of integrity, service, appearance and professional demeanor enjoyed by this department.*

*It shall be the mission of the Paramus Police Ceremonial Honor Guard to maintain the highest standard of integrity when representing the Paramus Police Department and aspire to professionalism in all aspects of their operations.*

# IN MEMORIAM



Neha Kurian, our 2016 “Chief For A Day” was a 14 year old East Brook student with a terminal illness who passed away on Wednesday November 28, 2018. Neha was a sweet, vibrant and energetic girl who thrived on learning and sharing her knowledge and skills with all who knew her. Even when facing mobility issues she used technology to not only communicate with others but to continue her education. Neha was honored with a police escort and department presence at her services.



Ed Dziadul, retired Police Lieutenant passed away on December 5, 2018. He served the department from March 1, 1951 through his retirement on February 1, 1982. Ed was promoted to Sergeant on April 15, 1960, and then on April 10, 1963 he was promoted to Lieutenant. Until his passing, Ed was an active member of the PBA Local 186



Anne Rafferty, retired Patrol Secretary passed away on May 25, 2018. She served the Department from February 20, 1990 until her retirement on June 1, 2002. Ann worked as a Records Bureau clerk before becoming the Patrol Division Secretary. Ann also worked as a waitress at the Twin Oaks Diner where she was a Paramus Police favorite.

# OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE RECORDS BUREAU



**ADMINISTRATIVE  
ANALYST/ RECORDS  
SUPERVISOR  
DEANNA BRENNER**

The Records Bureau is responsible for the control, maintenance, and release of all police incident and arrest paperwork. Any call generated by the Police Department is assigned a call type, logged into the Records Management System and then filed by the Records Bureau personnel. The Records Bureau personnel have a number of important responsibilities with regard to both hard and electronic copies of paperwork.

Records personnel duties include:

- Maintaining the confidentiality and integrity of reports, arrests, and criminal history information
- The dissemination of Information to police agencies, the general public, insurance companies, attorneys, and other government agencies.
- The release of confidential information must be compliant with state and federal laws and guidelines.
- Fulfilling OPRA requests that must be answered with the appropriate responses to ensure compliance
- Creating the annual report each year
- Payroll processing for all sworn officers and civilians
- Crime mapping for our Intelligence Unit

Each year, the Records Bureau handles thousands of telephone calls, walk-ins, and email requests for incidents and arrest reports, statistics and general information. In addition the Records Bureau fulfills discovery requests, expungement orders, alarm enforcements as well as handles the application process for firearms identification cards, hand gun permits, government background checks, and temporary handicap placards.

The Records Bureau provides statistical information to various outside agencies. These include the Federal Cleary Act for all college and universities in the Paramus jurisdiction. The Uniform Crime Reporting System to the State Police each month. Compiling spreadsheets of criminal and motor vehicle statistics for grants provided to us by government agencies (“Click It or Ticket” and Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over and Pedestrian Safety”).

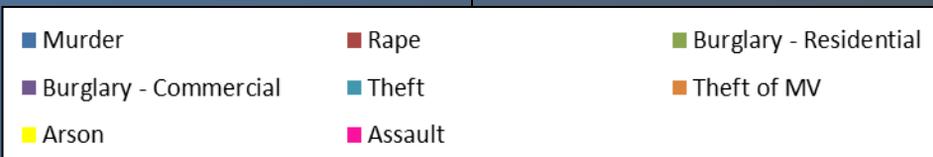
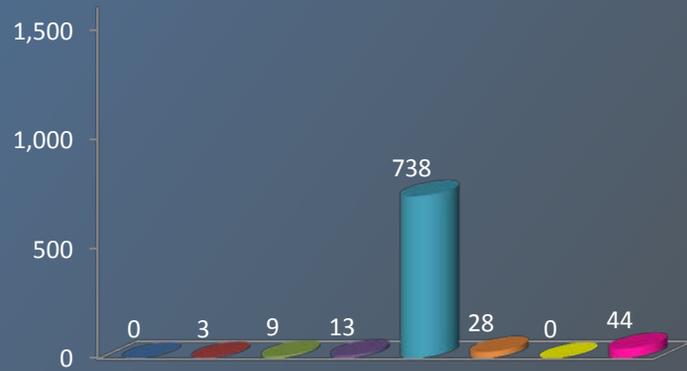
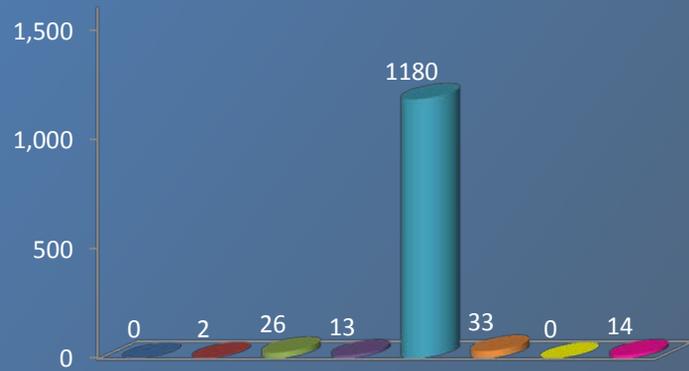
The Records Bureau generates thousands of dollars through accident report requests, false alarm billing, firearm fees, and attorney discovery requests. These fees and fines are deposited into the Boroughs’ General Funds Account.



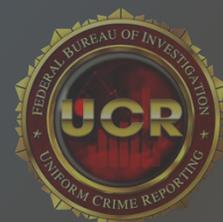
# OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE UNIFORM CRIME REPORT

## 2017

## 2018



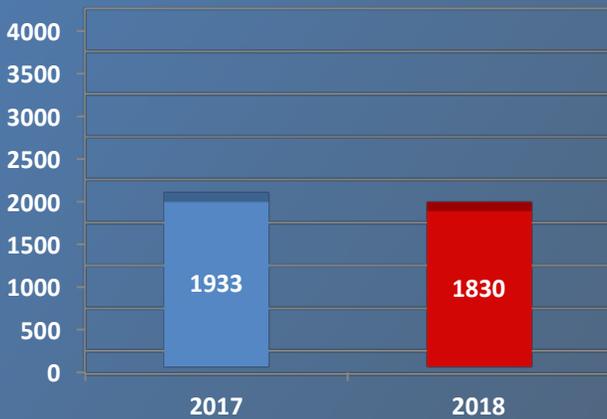
\*\*Note: Figures are based on U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Crime in the United States Publication. Known offenses include: Homicide, Forcible Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Motor Vehicle Theft, Theft., and Arson.



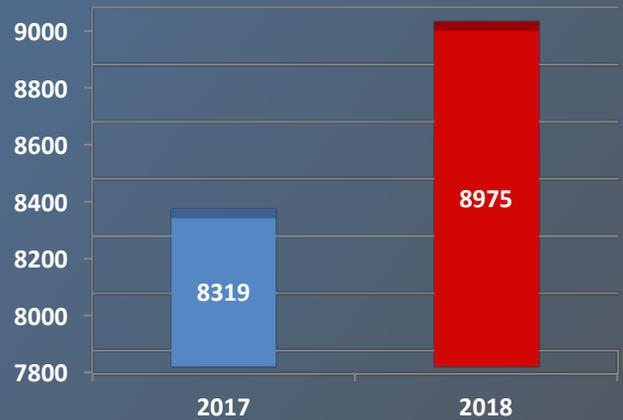
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## COURT STATISTICS

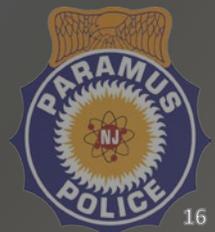
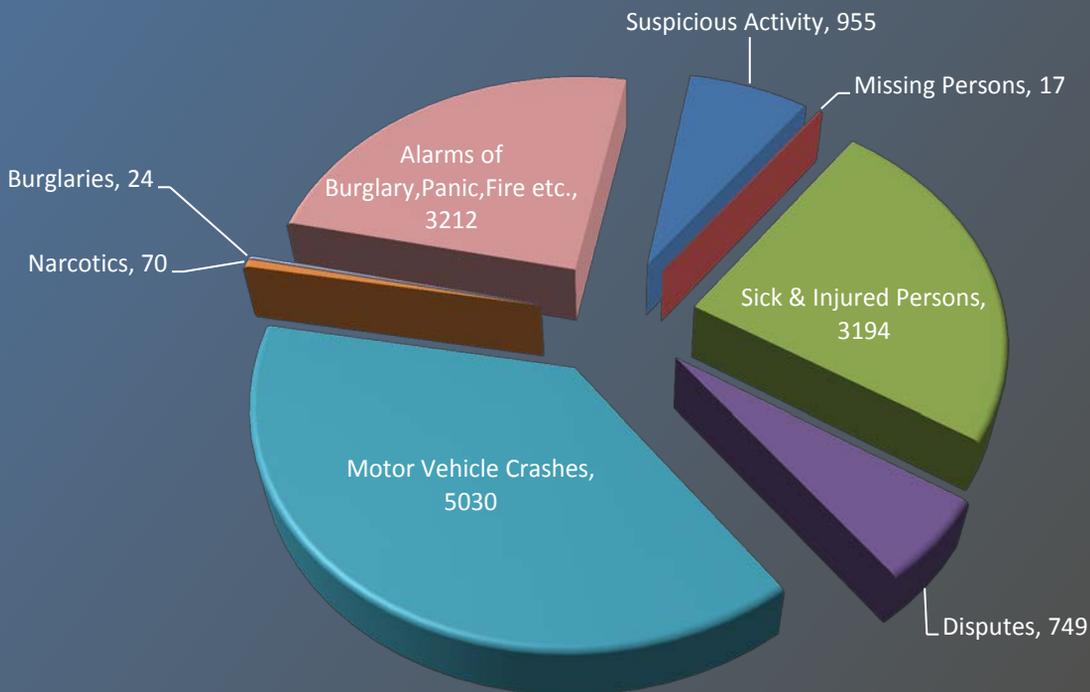
### Criminal Complaints



