

NEW PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

DANIEL W. HENN
CHIEF OF POLICE



Office of the Chief of Police

Chief Daniel W. Henn

Each year, our annual report gives us an opportunity to reflect on what we have accomplished. Over every hour of every day, our Department has stood ready to answer the calls of all of our residents and visitors. We serve with great pride and always put the needs of our community at the forefront of the job we have been tasked to do. Our agency has a culture of transparency, a commitment to doing what is right and we hold ourselves accountable to those fundamental principles.



Our Mayor and Council support the mission of our Department. Our elected leaders value public safety and provide our agency with the proper resources to help facilitate our daily operations. We are supported by the Borough Administration and staff and we are appreciative of the team effort that each employee puts forth. This team approach by the Police Department and Borough Hall staff fosters the commitment to each person who calls upon our services.

Thank you to our partners in our community that stand with us to provide knowledge and ideas that help to incrementally make New Providence a great place to live, visit and work. Our school district, business partners and volunteer organizations are a reflection of the work we do, day in and day out. Our Officers are members of this community and reflect the values that our community expects from its public servants. We say thank you for your commitment to our department.

Our Officers are accessible. We are here to do our best to serve your needs. We never rest. We will always be here for your call.

Respectfully,

Chief Daniel Henn



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the New Providence Police Department is to protect and serve all citizens impartially and without bias. Officers strive to enhance the quality of life and instill a sense of security within the community, through proactive patrol and professional public interaction. We pledge to be vigilant while serving with dignity, respect and excellence.

VISION STATEMENT

The New Providence Police Department will maintain the highest level of service to our community through thoughtful decision making and fostering strong relationships with our community. We choose innovative thinking and collaboration as a means of delivering meaningful actions. Ultimately, we will identify the changing needs of our community and model best practices throughout law enforcement to deliver on the mission of this agency.

VALUE STATEMENT

Central to our mission and vision, the New Providence Police Department establishes our values as characteristics or qualities of worth. These values are the foundation and guiding principles that lead us to fulfill our commitment and promises to our community.

- We value:**
- Integrity
 - Accountability
 - Fairness
 - Compassion
 - Respect
 - Dignity



2023 Departmental Photograph



Top Row (from left to right)

Sergeant Joseph Parlapiano, Corporal David Rodriguez, Officer Jeffrey Bruder, Officer Carly Bouman, Traffic Sergeant Andrew Diamond, Administrative Assistant Susan DeLuise, Lieutenant Sean Bubbs, Captain Stephen Drown, Chief Daniel Henn, Lieutenant Donald Sretenovic, Administrative Assistant Donna Sarna, Traffic Officer Bryce Garrison, SLEO 3 Robert Moran, Officer Ronald Guidetti, Officer Carmine Boccellari, Corporal Mark Pawelek, Sergeant Jason Labaska

Bottom Row (from left to right)

Sergeant Steven Opalewski, Corporal Joseph DiParisi, Officer Daniel Nozza, Officer Gregory Miller, SLEO 2 Dennis Carovillano, SLEO 2 Eduar Cruz, Detective Sergeant Chad Wilson, Detective Nicholas Guerriero, Detective Michael Carlino, Detective Andrew Lynch, SLEO 2 Gerald Pydeski, SLEO 3 John Bojtos, Officer Marcos Martinez, Officer Christian Cely, Corporal Michael Scuorzo, Sergeant Thomas Hoppe

Not pictured: Officer Kevin Gutierrez, Administrative Assistant Grace Felezzola



Personnel Actions



Full-time Officer Appointment

Officer Ronald Guidetti III was appointed from Special Class II Officer to Full-time Police Officer on October 24, 2023. Officer Guidetti began his career as a SLEO II on May 10, 2022.

Special Class III School Resource Officer Appointment



Officer Janos Bojtos was appointed as a Special Class III Officer on February 14, 2023. Officer Bojtos retired from the Bound Brook Police Department with prior service as a Sheriff's Officer for Somerset County.



Personnel Actions

Administrative Assistant Retirement



Administrative Assistant Donna Sarna retired after 21 years of service in the Borough on June 30, 2023. She began her career in the Borough on November 18, 2002 and became a part of the Police Department in 2010.



