

STRATFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT



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MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Stratford Police Department to provide professional, high quality and effective police service in partnership with the community. We, the members of the Stratford Police Department, believe that our work has a vital impact on the quality of life in our community. To demonstrate our commitment to our profession, on and off duty, we subscribe to the following values:

Integrity

Integrity is defined as being honest, moral, upright and sincere. Public trust can only exist with our integrity and respect for one another. The foundation of the Stratford Police Department is the high level of integrity of its employees.

Commitment to Employees

The Stratford Police Department recognizes that its employees are the vital component to the successful delivery of police service. We believe we can achieve our highest potential by actively involving our employees in problem solving and improving police services. We support an organizational climate of mutual trust and respect.

Community Partnership

Recognizing the fact that police agencies were established as a result of society's voluntary limitation of personal freedoms, we encourage and expect the participation of the community in facilitating solutions to problems of mutual concern. We therefore solicit and support contributions from all members of this community regardless of race, sex, national origin or social status.

Community Sensitive Policing

Department members shall uphold laws in an ethical, impartial, courteous, and professional manner while respecting the rights and dignity of all persons. We shall strive to achieve a balance between enforcement and community needs which reflects both the spirit and the letter of the law.

Professionalism

Recognizing the changing and diverse needs of the community, the Stratford Police Department promotes and encourages a policy of professional and individual excellence which is delivered and enhanced by continuing education and training.

We realize fully that the expression of ideas is meaningless unless actively practiced. The integrity and professionalism demanded of members of the Stratford Police Department shall ensure the proper, lawful and unbiased application of police powers.

ORGANIZATION & PERSONNEL

Personnel

After nearly 25 years of service to the Borough of Stratford, Sergeant John Brown was promoted to the rank of Police Captain. Additionally, during the summer of 2011, Patrolman Glen Behnke assumed a position with another agency and Officer Eric Weist was hired as his replacement. With Captain Brown retiring on December 1, 2011, Special Officer Stephen Schmidt was promoted to the title of Police Officer. On December 8, 2011, Special Officer Sean Tait was appointed to replace Patrolman Schmidt.

CURRENT POLICE OFFICERS



The list below reflects the Stratford Police Departments Active Sworn Personnel Roster as of December 31, 2011.

Chief of Police

Ronald Morello

Sergeants

Sergeant Stephen McBride
Sergeant Frank J. Gagliardi
Sergeant Robert Kelly

Detectives

Detective Scott Beasley
Detective Bret Johnson
Detective Michael Williams

Patrolman

Patrolman Michael Meyers
Patrolman John Beasley
Patrolman Thomas Farrell
Patrolman Andrew Rebecca
Patrolman Ken Righter
Patrolman Vincent Jess
Patrolman Steven Schmidt
Patrolman Eric Weist
Patrolman Sean Tait
Patrolman Glenn Behnke (PT)
SLEO 1 Michael Lemmerman (PT)

CROSSING GUARDS



Our crossing guards play an enormous role to the boroughs' public safety function. Each school day, 9 crossing guards hit the streets to perform the paramount tasks of ensuring our children have a safe passage to and from school. These guards perform especially danger tasks under some of the worst atmospheric and driver created conditions. These men and women are serious about their work and are deserving of recognition.

Crossing Guards

1. JoAnne Kelly (Captain)
2. Christine Osiak
3. Alicia Sims
4. Harry Cook
5. Sharon Boswell
6. Keith Carney
7. Helene Ewald
8. Kim Houseman
9. Anita T. Gaschnig
10. Kay Mayer
11. John Dowd
12. Joseph Hee
13. Pat White
14. Kristina Rauer
15. Heather Evans

Administrative / Records

Kristina Rauer
Maria Gahagen (on call)
Alicia Sims (on call)

Retirees and other Previous Employees

Below are the most contemporary sworn officers we wish to remember, who dedicated many years of their lives to Stratford. Their good work still has a positive affect on the department today.

Retired Personnel

Detective Frank Rizzo
Chief James McBride
Clerk Maria Gahagen

Deputy Chief Nick DiEttore
Chief James Fuller
Captain John Brown

Sergeant Edward Kane
Sergeant Paul Stoffel
Patrolman Fred "Rick" Casario

Injuries and Accidents

Stratford Borough is self-insured for workers compensation claims. In order to ensure the proper level of police services for the citizens of Stratford, there has been a concerted effort by all police officers to reduce incidents of work place injury. Unfortunately due to the inherently dangerous nature of the law enforcement profession, it often exposes police officers to hazardous situations that are beyond their control, therefore making the potential for injury extremely high. In 2011 there were four (4) cases of work related injuries. Fortunately, there were zero (0) work days missed due to these injuries.

Throughout 2011, our Police Officers were assaulted on seven (7) separate occasions. These felonious assaults on Law Enforcement Officers occurred while police were investigating the following incidents: domestic disturbances, other disturbances, traffic stops and suspicious persons. Incidents and events at the Kennedy Hospital Emergency room have been of particular concern to police officers. Many visitors to the emergency room are seeking treatment for drug, alcohol and psychiatric conditions, or a variety of each category which tends to make their behavior erratic and irrational at best. In response to an inordinate number of disturbance calls at the Kennedy Hospital, the governing body of the Borough of Stratford enacted Ordinance 2010-06, making certain security requirements for problem locations. In addition to the security ordinance, Kennedy Hospital Administration took steps to reduce calls for services upon their property. Since 2010 calls for police services at the Kennedy Hospital have been reduced by 25%. On average, during 2011, Stratford Police Officers were called to Kennedy Hospital 32 times per month.

The Stratford Police Department logged over 121,000 miles driven in department vehicles in 2011; resulting in two (2) traffic accidents involving department vehicles. Because police officers are forced to drive in "emergency vehicle status" and given the amount of miles driven per year, having only three police accidents during the year is commendable. Of the three accidents, one police vehicle was parked when it was stuck and the two remaining accidents did not occur during emergency or pursuit conditions. Our Police Officers are recognized for demonstrating exceptional care, caution and most of all sound judgment.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Reported Crimes

As can be seen by the figures below, the total reported criminal offenses remained constant from 2009 to 2011 crime figures. The figures below include all reported criminal activity except for traffic and juvenile offenses.

	2009	2010	2011
Total Criminal Offenses	1156	1092	981



Arrests

The figures listed below reflect the number of “individuals” arrested for the previous three years. It should be noted that most times, multiple charges are filed against a single “individual.” The arrests figures listed below reflect the number of persons (Adults / Juveniles) physically arrested by Stratford Police Officers. In over 189 additional cases, criminal charges have been filed against suspects, but they have not been yet arrested or were arrested by other law enforcement agencies at the request of the Stratford Police Department.

	2009	2010	2011
Arrests	623	518	587

Drug Offenses

Because drug related crimes remain a high priority to law enforcement, the Stratford Police Department is continuing in its proactive enforcement efforts concerning drug use and distribution.

