

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Glen Ridge Police Department

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

I am truly honored and humbled to have been chosen to represent the fine men and women of the Glen Ridge Police Department and I feel privileged to be given the responsibility of this position.

This year was a challenging year, not just for law enforcement but for all aspects of society. As a law enforcement agency, the members of the Glen Ridge Police Department continued to provide exceptional



policing services while a global pandemic continued into its second year. Under the vision of the Honorable Mayor Stuart Patrick, Police Commissioner Paul Lisovicz, members of the Borough Council, and Borough Administrator Michael Zichelli, the Glen Ridge Police Department became an accredited agency with the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. As an accredited police agency, our organizational climate is centered on reputation, competence, reliability, transparency, and community trust. All members of the department are committed to provide public service excellence through integrity, compassion and an efficient use of resources. As Chief of Police, I am extremely proud of the sworn and civilian members of this department. They are committed to this police department and to their community. Our success is built on the relationship we've forged with our community members, and I greatly appreciate the support that the community has given to us. Our commitment to our community and our desire to succeed has never been stronger.

Finally, this year all members of this department actively participated in the creation of core values for the police department. We will continue to serve the Borough of Glen Ridge with those core values of integrity, respect, and professionalism guiding us along the way.

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Mission Statement and Core Values

Core Values

Integrity ◊ Professionalism ◊ Respect

The core values of our organization are the fundamental beliefs that dictate and direct the members of our department, helping our members to further the mission of our department. Our members chose the values they deemed to be the most important core principles in policing.

Mission Statement

The members of the Glen Ridge Police Department are committed and prepared to provide quality service to our community. Our goal is to enhance the quality of life, safety and security for all citizens. Every member of our department is devoted to maintain Integrity, Professionalism and Respect towards those we serve.

New Vehicle Design

The Glen Ridge Police Department updated its vehicle graphics for the first time in 12 years. The new graphics were designed by Sergeant Michael Medico to represent the Borough of Glen Ridge.







ORGANIZATION & STAFF

Chief of Police

Sean Quinn

Lieutenants

Timothy Faranda & Dean Gnardellis

Sergeants

Anthony Mazza, Daniel Manley, Matthew Koc, Ryan Schwartz, Michael Medico, Patricia Romaine

Police Officers & Detectives

Joseph Uliano, Giuseppe Oliva, Christopher Grogan, Anthony Rivera, Matthew Perigo, Fuquannah Holley, Anthony Re, Carl Abrahamsen, Paul Cicchetti, Joseph Anello, Kristofer Lucas, Andrew Waring, Kendall Caruso, Manuel Addu

