



LONGPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

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2023

ANNUAL REPORT

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MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY



As we stand on the threshold of a new year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the journey we have traveled together and express my gratitude for the resilience and cooperation of our community. As your Chief of Police, I am honored to serve alongside dedicated officers and staff committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of every resident in our great city.

As we transition into 2024, I want to acknowledge the challenges we have faced and the triumphs we have achieved as a united community. Together, we have overcome obstacles, built bridges, and forged connections that strengthen the fabric of our city. Our shared commitment to safety, justice, and compassion is the cornerstone of our success.

In the coming year, our police department will remain steadfast in its dedication to fostering positive relationships with the community. We will continue to prioritize community engagement, open communication, and transparency. Our officers will be actively involved in initiatives that enhance public safety, address concerns, and promote a sense of belonging for all residents.

I encourage each member of our community to take an active role in shaping the future of our city. Your input, collaboration, and support are invaluable as we work together to create a safe and inclusive environment for everyone. Whether through neighborhood watch programs, community forums, or simply extending a helping hand to a neighbor, each action contributes to the strength and vitality of our community.

As we welcome the possibilities and opportunities that the new year brings, let us remain committed to the values that define us – compassion, unity, and mutual respect. Together, we can build a city where every individual feels safe, heard, and empowered.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful, prosperous, and safe New Year.

Chief Frank Culmone

CHIEF CULMONE'S BIO



Chief Frank Culmone graduated from Stockton College with a B.A. in Criminal Justice in 1999 and began his law enforcement career with the Longport Police Department in 2001 after graduating from the Camden County Police Academy. During his time in patrol, Culmone became recognized as a Drug Recognition Expert (D.R.E.) through the New Jersey State Police in 2004. In 2005, Culmone was selected to represent the Longport Police Department as a team member with the Atlantic County Emergency Response Team (ERT) where he served for 6 years.



FBI Director Christopher Wray w/ Chief Culmone

Culmone was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2007 and soon graduated from the New Jersey Command and Leadership program in 2009. In 2012, Culmone was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant where he served administratively and was responsible for overseeing patrol operations. During this time, he became certified with the New Jersey State Police as a D.R.E. Instructor.

Culmone was promoted to the rank of Chief on April 1, 2015. He is a member of International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP), the National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA), and the Atlantic County Association of Chiefs of Police (ACACOP) where he has held the positions of Treasurer (2016-2019), Vice-President (2020-2021), and President (effective 2022). In June of 2019, Chief Culmone completed the Mid-Atlantic Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (MALEEDS); a week-long course specifically designed to provide leadership training for police chiefs and law enforcement executives. Chief Culmone has also served as board member and treasurer for the Atlantic City High School Huddle Club.

On June 8, 2023, Chief Culmone graduated the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia - Session 286 becoming the first officer of the Longport Police Department to ever be nominated, selected, and graduate from the academy.



LONGPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT



MISSION

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

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

Integrity - Honor – Service



LONGPORT PD 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 Frank Culmone

**Chief's Confidential Assistant
Andrea Brady**

Squad 1



Sgt Nicholas Rettino

Squad 2



Sgt Ray Burgan

Squad 3



Sgt Quinton Wright

Squad 4



Sgt Shaune Slattery



Ofc Dean Tibbitt



Ofc Gabriel Guerrieri



Ofc Frank Lupperger



Ofc Matthew Long



Ofc Joshua Sikoryak



Ofc Liam Nolan



Ofc Alec Morelli



Ofc John Saggese

**SLEO II Owen Kramer assists Patrol Operations on part-time status*



Chief's Confidential Assistant Andrea Brady



Andrea Brady serves as the Longport Police Chief's Confidential Assistant, bringing a rich history of service to the Borough of Longport. Born and raised in Longport, Andrea attended Margate schools and Atlantic City High School before earning her Associates Degree at ACCC. Her career in Longport began as a Beach Inspector, and in 1987, she transitioned to the role of Water/Sewer Clerk, where she worked full time.

Over her impressive 37-year career, Andrea took on various roles within Longport, including Tax Clerk and positions in the Building Department. In 1991, she became the town's Deputy Court Administrator, eventually becoming certified in court administration through further education. In 2008, Andrea was appointed as Longport's Court Administrator, a position she held until 2021 when the court consolidated with Margate. Afterward, she moved into the Building Department to contribute to its day-to-day operations.

In June of 2022, Andrea joined the Longport Police Department, taking on the role of the Chief's Confidential Assistant. Married with three grown children and two grandchildren, Andrea takes pride in her extensive knowledge of Longport's history and all its underlying narratives. She emphasizes the wonderful environment for living and working in Longport, expressing appreciation for her co-workers and the community's residents.





FBI National Academy Graduate

Longport Police Department is proud to announce that Chief Frank Culmone has become the first-ever Longport Police Officer to be nominated, selected, and graduate from the prestigious FBI National Academy (Session 286). This achievement is a testament to Chief Culmone's dedication, professionalism, and commitment to serving the community.

Established in 1935 by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, the ten-week FBI National Academy program sets the highest standards for law enforcement leadership. Only the top 1% of law enforcement leaders from around the world are selected to attend this renowned academy. Chief Culmone's nomination and subsequent graduation solidify his position among the elite of law enforcement.



The FBI National Academy program is built upon three pillars – academics, physical fitness, and networking – which together provide a comprehensive training experience for attendees. Chief Culmone excelled in all three areas, proving his capabilities and expertise.

In the academic sphere, Chief Culmone took on the challenge of completing master's level courses offered by the University of Virginia. His course selections, including "Contemporary Issues Confronting Law Enforcement Executives," "Constitutional Law and Policing: Trends, Analysis, Application," and "Essentials for Law Enforcement Executives," showcased his dedication to deepening his knowledge and staying at the forefront of law enforcement practices. Chief Culmone's stellar academic performance earned him a graduate certificate from the University of Virginia, further validating his commitment to excellence.

Additionally, Chief Culmone showcased his physical prowess by participating in multiple fitness challenges throughout the program. These challenges culminated in the notorious Yellow Brick Road, a demanding 6.1-mile obstacle course designed by the US Marine Corps. Chief Culmone's successful completion of all fitness challenges, including the Yellow Brick Road, earned him the prestigious Yellow Brick designation.

Furthermore, Chief Culmone recognized the value of networking and seized the opportunity to forge bonds with fellow law enforcement leaders from around the world. During the ten-week course, he connected with 238 other FBI National Academy students, representing 47 states and 25 countries. These connections will undoubtedly prove invaluable in Chief Culmone's future endeavors and collaborations.

The accomplishment of Chief Frank Culmone sets a benchmark for the Longport Police Department and exemplifies the dedication and professionalism of its officers. Chief Culmone's nomination, selection, and graduation from the FBI National Academy reflect his unwavering commitment to upholding the highest standards of law enforcement.



