



Manchester Township Police Department

2022 Annual Report



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From the desk of the Chief of Police:

Welcome to the second edition of the Manchester Police Department's Annual Report. 2022 has been a year of challenges and growth for the Police Department. We began the year by successfully implementing the state-mandated Body Worn Camera system well in advance of the deadlines set by the Attorney General. I am also proud to announce that in June of 2022, Manchester Township Police Department was re-accredited by the New Jersey State Chiefs of Police Association for the fourth time. This accomplishment is a testament to the caliber of personnel working under my command and all the officers who have come before me. We also continued our community engagement by holding Coffee with a Cop in all corners of the township. Four senior officers retired in 2022, taking over 100 years of institutional knowledge and experience with them. We also welcomed four new officers, who will build their expertise and serve the township for the next 30 years. We must keep our standards high and invest heavily in these new officers as they navigate the future of policing.



The call volume into our dispatch center hit an all-time high in 2022. The calls for service from the Police Department, Emergency Medical Services, and Fire Department are at levels I have never seen in my 30 years of service to the Township. I expect that calls for service will continue to increase. To support our mission, we need to invest in our personnel, our most important asset, and the agency's infrastructure. We could not fulfill that mission without the support and assistance of our Mayor and Township Council. We are up to the challenge of continuing that legacy and level of service in 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chief RMD". The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Chief RMD

-Chief Robert M. Dolan

Our Mission Statement



The mission of the Manchester Township Police Department is to provide the highest level of professional police service to our citizens and visitors by safeguarding lives and property, protecting the innocent, maintaining order, aggressively investigating and preventing crimes, impartially enforcing laws and upholding the Constitution, thereby enhancing the quality of life in our community

Agency Accreditation

Law Enforcement Accreditation has long been recognized as a means of maintaining the highest standards of professionalism among law enforcement agencies.



In March of 2022, a virtual on-site accreditation assessment was conducted at the Manchester Township Police Department. Administered by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP), the accreditation program requires agencies to comply with best practice standards in five basic areas: the administrative function, the personnel function, the operations function, the investigative function, and the arrestee/detainee function.

The virtual on-site assessment was successful and the Manchester Township Police Department obtained reaccreditation!

Notable Incidents in 2022

- During the fall of 2021 and the winter of 2022, multiple aggravated arsons were committed in Manchester Township. These crimes included fires being set to construction equipment, residential structures, and several wooded areas. As a result, the Investigations Section was assigned to these cases. The detectives hit the ground rounding and displayed an energetic and fiercely tenacious approach. On January 31, 2022, the suspect was apprehending during a vehicle takedown. He was arrested without incident and a search of his person yielded drug paraphernalia. As the vehicle takedown was conducted, members of multiple law enforcement agencies executed a search warrant at the suspect's residence. The search resulted in the seizure of numerous items pertinent to this investigation. The suspect was ultimately charged with twenty-five counts of Aggravated Arson and lodged in Ocean County Jail pending a detention hearing.
- In October of 2021, members of the Investigations Section responded to an early morning burglary that occurred at a nail salon in Manchester Plaza. After making forced entry into the establishment, the suspect stole approximately \$3,000.00 from the ATM and cash register. Detectives quickly learned that the suspect in this incident was also suspected of committing similar burglaries at nail salons throughout New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland. The detectives quickly teamed up with dozens of local law enforcement agencies in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, as well as the New Jersey State Police, Pennsylvania State Police, and the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation to investigate these burglaries. In December of 2022, after a year-long multi-state and federal investigation; and in addition to numerous charges already brought forth by other law enforcement agencies, the detectives subsequently charged the suspect with third Burglary, Theft, and Criminal Mischief. This was just another example of the ability of the Investigations Section to collaborate and utilize the synergistic power of teamwork to apply the full extent of the law.
- Between the months of January and April of 2022, there were five different incidents of dumpster fires in the Whiting section of Manchester Township. As a result of these crimes, the Investigations Section was assigned to conduct the investigation. Several of these fires were determined to be incendiary which lead to the discovery of a serial arsonist who posed a threat to the safety of the public and first responders. The detectives used their knowledge of the investigation to determine a pattern of the suspect and observed that all of the fires were set between the hours of 5:00 am and 6:00 am. After a diligent search through various investigative intelligence systems, they observed a repeating pattern of a vehicle which matched the suspect vehicle, and learned that the registered owner of the vehicle resided in close proximity to all of the crime scenes. Having identified a possible suspect, the detectives orchestrated numerous surveillance operations to further the investigation. Upon implementing various other investigative methods, and in conjunction with the totality of the investigation, the suspect was apprehended and criminally charged with five counts of Aggravated Arson.

Notable Incidents in 2022

- On February 12, at approximately 5:56 p.m., officers from the Manchester Township Police Department responded to the intersection of State Highway 70 and Colonial Drive to investigate a motor vehicle accident involving three motor vehicles. Upon arrival, officers observed a 2008 Nissan Altima fully engulfed in flames facing west on the eastbound shoulder. Officers also found a 2018 Mercedes Benz GLC facing west in the eastbound lane, and a 2019 Jeep Cherokee facing north in the intersection. The investigation revealed that the Altima was traveling westbound at a high rate of speed on the westbound shoulder when the driver ran the red light, causing the crash. The driver of the Altima, a Kingston, PA, man, fled the scene on foot. The passenger of the Altima, also out of Kingston, PA, also fled but was found and medical attention was rendered. The driver and passenger of the Mercedes Benz were uninjured from the crash. A day later, our department received a call from Manchester EMS, who stated that they saw a male fitting the description of the suspect in the area near their headquarters, and further observed him cross over Colonial Dr. and jump the fence into Leisure Village West. Communications also received additional calls from residents within that community reporting that a male fitting the suspect's description was knocking on doors and asking for them to call a taxi. Officers arrived on scene and determined that the man was confined. A perimeter was established using all available manpower. The NJSP Aviation Unit and Manchester Drone units were unable to fly due to the weather conditions. Patrol tracked several sets of footprints in the snow while additional resources were mobilized. The Ocean County Sheriff's Department dispatched K-9 units as well as most of their Criminal Investigative Units to the area as well. Toms River Police provided additional support units to assist with securing the perimeter. Further information was developed that the man had obtained a ride from within the Leisure Village West Community to the area of Leisure Village East in Lakewood. Manchester Police, Ocean County Sheriff's Officers, and Lakewood Police responded to Leisure Village East and a short time later the man was apprehended at his residence and placed into custody without incident on charges of Assault by Auto, Eluding, Leaving the Scene of a Crash Resulting in Injury, Hindering Apprehension and Obstruction of Justice.
- On February 20, officers responded to a burglary at a residence in the Cedar Glenn West section of town. Numerous items were reported stolen, to include a .38 caliber colt detective special revolver. The Investigations Section responded to assist patrol with the investigation and quickly developed a suspect who resided in close proximity to the crime scene. As the investigation progressed, the detectives learned several credit cards belonging to the victim had also been stolen. A search of the usage history revealed numerous fraudulent transactions. Video footage was obtained from several transactions depicting three separate suspects utilizing the stolen credit cards. Those suspects were later identified through various investigative methods and a collaborative law enforcement effort. After much investigative efforts, probable cause was established to charge all three suspects with burglary, theft, and fraudulent use of a credit card; however, probable cause could not be established at that time to criminally charge a fourth involved suspect. As a result, the detectives launched a supplemental narcotics investigation into CDS distribution involving the fourth suspect.

Notable Incidents in 2022

- On March 10, multiple officers from the Manchester Township Police Department responded to the area of County Route 571 and Beacon Street for a motor vehicle crash. At the completion of the motor vehicle crash investigation, Freedom Towing was contacted and responded to the scene. While in the process of removing the vehicles and cleaning debris from the roadway, Manchester officers observed the Freedom tow truck driver, Mr. John Macchia, collapse. Ptl. Michael Steffen, Ptl. Kyle Rickvalsky, Ptl. Brendan Brush, and Ptl. Julian Meaney quickly assessed Mr. Macchia's condition and determine that he was unconscious, not breathing, and did not have a pulse. Lifesaving measures were immediately deployed by the officers. Mr. Macchia was subsequently transported to the hospital for treatment, where he made a full recovery. Days later, Mr. Macchia came to our police headquarters to thank he officers for saving his life.



