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ANNUAL REPORT

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
POLICE DEPARTMENT



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FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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Welcome to the third edition of the Manchester Township Police Department's Annual Report. 2023 has been a year of change and challenges, as always found in law enforcement. This version of the Annual Report continues to show the growth and depth of the Township. Looking back on previous versions of the report, the Township Police Department and Emergency Services continue to answer the calls of the residents of the Township, which are increasing year by year. This last year, the Police Department handled an increase in calls for service, a massive wildfire that gained national attention, a serious act of antisemitism that also gained national attention, as well as the more routine first aid calls, motor vehicle accidents, and officer assistance that we offer our township residents daily. We continued our community engagements by holding Coffee with a Cop and partnering with Lakehurst Boro for National Night Out.

In 2023, our service response again exceeded last year's, topping out at over 31,000 calls for service. Our dispatchers handled over 700,000 radio calls from all our police, fire, and emergency medical services last year. We continue to prioritize training and service and will 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 into the future to answer the changing needs of our community.



Robert M. Dolan
Chief of Police

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



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AGENCY ACCREDITATION



The Manchester Township Police Department is a New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Accredited Agency. Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven method of assisting law enforcement agencies to calculate and improve their overall performance. The foundation of Accreditation lies in the adoption of standards containing a clear statement of professional objectives. Participating agencies conduct a thorough self-analysis to determine how existing operations can be adapted to meet these standards and objectives. When the procedures are in place, a team of trained, independent assessors verifies that the applicable standards have been successfully implemented.

Accredited status represents a significant professional achievement. Accreditation acknowledges the implementation of policies and procedures that are conceptually sound and operationally effective.

The New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police has pursued the concept and development of a voluntary statewide law enforcement accreditation program for New Jersey which has resulted in the formation of the NJSACOP Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, consisting of commissioners with the overall responsibility of adoption of program standards, as well as review of all assessment reports and approval of all recommendations for the granting of accredited status of applicant agencies.

NOTABLE INCIDENTS

- On April 20, 2023, Ptl. Anthony Iliadis was dispatched to a residence in Pine Acres Manor for a report of a female who had just given birth. It was further reported that the baby was possibly having difficulty breathing. Upon arrival, Ptl. Iliadis, along with Manchester EMS, located the new mother on the floor of the bathroom with the baby in her arms. Ptl. Iliadis observed that the baby appeared blue and was not breathing normally. For several minutes, Ptl. Iliadis assisted Manchester EMS with rescue breaths on the baby until her color returned, and she began to cry. The mother and child were transported to the hospital, where they remained in healthy and stable condition.
- On June 7, 2023, multiple officers were dispatched to the area of Pine Lake Park for offensive markings spraypainted on fifteen (15) homes. As the investigation continued, a structure fire to a residence was reported in the same residential neighborhood as the criminal mischief incidents. Officers arrived to find the residence fully engulfed. While officers were assisting with evacuations, a member of the public reported observing a male who fit the description of the suspect, in the area of Middlesex Avenue and Eleventh Avenue. As a result, multiple officers responded to the area. Upon arrival, the officers observed a male holding two baseball bats. After utilizing multiple de-escalation techniques, the male complied and voluntarily relinquished both bats and was taken into custody. The Investigations Section was assigned to conduct the investigation and learned the suspect had committed these crimes in a targeted attack against the Jewish community. The investigation involved five court authorized search warrants and culminated in thirty-six criminal counts.
- On June 11, 2023, the Manchester Township Police Department received a call from the Bordentown Police Department, advising that a suicidal male from their jurisdiction was in Manchester and that he was armed with a handgun and considered dangerous. The male's cellphone was traced to the vicinity of Beckerville Road. During the investigation, officers successfully made contact with the male via telephone. Officers were able to confirm that the male was in possession of a loaded handgun and that he intended to commit suicide in Manchester. While speaking with the male, officers convinced him to exit the fire trail and unload his handgun. The male was immediately apprehended by responding officers and he was safely transported to the hospital for a psychiatric evaluation. The handgun and ammunition were recovered on the front passenger seat of his vehicle.

NOTABLE INCIDENTS

▪ On June 30, 2023, multiple officers were dispatched to a residence for a report of a domestic violence incident. The caller reported that her son had stabbed her. Upon arrival, officers encountered the victim and her husband at the front door of the residence. Both the victim and her husband were quickly escorted from the residence, as the suspect was still believed to be inside and armed with a knife. As officers entered the residence, they observed the suspect in the hallway with his right hand concealed in his front hooded sweatshirt pocket. Because the suspect was believed to be armed with a knife, officers immediately unholstered their department issued handguns and began giving the suspect clear verbal commands to display his hands. Having observed this action, another officer quickly assumed a position of cover and unholstered his conductive energy device (CED). The officers on scene utilized excellent communication techniques, active listening techniques, verbal persuasion and advisements, maintained proper distance, slowed down the pace of this incident by using time as a tactic, and various other de-escalation skills to convince the suspect to display his hands. As the officers were conversing with the suspect, the outline of a knife was clearly visibly in his front hooded sweatshirt pocket. Officers provided numerous verbal instructions for the suspect to drop the knife, but he refused their commands. After more than thirty minutes of de-escalation attempts, the suspect still refused to disarm and display his hands. Because the suspect would not voluntarily submit to custody after having been given a reasonable opportunity to do so considering the exigency of the situation and the immediacy of the need to employ law enforcement force, enhanced mechanical force was utilized to take him into custody and remove the deadly weapon from his control.