### Summonses



## FREQUENT CALLS FOR SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



# PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR SERVICE

CALLS FOR SERVICE	TOTAL
9-1-1 CALL	16752
9-1-1 CALL (MEDICAL)	1851
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENT	44
ALARM - FIRE (MALL)	70
ALARM - PANIC	46
ALARM / FIRE	447
ALARM / FIRE (HEALTH CARE FACILITY)	30
ALARM / FIRE (HOSPITAL)	15
ALARM / FIRE (SCHOOL)	31
ALARM / HOLD UP	134
ALARM / SEWER DEPT.	54
ALARM / TROUBLE	1
ALARM / BURGLAR	2346
ALARM / MEDICAL	93
ALARM OUT OF SERVICE	1410
AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION	2
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS / BITES	591
APPLIANCE FIRE	4
ARSON	1
ASSAULT / AGGRAVATED	6
ASSAULT / SIMPLE	38
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY (L.E. ONLY)	213
ATTEMPTED THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	2
BCI APPLICANT	132
BCI REQUEST	8
BOILER MALFUNCTION / ISSUE	22
BOMB THREAT / SCARE	3
BOROUGH ORDINANCE VIOLATION	341
BRUSH FIRE	21
BUFFER ZONE CHECK	9459
BUILDING CHECK	29
BURGLARY (ATTEMPT) - COMMERCIAL	2
BURGLARY (ATTEMPT) - RESIDENTIAL	2
BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL	13
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	9
CAR FIRE	50
CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM	52
CHECK on the WELFARE OF	1910
COLLAPSED STRUCTURE	1
COMMUNITY POLICING	13
COMPUTER CHECK	118



# PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR SERVICE

CALLS FOR SERVICE	TOTAL
COUNTERFEIT	28
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	79
DANGEROUS ANIMAL SIGHTING	6
DIGNITARY PROTECTION	3
DISABLED VEHICLE	999
DISORDERLY PERSON / GROUP	19
DISPUTE (non-violent)	625
DISPUTE (VIOLENT)	53
DOMESTIC DISPUTE (non-violent)	67
DOMESTIC DISPUTE (VIOLENT)	44
DOMESTIC RESTRAINING ORDERS	2
DRILL / POLICE DEPARTMENT	1
DUMPSTER FIRE	6
EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT	1
EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PERSON (E.D.P.)	232
ESCORT / ALL OTHER	6
ESCORT / TAX OFFICE	246
EXTRICATION - VEHICLE	12
FIGHT	13
FIRE PREVENTION / INSPECTOR REQUEST	2
FRAUD	262
GASOLINE / FLUID LEAK ON ROADWAY	13
HARASSMENT-ANNOYING CALLS	145
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	541
HAZMAT CALL / REQUEST	2
HEROIN ADDICTION RECOVERY TEAM	18
HINDERING APPREHENSION	2
HOMELAND SECURITY DETAILS	4
HOMICIDE	1
INJURED PERSON	757
INJURED PERSON - POLICE OFFICER	8
INTOXICATED PERSON	66
LEAD / SCHOOL RESOURCE DETAIL	75
LOST / FOUND PROPERTY	327
MEGAN'S LAW NOTIFICATION	2
MISSING PERSON	24
MISSING PERSON - LOCATED	1
MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH / CIVILIAN REPORT	110
MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH / FATAL	1
MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH / HIT & RUN	437
MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH / HIT & RUN - CIVILIAN REPORT	161



# PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR SERVICE

CALLS FOR SERVICE	TOTAL
MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH / INJURIES	587
MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH / NO INJURIES	3950
MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH ROLLOVER / INJURIES	12
MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH ROLLOVER / NO INJURIES	2
MOTOR VEHICLE IMPOUND	5
MOTOR VEHICLE STOP	4546
MUTUAL AID REQUEST - POLICE DEPARTMENT	2
MV CRASH - ANIMAL / NO INJURIES	38
MV CRASH - BICYCLE / NO INJURIES	1
MV CRASH - CAR VS STRUCTURE / INJ	3
MV CRASH - CAR VS STRUCTURE/NO INJ	4
MV CRASH - CAR VS TREE / NO INJ	1
MV CRASH - MOTORCYCLE / INJURIES	8
MV CRASH - MOTORCYCLE / NO INJURIES	2
MV CRASH - OFFICER INVOLVED/HIT&RUN	1
MV CRASH - OFFICER INVOLVED/INJURY	3
MV CRASH - OFFICER INVOLVED/NO INJ	19
MV CRASH - PEDESTRIAN / INJURIES	23
MV CRASH - PEDESTRIAN / NO INJURIES	2
MV CRASH / HIT & RUN - INJURIES	6
NARCOTICS	97
NATURAL GAS EMERGENCY - INSIDE STRUCTURE	56
NATURAL GAS LEAK - OUTSIDE	9
NATURAL GAS ODOR - OUTSIDE	40
NOISE COMPLAINT	202
NON CRIMINAL ACTIVITY / ALL OTHER	17
NOTIFICATION	290
NOTIFICATION - 911 FAILURE / ALARM	8
NOTIFICATION - COMPUTER / CAD FAILURE	1
NOTIFICATION - RADIO FAILURE	2
NOTIFICATION - TRAFF/BLDG MAINT.	1
ODOR SMOKE/OTHER - INSIDE STRUCTURE	25
ODOR SMOKE/OTHER - OUTSIDE	6
OPEN DOOR / WINDOW	42
ORDER MAINTENANCE / CROWD CONTROL	4
OTHER DETAIL - INVESTIGATION	58
OTHER DETAIL / ASSIGNMENT	224
PARK RANGER DETAIL	68
POLICE SERVICES DETAIL	1587
POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY	20
PRISONER TRANSPORTATION	137



# PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR SERVICE

CALLS FOR SERVICE	TOTAL
PROPANE LEAK	1
PROPERTY DAMAGE	217
PROTESTS / DEMONSTRATIONS	18
PUMP-OUT	2
PURSUIT	11
RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE	17
ROBBERY	5
SCHOOL SECURITY CHECK	1214
SERVICE CALL	7
SEX OFFENSE (all other)	19
SEXUAL ASSAULT	2
SHOPLIFTING - (DP) DISORDRLY PERSON	109
SICK PERSON	2300
SMOKE CONDITION - INSIDE STRUCTURE	29
SMOKE CONDITION - OUTSIDE	10
STAND BY - POLICE DEPARTMENT	1
STRUCTURE FIRE	26
STUCK OCCUPIED ELEVATOR	59
SUDDEN DEATH	30
SUICIDES AND ATTEMPTS	8
SUSPICIOUS OCCURRENCE	420
SUSPICIOUS PERSON / GROUP	320
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	263
TEST	2
THEFT	732
THEFT - BICYCLES	1
THEFT - FROM AUTO	65
THEFT - PICKPOCKET	2
THEFT of MOTOR VEHICLE	69
TRAFFIC ASSIGNMENT - OTHER	630
TRAFFIC - CONTINUING INVESTIGATION	20
TRAFFIC ASSIGNMENT - CHILD SEAT	26
TRAFFIC ASSIGNMENT - CONTACT	11
TRAFFIC ASSIGNMENT - ESCORTS	103
TRAFFIC ASSIGNMENT - PLANNING	75
TRAFFIC ASSIGNMENT - SCHOOL POST	53
TRAFFIC ASSIGNMENT - SPECIAL POLICE	680
TRAFFIC ASSIGNMENT - SPEED TRAILER	9
TRAFFIC ASSIGNMENT - TOWING DETAIL	11
TRAFFIC ASSIGNMENT - TRAILER	4



# PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR SERVICE

CALLS FOR SERVICE	TOTAL
TRAFFIC ASSIGNMENT - WORK ZONE	247
TRAFFIC ASSIGNMENT- MESSAGE TRAILER	23
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	728
TRAFFIC LIGHT OUT	75
TRANSPORTATION	126
TRAPPED PERSON	2
TRESPASSING COMPLAINT	19
TRUCK FIRE	6
UNKNOWN CRIMINAL CONDITION	1
VOID CALL	112
WANTED PERSON	8
WARRANT SERVICE	26
WATER HAZRD/EMERG- INSIDE STRUCTURE	3
WEAPONS OFFENSE (CFS Code ONLY)	7
WIRE DOWN - NO ARCING / FIRE	33
WIRE DOWN - TRANSFORMER ARCING	38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>62678</b>



# OPERATIONS DIVISION OPERATIONS



**CAPTAIN  
ANTHONY SAVASTANO**

The Operations Division is technically the largest division in the police department (over 70 Borough employees) and is divided into two bureaus – the Training Bureau and the Traffic Bureau.

The Training Bureau is responsible for ensuring that every officer is compliant with all county, state and federal requirements. In addition, they administer and constantly adjust the process for hiring new officers. Their commitment to excellence helps guarantee that the Paramus Police Department maintains the highest standards and employs the most qualified candidates.

The responsibilities of the Traffic Bureau encompass much more than just traffic. While our main mission is to enhance the safe and expeditious movement of traffic throughout the Borough, our officers are also tasked with overseeing a diverse group of units that cover a broad range of responsibilities.

2018 was an exciting and progressive year for the Paramus Police Operations Division. The Bureau planned and hosted the first annual North Jersey Motorcycle Skills Training and Competition which was a huge success and drew officers from as far as Florida and Arizona. Pedestrian safety efforts throughout the Borough continued as more crosswalks were outfitted with highly effective push button activated flashers and school zones received new, LED warning upgrades. After pairing up with the New Jersey State Police in 2017, the number of car seat inspections in 2018 more than tripled any previous year.



# OPERATIONS DIVISION OPERATIONS

Traffic control signs are produced in our own work shop by the Traffic Maintenance Unit. After production, they are installed to comply with strict state and federal regulations. Traffic Maintenance is also responsible for the installation and repair of all borough owned traffic lights.

The Police Department also employs a number of Class 1 Special Officers. These Special Officers are managed and scheduled through the Traffic Unit. They are called upon many times to assist regular officers with traffic control issues. They provide an invaluable service which frees regular officers to tend to their law enforcement duties.

The most vital unit within the Operations Division is the Training Unit. Officers assigned are responsible to ensure that every officer is compliant with all county, state and federal requirements. In addition, they administer and constantly adjust the process for hiring new officers. This guarantees that The Paramus Police Department maintains the highest standards and employs the most qualified candidates.



# OPERATIONS DIVISION TRAFFIC BUREAU

**Special Police Officers** – Assist with traffic control, security details, court duties, pedestrian crossings, borough park checks, and other miscellaneous activities which free regular officers to tend to their law enforcement duties.

**School Crossing Guards** – Are highly dedicated individuals who provide for the safety of our children throughout the school year in all weather conditions.

**Traffic Maintenance** – Manufactures, installs, and maintains traffic control devices. From street painting to ground signs and overhead traffic signals, this unit possesses the technical expertise required for signals that combine computer driven electronic components. Many surrounding towns contract with this unit and as a result, receive top notch service and rapid response times. The taxpayers of Paramus benefit as these services generate positive cash flow.

