



THE NORTH BERGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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MISSION STATEMENT

The primary mission of the North Bergen Police Department is to provide safe and stable neighborhoods for the residents and visitors to 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 communities 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.



DUTY, HONOR, COURAGE

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PETER FASILIS

CHIEF OF POLICE



As a police leader with 25 years of public service, it has been my honor to promote a clear vision of quality service for the North Bergen Police department. Our workforce is representative of our community diversity, yet that alone does not guarantee success. The quality of the individual, that, when joined with others of like quality and integrity, ensures a personal investment in the mission of the department. From a community perspective, real police legitimacy requires police departments to act in a manner consistent with investing in the *bank of community trust*, where we should focus on connecting residents to one another, creating the space for conversations to deliver improved quality of service.

Various events over prior years have created a platform for important causes and movements revolving around race, equality, and fairness within the criminal justice system. It was important to capitalize on these opportunities to make systematic improvements in policing. Yet while other communities have suffered from tumultuous police-citizen relations, I am extremely proud of the men and women of the North Bergen Police department for always policing with competence, reliability, transparency, and professionalism, to build on the already formidable strength of our community relations. I have endeavored to lead the department to be an accessible and valued component of the community. We recognize the value of our citizen's perspectives, and it is important to me that our residents are heard, whether it is through initiatives such as Coffee with a Cop, our Help Desk portal, Community Meetings, or our social media campaigns through Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. I am especially proud of our first Citizen's Police Academy, which allowed our residents true insight into real policing, while promoting an organizational climate of full transparency.

Our commitment to excellence has resulted in our agency achieving a third Accreditation, an honor only 19% of accredited agencies attain.

During my tenure as Chief, we have instituted continual improvements in the way we police our neighborhoods, embracing technology and innovation, while leveraging intelligence and other resources to combat crime. Constant reassessments of, and reinvestments into, our partnership with the community have helped to continue reductions in crime, and we look forward to building upon this substantial progress.

Our officers have a tough but rewarding job. The unwavering support of Mayor Nicholas J. Sacco, Public Safety Commissioner Allen Pascual, and the Board of Commissioners for the Township of North Bergen, has ensured our officers receive the necessary training, resources, equipment, guidance, and support to be successful and safe while enhancing public safety and the quality of life for all our residents and visitors.

It is my pleasure to share our 2022 Annual Report featuring the outstanding work of the men and women of the North Bergen Police department.



NICHOLAS J. SACCO

MAYOR

As Mayor, I am incredibly proud of the accomplishments of the North Bergen Police Department over the past year. The dedication and hard work of our police officers have not gone unnoticed, and their exceptional service has earned the North Bergen Police Department a reputation as one of the best in the country. We will continue to strive for excellence in all areas of policing including community outreach, technology implementation and crime prevention. As you will see in this report, our efforts have paid off as overall crime is down over 30% since 2015.

Notably, our department has continued to become more diverse to accurately reflect the demographics of our community. Almost 70% of our Township's population is Hispanic, and our Police Department is also nearly 70% Hispanic. This commitment to diversity has allowed us to better serve our community and forge stronger relationships with all residents, and it has been enabled by our resident-only hiring policy.

This year, our Police Department has grown to be larger than ever before with over 140 uniformed officers. This expansion has allowed us to strengthen our community outreach efforts and improve community relations. We understand that maintaining strong relationships with our citizens is crucial to providing effective and fair policing which is why we are working hard to build trust with all members of our town and create a safer, more secure environment for everyone.

With this in mind, the Department has organized and established a number of grassroots community outreach events. These include the first Citizen's Police Academy, which provided our 'Civilian Recruits' with an enhanced understanding of modern policing operations and practices; the Junior Police Academy, an intensive and fun way for North Bergen youth to get exposed to the world of law enforcement; Law Day, where NBHS students tour Township Hall, police headquarters, and the municipal court; and the North Bergen Township Alternative Policing Strategy (NBTAPS), consisting of bi-monthly community meetings held at the Main Library, Nutrition Center, and new downtown Recreation Center & Library, where residents air their concerns and establish better relations with members of the police department. We also encourage our officers to participate and volunteer in numerous other community outreach efforts throughout the year.

I want to thank North Bergen Police Chief Peter Fasilis, Public Safety Commissioner Allen Pascual, as well as the countless officers and civilian employees who have made the North Bergen Police Department one of the finest law enforcement institutions in the country. They are truly the backbone of our community and a part of what makes North Bergen one of the best places to live, work, and call home.

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Nicholas J. Sacco
Mayor, Township of North Bergen



ALLEN PASCUAL

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Over the past year, the officers of the North Bergen Police Department have continued to work tirelessly to build stronger relationships with the community and improve public safety, and have been instrumental in solving many crimes in our town including robberies, assaults, vandalism, and missing persons (as well as a missing dog). With over 140 uniformed officers, we have been able to provide better protection and support to our residents and these efforts have not gone unnoticed.

Earlier this year we were proud to announce that we had received our third accreditation with the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. This prestigious honor is achieved by only 19% of the public safety agencies in the state, and is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our officers.

We will continue to strive for excellence in all areas of policing, and are committed to maintaining and upholding the highest standards of law enforcement professionalism and service to our community. Every officer within our Department must maintain yearly proficiency by completing mandatory in-service training that continuously updates their knowledge, skills, and abilities. With improved training, the utilization of new technologies, and a devotion to transparency, we are dedicated to providing the best possible service to our citizens.

Our Property and Evidence Unit tracks more than 15,000 items of evidence in our inventory, with thousands of new items every year. One of the major goals we accomplished in 2022 was the successful identification and destruction of countless firearms as well as the disposal of narcotics. After completing a comprehensive audit and a rigorous process of identification and classification, we ultimately purged over 1,000 controlled dangerous substances including 160 lbs. of unwanted and unused prescription medications, and destroyed or reallocated 50 firearms.

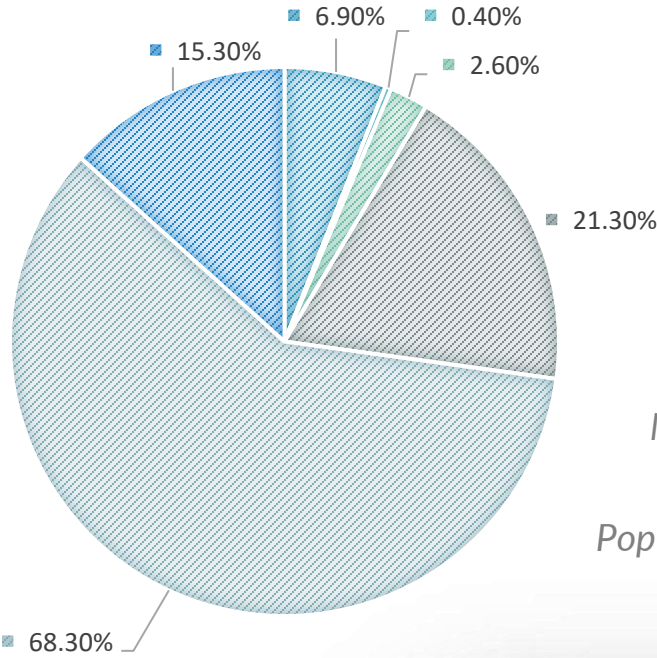
I am extremely proud of the North Bergen Police Department and grateful to the men and women who serve our community, as well as Mayor Nick Sacco, Police Chief Peter Fasilis, and the North Bergen Commissioners for providing the essential guidance and leadership which has allowed us to become one of the safest small cities in the nation.

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Allen Pascual

Commissioner of Public Safety

TOWNSHIP DEMOGRAPHICS



- Asian
- Native American
- Black
- White Non-Hispanic
- Hispanic
- Two or more races

2023 Population: 62,686

Median Age: 40.9

Area: 5.575 square miles

Number of Households: 23,315

Population Density: 12,205/sq. mi.

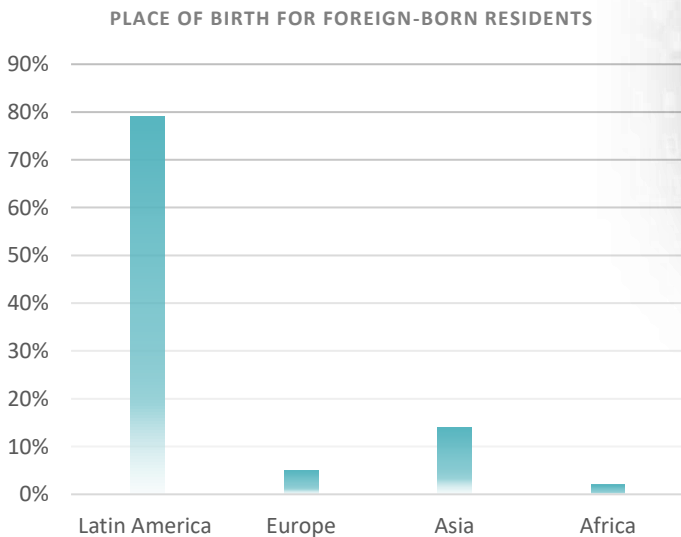
2010 population: 60,773

80.8% of the population are High School graduates or higher (**about 90 percent** of the Hudson County rate of 86.8%)

31.5% of North Bergen's population achieved a Bachelor's degree or higher (**about two-thirds** of the rate in Hudson County of 45.7%)