▪ On July 16, 2023, Patrolman Ryan Saul responded to a residence in Autumn Ridge following a report of a 38-year-old male experiencing significant bleeding from his leg and losing consciousness. Upon arrival, Patrolman Saul found the individual semi-conscious and bleeding profusely. Subsequent investigation revealed that the victim suffered from a rare disorder leading to occasional vein ruptures. Patrolman Saul promptly applied a tourniquet to effectively control the bleeding. This decisive action played a crucial role in stabilizing the victim and facilitating his timely transfer to Jersey Shore University Medical Center by air transport. The expedited and adept emergency response demonstrated by Patrolman Saul, along with his accurate application of the tourniquet, proved instrumental in saving the life of the 38-year-old victim.

▪ On August 25, 2023, Patrolman Connor Maliff conducted a motor vehicle stop in the vicinity of 400 Lacey Road for a traffic violation. The vehicle was being operated by a 17-year-old male and contained two 15-year-old passengers. During the stop, Patrolman Robert Campolei arrived to assist and observed in plain view, the grip and weapon-mounted light of a handgun protruding from under the front passenger seat. In response, all occupants were promptly instructed to exit the vehicle. A subsequent search revealed a loaded 9mm handgun, as well as a quantity of narcotics. Further investigation revealed the firearm was stolen out of Atlanta, Georgia and led to the detention of all vehicle occupants. The juveniles were later released to their parents, and the case was subsequently referred to the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office.

NOTABLE INCIDENTS

▪ On August 26, 2023, the Manchester Township Police Department was dispatched to an address in the Pine Lake Park section of town. The call was from a concerned family member, who stated a 12-year-old juvenile was threatening members of the household with a knife. Prior to the officer's arrival, the juvenile was successfully disarmed, but fled the residence. Shortly thereafter, the juvenile returned, and was clearly still distraught, as he threw an object at officers. After fleeing from the residence a second time, the juvenile was located nearby and was in possession of a large knife. The juvenile was observed holding the knife to his throat while making suicidal comments. While confronted with a dangerous situation, officers established a good rapport with the distressed juvenile and utilized numerous de-escalation techniques. Through their great communication skills and teamwork, the juvenile was convinced to drop the weapon and to seek help with his mental health. The juvenile was safely transported to the hospital for a psychiatric evaluation without incident.

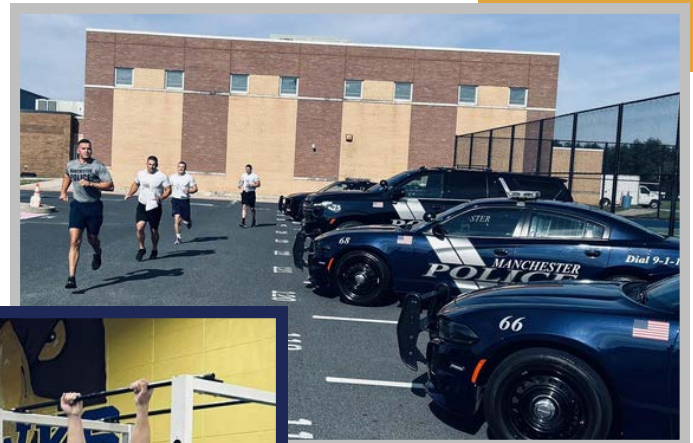
▪ On October 17, 2023, the Manchester Township Police Department received a call from a representative of America's Keswick, alerting them to a life-threatening situation involving a male who was travelling from Maryland to America's Keswick, claiming he was going to commit suicide. Patrol units immediately responded to the area and secured the entrances to America's Keswick, ensuring the safety of the community. Officers gathered crucial information from the America's Keswick representative, uncovering details about the male's vehicle, location, and that he was armed with a .22 caliber firearm. Officers observed the subject's vehicle as it traveled on State Highway 70 and a felony motor vehicle stop was initiated. The suspect eluded officers until finally coming to a stop on County Route 530 near Cherry Street. Ptl. Sean Rembach, Ptl. Marc Micciulla, Ptl. Jason Wiener, and Ptl. Michael Sullivan converged on the suspect's vehicle, along with Sgt. Paul Bachovchin. The suspect then exited his vehicle with the firearm pointed at his own head and continued to make threatening remarks, escalating an already dangerous situation. Sgt. Bachovchin successfully persuaded the suspect to drop the firearm without harming himself or any of the officers. As a result, the suspect was safely taken into custody, and a loaded firearm was recovered. The suspect was criminally charged with Unlawful Possession of a Weapon and Eluding.

THE FIRST PHASE

On July 22, 2023, the Manchester Township Police Department administered the Physical Fitness Test, the first phase of the process for the position of Police Officer and Class II Special Officer.

The Physical Agility Examination consisted of the following exercises: Pull-ups, Push-ups, Sit-ups, and a one mile run. Those applicants who achieved a minimum combined passing score advanced to the boxing component which consisted of each applicant boxing against another applicant for a period of one minute.

The Manchester Township Police Department also received the voluntary assistance of martial arts expert Master Paul Prendergast, owner and lead instructor of Paul Prendergast Karate Schools (Brick and Toms River). Those applicants who successfully completed the PT Test will advance to the Written Exam. Once those results are received, the top candidates will proceed to the next phase of testing, the Oral Examination.



