



2019

# Annual Report



**Chief Frank Culmone**

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## Message from the Chief of Police

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It is my pleasure to present to you the 2019 Longport Police Department Annual Report. We have completed several objectives laid out in our five-year Strategic Plan that further enhanced our position among surrounding agencies.

Our connection and partnership with you, our community, is key to the success of the Longport Police Department. We strive every day to provide a high level of customer service, protection for our community, and service to our citizens.

Your support means so much to our officers and staff and we are grateful for your trust. As your Chief of Police, I am committed to accountability at all levels, respect and honest communication with the community, and a desire to work with members of the public to enhance the quality of life that makes the Borough of Longport such a unique place to live and visit.

I am extremely proud that the Borough of Longport continues to be one of the safest places to live in Southern New Jersey. That success is due to the outstanding efforts of the men and women of the Longport Police Department and the community's vigilance and cooperation in crime prevention.

In closing, I would to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to work alongside the exceptional people who make up the Longport Police Department. The dedication and sacrifices made by our members exemplifies their commitment to the community.

Very Respectfully,

Chief Frank Culmone



# History of Longport Police Department

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In the early days, Longport was an easy target for “empty house” burglaries. Appointed citizen marshals rather than trained policemen responded to calls for help.

In 1923, Longport’s 25th year of incorporation, an appeal by Mayor Edwin Lavino brought a young Richard DePamphilis to Longport. He came to us “on loan” from Atlantic City and has been a part of Longport ever since. As a plain clothed marshal here in Longport, he was quite successful in solving the burglary problem. In 1925, Mayor Lavino invited him to join the Borough’s police force.

The Longport Police Department was officially created by a temporary ordinance in the latter part of 1931 and Richard DePamphilis was named Police Chief. The position became permanent on February 6, 1932 and he has been referred to as “Chief” ever since.

Under Chief DePamphilis, Longport was the third city in the country to install a two-way police radio system. This radio system is currently on display in the Longport Historical Society Museum. Longport was also the first police department in Atlantic County to procure a Thompson Machine Gun and train men in its technique and use.

For 55 years, the name DePamphilis appeared on the Longport Police Register. The Chief formally retired on August 23, 1974 and was succeeded by his son, Richard DePamphilis, Jr until his own retirement in 1980. His successor was Samuel Cianci, nephew of Chief DePamphilis, and held the position of Chief until July 1, 1992. Dennis Pacentrilli, another nephew, was sworn in as Chief of Police.

Chief A. Scott Porter assumed command of the department July of 2001 upon the retirement of Chief Dennis Pacentrilli and remained chief for nearly 10 years, retiring April 1st, 2011 at which time Captain Vincent Pacentrilli was named his successor. Chief Pacentrilli, is a cousin to retired Chief Dennis Pacentrilli and is also another nephew of Chief DePamphilis. Chief Vincent Pacentrilli's promotion continued the long family tradition of leadership to the Longport Police Department and dedicated service to the citizens and visitors of the Borough of Longport. Chief Pacentrilli retired on March 31st, 2015 paving the way for Longport's current chief, Frank Culmone, who was sworn in on April 1, 2015. Culmone, a member of the Longport Police Department since 2001 is in charge of twelve (12) full-time police officers, 4 Special Law Enforcement Officers, and an administrative aide.



## Past Police Chiefs



**Chief Richard Depamphilis Sr.**  
(Served 1931-1974)



**Chief Richard Depamphilis Jr.**  
(Served 1974-1980)



**Chief Samuel Cianci**  
(Served 1980-1992)



**Chief Dennis Pacentrilli**  
(Served 1992-2001)



**Chief Scott Porter**  
(Served 2001-2011)



**Chief Vincent Pacentrilli**  
(Served 2011-2015)



# Mission, Vision, Motto, & Core Values

A clearly defined mission, vision, motto, and core values will help ensure that our officers know their daily mission, and fully understand that path along which our department wants to progress. By living the motto of “Integrity-Honor-Service”, our department's culture and identity will strengthen; not only internally, but with the members of the community as well.

## Mission

The purpose of a mission statement is to define the present state and purpose of an organization.

It is the mission of the Longport Police Department to safeguard the lives and property of the people we serve, to reduce the incidence of crime, and to enhance public safety while working within the community to improve your quality of life. Our mandate is to do so with honor and integrity, while at all times conducting ourselves with the highest ethical standards to maintain public confidence.

## Vision

The purpose of a vision statement is to express the aspirations and goals of an organization.

We are dedicated to excellence in service through the commitment of our people to teamwork, integrity and our core values. Together we work to be the safest community in New Jersey.

## Motto

A short phrase chosen to encapsulate the beliefs or ideals that guide that organization.

Integrity - Honor - Service



## Core Values

The fundamental beliefs of an organization.

### *Integrity*

We conduct ourselves with uncompromising honesty, honor, ethics, and nobility in all situations and relationships.

### *Human Dignity*

We acknowledge and recognize the value of all people by carrying out our duties with dignity, respect, and deliberate regard to all.

### *Justice*

We serve our community in an unbiased and impartial manner, applying equal protection to all under the law, and fairly enforcing the rule of law we are sworn to uphold.

### *Professionalism*

We are accountable to ourselves and the public for the quality of our service. We strive for exceptionalism in standards of proficiency and conduct in all aspects of our duties. We seek to continually improve ourselves, our department, and our community relationships.

### *Leadership*

Steadfast, resolute leadership is a hallmark of our department. We entrust our members to lead ethically and responsibly within the organization and in the community we serve.



# Longport Police Department Code of Ethics

As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality, and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency. I will maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed both in my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice.

I know that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence.

I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession... law enforcement.

## ***Law Enforcement Oath of Honor***

On my honor, I will never betray my badge, my integrity, my character, or the public trust. I will always have the courage to hold myself and others accountable for our actions. I will always uphold the constitution, my community, and the agency I serve.





# Organizational Structure

Chief of Police  
Frank Culmone



Sgt Jamie Silva  
Squad 1 Supervisor



Ptln Christopher Ricciotti



Ptln Shaune Slattery



Sgt Dave Cincotta  
Squad 2 Supervisor



Ptln Quinton Wright



Ptln Alessandro Morelli



Sgt Nicholas Rettino  
Squad 3 Supervisor



Ptln Dean Tibbitt



Ptln Joshua Sikoyak



Sgt Ray Borgan  
Squad 4 Supervisor



Ptln Frank Lupperger



Ptln Gabriel Guerrieri



## Administration

The Chief of Police is the head of the Longport Police Department and shall be responsible for the day to day operations and to administer and enforce rules and regulations of the department for its efficiency. The Chief assigns the duties and assignments of the personnel and manages the department including purchasing equipment within budgeted resources. To set policy and procedures, issue directives and orders, attendance at Borough Council meetings, meet with members of the community, and delegate authority as appropriate for the efficient operation of the agency. The Chief of Police shall exercise any and all rights, authorities, powers, and responsibilities reserved solely as set forth in NJSA 40A:14-118 and reports to the appropriate designated authority once per month.

### *Confidential Administrative Assistant and Records Custodian*

Karen McGlauflin is a 10-year member with the Longport Police Department and responsible for the safekeeping, storage, and managing of all records within the police department. Records includes but are not limited to: Criminal investigation reports, traffic reports, accident reports, summons, employee personnel files, training files, medical files, firearms reports, departmental statistics, and more. The records office is responsible for uniform crime reporting (UCR) to the FBI and provides all information regarding discovery and OPRA requests. Administratively, she is also responsible for purchase orders, paying bills, answering phone calls, and any task assigned by the Chief of Police. For 10 years Karen McGlauflin has been an integral part of this organization's internal function and we appreciate all that she contributes to this agency on a daily basis.

## Patrol

The Patrol Division is the backbone of the Longport Police Department and provides emergency and non-emergency services 24-hours a day, 365 days a year. Patrol Officers are the first responders to calls for service requiring the presence of a police officer. These officers are responsible for the protection of life and property, the prevention and initial investigation of crimes, and the preservation of peace and order within the Borough. Officers accomplish this important task by maintaining constant patrols in their marked and unmarked patrol units, department motorcycle, bicycle, ATV's, and on foot.



## Additional Duties & Assignments

### *Firearms & Identification Unit:*

The Firearms Training Unit provides training for weapons handling and skills necessary for the safe and proficient use of firearms. It also provides scenario-based training for critical decision making as well as conducts investigations for firearms backgrounds and processing of applications.

Quarterly scenario-based training continues for all sworn employees for the remainder of their career to maintain proficiency. Firearm qualification courses are conducted biannually and in accordance with the requirements set forth by the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General. Those qualification courses include both a daylight and low light (night) course of fire with department issued handgun. Additionally, Longport officers are trained and qualified by the firearms unit to carry the Police Service Rifles, which are a variant of the M-4 rifle. That training is conducted four times year. Two of those training sessions are qualification courses.

The Firearms Unit is also responsible for conducting Simunitions Training or Force on Force Training. The Simunitions line of equipment allows the unit to train all officers on the proper use of force using weapons that are identical to those carried on duty, but they have been converted to fire a less lethal paint projectile or marking cartridge.

The Longport Police Department Firearms and Identification Unit is responsible for conducting background checks on individuals applying for firearms identification cards, permits to purchase, and/or carry handguns.



These background checks are conducted in conjunction with the New Jersey State Police Firearms Unit. In 2019, the unit conducted 18 firearms investigations. Monitoring this information and conducting thorough investigations is important to our officers who respond to daily calls as well as the safety of our residents and visitors.

### *Property & Evidence Unit:*

The Property & Evidence Unit is responsible for securing all properties that come into the control of the Longport Police Department. Once Police Officers turn in such property,



Property & Evidence Unit personnel retrieve it from secured temporary lockers. Such property ranges from; evidence of a crime, prisoner's personal belongings and lost/found items. Property that comes into the Property & Evidence Office is assigned a property case number and secured in a locked environment.

This Unit effectively and efficiently manages and controls all found, recovered, surrendered, and evidentiary property and any other property coming into the custody of this division.

Duties include:

- Properly and lawfully preserve, package, record, accounted for, handle and store all property and evidence recovered or turned in to the division.
- Take the initiative to return property to its rightful owner or owners in the most expedient manner.
- Dispose of property and evidence that are no longer useful or are potentially dangerous, as provided by law.
- Maintain strict accountability for all property and/or evidence.



### ***Humane Law Enforcement Officer (HLEO)***

In accordance with recent legislation signed into law, the Longport Police Department has designated a Humane Law Enforcement Officer (HLEO) whose responsibilities are in addition to their normal day to day function as a police officer within the Borough of Longport. The purpose of the position is to enforce laws related to the humane treatment of animals. They investigate allegations of animal abuse and ensure pets are well cared for and protected.

In some cases, HLEOs may take steps to remove abused or endangered animals from homes and owners. They may also file charges against and potentially arrest those accused of cruelty to animals.