63% of homes speak Spanish

50% of North Bergen residents are foreign-born



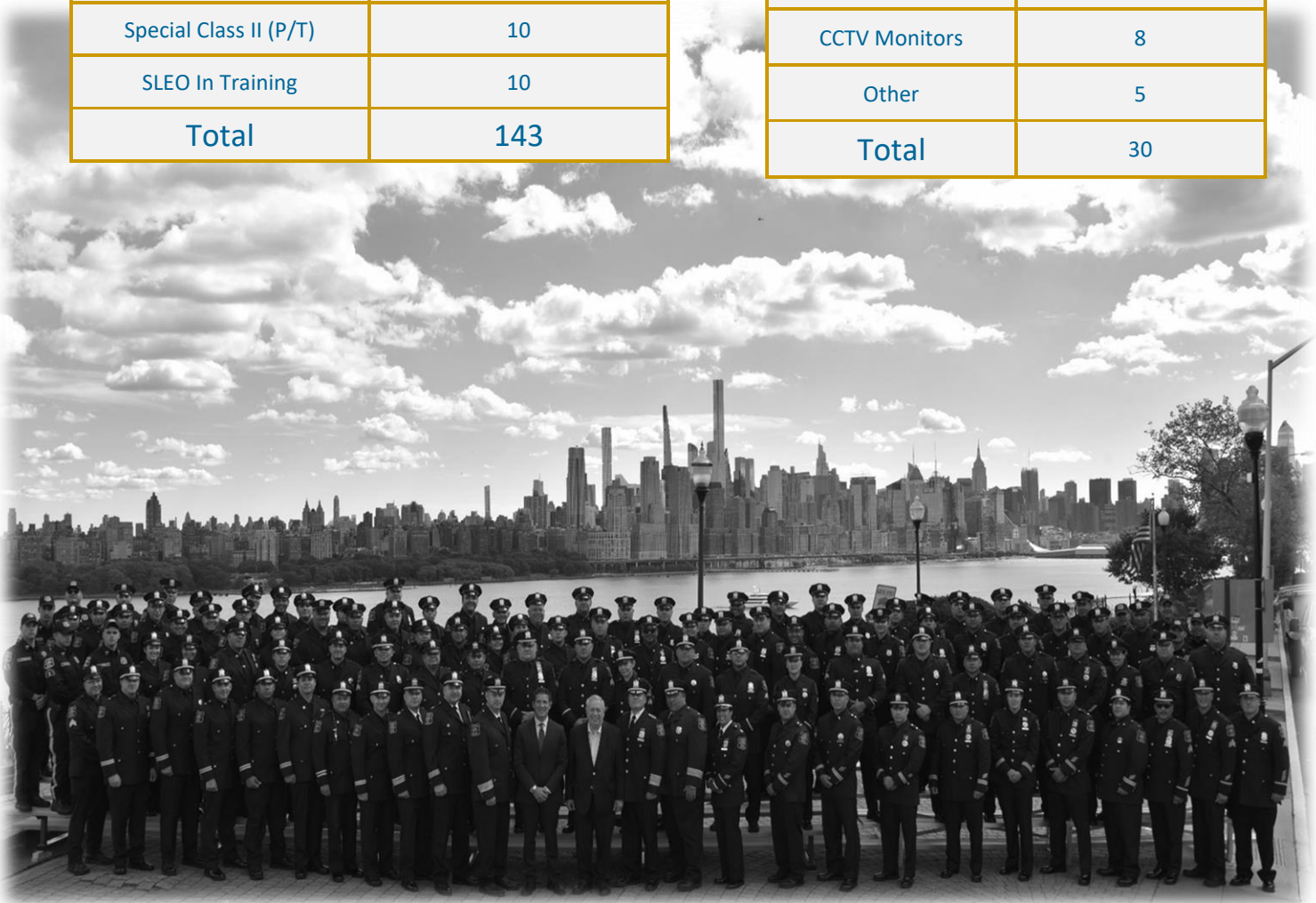
POLICE DEPARTMENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Sworn Personnel	
Chief	1
Deputy Chiefs	2
Captains	3
Lieutenants	14
Sergeants	19
Detectives	14
Corporals	1
Patrol Officers	69
Special Class II (P/T)	10
SLEO In Training	10
Total	143

TOTAL POLICE EMPLOYEES

173

Civilian Personnel	
Clerks	4
Dispatchers	13
CCTV Monitors	8
Other	5
Total	30



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



CHIEF OF POLICE

PETER FASILIS

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT FARLEY, JR.

DEPUTY CHIEF - OPERATIONS SECTION

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVID CORBISIERO

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

CAPTAIN CYNTHIA MONTERO

PATROL DIVISION

CAPTAIN JORGE RAPOSO

INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

CAPTAIN DAVID DOWD

TRAFFIC DIVISION

BCI / RECORDS

FIELD OPERATIONS

DETECTIVES

SOCIAL MEDIA

MUNICIPAL COURT

PATROL SQUAD 1

JTTF

COMMUNITY
POLICING

SCHOOL RESOURCES

PATROL SQUAD 2

ON-LOAN PERSONNEL

PROPERTY / EVIDENCE

PATROL SQUAD 3

SLEO II

PATROL SQUAD 4

TRAINING

PATROL SQUAD 5

INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY

PATROL SQUAD 6



INTERNAL AFFAIRS SUMMARY REPORT

2022 Summary

Total Pending from Prior Year	7
Total Cases Opened in 2022	46
Total Cases Closed in 2022	39
Total Sustained	18
Total Not Sustained	21
Total Cases over 180 days old	0
Total Cases Pending at end of 2022	14

Complaints Received in 2022

<i>Excessive Force</i>	1
<i>Improper Arrest</i>	0
<i>Improper Entry</i>	0
<i>Improper Search</i>	0
<i>Differential Treatment</i>	1
<i>Demeanor</i>	11
<i>Other Rule Violation</i>	32
<i>Domestic Violence</i>	0
<i>Other Criminal</i>	1
<i>Total New Complaints</i>	39

Number of Dispositions Includes Pending from Prior Year				
Sustained		Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded
Criminal Charge	Internal Discipline Action			
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0
0	1	0	8	0
0	17	4	11	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0
0	18	4	21	0

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TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AS DRUNKEN DRIVER

Frank Greenhalgh, 25, an automobile salesman, of 157a Seventeenth street, West New York, was arrested by North Bergen detectives as a drunken driver, early this morning, after his auto came dangerously close to striking a North Bergen police car.

Detective Sergeants Thomas Neggia and Theodore Lawler took the man into custody at Bergenline avenue and Hudson Boulevard. Sergeant Lawler, operating a police auto, had to swerve sharply to avoid a collision with Greenhalgh's car.

Assistant Police Surgeon David R. Godlin examined Greenhalgh and pronounced him unfit to drive. After the examination the man was locked up pending a hearing in police court tonight.

Police Seize Three in North Bergen Armed With Automatic Guns

Two Prisoners Are Brothers with Long Records of Arrests for Petty Offenses—Vainly Attempt to Dispose of Weapons—Believe Holdup Was Foiled.

Acting suspiciously in the neighborhood of New street and the Hudson Boulevard, North Bergen, at 8 o'clock last night, three West New York men, two of them brothers and well known police characters, were arrested at the point of their revolvers by Detective Sergeant Theodore Lawler and

THREE ARE HELD WITH REVOLVERS

(Continued)

about six pounds of white metal slugs, which ranged in sizes from nickels to half dollar pieces. Police were unable to learn what the slugs were intended for. One of the trio said they were going to sell the slugs to a junk dealer.

Police believe the men were planning a stick-up in the neighborhood when they were apprehended. A number of garages and the Castle Furniture Company are in the vicinity.

While the two policemen were watching the trio from a nearby vantage point, they suddenly disappeared down New street and went through an alley leading to Flower Hill Cemetery. While Detective Sergeant Neggia went through one street on foot, his brother officer drove into New street in the police car. Neggia met the three men in the rear of a building and stuck them up. When Detective Sergeant Lawler arrived the men were quickly searched and then bundled into the police car. Lawler took the wheel. Neggia sat beside him with his gun trained on the prisoners.

Several times Neggia noticed Leslie Baxter moving his left hand behind him and warned him that if he attempted anything he would shoot him. Later events revealed that Baxter was trying to get rid of the gun.

Just as they started to headquarters with their quarry, Boulevard Patrolman Lew Olsen drove up and followed the other car to the station.

Often Arrested.

Leslie Baxter, who gave his ad-

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DATA AND CRIME STATISTICS 2022

GAS STATION SALE CAUSE OF ARREST

Charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, Hoyt Trapp, 27, of 55 Nelson place, Newark, was arrested at his home yesterday by Detective Sergeants Neggia and Lawler of North Bergen, on a warrant issued by William Prescott of

316 Forty-eighth. According to "sold" him the Pure Oil at 4925 Hudson Bergen, on January 15, he paid Trapp \$125 cash and a check for a balance of \$25. Trapp said the money to pay for the station to be performed in North Carolina. The station was to be paid when the money was sent to the south.

Prescott showed a check for the sense when he saw the paper signed by Trapp. It was later that he discovered the station had been swindled. He went to the Pure Oil Company station and asked for the money.

Prescott explained that he had bought the station and the agent told him this was not possible.

Leslie and George Baxter, 29 and 27, respectively, tried to throw away two .45-calibre Army automatics en route to and in North Bergen police headquarters. Both guns were empty.

It was not until the officers arrived at headquarters with the men in a police sedan that one of the guns was found lying in the corner where Leslie Baxter sat by Detective Sergeant Neggia. When the latter found the gun, he called to Detective Captain John J. Schlicht, Detective David McCarthy and Patrolman Patrick Sullivan, who were standing outside headquarters.

While Captain Schlicht and Lawler took George Baxter and the other man, Patrick Villino, 31, of 546 Tenth street, West New York, into custody, the officers gave

ALLEGED SPEAKEASY CLOSED BY POLICE

Director of Public Safety Paul F. Cullum, of North Bergen, yesterday afternoon ordered the North End Social Club, a restaurant and alleged speakeasy, at 5761 Hudson Boulevard, closed down. The lid was placed on the place as the result of the finding of a gambling machine on the premises several days ago.

Detective Sergeant Fred Erbeck and Detective "Teddy" Lawler, who found a "quarter" slot machine in operation at the club last week, closed the place up, following the issuance of Commissioner Cullum's order.