Administrative Assistant Appointment

Grace Felezzola was appointed as Administrative Assistant on June 8, 2023. Administrative Assistant Felezzola previously interned at the Police Department in the first quarter of 2022.



Years of Service Award



Administrative Assistant Susan DeLuise received her 30 years of service award after reaching this incredible milestone on May 3, 2023. Susan began her career in the New Providence Police Department as a Communications Officer on May 3, 1993. She has continued her outstanding dedication to the Department and Borough as the Police Administrative Assistant.

Susan has served as the Deputy OEM Coordinator since January 2006 and has been a member of the New Providence Rescue Squad since 1983. As the Deputy OEM Director, when Susan is not out assisting those in need, she has been behind the scenes coordinating efforts to provide rescue and relief. She has served as the Captain of the Rescue Squad, a New Providence Fire Fighter, and a Police Auxiliary Officer.

Susan has received numerous life saving awards from her time on EMS along with receiving a Department Medal of Honor in 2021 for her courageous work in the field during Hurricane Ida. In 2021 she also received the Union County SHero Award for her dedication to the Borough, highlighted by her tireless work as the Captain of the Rescue Squad during the pandemic. She has been a vital part to emergency services in New Providence for over 40 years and has dedicated her life not only as a Borough employee but as a volunteer.



NIBRS Crime Report Statistics

The National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) allows the department to record more detailed information about crimes that have been committed in New Providence. The following charts show all offenses reported in 2023 in comparison to those similar offenses reported in 2022.

Offense	2022	2023	Change
Crime Against Person			
Aggravated Assault	0	1	+1
Fondling	2	0	-2
Human Traffic Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	0
Human Traffic Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0
Intimidation	4	8	+4
Kidnapping / Abduction	0	0	0
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape	1	1	0
Sexual Assault with Object	0	0	0
Simple Assault	3	8	+5
Sodomy	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0



NIBRS Statistics Continued

Offense	2022	2023	Change
Crime Against Property			
All Other Larceny	35	38	+3
Arson	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0
Burglary	8	6	-2
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	0
Credit Card / Automated Teller Machine Fraud	27	49	+22
Destruction / Damage / Vandalism of Property	8	5	-3
Embezzlement	0	0	0
Extortion / Blackmail	0	0	0
False Pretenses / Swindle / Confidence Game	1	0	-1
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	6	-1
Pocket-picking	0	0	0
Purse-snatching	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Shoplifting	0	3	+3
Theft from Building	0	1	+1
Theft from Motor Vehicle	11	9	-2
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	1	0	-1
Crime Against Society			
Drug/Narcotic Violations	0	2	+2
Weapons Law Violations	2	2	0
Other Offenses			
Justifiable Homicide	0	0	0



Operational Division

The Operational Division is comprised of the Patrol Division and Traffic Bureau. Members in the Operational Division respond to calls for service including EMS and fire calls, patrol the roadways of the Borough, assist with traffic control, and enforce the criminal and traffic laws of New Jersey. These officers are the first line in our mission to protect and serve the Borough of New Providence.

2023 Patrol Division Report

Lieutenant Sean Bubb

The New Providence Police Department handled 17,696 calls for service in 2023. Officers made 2,425 motor vehicle stops and issued 1,291 summonses. From those motor vehicle stops, 35 DWI arrests were made. Officers conducted 1,323 traffic details. Officers responded to 316 motor vehicle crashes including 273 with no injuries, 28 with injuries, 43 hit and run, and 9 pedestrian related. Officers issued over 1,412 parking summonses.



New Providence Police Officers spend most of their shifts performing tasks that are not normally recognized but are essential to the service of the community. Officers responded to 831 medical calls, 216 fire related calls, 47 lock outs, 174 animal related calls, over 2,121 property and area checks, and 800 school facility checks. Patrols responded to four non-fatal overdose calls for service.

