

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS



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## *Report to Council December 2015*

\* On November 15, 2015, the Highlands Police Department executed a search warrant at 100 Navesink Avenue arresting two suspects, seizing two vehicles, and confiscating approximately eight (8) pounds of marijuana, cocaine, crack cocaine, liquid THC, methamphetamine, xanax, oxycodone, oxycotin, suboxone, psilocybin mushrooms and psilocybin, as well as, recovering brass knuckles, a stun gun, machete, and a long rifle BB gun.

During the early morning hours, Sgt. Roxby, while on routine patrol, observed a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot of the complex at 100 Navesink Avenue and when he approached the vehicle found the occupant to be using narcotics. Sean W. Laone, 25 years old, 100 Navesink Avenue, Highlands, was subsequently arrested and charged with three (3) counts of possession of a controlled dangerous substance; specifically oxycodone, cocaine and marijuana candy, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle.

Dsgt. Joseph Rogers and Det. Riker were also conducting an investigation after developing information regarding the sale and distribution of narcotics from the residence which led to the execution of the search warrant and Sean Laone's additional charges which included being a leader of a drug trafficking network, possession of a controlled dangerous substance with the intent to distribute, possession of a controlled dangerous substance within 500 feet of a park, eight (8) counts of possession of a controlled dangerous substance; specifically marijuana, cocaine, xanax, oxycodone, suboxone, dextroamphetamine, and crystal methamphetamine, unlawful possession of a weapon; specifically for a stun gun, rifle and brass knuckles. Mr. Laone was subsequently transported to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution, Freehold, in lieu of \$590,000.00 without a 10% option.

Ashleigh P. Fields, 24 years old, 100 Navesink Avenue, Highlands, was charged with conspiracy as a leader of a drug trafficking network and arrested on November 18, 2015. Ms. Fields was also transported to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution, Freehold, in lieu of \$250,000.00 without a 10% option.

As always, the Highlands Police Department encourages anyone with information regarding narcotic sales, distribution or any suspicious activity to report it to the police. All information will be kept confidential and everyone has the right to remain anonymous.

\* **Administration:**

- Police Department
  - Holding Cell
    - Installation of a holding cell within the temporary facility has been completed.
- Budget
  - Recently met with the Finance Committee and currently amending the budget for 2016.

\* **Investigations:**

- The Highlands Police Department is investigating several vehicle burglaries that occurred between the late evening hours of November 18th and the early morning hours of November 19<sup>th</sup> in which unknown person(s) entered unlocked vehicles and rifled the interiors looking for money or property. The department does not have a specific suspect description at this time, but officers are reaching out to the community and asking residents to take the time to ensure that they lock their vehicles and do not leave valuable items inside.

\* **Patrol:**

- First Aid
  - Narcan Administration  
On October 27, 2015, officers responded to a Shore Drive residence regarding a reported unconscious female. Upon arrival officers found a 28 year old female unresponsive and not breathing in the living room. Based on statements from the victim's friend regarding the victim's history of drug use officers administered Narcan and began rescue breathing. The victim regained consciousness within minutes of receiving the Narcan and was transported to a local hospital by the Highlands First Aid Squad for further treatment.

\* **Training:**

- Firearms – all officers attended bi-annual rifle qualification, as well as, mandatory training for firearms, vehicular pursuits, and use of force.
- Schools
  - Rapid Deployment Training
    - Det. Nicholas Riker
  - Mandatory Megan's Law Training
    - Dsgt. Joseph Rogers
  - Patrol Concepts for Supervisors
    - Captain Robert Burton
  - Municipal Counterterrorism Coordinator Training
    - Chief Joseph Blewett
    - Captain Robert Burton
  - Managing the Police Training Function
    - Ptl. William Siegle

\* **Community Policing:**

- The Highlands Police Department recently established an official police department Facebook page as a way to enhance its community relations. The page was created to help the department better serve the community through efficient and effective communication. The main purpose of the page is for the department to provide information to the public including, but not limited to news releases, storm emergencies, road closures, serious incidents and helpful tips. Since its inception just three weeks ago, the department has over eight hundred (800) people following the page and a recent post regarding the execution of a search warrant has been viewed over eighteen thousand (18,000) times. So far, comments to the page have been mostly positive and it appears that the page is being welcomed by the community. The department would encourage anyone who hasn't already to like and share the page so we can reach as many people as possible.
- Explorers
  - Training
    - Emergency Response Training  
(3) explorers attended
- Veteran's Day Breakfast
  - On November 10, 2015, members of the Highlands Police Department attended a Veteran's Day Breakfast at the Highlands Elementary School.

\* Total Calls for Service: 509

\* Arrests: Adults: 22 (4 for possession of CDS)  
JV: 0

\* Summons: Total: 117

Moving Violations: 55  
Non-Moving: 38  
DWI: 5  
Boro Ordinance: 19

(Statistical Information is from October 16 – November 15, 2015)