

Ewing Police Department



2025 Annual Report

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Chief of Police



Proudly serving Ewing Township since 1928

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Message from the Chief

Dear Mayor Steinmann, Town Council and Members of the Community,

On behalf of the Ewing Police Department, I am pleased to present our Annual Report for the year 2025, which was compiled by Interim Captain William Lardieri. This report is provided to inform the Mayor, Town Council, and the public about the work of the department, our performance, and our continued commitment to serving the community with professionalism, integrity, and transparency.

Over the past year, the men and women of Ewing Police Department have worked diligently to ensure public safety while strengthening trust and collaboration with the community we serve. This report highlights key crime statistics, operational achievements, community engagement efforts, and ongoing initiatives aimed at improving both safety and service delivery.

We recognize that effective policing depends on strong partnerships with residents, local organizations, and elected officials. As such, this report is intended not only as a record of our activities, but also as a tool for accountability and open communication. We remain committed to continuous improvement, responsible use of resources, and the fair and respectful treatment of all individuals.

I would like to thank the Mayor and Town Council for their continued support, as well as our community members for their cooperation and trust. Most importantly, I commend the dedicated officers and civilian staff of the Ewing Police Department for their service, professionalism, and commitment throughout the year.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Albert F. Rhodes".

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 at 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 87 professional police officers who are trained to handle the multitude of tasks. The department continues to strive for excellence by maintaining accredited status.



EWING POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL



CURRENT EWING POLICE DEPARTMENT SWORN PERSONNEL

EWING POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVE ROSTER

October 1, 2025

82 – Sworn Officers

165	Nicholas	Muscente	233	Thomas	Piraino
167	Albert	Rhodes	234	David	Hartmann
171	Andrew	Condrat	235	Shane	Miller
176	Richard	Herbe	236	Michael	Giovannetti
178	William	Lardieri	238	Shannon	Stradling
179	Charles	Morgan	239	Kourtney	Schneider
184	Richard	Tramontana	240	Liam	Fitzpatrick
185	Christopher	Boller	241	Leonard	Tisdale
186	Jeremie	McCall	242	Estephan	Hernandez
187	Matthew	Przemieniecki	243	Jason	Ulrich Jr
188	Alexander	Maldonado	245	Alim	Djemilev
189	Danielle	Bethea	246	Holly	Oswald-Kardos
194	Edward	Lester	247	Daniel	Lookner
195	Abdelbasset	Jibbou	248	Andrew	Ridolfi
198	Kenneth	Vagnozzi	249	Thomas	Hill
199	Nicholas	Brower	250	Cameron	Potts
200	Tyler	Bender	251	Cameron	Brower
201	Justin	Ubry	252	Moses	Vigo
202	Caftlin	Hurley	253	Cole	Felsher
203	Christopher	Messick	254	Javon	Graham
205	Jonathan	Bag	255	Hussein	Mustafa
207	Mohamed	Omara	256	Alex	Episcopo
209	Melvin	Jumper	257	Andrew	Myers
210	David	Danley	258	Oscar	Quiroz
211	Corey	Fornarotto	259	Kyle	Ficci
212	Luis	Martir	261	Anthony	Gaynord
213	Austin	Woolverton	262	Gavin	Johnson
216	David	Massi	263	Ezequiel	Lopez-Bravo
218	Matthew	Folis	264	Wiktoria	Prejs
219	Justin	Quinlan	266	TySean	Cousar
220	Michael	Manfredi	267	Andrew	Morgan
221	Philip	Culotta	269	Nicholas	Zoller
222	Tyler	Finnerty	270	James	Lawrence
224	Charles	Wyckoff	271	Starr	Montoque
225	Kyle	McGuire	272	Denisse	Strublik
226	Jennifer	Modzelewski	273	Vincent	Blattenberger
228	Joseph	Toth III	274	Thomas	Cramer
229	Chelsea	Arnold	275	John	Deveney
230	Stephen	Arnold	276	Nicholas	Gayda
231	Sean	Cruz	277	Joseph	Salmestrelli
232	Nicholas	Jones	278	Timothy	Toomer

Civilian Support Personnel

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

Department Strength and Balance Sworn Personnel

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Officers	82	83	75	76	68	80	80	87

Retired 2025

David Morris #172
Michael Flynn #158

Police Academy Graduates/Officers 2025

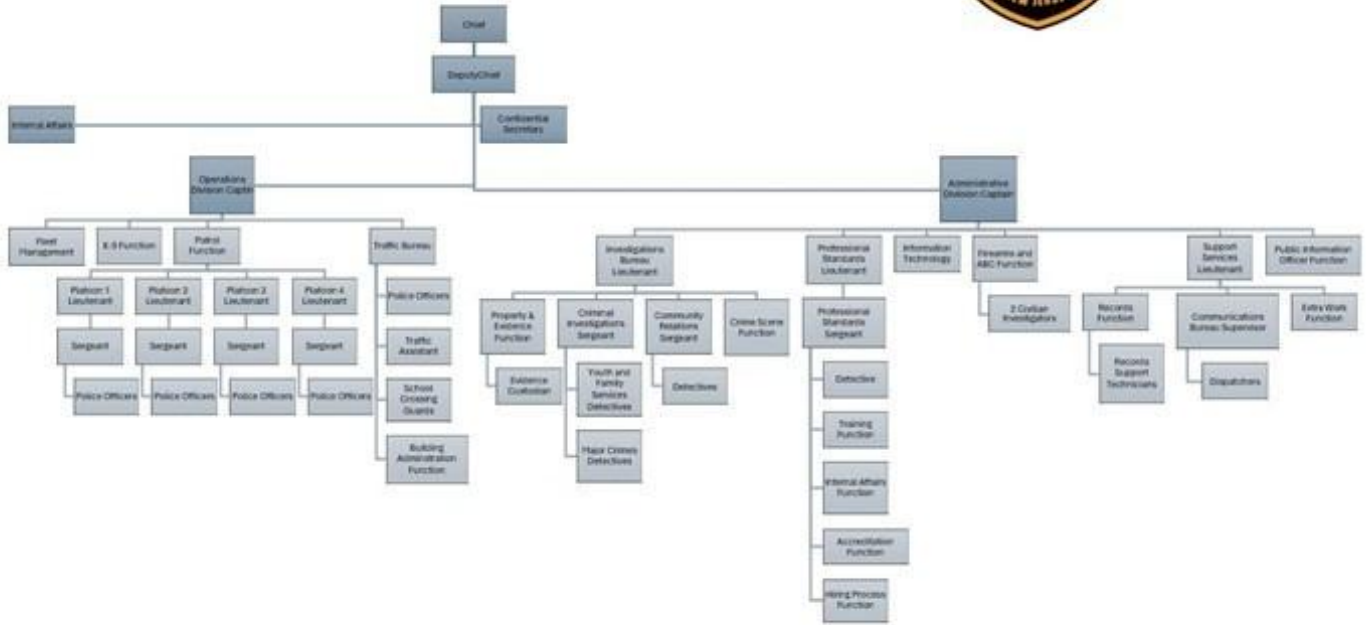
James Lawrence #270
Starr Montoque #271
Denisse Strublik #272
Vincent Blattenberger #273
Thomas Cramer #274
John Deveney #275
Nicholas Gayda #276
Joseph Salmestrelli #277
Timothy Toomer #278



Department Organization

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

Ewing Police Department Organizational Chart 2025



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 six 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, and other community events. CRU produced a sequel short film series featuring "The Grinch" during the holiday season and also provided coats to local families during the winter. CRU held Child Passenger Safety events at the Back-to-School Nights for Antheil, Lore and Parkway Elementary Schools as well as an event held at the Christina Seix Academy. A child passenger safety event was also held where Detectives and Officers inspected/installed child seats. The Community Relations Unit completed an 8-week Citizens Academy for Ewing residents in the spring. CRU was also proud to host 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 5 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 2025 Statistics for our 911/Dispatch Center

Total number of 911 calls received by our department.....	24,436
<u>Total number of telephone calls received on "882-1313".....</u>	<u>48,220</u>
Total number of incoming 911 and telephone calls handled by our dispatchers....	72,656

The average answer time of a "911" call in 2025 was **4** seconds.

