

Ewing Police Department



2024 Annual Report

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Chief of Police

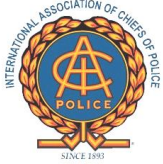


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Message from the Chief

Mayor Bert Steinmann,

Attached you will find the 2024 Annual Report for the Ewing Police Department. The report outlines crime data, investigative measures taken, as well as numerous other statistics for the various units within the department as compiled by Captain Charles Morgan.

In 2024, the department hired 8 officers, seven of which attended the Mercer County Police Academy – Officers Ezequiel Lopez-Bravo, Wiktorja Prejs, Ruben Vaquer, Tysean Cousar, Andrew Morgan, Nicholas Chamberlain and Nicholas Zoller. Officer Gavin Johnson also joined the department, via the Princeton University Department of Public Safety.

On June 13, 2024, the Ewing Police Department achieved re-accreditation, yet again, making it the fourth time accreditation has been achieved. Only 8 percent of police departments in New Jersey have received re-accreditation four or more times, highlighting the professional organization the Ewing Police Department continues to be.

Ewing Police Officers continue to keep up to date in the most advanced training and tactics. In 2024, the department purchased a drone which can aid in surveillance, search and rescue, and crime scene investigation. Drones have also proved helpful with traffic management, crowd control, missing people, and disaster response. Lt. Richard Herbe, Officer Thomas Piraino and Officer Thomas Hill are the department’s certified drone operators.

The New Jersey Police Training Commission (PTC) has instituted new guidelines for the licensing of police officers in the state of New Jersey. All current Ewing Police Officers are licensed by the State of New Jersey. In 2024, 28 Ewing Officers had their licenses renewed by the PTC. Every year moving forward, approximately one-third of officers of every police department in the state are up for police license renewals. Upon appointment to the police academy, police officer recruits must also apply for their initial license to be licensed as police officers in the state.

The work of the men and women of the Ewing Police Department continues to be recognized bringing credit to the township. On November 23, 2024, Officers from the Ewing Police Department were recognized at this year's State PBA Awards Dinner. Officers Chelsea Arnold, Estephan Hernandez, and Lieutenant Robert Ranke (Ret.) received a State PBA Valor Award for their selfless actions taken to protect the life of a victim at a shooting investigation, for their actions on April 26, 2023, where they put themselves in harm’s way to rescue a victim who was shot after a dispute with another individual. Additionally, Officer Alex Maldonado, the PBA 111 State Delegate, was recognized as the 2024 State PBA Member of the Year. Officer Alex Maldonado became just the second PBA member within Mercer County to receive this award.

In closing, we look forward to working with you and the council in 2025, to continue providing exemplary public service to the citizens of Ewing Township.

Chief of Police

Accreditation



An accreditation program has long been recognized as a means of maintaining the highest standards of professionalism. Accreditation is the certification by an independent reviewing authority that an entity has met specific requirements and prescribed standards. Schools, universities, and hospitals are some of the most well-known organizations that are required to maintain accreditation. Law enforcement agencies in New Jersey can now attain accredited status through the NJSACOP Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. Accreditation is a progressive and time proven way of helping law enforcement agencies calculate and improve their overall performance. Participating agencies conduct a thorough self-analysis to determine how existing operations can be adapted to meet these objectives. When the procedures are in place, a team of trained assessors verifies that applicable standards have been successfully implemented. Accreditation status represents a significant professional achievement. Accreditation acknowledges the implementation of policies and procedures that are conceptually sound and operationally effective.

The benefits of accreditation are many and will vary from agency to agency. Accreditation increases the law enforcement agency's ability to prevent and control crime through more effective and efficient delivery of law enforcement services to the community it serves. Accreditation enhances community understanding of the law enforcement agency and its role in the community as well as its goals and objectives. Citizen confidence in the policies and practices of the agency is increased. Accreditation, in conjunction with the philosophy of community policing, commits the agency to a broad range of programs (such as crime prevention) that directly benefit the public. Accreditation creates a forum in which police and citizens work together to control and prevent crime. The partnership will help citizens to understand the challenges that confront law enforcement. Law enforcement will, in turn, receive clear direction from the community about its expectations. Thus, a common set of goals and objectives will be arrived at and implemented.

For the Chief, accreditation increases cooperation and coordination with other law enforcement agencies and other branches of the criminal justice system. The accreditation process requires an in-depth review of every aspect of the agency's organization, management, operations, and administration to include:

- Establishment of agency goals and objectives with provisions for periodic updating;
- Re-evaluation of whether agency resources are being used in accord with agency goals, objectives and mission;
- Re-evaluation of agency policies and procedures, especially as documented in the agency's written directive system;
- Correction of internal deficiencies and inefficiencies before they become public problems;
- The opportunity to reorganize without the appearance of personal attacks.

The accreditation standards provide norms against which agency performance can be measured and monitored over time. Accreditation provides the agency with a continuous flow of Commission distributed information about exemplary policies, procedures and projects. Accreditation provides objective measures to justify decisions related to budget requests and personnel policies. Accreditation serves as a yardstick to measure the effectiveness of the agency's programs and services. The services provided are defined, and uniformity of service is assured. Accreditation streamlines operations, providing more consistency and more effective deployment of agency manpower.

Accreditation requires that agency policies and procedures are in written form and are available to all agency personnel at all times. Accreditation assures employees that every aspect of the agency's personnel system is in accord with professional standards, and that the system is both fair and equitable. The agency is compelled to operate within specific guidelines. It is accountable to the Commission. The agency must stay in compliance with the standards set forth by the Commission in order to retain its accreditation. The morale of the agency is enhanced by increasing the employees' confidence in the effectiveness and efficiency of their own agency. Operations become more streamlined and consistent.

Accreditation policies address officer safety issues and provide for adequate training and equipment of the officers. Accreditation is a coveted award that symbolizes professionalism, excellence and competence. Employees will take pride in their agency, knowing that it represents the very best in law enforcement.


The Ewing Police Department received initial recognition in June 2018 and is now a recognized accredited law enforcement agency. The department is proud to have achieved re-accreditation, yet again in 2024 making it the fourth time accreditation has been achieved. Only 8 percent of police departments in New Jersey have received re-accreditation four or more times.

Our Vision and Mission Statement

EWING POLICE DEPARTMENT

MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE
EWING POLICE DEPARTMENT
IS TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH THE COMMUNITY
TO PROVIDE SERVICE
AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH
CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS,
TO ENFORCE THE LAW,
PRESERVE THE PEACE,
REDUCE FEAR AND ENHANCE THE
QUALITY OF LIFE
WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY.



Make the Ewing Police Department a model police organization in respect to:

- Its dedication to the community.
- A supportive employee environment promoting individual career growth.
- Utilization of emerging technologies to efficiently and effectively perform the law enforcement mission.
- To implement department-wide adoption of the Community Oriented Policing philosophy, enabling the delivery of the highest quality service to the community.
- To monitor changing needs within the community.
- Respond to the changing economic, social, technological and legal environment.
- To perform the law enforcement mission in the most economic cost-effective manner.
- Increase overall professionalism that instills confidence from our community.

Our Values

We, the members of the Ewing Police Department, are committed to providing quality service to the community. We believe each one of us makes the difference between a good organization and an excellent one and agree upon the following organizational values.

Professionalism

We believe all members must strive to ensure their actions are always professional and in the best interest of the community and the department they serve.

Honesty

Honesty is fundamental to effective delivery of law enforcement services and we are committed to uncompromising honesty in all our actions.

Integrity

We recognize that both personal and professional integrity is essential in our profession and we will strive to achieve the highest ethical standards to maintain the public's trust.

Loyalty

We must be loyal to our oath of office, the department as a whole, and all its members.

Teamwork

We recognize teamwork as essential to a successful organization.

Pride

We are proud of the community we serve, the service we provide the public, and proud of the Police Department and its members.

Respect

We pledge to preserve human dignity by caring for citizens we serve, and ourselves.



Our Department

This area was first settled by European colonists around 1699, it was part of Hopewell Township, and continued under that name until the City of Trenton was established in 1719. From 1719 until 1834, the area was named Trenton Township. On February 22, 1834, the name was changed from Trenton Township to Ewing Township in honor of Charles Ewing, who was posthumously honored for his work as Chief Justice of the New Jersey State Supreme Court from 1824-1832.

In order to better serve the community of Ewing Township, a decision was made to hire a full-time police force. On February 20, 1928, the first Ewing Police Officers were sworn in and reported for duty. They were Chief Harry Prince, William C. Forst, John Elder, and Charles Whitehead. The salary of the chief was \$1,950.00 per year and the Patrolmen ranged from \$1560.00 to \$1820 per year. They were expected to purchase their own guns, uniforms, motorcycles and gasoline.



These men patrolled the large area of the township on motorcycles. There were no radio communications and only one phone to headquarters. If a patrolman was needed somewhere, he was summoned by the man at headquarters turning on a red light placed atop several poles located throughout the township. When the patrolman saw the light, he would call headquarters and find out where his assignment was and would proceed. Between times he would be required to clock in at various call boxes.

The original police station was located at the intersection of Parkside Avenue and Pennington Road; it was hardly able to accommodate the four officers at one time. A second building was taken over and used for a short time, it was located at the entrance to Trenton State College (renamed The College of New Jersey) where the lake now sits. The first full time township building was built in 1934 using Works Project Authority (WPA) funds and labor. It was located on the corner of Pennington Road and Green Lane. Part of that building was the police station. This allowed the police to expand its services and add a few more officers.



At the end of World War II, the township entered the beginning of urbanization. More patrolmen were added at a steady rate to help see to the increased needs of the community. The needs of the police force were also affected by this growth. No longer was it sufficient for the patrol officer to be big and tough, now he had to be involved in counseling and a deeper knowledge of the law.

Chief Calvin Steepy, who was sworn in as Chief of Police in 1966, took on the task of building an effective and well-educated police force. He relied on FBI schooling and methods to instruct his men in the proper application of law enforcement. Now all patrolmen had a vehicle equipped with radios to respond to the calls for help. Traffic Services and Detective bureaus were made independent of the patrol officers to increase services to the public. In 1987 the department formed its Tactical Response Team and Crime Scene Unit.

By 1988, the police force had grown to include over sixty-five officers. Again, growth and changes in society have impacted on the police force. On November 11, 1991, a new municipal building was completed at 2 Jake Garzio Drive, our current location.

In 1999, the department entered into a new era with a priority of community-oriented service under Chief Coulton. In Oct. 2004, Ewing established a K-9 Unit which began with two handlers and their canine partners. Today the department has one K-9 team that is an explosives detection team/tracking team.

Chief John Stemler III was promoted to the rank of Chief in 2014. Chief Stemler retired in 2020 after 27 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Ewing Township.

Today Chief Albert Rhodes leads a department of approximately 80 professional police officers who are trained to handle the multitude of tasks. Chief Rhodes continues to strive for excellence by maintaining the department's accreditation status. Chief Rhodes has stated, "Accreditation is essential in maintaining the public's trust to demonstrate the Ewing Police Department operates under 'best practices' in law enforcement standards. Meeting the NJSACOP Commission's vigorous standards and achieving re-accreditation is a highly sought-after accomplishment. The men and women of the Ewing Police Department, as well as the community they serve, should be proud of their achievement. Only 8% of police departments in New Jersey have received re-accreditation four or more times, highlighting the professional organization the Ewing Police Department continues to be."