Arrest Totals	2022	2023	Change
Adult	58	67	+9
Juvenile	1	1	0



Patrol Division Noteworthy Cases

Officers were dispatched on a 911 call of a male parked in a restaurant parking lot with a gun in his hand. Officers responded and observed the male in his vehicle with his head down with a gun located in his right hand. The male was ordered out at gun point and taken into custody without further incident. He was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of a handgun.



Officers conducted a motor vehicle stop on a vehicle for various motor vehicle violations. As the officers pulled the vehicle over, the vehicle jerked over the double yellow line and stopped in the middle of the road. Officers conducted an investigation and found that the driver had a suspended license, several warrants, and determined that he was driving under the influence of an intoxicating substance. During the arrest, officers located heroin, marijuana, cocaine (powder and rock), amphetamine, ecstasy, over \$900 cash, four phones, and two hollow point bullets. The suspect was charged with numerous counts of possession and distribution of the various drugs located along with possession of prohibited weapons and devices.

Officers responded to a 911 call of an assault in progress at a business office. It was reported that the suspect assaulted the owner with pepper spray and attempted to slash him with a knife. The suspect was located in front of Borough hall and detained. An investigation into the assault was conducted and the suspect was charged with aggravated assault, two counts of unlawful possession of a weapon, and two counts of possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose.



Patrol Division Noteworthy Cases

Officers responded to a health care facility on a report of a fire in a patient's room. Upon arrival, officers encountered a heavy smoke condition and were not able to make entry into the room with the fire. Officers confirmed that no patients were in the room and began evacuating the rest of the patients. No patients sustained any injuries or smoke inhalation due to the evacuation which allowed the Fire Department to work on and contain the fire.

ARRIVE Together Program

The New Providence Police Department participates in the ARRIVE Together Program which stands for "Alternative Responses to Reduce Instances of Violence and Escalation". This initiative partners a plainclothes officer with a mental health professional, who will respond together to mental health emergencies in an unmarked police vehicle. It was created to reduce the number of times police use force when responding to such calls for service.

The New Providence Police Department is one of several Union County agencies that participate in this program. When an officer is assigned on a designated day to the ARRIVE Together program, they are subject to call in the northwest portion of the county and may be called to respond to several towns in the surrounding area. This provides the Borough with this same coverage from another agency's officer when our agency officer is not on duty for ARRIVE Together. This program is a great tool to assist our patrol officers in a faster response, with other experienced professionals who's only task for the day is to focus on these types of calls for service.

Officer Christian Cely has served as the New Providence Police Department's primary ARRIVE Together Police Officer. Officer Cely is a certified Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) member with experience not only in patrol but as a former Emergency Medical Technician.



Traffic Bureau Report

Sergeant Andrew Diamond

The Traffic Safety Bureau is responsible for enforcing traffic laws, investigating traffic-related incidents, promoting road safety, and managing traffic flow. Its primary goals include reducing crashes, injuries, and fatalities, on the Borough's roadways through proactive enforcement and community engagement.

The Traffic Bureau collaborates with various public and private entities, such as the Borough's Planning and Zoning Departments, private property owners, and other stakeholders, conducting site plan reviews and providing feedback on engineering and construction projects, conducts traffic and speed studies on Borough roadways, and assists with pre-planning for events and infrastructure projects.

The Traffic Bureau is also responsible for the review of all crash reports completed by members of the department, maintenance of the Police Departments vehicle fleet, Alcotest machine, radar speed measurement devices, Automated License Plate Recognition system, AED's, and message boards. Members of the Traffic Bureau also oversee the training, day-to-day coordination, and yearly evaluations of all school crossing guards.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGNS AND GRANTS

- Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund
- "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over"
- "Click it or Ticket"
- "U-Text, U-Drive, U-Lose" Grant
- AAA Pedestrian Enforcement Grant
- One Street a Week Enforcement Campaign

EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

- NJSCOPA Traffic Safety Messages
- National Night Out
- Youth Police Academy
- "Traffic Tip Tuesday"



Traffic Bureau Statistics

- Reviewed/Investigated 316 Motor Vehicle Crashes
- 43 Hit and Run Crashes Investigated
- Conducted 377 Traffic Enforcement Details
- 387 Motor Vehicle Stops Conducted
- 347 Summonses Issued
- 247 Warnings Issued
- 16 Child Safety Seat Installations
- Deployed VMB/Speed Feed Back Signage at 77 locations
- Conducted Five Speed Studies on Borough roadways
- Procurement/Upfit of Four Police Vehicles



Message Board Deployment
in Downtown Area



Officers Investigate a Vehicle
Crash on Springfield Avenue
where the Vehicle ran off the
roadway and was tetering on a
boulder retaining wall.