New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Command & Leadership Academy



In 1993, NJSACOP officials traveled to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point to work with the Academy's Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership to adapt the fabled West Point model of command and leadership to the needs of law enforcement.

The result of this collaboration is the NJSACOP Command & Leadership Academy, a unique blend of theory and application. Candidates with the greatest leadership potential are selected for this highly competitive program from municipal, county, state, and federal agencies from throughout the region.

The program is a challenging 13-week graduate level course, based on the Command and Leadership course taught at West Point Military Academy. It focuses on leadership qualities and styles. Students study and employ theoretical approaches to problem solving within the workplace.

On February 23, 2023, Sgt. Nicholas Rettino celebrated his graduation from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Command and Leadership Academy.





On January 31, 2023, Longport Police Department said goodbye to Sgt James Silva as he gave his final “10-7”, signing off the air one last time.

Sergeant Silva, a graduate of West Chester University, took his Oath in August of 2002 with the Longport Police Department and began his career with the borough following his graduation from the Gloucester County Police Academy.

He spent the first 13 years of his career as patrol officer with the Borough of Longport before being promoted to rank of Sergeant in February of 2015. Throughout his 20-year career with the agency, Silva completed his Master’s degree from St Joseph’s University and served as an EMT, Field Training Officer, Juvenile officer, Internal Affairs Investigator, DARE

officer, grant coordinator, and motorcycle officer. Sergeant Silva has received numerous awards and decorations over the years and also served as Secretary with the Longport PBA.

On February 15th, the Longport Police Department and the Borough commissioners celebrated the advancement of two department members

Shaune Slattery, a Somers Point native, has been with the agency for 8 years and now promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Throughout her tenure with the agency Sgt Slattery has served in many roles; among these are Physical Fitness Instructor, Naloxone Coordinator, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) assistant, Field Training Officer (FTO), SANE/SART-Domestic Violence Liaison, and Child Abduction Response Team (CART). Sgt Slattery was the first female officer to be hired in the history the Longport Police Department, and she has now risen to serve in a supervisory role.

Jonathan Saggese, who has been working as a SLEO II with the agency since November, was hired as a full-time Patrolman. Saggese began his career as a SLEO II seasonal officer with the Ocean City Police Department before joining our agency. A native of Linwood, he attended Mainland High School (2012) and is a graduate of Stockton University (2018) where he earned his Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice/Forensic Psychology.





Academy Graduation

The Longport Police Department is pleased to announce the graduation of Officer Liam Nolan from the Camden County Police Academy, Class #84. The graduation ceremony was held on June 8, 2023 at the Dennis Flyer Memorial Theatre - Lincoln Hall of Camden County College.

Officer Nolan initially entered the Gloucester County Police Academy in August of 2020; however, due to a sudden medical ailment, Nolan was forced to leave the academy. Once medically cleared, Nolan was provided another opportunity to attend the Camden County Police Academy in January of 2023. Officer Nolan served a Squad Leader while in the academy.

Officer Nolan's perseverance through such adversity early in his career is admirable and we are proud to have him on our team and as member of the Longport community.



Pictured Left to Right: Ofc Morelli, Ofc Nolan, Sgt Burgan, & Sgt Rettino



DEA NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK PROGRAM

On **October 28, 2023**, the Longport Police Department participated in the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take-Back initiative. The Longport Police Department was one of over **4,000 law enforcement agencies**, nationwide, to have participated in this initiative. Longport PD reported turning over a total of **20 lbs of prescription medication** to the DEA for proper disposal in April 2023 and another **33 lbs** of prescription medication in October of 2023 totaling **52 lbs** for the 2023 calendar year surrendered to the DEA as part of this initiative. The Longport Police Department has turned over **363 lbs** of unwanted prescription medication between 2019 and 2023.

In April of 2023, the DEA conducted its 24th National Take Back initiative collected **663,725 lbs. (332 Tons)** of unwanted medication. Thousands of DEA-coordinated **collection sites (nearly 5000)** across the country accepted tablets, capsules, and all other solid dosage forms of medicines, including prescription painkillers and other controlled substance medications. Since its inception in 2010, DEA's bi-annual National Prescription Take Back Day has removed more than **17.3 million pounds (8,650 tons)** of unnecessary medications from communities across the country.

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. According to the 2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 9.7 million people misused prescription pain relievers, 4.9 million people misused prescription stimulants, and 5.9 million people misused prescription tranquilizers or sedatives in 2019.

Americans are advised that the usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—pose potential safety and health hazards.





CASELLA PRODUCTIONS

— VISIONS IN VIDEO —



Earlier this year, the Longport Police Department embarked on a collaborative effort with Jeff Casella of Casella Productions in Cape May County to create a recruitment/highlight video showcasing the agency's robust community connections. The project, slated to wrap up January/February 2024, took about 13 months to develop and entailed four days of filming. Emphasizing the significance of spotlighting our police department's initiatives and the community rapport we foster, the video aims to underscore the vital role our officers play in building strong, positive relationships within our community. *(Anticipated release date March/April 2024)*





Longport Police Department's Sgt Shaune Slattery and Fellow Officers Organize Another Successful Annual Basketball Skills and Drills Camp



Longport, NJ (August 6, 2023)- The Longport Police Department is proud to announce the successful conclusion of its annual Basketball Skills and Drills Basketball Camp. Led by Sergeant Shaune Slattery, a former Division 1 women's basketball standout from LaSalle University, the camp attracted eager young athletes from across the Downbeach community.

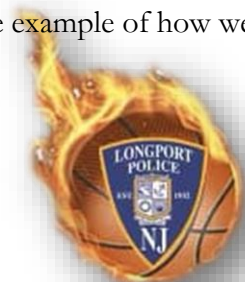
The summer program, now in its fifth year, offered an exciting opportunity for local youth to engage in empowering activities, develop foundational basketball skills, and forge meaningful connections with law enforcement officers.

Sgt Slattery successfully portrayed her aptitude as both an influential figure within the community and an esteemed member of the Longport Police Department. Her extensive background in Division 1 women's basketball makes her the perfect role model to guide aspiring young players towards achieving their athletic dreams, said Longport Public Information Officer Sgt Ray Burgan.

The Annual Basketball Skills and Drills Basketball Camp features an all-encompassing basketball experience for the young participants. Throughout the camp, participants engaged in an array of drills and skill-building exercises, enhancing their individual strengths while refining their teamwork abilities.

Notably, the camp was generously supported by several passionate members of the Longport Police Department. Fellow officers enthusiastically volunteered their time to coach and mentor the young athletes, ensuring their experience was both enjoyable and educational.

Chief Culmone expressed his gratitude towards Sgt Slattery and her team for their dedication and commitment to fostering positive community relationships. He stated, "The Longport Police Department is committed to serving and engaging with the community beyond law enforcement. This annual basketball camp is just one example of how we can connect with the youth, inspire their dreams, and instill valuable life skills."