EWING POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL



CURRENT EWING POLICE DEPARTMENT SWORN PERSONNEL

EWING POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVE ROSTER 78 – Sworn Officers

158	Michael	Flynn	226	Jennifer	Modzelewski
229	Chelsea	Arnold	228	Joseph	Toth III
165	Nicholas	Muscente	230	Stephen	Arnold
167	Albert	Rhodes	231	Sean	Cruz
171	Andrew	Condrat	232	Nicholas	Jones
172	David	Morris	233	Thomas	Piraino
176	Richard	Herbe	234	David	Hartmann
178	William	Lardieri	235	Shane	Miller
179	Charles	Morgan	236	Michael	Giovannetti
184	Richard	Tramontana	238	Shannon	Stradling
185	Christopher	Boller	239	Kourtney	Schneider
186	Jeremie	McCall	240	Liam	Fitzpatrick
187	Matthew	Przemieniecki	241	Leonard	Tisdale
188	Alexander	Maldonado	242	Estephan	Hernandez
189	Danielle	Bethea	243	Jason	Ulrich Jr.
194	Edward	Lester	245	Alim	Djemilev
195	Abdelbasset	Jibbou	246	Holly	Oswald-Kardos
198	Kenneth	Vagnozzi	247	Daniel	Lookner
199	Nicholas	Brower	248	Andrew	Ridolfi
200	Tyler	Bender	249	Thomas	Hill
201	Justin	Ubry	250	Cameron	Potts
202	Caitlin	Hurley	251	Cameron	Brower
203	Christopher	Messick	252	Moses	Vigo
205	Jonathan	Bag	253	Cole	Felsher
206	Brittney	Mejia	254	Javon	Graham
207	Mohamed	Omara	255	Hussein	Mustafa
209	Melvin	Jumper	256	Alex	Episcopo
210	David	Danley	257	Andrew	Myers
211	Corey	Fornarotto	258	Oscar	Quiroz
212	Luis	Martir	259	Kyle	Ficci
213	Austin	Woolverton	261	Anthony	Gaynord
216	David	Massi	262	Gavin	Johnson
218	Matthew	Folis	263	Ezequiel	Lopez-Bravo
219	Justin	Quinlan	264	Wiktoria	Prejs
220	Michael	Manfredi	265	Ruben	Vaquer
221	Phillip	Culotta	266	TySean	Cousar
222	Tyler	Finnerty	267	Andrew	Morgan
224	Charles	Wyckoff	268	Nicholas	Chamberlain
225	Kyle	McGuire	269	Nicholas	Zoller

Civilian Support Personnel

Lynn Ervin	Rich Smith	Michael Narducci	Yvonne Wilson-Rice
Fatima Butler	Charlie Pae	Jackie McFadden	Carmen Giovacchini
Tim Holt	Michelle Lamb	Heather Canulli	Fred Dow
Matthew Canulli	Jon Popp	Kristi Sejas	Yoarys "JoJo" Arroyo
Ernie Papp	Kristen Lubina	Kennedy McCain	Kaitlin Paul
Robert Ranke			

Department Strength and Balance

Sworn Personnel

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Officers	83	82	83	75	76	68	80	80

Retired 2024

Robert Birchenough #163
 Glenn Tettemer #175
 Irving Bruno #152
 Ricardo Sookhu #162
 Bobby Villa #191
 Robert Litz #157
 Jeffrey Jacobs #155

Hired - Certified Officers 2024

Gavin Johnson #262

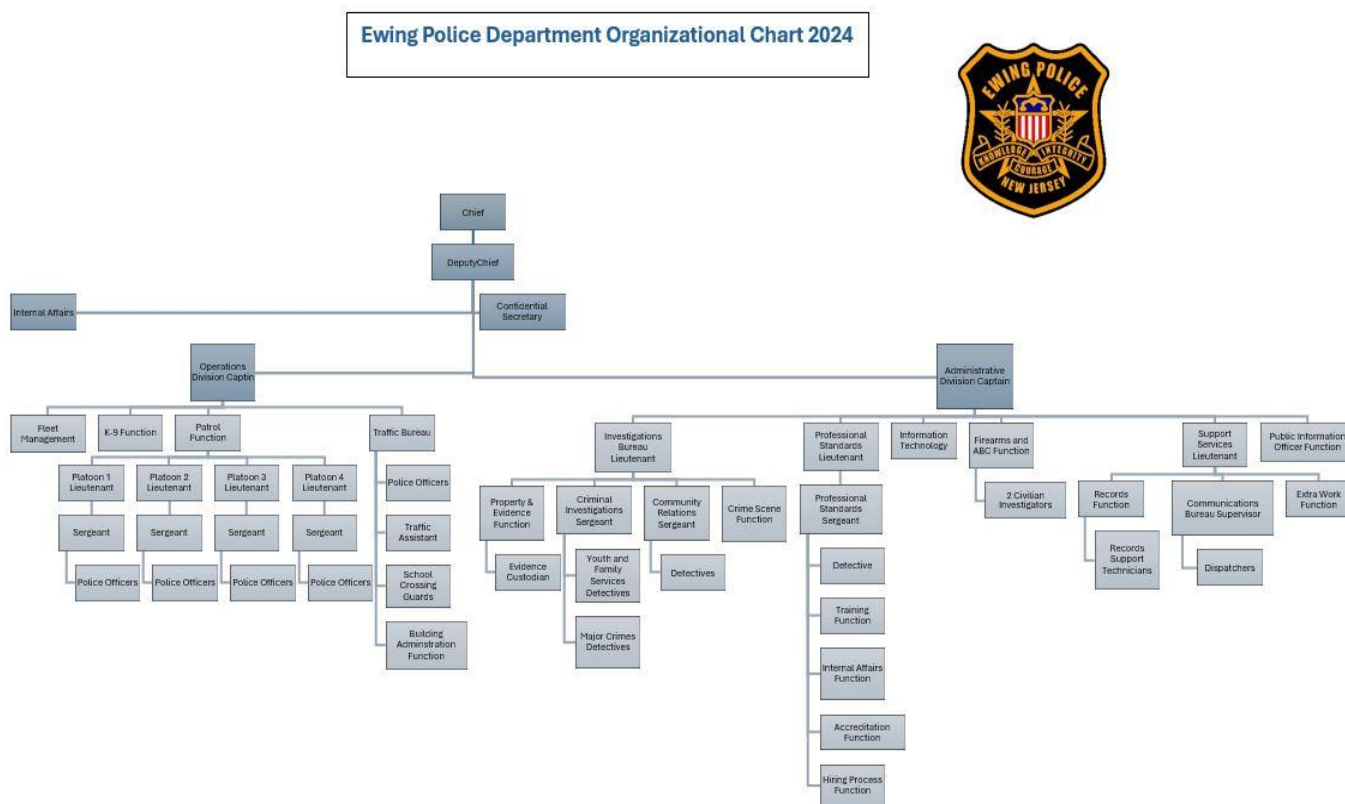
Police Academy Recruits 2024

Ezequiel Lopez-Bravo #263
 Wiktorja Prejs #264
 Ruben Vaquer #265
 Tysean Cousar #266
 Andrew Morgan #267
 Nicholas Chamberlain #268
 Nicholas Zoller #269



Department Organization

The **Organizational Chart** for the Ewing Township Police Department depicts the chain of command and indicates each bureau and supporting units.



Office of the Chief



The Chief oversees the day-to-day operations of the agency. The Chief ensures the department's various subdivisions carry out their assigned operational and administrative duties and functions with the assistance of the Deputy Chief and two Captains. The Chief is directly responsible to the Mayor/Public Safety Director for all operations of the police department.

Patrol Bureau

The Patrol Bureau is overseen by the Operations Captain. The backbone of the department is uniformed patrol. Uniformed patrol is divided into four platoons. There is one Lieutenant and one Sergeant per platoon. The officers assigned to each platoon are further divided and assigned a zone to patrol within the township that cover rotating 12-hour shifts. The Patrol Bureau is responsible for controlling and preventing crime through regular patrols, answering calls for service, apprehending offenders, enforcing criminal and traffic laws, conducting preliminary investigations, and working with the community to solve neighborhood crime problems. The canine unit (K-9) is part of the Patrol Bureau. The mission of the K-9 unit is to provide trained canine teams to assist in the prevention and detection of crime; the tracking of persons sought by the police and such other duties as may be directed by a department supervisor. Within the bureau is the Traffic Unit. The Traffic Unit investigates accidents, oversees the School Crossing Guards and handles other traffic safety related duties. The Traffic Unit is comprised of five traffic officers and a professional clerk.

Community Relations Unit

The Community Relations Unit (CRU) is tasked to work hand in hand with the community and its many resources to improve the quality of life in our town. The Community Relations Unit is under the command of a Sergeant who reports to the Detective Bureau Lieutenant. The Community Relations Unit meets with community groups, civic associations and concerned citizens. They listen to their concerns, questions, and comments on the many happenings throughout our town. The unit also is the contact for various neighborhood groups such as the Braeburn Civic Association. CRU is also the liaison between the area colleges and the homes rented by their students throughout our community. They work with both students and faculty from the college institutions to address all "off campus" student housing and student safety issues. CRU runs the Citizens and Youth Academies at the police department. Both programs are extremely valuable when it comes to connecting with the community and giving the public a better understanding of what a police officer's job is like.

This year our Community Relations Unit participated in the National Faith and Blue, several trunk or treat events, a toy drive, and other community events. CRU produced a short film series featuring "The Grinch" during the holiday season and also provided over 100 coats to local families during the winter. As part of National Faith and Blue weekend, the unit partnered with Capital Health and Incarnation – St. James Church. CRU conducted a child passenger seat safety check and gave away new car seats. The Community Relations Unit completed an 8-week Citizens Academy for 20 Ewing residents in the Spring. CRU was also proud to host 17 students in the summer for the Youth Police Academy.



Criminal Investigations Bureau

The Detective Bureau, which is overseen by a Detective Lieutenant, is responsible for the investigation of major felony offenses, select disorderly person offenses, missing persons, unattended deaths, and the processing of forensic evidence. The Bureau consists of a Detective Sergeant and 6 Detectives. Within this bureau there is the Youth and Family Services Unit which encompasses matters involving juveniles. The Property and Evidence Unit is also under the supervision of the Detective Bureau.

Support Services Bureau

The Support Services Bureau is primarily comprised of civilian support personnel and is overseen by the Support Services Lieutenant. Within this bureau are the Records, Communications Center, and Information Technology Units. Communications is comprised of eight dispatchers and one civilian supervisor covering two 12-hour shifts, which provide 24-hour coverage of emergency 911 calls and radio transmissions as well as receiving both emergency and non-emergency calls for service. The communications unit is charged with operating the Zetron E911 call taking system that gives call-takers (dispatchers) total control over a complex network of informational and communication assets and was configured to fit the department's needs.

The Records Bureau is comprised of three professional clerks. They are responsible for maintaining all official police reports/documents. Both incident and motor vehicle accident reports are now maintained in the department's computerized record-keeping system. All discovery requests by law firms are handled by the clerks. The clerks are also responsible for the National Incident-Based Reporting System which replaced the Uniform Crime Reporting on January 1, 2021.

There are two Township Information Technology Professionals who are dedicated to the needs of the department. They provide computer and technology assistance with all of the programs utilized in the building as well as the vehicles. Support Services reports to the Administrative Captain.

Professional Standards Bureau

The Professional Standards Bureau is responsible for Training, Hiring, Accreditation and the Internal Affairs Function for the police department. It is comprised of a Lieutenant, a Sergeant and two Detectives. The Professional Standards Bureau oversees the operations of the Training/Risk Management of the department. Members of the bureau plan and coordinate all aspects of training for the department to include roll call training (informal) to the Field Training Evaluation Program (post academy) to certification producing schools (formal). They conduct background investigations for new hires, internal affairs investigations of current employees and are the accreditation managers for the department. The Professional Standards Lieutenant reports to the Administrative Captain.



National Incident Based Reporting System

Implemented to improve the overall quality of crime data collected by law enforcement, NIBRS captures details on each single crime incident—as well as on separate offenses within the same incident—including information on victims, known offenders, relationships between victims and offenders, arrestees, and property involved in crimes.