2022 BY THE NUMBERS

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE

122,501



QUALITY OF LIFE PATROLS

1,028

MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS

9,436



POLICE INVESTIGATIONS

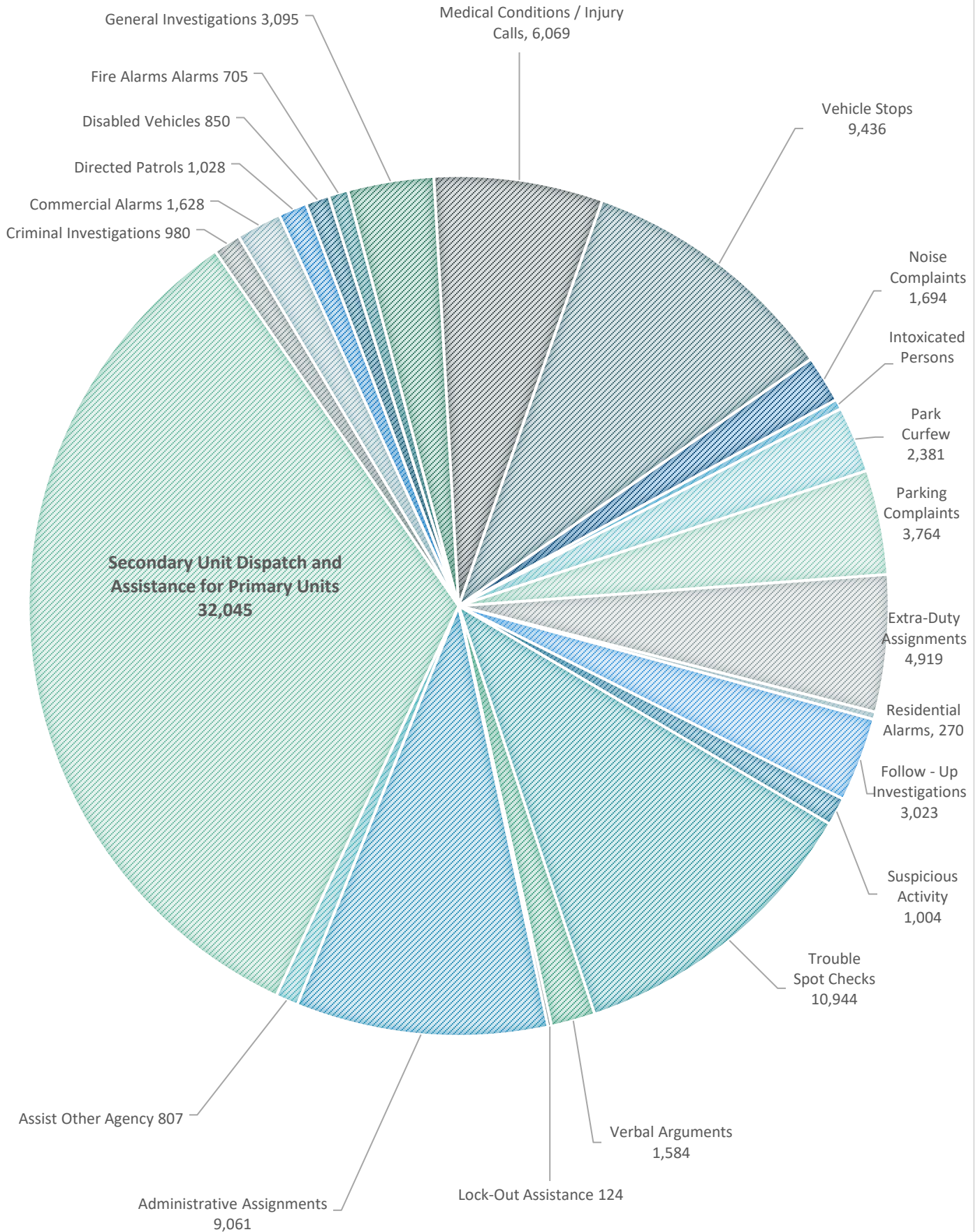
3,095

TOTAL ARRESTS

707



CALLS FOR SERVICE IN 2022





2022 UNIFORM CRIME REPORT

UCR PART 1 Index Crimes	2022		2021		% Change From 2021	5-Year (2017) Comparison		% Change From 2017
	Offense Count	Crime Rate*	Offense Count	Crime Rate*		Offense Count	Crime Rate*	
Murder	0	0	1	0.01	-100%	0	0	0
Rape	14	0.22	24	0.37	-41.7%	9	0.14	55.6%
Robbery	19	0.30	22	0.35	-13.6%	35	0.56	-45.7%
Aggravated Assault	56	0.89	32	0.50	75%	52	0.83	7.7%
Burglary	34	0.54	33	0.52	3%	55	0.88	-38.2%
Larceny (Theft)	381	6.07	366	5.78	4.1%	366	5.91	4.1%
Automobile Theft	61	0.97	46	0.73	32.6%	66	1.06	-7.6%
Arson**	1	0.02	3	0.05	-66.7%	1	0.02	0%
Crime Index Total	566	9.03	524	8.27	8.02%	584	9.43	-3.08%

Crimes Against People	89	1.42	79	1.25	12.7%	96	1.55	-7.3%
Crimes Against Property	477	7.61	445	7.02	7.2%	488	7.88	-2.3%
Overall Crime (Part 1 & Part 2)	1811	28.9	1740	27.5	4.1%	2332	37.7	-22.3%

*Crime rate per 1,000 inhabitants based on est. population for each respective calendar year;

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

***UCR Part I Offenses are listed in this chart. NOT LISTED are Part II Offenses that include Forgery, Counterfeiting, Fraud, Embezzlement, Stolen Property, Vandalism, Weapons Offenses, Prostitution, Sex Offenses, Drug Offenses, DWI, Liquor Law Offenses, Disorderly Conduct, and any other offense not listed.

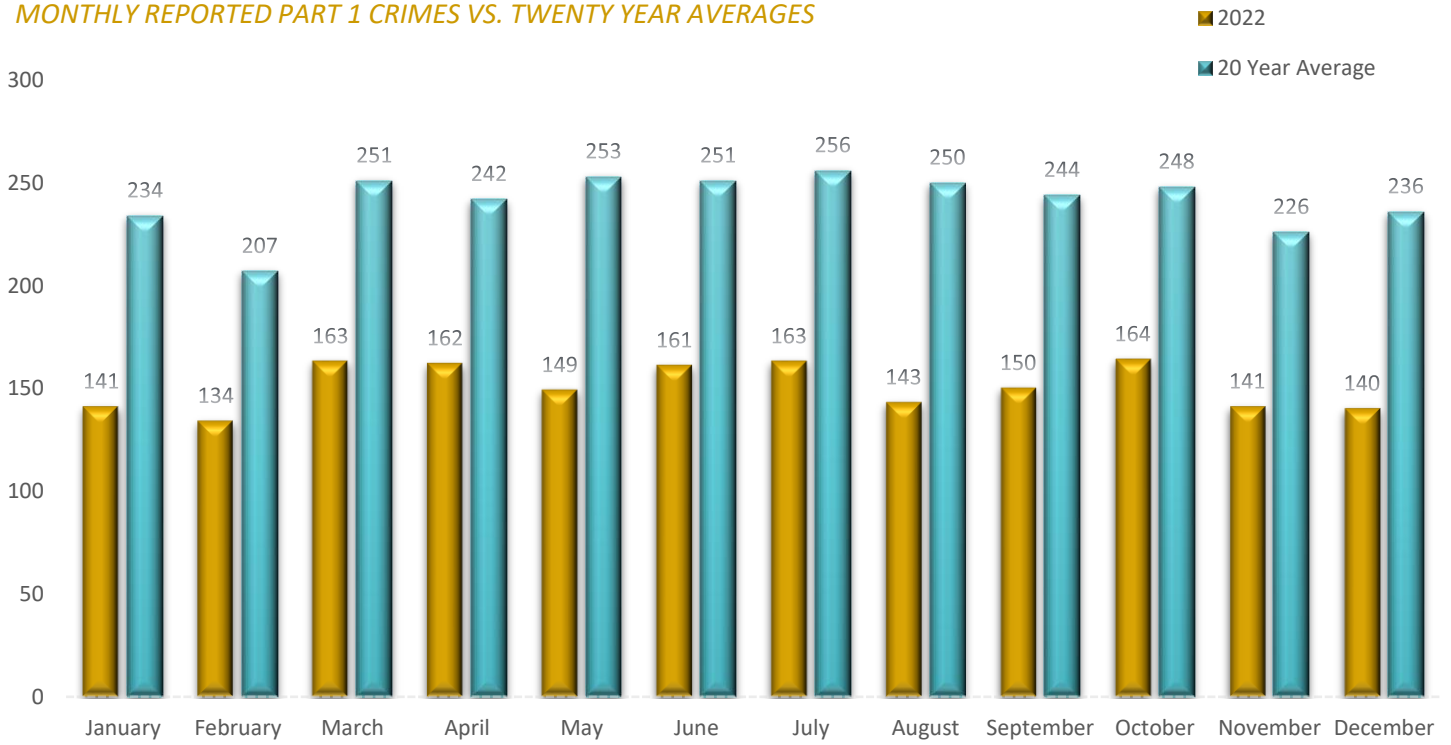
THE NATIONAL INCIDENT BASED REPORTING SYSTEM (NIBRS)

The North Bergen Police Department was certified as a NIBRS agency by the New Jersey State Police in May, 2021. Since the inception of the program, our data has been entered into the FBI NIBRS system on a daily basis, contributing to a greatly increased degree of detail in reporting. Unlike the summary UCR system that collects data on only eight Part I crimes, NIBRS collects 24 crime categories made up of 52 specific crimes called Group A offenses. We continue to collect UCR data as well as NIBRS data to provide the public an accurate view of crime in North Bergen while we amass a sufficient amount of comparative data to provide an analysis. Until enough data is collected, we continue to utilize UCR as well during this initial NIBRS data collection.

