

2024 Annual Report





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QUICK FACTS:

FOUNDED:

1932

SWORN OFFICERS:

13 Sworn w/ 1 Class II Officer
3 Seasonal Class I Officers

JURISDICTION SIZE:

0.38 Square Miles

JURISDICTION POPULATIONS:

1,026



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



We are proud to present the Longport Police Department's annual report, which highlights the dedicated work we've done over the past year to ensure the safety, well-being, and continued growth of our community. While it is customary for me to thank the residents, our partners, and the hardworking men and women of the department, this year I would like to take a moment to reflect on the outgoing governing body and welcome the new administration.

Mayor Nicholas Russo and Commissioner James Leeds have served the Borough for more than 16 years, dedicating their time and effort to the betterment of our community. Throughout their tenure, they've been steadfast in their commitment to the residents of Longport, especially during challenging times such as Hurricane Sandy and the COVID-19 pandemic. Their leadership provided crucial support for our departments, ensuring that safety, security, and peace of mind were maintained during some of the most trying periods in recent history.

While 16 years of service may seem like a long time in today's fast-paced world, it is important to recognize the immense dedication these men displayed. Both had already retired from their careers when they chose to serve the Borough, sacrificing their personal time to make Longport a better place for all. Their service exemplifies a deep commitment to the community, and for that, we are truly grateful.

On behalf of the Longport Police Department, I want to extend our sincere thanks to Mayor Russo and Commissioner Leeds for their years of service. We look forward to working alongside the new administration under Mayor Armstrong and Commissioners Lawler and Ulmer as we continue to move Longport forward in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Chief Frank Culmone



LONGPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT



MISSION, VISION, & CORE VALUES

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

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.

CORE VALUES

Integrity - Human Dignity - Justice - Professionalism - Leadership



CHIEF CULMONE'S BIO

Chief Frank Culmone



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.

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 (2022-2024). 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. In 2021, he successfully completed the FBI LEEDA Trilogy, encompassing the Supervisory Leadership Institute, Command Leadership Institute, and Executive Leadership Institute. 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 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



Lt Nicholas Rettino

Squad 2



Lt Ray Burgan

Squad 3



Sgt Quinton Wright

Squad 4



Sgt Shaune Slattery



Ofc Joshua Sikoryak



Ofc Dean Tibbitt



Ofc Alec Morelli



Ofc Gabriel Guerrieri



Ofc Matthew Long



Ofc John Saggese



Ofc Liam Nolan



Ofc Frank Lupperger

**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 38-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.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Longport officer graduates from prestigious leadership seminar

The Longport Police Department has announced that Sgt. Ray Burgan has successfully completed the Mid-Atlantic Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (MALEEDS). On June 14, a total of 72 law enforcement professionals from New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania graduated from the prestigious program held in Princeton. Since its inception in 1993, MALEEDS has become a highly respected leadership training initiative, offering law enforcement leaders the tools necessary to excel in executive roles.

According to MALEEDS President Chuck Davall Jr., while the program itself offers top-tier education, the real value comes from the networking opportunities provided outside the classroom. The program encourages participants to build lasting relationships that can contribute to their personal growth and improve their agencies' performance.

MALEEDS, part of the FBI LEEDS regional command college network, is an exclusive and highly selective program. By invitation only, participants must undergo a competitive application process, ensuring that class sizes remain small to promote greater interaction between attendees and instructors. The curriculum addresses the modern challenges faced by police executives, offering critical insights into leadership and strategic decision-making.

Sgt. Burgan described his experience with the program as “transformative,” noting the valuable lessons he gained in leadership, communication, and relationship-building within the law enforcement community. “The program reinforced the importance of strong leadership, clear communication, and developing meaningful partnerships,” Burgan said. He emphasized that the skills he learned would enhance his ability to serve the community and collaborate effectively with other agencies.

Longport Police Chief Frank Culmone commended Sgt. Burgan for his commitment to professional growth, stating, “Sgt. Burgan’s participation highlights both his dedication to self-improvement and our department’s commitment to upholding the highest standards in law enforcement leadership.” Culmone expressed confidence that the knowledge and network Burgan gained from the program would benefit the department and its community policing efforts.

