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ANNUAL REPORT

NORTH BERGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Duty
Honor
Courage



Message from the Chief of Police



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BERGEN
CHIEF OF POLICE
ROBERT J. DOWD



On behalf of the 120 men and women of the North Bergen Police Department (NBPD) it is my pleasure to share the Department's 2013 Annual Report with Mayor Nicholas J. Sacco, our Board of Commissioners, Township Administrator, as well as the residents and business community of North Bergen. This year represents a new report format that is intended to feature not only the men and women of the NBPD, who protect our township 24 hours a day, but to spotlight our collective accomplishments as an agency.

The NBPD is committed to utilizing the latest technology, coupled with a philosophy of community policing, in an effort to provide the most efficient, effective and professional delivery of police services. In 2013, NBPD Officers responded to over 90,000 calls for police service. The NBPD focuses on improvements in the quality of life that affect our residents, businesses, and visitors. Our department has many specialized units created to focus on both general and forensic investigation of crime as well as other issues within our township.

The dedicated men and women of the NBPD work tirelessly in an effort to reduce crime in our township and are encouraged to cultivate a partnership with the community we serve. In an effort to utilize technology, we have employed the use of over 100 state of the art CCTV cameras that are monitored in real-time, 24 hours a day. These cameras function as a force-multiplier and enable our officers to respond to incidents with a high degree of efficiency and effectiveness.

The number one priority of the North Bergen Police Department is to foster a collective efficacy in our neighborhoods for the purpose of promoting the safety and stability of our community. It is with the full support of Mayor Nicholas J. Sacco, Public Safety Commissioner Theresa V. Ferraro, and the entire Board of Commissioners that the North Bergen Police Department is properly equipped, trained, and fully committed to ensuring that the Township of North Bergen is a great place to live, work and visit.

Robert J. Dowd
Chief of Police

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Organizational Chart





Mission, Vision, and Motto

Mission

The primary mission of the North Bergen Police Department is to provide safe and stable neighborhoods for the residents and visitors of the Township of North Bergen through various department programs and community policing efforts. This goal can only be accomplished through a mutually cooperative relationship between the North Bergen Police Department and the resident and business community which it serves. By working together, we can maintain peace, provide safety and security for our citizens, and reduce crime. We are part of a team dedicated to the safety and protection of our community.

Vision

The North Bergen Police Department will serve our community with respect, fairness and sensitivity. We will be compassionate and considerate in our dealings with the community and the victims of crime. We are committed to the protection of life and property, the prevention of crime and the safeguarding of our citizens to ensure that their Constitutional guarantees are preserved. Empowered by the community, we are committed to enhancing the quality of life and fostering a sense of security to enable our residents to live, work, and prosper in the Township of North Bergen. We will nurture the public's trust by holding ourselves to the highest standards of performance and integrity. We will strive for personal and professional excellence, dedication to duty, and the delivery of quality service to the public. The men and women of the North Bergen Police Department, pledge that through our efforts, we will establish a new standard of excellence in law enforcement and service to our community.

Motto

Duty ▪ Honor ▪ Courage

- **Duty** to the citizenry to uphold the Constitution, preserve the general welfare of the community, and maintain public safety.
- **Honor** in that we shall never betray our badge, integrity, or the public trust.
- **Courage** to master fear in the presence of danger or uncertainty.



Demographics

Township of North Bergen Demographics

Demographics	
Population 2010	60,773
Population 2012 (est.)	61,960
Area	5.575 square miles
Households	22,062
Population Density	11,838.0

Population Demographics*	
White	66.98%
Asian	6.55%
Black	4.04%
Native American	0.88%
Pacific Islander	0.08%
Other	16.63%

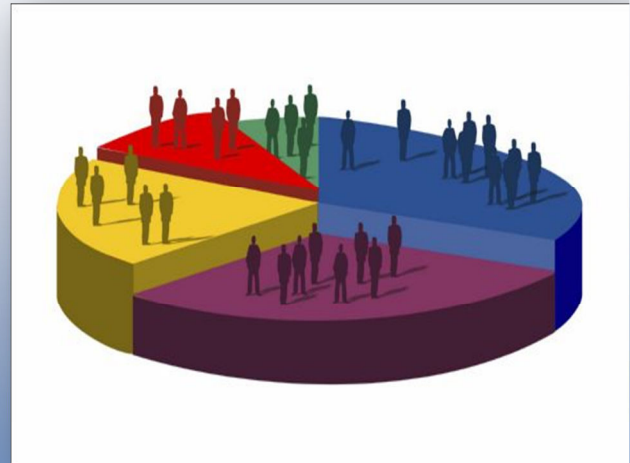
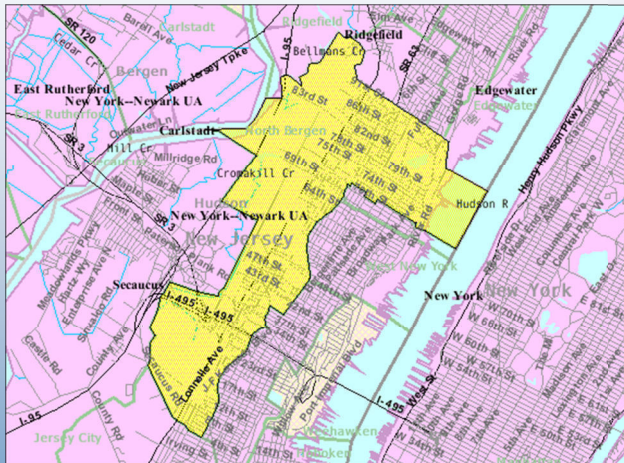
*Hispanic or Latino of any race: 68.40%

North Bergen Police Department

Police Force	
Chief	1
Deputy Chief	2
Captain	3
Lieutenant	10
Sergeant	15
Detective	15
Patrol Officer	70
Special Class II (P/T)	4
Total Police Force	120

Full Time Civilian	16
Part/Time Civilian	1
CCTV Operators	36
Total Civilians	53

Total Employees 173





Enforcement

TRAFFIC

Population increases, as well as commercial expansion projects and road improvements, have resulted in an increase of vehicular traffic and construction zones. As a result, traffic-related issues have been a major interest in preserving the quality of life within the Township. To address these concerns, the Traffic Bureau has been expanded accordingly. The Bureau conducts traffic studies and performs directed enforcement in areas where traffic related problems such as motor vehicle accidents and speeding may occur.

