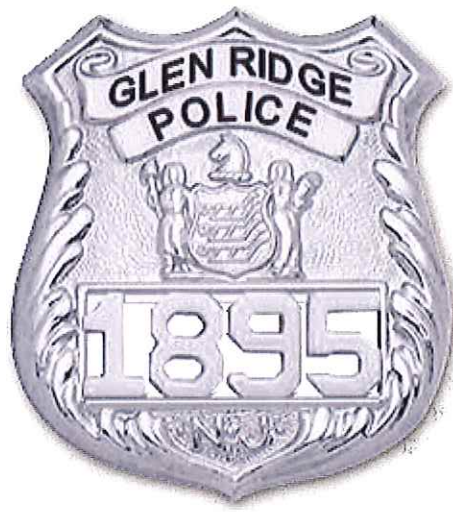


GLEN RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT



2019
BI-ANNUAL REPORT



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July 9th, 2019

Honorable Paul Lisovicz
Chairperson, Public Safety Committee
Glen Ridge, New Jersey

Dear Commissioner Lisovicz:

I hereby submit the semi-annual report for the Department of Public Safety from January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019.

On June 30, 2019 the Public Safety Department consisted of the following employees:

1	Chief of Police
1	Captain
1	Lieutenant
6	Sergeants
2	Detective
13	Police Officers
4	Community Service Officers
1	Records Clerk
1	Mechanic

The following part time employees were under the supervision of the Public Safety Department:

20	School Crossing Guards
1	Part Time Administrative Assistant
90	Volunteer Ambulance Members
6	Domestic Violence Response Team Members
4	Per-diem Community Service Officers

Volunteer Ambulance Unit

The Volunteer Ambulance Unit responded to 525 calls for service during the first six months of 2019. Of these, 246 were for Glen Ridge emergencies and 279 were mutual aid requests to Montclair, Verona, Belleville and Bloomfield. This is a decrease of 71 calls for service from 2018, a 12% decrease between 2018 and 2019. There were 114 ambulatory patient transports for the first half of 2019.

Activity

During the first six months of 2019, the police department investigated 1 Sex Assault, 9 Assaults, 15 Burglaries, 4 Motor Vehicle Thefts and 40 Larcenies. Part 1 UCR reportable offenses have decreased 24 % as compared to the first six months of 2018.

Crime Prevention Biannual Report

The Crime Prevention Unit consist of Chief Sheila Byron-Lagattuta, D/Sgt. Daniel Manley, Sgt. Medico, Det. Rivera and Patrol Officer Chris Grogan. Detective's maintain full security responsibility to specific schools. This remains vitally important to the safety and security of our schools. The Crime Prevention Unit along with the Glen Ridge Board of Education continue to work to improve security & safety measures for all of the schools. The Glen Ridge Police Department coordinates training drills between all schools and the Police Department throughout the school year.

The Crime Prevention Unit continues to increase awareness of the services offered to our residents. These services include, but are not limited to, Home Security Surveys, Bicycle Registration's, Internet Safety presentations, Bicycle Safety talks, Security Camera Registrations, Identity protection and other services.

The Glen Ridge Police Crime Prevention Unit and the Municipal Alliance Committee will sponsor "National Night Out" which will be held on Tuesday, August 6th, 2019 from 5:00 PM -7:00PM at the Glen Ridge Community Pool. All residents are encouraged to stop by and meet the officers.

Traffic Unit Bi-Annual Report

Traffic studies play a vital role in providing accurate data that is essential in the matters of enforcement. There have been a total of 113 motor vehicle crashes between January 1, 2019 and June 30, 2019, of which 20 resulted in injuries, 15 involved vehicles leaving the scene (hit and run), 1 involved a bicyclist struck and 4 crashes involved a pedestrian struck. This represents a 6% decrease from the first six months of 2018.

During the first six months of 2019, the Department issued a total of 1,877 motor vehicle summonses, a 9% increase from 2018. Of these, 737 have been issued for motor vehicle violations, 1102 have been issued for parking violations and 38 for Borough Ordinance

violations. The department currently uses three approved tow companies, which have resulted in 49 tows for the first half of the year.

Our Traffic Data Collection is an on-going process that provides the Patrol Division and Public Safety Committee the information needed to make proper decisions based upon fact. Once the data is collected, analyzed, and reviewed the Patrol Division conducts traffic enforcement and radar enforcement details in the area to alleviate any of the traffic concerns. The Department has also utilized an electronic LED Speed sign to combat speeding violations. The speed sign has been a great success and the department continues to receive requests to have the sign deployed to specific streets. There have been eleven (11) area specific traffic details resulting in 321 individual traffic details, 458 stops and 189 summonses. These details are assigned as a result of national initiatives, state initiatives, and traffic complaints received from the public. An example of the initiatives the Department has participated in are *Be Street Smart*, *Click it or Ticket*, *Driver Sober or Get Pulled Over*, & *U Text, U Drive, U Pay*.