## Field Training & Evaluation Program

The Longport Police Department's Field Training and Evaluation Program is designed to improve the field performance level of Longport Police Officers. The program accomplishes this goal in two (2) ways. First, as part of the overall LPD training process, the Field Training and Evaluation Program places maximum emphasis on police academy instruction through field experience. The program is designed to demonstrate to the recruit officer how to apply academic knowledge in a real-life field situation.

Second, as an evaluation and screening tool, the Field Training and Evaluation Program is one phase of the department's overall applicant screening process. It provides a measure of the field performance level of the recruit officer, which is used in the final decision regarding the retention or termination of their employment.

In developing the Field Training and Evaluation Program, the Longport Police Department has considered its responsibilities for proper field training. Legal issues involving negligent appointment and retention of officers as well as municipal liability for improper training have mandated that the department make every effort to train and retain only those individuals able to successfully perform as police officers. Additionally, the department's responsibility to the current police officers and citizens of Longport requires that only those recruit officers who can successfully perform in the field continue on as sworn police officers.

The Field Training and Evaluation Program has been developed and implemented to meet this responsibility. The Field Training and Evaluation Program is an 8 to 12-week program and commences after the new recruit has successfully completed and graduated a 20-week New Jersey Law Enforcement Academy and obtained a status from the Police Training Commission as "Certifiable". One of the main functions of this program is to place new recruits with specifically selected veteran officers who can train and properly evaluate their performance over a period of time. While the recruit is in the program, he/she will be scheduled for a variety of different shifts and work assignments.



## ***Field Training Officers***

Field Training Officers are selected based on their experience, motivation, initiative and ability to be able to instruct other officers. Field Training Officers must undergo a selection process before being assigned to the Unit and then must successfully pass a certified Field Training Officer course prior to training any recruits.

*The Duties and Responsibilities of the Field Training Officer as they relate to the Recruit Officers:*

- **Role Model:** As a role model, the Field Training Officer is expected to demonstrate the professional standards of law enforcement. Their performance serves as an example for the recruit officer to follow.
- **Training Officer:** As a training officer, the Field Training Officer is expected to provide post-academy, on-the-job instruction to recruit officers in the field.
- **Evaluator/Counselor:** As an evaluator, the Field Training Officer is expected to evaluate the performance of recruit officers. The evaluation is based upon observations of actual field experience and is completed in accordance with the Field Training and Evaluation Program guidelines. As a counselor, the Field Training Officer is expected to provide the recruit officer with constructive criticism and suggestions for improved performance.
- **Leader/Limited Supervisor:** As a leader and a supervisor, the Field Training Officer is expected to provide work direction and limited supervision to the recruit officer.
- **Patrol Officer:** In addition to his/her responsibilities as an FTO, the officer must also perform all of his/her duties that are regularly assigned to a patrol officer.



## Special Law Enforcement Officer Program



The State of New Jersey has authorized a designation of Special Police Officer that is designed to provide supplementary assistance to municipal police agencies. Police Departments are authorized to have a number of Special Officers that cannot exceed 25% of the authorized strength of the agency. In 2019, Longport PD had 4 Special Officers that provided a number of supplementary functions including traffic enforcement, assist in criminal investigations, crowd management for events, parking enforcement, court security and beach patrols.

The State of New Jersey recognizes three types of Special Police Officers. Class 1 Special Officers have limited enforcement powers and are not authorized to carry weapons. Longport PD traditionally utilizes the service of the SLEO I officers during the summer season in an effort to focus primarily on parking offenses and patrol related functions on the beach. Class 2 Special Officers carry weapons and have full police powers however; those police powers are limited to when they are working in uniform within the Borough of Longport. To date, Longport PD employs two highly qualified SLEO II officers: Albert Maiorano and Matthew Long. The third type of special officer is not utilized within the Borough of Longport due to the fact that there are no schools; however, the Class 3 Special Officers were created in 2018 by the New Jersey Legislature and are designed to place armed officers in our schools as a way to supplement the safety of our children.

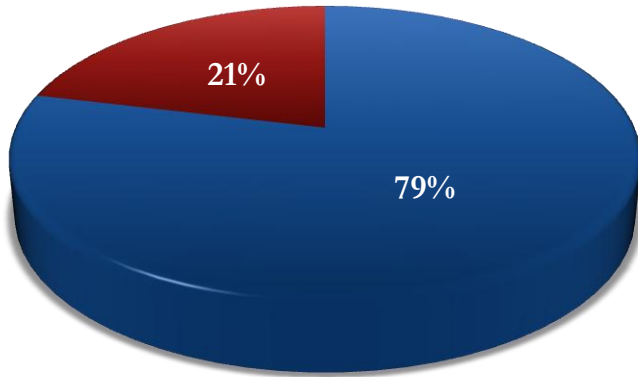


By utilizing Special Police Officers, the Longport Police Department has continued to maintain a high standard of coverage while allowing regularly sworn police officers to remain focused on our key missions of crime control and prevention and emergency response.



# Department Budget

### Police Budget Breakdown



■ Salaries & Wages ■ Operating Expense

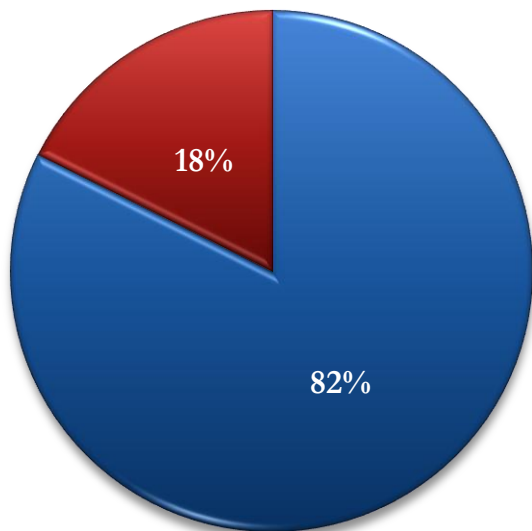
**2019 Municipal Budget**

**\$8,657,729.00**

**2019 Police Budget**

**\$1,847,872.48**

### Municipal Budget



■ Municipal Budget ■ Police Budget





## Longport Police Department 5 Year Budget Analysis

Police	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Salaries & Wages	\$1,085,853.00	\$1,131,844.00	\$1,144,586	\$1,158,949.53	\$1,193,340.48
Overtime	\$81,000.00	\$72,000.00	\$84,500.00	\$71,500.00	\$84,500.00
Terminal Leave	--	\$21,000.00	--	--	--
Other Pay	\$42,602.00	\$39,825.00	\$40,825.00	\$41,825.00	\$44,375.00
Part-Time	\$82,680.00	\$82,680.00	\$98,176.00	\$141,960.00	\$133,640.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$1,292,135.00</b>	<b>\$1,347,349.00</b>	<b>\$1,368,087.00</b>	<b>\$1,414,234.53</b>	<b>\$1,455,855.48</b>

Communications	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Salaries & Wages	\$202,794.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Overtime	\$9,988.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Part-Time	\$37,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Pay	\$14,856.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$264,838</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Operating Expense	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Sub Total	\$128,424.00	\$365,193.00	\$377,595.00	\$378,245.00	\$392,017.00
Contracted Dispatch - EHTPD	--	<b>-\$240,000.00</b>	<b>-\$247,500.00</b>	<b>-\$255,000.00</b>	<b>-\$262,572.00</b>
Operating Budget	\$128,424.00	\$125,193.00	\$130,095.00	\$123,245.00	\$129,445.00
<b>FINAL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,685,397.00</b>	<b>\$1,712,542.00</b>	<b>\$1,745,682.00</b>	<b>\$1,792,479.53</b>	<b>\$1,847,872.48</b>



## Vehicle Fleet

Maintaining a state of operational readiness requires our police department to have a fleet of vehicles that are up to the task. This includes the marked police cars that are most closely associated with everyday policing as well as unmarked vehicles utilized by administrative personnel and vehicles that can be utilized for investigative purposes as needed. In addition, older vehicles that are no longer suitable for general patrol use are repurposed or sold on GovDeals.com. As part of the five-year strategic plan, all Longport Police vehicles are now on a rotation schedule of six (6) years.

The standard police vehicles used by the Longport Police Department in 2019 were either the Chevy Caprice or Tahoe. These versatile vehicles include a heavy-duty chassis and suspension designed to withstand near constant use. All vehicles are equipped with state-of-the-art light and siren packages to ensure that we can safely navigate our way to emergency calls. Each patrol vehicle carries a wide array of emergency equipment so that we can respond to any type of call for service as quickly as possible including medical equipment, radar units, on-board camera systems, and tactical deployment items. The PD has also incorporated the use of two (2) Yamaha Kodiak 450 four-wheel ATVs and one (1) John Deere XUV (Crossover Utility Vehicle) capable of seating four people. The all-terrain vehicles have allowed our officers easier access onto the beach to conduct patrols and effectively respond to emergencies.

Our officers have access to Panasonic Toughbook laptops which lets them see the information about calls for service, allows them to conduct database checks of vehicles and persons, and gives them a platform to complete reports without having to come back into headquarters.

Our cars are also equipped with mobile video recorders which capture footage from the front of the vehicle as well as covering the back seat for when people are transported. Finally, vehicles are equipped with GPS tracking to ensure that officers can be found if there is ever an emergency. This information is visible to our patrol shift supervisors and Chief of Police through the WatchGuard Mobile Video Recording software.



## Longport Community Policing

The Longport Department believes in the idea that a strong bond and collaboration between the police and the community will create a better quality of life. Our goal is to develop relationships and work closely with members of the communities in order to ensure safety and security. Together we can make this happen by identifying and carefully examining the problems within the community and applying the appropriate problem-solving tactics. In doing so, we are confident we will find the remedy to the day to day issues that may occur. The Longport Police Department is committed to being sensitive to all human needs and community concerns and hope that the partnership between us and the members of the Borough, will result in the most positive outcomes. Some of our most popular initiatives are listed below. Please feel free to contact us directly for more information.

- Coats for Cops
- Community CPR Courses
- Cool off with a Cop
- Crime Prevention Tips
- Drug Awareness/Prevention



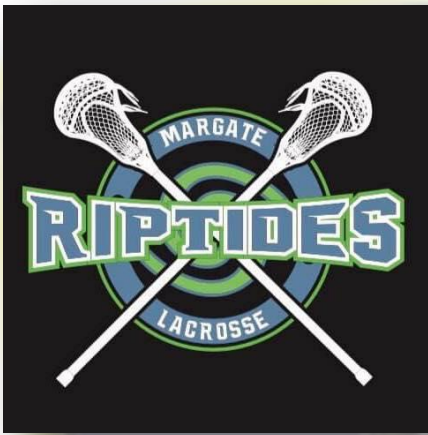
- Home Security
- Identity Theft
- Operation Conversation
- School Supply Drive
- Summer Time Movie Series



- Franks with Patrolman Frank
- Halloween Safety
- Hearts Behind the Badge
- Holiday Safety Tips
- Home Repair Scams



## Longport Police donate AED to local youth Lacrosse program



On Saturday May 4th, Chief Culmone and members of the Longport Police Department attended the Margate City Riptides lacrosse game and presented the coaching staff with a Defibtech Semiautomatic defibrillator/AED.