Year	Drug Offenses
2004	53
2005	84
2006	86
2007	110
2008	84
2009	70
2010	68
2011	75

Uniform Crime Reports (UCR)

The Uniform Crime Reporting Program is a nationwide, cooperative statistical effort of more than 17,000 cities, county and state law enforcement agencies reporting data on crimes brought to their attention. It was established in 1930 to gauge the state of crime in the nation. There are eight (8) main offense classifications, known as Part I Crimes, used as part of the Uniform Crime Reporting Program. The eight (8) crime classifications are divided into two categories; Violent Crimes and Property Crimes. The offenses which constitute the Violent Crime category include: Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter; Forcible Rape; Robbery; and Aggravated Assault. The offenses which constitute the Property Crime category include: Burglary; Theft; Motor Vehicle Theft; and Arson. During the month of June 2008, Governor Jon Corzine instituted a new Inner City Anti-Crime Initiative. In response the Camden County Police Chiefs Association has instituted a *Special Crime Records Program* to measure if crime and criminals are fleeing the state's urban areas to seek refuge in our suburban communities.

Below is a chart highlighting the eight (8) identified crime classifications and the respective number of offenses for Stratford Borough for the last five (5) years.

Offense	2006	2008	2009	2010	2011	Change from 2009
Homicide	0	0	0	0	1	+1
Rape / Sex Crimes	2	2	2	0	3	-0-
Robbery	4	5	3	3	14	+11
Agg. Assault	11	9	13	9	12	+3
Burglary	16	28	42	36	36	-0-
M.V. Theft	15	18	10	11	4	-7
Theft	26	231	176	166	146	-20

There are a number of law enforcement calls for police services that are time consuming. Below are the most frequent calls for municipal police services / activity for the patrol division:

Activity	% of activity 2011
Suspicious Incidents	6%
Other Complaints	25%
Medical Assist	7%
Ordinance Violations	5%
Follow Up Investigations & Reports	22%
Patrol / Traffic Enforcement	35%

Domestic Violence

Acts of Domestic Violence are crimes the entire world must face and Stratford Borough is no way exempt. Domestic Violence consists of a host of crimes committed by family members, which is extended to any two people who have ever resided together. Domestic violence also governs those who have engaged in a dating relationship. Across the country, a large percentage of law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty have resulted from responses to domestic violence incidents. By regulation, two police officers must respond to domestic disturbance calls. This is particularly challenging to the Stratford Police Department because there are hours which only one police officer is on duty. It is during these times that we must rely on mutual aid from neighboring

police departments. In order to effectively deploy manpower resources when they are most needed, the administration of the Stratford Police Department has identified below, when most acts of Domestic Violence occur within our jurisdiction. It comes as no surprise that reported acts of Domestic Violence mirror those days when most drunk drivers are arrested. Over 40% of Domestic Violence acts during 2011 involved alcohol consumption on behalf of the actor, victim or both. This is up by 15% from the prior year. In 2011, over 200 hours had been spent resolving these disputes either by arrest, emergency restraining orders or mutual separations.

Domestic Violence at a “Glance” in the Borough of Stratford

2008.....	Most frequent day of occurrence:	<u>Sunday</u>
	Most Frequent 2 hour period:	<u>6:30 pm - 8:30 pm</u>
2009.....	Most frequent day of occurrence:	<u>Sunday</u>
	Most Frequent 2 hour period:	<u>6:00 pm – 7:59 pm</u>
2010.....	Most frequent day of occurrence:	<u>Saturday</u>
	Most Frequent 2 hour period:	<u>8:00 pm – 9:59 pm</u>
2011.....	Most frequent day of occurrence:	<u>Saturday</u>
	Most Frequent 2 hour period:	<u>6:45 pm – 9:45 pm</u>

* Statistical data above are estimates based on data on information on file

CRIMINAL FILINGS

Between July 2010 and November 2011, 883 Criminal charges were filed in the Borough of Stratford. On average, nearly two criminal charges per day are investigated, prepared or signed by the Stratford Police Department and passed onto to the Records and Municipal Court staff.

TRAFFIC

Accidents

For the second consecutive year, accidents within the borough are descending. During 2011 the Stratford Police Department investigated less traffic accidents than in the prior four years.

Traffic Accident Three Year Comparison

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
○ Injury Accidents	83	84	70	50	49
○ Fatal Accidents	1	1	2	0	0
○ Number of Accidents	361	347	336	323	288

Traffic Summonses issued by Category

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>+ / -</u>
○ Moving & Non	5274	10,101	+4827
○ DWI	125	198	+73
○ Ordinance Summonses	121	118	-3



Photo Red Light Enforcement Program

2011 was the first full year of operation for the Photo /Automated Red Light Enforcement Program. Over the coming months, the enforcement and accident data will be reviewed to determine the program's effectiveness.

PATROL



Patrol is the largest Division and core law enforcement function of the Stratford Police Department. Its primary responsibility is responding to calls for service from the community. These calls can range from neighborhood disputes, domestic violence incidents and traffic accidents, to burglaries in progress, robberies and sudden death investigations.

As the first responder to criminal complaints, patrol officers are responsible for seeing to the medical needs of anyone involved, interviewing witnesses, recognizing and preserving evidence, determining whether, in fact, a crime has occurred, and identifying and ultimately arresting those responsible.

Officers in the Patrol Division are also expected to provide proactive services such as traffic enforcement, crime detection and suppression, and initiating contacts with community members to our commitment to Community Oriented Policing. We are even called upon to unclog toilets, discipline children, unlock car doors and change flat tires. While these tasks are not usual police functions, these are the needs of our vulnerable population and our officers our proud to serve the needs of our residents.

Officers assigned to the Patrol Division are divided into two (2) Teams. Both teams are responsible for 24-hour patrol coverage, seven days a week, 365 days a year. The A-Team is supervised by Sergeant Stephen McBride. The B- Team is supervised by Sergeant Robert Kelly. Each Team has a total of 5 police officers who are responsible for 24 hour coverage, on a 4 on 4 off, rotating work schedule. The officers in the patrol division work 10 hour work days.

