

*WAYNE TOWNSHIP  
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## **PATROL DIVISION**

The Patrol Division, commanded by Captain Peter Yurkosky, is the largest division in the Police Department. It is staffed by 82 sworn police officers, two park rangers and a secretary.

**UNIFORMED PATROL-** The uniformed Patrol Division operates seven days a week, 24 hours a day. The division is divided into four squads, each working twelve hour rotating shifts. In 2009, the Uniformed Patrol issued 7,820 traffic summonses. These 7,820 summonses, in addition to 4,602 summonses issued by the Traffic Bureau, total 12,422 summonses issued by the Patrol Division. A total of 32,038 calls for service were answered in 2009.

**COMMUNITY POLICING UNIT-** The Community Policing Unit, now in its 17th year, is partially funded by a grant from the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice. The unit is very active and visible throughout our community, conducting educational programs and patrolling on bicycles in areas in need of close personal attention. Some of the 2009 programs were: Trustees in the North Jersey Regional Crime Prevention Officers Association, the police liaison for the Wayne Municipal Alliance Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse, conducted the Junior Police Academy involving 82 children ages 10 to 12 and ran from June 29 through July 2. Outside agencies such as the FBI, Passaic County Sheriff's Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Wayne First Aid Squad, the Wayne Volunteer Fire Companies and the New Jersey State Police also participated.

The unit spoke 48 times to Cub Scouts, Brownies and other civic organizations, held Fatal Vision classes with the Traffic Bureau in the High Schools and participated in Wayne Safety Town. they also continued the DNA LIFEPRINT Identification program where they took DNA samples from hundreds of children aged infant to 12 years of age. The samples were given to the parents in case needed at a later date. The Anti-Bullying Program created by the Community Policing Unit and now in its 5th year, was presented to approximately 100 students in grades 3, 4 and 5. The Senior D.U.I. Awareness Program was presented to approximately 260 high school seniors. The well attended "Movies Under the Stars" was run in a partnership with the Wayne Alliance. The Internet Safety Program was again given to every 4th grader. The Community Policing Unit has also made presentations to various parent groups. In November, at the start of the busy holiday season, the Community Policing officers were again temporarily re-assigned to the Willowbrook Sub-Station and finished out the year in their assignment there.

**CRASH REVIEW BOARD-** LFC. Paul Dring presides over the review board, which is comprised of the Patrol Captain, the Traffic Bureau Sergeant, one PBA representative and the Township Safety Director. In 2009, they investigated nine police vehicle crashes, the same number as in 2008. The purpose of this review board is to find the contributing factors involved in these crashes and determine what action can be taken in order to reduce damage and injuries.

**CRISIS NEGOTIATION TEAM-** This unit, commanded by Captain Peter Yurkosky, is made up of six volunteer police officers and one civilian mental health advisor on a 24 hour call-out status. They respond to and defuse highly emotional and possibly life threatening situations. The team members are trained in all areas of crisis negotiation. They are capable of handling hostage situations, barricaded suspects, potential suicides and juveniles in crisis.

**D.U.I. ENFORCEMENT-** There were a total of 95 arrests made during 2009 for driving while under the influence. A D.U.I. Enforcement grant for additional enforcement details was provided by the Drunk Driver Enforcement Fund. This grant provides overtime for D.U.I. checkpoints and patrols. P.O. Jason Goller was presented with the M.A.D.D. Award, for his efforts in making the most D.U.I. arrests.

**HONOR GUARD-** This unit, headed by LFC. Paul Dring and DFC. Ron Antonucci, is comprised of nine volunteers representing the Department at parades, funerals and other functions. There are two Lieutenants, two Sergeants, one Detective and four Uniformed Police Officers who attended nine events during 2009.

**MARINE UNIT-** This unit, under the command of LFC. Robert Martello, consists of approximately 40 officers. All members continually receive extensive training in water rescue and boat operations, and conduct emergency evacuations during floods.