Earlier in the year the coaching staffs was certified in CPR by members of the Longport Police Department and were presented with their certification cards along with the AED.



**Margate Riptides Lacrosse**

May 15 · 🌐

The Margate Riptides Organization would like to thank the **Longport Police Department** for their support. Our coaches, players, families and fans send out a shout of gratitude for keeping us safe, on and off the field.



## Hearts Behind the Badge: A Community Policing Initiative

### *Officer Shaune Slattery*

On Saturday, August 3rd, members of the Longport Police Department took part in a community policing initiative they are calling “Hearts behind the Badge”.

“Hearts behind the Badge” was designed to utilize the strengths of each individual officer in an effort to uniquely bond with the community.

Today’s event, a basketball clinic, was led by Ofc. Shaune Slattery, a local standout basketball player from Mainland Regional High School and former team captain of the Division I LaSalle University Women’s Basketball team. Ofc. Slattery regularly trains youth through summer and winter recreational basketball leagues. Today she used those skills to show local youth that police are approachable and have similar interests.

Officers Quinton Wright and Matthew Long along with SLEO I Officers Brandon Garofalo and Timothy Tighe assisted Slattery with the skills training. For two hours, the boys and girls worked on footwork, dribbling, shooting, and competition drills.



“This is one of many initiatives we will be utilizing to bring people together and develop important bonds of trust between the young people of our community and Longport’s law enforcement officers”, said Patrolman Frank Lupperger-Longport Police Community Policing Liaison.

“As a Police Department, we believe strongly in creating positive relationships with the community, especially the youth. Events like the basketball clinic provide kids with the unique opportunity to interact with police officers in ways they never have before and create memories they will not soon forget” said Slattery.



## Hearts Behind the Badge: A Community Policing Initiative

### *Officer Alessandro Morelli*

On Thursday August 8th, Officer Alessandro “Alec” Morelli volunteered his time, knowledge, and skills with the Downbeach Hockey coaching staff. This year, Downbeach Hockey put on a summer hockey clinic aiming to develop local youth into skilled technicians on the ice.

Officer Morelli began his hockey career at the age of six and worked his way onto the ice at the collegiate level. After being accepted with Stockton University, he dedicated himself to his studies and started with the University’s ice hockey team for four consecutive years (2011-2015) earning the distinction as team captain. Following his tenure at Stockton, Morelli had some opportunities at the professional ranks trying out as a free agent with the ECHL and the SPHL.



Today, Officer Morelli serves proudly with the Longport Police Department and is dedicated to the agency’s mission and vision. “Volunteering my time to help develop relationships among the youth through hockey is absolutely rewarding. My hope is to impact the lives of our community’s children through this great game of hockey”, said Morelli.



## Longport Police commend 7th grader for helping with school supply drive

On Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, Olivia Stone of the Tighe Middle School visited the Longport Police Department to deliver more than \$1,500 worth of school supplies.

“Olivia heard that Longport Police were hosting a Back to School Supply Drive and she raised money, purchased and donated over \$1,500 worth of school supplies,” according to a release.

“Our agency would like to recognize Olivia for going above and beyond to help local children in need this upcoming school year. Her generous donation greatly contributed to the success of this event and will have a tremendous impact for many children within the community,” Burgan said.



## Local police deliver school supplies to AC PAL center

Coordinated efforts from all three Downbeach police departments, along with the generous donations from the community, has provided numerous children with the ability to start the school year off right.

On Friday, Aug. 23, Ptl. Frank Lupperger of the Longport Police Department, SLEO II Donovan of the Margate City Police Department and Ptl. Quinones of the Ventnor City Police Department transported all donated school drive items to the Atlantic City PAL center.

“The Downbeach community and its officers wanted to do their part to ensure that these children are prepared to go to school with the tools necessary to achieve success in the classroom,” Longport Police Chief Frank Culmone said.



The month-long school supply drive asked residents to drop off school supplies at their local police station to be distributed to students in need through the Atlantic City PAL Center.



## 2019 AtlantiCare No Shave November

This year, the Longport Police Department took part in AtlantiCare's Heroes of Hair - No Shave November and marked the agency's fourth consecutive year contributing to the campaign. No Shave November is a fundraising initiative designed to raise awareness of cancer's side effects, including hair loss, and to support those who are actively going through cancer treatment. Officers are asked to donate the money they would usually spend on shaving and grooming for a month to assist those fighting cancer. Funds will support the AtlantiCare Treasure the Moment Fund which assists cancer patients within our community.



During the month of November, Longport police officers took part in the initiative by growing facial hair and violating the agency's Personal Appearance Policy to support this worthy cause. Each Longport officer contributed \$50 towards the campaign as PBA Local #363 matched that which was raised by the officers. As of December 2nd, the Longport Police Department donated \$1400 to the AtlantiCare Heroes of Hair. In total, the Heroes of Hair raised over \$46,000 for this year's campaign.





## 2019 Shop with a Cop

### Egg Harbor Township, NJ Walmart



This year the Longport Police Department once again participated in the EHT Police Athletic League's Shop with a Cop program. Shop with a Cop is an event that focuses on underprivileged children and families within a local community. Police officers spend time with the children and shop with them in a local store.

During the event, the children are given a gift certificate to purchase any items they want in the store. The police officer acts as a chaperone and companion to the children throughout the day as they shop for items.

The Shop with a Cop program reaches out to members of the community who may otherwise hesitate to engage with police officers on a regular basis. It also allows children to become familiar with police and feel comfortable in their presence. It teaches the children that police officers are individuals who have unique interests, goals, and families of their own and that they are here to help.

By participating in the program, children gain a positive experience with police officers. Those officers also get to bond with the children and give them a different perspective on the role of police in the local community. Since the children involved in the Shop with a Cop program do not always have positive impressions or experiences with police, it allows them to develop fond memories of the officers and helps them develop trust with our law enforcement officials.



## 2019 Shop with a Cop Longport PD Snap Shot



# Technology

## Body Worn Cameras (BWC's) and Mobile Video Recorders (MVR's)



The Longport Police Department is proud to join growing ranks of law enforcement agencies that deployed body-worn video cameras on police officers. The cameras will be used in accordance with the guidelines established by the New Jersey Attorney General and the directive issued by the Atlantic County Prosecutors Office. Our agency wants this new technology to enhance and improve our relationship with you.

Our agency prides itself on its transparency to the public. We believe that the use of these cameras will significantly benefit both the community and our officers. Officers will be able to document their point of view more accurately by reviewing the incidents for details rather than relying solely on memory recall. In addition, this added benefit will certainly enhance Officers preparation for court cases.

Body-Worn Cameras are certainly a powerful tool that can assist police and at the same time give the community a better understanding of what happened during an encounter. We do know that no technology is a perfect answer to all situations; therefore cameras should not be considered the only source of detail recollection. Body-worn cameras have limitations that need to be understood and considered when evaluating the recordings.

Body-Worn Camera footage is similar to footage from a cell phone camera. The devices will be mounted to an officer's uniform. The cameras will point away from the officer and will capture images in the camera's field of vision. Citizens who interact with police officers will be recorded on body camera footage.

Longport PD has also outfitted each patrol vehicle with an additional camera system, Mobile Video Recorder (MVR), designed specifically to work in conjunction with the officer's body camera system. These camera systems provide real world footage of what each officer is experiencing while on a scene while also providing the public with an incredible amount of transparency.



## Power DMS

Power DMS is a web-based document management system capable of condensing cabinets full of paper into a single, searchable online source that automatically disseminates and tracks our agency's important policies and procedures. Additionally, this system also provides Longport PD with the means to provide mandated training to its police officers. Power DMS is equipped with the ability to store, distribute, and even test officers on training material in almost any format - from videos to PowerPoint presentations. This system has virtually eliminated much of the overtime and costs of in-person instruction.

## ProPheonix

In 2017, Longport PD upgraded to a new computer-aided dispatch system (CAD) through ProPheonix Solutions. The upgrade in system technology was made through a multi-town collaboration and facilitated through the Egg Harbor Township Police Department. This system has allowed the agency to quickly deploy integrated solutions using web services and Microsoft's server infrastructure enabling rapid deployment and simplified management of case information. This system is also accessible within each patrol vehicle providing officers with instant access to critical information while on scene.

## Guardian Tracking

Guardian Tracking is another piece of technological software our agency has moved towards as part of the Attorney General's Law Enforcement Directive 2018-3 – Statewide Mandatory Early Warning Systems. According to the directive, an Early Warning System ("EW System") is an important management tool designed to detect patterns and trends in police conduct before that conduct escalates. An effective EW System can assist a law enforcement agency in identifying and remediating problematic officer conduct that poses a potential risk to the public, to the agency, and to the officer. EW Systems, therefore, serve to not only increase public safety and public confidence in law enforcement, but also to assist officers through early intervention.

Guardian Tracking has allowed our agency to efficiently track trends within the agency while also maintaining strict compliance to the AG Directive. The system tracks a multitude of trends, most notably: Positive Recognitions and Early Intervention.



*Positive Recognition*

Positive recognition is praising employees for doing an outstanding job in accomplishing the goals and mission of the organization.

*Early Intervention*

Early Intervention, or Early Warning, is seeing and identifying a pattern of behavior where change is necessary in order to prevent a major issue or termination. This system features a flag warning system that notifies managers of behavior that may need to be addressed.

**PlanIt Scheduling**

Another addition to the upgrade in technological advancement was through the police department's investment in web-based scheduling software. PlanIt Police Online scheduling software has made the agency's schedule accessible to all members of the police department from any device with an internet connection.

This upgrade has eliminated the need to develop yearly scheduling spreadsheets, reduced the amount of physical resources needed, and eased the workload on the scheduling supervisor thus allowing for more efficiency.

**Social Media**

In 2017, the Longport Police Department joined in on the growing trend and developed its social media platform by first establishing a personalized Facebook page. This page has proven to be a success. Any critical public information, news releases, monthly departmental statistics, arrests, scheduled events, and community policing bulletins are shared on the Facebook page immediately by the agency's Public Information Officer.



Later in 2019, Longport PD took it one step further and initiated a Twitter page in an effort to reach those who prefer alternative forms of social media and expand nationally. To date, news involving this agency and its officers has reached tens of thousands across the country.



## EVOLIS Radar Speed Signs

Early in 2019, Longport PD purchased and installed seven EVOLIS radar speed signs in strategic locations in an effort to combat speeding in town. These specific speed signs not only advise drivers of their speed and when they have exceeded posted speed limit, but also collect and register valuable data. This data is stored into the signs internal hard drive and remotely collected for statistical purpose in an effort to appropriately deploy officers in the most efficient way possible.

The type of data recorded is not only speed but the mean, median, and mode of speeds traveled through town and specific times throughout the year. A traffic counter is also built into the system to assist in determining the volume of vehicles traveling the roadways based on time of year as well as time of day.