**Crash Investigations** – The Paramus Police Department investigates more crashes than 98% of all police agencies in New Jersey and more than any other agency in Bergen County. All traffic officers receive specialized training for more in-depth investigations including serious and fatal motor vehicle crashes. The Paramus Police Department also prides itself on being one of the very few agencies that investigates each and every Hit and Run crash.

**Police Services** – Outside duty police services are administrated in their entirety by the Traffic Bureau. When companies require police assistance for traffic control and planned security, the Traffic Bureau ensures that these services are paid for by the respective entities and not by the Borough. Traffic officers then ensure that the road construction projects create as little inconvenience as possible to the drivers traversing our roadways. With over 2 million dollars in services provided during 2018, administrative fees generate added revenue that offsets other Borough costs.



**Event Planning** – The Borough of Paramus is frequently the home of large scale events. In preparation, the Bureau coordinates with event organizers to address safety concerns, potential security threats, and traffic related issues resulting in enjoyable and safe venues.

**Contracted Tow Truck Services** – the Traffic Bureau is responsible for ensuring that the Borough's contracted tow agencies comply with local and state laws and regulations.

**Site Planning** - Traffic officers review architectural plans for proposed building projects within the Borough to ensure compliance with current traffic laws and regulations and to address the impacts these projects will have on our community.

# OPERATIONS DIVISION TRAFFIC BUREAU

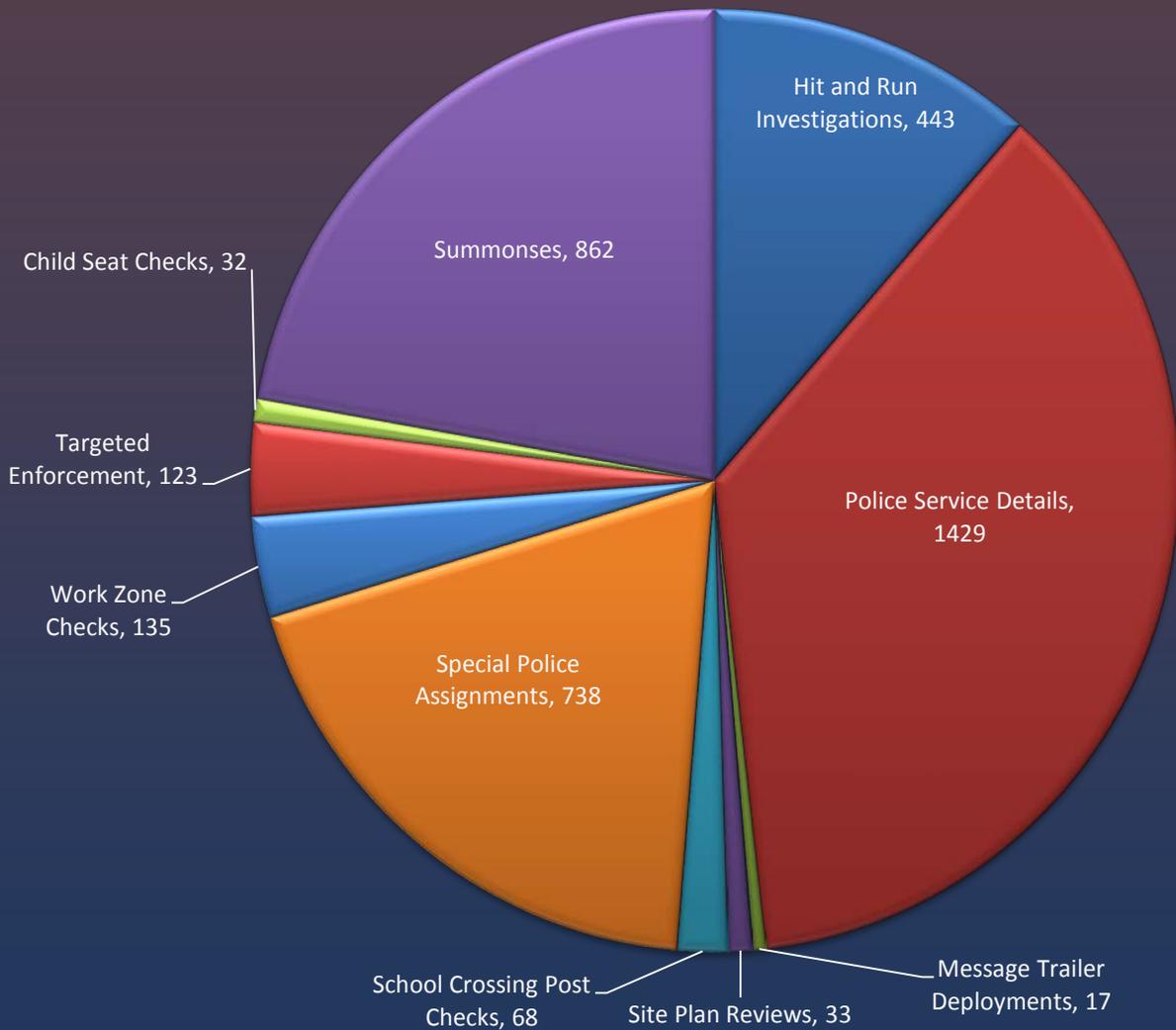
Grant Acquisition and Implementation - Federal and state grants for traffic education and enforcement are requested and administered through the Traffic Bureau. These grants provide the funds to educate the public to the dangers of drunk driving, distracted driving, aggressive driving and many others.

Motorcycle Unit –As this unit continues to grow each year, this elite group has become one of the largest and most respected in the State. Our motor officers are certified through the Maryland State Police Motor Officer School, arguably the hardest in the nation. We are proud to boast that our officers have competed in national skills competitions and won several events putting Paramus on the police motor officers map. The Motorcycle Unit regularly provides dignitary and funeral escorts in an organized, safe, and efficient manner in addition to enforcing traffic laws with the advantages a motorcycle brings over traditional cars. Paramus is one of the only area units that hosts regular in-house training in order to fine tune advanced officers and begin training prospective members.

Traffic Safety - On a daily basis, officers employ the three E's of traffic safety – Engineering, Education, and Enforcement. Engineering designs are constantly analyzed to find areas needing improvement. Variable message signs and devices that display vehicle speeds are deployed to educate motorists, and ultimately enforcement is conducted to ensure compliance and safety.



# OPERATIONS DIVISION TRAFFIC BUREAU STATISTICS



The town has received a total of \$305,327.25 in income for the year 2018 for Police Services.

# OPERATIONS DIVISION TRAINING UNIT



**SERGEANT  
NORMAN GIN**

The mission of the Paramus Police Department Training Unit is to develop the skills, knowledge and service delivery of its sworn and civilian employees. The Paramus Police Department recognizes the high value of training and is committed to providing the best training available to all personnel. The Training Unit provides/facilitates year-round training and support to the personnel of the Paramus Police Department. The training includes but is not limited to the following practical and professional development areas:

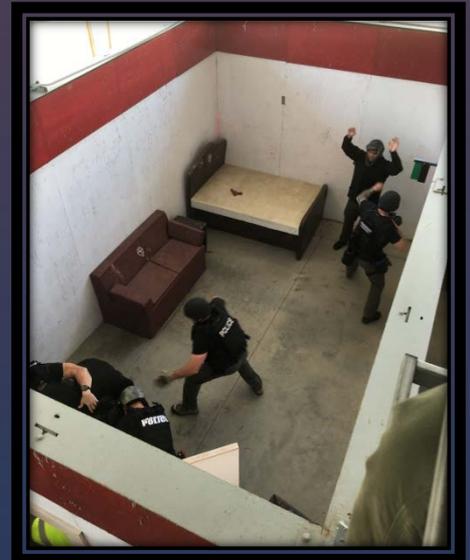
- Pistol
- Patrol Carbine
- Police Service Rifle
- Conducted Energy Weapon (Taser)
- Qualifications for the above weapon platforms
- State of NJ Use of Force and Vehicular Pursuit Guidelines
- Healthcare provider CPR Re-Certification
- Active Shooter Response
- Domestic Violence Training
- Gang Awareness
- Evidence Preservation Training
- Threat Assessments/Risk Mitigation
- State of NJ Mental Health Training

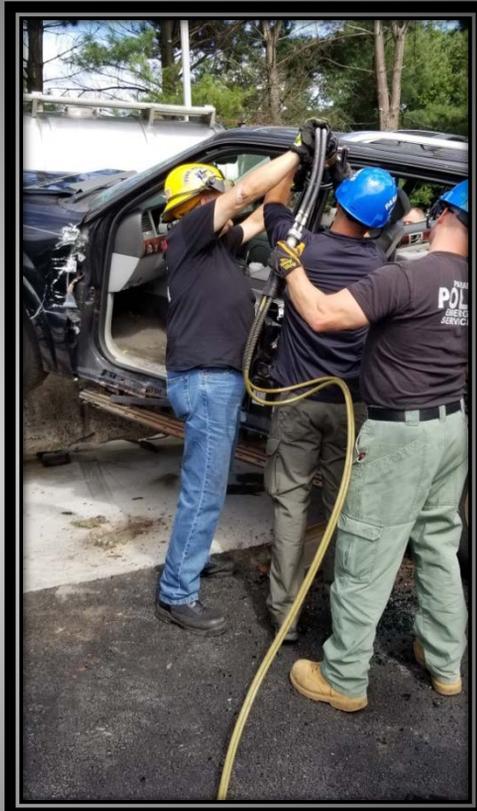
The Training Unit also coordinates the following Defensive Tactics Programs during In-Service training:

- Handcuffing Techniques
- Weapon Retention
- Disarming Techniques
- Expandable Baton
- Oleoresin Capsicum "OC" Refresher Training
- Conducted Energy Weapon (Taser) Refresher Training
- Unarmed Defense Techniques

This is done with the cooperation and assistance of the Department Instructors, who are certified instructors in various subject matters.

In addition to the previously listed in-house training, the Training Unit assists officers and civilians with registering for outside professional development courses. Paramus officers and civilians attended 109 professional development courses during the 2018 calendar year.







**COOKIES WITH A COP**

**NOVEMBER 1, 2018**  
**TIMES: 5-6, 6-7, & 7-8**

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A chance for kids to learn more about our everyday heroes, decorate cookies with a cop, be a detective and solve a mystery, and dress up as superheroes for the night.

