

# GLEN RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT



2018  
BI-ANNUAL REPORT

July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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, 2018 to June 30, 2018.

On June 30, 2018, the Public Safety Department consisted of the following employees:

1	Chief of Police
1	Captain
1	Lieutenant
6	Sergeants
2	Detectives
11	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:

22	School Crossing Guards
1	Part Time Administrative Assistant
90	Volunteer Ambulance Members
7	Domestic Violence Response Team Members
5	Per-diem Community Service Officers

### **Volunteer Ambulance Unit**

The Volunteer Ambulance Unit responded to 596 calls for service during the first six months of 2018. Of these, 284 were for Glen Ridge emergencies and 312 were mutual aid requests to Montclair, Verona and Bloomfield. This is an increase of 41 calls for service from 2017, a 4.2% increase between 2017 and 2018. There were 101 ambulatory patient transports for the first half of 2018.

### **Activity**

During the first six months of 2018, the police department investigated one (1) Robbery, 11 Assaults, 10 Burglaries, nine (9) Motor Vehicle Thefts and 60 Larcenies. Part 1 UCR reportable offenses have increased 3.5 % as compared to the first six months of 2017.

### **Crime Prevention Bi-Annual Report**

The Crime Prevention Unit consists of Chief Sheila Byron-Lagattuta, Detective Sergeant Daniel Manley, Sergeant Michael Medico, Detective Anthony Rivera and Patrol Officer Christopher Grogan. These officers are cross-trained to include aspects of Crime Prevention as part of their duties. Detectives have been tasked with surveying the security to specific assigned 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 and safety measures for all of the schools. The Glen Ridge Police Department coordinates training drills for all schools, in conjunction with 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, internet safety presentations, bicycle safety talks, security camera registration, identity protection information, as well as an assortment of other services. This has been done through different community events and through the media outlets. The bicycle registration program, which was instituted last year, continues to be a success. The program recently enabled the arrest of a suspect who was in possession of a stolen Glen Ridge Bicycle; the registration sticker provided clear proof that the bicycle was stolen.

The Glen Ridge Police Crime Prevention Unit and the Municipal Alliance Committee will sponsor "National Night Out," which will be held on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 5:00PM - 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 120 motor vehicle crashes between January 1, 2018 and June 30, 2018, of which 24 resulted in injuries, 14 involved vehicles leaving the scene (hit and run), five (5) involved a bicyclist struck and three (3) crashes involved a pedestrian struck. This represents a 15.5% decrease from the first six months of 2017.

During the first six months of 2018, the Department issued a total of 1,712 motor vehicle summonses, a 3.9% increase from 2017. Of these, 703 have been issued for motor vehicle violations, 956 have been issued for parking violations and 53 for borough ordinance violations. The department currently uses three approved tow companies, which have towed 67 vehicles in 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. To date, this speed sign has been deployed to 10 locations in town. 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 16 area specific traffic details that have resulted in 456 individual traffic details, 451 motor vehicle stops and 297 summonses. These details are assigned as a result of national and state initiatives as well as traffic complaints received. Examples of the initiatives the department has participated in are *Be Street Smart*, *Click-it or Ticket*, *Driver Sober or Get Pulled Over*, and *U Text, U Drive, U Pay*. During the first half of 2018, the Traffic Division conducted three (3) traffic surveys, which were conducted on Willow Street, Hillside Avenue and at the intersection of Sunset Avenue and Ridgewood Avenue.

### **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. The service provided by the Domestic Violence Unit is utilized 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Our police department has fielded three (3) domestic violence calls for service yielding one (1) arrest. These calls have included criminal charges such as Simple Assault and Criminal Sexual Contact. Our department has fielded 11 family trouble calls for service.

The Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) consists of eight (8) 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 that arise as a result of a domestic violence incident.

### **LEAD Officers Unit Bi-Annual Report**

The LEAD Unit is made up of Captain Sean Quinn (Coordinator), Sergeant Dean Gnardellis, Sergeant Michael Medico, Police Officer Charles Roberts and Detective Anthony Rivera. The LEAD Officers completed the 10 session course curriculum with the entire 6th grade class and at the culmination of the coursework, a LEAD graduation ceremony was held on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018. As part of the graduation, all 150 students participated in a fun and interactive event at the Ridgewood Avenue School. The event consisted of six different stations where students were able to interact with Officers while utilizing impairment goggles to experience the visual effects of impairment resulting from drugs or alcohol. At each station, students wore the goggles and were required to complete various tasks. Examples of the tasks included tossing a bean bag into a ring, setting up a pyramid with cups without knocking any down, ball toss between two students, riding a scooter through an obstacle course, shooting a foul shot on the basketball court, and participating in a mock standardized field sobriety test. This event was a great success and clearly demonstrated the effects of drugs and alcohol to the students.

### **Noise Officer Bi-Annual Report**

During the first half of 2018, the Patrol Division received 35 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 2018, the Records Bureau received the following in revenue:

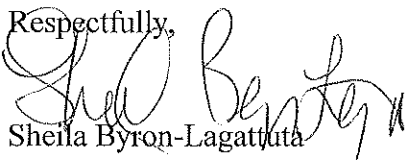
Discovery and OPRA Requests	\$732.85
Letter of Good Conduct	\$10.00
Hardship Parking fee	\$200.00
Dumpster Permit Applications	\$275.00
Landscaper Registrations	\$200.00
Alarm Fine (1)	\$250.00
Grand Total	\$1,667.85

For the first six months of 2018, the Detective Bureau received the following in revenue:

Fingerprinting/Photo IDs for Residents	\$95.00
Firearms Related Fees	\$39.00
Total	\$134.00

The total revenue received by the Glen Ridge Police Department during the first six months of 2018 was \$1,801.85

Respectfully,



Sheila Byron-Lagattuta  
Chief of Police  
Director of Public Safety



# Glen Ridge Police Department Community Policing

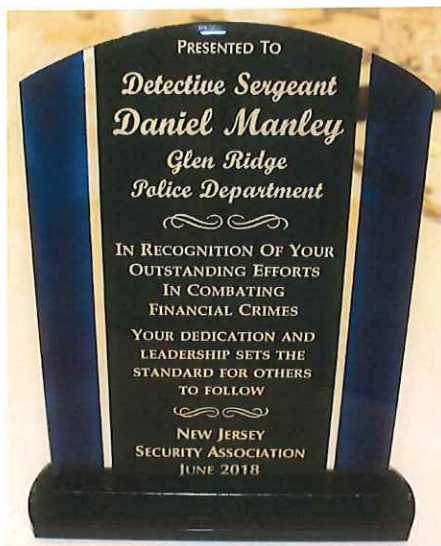


The Glen Ridge Police Department hosted Coffee with a Cop at the Boiling Spring Savings Bank.



2018 Special Olympics Torch Run





Detective Sergeant Daniel Manley was recognized by the New Jersey Security Association for his efforts in combatting financial crimes the the Borough was faced with during the past year.



The Glen Ridge Police Department wished all graduating seniors a safe celebration. GRPD placed an automobile that was involved in a drinking and driving crash on display on Bloomfield Avenue to remind everyone of the dangers of drinking and driving.



### S.T.A.R.R.

## Self Defense Tactical Awareness & Risk Recognition



On May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, The Glen Ridge Police Department hosted a Self-Defense Course for Women which was free to all residents. Participants had the opportunity to raise their awareness of aggressive behaviors, recognize aggressive behavior, learn steps to avoid aggressive behavior and practice hands on self-defense skills. The program was a success and registration was filled to capacity within two weeks.