WELCOME TO THE **TEAM**

IN 2023, WE WELCOMED THREE NEW POLICE OFFICERS



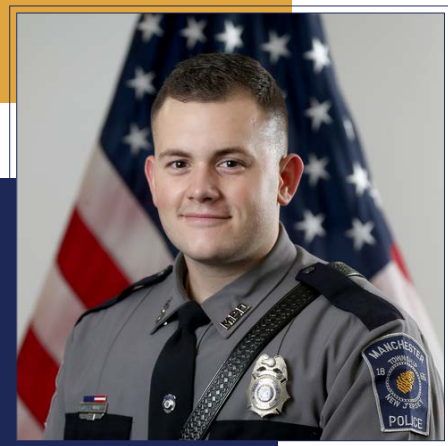
CHRISTOPHER KIMBIZ

Patrol Officer Chris Kimbiz, a 25-year-old Brick Township High School graduate who earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Kutztown University. Officer Kimbiz began his law enforcement career in 2020 when he was sponsored by the Seaside Heights Police Department to attend the Ocean County Police Academy for Class II officers. He graduated in April 2021 and began serving as a SLEO II. After a successful summer season, Ptl. Kimbiz was selected by Seaside Heights to continue working into the fall and winter months, which is reserved for only the SLEO II officers with exceptional work ethic and willingness to learn.



TAYLOR SCHANDALL

Patrol Officer Taylor Schandall, a 21-year-old Colts Neck High School graduate who earned a Bachelor's Degree from Farleigh Dickinson University, took the oath of office. Officer Schandall was sponsored by the Point Pleasant Beach Police Department to attend Ocean County Police Academy in May 2021. After a successful summer season, Ptl. Schandall continued working with the Department into the fall and winter months. She was hired by the South Bound Brook Police Department as a full time officer in June 2022, where she was recognized for her remarkable job performance.



MICHAEL SULLIVAN

Patrol Officer Michael Sullivan, a 24-year-old lifelong Manchester Township resident who graduated from Manchester Township High School and went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree from Farleigh Dickinson University. A former Class II officer in Seaside Heights, Officer Sullivan graduated the Ocean County Police Academy in 2022 and was hired by the Lakehurst Police Department as a part time officer in June 2022. Officer Sullivan came highly recommended for his exceptional work performance.



SO LONG, **FAREWELL**



In 2023, Sgt. Bryan Vidovich retired from the Manchester Township Police Department after serving his community for nearly 26 years!

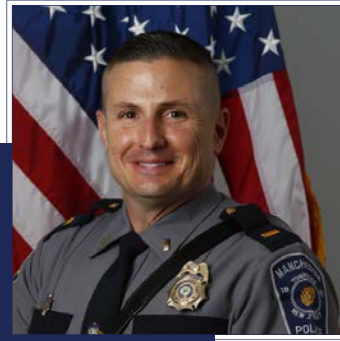
Sgt. Vidovich served as a Patrolman from January 1997 to October 2011, at which time he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. During the course of his career he received numerous letters of praise from residents for outstanding police work and positive performance notices for exceptional performance. Sgt. Vidovich served as supervisor of the Police Honor Guard, a Field Training Officer responsible for the training of new officers, a department firearms instructor, and an instructor in the subject of Motor Vehicle Pursuits, among many others.

A recipient of numerous accolades and honors, Sgt. Vidovich received the Chief's Award in 2005, 2007 and 2011, the Meritorious Service Award in 2007, the Exceptional Service Award in 2008 and 2011, the 200 Club Governor Valor Award in 2010 for rescuing a resident during a working house fire, and the 911 Award for responding to New York City after the World Trade Center Attacks.

Congratulations on your retirement!

MOVING ON UP

IN 2023, WE PROMOTED FOUR OFFICERS



JAMES KOMSA (PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN)

Capt. Komsa, who began his police career in Seaside Heights in 1998 and joined the Manchester Township Police Department in 2000. Capt. Komsa earned the rank of Sergeant in 2011, and in 2014 was selected to supervise the newly formed Narcotics Enforcement Team. In 2016, Capt. Komsa was promoted to Lieutenant, where he supervised Patrol and most recently the Investigations Bureau and Narcotics Enforcement Team. Capt. Komsa holds a master's degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University and has completed the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Command and Leadership Academy and the FBI LEEDA Leadership Trilogy training.



DAVID FUSARO (PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT)

Lt. Fusaro, who began his law enforcement career in 2004 with the Seaside Heights Police Department and later was hired by Manchester Township Police in 2007. Lt. Fusaro joined the Investigations Bureau in 2015, where he served as a Detective for nearly four years. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2018 and reassigned to the Patrol Division. In 2020, he was selected to supervise the Narcotics Enforcement Team and soon after Investigations Bureau as Detective Sergeant, serving in this position for more than three years. In 2020, Dsg. Fusaro earned his master's degree from California Coast University and completed the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Command and Leadership Academy and FBI-LEEDA Executive Leadership Institute.



JOSEPH REILLY (PROMOTED TO SERGEANT)

Sgt. Reilly, a former United States Marine Corps., Military Police Officer with service in Iraq and Japan, has been a Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor, Youth Police Academy Instructor, member of the Honor Guard, and sniper with Ocean County Regional SWAT since being sworn in as Manchester Police Officer. He also is a Physical Fitness Instructor and Firearms Instructor at the Ocean County Police Academy. Sgt. Reilly holds a Master's degree from Farleigh Dickinson University and has received the Chief's Award, Life Saving Award, and two Chief's Recognition Awards, among others.