Trunk or Treat



On Friday, October 27th, Longport officers Alec Morelli and Frank Lupperger took part in this year's Trunk or Treat event hosted by the Margate Police Department, Margate Mothers Association, and Margate Education Foundation in Margate, NJ. Police officers, along with local businesses and community members, decorated their trunks and filled them with candy, in an effort to provide kids with a safe place to trick-or-treat.

Winter Wonderland Toy Drive

On Friday, December 8th, Longport police officers (Alec Morelli & Dean Tibbitt) took part in the 8th Annual Winter Wonderland Toy Drive event hosted by the Margate Police Department. The event generated hundreds of Toys for the Toys for Kids program as families from the communities along Absecon Island arrived with arms filled with gifts.

Police officers from Margate, Longport, and Ventnor along with Firefighters and children in the city's public schools collected hundreds of toys for the Atlantic County Toys for Kids program, which distributes toys to children who need them, not only during the holiday season, but also throughout the year when the need for toys arises. According to officials, the organization distributes about 12,000 toys during the holiday season, with about 2,000 more distributed during the year for families who fall on hard times or lose their possessions due to house fires or other emergencies.



Pictured L:R – LPD Ofc Tibbitt & Morelli; Margate PD Widas & Krause



Longport Police Department and Philadelphia Flyers team up for ice hockey event benefiting Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

The Longport Police Department is excited to announce a successful collaboration with the Philadelphia Flyers in organizing an exhilarating ice hockey event. Taking place on November 30, 2023, the event featured an opening game between the Atlantic County Police & Fire and the Philadelphia Police Department, followed by the highly anticipated Flyers vs Devils game.

We are proud to announce that the Atlantic County team, led by Longport Patrolman Alec Morelli, emerged victorious in this charitable and friendly competition, with a final score of 6-3. Our heartfelt congratulations go out to all players and organizers involved.

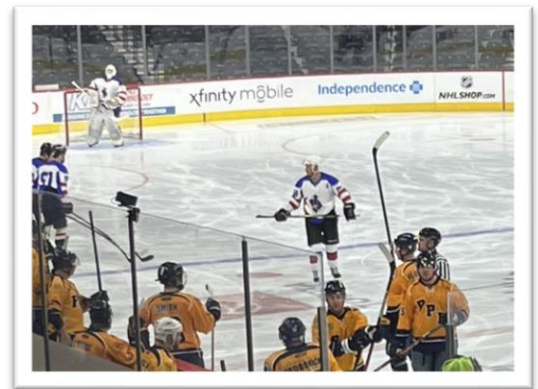
The Longport Police Department would like to extend its sincerest appreciation to all those who donated and contributed in making this event a reality. Thanks to the efforts of so many generous individuals, we are thrilled to announce that all funds raised will be donated to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Your support will make a meaningful difference in the lives of children receiving care at this renowned institution.

Following the event, Officer Alec Morelli dedicated the evening to Gwen Stern, who tragically lost her husband in an incident within the Borough of Longport. Our thoughts and condolences go out to Gwen and her family during this difficult time.

We would like to express our deep gratitude to the Philadelphia Flyers, the Philadelphia Police Department, and our community members for being a part of something bigger than all of us. Your unwavering support and involvement in this event have made a lasting impact on our community and beyond. Together, we have shown the power of teamwork and compassion.

Thank you again for making the Longport Police Department and Philadelphia Flyers ice hockey event a tremendous success. Stay tuned for more updates on our future initiatives aimed at strengthening our community, promoting positive engagement, and making a difference in the lives of those in need.







Holidays with Heroes



On Saturday, December 2nd police officers from all over Atlantic County came together to support the EHT Police Activities League 13th annual Shop with a Hero.

Shop with a Hero (formerly “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 Hero 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 Hero 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.

"Shop with a Cop is about more than just gifts; it's a meaningful opportunity to connect with our community, build trust, and create positive memories that last a lifetime."
Ofc Alec Morelli

"As Chief of Police, I wholeheartedly endorse and applaud our officers for participating in the Shop with a Cop event. This program exemplifies the positive impact law enforcement can have on our community. By fostering connections with the youth and engaging in acts of kindness, our officers not only enhance public trust but also embody the true spirit of community policing. Shop with a Cop is a powerful reminder that, beyond enforcing the law, our officers play a crucial role in building bridges and creating a brighter future for the neighborhoods we serve." LPD Chief Frank Culmone

Longport Police Officers Alec Morelli and Dean Tibbitt assisted with this year's event and gave their sponsored children a day to remember.





Longport Police Department Welcomes New Police Chaplain

LONGPORT, NJ - The Longport Police Department is pleased to announce the swearing-in of its newest member, Police Chaplain Lou Strugala, on Wednesday, December 6th. Chaplain Strugala, the founding pastor of Church by the Bay in Galloway Twp, NJ, brings a wealth of experience to his role as chaplain.

Chaplain Strugala currently serves as a chaplain within the New Jersey State Police, the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office, and works with several police departments in Atlantic County. His nondenominational approach provides emotional and spiritual support to law enforcement officers who are regularly exposed to traumatic incidents and high-stress situations.

The addition of Chaplain Strugala to the Longport Police Department will allow staff members to receive the necessary support to cope with the challenges they face on the job as well as those they face off-duty. With his expertise, he will provide a safe space for them to find comfort and solace. This support is crucial in fostering the resiliency of the law enforcement staff, enhancing their wellbeing, efficacy, and safety.

"He is more than a Police Department chaplain; he will extend spiritual support to officers, individuals, families, and friends in times of crisis. His availability also reaches beyond the Police Department, encompassing the broader community," stated Police Chief Frank Culmone.

Longport Police Department is honored to welcome Chaplain Lou Strugala as its Police Chaplain. The department looks forward to the invaluable contributions he will make to the organization and the positive impact he will have on the lives of its officers as well as those in our community.





The Click It or Ticket campaign is a national seat belt safety awareness program in the United States. It is aimed at increasing the use of seat belts among young people and adults, and reducing fatalities and injuries caused by traffic accidents. The campaign is run by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and is supported by law enforcement agencies across the country. The campaign is typically

run during the Memorial Day holiday period, from late May to early June, and involves increased law enforcement presence on the roads to enforce seat belt laws and issue citations to violators. The campaign has been successful in increasing seat belt usage rates and reducing fatalities across the country. According to the Division of Highway Traffic Safety, this year, 134 law enforcement agencies in New Jersey have received \$798,350 in grant funding to help pay for increased road patrols, seat belt checkpoints, and other enforcement initiatives during the “Click It or Ticket” campaign.