Traffic Bureau Noteworthy Cases

Traffic Bureau Officers investigated a hit and run crash where a vehicle struck a 15-year-old male while he was riding his bicycle in the shoulder of Springfield Avenue. The vehicle fled the scene but was later located at a local repair shop where it was awaiting repairs in an effort to conceal the evidence of the crash. The driver was identified and charged with numerous traffic summonses.

Traffic Officers investigated a hit and run crash on Academy Street where the driver fled. During the investigation the owner of the vehicle provided false information to officers in an effort to hinder the apprehension of the driver and attempted to hide the vehicle in Plainfield, NJ. The owner of the vehicle was charged criminally and the driver was ultimately identified and also charged with numerous motor vehicle summonses.

Traffic Officers investigated a single vehicle motor vehicle crash on Mountain Avenue. A 17-year-old male was traveling at a high rate of speed when he lost control of his vehicle and struck a tree, causing the entire engine compartment to be sheared from the vehicle. The driver suffered minor injuries.



Communication Center



Union County Dispatch Center

NPPD Dispatch Circa 2014



The Borough of New Providence and the County of Union began a partnership on December 4, 2023 to provide Emergency Services Dispatching. The New Providence Emergency Services officially moved its dispatching service to the Union County Regional Communications Center, located in Westfield. This partnership provides the Borough of New Providence the opportunity to tap into the public safety resources that the County of Union provides to all of its residents. This transition has been in the planning and implementation process for nearly a year, with both agencies working tirelessly to ensure a seamless transition.

Union County Regional Dispatch will now act as the public safety answering point for all emergency service needs for New Providence, including all non-emergency phone calls, 911 calls and resource dispatching for Police, Fire and EMS.



Training Division

Captain Stephen Drown

In 2023, Department personnel attended and participated in over 4,000 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, traffic management, and resiliency.

Our agency held mandated firearms, rifle, taser, use of force, pursuit driving, domestic violence, and CPR recertifications. Officer Carmine Boccellari became certified as a defensive tactics trainer, joining Corporal David Rodriguez and Detective Andrew Lynch in this role. They are certified with specialized training in Defensive and Survival Tactics from the Gracie Survival Tactics University of Jiu-Jitsu. Our officers attended several elective defensive tactics training sessions to keep these methods of de-escalation fresh.

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. Corporal Nicholas Guerriero and Sergeant Chad Wilson are members of the Union County SWAT Team with Corporal Guerriero and Officer Kevin Gutierrez serving as members of the Union County Emergency Response Team (UCERT) where they all receive advanced training in civil disorder, crowd control, and active shooter.

In 2023, 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 instructed in such areas as Title 39, radar certification, crash investigations, EVOC, Firearms, Domestic Violence, and Report Writing.



Accreditation

In 2023, the New Providence Police Department completed our fifth re-accreditation with the New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police. With this sixth cycle, our agency was among less than 2% of New Jersey agencies to have demonstrated this longevity and commitment to the accreditation program. Under Chief Henn's direction along with the outstanding work of every officer who continued to adhere to the daily mission of this department, this cycle completed our 18th year as an accredited agency.



