

POLICE DEPARTMENT

BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS



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Report to Council *April 2016*

- * As the result of officers investigating a suspicious vehicle on February 20, 2016; Stephen Provenzano, 28 years old, of Highlands, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (heroin) and possession of paraphernalia
- * On February 20, 2016, officers were investigating a possible burglary to a motor vehicle when they detained three juveniles in the area matching a witnesses description. The juveniles were later released to guardians and the matter was referred to the juvenile officer.
- * While investigating a harassment complaint at a local school, a male juvenile was placed into protective custody for possession of a weapon; specifically a knife, pending charges from the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office.
- * During a routine motor vehicle stop on March 5, 2016; Ralph Granite, 19 years of age, of Atlantic Highlands, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (marijuana) and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- * Joseph Jacob, 24 years of age, of Long Branch, and Thomas Rehders, 26 years of age, of Sea Bright were arrested and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance; specifically heroin on March 13, 2016.
- * On March 13, 2016, during a motor vehicle stop officers observed a clear plastic bag containing a large quantity of hard rolls and bagels, as well as, a bundle of newspapers that are consistent with those delivered to stores overnight and subsequently arrested and charged William Madero, 22 years of age, of Belford, and Hiram Polanco, 19 years of age, of Keansburg, with receiving stolen property.
- * John Warden, 52 years of age, of Highlands, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault on March 14, 2016 following a domestic dispute. Mr. Warden was processed and later released on \$50,000.00 bail pending future court appearances.
- * As the result of motor vehicle stops, the following individuals were arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated. James P. Moran, 72 years old, of Highlands, on February 21, 2016, Tiffany C. Elmquist, 32 years old, of Tobyhanna, PA, on February 27, 2016. Kyle E. McGuigan, 31 years old, of Highlands, on March 12, 2016 and John P. Flood, 37 years old, of Atlantic Highlands, on March 13, 2016.

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Administration:

- Bail/Speedy Trial Reform Act
 - Substantial statutory changes were made to the existing law impacting the manner in which pretrial incarcerations are made and how criminal cases are processed.
 - Becomes effective January 1, 2017 and there are four pilot counties that have implemented the changes this year.
 - Monmouth County is slowly implementing them throughout 2016 and have already implemented two new procedural changes.
 - My concern right now is that these changes will have an impact on the department's 2017 budget mostly in respect to overtime.
- Monmouth County Special Needs Registry
 - Is a voluntary and free program that allows families of persons with special needs to provide vital information about the registrant, emergency contact information, a physical description and current photograph that would be available to police officers and first responders only and is designed to help emergency personnel to better assist those residents with special needs in the event of an emergency.
 - The program is a joint collaboration between the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office, Monmouth County Chiefs of Police Association, Monmouth County Sheriff's Office and local law enforcement agencies.
 - Capt Robert Burton has been assigned to be the department's liaison officer
 - More information about the program and how to register will be made available through the Highlands Police Department Facebook page and website later this month.
- Equipment
 - Body Worn Cameras
 - Recently ordered (15) BWC's
 - The department was awarded \$7,000.00 through a State grant and the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office approved the expenditure of \$6,000.00 of forfeited funds from the department's Law Enforcement Trust Account towards the purchase.
 - CAD/Record Management System
 - Equipment order has been received, but it is still being programmed for this department's customization.
 - SwiftReach Alert System
 - We have an upcoming meeting scheduled with OEM and Council representatives regarding access and dissemination of information through the system.
- Homeland Security
 - Heightened Security
 - Seastreak Ferry Terminal
 - As requested by the NJSP, officers conducting foot patrols at the terminal during ferry arrivals/departures focusing on suspicious person(s)/activity

- Ordinances
 - Traffic
 - Currently working with the new borough attorney to amend parking and traffic ordinances.
 - Liquor Licenses
 - As you may not already be aware, soon after being appointed as Chief of Police recommendations were made to previous Councils to change the liquor license ordinance to restrict the opening times of licensed establishments.
 - After recently meeting with the Police Committee Chairperson, I am currently working on recommending a change in opening times for liquor licensed establishments.
- Policies
 - Cell Block Management
 - Updated policy to include the use of the newly installed temporary processing enclosure.
- Hiring
 - Candidate: Ronald Osadacz
 - Ocean County Police Academy
 - Class: March 14, 2016 – August 18, 2016
- Events
 - Guinness Run
 - March 12, 2016
 - Event went well with no reported incidents.
 - St. Patrick's Day
 - March 19, 2016
 - I would like to thank the Mid-Monmouth Fire Police Association for their assistance again this year during the event. MMFPA provided (22) men to assist with traffic control.
 - Although, the department handled a few alcohol related incidents throughout the day there were no serious problems.

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Patrol:

- First Aid
 - Narcan Administration

On March 16, 2016, officers residence regarding a reported unconscious male. Upon arrival officers found a male unconscious, not breathing and without a pulse. Narcan and CPR was administered on scene with no immediate change in the patient's condition. The Highlands First Aid Squad along with MONOC paramedics transported the patient to Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch.

* **Training:**

- L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Against Drugs) Conference
 - February 29, 2016 and March 1, 2016
 - Capt. Burton
- Bail Reform and Speedy Trail Act
 - March 1, 2016
 - Chief Blewett
 - Disp. Alvator
 - Ptl. Ruth
 - Ptl. Siegle
- Policy Updates
 - March 10, 2015
 - Sgt. Roxby
- Mental Health First Aid
 - March 14, 2016 & March 21, 2016
 - All regular officers
- Special Needs Registry
 - March 15, 2016
 - Capt. Burton

* **Community Policing:**

- “Pack the Pantry” Food Drive
 - The department donated over 200 items to the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry as a result of the February Drive.
 - The Highlands Police Department continues to ask for donations and would like to remind the residents that the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry provides food assistance to our neighbors serving over 100 local families a week.
- Explorers
 - Guinness Run – March 12, 2016
 - Participants assisted with traffic control by blocking the intersections.
 - St. Patrick’s Day Parade – March 19, 2016
 - Participants of both the explorers and explorer cadets assisted with traffic/crowd control during the event.

* Total Calls for Service: 435

* Arrests: Adults: 16 (4 for possession of CDS)
JV: 4

* Summons: Total: 70

Moving Violations: 20
Non-Moving: 42
DWI: 4
Boro Ordinance: 4

(Statistical Information is from February 16, 2016 – March 15, 2016)