The MALEEDS program is sponsored by the FBI's Newark, New York, and Philadelphia divisions and offers training led by active and retired law enforcement professionals. Graduates of the program are welcomed into the broader FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association, which provides ongoing leadership development and organizes an annual conference for further training opportunities.



Thomas Notaro of the FBI-Newark presents an award to Longport Police Sgt. Ray Burgan

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. Student's study and employ theoretical approaches to problem solving within the workplace.

On November 15, 2024, Sgt. Quinton Wright successfully completed the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Command and Leadership Academy. Sgt Wright will be celebrating his achievement with a graduation on January 14, 2025.



Longport PD Lieutenants Receive FBI LEEDA Trilogy Award

On Friday, November 1, 2024, Lieutenants Ray Burgan and Nicholas Rettino successfully completed the FBI LEEDA Trilogy series, earning the esteemed Trilogy Award!

The FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award recognizes law enforcement professionals who have successfully completed three rigorous programs: the Supervisor Leadership Institute, Command Leadership Institute, and Executive Leadership Institute. These programs are designed to enhance leadership skills and prepare our leaders for the challenges of modern law enforcement.

A brief overview of the FBI LEEDA Trilogy programs:

- ❖ Supervisor Leadership Institute: A 4 1/2-day program aimed at first-line supervisors and middle managers, focusing on enhancing leadership competencies through personality diagnostics, case studies, and personal development.
- ❖ Command Leadership Institute: A dynamic and challenging 4 1/2-day program preparing law enforcement leaders for command-level positions, emphasizing best practice strategies in credibility, discipline, and organizational problem-solving.
- ❖ Executive Leadership Institute: Tailored for executive-level leaders, this program addresses emerging challenges facing these leaders and their organizations through interactive discussions and the sharing of personal experiences.

"Completing the FBI LEEDA Trilogy has been a transformative experience. The knowledge and skills we've gained will not only enhance our leadership within our agency but also improve our service to the community. We're committed to implementing what we've learned to make our department even stronger." - Lieutenant Ray Burgan



2024 NJSACOP ACE Certification Program Update ACE (Accredited Chief/Command Executive) Certification Program Award

The New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police has recently awarded certification status to nine (9) deserving police executives, among these police chiefs was Longport Police Chief Frank Culmone. Certification Status lasts for three years. At the end of that period, Command Executives and Chiefs of Police must show they have maintained the training and leadership standards since their initial award of certification. Achieving Command Executives join a select group, only thirty three percent (33%) of state police chiefs are certified; and only twenty nine percent (29%) of municipalities have certified command executives. Chief Culmone earned the designation of Accredited Command Executive - Chief of Police.



NJSACOP ACE Chairman, Stephen Beecher stated: "The ACE Certification Program is in keeping with the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics, the 21st Century Report and Recommendations on Policing and the state association's declared philosophy; the Certification Program measures essential proofs in three areas for the ACE and ACE-COP Certification, and in five areas for the ACE-COP Advanced Certification. If it is merited, NJACOP awards individual leadership accredited status based on those appraisals. The ACE Program also promotes and encourages continued education through ACE Re-Certification Program requirements."

It is the policy of the NJSACOP to promote professional competence, continued education and career development among all members of law enforcement and in particularly amongst our leaders. In order to achieve this goal, the NJSACOP encourages current, future and retired chiefs and police executives to participate in the ACE Certification Program.

The New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) is a professional membership organization serving New Jersey's law enforcement and private security executives. Their core mission is to promote and enhance the highest ethical and professional standards in law enforcement at all levels throughout New Jersey.

Longport Police Chief Frank Culmone expressed his gratitude for receiving the prestigious Accredited Command Executive stating, "I am honored to have earned this certification from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. It reflects the hard work and dedication of our entire department to uphold the highest standards of leadership and service to our community. This achievement reinforces my commitment to continuous professional growth and ensuring that Longport remains a model of excellence in law enforcement. I look forward to applying the knowledge gained through this process to further strengthen our department and enhance the safety and well-being of those we serve."



Longport Police Department Intern Brielle Bruce

The Longport Police Department was proud to have hosted its first police intern this past year. Brielle Bruce, a senior at Stockton University, where she majored in Criminal Justice, completed her internship with the department before graduating in May 2024. A native of Hackensack, New Jersey, Brielle had demonstrated a strong commitment to her education and future career goals, with plans to join the New Jersey State Police as a Trooper following her graduation.