Notable Incidents in 2022

- Detectives with our department's Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET) conducted an investigation into the distribution of heroin throughout the northern Ocean County area. The investigation identified an address in the Suncrest Village Apartment complex which was utilized to store and distribute quantities of heroin. As a result of the investigation, NET Detectives obtained search warrants for the residence and vehicle. The investigation identified an alleged member of the "Crips" street gang as being involved in the distribution of heroin within the northern Ocean County area. On May 17, the Ocean County Regional SWAT Team and members of our Investigations Bureau executed the search warrant. Detectives seized a quantity of illegally obtained Percocet tablets, a fully loaded Glock handgun containing hollow point ammunition, and drug paraphernalia consistent with drug distribution. The individual was charged with Possession of Percocet, Second Degree Certain Persons Not to Possess a Firearm, Possession of Hollow Point Ammunition and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was transported to the Ocean County Jail as per Bail Reform. Also assisting with the execution of the search warrant were members of the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office Narcotics Strike Force.
- On March 23, search warrants were executed at three residences throughout the Ocean County area, including three vehicles. During the execution of these warrants, all four suspects were apprehended. Proceeds from the burglary, as well as items purchased with the stolen credit cards were found at multiple locations solidifying the involvement of the suspects in these crimes. In addition, a quantity a cocaine, oxycodone, and various paraphernalia was located at one residence, and a quantity of cocaine, clonazepam, 1.4 ounces of marijuana packaged for distribution, and various paraphernalia was located at another residence. Because of this, several suspects were additionally charged with various drug possession and distribution offenses.
- On June 6, at approximately 4:16 p.m., Officers responded to the Harry Wright Lake for the report of a missing swimmer/possible submersion. Upon arrival, officers and rescue personnel determined that three male swimmers had developed fatigue while attempting to swim from one side of the lake to the other. Two of the men were assisted to shore by good Samaritans. However, the third became submerged and was unable to be located. He was located and rescued by members of the Whiting Volunteer Fire Department and Manchester Career Fire Department. Life saving measures were initiated the man was subsequently transported to Community Medical Center by Manchester EMS along with Paramedics from RWJ. Assisting at the scene were members of the Manchester Police Department Patrol Bureau, Manchester Investigations Bureau, Manchester Career Fire, Manchester EMS, Whiting Volunteer Fire, Manchester Volunteer Fire, and RWJ Paramedics. The next day, Manchester Police were notified by CMC personnel that the man who had become submerged was pronounced deceased.

Notable Incidents in 2022

- On June 8, members of the Patrol Division and Animal Control Officer responded to the Pine Acres Manor section of Manchester Township for a report of a cat who attacked several people during the day. Upon arrival, the cat was located deceased near a residence in the neighborhood. The cat was subsequently transported to the New Jersey Animal Health Diagnostic Laboratory where it tested positive for the rabies virus. Any residents who believe they may have been bitten or have had contact with saliva from this animal were instructed to contact the health department and seek medical care. Rabies is contagious to human beings and other animals. If caught early, rabies can be treated. Signs that an animal may have rabies include the following: abnormal behavior, elevated temperature, anorexia, unprovoked aggression, impaired locomotion, and neurological impairment including vocalization, circling, and paralysis.
- On July 28, a Township woman was charged with Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Unlawful Possession of Weapons, Possession of Weapons for Unlawful Purposes, and Theft. A week earlier, an 18-year-old male arrived at headquarters and reported that he was the victim of a robbery. According to the victim, a female contacted him on Snapchat earlier in the day in reference to purchasing items which the victim was selling. Both parties later met at the Dollar General, located at 1924 State Highway 37, in Manchester. During the encounter, the female suspect poured a water bottle containing gasoline all over the victim. The suspect then held a butane torch to the victim's person and forced him to hand over sneakers, clothing, approximately \$300 in cash, and his cell phone. After robbing the victim of these items, the female fled the area. The investigation, led by Detective Victoria Guarino, progressed, sufficient incriminating evidence was recovered and the suspect was charged accordingly.
- On November 17 at approximately 8:24 a.m., our Department received a call regarding a suspicious male wearing a red flannel and red pants peering into the backyards of numerous residences in the area of Sixth Avenue near Cumberland Boulevard. Officers Joseph Reilly, Kyle Rickvalsky, and Connor Maliff immediately responded to the area and located a male fitting this description at the corner of Cumberland Boulevard and Broadway Boulevard. An investigative stop was conducted and the male was identified and it was learned had an outstanding arrest warrant for criminal mischief out of Manchester Township. Once advised of his outstanding arrest warrant, the man attempted to flee the scene on foot. After a brief foot chase and struggle, the officers successfully placed him under arrest and charged with fourth-degree Resisting Arrest (by flight).

Police Training

During 2022, each officer received over 170 hours of mandated police training. Instructors (subject matter experts) will undergo additional training to ensure proficiency in their specific areas of expertise. They will also spend additional time developing lesson plans, power point presentations, etc. This does not include any outside agency training officers attend.



Annual Minimum Mandatory Training Hours Per Officer

• Critical Incident/Active Killer	2	• Firearms Qualifications Training	20
• Oleoresin Capsicum	2	• CPR/AED/ First Aid	20
• Harassment in the Workplace	2	• Rifle and MP-5 Operators	20
• On Point	2	• Less Lethal Weapons	10
• Financial Fitness for Law Enforcement	1	• Handcuffing, Defensive Tactics	4
• Blood Borne Pathogens	1	• Domestic Violence	4
• Hazardous Materials Awareness	1	• Use of Force	4
• De-escalation	1	• RADAR Recertification	4
• Legal Updates criminal/MV law	1	• Alcotest Recertification	4
• Right to Know	1	• WatchGuard BWC	3
• CJIS	1	• Conducted Energy Devices	3
		• Vehicle Pursuit	2





N.J. Attorney General's Office Mandated Training Hours Per Officer

- ICAT/ABLE 30
- Resiliency 20
- NJ Learn 8
- CLEAR 3

Specialized Units Additional Mandatory Annual Training Hours Per Officer

- Ocean County Regional SWAT 240
- K9 240
- LEAD 180
- MPD Drone Unit 60
- MPD Traffic Safety Section 40
- MPD Firearms Unit 40

Additional Outside Agency Training

In addition to the mandatory trainings that our officers are required to attend each year, the Manchester Township Police Department prides itself in going beyond the minimum standards to have the best officers serving our community. In 2022, our officers attended approximately 55 additional trainings and courses; such as investigating cryptocurrency crimes, drug impaired driving detection, and learning the newest search and seizure case laws to name a few.

Patrol Division



The Patrol Division is comprised of a total of 54 sworn officers: 2 Lieutenants, 10 Sergeants, and 42 Patrol Officers. The Patrol Division is divided into two platoons: Platoon 1 works Sunday through Wednesday, and Platoon 2 works Wednesday through Saturday. Each Platoon has three squads: days, evening, and midnights. 75% of all sworn personnel are assigned to the Patrol Bureau

**THIRTY
THOUSAND
FOUR
HUNDRED
FORTY
NINE**

30,449

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE

Patrol by the Numbers

- In 2022 the department responded to 30,449 total calls for service.
- Officers responded to 386 Psychiatric Emergency Screening Services (PESS) calls for service, requiring a minimum of a two (2) officer response. The average time spent on these calls was 1:42:45 per Officer.
- Officers responded to 509 Domestic Violence Calls for service, requiring a minimum of a two (2) officer response in addition to a supervisor. The average time spent on these calls was 02:00:47 per Officer.
- Officers responded to 1075 individual traffic crashes, requiring a minimum of a two (2) officers response. The average time spent on these crashes was 01:32:38 per Officer.
- Officers responded to 1,973 alarm calls, to which a minimum of two (2) officers responded. The average time spent on an alarm call was 00:22:30 per Officer.
- Officers responded to 1,245 resident well-being checks.
- Officers responded to 73 missing adult or child investigations.
- Officers conducted 3,158 traffic enforcement stops.
- Officers responded to 1,334 total calls for disorderly persons/civil matters.
- 360 people were arrested/booked.
- 65 intoxicated drivers were arrested.

Calls for Service by Day of Week (Ranked):

1. Wednesday	4648 calls
2. Friday	4573 calls
3. Thursday	4534 calls
4. Tuesday	4459 calls
5. Monday	4342 calls
6. Saturday	4147 calls
7. Sunday	3721 calls

Highest Call Volume by Time Period of Day:

10:00 am – 3:00 pm (five-hour window) 9,256 calls for service

Body Worn Cameras



All officers of the Manchester Township Police Department are now equipped with body worn cameras, in accordance with the New Jersey Attorney General's Body Worn Camera Policy Directive 2021-5. In 2022, all officers attended training on the practical and legal use of the body worn cameras, conducted by members of the Investigations Section. Body worn cameras provide an accurate and unbiased recorded ac-

count of an incident. These cameras will strengthen the trust between police and the public while maintaining accountability and transparency. They will be worn by uniformed and plainclothes officers.



Investigations Bureau



The Investigations Bureau consists of two sections, the Investigations Section and the Narcotics Enforcement Section also known as the Narcotics Enforcement Team (N.E.T.). Each section has a Detective Sergeant assigned to supervise the daily operations of their respective sections.