Unlike data reported through the UCR Program’s traditional Summary Reporting System (SRS)—an aggregate monthly tally of crimes—NIBRS goes much deeper because of its ability to provide circumstances and context for crimes like location, time of day, and whether the incident was cleared.

As recommended by professional law enforcement organizations, the FBI has made nationwide implementation of NIBRS a top priority because NIBRS can provide more useful statistics to promote constructive discussion, measured planning, and informed policing. To increase participation, the UCR Program is partnering with the Bureau of Justice Statistics on the National Crime Statistics Exchange, working with advocacy groups to emphasize the importance of NIBRS data, and transitioned the UCR Program to a NIBRS-only data collection, as of Jan. 1, 2021. In addition, the UCR Program has made resources available to help agencies address the cost of transitioning, as well as the potential perception that an agency has higher crime levels when NIBRS actually establishes a new baseline that more precisely captures reported crime in a community.

911/Communications Center

The Ewing Police Department Communication Center is the primary answering point for all 911 calls for Police, Fire, or Emergency Medical Services. The Center is always staffed with a minimum of two 9-1-1 certified call takers and has the ability to expand up to five total positions. The staff of the center is comprised of 10 certified 9-1-1 dispatcher/call takers. The center also handles all phone calls placed to our main number of 609-882-1313.

Year 2024 Statistics for our 911/Dispatch Center

Total number of 911 calls received by our department.....	25,629
<u>Total number of telephone calls received on "882-1313".....</u>	<u>50,754</u>
Total number of incoming 911 and telephone calls handled by our dispatchers....	76,383

The average answer time of a "911" call in 2024 was **4** seconds.

The average answer time of a "882-1313" call in 2024 was **5** seconds.

Computer technology drives most of the systems within the 911 center including:

Motorola 500Mhz trunked radio system (digitally encrypted)

Zetron - Max call taking 911 and administrative phone system

Critical Reach Trak System - Amber Alert system

Enforsys Computer Aided Dispatch and Records system

Info-Cop Mobile Data system

Eventide phone and radio recording system

WTH Think GIS for mapping calls and automatic vehicle location

Pictometry Visual Intelligence - additional mapping and geographical plotting

Panasonic video recording and monitoring system

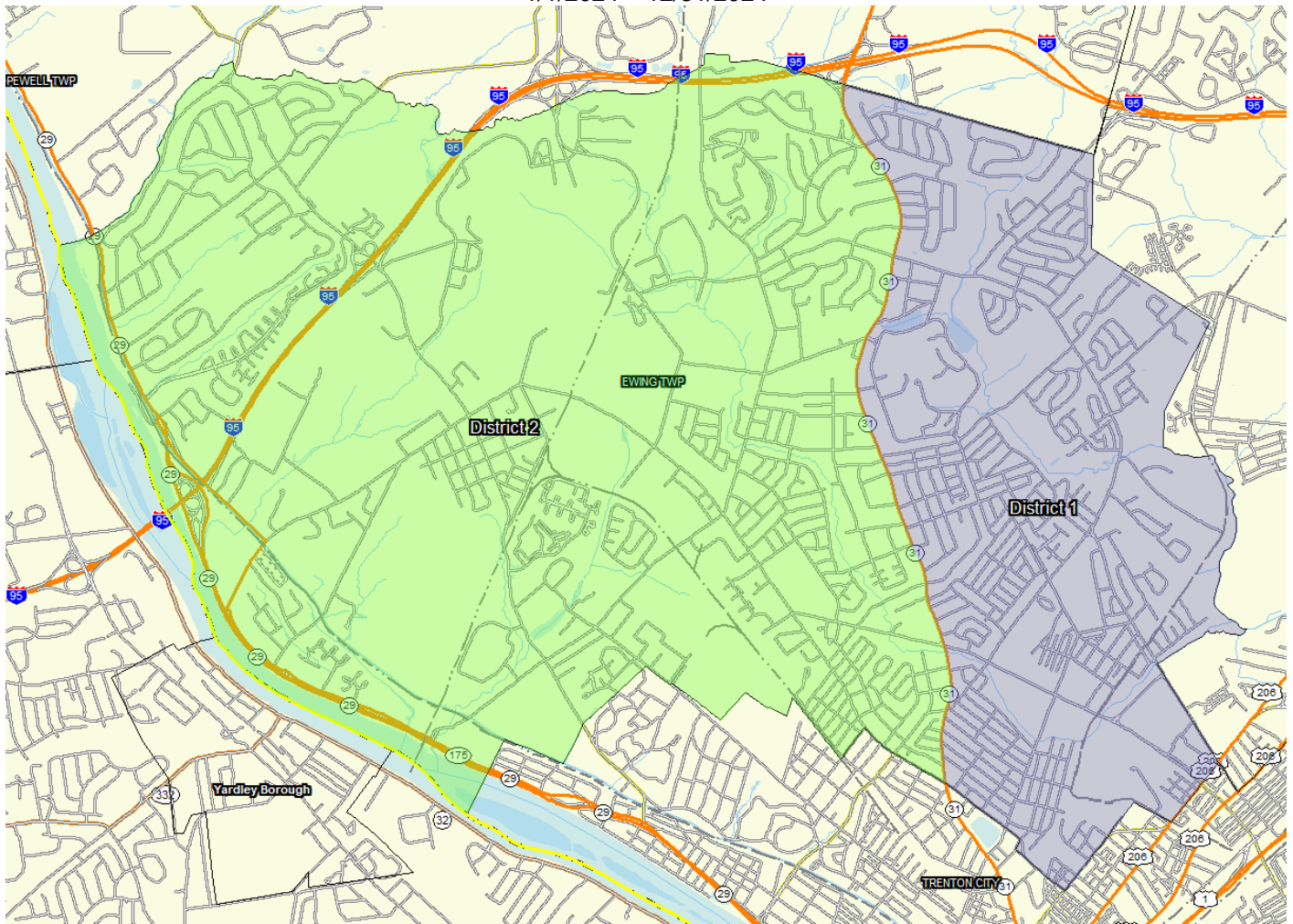
During 2021, the Ewing Police Department, with the support and funding of Ewing Township, updated our old and outdated 911 phone system. The new Zetron Call Taker Max system has come a long way since we last upgraded approximately 15 years ago. This system uses the latest technology and will have the capability to track cell phone calls and provide user data provided by the phone vendors such as medical issues and emergency contact information provide thru a system called Rapid SOS. 2022 was the first full year this system was functional. The system has proven its worth in assisting our public safety telecommunicators with locating the origin of 911 calls in situations where individuals could not speak or did not know where they were.

MAX Call Taking is a 911 call taking solution designed to give the telecommunicator the tools they need to increase efficiency and minimize distractions. It provides the solid reliability for which Zetron is known in an end-to-end Next-Generation 9-1-1 call handling solution built with scalability and redundancy at its core. It offers a full range of features and functionality that are important to Emergency Communication Centers (ECCs) and employs the latest standards-based IP protocols and IT best practices. The intelligent user interface (UI) is expressly designed to streamline and simplify tasks, reduce distractions and fatigue while improving efficiency. The system comes with built-in interfaces and shared components with other Zetron solutions.



Calls For Service by District

1/1/2024 – 12/31/2024



Zone Total Calls

DISTRICT 1	16,139
DISTRICT 2	18,323
OUT OF TOWN	738
Total	35200

Ewing Police
CALLS FOR SERVICE
TWO YEAR COMPARISON BY TYPE 2023-2024

CALL TYPE	2023	2024	
ABANDON 911 CALL	276	215	-22.10%
ABANDON MV	10	3	-70.00%
ABC INSPECTION	0	0	0.00%
ALARM - ELEVATOR	0	0	0.00%
ALARM-BUS	1033	1002	-3.00%
ALARM-RES	519	457	-11.95%
ALRM-VEHICLE	17	22	29.41%
AMB ASSIST	5	1	-80.00%
ANIMAL - BEAR	1	2	100.00%
ANIMAL BITE	18	15	-16.67%
ANML COMPLNT	602	561	-6.81%
ARSON	1	0	-100.00%
ASSAULT - KNIFE OR CUTTING INSTR	5	6	20.00%
ASSAULT - OTHER (SIMPLE)	2	2	0.00%
ASSAULT - OTHER DANGEROUSE WEAPON	3	0	-300.00%
ASSAULT - STRONGARM	0	0	0.00%
ASSAULT ON OFF	0	2	200.00%
ASSAULT W/FIREARM	3	1	-66.67%
ASSAULTS	99	88	-11.11%
ASSIST FD/PW	7	16	128.57%
ASSIST MOBILE OUTREACH	129	89	-31.01%
ASST.OTH.AGC	308	290	-5.84%
ATTEMPT AUTO THEFT	7	9	28.57%
ATTEMPT BURGLARY	15	12	-20.00%
ATTEMPT SUICIDE	16	22	37.50%
BICYCLE REGISTRATION	0	0	0.00%
BIKE PATROL	0	0	0.00%
BOMB THREAT	3	0	-300.00%
BURGLARY	79	76	-3.80%
BURGLARY - FORCIBLE ENTRY	0	0	0.00%
BURGLARY - UNLAWFUL ENTRY	0	1	100.00%
BUS PANIC ALARM	0	0	0.00%
BWC FAILURE	73	26	-64.38%
CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM	66	78	18.18%
CARE CALLOUT	0	3	300.00%
CHILD ABUSE	78	60	-23.08%
CHILD SEAT CHECK	25	20	-20.00%
CITIZEN ASST	2447	2203	-9.97%
CITZ. COMPLAINT - COLLEGE	28	16	-42.86%

CITZ.COMPLT	298	278	-6.71%
CIVIC EVENT	0	0	0.00%
CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE	0	0	0.00%
CIVIL MATTER	62	46	-25.81%
COURT	7	1	-85.71%
CRIM MISCHIEF	152	134	-11.84%
CRIME ALERT TEST	0	24	2400.00%
CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONTACT	0	5	500.00%
CRISIS FOLLOWUP	40	36	-10.00%
CRU DETAIL	158	147	-6.96%
CRU DETAIL - ASSOC MTG	1	0	-100.00%
CRU DETAIL - CITZ ACADEMY	0	0	0.00%
CRU DETAIL - COMM EVENT	0	0	0.00%
CRU DETAIL - MEDIATION	0	0	0.00%
CRU DETAIL - THREAT ASSESS	0	0	0.00%
CRU DETAIL - YOUTH ACADEMY	0	0	0.00%
CURF.HALLOW	0	0	0.00%
CUSTOMER DISPUTE	220	240	9.09%
DCPP CALL OUT	0	33	3300.00%
DEATH/HOSPICE	3	7	133.33%
DEATH/UNATND	49	57	16.33%
DISABLED VEH	347	331	-4.61%
DISORDERLY PER	371	407	9.70%
DOMEST.DSPTE	593	577	-2.70%
DRG-USE/POSN	13	20	53.85%
DROWNING	0	0	0.00%
DRUG OVERDOSE	18	13	-27.78%
DRUG RAID	0	0	0.00%
DRUNKENESS	29	46	58.62%
DUPLICATE CALL- IGNORE	32	38	18.75%
DVVRT CALL OUT	33	20	-39.39%
DWI	58	47	-18.97%
ELEVATOR ALARM	37	34	-8.11%
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	20	3	-85.00%
EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PERSON	287	317	10.45%
ENDANGERED PERSON - REGISTRATION	5	4	-20.00%
ESCAPE	0	0	0.00%
ESCT.BNK/BUS	0	0	0.00%
FALSE PUBLIC ALARMS	2	3	50.00%
FAMILY CRISIS	210	260	23.81%
FIGHTING	75	81	8.00%
FINGERPRINTS - VOLUNTEER FD	5	12	140.00%
FINGERPRINTS COND DISMISSAL	4	6	50.00%
FINGERPRINTS HQ	27	14	-48.15%
FIRE	112	134	19.64%
FIRE ALARM TEST	0	13	1300.00%
FIRE ALM SYS	491	525	6.92%
FLOOD COND	19	17	-10.53%
FOOT PATROL	294	318	8.16%
FOUND/RECOVERED ARTI	112	126	12.50%