## Longport Police launch new user-friendly website

On August 1, 2019, Longport PD launched its brand new website packed with information and newly developed services, with the goal of making it easier for the public to obtain information.

“The old website no longer met the demands of our community. This site will be much more engaging to the public,” Police Chief Frank Culmone said.

The new website offers a variety of enhanced services, such as requesting public documents, requesting property checks on individual residences, or registration of residential security cameras. The site also provides links to other local, state and federal agencies.

“The online focus is part of a community policing initiative we are undertaking as an agency,” Culmone said. “The men and women of this department take pride in the personalized service we are able to provide our residents. The new website is being launched to continue the service they’ve grown to expect.”



The website, longportpd.org, will allow the department to reach more people and allow residents to be more comfortable communicating with officers, he said.

“This new communication tool will allow our agency to provide up to date and critical information to residents when they need it most.”

Residents and visitors can obtain updates on newly developed programs and services, such as links to officer email addresses, domestic violence laws and help-lines, elder affairs information and safety tips, and more.

The department’s mission and vision statements are included on the homepage under Culmone’s welcome message.

Sgt. Ray Burgan, who was named Public Information Officer in 2015, will be responsible for website development and dissemination of information on Longport PD’s Facebook and Twitter pages.

Residents who do not subscribe to either social media source will have instant access to the agency’s social media posts free of charge through this website.

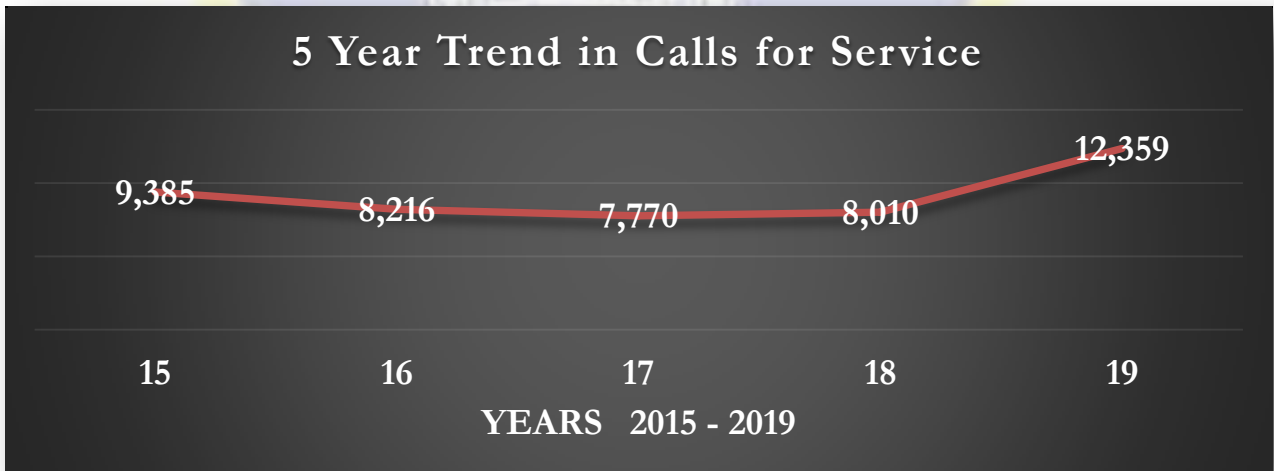
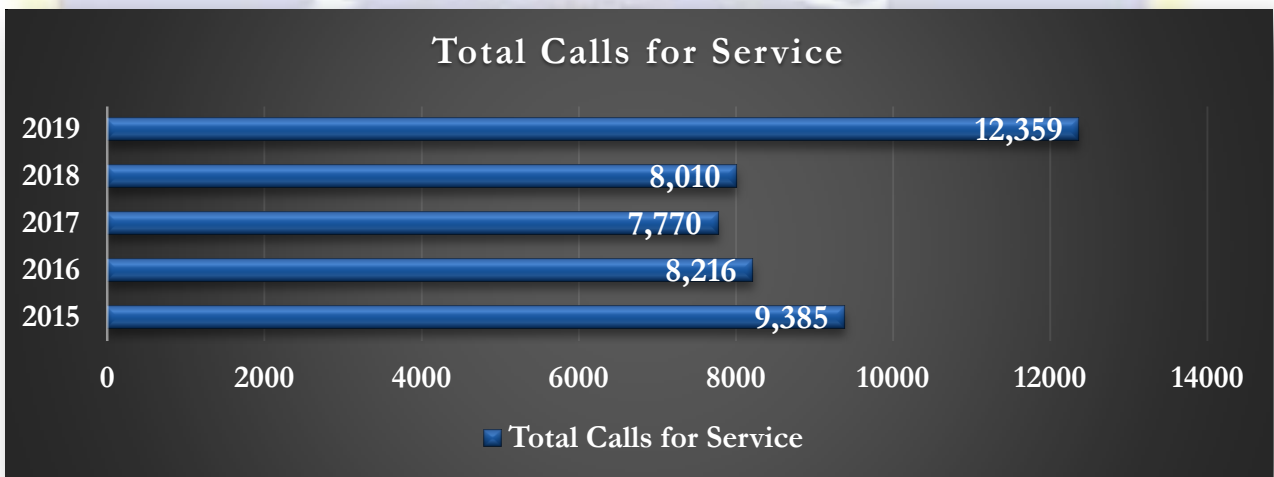
See [www.longportpd.org](http://www.longportpd.org)



# Longport PD Statistics

## Calls for Service

Longport Police Officers answered **12,359** calls for police services during **2019**. This is a **+54%\*** in the number of calls answered by officers when compared to the **8,010** answered in **2018**. These calls for service encompass a wide variety of police functions to include responses to crimes in progress, traffic crash investigations, disturbances, security/property checks, motor vehicle stops, and other officer-initiated activity.

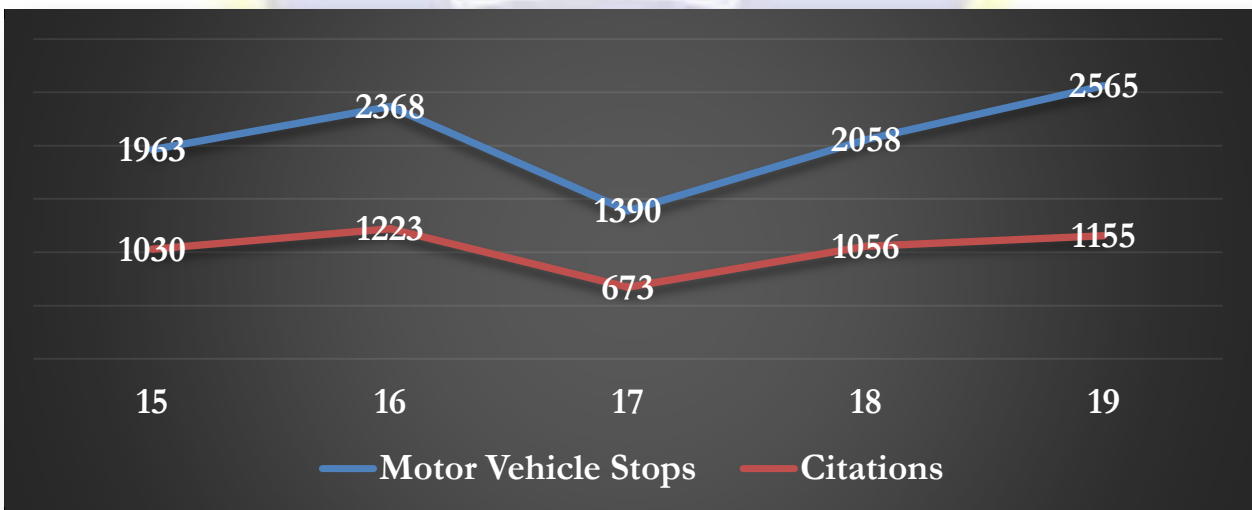
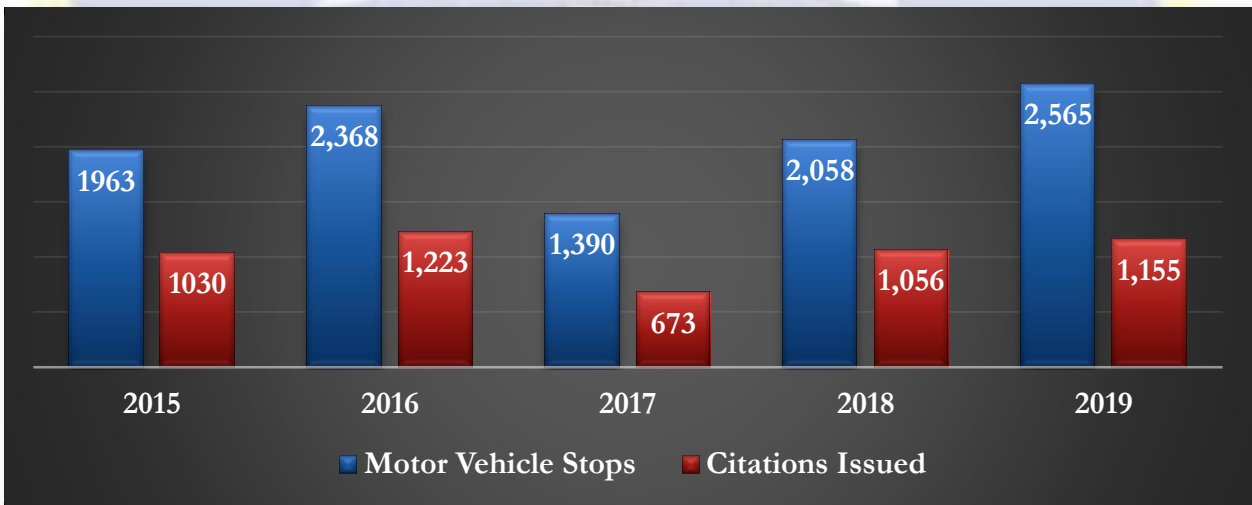