Community Oriented Policing Programs & Strategies

In the mid 1990's under the leadership of Chief James McBride, the Stratford Borough Police Department identified a need to implement community-oriented / problem solving strategies to assist in more effectively addressing citizen concerns about crime, safety and quality of life issues. While still embracing traditional policing practices such as random patrol and rapid response to calls for service, the department recognizes that there must be a collaborative problem solving approach between the police and the community in problem identification, prioritization and resolution of community concerns. Our goal is to reduce crime and increase the quality of life by seeking citizen involvement, cooperation and support. Operationally, we seek to implement our strategy and accomplish our goals through various programs including but not limited to:

- Attendance at Community Meetings
- School Safety Programs
- DWI Education
- Pre-K thru 12 Educational Programs
- PTA / PTO Participation
- SAO / SYAA Participation
- Child Identification Programs
- Officer Phil Program
- Red Ribbon Program
- Drunk Driving Enforcement
- Drug Enforcement Operations
- Code Enforcement
- Targeted Traffic Enforcement
- Volunteer Fingerprint Programs
- Crime Prevention Programs
- Town Watch Program (as needed)
- Bicycle Patrol
- Traffic Studies

Field Training

All police officers hired by the Stratford Borough Police Department must attend a state certified police academy. Upon graduation from the academy, all officers return to the department and are required to successfully complete a Field Training Program (FTO). The FTO program is an additional 2 months of supervised, intense training and evaluation in which the probationary officer is partnered with an experienced officer who has been carefully selected and trained as a Field Training Officer. It is the goal of the FTO Program to prepare and develop Probationary Officers to act efficiently, effectively and safely in a solo patrol capacity, which is an absolute essential function of the Stratford Police Department. Because there are many instances where an officer is unassisted during a patrol function, each and every member of the police department must have the knowledge, skills and abilities to properly handle any situation that may arise. To fill those voids, supervisors and detectives are on call to respond to or communicate with the duty police officer handling an incident or crisis. These detectives and supervisors perform this function without additional compensation 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.

DETECTIVE BUREAU



The Detective Bureau is charged with the responsibility to review all Police Investigation Reports and intelligence sources in order to prioritize and investigate criminal activity. Sergeant Gagliardi is the supervisor of the Detective Bureau. The Detective Bureau also serves as the Stratford Police Department's Counter-Terrorism, Narcotics, Megan's, Firearms and Intelligence Liaisons' and they meet regularly with other local, state and federal authorities in these regards. Additionally, members of the Detective Bureau instruct DARE Classes, Investigate Firearms Applicants, Investigate Business Licenses Applicants, secure and process all department evidence, and other property. The Detective Bureau is also responsible for providing for 24 hour a day, 365 days per year "on call" coverage. Detectives frequently are called during off hours to investigate serious active or recent crimes. The Detective Bureau works closely with the Camden County Prosecutors Office, and is reportable to that agency regarding all indictable crimes and investigations.

The Detective Bureau is staffed by three police officers who have each undergone weeks of specialized training in their function.

Detective Scott Beasley
23 years experience

Detective Bret Johnson
12 years experience

Detective Michael Williams
18 years experience

Stratford Police Detective Bureau 2011 End of Year Report

From 11/1/2010 to 11/30/2011 the Detective Bureau was assigned **160 cases**.
23 of these cases are from November & December of 2010.

Burglaries	38
Thefts	19
Identity Thefts /Forgery	24
Robberies	10
Assaults/Terrorist Threats	3
Narcotics	8
Sex Crimes	8
Stolen Motor Vehicles	2
Misc. Investigations	23
Missing Persons	5
Sudden Death Investigations	5
Dwelling Fires/Arson Investigations	1

Fire Arms:

Fire Arms Permits/ ID cards issued 42

Mercantile License	8
Vendor	1

Backgrounds

118 Background checks were done this year, Including Fire Arms, Vendors & Mercantile Licenses & Stratford Police employment.

Stratford Fall Festival one day permits - 48 New Vendor back grounds completed.
59 renewals for 107 total permits issued.

Arrests

61 suspects were arrested or charged by the Detective Bureau including 57 adults, (42 males & 15 females), & 4 juveniles males.

5 of these arrests were made jointly with Patrol involving audio taped statements and processing crime scenes.

A breakdown of the incidents is as follows:

Burglaries

Residential	17	6 arrests clearing 5 cases
Commercial	13	2 arrest clearing 2 cases
Vehicles	6	
Shed/Garage	2	

Robberies

	10	
Armed Robberies	9	9 arrest clearing 12 cases
5 Bank Robberies		all cleared by arrest

1 check cashing business Robbery 1 arrests & one suspect killed.
1 Pharmacy Robbery 1 suspect arrested a latent print lifted from the scene was an AFIS match for the suspect.

2 Persons Robbed at gun point in separate incidents. 1 arrest clearing 1 case
1 Strong Armed Robbery No arrest-Latent prints to be entered into AFIS.

Thefts

Forgery/Credit Card/Identity Theft	24	8 arrests clearing 8 cases
Misc. Thefts	19	13 arrests clearing 8 cases
Stolen Motor Vehicles	2	2 arrest clearing 2 cases

Assaults

Aggravated Assault/Terroristic threats 4 4 arrests clearing 4 cases

Narcotics Investigations 8 5 arrests clearing 5 cases

Sex Crimes

8 5 arrests clearing 5 cases
2 Cases cleared - no arrest required (Unsubstantiated or cleared by CCPO)

Misc. Investigations

19 7 arrests clearing 8 cases
(12) Cases cleared without arrest

Over all, of the 160 cases assigned, 45 were cleared by arrest, 49 were cleared with no arrest needed, and 32 are inactive investigations with no further information available. 31 cases are listed as active open cases, which are recent, or pending lab results or further investigation.

Megan's Law

Detectives registered 10 Megan's Law offenders in 2011.
We currently have four registered Megan's Law offenders living in Stratford.
Detective's delivered 79 Megan's Law notices this year.

Evidence & Property Function

301 Property reports were turned in and logged as evidence. This resulted in 773 items logged in.

47 Property reports for Field Notes were also logged and secured.

In 2011 154 latent Prints from 26 cases were submitted to the NJSP latent print Unit.

34 of these prints have been entered into AFIS. Six of the prints were an AFIS match.

One confirming a suspect arrested for a Robbery.

One was a match to the responding officer to a theft case.

One match was a church burglary, however the match was for a church member who

Was on location legitimately.

Two prints were a hit for two separate people on a business burglary from 2009, one a suspect who was arrested and one cleared as a legitimate customer.

In September 2011 a latent Print lifted from a Robbery in August 2010 was an AFIS match. This suspect was subsequently charged and arrested.

DNA Evidence

25 items from 7 cases were submitted to the NJSP Forensic Lab for examination for blood, hair, fibers and DNA evidence and analysis.

Asset Forfeiture

One vehicle was seized this year during a Fraudulent Credit Card Investigation.

Possession of the vehicle was recently turned over to Stratford Police.

One vehicle was seized this year during an investigation of involving a Sexual assault. This vehicle was recently returned to its owner by order of the Camden County Prosecutors Office.

Forfeiture paperwork to seize \$2570 in cash taken in the arrest of a suspect arrested for Possession/Distribution by patrol was submitted and is pending.

Cases

Detective's Investigations are assigned to the individual investigator based upon the nature, complexity or area of expertise in the case. They also work a number of cases that they initiate upon receiving intelligence information. A running Detective Case Log ledger (tracking system) is maintained and ordinary cases are distributed evenly.

DETECTIVE BUREAU NOTEABLE CASES

1/13/11 Armed Robbery at CVS Pharmacy in Stratford On 3/16/11 Brian Bartley was arrested for and charged for this, as well as numerous other Robberies in Gloucester & Camden County.