JOSEPH FASTIGE (PROMOTED TO SERGEANT)

Sgt. Fastige, who began his law enforcement career in 2008 with the Seaside Heights Police Department and was hired by Manchester Township Police Department in 2011, took his oath. He was assigned to the uniform patrol division until 2019 when he was then selected to become a member of the Investigations Bureau. In 2020, Sgt. Fastige earned his master's degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University. As an active presence in the community, Sgt. Fastige is a #NotEvenOnce high school opiate awareness instructor and is assigned as the department's Social Media Manager. He also assists in organizing community events such as Coffee with a Cop and National Night Out.

POLICE TRAINING



During 2023, each Officer received over 140 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.
- Note: This does not include any outside agency training officer's attend.

Annual Minimum Mandatory Training Hours (Per Officer)

Firearms Qualifications Training	20
CPR/AED/ First Aid	20
Rifle and MP-5 Operators	20
Less Lethal Weapons	10
Handcuffing, Defensive Tactics	4
Domestic Violence	4
Use of Force	4
RADAR Recertification	4
Alcotest Recertification	4
WatchGuard BWC	3
Conducted Energy Devices	4
Vehicle Pursuit	2
Critical Incident/Active Killer	8
Oleoresin Capsicum	2
Harassment in the Workplace	2
On Point	2
Financial Fitness for Law Enforcement	1
Blood Borne Pathogens	1
Hazardous Materials Awareness	1
De-escalation	2
Legal Updates criminal/MV law	1
Right to Know	1
CJIS	1
Critical Incident Response Scenarios	4
Critical Incident Debriefings	2
Civil Matter Investigations	1



POLICE TRAINING

Specialized Units Additional Minimum Mandatory Annual Training Hours (Per Officer)

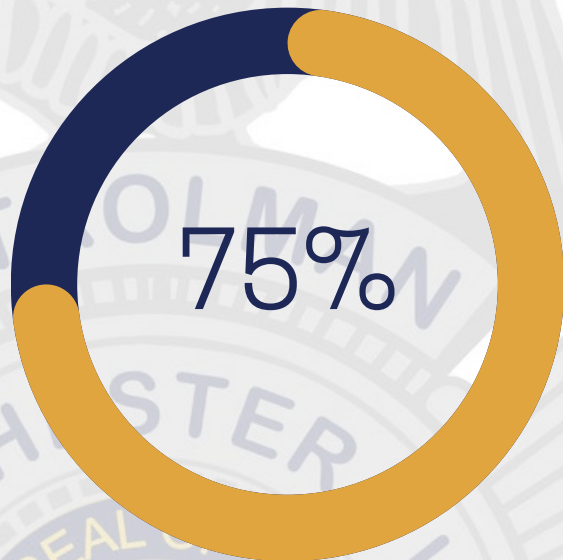
• Ocean County Regional SWAT	240
• K9	240
• MPD Drone Unit	60
• MPD Traffic Safety Section	40
• MPD Firearms Unit	40

• NJ LEARN	8
• CLEAR	4

In addition to the mandatory training courses that our officers are required to attend each year, the Manchester Township Police Department prides itself on going beyond the minimum standards to have the best officers serving our community.

In 2023, our officers attended approximately 60 additional trainings and courses, such as investigating drug impaired driving detection, Red Dot pistol instructor, Shoot house instructor, Methods of instructions, Ballistic Shield instructor, Team leader development, and learning the newest case laws to name a few.

PATROL DIVISION



75% of all sworn personnel are assigned to the Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the largest and most visible organizational unit within the Division and provides the bulk of policing services to the public. The Patrol Bureau provides a staff of highly trained and qualified officers that work 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year.

The primary mission of the Patrol Division is emergency response, crime prevention, preliminary investigations, proactive patrol and traffic enforcement.

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.



PATROL BY THE NUMBERS



DOMESTICS



CRASHES



TRAFFIC STOPS



WELL-BEING CHECKS



DISORDERLY/CIVIL MATTERS



ARRESTS/BOOKINGS



DUI ARRESTS



MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS



MISSING PERSONS



ALARM CALLS



PATROL BY THE NUMBERS

1000-1500 HOURS



**BUSIEST
FIVE HOUR
WINDOW**

**BUSIEST
DAY
OF THE
WEEK**

FRIDAY 4962	THURSD... 4721	WEDNE... 4667
TUESDAY 4346	SATURDAY 4244	
MONDAY 4331	SUNDAY 3816	



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.

2023 proved to be a busy year, as the Investigations Section investigated over 286 cases, conducted 50 background investigations, and issued 84 criminal charges, juvenile charges, and stationhouse adjustments. 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.

Other responsibilities of the Investigations Section include the management of evidence, Project Medicine Drop, Liquor License Investigations, Gang Intelligence, Arson Investigations, Asset Forfeiture and Seizures, Senior Affairs, Humane Law Enforcement Officer Investigations, Operation Insight, and social media. Our School Resource Officer and SLEO III Officers, who are assigned to the schools throughout the Township, also fall under the purview of the Detective Section. Additionally, the Investigations Section is tasked with coordinating the registration and management of 95 Megan's Law Offenders.