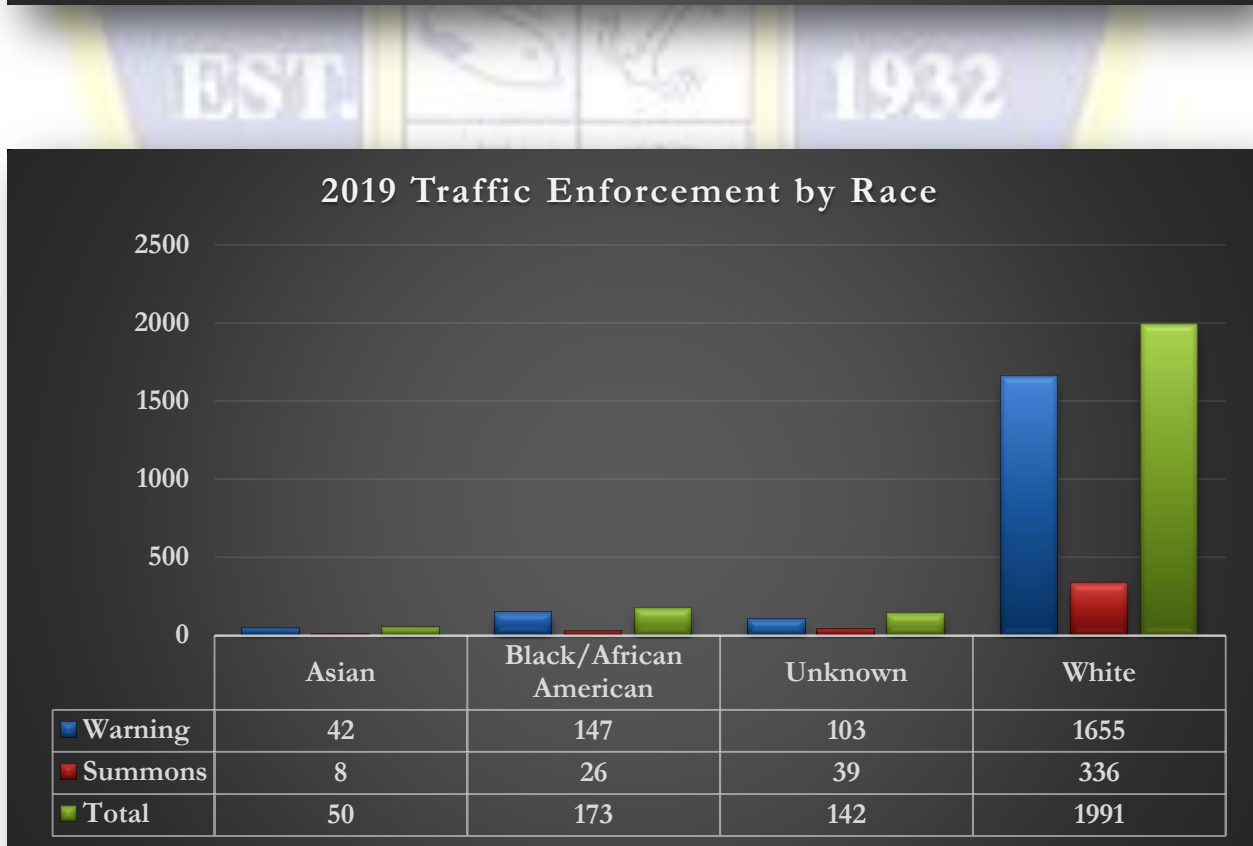
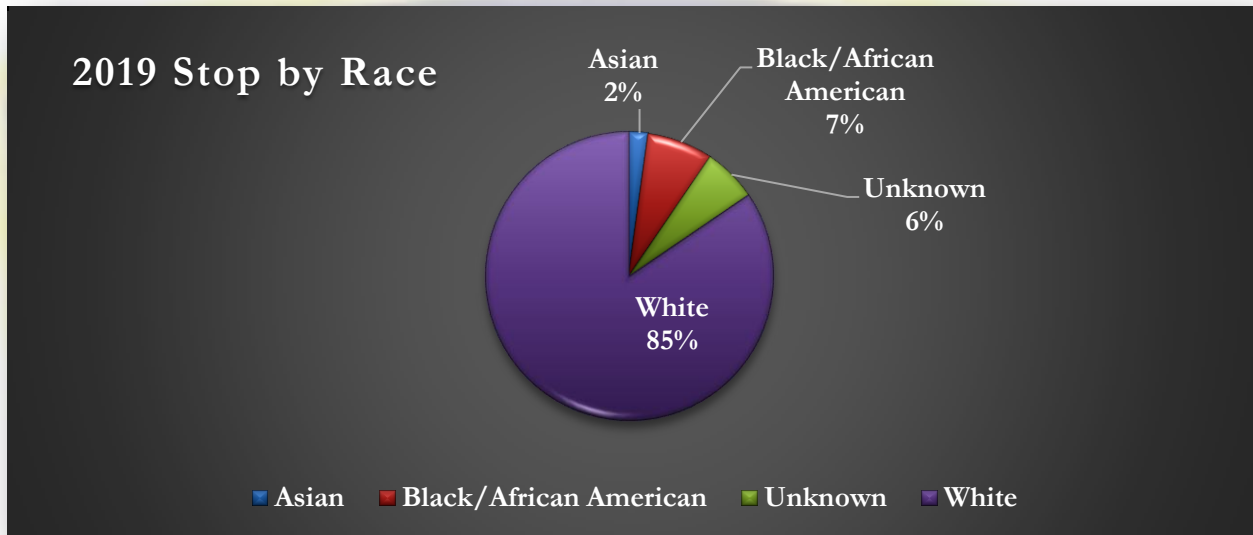
## Motor Vehicle Stops and Citations Issued

The Borough of Longport experiences an extremely high volume of traffic on a daily basis as it is a corridor from the mainland towns to and from Atlantic City and other shore points. (For total number of traffic volume, see “Radar Statistics”) The Longport Police Department reports conducting **2,565** motor vehicle stops during the **2019** calendar year and issuing **1,155** traffic citations. This equates to an increase of **+24.64%** in vehicles being stopped and a **+9.38%** increase in summons issued from the previous **2018** calendar year.

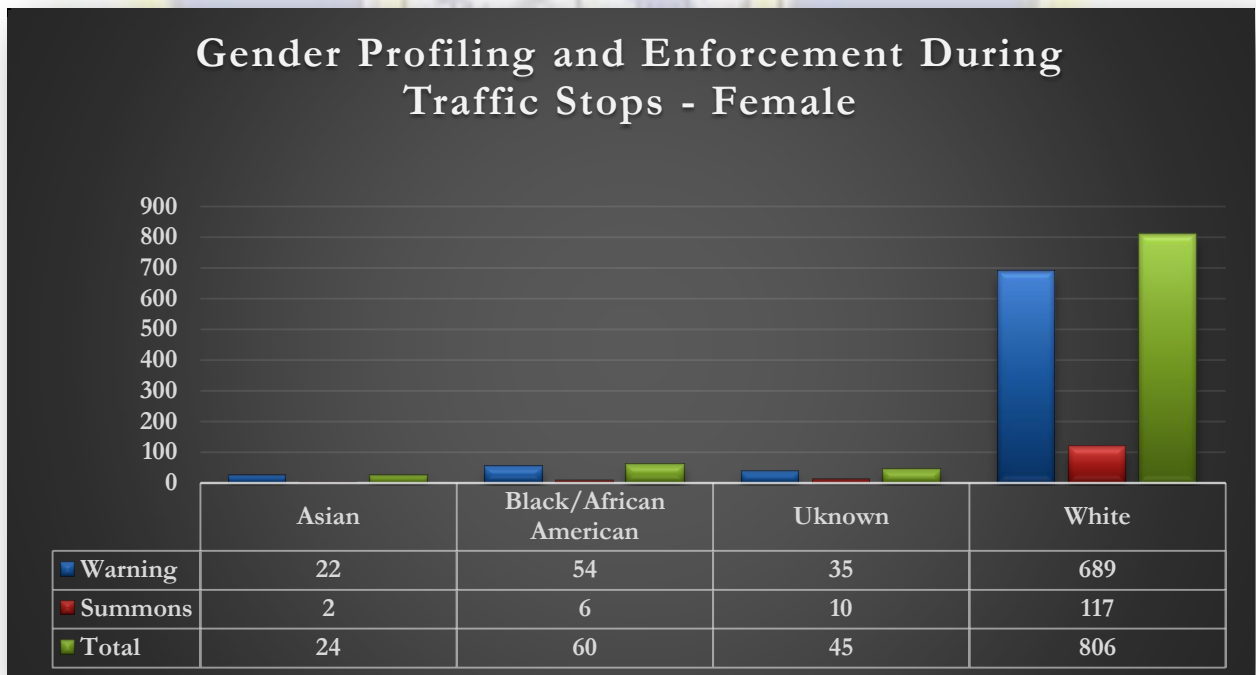
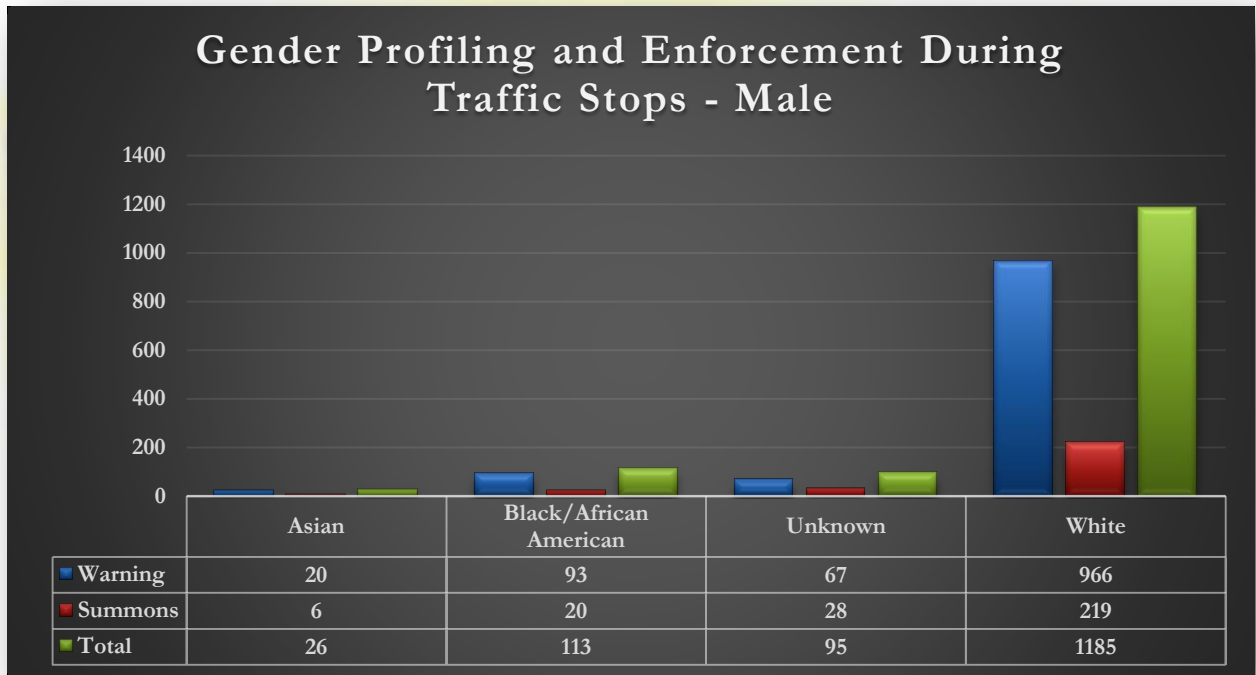
### 5 Year Trend - Motor Vehicle Stops and Citations