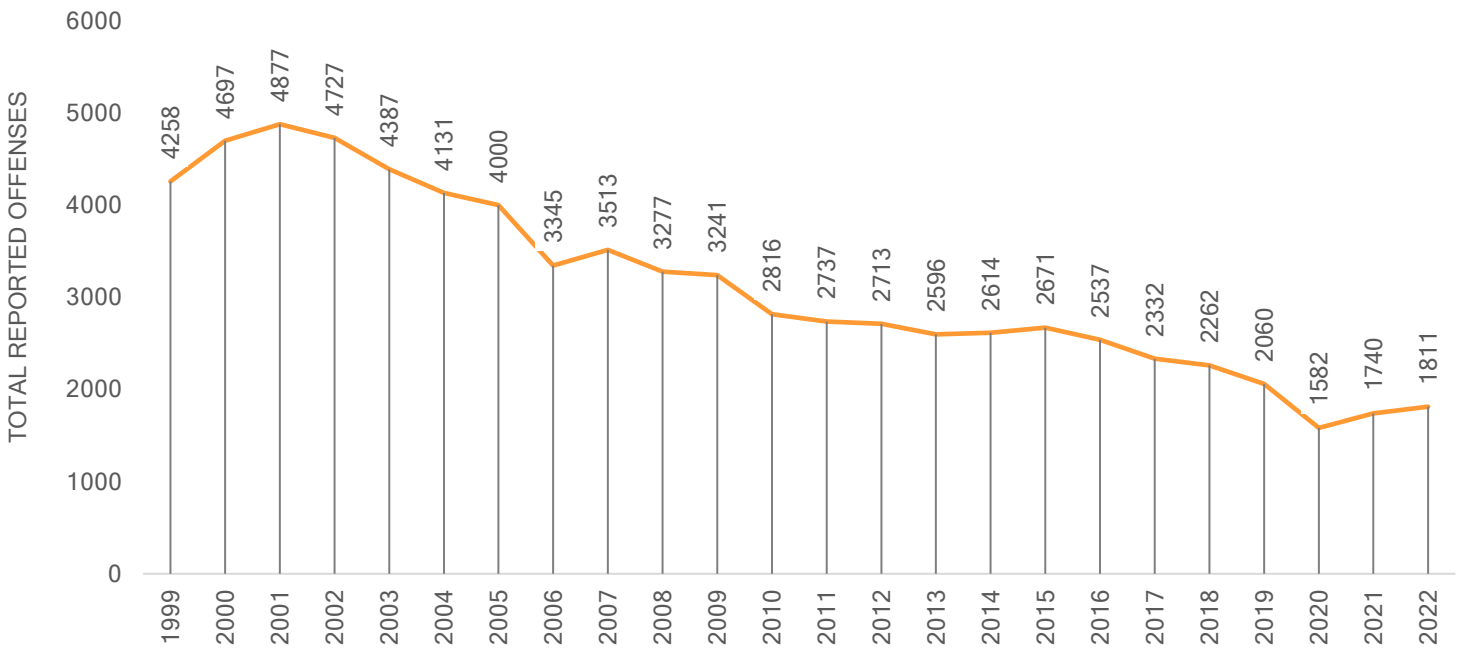
CRIME TRENDS

2022

MONTHLY REPORTED PART 1 CRIMES VS. TWENTY YEAR AVERAGES



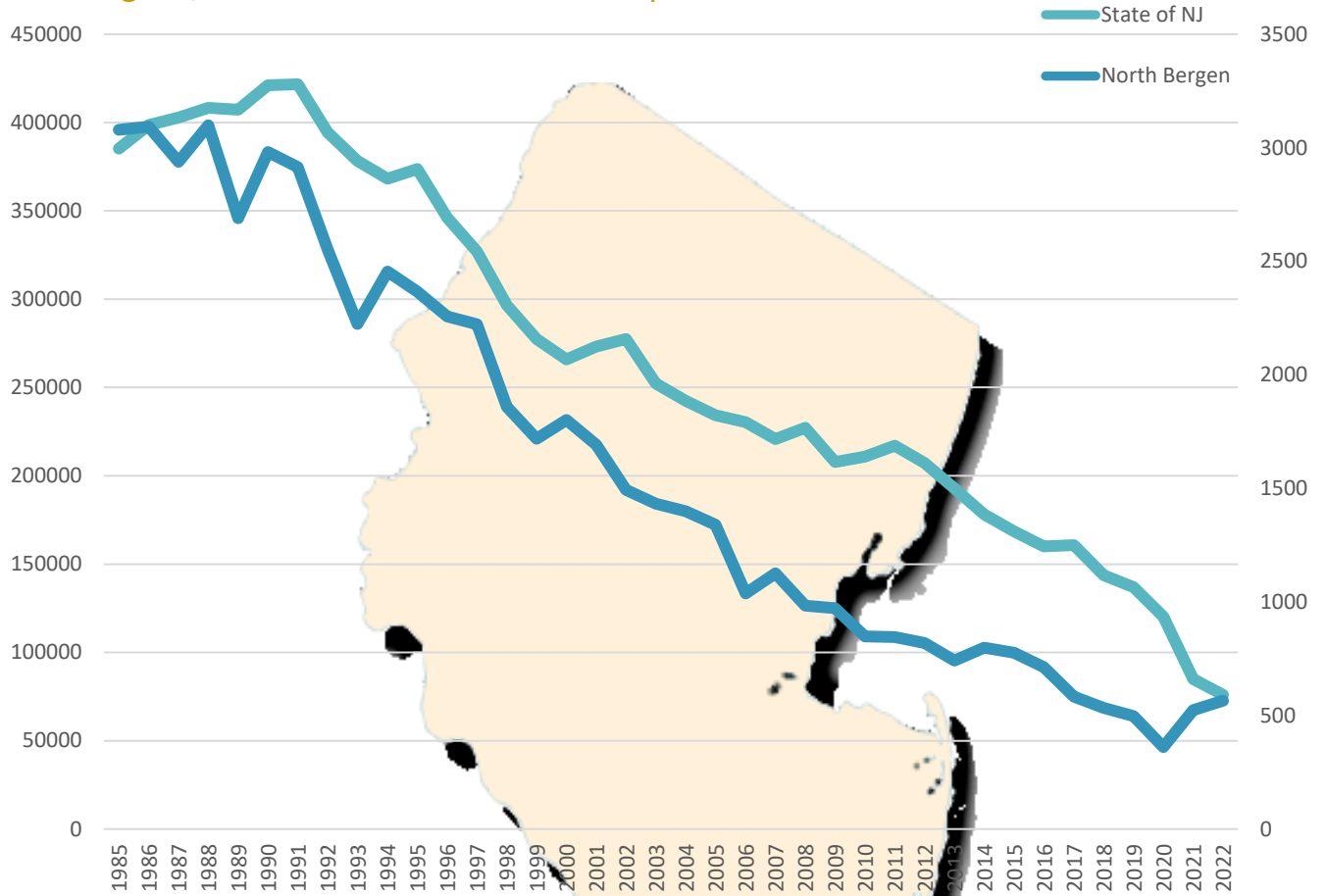
NORTH BERGEN CRIME TREND ANALYSIS
Part 1 and Part 2 Offense Totals



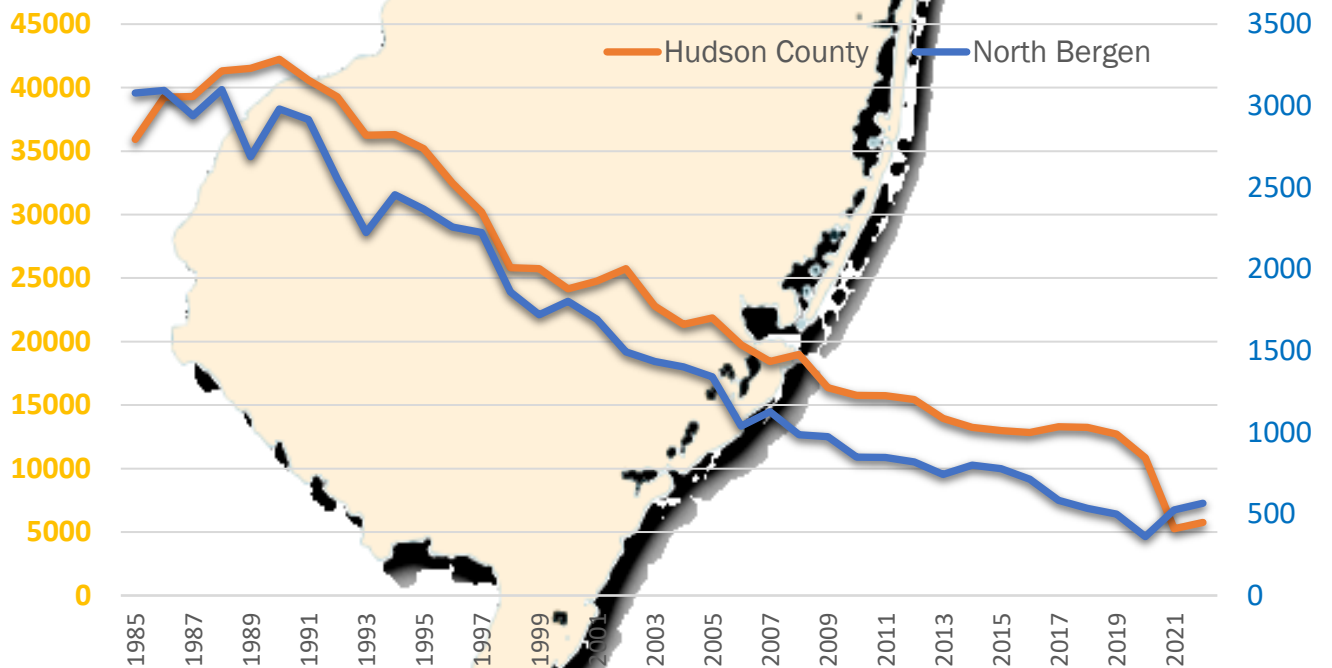
CRIME TRENDS

2022

North Bergen / State of NJ Index Crimes Comparison

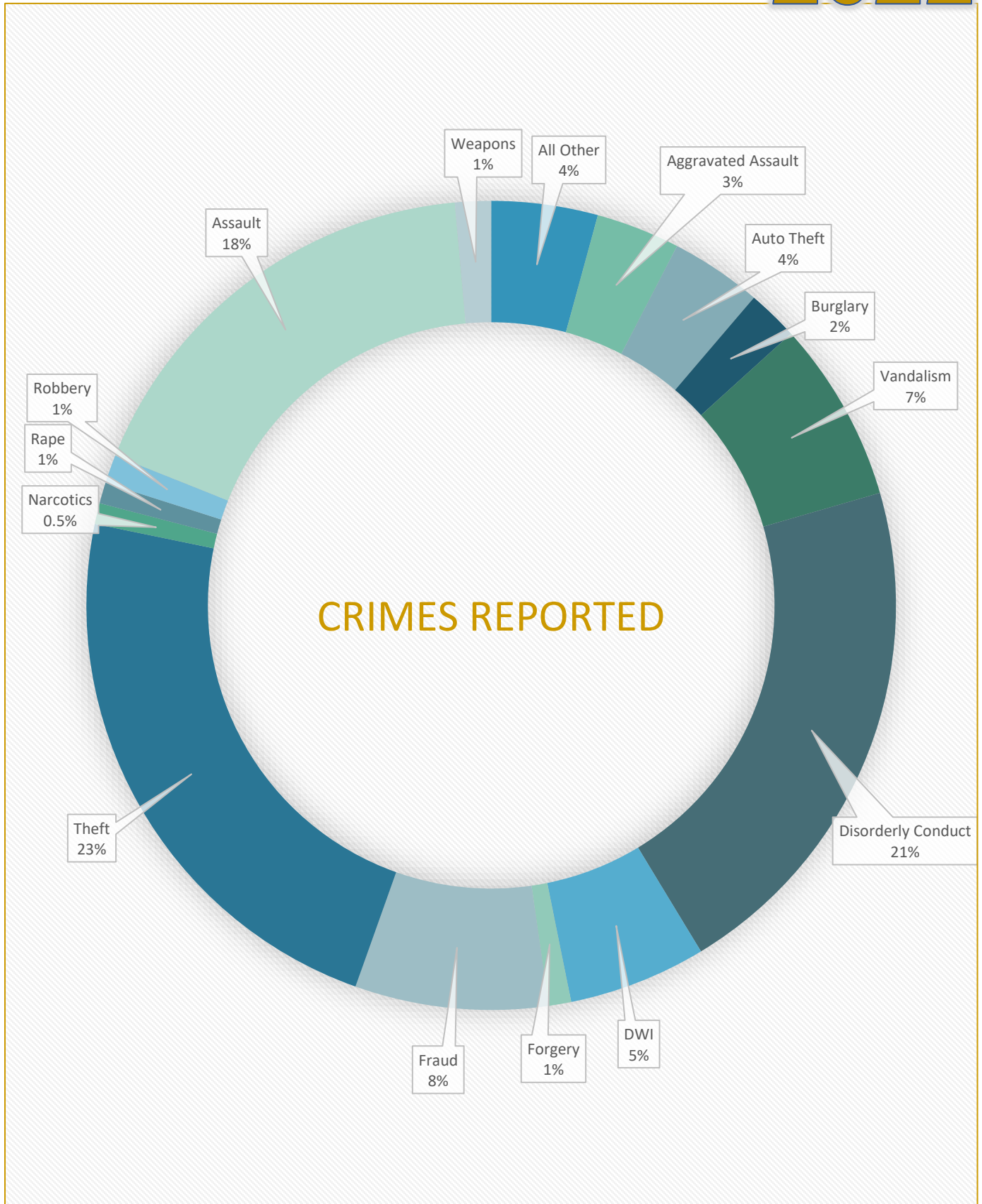


North Bergen / Hudson County Index Comparison



CRIME BREAKDOWN

2022



ARREST STATISTICS

2022

PART I ARRESTS	2022	2021
<i>Juveniles</i>	2	9
<i>Adults</i>	331	320
<i>Part I Totals</i>	333	329
PART II ARRESTS	2022	2021
<i>Juveniles</i>	28	7
<i>Adults</i>	346	271
<i>Part II Totals</i>	374	278