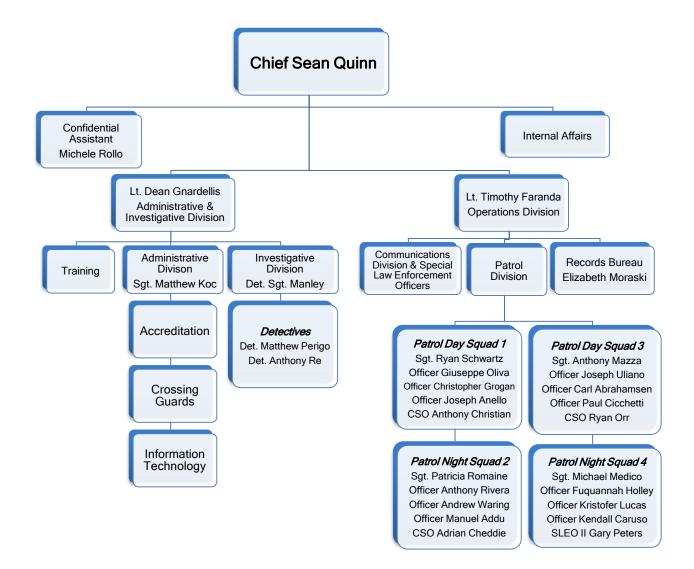
Special Law Enforcement Officer II

Gary Peters

Dispatchers Adrian Cheddie, Ryan Orr & Anthony Christian

Support Staff

Records Clerk Elizabeth Moraski & Administrative Assistant Michele Rollo





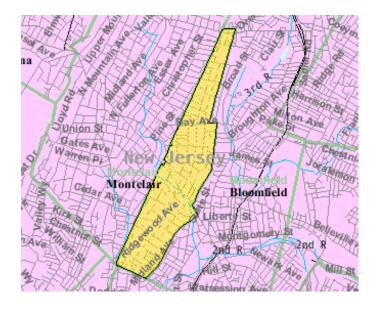
| Sgt. Michael Medico Serving Since 2008 | H Marine | Sgt. Patricia Romaine Serving Since 2010 | Po. ROMAINE |
|---|----------|--|-------------|
| Officer Joseph Uliano Serving Since 2002 | | Officer Giuseppe Oliva Serving Since 2004 | |
| Officer Chris Grogan Serving Since 2005 | | Officer Anthony Rivera Serving Since 2007 | |
| Det. Matthew Perigo Serving Since 2013 | | Ofc Fuquannah Holley Serving Since 2007 | |

| Det. Anthony Re Serving Since 2015 | Ofc Carl Abrahamsen Serving Since 2014 | |
|---|---|--|
| Officer Paul Cicchetti Serving Since 2018 | Officer Joseph Anello Serving Since 2017 | |
| Ofc. Kristofer Lucas Serving Since 2019 <i>4 years United States</i> <i>Marine Corps</i> | Officer Andrew Waring Serving Since 2019 | |
| Ofc. Kendall Caruso Serving Since 2020 | Officer Manny Addu Serving Since 2019 | |



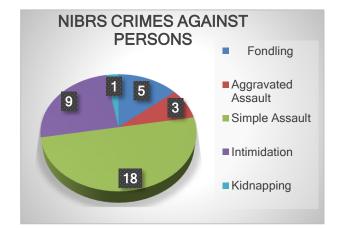
BOROUGH & POLICE DEPARTMENT DEMOGRAPHICS

| Police Department Personnel | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----|--|--|--|
| Chief | 1 | | | |
| Lieutenants | 2 | | | |
| Sergeants | 6 | | | |
| Detectives | 2 | | | |
| Police Officers | 12 | | | |
| SLEO II/Dispatcher | 1 | | | |
| Dispatchers | 3 | | | |
| Civilian Staff | 2 | | | |
| Crossing Guards | 14 | | | |
| Total | 43 | | | |



| | Glen Ridge Population | | Current S GRPD Of | - | Current Sworn GRPD Female Officers | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|--------|--|--|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % | | |
| Caucasian | 6,489 | 86.20% | 19 | 79.20% | 2 | 8.30% | | |
| African- American | 379 | 5.00% | 2 | 8.30% | 1 | 4.10% | | |
| Hispanic ¹ | 377 | 5.00% | 3 | 12.50% | 0 | 0% | | |
| (any race) | | | | | | | | |
| Other | 659 | 8.80% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | | |
| Total | 7,527 | 100% | 24 | 100% | 3 | 12.40% | | |

CRIME STATISTICS



The following NIBRS offenses were not reported in 2021:

Murder Justifiable Homicide Sodomy Incest Statutory Human Trafficking Bribery Pornography Offense Weapons Law Violations Manslaughter Rape Sexual Assault with an object Rape Involuntary Servitude Gambling Offenses Prostitution Animal Cruelty





| NIBRS Crime | Total Reported | Total Cleared | Percentage Cleared | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| Fondling | 5 | 2 | 40.00% | | | |
| Aggravated Assault | 3 | 1 | 33.33% | | | |
| Simple Assault | 18 | 11 | 61.11% | | | |
| Intimidation | 9 | 3 | 33.33% | | | |
| Kidnapping/Abduction | 1 | 1 | 100.00% | | | |
| Crimes Against Persons Total | 36 | 18 | 50.00% | | | |
| Robbery | 1 | 1 | 100.00% | | | |
| Burglary/Breaking & Entering | 8 | 8 2 | | | | |
| Larceny/Theft Offenses | 72 | 15 | 20.83% | | | |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 8 | 1 | 12.50% | | | |
| Destruction Of Property | 24 | 6 | 25.00% | | | |
| Counterfeiting/Forgery | 5 | 1 | 20.00% | | | |
| Fraud Offense | 45 | 0 | 0.00% | | | |
| Embezzlement | 1 | 0 | 0.00% | | | |
| Extortion/Blackmail | 3 | 0 | 0.00% | | | |
| Stolen Property Offenses | 2 | 2 2 | | | | |
| Crimes Against Property Total | 170 | 28 | 16.47% | | | |
| Drug/Narcotic Violations | 1 | 1 1 | | | | |
| Drug Equipment Violations | 2 | 2 2 | | | | |
| Crimes Against Society Total | 3 | 3 | 100% | | | |
| Total Group "A" Offenses | 209 | 48 | 22.97% | | | |