1/20/11 Laura DeClemente , who had been previously charged for numerous residential burglaries in Stratford & other jurisdictions in 2009, was charged after latent prints lifted from another 2009 burglary were an AFIS match to her.

1/27/11 Terence Williams arrested for Use of and Possession of Counterfeit Credit Cards and a Skimming Device. The investigation which began in 2010 involved a victim in Utah, and possible other victims across the country. A Chevy Tahoe was seized in the arrest, and granted to Stratford Police during Forfeiture proceedings.

2/16/11 Alexander French was arrested for sexual assault.

3/17/11 Robert Welker arrested for Theft/Possession of Stolen property, (American Express Gift Cards). Mr. Welker was interviewed and supplied information leading to the arrest of two accomplices in Pennsylvania, who had stolen numerous shipments of gift cards from a Pennsylvania business and selling them.

3/25/11 Rodney Dawley arrested for Masturbating in Burger King while watching children.

4-11-11 Residential Burglary on Yale Avenue. Suspect Jason Smith interviewed by Detectives and arrested and charged.

5-3-11 Elderly female Robbed at gun point in parking lot of Kennedy Hospital Emergency. A male, Steven Hazen, & female driver, Melissa Zegen arrested. Melissa Zegen interviewed by Detectives and admitted to driving the get-away vehicle, and provided the name of suspect Steven Hazen. The stolen purse was later recovered and returned.

5 -7-11 Douglas Smith, a repeat Megan's Law offender, arrested for sexual assault after driving a car up to two female juveniles and masturbating in front of them.

5/27/11 Walter Bilso arrested for sexually assaulting a child.

5/31/11 Francis Roddy arrested for sexually assaulting a child.

7/2/11 Christopher Edwards arrested for Robbery of PNC Bank on 6/30/11, Wells Fargo Bank on 6/30/11 & TD Bank on 7/2/11, all Stratford Banks, as well as other bank robberies in the tri-county area.

7/3/11 Detectives investigated the death of a two month old infant. The child had a heart condition since birth.

7/4/11 Kenneth Thurston was interviewed, arrested and charged with a residential Burglary on Cornell Avenue. During interview he also confessed to another residential Burglary on Chestnut Avenue in

Stratford on 7/3/11, as well as Laurel Springs, and other jurisdictions. He also provided the name of an accomplice, Thomas Kemble who was also arrested, interviewed by Detectives and charged.

7/18/11 two armed men Robbed United Check Cashing, after a brief vehicle pursuit and foot chase, Dwayne Tribbett, armed with a handgun broke into an apartment and initiated a stand-off with police, which ended with his death while pointing a gun at police. An accomplice Dorelle Wallace was captured nearby hiding behind a vehicle. Both perpetrators were also suspects in numerous robberies in other jurisdictions in the tri-county area.

In September 2011 Detectives received an IAFIS Latent Fingerprint Match for Brad Phillips from a 2010 Robbery at Sterling Pharmacy, where an elderly female was assaulted and robbed of her purse. Mr. Phillips was located in Nazareth Pennsylvania, by Stratford Detectives, who responded, set up surveillance and notified Nazareth Police Department, who arrested him. The suspect was interviewed by Stratford Detectives and eventually extradited to NJ. A search warrant for Body Exemplars for DNA comparison was applied for and is to be served on the suspect, to compare to forensic evidence collected at the time of the time of the Robbery.

9/12/11 three suspects charged in the theft of an air conditioning unit from a Stratford business.

10-3-11 Denise Taylor arrested for Armed Robbery of Bank of America on 9/19/11 & 10/3/11. Suspect fled and led police on a multi-jurisdictional pursuit through Camden and into Burlington County ending when she drove off the highway and crashed into a wooded area on Rt.295. Over \$16,000 was recovered and returned to Bank of America

10-11-11 Det. Johnson responded to a found Burglary on Saratoga Road, while on scene, Douglas Miller, a neighbor and known drug user, was interviewed by a Detective, was arrested and charged. Stolen property was recovered in his vehicle and returned.

10-23-11 patrol arrested Nester Cercet, a known gang member for distribution of CDS. Detectives completed and submitted Forfeiture paperwork to seize \$2570 in cash taken in the arrest.

On 11-1-11 the owner of a Stratford business observed a male in his secured fenced area, in the morning, prior to opening. Upon confronting him, the suspect jumped over the fence and attempted to run over the owner. On 11-3-11 the suspect's vehicle was observed driving on Rt.30. Det. Johnson responded and the suspect, Benjamin Alford was arrested, interviewed and charged.

On 10-31-11 a vehicle was stolen from Stratford business. On 11/2/11 the vehicle was involved in a 3 vehicle accident involving injuries in Stratford, where the driver George Elmer fled on foot. Latent prints, DNA and electronic evidence were located in the vehicle.

On 11-18-11 the suspect was arrested by Det. Johnson after a brief foot chase. Forensic evidence was located in the vehicle to be submitted for analysis to support the arrest

Property Stolen and Recovered

Property offenses include Burglary, Theft, Criminal Mischief and Shoplifting. The exact amount of value in theft related offenses is hard to determine as officers and victims usually estimate the value of property stolen and recovered. The chart below reflects the estimated value of property stolen and recovered for the

previous four (4) years. With the Borough of Stratford hosting 4 banks and 1 check cashing agency, the dollars lost to theft and fraud can be significant.

Year	Stolen Property	Stolen Property Recovered
2008	\$320,658.00	\$152,658.00
2009	\$240,517.00	\$138,611.00
2010	\$181,331.00	\$128,880.00
2011	\$245,106.00	\$99,428.00

MEGAN'S LAW UNIT

Megan's
Law

Although not “officially” a unit, the task of handling Megan’s Law registrants within the borough rest with the Detective Bureau. Detective Bret Johnson primarily oversees the registrants. Registrants are required to re-register anytime they move to a new address within the borough, even as minimal as a change to a different apartment. Registrant’s must also register upon moving into the Borough of Stratford from another area as well as notify our agency when they are moving to another jurisdiction.

We currently have **(8)** offenders living in Stratford.

We currently have **(1)** new registrant in 2011.

We have **(7)** offenders register annually and **(1)** offender register every 90 days.

We have **(3)** Tier II offenders and **(5)** Tier I offenders

Detective Johnson delivered **(95)** Megan’s Law notices this year.

DARE PROGRAM



The Stratford Police Department has conducted the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance and Education) Program in the Stratford School district since **1990**. To date, nearly 3000 Stratford students have gone through the DARE Program. The program is taught to 5th grades at Yellin and John Paul II Schools. This program is 12 weeks long and trained officers visit their assigned class once a week and teach a prescribed curriculum. In 2011, approximately (**140**) students were taught in the DARE Program.

