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*It is truly an honor and privilege to serve as Chief of Police for North Plainfield. Our Borough is unique with its diverse population and the police department comprises of some of the finest people in law enforcement. My goals and objectives are quite simple; I want to make North Plainfield the safest place to live, work, play and visit. We will engage the community as full partners to accomplish this task. Thank you Mayor Michael Giordano, Jr. for having the confidence and trust in me to do this job and I pledge to do my best in serving the residents of North Plainfield, its government, and the police department.*

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## I. MISSION STATEMENT:

My top priority is to provide equal opportunity policing for everyone that lives, works or passes through North Plainfield. By this I mean Law Enforcement Services will be fair, honest, and without bias. With the help of government and the members of the Police Department, I hope to build a mutual respect with all of our residents and business people. Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani once said, "A town in which an increasing number of people respect and are willing to accommodate the rights of others is a community that is moving in a progressive direction." My goal is to move the Police Department in a progressive direction.

The North Plainfield Police are trying to instill our belief in community policing and establish a confidence that "we as police officers, care more about your well-being than your immigration status, ethnicity, or sexual orientation." In many communities across New Jersey, the relationship between members of the community and law enforcement is strained. Our mission as police officers is to prevent and solve crimes. That goal would be virtually impossible to do effectively if witnesses or victims had some reluctance to come forward. We have no concern about a person's immigration status and we do not ask that question of a victim or witness. It is imperative that law enforcement maintain the trust and support of the people they serve.

A high priority is placed on initial screening and training of our employees. A continuing in-service training program is designed to keep us current with modern law enforcement practices. We aim to combine high personal ethics, quality training, and perseverance to provide the best possible service to the people of North Plainfield.

## II. ADMINISTRATION:

A. Staffing: The Police Department is operating below its authorized strength of 48 sworn Officers, and 6 fulltime civilian personnel. Staffing and deficiencies:

1. 3 police officers
2. 1 Lieutenant's position
3. 2 administrative assistants (chief and records) have been reduced to 29 hour part-time positions.

B. Injured Officers:

1. On April 20, Officer Jean-Baptiste sustained a minor elbow injury when a vehicle accidentally struck him during an investigation. He returned to work that day.
2. On May 6, Detective Everett sustained serious burns to his hands and stomach when a battery in his pocket exploded during his lunch break. He

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was transported to the Saint Barnabas Burn Center. As a result of the injury, he was out of work for 20 calendar days and returned to work on June 6.

3. On July 20, Sergeant Innella injured his back in Police HQs. As a result he was out of work for 2 days.
4. On November 3, Officer Brid underwent another surgery as a result of injuries sustained in an on duty motor vehicle accident on December 9, 2014. As a result, at the end of the year, he had been out of work for 28 calendar days. His recovery continues at this time.
5. On November 8, while making an arrest, Officer Parenti Jr. was spat in the face by a suspect with a mixture of blood and saliva. Officer Parenti Jr. followed protocol and responded to the ER where he was provided post-exposure prophylaxis for blood borne pathogens. As a result of the incident he was out of work for three calendar days.
6. On December 3, Officer Garafalo sustained a knee injury when a domestic violence assailant resisted arrest. He was out of work for 8 calendar days and has remained on light duty awaiting medical clearance for full duty.

### C. Promotions, New Hires and Retirements

1. On January 26, Joseph Asprocolas started employment as the Police Department's IT coordinator.
2. On February 28, Hope Arthur resigned from her position as a Dispatcher.
3. On February 29, Jordan Rogers was sworn in as a probationary Patrol Officer.
4. On March 14, Ashley Straile started employment as a Dispatcher.
5. On April 1, Detective Florek was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to the Records Division. Also on that date Officer Everett was promoted to Detective.
6. On April 24, Nicholas Levendusky resigned from his position as a Dispatcher.
7. On May 9, Daniel Smith started employment as a Dispatcher with the Department.
8. On May 25, Keyonna Mixson was hired as a part time Parking Enforcement Agent.
9. On June 30, Officer Aivaliotis retired after 28 years of service with the Department.
10. On July 31, Officer Messinger retired after 26 years of service with the Department.