To RSVP, and for more information, email [jackie.milsonsca@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.milsonsca@gmail.com)

# OPERATIONS DIVISION TRAINING UNIT

The Training Unit is also responsible for developing and overseeing both the hiring process and the Field Training Officer (F.T.O.) Program for new police officers. The hiring process is an exhaustive process which continually tests the perspective applicants with the objective of finding the strongest candidates to carry on the high level of professionalism that Paramus Police Department Officers exhibit. The F.T.O. program lasts approximately six weeks and addresses critical performance areas that a new officer must be knowledgeable of after graduating from the Police Academy or transferring from another municipality. Patrol officers trained in the F.T.O. Program perform ride-along mentoring duties for new officers. F.T.O. Officers serve as trainers, supervisors, role models and counselors for new officers. In December 2018, newly hired Police Officers Nicholas Perna, David Polanco, Matthew Mulick, Christopher Bores, Matthew Orefice and Theodore Cebulski received in-house training that prepared them to enter the F.T.O. Program scheduled for January 2019.

The Training Unit is also responsible for the maintenance of the Paramus Police Department's ten-port indoor pistol range as well as its rental program to other law enforcement agencies. During 2018, the Paramus Police pistol range was leased 239 times over a duration of 215 days. The main goal of the Paramus Police pistol range is to provide a resource for neighboring municipal, state and federal agencies. The range also helps provide revenue to the Borough.



Training Officer Matthew Parrello along with other officers from this Agency provides support to the Bergen County Police Academy by serving as instructors in their areas of knowledge and expertise for both the Basic Recruit Class and In-Service classes. These courses of instruction include, but are not limited to:

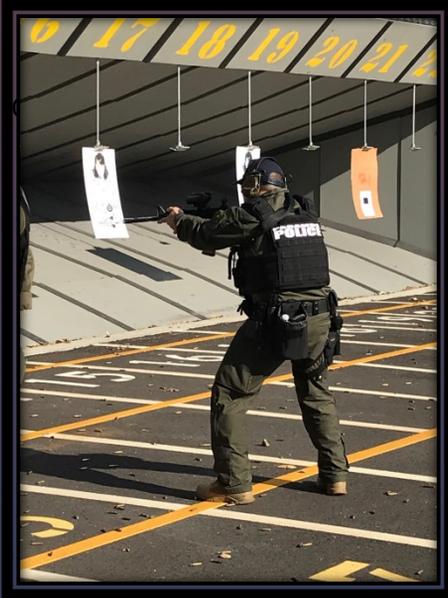
- Firearms Instruction (basic and instructor)
- Reduced Light Firearms Techniques
- Building Search Techniques
- Weapon Retention and Disarming Techniques
- Motor Vehicle Stops
- Defensive Driving Techniques

The Training Unit is also responsible for the preparation of the Department's In-Service lesson plans and assists with the monthly preparation and training of the Paramus Police Emergency Service Unit (ESU). In addition, the Training Unit maintains department equipment and performs research on new equipment.



# OPERATIONS DIVISION TRAINING UNIT

The Training Unit is the coordinator for the Federal Law Enforcement Support Office Program (LESO) for the Paramus Police Department. LESO facilitates a law enforcement support program, which originated from the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 1999 (FY 97). This law allows the transfer of excess Department of Defense property that might otherwise be destroyed, to law enforcement agencies across the United States and its territories. P.O. Parrello acts as the coordinator of this program which has allowed the Department to receive excess property such as the following:



- Tools
- Storage Cases
- Ballistic Glasses
- Cold Weather Gear
- Rescue Equipment
- Fork Lifts
- Weapon Optics
- Generators



The Paramus Police Training Unit also provides training to outside agencies. In 2018, the Paramus Training Unit conducted a Forcible Entry Class for Paramus Officers and outside Police agencies. The Paramus Police Training Unit also provided instruction to the Bergen County Rapid Deployment Team (RDT) with familiarization/basic functionality training on their carbine platform and basic carbine handling training. The Paramus Training Unit also performed a tactics demonstration for the Ramsey Police Department Patrol Services Unit.

The Training Unit takes a lead role in training and preparing for Active Shooter/Mass Casualty incidents throughout the Borough. Sgt. Norman Gin visited all three major malls in advance of the 2018 Holiday Season to discuss Active Shooter/Mass Casualty incidents with mall management and employees. Sgt. Gin continues to work with the Paramus Office of Emergency Preparedness on the Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Response Plan for large scale emergency incidents within the Borough (Contingency Action Plan). In 2018, the Contingency Action Plan was completed for the Paramus Park Mall. Sgt. Gin met with law enforcement administrators from the Pascack Valley Region, Hackensack Police and Ridgewood Police to assist with the development of a similar plan in their respective jurisdictions. Sgt. Gin continues to work with the Borough public schools, private schools, private businesses as well as the Jewish schools and Synagogues in Risk Mitigation and Active Shooter/Mass Casualty training.

# OPERATIONS DIVISION TRAINING UNIT

Sgt. Gin continues to assist the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office/Department of Homeland Security with performing Threat Assessments. In 2018, assessments were performed for the Central Unitarian Church, Versa Valve, Lightbridge Academy School, Friesland Campina, Yavneh Academy School, Frisch High School and the Garden State Plaza Mall. Sgt. Gin also attended and participated in a Law Enforcement "Working Group" meeting for Active Shooter Response in Trenton, NJ.

Sgt. Gin identified the need for infrastructure safety enhancements within the 8 Borough Schools and worked with the Paramus Board of Education (BOE) to implement these enhancements. Sgt. Gin also assisted the Paramus BOE with their implementation of deploying armed School Security Guards within the schools.

Sgt. Gin participated in a Community Outreach event in conjunction with the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE). Sgt. Gin and Range Coordinator Wayne Jennings brought the Paramus Virtual Use of Force Simulator (Ti System) to this event which was held at the First Day Baptist Church in Teaneck, NJ. Participants were given a presentation of the use of force as it relates to law enforcement and then given the opportunity to play the part of police officers by utilizing the Virtual Use of Force Simulator. The presentation and simulator allowed the participants and spectators to understand some of the split second decisions that police officers must make on a daily basis.

P.O. Matthew Parrello assisted the Bergen County Police Academy Police Officer Recruit Class by providing range instruction on 8 occasions as well as assisted the Paramus Volunteer Fire Department with CPR instruction. P.O. Parrello also helped coordinate 6 advanced carbine dates with the New York Firearms Unit of the Drug Enforcement Agency and with the coordination of an advanced SWAT Training Class for the Paramus Police ESU with the Federal Bureau of Investigation - New York Office. In addition to this, P.O. Parrello coordinated a 40 hour class for new members of the Paramus Police Strategic Response Unit.



P.O. Parrello coordinated an Active Shooter Drill which involved jurisdictions that have a similar program to the Paramus Police Emergency Service Unit (full time enhanced patrol response units that have the ability to provide real time tactical response). Teams that participated included: Paramus Police ESU, Garfield Police ESU, Fort Lee Police ESU, Port Authority of NY/NJ Police ESU, Ramsey Police PSU, Mahwah Police PSU, Lyndhurst Police and the Bergen County Regional SWAT Team. The drill tested the inter-operability of all units in an Active Shooter Incident.

# OPERATIONS DIVISION FIREARMS TRAINING CENTER



The Paramus Police Department operates a 10 port indoor firearms shooting range. The range is located on the second floor of the James Tedesco Life Safety Training Center. In addition to the range, there is a Virtual Use of Force Training Simulator (Ti System), 3 classrooms and a computer training classroom. All of these resources make our facility a premier location for training public safety employees throughout Bergen County. The Paramus Police Training Unit which consists of: Sgt. Norman Gin, P.O. Parrello, Range Coordinators - Wayne Jennings and Richard Demurjian along with Steve Mehl of the Paramus Office of Emergency Preparedness continue to have great success in operating and marketing the Borough's training facility to other law enforcement agencies. Some agencies who utilize our training facility include: Diplomatic Security Service, Internal Revenue Service, Office of the Inspector General, Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, Bergen County Sheriff's Department and the City of Paterson Police Department. A number of our neighboring police departments including: Washington Township, Oradell, River Edge, Demarest and Saddle River also utilize the Paramus Police Range. The Paramus training facility generated approximately \$119,000 in revenue in 2018.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Upgrade to the ballistic rated windows in the range
- Upgrade to the target carrier system
- Upgrade to the range PA system
- Upgrade to the lighting in the range

## FUTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Upgrade to the range floor



# OPERATIONS DIVISION EMERGENCY SERVICE UNIT

The Paramus Police Department is the primary provider of police services to a diverse and demanding population that lives, works, shops, and travels through its jurisdiction. On any given day, thousands of cars, trucks and buses travel the roadways and highways that traverse Paramus. Millions shop at our retail establishments and thousands work in our office complexes. Over 30,000 students study here daily. The complexity of the police mission can result in situations that call for an enhanced level of expertise and sophistication from our police officers. The Paramus Police Department Emergency Service Unit's primary function is to provide services for the Borough of Paramus in situations that require a unique level of training and specialized functionality. ESU is comprised of officers from the Patrol, Detective, and Operations divisions. The ESU truck is staffed by ESU officers from the Patrol Division. When not assigned as a member of a duty team, ESU personnel perform their regular duty assignment, but are available for call outs and continue to participate in training. ESU also acts as a force multiplier for the Patrol force, and responds to all high risk calls for service.

ESU has extensive training in dealing with emotionally disturbed persons. In addition, ESU members are trained as hazmat technicians, responding to spills and other hazardous conditions during the daytime hours when the Paramus Volunteer Fire Department's Haz-Mat team experiences its lowest manpower availability. ESU works alongside and collaboratively with the Borough's Fire, Rescue and EMS personnel. The officers assigned to the Emergency Services Unit receive specialized weapons and tactics training; have developed expertise in protecting and securing critical infrastructures and providing dignitary escorts and security. ESU is specially trained to handle protests and demonstrations, provide crowd control and maintain order at large events.



They regularly deploy radiation detection equipment and other monitoring devices and strategies to identify weapons of mass destruction. The Emergency Service Unit has participated in training with various agencies throughout the country including The FBI, The Department of Homeland Security, The United States Army, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, New Jersey & New York State Police, NYPD's Emergency Service Unit, Bergen County Police and Hazmat, Paramus Fire & Rescue. As a result of training with these agencies, relationships have developed that gives the Borough of Paramus far reaching opportunities if a need was to arise in the community.



# OPERATIONS DIVISION EMERGENCY SERVICE UNIT



In addition to the Emergency Service Unit's tactical response responsibilities, it is also utilized in a training role. The Emergency Service Unit conducts departmental Annual Active Shooter Response training at various Paramus Borough Public Schools as well as medical facilities located within the Borough of Paramus.

In 2018 the Paramus Police Department was able to return to deploying a dedicated staffed ESU truck which patrols the Borough of Paramus seven days a week, all year long. This enables the Paramus Police Department to have the ability to have a staffed ESU truck respond to any major event in real time during the busiest call volume hours day and night.