* See page 23 for a description of NIBRS Crime reporting

TRAFFIC DATA

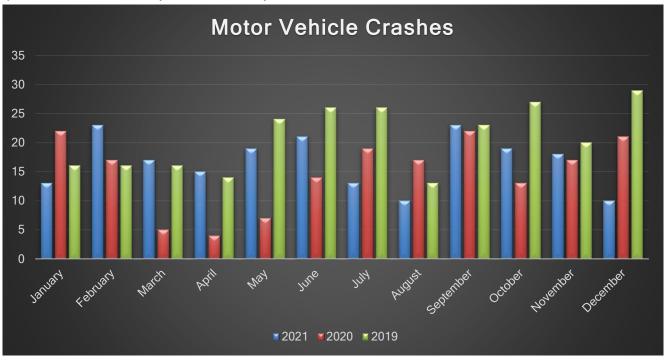
Violations & Motor Vehicle Stops

The Glen Ridge Police Department issued 1,246 traffic summonses in 2021. A total of 376 summonses were issued for moving violations, 866 were for parking violations and 25 Borough Ordinances were issued. There were a total of 996 motor vehicle stops, 664 specific traffic details, and 89 vehicles were impounded. The department also completed two traffic surveys and received 15 traffic complaints.



Traffic Accidents

The department responded to 201 traffic accidents, of which 35 had injuries. There were 2 pedestrians and 3 bicyclists struck by motor vehicles.

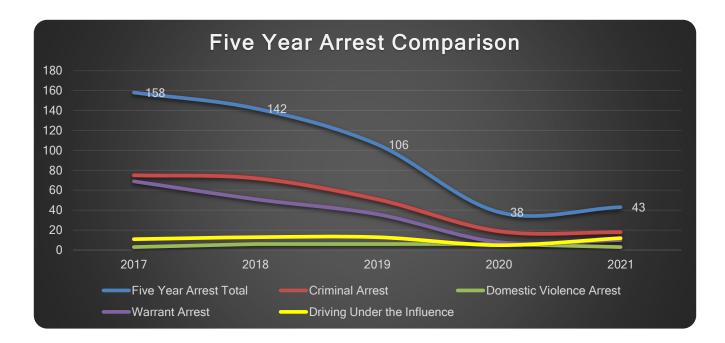


ARREST DATA

In 2021, the Glen Ridge Police Department made 43 arrests. Those arrested were processed at the Glen Ridge Police Department and either released or transported to the Essex County Correctional Facility.



The Glen Ridge Police Department filed 25 criminal complaints.

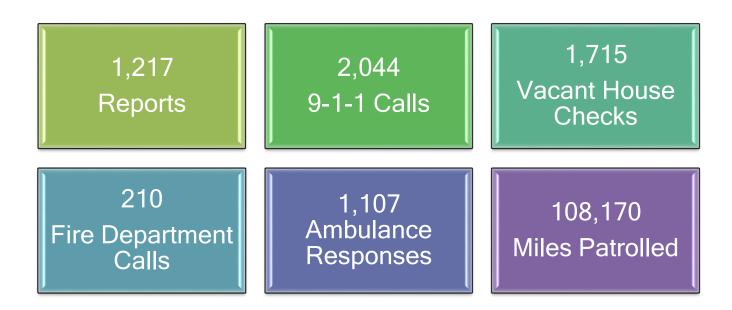


CALLS FOR SERVICE

During 2021, The Officers of the Glen Ridge Police Department document 33,904 incident call types where an Officer was out of service. A sampling of those calls are as follows:

| Aid / Assist | 883 | Lockout House / MV | 37 |
|--------------------|------|-----------------------|------|
| Alarm Calls | 383 | Missing Persons | 10 |
| Animal Complaints | 114 | MV Crash | 201 |
| Ambulance Calls | 395 | Noise Complaints | 77 |
| Back Up Officer | 4475 | Open Doors | 161 |
| Building Check | 3982 | Parking Enforcements | 1825 |
| Community Outreach | 1364 | Property Calls | 146 |
| Crossing Detail | 498 | Suspicious Conditions | 354 |
| Field Checks | 3771 | Traffic Related | 1719 |
| Fire Dispatch | 210 | Welfare Check | 61 |