NEW PROJECTS

Spillman System

In June, Chief Dolan tasked Detective Conklin and Lt. Hemhauser with facilitating the purchase and implementation of the agency's new Spillman system. As the assistant project manager, Detective Conklin has been responsible for coordinating regular meetings with various personnel from Motorola Solutions to plan and organize the specific system configurations that will be applied. In addition to working directly with Motorola Solutions, the project also requires regular communication with Solutions II, the system's GIS mapping and managed support services company, and multiple representatives at the State and County level who are responsible for linking our new system to the State and County databases. Once the new Spillman system is operational, Detective Conklin will be tasked with serving as the agency's System Application Administrator (SAA).



Backtrace Software

Backtrace is a unique service feature paired with GTBM's Info-Cop® software. This investigative tool provides all New Jersey Law Enforcement Agencies with the ability to search for persons who have been arrested and their interactions with Law Enforcement.



ProPhoenix

ProPhoenix allows agencies to quickly deploy integrated solutions using web services and Microsoft's premier server infrastructure which enables rapid deployment and simplified management. ProPhoenix public safety software is an on-premises and cloud based fully integrated system including CAD, Mobile, Law RMS, Fire RMS, Corrections Management, EMS, Internal Affairs, and Citizen Services.



NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TEAM

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 2023, there were 63 overdoses, 14 of them being fatal. The Narcotics Enforcement Team seized 501 bags of heroin, 28 grams of cocaine, 17 grams of methamphetamine, 1,575 Pounds of marijuana, 3 recovered firearms, and \$620,353 in US currency.

During 2023, NET Detectives responded to the scene of a fatal heroin overdose within the Township. During their investigation, the NET was able to identify and locate the suspected heroin dealers; one from Toms River, NJ and the other from Paterson, NJ. During the investigation, NET Detectives recovered evidence linking the suspects to the cause of the victims' death. Both suspects were charged with various drug distribution charges.

During 2023, NET Detectives were also able to successfully conduct an investigation into the illegal distribution of marijuana. As a result of the investigation, NET Detectives executed six search warrants and charged five subjects with marijuana distribution. Additionally, the NET seized over 1,500 pounds of various marijuana products and approximately \$613,654; the largest money seizure in the NET's history as well as one of the top three seizures in the county.



K-9 UNIT



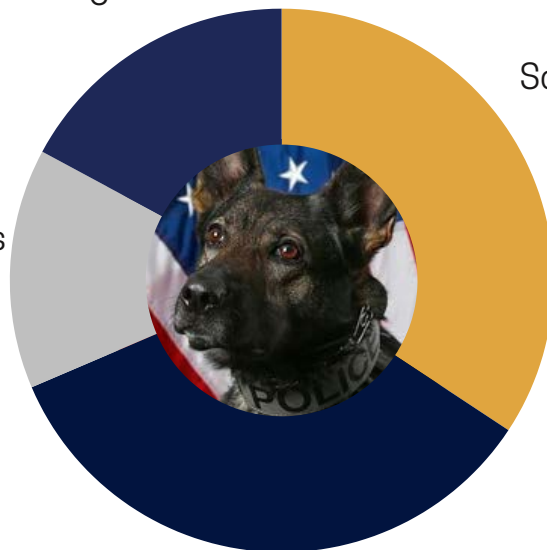
The K-9 Unit is comprised of two Patrol Officers and their K-9 partners. In 2023, Ptl. Marc Miccuilla and his K-9 partner, Roc, for successfully obtaining their Canine Patrol Team certification and graduating from Patrol Class #2 hosted by the Ocean County Sheriff's Office!