THREE HUNDRED FORTY TWO

CASES INVESTIGATED BY
THE INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

Investigations Section

2022 proved to be a busy year, as the Investigations Section investigated over 342 cases (an increase of 22.5%), conducted 52 background investigations (an increase of 10.6%), made 36 arrests (an increase of 36.8%) and issued 120 criminal charges, juvenile charges, and stationhouse adjustments (an increase of 10.1%). Each background investigation for a new police officer requires approximately 60 man hours to complete. The background investigations are in addition to the assigned Detective's regular case load. Our School Resource Officer and SLEO III Officers, who are assigned to the schools throughout the Township, also fall under the purview of the Investigations Section.



Additional Responsibilities:

- Evidence
- Project Medicine Drop
- Liquor License Investigations
- Megan's Law
- Arson Investigations
- Animal Cruelty Investigations
- Senior Affairs
- Asset Forfeiture and Seizures
- Gang Investigations
- Operation Insight
- Social Media
- Community Outreach

Updates in the Investigations Bureau

In 2022, The Manchester Township Police Department implemented LeadsOnline to help track and recover stolen property. The

system allows detectives to search for the items using a variety of parameters, including item descriptions and serial numbers. When an item is sold to a pawn or secondhand shop, the product information is entered in the LeadsOnline database and is immediately viewable by participating law enforcement agencies across the country. With information provided by LeadsOnline, we are able to track down thieves, develop leads in numerous cases and make arrests. Citizens wanting to participate in Report It can register for the free service at reportit.leadsonline.com and begin building their personal property inventory list

The logo for LeadsOnline, featuring the word "Leads" in black, "Online" in red, and a red magnifying glass icon over the letter "O" in "Online".

Weapons Storage

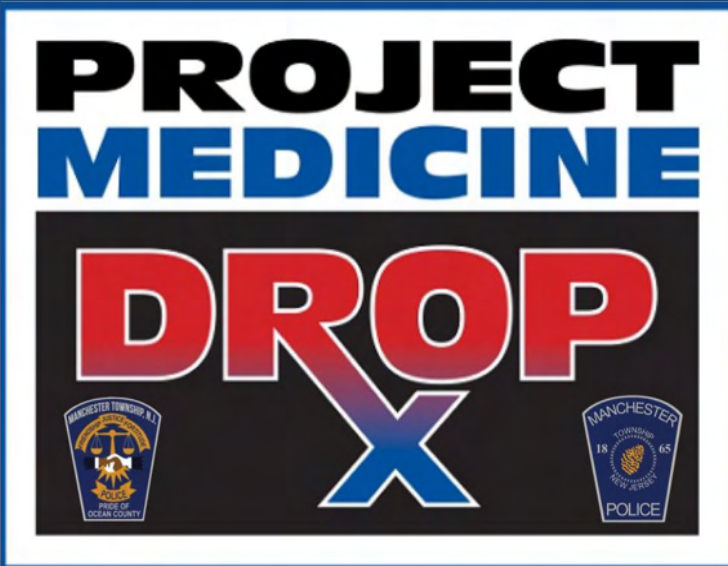
Since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office began no longer accepting or storing weapons seized from any municipality. As of November 1, 2022, The Ocean County Prosecutor's Office implemented a new pilot program that permanently requires municipal law enforcement agencies to store all seized weapons. Based on the absence of adequate facilities for evidence storage of these weapons, an additional weapons room was created to facilitate this program. This project required outfitting a secure room with control access security, 24/7 surveillance, and weapon suitable lockers. This new addition ensures all weapons are safely secured promptly after seizure and meet all of our accreditation standards.

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THREE**

**POUNDS OF PILLS COLLECTED
BY THE INVESTIGATIONS SECTION**

Project Medicine Drop

Project Medicine Drop is a cooperative effort involving the Manchester Township Police, Ocean County Health Department, Office of the New Jersey State Attorney



General, and the Division of New Jersey Consumer Affairs. The project, which is overseen by the Investigations Section, is to assist in preventing the abuse and diversion of unused, unwanted, or expired prescription drugs. The location of the Manchester Police disposal drop box is located in the vestibule of police headquarters. The public has access to the

disposal drop box twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven days a week. With Project Medicine Drop, the Investigations Section collected 1,443 pounds of prescription pills in 2022.

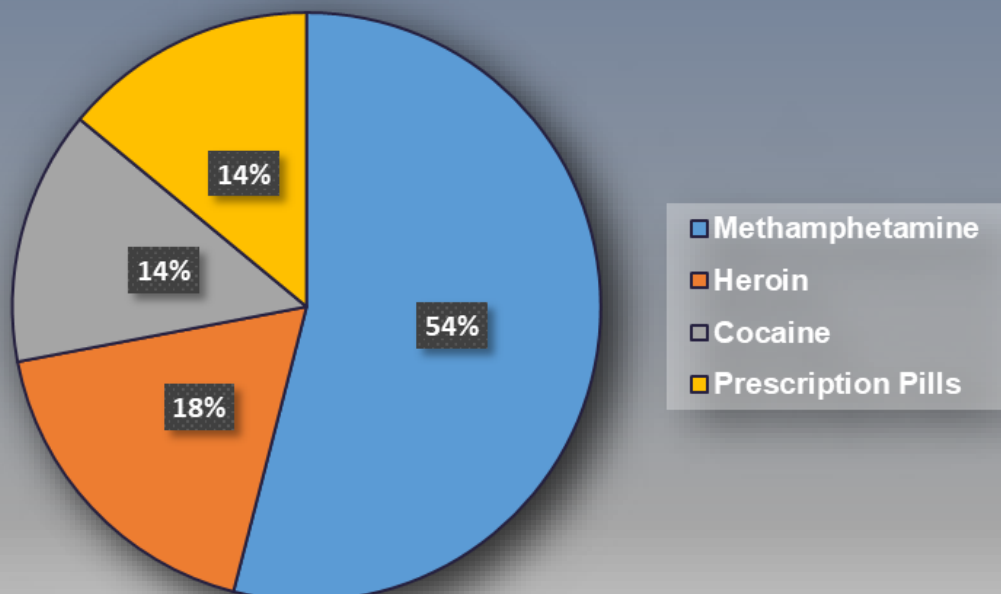
In the spring of 2022, the Manchester Township Police Department participated in the National Drug Take Back Day, sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration. The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.



Narcotics Enforcement Section

The Narcotics Enforcement Team is responsible for all narcotic related investigations within the Township and coordination with other jurisdictions for multi-jurisdictional investigations. Many narcotics investigations originate within the jurisdiction of Manchester Township but many times the investigation leads investigators to other municipalities. The Narcotics Enforcement Team responds to and investigates every fatal drug overdose within the Township. In 2022 there were 68 overdoses, 10 of them being fatal. The Narcotics Enforcement Team seized 12,807 bags of heroin (increase of 405%), 202.2 grams of cocaine (increase of 462%), 790.5 grams of Methamphetamine (increase of 1718%), 1,219 grams of marijuana, 4 recovered stolen firearms, 6 vehicles and \$22,371 (increase of 252%) in US currency.

NET Seizures 2022



**TWELVE
THOUSAND
EIGHT
HUNDRED
SEVEN**

**DOSES OF HEROIN
TAKEN OFF THE STREET BY NET**

Narcotics Enforcement Team

During 2022, NET Detectives responded to the scene of two separate fatal heroin overdoses within the Township. During their investigations, the NET was able to identify and locate the suspected heroin dealers; one from Newark, NJ and the other from Trenton, NJ. During these investigations, NET Detectives recovered evidence linking the suspects to the cause of the victims' death. Additional contraband located during the Newark investigation included: approximately 85 "bricks" (4,250 doses) of heroin, a loaded "Taurus" handgun, and a loaded "1911 SSP" handgun. The suspect of the Newark investigation was sentenced to a lengthy state prison term.

During 2022, NET Detectives were also able to successfully charge and convict a suspect with First Degree Strict Liability; causing the death of a Manchester resident through distributing heroin. The charge and conviction is one of the first in Manchester Police history.

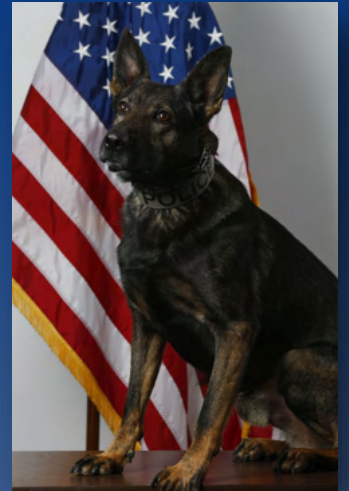
Three Year Fatal Overdose Snapshot

2020: 12 fatalities

2021: 12 fatalities

2022: 10 fatalities

K-9 UNIT



The use of Manchester Police Canines directly contributed to the seizure of varying quantities of heroin, crack cocaine, methamphetamine, weapons, prescription pills, firearms, and over \$155,000 in currency.