**PARK RANGERS-** Park Rangers work an eight hour tour from 4pm to midnight, seven days a week. Their duties include enforcing Wayne Township park ordinances, including the hours parks are occupied by the public and activities that may occur within. They also check and secure township Parks and Recreation buildings and facilities and assist with Wayne Day and the Memorial Day Parade. One Ranger is trained and certified in crossing school children and assists with crossing guard posts as emergency cancellations occur.

**TRAFFIC BUREAU-** The Traffic Bureau has a total compliment of one Lieutenant, one Sergeant, and seven Uniformed Police Officers. The Commander of the Traffic Bureau is LFC. Paul Dring. He is assisted by field operations supervisor SFC. Steven Giardino. The Traffic Bureau operates two eight hour tours, 7am to 3pm and 3pm to 11pm, Monday through Friday. Its members are also on call after 11pm every night and weekends for all serious and fatal motor vehicle crashes. Traffic Bureau and Patrol Officers participated in several traffic enforcement programs utilizing funding secured through grants. They included Over the Limit Under Arrest (\$5,000), Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund (\$10,000), NJDOT Safe Corridor Grant (\$48,000), and the Operation Click-It or Ticket Grant (\$4,000).

A total of 1,540 moving violation summonses (1,198 Traffic Bureau) and 3,062 non-moving violations were issued for a grand total of 4,602 summonses issued in 2009. The department continues to take advantage of a grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety (NJDHTS) to fund the Passaic County Office of Highway Traffic Safety (PCOHTS) located in our Traffic Bureau and coordinated by retired Clifton Police Lt. Les Goldstein. The PCOHTS has opened the door for us to obtain additional funding through the NJDHTS. During 2009, the department applied for and received three grants that are outlined above.

Traffic officers responded to and investigated four fatal motor vehicle crashes and one train crash fatality. Some statistical data for the year include the investigation of 3,164 vehicle crashes, the issuance of 12,422 summonses (4,602 in the Traffic Bureau), and 609 speeding summonses (342 Traffic Bureau).

The Traffic Bureau officers performed 269 follow-up hit & run motor vehicle crash investigations, investigated seven abandoned vehicles and applied for 39 junk & salvage titles. There were nine police involved motor vehicle crashes and patrol officers made 95 D.U.I. arrests. Car seat technicians performed 101 car seat inspections. The Traffic Bureau also contributes to the success of our department in a myriad of components listed below:

**WILLOWBROOK SUB-STATION-** The sub-station was in operation from November 27, 2009 through January 2, 2010, commanded by SFC. Sferruzza and staffed by six uniformed Police Officers from the Special Operations and Community Policing Units and P.C.S.D. officers utilizing both mounted and marked patrol units. From commencement to conclusion, the sub-station handled a total of 113 calls for service and was a highly visible deterrent to crime.

# **INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

The Investigative Division, commanded by Det. Captain Paul Ireland, is comprised of three separate investigative bureaus, the Detective Bureau, Special Operations Bureau and the Youth Bureau. It is staffed by 26 sworn Detectives and two secretaries.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESPONSE TEAM-** The Domestic Violence Response Team, in 2009, completed its 7th year serving our community. It is a state mandated program comprised of civilian volunteers offering support, information and referral services to victims of domestic violence. All volunteers complete 40 hours of training to be certified and cover a call-out schedule for every hour of the year. The team offers assistance to all victims of domestic violence, however victims can speak with a volunteer at any time, prior to police intervention. The program is overseen by Detective Captain Paul Ireland and a representative of the Passaic County Women's Center. The services of the DVRT were offered to 238 victims of domestic violence of which 28 victims took advantage of the services.

**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS-** This branch is commanded by DLFC. Michael O'Malley. In 2009, there were 17 complaints referred for investigation and 5 were pending from 2008. Of those 22, there were eight involving officer demeanor or 'other' rule violation complaints. One of the five demeanor complaints was sustained and one was still pending. One of the three "other rule violations" was sustained and none were pending. Of the other 14 complaints involving excessive force, improper entry, improper search, differential treatment and 'other' criminal violations, one was sustained, two were unfounded, three exonerated and four investigations are still pending into 2010.