The average answer time of a "882-1313" call in 2025 was **6** 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

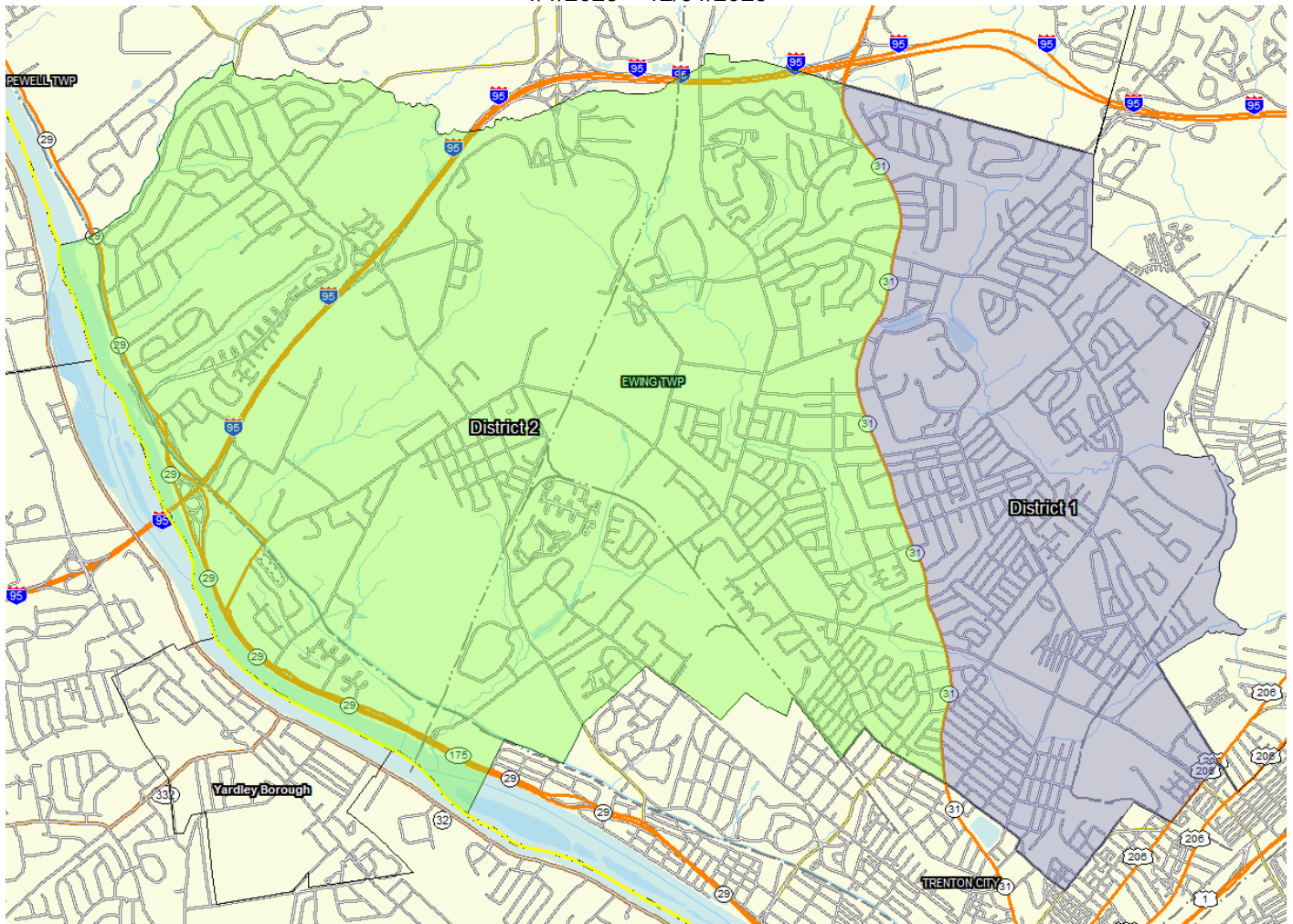
During 2021, the Ewing Police Department, with the support and funding of Ewing Township, updated our old and outdated 911 phone system. The new Zetron Call Taker Max system has come a long way since we last upgraded approximately 15 years ago. This system uses the latest technology and will have the capability to track cell phone calls and provide user data provided by the phone vendors such as medical issues and emergency contact information provided 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

1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025



Zone Total Calls

DISTRICT 1	17,869
DISTRICT 2	13,344
OUT OF TOWN	674
Total	31887

Ewing Police
CALLS FOR SERVICE
TWO YEAR COMPARISON BY TYPE 2024-2025

CALL TYPE

2024

2025

CALL TYPE	2024	2025	% Change
ABANDON 911 CALL	215	261	21.40%
ABANDON MV	3	7	133.33%
ABC INSPECTION	0	1	100.00%
ALARM - ELEVATOR	0	0	0.00%
ALARM-BUS	1002	917	-8.48%
ALARM-RES	457	407	-10.94%
ALRM-VEHICLE	22	14	-36.36%
AMB ASSIST	1	0	-100.00%
ANIMAL - BEAR	2	8	300.00%
ANIMAL BITE	15	16	6.67%
ANML COMPLNT	561	613	9.27%
ARRIVE TOGETHER FOLLOWUP	0	17	1700.00%
ARSON	0	1	100.00%
ASSAULT - KNIFE OR CUTTING INSTR	6	2	-66.67%
ASSAULT - OTHER (SIMPLE)	2	4	100.00%
ASSAULT - OTHER DANGEROUSE WEAPON	0	1	100.00%
ASSAULT - STRONGARM	0	0	0.00%
ASSAULT ON OFF	2	0	-200.00%
ASSAULT W/FIREARM	1	3	200.00%
ASSAULTS	88	71	-19.32%
ASSIST FD/PW	16	4	-75.00%
ASSIST MOBILE OUTREACH	89	85	-4.49%
ASST.OTH.AGC	290	285	-1.72%
ATTEMPT AUTO THEFT	9	17	88.89%
ATTEMPT BURGLARY	12	10	-16.67%
ATTEMPT SUICIDE	22	13	-40.91%
BICYCLE REGISTRATION	0	0	0.00%
BIKE PATROL	0	0	0.00%
BOMB THREAT	0	2	200.00%
BURGLARY	76	71	-6.58%
BURGLARY - FORCIBLE ENTRY	0	0	0.00%
BURGLARY - UNLAWFUL ENTRY	1	1	0.00%
BUS PANIC ALARM	0	6	600.00%
BWC FAILURE	26	21	-19.23%
CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM	78	94	20.51%
CARE CALLOUT	3	0	-300.00%
CHILD ABUSE	60	42	-30.00%
CHILD SEAT CHECK	20	30	50.00%
CITIZEN ASST	2203	2054	-6.76%
CITZ. COMPLAINT - COLLEGE	16	10	-37.50%
CITZ.COMPLT	278	213	-23.38%

CIVIC EVENT	0	1	100.00%
CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE	0	0	0.00%
CIVIL MATTER	46	50	8.70%
COURT	1	6	500.00%
CRIM MISCHIEF	134	118	-11.94%
CRIME ALERT TEST	24	19	-20.83%
CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONTACT	5	3	-40.00%
CRISIS FOLLOWUP	36	8	-77.78%
CRU DETAIL	147	40	-72.79%
CRU DETAIL - ASSOC MTG	0	0	0.00%
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	240	227	-5.42%
DCPP CALL OUT	33	64	93.94%
DEATH/HOSPICE	7	2	-71.43%
DEATH/UNATND	57	54	-5.26%
DISABLED VEH	331	353	6.65%
DISORDERLY PER	407	364	-10.57%
DOMEST.DSPTE	577	532	-7.80%
DRG-USE/POSN	20	8	-60.00%
DROWNING	0	0	0.00%
DRUG OVERDOSE	13	23	76.92%
DRUG RAID	0	0	0.00%
DRUNKENESS	46	47	2.17%
DUPLICATE CALL- IGNORE	38	29	-23.68%
DVVRT CALL OUT	20	18	-10.00%
DWI	47	50	6.38%
ELEVATOR ALARM	34	32	-5.88%
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	3	0	-300.00%
EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PERSON	317	343	8.20%
ENDANGERED PERSON - REGISTRATION	4	1	-75.00%
ESCAPE	0	0	0.00%
ESCT.BNK/BUS	0	1	100.00%
FALSE PUBLIC ALARMS	3	1	-66.67%
FAMILY CRISIS	260	206	-20.77%
FIGHTING	81	67	-17.28%
FINGERPRINTS - VOLUNTEER FD	12	29	141.67%
FINGERPRINTS COND DISMISSAL	6	15	150.00%
FINGERPRINTS HQ	14	11	-21.43%
FIRE	134	131	-2.24%
FIRE ALARM TEST	13	16	23.08%
FIRE ALM SYS	525	534	1.71%
FLOOD COND	17	7	-58.82%
FOOT PATROL	318	206	-35.22%
FOUND/RECOVERED ARTI	126	131	3.97%
FRAUD	300	276	-8.00%

GAMBLING	0	0	0.00%
GAS LEAK-NAT	139	111	-20.14%
GAS LEAK/VEH	5	6	20.00%
HANDLE WITH CARE	137	90	-34.31%
HARASMNT-ALL	306	346	13.07%
HAZMAT	10	5	-50.00%
HELMET REWARD	33	0	-3300.00%
HOLDUP ALARM	54	48	-11.11%
HOMICIDE	1	0	-100.00%
IMPERSONATE POLICE O	0	0	0.00%
INJURED PERSONS	432	424	-1.85%
INVASION OF PRIVACY	6	1	-83.33%
JUVEN OFFENSE	130	83	-36.15%
JUVENILE CURBSIDE WARNING	1	0	-100.00%
JUVENILE CUSTODY	46	39	-15.22%
JUVENILE REWARD	0	0	0.00%
K9 DEPLOYMENT	8	11	37.50%
KIDNAP/ABDUCT	0	0	0.00%
LANDLORD DISPUTE	22	36	63.64%
LARCY-THEFTS	360	284	-21.11%
LEWD/IND EXPOS	5	10	100.00%
LINEUP	0	0	0.00%
LIQUOR LAWS	0	0	0.00%
LOCKOUT BUILD	14	12	-14.29%
LOCKOUT MV	29	21	-27.59%
LST.ARTICLES	83	77	-7.23%
LURING	1	1	0.00%
M/P RTN/LOC	67	41	-38.81%
MEDICINE DROP BOX	11	11	0.00%
MISSING PERSON ADULT	83	62	-25.30%
MISSING PERSON JUVENILE	89	86	-3.37%
MISSING STREET SIGNS	2	3	50.00%
MV CITZ COMPT	658	652	-0.91%
MV DAMAGE NON/ACC	28	31	10.71%
MV IMPOUNDED	0	0	0.00%
MV JUNK VEH	23	15	-34.78%
MV REPO STANDBY	3	0	-300.00%
MV STOP	4750	4457	-6.17%
MV THEFT/AUTO	93	95	2.15%
MV THFT - TRUCK	1	3	200.00%
MV THFT.FROM	152	127	-16.45%
MV-SUSPICIOU	671	580	-13.56%
MV.AC.NO.INJ	1017	977	-3.93%
MV.ACC. W/INJ	144	147	2.08%
MV.HIT/RUN	244	225	-7.79%
NEIGHB DISP	105	111	5.71%
NON-ENFORCEMENT CONTACT W/COMMUNITY	141	57	-59.57%
NOTIFY/MSG	98	96	-2.04%
OBJECT IN ROADWAY	203	136	-33.00%
OFF FOLLOWUP	899	821	-8.68%