Departmental Statistics



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Internal Affairs Report & Major Discipline

The Internal Affairs Division is made up of Lieutenant Faranda, Lieutenant Gnardellis and Detective Sergeant Manley. The unit processed four complaints in 2021. The unit also processed two random drug tests of sworn officers in accordance with the New Jersey Attorney General Guidelines and monitors the Early Warning System for officer conduct.

| | | | | Source of Complaint | | | Criminal Outcome | | | Internal Disciplinary Outcome | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------------|----------|-------|------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------------|------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| | Pending from Prior Years | New cases | Cases Closed | Agency | Civilian | Anon. | Conviction | Diversion | Acquittal | Dismissal | Exonerated | Not Sustained | Unfounded | Administratively Closed | Sustained | Pending End of Year |
| Excessive Force | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Improper Arrest | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Improper Entry | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Improper Search | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Criminal Violation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Differential Treatment | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Demeanor | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Domestic Violence | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Rule Violation | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Cases Opened 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Total Cases Closed | | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Cases Per | | | | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Criminal C | Cases | | | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Use of Force

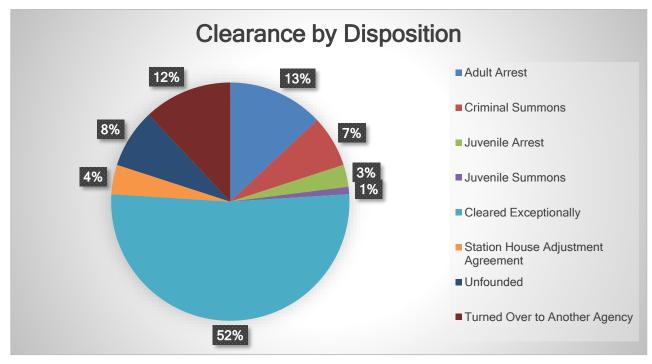
In 2021, twelve use of force reports were completed by officers during six incidents. Two incidents resulted in three officers injured. Four of the six took place at Mountainside Hospital and one resulted in criminal charges. A command level review was completed for each use of force incident. There was no indication that force was administered inappropriately.

Motor Vehicle Pursuits

The Glen Ridge Police Department engaged in one motor vehicle pursuit, which was for a suspect wanted for a burglary which had just occurred. The pursuit was terminated by the Officer.

DETECTIVE BUREAU

During 2021, the Detective Bureau investigated 331 incidents and consisted of one supervisor and two detectives. A total of 181 cases were cleared resulting in a clearance rate of 54%. This clearance rate is a 6% increase from the 2020.



In 2021, the Detective Bureau continued to increase the clearance rate for crimes investigated. Over the past 5 years, the clearance rate has increased by 10 percent.



Firearms Licensing Report

In 2021, the Detective Bureau received 63 applications for firearms identification cards and handgun purchaser permits. Among the applicants, 52 were approved, 1 was denied, 8 voluntarily withdrew from the process, and 2 are currently pending. Additionally, 45 handgun purchaser permits issued by the department were executed through federal firearms dealers in 2021.

Reassignment of Personnel

At the conclusion of 2021, Detective Anthony Rivera completed his tenure with the detective bureau. Effective January 1, 2022, Detective Rivera returned to the patrol division as a field training officer with Officer-in-Charge distinction. Detective Rivera served the detective bureau with honor and integrity since December 2016. He was instrumental in the department's overhaul of its evidence function, the implementation of stationhouse adjustment agreements, and a staple at all of the department's community policing functions.

In 2022, Anthony Re was reassigned from the patrol division to the Detective Bureau to fill the vacancy left by Detective Rivera.

Project Medicine Drop

The department's prescription drug abuse prevention program, Project Medicine Drop, continued to grow in popularity in 2021. This proactive crime prevention program provides residents an opportunity to properly discard expired, unused, or unwanted prescription medications. The department collected 204 pounds of expired, unused, and unwanted prescription medications, a 50-pound increase from 2020. Since launching the program in 2017, the department has collected 1,150 pounds of medication.