FRAUD	330	300	-9.09%
GAMBLING	0	0	0.00%
GAS LEAK-NAT	115	139	20.87%
GAS LEAK/VEH	6	5	-16.67%
HANDLE WITH CARE	143	137	-4.20%
HARASMNT-ALL	322	306	-4.97%
HAZMAT	8	10	25.00%
HELMET REWARD	0	33	3300.00%
HOLDUP ALARM	46	54	17.39%
HOMICIDE	1	1	0.00%
IMPERSONATE POLICE O	2	0	-200.00%
INJURED PERSONS	339	433	27.73%
INVASION OF PRIVACY	1	6	500.00%
JUVEN OFFENSE	112	130	16.07%
JUVENILE CURBSIDE WARNING	0	1	100.00%
JUVENILE CUSTODY	34	46	35.29%
JUVENILE REWARD	0	0	0.00%
K9 DEPLOYMENT	0	8	800.00%
KIDNAP/ABDUCT	0	0	0.00%
LANDLORD DISPUTE	16	22	37.50%
LARCY-THEFTS	347	360	3.75%
LEWD/IND EXPOS	3	5	66.67%
LINEUP	0	0	0.00%
LIQUOR LAWS	0	0	0.00%
LOCKOUT BUILD	13	14	7.69%
LOCKOUT MV	40	29	-27.50%
LST.ARTICLES	65	83	27.69%
LURING	1	1	0.00%
M/P RTN/LOC	70	67	-4.29%
MEDICINE DROP BOX	11	11	0.00%
MISSING PERSON ADULT	48	83	72.92%
MISSING PERSON JUVENILE	82	89	8.54%
MISSING STREET SIGNS	6	2	-66.67%
MV CITZ COMPT	599	658	9.85%
MV DAMAGE NON/ACC	33	28	-15.15%
MV IMPOUNDED	0	0	0.00%
MV JUNK VEH	6	23	283.33%
MV REPO STANDBY	0	3	300.00%
MV STOP	5364	4750	-11.45%
MV THEFT/AUTO	103	93	-9.71%
MV THFT - TRUCK	2	1	-50.00%
MV THFT.FROM	159	152	-4.40%
MV-SUSPICIOU	611	671	9.82%
MV.AC.NO.INJ	921	1017	10.42%
MV.ACC. W/INJ	160	144	-10.00%
MV.HIT/RUN	184	244	32.61%
NEIGHB DISP	104	105	0.96%
NON-ENFORCEMENT CONTACT W/COMMUNITY	155	141	-9.03%
NOTIFY/MSG	108	98	-9.26%
OBJECT IN ROADWAY	161	203	26.09%

OFF FOLLOWUP	1151	899	-21.89%
OFF.MEAL BRK	0	1	#DIV/0!
OPEN PROP	50	50	0.00%
OVERWEIGHT VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT	60	73	21.67%
PARKING VIOL	787	696	-11.56%
PASSING ATTN	4969	3741	-24.71%
PEDESTRIAN ENFORCEMENT DETAIL	26	2	-92.31%
PEDESTRIAN STOP	55	85	54.55%
PEEPING TOM	1	0	-100.00%
POLICE INFO	284	163	-42.61%
POS STL PROP	0	1	#DIV/0!
POS.WEAP.OTH	12	9	-25.00%
POSS.DRUGS	5	5	0.00%
POSSESSION OF FIREARM	2	5	150.00%
PRIS.CK/MEAL	29	13	-55.17%
PRIS.TRANS	17	14	-17.65%
PROPERTY CHECK	937	546	-41.73%
PROSTITUTION	0	0	0.00%
PROWLER	0	0	0.00%
RADAR POST	425	255	-40.00%
REC STOL VEH	57	61	7.02%
REC VEH OTHER AGENCY	18	13	-27.78%
RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION	0	0	0.00%
REPORT WRITING	54	9	-83.33%
RES MEDICAL ALARM	162	165	1.85%
RES PANIC ALARM	31	39	25.81%
RESTRAIN ORDER/SERVE	325	309	-4.92%
RESTRAIN ORDER/VIOLA	92	59	-35.87%
ROAD HAZARD	3	4	33.33%
ROAD SIGN MISSING	23	4	-82.61%
ROBBERY	7	11	57.14%
ROBBERY - KNIFE OR CUTTING INSTRU	1	0	-100.00%
ROBBERY - OTHER DANGEROUS WEAPON	0	0	0.00%
ROBBERY - STRONGARM	0	1	100.00%
ROBBERY W/FIREARM	2	3	50.00%
SCHOOL MONITORING	307	149	-51.47%
SCHOOL POST	1550	1033	-33.35%
SERVICE CALL EQUIPME	72	52	-27.78%
SEX OFFENDER CHECK	12	4	-66.67%
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION	60	58	-3.33%
SEX OFN FAILED TO REGISTER	0	2	200.00%
SEXUAL ASSLT	26	31	19.23%
SHOOTING RESP TEAM ACTIVATION	0	0	0.00%
SHOPLIFTING	706	551	-21.95%
SHOTS FIRED	64	43	-32.81%
SICK PERSON	2447	2662	8.79%
SMOKE CONDITION	40	47	17.50%
SMOKE CONDITION	1	0	-100.00%
SPEC.DETAIL	31	32	3.23%
SPEED ENFORCEMENT	9	20	122.22%

STATION HOUSE ADJUSTMENT	0	0	0.00%
STOPARM ENFORCEMENT	0	1	100.00%
STORM DAMAGE	15	12	-20.00%
STREET CLOSING	21	13	-38.10%
STREETLIGHT OUT	2	1	-50.00%
SUBPOENA SER	0	0	0.00%
SUICIDE	1	1	0.00%
SUSP ARTICLE	23	9	-60.87%
SUSP.PERSON	857	797	-7.00%
SUSPICIOUS DEATH	0	0	0.00%
TERRORISTIC THREATS	2	1	-50.00%
Terroristic Threats	45	47	4.44%
TEST	4	6	50.00%
TRAF DETAIL	142	169	19.01%
TRAF SGN DWN	10	17	70.00%
TRAF SIGNAL OUT	40	70	75.00%
TRAINING	44	5	-88.64%
TRANSPORTS	13	10	-23.08%
TRESPASS	176	100	-43.18%
TWP CODE VIO	112	132	17.86%
TWP ORD NOIS	241	230	-4.56%
Twp. Ordinance Noise-College Rental	56	49	-12.50%
Twp. Ordinance Noise-Rental	0	1	100.00%
UNKNOWN TROUBLE	51	95	86.27%
VEHICLE CHECK	2	0	-200.00%
VEHICLE RELEASE	226	183	-19.03%
VIOLATE GOV ORDER	0	0	0.00%
WARRANT SER	356	417	17.13%
WATER LK - BUS	6	9	50.00%
WATER LK-HSE	8	15	87.50%
WATER LK/ST	26	31	19.23%
WATER RESCUE	0	0	0.00%
WELFARE CHECK	327	365	11.62%
WIRE/POL.DWN	79	116	46.84%
TOTALS	38685	35200	-9.01%

Professional Standards Bureau: Internal Affairs

The Ewing Police Department is committed to providing law enforcement services that are fair, effective, and impartially applied. Toward that end, police 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 law enforcement 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 this policy is to improve the quality of law enforcement services in Ewing Township. Citizens confidence in the integrity of the law enforcement agency increases through the establishment of meaningful and effective complaint procedures. This confidence engenders community support for the law enforcement agency. Improving the relationship between the officers and the citizens they serve facilitates cooperation vital to the department's ability to achieve its goals. An effective disciplinary framework also permits law enforcement officials to monitor officers' compliance with department policies and procedures. Adherence to established policies and procedures assist's officers in meeting department objectives while a monitoring system permits managers to identify problem areas requiring increased training or direction. Finally, this policy will ensure fairness and due process protection to citizens and officers alike.

The Professional Standards Bureau process shall also be 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 officers.

It is the policy of this department to accept and investigate all complaints of alleged officer misconduct or wrongdoing from any citizen or agency employee. Following a thorough and impartial examination of the available factual information, the officer shall be either exonerated or held responsible for the alleged misconduct. Discipline shall be administered according to the degree of misconduct. The **dispositions** are as follows:

- **Exonerated** – The alleged incident did occur, but the actions of the officer were justified, legal and proper.
- **Sustained** – The investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to prove the allegation, and the actions of the officer violated provisions of rule and regulation or agency procedures.
- **Not Sustained** – The investigation failed to disclose sufficient evidence to clearly prove or disprove the allegation.
- **Unfounded** – The alleged incident did not occur.
- **Administratively Closed** – Investigation is closed prior to reaching a disposition. Examples: The actions of the officers were explained to the complainant, and he/she was satisfied with the resolution. The complaint did not meet the threshold to be classified as misconduct. The complaint has been already investigated and a finding has been applied.

Incident Type Three-Year Comparison

Incident Type Three-Year Comparison 2022-2024

EWING TOWNSHIP	2022	2023	2024
Excessive Force	1	4	1
Improper Arrest	0	1	0
Improper Entry	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	0	2
Differential Treatment	0	0	1
Demeanor	12	5	6
Rules/Regs Violations	6	29	15
Other Criminal Violations	7	4	3
Domestic Violence	0	0	0
Totals	26	43	28

The state of New Jersey Attorney General’s Office now requires law enforcement agencies to submit their internal affairs data on a standardized spreadsheet that enables the office to better track internal affairs cases. This spreadsheet includes further breakdowns of offenses to include the type of discipline issued rather than just the fact that discipline was issued. The spreadsheet further breaks down the specific type of allegation. For example, rather than just listing a Rules and Regulations violation, the spreadsheet lists 16 categories that fit into the rules and regulations violation category.

Professional Standards Bureau: Mandatory In-service Requirements

TRAINING	AUTHORITY	HOURS	FREQUENCY	PERSONNEL
Active Shooter	New Jersey Attorney General	1 hour	Annually	All sworn
CPR/DEFIB	American Heart Association	4 hours	Biannually	All sworn
Domestic Violence	New Jersey Attorney General	4 hours	Annually	All sworn
Firearms Re-qualification	New Jersey Attorney General	8 hours	Semi-annual	All sworn
Harassment and Discrimination in the Workplace	E.P.D. General Order O-5	N/A	Annually	All personnel
Bloodborne Pathogens	Division of Criminal Justice	2 hour	Annually	All sworn
Oleoresin Capsicum	E.P.D. General Order E-2	TBD	Annually	All sworn
Profiling & Discriminatory Practices	E.P.D. General Order A-12	N/A	Periodic Review	All sworn
Use of Force Policy	New Jersey Attorney General	N/A	Annually	All sworn
Right to Know	Division of Criminal Justice	TBD	Annually	All sworn
Hazardous Materials	Division of Criminal Justice	TBD	Annually	All sworn
Alcotest recertification	Division of Criminal Justice	4 hours	Biannually	Alcotest certified officers only
Community Law Enforcement Affirmative Relations (CLEAR)	New Jersey Attorney General	TBD	Annually	All sworn
Vehicular Pursuit	New Jersey Attorney General	N/A	Annually	All sworn

Professional Standards Bureau: Training Activity Report 2024

Ewing Police officers are highly trained and are required to go through both mandatory and discretionary training. Officers continued to attend classes and programs to enhance their skills and maintain certifications that require periodic renewal training. See listed training and hours on page 28.