Brielle's academic journey began at Hackensack High School, and her passion for law enforcement grew as she pursued her degree. During her internship at the Longport Police Department, Brielle gained invaluable hands-on experience and deeper insight into the field of law enforcement, which further fueled her passion for serving her community.



Throughout her time with the department, Brielle worked closely with the men and women of the Longport Police Department, learning from their expertise and engaging in various aspects of police work. The department was pleased to offer her mentorship and support, helping her build the skills and knowledge necessary for her future career. The officers and staff were proud to guide Brielle and assist her as she moved closer to her goal of becoming a New Jersey State Trooper.

Brielle's dedication to personal and professional development, along with her desire to make a positive impact in her community, made her an exceptional addition to the Longport Police Department's internship program. We are confident that the experience she gained with us will help her achieve great success in her law enforcement career.



Longport Police Department Promotes Sergeants Ray Burgan and Nicholas Rettino to the Rank of Lieutenant

LONGPORT – The borough’s Police Department promoted two of its officers Wednesday, Sept. 18 to senior leadership positions. Sgts. Ray A. Burgan and Nicholas P. Rettino were promoted to the rank of lieutenant. Commissioner of Public Safety Dan Lawler administered their oaths of office as family members stood by.

Both officers have extensive training resumes, including attending the FBI leadership academies. Both are graduates of Oakcrest High School.

“This is a great opportunity for the Police Department moving forward and solidify leadership,” Police Chief Frank Culmone said. “These guys have proven to be head and shoulders above the crowd.”

Burgan, the department’s public information officer, started in Longport in 2012 and was promoted to sergeant in 2018. He is also a lieutenant in the Air National Guard. He has received numerous commendations and awards, Culmone said.

Rettino joined the department in 2013 and started his career as a Class 2 officer in Mullica Township. He also worked for the Stockton Police Department. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2018.

Both officers have master’s degrees in police leadership and reside in Egg Harbor Township with their families.

Burgan spoke on behalf of both officers, thanking the governing body, family, friends and fellow officers and police chiefs from other departments for providing inspiration and being influential leaders.

“This is a pretty big deal for us,” he said. “We are all a reflection of you. We got here by doing what you taught us.”



Pictured (L to R): Commissioner Dan Lawler, Lt. Ray Burgan, Chief Frank Culmone, Lt. Nicholas Rettino, Mayor Nicolas Russo, and Commissioner Jim Leeds

COMMUNITY POLICING

DEA NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK PROGRAM

On **October 28, 2024**, 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 **4,425 law enforcement agencies**, nationwide, to have participated in this initiative. Longport PD reported turning over a total of **11 lbs of prescription medication** to the DEA for proper disposal in April 2024 and another **22 lbs** of prescription medication in October of 2024 totaling **33 lbs** for the 2024 calendar year surrendered to the DEA as part of this initiative. The Longport Police Department has turned over **396 lbs** of unwanted prescription medication between 2019 and 2024.

In April of 2024, the DEA conducted its 26th National Take Back initiative collected **670,136 lbs. (335 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.



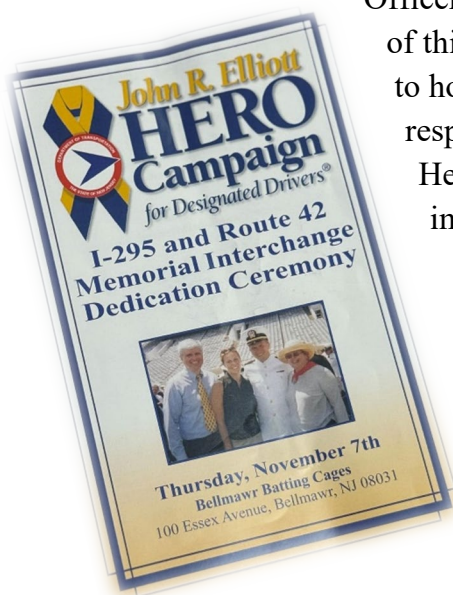
Hero Campaign

Officers Dean Tibbitt and Owen Kramer had the honor of participating in a meaningful ceremony with Hero Campaign Co-Founders Bill and Muriel Elliott to dedicate the new I-295/Route 42 interchange as the Ensign John R. Elliott Memorial Interchange. This tribute honors their son, John, who tragically lost his life in an accident involving a drunk driver, and serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of safe driving.