In October 2018, The Paramus Police Department took part in a multi-agency active shooter training exercise at the Dorothy Kraft Valley Hospital building. The Paramus PD ESU conducted joint operations with tactical teams from Bergen County Regional SWAT, Fort Lee ESU, Garfield ESU and Port Authority ESU.

Garfield ESU and Port Authority ESU.

In 2018, Paramus Police Department Emergency Service Unit members also participated in numerous training deployments. The deployments were to provide high visibility foot patrols of the Westfield Garden State Plaza Mall, Bergen Town Center Mall and Paramus Park Mall. These deployments provided additional days of high visibility police coverage to the Borough's three largest shopping malls. The deployments did not incur any additional costs or overtime for the Paramus Police Department.

During 2018 the Emergency Service Unit was also deployed on numerous dates to provide high visibility foot patrols of interior of the Westfield Garden State Plaza Mall, Bergen Town Center Mall and Paramus Park Mall. These deployments were to provide additional security for the region's busiest holiday shopping and travel days.

The year 2018 witnessed several high profile lone-wolf style terror attacks abroad. The highly visible presence of the members of the Paramus Police Department's Emergency Service Unit were a comfort to the citizens who safely shopped, visited, worked, traveled and resided in the Borough of Paramus. As safety concerns were elevated by such attacks worldwide, members of the Paramus Police Department's Emergency Service Unit were deployed during the busiest holiday times to reassure our citizens that the Borough of Paramus remains one of the safest places to live, spend leisure time with loved ones, shop and work. The Paramus Police Department's Emergency Service Unit remains capable of providing a rapid response to critical incidents, which occur too often and too frequently in today's world. Their commitment and high level of training enhance the goal of the Paramus Police Department, which is to provide a safe and secure place to live, work, shop and visit.



# DETECTIVE DIVISION CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU



**CAPTAIN  
DAVID ANGELUCCI**

The Paramus Police Department Detective Division is commanded by Captain David Angelucci. The Detective Unit is comprised of the Criminal Investigation Bureau, Juvenile Bureau, Bureau of Criminal Identification, and Special Investigations. Each division is staffed by supervisors and detective investigators. The Bureau commander is ultimately responsible for staff scheduling, reviewing of reports, and providing effective follow up solutions.

The mission of the Detective Division is to provide a timely follow-up investigation, solve crimes, and assist victims. A police detective wears plain clothes and drive unmarked cars. The detective position is a higher ranking position than police officer as it requires more experience and knowledge. A detective reviews reports, interview suspects, witnesses, and victims as they try to piece together the story

of how the incident occurred.

In 2018 the Detective Division investigated 2,726 incidents resulting in 825 arrests.

Duties and Tasks include:

- Conduct investigations and solve criminal cases.
- Analyze completed police reports to determine if additional investigative work is needed.
- Obtain summary of incident from crime scene officers.
- Prepare charges and reports for prosecution.
- Obtain facts and statements from complainants, witnesses, and suspects that may be recorded interviews.
- Prepare, serve, and execute search/arrest warrants.
- Preserve, process, and analyze items of evidence.
- Record progress of investigation, maintain files, and form plans of action with supervisors.
- Analysis and sharing of data whereby crime patterns are detected.

The Detectives go to advanced schools and continuing education classes. Each Detective has received specialized training to handle specific crimes. The crimes include: bias, narcotics, auto theft, financial (fraud, identity theft, credit card fraud, counterfeiting), property crimes including burglaries to shoplifting, computer crimes, and pattern crimes.

The Special Investigation/Intelligence unit handles targeted investigations. The unit is responsible to collect intelligence data, ultimately reviewing, evaluating, and disseminating to sworn personnel. The unit works with other local, state, and federal agencies, such as the Bergen County Prosecutors office, N.J. State Police, F.B.I, D.E.A, Joint Terrorism Task Force, and the I.R.S.

The Detectives review relevant crime data from the Enforsys computer system to aid in strategic planning and enforcement of crime trends. The Detective Bureau remains committed to promoting the highest quality of life by providing professional, thorough, and systematic investigations.

# DETECTIVE DIVISION CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU

## 2018 Noteworthy Investigations:

**Burglaries-** Kay Jewelers, (G.S. Plaza) January 13, 2018, Kay Jewelers, (Bergen Town Center) July 5, 2018, Nordstrom, (G.S. Plaza), August 15, 2018, Kay Jewelers (Bergen Town Center), August 24, 2018, Pro Tech Kiosk, (G.S. Plaza), September 29, 2018. There was an organized Burglary crew that targeted Jewelry stores and were subsequently apprehended by a great follow up investigation by Paramus Detective personnel along with the B.C. Prosecutors office and N.Y.P.D.

**False 9-1-1 Call/Creating a False Public Alarm-** Garden State Plaza Ring Road, March 13, 2018. The anonymous caller phoned to advise of a road rage incident, whereby the other driver pointed a handgun. A subsequent investigation revealed there was no handgun involved. The caller was tracked down and charged with a crime of the second degree.

**Theft-** Jewelry Center, April 14, 2018. The actor tried on a Rolex watch valued at \$17,500 and subsequently fled on foot. A great follow up investigation led to the arrest of the suspect and return of the watch.

**Auto Theft/Purse Snatch (Robbery)-** Speedway Gas Station, May 24, 2018. The suspect stole a 2012 Jeep that was left running in the lot. The suspect drove the vehicle to the Shop Rite grocery store located on Route 4 East. The actor then pulled a purse from the victim's shoulder committing a Robbery. A follow up investigation led to the recovery of vehicle and apprehension of suspect.

**Auto Theft-** Prestige Mercedes, May 21, 2018. Two suspects entered the dealership and test drove a 2018 Mercedes valued at \$160,000. The actor switched key fobs and returned after business hours and stole the vehicle. A subsequent investigation revealed an organized pattern crime of the two individuals who were identified and warrants issued.

**Burglary-** Helen Ave, June 16, 2018. Two male suspects forced entry to the residence and removed assorted jewelry and cash. The actors were captured on video surveillance. A countywide Burglary task force was formed and through a joint investigation the two actors were arrested.

**Sex Offense-** Target (Bergen Town Center). The female victim was shopping in the store at which time the male actor bumped into her in the buttock area and rubbed into her. The actor then ran off. A great follow up investigation led to the arrest of suspect.

In 2018, there was a great reduction of crimes in the borough. The residents should continue to remain focused on unusual activity and immediately report same to the police.

# DETECTIVE DIVISION CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU



# DETECTIVE DIVISION

## SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS INTELLIGENCE UNIT

The Paramus Police Special Investigation Intelligence Unit (SIU) oversees and coordinates all major criminal investigations within the Borough of Paramus. These investigations include robbery, burglary and homicide. SIU is headed by Detective Lieutenant Frank Scott. This unit works closely with the Bergen County Prosecutors Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration and New Jersey State Police. The hallmark of this unit is their proactive collaboration with other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. Through the sharing of resources and intelligence, detectives work with units such as NYPD Operation Sentry, Newark Corr-Stat Region Real Time Crime Center and have officers assigned as Task Force Officers with both the FBI Violent Crime Task Force and DEA.

These task force officers have been instrumental in solving many major investigations within Paramus and the tri-state area. As task force partners the Borough of Paramus shares in any seized assets that were the results of criminal activity. SIU detectives regularly serve on county wide task forces created to hunt down burglary and robbery suspects. During 2018, SIU Detectives led investigations or were assigned to task forces for various crimes related to commercial and residential burglaries, auto theft, prostitution, narcotics and robbery offenses.

Highlighted investigations during 2018 were the arrest of two subjects who were extradited from New York, for multiple commercial burglaries four of which occurred in Paramus; losses were in excess of \$350,000 of merchandise from the businesses. Two subjects were arrested and extradited from Indiana for a high end motor vehicle theft from a car dealership, during the investigation; SIU Detective Luciano identified a multi-state pattern with losses in excess of \$750,000. SIU Detectives were also assigned to a burglary task force which led to the arrest of four subjects for eight residential burglaries, one of which occurred in Paramus. SIU Officers worked with Detectives from the Bergen County Prosecutors Office, FBI, NYPD and local municipal Detectives during the investigations and arrests of these subjects.

The Paramus Police Departments Anti-Crime Unit also works under the umbrella of SIU. The unit which is staffed by Detectives and Patrol officers operates during the year to combat narcotic, vice and pattern crimes within the Borough. In 2018, the day to day operation of the Anti-Crime unit was supervised by Detective Sergeant Glenn Pagano and Detective Paul Siemon. During the operation period in 2018 officers made multiple arrests of subjects for narcotics, weapons possession, stolen property, outstanding warrants, credit card fraud and identity theft. Officers seized a stun gun, marijuana, stolen merchandise, fraudulent credit cards, counterfeit UPC labels and fraudulent driver's licenses.

# DETECTIVE DIVISION JUVENILE BUREAU

The Paramus Police Department's Juvenile Bureau is committed to the positive development of the borough's young people. The Juvenile Bureau works to ensure that the rights of juveniles are protected, while balancing community safety and youth development. It also provides intervention services, and attempts to provide a safe environment for our youth. We see our young people as a vital component of our community and its future. The Paramus Police Department's Juvenile Bureau is mandated by the State to prevent juvenile delinquency and to protect the public by holding the youth accountable for offending behavior and by providing the opportunity to learn to prevent future acts of delinquency. By utilizing the juvenile justice system, as well as other resources, we continue to strive to provide the necessary skills to become productive, responsible, and law abiding citizens.

The Borough of Paramus has a unique school base population that operates within the borders of Paramus. The 24,500 students attend one of 28 schools that are located within Paramus on a daily basis. These 28 schools can be classified as state, county, municipal, private, public, or special education. There are 4 colleges, 6 high schools 11 elementary / middle schools in Paramus and 7 special needs schools. This does not include the 23 nursery schools and day care facilities that operate in Paramus.

The Juvenile Bureau provides the following services:

**JUVENILE INVESTIGATIONS:** Conduct follow-up investigations of police interactions involving juveniles.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS:** Process crime scenes, collect physical evidence, prepare criminal complaints and file same with the Paramus Municipal Court and the Bergen County Superior Court of New Jersey. The Juvenile Bureau is also tasked with supervising a case load of approximately 10 Megan's Law offenders for county, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

**NON-CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS:** Meet with juveniles and their families, in order to develop a plan to address inappropriate behavior of the juveniles and/or parents, and develop a conflict resolution plan that is agreeable to all involved.