The traffic unit is also responsible for ensuring the Township receives its appropriate share of grant funding to support initiatives such as Click-it-or-Ticket, DWI Checkpoints, and Pedestrian Safety.



NARCOTICS

The North Bergen Police Department recently introduced a dedicated Narcotics Unit to interdict and deter illicit drug use and narcotics distribution within the Township. Since its inception, the Narcotics Unit has successfully intervened in narcotics operations resulting in the seizure of over a million dollars worth of narcotics, thousands of dollars in cash, and resulting in the arrest of over 40 individuals. The Narcotics Unit also works in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and New Jersey State Police in an effort to address an ever growing national issue.

SCHOOL SAFETY

The North Bergen Police Department School Resource and Juvenile Aid Bureaus have been reorganized to address various issues affecting our youth and educational institutions. National concerns about gang violence, school shootings, bullying, and drug use have increased the need to focus increasingly on school safety. The North Bergen Police Department works in partnership with school officials to enhance school safety and provide a safe and proper learning environment for our youth.





Internal Affairs Summary Report

The North Bergen Police Department is committed to providing law enforcement services that are professional, fair, and impartial. The goal of the Internal Affairs Unit is to ensure the integrity of the police department and its members through a system of internal discipline. Complaints of officer misconduct are investigated objectively and impartiality to ensure fairness and protect the rights of both citizens and law enforcement.

Type of Compliant	Cases Pending From Prior Years	Cases Received	Total Cases	Number of Dispositions					Administratively Cleared	Cases Pending End of Year
				Sustained		Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded		
				Criminal Charge	Internal Discipline Action					
Excessive Force	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Improper Arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Differential Treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Demeanor	0	13	13	0	1	0	11	1	0	0
Other Rule Violation	0	32	32	0	16	6	3	1	2	4
Other Criminal	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	48	48	0	19	6	14	2	3	4

NOTE: In 2013, there was 1 instance where a fine or suspension of ten days or more was assessed to a member of this agency.

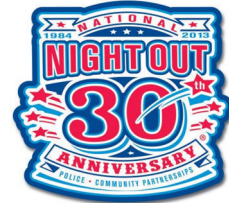


Community Partnership



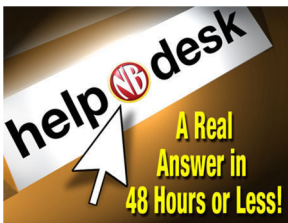
National Night Out Against Crime

National Night Out began in 1984 in an effort to promote community involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, and to send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back against crime. This year, the Department volunteered in record numbers to celebrate the 30th anniversary of National Night Out.



Neighborhood Watch Program

The North Bergen Police Department has revitalized its Neighborhood Watch Program which aims on organizing and educating residents on neighborhood crime prevention. Members of one of our watch programs were recently featured on FOX 5's Inside Edition Program.



North Bergen Help Desk

The North Bergen Police Department handles thousands of calls for service throughout the year. Many inquiries and public safety concerns are routed directly to us through the North Bergen Township Help Desk. Residents are able to get responses, and many times action, within two business days or less.



Winterfest

Over 80 police officers volunteered their time and services for this years Winterfest celebration. This year, the event drew in record crowds and our officers patrolled the streets, visited various venues and attractions, and interacted with residents helping to ensure that Winterfest was safe and enjoyable for everyone.



Project Medicine Drop

Project Medicine Drop provides residents a with a secure drop box at North Bergen Police Headquarters where they can dispose of their unused medications safely any time throughout the year. Residents can visit the box seven days a week, to drop off unneeded and expired medications, and keep them away from children and individuals at risk of abusing them.



CCTV Center



In 2006 the Township of North Bergen, New Jersey applied for a grant to fund the development of a CCTV system consisting of an array of technologically advanced wireless Internet Protocol based cameras, a high-speed wireless data infrastructure that would support the network, and a manned CCTV monitoring center.

Today, the Police Department's vision of a Township-wide network of surveillance cameras has come to fruition with over 100 cameras having been deployed throughout the Township as a result of the hard work of Police and Township officials in appropriating grant monies and conducting research into CCTV technologies. The North Bergen Police Department's CCTV network has become a cost-effective and scalable force-multiplier and has been instrumental in our fight to keep crime and disorder at record low levels despite the increase in population and commercial traffic. The Department's CCTV system has assisted with the apprehension of numerous criminals and has increased the safety of both the public and police officers.





Uniform Crime Report

January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013

OFFENSE TYPE (Part 1 Index Crime)	2013		2012		% Change From 2012	5-Year (2008) Comparison		% Change From 2008
	Offense Count	Crime Rate*	Offense Count	Crime Rate*		Offense Count	Crime Rate*	
Murder	0	0.00	2	0.03	-100%	0	0.00	0%
Rape	6	0.10	7	0.12	-14.3%	7	0.12	-14.3%
Robbery	43	0.69	36	0.59	19.4%	61	1.00	-29.5%
Aggravated Assault	51	0.82	44	0.72	15.9%	51	0.84	0%
Burglary	136	2.19	124	2.04	9.7%	185	3.04	-26.5%
Larceny (Theft)	428	6.91	495	8.15	-13.5%	558	9.18	-23.3%
Automobile Theft	78	1.26	111	1.83	-29.7%	122	2.01	-36.1%
Arson**	2	0.03	3	0.05	-33.3%	8	0.13	-75.0%
CRIME INDEX TOTAL	742	11.98	819	13.48	-9.4%	984	14.23	-24.6%
Crimes Against People	100	1.61	89	1.46	12.4%	119	1.96	-16.0%
Crimes Against Property	642	10.36	730	12.01	-12.1%	865	14.23	-25.8%
Overall Crime (Part 1 & Part 2)	2594	41.87	2710	44.59	-4.3%	3269	53.79	-20.6%