K-9 Unit Activity

Narcotic Investigations	22
Scent Tracks	7
Patrol Protections	3

SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU



The Support Services Bureau provides vital services to the Division and is commanded by a Lieutenant. The Support Services Bureau consists of the Traffic Safety Section, Communications Section, Records Section, and Animal Control Section. With the exception of the Traffic Safety Section, all other sections are comprised of civilian personnel.

Traffic Safety Section

During the year of 2022, the Manchester Township Police Traffic Safety Section consisted of one full time Officer. The Officer is assigned under the Administrative Services Bureau of the Division. The Officer is scheduled to work Monday-



Thursday 7am-5pm and when fully staffed, the other Officer is scheduled to work Tuesday-Friday 7am-5pm. Additionally there are (6) six part-time officers with specialized training who are assigned to full-time patrol squads, who assist in the traffic call-out rotation.

Our mission in the Traffic Safety Section is the 3 E's; Education, Engineering and Enforcement. It is our duty is to insure the safe passage of citizens on our roadways, prevent crashes and deaths through various education efforts, and the enforcement of the laws of the State of New Jersey and Manchester Township.

**ONE
THOUSAND
SEVENTY
FIVE**

1,075

TOTAL CRASHES REPORTED

Motor Vehicle Crash Report

All crash reports, known as NJTR-1 reports, are logged and reviewed by Traffic Safety. All Traffic Safety Officers have completed specialized courses and attend yearly update courses in properly prepare the NJTR-1. Traffic Safety Officers utilize the knowledge obtained in these courses to teach and disseminate the information to all other officers at Manchester Township. During the review of each crash report, Traffic Safety Officers will comb through each detail on the report. If a correction is required, the report will be returned to the officers with an explanation and feedback for the error that was made. Officers will then send the report back to Traffic Safety for final review and submission to records. New Jersey State Statue requires that all NJTR-1 Reports be forwarded to the New Jersey State Department of Transportation within five (5) days after the investigation into the crash is completed.



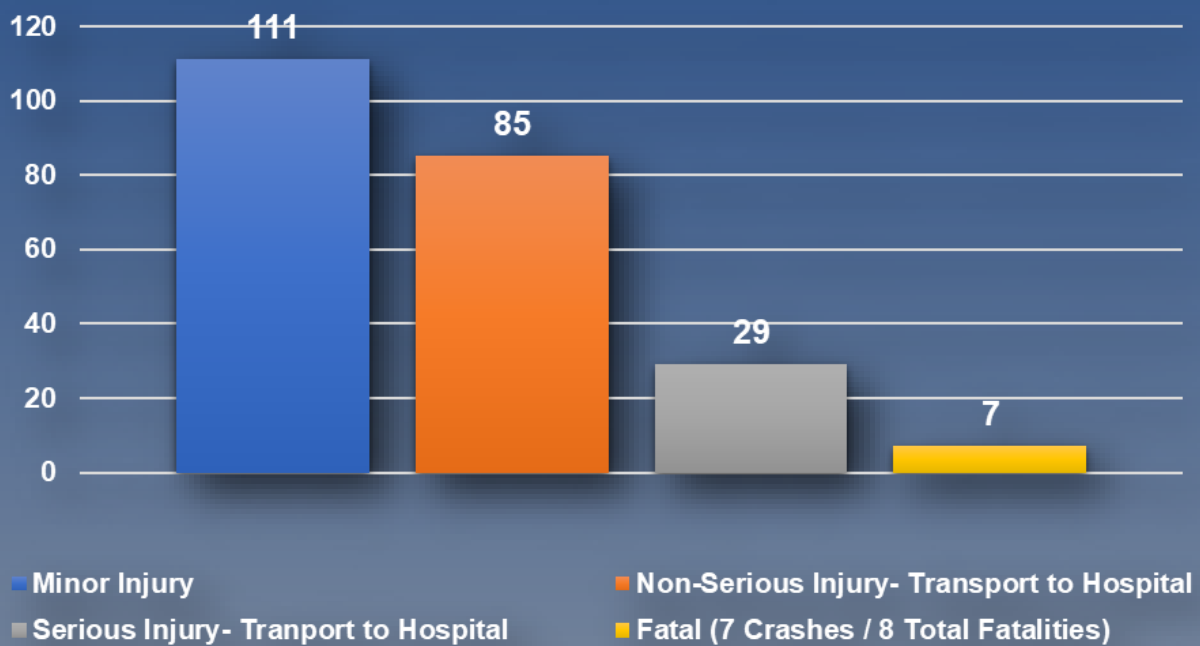
Crash Investigation Response

The Traffic Safety Section has a 24/7 call-out rotation to allow for a Traffic Safety Officer to be able to rapidly respond to a serious motor vehicle collision at any date or time. When a serious motor vehicle crash occurs, a Traffic Safety Officer will be called out to investigate the events and causation of the crash. This is accomplished by collecting evidence at the scene, obtaining search warrants, constructing scale diagrams, utilizing mathematical calculations for reconstruction, and interviewing persons involved and witnesses. A fatal crash typically requires multiple officer to complete various tasks and follow ups for the investigation which may include collaborating with detectives from the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office and Ocean County Sheriff's Office and attending Postmortem Examinations at the Ocean County Medical Examiner's Office. From the initial investigation into a serious motor vehicle crash to finalization of the report requires a copious amount of manpower hours to complete, typically spanning over days or weeks.

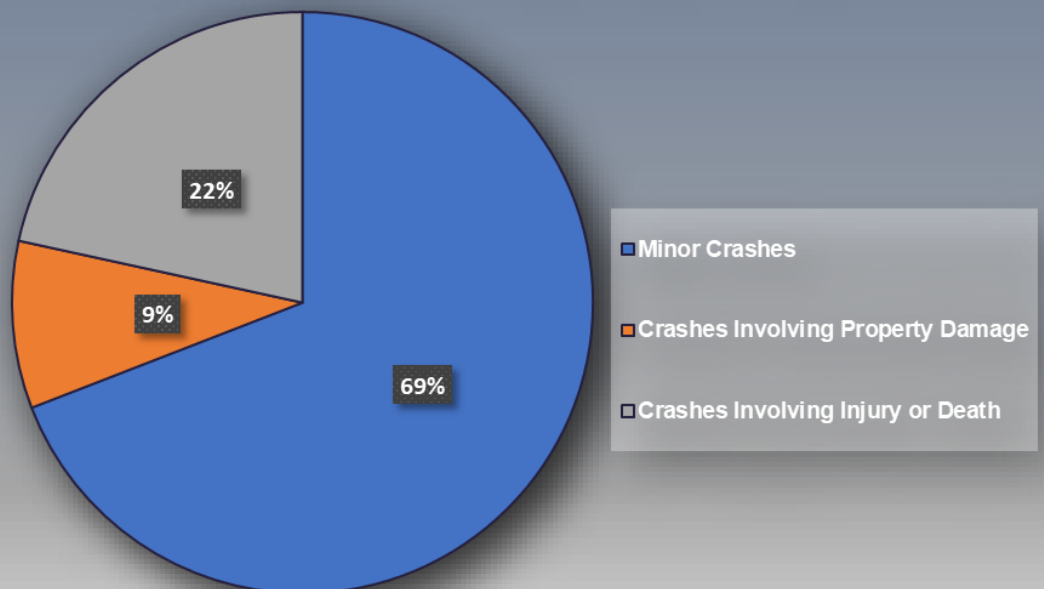
Crash Statistics

- 2020: 1066 Crashes reported / 4 Fatalities
- 2021: 960 Crashes reported / 6 Fatalities
- 2022: 1075 Crashes reported / 8 Fatalities

2022 Breakdown of Injury Related Crashes



2022 Crash Statistics



Traffic Mapping Utilizing UAV Drones and Survey Laser

Traffic Safety Officers will use drones and survey lasers to complete scale diagrams of crash scenes. The officers are currently using Pix4D software and Map360 software in conjunction with the drone and survey lasers to generate a scale diagram. Various courses and trainings, including in house and web based, are completed by each traffic safety officer to hone their skills in regards to the utilization of the drones, survey lasers, and intricate software. Additionally, traffic safety officers will gather information from the drones and survey lasers to enhance traffic studies.



Traffic Safety Officer Training

Each Traffic Safety Officer has received hundreds of hours of specialized additional training in the area of crash investigation and reconstruction, to accurately and properly investigate these serious crashes. This allows for the Traffic Safety Officer to make a definitive determination for the cause of the crashes and assign a burden of responsibility for the crash to an involved party. Traffic Safety Officers, both full and part-time, continually attend education seminars and courses to improve their high level of skills and competency as traffic crash investigators and reconstructionist.