## Racial Profiling and Enforcement During Traffic Stops

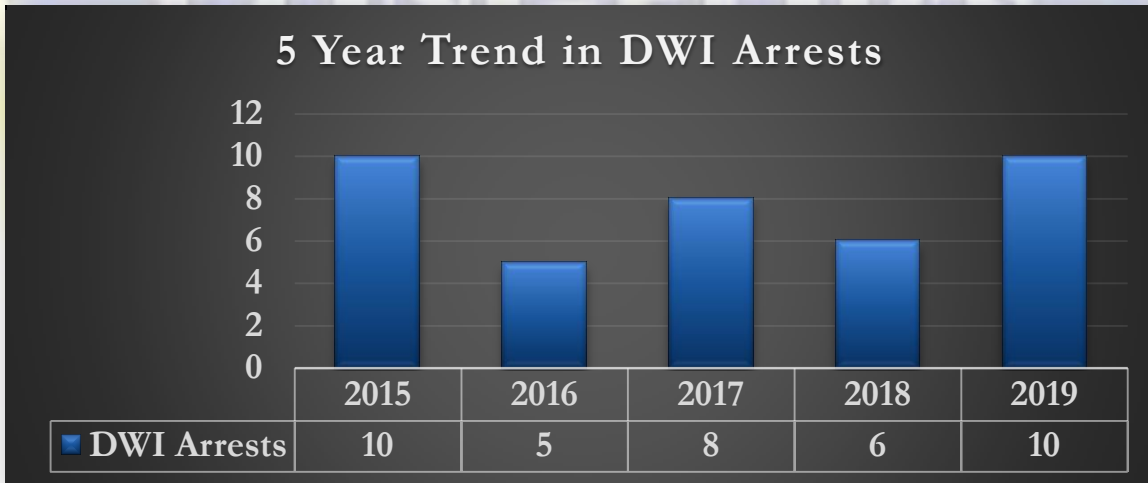


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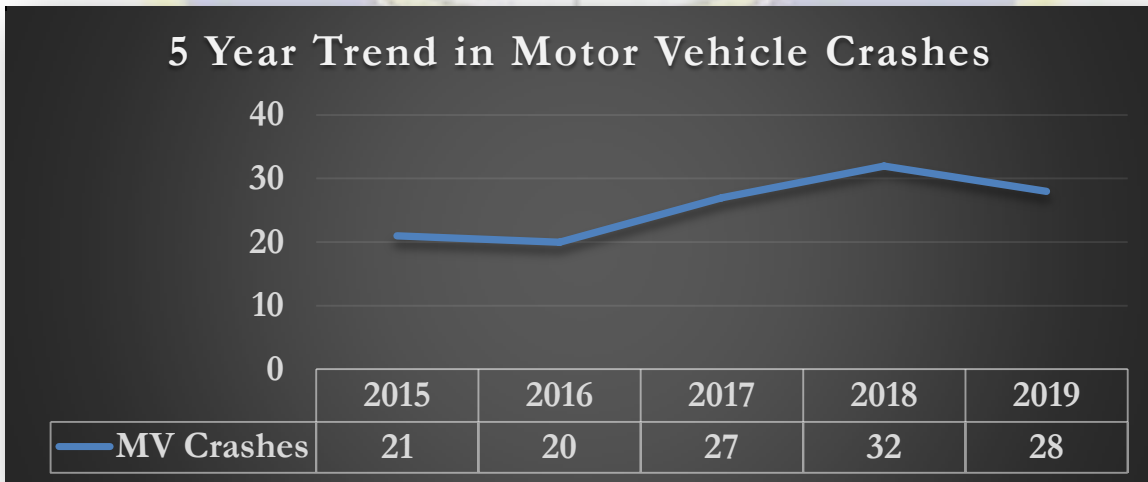


## Driving While Intoxicated Arrests (DWI)

In 2019, Longport PD reported **10** driving while intoxicated arrests. This is an increase of **+66%** when compared to the **6** DWI arrests in 2018.



## Motor Vehicle Crashes

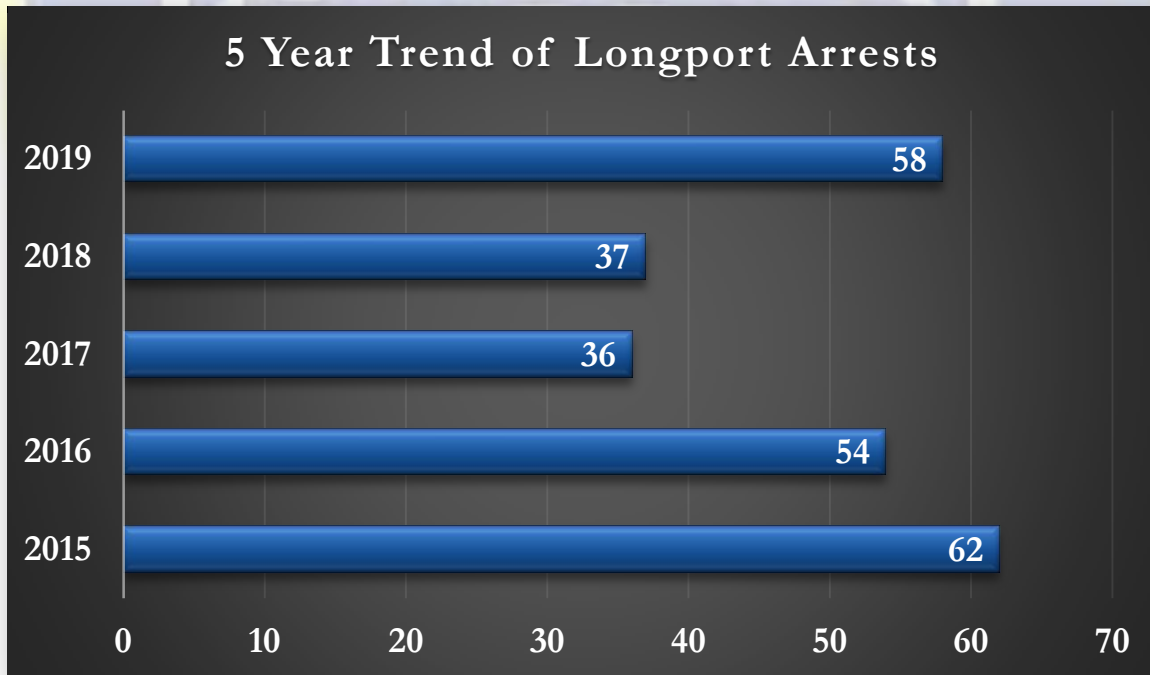


The Longport Police Department reports responding to **28** motor vehicle crashes during the 2019 calendar year. This is a **-12.5%** decrease when compared to the 2018 total of **32** crashes within the Borough of Longport.



## Custodial Arrests

Custodial arrests consist of persons arrested and taken into physical custody. During the 2019 calendar year, Longport Police Officers arrested **58** persons for a multitude of offenses classified as either disorderly persons or indictable crimes. This number is a **+56.76%** increase when compared to the **37** persons arrested in 2018.



## Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence is a serious crime against society and both law enforcement and the courts must aggressively address it. Today, New Jersey has strong laws and protective measures for victims of Domestic Violence. Acts of Domestic Violence are crimes the entire world must face and the Longport Police Department is in no way exempt. Domestic Violence consists of a host of crimes committed by family members, which is extended to any two people who have ever resided together. Domestic violence also governs those who have engaged in a dating relationship.

Across the country, a large percentage of law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty have resulted from responses to domestic violence incidents. By standard operating procedure, at least two police officers must respond to domestic disturbance calls.

In 2019, the Longport Police Department responded to **11** Domestic Violence incidents. This is a **+120%** increase to the 2018 total of **5** Domestic Violence related cases.

### 5 Year Trend in Domestic Violence Related Cases



## EVOLIS Radar Speed Statistics

### *Speed breakdown of vehicles traveling through Longport at each intersecting radar: (03/25/2019-12/31/2019)*

All data was compiled through the EVOLIS Radar system and remotely transmitted through a wireless connection to the manufacturer’s speed data system. What has been revealed is a sharp reduction in speed as motorist become visually aware of their speeds and immediately self-correct by reducing their vehicle’s speeds.

\*\*Note: In each category, specified as “mph”, is the total number of vehicles traveled in that particular zone. The overall percentage of vehicles traveling at that specific speed is also listed.

### Eastbound - Atlantic Ave/32<sup>nd</sup> Ave

■ ≤25 mph: 467,333 (81%)	■ 26-30mph: 69,910 (13%)	■ 31-35 mph: 25,173 (5%)
■ 36-40 mph: 2,869 (.5%)	■ 41-45 mph: 340 (Less than 1%)	■ 46-65 mph: 100 (Less than 1%)

### Westbound – Atlantic Ave/31<sup>st</sup> Ave

■ ≤25 mph: 438,099 (80%)	■ 26-30mph: 76,109 (14.5%)	■ 31-35 mph: 24,946 (5%)
■ 36-40 mph: 5,684 (Less than 1%)	■ 41-45 mph: 358 (Less than 1%)	■ 46-65 mph: 123 (Less than 1%)

### Westbound – Atlantic Ave/14<sup>th</sup> Ave

■ ≤25 mph: 73,503 (97%)	■ 26-30mph: 1,706 (2%)	■ 31-35 mph: 275 (less than .5%)
■ 36-40 mph: 30 (Less than .5%)	■ 41-45 mph: 15 (Less than .5%)	■ 46-65 mph: 1 (Less than .5%)



### Eastbound – Ventnor Ave/34<sup>th</sup> Ave

■ ≤25 mph: 552,671 (86%)	■ 26-30mph: 62,376 (11%)	■ 31-35 mph: 14,039 (2%)
■ 36-40 mph: 796 (Less than 1%)	■ 41-45 mph: 93 (Less than 1%)	■ 46-65 mph: 98 (Less than 1%)

### Westbound – Ventnor Ave/32<sup>nd</sup> Ave

■ ≤25 mph: 366,270 (84%)	■ 26-30mph: 50,537 (12.5%)	■ 31-35 mph: 13,187 (3.5%)
■ 36-40 mph: 1053 (Less than 1%)	■ 41-45 mph: 117 (Less than 1%)	■ 46-65 mph: 51 (Less than 1%)

### Eastbound - Pacific Ave/32<sup>nd</sup> Ave

■ ≤25 mph: 194,770 (89%)	■ 26-30mph: 7,225 (7%)	■ 31-35 mph: 1,698 (3%)
■ 36-40 mph: 133 (Less than 1%)	■ 41-45 mph: 17 (Less than 1%)	■ 46-65 mph: 12 (Less than 1%)

### Westbound – Winchester Ave/Woodcrest Ave

■ ≤25 mph: 175,479 (86%)	■ 26-30mph: 19,479 (10%)	■ 31-35 mph: 5,855 (3%)
■ 36-40 mph: 563 (Less than 1%)	■ 41-45 mph: 47 (Less than 1%)	■ 46-65 mph: 20 (Less than 1%)





## Complaints and Internal Affairs Reviews

The Longport Police Department is committed to providing policing services that are fair, effective, and impartially applied. Toward that end, employees of all ranks and assignments are held to the highest standards of official conduct and are demanded to respect the rights of all citizens and co-workers. Employees' adherence to these standards, motivated by an ethical and professional obligation to perform their job to the best of their ability, is the ultimate objective of this agency.