*Crime rate per 1,000 inhabitants

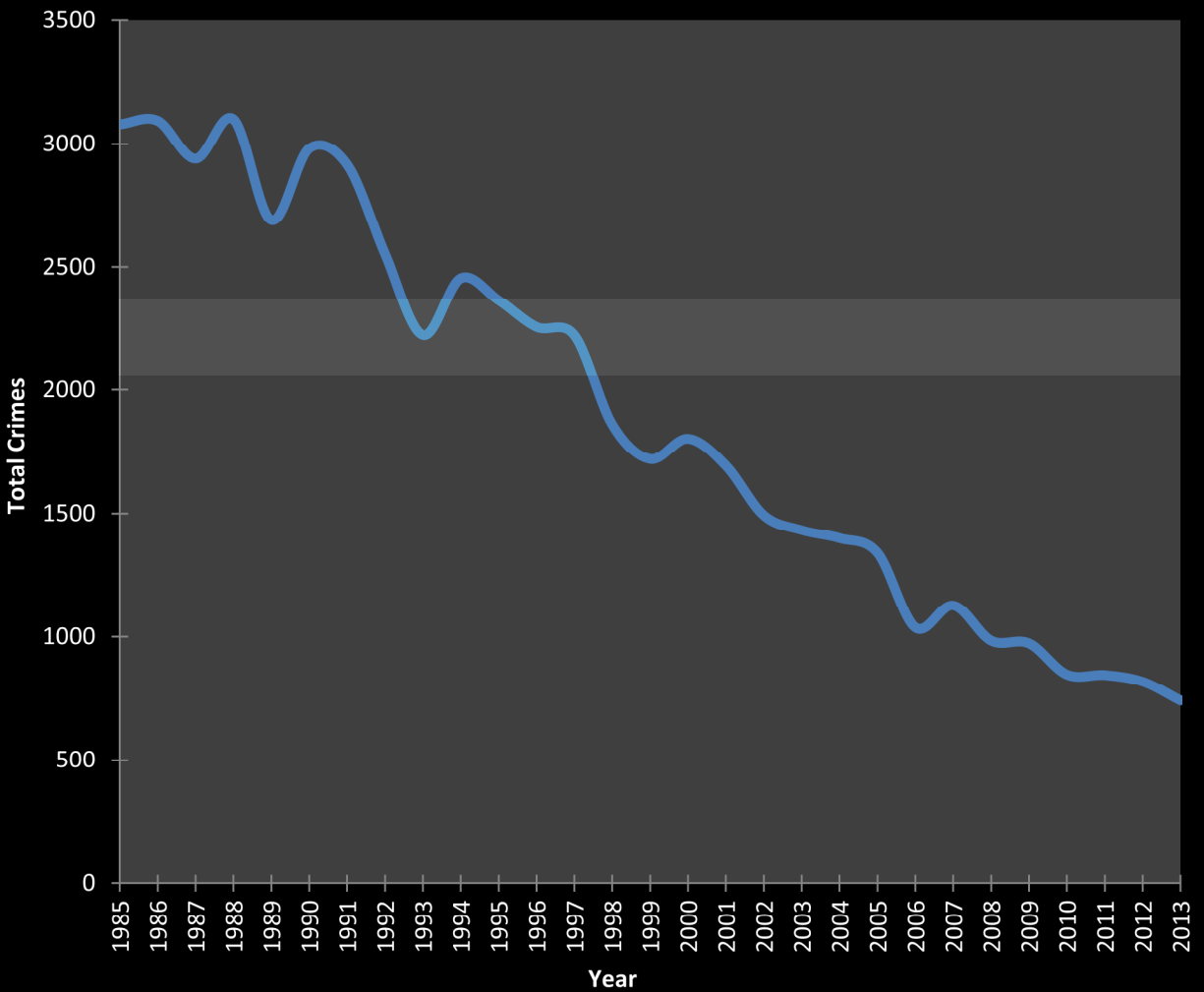
**The UCR Program does not include arson statistics when tabulating Index Crime totals.