School Engagement

In addition to investigative responsibilities, the detective bureau served as the liaison to the school district. Detective Matthew Perigo was assigned as the primary school liaison to the Linden Avenue School and Glen Ridge High School. Detective Anthony Rivera was the liaison to the Forest Avenue School, Central Avenue School, and Ridgewood Avenue School. During the academic year, detectives conducted a variety of security drills and community policing programs at their respective schools.

NOTABLE CASES & EVENTS

Aid Other Authority – Homicide

On February 8, 2021, Detective Perigo was assigned a welfare check at a residence in East Orange. While responding to the residence and upon entering East Orange, he observed a physical assault in progress. As he began to provide commands and request back up units, the suspect pulled a knife and began to stab the victim. Detective Perigo was able to take the suspect into custody with verbal commands and constructive authority. Officers rendered aid to the victim who later passed away at the hospital. Two additional victims were injured in the altercation. The suspect was later charged with homicide by the Essex County Prosecutor's Office.

CPR

On May 18, 2021, Sergeant Koc, Officer Oliva and SLEO II Peters responded to a local office for a person who was not breathing in a bathroom. Officers began CPR and were able to use an AED on the patient. They were able to regain a pulse shortly thereafter and the patient was transported to the hospital.

Burglary

On May 22, 2021, a resident observed a person break into their detached garage. After investigation, Detective Perigo was able to identify the suspect through surveillance footage. The suspect was charged with burglary.

Robbery, Theft, Domestic Violence

On June 28, 2021, Officers responded to a disturbance on Yantecaw Avenue for a disturbance. It was determined that a boyfriend and girlfriend had a physical altercation. The victim was assaulted and her cell phone was stolen. The suspect was later arrested and charged with robbery.

Hurricane Ida

On September 1, 2021, Hurricane Ida arrived and the borough experienced extreme flooding. During the storm, twelve inches of rain were recorded, which caused flooding in borough streets, making the roadways impassable. Many vehicles became disabled, trapping motorists. Officers worked tirelessly for hours through torrential downpours and flooding conditions to remove residents and motorists from flooded vehicles and houses.

Aggravated Assault with a Weapon

On October 31, 2021, a resident was out walking his dog when a vehicle approached him. The rear window was rolled down and the resident was shot several times with a paintball gun. It was later determined that Caldwell, Verona, and Bloomfield had similar incidents. Detective Rivera worked in conjunction with those agencies and was able to identify the actor. He was charged with aggravated assault and possession of a weapon.

Burglary to Auto

On November 27, 2021, Officer Lucas observed several interior lights on inside of parked vehicles on Clinton Road. He determined that the vehicles were entered and rifled through. At the same time Sergeant Medico and Officer Caruso responded to Laurel Avenue for a disturbance where an unknown party knocked on the door of a residence requesting directions to Newark. Through investigation, the party was identified as having been inside the burglarized vehicles as his personal cell phone was left inside of one of the burglarized vehicles. He was arrested and charged with burglary to auto.

DWI Grant

The Glen Ridge Police Department received a traffic enforcement grant from NHTSA and the NJDOT for the 2021 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign in December of 2021. Officers conducted 77 hours of grant enforcement and, during the entire campaign period, conducted 262 traffic stops, issued 87 traffic summonses and arrested five drivers for driving under the influence and two for hindering their own apprehension.

Cold Cases

Burglary

On December 10, 2021, Detective Sergeant Manley received an AFIS fingerprint hit for a latent print which was taken at the scene of a burglary in April of 2017. The suspect, having been identified via the latent fingerprint, was charged with burglary.

PROMOTIONS AND HIRING

Chief Sean Quinn

Chief Sean Quinn was sworn in on May 10, 2021 as the 12th Chief of Police of the Borough of Glen Ridge. Chief Quinn began his career with the borough in 2007 and holds a Master of Science degree in Forensic Science from John Jay College of Criminal Justice.



Lieutenant Dean Gnardellis

Lieutenant Dean Gnardellis was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on August 23rd, 2021. Lieutenant Gnardellis began his career with in 2004 as a Community Service Officer.

Sergeant Patricia Romaine

Sergeant Patricia Romaine was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on August 23rd 2021. Sergeant Romaine was hired in 2013 and previously worked for the Rutgers Police Department.

Officer Manuel Addu

Officer Manuel Addu was hired on November 1st, 2021. Officer Addu previously served as a police officer with the Orange Police Department and as a Corrections Officer with the Essex County Department of Corrections.



