



New Providence Police Department



Annual Report



2022

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Office of the Chief of Police

Chief Daniel Henn

The members of the New Providence Police Department believe in providing the highest level of service to the citizens that work, visit and call this great community home. Our Officers take the job we do very seriously, continuing to train to the highest standards while engaging law enforcement best practices each and every shift they come to work. This was most notable as our agency was recommended for re-accreditation after a comprehensive reassessment of our policies and procedures in 2022. Our values call for accountability, fairness and respect, which are qualities central to how we perform our duties. Additionally, our agency has always been accessible. We continually invite the public to participate in the service we provide and welcome the valuable insight they offer.

While looking back, I would be remiss to bid farewell to several Officers that served our agency on a daily basis. Chief Theresa Gazaway bid farewell to the Department after 27 years of honorable service. She will always be remembered for her strategic, yet compassionate approach to policing and the impressions she made on our Officers and the public will not be forgotten. We also said goodbye to SLEO 3 Dan Lorimor and SLEO 2 Chris Aversa. These officers worked in our schools and in our community as positive role models and problem solvers. They were valuable assets to our agency, and we wish them the best in their next journey. Fortunately, with goodbyes, we often get to say hello! In 2022, we welcomed 2 new full-time officers, Marcos Martinez and Carly Bouman and SLEO II Ron Guidetti to the ranks of our agency.

If our past is indicative of our future, I am confident of the path this agency is on and expect us to continue to provide an excellent level of service to this great town.

Daniel Henn
Chief of Police
Emergency Management Coordinator

2022 Patrol Division Report

Lieutenant Sean Bubb

The New Providence Police Department handled 18,083 calls for service in 2022, an increase of nearly 1,500 calls for service from 2021.

Officers made 2,502 motor vehicle stops and issued 1,750 summonses. From those motor vehicle stops, 22 DWI arrests were made. Officers conducted 1224 traffic details. Officers responded to 330 motor vehicle crashes which included 297 with no injuries, 33 with injuries, 34 hit and run, and 8 pedestrian related. Officers issued over 480 parking summonses.

New Providence Police officers spend most of their shifts performing tasks that are not normally recognized but these tasks are essential to serving the community. Officers responded to 851 medical calls, over 157 fire related calls, 69 lock outs, 155 animal related calls, over 3924 property and area checks, and 930 school facility checks.

Patrols responded to 9 overdose calls that consisted of two fatal overdoses.

2022 Detective Bureau Report

Lieutenant Donald Sretenovic

The Detective Bureau closed 721 calls for service and cases during 2022. Many of these investigations included theft, fraud, financial crimes, harassment, suspicious incidents, controlled substance investigations, fatalities, criminal mischief, and domestic violence incidents.

Detective processed 148 firearms applications. All firearms applications go through a lengthy background investigation with an extra amount of time needed to complete the permit to carry process.

Detectives fingerprinted 25 individuals for non-criminal matters and conducted 106 local background / records checks for other police agencies, Division of Child Protection and Permanency, permitting purposes, or for emergency volunteer service membership applications. Detectives were also responsible for providing discovery for 136 requests in 2022 and multiple case preparations to the Union County Prosecutor's Office and the Municipal Court. Detectives also completed 45 expungements ordered by the court. On top of their normal duties, Detectives are quick to assist patrol on calls for service when manpower is needed and fill in for School Resource Officers and school crossing posts when needed.

2022 Juvenile Report

Lieutenant Donald Sretenovic

In 2022, patrol officers took forty-seven juveniles into protective custody. There were nineteen juvenile cases in need of a follow-up investigation with six stationhouse adjustments issued and completed in lieu of formal charges. There were five formal warnings issued to juveniles and their parents, for those juveniles in possession of alcohol or marijuana.

2022 Traffic Bureau Report

Sergeant Andrew Diamond

- Reviewed/Investigated 330 motor vehicle crashes.
- Investigated 34 hit and run motor vehicle crashes.
- Conducted 341 traffic enforcement details.
- 474 Motor Vehicle Stops
- 377 Motor Vehicle Summons Issued.
- 369 Motor Vehicle Warnings Issued.
- Installed/Inspected 13 child seats.
- Completed Traffic pattern change at New Providence High School and surrounding streets.
- Rapid Flash Pedestrian Crossing installed at Central Avenue/Balcom Rd/Spring St.
- Deployed VMB/Speed Sign at 55 locations.
- Completed updates to the intersection of South St and Central Ave.
- Procurement/Upfit of two new patrol vehicles.
- Speed Tables installed on Magnolia Drive.
- Completed Borough-wide Traffic Safety and Circulation improvement plan update.
- Received Safe Routes to School grant for various roadways.
- Conducted right of way tree/shrub enforcement throughout the Borough.
- Purchased two portable Driver Speed Feedback signs.
- Traffic complaint submission form and tracking program logged 13 complaints.
- Completed Borough-Wide streetlamp upgrades with JCP&L.
- Borough alarm ordinance and tracking software updates completed.
- Conducted Bicycle Rodeo with elementary schools in conjunction with Hilltop Bicycles.