Crime Trend Analysis

Long-Term Crime Trend Analysis: Overall Crime

Total Index Crimes from 1985 to 2013

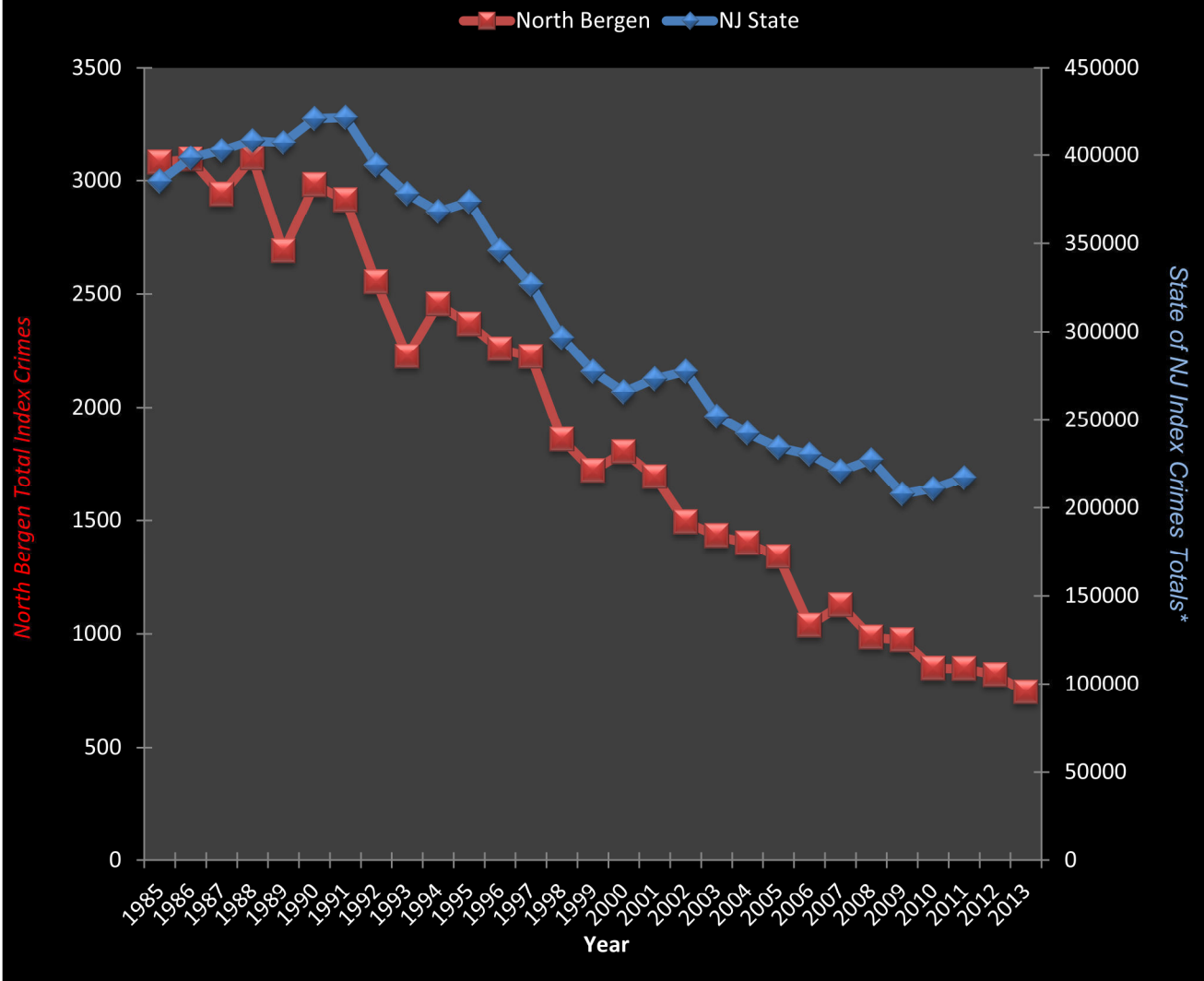




Crime Trend Analysis

North Bergen Township vs. NJ State

Comparative Index Crime Trend Analysis 1985 through 2013

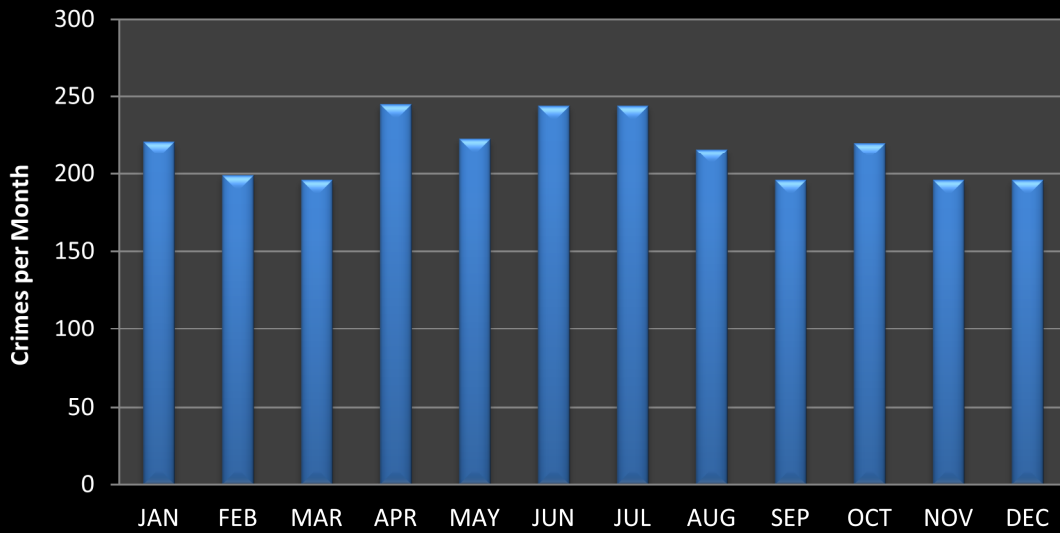


*NJ State Statistics for 2012-2013 not published in time for this report.