The HERO Campaign is a statewide initiative founded by the Elliott family in honor of their son, John, aimed at promoting responsible drinking and driving. The campaign encourages the use of designated drivers to prevent drunk driving accidents and save lives. Through this campaign, thousands of individuals have pledged to be designated drivers, helping to reduce the number of alcohol-related accidents on the road.

Officer Dean Tibbitt reflected on the ceremony, saying, "Being part of this dedication was truly meaningful. It provided an opportunity to honor John's legacy and reinforce the crucial message of responsible driving. Every life saved through efforts like the Hero Campaign is a testament to the lasting impact of this important cause."



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



Longport, NJ (August 18, 2024) - The Longport Police Department is thrilled to announce the conclusion of its highly successful Basketball Skills and Drills Basketball Camp, organized by Sergeant Shaune Slattery and her team of dedicated officers. Now in its sixth year, the camp attracted young athletes from all across Downbeach community for a week of skill-building and fun.

Joining Sgt Slattery were Officers Morelli, Tibbitt, Lupperger, Kramer as well as SLEO I Officers Veres, Rodriegez, and Salvati, who all played a crucial role in the camp's success. Longport Public Information Officer Sgt Ray Burgan emphasized, "These officers went above and beyond to mentor and coach the young players, creating a positive and empowering environment for all involved."

The camp offered a comprehensive basketball experience, with participants taking part in a variety of drills and exercises to enhance their skills and teamwork. The support and involvement of all officers added an extra layer of excitement and mentorship for the young athletes.

"Being able to engage with and empower young people is one of the greatest privileges in our line of work. I eagerly anticipate this event every year, excited to meet new participants and reconnect with familiar faces. It's always a joy to inspire and interact with the youth!" - Sgt Shaune Slattery

Chief Culmone expressed his appreciation for Sgt Slattery and her team, stating, "our agency is dedicated to building positive relationships within the community. This annual basketball camp is a great example of how we can connect with our youth, inspire their dreams, and teach important life skills."





Trunk or Treat



On Friday, October 25th, 2024, the Longport Police Department had a spook-tacular time participating in the 6th Annual Margate Police Trunk or Treat event! Officers Frank Lupperger and Sgt. Shaune Slattery were all smiles as they handed out treats to the community.

A big thank you to Officer Lupperger and Sgt. Slattery for their dedication to community engagement as well as spreading the word on Halloween safety. We want to extend our sincerest gratitude to the Margate Police Department and all the participating sponsors for putting together such a wonderful event. Thank you for creating a safe and enjoyable Halloween experience for our community!

Winter Wonderland Toy Drive

On Friday, December 13th, the Longport Department took part in the 9th 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.



Longport Police Department Donates \$18,000 to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

LONGPORT, NJ – On February 1, 2024, Longport Police Chief Frank Culmone, along with Sgt Ray Burgan and Ofc Alec Morelli, visited the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) to formally donate the \$18,000 raised through the department's efforts following the First Responder Hockey Event held at the Wells Fargo Arena at the end of 2023. The generous donation will be directed to CHOP's Children's Fund, which supports critical needs for patients and their families.

During their visit, the LPD officers had the privilege of exploring CHOP's music therapy room, a program that greatly benefits from the donations made to the Children's Fund. Music therapy is an integral part of CHOP's Creative Arts Therapies, and it is known to have a positive impact on the psychological, physical, cognitive, and social functioning of individuals with health or educational challenges.

Chief Frank Culmone expressed his gratitude and shared his thoughts on the meaningful experience of being a part of such a wonderful initiative. He stated, "It is truly an honor for me and my officers to contribute to a cause that makes a real difference in the lives of those who need it the most. We are privileged to be able to give back and support the incredible work being done at CHOP."