**DETECTIVE BUREAU-** The Detective Bureau, one of the three sub-divisions of the Investigative Division, is staffed with two Detective Sergeants, seven Detectives and a secretary. They work two, eight hour tours Monday through Friday. They are on-call overnight and cover 16 hour shifts on Saturday and Sunday.

During the year of 2009, the Detective Bureau reviewed a total of 2,261 incidents. Burglaries increased by 15, from 73 to 88. This was the partial result of residential burglaries increasing from 52 to 77, but the total number was offset slightly by the drop in commercial burglaries from 21 to 11. Thefts overall dropped from 901 to 751 incidents. There was also a drop in Frauds from 224 reported cases to 205. Stolen Vehicles increased by 7 from 49 to 56. Robberies also increased from 10 to 18 over the previous year. Many of these robberies were the result of shoplifters using force at the time of the theft or while eluding capture, upgrading the charge to robbery. This may be attributed to actors becoming more desperate during these hard economic times. Sexual Assaults were up by one from 10 previously. There was one charge of Manslaughter. Overall, there were 138 fewer incidents investigated, 1,129 when compared to 1,267.

**ARSON UNIT-** The Arson Unit, part of the Investigative Division, is headed by DSFC. Matthew J. Dox and consists of six certified Arson Investigators. The Arson Unit works closely with the Fire Bureau and the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office. They responded to a total of seven fires in 2009 including house fires at 1065 Alps Road on January 24th, 62 Fayette Avenue on January 31st, 95 Oakwood Drive on April 19th, 70 Ferrara Avenue on July 20th, 136 Valley Road on October 25th and 220 Butternut Drive on December 13th and a business fire at 1559 Route 23 on June 18th. All of the fires were investigated and determined to be accidental in nature except one of the house fires that was labeled as suspicious.

**GRANTS-** DLFC. Michael O'Malley, the grant coordinator, works closely with LFC. Dring and SFC. Pavlak applying for funding from various sources. Last year, we qualified for a total of **\$200,500** in funding from: the Body Armor Replacement (Federal and State)-\$16,000, Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund-\$10,000, NJDOT Safe Corridors \$45,000, Over The Limit Under Arrest-\$5,000, Operation Click or Ticket-\$4,000, PC Comprehensive Traffic Safety Program-\$64,500 and Safe and Secure Community-\$51,000.

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS**- The Special Operations Unit, commanded by D.Sgt. James J. Celentano and staffed by four detectives, utilizes a proactive investigative strategy that primarily focuses on conducting short-term, intelligence driven investigations as an investigative unit. They processed 73 arrests in 2009 resulting in 145 charges including 53 charges for Possession of CDS of which 27 were for Marijuana, 11 for Heroin, two for Cocaine, three for Ecstasy, and ten for Prescription Narcotics. The remainder of the charges were 17 for Possession with Intent to Distribute CDS, 12 for Possession of CDS Paraphernalia, five for Possession of Needle and Syringe, four for Under the Influence of CDS, 18 for Warrants, eight for Underage Consumption of Alcohol, 19 for Prostitution and nine for other miscellaneous charges. Based on Confidential Buy Fund records, Detectives spent \$995 on 21 controlled narcotics buys, 20 led to successful criminal investigations with arrests. An additional \$103.95 was spent on investigative expenses and additional funding for joint investigations was obtained from the Confidential Buy Fund of the PCPO.

Detectives drafted and executed 16 search warrants all leading to arrests, seizures of illegal CDS, seizures of U.S. currency and seizures of vehicles utilized during the commission of crimes. Our Municipal Forfeiture Trust Fund has a balance of \$55, 953.09. Our Federal Account has a balance of \$8,056.21. In September a new automatic firearms target system was installed at the police range. The cost of this beneficial training system, \$21,243.07, was paid for with forfeiture funds.