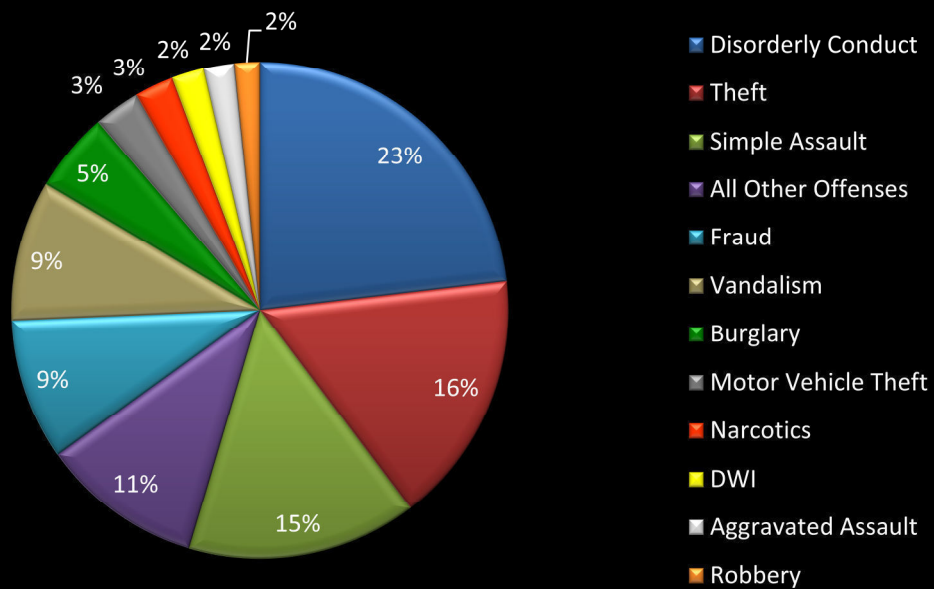


Crime Trend Analysis

2013 Monthly Crime Trend



2013 Offenses by Type





Arrest Statistics

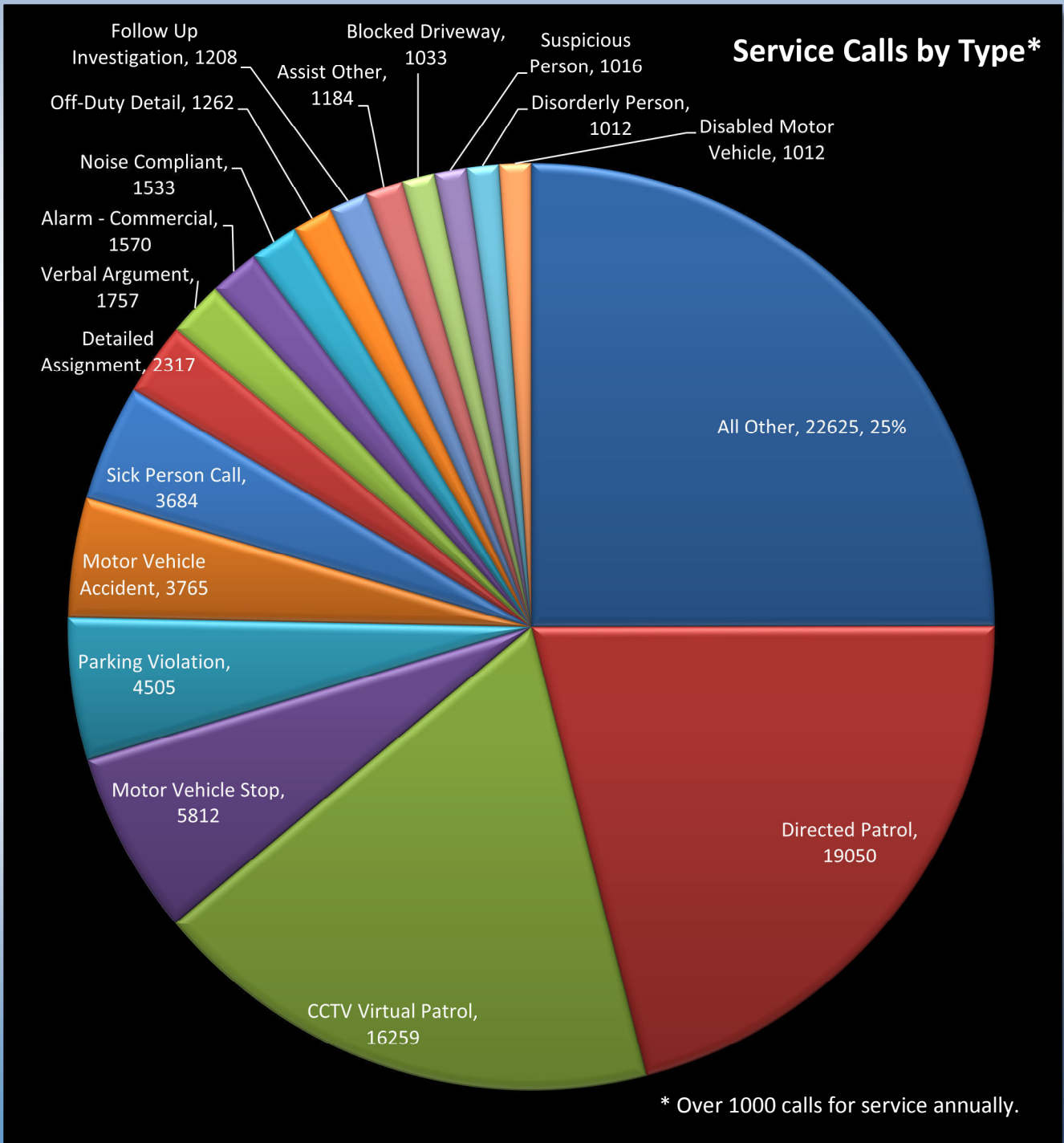
PART I ARRESTS	2013	2012
Juveniles	47	40
Adults	356	341
Part I Totals	403	381
PART II ARRESTS		
Juveniles	59	42
Adults	498	379
Part I Totals	557	421
TOTAL ARRESTS		
Juveniles	106	82
Adults	854	720
Arrest Totals	960	802

Note: Part I Offenses include Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson. Part II Offenses include all other offenses.