Officers who teach the DARE Program include:

Detective Bret Johnson (Program Coordinator)
Detective Michael Williams

Ptln. Andrew Rebecca
Ptln. Kenneth Righter (alternate)

RECORDS DIVISION



The Records Division of the Stratford Police Department supports the operational efforts of the detective bureau, patrol function and administrative sections. Along with performing a variety of other services, including but not limited to

- Data Entry & filing
- Prosecutors Office Case Preparation

- Report Maintenance/Filing/Retrieval
- Issuing Licenses, permits
- Copy reports for Civilians/ Insurance Companies/Attorneys
- Isolating Expunged Files
- Issue Handicap Placards
- Process Firearms Applications
- Coordinate Background Investigations
- Process Fingerprint Cards
- Process Juvenile Complaints
- Compile monthly statistics
- Municipal Court case preparation

The chart below highlights a small percentage of the work processed by the Records personnel in 2011. The records clerk Tina Rauer works alone, and is responsible for creating and maintaining over 20,000 records annually. The records clerk processes each and every case, summonses and documents which are ultimately passed on to the municipal court office that is staffed by two full time and one part time employee.

	2011
○ *Reports Copied	3250
○ *Firearms Applications Processed	42
○ *Background Checks Initiated	186
○ *Juvenile Complaints Processed	47
○ *Handicap Placards Processed	12
○ *Prepares Cases for Court Office	2112

**denotes estimated*

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stratford Borough Police Department does not directly employ police dispatchers or communications officers. Our primary communications function is provided to Stratford by the Camden County Police Communications Center, located in Lindenwold NJ. The Communications Center is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. Despite all appearances, when calling 911, the process of dispatching a police officer is nearly immediately underway. Officers of the Stratford Police Department respond to most emergency and non-emergency calls within 120 seconds of receipt from the Communications Center. 95% of Camden County municipalities utilize the Camden County Communications Centers with the exception of four larger townships who are Gloucester Twp, Winslow Twp, and Cherry Hill Twp & Camden City. However, during business hours, our Records Clerk will receive, screen and dispatch 10 to 50 emergency and non-emergency calls for service per week. These calls are handled by the Stratford Police Department when a reporting person dials the police administration building directly instead of the non-emergency line or 911. Because the offices are closed 16 hours a day, and all weekend long, the Stratford Police Department discourages the public from calling the administrative offices to report crimes in progress.

Calls for Service

Calls for service are operational incidents that the police department can track and monitor. These include 911 calls, emergency and non-emergency requests for service, and “on-sight” criminal/public service activity by officers. The chart directly below reflects the number of calls for service handled by the Stratford Police Department for the previous five (5) years. As previously stated the vast majority of calls for police service are channeled through the Camden County Communications Center.

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	change
Calls	8424	8335	8682	8462	8522	+60

MISCELLANEOUS

Overtime

For the calendar year of 2011, officers of the Stratford Police Department worked approximately 1765 hours of overtime. The Police Department budgeted overtime is utilized and necessary for the patrol division and detective bureau for purposes such as the replacement of personnel out sick, injured or on other approved leave, attendance at mandatory training, completion of assignments, the investigation of serious offenses, or to work a special assignment such as parades, and other public events. This year, extreme snow storms, flooding and a hurricane were all related events that taxed the entire overtime budget. These events are obviously unforeseen, so during the budget process, we must plan accordingly. Sworn officers are permitted to receive overtime pay or compensatory time off for any overtime worked. For accountability purposes, overtime must be approved by a Sergeant and by the Chief of Police. For accounting purposes, the Chief Financial Officer logs a running tally of overtime used. Uses for overtime are as follows:

Extended Tour - time worked in addition to and consecutive with one's regular 10 hour work day (examples include time at the end of a tour of duty to complete an arrest, assignment or reports).

Extra Tour - time worked in addition to one's regular work day (examples include replacing an officer on sick leave or a Detective called in to work on a serious case).

Court - To provide testimony in municipal, state or federal court (examples include mandatory court appearance which does not coincide with an officer's regularly scheduled work day).

Training - attendance at in-service training courses not available during work days or contractual uncompensated days (examples include CPR / AED Training, Alcotest Certification, Search & Seizure Updates and Criminal Law Refresher) Very limited overtime for training has been expended in the past 3 years

Records Rooms - coverage of the department's records division (examples include the necessity of a police officer to fill in for the records clerk when she is sick or on leave. In the spirit of effective and efficient government the Stratford Police Department employs just one records clerk and she enjoys no back up or relief for even a lunch break.

Crash Investigation Team - assistance provided to the Camden County Prosecutors Office investigating fatal accidents county wide. The Camden County Prosecutors Office reimburses the Stratford Police Department when our trained officer is used out of Stratford Borough on assignment.

DDEF - Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund: a state funded grant utilized to place additional police officers on the road to target drunk drivers (examples include extra patrols on holidays and weekends nights when instances of drunk driving are inherently increased)

Other Grant Overtime – Overtime used for extra patrols for seatbelt and speed reduction campaigns. Overtime in this category is generally reimbursed through state and federal grants.

Other Overtime – Overtime expended through the Borough paid for by private vendors (traffic construction, school events, fall festival, traffic control, security posts, and security details)

Compensatory Time-Hours: Compensatory hours are actually overtime hours worked in which the police officers elects to bank hours which can be later used as time off. Compensatory hours per Federal Law can be accrued up to 480 hours.

The chart below reflects the Stratford Police Department’s estimated overtime, by category for 2010.

Overtime by Category:

	Hours				
Extended Tour	225				
Extra Tour	160				
Court	410				
Training	18				
Records Coverage	0				
County Reimbursement	32				
DDEF	345				
Other & Grants	285				
Comp Time Accrued	290				
Total	1765				

Training and Education

One of the most important responsibilities of a law enforcement agency is the training and education of all personnel. It is well settled that training increases safety and reduces civil liability. The Stratford Police Department has in place a comprehensive police training program which provides for the annual training of all officers on topics determined to be critical to police officers of this agency. Since 2003 unlimited instruction has been provided by the Holtz Learning Centers at the flat rate, controlled cost of \$1500.00 per year. This represents a savings of \$8000.00 per year for training. The training and enormous discount received by the Stratford Police has become the envy of many New Jersey law enforcement agencies.

The men and women of the Stratford Borough Police Department attended a wide variety of in-service training courses throughout 2011 including:

- Blood-Borne Pathogens
- Property & Evidence
- Firearms Qualifications
- Child Abduction Response Training (C.A.R.T.)
- SRT Team Training
- Patrol Rifle Training
- Basic SWAT
- Active Shooter Response
- Report Writing
- EMT Recertification
- Arrest Search & Seizure
- Right to Know
- Use of Force
- Vehicle Pursuit
- Interview & Interrogation
- HAZMAT
- NIMS
- High Risk Traffic Stops
- Advanced Crash Investigation
- Field Training Officer
- Evidence Technician Training
- DNA Gathering
- Criminal Law & Procedure
- Cell Block Updates
- Domestic Violence
- Attorney General Guidelines
- DWI Detection & Prosecution
- Alcotest Training
- PBT Training
- NCIC Training
- Radar Operator Training
- Missing Child Investigation
- Work Zone Safety
- OC Spray Training

Internal Affairs & Professional Standards

The Stratford Borough Police Department is committed to providing law enforcement services that are fair, effective, and impartially applied. Toward that end, officers are held to the highest standards of official conduct and are expected to respect the rights of all citizens. Officers' adherence to these standards, motivated by a moral and professional obligation to perform their job to the best of their ability, is the ultimate objective of this agency.