- Accident Investigations
- NJTR1 Reports and Diagrams
- Utility Trailer Operations
- UTV Operations
- RADAR Certification and Recertification
- Emergency Vehicle Operation (EVOC)
- Below 100 Training
- Work Zone Safety Training
- Police Vehicle Deficiency Reporting

Traffic Complaints & Studies / Engineering

The Traffic Safety Section receives numerous traffic complaints from citizens on a regular basis and recognize other traffic pattern issues within Manchester Township, to include; traffic flow and direction issues, signage placement, speeding issues, traffic signal concerns, view obstructions, and illegal passing of school buses. Traffic Safety Officers apply their training and are tasked with rectifying these traffic complaints and issues. This involves collecting and interpreting motor vehicle crash data, detection of high crash intersections, and locating high motor vehicle violation areas, as well as, generating surveys utilizing specialized equipment, such as vehicle speed and volume counters. Traffic Safety Officer will complete studies applying this data to improve the roadways within Manchester Township and the quality of life for citizens of Manchester Township. Traffic Safety Officers work with Manchester Township Zoning Office, Ocean County Engineers Office, and the New Jersey Department of Transportation while completing these studies. These studies regularly result in changes to roadways, signage, or traffic control devices, as well as, identify areas within Manchester Township where traffic enforcement operations will be completed to benefit the roadway.

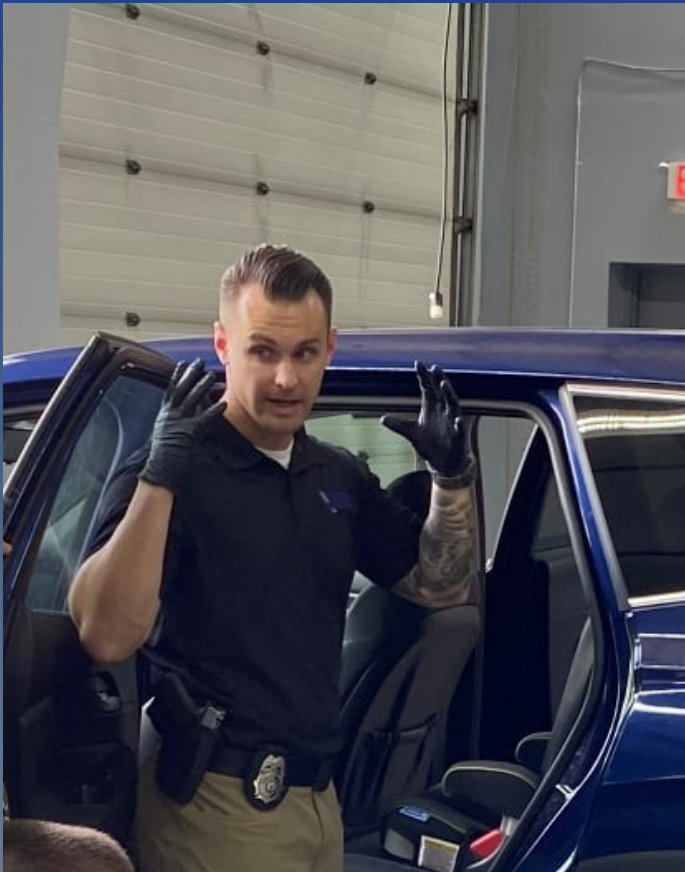
All Traffic Officers will have received training through Rutgers University in a course titled, Traffic Engineering for the Law Enforcement Officer. Each Officer has completed 6 weeks of training in the field of Traffic Surveys and Engineering. In addition to the aforementioned traffic complaint and issues, this training will be applied when attending preconstruction meetings for County, Municipal, and private construction projects. They are involved in the review plans with contractors and the township to insure proper detours and adherence to Federal Safety Protocols in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

Grant Applications / Operations / Project Director

Grants applications to receive funding must be completed each year, annual reports, scheduling officers, detailed operations summaries, and pay roll must be submitted for reimbursement.

- Occupant Safety Grant / Child Restraint
- Click It and Ticket Grant
- Over the Limit Under Arrest
- Aggressive Driving Enforcement
- Motor Vehicle Inspection Checkpoints
- DWI Check Points
- Move Over Law Enforcement Details
- Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Grant
- Specialized Training Seminars
- Additional Equipment Purchase Grants

Child Restraint Inspections / Certified Technicians

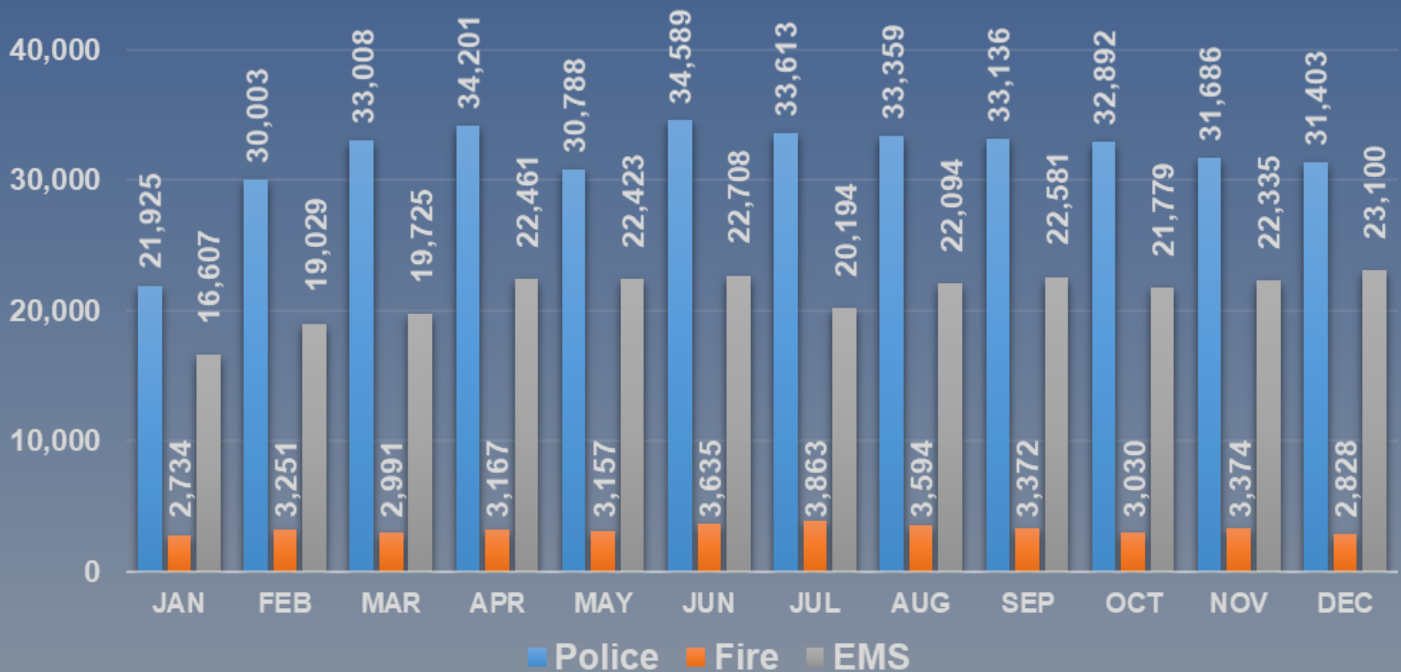


Traffic Safety Officers instruct and educate parents on properly installing Child Passenger Seats (CPS), consisting of, infant rear facing seats, toddler forward facing seats, and booster seats. Once per month Traffic Safety Officers participate in a Child Seat Check Event at the Manchester Emergency Services Building. Appointments are also accommodated when requested.

Communications

Certified Public Safety Telecommunicators commonly referred as PST's, staff Manchester Communications 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. All Public Safety Telecommunicators are certified by the State of New Jersey and a hold, at a minimum, a Basic Telecommunicator Certification. They are also certified through AP-CO International for Fire Service Communications. Our Public Safety Telecommunicators are responsible for answering incoming emergency and administrative calls, and they are expected to solicit necessary information from callers in order to appropriately handle and direct these calls. In addition, they are responsible to provide information appropriately in order to dispatch Police, Fire and EMS. We have three main channels and 19 partner channels that are monitored around the clock.