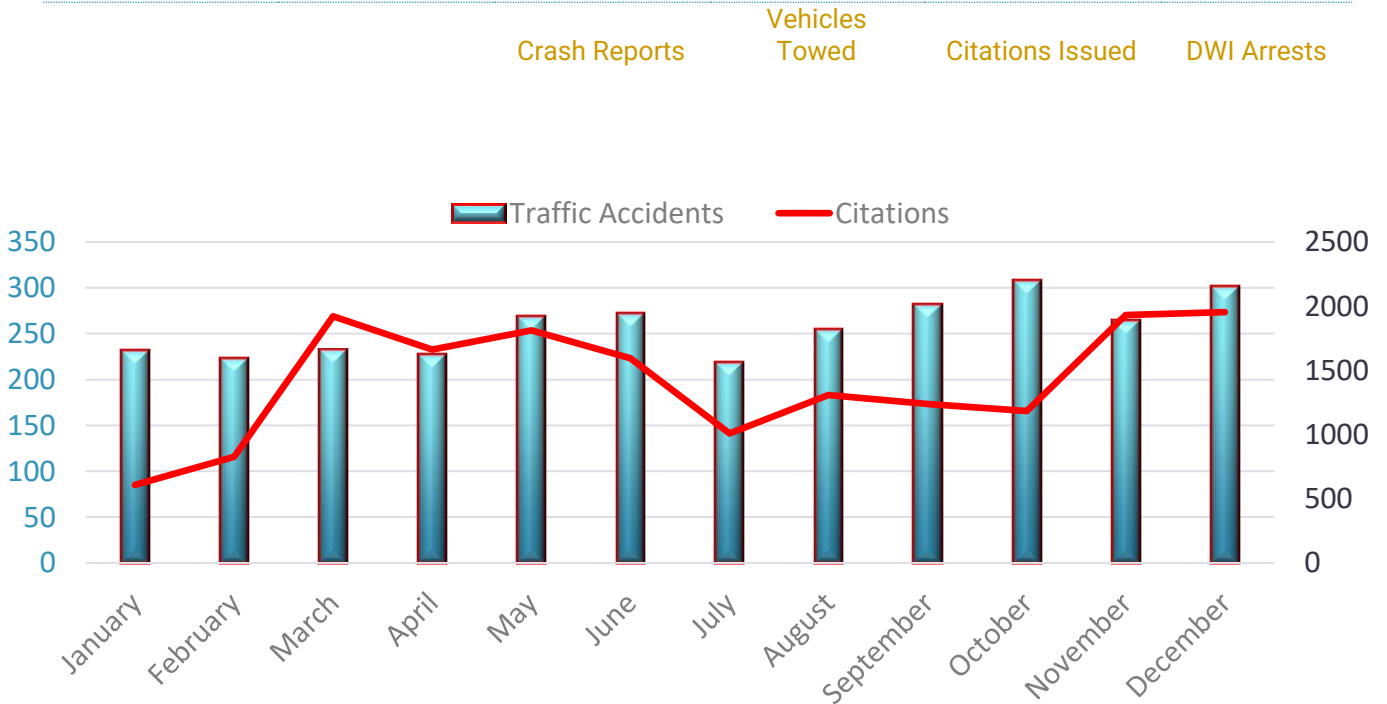
TOTALS	2022	2021
<i>Juveniles</i>	30	16
<i>Adults</i>	677	591
<i>Total Arrests</i>	707	607



2022

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

	Crash Reports	Vehicles Towed	Citations Issued	DWI Arrests
January	231	85	608	6
February	223	97	828	6
March	232	152	1922	8
April	227	107	1663	6
May	269	134	1812	6
June	272	125	1594	6
July	218	110	1009	7
August	254	129	1308	10
September	282	118	1237	14
October	308	103	1184	9
November	264	128	1930	5
December	301	132	1954	9
Totals	3,081	1,420	17,049	92





OFFICER RECOGNITION

2022



OFFICER RECOGNITION



January

In early January, a local car retailer reported a vehicle stolen from his lot. Detectives recorded a statement and issued an alert to patrol. In the early morning hours of January 6th, **Officer Freddy Au-Castillo** conducted a routine patrol of a local shopping center and encountered that stolen vehicle, occupied by a repeat offender who was known for stealing vehicles. Officer Au-Castillo is relatively new, but applied his training and attentiveness to remove a serial offender from the streets of North Bergen on what was an otherwise routine day.



February

In late February, 2022, **Sergeant Thomas Yfantis** responded to a local motel after cleaning staff had observed a handgun in a patron's room. Sgt. Yfantis arrived and intercepted that patron, and while being interviewed, the patron attempted to flee. Sgt. Yfantis was able to gain control of that male, and with other officers, found the male in possession of a loaded firearm which was previously reported stolen in New York City. The Sergeant's situational awareness prevented the incident from escalating and endangering other patrons.



March

In early March, 2022, a neighboring town issued an alert for a person wanted for a shooting incident. **Officer Jeffrey Vega** later recognized the suspect vehicle and was able to successfully conduct a high-risk stop, and took that shooting suspect into custody. Also in March, while patrolling an area of town impacted by numerous thefts, PO Vega conducted an inquiry of a male, and during that interview, with assistance from detectives, he identified and apprehend the suspect for multiple incidents of burglary and theft. PO Vega's enthusiasm and awareness continues to benefit the Township.



April

In April, 2022, **Officer Andrew Brennan** was assigned to a proactive directed patrol in areas of elevated criminal activity. During one patrol at 11:30 PM PO Brennan was drawn to an individual wearing a coat that was inappropriately heavy for the warm weather. His field inquiry led to the recovery of a firearm from this juvenile offender who had committed multiple similar offenses. That person was subsequently arrested. PO Brennan's proactive and attentive approach to public safety continues to be a benefit for the residents.



May

In May, 2022 **Officer Anthony DeOrio** responded to a report of a suicidal male perched on a cliff on Boulevard East. He arrived to find a second citizen counseling the distraught male. While attempting to build a rapport, the suicidal male bolted for the cliff edge. PO DeOrio scaled the fence line and with the assistance of the good Samaritan, both were able to contain the suicidal male to prevent him from jumping. The distraught male was provided immediate medical care. PO DeOrio's quick and decisive actions saved a life.

June

In June, we extended special recognition to **Officers Kevin Barrios, Shawn Moultrie, and Wilbert Negron.**

These officers responded to a local motel to investigate a domestic violence-related confrontation involving a female victim in distress who was being terrorized by a male. That male was alleged to possess a firearm as well. To complicate the matter, their child in common was present on scene. Officers arrived and attempted to de-escalate but the male continued to be uncooperative. Utilizing their training and communication, they were able to separate the juvenile and take control of the male, who was discovered to be carrying a loaded .40 caliber handgun. By coordinating their efforts, they were able to control the situation and help domestic violence victims while ensuring a dangerous, armed individual was removed from the streets of North Bergen.



July

In appreciation for several years' worth of diligence and continued effort, we took pause to extend our appreciation to **Lieutenant Anthony Caramucci.** The considerable process of preparing for accreditation began in 2015, and then-Sgt. Caramucci worked dilligently with members of the department to achieve the numerous milestones required. Our first on-site assessment was in 2016, when assessors from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) toured facilities, interviewed personnel, and evaluated our methods and procedures against 112 established standards. Since the North Bergen Police Department became accredited in 2016, Lt. Anthony Caramucci has been solely responsible for constant re-evaluation of our processes, as well as the identification and collection of 336 different proofs (3 proofs required per standard) to verify compliance with standards. He is responsible for making recommendations for policy and procedure improvements to ensure continued compliance with those standards. We are successfully in our 3rd accreditation period, a level that only 19% of accredited agencies achieve, thanks to the efforts of LT. Caramucci.



August

Detective Christopher Orellana was tasked with investigating the gunpoint robbery of a victim in July, 2022, when a dark-skinned male actor used a dark vehicle to flee the scene. Det. Orellana identified and extensively reviewed CCTV, Ring, and other security footage. During multiple witness interviews, he was able to identify a suspect vehicle, which was tracked to a location in West New York, NJ. After surveilling the vehicle, the suspect was arrested. Det. Orellana noted distinct similarities that connected this vehicle and suspect description to a second robbery that occurred in North Bergen. He was able to substantiate details that led to solving that second robbery as well. Det. Orellana's thorough, methodical investigations continue to deliver results.



September



On September 17, 2022, multiple units responded to the intersection of Paterson Plank Road and Union Turnpike on a report of a suicidal male. **Officer Jorge Palaguachi** was first on the scene and observed a male climbing the overpass fence on the Paterson Plank Road bridge over Tonnelle Avenue. The distraught male was yelling and crying while climbing the fence, and indicated he was going to jump from the overpass onto Tonnelle Avenue. Officer Palaguachi took immediate action and climbed a small portion of the fence, which allowed him to grab hold of the male and pull him to safety. That male was given medical and emotional assistance he needed thanks to the quick actions of Officer Palaguachi.

October



Due to numerous package thefts in our midtown area, **Officer Andrew Brennan** was assigned to patrol to deter and prevent more crime. While on one of these patrols, PO Brennan observed a male on 37th Street who was acting irregularly, and PO Brennan held his distance and patiently observed that male. During his surveillance, PO Brennan witnessed that male steal several packages. He was then able to confront that male and safely apprehend him, and stolen items were returned to the residents. Officer Brennan's adaptive patrols and proactive arrests continue to deter criminal activity for the residents of North Bergen.