K-9 STATISTICS

Demonstrations
6

Scent Tracks
12

Patrol Protections
5



Narc Investigations
12



COMMUNICATIONS SECTION



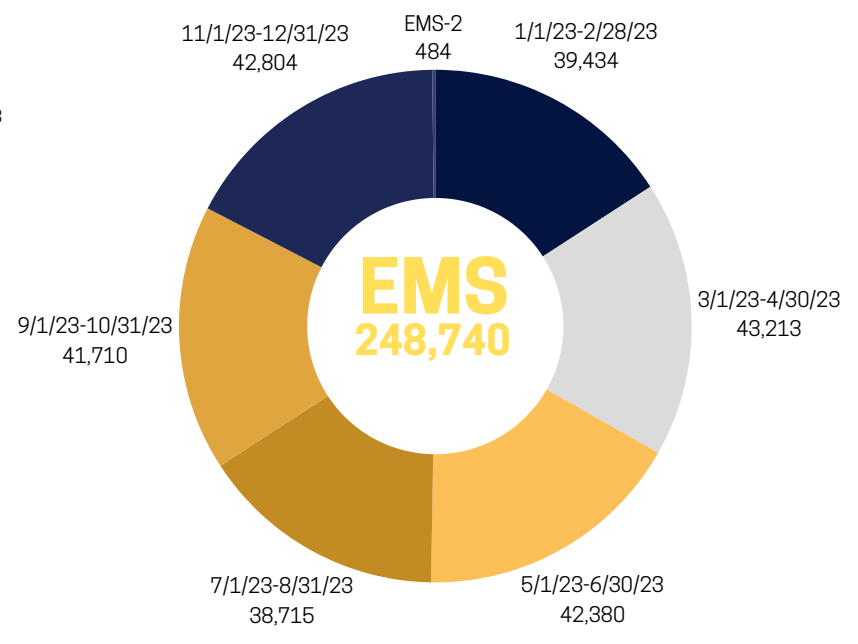
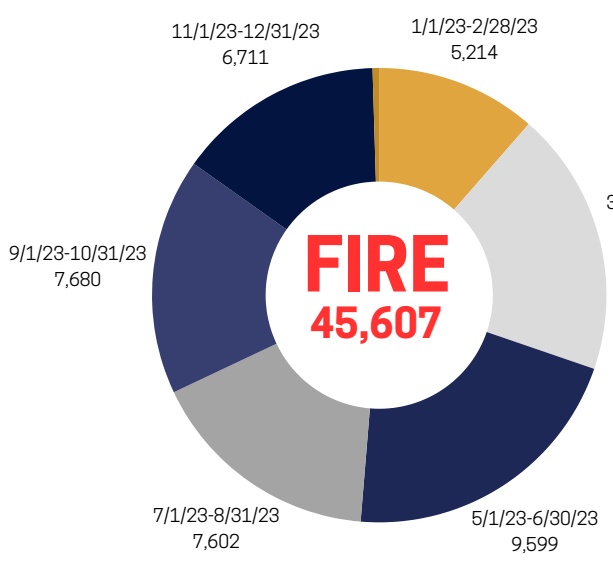
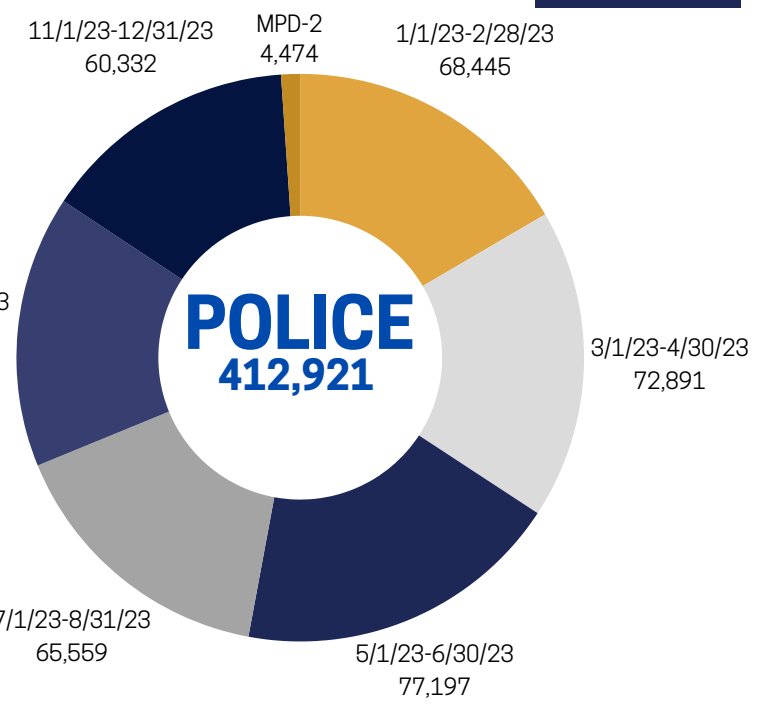
The Communications Section consists of 12 full-time Public Safety Telecommunicators, 4 Per-Diem Public Safety Telecommunicators, 2 Senior Public Safety Telecommunicator and 1 Communications Supervisor. The Communications Center is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. All Public Safety Telecommunicators are certified by the State of New Jersey and hold, at a minimum, a New Jersey recognized Basic Telecommunicator Certification. Communications section personnel are responsible for answering incoming administrative and emergency calls, and they are expected to solicit necessary information from callers in order to appropriately handle and direct these calls. In addition to answering calls, other responsibilities include, but are not limited to; dispatching field officers, obtaining and providing pertinent information to field officers, monitoring radio communications of law enforcement and other emergency responders, monitoring officer status, documenting information into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, accessing information from the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) as well as a multitude of other law enforcement databases.

In 2020, the Communications Section began dispatching services for the Manchester Division of Emergency Services and Manchester Volunteer Fire Companies. In 2021, the Communications Section began dispatching Manchester Township's Career and Volunteer Fire Departments.

The role of the public safety telecommunicator is that they are the lifeline between the public and emergency services.

In 2022, the State of New Jersey recognized communications personnel as 9-1-1 first responders. Our Public Safety Telecommunicators collection of critical information and disbursement and split-second actions form the foundation for effective emergency response.

RADIO TRANSMISSIONS



TOTAL
707,268



TRAFFIC SAFETY



During the year of 2023, the Manchester Township Police Traffic Safety Section consisted of two full time officers. The Officer is assigned under the Administrative Services Bureau of the Division. The officers work Monday-Friday 7am-5pm.