The effectiveness of a law enforcement agency is dependent upon public approval and acceptance of police authority. The department must be responsive to the community by providing formal procedures for the processing of complaints from the public regarding individual officer performance.

The purpose of the Department's Internal Affairs Policy is to improve the quality of law enforcement services. Citizen confidence in the integrity of the police department increases through the establishment of meaningful and effective complaint procedures. This confidence engenders community support for the police department. Improving the relationship between the police and the citizens they serve facilitates cooperation vital to the department's ability to achieve its goals. An effective

disciplinary framework also permits police officials to monitor compliance with department policies and procedures. Adherence to established policies and procedures assists officers in meeting department objectives while a monitoring system permits managers to identify problem areas requiring increased training or direction. Finally, the Internal Affairs Policy ensures fairness and due process protection to citizens and officers alike.

The internal affairs process is also used to identify and correct unclear or inappropriate agency procedures. In addition, it will highlight organizational conditions that may contribute to any misconduct, such as poor recruitment and selection procedures or inadequate training and supervision of police officers.

In 2011, there were a total of 22 Internal Affairs Investigations. The categories of these investigations included rule violations, demeanor, illegal search / stop and differential treatment. As per the protocol established by the Camden County Prosecutors Office, the Internal Affairs function conducted random drug testing of 20% of the police department. All random drug tests results were negative.

ADMINISTRATION



Pursuant to state law, the ordinances of the Borough and the regulations and policies established by the Chief of Police, the responsibilities of the Police Chief shall include the responsibility to:

- a) Conduct and manage the day-to-day operations of the Police Department including the work schedules of all members of the police department.
- b) Administer and enforce rules and regulations, act as the chief executive officer and appropriate authority for all matters and personnel assigned to the police department, and special emergency directives regarding the disposition and discipline of the police force, its officers, and personnel to include administrative statutes:

- c) Have, exercise, and discharge the functions, powers and duties of the police force:
- d) Delegate such of his authority as he may deem necessary for the efficient operation of the force to be exercised under his direction and supervision:
- e) Prescribe the duties and assignments of all subordinates and other personnel: and
- f) Report monthly in writing form, to the Borough an overview of police activity for the preceding month.

In addition to the statutory responsibilities of the police chief, in the Borough of Stratford , the Police Chief must also assume patrol responsibilities and criminal investigate duties.

Police Policy Manual

By law and Attorney General Guidelines, every police department shall adopt certain policies which govern how law enforcement operations are carried out. Although the mandatory policies are few, the Chief of Police believes that policies are a critical element of an effective law enforcement agency. Since 2002 the Chief of Police has developed a comprehensive policy manual which consists of the below chapters:

Read & Initial Board	Organizational Structure	Written Orders
Court Appearances	Uniforms	Command
Police Chief Notifications	Detective Notifications	Secondary Employment
Use of Police Vehicles	Discipline	Accident Reporting
Mission Statement	Ethics	Property & Evidence
Body Armor	Authorized Leave	Training
Harassment in the Workplace	Police Reporting	Juvenile Holding
Criminal Complaints	Alternate Care for dependents	Domestic Violence
Amber Alert	Response to Bank Alarms	Strip Search
DWI Processing	Vehicle Impound	Detective Affairs
Death Notifications	Ordinance / Parking	Internal Affairs
Juvenile Processing	Vehicle Pursuit	Fingerprints
Bias Incidents	Officer of the Year	DYFS Matters
OC Spray	Anti-discrimination	Special Events
Fata MVA	Use of Force	AED & CPR
Missing Persons	MDT	Transportation

Release of Impounds	Mutual Aid	Hostage Situations
Bomb Threats in School	Holding Room Policy	NCIC Entry
Family Crisis Matters	Haz-Mat Incidents	Traumatic Events
Telephone Warrants	Home Firearm Security	Station House Juveniles
NCIC Computer Security	Blood borne Pathogens	Sexual Harassment
SWAT Team	Rapid Response Team	School Lockdowns
School Evacuations	Portable Breath Testing	Drug Testing of Police
Computer Email Policy	Immigration Notification	Emergency School Operations
Emergency Driving	ViCAP Policy	Domestic Violence (LEO)
Patricia's Law (Missing Persons)	Dealing with the Mentally Ill	Social Media
Field Note Retention		

During 2008, the Stratford Police Department ceased issuing paper policies. Each officer has been issued a password protected thumb drive and all departmental policies and directives have been converted to PDF format. This initiative has resulted in a cost savings while making the comprehensive patrol guides available to the officer while in the field / patrol vehicles.

Law Enforcement Grants

Because of local fiscal restraints, the Stratford Police Department relies heavily upon State and Federal Grants to continue to function and a high level. And because the effective delivery of law enforcement services depends greatly upon training, equipment and effective use of manpower, the Stratford Police Departments literally operates on a shoe string budget supplanted by grant funds. The following is a partial list of grants applied for, and received by the Stratford Police Department during the year of 2011:

1. DWI Enforcement Patrols \$17,500.00
2. State Bullet Proof Vests \$2400.00
3. NJ Safe & Secure Manpower \$30,00.00
4. DWI Check Point \$5100.00
5. County DWI Task Force \$59,200.00
6. DOJ Training on Violence Grant \$6000.00

Since 2002, the Stratford Police Department estimates having received numerous grant awards which include manpower hours and law enforcement training and equipment.

In addition to funds received from the state and federal government, the Stratford Police Department has been awarded the following assets through the State of New Jersey Criminal Asset Forfeiture Program:

Property

- 2 Story Wooden Shed
- 1998 Dodge Pick Up Truck
- \$3800.00 Cash
- Contents of massage parlors
- 1998 Dodge Concord
- 1996 Chrysler Sebring
- 1995 Mitsubishi Galante
- 42" LCD Television
- \$2200.00 Cash
- \$1300.00 Cash
- 2000 Honda Accord
- 1998 Chevy Work Truck
- 2002 Lincoln Town Car
- \$2075.00 cash
- 2002 Chevy Suburban

Disposition

- in service at police headquarters
- in service as a utility police vehicle
- reserved in account
- sold at public auction, used by PD, disposed
- in service as a detective vehicle
- sold at public auction
- sold at public auction
- sold at public auction
- received
- received
- sold at public auction
- returned to owner
- returned to owner
- reserved in account
- received, at auction

Personnel Assignments

In addition to those core responsibilities and police function, the Stratford Police administration has issued the below Personnel Assignments. These assignments are reviewed quarterly by the Chief of Police and officers are at times reassigned in the spirit of learning and to ensure each and every officer is multi-faceted.