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11. On August 18, Jennifer Celis was hired as a part time Parking Enforcement Agent.
12. On August 22, Taras Bogutskiy was sworn in as a probationary Patrol Officer.
13. On December 23, Kevin Munoz was sworn in as a probationary Patrol Officer.

### III. CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:

#### A. CASE LOG REPORT:

1. A comparison of general adult investigations for the past three years is:

	2013	2014	2015
Investigated	745	902	646
Active	53	11	104
Suspended	139	204	158
Unfounded	3	0	0
Closed	550	687	381
Forwarded to SCPO	74	94	51

2. A comparison of juvenile investigations for the past three years is:

	2014	2015	2016
Investigated	226	195	221
Active	8	0	14
Suspended	5	9	9
Unfounded	2	0	0
Closed	211	186	198
Forwarded: other agencies	136	139	91

### IV. COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

- A. During 2016 the Community Policing Unit advanced the departments community outreach mission through a variety of means and venues including participation with various other organizations in fairs, public forums and special presentations. Maybe most importantly the unit maintained a steady presence in the borough's schools through DARE and GREAT curriculums being taught to all students in the district. DARE training is provided to all 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in the borough and GREAT training is provided to all 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. Additional supplemental GREAT training is provided to all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. Both Detective Fowler and Detective Domizi are members of the Municipal Alliance. Detective Domizi is also the department liaison for the Resource Center of Somerset County which provides

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assistance to victims of domestic violence.

- B. The Community Policing Unit oversees the departments Good Morning Program for senior citizens. Every morning a member of the department calls all senior citizens registered with the program to see if they are all right and holds a brief conversation with the person. They also oversee the residential and business false alarm program and follows up with summonses and warnings to people in violation of the borough's false alarm activation ordinance.
- C. On June of 2016 251 students from Somerset School graduated from the DARE program, Detective Fowler was the master of ceremonies for the event which was a well-attended event. In July the Community Policing Unit with assistance from multiple other members of our department and outside agencies put together a Youth Police Academy, for the second year in a row, which was held at the West End School. Parents of those involved and those involved all felt it was a great success. Funding has been cut back to the STEP program but it still went on as planned during the summer with the help of the Community Policing Unit and the Board of Education and it ended with a year-end picnic for all attendees.
- D. National Night Out was also continued and overseen by the Community Policing Unit. Multiple police units and fire apparatus were on display. As usual it was a well-attended event that seems to get bigger and bigger every year.

### **V. SOMERSET COUNTY GUNS AND GANG TASK FORCE:**

- A. Officer Kropewnicki is still the assigned officer from our agency with the County wide Strike Force. The Strike Force is made up of sworn police officers from around the County and the Somerset County Prosecutors Office who investigate and initiate narcotic and vice investigations throughout the county. The goal is to take illegal drugs and guns off of the streets throughout the county. An investigation may begin with an arrest in another town but the investigation may lead throughout the county or the state. During 2016 members of this Strike Force spent a total of approximately 436 man hours trying to develop information on activity in the Boro and following up on complaints made by citizens of the Boro. The following is a partial list of the investigations that Officer Kropewnicki and the Strike Force participated in that either took place in the Boro or was in some way connected to a complaint or investigation from the Boro;
  - 1. Heroin arrest with intent to distribute
  - 2. Search warrant executed with guns, drugs and burglary proceeds located and the arrest of MS 13 gang members

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3. Search warrant executed with one half kilo of raw heroin, over 7000 folds of heroin ready for sale, one half kilo of cocaine, one half kilo of Molly, over \$60,000 US currency seized
4. Search warrant executed 105 pounds of marijuana and over \$20,000 US currency seized
5. Search warrant executed 8 pounds of heroin and 9 marijuana plants seized
6. Intercepted a delivery of heroin
7. Search warrant executed heroin, mushrooms, marijuana and MDMA seized
8. Search warrant executed with large quantity of various drugs and several guns seized
9. Search warrant executed with a quantity of various drugs and US currency seized
10. 1.2 kilos of cocaine seized

**VI. INTERNAL AFFAIRS:** During 2016 the police department logged 13 Internal Affairs complaints. Lt. Flynn investigated 8 and Lt. Ciempola investigated 5.