**Longport PD awarded \$3,500
Enforcement Period May 22, 2023 – June 4, 2023**

The 2023 Summer Shore Pedestrian Awareness Education/Enforcement Campaign is a program run by the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety to promote pedestrian safety and awareness during the summer months. The campaign aims to educate the public about the importance of pedestrian safety and reduce the number of pedestrian accidents and fatalities. The program runs from July 10 through August 14, 2023, and involves increased law enforcement presence on the roads to enforce pedestrian safety laws and issue citations to violators. The Longport Police Department is one of the participating law enforcement agencies in the campaign and has received a grant of \$5,250 for its Summer Shore Pedestrian Awareness campaign. The campaign involves targeted police patrols at high-risk crash locations, and the enforcement component involves enforcing infractions such as distracted driving, impairment, and speed.



**Longport PD awarded \$5,250
Enforcement Period July 10, 2023 – August 14, 2023**



Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over is a national enforcement campaign that aims to prevent drunk driving and reduce the number of alcohol-related crashes on the road during the Labor Day holiday period in the United States. The campaign is run by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and involves increased law

enforcement on the roads to stop impaired driving. The campaign is supported by a \$13.8 million paid media campaign that uses a mix of television, radio, digital, social media, and billboards to educate drivers about the dangers of impaired driving. The 2023 Labor Day enforcement period will take place from August 18th through September 4th, and is aimed at reducing fatalities and injuries caused by drunk driving and increasing awareness about the dangers of impaired driving.

**Longport PD awarded \$3,500
Enforcement Period August 18, 2023 – September 4, 2023**

The Longport Police Department was awarded a second Driver Sober or Get Pulled Over aimed at raising awareness of the dangers of drunk driving as well as preventing impaired driving-related accidents during the holiday season. During the Christmas and New Year holiday periods, there has been a significant rise in drunk-driving deaths. In fact, recent data shows December drunk driving deaths are the highest in almost 15 years.



**Longport PD awarded \$2,240
Enforcement Period December 1, 2023 – January 1, 2024**

2023 Grant Total received by Longport PD: \$14,490

DEPARTMENT BUDGET



The Longport Police Department operates on a budget of nearly **\$2.2 million** or **17%** of the Borough's municipal budget. The majority of funds, **77%** or **\$1,689,384.25** of the police department budget is spent on personnel services / wages. The remaining **23%** or **\$506,846** is allocated toward services, supplies, and capital outlay items. In Fiscal Year 2023, the Longport Police Department's budget **increased 3.28%** from the previous year.

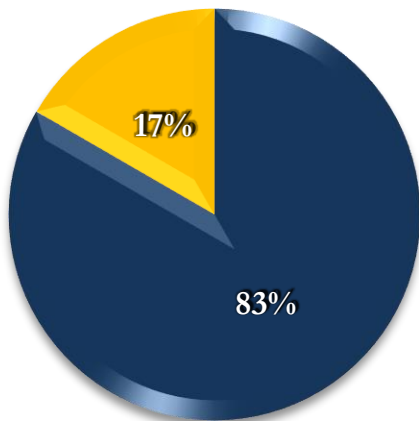
2023 Municipal Budget

\$10,977,530.48

2023 Police Budget

2,196,230.25

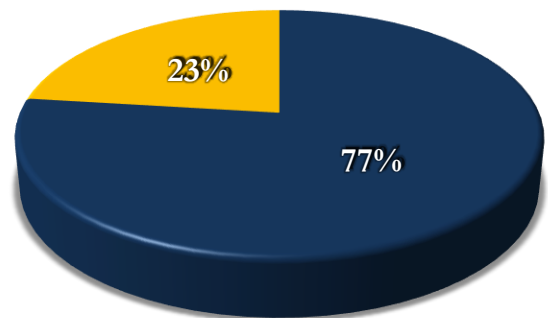
Municipal Budget



■ Municipal Budget ■ Police Budget



Police Budget



■ Salaries & Wages
■ Operating Expense

YEARLY BUDGET BREAKDOWN



Police	Salaries & Wages	Overtime	Terminal Leave	Other Pay	Part-time	Subtotal
2015	\$1,085,853.00	\$81,000.00	--	\$42,602.00	\$82,680.00	\$1,292,135.00
2016	\$1,131,844.00	\$72,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$39,825.00	\$82,680.00	\$1,347,349.00
2017	\$1,144,586.00	\$84,500.00	--	\$40,825.00	\$98,176.00	\$1,368,087.00
2018	\$1,158,949.53	\$71,500.00	--	\$41,825.00	\$141,960.00	\$1,414,234.53
2019	\$1,193,340.48	\$84,500.00	--	\$44,375.00	\$133,640.00	\$1,455,855.48
2020	\$1,217,663.46	\$94,510.00	--	\$44,600.00	\$137,958.60	\$1,494,732.06
2021	\$1,326,257.82	\$93,800.00	--	\$47,100.00	\$96,532.80	\$1,563,690.62
2022	\$1,424,285.44	\$93,800.00	--	\$42,600.00	\$95,652.00	\$1,656,337.44
2023	\$1,365,890.30	\$93,800.00	--	\$52,750.00	\$176,943.95	\$1,689,384.25

Communications	Salaries/Wages	Overtime	Part-Time	Other Pay	Sub Total
2015	\$202,794.00	\$9,988.00	\$37,200.00	\$14,856.00	\$264,838.00
2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2021	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

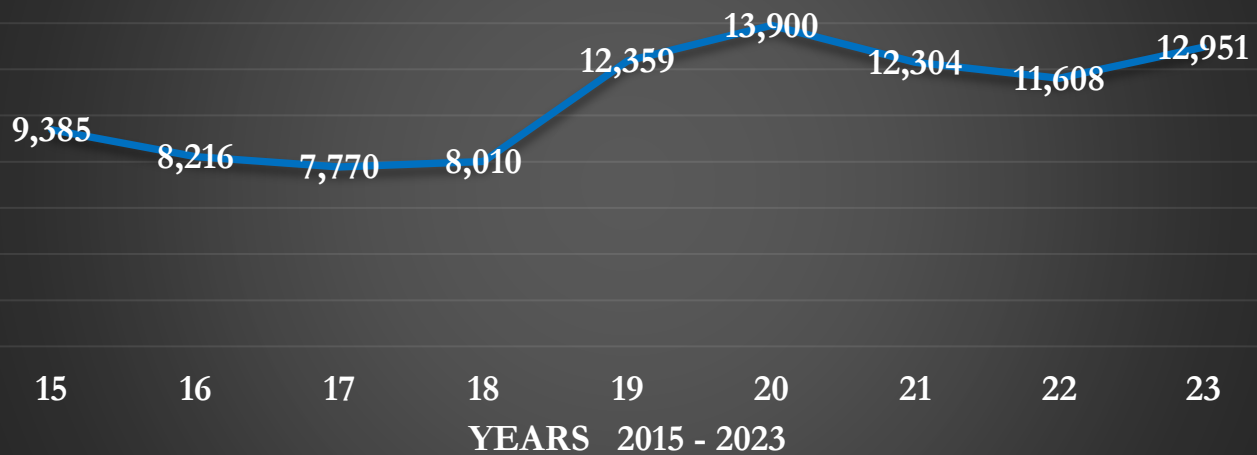
Operating Expense	Sub Total	Contracted Dispatch-EHTPD	Operating Budget	Final Total
2015	\$128,428.00	--	\$128,424.00	\$1,685,397.00
2016	\$365,193.00	\$-240,000.00	\$125,193.00	\$1,712,542.00
2017	\$377,595.00	\$-247,500.00	\$130,095.00	\$1,745,682.00
2018	\$378,245.00	\$-255,000.00	\$123,245.00	\$1,792,479.53
2019	\$392,017.00	\$-262,572.00	\$129,445.00	\$1,847,872.48
2020	\$448,670.00	\$-270,450.00	\$178,220.00	\$1,943,402.06
2021	\$464,782.00	\$-278,562.00	\$186,220.00	\$2,028,472.62
2022	\$470,138.00	\$-286,918.00	\$183,220.00	\$2,126,475.44
2023	\$506,846.00	\$-295,526.00	\$211,320.00	\$2,196,230.25



