

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS



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### *Report to Council February 2016*

- \* Between December 16, 2015 and December 17, 2017, unknown person(s) removed packages valued at approximately \$500.00 from the porches of (3) houses in the downtown area.
  
- \* On December 20, 2015, Larry D. Clifton, Jr., 39 years old, White Street, Eatontown was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and tampering with evidence; Mr. Clifton was processed and later released on a summons to appear in Municipal Court.
  
- \* Unknown person(s) removed and damaged for rent signs valued at approximately \$100.00 on December 27, 2015.
  
- \* This department is investigating several thefts which were reported between December 30, 2015 and December 31, 2015 where unknown person(s) gained access to residents bank card information and fraudulently charged over \$900.00.
  
- \* On January 5, 2016, officers arrested (2) male Highlands juveniles, 13 and 15 years old, for criminal mischief after they were found throwing debris at cars on the highway. The 13 year old juvenile received a stationhouse adjustment and was given community service, but the 15 year old juvenile was formally charged for the offense due to his prior delinquency.
  
- \* Robert W. Horton, 26 years old, Laurel Drive, Highlands, was arrested on January 10, 2016 and charged with burglary, theft and possession of drug paraphernalia after he was found to have removed a relative's Ipad from the residence. Bail was set at \$55,000.00 and Mr. Horton was subsequently transported to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution in lieu of bail.

\* **Administration:**

- Equipment
  - CAD/Record Management System – the department is currently upgrading its in-house computer aided dispatch and record management system, therefore, officers will be conducting an extensive survey of the borough over the next several weeks covering every property address and business. Officers will be gathering information for customizing the system. After this initial survey this department will be asking residents/business owners to provide contact sheets for submitting any information they choose specific to the property such as a household member with special needs, oxygen dependent household member or emergency contact information. This information can be inputted into the system so that it is immediately available upon receiving a call for assistance for the address regardless of who is calling.
- Hiring
  - Candidate: Ryan Schoellner
    - Monmouth County Police Academy
    - Class: January 4, 2016 through May 2016
- Policies
  - (2) new policies issued
    - Deconfliction
    - Officer Involved Shootings

\* **Grants**

- Saturation Patrol Grant - Once again, The Highlands Police Department is (1) of (5) Bayshore area towns that have been awarded grant monies from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety. The funds cover the cost of providing extra officers during peak hours on weekends and holidays for enforcing driving while intoxicated violations.
- Safe Pedestrian Grant – The department is in the process of applying for grant monies offered by the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for education and enforcement focusing on pedestrian safety. Statistics reveal that pedestrian fatalities in New Jersey are well above the national average, so pedestrian safety has become a priority. The funds would be earmarked for enforcement (covering the cost of providing extra officers at pedestrian hot spots) and educational outreach throughout the community.

\* **Investigations:**

- Once again, the Highlands Police Department would like residents to be aware of identity thefts related to tax refunds in which unknown person(s) are using people's personal information to claim tax refunds and the victims are unaware until they file their tax return. As we approach the tax season residents should protect themselves from becoming a victim by filing early, using trusted tax professionals, only mailing their tax documents from a secure mailbox or electronically filing through a secure network

\* **Training:**

- Schools/Training
  - ETRO and Domestic Violence Central Registry Updates
    - Ptl. Hartsgrove
    - Ptl. Clark
    - Ptl. Filippone
    - Disp. Jacqui
  - OPRA & Internal Affairs
    - Chief Blewett
    - Disp. Alvator
  - All officers completed their yearly in-service training and updates in firearms, domestic violence investigations, vehicular pursuit and use of force.

\* **Community Policing:**

- As part of the department’s Community Policing Initiative, the Highlands Police Department in cooperation with its members of PBA Local 48 will be sponsoring “Pack the Pantry” Food Drive to benefit the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry throughout the month of February. The Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry provides food assistance to our neighbors serving over 100 local families a week and is run by all volunteers. The Highlands Police Department recognizes a need for certain items such as bars of soap, toothpaste, shampoo, diapers (size 5 and 6), hearty soups, cans of tuna and we need your help. Items can be dropped off at the Highlands Police Department temporary facility located at 27 Shore Drive, 24 hours a day, seven days a week for your convenience.
- Explorers
  - Membership
    - In an effort to keep the communities youth participating in the program, the Highlands Police Department recently expanded the program by sponsoring a Police Explorer Cadet Program for children under the age of fourteen.
    - Like the Explorers, through participation cadets will develop knowledge about the mission and purpose of law enforcement, experience about law enforcement operations through training, practical experience, competitions and other activities, teamwork and leadership skills.
    - The new cadet program currently has (6) participants.
  - Events
    - Participants visited the Intrepid on December 29, 2015.

\* Total Calls for Service: 450

\* Arrests: Adults: 07  
 JV: 2

\* Summons: Total: 54

Moving Violations: 25  
 Non-Moving: 21  
 DWI: 1  
 Boro Ordinance: 7

(Statistical Information is from December 16, 2015 – January 15, 2016)