OFF.MEAL BRK	1	0	-100.00%
OPEN PROP	50	68	36.00%
OVERWEIGHT VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT	73	8	-89.04%
PARKING VIOL	696	476	-31.61%
PASSING ATTN	3741	3032	-18.95%
PEDESTRIAN ENFORCEMENT DETAIL	2	3	50.00%
PEDESTRIAN STOP	85	44	-48.24%
PEEPING TOM	0	0	0.00%
POLICE INFO	163	137	-15.95%
POS STL PROP	1	1	0.00%
POS.WEAP.OTH	9	5	-44.44%
POSS.DRUGS	5	5	0.00%
POSSESSION OF FIREARM	5	8	60.00%
PRIS.CK/MEAL	13	9	-30.77%
PRIS.TRANS	14	22	57.14%
PROPERTY CHECK	546	205	-62.45%
PROSTITUTION	0	0	0.00%
PROWLER	0	0	0.00%
RADAR POST	255	132	-48.24%
REC STOL VEH	61	81	32.79%
REC VEH OTHER AGENCY	13	21	61.54%
RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION	0	0	0.00%
REPORT WRITING	9	4	-55.56%
RES MEDICAL ALARM	165	210	27.27%
RES PANIC ALARM	39	39	0.00%
RESTRAIN ORDER/SERVE	309	366	18.45%
RESTRAIN ORDER/VIOLA	59	77	30.51%
ROAD HAZARD	4	0	-400.00%
ROAD SIGN MISSING	4	2	-50.00%
ROBBERY	11	8	-27.27%
ROBBERY - KNIFE OR CUTTING INSTRU	0	0	0.00%
ROBBERY - OTHER DANGEROUS WEAPON	0	0	0.00%
ROBBERY - STRONGARM	1	0	-100.00%
ROBBERY W/FIREARM	3	5	66.67%
SCHOOL MONITORING	149	222	48.99%
SCHOOL POST	1033	725	-29.82%
SERVICE CALL EQUIPME	52	25	-51.92%
SEX OFFENDER CHECK	4	8	100.00%
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION	58	52	-10.34%
SEX OFN FAILED TO REGISTER	2	1	-50.00%
SEXUAL ASSLT	31	19	-38.71%
SHOOTING RESP TEAM ACTIVATION	0	0	0.00%
SHOPLIFTING	551	488	-11.43%
SHOTS FIRED	43	34	-20.93%
SICK PERSON	2663	2810	5.52%
SMOKE CONDITION	47	48	2.13%
SMOKE CONDITION	0	1	100.00%
SPEC.DETAIL	32	27	-15.63%
SPEED ENFORCEMENT	20	4	-80.00%
STATION HOUSE ADJUSTMENT	0	0	0.00%

STOPARM ENFORCEMENT	1	0	-100.00%
STORM DAMAGE	12	46	283.33%
STREET CLOSING	13	11	-15.38%
STREET LIGHT OUT	1	2	100.00%
SUBPOENA SER	0	2	200.00%
SUICIDE	1	3	200.00%
SUSP ARTICLE	9	18	100.00%
SUSP.PERSON	797	635	-20.33%
SUSPICIOUS DEATH	0	0	0.00%
TERRORISTIC THREATS	1	2	100.00%
Terroristic Threats	47	37	-21.28%
TEST	6	5	-16.67%
TRAF DETAIL	169	113	-33.14%
TRAF SGN DWN	17	19	11.76%
TRAF SIGNAL OUT	70	82	17.14%
TRAINING	5	3	-40.00%
TRANSPORTS	10	16	60.00%
TRESPASS	100	105	5.00%
TWP CODE VIO	132	95	-28.03%
TWP ORD NOIS	230	313	36.09%
Twp. Ordinance Noise-College Rental	49	47	-4.08%
Twp. Ordinance Noise-Rental	1	3	200.00%
VEHICLE CHECK	0	2	200.00%
VEHICLE RELEASE	183	193	5.46%
VIOLATE GOV ORDER	0	0	0.00%
WARRANT SER	417	401	-3.84%
WATER LK - BUS	9	4	-55.56%
WATER LK-HSE	15	20	33.33%
WATER LK/ST	31	37	19.35%
WATER RESCUE	0	0	0.00%
WELFARE CHECK	365	281	-23.01%
WIRE/POL.DWN	116	159	37.07%
TOTALS	35200	31889	-9.41%

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. Citizen's 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. Effective discipline also permits law enforcement officials to monitor officers' compliance with department policies and procedures. Adherence to established policies and procedures assists officers in meeting department objectives while a monitoring system permits managers to identify problem areas requiring increased training or direction. Finally, 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 Types reported Three-Year Comparison 2023-2025

EWING TOWNSHIP	2023	2024	2025
Excessive Force	4	1	4
Improper Arrest	1	0	4
Improper Entry	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	2	1
Differential Treatment	0	1	7
Demeanor	5	6	2
Rules/Regs Violations	29	15	20
Other Criminal Violations	4	3	1
Domestic Violence	0	0	0
Totals	43	28	39

Outcomes from 2023 reported Internal Affairs complaints

Types of complaints	# of initial allegation sustained	# other allegation sustained	# not sustained
Excessive Force	0	0	4
Improper Arrest	0	0	1
Improper Entry	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	0	0
Differential Treatment	0	0	0
Demeanor	0	1	4
Rules/Regs Violations	16	0	13
Other Criminal Violations	0	2	2
Domestic Violence	0	0	0
Totals	16	3	24

Outcomes from 2024 reported Internal Affairs complaints

Types of complaints	# of initial allegation sustained	# other allegation sustained	# not sustained
Excessive Force	0	0	1
Improper Arrest	0	0	0
Improper Entry	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	1	1
Differential Treatment	0	0	1
Demeanor	0	2	4
Rules/Regs Violations	0	14	1
Other Criminal Violations	0	0	3
Domestic Violence	0	0	0
Totals	0	17	11

Outcomes from 2025 reported Internal Affairs complaints

Types of complaints	# of initial allegation sustained	# other allegation sustained	# not sustained
Excessive Force	0	0	4
Improper Arrest	0	0	4
Improper Entry	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	0	1
Differential Treatment	0	0	7
Demeanor	0	1	2
Rules/Regs Violations	3	1	16
Other Criminal Violations	0	0	1
Domestic Violence	0	0	0
Totals	3	1	35

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	Semi-Annually	All sworn
Right to Know	Division of Criminal Justice	TBD	Biennial	All sworn
Hazardous Materials	Division of Criminal Justice	TBD	Biennial	All sworn
Alcotest recertification	Division of Criminal Justice	4 hours	Every third calendar year	Alcotest certified officers only
ALPR training	New Jersey Attorney General	TBD	Annually	All sworn/Dispatch/IT
Vehicular Pursuit	New Jersey Attorney General	N/A	Annually	All sworn

Professional Standards Bureau: Training Activity Report 2025

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	135
Admin	236
Communications	187
Criminal Investigations	293
CSI	775
Defensive Tactics	280
DWI	446
Firearms	1,777
K-9	264
Incident Command	34
Leadership/Supervision	612
Legal Update	16
Mercer County Rapid Response	32
Mental Health	1,046.5
Professional Standards	54
Patrol	133
Narcotics	40
Records	14
SWAT	472
Terrorism	17
Traffic	288