Professional Standards

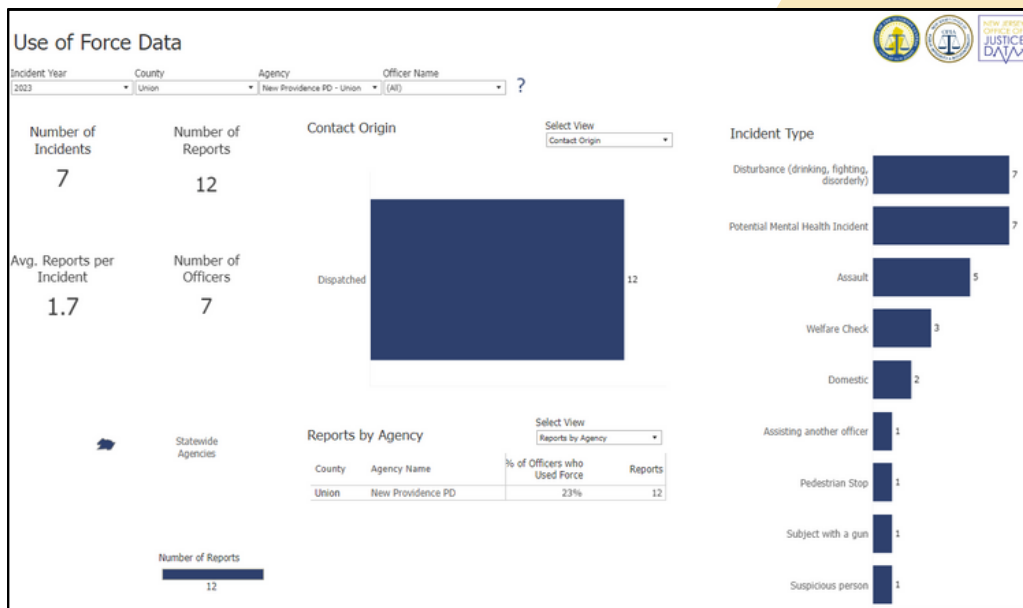
The New Providence Police Department is dedicated to serving the public in a fair, impartial, professional, and honest manner. Officers continually receive the best possible training to ensure that they are conducting themselves in a professional manner and are responsive to all they are called upon to serve. The Internal Affairs Officer is responsible for insuring that the members of the police department meet these high standards. The Internal Affairs Officer thoroughly investigates all complaints of misconduct against members of the New Providence Police Department.

2023 Internal Affairs Complaints	
Disposition	Total
Exonerated	8
Sustained	3
Not Sustained	2
Administratively Closed	0
Pending	0
Unfounded	1
Total Complaints	14
3 pending from 2022 / 11 opened in 2023	
Complaint sources- 50% agency / 50% civilian	

There were no incidents involving major discipline in 2023.

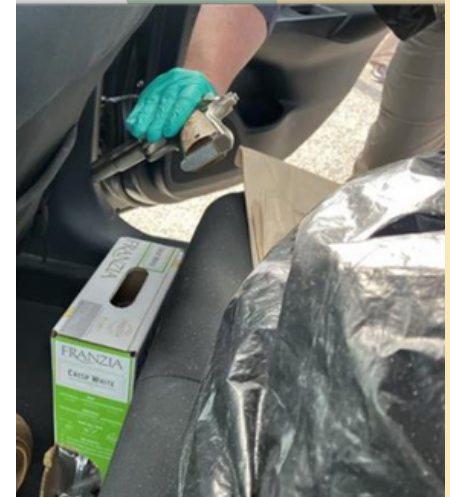
Use of Force

The Internal Affairs Officer is also responsible for investigating all use of force incidents in a timely and thorough manner. These investigations are critical to ensuring that our officers' actions are in accordance with our high standards, as well as meeting the Attorney General's Guidelines. In 2023 the New Providence Police Officers were assigned to 17,696 incidents with 7 involving use of force, which is a rate of 0.039% of incidents.



Investigations Division

The Investigations Division is comprised of the Detective Bureau, Juvenile Officer, and Community Services Officer. The primary rolls of these detectives are to conduct follow-up investigations of all criminal matters which may include obtaining and executing search and arrest warrants, conducting surveillance of suspicious activities and persons, processing crime scenes, interviewing and interrogating suspects, victims, and witnesses, and collecting and analyzing evidence. Detectives also conduct background investigations for pre-employment, civilian firearms applications, EMS and Fire Department membership, and Borough permit applications such as liquor, soliciting, and livery.