PSB Training Report (hours)

Active Shooter	36
Admin	214
Communications	274
Criminal Investigations	468
CSI	720
Defensive Tactics	32
DWI	276
Emergency Management	12
Firearms	1,231
Incident Command	32
Internal Affairs	124
K-9	238
Leadership	319
Legal Updates	56
Mental Health	200
Mercer County Rapid Response	44
Narcotics	189
Patrol	1,010
Records	34
Supervision	96
SWAT	436
Terrorism	4
Traffic	97

Professional Standards Bureau (PSB): Training Highlights

- 4 officers attended a 3-day course, "Humane Law Enforcement Officer", from February 6th- 8th.
- 2 officers attended a 1-day course, "Arrest, Search and Seizure", on February 13th.
- 2 detectives attended a 1-day course, "Investigating Financial Crimes", on February 22nd.
- 4 officers attended 3-day course, "Tactical Interviewing Program", from March 11th- 13th.
- 2 officers attended a 1-day course, "Glock Armorer" on March 14th.
- 5 officers attended a 2-day course, "New Jersey Women in Law Enforcement Conference", from March 27th- 28th.
- 3 officers attended a 2-day course, "Field Training Officer", from April 23rd- 24th.
- 2 officers attended a 2-day course, "NJSACOP- Background Investigations" from April 24th- 25th.
- An officer attended a 1-day course, "Roadside Drug Investigations", on April 29th.
- A detective attended a 3-day course, "Open-Source Intelligence" from May 1st-3rd.
- 2 detectives attended a 1-day course, "Best Practices Mobile Devices", on May 7th.
- 4 officers a 3-day course, "Proactive Police Supervision", from May 8th- 10th.
- 2 officers attended a 1-day course, "NJSP Missing Person Meeting", on May 21st.
- 2 officers attended a 1-day course, "Patrol Interview Tactics", on June 3rd.
- PSB personnel attended a 2-day course, "MCPO Internal Affairs", on June 4th and 5th.
- 2 detectives attended a 5-day course, "Advanced Homicide Conference", from June 10th- 14th.
- 2 officers and civilian staff attended a 3-day course, "POSS Evolution Exchange", from June 12th- 14th.
- An officer attended a 4-day course, "Safe Kids CPS", from June 12th- 15th.
- 5 sergeants attended a 5-day course, "FBI LEEDA- SLI", from June 24th- 28th.
- 2 detectives attended a 2-day course, "Cell Phone Investigative Techniques", from June 24th- 25th.
- 1 lieutenant a 1 clerk attended a 1-day course, "NIBRS Training", on July 10th.
- 3 officers attended a 3-day course, "Child Abduction Response Team", from August 19th- 21st.
- 4 officers attended a 2-day course, "Subject Control", from September 4th- 5th.
- 2 lieutenants attended a 5-day course, "FBI LEEDA- CLI", from September 9th- 14th.
- A lieutenant attended a 5-day course, "FBI LEEDA - Internal Affairs", from September 23rd- 27th.
- 3 officers attended a 1-day course, "Report Writing and Courtroom Testimony", on September 10th.
- An officer attended a 1-day course, "Case Law for Cops", on September 16th.
- A records clerk attended a 2-day course, "OPRA Records Management", from September 23rd- 24th.
- A detective attended a 3-day course, "Intro to High Tech Investigations" from October 15th- 17th.
- A sergeant attended a 1-day course, "Patrol Sergeant Essentials", on November 12th.
- A traffic officer attended a 1-day course, "Radar Instructor Refresher" on November 14th.
- An officer attended a 1-day course, "Case Law for Cops", on November 18th.
- 3 officers attended a 2-day course, "Defensive Tactics for Female Officers", from November 20th- 22nd.
- 2 detectives attended a 3-day course, "Annual Sex Crimes Conference", from December 4th- 6th.
- A lieutenant attended a 2-day course, "Advanced ICS for Command", from December 7th- 9th.
- 3 officers attended a 1-day course, "Report Writing and Court Room Testimony", on December 10th.
- 2 tactical response officers attended Tactical Response Training 2 days per month.

Firearms Purchase Permits 2024

Firearms applications	572
Applications approved	484
Applications withdrawn	59
Applications denied	9
Applications carried into 2024	17
Carry permits approved	91

Property and Evidence Unit

A civilian employee is responsible for the Property and Evidence Unit and reports directly to the Detective Bureau Lieutenant. This member is responsible for the receipt, logging, retention, storage, release and disposal of all property to include vehicles submitted by members of the department as evidence, safekeeping or any other valid reason. This member is also responsible for the transfer of such property to and from any other agency, facility or person for the purpose of analysis, examination, inspection or display.

Workload Report 2024

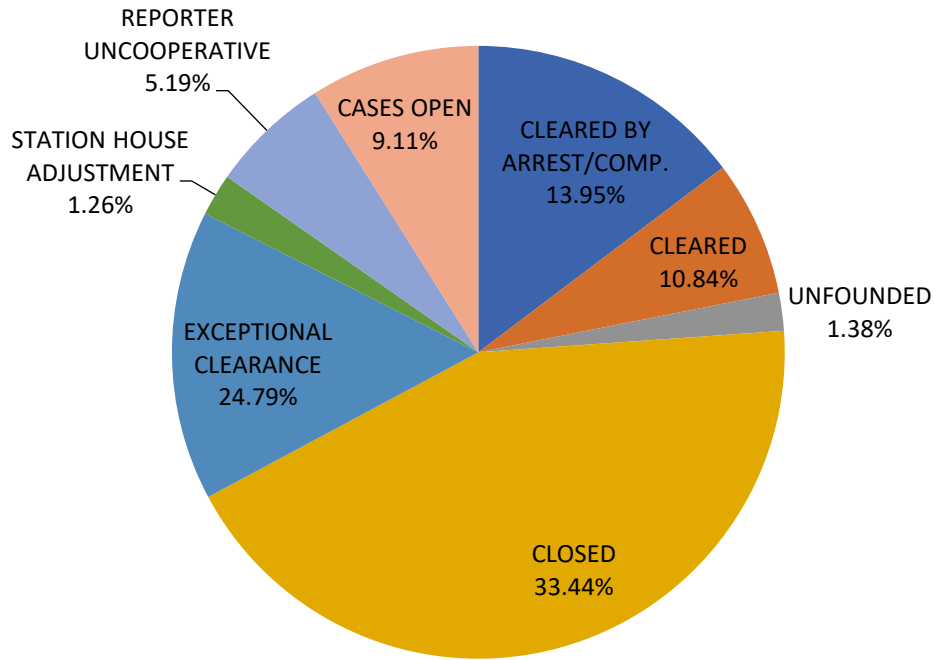
Item Status	Transfers
Item Collected	2079
Stored in Location	4503
To Lab	127
From Lab	221
Returned to Owner	49
Destroyed	445
Transferred to local lab	51
Transferred to Other Agency	522
To Mercer County Prosecutor's Office	2
Signed Out for Review	116
Received into Property Room	2095
Item Submitted into Property	2122

Criminal Investigation Bureau

The Criminal Investigation Bureau is responsible for conducting all major criminal investigations and follow-up investigations on selected cases. The Detective Bureau (DB) is comprised of one lieutenant, one sergeant, and six detectives. DB receives most of its cases after officers in the patrol platoons have conducted a preliminary investigation and completed a report of their findings. These initial reports are an integral part of the Bureau's ability to solve cases as they provide investigators with vital information and potential leads. Collaboration efforts also carry over to other law enforcement agencies as well. Every month DB hosts a multi-jurisdictional meeting of police personnel to share information concerning criminal activity.



EWING POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU DISPOSITIONS 2024



<u>CLEARED BY ARREST/COMPLAINT</u>	<u>121</u>
<u>CLEARED</u>	<u>94</u>
<u>UNFOUNDED</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>290</u>
<u>EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE</u>	<u>215</u>
<u>STATION HOUSE ADJUSTMENT</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>REPORTER UNCOOPERATIVE</u>	<u>45</u>
<u>CASES OPEN</u>	<u>79</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>867</u>

Criminal Investigations Bureau Highlights 2024

Investigations:

Thirty-one (31) sexual assaults.

Seventy-seven (77) burglaries.

Sixty (60) child abuse.

Thirteen (13) robberies.

Five hundred fifty-one (551) shopliftings.

Three hundred (300) frauds.

Forty-Three shots fired (43).

Youth and Family Services

The Youth and Family (Juvenile) Bureau operates within the Detective Bureau under the direction of the Bureau supervisor and handles a wide range of responsibilities involving the young people of the community. The Juvenile Detectives receive additional specialized training in dealing with juvenile offenders. In many instances, juveniles are dealt with through available diversionary programs aimed at educating youthful offenders rather than incarcerating them. The hope is that a spirit of positive interaction among the police and our young people will help foster principles of Crime Prevention through Intervention. The Juvenile Detectives are also available to assist parents with resources relating to incorrigible children and family crisis.

Juvenile Detectives have a close working relationship with the Township Schools and the School Security Officers in each of our Township Schools. Juvenile Detectives are typically available Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 10:00pm. At all other times, detectives are available through an "on-call" status to respond as needed.

Juvenile Detectives also are the Domestic Violence Liaisons with the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office. The Juvenile Detectives also take care of all Megan's Law Registrations and notifications.

Stationhouse Reports

2024

Age at time of offense	Race/Ethnicity	Gender	Prior Contacts Y/N	Statutory citation for offense	Outcome
17	B	F	Y	Criminal mischief	Completed
15	B	M	N	Invasion of Privacy	Completed
17	B	F	N	Criminal mischief	Completed
9	B	F	N	Assault	Completed
11	B	M	N	Cyber Harassment	Pending
12	B	F	N	Assault	Completed
12	B	F	N	Assault	Completed
13	B	F	N	False Public Alarm	Pending
14	B	M	N	Theft	Completed
15	B	F	N	Assault	Completed
15	B	F	N	Assault	Completed

- Possible Outcomes:**
- Juvenile or Parent/Guardian/Caregiver/Designee refused participation
 - Pending
 - Successfully completed
 - Juvenile either committed a new offense or did not complete terms of adjustment agreement, resulting in the filing of a juvenile delinquency complaint

K-9 Activity Report Summary 2024

Unit K9 Team

Officer N. Jones #232

K-9 Nitro (Labrador Retriever) – Tracking / Explosives



K-9 Calls for Service

Total Calls 17

Type Call #
(one call may be listed multiple times below)

Building searches	2
Bomb Sniff	6
Assist other agencies	7
Missing persons	7
Tracks	9
Article	2

In addition to the above calls for service, the K-9 Unit also assists with calls such as open doors, commercial burglaries, escaped prisoners, bomb threats and missing persons. The K-9 Unit conducts monthly in-service training that consists of tracking tactics along with explosive detection.

Traffic Services



Traffic Services is responsible for traffic safety and enforcement on the roadways throughout the township. Additional responsibilities include investigating all major crashes as well as the majority of minor crashes, and the processing of all summonses and reports associated with these types of incidents. They also oversee all of the School Crossing Guards, in addition to supplemental traffic enforcement with regards to grant programs such as DWI Enforcement, Child Safety Seat Inspections, and Seat Belt Enforcement.

Traffic Crash Data

The Ewing Police Patrol Division responded to **1,211 motor vehicle collisions** throughout 2024, of which 152 resulted in personal injury and 1 resulted in a fatality.