Calls for Service

Longport Police Officers answered **12,951** calls for police services during 2023. This is a decrease of **+11.57%** in the number of calls answered by officers when compared to the 11,608 answered in 2022. 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.

9 Year Trend in Calls for Service

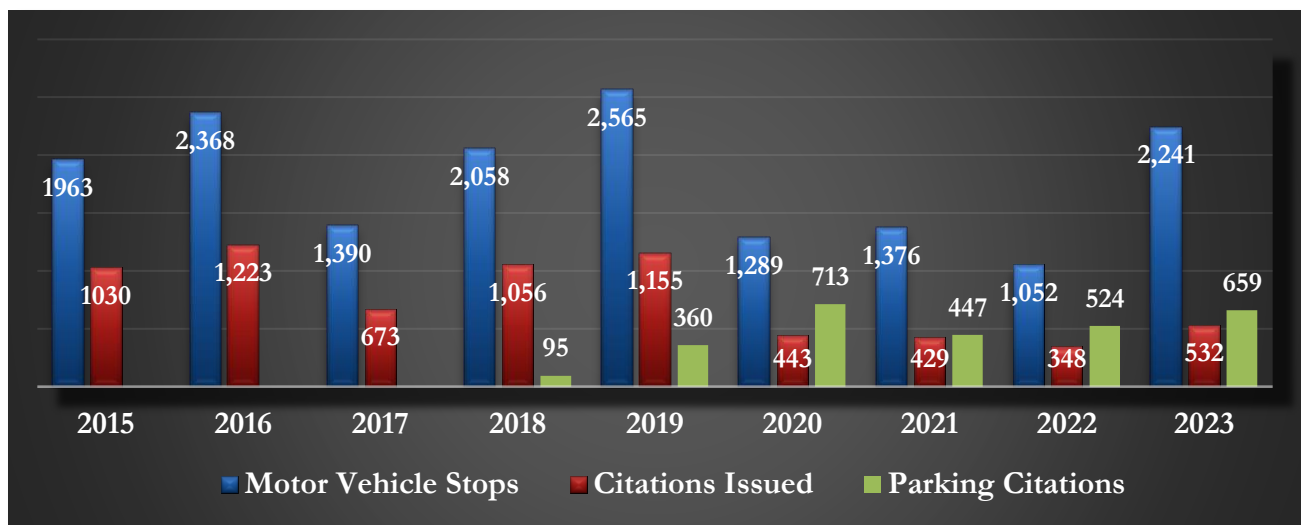
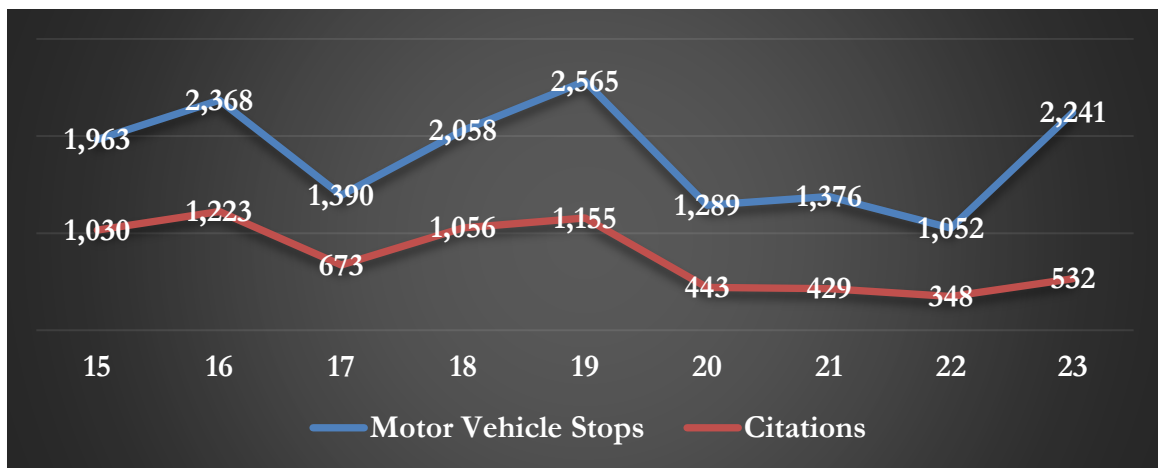




Motor Vehicle Stops and Citations Issued

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. The Longport Police Department reports conducting **2,241** motor vehicle stops during the **2023** calendar year and issuing **532** citations for traffic related offenses. This equates to an increase of **+113%** in vehicles being stopped and a **+53%** increase in summons issued from the previous **2022** calendar year. In total, **1,191** were issued in **2023** resulting in a **+22.5%** decrease from **2022**.

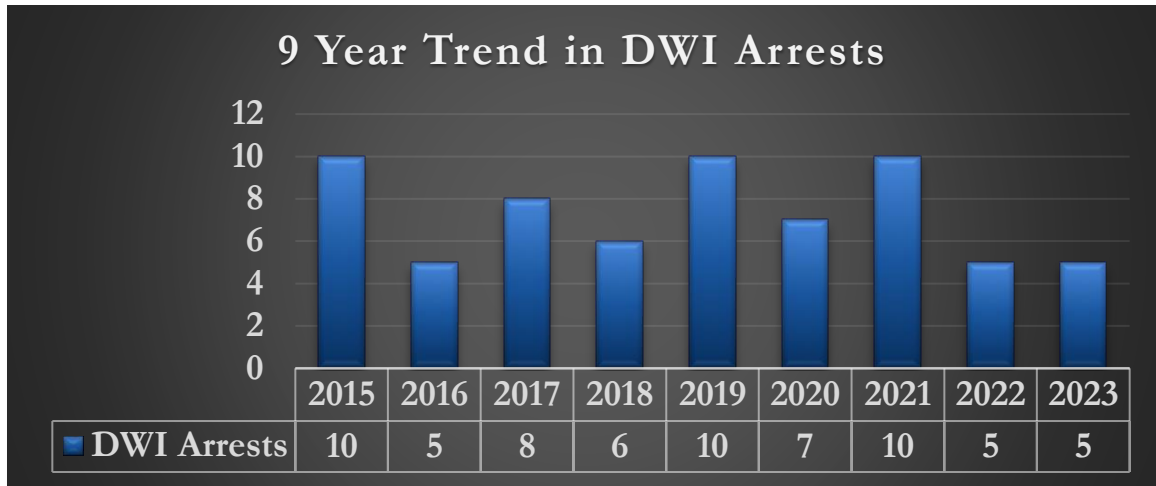
9 Year Trend - Motor Vehicle Stops and Citations