Officer Assignment / Responsibility

Sergeant John Brown

1. Range Master / Firearms Instructor
2. Department Armor
3. Seatbelt Grant Coordinator
4. Domestic Violence Instructor
5. Use of Force Instructor
6. Use of Force Custodian
7. Pursuit Report Custodian
8. Pursuit Instructor
9. Alternate Internal Affairs Officer
10. Mug Shot Custodian (master file)
11. Red Light Enforcement Officer

Sergeant Stephen McBride

1. Crossing Guard Coordinator
2. Red Light Enforcement Officer
3. Code Enforcement
4. Alternate Alco-Test Solution Maintenance
5. OEM Liaison
6. Child Seat Technician

7. Alternate Outside Employment Coordinator
8. Alternate Motor Pool Officer
9. Alternate Internal Affairs Officer
10. Special Events – Fall Festival Coordinator & Commander

Sergeant Frank J. Gagliardi

1. Day Watch Commander
2. Detective Bureau Commander
3. Primary Internal Affairs
4. Outside Employment Coordinator
5. Alternate Motor Pool / Vehicle Repair
6. School Liaison Officer
7. OC Instructor & Report Custodian
8. Radar Instructor
9. Terminal Agency Coordinator (T.A.C.)
10. Alternate F.T.O. Officer
11. Parole Listings Officer
12. N.C.I.C. Validations
13. Monthly Arrest Reports
14. Live Scan Project Manager
15. V.I.C.A.P. / LEO Liaison
16. Red Light Enforcement Officer
17. Use of Force Records & Compliance

Sergeant Robert Kelly

1. Primary Accident Investigator
2. Camden County Fatal Accident Reconstruction Team Member (C.R.I.T.)
3. Traffic Safety Officer / DWI Checkpoint Plans
4. F.T.O. Officer
5. Code Enforcement
6. Special Events – Fall Festival & Command
7. Warrant Custodian
8. Red Light Enforcement Officer

Detective Scott Beasley

1. Detective Bureau Supervisor
2. Business License / Permits Investigations
3. Evidence Custodian
4. Alternate Firearms Investigation / P.I.G. Liaison Officer
5. Prosecutor / FBI Liaison
6. Terrorism Officer
7. Juvenile Aid Officer
8. Prosecutor's Grand Jury Liaison

Patrolman Michael Meyers

1. Alternate Team Supervisor
2. Patrol Room Officer
3. Alternate UCR Officer (3)
4. Alternate Accident Investigator (2)
5. Alternate Ambulance Liaison
6. Fire Department Liaison
7. Shop Steward
8. Civil Disturbance Team
9. Special Response Team Co-Commander

Detective Bret Johnson

1. Dare Instructor
2. Megan's Law Officer
3. Firearms Investigation
4. School Liaison Officer
5. Prosecutor / FBI Liaison
6. Municipal Alliance Liaison
7. Assistant Property & Evidence Custodian
8. Good & Welfare Coordinator
9. Bike Patrol

Detective Michael Williams

1. Motor Pool, Fleet Management & Vehicle Repair Officer
2. Primary Equipment Repair / Replacement Officer
3. Primary Firearms Instructor
4. Dare Instructor
5. Evidence Custodian
6. School Liaison Officer
7. Bike Patrol

Patrolman John Beasley

1. Monthly Ticket Report
2. Mug Shot Custodian
3. Code Enforcement
4. Warrant Service Officer
5. Junk Vehicle Code Enforcement (see map)
6. Bike Patrol
7. Patrol Room Officer

Patrolman Thomas Farrell

1. CPR / AED Instructor
2. Crime Prevention / Town Watch Officer
3. Ambulance Liaison Officer
4. MDT Maintenance & Repair
5. Picture Link Coordinator
6. Juvenile / Stationhouse Adjustment Officer
7. Junk Vehicle Code Enforcement (see map)

Patrolman Andrew Rebecca

1. Dare Officer
2. Alternate Team Supervisor
3. Alternate Terminal Agency Coordinator (T.A.C.)
4. Business Listing Custodian
5. Junk Vehicle Code Enforcement (see map)
6. Warrant Service Officer
7. Alternate Discovery Officer (3)

Patrolman Kenneth Righter

1. Dare Officer
2. Special Response Team Member (S.R.T.)
3. Civil Disturbance Team Member
4. Warrant Service Officer
5. Junk Vehicle Code Enforcement (see map)
6. UCR Officer
7. Child Seat Technician Officer
8. Assistant Firearms Instructor

Patrolman Vincent Jess

1. Ordinance Code Enforcement (town wide)
2. Warrant Service Officer
3. Assistant Motor Pool
4. Civil Disturbance Team Member
5. Special Response Team Member (S.R.T.)
6. Juvenile / Stationhouse Adjustment Officer
7. Alternate Bailiff

Patrolman Glenn Behnke

1. Apartment Listing Officer
2. Bailiff
3. Alternate Discovery Officer (1)

4. Monthly Alarm Report
5. Patrol Room Officer
6. Bulletin Boards
7. Junk Vehicle Code Enforcement (see map)

Patrolman Steven Schmidt

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| 1. Primary Bailiff | 4. Patrol Room Officer |
| 2. Alternate Crossing Guard | 5. Bulletin Boards |
| 3. Special Events | 6. Code Enforcement Officer |

Staffing & Patrol Analysis

In these days of rising costs, and a shrinking tax base, staffing of all municipal departments legitimately comes into question. It is well settled that every municipal employee inclusive of elected officials has a right and duty to ensure that our taxpayers receive the effective and efficient delivery of police services. To achieve this mission, the administration of the Stratford Police Department strives to deploy the police officers when and where they are needed most by our citizens. To ensure public safety, the department has elected to employ Temporary Police Officers. These officers currently are not fully trained police officers however they are trained as Special Class Two Police Officers. These officers are hourly employees who are called upon to assist our regular police officers. Special Police Officers are a “special class” of law enforcement officers who are restricted in a variety of ways. However they clearly serve the needs of our community while defraying overtime costs. Currently the Stratford Police Department employee’s fourteen (14) full time regular police officers and (2) temporary officers.

Statically, the Borough of Stratford enjoys the protection of 2.1 Police Officers, per one thousand residents. The County average in this regard is 2.6 Police Officers, per one thousand residents and the New Jersey State average is 2.5 Police Officers per one thousand residents. Although we may be significantly below the state and county averages regarding the number of police officers we employ, the administration of the Stratford Police Department is confident that our manpower is deployed in an effective and efficient manner which is continuously analyzed. Should crime or population meaningfully increase, the need for additional police officers may become necessary. However as stated, our manpower and workload is carefully monitored to ensure the safety of our citizens. Consequently, the administration of the police department is confident that the borough’s public safety obligations are met, and yet fairly balanced against the financial or tax implications to our taxpayers. The aforementioned balance is difficult to strike, and requires close monitoring and committed employees.