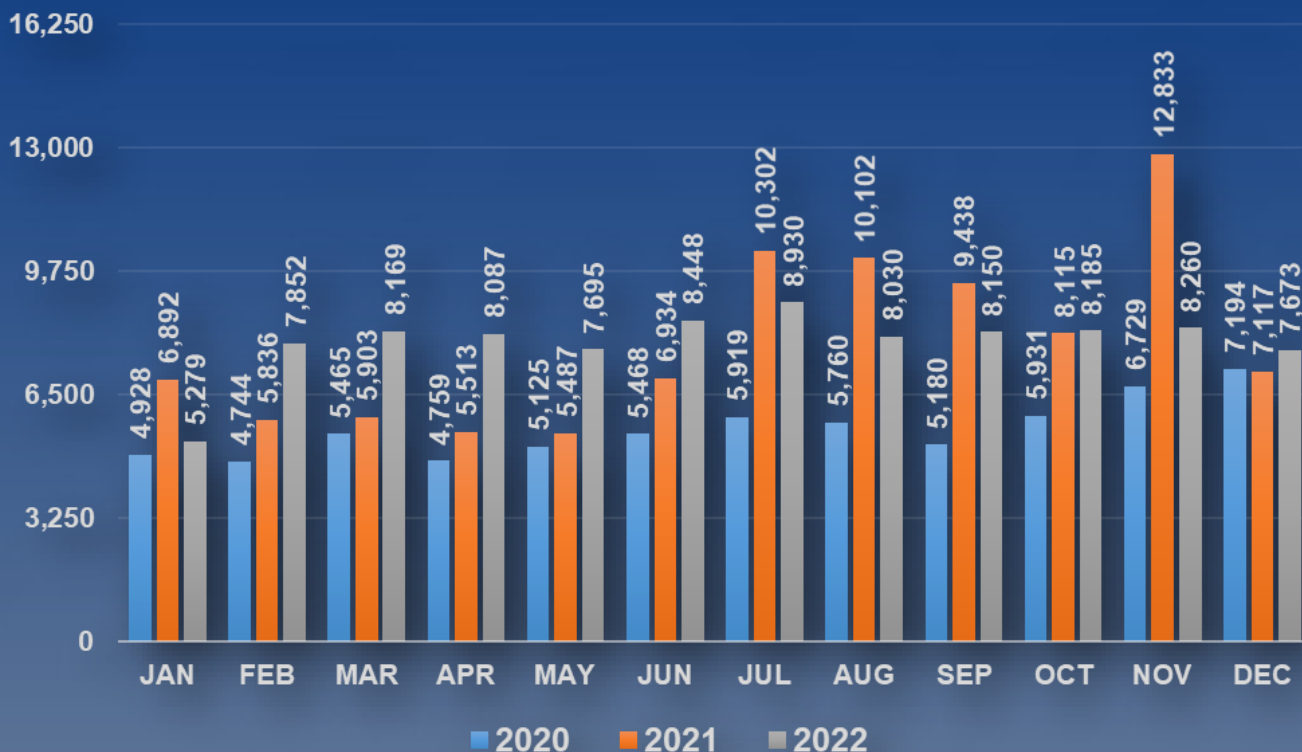
Radio Transmissions by Channel



In 2020, Communications began dispatching services for the Manchester Division of Emergency Services and Manchester Volunteer Fire Companies. In 2021, Communications began dispatching Manchester Township's Career Fire Department. In January of 2022, the State on New Jersey formally and through law recognized Public Safety Telecommunicators as 9-1-1 First Responders. Public Safety Telecommunicators are the lifeline between the public and emergency services. The collection of critical information and disbursement of split seconds actions form the foundation for effective emergency response.



9-1-1 and Non-Emergent Incoming and Outgoing Calls 2020-2022



In 2022, Manchester Communications endured a public safety staffing shortage. Communications consists of three consoles staffed by up to 12 full time Public Safety Telecommunicators (PST) and up to 6 Per Diem Public Safety Telecommunicators. We started the year with 12 full time Public Safety Telecommunicators and 4 Per Diem Public Safety Telecommunicators. In February, a Per Diem Public Safety Telecommunicator resigned due to having difficulties multi-tasking. In April, a full time Public Safety Telecommunicator resigned to become a Police Officer for the township of Brick. In May, another Per Diem Public Safety Telecommunicator resigned due to having difficulties multi-tasking. In September, a full time Public Safety Telecommunicator resigned to take a job dispatching for New Jersey Natural Gas. In October, a full time Public Safety Telecommunicator resigned to take a job as an IT Specialist with Burlington County but stayed on to fill an open Per Diem position.

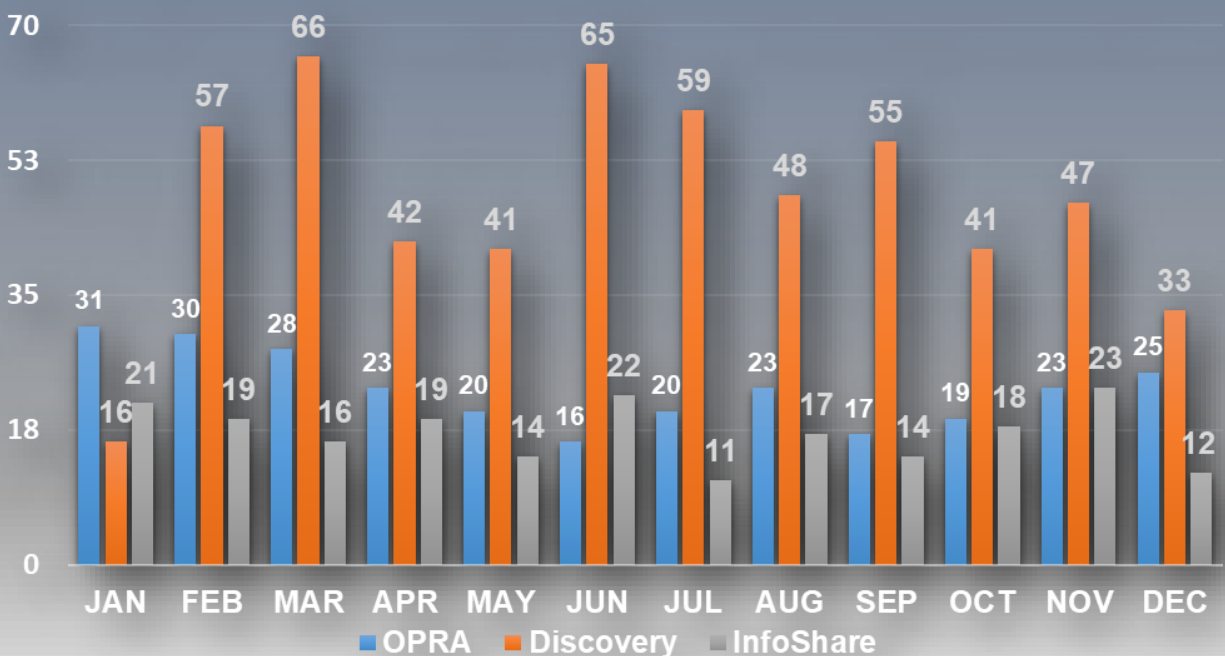
The shortage created additional overtime to meet our two-person minimum but did not alter the flow of communication which saw a 3% decrease in radio transmission. In 2022 there were 674,635 radio transmissions compared to 695,582 in 2021. The decrease was a result of finding effective solutions to maximize efficiency with the lack of staffing by implementing silent dispatch with EMS, whereby they will self-dispatch on their mobile computers after receiving a call. We have since replaced the three positions and have currently been training them which will last until June 2, 2023.

Records

Police Records consists of four full-time Firearms/Records Clerks and overseen by the Records Supervisor. Records section personnel are responsible for organizing, filing and maintaining all official documents and reports of the Police Division. They are also responsible for submission of National Incident Based Reporting (NIBRS) statistics to the New Jersey State Police, and the dissemination of documents via discovery/ OPRA requests, and are the liaisons for records, recordings, and video sharing with the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office. They gather, process, and maintain sensitive and confidential information. They act as firearms clerks, administering firearms applications received through the Firearms Application and Registration Systems (FARS) while contacting the applicants and pulling background information through CJIS compliant computer software. They are the repository for the State and County Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS). They are the nexus between the public and the police department.

In 2022, Police records saw a 7% increase in revenue totaling \$11,021.71. This increase was the result of adding inked fingerprinting services by ordinance to members of our community and surrounding communities who no longer have this capability. In addition, Police Records entered over 400 cases into NIBRS and uploaded several hundred hours of Body Worn Camera footage to the Ocean County Prosecutors Office, after reviewing and tagging as per their directive.