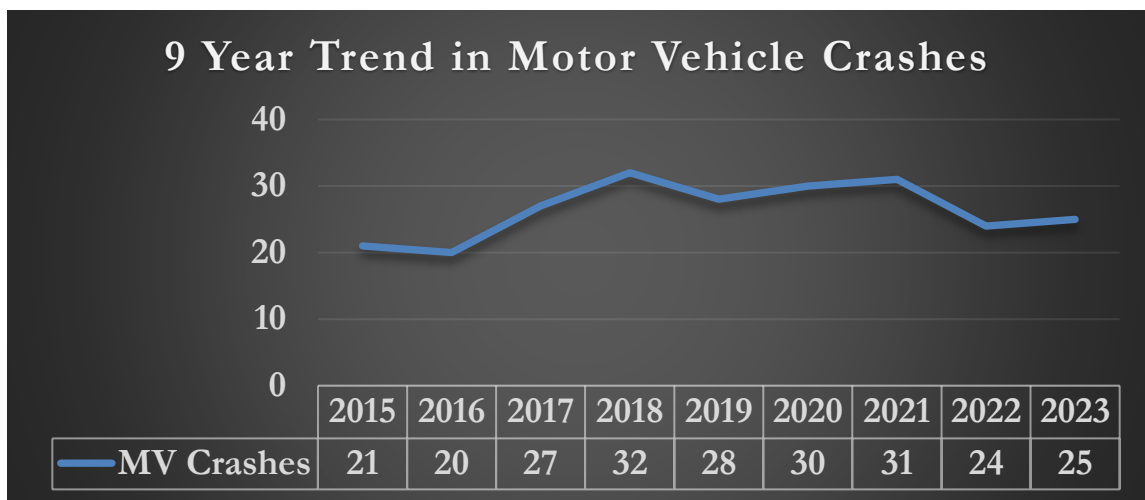
Driving While Intoxicated Arrests (DWI)

In **2023**, Longport PD reported **5** driving while intoxicated arrests. This is an unchanged statistic when compared to the **5** DWI arrests in **2022**.



Motor Vehicle Crashes

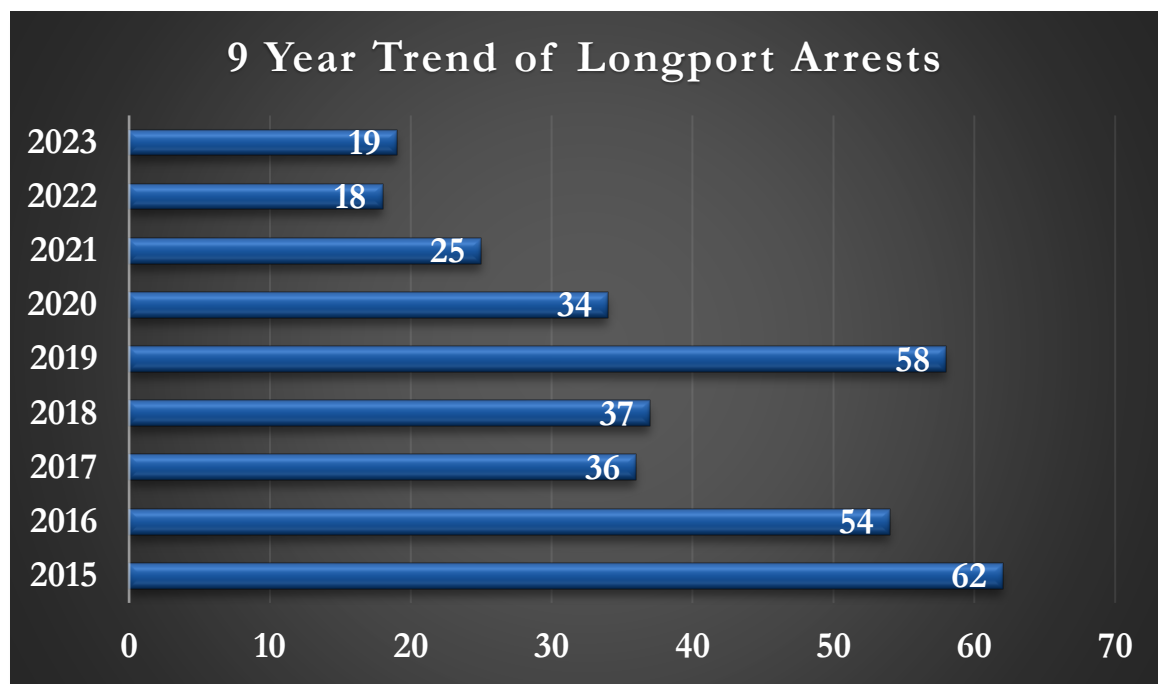
The Longport Police Department reports responding to **25** motor vehicle crashes during the **2023** calendar year. This is a **+4.17%** decrease when compared to the **2021** total of **24** crashes within the Borough of Longport.





Custodial Arrests

Custodial arrests consist of persons arrested and taken into physical custody. During the **2023** calendar year, Longport Police Officers arrested **19** persons for a multitude of offenses classified as either disorderly persons, indictable crimes, or sometimes certain motor vehicle infractions. This number is a **+5.56%** decrease when compared to the **18** persons arrested in **2022**.