2024 NJTR-1 YEARLY TOTALS

W/O Injuries, With Injuries, Hit & Run

Total for 2024: 1,211

MONTH	WITH OUT INJURIES	WITH INJURIES	HIT AND RUN
JANUARY	69	11	7
FEBRUARY	79	12	14
MARCH	56	14	17
APRIL	63	6	18
MAY	75	18	15
JUNE	68	14	12
JULY	57	15	14
AUGUST	76	5	11
SEPTEMBER	81	9	12
OCTOBER	79	14	14
NOVEMBER	92	13	21
DECEMBER	96	21	13
TOTALS	891	152	168

DAY OF THE WEEK	WITH OUT INJURIES	WITH INJURIES	HIT AND RUN
SUNDAY	111	15	25
MONDAY	147	24	23
TUESDAY	116	29	21
WEDNESDAY	111	25	20
THURSDAY	146	23	29
FRIDAY	140	22	25
SATURDAY	120	14	25
TOTAL	891	152	168

TIME OF CRASH	W/O INJURIES	WITH INJURIES	HIT AND RUN
00:00-00:59	14	4	5
01:00-01:59	14	3	2
02:00-02:59	6	1	0
03:00-03:59	7	2	1
04:00-04:59	4	1	1
05:00-05:59	9	1	1
06:00-06:59	23	3	4
07:00-07:59	26	5	6
08:00-08:59	39	6	2
09:00-09:59	38	2	9
10:00-10:59	56	9	10
11:00-11:59	65	9	10
12:00-12:59	69	8	8
13:00-13:59	61	7	14
14:00-14:59	59	9	11
15:00-15:59	67	9	8
16:00-16:59	74	11	11
17:00-17:59	76	19	16
18:00-18:59	38	10	13
19:00-19:59	32	9	8
20:00-20:59	38	11	8
21:00-21:59	32	9	10
22:00-22:59	26	3	8
23:00-2359	18	1	2
TOTAL	891	152	166

MONTH	BUS CRASH	DEER STRUCK	DUI CRASHES	FATALS	MOTORCYCLE CRASH	NON – REPORTABLES	PEDESTRIAN'S STRUCK
JANUARY	0	3	3	0	0	3	2
FEBRUARY	4	4	6	0	0	2	0
MARCH	0	6	2	1	1	0	1
APRIL	0	1	2	0	0	1	2
MAY	1	0	2	0	0	0	2
JUNE	0	4	1	0	0	0	2
JULY	0	0	1	0	0	3	4
AUGUST	11	3	2	0	0	1	0
SEPTEMBER	1	6	3	0	0	1	1
OCTOBER	9	9	3	0	1	3	1
NOVEMBER	0	9	1	0	2	0	2
DECEMBER	2	4	3	0	0	2	1
TOTAL	28	49	29	1	4	16	18

2024 SUMMONSES YEARLY TOTALS

Moving and Parking yearly total: **4,545**

OFFENSE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
SPEEDING	9	3	7	4	2	1	3	12	14	4	1	8	68
SEATBELTS	2	7	5	8	3	3	4	12	7	3	2	4	60
UNLICENSED	36	30	39	27	25	30	30	37	30	25	17	19	345
SUSPENDED	50	24	37	38	26	34	20	37	27	18	19	24	354
SCHOOL BUS	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	7
DRUNK/DRUG DRIVING	6	7	4	4	4	2	4	2	6	4	6	4	53
CHILD RESTRAINT	3	3	0	2	3	2	1	5	3	2	0	2	26
CARELESS	51	48	33	73	57	60	67	99	81	59	79	56	763
RECKLESS	10	11	5	6	10	7	6	5	9	10	8	5	92
CELLPHONE	7	1	0	13	1	6	4	12	6	1	0	1	52
OTHER	346	257	257	298	223	230	231	304	257	186	162	149	2900
TOTAL	522	394	387	473	354	375	370	525	443	313	294	272	4720
PARKING	56	45	85	58	33	25	47	28	82	53	27	22	561
TOTAL	576	439	472	531	387	400	417	553	525	366	321	294	5281

DWI STATS

MONTH	TOTAL
JANUARY	6
FEBRUARY	7
MARCH	4
APRIL	4
MAY	4
JUNE	2
JULY	4
AUGUST	2
SEPTEMBER	6
OCTOBER	4
NOVEMBER	6
DECEMBER	4
TOTAL	53

Use of Force 2024

The Ewing Police Department recognizes and respects the value of human life. Investing police officers with the lawful authority to use force to protect the public welfare, a careful balancing of all human interests is required. Deciding whether to utilize force when authorized in the conduct of official responsibilities is among the most critical decisions made by law enforcement officers. It is a decision which can be irrevocable. It is a decision which must be made quickly and under difficult, often unpredictable and unique circumstances. Sound judgment and the appropriate exercise of discretion will always be the foundation of police officer decision making in the broad range of possible use of force situations.

2024 STATISTICS

Use of Force Incidents 64

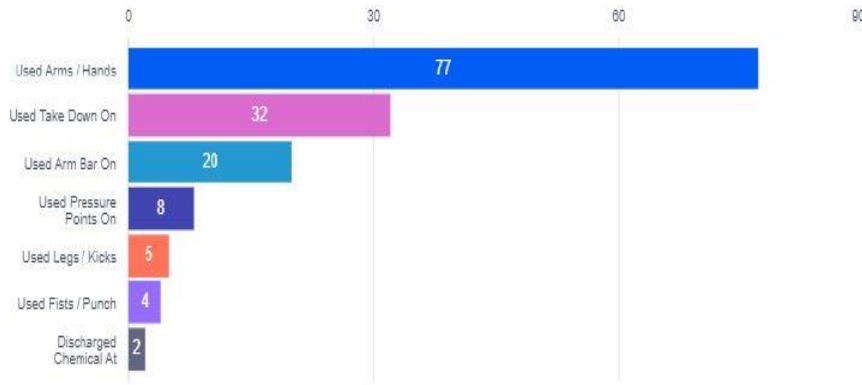
Officer Force Applied

Arms/ Hands	77
Take Downs	32
Arm Bar	20
Pressure Points	8
Legs/ Kicks	5
Fists/ Punch	4
Chemical Agent	2

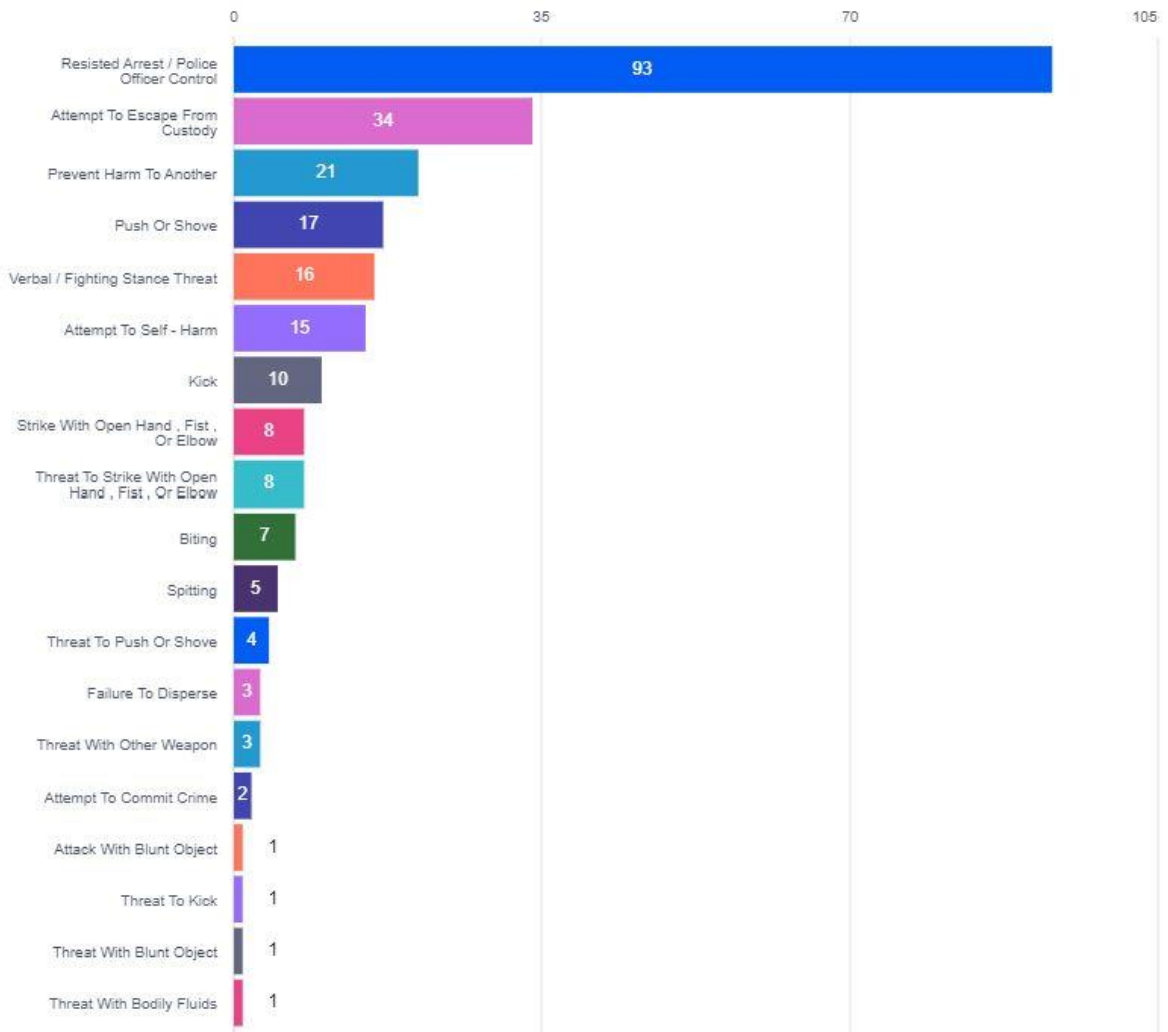
Subjects Actions Led to Force

Resisted Arrest/ Police Officer Control	93
Attempted to Escape from Custody	34
Prevent Harm to Another	21
Push or Shove	17
Verbal/ Fighting Stance	16
Attempt to Self-harm	15
Kick	10
Strike with Open Hand, Fist, or Elbow	8
Threat to Strike with Open Hand, Fist, or Elbow	8
Biting	7
Spitting	5
Threat to Push or Shove	4
Failure to Disperse	3
Threat with Other Weapon	3
Attempt to Commit Crime	2
Attack with Blunt Object	1
Threat to Kick	1
Threat with Blunt Object	1
Threat with Bodily Fluids	1

Officer Force Applied



Subject Actions Led to Force



Vehicle Pursuit 2024

The primary purpose of the Ewing Police vehicle pursuit policy is to secure a balance between the protection of the lives and safety of the public and police officers, and law enforcement's duty to enforce the law and apprehend violators. The policy is intended to guide the circumstances under which officers may engage in vehicular pursuits. High-speed vehicular pursuits create a substantial risk of injury and fatalities. Over 10% of vehicular pursuits end up in accidents resulting in injuries or fatalities, including officers, innocent third parties in vehicles unrelated to the pursuit, and pedestrians. All Ewing Police Officers must train on the vehicle pursuit policy at least annually. Each vehicle pursuit is reviewed by at least two levels of supervision as well as by the Chief of Police.

Vehicle Pursuits	15
Total Number of Officers Involved	26
Total Number of Injuries Sustained	0



Drug Overdoses - 2024

The Ewing Police Department is dedicated to fighting the current opioid epidemic in the state. In an effort to combat the physical effects of the opioid crisis, all officers are issued the opioid reversing drug Naloxone (Narcan) and are trained in its administration. In addition to the carrying of Narcan, the Ewing Police Department has entered into partnerships with organizations, including the Recovery Advocates of America that provide counseling and early intervention to those who may have opioid addictions. Additionally, officers are required by state law to leave a dose of Naloxone with individuals who are believed to have suffered from an overdose but refuse medical attention. Along with the dose of Naloxone, officers also leave behind an informative fact sheet that gives instructions on the administration of Naloxone, as well as links to recovery services. Below are statistics relating to the number of overdoses reported to police and the number of times Naloxone was administered by police officers as well as the result. The numbers listed below show a 29.4% decrease in overdoses from the year 2023. There was one fatal overdose in 2024.