2023 Detective Bureau Report

Lieutenant Donald Sretenovic

The Detective Bureau closed 393 calls for service and cases during 2023. Many of these investigations included theft, fraud, financial crimes, harassment, suspicious incidents, controlled substance investigations, overdose investigations, criminal mischief, and domestic violence incidents.

Detectives fingerprinted 19 individuals for non-criminal matters and conducted 87 local background or 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 127 requests in 2023 and multiple case preparations to the Union County Prosecutor's Office and the Municipal Court. Detectives also completed 172 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. Detectives also completed firearms application investigations which go through a lengthy background checks with an extra amount of time needed to complete the permit to carry process.

Firearms Applications	2022	2023	Change
ID card, permit to purchase, change of information, replace	130	110	-20
Concealed Carry Permits	18	7	-11



Detective Bureau Noteworthy Cases

Detectives conducted an investigation into two separate locker room thefts that occurred at a fitness center in the Borough. The investigation included the theft and fraudulent use of stolen credit cards along with the theft of cash. Detectives identified a suspect and charged him with theft of moveable property and theft of a credit card. The suspect information was forwarded to East Orange for charges of fraudulent use of a credit card.

Detectives conducted an investigation into lewd and harassing text messages sent to a juvenile by an adult posing as a counselor from an on-line help center. The investigation included a suspect sending sexually suggestive texts messages and attempting to meet the juvenile. The suspect was identified and charged with cyber harassment.

Detectives investigated a report of ongoing harassment of members of a doctor's office. It was reported that several of the office staff had received harassing phone calls from an unknown suspect which included insults, profanity, and threatening comments. The suspect then responded to the office and began the same behavior before being told to leave. Detectives identified the individual and charged the male with harassment, terroristic threats, disorderly conduct, and making threats to a health care professional.



2023 Juvenile Report

Detective Sergeant Chad Wilson

The Juvenile Detective works closely with the New Providence School Resource Officers along with the school administrations. Through the Memorandum of Understanding and the open lines of communication, the Borough juveniles and their families are better served with the most important goal of protecting our youth.

All investigations involving suspicious activity or school security are filtered through the Juvenile Detective. The Juvenile Detective and School Resource Officers often conduct meetings with the school administrations to ensure that all cases are handled properly. These investigations are vital to the safety and security of all students and faculty.

The Juvenile Detective also handles all Handle with Care notifications. The Handle with Care program is an initiative to mitigate the negative effects experienced by children who have been exposed to trauma, and to increase knowledge and awareness of this issue. This involves officers identifying children at a traumatic scene and providing this information to the Juvenile Detective. The Juvenile Detective then submits a Handle with Care form to the school administration to ensure that the school is aware there was an issue and to keep alert to any change in the behavior of the child.

All cases involving juveniles are investigated by this detective which includes safety concerns but also any cases involving offenses committed by juveniles. In 2023, patrol officers took eleven juveniles into protective custody. There were eight juvenile cases in need of a follow-up investigation with one stationhouse adjustments issued and completed in lieu of formal charges.



2023 Community Services Officer Report

Detective Michael Carlino

The Community Services Officer role was designed to continue an interactive and collaborative relationship between the police and the community. The CSO, Detective Michael Carlino, 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. Detective Carlino 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, the CSO has become the Municipal Alliance Liaison and the Diversity Committee Liaison and is the lead officer for the PACT (Police and Community Together) program. Many of the programs run by the CSO include the Blue Angel program, Blue Guardian program, Blue Envelope program, Ring Neighbors Public Safety Service, Safe Places Initiative, National Night Out, the Veteran's Banner program, Coffee With A Cop, Cookie with a Cop, Women's Self Defense Classes, Senior Center visits, Tours and Presentations to the Boy and Girl Scouts, PATT program at the High School, Youth Academy, the LEAD program coordination and the PACT Newsletters.



Community Services Programs

Youth Academy

The New Providence Police Department Youth Academy gives children a chance to spend some time in the shoes of a police recruit. They learn what officers endured during their time in the academy and get a sneak peak into some of the training officers learned. The Youth Academy 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, New Jersey Transit Police, Union County Police Drone Unit, Union County Bomb Squad, UCERT, and SWAT.