Professional Standards Bureau (PSB): Training Highlights

- 1 sergeant and 1 detective attended a 2-day course "Pre-Employment Background Investigations" from April 22nd-23rd.
- 1 sergeant and 1 detective attended a 1-day course "Why Law Enforcement Hires Go Bad" on February 18th.
- 1 detective and 6 officers attended a 2-day course, "Crisis Intervention Training", from March 10th-11th.
- 1 K9 officer attended 1-day course, "K-9 Render Safe Task Force", on January 14th.
- 1 officer attended a 1-day course, "NYC Anti-Terrorism Symposium" on April 11th.
- 9 officers attended a 5-day course, "Basic Evidence Technician", from February 3rd-7th.
- 1 sergeant and 1 officer attended a 2-day course, "NJSP 2025 Spring CART Training", from April 23rd- 24th.
- 1 lieutenant attended a 15-day course, "NJSACOP Command and Leadership" from January 7th- April 1st.
- 1 officer attended a 4-day course, "NJNEOA Conference", from May 19th-22nd.
- 1 officer attended a 1-day course, "Drug Operations Proven Effective" on March 28th.
- 2 captains and 2 lieutenants attended a 1-day course, "Active Shooter Training for Command Staff", on November 6th.
- 2 officers attended a 1-day course, "MCRRP Active Shooter Training", on June 30th.
- 1 lieutenant attended a 1-day course, "Hide in Plain Sight: Current Drug Trends", on May 15th.
- 2 officers attended a 1-day course, "Vehicle Extractions & Hidden Hands", on April 14th.
- 4 officers attended a 3-day course, "Humane Law Enforcement Waiver", From June 23rd-25th.
- 1 lieutenant and 3 officers attended a 1-day course, "Unmanned Aircraft Systems Program Development", on September 10th.
- 1 lieutenant and 3 officers attended a 1-day course, "Drone Assessment and Response Tactics", on October 29th.
- 1 officer attended a 4-day course, "NJSP DWI and SFST", from March 11th-14th.
- 1 officer attended a 4-day course, "NJSP DWI and SFST", from April 1st-4th.
- 1 officer attended a 10-day course, "Traffic Crash Reconstruction", from April 28th-May 9th.
- 1 lieutenant attended a 2-day course, "OPRA and Records Management", from November 18th-19th.
- 1 lieutenant attended a 1-day course, "Strong Foundations: Pregnancy & Postpartum in LE", on May 20th.
- 1 lieutenant, 1 detective, and 6 officers attended a 2-day course, "2025 NJ Women in Law Enforcement Annual Conference", from March 12th-13th.
- 1 lieutenant attended a 1-day course, "Strategic Grant Funding for LE", on October 15th.
- 1 officer attended a 3-day course, "Basic Field Training Officer", from May 5th-7th.
- 1 officer attended a 1-day course, "Mastering Motor Vehicle Law", on September 16th.
- 1 Lieutenant attended a 3-day course, "ICS 400", from June 5th-10th.
- 1 officer attended a 2-day course, "Event Safety and Security", from August 19th-20th.
- 1 sergeant and 1 detective attended a 5-day course, "K-12 Too Good for Drugs & Violence" from February 3rd-7th.
- 1 sergeant attended a 1-day course, "Leadership for Reducing Stress in L.E.", on April 29th.
- 2 officers attended a 1-day course, "Personal & Professional Breakthroughs for L.E.", on April 30th.
- 1 detective attended a 1-day course, "OC Aerosol Instructor", on December 1st.

Firearms Purchase Permits 2025

Firearms applications	544
Applications approved	424
Applications withdrawn	78
Applications denied	5
Applications carried into 2025	37
Carry permits approved	110

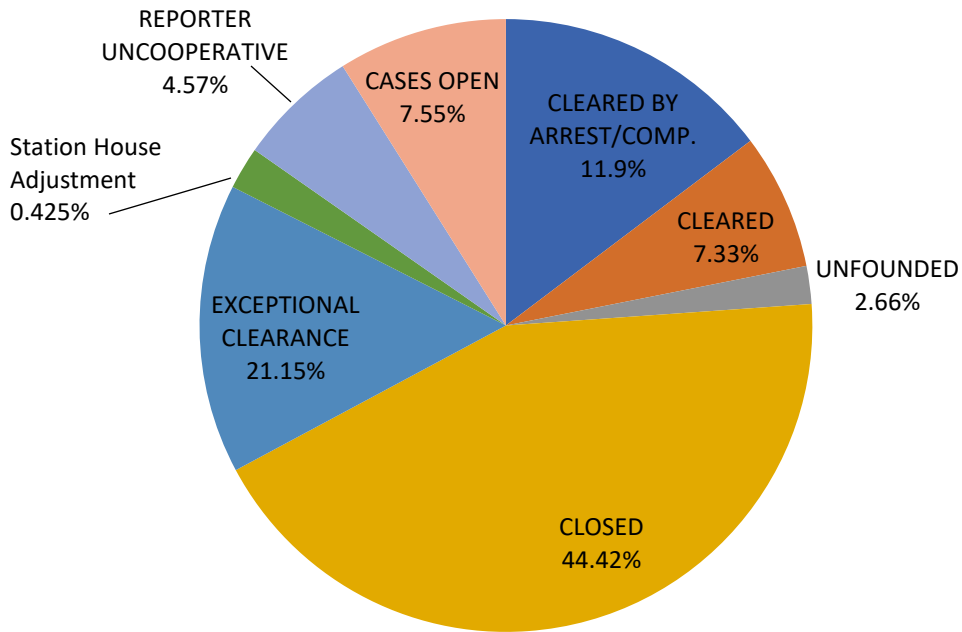
Property and Evidence Unit

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. There shall be an inventory/audit of the property and evidence whenever there is a change of the property officer, alternate property officer, property/alternate officers' supervisor, the chief law enforcement officer, or whenever there is any indication or suspicion of a breach of the property/evidence repository.

Workload Report 2025

<u>Item Status</u>	<u>Transfers</u>
Item Collected	1,622
Stored in Location	4,960
To Lab	141
From Lab	252
Returned to Owner	212
Destroyed	898
Transferred to local lab	61
Transferred to Other Agency	176
To Mercer County Prosecutor's Office	2
Signed Out for Review	55
Received into Property Room	1,505
Item Submitted into Property	21

EWING POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU DISPOSITIONS 2025



<u>CLEARED BY ARREST/COMPLAINT</u>	<u>112</u>
<u>CLEARED</u>	<u>69</u>
<u>UNFOUNDED</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>418</u>
<u>EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE</u>	<u>199</u>
<u>STATION HOUSE ADJUSTMENT</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>REPORTER UNCOOPERATIVE</u>	<u>43</u>
<u>CASES OPEN</u>	<u>71</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>941</u>

Criminal Investigations Bureau Highlights 2025

Investigations:

Seventeen (17) sexual assaults.

One hundred two (102) burglaries.

Twenty-five (25) child abuse.

Fourteen (14) robberies.

Seventy-one (71) shopliftings.

Seventy-five (75) frauds.

Four (4) shootings.

One hundred eighty-six (176) domestic follow-ups.

Sixty-four (64) missing persons/endangered/runaways.

Seventy-seven (77) thefts.

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 at 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

2025

Age at time of offense	Race/Ethnicity	Gender	Prior Contacts Y/N	Statutory citation for offense	Outcome
14	B	F	N	Firearms or other weapons in educational institutions 2C:39-5e	Completed
14	B	M	N	Terroristic threats (Threatens to harm) 2C:12-3a	Completed
15	B	M	N	Weapons offense (other weapons) 2C:39-5d	Completed
15	B	M	N	Criminal attempt 2C:5-1A(1) Criminal mischief 2C:17-3A(1) Obstructing administration of law or other governmental function 2C:29-1A	Did Not Complete, Charged

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 2025

Unit K9 Team

Officer N. Jones #232

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

K-9 Calls for Service

Total Calls 18

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

Building searches	2
Bomb Sniff	6
Assist other agencies	5
Missing persons	10
Tracks	12
Article	0



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.

Ewing Police Department K-9's 2005 – Present



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 **1,113 motor vehicle collisions** throughout 2025, of which 147 resulted in personal injury and 2 resulted in a fatality.

2025 NJTR-1 YEARLY TOTALS

W/O Injuries, With Injuries, Hit & Run

Total for 2025: 1,113

MONTH	WITH OUT INJURIES	WITH INJURIES	HIT AND RUN
JANUARY	65	10	12
FEBRUARY	68	7	11
MARCH	75	16	13
APRIL	70	12	13
MAY	78	16	14
JUNE	60	13	10
JULY	70	14	9
AUGUST	52	12	16
SEPTEMBER	72	10	11
OCTOBER	73	11	9
NOVEMBER	71	12	10
DECEMBER	71	14	13
TOTALS	825	147	141

DAY OF THE WEEK	WITH OUT INJURIES	WITH INJURIES	HIT AND RUN
SUNDAY	89	19	14
MONDAY	131	27	17
TUESDAY	116	16	14
WEDNESDAY	130	26	27
THURSDAY	132	21	16
FRIDAY	119	20	26
SATURDAY	108	18	27
TOTAL	825	147	141

TIME OF CRASH	W/O INJURIES	WITH INJURIES	HIT AND RUN
00:00-00:59	8	3	5
01:00-01:59	9	0	3
02:00-02:59	9	0	4
03:00-03:59	8	1	0
04:00-04:59	5	3	1
05:00-05:59	11	0	3
06:00-06:59	21	3	4
07:00-07:59	30	7	2
08:00-08:59	34	1	11
09:00-09:59	39	9	8
10:00-10:59	39	11	7
11:00-11:59	36	6	6
12:00-12:59	58	9	5
13:00-13:59	60	8	11
14:00-14:59	63	13	8
15:00-15:59	50	11	10
16:00-16:59	57	13	11
17:00-17:59	66	11	13
18:00-18:59	58	14	7
19:00-19:59	36	4	2
20:00-20:59	27	13	5
21:00-21:59	37	7	5
22:00-22:59	33	8	5
23:00-2359	31	2	5
TOTAL	825	147	141

MONTH	BUS CRASH	DEER STRUCK	DUI CRASHES	FATALS	MOTORCYCLE CRASH	NON – REPORTABLES	PEDESTRIAN'S STRUCK
JANUARY	3	7	1	1	0	3	2
FEBRUARY	2	0	2	1	0	2	2
MARCH	2	1	4	0	0	1	1
APRIL	0	5	1	0	0	2	4
MAY	0	2	1	0	1	2	0
JUNE	1	3	1	0	2	3	0
JULY	0	2	4	0	3	1	0
AUGUST	1	2	3	0	0	2	4
SEPTEMBER	2	5	3	0	0	2	3
OCTOBER	2	12	1	0	0	0	1
NOVEMBER	0	13	3	0	0	0	1
DECEMBER	3	5	4	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	16	57	28	2	6	18	18