2022 Training Division Report

Captain Stephen Drown

In 2022, Department personnel attended and participated in over 3000 hours of mandated and elective training. Officers voluntarily attended classes related to emergency management, school-based incidents, advanced supervision and leadership, crimes scene processing, digital evidence recovery, DWI enforcement, drug recognition, and traffic management.

Our agency held mandated firearms, rifle, taser, use of force, pursuit driving, domestic violence, and CPR recertifications. To coincide with the extensive communication, intervention, and de-escalation training our officers received from the Union County Prosecutor's Office in 2021, our officers received advanced defensive tactics training this year from Corporal David Rodriguez and Detective Andrew Lynch. These two officers became certified with specialized training in Defensive and Survival Tactics from the Gracie Survival Tactics University of Jiu-Jitsu. These instructors developed lesson plans with hands-on training to ensure that our entire agency received this vital training.

Our expanded training assignments also included mental health and special needs crisis training, hazmat, right to know, detention facilities training, harassment in the workplace, and continued education for field training officers. This year, Officer Kevin Gutierrez joined the Union County Emergency Response Team (UCERT) where he is receiving advanced training in civil disorder, crowd control, and active shooter. Officer Jeffrey Bruder became a certified Drug Recognition Expert where he has utilized this training to detect the presence of controlled dangerous substances in drivers who are suspected to be under the influence.

In 2022, much of the training that our officers received was from our own resources, utilizing the expertise that our officers have built through years of training and experiences. A large percentage of our agency has provided this internal training while others have also dedicated their time to training new police recruits at the John H. Stamler Police Academy. These officers are the lead or assistant instructors for functional policing areas such as Title 39, radar certification, crash investigations, EVOC, Firearms, Domestic Violence, Report Writing, and Defensive Tactics. The following officers instructing at both the John H. Stamler Police Academy and our agency.

Cpt. Stephen Drown
Sgt. Steven Opalewski
Sgt. Jason Labaska

Lt. Sean Bubb
D/Sgt. Chad Wilson
Cpl. Joseph DiParisi

Lt. Donald Sretenovic
Sgt. Joseph Parlapiano
Det. Nicholas Guerriero



Promotions



Chief Daniel Henn was sworn in as the Police Department's 8th Police Chief on August 16, 2022.

Captain Stephen Drown was sworn into his position on September 13, 2022.



Lieutenant Donald Sretenovic was sworn into his position on September 13, 2022.

Sergeant Thomas Hoppe was sworn into his position on December 20, 2022.



Appointments



Officer Marcos Martinez was sworn into his position on August 16, 2022.

Officer Carly Bouman was sworn into her position on August 16, 2022.



Class III Special Officer Robert Moran was sworn into his position on August 16, 2022.

Class II Special Officer Ronald Guidetti was sworn into his position on May 10, 2022.



Chief Gazaway Retirement



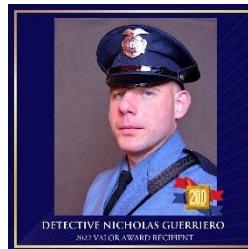
NJ Women in Law Enforcement
Lifetime Achievement Award



Chief Theresa Gazaway retired on August 1, 2022 after serving 27 years with the New Providence Police Department. She was sworn in as the 7th Police Chief of the New Providence Police Department on May 1, 2020. Prior to her tenure as Chief, she served as a Patrol Officer, Traffic Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain.