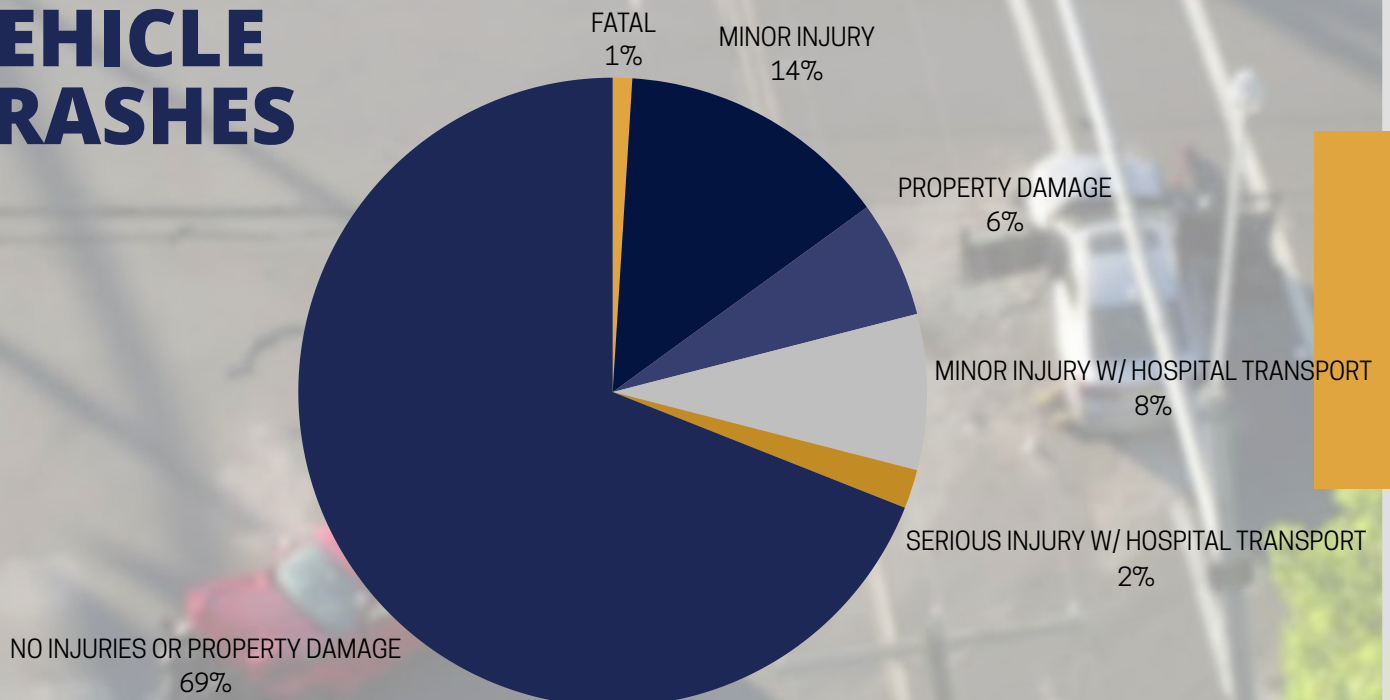
Additionally there are (6) six part-time officers with specialized training who are assigned to full-time patrol squads, who assist in the traffic call-out rotation.

CRASH INVESTIGATION RESPONSE

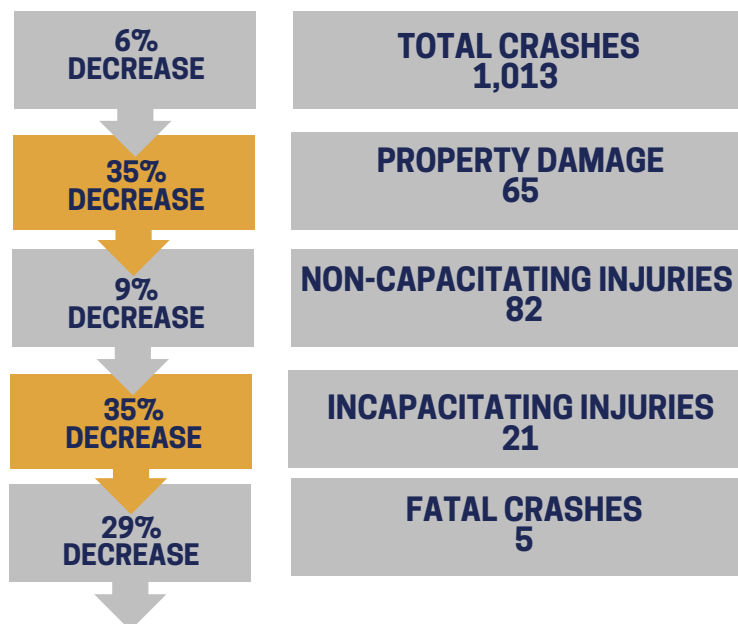
The Traffic Safety Section has a 24/7 call-out rotation to allow for a Traffic Safety Officer to be able to rapidly respond to a serious motor vehicle collision at any date or time. When a serious motor vehicle crash occurs, a Traffic Safety Officer will be called out to investigate the events and causation 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.

TRAFFIC SAFETY BY THE NUMBERS

MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES



COMPARED TO 2022



COMMUNITY RELATIONS

National Night Out



National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. In 2023, 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. 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.

Coffee with a Cop

In 2023, officers of the Manchester Township Police Department were fortunate to hold numerous Coffee with a Cop events throughout the township. 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 food establishments hosting the police department on both the east and west ends of the township to accommodate the entire township. Coffee with a Cop allowed the community to speak with members of the Patrol Division, Traffic Safety Division, and the Investigations Section to discuss various topics concerning the community. 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.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Penguin Plunge

Members of the Manchester Township PBA Local 246, along with dozens of other community leaders and members, took the plunge into Harry Wright Lake at the 10th Annual Penguin Plunge, sponsored by the Manchester Township Alliance to help raise money for the Manchester Township Regional Day School! In total, the Manchester Township PBA Local 246 raised \$2,500.00!



Visit from Alex!



Alex Mann a 23 year-old with autism from Chester County, PA, has a goal to visit as many police departments as he can. Alex is raising awareness on Autism and showing his support to law enforcement officers.