Some notable operations during 2009 were: "Cozy Spa," a joint prostitution investigation with the PCPO Narcotics Task Force, resulted in the arrest of a local massage parlor operator engaging in prostitution with paying customers, "Bulldog", another joint narcotics investigation that resulted in an arrest for dealing illegal CDS (Marijuana) and the seizure of \$9,500 from the suspect, "Kneading for Pleasure" where undercover Detectives infiltrated a local massage parlor uncovering prostitution where the owner was arrested and charged with promoting prostitution, closing down the establishment. There was also "Mobile to Mobile" targeting a suspect dealing CDS out of a cellular telephone kiosk in Willowbrook Mall resulting in his arrest and the shutting down of the enterprise, and "Strike Out" where detectives assisted the BCPO on a gambling investigation that originated in Wayne, culminating in 34 arrests and the seizure of \$1.4 million in U.S. Currency. Initial intelligence for this investigation came from the "Narcotics Tips" line. "Police Escort", a joint prostitution sting operation with the Internet Crime Unit of the PCSD and the Tech Unit of the PCPO led to the arrest of 11 "Johns" soliciting the services of undercover detectives posing as prostitutes at two local motels. Operations "Robin", "Beechwood", "No Mas" and "Lava", were investigations where residents were distributing CDS out of their vehicles and residences. "Operation Medicine Cabinet", a one day program, sponsored by the DEA, where residents surrendered hundreds of unwanted, unused and expired prescription medications.

Detectives also assisted in an "Extortion" investigation resulting in two arrests and assisted the Patrol Division with a "Search and Rescue" and a DV call that involved a "Barricaded / Suicidal" suspect. They also conducted ABC and liquor license investigations and conducted a joint "Underage Drinking" operation with the Alcoholic Beverage Control. During the holiday season, they staffed the Willowbrook Sub-Station as uniformed police officers.

**YOUTH BUREAU**- The Youth Bureau, one of three subdivisions in the Investigative Division, is commanded by DSFC Charles Ahearn and staffed by five Detectives and one Secretary. Youth Bureau Detectives work eight hour shifts Monday through Friday 8am to 4 pm and 4pm to 12 am. They work an eight hour shift on Saturday and Sunday, 8am to 4pm, and remain on-call during off hours. Under the command of the Youth Bureau, there are five School Resource Officers assigned full time to the townships three middle schools and two high schools.

During 2009, Youth Detectives processed 465 juveniles of which four were processed for Aggravated Assault, nine with Robbery, thirty one with drug violations, 167 for Shoplifting and five charged with Burglary. These investigations placed nine juveniles in Juvenile Detention. All others were released to a parent or guardian. In the other incidents, charges were prepared and forwarded to PC Family Court for 229 offenses with 36 referrals to other agencies.

The School Resource Officer program completed its seventh year with all SRO's participating in the third annual "ROCKFEST", a battle of the bands with invitations being extended to kids involved with bands at both the high school and middle school level. Six bands competed in a competition billed as an alcohol and drug free night held at the YWHA, with over one hundred students in attendance. The busy "Ride-A-Long Program" took students out and showed them first hand what police work is about. A first year program, the "Anti-Bias and Bullying Program", was presented in the middle schools. It addressed one classroom at a time focusing on the words used in the every day language of students explaining how words can be taken out of context and the consequences that they could lead to, both legally and throughout the school population. Another successful program was the "Bicycle Patrol" that ranged from residential to commercial areas, targeting those areas where juveniles loiter. Some of the other programs are the "Be Proud Program" that gives the youths of our community a positive way to say no to drugs and alcohol. It is becoming a good component when coupled with the D.A.R.E. program using positive peer pressure to help youths make good decisions to stay away from alcohol and drugs. The D.A.R.E. Program is presented in nine elementary schools, three middle schools and three parochial schools. It has thirteen instructors who come from throughout the department. The "Officer Phil Program", presented to grades K-4 with the help of Community Policing Unit, is a great lead-in to the D.A.R.E. program which begins in fifth grade. Topics include stranger awareness, internet safety, and bullying. The Junior Police Academy graduated 82 students between the ages of 10 to 13. This program, aimed at building positive relationships between the youths and the police was staffed by members of all bureaus of the department. Its curriculum included hands-on activities with the Wayne Fire Department, Wayne First Aid Squad and demonstrations by the PCSD 'K-9' unit and Bomb Squad. The cadets spent a day at the Passaic County Police Academy giving first hand looks at actual police officer training in progress.

## OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Operations Division, under the command of Captain James Clarke and a Secretary, Mary Lee Lombardi, work Monday through Friday 7am to 3pm. The Division is comprised of the Communications Bureau, the Records Bureau, the Special Services Unit and Police Department Training. Collectively, these bureaus and units act as the information-clearing house for the Township as it relates to emergency services (Police, Fire, and EMS); records related to crime, motor vehicle crashes, court proceedings, permits and a wide range of other critical and sensitive information. The Operations division is responsible for coordinating all training within the department, hiring of Police personnel, procurement and maintenance of the Police vehicle fleet, telecommunications and computer operations, and scheduling of approved off-duty extra-work assignments.

**COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU-** This bureau, commanded by Lieutenant Wayne A. Lougheed, working Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm, is staffed 24/7 by 19 civilian dispatchers, two Sergeants, and two uniformed Police Officers. Each dispatcher works one of five overlapping 11 hour shifts and is responsible for the answering of E911, emergency and business phone lines and the dispatching and coordination of Police, Fire, EMS and other township services. They handle calls for directions, information and general assistance. The supervisory staff monitors any prisoners temporarily detained in our five holding cells. Communications personnel also perform on-line computer inquiries and entries, including wanted person and criminal history checks, missing person and countless other inquiries on every person arrested and suspects detained in the field. Two supervisory teams, each consisting of a Sergeant and a uniformed Police Officer, provide supervision, guidance and training to the civilian staff and work a 12 hour schedule similar to that of the Patrol Division. During 2009, personnel fielded approximately 93,000 phone calls from residents, motorists, crime victims, alarm companies, township employees and other governmental agencies. Of those calls, 32,038 were entered into our "Computer Aided Dispatch" (CAD) system as "Calls for Service" (CFS) or incidents, requiring a response from any number of other township personnel for resolution. A CFS may include anything from a disabled vehicle to a major structure fire. Two major accomplishments during 2009 were the installation of the new Zetron 911 phone system and implementation of a program for alerting officers that they are responding to a location with autistic, mentally challenged, or physically disabled residents.

**RECORDS BUREAU**- The Records Bureau is a multi-functional bureau of the Operations Division. It is managed by SFC. Donald Pavlak who serves as custodian of all official police reports and documents. He has the responsibility for ensuring that all information and reports are secured and where appropriate, released in compliance with the law. It is staffed with three full time clerks Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm and Tuesday evening until 7pm. The Records Bureau is dedicated to maintaining and ensuring the integrity of data generated in order to provide the public and other law enforcement agencies with information.

The Records Bureau is organized to maintain criminal history and crime report files, process and distribute incoming police reports, provide over-the-counter services to citizens, provide statewide teletype service to support the police department, provide law enforcement officers with access to this information and report mandated statistical information to the Department of Justice. One of the primary functions is the entering of information from police reports into a variety of databases, including the State Crime Information Center (SCIC) and Automated Traffic/Court Systems (ATS\ACS) and our own Records Management System (AGEIS). In addition to information system entries, the records personnel are responsible for the primary contact of walk-in inquiries from the public and other agency information. They are also responsible for processing bench and arrest warrants, registration of sex offenders, notification of recovered stolen vehicles to owners, the researching of criminal history information and entering booking information of individuals who have been arrested. They also maintain up-to-date information relating to Police Records and reports, and provide information required by the Open Public Records Act.