Chief Culmone continued by thanking those in the community, as well as the Philadelphia Flyers, who supported the agency's initiative and generously contributed to the noteworthy cause. "Together, we have made a significant impact on the lives of children and their families who rely on the exceptional care provided by CHOP".

The Longport Police Department remains committed to serving the community and supporting organizations like CHOP that provide exceptional care for children in need. The donation reflects the department's dedication to making a positive impact and promoting the well-being of individuals and families within our communities.



Heroes & Hope: Holiday Shopping with Law Enforcement



On Thursday, December 12th, police officers from across Atlantic County gathered to support the Atlantic City Police Department and Atlantic City PBA Local #24 for the heartwarming Shop with a Cop holiday shopping spree at the Egg Harbor Township Walmart. The event, which took place on three separate dates and involved 75 children, aimed to bring holiday cheer and provide assistance to underprivileged children and families within the Atlantic City community.

The initiative gave officers the chance to bond with children and shop with them in a local store. Each child was provided with a gift certificate to select any items they wished, and the officers served as chaperones, guiding them through the shopping experience while offering companionship and support.

This event fosters positive relationships between officers and members of the community who may otherwise be hesitant to engage with law enforcement. It allows children to connect with officers in a relaxed, friendly environment, helping them feel more comfortable and familiar with those who serve their community. These interactions show the children that police officers are not just enforcers of the law but also individuals with families, interests, and goals.

For many children, the event provides a first step in building trust with law enforcement. The memories created during the shopping spree leave a lasting impact, offering both children and officers the chance to form meaningful connections that can influence future interactions.

"Being part of this event allows us to give back to our community, build relationships, and create lasting positive memories with the children," said Officer Dean Tibbitt, who participated in this year's event.

Longport Police Chief Frank Culmone underscored the importance of the initiative, stating, "Events like this show the true spirit of community policing. Our officers not only enforce the law, but they also play a crucial role in building relationships and trust within the neighborhoods we serve. This is a perfect example of how we make a positive impact on the lives of the children and families in our community."

Longport Police Officers Dean Tibbitt and Owen Kramer, along with other officers from across the county, helped make this year's Shop with a Cop event a memorable one for the children involved, ensuring they left with unforgettable experiences and new connections that will last a lifetime.



Back To School Supply Drive



The Longport Police Department would like to give a huge shoutout to Longport resident Sam Katchman for his incredible generosity and community spirit! On August 26th, Sam visited Officers Morelli and Nolan to donate school supplies for our back-to-school supply drive. Sam raised the funds for these supplies through his lemonade stand, showing us all what it means to give back. His efforts are an inspiration to us all, and

we are truly grateful for his support of the police department and our community.

Thanks to Sam and other generous community members, on October 25th, the Longport Police Department was able to donate school supplies to the South Main Street School in Pleasantville, NJ. We are proud to partner with individuals like Sam, who go above and beyond to make a positive impact. This initiative is part of our ongoing commitment to supporting our community and providing resources to those in need.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Sam and everyone who contributed to the back-to-school supply drive. Your collective efforts are making a real difference in the lives of local students and educators. Together, we are helping provide much-needed supplies to ensure a successful school year. Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and commitment to our community!



HEROtini – Mocktail Event

Longport officers, Sgt Shaune Slattery and Ofc Dean Tibbitt, had the honor of participating in a special HERO Campaign event on the A.C. Boardwalk this past Tuesday, July 2nd. The event took place in front of the Tropicana Casino Resort with the impressive Longport Hero Humvee making a memorable appearance.



The HERO Campaign hosted a HEROtini Mocktail Tasting Day as a part of their summer-long contest aimed at naming the most popular non-alcoholic mocktail for designated drivers.

Slattery and Tibbitt participated in spreading awareness about the importance of designated drivers and advocating for safe driving practices.

The event was a success in promoting the HERO Campaign's mission of preventing drunk driving and honoring the memory of Naval Ensign John Elliott.

The Longport Police Department commends Sgt Shaune Slattery and Ofc Dean Tibbitt for their dedication to supporting such a significant cause and for their commitment to ensuring the safety of our community.