Time	Mon 8/14	Tues 8/15	Weds 8/16	Thurs 8/17	Friday 8/18
0900 - 1000	Orientation	Marching/Physical Training	Marching/Physical Training	Marching/Physical Training	Union County Bomb Squad
1000 - 1100	Marching/Physical Training	EMS	Courtroom	Graduation Practice	Academy Review
1100 - 1200	Tour Of Police Headquarters	Simulated Car Stops	SWAT	K9	NJSP Helicopter
1200 - 1300	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH (Pizza Party)
1300 - 1400	Fire Dept	Elizabeth Drone Squad	Detective Bureau	Handcuffing Techniques	Graduation Practice
1400 - 1500	Marching/Physical Training	NJ Transit	Fatal Vision Goggles	PT Competition	Graduation



Community Services Programs

PATT Program

The New Providence Police participated again in the yearly program, Police and Teens together at the New Providence High School. The program consists of Juniors and Seniors from the Criminology class with the assistance of New Providence PD School Resource Officer Dennis Carovillano. Students interact with police officers to learn about their professional and personal lives while giving them the opportunity to learn about police practices, laws, and interactions. Students participate in mock motor vehicle stops that allow them to be in simulated situations that officers deal with on a regular basis.



Scout Tours

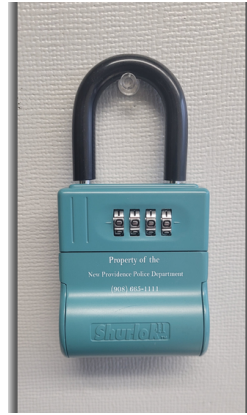
The Community Services Officer receives numerous requests from the Girl and Boy Scouts to run tours of the police department. The CSO conducts these tours, often with patrol officers, to talk to the children about the life of a police officer. This often assists the scouts in earning badges and patches as part of their yearly requirements for advancement. The CSO not only speaks about service to the community but also sets up mock crime scenes to give them insight in what detectives may encounter when processing a crime scene.



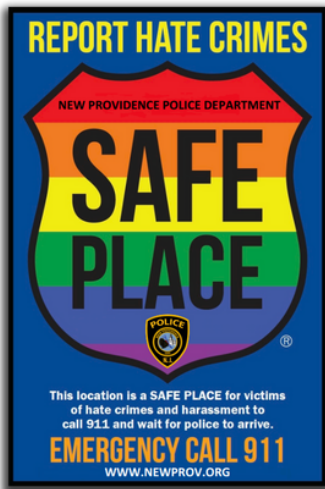
Community Services Programs

Operation Blue Angel and Operation Blue Guardian

These programs assist residents, who due to advanced age, mobility, medical concerns, or disabilities may be unable to answer their door during an emergency. This program assists officers in gaining entry into residences when time is of the essence.



Safe Place Initiative



The New Providence Police Department launched the Safe Place Initiative which has been adopted by all Union County police agencies. This program began in New Providence in May and is a cooperation with local businesses to provide a “safe place”. Partnering businesses display the rainbow decal on their storefront to let victims of crimes know that they can feel comfortable contacting and waiting for a police officer in their business.



The Blue Envelope Program

The Blue Envelope program brings together law enforcement and motorists with Autism and other sensory disorders. The envelope is resealable and a convenient place to keep all driver documents. It contains instructions for both the driver and the interacting officer in the event of a traffic stop.



Community Services Programs



National Night Out

The 2023 National Night Out was held on August 1st on Academy Street. There were games, giveaways, a dunk tank, and music. Numerous sponsors helped make this year another successful event. This event provides our department along with the New Providence Fire Department and New Providence Rescue Squad a chance to meet and spend time with members of the community, especially the youth.

Hometown Hero Banners

The New Providence Hometown Hero Banners is a program that serves as a daily reminder of the brave citizens of the Borough that honorably served our country in the Armed Services.



DEA National Take Back

The New Providence Police Department participates in the Drug Enforcement Administration New Jersey Division's Drug Take Back Initiative. The event collects unused, unwanted, and expired medications so they may be disposed of safely, in a non-hazardous manner. This also prevents pills and medications from falling into the hands of juveniles or into illicit markets.