**CIVILIAN COMMITTEES:** The Juvenile Bureau Detectives are extremely involved in various civilian assisted committees, including: the Juvenile Conference Committee, SALT (Seniors and Law-Enforcement Together), Substance Abuse Committee, Community Policing Unit, Project Medicine Drop, National Night Out, the Annual Holiday Toy Drive Program, and maintaining the Paramus Police Departments Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts. The Juvenile Bureau assists the Human Services Department with their goal of providing a safety net for residents in need, including: the elderly, disabled, unemployed, single parent households, and those dealing with mental health or substance abuse issues.

**SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY:** The Juvenile Bureau coordinates programs for school children and local organizations. Programs include: The Middle School L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Against Drugs) program, Elementary School "Red Ribbon Week", High School #NotEvenOnce Opiate Awareness Initiative and "Park, Walk and Talk" programs within each public school every day, High School Career Day, assist with an internship program, and provide awareness talks and tours of the Paramus Police Department for various youth organizations.



# DETECTIVE DIVISION L.E.A.D. UNIT



The Paramus Police Department provides a 12-week curriculum titled “Too Good For Drugs” to all 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at East Brook and West Brook Middle Schools. 276 students were enrolled in the program for the 2018-2019 school year. Five specially trained L.E.A.D. officers make up the L.E.A.D. Unit.

L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Against Drugs) is a collaborative program in which local law enforcement and local schools join together to educate students about the personal and social consequences of substance abuse and violence.

The Paramus Police L.E.A.D. Unit has included family themed trips to local attractions to reinforce the positive alternatives theme that is discussed in class. Positive alternatives remind the students to fill their free time with entertainment, sports and interactive activities. The L.E.A.D. Unit arranges and chaperones trips to Bounce U, Paramus Mini Golf, New Jersey Devils, Humdingers arcade and bowling alley, Medieval Times and the Ramsey Movie Theater. The students are encouraged to attend these trips with their families so that they see officers and parents working together to provide good choices.

The L.E.A.D. Unit also has begun providing drug awareness initiatives in the high school with such programs as #NotEvenOnce (an opiate awareness program), AIR (Alumni In Recovery) and Hidden In Plain Sight for parents. The Paramus Police Department L.E.A.D. officers also participate in school initiated community events such as the annual Harlem Wizards’ benefit basketball game for the Paramus Children’s Health Network and Chief For A Day.

## Mission:

L.E.A.D. in collaboration with law enforcement, schools, parents and community will provide premier leadership, guidance direction and program materials to L.E.A.D. Officers, parents and educators in delivering a comprehensive drug and violence prevention curriculum and supportive programs to the States youth and communities.

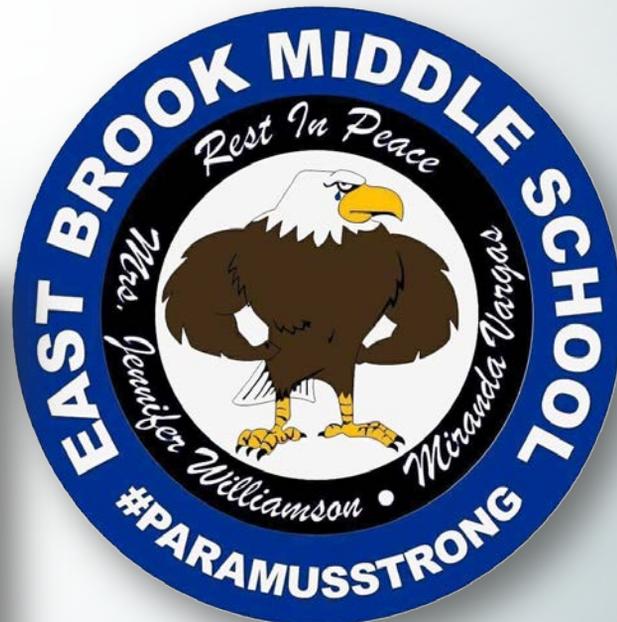
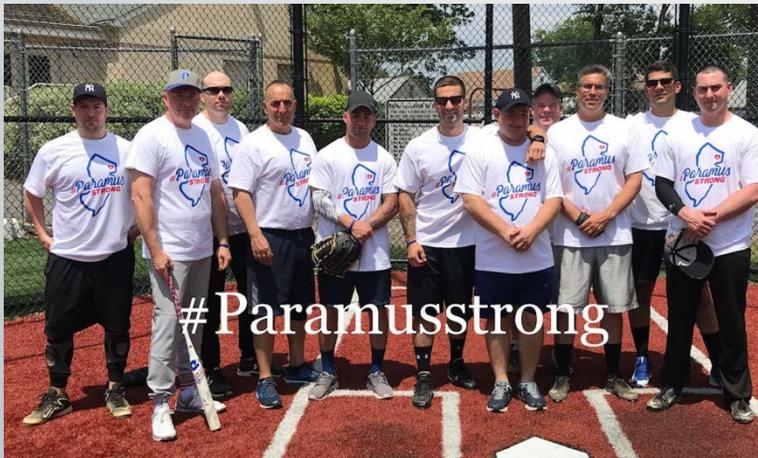
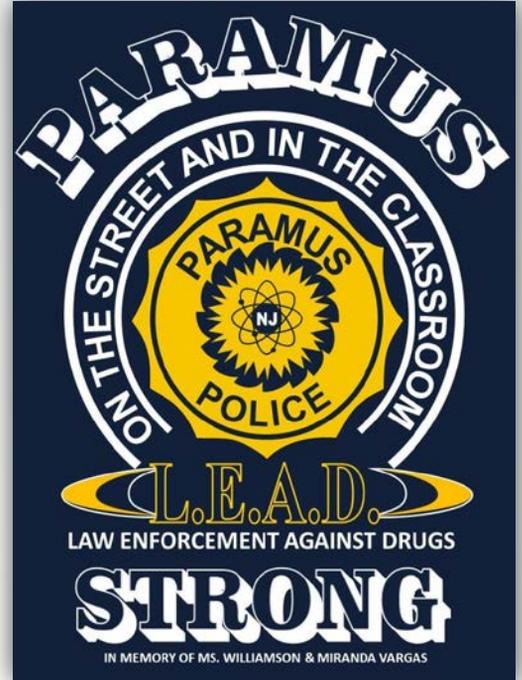


## ON THE STREET AND IN THE CLASSROOM

# DETECTIVE DIVISION L.E.A.D. UNIT

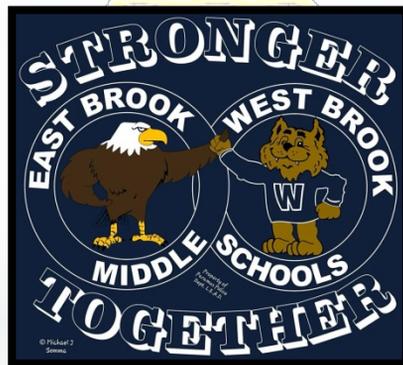
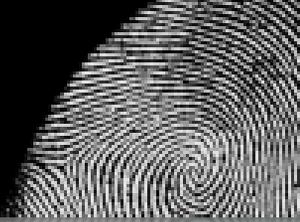


The officers of L.E.A.D. Unit assist the students and staff of the Paramus school's whenever possible to strengthen the partnership. On May 17, 2018 while en route to a class trip, an East Brook school bus was involved in a tragic motor vehicle crash that caused the death of teacher Mrs. Jennifer Williamson and student Miranda Vargas, as well as injuring 42 other occupants. During this time the L.E.A.D. Officers helped coordinate the Paramus Police Department in support for the school and the Paramus community. Officers provided constant support as well as security, traffic assistance and guidance during the healing process.



CRIME SCENE

# DETECTIVE DIVISION L.E.A.D. UNIT



# L.E.A.D.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGAINST DRUGS

## ON THE STREET AND IN THE CLASSROOM

# DETECTIVE DIVISION SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The primary mission of the School Resource Officer (SRO) is to provide a visible and positive image for law enforcement among students. SRO's provide confidential counseling for students concerning the problems they face, and help students make positive choices in their lives. SRO's strive to ensure a healthy school environment where teachers feel safe to teach, and students feel safe to learn.

The SRO Program is a collaborative effort by certified law enforcement officers, educators, students, parents and the community to offer law related educational programs in the schools in an effort to reduce crime, drug abuse, and violence while providing a safe school environment.

The Paramus Police Department has eight trained School Resource Officers currently assigned to the Juvenile and Patrol Units. Three officers work on a rotating basis with five additional officers to supplement the unit. Several of the tasks that an SRO performs during the school year include one-on-one counseling with students, responding to calls for sick and injured students, providing classroom instruction of driver education and criminal law, crisis preparedness planning, attending school safety meetings, conducting security assessments of all school campuses. The SRO's chaperone at evening school events, act as guest speakers on subjects such as crisis planning and internet safety. SRO's provide a familiar face to students during school lockdowns, evacuations, bomb threats and active shooter drills.



# OPIATE ADDICTION SERVICES

## HEROIN ADDICTION RECOVERY TEAM

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# HART PROGRAM

Those seeking recovery may walk into the Paramus Police station on  
**WEDNESDAYS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00AM AND 5:00PM**

to be connected with substance abuse services to meet  
their needed level of care

- Individuals do not need to use opioids to utilize this service. Any individual seeking treatment for any substance abuse related concern may use this service.
- Individuals do not need to schedule an appointment. They may walk in anytime between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm on Wednesdays.
- This is a free service. Clinicians will work to coordinate needed care with a provider which accepts that individual's benefits coverage or has funding for those without insurance.
- Individuals will be connected to comprehensive care. Assessments are provided by CarePlus clinicians with specialties in mental health and substance abuse counseling.
- Individuals may turn in drug paraphernalia without arrest. Individuals with warrants for their arrest will have to address those issues before being connected to services.
- Transportation may be able to be provided to recommended treatment sites.
- Individuals do not need to be Bergen County residents to utilize this service.
- Clinicians will work to set up individuals with treatment services but individual and psychiatric therapy will not be provided on site.

### QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROGRAM?

Please call the Director of Addiction Services at CarePlus NJ:  
Katherine Coleman, 201-986-5045

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INTEGRITY CARE



# DETECTIVE DIVISION COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Through our community outreach unit we feel that we can nurture the relationships we have built with our residents. Through the implementation of various quality of life programs such as S.A.L.T. (Senior's and Law Enforcement Together), Operation Medicine Drop, the Disabled Resident Identification Program, National Night Out and the Junior Police Academy the Paramus Police Department provides constant interaction with our community. Our Community Outreach Unit assists residents with issues that affect their quality of life living and working in the Borough of Paramus.