Domestic Violence Unit Report

The Domestic Violence Unit consists of Chief Sheila Byron-Lagattuta, Sergeant Dean Gnardellis, and Police Officer Nicholas Salerno. A member of this unit, along with the Detective Bureau, is responsible for reviewing all domestic violence and family trouble cases by following up with the victims and families as well as maintaining an on call status. This service provided by the Domestic Violence Unit is utilized 365 days a year 7 days a week.

Our police department has fielded six (6) domestic violence calls for service yielding one (1) arrest. These calls have included criminal complaints such as Simple Assault, Harassment and Criminal Mischief. Our department has fielded twelve (12) family trouble calls.

The Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) consists of 6 trained volunteers who help victims cope with the incidents that have occurred both at the time of the call and in the past. These volunteers are trained to offer information about shelters, free legal services, counseling programs, preparation of escape plans, and emergency relief to assist victims with certain needs during a domestic violence incident.

LEAD Officers Unit Bi-Annual Report

The LEAD Unit is made up of Captain Sean Quinn (Coordinator), Sergeant Dean Gnardellis, Sgt. Michael Medico, Police Officer Charles Roberts & Det. Anthony Rivera. The LEAD Officers completed the 10 session course curriculum with the 6th grade and conducted a LEAD Graduation on June 17th, 2019. As part of the graduation, all 150 students participated in a ceremony and event. The event consisted of six different stations where students were able to interact with Officers while utilizing drunk driving impairment goggles to experience the visual effects of impairment. At each station students wore the goggles and were required to complete a task, these task included tossing a bean bag,

setting up a pyramid without knocking any blocks down, soft toss between two students, riding a scooter through an obstacle course, shooting a foul shot on the basketball court, and participating in standardized field sobriety testing. This event was a great success and clearly demonstrated the effects of drugs and alcohol to the graduating class.

Noise Officer Bi-Annual Report

During the first half of 2019, the Patrol Division received 41 noise complaints. There have been no noise investigations conducted by Officer Christopher Grogan to date this year.

Bi-Annual Revenue Report

For the first six months of 2019, the Records Bureau has received \$770.63 in revenue collected for discovery and OPRA requests. The Record Bureau has also collected \$70.00 for letters of good conduct. There was a Hardship Parking fee collected for \$150.00, \$75.00 in revenue was collected for dumpster permit applications and \$150.00 for landscaper registrations. There have been seven alarm fines collected for a violation of the Boroughs false alarm ordinance in the amount of \$550.00. This is a grand total of \$1,865.63 in revenue collected through the Glen Ridge Police Department Records Bureau.

The Detective Bureau has received \$52.00 in revenue for firearms related fees.

The total revenue received by the Glen Ridge Police Department during the first six months of 2019 was \$1,917.63

Respectfully,



Sheila Byron-Lagattuta
Chief of Police

Glen Ridge Police Department Community Policing



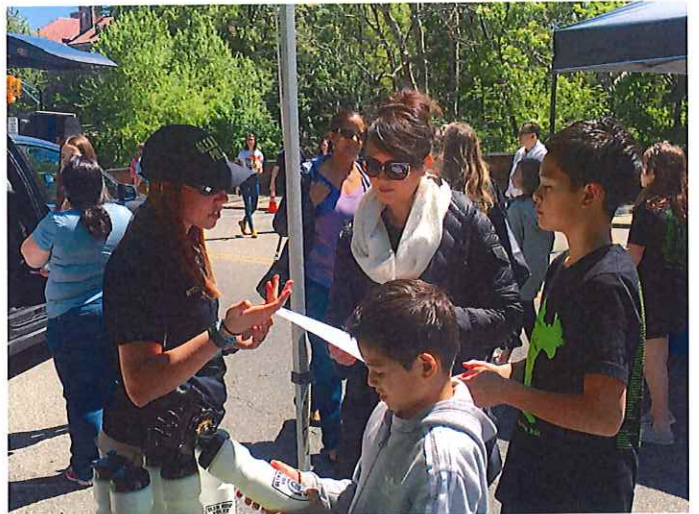
The Administrative staff of the Glen Ridge Police



2019 Special Olympics Torch Run



The Glen Ridge Detective Bureau and Community Policing Staff participated in this years Arts Festival.





Officer Joseph Anello graduated the Morris County Police Academy after completing the New Jersey Police Training Academy curriculum.



This year's 2019 Police Expo was hosted at the Livingston Mall. Officer Christopher Grogan was recognized by the Essex County Crime Prevention Association as a Crime prevention Officer of the Year.