2025 SUMMONSES YEARLY TOTALS

Moving and Parking yearly total: **4,454**

OFFENSE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
SPEEDING	3	3	2	13	6	0	18	35	39	9	7	5	140
SEATBELTS	3	2	1	3	0	3	7	11	9	6	0	0	45
UNLICENSED	21	17	22	36	21	15	19	48	29	18	7	11	264
SUSPENDED	9	29	29	32	23	22	28	56	37	27	28	24	344
SCHOOL BUS	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	5
DRUNK/DRUG DRIVING	1	7	9	4	3	2	6	6	7	2	6	6	59
CHILD RESTRAINT	1	0	3	6	1	4	1	6	2	3	1	3	31
CARELESS	32	46	43	51	32	73	40	50	73	42	27	25	534
RECKLESS	5	12	10	4	5	45	6	12	11	11	8	7	136
CELLPHONE	1	1	4	13	1	1	5	15	27	3	8	0	79
OTHER	135	213	185	237	160	159	213	301	333	194	139	126	2395
TOTAL	211	330	309	400	252	325	343	540	569	315	231	207	4032
PARKING	13	39	67	49	27	18	33	24	25	33	21	73	422
TOTAL	224	369	376	449	279	343	376	564	594	348	252	280	4454

DWI STATS

MONTH	TOTAL
JANUARY	1
FEBRUARY	7
MARCH	9
APRIL	4
MAY	3
JUNE	2
JULY	6
AUGUST	6
SEPTEMBER	7
OCTOBER	2
NOVEMBER	6
DECEMBER	6
TOTAL	59

Use of Force 2025

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.

2025 STATISTICS

Incidents requiring force	45
Number of officers who used force	86

Officer Force Applied

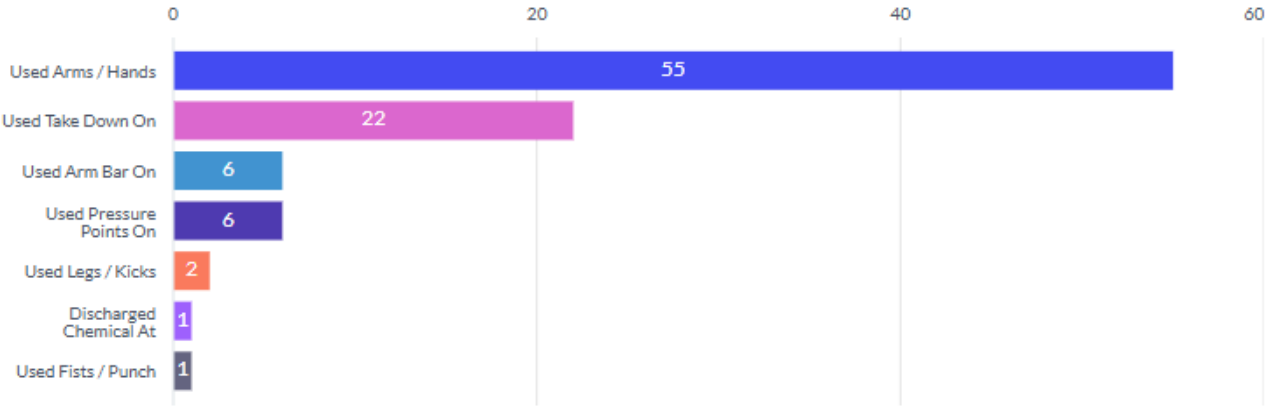
Arms/ Hands	55
Take Downs	22
Arm Bar	6
Pressure Points	6
Legs/ Kicks	2
Fists/ Punch	1
Chemical Agent	1

Subjects Actions Led to Force

Resisted Arrest/ Police Officer Control	53
Attempted to Escape from Custody	17
Prevent Harm to Another	12
Push or Shove	12
Verbal/ Fighting Stance	13
Attempt to Self-harm	14
Kick	21
Strike with Open Hand, Fist, or Elbow	6
Threat to Strike with Open Hand, Fist, or Elbow	4
Biting	5
Spitting	9
Threat to Push or Shove	3
Failure to Disperse	2
Threat with Other Weapon	3
Attempt to Commit Crime	5
Threat to Kick	3
Threat with Bodily Fluids	2
Threat With Edge Weapon	1
Attack With Other Weapon	3
Attempt To Destroy Evidence	1
Threat With Gun	1
Threat With Motor Vehicle	1

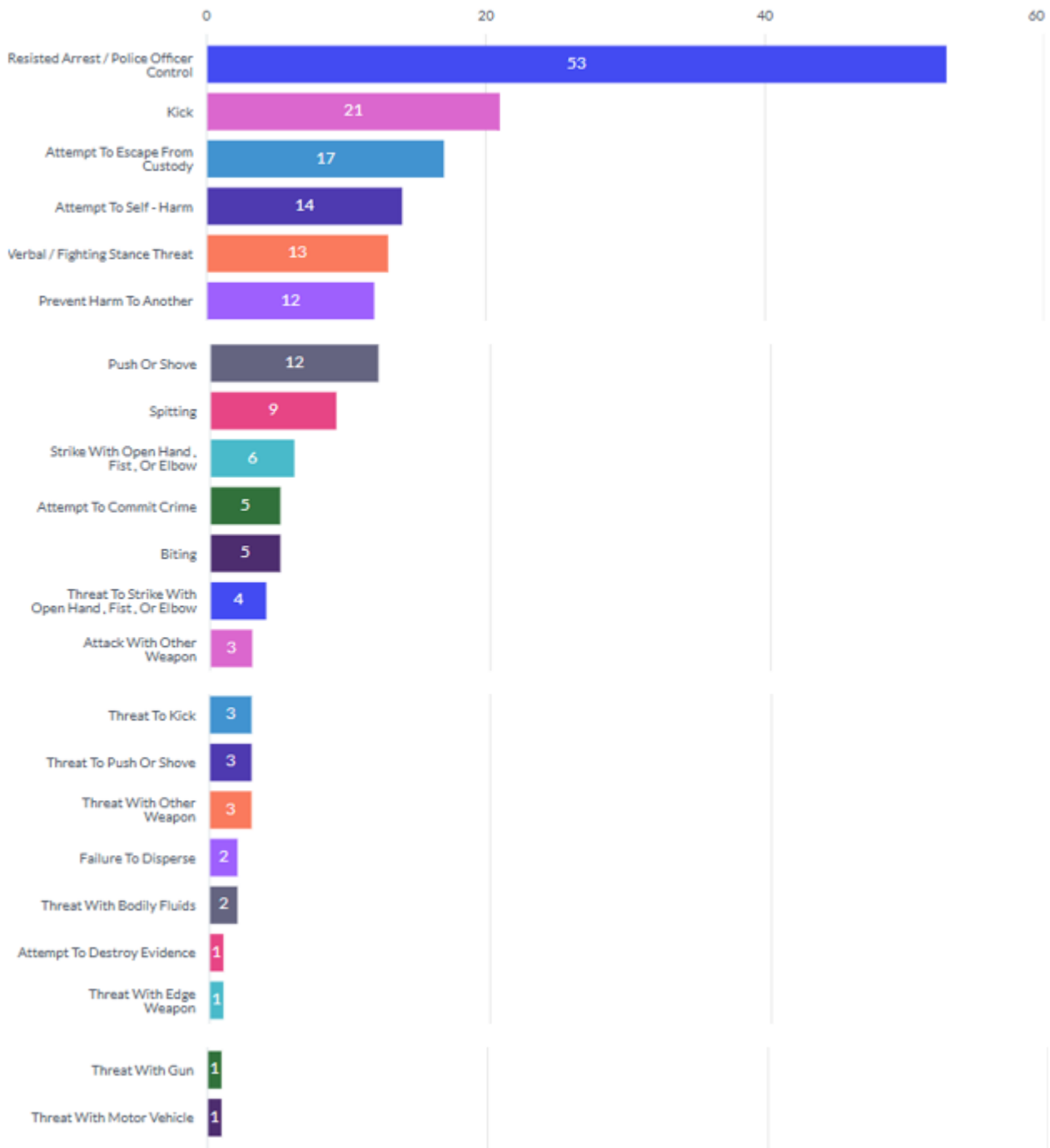
Officer Force Applied

Incidents can include multiple types of force applied.



Subject Actions Led to Force

Incidents can include multiple action types.



Vehicle Pursuit 2025

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	8
Total Number of Officers Involved	18
Total Number of Injuries Sustained	6



Drug Overdoses - 2025

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. Also, we assist an organization called Straight to Treatment, but they tend to be fairly independent of us. They will set up outside of our municipal court and try to assist citizens. 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 50% increase in overdoses from the year 2024. There were two fatal overdoses in 2025.

Overdoses by Month

JANUARY	2	8.33%
FEBRUARY	3	12.50%
MARCH	2	8.33%
APRIL	1	4.16%
MAY	2	8.33%
JUNE	4	16.66%
JULY	3	12.50%
AUGUST	2	8.33%
SEPTEMBER	1	4.16%
OCTOBER	1	4.16%
NOVEMBER	0	0.00%
DECEMBER	3	12.50%
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Yearly Naloxone Use

Fatal Single Dose	0
Fatal Multiple Doses	0
Fatal Naloxone not admin	2
Non-Fatal Single Dose	9
Non-Fatal Multiple Doses	9
Non-Fatal No Naloxone	3
Non-Fatal Unknown admin	1

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 Chaplains are not only there for our citizens. They also assist our officers. The chaplains make themselves available if an officer would like to meet with them for any reason. Also, the chaplains conduct monthly platoon resiliency training during the officers' lineup. Our current Police Chaplains are Chaplain Gregg Downs (left) and Chaplain Anthony Gilmer (right).