School Resources Officers

The School Resources Officers are responsible for the safety and security of all students, parents, faculty, and staff during school hours. They provide a safe environment by showing their presence within and around the school property. They respond to emergencies within the school and are a link between the schools and our Police Department. They provide medical assistance when needed and help maintain order of the traffic at drop-off and dismissal times. They provide immediate information to patrol officers which is vital in such events like locating missing students or identifying suspicious incidents. The School Resource Officers are members of the Police Department who utilize their previous law enforcement experience to provide excellent service to their school communities.



SLEO Dennis Carovillano



SLEO Robert Moran



SLEO Janos Bojtos

- Officer Dennis Carovillano retired as a Sergeant from the New Providence Police Department and is currently assigned to the New Providence High School and Middle School.
- Officer Robert Moran retired from the Union County Police Department as a Lieutenant and is currently assigned to Allen W. Roberts School.
- Officer Janos Bojtos retired as an Officer from the Bound Brook Police Department and is currently assigned to Salt Brook School.



Awards

2023 New Providence Police Departmental Awards

- Life Saving Award - Narcan/CPR (January 7, 2023): Corporal Mark Pawelek and Officer Carmine Boccellari
- Life Saving Award - Narcan/CPR (January 20, 2023): Officer Daniel Nozza and Officer Gregory Miller
- Life Saving Award - Medical Assistance (February 9, 2023): Lieutenant Sean Bubb and Corporal Mark Pawelek
- Gallantry Star - Armed Encounter (March 22, 2023): Sergeant Andrew Diamond, Sergeant Thomas Hoppe, and Officer Christian Cely
- Exceptional Duty Award - Armed Encounter (March 22, 2023): Lieutenant Sean Bubb, Lieutenant Donald Sretenovic, and Officer Jeffrey Bruder
- Life Saving Award - CPR (June 14, 2023): Corporal David Rodriguez, Officer Jeffrey Bruder, and Officer Carly Bouman
- Honorable Service Award - Fire at Medical Facility (July 26, 2023): Sergeant Joseph Parlapiano, Corporal David Rodriguez, and Officer Carly Bouman
- Letter of Commendation - Sex Assault Investigation (August 22, 2023): Corporal David Rodriguez



External Recognition

- Mothers Against Drunk Driving “2022 Top Cop Award of Excellence” (June 22, 2023): Officer Jeffrey Bruder
- Union County Prevention Links “Top Cop Award for DWI Enforcement” (October 29, 2023): Officer Jeffrey Bruder



New Providence Honor Guard

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



2023 PBA Local 132 Events



**National Night Out
Trunk or Treat**

**PBA Car Show
Pumpkin Carving**

**Toys for Tots
Egg My House**

**Fishing Derby
Blood Drives**



A Look Towards 2024

The mission, vision, and values of the New Providence Police Department center around ensuring that we make every effort to enhance the quality of life and security of our community. The department will accomplish these goals by continuing to look to the future and not being satisfied with the status quo. 2024 is a new opportunity to further the quality of service that the department provides to the community. Here is a look at some of what is new and ahead for the department in 2024.

Hiring

- Full time police officer to fill opening of Special Services Officer
- Special Class II Officer to fill opening left with Officer Guidetti assignment

P.A.C.T. Watch

- P.A.C.T. Watch is the New Providence Police Department's residential crime program aimed at providing the public with crime information and area specific information in a timely manner.

Home and Business Security Assessment Program

- The purpose of this program is to assist home and business owners with decreasing the likelihood that their property is targeted by sharing information and safety measures.

Special Needs Registry

- The Special Needs Registry is a Union County program for police officers to help our residents who may need extra assistance in the event of an emergency. Officers can search the registry and find vital information to help those in need.

License Plate Readers

- The Borough council has approved the purchase of license plate readers on several locations surrounding the Borough. This will greatly assist in investigations, the locations of missing persons, alerting patrol officers of stolen vehicles, and will help in the apprehension of wanted criminals.