November



In mid-November, a dispute was reported just after midnight, when a male pointed a handgun at another. As he arrived, **Officer Jeffrey Vega** observed an occupied vehicle that matched the description given by the caller. The vehicle began fleeing, and PO Vega carefully pursued. The suspects lost control of their vehicle attempting to flee southbound on Tonnelle Avenue. A foot pursuit ensued, and with the assistance of backup units, the suspect was apprehended. A loaded handgun was recovered from the vehicle. The handgun was found to have been reported stolen from Rahway, NJ. PO Vega's determination and diligence led to the removal of a dangerous criminal from the streets of North Bergen.

December



Det. Christopher Orellana responded to a midtown motel to investigate a robbery involving a handgun, where a male and female were alleged to have entered the victim's room and taken his belongings at gunpoint. The victim gave an initial account of the crime, and investigation identified a female in an adjoining room who was arrested and charged. The suspect male remained at large, and Det. Orellana reviewed CCTV and surveillance footage and was able to contradict the victim's statement. Based on his experience, Det. Orellana was able to identify the male culprit, and believed he would return to the area. Det. Orellana conducted surveillance and again observed him live on CCTV. Units responded and Det. Orellana was able to locate and intercept the male in a nearby area, where he was apprehended. A loaded handgun was recovered from the suspect. Thanks to Det. Orellana's dedication and perseverance, one less criminal remains on the street.

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

JEFFREY VEGA

The Command Staff is proud to announce the selection of Officer Jeffrey Vega as Officer of the Year for 2022.



In March 2022, officers were informed that the Union City Police Department was searching for a vehicle involved in a shooting that occurred in their city. Officers were issued an alert containing the offender's identification and a description of the involved vehicle. Hours later while on routine patrol, PO Vega observed the suspect vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. He conducted a felony stop and requested assistance. While waiting for backup, he displayed impressive courage and control in an extremely dangerous situation. The suspect was successfully taken into custody and turned over to the Union City Police Department.

In March 2022, PO Vega was patrolling an area recently affected by a series of burglaries. and observed a suspicious person. PO Vega recognized the suspect from prior experiences as a known burglar, and he conducted an investigative detention. While waiting for the results of a warrant check, the suspect was positively identified as the actor in numerous unsolved crimes. The suspect also had several outstanding warrants and was placed under arrest. A search incident to arrest uncovered burglary tools and drug paraphernalia as well.

In November 2022, we received a report of a male pointing a firearm at another male. PO Vega responded to the scene, and gave chase. After a brief foot pursuit, he was able to apprehend one of the suspects. An illegal firearm was subsequently recovered as well.

Before PO Vega transferred to our department in December 2017, he graduated from the Morris County Police Academy and worked with the Hudson County Sheriff's Office for approx. 2 years. This past summer, he was assigned to the Street Crimes Unit and is currently assigned to Patrol Squad 2. He continues to make our township a better, safer place for all residents and visitors. His consistency, level of dedication, and unrelenting desire to combat the criminal element has earned him the Officer of the Year Award. ***On behalf of Chief Fasilis and the entire Command Staff, we congratulate Officer Vega!***





PROMOTIONS AND NEW OFFICERS

June, 2022

New Officers

PO Bryan Pesantez

PO Victoria Martin

PO Ismael Gonzalez

PO George Diaz



July, 2022

New Officers

PO Joseph Bufis

PO Roberto Gonzalez

PO Andrew Brennan

PO Jeffrey Ruiz



July, 2022

*Promotion to
Sergeant*

Hector Botello



September, 2022

*Promotion to
Lieutenant*

Jason Appello



September, 2022

*Promotion to
Sergeant*

Anthony Ortiz



September, 2022

*Promotion to
Corporal*

Gary Lowman



PROMOTIONS AND NEW OFFICERS CONTINUED

September, 2022

Promotions to Detective

Feliz Vargas

Michael Whalen

Bryan Suarez

Samantha Sexton



September, 2022

Promotion to Detective

Andrew Mejia



December, 2022

New SLEO II Academy Class

Brooke Bargiel, Majd Siyam, David Corbisiero Jr., Jose Figueroa, Alexander Lambros, and Yosseline Marquez

October, 2022

New Officer

Jennifer Vasquez



NOTABLE CASES



2022

NOTABLE CASES

Multi-Jurisdictional Robberies Solved

On January 3, 2022, at approximately 12:06 AM, two males entered a downtown gas station. One male blocked the clerk with his body while a second male brandished a revolver and took 1,000 dollars from the register. Both ran south on Tonnelle Avenue. A detective missed the suspects by just minutes, arriving at that location to follow up an entirely unrelated incident. Detectives canvassed the area for additional surveillance video and discovered a suspicious grey Honda Accord. They were then able to track the movements of that vehicle and eventually identified the vehicle owner as a male resident of Bayonne, NJ. During the investigation, Secaucus police alerted us to a robbery committed by that suspect in their jurisdiction, where a pursuit ensued and that suspect was captured. North Bergen detectives were able to correlate that suspect with our robbery, and he was charged accordingly and is a suspect in crimes in Hillsdale, Union, Jersey City, and New York City as well. Thanks to the collaborative effort between Secaucus detectives and our detectives, this serial criminal is in police custody facing numerous robbery and weapons charges.



Repeat Robbery Offender Caught

On March 10, a male approached an uptown gas station attendant booth and requested cigarettes, but became enraged at the price. The male pulled out a screwdriver and threatened the attendant, forced his hand inside the booth and removed approximately 1,000 dollars in cash from the victim's pockets. Detectives collected video surveillance of the incident and sent out a "Be on the Look Out" alert for this suspect. Just hours after the robbery, an Edgewater police sergeant who viewed the "BOLO" recognized the male as an offender well known to their agency. Footage, statements, and evidence were developed, and the actor was arrested and sent to the Hudson County Jail. Due to bail reform, the actor was released, and 17 days after the first robbery, he returned to the same gas station and committed a second robbery using a screwdriver, this time smashing the glass attendant booth. During the second robbery, he stole \$350 in cash and fled on foot. North Bergen police officers responded to his residence where he was later apprehended and transported to the Hudson County Jail.

Burglary to Vehicle in Progress

In mid-March, a resident arrived at his parked vehicle, where he saw an unknown male suspect inside, removing valuables. That resident acted, contacting police, then restrained the suspect until the arrival of police. Once police arrived, evidence was found on the suspect that connected him to a second burglary to a neighbor’s vehicle several blocks away. Due to the alertness and decisive actions, this resident took an active part in removing a criminal off the streets and solving additional crimes.



Robbery and Criminal Mischief at Storage Facility

In late May, a patron of a downtown storage facility engaged in a verbal dispute with another male customer. When the argument escalated, the suspect male slashed the victim’s vehicle tires with a knife, and gestured that he had a gun. He fled on foot, and police were summoned.

While police interviewed that first victim, a second victim approached and told police that the same male suspect had held him at gunpoint, taking \$1,400 in currency. The suspect also slashed the second victim’s vehicle tires. As police continued to gather information, the suspect was seen running to his vehicle, which he had left on the shoulder of the highway. Officers attempted to catch up to him on foot, but the suspect reached his vehicle and sped away into Jersey City, NJ. Detectives reviewed surveillance footage, witness accounts of the events, and



customer records to identify the suspect as a resident of Jersey City, now considered armed and dangerous. The vehicle he used was identified, and alerts were issued nationwide into the NCIC system. The suspect remained at large until mid-June, when Hudson County Sheriff’s Office units attempted to stop the suspect’s vehicle. The suspect fled, crashed his vehicle, and was chased down and apprehended by Sheriff’s officers. He was remanded to jail on multiple charges and no longer poses any danger to the citizens of North Bergen.

Quick Mart Robbery Solved

In the early hours of April 8, 2022, a male entered a downtown convenience store to purchase cigarettes. During the transaction, he brandished a handgun and took \$1,100 in cash, cigarettes, and the tip jar. The actor then fled in a black SUV. Detectives responded and began reviewing surveillance video. They obtained a partial Connecticut license plate from the suspect vehicle, which they determined to belong on a Dodge Caravan, yet the suspect vehicle was a Ford Explorer. It was then discovered that the front license plate of a Dodge Caravan was stolen from a parked car in Jersey City. Detectives went to Jersey City to view surveillance, and found footage of a suspect exiting a black Ford to steal the victim's front license plate. In late April, Hoboken Police broadcasted an alert of a robbery in which the vehicle used matched our robbery. Detectives soon learned that this same actor also committed robberies in Union City, Secaucus, and Jersey City. A task force was established among all five police departments, and with sharing information, another second suspect vehicle was identified as a Chevy Impala. The registered owner of the vehicle was identified as a male resident of Jersey City. The Chevy Impala was located by the Jersey City Police Department in the area of Summit Avenue and Beacon Avenue, and the driver was arrested in possession of a firearm. Secaucus Police prepared a search warrant for the actor's residence and the black Ford Explorer parked in his driveway. During the search, a stolen Smith and Wesson rifle, high-capacity magazines, a stolen .36 caliber Euro Arms revolver, hollow point bullets, and marijuana pills and bags of marijuana were recovered. The male was charged by multiple agencies and remanded to jail, ridding the streets of a reckless criminal.

Two Robberies – Two Days - One Quick Arrest

On July 5th, 2022, a male was sitting in his vehicle in the area of 7200 Boulevard East. He was approached by the suspect who pointed a black handgun at him, demanding his jewelry and cell phone. The suspect then fled on foot. The victim tracked his cell phone to a location in West New York. The victim reported that he was familiar with the suspect through a previous acquaintance and believed he lived in the area of West New York to where his phone was tracked. During this investigation, a second similar robbery occurred two days later, in which the victim was walking with his wife and seven-year-old daughter. They were approached by a male suspect who pointed a firearm at them, demanded their jewelry, then fled in a dark colored sedan. Detectives found surveillance video of the fleeing vehicle. With the information obtained from the first victim, and information learned from the second incident, detectives set up surveillance in West New York, waiting for the vehicle to return. Once the vehicle returned, detectives approached and arrested the male. They discovered that the vehicle was a rental vehicle used through an internet application, and it was equipped with a GPS. The coordinates of the GPS were consistent with the dates, times, and locations of the robberies. Search warrants on the actor's phone also placed him at the scenes as well as at jewelry pawn shops in New York. The male faces two counts of robbery, aggravated assault, endangering the welfare of a minor, and weapons offenses.

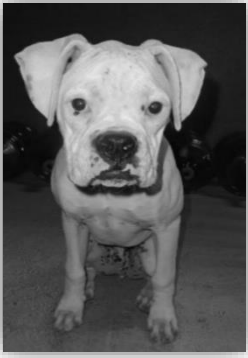


Multiple Windshields Shattered

Reports began flooding in of multiple damaged vehicles, and Officers responded to 74th Street and Boulevard East to find a total of eleven vehicle windshields shattered. Through investigation and review of surveillance footage, two juveniles were seen jumping on vehicles and kicking the windshields in. Simultaneous to our investigation, the Guttenberg Police Department also investigated damage to four vehicles in their jurisdiction. With their assistance we were able to identify two juvenile males guilty of causing the approximately \$5,000 in property damage. Both were served summonses pending adjudication in court.