Calls for Service

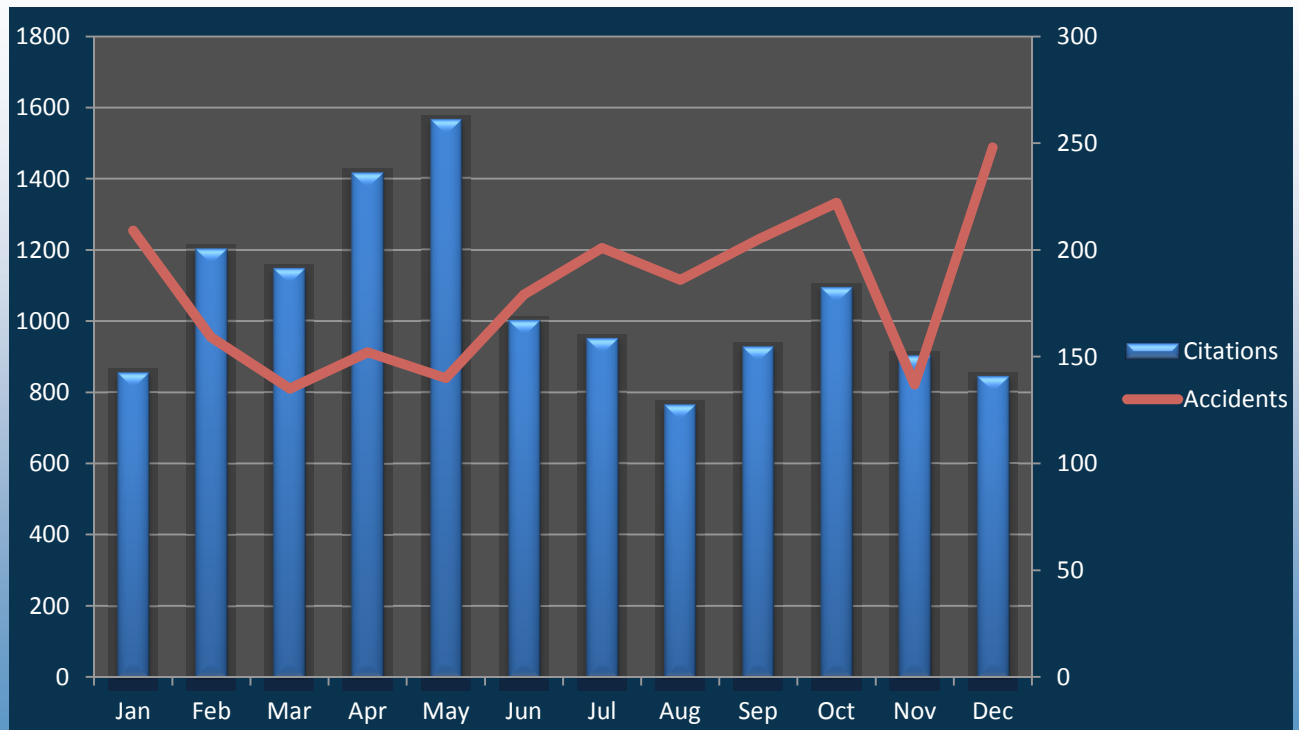
The Police Department handled 90,604 Calls for Service in 2013.





Traffic Statistics

Month	Traffic Accidents	Tows	Citations	DWI
January	209	174	855	3
February	159	169	1204	5
March	135	193	1147	4
April	152	237	1418	5
May	140	200	1565	3
June	179	161	1002	9
July	201	210	950	6
August	186	169	766	7
September	205	176	928	3
October	222	200	1094	1
November	137	189	902	6
December	248	187	843	10
TOTALS	2173	2265	12674	62





Notable Investigations

The North Bergen Police Department handles thousands of calls for service annually and investigates hundreds of crimes and other reported offenses. Every inquiry, investigation, and police response is important to us and we strive to serve the Township of North Bergen with professionalism and diligence. Below are just a few of our notable investigations for 2013:

- Members of the North Bergen Police Department working in conjunction with U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency were able to infiltrate a narcotics distribution network which had established itself within the Township. As a result of the investigation and subsequent warrant service, three individuals were taken into custody and over a quarter of a million dollars in heroin, cocaine, marijuana, and crystal methamphetamine were seized.
- A lengthy investigation into a possible convenience store narcotics distribution front led to the arrest of the suspected dealer and the seizure of heroin as well as hundreds of pills of prescription narcotics such as Oxycodone and Methadone.
- An alert resident called the Department to report suspicious activity near an elementary school. A quick police response and thorough investigation led to an arrest and the seizure of hundreds of grams of marijuana, as well as drug paraphernalia used for narcotics distribution.
- An investigation stemming from the possible sale of narcotics to minors led officers to the discovery of a family-run narcotics enterprise. Three adults and three juveniles were arrested inside their residence after the execution of a search warrant where narcotics and guns were discovered.
- After the theft of a tractor trailer filled with over \$10,000 worth of restaurant equipment, investigators began concentrating on locating the vehicle used to transport the trailer. After a thorough investigation a pickup truck with evidence of the proceeds was discovered leading to the arrest of the driver and his co-conspirator. The trailer was found painted another color with a majority of its contents intact. The stolen items were returned to their rightful owner.
- In conjunction with the New Jersey State Police, the North Bergen Police Department executed a warrant at a Township motel where several pounds of marijuana and thousands of dollars in narcotics proceeds were seized. Two Georgia residents were arrested as a result of the investigation.
- A bank robbery which had originated Fairview resulted in a multi-jurisdictional manhunt for the actors. After a carjacking and multiple foot chases, one suspect was apprehended inside a Township cemetery and a second suspect was apprehended by officers after he crashed his escape vehicle. A gun, knife, and dye-stained proceeds from the bank robbery were recovered.
- A string of strong-armed cell phone robberies within the Township led to an intensive search for the suspects. A thorough investigation, proactive anticrime measures, and collaboration with the surrounding police agencies, led to the apprehension of several actors wanted in conjunction with a spree of robberies throughout Hudson County.



2013 Officers of the Month

JANUARY

Investigator Hector Botello

Investigator Botello conducted a motor vehicle stop where he detected an odor of raw unburnt marijuana emanating from the vehicle. Upon further investigation, he uncovered a large quantity of marijuana, paraphernalia used for distribution of narcotics, and hundreds of dollars in cash.



FEBRUARY

Detective Robert Maldonado

Detective Maldonado's thorough analysis of an armed robbery included a relentless follow-up investigation. His perseverance led to the apprehension of a dangerous criminal who had been targeting the uptown area.



MARCH

Investigator Carmen Recinos

While on patrol, Investigator Recinos recognized a vehicle that was wanted in conjunction with a stolen tractor trailer. Her investigation led to the arrest of 2 actors and the recovery of various stolen property.