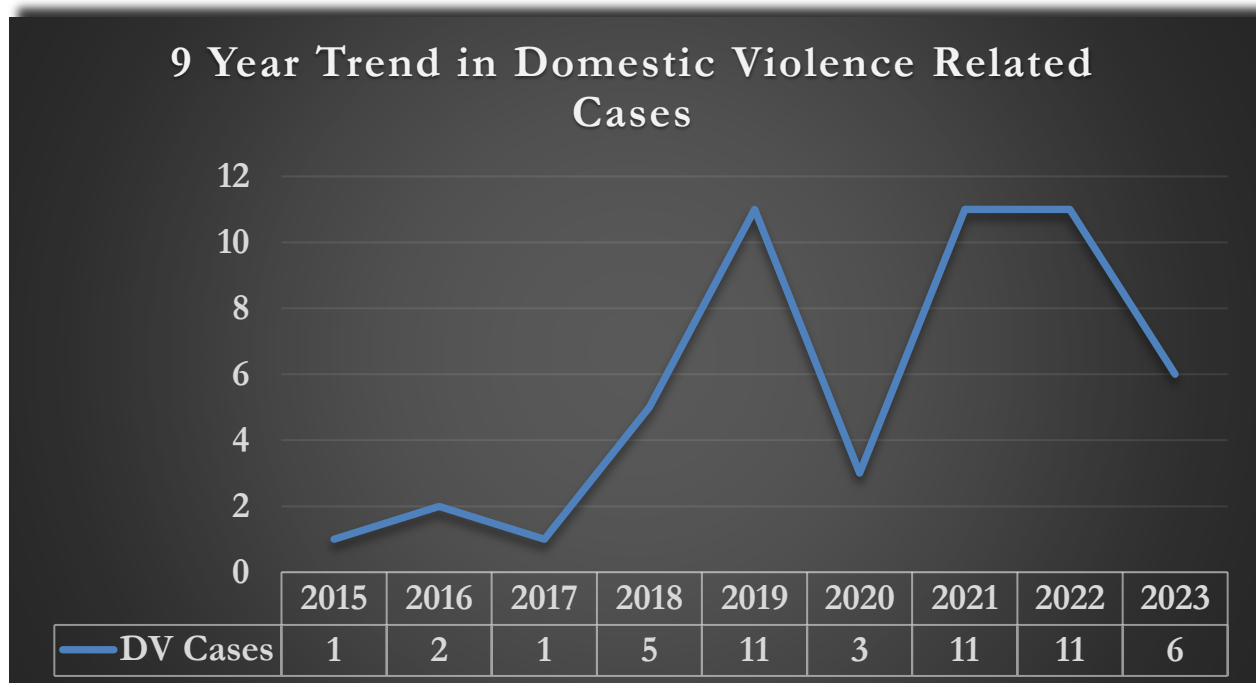


Domestic Violence

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 **2023**, the Longport Police Department responded to **6** Domestic Violence incidents. This is an unchanged result compared to the **2022** total of **11** Domestic Violence related cases.

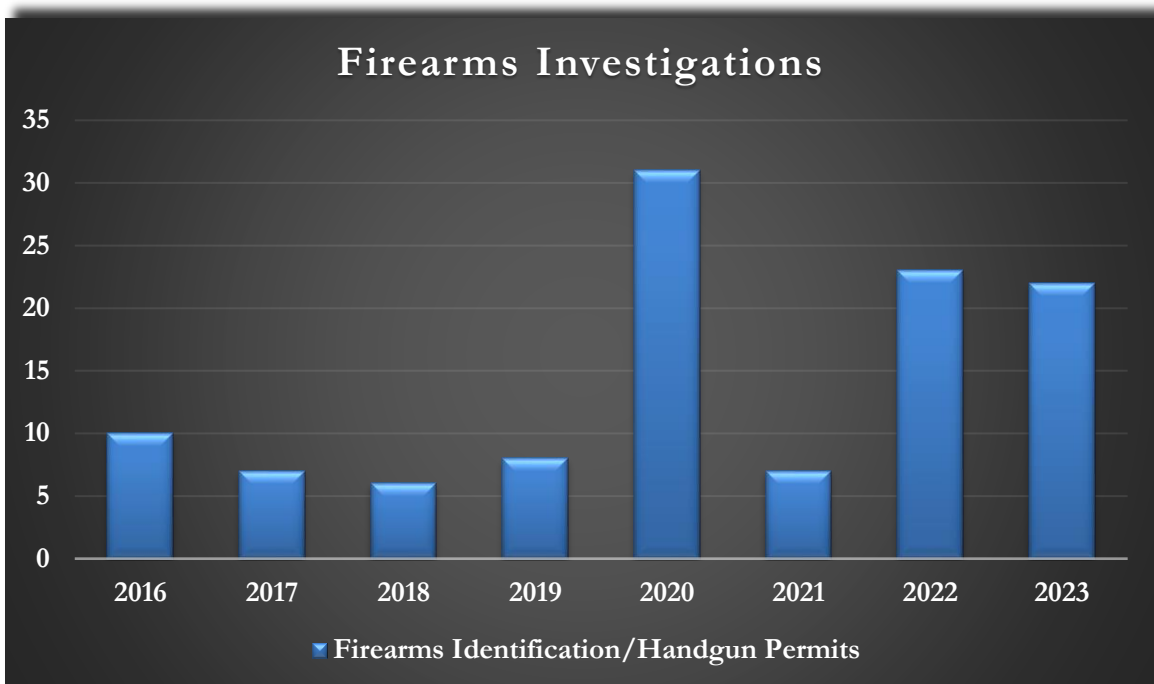




Firearms Applications / Concealed Carry Licenses

The Longport Police Department plays a pivotal role in investigating and processing applications for firearms identification, registration, and concealed carry licenses for Longport residents within the state of New Jersey. In **2023**, the Longport Police Department reports conducting **22** investigations for Firearms Applications. This number is **-4.35% decrease** when compared to the **23** investigations carried out in 2022. Additionally, LPD also reports conducting **13** investigations in **2023** for concealed carry licenses.

Background investigations are thorough and timely, encompassing checks in the following categories: Fingers Print Results, NCIC III Criminal Master Name Index, Mental Health Records, Reference Feedback, Residence Verification, Motor Vehicle Check (History of DUIs), Municipal Court System (ACS / ATS), Prosecutor and Court, Juvenile Central Registry, Domestic Violence Central Registry, Immigration Alien, Local Police Database, Suspicious Activity Report, Employment Verification, and Photograph Check. The Longport Police Department remains committed to ensuring the thoroughness and accuracy of these investigations.





Radar Speed Statistics

Speed breakdown of vehicles traveling through Longport at each intersecting radar: (01/01/2023 through 12/31/2023)

All data was compiled through the seven individual radar speed signs placed throughout town. This data was remotely transmitted through a wireless connection to the manufacturer’s speed data system. What has been revealed since installing these radar devices is a sharp reduction in speed as motorists have become visually aware of their speeds and immediately self-correct by reducing their vehicle’s speeds. *Atlantic Ave Westbound and Ventnor Ave Eastbound could not be downloaded due to system error – data to be added to report at a later date.