Dog Gone - but Reunited



A caller alleged that a dog was left in the backyard of an uptown residence for long periods of time in the sun, with no food, water, or shade. Officers checked on the dog and found the dog in good health. The dog had access to food, water, and was in the shade, however was tied to a pole. Shortly after the police left, the dog was stolen. Surveillance video showed a female suspect entering the backyard, taking the dog, and fleeing in a white Mercedes Benz. Detectives tracked the suspect vehicle and were able to identify the license plate registered to an address in Englewood, NJ. The actor had a family member near the dog's home who had been reporting the unfounded neglect. Detectives contacted the actor who admitted to taking the dog. She confessed that she gave it to another family. Soon thereafter, the dog and his family were reunited. In the coming weeks, detectives periodically checked on the dog's wellbeing to ensure the dog was safe.

Attempted Child Luring

Detectives received information from the Nutley Police Department and Hudson County Prosecutor's Office of a possible luring at Walmart. The reporting person founded a web-based organization that uses a decoy to pose as a juvenile in chatrooms on the internet. An adult Nutley resident befriended this decoy, who was posing as a 14-year-old boy on a dating app, and agreed to meet the decoy at the North Bergen Walmart for the purpose of having a sexual encounter. With the assistance of the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office, the Nutley Police Department, and the reporting person, the actor was arrested and charged with Luring and Endangering the Welfare of a Minor.



Hotel Robbery

A victim checked into a downtown motel, and with the assistance of a male he met in the lobby, he solicited a female prostitute. The female and male suspects went to the victim's room, where the female noticed a large sum of money on the dresser. Both actors left and returned a short time later, rushing in. The male actor pointed a handgun at the victim and threatened to kill him if he did not hand over his money. The male actor pistol-whipped the victim with the handgun while the female stomped on his foot. The actors stole his money and cell phone, and were later tracked on CCTV to room 109 where the female was apprehended. The male actor fled the scene, but detectives reviewed surveillance and were able to identify the male actor from prior encounters. Detectives surveilled the motel and tracked the male suspect, noticing that he had left room 109. Upon canvassing the area, the male actor was found within walking distance of the motel. When stopped, the actor confessed to having a gun in his backpack. A search after the arrest revealed a .40 caliber hand gun with one hollow point bullet in the chamber. The male confessed and was charged with Robbery, Weapons Offenses, Aggravated Assault, Hollow-point Bullets, Certain Weapons, CDS Paraphernalia, and Fugitive from Justice.

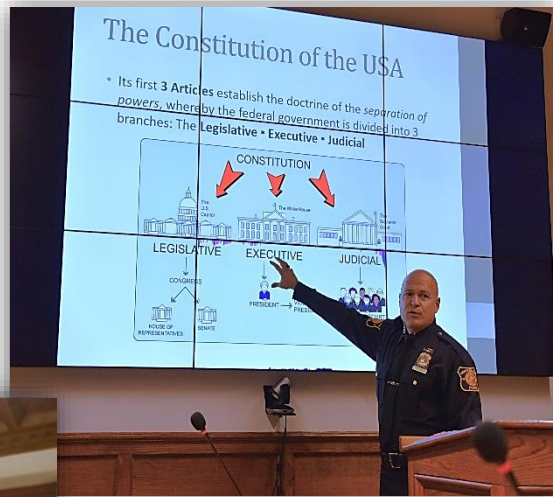
Stabbing During Argument

In late November, officers responded to a down-town motel on a report of a stabbing. They found the victim bleeding heavily with multiple stab wounds to his bicep and torso. Officers on scene rendered aid to the victim and reviewed surveillance video which captured the incident in the hallway of the motel. Officers recognized the actor involved from previous interactions involving narcotics activity. An argument occurred between the victim and the actors, who were father and son. The argument escalated and the father pulled out a folding knife and began to stab the victim in the hallway outside of his motel room. As the victim was defending himself, the son additionally attempted to stab the victim in the head by reaching over his father. Actors were located, arrested, charged, and sent to the Hudson County Jail. The victim recovered and was discharged from the hospital the next day.

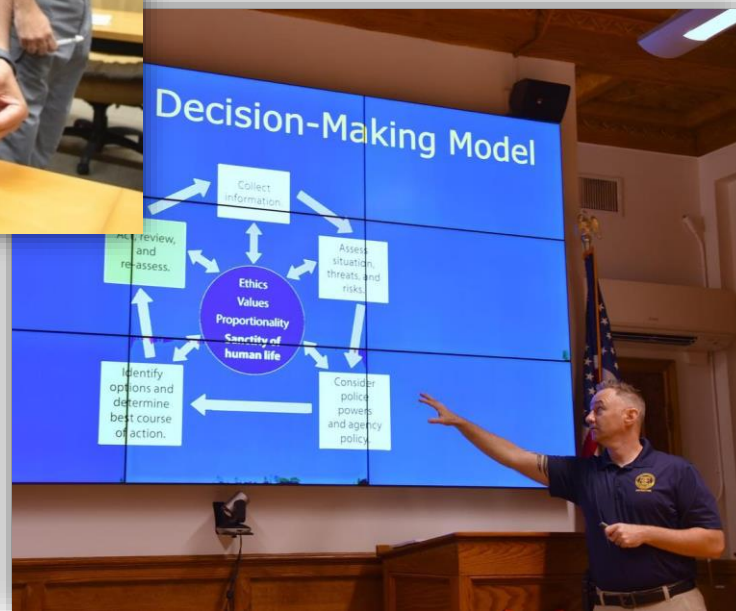
Weapons Offense Helps Solve a Burglary

A female truck driver was delivering her trailer to a downtown retail location. During her delivery, she was approached by a male asking about a bicycle in the lot. The male was acting strangely and suddenly took out a knife, waving it in the air. Officers responded and placed the actor under arrest. The male was later released on a summons. Detectives reviewed the Body Worn Camera footage of the arresting officers and positively identified the male as the same person that committed a separate burglary and theft to a motel within walking distance of the initial weapons incident.

TRAINING



TECHNOLOGY



TRANSPARENCY

In 2022, every officer of the North Bergen Police Department completed mandatory in-service training to update their knowledge, skills, and abilities. Using the NJ Learn online portal, officers maintain yearly proficiency in multiple areas with minimal cost to the Township.

Established by the NJ Attorney General in 2017, the **Community Law Enforcement Affirmative Relations (CLEAR)** continuing education institute provides annual resources and training for officers with the goal of understanding how the police–community relationship can be continually improved and reinforced throughout an officer’s career. Emphasis is placed on:

- (1) The effects of diversity on community relations within that community;
- (2) appropriate methods by which an officer may interact with people of various cultures and religions in the community, with an emphasis on officer safety skills and conflict resolution techniques;
- (3) best practices in law enforcement techniques when analyzing and solving local neighborhood problems, meeting with community groups, and working with citizens on crime prevention programs; and
- (4) the impact that police diversity skills have on overall law enforcement effectiveness.

In 2022 the CLEAR training emphasis was on **Mental Health & Special Needs Crisis Stabilization**. All members of the North Bergen Police Department successfully completed this training.

MANDATORY TRAINING
EVERY OFFICER. EVERY YEAR.

NJ Attorney General Guidelines

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
OC Spray
BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS
CJIS CERTIFICATION
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
FIREARMS QUALIFICATION
USE OF FORCE
AUTISM AWARENESS
NARCAN



A welcome addition to training in 2022 was the release of Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics (ICAT) and Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE).

ICAT is a training program that provides officers with the tools, skills, and options they need to defuse and de-escalate a range of critical incidents successfully and safely. Developed by the Police Executive Research Forum, ICAT examines critical thinking, crisis intervention, communications, and tactics, and puts them together in an integrated approach to training.

ABLE is to prepare officers to successfully intervene to prevent harm and to create a law enforcement culture that supports peer intervention. With the aim of educating officers to routinely intervene—and accept interventions—as necessary to **prevent misconduct, avoid police mistakes, and promote officer health and wellness**. Lt Anthony Caramucci has been certified as a county instructor and has successfully trained all members of our department in compliance with the NJ attorney general mandate.

CONSISTENCY THROUGH ACCREDITATION

According to the national Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), law enforcement accreditation is a framework of standards and best practices for addressing high risk issues within a contemporary environment, and ensures officers are prepared to meet basic community service expectations and to manage critical events. The process focuses on standards that provide best practices related to life, health, and safety procedures for the agency. These standards are considered foundational for contemporary law enforcement agencies.

The considerable process of preparing for accreditation began in 2015, and the initial team members worked diligently to reach the numerous milestones required. Our first on-site assessment was held in 2016, when assessors from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) toured facilities, interviewed personnel, and evaluated our methods and procedures against 112 established standards. Since the North Bergen Police department became accredited in late 2016, our accreditation unit has been responsible for constant re-evaluation of our processes,



as well as the identification and collection of 336 different proofs (3 proofs required per standard) to verify compliance with standards. Recommendations for policy and procedure improvements are made regularly to ensure continued compliance with those standards.



The North Bergen Police department's on-site assessment for our second re-accreditation took place on Monday June 25, 2022. Inspectors conducted a full inspection of the Property Room, Training Unit, Internal Affairs Division, Detective Bureau, and BCI / Record Room, finding all divisions in full compliance with standards. On October 10, 2022 the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police – New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission held a review of the assessment prepared following the on-site assessment. The Commission convened on October 10, 2022 and finalized our re-accreditation with the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, an honor that only 19% of accredited agencies achieve.

USING POLICE

TECHNOLOGY

FOR CONTINUED ACCOUNTABILITY

Commissioner Leonard F. Marcy, director of the Department of Public Safety, North Bergen, yesterday morning sent out the first official call over the township's new police radio system. The system was dedicated to the safety of the people of



1941



1957

North Bergen by Mayor Paul F. Cullum, right, and Marcy. Looking on with the mayor, left to right, are Boulevard Commissioner Charles H. Lender, and Township Commissioners Anthony Fugman Jr., Harry Buesser and Gabriel Machtetto.

ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

Since the early 1900s when North Bergen's Roundsmen patrolled, dependent on call boxes for checking in with headquarters at the top of the hour, evolution in police technology has enabled exponential improvements in efficiency and service. From rudimentary word-of-mouth communications in the 1900's, to the installation of our first radio and call system in 1941, every new technology adapted for police use has delivered efficiency in call response as well as better transparency and accountability, both for the officers and the citizens they serve. In addition to the early challenges of repeaters for pushing radio signals over our

considerably hilly



topography, recent years have

seen fantastic improvements in our network of town-wide CCTV, with continual re-investment delivering higher resolution, low-light optics, and real time tools for traffic alerts, major incidents, and criminal investigations. Our GPS capabilities allow intelligent resource allocation at a glance, while our AXON body cameras enable supervisory oversight never before available. With current systems, supervisors can log in to an officer's camera and view what any officer is encountering without being physically on scene, enabling better direction, decision making, and personnel allocation without delay. Footage is continually archived and audited for policy compliance, training, and professional standards, and many times has helped reduce complaints. Our use of technology continues to deliver on public transparency to build on our already robust partnership with our residents.

TECHNOLOGY UNDERRATED

The foundation of successful police investigations has always been evidence. Good investigators identify it, collect it properly, and document that recovery. The unglamorous end is the incessant evidence storage and security – the unsung foundation of every investigation. Our Property and Evidence unit has employed technology to track more than 15,000 items of evidence in inventory. A particular goal accomplished in 2022 was the successful identification and destruction of numerous eligible firearms and the disposal of hundreds of narcotics. The unit managed a total of 15,239 items, with 1,933 new items accepted into inventory.

Our division collected and disposed of **160 lbs.** of unwanted and unused prescription medications.

We completed a multi-day comprehensive audit, and participated in a week-long effort of identification, classification, and the eventual purging of **1,043** controlled dangerous substances and **50** firearms destroyed or reallocated.



(left) CDS destruction resulted in 20 boxes of drugs, narcotics, and paraphernalia destroyed.

(Right) Officers oversee numerous recovered guns being fed into massive hydraulic shears, slicing them into pieces and rendering them to scrap.



TRANSPARENCY STARTS FROM WITHIN



OUR FIRST CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

Chief Peter Fasilis was instrumental in achieving a prevailing goal of our department - the first Citizen's Police Academy. We strove to develop positive relationships between us and the community through education, and our first applicants arrived on October 5, 2023 for a ten-week program of familiarization with our operations and practices. Though our 'civilian recruits' gained an enhanced understanding of modern policing, our department benefitted more from a better awareness of the true concerns and expectations of our community. Our ten-week mutual exercise delivered on a promise of transparency through team building, and we look forward to our next Citizen's Police Academy Class.

WEEK 1



*Introductions were made, and Commissioner Pascual offered his welcome and encouragement. Chief Fasilis, with Capt. Cynthia Montero, presented an introductory lesson on the **history of policing**. Students toured the facility and were issued course materials.*

WEEK 2



*Recruits learned about the devastation of opioid abuse and how police use **Naloxone (NARCAN)** to save lives. **CPR and first aid** content was led by instructors Det. Santos Benitez and PO Shawn Rahbari, with students engaged in hands-on practical exercises.*

WEEK 3



In week 3, Captain Jorge Raposo educated the recruits on the critical topics of use of force and vehicular pursuit.

WEEK 4



Week 4 delivered instruction on **traffic enforcement** methods, then students suited up for a ride along in a marked police unit. Above left, Det. Bryan Suarez demonstrates a hand-held radar unit.

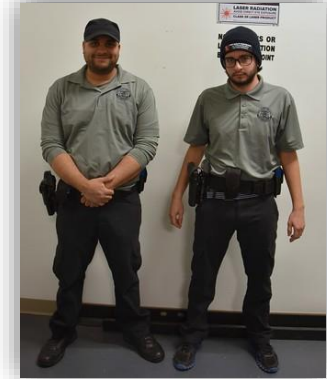
WEEK 5



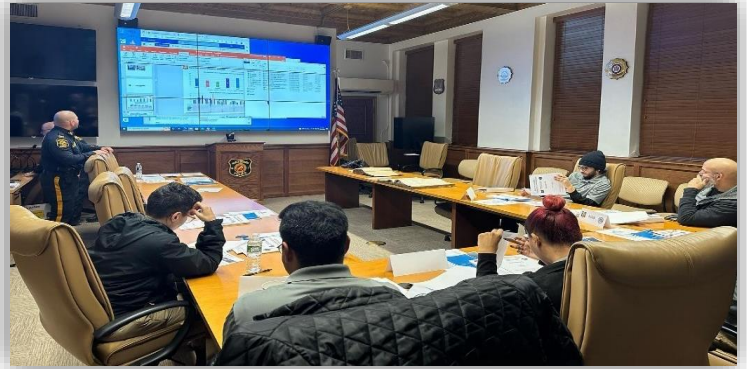
How police respond to persons with **mental illness and special needs** was taught in week 5 by Lt. Anthony Caramucci. (above)

WEEK 6

Recruits experienced the **Firearm Training Simulation System** at the U.S.S. Juneau Memorial Center, conducted by personnel from North Bergen and Hudson County. Lt. Rovelov, Lt. Caramucci, PO Rahbari, and Sgt. Schubert assisted County OEM.



WEEK 7



Recruits returned to the classroom to learn how current **law enforcement technology** enhances investigations. PO Rahbari instructed on **unmanned aerial vehicles**, while Lt. Galliano and Sgt. Apostolakos introduced **body worn camera** use and issues surrounding public access.

WEEK 8



In week 8, **defensive tactics** taught recruits techniques for controlling resistant subjects without sustaining or inflicting injury. Here, recruits go up against Officer "Big George" Somarrriba and instructor Sergeant Edgar Mendez.

WEEK 9



WEEK 10



Week 9 found a return to the classroom for Captain Jorge Raposo to teach **laws of arrest and domestic violence law** (above left). Recruits completed their curriculum under instruction by Captain David Dowd, who explained **crime scene procedures**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES



Back Row: Deputy Chief Robert Farley, Jr., Chief Peter Fasilis, Commissioner Allan Pascual, Commissioner Frank Gargiulo, Mayor Nicholas Sacco, Commissioner Julio Marengo, Capt. Cynthia Montero, Capt. Jorge Raposo, County Commissioner Anthony Vainieri

Front Row Graduates in attendance: (L to R) Marco Hernandez, Stephanie Jimenez, Lisa Rosabal, Arthur Schwartz, Carlos Rivas, Jose Delgado, and Brian Hernandez.

A LEGACY OF SERVICE CONTINUES

APPEARANCES CHANGE

OUR MISSION REMAINS THE SAME



APPEARANCES CHANGE

OUR MISSION IS THE SAME

Since the roundsmen patrolled on foot in the early 1900s, we have changed our look quite often. From the formal dark blues to our French blue uniforms through the 1990's, every era of policing had a distinct appearance. Yet despite graphics, colors, and insignia, our mission has never changed. The North Bergen Police Department recognizes that communities require a sense of security in order to flourish. Public safety can only be achieved by building cohesion between the police department and the community to improve the quality of life of its residents.

Our officers continue to do just that.

To connect on a more personal and direct level with the community we serve, we have expanded our community outreach with grassroots events such as *Coffee with a Cop*, our *Junior Police Academy*, our new *Citizen's Police Academy*, our *NB TAPS* community meetings, youth outreach, and numerous volunteer efforts throughout the year. This has enabled the North Bergen Police Department to build trust and connections with the people that call North Bergen home. In addition, our courageous officers volunteer their time at Township events such as *Winterfest* and *National Night Out Against Crime*. By participating willingly in these events, the officers give back to the community they so proudly call home. Regardless of the uniform, assignment, or rank, our personnel strive to strengthen the community partnership upon which our legacy has been built.



A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE



9/11 MEMORIAL DEDICATION



CANCER AWARENESS

ABOVE: The North Bergen Police Department and North Bergen Health Department both participated in the annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022. Joining them were representatives from the municipalities of Guttenberg and Edgewater, as well as Hackensack Meridian Palisades Medical Center.

BELOW: The view from above the Annual Car Show benefit for Special Olympics, hosted by County Commissioner Anthony Vainieri. North Bergen officers assisted in a variety of duties throughout the day.



The North Bergen Annual Car Show



Cops and Bobbers

Members of the North Bergen Police Department participated in the Cops & Bobbers event with the North Bergen Summer Fun program at James Braddock Park. The New Jersey Fish and Wildlife assisted the students on the proper fishing procedures by showing them how to bait, cast and catch fish. Here, LT. Cruz helps a youth, while Det. Fleischhauer helps bait a hook.



Fun with a Cop Water Olympics

Children from the North Bergen Summer Fun Program participated in the Fun with a Cop Water Olympics. The children were able to enjoy water slide activities and had a water balloon fight with members of the North Bergen Police Department. Chief Fasilis also got in on the action.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Capt Montero attempts negotiations; Det. Suarez takes a direct hit; Chief Fasilis going on the offensive; Lt. Caramucci running, but gets overrun.



(Left) Our first ever **PRIDE Meet & Greet Cookout**. The event was hosted by our department and coordinated by our very own LGBTQ+ Liaison Officer Jen Fernandez.

Below, our officers' annual participation in the

Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.





THE JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY

An annual tradition, the **North Bergen Junior Police Academy** is an intensive and fun way that the youth of North Bergen get exposed to the multi-faceted world that is law enforcement. Immersing the children in this learning allows us to build a bond to motivate and build confidence.

The objective of the Junior Police Academy is to educate the cadets in police procedures and the history of the North Bergen Police Department, to provide informative tours and field trips, and to give them a comprehensive understanding of what it takes to succeed in the profession of law enforcement.

This six-day class of 32 cadets reported to the North Bergen Police Range where they were given a demonstration of the NBPD drone. The cadets also rode inside Rescue and Mobile Command vehicles, then received a visit from the flight crew of Hackensack UMC AirMed-11, North Hudson Regional Fire Department units, and North Bergen EMS. The cadets watched the helicopter land on 64th Street field, then were allowed inside. Cadets were able to see the day-to-day operations of the NBPD and were given a tour of the Property and Evidence room, the Bureau of Criminal Identification, the Detective Bureau, and the Municipal Court. Demonstrations from the North Bergen Police Motor Unit were held, and the Hudson County Sheriffs K-9 Unit showed cadets how canines are employed in police work. Finally, cadets were instructed on techniques in evidence collection. After a very full week, they attended a graduation ceremony hosted by Mayor Sacco. We look forward to the class of 2023!



Student Law Day



For the annual Student Law Day, NBHS students visited Town Hall Chambers, where they experienced how local affairs are administered and governed. They then toured police headquarters and the municipal court. They took part in a mock Comp-Stat meeting, viewed historic blotters from the early 1900s, and experienced the day-to-day operations of the North Bergen Police department, giving students better insight into how government functions.

National Night Out Against Crime



The North Bergen Police department is proud to volunteer for this annual town-wide community stand against crime. For 2022, our residents, businesses, and police joined forces throughout the town for food, fun, and in-person conversations with the mayor, commissioners, and police command staff to reinforce our collective commitment against crime.



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END OF WATCH JANUARY 8th, 2022



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