The overall goals of the Internal Affairs function are to ensure public trust and improve agency performance through specific and general deterrence to misconduct, and to identify operational deficiencies in the department.

The New Jersey Attorney General's Office mandates that all Police agencies perform the Internal Affairs function. This function involves the investigation and resolution of complaints of police misconduct that originate with private citizens or are generated by the supervisors, officers, or employees of a Law Enforcement agency.



It is the policy of the Longport Police Department to investigate all complainants of alleged misconduct or wrongdoing of any employee of this agency. A thorough and impartial examination of the factual information regarding a complaint will be made in every investigation. Complaints are accepted anytime and can be made in person, over the phone, or in writing. Complaints can also be made anonymously or by a third person. The Internal Affairs Unit maintains a comprehensive index of all complaints received which is submitted to the Atlantic County Prosecutors Office on a regular and annual basis.

All complaints are categorized based on the alleged offense. Upon the completion of the investigation, the investigator will reach a conclusion based upon the facts developed in their investigation which will fall into one of the following five dispositions:



- **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 a provision of the agency’s rules and regulations or 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:** The complainant voluntarily requests the complaint be withdrawn or the subject officer terminates his or her employment prior to disposition of the complaint.

The following penalties may be assessed against any member or employee of the Longport Police Department as a result of disciplinary action:

- Oral Reprimand
- Written Reprimand
- Suspension
- Demotion
- Dismissal

*2019 Internal Affairs Summary*

Type of Complaint	Total Cases	Sustained	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Admin Closed	Pending
Excessive Force	0	--	--	--	--	--	--
Improper Arrest	0	--	--	--	--	--	--
Improper Entry	0	--	--	--	--	--	--
Improper Search	1	--	--	1	--	--	--
Differential Treatment	0	--	--	--	--	--	--
Demeanor	0	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other Rule Violation	2	1	--	--	--	--	1
Other Criminal Violation	0	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>1</b>



## **Programs/Services & Crime Prevention**

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### **Vacation Home Check / Watch List Program**

The Longport Police Department has officially implemented a Vacation Home Check program that is accessible through Citizen Portal of the ProPheonix CAD software. This program provides a free residential security check of homes for residents upon their enrollment in the program.

During the course of their duty, Longport Police Officers will come out to your residence and conduct a foot patrol around the home to make sure it is secured. They will check to make sure windows and doors are locked and undamaged. They will also check the door handles of vehicles left at the home to make sure they are secured as well. A detailed log is kept of what activity was conducted on your property while you were away. If, by chance, a burglary occurred at your residence while you were away, the individual that you specified as your emergency contact will be notified if you are unreachable.

This service helps in providing peace of mind for those that need to be away from their home for an extended period of time. Home checks may be conducted on homes that are occupied for any length of time during the homeowner's absence. If your home is occupied while you are away, please provide that information upon enrollment in the program.

### **Project Medicine Drop**

Project Medicine Drop is an important component of the New Jersey Attorney General's effort to stop the diversion and abuse of prescription drugs, including highly addictive opiate painkillers.

Through this initiative, the State Division of Consumer Affairs installs secure "prescription drug drop boxes" at police departments, sheriff's offices, and State Police barracks across New Jersey, allowing citizens to safely dispose of their unused, excess, or expired prescription medications.

Members of the public are invited to visit the Project Medicine Drop sites and drop off any unused prescription medications anonymously and with no questions asked. Most Project Medicine Drop sites make this service available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.



By giving the people of New Jersey a safe and secure method to dispose of unneeded medications, Project Medicine Drop helps prevent the abuse of these drugs. This initiative also protects New Jersey's environment by keeping these drugs out of landfills and out of the water supply. More information about Project Medicine drop, including the full list of Project Medicine Drop locations, can be found at the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs - Project Medicine Drop webpage.

To date, the Longport Police Department has disposed of approximately 400 lbs. of unused medications and welcomes the community to continue utilizing medicine drop locations for proper disposal. For safety reasons, the Project Medicine Drop boxes can only accept solid medications such as pills, patches, inhalers, and similar objects. The boxes cannot accept liquids, medical waste, or syringes. Consumers wishing to dispose of these objects should speak with their doctors or pharmacists to find the safest and best ways to dispose of them. It should also be noted that consumers may only dispose of legal prescription or over-the-counter medications. Anyone wishing to dispose of any illicit drug should follow the normal procedure of reporting it to the police.

## **Longport Camera Registration System**

Longport Camera Registration System ("LPCRS") allows residents to register the locations of their video surveillance systems with the Longport Police Department. When a crime occurs, police will be able to quickly identify the locations of nearby cameras, enlist the assistance of the community to help officers collect video evidence, follow up on leads, and potentially aid in the apprehension of the suspect(s) responsible for the crime under investigation. This saves officers valuable time which they would otherwise spend going door-to-door attempting to locate security footage that could help identify a potential suspect.

The Longport Camera Registration System will allow officers the ability to directly contact LPCRS members that are using video surveillance in an area in which a crime occurred. Police may ask LPCRS members to check their video footage for a specific date and time that may show activity involved with a crime.

The goal of the program is to deter crime and promote public safety through collaboration between the Longport Police Department and the residents we are sworn to protect.



## Life Line Program

The Longport Police Department instituted this program to assist our elderly citizens to maintain their independence and enjoy living in the confines of their home.

We can assist family and friends of our elderly residents by having them call daily advising us that they are ok and not in need of any help. This service is provided free of charge and certainly helps in easing the minds of relatives who are close in heart, but far in distance.

Every morning, seven days a week, we ask that the lifeline participant check in with us by giving our agency a telephone call before 10:00am. If they do not call in by that time, we give a phone call to the home to see if maybe the check-in call was forgotten. If we do not get a response, we dispatch an officer to that location to check on the status of our "lifeliner".

## 9 PM Routine

In 2019, the Longport Police Department began utilizing the **9 p.m. Routine** as a means to remind those within the community to secure their personal property. The 9 p.m. Routine was created in 2017 by the Pasco County Sheriff's Office in Florida and has since spread to police forces across the United States and Canada. It encourages residents to protect themselves and their loved ones from becoming victims of crime by locking and securing their homes and vehicles every night at 9 p.m. The initiative also encourages people to lead by example and share through social media that they have completed the routine using the hashtag #9PMRoutine.

### *The 9 p.m. Routine has a few simple steps:*

1. Remove keys, wallets, cash, garage door openers and other valuables from vehicles.
2. Ensure vehicle and home windows are shut (and locked, if possible).
3. Close and lock doors on vehicles and homes.
4. Close overhead garage doors.
5. Turn on outside lights.



## DEA NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK PROGRAM

On October 26, 2019, the Longport Police Department participated in the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take-Back initiative. Longport PD reported turning **over approximately 125 lbs.** of prescription medication to the DEA for proper disposal.

In April of 2019, the DEA conducted its 17th National Take Back initiative collected **937,443 lbs. (468.72 Tons)** of unwanted medication. Thousands (**6,258**) of DEA-coordinated collection sites across the country accepted tablets, capsules, and all other solid dosage forms of medicines, including prescription painkillers and other controlled substance medications.

There was a lot of positive feedback from the citizens, community groups, national coalitions, environmental groups, law enforcement agencies, local/state politicians, and the medical communities about the nationwide event. There was also some excellent local press coverage announcing and reporting the successes of the event.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.



# Training

The policy of the Longport Police Department is to train its members consistent with the agency's mission, goals and objectives. By doing so, training prepares members to act decisively and correctly in a broad spectrum of situations, enhance productivity and effectiveness, and to foster cooperation and unity of purpose.

## *In-Service Training*

Provides members with supplemental and refresher training in different areas depending on departmental needs. Topics include but are not limited to:

- Communications skills & techniques
- Legal Updates
- Vehicular Pursuit Policy
- Defensive Tactics
- Firearms
- Critical Incident Management
- First Aid / CPR
- Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)
- Use of Force

## *Providing Training:*

- Improves performance
- Increases effectiveness
- Enhances career development
- Reduces liability

## *Specialized Training*

- Supervisory and command level training
- Special investigations
- Accident reconstruction
- Active Shooter Response
- Resiliency Training
- Instructor development/Methods of Instruction
- Armorer (Pistol & Rifle)
- Firearms instructor



A breakdown of the schools attended during 2019, by members of this department are as follows:

<b>2019 Annual Training Hours</b>		
<i>Course Title</i>	<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Proactive Patrol/Becoming a Street Smart Cop	5	80
RADAR Re-Cert	7	28
NJCOPS Command and Leadership	1	112
LSU Homeland Security Active Shooter Response / Train the Trainer	2	64
Special Law Enforcement Officer II Academy	1	320
Field Training Officer	3	72
CPR / AED Instructor Certification	1	20
Patrol CPR /AED Recertification	13	39
A.R.I.D.E. - Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement	2	32
Humane Law Enforcement Training	1	32
DWI Detection	2	80
NJSP Alcotest Recertification	1	4
Alcotest Operator	2	64
Colt M4/M16 Armorer Course	2	48
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Training	3	9
Active Shooter Incident Management (ASIM)	2	8
Mandated In-Service Training	13	208
Excited Delirium & Agitated Chaotic Events	1	16
Certified Public Manager - Rutgers University	1	320
FBI Mid-Atlantic Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar	1	40
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,596</b>

In addition to the above, each officer had approximately 20 hours of firearms training (Including both handgun and carbine training – Department 300 hours), representing a total of 1,856 hours of training for 2019.





# Awards

**The Longport Police Department recognizes those members who distinguish themselves by meritorious service or heroic acts (Awards Policy 2.06).**

## **Gallantry Star – Excellent Arrest**

Awarded for an act of distinguished bravery in the arrest of a person who is a major threat to the welfare of the community and/or the officer.

## **Life Saving Award**

Awarded for an act performed in the line of duty, which through the disregard of personal safety or prompt and alert action, results in saving a life.

## **Educational Award**

Awarded for the achievement of 65 credits toward a degree at an acknowledged college or university.

## **Academy Graduate**

Awarded for completion of basic training in an exemplary fashion and qualifying under rigid technical requirements established by the code of the academy standards.

## **Ready Commendation**

Awarded for the completion of fifteen (15) years of service and continuing to qualify as being professionally ready to perform and dispatch his duties in the highest level of performance.

## **Patriot Award**

Dedicated for the Defense and Protection of the United States Flag.

## **Military Service Award**

Awarded to any member of the department for dedication for the defense and protection of the United States Flag while actively serving in a branch of the United States military both past and present.

## **Distinguished Volunteer Service Cross**

Awarded for voluntary assistance and additional safety measures provided by Auxiliary Reserve and Volunteer members which improved services for their community.

## **Honorable Discharge**

Awarded for recognition of an officer who is eligible for retirement and/or entering new employment opportunities and having served the community during his period of service in an honorable fashion.