EXTRAORDINARY CRIMES

4 Weeks in summer

During 4 weeks in summer, the Stratford Police Department was put to the test during which time period we realized an unprecedented wave of armed bank robberies along the White Horse Pike corridor. Between **June 17, 2011 and July 18, 2011** the following financial institutions were robbed:

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| ✓ June 17, 2011 2:43pm | PNC Bank | <i>(cleared by arrest)</i> |
| ✓ June 30, 2011 2:46pm | Wells Fargo Bank | <i>(cleared by arrest)</i> |
| ✓ July 2, 2011 9:30pm | TD Bank | <i>(cleared by arrest)</i> |
| ✓ July 18, 2011 9:06am | United Check Cashing | <i>(cleared by arrest, second suspect deceased)</i> |

Notably, during the **July 18, 2011** robbery of the United Check Cashing, two suspects were located by responding police officers after fleeing the scene in a vehicle reported stolen in Camden City NJ. In this case, the suspects abandon their vehicle near Wellington Avenue. Pursuing officers gave chase to an armed individual who broke into a lower level Bishop Court apartment. The armed suspect (Dwayne Tribbett) threatened police officers with a handgun and refused to surrender. In response to the threat, the suspect was shot by a police officer and was pronounced deceased at Cooper Trauma Center.

As summer ended, bank robberies continued. **On September 8th and September 19th 2011**, the Bank of America on Warwick Road was robbed at gunpoint. These robberies were committed by Denise Taylor of Lawnside NJ who was arrested after leading police officers on a high speed motor vehicle pursuit which ended in northern Burlington County.

Each robbery case detailed in this section has resulted in an arrest and prosecution of the responsible parties. The police officers of this agency are recognized for their bravery and dedication to keeping our community safe.

TOPICS OF INTEREST & INITIATIVES

Shared Services & Consolidation

During the month of May 2008, the Boroughs of Stratford & Somerdale formed committees respectively to explore the concept of shared law enforcement services. Most recently, Blue Shield Consultants of Morris County was selected to perform the study. The consulting firm was paid over \$56,000.00 for the service. The study began October 1, 2009 and a draft copy was received in late 2010. After reviewing the report, Hi-Nella Borough passed a resolution to divorce their borough from the study and decided to maintain their own police department in its current form. During the month of August 2011, the Borough of Stratford took several months to carefully review the final report. In response, the Borough concluded that there would be no financial benefit towards proceeding with the consolidation plan. Magnolia and Laurel Springs Boroughs' came to the same conclusion. Although not financially beneficial to consolidate, the merger report was helpful in determining other resources that could be shared among police departments. By exploring the concept, the intangible value of maintaining the local police force became much clearer to many involved in the process.

Prisoner Transportation – Jail Runs

2011 brought about serious change for all Camden County Police Departments. 2011 marked the first full year in which all municipal police forces were forced to transport their own prisoners to the Camden County Correctional Facility. This change was effectuated by the Camden County Sheriff's Office under direction of the Camden County Freeholder Board. As a consequence of this reduced service to Stratford Borough, our officers must now leave town to transport arrestees to the Camden County Jail. Obviously, the loss of manpower and availability has proven concerning and extremely challenging to each and every police chief in the county.

Miscellaneous Year 3 Special Initiatives -Camden County Regional DWI Task Force



During the summer of 2009, the Stratford Police Department made application to the New Jersey Office of Highway Traffic Safety to receive funding federal funding for drunk driving enforcement. Consequently, 5 municipal police departments along the White Horse Pike corridor joined forces to develop the Camden County Drunk Driving Task Force. As of December 31, 2011, our Task Force has removed over 500 drunk drivers from our neighborhoods. Similarly, over the past two years, remarkably the Officers of the Stratford Police Department ranked as one of the top 20 police departments in the state of New Jersey in regards to Drunk Driving Enforcement. During 2011, officers of this department made 198 drunk driving arrests. These officers are commended for their persistence and dedication

Camden County Crash Investigation Team (CRIT)

The Camden County Crash Investigation Team works under the direct supervision of the Camden County Prosecutors Office. The team members are all police officers whom are nominated by their respective agencies and accepted as Crash Investigators for the County Prosecutors Office. These agents are responsible for investigating fatal or near fatalities throughout Camden County. During 2011, Sergeant Robert Kelly was promoted to Team Leader and Patrolman Thomas Farrell was selected to be a team member. Tragically, these specially trained crash investigators were called upon to investigate fatal accidents on several occasions during the course of the year. Training and overtime expenses associated with the crash investigation team are paid for by the County of Camden.

SRT



Sterling Regional Special Response Team (SRT)

In 2006, the Stratford Police Department in cooperation with Somerdale Magnolia and Laurel Springs Police Departments formulated a Special Response Team. The Special Response Team was assembled, outfitted, equipped and trained to rapidly respond to a crisis or incident within the Sterling School District. While not a fully fledged SWAT Team, the regional Special Response Team is prepared to handle warrant services, barricaded suspects, and school threats. The team is essentially a gap filler between uniformed officers and a fully trained SWAT Team. During the month of October 2010, the respective participating communities renewed the inter-local shared services agreement to continue the SRT Team and make equipment purchases. Because of the risky nature of their work, our SRT Equipment list is confidential and cannot be published.

SRT Team Members

1. Patrolman Michael Meyers -Stratford
2. Patrolman Vincent Jess -Stratford
3. Patrolman Ken Righter -Stratford
4. Patrolman George Badey -Somerdale
5. Sergeant Paul Sims -Somerdale
6. Sergeant William Peters -Somerdale
7. Patrolman Rich Monticello -Somerdale
8. Patrolman Sean Plasket - Somerdale
9. Patrolman Rob Cocchi -Magnolia
10. Sergeant Scott Paris -Magnolia

2011 Year End Police Activity Report

<u>543</u>	Adults Arrests
<u>44</u>	Juvenile Arrests
<u>7</u>	Assaults to Police
<u>64</u>	Simple Assaults
<u>111</u>	Criminal Mischief Complaints
<u>148</u>	Harassment Complaints
<u>8522</u>	Other Investigations & Complaints
<u>36</u>	Burglaries
<u>14</u>	Robberies by Weapons or Force
<u>146</u>	Thefts <u>\$245,106.00</u> in Property was <u>Stolen</u> <u>\$99,428.00</u> of Stolen Property was <u>Recovered</u>
<u>4</u>	Motor Vehicle Thefts
<u>198</u>	Drunk Driving Arrests
<u>75</u>	Narcotics Arrests
<u>10060</u>	Traffic Tickets issued
<u>299</u>	Motor Vehicle Accidents
<u>63</u>	Injuries from Car Accidents
<u>0</u>	Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents
<u>302</u>	Alarm Activations
<u>981</u>	Total Crime Reports taken
<u>8522</u>	Total Calls for Police Service

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