ACCREDITATION

On October 28, 2021, the Glen Ridge Police Department completed the accreditation process with the New Jersey State Associations of the Chiefs of Police. The process for accreditation began in 2017 under the direction of then Captain Sean Quinn the department was required to revise and update all of its policies and procedures. Chief Quinn worked tirelessly to implement the new policies and procedures and to meet the standards and proofs required to achieve accreditation.



The NJACOP describes accreditation as:

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.

Becoming an accredited agency required our department to adopt standards that have a clear statement of professional objectives. As part of the process, the department reviewed all of its policies and procedures and made necessary revisions. Once these policies and procedures were finalized and implemented, a team of assessors from the Accreditation Commission were tasked with examining the department and evaluating proofs that our department was in fact following those policies and procedures. Accreditation is required to be maintained with continuous assessments to remain accredited every three years.

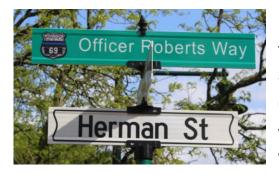
COMMUNITY EVENTS

Car Seat Installation Event – The Glen Ridge Police Department has two certified child safety seat installers. A community event was held this year where 13 installations were conducted. Officers also conducted numerous child safety seat installations outside of this event as this service is offered throughout the year



National Night Out – The National Night Out event was held at the Glen Ridge Community Pool. The event continues to be a huge success within the community. This year the Department of Homeland Security joined us to educate the community on their mission and equipment.





Officer Roberts Way Dedication – The borough and the police department ceremoniously renamed Herman Street "Officer Roberts Way." The street dedication unveiled a memorial street sign and residents were welcomed to take the first walk down Officer Roberts Way.

Operation Chill - This year, the department partnered with 7-11. Officers provided certificates for a free Slurpee to juveniles within the borough who were observed demonstrating good conduct.

Ashenfelter 8K – In 2021, the A8K race returned on Thanksgiving Day. The department provided security for more than 5,000 attendees who attended the event.



Special Olympics Torch Run – Members of the borough and the police department ran in the Essex leg of the Special Olympics Torch Run. The run was dedicated in honor of Officer Charles Roberts who was an avid participant in the event.





Santa Detail – Members of the police department, ambulance squad, public works, Montclair Fire Department and the borough escorted Santa through town in December. Members of the public were able to track Santa's progress through town via our social media page.

Narcan Donation – The Glen Ridge Pharmacy provided a generous donation of Naloxone nasal spray, commonly referred to as Narcan to our department. Since 2020, officers from our department have used Narcan on five different occasions with a 100% survival rate. This lifesaving medicine has become an indispensable tool and we are grateful for the partnership with the Glen Ridge Pharmacy.



TRAINING

Glen Ridge Officers receive training in various areas surrounding the law enforcement profession. Annually (or bi-annually for certain courses), officers are required to attend trainings which are mandated by the NJ Attorney General, some of these trainings include, CLEAR Training, firearms training, use of force training, pursuit training and domestic violence training.

The department has certified instructors in CPR/first aid, Narcan administration, firearms, domestic violence, pursuit, use of force and de-escalation (ICAT and ABLE).

Officers were certified this year in the following trainings:

| ALCOTest Operation | Incident Command System Level 400 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Autism Awareness | Internal Affairs Policies |
| Baton Training | L.E.A.D. Instructor |
| Bicycle Patrol | NIBRS Crime Reporting |
| Child Safety Seat Installation | Supervision |
| Firearms Applicants and Laws | Smith and Wesson Armorer's Course |
| ICAT and ABLE (de-escalation) | Standardized Field Sobriety Testing |

NIBRS Crime Reporting

In 2021, the Glen Ridge Police Department was certified for NIBRS (National Incident Based Reporting System) crime reporting by the State of New Jersey, who directly report these statistics to the FBI. The NIBRS program replaced the UCR (Uniform Crime Reporting) summary crime reporting program. The main difference between these programs is that NIBRS reporting is much more detailed and reports 52 classifications of crimes whereas the UCR program reported 8 classifications of crimes. Additionally, 48 states throughout the country report their crime statistics the same way using the NIBRS program. The NIBRS program classifications differ from the traditional reporting terms as it is a nationwide system designed to achieve uniformity.