SFC. Pavlak, in addition to his records bureau duties, also provides in-service training to all township crossing guards and conducts all required New Jersey Police Training Commission training objectives to new police officers. The Records Bureau has also implemented a comprehensive identification package for all new police applicants ensuring that the person taking the test is actually who they say they are. It consists of electronic photos being taken in conjunction with mandatory providing of fingerprints at each stage of the testing process, streamlining each stage of the testing process and reducing the number of days to administer the test.

The Records Bureau uses a Unified Records Management System. The digital records system has reduced costs, improved accountability and enhanced security and the integration of the document imaging and information management system has benefited and enhanced the records management process. Our system now meets the national standards of the Department of Defense (DOD) 5015.2-certified Records Management.

We continue moving forward with a goal of reducing paper consumption in the department by scanning various documents into our records management system. We have also begun electronically storing digital images for applicants and arrested individuals, reducing the cost of photographic supplies and allowing for immediate access to the records through the records management system. They also produce permanent identification cards for the department and all other township employees.

In conjunction with the Technology Division, the Bureau received State certification for their Records Archival system from the New Jersey Division of Archive and Records Management. The system allows the department to electronically store all records without the need to maintain paper records. The old paper records stored off-site have been purged in accordance with State of New Jersey guidelines.

Other Records Bureau functions include: providing annual crime reports to the New Jersey State Police and the FBI, providing Letters of Good Conduct, fingerprinting firearms applicants, fingerprint fire department, first aid squad and towing applicants, maintaining records of Gold Licenses, maintaining records of solicitors and all final and temporary restraining orders, maintaining supplies of office materials and forms, issuance of Gun Permits and Firearms Identification Cards, issuance of Temporary Handicapped Parking Permits, distribution of department mail, handle court requested case discoveries and distribute court subpoenas, forwarding VINE forms, and Open Public Records Act coordinator.

Workload statistics handled by the Records Bureau in 2009 were:

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| Firearms- Purchasing/Carry Permits/I.D.cards | 492         |
| Permits - Non-Firearms                       | 94          |
| Non-Criminal Fingerprints -                  | 269         |
| Criminal Records Processed -                 | 1,867       |
| Open Public Records Act Requests -           | 949         |
| -Total copies made                           | 46,354      |
| -Total hours spent                           | 986         |
| Discovery Requests - Criminal                | 321         |
| - Non-Criminal                               | 429         |
| Restraining Orders Processed - Total         | 351         |
| Records Checks - Letters of Good Conduct     | 202         |
| -Criminal                                    | 798         |
| Handicapped Parking Permits -                | 152         |
| Expungments -                                | 203         |
| Total Copies Made -                          | 403,347     |
| Revenues - Reports                           | \$24,574.50 |

**SPECIAL SERVICES-** This unit is a vital section of the Operations Division. It coordinates the Extra Work and Special Details filled by sworn full-time and Special Police Officers. Police academy and in-service training as well as the townships crossing posts are scheduled, maintained and recorded by this unit. All Police overtime is also compiled through this unit.

**SPECIAL POLICE-** There are two Class II Special Police Officers being utilized for Special Services assignments ranging from extra work details, patrol duties at the Red Cross Shelter in the Wayne Valley High School, mischief night, Halloween patrols and traffic control during the Memorial Day Parade. While on duty, they have the same authority as regular police officers.

**SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS-** Their are 37 crossing guards assigned to 31 crossing posts every school day. In case of large absences or emergent circumstances, the department's Police Officers are utilized.

**EXTRA WORK-** All extra work performed by 'off-duty' Officers is coordinated through Special Services. The extra-work details encompass thousands of hours of work filled by regular and special Police Officers. This averages to hundreds of hours of work available and filled each week. The cost of these services are borne by the private entities requesting the services.

**TRAINING-** Officers have required in-service courses that they must attend and others that assist them in specialized areas of expertise. All police personnel training records can be accessed through the townships computer system in Microsoft Excel and the 'new hire' checklist for Police Officers can be accessed in Microsoft Word. There was over 6,000 hours dedicated to in-service training of officers. Our officers also instructed over 1,500 hours at the PCPA.