**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/32nd Ave

• ≤ 25 mph 301,916 (82.5%)	• 26-30 mph 46,011 (12.5%)	• 31-35 mph 16,032 (4.5%)
• 36-40 mph 1,702 (Less than 1%)	• 41-45 mph 214 (Less than 1%)	• 46-65 mph 40 (Less than 1%)

Westbound – Ventnor Ave/32nd Ave

• ≤ 25 mph 632,057 (80%)	• 26-30 mph 121,681 (15%)	• 31-35 mph 35,366 (4.5%)
• 36-40 mph 3,117 (Less than 1%)	• 41-45 mph 370 (Less than 1%)	• 46-65 mph 103 (Less than 1%)

Eastbound - Pacific Ave/32nd Ave

• ≤ 25 mph 145,395 (84.5%)	• 26-30 mph 20,187 (12%)	• 31-35 mph 5,717 (3%)
• 36-40 mph 543 (Less than 1%)	• 41-45 mph 89 (Less than 1%)	• 46-65 mph 26 (Less than 1%)



Westbound – Winchester Ave/Woodcrest Ave

• <= 25 mph 351,665 (83%)	• 26-30 mph 54,614 (13%)	• 31-35 mph 16,009 (4%)
• 36-40 mph 1,447 (Less than 1%)	• 41-45 mph 195 (Less than 1%)	• 46-65 mph 91 (Less than 1%)

Westbound – Amherst Ave/Colgate Ave

• <= 25 mph 291,101 (96%)	• 26-30 mph 10,694 (3.5%)	• 31-35 mph 1,791 (Less than 1%)
• 36-40 mph 97 (Less than 1%)	• 41-45 mph 8 (Less than 1%)	• 46-65 mph 10 (Less than 1%)

Westbound – Atlantic Ave/14th Ave

• <= 25 mph 109,368 (97%)	• 26-30 mph 2,987 (2.5%)	• 31-35 mph 464 (Less than 1%)
• 36-40 mph 32 (Less than 1%)	• 41-45 mph 3 (Less than 1%)	• 46-65 mph 5 (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.

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





2023 Internal Affairs Summary

Internal Affairs Snapshot

This sheet contains some top-line facts and figures for Internal Affairs cases closed in 2023.
Detailed breakdowns can be found in the subsequent pages.

	# allegations	# initial allegation sustained	# other allegation sustained	# not sustained
Criminal violation	0	0	0	0
Differential treatment	0	0	0	0
Excessive force	0	0	0	0
Improper arrest	0	0	0	0
Improper entry	0	0	0	0
Improper search	0	0	0	0
Domestic violence incident (non-criminal)	0	0	0	0
Demeanor	0	0	0	0
Other rule violation	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0

Distribution of sources for complaints closed in 2023

	Anonymous	Agency	Civilian
#	0	0	0
%			

Frequency of discipline by type for complaints closed in 2023

Oral reprimand or performance notice	0
Written reprimand or written warning	0
Monetary fine or loss of pay	0
Suspension without pay	0
Separated while IA pending	0
Demotion or loss of promotion opportunity	0
Discharge from employment	0
Training, coaching, or counseling	0
Loss of time	0
None	0
TOTAL	0

2023 Summary

Total Pending from Prior Years	0
Total Opened	1
Total Closed	0
Total Sustained	0
Total Not Sustained	0
Total >180 Days of 2023	0
Total Pending at end of 2023	1

NOTE: This sheet provides a snapshot of IA cases at a single point in time. As a case progresses, classifications and categorizations may change.

A single Internal Affairs case may involve one or more officers. This Summary refers to the count of OFFICERS who were named in an Internal Affairs Complaint.

For complete report, visit www.longportpd.org

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TRAINING 2023



Course Title	Personnel	Hours
Alcotest Recertification	7	28
SWAT Training	1	230
Basic Course for Police Officers (Police Academy)	1	1000
FBI Nation Academy – Session 286	1	400
FBI National Academy Conference	2	24
FBI LEEDA – Command Leadership Institute	2	72
Internal Affairs Training	2	48
Active Shooter Training	5	35
Drug Recognition Expert School (DRE)	1	136
Defensive Tactics Instructor School	2	160
NJSP Alcotest Initial Operator Course	1	32
Police Supervision Training / Front Line Supervision	2	48
JIF Police Command Staff Training	3	12
SLEO II Waiver Course	1	230
PIO School	1	6
Field Training Officer School (FTO)	1	40
EMT Refresher Training	1	24
Mandated In-Service Training	13	163
Methods of Instruction	1	48
Sex Crimes Investigation	2	32
Executive Police Budgeting	1	8
NJ Learn – AG New Use of Force	13	52
New Investigator Course	1	40
Pre-Employment Background Investigation Training	1	16
NJ Attorney General Licensing Training	3	15
Firearms Recertification	1	18
Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)	1	16
Defensive Tactics Training	13	26
CPR / AED Recertification	11	33
Digital Forensic Training	1	8
Total		3,000

In addition to the above, each officer had approximately 18 hours of firearms training (Including both handgun and carbine training – Department **253 hours**). New Officer training (FTO) hours came out to **788 hours**, representing a total of approximately **4,041 hours of training for 2023**.



How much did the average homeowner pay in property taxes for the police department in 2022?

\$1,384 for the year or \$115 a month or \$3.79 per day

- The Average home assessed at \$1,153,541 paid \$11,685 in property taxes.
- The average tax rate was \$1.01 per \$100.00 of assessed value.
- .12 cents of the \$1.01 is needed to cover police operations.

Why is the Police Department the largest part of the Municipal Budget?

- Every other municipal department has labor costs of 8 hours a day, 5 days a week.
- The police department labor costs are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.
- The police department is a labor-intensive operation and that is the main driver of its cost.

(Note: LPD reported responding to 11,608 calls for service, conducted 1,052 motor vehicle stops, issued 872 summons, 5 DWI arrests, handled 24 motor vehicle crashes, totaled 18 arrests and responded to 11 domestic related incidents in 2022.)





2022 Cost Analysis of the Longport Police Department

Salaries and Wages

Police	\$	1,656,337.00
Other Expenses	\$	183,220.00
Interlocal Dispatching - EHTPD	\$	286,920.00
Municipal Pension Contribution - PFRS	\$	374,806.00
Health Care/Dental/Vision/Prescription	\$	261,231.00
Workers Comp Insurance	\$	40,000.00
Total	\$	2,802,514.00

2022 Miscellaneous Longport Borough Revenues (25% of total to Longport)

Note: Police was 25% of the Borough of Longport Budget

Energy Receipt Tax	\$	122,345.00
Beach Fees / Ice Cream License	\$	268,100.00
Ereceipt for Delinquent Taxes	\$	39,000.00
Surplus	\$	1,255,500.00
Construction	\$	200,000.00
Revenue Specific Source		
Body Armor Grant	\$	972.07
Total	\$	1,885,917.07
25% of the Total Revenues	\$	471,479.00

2022 Property Taxpayer Portion for Police Service

Cost of Longport PD to the Property Taxpayer \$ **2,331,035.00**

Value of a Penny \$ **190,435.00**

How many cents to cover the cost \$ **0.12**

Average Total Tax Rate in Longport \$ **1.01**

Average Assessed Home of \$1,153,541 total property tax bill
\$11,685.00 per year or \$974 per month or \$32 per day

Longport Police Department Cost
\$1,384 per year or \$115 per month or \$3.79 per day

Police Dept cost approximately 11.85% of Property Tax Bill



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Thank you!

2023 Annual Report Prepared by Chief Frank Culmone & Sgt Ray Burgan (Public Information Officer)

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