2025 Departmental Awards



2025 Police Officer of the Year – Chelsea Arnold

Chelsea Frances Arnold was born and raised in Ewing township, where she attended Ewing public schools. She was raised by her father, Robert Arnold, and mother, Carmella Arnold. Both her parents taught her the value of hard work and integrity growing up and always encouraged her to follow her dreams. She graduated from Mercer County Community College with an associated degree in Liberal Arts. Chelsea then attended the College of New Jersey pursuing a degree in Criminology. However, before she could graduate, she left college to pursue her career in law enforcement. In 2016, Chelsea graduated from The Department of Corrections Police Academy and worked as a corrections officer at New Jersey State Prison. In 2018, she resigned from the Department of Corrections and got hired by the Ewing Township Police Department alongside her brother, Stephen Arnold. She graduated from the Mercer County Police Academy and began her training in the patrol bureau. While working in patrol, Chelsea decided she wanted to take on the role and responsibilities as a field training officer. She has since trained several officers with her goal of passing on knowledge and a strong work ethic. In her free time Chelsea enjoys spending time with her family, playing and watching sports, and going to the gym.

Life-Saving Citation Bar

1. On June 19th, 2025, Det. Finnerty was off-duty at Bay Beach in Pt. Pleasant, NJ, with his family, when he observed three intoxicated males on Treasure Island yelling and waving their arms at passing boats for a ride back to shore. The three males, whose judgement was clearly impaired, decided to make the swim back to the Bay Beach but underestimated the swift moving current and struggled to stay above the water. Det. Finnerty, who spent several summers as a lifeguard, borrowed a paddleboard from someone on the beach and paddled out to the males. Det. Finnerty was able to assist the males to shore before they drowned or were struck by a passing boat. Due to the unwavering determination and prompt action of Det. Finnerty, which resulted in the saving of a human life, he is awarded the Life Saving Citation Bar.

2. On November 27th, 2024, Officers Michael Giovannetti and Thomas Hill responded to a report of a 64-year-old female who was unresponsive and not breathing. As the officers raced to the scene, Ewing dispatchers advised that the caller was beginning CPR. Officer Michael Giovannetti was the first to arrive and immediately got to work. Giovannetti gathered a brief medical history and began chest compressions as Officer Thomas Hill set up the AED. Giovannetti continued compressions as Hill applied the AED pads and prompted the machine to analyze her heart rhythm. Giovannetti completed several rounds of chest compressions before being relieved by Ewing EMS. Ewing EMS worked together with medics from Capital Health. Through the combined efforts, the woman regained a pulse and began breathing on her own before being transported to the hospital. Due to Officer Giovannetti's and Hill's unwavering determination and prompt action, which resulted in saving a human life, they are awarded the Life Saving Citation Bar.

3. On September 30th, 2024, at approximately 1320 hours, Officer Oswald-Kardos came upon an unresponsive male at Kim's Market in Trenton, NJ, while going to get lunch with her boyfriend, an off-duty Hamilton firefighter. They assessed the male, determined he did not have a pulse, and began to administer CPR. Upon the arrival of Trenton EMS, they continued to assist in rendering aid until the male was placed in the ambulance. Upon arrival at Capital Health RMC, the male had regained his pulse and was breathing on his own. Due to the unwavering determination and prompt action of Officer Oswald-Kardos, which resulted in the saving of a human life, she is awarded the Life Saving Citation Bar.

Exceptional Duty Citation Bar

4. On August 5th, 2025, Lt. Nicholas Muscente, Sgt. Mathew Folis, Det. Danielle Betha, Det. Abdelbasset Jibbou, Officer Jonathan Bag, and Officer Matthew Przemieniecki are recognized for their exceptional diligence and perseverance in organizing National Night Out. Their efforts resulted in a record number of vendor participants, making the event the largest to date. Despite the challenge of relocating from the traditional location of the Ewing Community Center, CRU's commitment ensured a seamless and highly successful evening that strengthened community partnerships and showcased outstanding police and civilian accomplishments. Civilians Lynn Ervin and Rick Mabes are also recognized for their hard work and tireless efforts behind the scenes, which contributed significantly to the success of National Night Out. National Night Out is a highly credible accomplishment, bringing public acclaim and recognition to the Ewing Police Department. For this reason, Lt. Nicholas Muscente, Sgt. Atthew Folis, Det. Danielle Betha, Det. Abdelbasset Jibbou, Officer Jonathan Bag, and Officer

Matthew Przemieniecki have been awarded the Exceptional Duty Citation Bar and Lynn Ervin and Rick Mabes have been awarded the Civilian Recognition award.

5. MADD recognized both Officer PO Melvin Jumper and Officer Kyle Ficci for their DUI/DRE enforcement efforts in the year 2024. PO Jumper was awarded the Drug Recognition Expert Award Certificate, and Officer Ficci 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, Officer Melvin Jumper and Officer Kyle Ficci have been awarded the Exceptional Duty Citation Bar.

Distinguished Recognition Citation Bar

6. On January 2nd, 2025, Ewing Police responded to an apartment fire at Cambridge Hall, which unfortunately claimed the life of a juvenile male. Captain Charles Morgan, Captain Richard Tramontana, and Lieutenant Richard established a command post across the street at the Woodbrook House, ensuring a coordinated response among various emergency services. They maintained communication with the nearly thirty police officers who responded to the scene, many of whom entered the apartment building to assist with evacuations. Additionally, they reallocated resources during the operation to assist with calls for service, road closures, and other related tasks. As a result of their determination and professionalism exhibited through their coordinated efforts, Captain Charles Morgan, Captain Richard Tramontana, and Lieutenant Richard are awarded the Distinguished Recognition Citation Bar.

7. On April 18th, 2025, Officer Melvin Jumper and Alim Djemilev conducted a motor vehicle stop in the parking lot of Zaniny's. During the course of the stop, the driver refused to provide his license, registration, or insurance, and refused to step out of the vehicle. Officers were forced to break the driver's side window in order to place him under arrest, which caused a laceration to Officer Djemilev's forearm. As this occurred, the front seat passenger had to be ordered several times to keep his hands on the dashboard and to stop moving around. The passenger was subsequently removed from the vehicle and found to be in possession of a Glock 19x semi-automatic handgun. As a result of their determination and professionalism exhibited through their coordinated efforts, Officer Melvin Jumper and Officer Alim Djemilev are awarded the Distinguished Recognition Citation Bar.

8. On July 7th, 2025, Ewing Units were detailed to Cash for Gold on a male actor entering the business and robbing the owner at gunpoint. The actor was observed on multiple security videos from surrounding businesses as well as the Mercer County Camera system, running from the business, through the parking lot, onto Olden Avenue and onto McMullen. Detective David Hartmann was checking the area of Pennwood Drive approximately forty-five minutes after the initial incident and spotted a male sitting in a car. The vehicle attempted to leave the area after seeing Detective Hartmann. Detective Hartmann was able to conduct a motor vehicle stop and positively identify the male driver as the perpetrator of the robbery. After the male was identified, a search warrant for the vehicle was filed and approved. The search of the vehicle disclosed a BB Gun pistol and various jewelry from the Cash for Gold business. As a result of Detective David Hartmann's determination and professionalism exhibited through his coordinated efforts, he is awarded the Distinguished Recognition Citation Bar.

9. On July 7th, 2025, Detective Tyler Finnerty was working an off-duty security detail for the Ewing Rec summer basketball league. After dispersing a fight among 20-30 teens, he was approached by a witness who stated that one of the juveniles involved displayed a black handgun, put it back into his pocket, and was walking away from the area. Detective Finnerty broadcast a description of the male to responding units as well as his location. Office Kyle Ficci, who was working off-duty security at ShopRite, responded to assist and located the male opposite the Rubino Academy. Ficci engaged the male in conversation and, picking up on physical indicators and the subject's body language, took the male's arms behind his back and began patting him down for weapons. Ficci located a loaded Smith and Wesson .380 handgun in the juvenile's right front pocket. Ficci ensured the weapon was secured and took the male into custody. These actions prevented a potential tragedy in a crowded township park with families enjoying a warm summer night. As a result of Officer Kyle Ficci's determination and professionalism, as exhibited through his coordinated efforts, he is awarded the Distinguished Recognition Citation Bar. Due to Detective Tyler Finnerty's quick thinking and dissemination of information that led to the successful arrest and confiscation of a firearm, he is being awarded the Chief's Recognition Bar.

Distinguished Unit Citation Bar

10. On January 2nd, 2025, Ewing Police responded to an apartment fire at Cambridge Hall, which unfortunately claimed the life of a juvenile male. I/Sgt. Jeremie McCall, Sgt. Michael Manfredi, Officer Matthew Przemieniecki, Officer Abdelbasset Jibbou, Officer Kyle McGuire, and Officer Hussein Mustafa assisted with the fire outside the building. They assisted with various tasks, including traffic control and perimeter security. As a result of their determination and professionalism exhibited through their coordinated efforts, I/Sgt. Jeremie McCall, Sgt. Michael Manfredi, Officer Matthew Przemieniecki, Officer Abdelbasset Jibbou, Officer Kyle McGuire, and Officer Hussein Mustafa are awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation Bar.