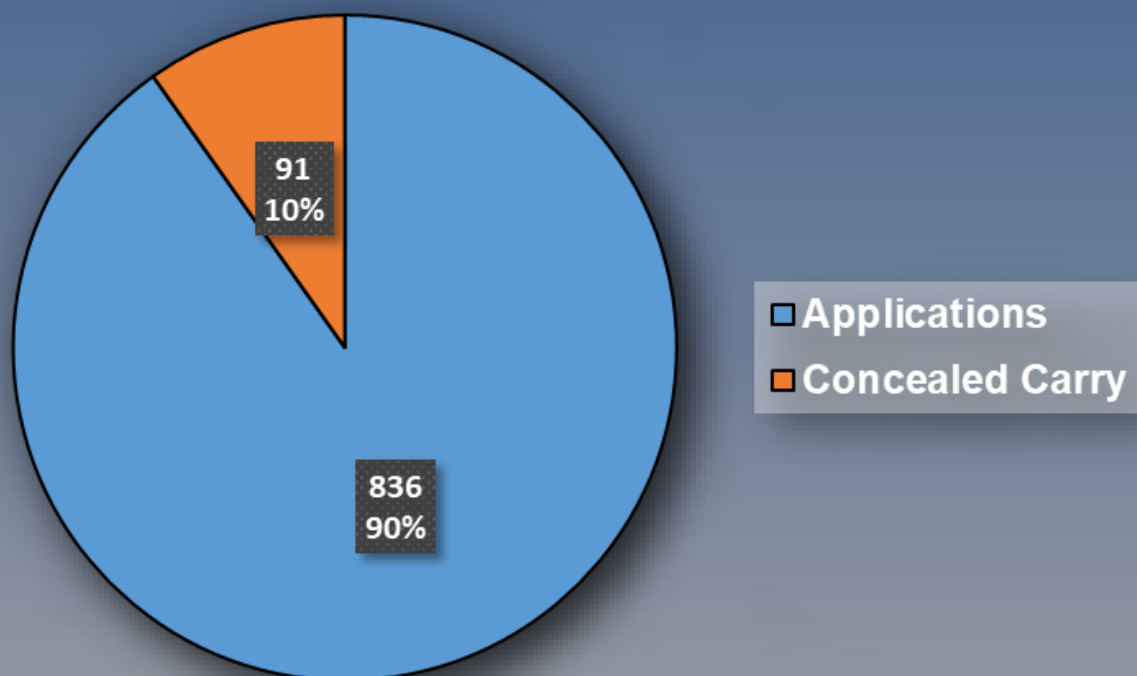
2022 Records - Request Fulfillment



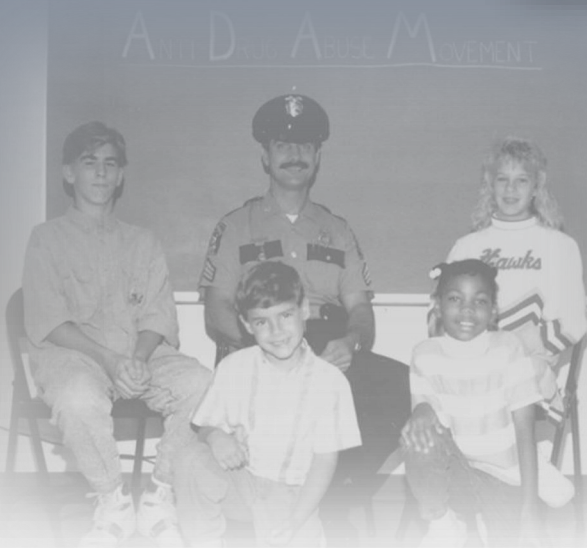
Police Support

Our Police Support section, staffed by an experienced retired police officer processes firearm applications and registers Megan's Law Offenders. Due to the N.Y. State Rifle & Pistol v. Bruen decision, Concealed Carry permits no longer require justifiable need. This created an influx of applicants and the need to change processing procedures through guidance from NJSP. On December 22, 2022 the state passed legislation A4769 which takes the Superior Court out of the approval process and raises the fees resulting in the municipality receiving \$150 per applicant. Prior to this legislation, the municipality received no fees at all for the extensive process each application takes.

2022 Firearms Applications

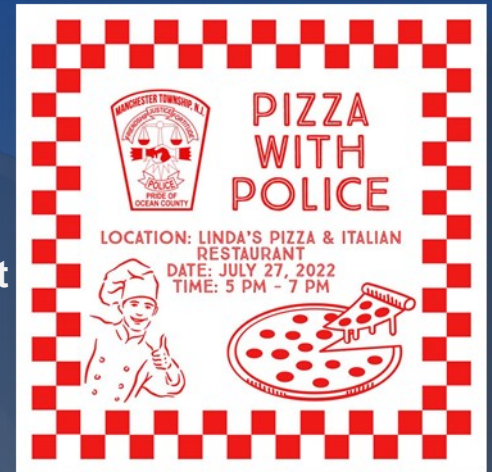


Community Highlights



Coffee with a Cop & Pizza with Police

In 2022, officers of the Manchester Township Police Department were fortunate to hold numerous Coffee with a Cop events throughout the township. In addition to Coffee with a Cop, the Manchester Township Police Department created Pizza with Police, an evening event that allows us to reach out to even more members of the community. Promoting for the Coffee with a Cop and Pizza with Police events were done by creating a unique patch and posting flyers on social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn.



In Manchester Township, these events were supported by the local businesses hosting the police department on both the east and west ends of the township in order to accommodate the entire township. Coffee with a Cop and Pizza with Police presented an opportunity for the community to have open conversations with members of the Patrol Division, Traffic Safety Section, and the Investigations Bureau.

In addition to speaking with representatives of the Manchester Township Police Department, township residents were also given informational crime prevention and safety pamphlets, as well as novelty promotional items.

National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. In 2022, the Manchester Township Police Department and the Lakehurst Police Department teamed up and hosted National Night Out at Lake Horicon.



The night consisted of raffles, prizes, free goods, live music, K-9 and SWAT demonstrations, a physical fitness competition, and a DWI Simulation Course. A friendly rivalry also started this night between the Manchester Township Police Department and the Lakehurst Police Department after the latter won the first annual donut eating competition! The event was possible due to the support and assistance from local business vendors, the Ocean County Sheriff's Department, and Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.



No-Shave November

The Second Annual No Shave November for the Manchester Township Police Department was a huge success in 2022. In November of 2022, many of our officers traded in their razors for some beard balm. Our officers grew a beard to benefit Firefighter/EMT Dan Mechkowski of the Manchester Township Emergency Services Division, who was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia, a rare form of bone and blood cancer. In total, the Manchester Township Police Foundation, the Manchester Township PBA #246, and a few generous members of the community raised \$15,000 for Firefighter/EMT Dan Mechkowski of the Manchester Township Emergency Services Division!



Youth Police Academy

It is with great pride that Chief Dolan congratulates the graduates of the 2022 Youth Police Academy. This annual summer program, held from July 18-21, introduced students from grades 6, 7 and 8 to the law enforcement profession through hands-on demonstrations and activities. The youth cadets were taught



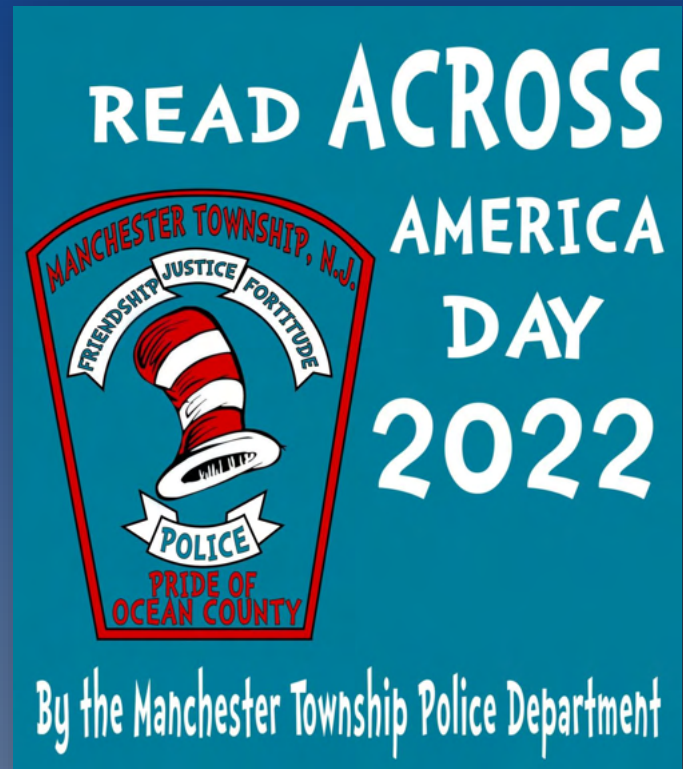
the history of the Police Department, met with Division of Emergency Services personnel, visited Ocean County Police Academy, saw SWAT and K-9 demonstrations, and learned about physical fitness, first aid and traffic safety. Helping to make the 2022 Youth Police Academy possible were Ptl. Arthur Cronk,

Det. Adam Emmons, Ptl. Steve Wendruff, Ptl. Joseph Reilly, Ptl. Keith Craig, Ptl. Nicholas Greenwood, Det. Victoria Guarino, Ptl. Brendan Brush, the Ocean County Police Academy, Ocean County SWAT, New Jersey State Police Aviation Unit, Ocean County Fire Academy, and Ocean County Sheriff's Office.