Investigation #	Classification	Disposition	Corrective Action
16-01	Demeanor	Administratively Closed	N/A
16-02	False Arrest	Exonerated	N/A
16-03	Demeanor	Administratively Closed	N/A
16-04	Rules Violation	Sustained	Sanction (R&R)
16-05	Demeanor	Unfounded	N/A
16-06	Demeanor	Administratively Closed	N/A
16-07	Differential Treatment	Unfounded	N/A
16-08	Demeanor	Sustained	Sanction (R&R)
16-09	Rules Violation	Sustained	Sanction (R&R)
16-10	Rules Violation	Sustained	Sanction (R&R)
16-11	Demeanor	Sustained	Sanction (R&R)
16-12	Rules Violation	Sustained	Sanction (R&R)
16-13	Differential Treatment	Unfounded	N/A

**VII. PATROL DIVISION:**

A. The Patrol Division had 10 marked patrol cars in service and logged the following miles of patrol for the last three years.

	2014	2015	2016
Patrol Miles	177,437	163,309	157,902

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The number of miles driven has dropped slightly. I firmly believe a conspicuous Patrol operation communicates a sense of protection to our citizens, and acts as a deterrent to criminal or mischievous activity. We have had several officers out on extended injuries. Our goal is increase proactive patrol mile and will monitor this throughout the year.

**B. Traffic summonses issued: A comparison of the last three years:**

Type of summonses	2014	2015	2016
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	64	55	30
Moving Hazardous Violation	1,388	1,209	1,114
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	1,843	1,767	1,842
Borough Ordinance Violation	269	167	116
Parking Violation	2,037	3,062	2,570
Radar	232	355	292
Written Warnings	4,367	2,667	3,571
Totals	10,222	9,292	9,544
Refusal Breath Test Included in (DWI above)	13	8	9
Summons included in above totals	5,855	6,625	5,973

**C. Radar: officers spent 2,125 Hours on those posts**

Arnold Ave.	Parkview Ave (east of Clinton).
Ayres Ave.	Prospect Place.
Brook Ave.	Regent St.
Clinton Ave.	Ridge Ave.
Coddington Ave.	Rock Ave.
Crosson Ave.	Rockview Ave (between Harrington and Clinton).
Craig Place.	Rockview Ave (between W-end and Rockview Terr).
Delacey Ave.	Prospect Place.
Duer St.	Regent St.
Farragut Road.	Ridge Ave.
Geraud Ave.	Rock Ave.
Greenbrook Road.	Prospect Place.
Grove Street.	Rockview Ave (between Harrington and Clinton).
Harrison Ave.	Rockview Ave (between W-end and Rockview Terr).
Harrington Ave.	Route 22 both east and west.
Interhaven Ave.	Somerset St (South of 22).
Leland Ave.	Somerset St. (North of 22).
Malcolm Ave.	Summit Ave.
Mali Drive.	Sycamore Ave.
Manning Ave.	Taft Ave.
Mountain Ave.	Warfield Road.
Mountainview Dr.	Washington Ave



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Myrtle Ave.	Watchung Ave. (North of 22)
Netherwood Ave.	Watchung Ave. (South of 22)
Norwood Ave.	West End Ave
Oakridge Ave.	Westervelt Ave.
Oneida Ave.	Willow Ave.
Parkview (West of Clinton).	Wilson Ave.

## D. Parking Enforcement Report

Yearend totals:

	2014	2015	2016
Total Summons Issued	3,986	5,724	5,640

Revenue:	2014	2015	2016
Meters	100,499.04	110,329.85	105,182.54
Permits	2,265.00	3,175.00	6,187.00
Total	102,764.04	113,454.85	111,369.54

The meters were bagged from 12/13/16-1/4/17 for the holiday season (only Title 39 was enforced during this period).