APRIL

Investigator Jason Appello

While on undercover patrol, Investigator Appello observed two suspicious individuals peering into vehicles on Paterson Plank Road. As a result of his investigation and observations, both actors were arrested for numerous burglaries to vehicles and possession of narcotics.



MAY

Sergeant Joseph Stankard

While responding to an armed robbery, Sergeant Stankard was able to locate several robbery suspects through descriptions received from our CCTV surveillance center. Sergeant Stankard's swift response led to the apprehension of three dangerous career criminals.



JUNE

Officer William Fleischhauer

Officer Fleischhauer was honored as officer of the month for his dedication and performance in the Traffic Bureau. His initiative at a recent large-scale event diffused a potentially hazardous situation which allowed the event to continue as intended.





Officers of the Month

JULY	Officers Daniel Brown, Ramon DeJesus, and Detective Michael Derin Officers Brown, DeJesus, and Detective Derin responded to assist in the manhunt of several individuals wanted for bank robbery and carjacking. Their search led to the apprehension of a life-long career criminal and his coconspirators as well as the recovery of weapons and the proceeds of the robbery. Detective Derin sustained serious injury while attempting to subdue one of the combative actors.	
AUGUST	Detective Carlos Sanz Detective Sanz was honored as our Officer of the Month after his battle with cancer ended with his passing while still on active duty. Detective Sanz was admired by his peers for his dedication as an officer and as a friend. He is also our Officer of the Year and his commitment to the Department and presence will always be remembered.	
SEPTEMBER	Officer Alex Barrios Officer Barrios intervened when a large group of individuals were seen congregating in preparation for a fight. Officer Barrios was able to maintain order until backup units arrived. Several actors were arrested for possession of weapons which included a loaded handgun.	
OCTOBER	Detective Robert Maldonado Detective Maldonado was tasked to address a developing crime trend that included multiple burglaries and narcotics distribution. Through his diligent efforts and keen observations, Detective Maldonado was able to locate and apprehend the individuals involved ending the crime wave and improving the quality of life for our residents.	
NOVEMBER	Burglary Unit The North Bergen Police Department Burglary Unit was honored by Mayoral Proclamation for their productivity which resulted in nearly 100 felony arrests over the course of the year. The unit is comprised of Detective Maldonado, and Officers Recinos, Carriel, and Botello.	
DECEMBER	Officer Kaylan Tarabocchia While on patrol, Officer Tarabocchia observed an individual matching the description of recent suspect wanted in connection for commercial burglaries and theft. Through her observations and investigation she was able to apprehend the actor and prevent further acts of crime against businesses.	



Training

In 2013, the Police Department invested an unprecedented amount of resources towards training. In order to develop a professional, effective, and efficient police force, police training imparts the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that form its foundation. The North Bergen Police Department's investment in training increases officer and public safety and develops effective and efficient officers, supervisors, and administrators. Despite statewide budget cuts, the Department has been able to increase its commitment to training through careful reorganizing and time management. In addition, Township officials have shown their commitment to invest in the Department in order to increase professionalism, provide adequate public safety, and reduce liability.



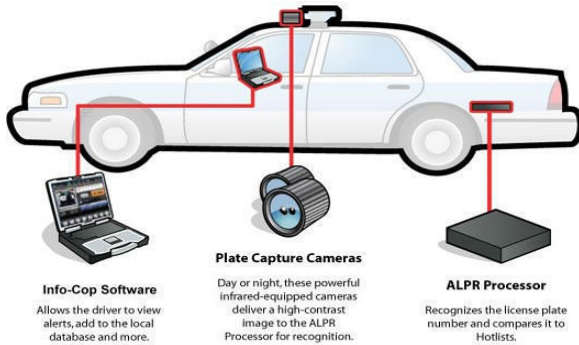
The North Bergen Police Department has recently created a state-of-the-art training facility which includes a police firearms range. These facilities have been host to various classes throughout the year and have provided training to our officers as well as law enforcement officers throughout the State. The Department also utilizes the New Jersey Learn virtual Police Academy for in service training and continuing education. Finally, the Department trains at various police academies throughout the state. This calendar year, the Department sent each and every officer to at least one training program and most officers attended several courses and education seminars. An example of just some of the training members of the North Bergen Police Department attended include hazardous materials awareness, officer response to active shooter events, rifle operators course, Americans with disabilities training, Autism awareness, school violence training, domestic violence education, leadership and supervision courses, defensive tactics, criminal investigations, child safety, SWAT command training, anti-bullying awareness, prescription drug training, arson investigator school, document fraud, crisis negotiator, radiological response, as well as hundreds of other courses. Many of these courses were available to the Department at no cost. The North Bergen Police Department considers training to be an essential investment for both the present and the future of law enforcement.



Police Technology

COMPSTAT

The COMPSTAT (Comparative Statistics) is a multilayered and dynamic approach used to reduce crime, improve quality of life, and manage police personnel and resources. The North Bergen Police Department uses its databases, CCTV system, and computer software to gather accurate and timely intelligence. Command personnel then develop effective tactics and rapidly deploy police resources to areas police intervention is required. Command personnel follow up by assessing their intervention strategies and adjusting them when necessary. COMPSTAT has enabled the Department to fight crime more efficiently and effectively improving the quality of life within the Township.



Automated License Plate Recognition

The North Bergen Police Department's Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) system works by scanning vehicle license plates. This information is then matched against local and National crime and terrorism databases. The system is a valuable asset to our officers, which can alert them to hazards such as stolen vehicles or wanted persons. Our ALPR system can also help locate missing individuals sought after in AMBER and Silver alerts.

IAFIS & CODIS

The Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS) is a criminal history identification system maintained by the FBI. The North Bergen Police Department IAFIS system provides us with the ability to automatically search fingerprints against the largest biometric database in the world, which contains the fingerprints and criminal histories of over 70 million individuals. Combined with the CODIS (Combined DNA Index System) database containing various criminal DNA profiles, the North Bergen Police Department has been able to solve crimes more effectively. More importantly, the Department has been solving older cold case files with the use of these technologies.