Read Across America

This year, March 2nd was National Read Across America Day. The day was established by the National Education Association in 1998 to help get kids excited about reading. The day occurs each year on the birthday of beloved children's book author Dr. Seuss. On National Read Across America Day, students, teachers, parents, and community members around the nation come together to read books and celebrate the joy of reading. As a result of this educational initiative, the Manchester Township School District invited our police department to participate. The Investigations Section spearheaded this project and solicited officers to volunteer to read to students throughout the district's elementary schools. Numerous officers volunteered to make this day a success. Many officers adjusted their shifts and demonstrated self-sacrifice for the betterment of the community and students. The feedback from the schools was outstanding, as each officer displayed professionalism and a community first approach that our agency has come to be known for. Subsequent to this event, the Investigations Section created and authored a Dr. Seuss inspired social media post displaying the outstanding commitment and dedication to this initiative by our officers.



For our officers that day, nothing was more fulfilling,
Than bringing the stories of Dr. Seuss to life
for Manchester's school children.

Awesome Job!

In 2022, our very own Kamar Gainey, Brendan Brush, Connor Maliff, and Lorenzo Jorge competed in the First Annual Manalapan Township Fitness Competition and came in **FIRST PLACE!** The event is a grueling course that includes various functional training based exercises. The competition consisted of four-person teams who competed for the title of "The Fittest Agency" and was open to all military, as well as all state, local, county, and federal first responders.

This competition helped support a local non-profit organization, 1Soldier 1Dog 1Team, which is dedicated to helping veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.



Goal!

We were pleased to participate in the 9th Annual Manchester Alumni Soccer Game held in August. This annual match features players from the Manchester Township Police Department and Alumni from the Manchester Soccer Township Association with all donations going towards the Manchester Township Soccer Association. We would also like to recognize members of the Toms River, Barnegat, Stafford, Ship Bottom, Hightstown, Green Brook Police Departments, and the Drug Enforcement Agency for coming out and playing as well.



We Ride for Those Who Died.

An annual tradition, our officers proudly commemorated National Police Week in May with riding in the Police Unity Tour. We would like to thank the many police officers of New Jersey Chapter 10 and the other chapters for riding and honoring those police officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. The start of this year's tour began at Ground Zero in New York City and ended at the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C. Representing our department and Manchester Township PBA 246 were Officers Arthur Cronk, Brian Collins, Connor Yatauro, and Michael Anderson. "We Ride For Those Who Died."



Congrats!



In 2022, four highly trained, skilled, and decorated members of our police department retired; Captain Todd Malland, Detective Craig Beaulieu, Corporal Thomas O'Hare, and Corporal Richard Chevrier, taking with them over 100 years of police experience and knowledge.

Congratulations and good luck in the next chapter of your lives!

MEET YOUR NEW OFFICERS!

In 2022, the Manchester Township Police Department was fortunate to welcome four new members; Patrolman Connor Maliff, Patrolman Lorenzo Jorge, Patrolman Joseph Stapleton, and Patrolman Sean Rembach.

These officers were hired after an extensive and grueling hiring process, which began in July of 2021, when approximately 100 individuals submitted their applications for employment.

During the first phase, applicants participated in the Physical Agility Examination held at the Manchester Township High School. This test consisted of pull-ups, push-ups, sit-ups, and a one mile run. Those who passed, advanced to the boxing



component. Applicants who successfully completed all phases of the physical exam, went on to participate in the Written Examination. From there, the top scorers went before the Oral review Board for interviews. Those candidates considered for employment subsequently underwent a thorough background investigation and submitted to medical, psychological, and drug screenings.



Ptl. Lorenzo Jorge grew up in Old Bridge where he was an honor roll student. He graduated from Rutgers University in 2021 with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and began his career in law enforcement in January 2021, when he was sponsored by the Seaside Park Police Department to attend the Ocean County Police Academy for Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers. He graduated the police academy in May 2021 and began work as a SLEO II with the Seaside Park Police Department.



Ptl. Connor Maliff was born in Brick, where he attended Brick Memorial High School and was a participant in the wrestling program. He graduated East Stroudsburg University in 2017 with a bachelor's degree in Business Management. Beginning his law enforcement career, Ptl. Maliff was hired by the Sea Girt Police Department in January of 2020 and attended the Atlantic County Police Academy 22nd Class. With the completion of the academy, Ptl. Maliff was assigned as a SLEO II with the Sea Girt Police Department.



Ptl. Sean Rembach, a lifelong Manchester Township resident who previously served in the United States Army as a Military Police officer, as well as a Special Law Enforcement Officer Class II in Point Pleasant Beach and Patrolman in Cherry Hill. A Manchester Township High School graduate, Ptl. Rembach earned his Associates Degree from Central Texas College and is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree from Farleigh Dickinson University.



Ptl. Joseph Stapleton, who grew up in Brick, began his law enforcement career as a Special Law Enforcement Officer Class I in Bayhead, Ptl. Stapleton moved on to positions with the State Department of Corrections, Mantoloking Police Department, and Ocean County Sheriff's Department. A Brick High School graduate, Ptl. Stapleton went on to complete his Associates Degree at Ocean County College.

Office of Professional Standards



The Office of Professional Standards has the responsibility to investigate all allegations of misconduct by members of the Division, and to review and adjudicate all minor complaints which are handled by supervisors. In addition, the Office of Professional Standards will review all firearms discharges by Division personnel that are not related to training, all use of force incidents, all vehicular pursuits undertaken by Division personnel and all collisions involving Division vehicles.

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CITIZEN COMPLIMENTS &
POSITIVE PERFORMANCE NOTICES

2022 Internal Affairs Summary

In 2022, nine (9) officer allegations/ complaints were filed with the Office of Professional Standards of the Manchester Police Department. These complaints were lodged by either citizens, or members of the agency who identified behavior or actions which did not meet the agency's standards.

The seven (7) allegations/ complaints reported by citizens were as follows:

- (1) Differential Treatment,
- (1) Improper Search,
- (2) Improper Arrest,
- (3) Criminal Violation.

The two (2) complaints internally generated were as follows:

- (2) Violations of Department Rules and Regulations.

In each case, the Office of Professional Standards conducted internal investigations to determine whether the complaint was valid. The outcome of each investigation was documented as follows: one (1) citizen complaint involving differential treatment was closed with a disposition of exonerated, meaning that the alleged incident did occur, but the actions of the officer were justified, legal and proper, one (1) citizen complaint involving an improper search was closed with a disposition of exonerated, two (2) citizen complaints involving improper arrests were closed dispositions of exonerated, (1) allegation of a criminal violation was closed with a disposition of not sustained, meaning that the investigation failed to disclose sufficient evidence to clearly prove or disprove the allegation, (one 1) allegation of a criminal violation was closed with a disposition of exonerated, and one (1) allegation of a criminal violation was closed with a finding of unfounded, meaning that the investigation determined that a preponderance of the evidence showed that the alleged conduct did not occur.

With regard to the internally generated complaints the outcome of each investigation was documented as follows: two (2) complaints involving violations of department rules and regulations were closed with dispositions of sustained, meaning the investigation disclosed a preponderance of evidence showed that the officer violated a law, regulation, directive, guideline, policy or procedure issued by the Attorney General, County Prosecutor, agency protocol, standing operating procedure, rule or training.

During 2022, Officers of the Manchester Township Police Department received 106 compliments and notices of positive performance in 2022 from citizens and police supervisors. Every Manchester Township police officer is held to the highest levels of professionalism, performance and service and the positive feedback received from the public and our supervisors exemplifies these standards.



R. Dolan



V. Manco



J. Komes



C. Hemhauser



A. Vega



A. Ellis



A. Vitale



C. Sirose



T. Coole



B. Innes



B. Sharry



P. Morgan



P. Bachovich



D. Puzro



C. Salsarak



C. Carallo



I. Solo



C. Nasario



D. Berber



R. Chauhan



T. O'Ware



C. Walszak



B. Collins



J. Decker



V. DeRome



A. Cronk



R. Conklin



G. Smith



B. Hankins



R. Jupinka



N. Terranova



R. Saul



A. Emmons



B. Wozniak



N. Rios



A. Galar



P. Carvazak



S. Volt



A. Zlatko



J. Wanser



J. Paetico



J. Hoydie



N. Anderson



B. Wendruff



J. Ralby



K. Craig



M. Guarino



K. O'Ware



K. Kocivsky



M. Walszak



M. Stoffan



T. Chant



N. Greenwood



C. Yatsuro



K. Douglas



G. Ralby



V. Raab



J. Tate



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J. Yarboklje



R. Campolai



K. Rambach



J. Diaz



K. Galney



J.T. Heaney



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B. Brush



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M. Gardner



L. Jorga



C. Kalliff



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