## VIII. RECORDS DIVISION:

### A. Fees collected: A comparison of the last three years

	2014	2015	2016
Fees Collected	4,931.46	5,371.40	5,674.61
Calls for Service/Responses	34,706	34,385	31,995
Discovery Requests	311	244	232
Report Requests	4,652	6,555	6,103
Pieces of Evidence	363	231	249

### B. Yearly Arrest Analysis, a comparison of the last three years:

	2014		2015		2016	
	Adult	/ Juvenile	Adult	/ Juvenile	Adult	/ Juvenile
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	1	0	3	0
Robbery	4	2	4	5	4	3
Aggravated Assault	15	0	20	0	8	0
Burglary	5	1	2	1	4	1
Larceny/Theft	28	6	25	14	35	3
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	0	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	54	1	55	0	1	57

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Arson	1	0	1	0	0	0
Forgery	2	0	1	0	1	0
Fraud	11	1	24	0	5	0
Embezzlement	1	0	5	0	1	0
Stolen Property	2	0	2	0	3	1
Criminal Mischief	9	4	9	1	8	5
Weapons	3	1	0	1	2	18
Prostitution	0	0	0	1	1	0
Sex Offenses	1	0	1	0	2	0
Violation of Drug Laws	76	7	46	3	58	10
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	3	0	0	0
Driving Under the Influence	71	0	49	0	29	0
Liquor Law Violations	2	4	2	0	2	0
Disorderly Conduct	22	1	15	1	20	5
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering Violations	0	15	---	3	0	0
All Other Offenses	296	3	255	5	172	3
<b>Total UCR Arrests</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>106</b>
COC other Arrests	378	0	298	0	404	0
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>106</b>

## IX. UNIFORM CRIME REPORT

A. The following is a comparison of the Uniform Crime Offenses, Part I, for the past four years:

Year	Uniform Crime Reporting										Uniform Crime Reporting						
	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime	Non Violent Crime	Crime Rate Per 1,000	VIOLENT CRIME				NONVIOLENT CRIME								
					Violent Crime Per 1,000	Non violent Crime Rate Per 1,000	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson	Domestic Violence	Bias Incidents	
2013	461	53	408	21.0	2.5	18.6	0	5	20	28	121	262	25	1	236	0	
2014	370	38	332	16.9	1.8	15.1	0	2	20	16	78	236	18	4	199	0	
2015	367	41	326	16.7	1.9	14.9	0	4	24	13	83	226	17	1	194	0	
2016	440	55	385	20.1	2.6	17.6	0	6	29	20	90	272	23	0	166	0	
<b>Up/Dn</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-28</b>	<b>0</b>	

Small changes from year to year do not necessarily represent a trend. For example, if the murder rose by one and would indicate a 100 percent increase on its face value.

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Year	2010 Census Population	DEMOGRAPHIC DATA			POLICE EMPLOYEE DATA			
		Area in Square Miles	Density Per Square Mile	Character	Male Officers	Female Officers	Civilian	Total Police Employees
2013	21,936	2.8	7,834.29	Urban/Sub	44	1	5	50
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2015	21,936	2.8	7,834.29	Urban/Sub	44	1	5	50
2016	21,936	2.8	7,834.29	Urban/Sub	44	1	5	50
<b>Up/Dn</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## X. TRAFFIC SAFETY:

A. A comparison of vehicle crash information for the last three years:

	2014	2015	2016
Total	806	944	924
Summons Issued for crash	467	402	499
Driving While Intoxicated	24	27	14
Hazardous	331	280	372
Non Hazardous	107	92	110
Alcohol Related	3	3	0

B. Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable Crashes for the last three years:

	2014	2015	2016
Rt 22-Reportable	291	371	328
Rt 22 Non-Reportable	25	22	27
Boro Streets- Reportable	307	395	373
Boro St Non-Reportable	39	25	30
Private Property-Reportable	119	113	130
Private Prop Non-Reportable	25	18	36
Total Reportable	717	879	831
Total Non-Reportable	89	65	93

C. Crash Injury Report for the last three years:

	2014	2015	2016
Reports W/Injuries	118	145	119
Persons Injured	180	187	159
Fatal	1	1	0

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**IV. TRAINING DIVISION:** The Department Training Sergeant is responsible to provide all State mandated training for the department. Additional duties include, vehicle maintenance, securing, maintaining and copying the in car video recordings, updating the files needed to maintain our coveted Accreditation.

A. In 2016 the members of the Department were instructed in 25 police related topics which are divided into the following categories by the NJ Attorney General's Office:

1. Mandatory Training- Firearms (General Order Review and Qualifications), Use of Force, Pursuit Driving, Domestic Violence and Eradicating Racial Profiling. All of these except Eradicating Racial Profiling were two times during the training year.
2. Mandatory In-Service Training Due to a Particular Assignment- Blood borne Pathogens (On Line Training), Right to Know, HAZMAT Awareness (On Line Training) CJIS, IT Password Audit, Workplace Harassment. Opiate Antidote Training, Developmental Disabilities (On Line Training).
3. Voluntary In-Service Training- CPR/AED/First Aid ( Full Department Re-Certification) Personal Protective Equipment, Domestic Violence Insights to the Batterer, Active Shooter (Policy Review classroom only), Ethics, Sexual Assault Response Training, ASP Baton Refresher, Unarmed Defense Tactics and Handcuffing, Ambushes, Body Worn Cameras, Tourniquet Application, E-Ticket.

B. The members of the Department, to enhance personal development and professionalism, were instructed in 30 police related topics, these classes consisted of the following:

1. Accreditation Manager (1 member)
2. Bail Reform (10 members)
3. Basic Crash Investigation (2 members)
4. Blood and Crips Intel Roundtable (1 member)
5. Chasing the Dragon, Heroin/Prescription Drug Abuse (2 members)
6. Child Seat Tech Refresher (3 members)
7. CMR Certification (1 member)
8. CODIS (1 member)
9. Colt Armorer (1 member)
10. Combating Targeted Violence (1 member)
11. Deconfliction (1 member)
12. Digital Photography for the Traffic Crash Investigator (1 member)
13. Document Fraud (1 member)
14. Edged Weapons Defense Krav Maga (4 members)

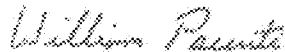
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15. Gang ID and Investigation (3 members)
16. Homemade Explosives (2 guys)
17. IPTM Data Recorder in Crash Investigation (1 member)
18. JTTF Threats Posed by ISIS and HVEs (1 member)
19. NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Tech Conference (1 member)
20. Officer Survival (1 member)
21. Police Academy Patch Training (1 member)
22. Proactive Police Supervision (1 member)
23. RADAR Instructor Refresher (1 member)
24. SART (5 members)
25. Standard Response Protocol (8 members)
26. TAC Terminal Agency Coordinator (2 members)
27. Tactical Interviewing (2 members)
28. Tourniquets Train the Trainer (2 members)
29. UCR (2 members)
30. Understanding and Planning for School Bomb Incidents (1 member)

C. Members of this department also instructed at various police academies in the state. There were 9 classes instructed by different instructors. These classes were:

1. Law Enforcement Encounters with the Hispanic Community (Fall and Spring)
2. Welcome to America for Community Policing Officers (Fall and Spring)
3. Police Youth Week at Somerset County Police Academy (2 Members)
4. Police Recruit Firearms Training
5. Active Shooter Instructor Course (2 Members)
6. Police Recruit Fire Training
7. Police Recruit PT Testing
8. Corrections Recruit Fire Training
9. Spanish for Dispatchers (Fall and Spring)
10. Assist with Police Recruit Practical's (Fall and Spring)

Respectfully submitted,



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