## Community Outreach Unit Programs

**S.A.L.T. (Senior's and Law Enforcement Together)** - A monthly meeting between the Paramus Police Department and representatives of our senior citizens in the community. S.A.L.T. provides two way communications that enhance the lives of our senior residents. Topics of discussion include: Personal safety and security as well as general quality of life issues. In 2018 the Lock Box program was instituted for seniors. A coded lock box is offered as a point of access for police into a resident's home for emergency purposes.



**Operation Medicine Drop** - The Community Outreach Unit maintains an expired or unused medicine drop box located at police headquarters as well as a portable unit that is brought to community events in order to encourage our residents to clean out their medicine cabinets. The turned in medication is destroyed in an environmentally safe manner at a New Jersey State Police collection site.

**PARAMUS POLICE**

### OPERATION TAKE BACK

Friday October 6, 2017

**DROP OFF LOCATION**  
Paramus High School  
George Hopkins Stadium  
Friday October 6, 2017  
Event: Varsity Football Game

The Paramus Police Department provides a medicine take back box 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the lobby of Police 100's.

All drop offs are completely anonymous.

**PARAMUS HIGH SCHOOL**  
SCHOOL OF TRAINING

The Paramus Police Dept. in conjunction with the Paramus Substance Abuse Committee is sponsoring "Operation Take Back".

A "Fall Clean Out" of your medicine cabinet is a great way to ensure the health of your family and the safety of our environment.

**dispose**  
**unused Rx**

Varsity Football Game vs. Nanterre High School @10pm - George W. Hopkins Stadium

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**Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day**  
#KnockOutOpioidAbuseDay



# DETECTIVE DIVISION COMMUNITY OUTREACH

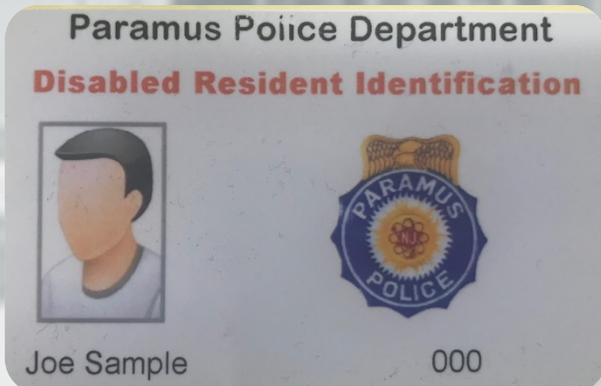
**National Night Out** – A yearly event sponsored by the Paramus Police Department on the grounds of the Paramus Public Library. An estimated 2,500 members of our community come together to share information amongst our residential, professional and emergency services community. The event is held annually on the first Tuesday of August.



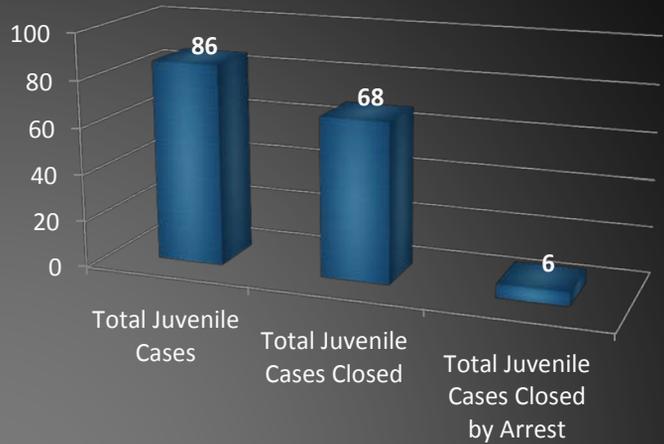
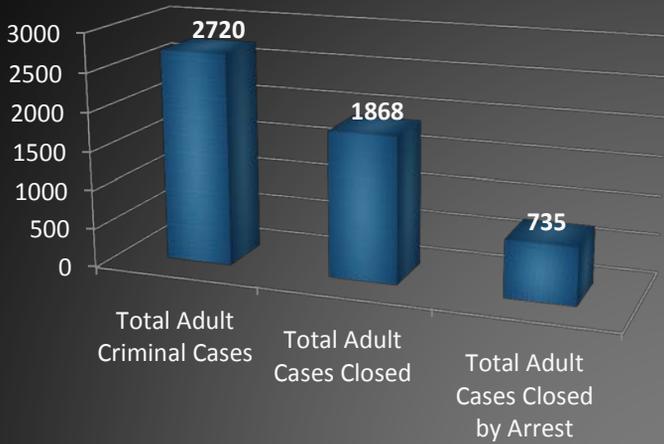
**Junior Police Academy** – The Paramus Junior Police Academy is designed to provide young adults with a better understanding of police in today's society and increase awareness and appreciation of law enforcement and the Paramus Police Department. The "JPA" in its first year had 50 sixth graders who spent a week learning with police officers about all aspects of law enforcement.



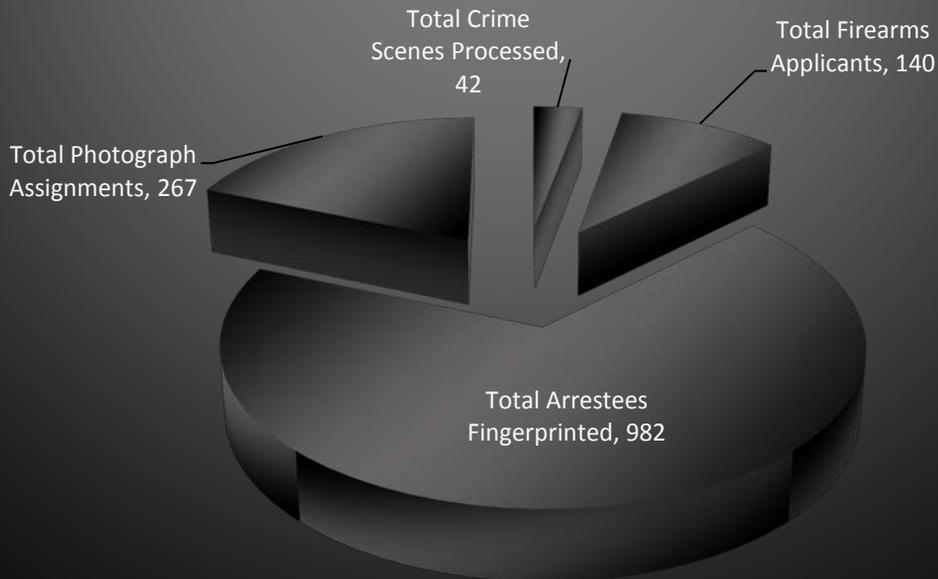
**Disabled Resident Identification Program** - A registration program for our disabled residents fosters communication between our emergency services and our residents with special needs. A photograph and basic information is provided by the resident which is kept in a secure database which is used to assist with any type of emergency call involving the resident.



# DETECTIVE DIVISION CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION BUREAU



## Bureau of Criminal Identification



# PATROL DIVISION



**CAPTAIN  
DAVID LAGRONE**

Officers assigned to the Patrol Division are the first to respond to all emergency calls within the Borough. These calls could be as routine as minor traffic crashes or more serious in nature such as an active shooter. Patrol Officers typically operate highly visible marked police vehicles and are outfitted in full uniform. We are the only division on duty 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. To ensure that there will be an officer a short distance away should an emergency arise, each officer is assigned a section of the Borough. While not responding to emergency calls, officers are responsible for maintaining a watchful eye in their assigned area. Although a portion of our responsibility is to deter crime and arrest criminals, much of our activity does not involve criminal activity. Patrol officers are regularly summoned to assist people in need.

As new officers enter our Department, they are assigned to Patrol Division for training. Working closely with the Training Division, new officers are immersed into a comprehensive and structured field training program. They are partnered with specially trained and highly experienced patrol officers to ensure each new officer has the tools to provide the highest level of service. Once completed with their training, they are permanently assigned to the Patrol Division. This provides our Division with an exceptional combination of seasoned and young officers with which to accomplish our mission.

As the largest division in the Police Department, officers are routinely assigned to other divisions when manpower is needed. In addition, patrol officers have been, and continue to be assigned to various county, state and federal agencies to supplement their personnel. These assignments have proven to be an integral part of our Department as a whole. While assigned to these agencies, officers have gained a higher level of experience and knowledge. This has been a tremendous benefit to Paramus in our attempts to ensure the safety of our residents, commercial establishments and visitors to our community.

Listed below are some of the activities and services provided by the Patrol Division in 2018:

- On January 15, 2018 P.O. Liu conducted a motor vehicle stop for Title 39 violations. An odor of marijuana was detected and a probable cause search of vehicle was conducted. The vehicle resulted in the discovery of suspected marijuana, drug paraphernalia and a safe. The suspect vehicle was impounded and a search warrant was obtained for the interior of vehicle and the safe. Search warrant request was approved and inside the safe was discovered a .25 caliber handgun, a box of .25 caliber ammunition and 17 grams of marijuana. One adult male was placed under arrest and summonses for Title 39 violations were issued.
- On January 28, 2018 a high end motor vehicle was stolen from a residential driveway in Paramus during the overnight hours. The Mercedes Benz corporate office tracked the vehicle to a residential street in Paramus. P.O. A. Mordaga located the vehicle and a pursuit ensued. P.O. Reed and P.O. Grady joined the pursuit. The stolen vehicle was eventually stopped in Paramus and two adult males were placed under arrest. Defendants were charged with eluding, possession of stolen property and numerous narcotic offenses. The driver of the stolen motor vehicle was also issued numerous summonses for violation of Title 39 statutes.
- On February 3, 2018 P.O. Piccinich, P.O. Sicari and P.O. McGuire responded to Target, Bergen Town Center, in response to a report of a possible overdose. An adult male victim was located lying on the floor unconscious with shallow breathing. Two doses of Narcan were administered and victim regained consciousness. The victim was transported to Valley Hospital.