Awards

- ~Women in Law Enforcement Lifetime Achievement Award- *Retired Chief Theresa Gazaway*
- ~Department Medal of Honor- Hurricane Ida (2021): *Chief Daniel Henn, Detective Michael Carlino, Detective Nicholas Guerriero, Officer Jeffrey Bruder, and OEM Deputy Coordinator Susan DeLuise*
- ~Department Honorable Service Award-Hurricane Ida (2021): *Officer Carmine Boccellari*
- ~200 Club Valor Award (Hurricane Ida): *Detective Michael Carlino, Detective Nicholas Guerriero, and Officer Jeffrey Bruder*
- ~Life Saving Award- Narcan/CPR (February 2022): *Detective Andrew Lynch and Officer Eduar Cruz*
- ~Life Saving Award- Narcan/CPR (August 2022): *Detective Nicholas Guerriero and Detective Andrew Lynch*
- ~Life Saving Award-CPR (October 2022): *Officer Marcos Martinez*



Letters of Commendation

- ~200 Club (Hurricane Ida): *Chief Daniel Henn, Retired Chief Theresa Gazaway, and OEM Deputy Coordinator Susan DeLuise*
- ~Departmental (extinguished fire in structure February 2022): *Sergeant Andrew Diamond*

New Providence Police Honor Guard

The New Providence Police Honor Guard was reestablished in 2021. The Honor Guard consist of Detective Sergeant Chad Wilson, Detective Michael Carlino, Detective Nicholas Guerriero, Corporal Michael Scuorzo, Officer Jeffrey Bruder, Officer Gregory Miller, and Officer Kevin Gutierrez. The Honor Guard represents the agency at Law Enforcement events, celebrations, funerals, parades and sporting events.



2022 Community Services Officer Report

Corporal David Rodriguez

The Community Services Officer role was designed to continue an interactive and collaborative relationship between the police and the community. The CSO, Corporal David Rodriguez, acted as a personal contact for the Police Department, providing effective two-way communication. The CSO is responsible for promoting awareness regarding community events, safety initiatives, and prevention/scam alerts. Community members were able to contact the CSO with any questions and concerns or merely to find resources within the Borough. Corporal Rodriguez worked with local organizations, leaders, and citizens on an array of ventures or activities. He also worked side by side with community groups to address specific problems and to work toward certain goals.

Since its implementation in September of 2020, Corporal Rodriguez became the Municipal Alliance Liaison and the Diversity Committee Liaison. He developed the PACT (Police and Community Together) program, Blue Angel program, Blue Guardian, and Ring Neighbors Public Safety Service. Corporal Rodriguez helped coordinate National Night Out and the Veteran's Banner program. He also participated with the Coat drive, Toys for Tots, Various Blood drives, Pumpkin Carving, Trunk or Treat, Scarecrow Contest, Halloween Candy Giveback, National Night Out, Tunnels To Towers Stair climb, PACT Newsletter, Coffee With A Cop, Cookie with a Cop, Women's Self Defense Classes, Senior Center visits, Baseball Card Program, Tours and Presentations to the Boy and Girl Scout Related, PATT program at the High School, Youth Academy, and guest speaking at the Forensics Classes at the High School.

After over two years as the Community Services Officer, Corporal Rodriguez has been reassigned to patrol. The CSO torch has been passed to Detective Michael Carlino. Prior to this position, Detective Carlino has been a School Resource Officer, LEADS instructor, and Youth Academy instructor.

PACT Community Day



Baseball Card Program



Ukraine Donation Initiative



Girl Scout Tour



Cookie with a Cop



Youth Academy

The New Providence Police Department was able to hold the Youth Academy after a several year hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This program provides children with insight on how police officers perform their duties and what sources are available to them. Students learn about motor vehicle stops, crime scene processing, police job assignments, and how our department works with other agencies including the New Providence Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services, Union County K9, Union County Police Drone Unit, Union County Bomb Squad, UCERT, and SWAT.



PATT Program

For the past several years, the New Providence Police have participated in Police and Teens together at the New Providence High School. The program consists of Juniors and Seniors from Byron Tracy's Criminology class and New Providence PD School Resource Officer Dennis Carovillano. The purpose of this program is for students to interact with police officers to learn about their professional and personal lives. It also gives students the opportunity to learn about police practices, laws, and interactions. After these discussions, the students get to participate in mock motor vehicle stops. This allows students to be in simulated situations that officers deal with on a regular basis.



2022 National Night Out

The 2022 National Night Out was held on August 2nd. There were games, giveaways, music and the evening was capped off by a fireworks display. Numerous sponsors helped make this a successful event including the New Providence Lions Club, New Providence Fire Department, New Providence Rescue Squad, Downtown Improvement District, NJ Sharing Network, Your Kids Urgent Care, Skin Deep, Elefante Music, AT&T Store, and ACME. The special drawing for the baseball trading card winner was held during the event which added to the excitement of the night for the kids.



2022 PBA Local 132 Events

National Night Out
Toys for Tots

PBA Car Show
Trunk or Treat

Fishing Derby
Pumpkin Carving

Egg My House
Blood Drives