Overdoses by Month

JANUARY	1	8.33%
FEBRUARY	0	0%
MARCH	0	0%
APRIL	1	8.33%
MAY	3	25.00%
JUNE	0	0%
JULY	3	25.00%
AUGUST	1	8.33%
SEPTEMBER	1	8.33%
OCTOBER	0	0%
NOVEMBER	1	8.33%
DECEMBER	1	8.33%

12

Yearly Naloxone Use

Fatal Single Dose	0
Fatal Multiple Doses	0
Fatal Naloxone not admin	1
Non-Fatal Single Dose	5
Non-Fatal Multiple Doses	1
Non-Fatal No Naloxone	3
Non-Fatal Unknown admin	2

Police Chaplains

The goal of the chaplain program is to have the police and clergy work together during certain crises or incidents to provide a more comprehensive response to those in need. As a faith-based leader, the chaplain performs tasks of a more social, emotional, or spiritual nature while our officers handle those tasks that are of law enforcement nature. Our current Police Chaplains are Chaplain Gregg Downs (left) and Chaplain Anthony Gilmer (right).



2024 Departmental Awards



2024 Police Officer of the Year – Jon Bag

Officer Jonathan Soowhan Bag was born and raised in Ewing Township, attended Ewing Public Schools, and graduated from The College of New Jersey with a bachelor's degree in criminology. Having grown up in a proud military family, Jon had dreams of becoming a United States Marine. Unfortunately, Jon's dream didn't work out. However, having had the values of hard work and respect for others instilled in him from a young age by his mother Hae and stepfather Dan, Jon found another way to serve his country and his community by pursuing a career in law enforcement. In 2014, Jon graduated from the Mercer County Police Academy and like all new officers, began his training in the patrol bureau. As the years passed, through his hard work and dedication, Jon showed a particular interest and aptitude for crash investigation and accident reconstruction. From among his peers in the Patrol Bureau, Jon was selected to join the Traffic Bureau and received extensive training in Basic Crash Investigation, Advanced Crash Investigation and Crash Reconstruction. Jon has since used his knowledge and training to investigate serious and fatal crashes, working alongside Ewing detectives and the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office to ensure that each crash is handled properly. In 2020, Jon's enforcement efforts targeting impaired driving and his passion for preventing D.U.I. crashes earned him the MADD Award from the Mothers Against Drunk Driving organization. In 2022, Jon was chosen to serve as the Traffic Safety Officer, an administrative role responsible for coordinating traffic safety goals, federal and state grant applications, and the review of patrol officer's crash reports, among a host of other duties. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family, fishing, exploring the outdoors and taking day trips.

Life Saving Citation Bar

- 1. On September 13th, 2023, Officer Thomas Hill was detailed to an apartment on Parkside Avenue for an unconscious female laying on the floor. Upon his arrival, he observed a 74-year-old female lying face down in the living room. A quick assessment revealed that the woman was not breathing and did not have a pulse. Officer Hill immediately began CPR and kept working the patient until Ewing EMS arrived on scene and took over care. Officer Hill's efforts along with those of Ewing EMS resulted in the female regaining her pulse, and having her breathing restored. Due to the unwavering determination and prompt action of Officer Thomas Hill, which resulted in the saving of a human life, he was awarded the Life Saving Citation Bar.**

- 2. On December 18, 2023, Officer Phillip Culotta was working an off-duty security detail at ShopRite on Olden Avenue, when he was alerted to a 32-year-old male who collapsed in the checkout line. Rushing to the male's location, he found Ewing Township I.T. Systems Administrator and retired volunteer firefighter Jon Popp already at the male's side rendering aid. Popp checked the patient and, finding no pulse, he and Officer Culotta immediately began to administer life-saving measures. Popp utilized the store's Automated External Defibrillator (AED), applied it to the male and administered a shock when advised. Popp and Officer Culotta then began CPR, continuing for several minutes until the male regained consciousness. Ewing EMS arrived and transported the patient to a local hospital, where it was determined he had suffered a heart attack. After a trip to the operating room, the patient was able to make a full recovery. Due to Officer Phillip Culotta's unwavering determination and prompt action, which resulted in saving a human life, he was awarded the Life Saving Citation Bar. Due to his quick and decisive action, Jonathan Popp was awarded the Civilian Commendation Certificate.**

Exceptional Duty Citation Bar

- 1. Designated an Independent Credentialing Body by the U.S. Department of Justice, the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police unanimously voted On June 13th, 2024, to re-accredit the Ewing Police Department, for the fourth time. Accredited status represents a significant professional achievement. Accreditation acknowledges the implementation of policies and procedures that are conceptually sound and operationally effective. Entrusted with the responsibility to oversee the accreditation process, Captain Charles Morgan served as the designated accreditation manager. Captain Morgan, along with advisors from Lexipol, worked with Det. Lieutenant Kenneth Vagnozzi, Det. Sergeant Nicholas Muscente and Officer Alexandra McClister to ensure and document that the policies and practices of this agency were in line with the highest national standards. NJSACOP Accreditation is a highly credible accomplishment, bringing public acclaim and recognition to the Ewing Police Department. For this reason, Captain Charles Morgan, Det. Lieutenant Kenneth Vagnozzi, Det. Sergeant Nicholas Muscente, and Officer Alexandra McClister were awarded the Exceptional Duty Citation Bar.**

- 2. Mothers Against Drunk Driving, a national organization that works to bring an end to impaired driving, recognized Detective Abdelbasset Jibbou and Officer Melvin Jumper for their enforcement efforts during the 2023 calendar year. Officer Jumper was awarded the Drug Recognition Expert Award Certificate, and Detective Jibbou was awarded the Recognition of Excellence Award Certificate. These two awards are highly credible accomplishments, bringing public acclaim and recognition to the Ewing Police Department. For this reason, Detective Abdelbasset Jibbou and Officer Melvin Jumper were awarded the Exceptional Duty Citation Bar.**

Distinguished Recognition Bar

1. On February 2nd, 2024, units responded to the 7-11 store on the corner of Pennington Road and Olden Avenue on the report of an armed robbery. Responding officers learned that the actor brandished a handgun and relieved the employee of \$625.00 before he fled in a taxi. As officers worked the scene, Officer Mohamed Omara canvassed the area where the fleeing vehicle was last scene. As he came upon the Gulf gas station at the corner of Pennington Avenue and Calhoun Street, he recognized a taxi that matched the description of the vehicle involved in the robbery and cautiously made contact with the driver. Information provided by the driver coupled with information provided by the victim led patrol officers to quickly identify a suspect. Detective Tyler Finnerty conducted in-depth interviews with victims and witnesses and reviewed video surveillance footage. As a result of Detective Finnerty's investigative efforts combined with information obtained by responding patrol officers, an arrest warrant was authorized for the suspect and a search warrant approved for his residence. The suspect was subsequently taken into custody and a search of his residence resulted in the recovery of the firearm used in the robbery. As a result of their determination and professionalism exhibited through their coordinated efforts, Detective Tyler Finnerty was awarded the Distinguished Recognition Citation Bar and Officer Mohamed Omara was awarded the Chief's Recognition Bar.

Distinguished Unit Citation

- 1. On January 11th, 2024, Lieutenant Michael Flynn, Officer Alex Maldonado, and Detectives Luis Martir, Justin Urby, and Jennifer Modzelewski responded to an incident involving a photograph that was obtained via social media of a Ewing High School student holding a gun in a school bathroom. Upon learning that the student in the photograph had passed off the weapon to other individuals, a lockdown was initiated to ensure the safety of the students as they worked with school security personnel to track down the location of the students involved. As a result of their determination and professionalism exhibited through their coordinated efforts, Lieutenant Michael Flynn, Officer Alex Maldonado, and Detectives Luis Martir, Justin Ubry, and Jennifer Modzelewski were awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation Bar.**
- 2. On March 8th, 2024, Ewing officers had just cleared an unrelated call and were in the Emergency Department ambulance bay of Capital Health Regional Medical Center when information was obtained that Hamilton Police were enroute with a Hamilton Officer shot. Hamilton Police Officer Derek Fiabane had been shot three times while**

investigating a domestic violence incident and was rushed to the hospital by fellow officers on scene. As they raced into the parking lot, Officers Daniel Lookner and Cole Felsher, along with Sergeant Nicholas Brower, rushed to help the wounded officer from the backseat of the patrol vehicle. He was placed onto a waiting stretcher and rushed into the trauma bay. Officer Fiabane has since been released from the hospital and continues to recover from the events of that day. As a result of their determination and professionalism exhibited through their coordinated efforts, Sergeant Nicholas Brower, Officer Daniel Lookner, and Officer Cole Felsher were awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation Bar.

3. On May 21st, 2024, Ewing Patrol units were detailed to 1651 Pennington Road on the report of two individuals who were covered in blood and appeared to be unresponsive. Officers Cameron Potts and Anthony Gaynord were the first patrol units to arrive on scene with Lt. Rich Tramontana. Ewing EMS had been flagged down and entered the residence to render aid, but quickly realized something was not right and retreated to safety. While Ewing officers formed a perimeter around the building, EMS Director Dee Clark described what they saw inside the residence to Lt. Tramontana. Lt. Tramontana had officers form up into an entry and arrest team and proceeded into the residence. They found the suspect inside the home seated next to the lifeless body of his mother and were able to successfully take him into custody without incident. Communications Officers Michelle Lamb and Yoarys Arroyo, as well as Lt. Kenneth Vagnozzi, were staffing the Communications Center when the call came in that day. As the events unfolded on scene, the dispatchers remained calm and professional, providing vital updates and relaying critical information to responding officers. As a result of their determination and professionalism exhibited through their coordinated efforts, Lt. Richard Tramontana, Sergeant Jeremie McCall, Officer Corey Fornarotto, Officer Cameron Potts, Officer Anthony Gaynord, Officer Matthew Folis, Officer Holly Oswald-Kardos, Detective Tyler Finnerty, Officer Jonathan Bag, Detective Justin Quinlan, Officer Edward Lester, and Detective Luis Martir were awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation Bar. Due to the essential role played by Lt. Kenneth Vagnozzi and Police Dispatchers Michelle Lamb and Yoarys Arroyo in the successful conclusion of a high-risk incident and the professionalism displayed in the performance of their duties, Dispatchers Lamb and Arroyo were awarded the Civilian Commendation Certificate, and Lt. Kenneth Vagnozzi was awarded the Chief's Recognition Bar.
4. On May 22, 2024, units responded to a three-car motor vehicle crash at Parkway Ave and Olden Ave. While responding, Ewing Police dispatchers updated officers advising that they received multiple calls indicating an aggressive male was trying to get into one of the other cars through the sunroof. As officers responded to the scene, Detective Justin Quinlan, aware of the town's recent investment into community safety cameras, advised officers that he observed the male launch himself through the rear windshield of a vehicle before climbing on top of the roof and entered the car through its open sunroof. Responding officers, now updated to the aggressive and dangerous nature of the subject they sought, were advised that the male had re-entered his vehicle and was now headed towards Ewing High School. Minutes later, dispatchers advised that the suspect vehicle struck another vehicle in the area of Ewing High School and was driving across the school property. Officers attempted to stop the driver as he continued to circle the area, striking several more vehicles and nearly striking Sgt. Brower. Once more the driver turned into the high school parking lot, his vehicle passing by confused Ewing High students as he hung out of the vehicle with no hands on the wheel. Given the danger to the students, officers positioned their

vehicles ready to immobilize the out-of-control vehicle, but the driver stopped suddenly (a short distance from a group of students) and was taken into custody without incident. While officers responded to and dealt with this chaotic scene, critical information was being relayed from our communications center by dispatchers Kristi Seijas and Officer Shane Miller (who was assigned to the communications center that day). These determined professionals remained calm and proficient, gathering vital information from frantic callers and broadcasting critical updates. As a result of their determination and professionalism exhibited through their coordinated efforts, Lt. Richard Herbe, Sergeant Nicholas Brower, Officer Abdelbasset Jibbou, Detective Justin Quinlan, Officer Cole Felsher, and Officer Javon Graham were awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation Bar. Due to the essential role played by Dispatcher Kristi Seijas and Officer Shane Miller in the successful conclusion of a high-risk incident and the professionalism displayed in the performance of their duties, Dispatcher Kristi Seijas was awarded the Civilian Commendation Certificate, and Officer Shane Miller was awarded the Chief's Recognition Bar.