11. On the morning of July 29th, 2025, CIB units Lt. Nicholas Muscente, Sgt. Andrew Condrat, Detective Justin Ubry, Detective David Massi, Detective Justin Quinlan, Officer Shannon Stradling, and Patrol units Officer Liam Fitzpatrick, Officer Ezequiel Lopez-Bravo, and Officer Ruben Vaquer were apprised of multiple burglaries to occupied dwellings in the Mountain View section of the township off of Route 29 and Scenic Drive. Detectives Massi and Sgt. Andrew Condrat immediately went into action to conduct follow-ups to this incident to establish a concrete suspect within five hours of these incidents, and Detective Justin Quinlan determined the location where much of the stolen property was transported. This led to a search warrant being authored and executed by Detective Justin Ubry at that location, resulting in the subsequent recovery of the property and evidence, as well as the eventual apprehension of the main suspect. Officer Fitzpatrick and Lopez-Bravo assisted with processing this large amount of evidence. As a result of their determination, teamwork, and professionalism exhibited through their coordinated efforts, Lt. Nicholas Muscente, Sgt. Andrew Condrat, Detective Justin Ubry, Detective David Massi, Detective Justin Quinlan, Officer Shannon Stradling, Officer Liam Fitzpatrick, Officer Ezequiel Lopez-Bravo, and Officer Ruben Vaquer are awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation Bar.

Military Service Bar

12. 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 Ezequiel Lopez-Bravo currently serves his Country in the New Jersey Army National Guard. We commend and recognize his sense of duty and personal sacrifice by awarding him the Military Service Recognition Bar.

Meritorious Service Citation Bar

13. On January 2nd, 2025, Lt. Nicholas Muscente, Lt. Kenneth Vagnozie, Sgt. Andrew Condrat, Sgt. Nicholas Brower, Officer Edward Lester, Detective Justin Ubry, Officer Jonathan Bag, Detective David Massi, Officer Phillip Culotta, Detective Tyler Finnerty, Officer Chelsea Arnold, Detective David Hartmann, Officer Alim Djemilev, Officer Cole Felsher, Officer Javon Graham, and Officer Gavin Johnson responded to a fire at a multi-story condominium building. The first officers on scene learned that a juvenile male was trapped inside the fourth-floor apartment where the fire originated, and they relayed information to other responding officers and dispatch, who in turn updated the fire personnel. Officers immediately began evacuating residents, who were unaware of the fire, from the fourth floor to a safe area. They assisted Ewing Fire Department personnel with carrying equipment up the stairwells to begin fighting the fire and directed them to the apartment believed to contain the victim. Officers also assisted with carrying residents who were unable to walk to safety before evacuating the remaining floors. In all, officers evacuated nearly 100 residents to safety. 13 officers were taken to area hospitals and treated for smoke inhalation. One civilian was treated for smoke inhalation and survived. Tragically, the juvenile was removed from the apartment by the fire personnel and eventually succumbed to smoke inhalation injuries at the hospital. These officers placed themselves at risk and endured extreme conditions to ensure the safety of the residents of the building, and through their actions, undoubtedly prevented additional loss of life and injuries. As a result of their bravery, decisive action, and willingness to place themselves in harm's way to save the lives of the residents, Lt. Nicholas Muscente, Lt. Kenneth Vagnozie, and Sgt. Andrew Condrat, Sgt. Nicholas Brower, Officer Edward Lester, Detective Justin Ubry, Officer Jonathan Bag, Detective David Massi, Officer Phillip Culotta, Detective Tyler Finnerty, Officer Chelsea Arnold, Detective David Hartmann, Officer Alim Djemilev, Officer Cole Felsher, Officer Javon Graham, and Officer Gavin Johnson are awarded the Meritorious Service Citation Bar. Additionally, Communications Officers Matthew Canulli and Rich Smith were working the day of the fire and received multiple 9-1-1 phone calls reporting the fire. Matthew Canulli detailed patrol officers immediately and dispatched fire personnel. Rich Smith noted to responding officers that the callers reporting the fire were all outside the building, meaning that no one inside the building had reported the fire, and the occupants were likely unaware of the danger. Both Communication officers ensured that radio traffic was kept to a minimum, except to relay pertinent information and coordinate responses with fire and EMS personnel. Matthew Canulli, recognizing the strain on manpower, contacted the NJ State Police and NJ Department of Transportation to assist with directing traffic away from the area. Their ability to manage call taking, dispatch emergency personnel, and assist agencies, while maintaining control over the radio, was crucial to ensuring an effective and coordinated response by all first responders, which resulted in nearly 100 residents being safely evacuated. Due to their keen observations and decisive action, Communications Officers Matthew Canulli and Rich Smith are awarded the Civilian Commendation Certificate.

14. On April 4th, 2025, Lt. Christopher Boller, I/Sgt. Corey Fornarotto, Officer Anthony Gaynord, and Officer Cameron Potts responded to a report of an electrical fire in a home. While enroute, dispatch advised that multiple elderly residents in the home could not evacuate without assistance. Officers arrived on the scene and were met with heavy, dark smoke pouring out of the front door of the residence. Lt. Boller and Officers Potts and Gaynord immediately began searching the home for occupants and assisting the elderly residents from their bedroom. I/Sgt. Fornarotto assisted a juvenile from the home and sought out the source of the fire with his fire extinguisher. As the first fire engine arrived on the scene, firefighters found that the residents were safely evacuated and the fire was all but extinguished, with minimal damage to the residence. As a result of their bravery, decisive action, and willingness to place themselves in harm's way to save the lives of the residents, Lt. Christopher Boller, I/Sgt. Corey Fornarotto, Officer Anthony Gaynord, and Officer Cameron Potts are awarded the Meritorious Service Citation Bar.

Chief's Recognition Bar

15. On April 24th, 2025, Officer Ezequiel Lopez-Bravo and his FTO Officer Steven Arnold were detailed to Iowana Avenue on a report of a pregnant female whose water had just broken. The officers located the female on the front porch, and as Officer Arnold gathered information and calmed the expectant mother, Officer Lopez-Bravo positioned himself in front of the woman. Suddenly, the women began to exclaim, "It's coming! Like right now it's coming!" Officer Lopez-Bravo stepped forward and caught the infant as she emerged from her mother. He carefully cradled the newborn as EMS arrived and took over care, ensuring the child was in good health before handing her over to the proud mother. Due to Officer Ezequiel Lopez-Bravo's quick actions in assisting with the birth of the baby girl, he is being awarded the Chief's Recognition Bar.

Civilian Commendation Certificate

16. On July 12th, 2025, Officers were dispatched to Terrace Blvd on a suicidal male with a knife inside the residence. While officers were on the scene attempting to make contact with the male, Communications Officer Gianna Gollinge was able to maintain contact with the male for an extended period of time on the phone, eventually calming him down. Gollinge was then able to convince the male to place the knife in the kitchen sink and come to the front door of his residence unarmed. Once the male arrived at the door, officers were able to safely detain him and get him the help he needed without any injuries. Due to Communications Officer Gianna Gollinge's professionalism and empathy, which helped turn a potentially dangerous situation into a peaceful outcome, she is awarded the Civilian Commendation Certificate.

17. On May 16th, 2025, Ewing dispatch received a 9-1-1 call from an 8-year-old who reported that her 5-year-old brother was choking. The 5-year-old had found several zip ties, took one, created a loop, and put it around his neck. When the zip tie was around his neck, he pulled it tight, which restricted his breathing. The victim's 8-year-old sister ran to find help when she saw Marie Guindin. Guindin then went to the 5-year-old and used a box cutter to remove the zip tie from his neck. Due to Marie Guindin's quick thinking, which saved the boy's life, she is being awarded the Civilian Commendation Certificate.

18. On the night of November 12th, 2024, eleven-year-old Andy Liu was home when an unknown suspect forced entry into his home. Andy remained calm, dialed 9-1-1, and hid in his bedroom. Andy advised that he heard the suspect moving closer to his bedroom door, at which point he sprang the door open in an attempt to scare them away. The suspect became frightened and fled the residence. Andy remained on the line with Ewing police dispatch until patrol arrived. Due to Andy Liu's courage and quick thinking, he is being awarded the Civilian Commendation Certificate.

19. On September 9th, 2024, Jo Marie Holzhammer and Juli Obetz performed CPR for approximately five minutes on the unconscious victim. They were able to revive the victim before the police's arrival. Due to Jo Marie Holzhammer and Juli Obetz's swift actions and saving the victim, they are awarded the Civilian Commendation Certificate.

20. On January 22nd, 2025, Citizens Jo Marie Holzhammer, Thomas Lyon, Daniel Pinto, Wayne Rebarber, and Scott Reisler observed a male in need of medical assistance. As a team, they performed quality CPR, doing chest compressions, rescue breathing, and applying an AED to resuscitate the victim, prior to the emergency responder's arrival. Due to their quick thinking and teamwork, Jo Marie Holzhammer, Thomas Lyon, Daniel Pinto, Wayne Rebarber, and Scott Reisler are awarded the Civilian Commendation Certificate.

21. In recognition of Haley Petrushun's outstanding assistance and support in singing the National Anthem at the Police Officer of the Year Dinner on October 10th, 2025, she is being presented with a Civilian Appreciation Award.

Significant Patrol Division Highlights of 2025

January

MV Crash I-2025-000997

Officers responded to a serious single-car motor vehicle crash into a telephone pole. Upon arrival, the driver was unresponsive. CPR was performed and an AED was utilized by officers, and eventually his pulse was detected and he was transported to the hospital. Detective Hartmann and the Mercer County Serious Crash Unit were notified and responded.