# PATROL DIVISION



- On February 23, 2018 another police agency had been in a motor vehicle pursuit of a suicidal suspect armed with a knife. The pursuit had been terminated prior to entering Paramus. P.O. M. Mordaga observed the vehicle and initiated a pursuit. He and P.O. Hooper were able to stop the suspect vehicle and arrest the suspect after a brief struggle. The adult male defendant was transported to New Bridge Medical Center for involuntary psychiatric commitment. The defendant will be charged with eluding and resisting arrest. Multiple Title 39 violation summonses issued.
- On February 28, 2018 P.O. Tanelli conducted a motor vehicle stop for Title 39 violations. P.O. Tanelli detected the odor of marijuana and conducted a probable cause search of the suspect vehicle. The search resulted in the discovery of suspected marijuana and edible marijuana items, weighing 94 grams and 780 grams respectively. One adult male was placed under arrest and summonses for Title 39 violations were issued.
- On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 P.O. Focarino and P.O. Hooper responded to Cambridge Road in reference to an unresponsive male seated in a parked vehicle. The adult male was located and it was determined that he was suffering from a possible heroin overdose. Two doses of Narcan were administered and victim regained consciousness. The victim was transported to Valley Hospital.
- On March 24, 2018 P.O. Capizzi responded to the scene of a motor vehicle crash, with injuries, involving a vehicle into a building at Chakra Restaurant Route 4 East. One of the vehicle operators was determined to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs and resisted arrest. Defendant was transported to hospital for medical treatment. The defendant was charged with 39:4-50, resisting arrest and numerous other Title 39 violations.
- On April 24, 2018 Officers were dispatched to the Garden State Plaza Mall, in the area of the South parking garage, in reference to a report of a person that had jumped from the 5<sup>th</sup> level of the parking garage. Upon arrival officers located a juvenile male, not breathing and without a pulse, lying on the roadway adjacent to the parking garage. P.O. Bland, Sgt. Pollaro and Lt. Udis immediately began CPR and subsequently attached an AED unit. The victim was shocked four times by the AED and regained a pulse. BLS and ALS arrived and transported the victim to HUMC. Two eye witnesses, security video and physical evidence were utilized to determine that the victim had jumped from the top level of the parking garage.
- On April 24, 2018 P.O. Lombardo, P.O. Cofone and P.O. Nepola were dispatched to Geranium Court on a possible overdose. Upon arrival officers located an unresponsive but breathing adult female victim that appeared to show signs of an opioid overdose. Narcan was administered by officers and the victim regained consciousness. The victim was transported to HUMC by BLS and ALS for treatment.
- On May 5, 2018 P.O. Henderson and Keough responded to a call of baby geese stuck in a storm drain. Both officers assisted several good Samaritans and rescued all three baby geese from the storm drain. The baby geese were reunited with parents.
- On May 9, 2018 P.O. Bland investigated a suspicious vehicle outside of Borough Hall and made contact with three suspicious persons inside of vehicle. P.O. Bland developed probable cause and further investigation led to the discovery of 96 wax folds of suspected heroin, numerous syringes, a small baggie of suspected cocaine and crack pipe. P.O. Piccinich assisted with the arrest. Two adult females and one adult male were subsequently arrested and charged with numerous narcotics related offenses. Suspect vehicle was also impounded and driver was issued a summons for Title 39 violation.

# PATROL DIVISION

- On May 17, 2018 numerous officers responded to a report of a school bus crash, East Brook Middle School class trip, in the area of Route 80 West exit 25. Officers assisted at scene and then responded to various hospitals to assist in identification and reunification. Officers also responded to East Brook Middle School to set up Incident Command, provide traffic control, security and to assist with reunification. Numerous officers provided parents with transportation to hospitals.
- On August 15, 2018 P.O. Sicari observed a vehicle driving erratically while on a drive sober get pulled over enforcement detail. He subsequently stopped the suspect vehicle and the driver was found to be operating under the influence of a narcotic. The driver was also found to be in possession of 70 wax folds containing powder suspected of being heroin. Through further investigation it was also determined that the suspect vehicle had been fleeing from a hit and run crash prior to being observed by P.O. Sicari. The adult male suspect was arrested and charged with possession of heroin, driving under the influence, and issued numerous summonses for Title 39 violations.
- On September 25, 2018 P.O. Liu conducted a motor vehicle stop of a vehicle in the parking lot of the Garden State Plaza Mall, for Title 39 violations. P.O. Liu detected the odor of burnt marijuana emanating from the suspect vehicle and conducted a probable cause search of suspect vehicle. The search led to the discovery of a Sig Sauer .40 caliber handgun (with loaded magazine) and suspected marijuana under 50 grams. Three adult males and one adult female suspect were arrested for weapons possession and possession of marijuana. The driver of suspect vehicle was issued summonses for numerous Title 39 violations.
- On December 1, 2018 P.O. Bland responded to a report of shoplifting in progress in the Garden State Plaza Mall. P.O. Bland located suspects matching description given and stopped them for investigation. All suspects were found to be in possession of stolen property and marijuana under 50 grams. One suspect was also found to be in possession of a .22 caliber revolver which was loaded with 3 rounds. All defendants, one adult and two juvenile males, were placed under arrest and transported to Paramus Police Headquarters.
- On December 9, 2018 P.O. Cruz, Sgt. Pollaro and Sgt. Nutland responded to the Paramus Golf Course for a report of an emergency landing of a small aircraft. Upon arrival all four occupants of the aircraft were located and sustained only minor injuries. NTSB and Paramus EMS and FD were notified to respond.



# COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU



**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
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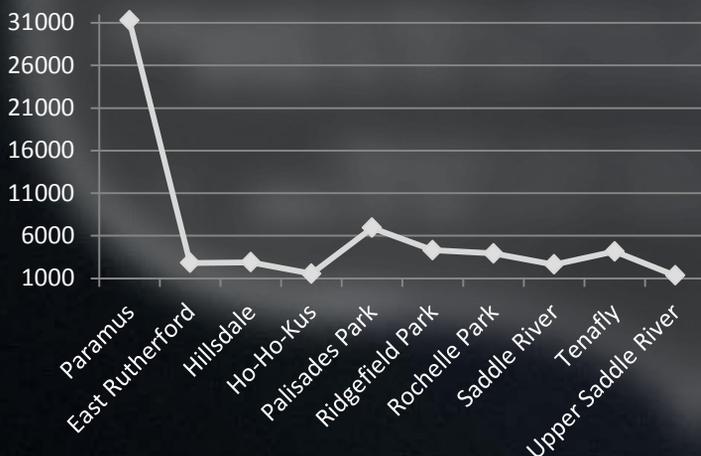
The Vincent M. Brock Communications Center is a regional Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for any emergency 9-1-1 calls from the residents and visitors of Paramus, as well as nine additional towns throughout Bergen County; a total residential population of **115,924** people. These towns are East Rutherford, Hillsdale, Ho-Ho-Kus, Palisades Park, Ridgefield Park, Rochelle Park, Saddle River, Tenafly, and Upper Saddle River. In 2018, the Communications Center answered **73,611** emergency 9-1-1 calls; an increase of greater than 10,000 calls from 2017.

These emergency calls can be for any type of incident; requesting police, fire or medical response. Telecommunicators are trained to gather all the necessary information to determine the most appropriate response. Additionally, telecommunicators maintain a certification in emergency medical dispatch, allowing them to provide pre-arrival medical instructions to callers while help is sent. Pre-arrival instructions can be as simple as basic first-aid, or as complex as verbal instruction on how to perform CPR. Telecommunicators must learn how to work through stress and emotions to take control of these calls and act effectively and efficiently.

## TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE THROUGH 2018

PD Calls	FD Calls	EMS Calls
41,332	1,344	4,238

## BREAKDOWN OF TOTAL 9-1-1 CALLS BY TOWN ANSWERED FOR 2017



Paramus	31,264	Rochelle Park	3,921
East Rutherford	2,820	Saddle River	2,632
Hillsdale	2,899	Tenafly	4,155
Ho-Ho-Kus	1,547	Upper Saddle	
Palisades Park	6,939	River	1,346
Ridgefield Park	4,307	Other Towns	11,781

# COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU

In addition to handling greater than two hundred 9-1-1 calls every day, telecommunicators are charged with the radio dispatch of police, fire, medical, and support agencies throughout the Borough. After sending the appropriate response, telecommunicators will serve as a relay between responders, and a hub of information. In 2018, the Communications Center dispatched **46,914** calls for service.

The dispatchers of the Communications Center were an integral part of the incredible coordination behind the Northern Trust Golf Tournament, serving as the bridge between emergency responders, PGA staff and the general public. Additional projects include greater efforts in public education, with telecommunicators assisting the Department with National Night Out, and the promotion of the Department's Operation Reassurance Program.

The Communications Center has continued to build upon a strong foundation to improve its situational awareness capabilities. Dispatchers are able to use various technologies to provide a more detailed description of incidents and situations that emergency responders are dispatched to. As always, the Communications Center remains a vital link in law enforcement, assisting officers in various ways. Field units are able to radio into the Center for computer checks on people and property to be run through CJIS, NCIC and ATS/ACS. Telecommunicators will check for warrants, criminal and driving history, and general information on persons and items. They also ensure officers are safe in the field, regularly checking their status when they are on calls or out with subjects.





# IN MEMORIAM



**Lieutenant Harry Carlough**  
**End of Watch:** Sunday, January 15, 1956 **Age:** 43  
**Badge Number:** 102 Incident Details  
**Cause of Death:** Vehicle pursuit  
**Date of Incident:** Wednesday, December 7, 1955  
**Weapon Used:** Automobile

Lieutenant Carlough succumbed to complications of injuries sustained in a vehicle accident on December 7, 1955. He was assisting other units in a vehicle pursuit that originated in Troy, New York. He was travelling on Route 17 when he swerved to avoid a truck that was entering the highway and his patrol car struck a tractor trailer. Lieutenant Carlough suffered multiple injuries and suffered severe allergic reactions to antibiotics he was placed on as a result. He died from his injuries on January 15, 1956. He was survived by his wife and son.



**Patrolman Michael P. McEllen**  
**End of Watch:** Sunday, October 3, 1976 **Age:** 27  
**Tour of Duty:** 3 years, 6 months **Badge Number:** 306  
 Incident Details  
**Cause of Death:** Automobile accident  
**Date of Incident:** Sunday, October 3, 1976

Patrolman McEllen was killed in an automobile accident while responding to an intruder call at 2300 hours. His patrol car hydroplaned on a rain-slicked Route 17, causing it to strike a light pole. Patrolman McEllen had served with the Paramus Police Department for 3.5 years. He was survived by his wife and two children.



**Patrolman Vincent M. Brock**  
**End of Watch:** Monday, November 22, 1993 **Age:** 39  
**Tour of Duty:** 12 years **Badge Number:** 326  
 Incident Details  
**Cause of Death:** Automobile accident  
**Date of Incident:** Monday, November 22, 1993  
**Suspect Info:** Arrested

Officer Brock was killed when his patrol car struck a utility pole on Route 4 while he was responding to a false 9-1-1 call from a stolen cellular phone. The suspect who placed the false call was arrested after the cellular phone was reactivated and traced. He was sentenced to five years in prison in connection with Officer Brock's death. Officer Brock had served with the Paramus Police Department for 12 years. He was survived by his wife, two sons, and daughter.



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