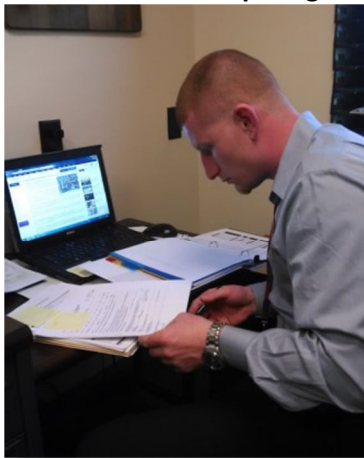




Early Start Programs

The North Bergen Police Department offers several programs that provide young people with the opportunity to learn about the challenges and responsibilities of police work. The North Bergen Police Department College Internship Program and Junior Police Academy provides young people an environment where they can positively interact with police officers and take part in law enforcement related duties, education, and training.

Student Internship Program



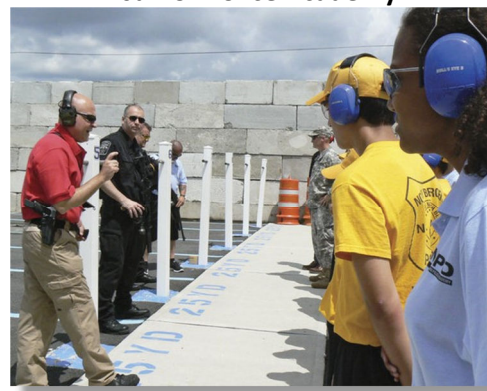
Intern Thomas Guaschino conducting research for our Accreditation project.

The North Bergen Police Department Internship Program provides students interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement the opportunity to gain experience while simultaneously earning college credits. This year, the Police Department accepted intern students from various colleges and universities including John Jay, New Jersey City University, Rutgers, and Montclair State. Interns are introduced to a wide variety of government and law enforcement-related administrative job tasks and participate in actual police classroom education sessions, patrol ride-alongs, and practical training simulations during the course of their internship. Many of our interns have successfully pursued law enforcement careers upon graduation from their respective educational institutes.

This summer, the North Bergen Police Department revamped and reintroduced its Junior Police Academy Program. The Department accepted over 30 applicants to attend two week-long programs aimed at introducing select 7th and 8th grade students to various facets of law enforcement. The program is modeled after a police recruit Police Academy class, and participants are challenged both physically and mentally during the course of their training. Students are exposed to a daily physical training regimen and are then educated in the police field.

Students also participate in various simulated police scenarios such as crime scene investigations and K9 searches. The Junior Police Academy has created a vital link between youth and the Police Department and promotes responsible citizenship and community involvement.

Junior Police Academy



Range Day for the Junior Police Academy
Credit: Joseph Passantino, Hudson Reporter



History



The land which is now recognized as the Township of North Bergen was first settled by the Dutch in the early 1600's under the auspices of the Dutch East India Company. On October 26, 1661, the Village of North Bergen was incorporated as part of old Bergen Township. Bergen Township became the first municipality in the territory which is now the State of New Jersey. North Bergen officially became incorporated as the Township of North Bergen on April 10, 1843.

In 1907, an organized peace force known as "roundsmen" was created to address the public safety issues of that era. Roundsmen patrolled the township, mostly in the evening hours and helped protect the community against robberies, fires, and disturbances. By 1920, the population of North Bergen had increased considerably and the need for a dedicated police force had become a necessity. An ordinance to establish a modern police department was introduced on December 6, 1923 and was adopted on December 20, 1923 by Mayor Charles J. Morris and the board council. According to the ordinance, the duties of the police department were "to repair serious fires, riots or tumultuous assemblages occurring within the township, to save and protect property, and to arrest or cause to be arrested such persons as may be violating laws, disturbing the peace or inciting others to do so."

Today, the North Bergen Police Department is responsive to emerging community needs and is constantly adapting to the changing nature of crime. This includes responding to natural and man-made disasters, handling investigations into domestic terrorism, internet fraud schemes, identity theft, narcotics offenses, incidents of burglary, robbery, and other major crime, school security, as well as a host of quality life offenses.



Goals



The North Bergen Police Department has recently embarked in the challenge of achieving Accreditation through the New Jersey Chiefs of Police Association. The purpose of Accreditation is to improve the delivery of public safety services by developing and maintaining a body of professional standards established by public safety practitioners. Accreditation helps ensure effective and efficient police operations and also raises citizen and employee confidence in the Department's ability to deliver world-class service. An Accreditation status represents a significant professional achievement. It acknowledges the implementation of policies and procedures that are conceptually sound and operationally effective.

The Accreditation process involves the arduous task of conducting a thorough self-analysis to determine how existing operations can be adapted to meet professional standards. When the policies and procedures are established, a team of trained assessors verifies that the applicable Accreditation standards have been successfully implemented. The Accreditation process does not end with certification. It involves the continuous process of self-assessment and re-evaluation of policy and procedures to ensure the continuous delivery of professional police services.

Accreditation does not guarantee a crime-free environment for our citizens nor does it ensure the complete dissolution of police misconduct. However, Accreditation provides the opportunity for our department to conduct operations as a professional organization. Accreditation increases efficiency, effectiveness and accountability through the development and implementation of professionally-based policy development. As a result, Accreditation will help strengthen our crime prevention and control capabilities, improve personnel practices, formalize management procedures, improve the delivery of public safety services, increase community cohesiveness, and solidify confidence in the Department both by our citizens and the law enforcement community alike.

The Department is anticipating achieving Accreditation status within 36 months.



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Thank you for taking the time to read our annual report. I am proud to lead the North Bergen Police Department as we strive to meet our Township's public safety needs. The men and women of this department should be recognized and applauded for their commitment to duty.

- Chief Robert J. Dowd