## **Exceptional Service**

Awarded for a highly creditable accomplishment, bringing public acclaim to the office, his/her department, or the Police profession, as a result of training, devotion to duty or service to the public.



The award recipients for 2019 are as follows:

**Gallantry Star – Excellent Arrest**

Sgt Ray Burgan

Sgt Nicholas Rettino

Officer Gabriel Guerrieri

**Life Saving Award**

Sgt Nicholas Rettino

Officer Gabriel Guerrieri

Officer Christopher Ricciotti

Officer Dean Tibbitt

**Education Award**

Chief Frank Culmone

Sgt Ray Burgan

Sgt Nicholas Rettino

Sgt Jamie Silva III

Officer Gabriel Guerrieri

Officer Shaune Slattery

Officer Alessandro Morelli

Officer Quinton Wright

Officer Joshua Sikoryak

Officer Frank Lupperger

**Academy Graduate**

Chief Frank  
Culmone

Sgt Jamie Silva III

Sgt Dave Cincotta

Sgt Nicholas Rettino

Sgt Ray Burgan

Ofc Christopher  
Ricciotti

Ofc Frank Lupperger

Ofc Dean Tibbit

Ofc Quinton Wright

Ofc Shaune Slattery

Ofc Gabriel  
Guerrieri

Officer Alessandro  
Morelli

Ofc Joshua Sikoryak



**Ready Commendation**

Chief Frank Culmone

Sgt Jamie Silva III

Sgt Dave Cincotta

Ofc Christopher Ricciotti

**Patriot Award**

Chief Frank  
Culmone

Sgt Jamie Silva III

Sgt Dave Cincotta

Sgt Nicholas Rettino

Sgt Ray Burgan

Ofc Christopher  
Ricciotti

Ofc Frank Lupperger

Ofc Dean Tibbit

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Ofc Gabriel  
Guerrieri

Officer Alessandro  
Morelli

Ofc Joshua Sikoryak

**Military Service Award**

Sgt Ray Burgan (USAF)

**Distinguished Volunteer Cross**

Chief Frank Culmone

Sgt Ray Burgan

Ofc Shaune Slattery

**Exceptional Service Award**

Ofc Slattery (2)

Ofc Lupperger

SLEO II Long

SLEO I Tighe



## Notable Arrests

### Burglary/Theft Arrest Made

On September 11, 2019 at approximately 4:46 am, Longport Patrolman Frank Lupperger observed two males in the area of 36<sup>th</sup> and Ventnor Avenues walking through residential properties before stopping to conduct a field interview. Upon stopping, one of the males on location fled and remains unknown at this time. The second male was detained and identified as, Nicandro Rodriguez (18 years old) of Atlantic City, NJ.



Investigation on the scene revealed Rodriguez to have burglarized multiple cars in the immediate area and possessed numerous items from these burglaries. Rodriguez was taken into custody by Officers Lupperger and Gabriel Guerrieri for burglary, theft, and unlawful possession of a weapon.

### Burglary/Theft Arrest Made

On August 12, 2019 at approximately 5:40 am, Longport Officers Dean Tibbitt and Joshua Sikoryak received a call for suspicious activity in the area of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Once on location,

officers located a male matching the description as he attempted to evade them between the homes and landscape of this area. After a search for the male ensued, he was found hiding within a void of the rock wall on Point Drive and identified as Brian V Cochrane (40 years old) of Egg Harbor Twp, NJ. Officers also found numerous items in his possession at this time.



Cochrane was taken into custody for obstruction of justice when it was soon revealed that there were numerous victims from all along the Downbeach- area. Based on the statements and evidence collected, Cochrane was subsequently charged two counts of burglary, theft of moveable property, four counts of theft from a motor vehicle, and five counts of receiving stolen property.

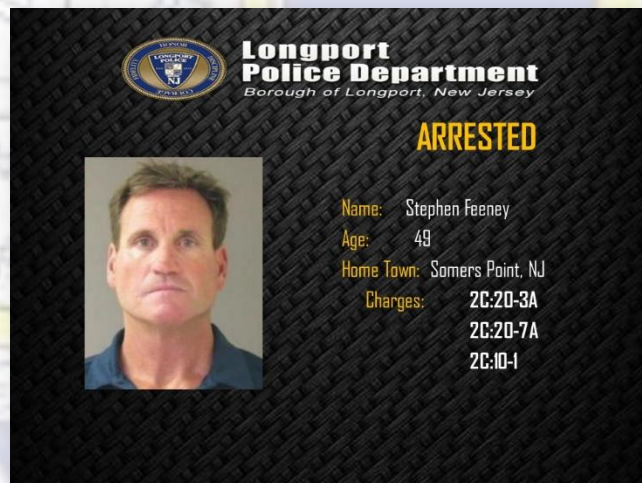
The arrest of Cochrane also resulted in additional charges from the Margate and Ventnor Police Departments.

### Longport Police nab alleged car thief

On August 11, 2019 at approximately 12:25 a.m., Ptl. Frank Lupperger conducted a motor vehicle stop on the beach block of 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue. His on-scene investigation revealed the driver, Stephen Feeney, 49, was in possession of a stolen motor vehicle, police said in a release.

It was soon discovered that Feeney was listed on the National Crime Information Center out of Hamilton Township and was also wanted out of Galloway for theft.

Feeney was transported to the Longport Police Department for processing, and charged with receiving stolen property. He was issued multiple traffic summonses and subsequently turned over to Galloway Township Police Department for additional processing on theft charges before being taken to the Atlantic County Justice Facility.



### EHC couple arrested for alleged theft from Church of the Epiphany

Police responded to Church of the Epiphany 7:11 p.m. Sunday, June 30 in response to a call of an alleged theft of money from a collection box.

A witness at the church was preparing to leave the church after locking it up for the evening when she noticed someone had gained access, according to a release from Longport Police.



The witness came into contact with a male, described at being 6 feet tall with a husky build and facial hair. According to the release, the witness observed the man removing cash from a secure collection box located in the church.

He left the church and got into a gold four-door sedan that was in the church parking lot. The female driver exited the parking lot to Atlantic Avenue and headed toward Atlantic City, police said.



As information was gathered on scene, police were able to identify the couple and called Egg Harbor City Police Department to pick up the two suspects. At approximately 8:55 p.m., Egg Harbor City Police located the suspects and detained them at Longport's request.

Sean Steudle, 33, and Catherine Steudle, 35, both of Egg Harbor City, were taken into custody by Sgt. Ray Burgan and SLEO II Matthew Long of the Longport Police Department.

Sean Steudle was charged with burglary, theft, criminal mischief, receiving stolen property and violation of a court restraining order. Catherine Steudle was charged with conspiracy to commit theft.

### OC woman driving alleged stolen vehicle arrested in Longport



Sgt. Jamie Silva came into contact with a disabled vehicle around 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug, 7 at 33<sup>rd</sup> and Atlantic avenues. An on-scene Investigation revealed the driver, later identified as Christine Gildiner, 55, of Ocean City, to be in possession of a stolen motor vehicle out of Cape May Court House.

It was soon discovered that Gildiner was also wanted on a warrant in Margate City. She was taken into custody, transported to the Longport Police Department for processing, and charged with receiving stolen property where she was later released on a summons.



## Looking Ahead- 2020 & Beyond

The Longport Police Department continues to implement a strategic planning process to guide the agency's organizational goals and the actions needed to achieve those goals. Our strategic plan aides in guiding the budgeting process through several years, prioritizes training needs, and sets the tone for the direction of the agency. Departmentally, our goals and directions have been identified through command staff meetings and internal/external assessments. The elements of the strategic planning process have been prioritized into five strategic directives:

1. Prevent Crime and Enhance Public Safety
2. Enhance Community Outreach
3. Emergency Preparedness
4. Occupational Safety and Wellness
5. Continued succession planning to develop future leaders



- **Prevent Crime and Enhance Public Safety**

Sir Robert Peel, founder of the London Metropolitan Police Force in 1829 and known as “Father of Modern Policing”, believed that the goal is preventing crime not catching criminals. If the police stop crime before it happens, we don't have to punish citizens or suppress their rights. An effective police department doesn't have high arrest stats; its community has low crime rates.

When analyzing Longport and its history, it is no secret that it continues to remain one of the safest places to live and visit throughout the state of New Jersey. This is an absolute testament to the efforts put forth by the men and women serving the Borough of Longport both past and present.

We will remain visible and vigilant in the performance of our duties. We will continue to protect, serve, and enforce the laws established by the state of New Jersey to ensure the highest standard for quality of life.



- **Enhance Community Outreach**

Police-community relationships are one of the most significant barriers facing police officers throughout the nation today. This is why positive police-community relations are critical for active crime prevention, officer safety, and successful police-citizen relationships.

Community outreach is about building bridges between our law enforcement agency, the residents, and the visitors of Longport. It is incumbent upon our agency to build and foster relationships with the community as much as resources will allow. As noted in the “Community Policing” portion of this report, we have succeeded tremendously in instituting programs aimed at developing a positive rapport with everyone within the community.

Our agency aims to expand on the success experienced during the 2019 calendar year with new events, programs, and educational classes. Our goal is to increase citizen motivation to report crimes and violations observed to any police officer at any time. We strive to create opportunities to engage community members throughout the down beach/Atlantic county areas and to be engaged by them as well.

- **Emergency Preparedness**

Our community has fallen victim to such catastrophic events as Hurricane Irene and Hurricane Sandy; maintaining a level of preparedness as first responders is paramount to the safety and well-being of our residents. Standard operating procedures have been developed to provide the officers of this agency with an established plan of action in addition to those provisions set forth in ‘State of Emergency’ decisions, protocols, and orders set forth by the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the Atlantic County Office of Emergency Management, and any other County, State, or Federal Agencies relating to such emergencies and/or disasters.





- **Occupational Safety and Wellness**

In an article published in 2018 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, in order to secure and protect the communities where police serve, they must receive the tools and resources needed to secure and protect their own health and safety. In order to be effective, those tools and resources must address all facets of officer safety and wellness—including occupational, physical, and mental health.

This agency will continue to provide its officers with the best training available in order to equip them with the tools necessary to succeed mentally and physically on the street and during critical incidents. Additionally, we will continue to encourage wellness standards and continued education for enhanced officer development. Longport PD maintains a well-equipped physical condition facility designed to provide officers with ability to conduct physical training as well as other reality based forms of training.

Above all, Longport PD will continue to provide its officers with the support system and resources needed to overcome the daily stressors associated with this profession whenever needed.

- **Continued succession planning to develop future leaders**

It is critical to take steps now to plan for an efficient and effective succession to ensure that the young officers of this agency today are prepared to be leaders of tomorrow. This is highly critical in avoiding poorly planned and executed transitions that can be disruptive to the agency and its operations. In addition to providing officers with training relative to succeeding on the street, it is this agency's priority to provide the leadership training necessary to ensure departmental success for the future years to come.



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Thank you!

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