In June, we were honored to be the 365th police agency he has visited in the last four years, which includes five different states! In addition to getting an exclusive tour of the police department and meeting many of our officers.

Trick or Treat

On Halloween, our officers had a 'spook-tacular' time as they patrolled the neighborhoods of Manchester, delighting trick-or-treaters with sweet treats and Halloween spirit!



NO SHAVE NOVEMBER



The Third Annual No Shave November for the Manchester Township Police Department was a complete success in 2023!

We are proud to announce that the Manchester Township Police Foundation and the Manchester Township PBA #246 raised a total of \$8,500.00 for the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City.

Chief Robert Dolan, Captain Vincent Manco, Lt. Chris Cerullo, Sgt. Joe Fastige, and Ptl. Anthony Iliadis presented Associate Director Colleen Hanley of the MSK Cancer Center the money raised from this year's No Shave November!



PLAY BALL!



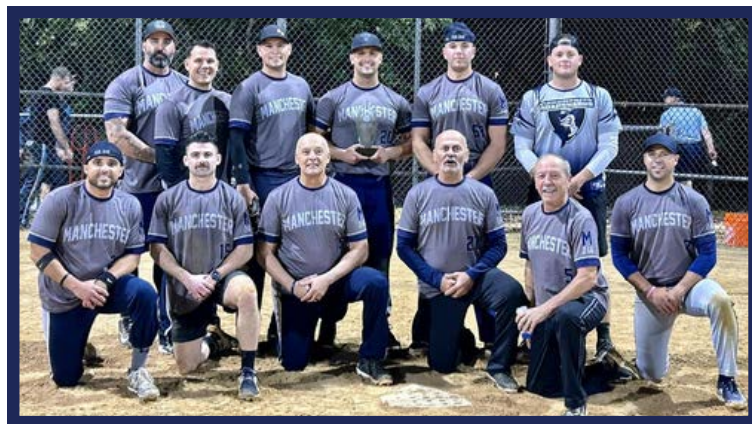
In April, our officers were pleased to join with Mayor Rob Arace, Council President Roxanne Conniff, Councilwoman Michele Zolezi, Councilman Joseph Hankins, and Councilman Craig Wallis this past Saturday to celebrate the opening of the league's 60th season.



TEAM WORK

Champs!

Congratulations to the members of the Manchester Township PBA 246 Softball Team on their outstanding victory in the Jersey Shore Police Softball League Ocean County Vs. Monmouth County Championship Game!



Touchdown!

In March, members of the Manchester Township PBA Local #246 participated in the Special Olympics New Jersey 2023 Snowbowl! To participate and play in the Snowbowl at Metlife Stadium, members of the Manchester Township PBA Local #246 raised money for Special Olympics New Jersey.



Run, Run, Run!

In April, members of the Manchester PBA 246 Running Teams volunteered their time and competed in the Jersey Shore Relay Marathon at the 2023 Run-A-Palooza! In the Police Category, they placed FIRST and SECOND! Overall, the Manchester PBA 246 Running Teams came out Third and Fourteenth!



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 in-volving Division vehicles.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS SUMMARY

In 2023, eight (8) 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 four (4) allegations/ complaints reported by citizens were as follows:

- **Violation of Department Rules, Regulations and Policies**

The four (4) complaints internally generated were as follows:

- **Violation of Department Rules and Regulations and Policies**

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) internally complaint involving harassment in the workplace 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) internally generated complaint involving failure to perform duties diligently and one (1) internally generated complaint involving conduct towards officers was closed with a disposition of sustained meaning the preponderance of the evidence shows that an employee violated division rules, regulations, protocols, standard operating procedures, directives of training and one (1) internally generated complaint where the investigation is still pending.

With regard allegations made by citizens, the outcome of each investigation was documented as follows: one (1) allegation involving failure to aid a citizen and one (1) allegation of failure to perform duties were both closed with a disposition of exonerated, meaning that the alleged incident did occur, but actions of the officer were justified, legal and proper, two (2) allegations where the investigations are still pending.

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 2023, Officers of the Manchester Township Police Department received (65) compliments and notices of positive performance in 2023 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. Mawoo



J. Komos



C. Nemhauser



A. Vega



A. Ellis



C. Brodie



T. Cooke



S. Wazas



R. Sharry



P. Morgan



P. Sachovchik



D. Pusaro



C. Getarak



C. Cerullo



I. Sole



C. Nizarlo



D. Barker



J. Ralby



C. Walszak



S. Collins



J. Decker



V. DeRama



A. Cronk



R. Conklin



G. Smith



S. Henkine



R. Jupinka



M. Terranova



R. Saul



A. Emmons



R. Meccaquano



M. Wlochula



A. Gular



P. Cervanek



S. Volk



A. Zlatko



J. Waner



J. Paetigo



J. Hoyde



N. Anderson



S. Wandruff



K. Crag



M. Guarino



M. O'Hara



K. Rikvalesky



M. Walszak



M. Starlas



T. Chant



N. Greenwood



C. Yatsuro



K. Douglas



G. Ralby



V. Guarino



J. Tasa



J. Weed



J. Tarsbokija



R. Campolal



K. Rambach



J. Diaz



K. Galney



J.T. Heaney



Lyric



J. Heaney



S. Bruch



S. Byrd



M. Gardner



L. Jorge



C. Hallif



S. Rambach



J. Stapleton



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T. Schendall



M. Sullivan



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