February

DWI I-2025-004201

Units were detailed to a parking lot on Parkway Ave on a report of a male passed out behind the wheel of a black BMW. Investigation revealed the driver was operating the vehicle at the time of the officer's arrival and failed subsequent SFSTs. He was placed under arrest and charged with 39:4-50, along with other offenses, after blowing a 0.187.

March

Agg Assault I-2025-007718

Officers responded to a report of a street fight with "blood everywhere" in the area of Terrace Boulevard. Investigation revealed that the victim was struck in the head with a baseball bat by the actor following a verbal confrontation regarding the victim's presence at the home of the actor's girlfriend. The victim stated that the girlfriend had asked him to come over because she and the actor were in a verbal confrontation, but the actor took offense at his presence and an altercation ensued. The victim stated that he lost consciousness when he was struck in the head, and officers observed a contusion on his forehead. The actor was charged with Aggravated Assault on a complaint warrant and lodged at MCCC.

April

Hit and Run I-2025-008009

Officers responded to the area of Pennington Road and Central Ave on multiple reports of a pedestrian being struck. Secondary reports relayed by Dispatch indicated that the victim was a 14-year-old male who was alert and conscious but could not feel his legs. Officers, Ewing EMS, and Ewing Fire arrived nearly simultaneously and quickly took control of the scene and packaged the juvenile for transport to CH Regional. It was learned that the striking vehicle had fled the scene, so a crime scene was established with road closures at Somerset, Atlantic, and Florence Ave, given that the extent of the victim's injuries was unknown at that time but potentially serious. Detectives responded and contacted the MCPO Serious Collision Response Team. The scene was photographed by CSI and laser mapped by Detectives of the SCRT. Once the mapping of the scene was complete, we were informed by Capital Health medical staff that they had ruled out any serious injuries to the juvenile.

A review of surveillance video of the intersection showed a dark colored SUV make a right turn from Central Ave onto Pennington Road South, striking the juvenile in the crosswalk. The vehicle brakes after striking the juvenile, then continues South on Pennington Road. Investigation into the vehicle and driver is ongoing.

Eluding I-2025-008802

Lt. Lardieri conducted a motor vehicle stop with NJ Reg E49SUV, which was reported stolen out of Hamilton. While the vehicle was stopped, the unknown Black Male (driver) exited the vehicle but was quickly ordered back in the vehicle. Once in the vehicle, the male drove away, and a short pursuit ensued before it was terminated. Other Patrol Officers observed the vehicle driving in the area. The vehicle was eventually found abandoned in Trenton (Winthrop Court) by Lt. Vagnozzi and Det. Finnerty. The vehicle was towed back to HQ, where Hamilton Police processed it. Afterwards, the vehicle was returned to the owner.

May

DV Agg Assault I-2025-012496

An actor was placed under arrest after an investigation revealed that she physically assaulted her boyfriend and caused a minor laceration to his stomach when she cut him with a kitchen knife. This occurred after the victim intervened in an argument between the actor and her sister. The actor was lodged at MCCC on charges of Aggravated Assault with a weapon, Possession of a weapon, and Possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose.

Theft/Receiving Stolen Property I-2025-012827

Officer Episcopo was in the area of Weber Avenue when he observed 2 juveniles (both from Trenton enter the backyard of 150 Weber Avenue. When the 2 juveniles exited the property, they were each in possession of bicycles. Both were stopped and the bicycles were recovered. Both were charged and released on a summons to their family.

June

Crim Mischief Poss Weapon I-2025-013290

Units were detailed on a report of a male going "crazy" in the residence, stabbing a mattress with a kitchen knife. The caller indicated that she was hiding in the basement of the home with her two children. Officers arrived on scene and quickly detained the actor without incident. Investigation revealed that the actor had gotten into a verbal argument with his girlfriend, during the course of which, he stabbed her unoccupied mattress with a small kitchen knife and threw lit kitchen matches to the floor. The actor was placed under arrest and charged with criminal mischief and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose on a complaint summons.

Criminal Mischief I-2025-014852

Patrol responded to Whitehead Road on the report of approximately 15 vehicles racing. When patrol arrived, they found over 100 vehicles and approximately 200 spectators in the area. Officers activated their lights and sirens to disperse the crowd and as they were leaving, an unknown Hispanic male and unknown black

male decided to jump on the hood of unit 613 causing a small dent. Both males then continued to flee on foot. The area was cleared without further incident. Multiple vehicles were caught on the ALPRs and multiple summonses were issued to the registered owners.

July

Possession of Firearm I-2025-017683

Units responded to the area of Moody Park, for the third reported fight between 20-30 juveniles. As units arrived to the area, a concerned citizen reported to Det. Finnerty (working park patrol) reported that he had observed a young black male with dreads and a blue book bag pull out a small black handgun, then put it in his front left pocket. Det. Finnerty put out the description and guided Ofc. Ficci, who had responded from his ShopRite detail, to the male matching the description. Ficci stopped the male, age 15, and asked several questions pertaining to the fight that had just occurred. As the juvenile responded, Ofc. Ficci was alerted to the juvenile's body language and physical cues and quickly placed his hands behind his back while he patted him for weapons. Ficci immediately recognized the feel of a handgun in the male's right front pocket. A Smith and Wesson Bodyguard .380 was recovered from his person and found to have a round chambered. The juvenile was taken into custody and a juvenile complaint was signed for possession of a handgun. He was subsequently lodged at Middlesex. A second juvenile male, who was with the first juvenile when he was stopped, was also taken into custody after attempting to interfere with the seizure of evidence. The second juvenile was released to his mother on a petition summons for obstruction.

August

Agg Assault I-2025-020868

Units were detailed on a report of two males fighting, with one bleeding from the head. Upon investigation, it was determined that during a verbal argument, the actor threw several large river stones at the victim, striking him in the head, causing lacerations and a loss of consciousness. Ewing EMS transported the victim to Capital Health Regional for treatment. The actor was charged with Aggravated Assault and Possession of a Weapon Unlawful Purpose on a complaint summons and released.

Agg. Assault, Eluding I-2025-018352

While patrolling the Wawa parking lot, Officers Lookner and Lawrence were alerted by their License Plate Reader (ALPR) to a vehicle registered to an individual with an active NCIC warrant. The officers initiated a motor vehicle stop and approached the driver. During the initial contact, the driver brandished a knife and held it to his own neck. Officer Lookner immediately notified Ewing Dispatch, and additional units were dispatched to the scene. As officers attempted to de-escalate the situation, the driver started his vehicle and placed it in reverse, disobeying officer commands. He then struck the rear passenger side of patrol unit #613 before fleeing the parking lot. The driver led officers on a vehicle pursuit through Parkway Avenue and Olden Avenue, eventually entering the city limits of Trenton and Hamilton. The pursuit ended when the driver crashed his vehicle into a guardrail, at which point he was taken into custody without further incident. The driver was charged accordingly, including charges related to obstruction, aggravated assault on a police officer, eluding, resisting arrest, and traffic offenses.

September

Serious Crash

I-2025-021493

Officers responded to the area of Bear Tavern Road and Jacobs Creek Rd on a report of a vehicle vs pedestrian. Arriving officers found the victim lying in the roadway, unconscious with labored breathing and traumatic injuries. Witnesses reported observing the victim riding an e-scooter passing vehicles on the double yellow line at a high rate of speed. Initial investigation suggests that he failed to negotiate the curve and veered into oncoming traffic. The victim coded on scene and CPR was initiated by officers and continued by EMS. Medical personnel were able to regain a pulse prior to departing the scene. The victim was transported to Capital Health Regional. Mercer County Serious Crash Unit responded and CIB assisted as well.

Burglary

I-2025-022963

Officers were detailed to the residence to investigate a burglary to the residence. While investigating, they were able to identify the actor. The actor arrived at the residence in a U-Haul truck and stole copper piping, wiring, a hot water heater, and various tools. During this, the actor left behind various items, including a green bike. Later in the day, a neighbor called to report that the actor was back at the residence. Officers arrived in the area and observed the actor riding away on the green bike. The actor was ultimately stopped on Pennington Road and placed under arrest.

October

Weapons Poss

I-2025-025776

Ewing Dispatch received a call from Lawrence Dispatch relaying that a female was on her way to kill her neighbor and she was armed with a knife. Officers made contact with the actor, who was sitting in the driver's seat of her vehicle, parked in front of her apartment building. In plain view on the passenger seat of the vehicle was a large butcher knife. The actor repeatedly made statements that she was there to kill her neighbor because the neighbor was trying to kill her. Upon speaking with the caller, she stated that the actor said she was going to wait in her driveway until her neighbor exited the residence, then run her over with her car. She also stated that she was going to kill a number of employees at a local business as well. The actor was charged on a complaint warrant with terroristic threats, possession of a weapon and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose.

November

Bomb Threat

I-2025-027108

A Ewing Schools employee reported that an email was received, stating there was a bomb placed near the entrance to the voting booths. The school was evacuated, and multiple K-9s were brought in from various agencies to assist with clearing the building. While investigating the threat, it was learned that the same email was sent to a school in Trenton and that there were multiple other bomb threats statewide. The school was ultimately deemed safe and reopened for voting.

December

Assault w/ Firearm

I-2025-030147

Units responded on a report of a male having been shot at. Arriving units located the victim, who stated that a black male in his 40's shot at him with a small black handgun, after a verbal road rage incident turned physical. A tear in the victim's jacket consistent with a bullet graze was located on his right forearm, but the male was not struck by the projectile. The victim stated the actor then fled the area toward the City of Trenton in a black Buick sedan. One 9mm shell casing was located. CSI processed the scene.