5. On June 1st, 2024, a caller reported waking up to someone inside her residence with a flashlight. Officers responded and as they approached the home, they could see through an exterior window a male walking around inside the residence. Officers entered the residence and located the actor hiding inside a closet, where he was taken into custody. It was determined that the actor had entered through a window and had been gathering items to steal. Subsequent investigation connected the suspect to other recent residential burglaries in the area. As a result of their determination and professionalism exhibited through their coordinated efforts, Officer David Danley, Officer Joseph Toth, Officer Nicholas Jones, Officer Estephan Hernandez, and Officer Kyle Ficci were awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation Bar.

Military Service Bar

1. The Township of Ewing and the Ewing Police Department have always honored and held in high esteem the brave men and women who serve in our nation's Armed Forces and protect the freedoms we hold dear. Officer Daniel Lookner served his country in the United States Marine Corps from 2003 to 2013. During that time, he was deployed overseas as part Operation Iraqi Freedom, serving multiple combat tours. Following Operation Iraqi Freedom, he was assigned as part of a Marine Security Detail protecting humanitarian missions in Honduras that built schools in remote villages. Officer Melvin Jumper currently serves his country with the United States Coast Guard Reserve stationed out of Cape May, NJ. We commend and recognize their sense of duty and personal sacrifice by awarding them the Military Service Recognition Bar.

Civilian Commendation Certificate

- 1. On November 26th, 2023, Dr. Fulton Velez was golfing at Mountain View Golf Course when he noticed another golfer unresponsive near the 18th hole. He and another golfer, Jeffrey Madia, quickly came to the man's aide starting CPR after determining the male did not have a pulse and was not breathing. Through their life-saving efforts, the male regained a pulse and began breathing on his own before being transported to a local hospital. Due to their keen observations and decisive action, Dr. Fulton Velez and Jeffrey Madia were awarded the Civilian Commendation Certificate.**
- 2. Debbie Calle has been a key figure in E-COPPS, a collection of organizations dedicated to supporting the Ewing Police Department in its mission to keep our community safe and secure. Through her tireless efforts, Debbie helped ensure that the annual Police Officer of the Year dinner not only celebrated our officers but also strengthened the bond between our department and the community we serve. For more than two decades, Debbie was the driving force behind the event, carefully planning and organizing every detail to make sure it ran smoothly and meaningfully honored the exceptional work of our officers. Her dedication, professionalism, and personal commitment turned the evening into a tradition that we cherished through the years. 2024 was Debbie's final year organizing the Police Officer of the Year dinner. We are deeply grateful for the legacy of service she left behind. In recognition of her extraordinary contributions, Debbie Calle was awarded the Civilian Commendation Certificate.**

Significant Patrol Division Highlights of 2024

January

I-2024-002207 – Robbery

Units responded to a residence after the caller reported he was assaulted by two juvenile males as he was delivering pizza. He stated during the encounter two juveniles tried to get him to turn over the pizza prior to paying. When he refused, he attempted to walk away when he was struck by one male in the stomach several times causing a complaint of pain. He stated during the altercation the other juvenile proceeded to run to his vehicle and take his cell phone. After they took the items, the juveniles ran back into the residence and shut the door. After a few moments one of the juveniles tossed his cellphone from the third story of the residence. During the investigation responding units conducted a show up and the victim positively identified the two juveniles. A juvenile petition was completed with the proper charges.

I-2024-002364 – Burglary

A Ewing officer was patrolling the area of Parkway Avenue when he observed a suspicious male inside the building. After units set up a perimeter around the building, they were able to gain access through an unsecured side door. Officers searched the interior of the building for the suspect, who was observed through the glass door. As they searched the building they were able to locate the male hiding inside a secure bathroom on the first floor. He was arrested and transported to headquarters for processing where he was charged with burglary.

I-2024-002561 – Fatal House Fire

Officers responded to a residence on Boone Avenue for a residential fire. Upon officers' arrival, they were met with flames extending from the front of the residence. It was believed an elderly resident was home at the time. Officers attempted to gain entry through the rear of the residence but were met with extreme heat and smoke. The resident was later found deceased in the home.

February

I-2024-003559 – Robbery With a Firearm

Officers responded to the business for an armed robbery. Officers responded and quickly determined the actor had brandished a handgun while demanding money from the teller. The actor then fled in a taxicab. Officers were able to determine where the actor had fled to, and a later search warrant resulted in the actor's arrest and seizure of the involved handgun.

I-2024-0005511- Assist Other Agency

Trenton Police were involved in a motor vehicle pursuit that traveled into our jurisdiction. The pursuit ended at the intersection of Upper Ferry Road and Scotch Road when the fleeing vehicle struck a vehicle waiting in the turning lane on Scotch Road. After the suspects crashed, they exited the vehicle and proceeded to run into the apartment complex on Kyle Way, where Ewing officers later apprehended them. All suspects were turned over to Trenton Police.

March

I-2024-006529 - Garage Fire

Ewing officers were detailed to a residence on a report of an active fire. Upon arrival they observed heavy smoke coming from an attached garage. The Ewing Fire Department responded to the location and extinguished the fire after they made entry. The fire was caused by careless discarding of smoking materials per the County Fire Marshal.

I-2024-007893 – Assault on an Officer

Officer Episcopo was evaluating a crisis patient when the patient threw a cell phone at him, striking him in the back of his head. The male was transported to crisis in police custody and charges were signed against him. Officer Episcopo sustained minor injuries.

April

I-2024-012288 - High Loss Burglary

A Ewing resident reported that approximately \$15,000 worth of various jewelry was stolen from inside her bedroom at her residence. The victim suspects an employee of a local HVAC company because the company was at her residence to evaluate repairs needed on her air conditioning unit. The victim stated that it seemed like they were at her residence to evaluate the repairs longer than they should have been. Investigation turned over to the detective bureau.

I-2024-012357- Possession of a Firearm

Officers were alerted by Ewing High School security officers of a handgun found in a student's backpack. Officers quickly responded to the school and determined the backpack contained a loaded firearm. The juvenile was taken into custody without incident. Thank you to the quick actions of the Ewing School security team

May

I-2024-014090 – Assault on an Officer

While conducting passing attention at Salernos during Fisher Middle School's dismissal, Officer Jibbou broke up a fight between 2 juveniles. While he continued to investigate, a bystander exited her residence and interfered with Officer's Jibbou's investigation. After ignoring police commands, Officer Jibbou attempted to arrest her at which point she began to strike him with closed fists. She was arrested and charged.

I-2024-014567 - Aggravated Assault with a Weapon

Units were detailed to a Ewing residence after central communications received a phone call from Ewing EMS stating there were 2 unconscious individuals inside the residence covered in blood. Units made entry into the apartment where they observed a male sitting on a couch covered in blood and a female laying on the ground face down with blood around her. Investigation revealed the male used a knife to stab the female multiple times. The female was transported to Capital Health Regional where she was later pronounced deceased. The male was charged with homicide.

June

I-2024-015557 - Residential Burglary

Officers responded to a home on Sutherland Road after the elderly resident reported being awoken to someone in her residence with a flashlight. Officers responded and observed a male inside the residence. Upon entering the residence, the male fled into a bedroom and attempted to hide in a closet. He was taken into custody without further issue. It was determined he gained entry through a bathroom window and was attempting to steal various items from inside the house.

I-2024-017189 - Aggravated Assault With a Firearm

Units responded to the area of Homan Ave and Berwyn Avenue after a shot spotter notification of four gunshots in the area. Ewing dispatch also received one call reporting several shots fired. Upon patrol arrival there was one witness on scene who provided fleeing vehicle information along with a partial registration of that vehicle. Investigation revealed that a local male was involved in a mutual fight with another local male. The confrontation escalated when individuals on scene began to fire gunshots at the one male and his acquaintances. The male's younger brother was grazed by a bullet on his leg during the incident. He was transported directly to the hospital by his mother, prior to patrol arrival. Investigation turned over to the detective bureau. The actor was identified and charged with five counts of attempted homicide.

July

I-2024-018453 – Shots Fired

Units were detailed to the nursing school on reports of shots fired after dispatch received several calls. Officers arrived to find students/staff barricaded in classrooms. Officers were able to clear the building with no victims located or signs of shots being fired. Further investigation revealed a homeless male threw a garbage can lid at the window and started hitting the window with a brick. The male was charged accordingly.

I-2024-019403 - Fraud

A female victim reported that two unknown actors opened bank accounts using her banking information and transferred approximately \$180,000 out of her account and into the fraudulent accounts. Investigation turned over to the detective bureau.

August

I-2024-022616 - Shoplifting/Aggravated Assault/Resisting Arrest

A shoplifter was observed walking away from Home Depot with a cart full of merchandise while Officer Episcopo was conducting a business check. Episcopo attempted to stop the male, who took off running. After a brief foot pursuit, he was apprehended by Episcopo. The male attempted to assault Officer Episcopo, however he was quickly placed in handcuffs and arrested.

September

I-2024-024579 - Pedestrian Struck / Hit and Run

Units responded to Princeton Avenue and Spruce Street on the report of 3 pedestrians struck. Upon officers' arrival, they located two juveniles, and one adult struck. Witnesses stated the vehicle struck the pedestrians and fled the area down Princeton Avenue into Trenton. The witness provided an NJ plate that came back to an address in the City of Trenton. The area was checked by Ewing officers, which provided negative results. All pedestrians were transported to Capital Health Regional Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries. The driver was identified, and summonses were issued.

I-2024-025471- Aggravated Assault / Weapons Offenses

The victim reported while having drinks at his residence with his boss and coworker, he and one male got in a verbal argument over the victim feeling that he was "shorted" money in his paycheck. The victim's boss became irate and slapped him. The victim left to cool off and buy additional alcohol, at which time the other male left as well. When the victim returned to his residence, the other male also returned and brandished a black and brown handgun with a laser on it. The actor pointed the gun at the victim. Shortly after the incident, he left the victim's house without any further incident. A Temporary Extreme Risk Protection Order was applied for and granted by a municipal court judge.

October

I-2024-027459 - Serious MV Crash

Units responded to a MV crash with injuries at the intersection of Parkway Ave/Prospect St. A male was operating an electric bicycle through the intersection when he was struck by a box truck. The victim sustained serious injuries to his lower body and was transported to Capital Health Regional Hospital. Ewing detectives and the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office Serious Crash Unit responded to investigate.

November

I-2024-031391 - Fatal House Fire

Officers responded to a residence on Bernard Drive for a residential fire. Upon officers' arrival, they were met with flames extending from the roof of the residence. It was believed an elderly resident was home at the time. Officers attempted to gain entry through the rear of the residence but were met with extreme heat and smoke. The resident was later found deceased in the home.

December

I-2024-034537 Poss of Firearm

A Ewing officer observed a beige Buick traveling at a high rate of speed on Parkway Avenue in the area of Concord Ave and turned around on the vehicle to initiate a stop. The driver of the Buick immediately turned onto Maple Ave after seeing the marked police car make a U-turn and came to a stop shortly after making the turn. The driver quickly exited his vehicle and started rummaging through the trunk, attempting to distance himself from the passenger compartment of the vehicle. The driver appeared nervous and was going out of his way to be cooperative. While attempting to have the male retrieve his credentials, the officer observed a rifle propped on the front passenger seat of the vehicle in plain view. The officer secured the weapon and took the male into custody without incident. The male was issued motor vehicle summonses and charged with possession of a weapon and certain persons not to possess a firearm on a complaint warrant and lodged at the county jail.