GRANTS



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, 119 law enforcement agencies in New Jersey have received \$766,010 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 \$2,100
Enforcement Period May 20, 2024 – June 2, 2024

The 2024 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, 2024 – August 14, 2024





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. According to the Division of Highway Traffic Safety, this year, 130 law enforcement agencies with grants totaling \$732,400 to help pay overtime for saturation patrols and high-visibility sobriety checkpoints throughout the state. The campaign is also 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 2024 Labor Day enforcement period will take place from August 16th through September 2nd, and is aimed at reducing fatalities and injuries caused by drunk driving and increasing awareness about the dangers of impaired driving.

Longport PD awarded \$2,100

Enforcement Period August 16, 2024 – September 2, 2024

2024 Grant Total received by Longport PD: \$9,450



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.

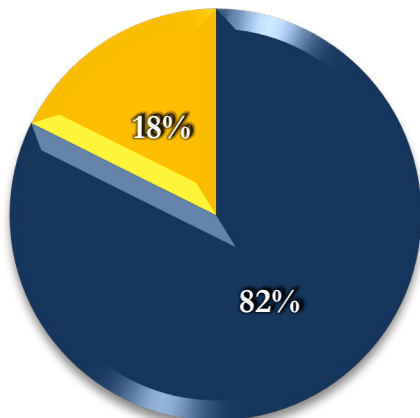
2024 Municipal Budget

\$10,788,916.67

2024 Police Budget

\$2,308,338.57

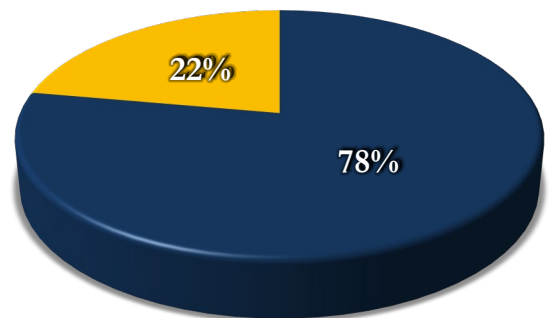
Municipal Budget



■ *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
2024	\$1,494,258.57	\$88,200.00	--	\$52,750.00	\$140,840.00	\$1,776,048.57

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 - 2024	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
2024	\$532,290.00	\$-304,390.00	\$227,900.00	\$2,308,338.57

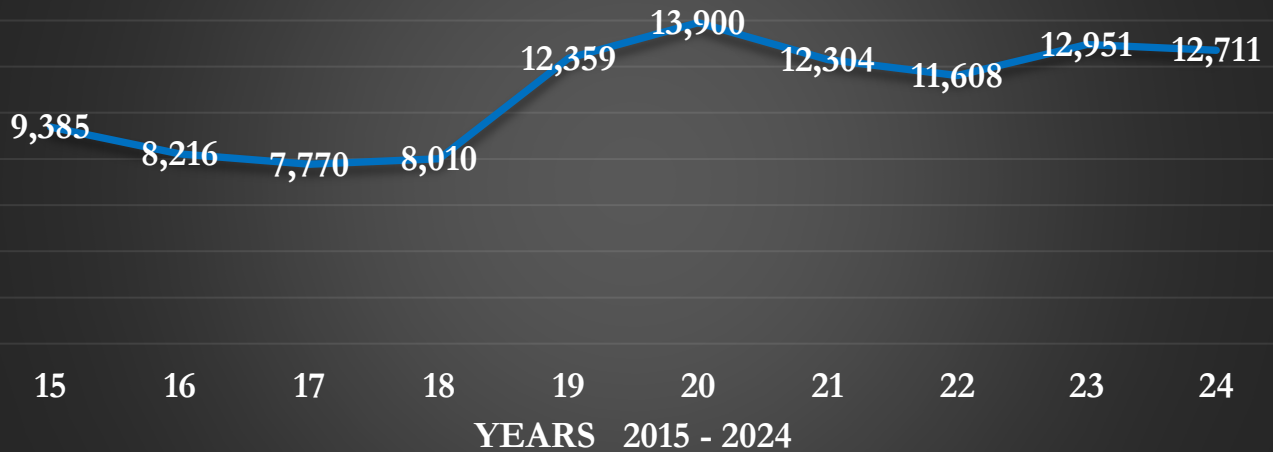


DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS

Calls for Service

Longport Police Officers answered **12,711** calls for police services during **2024**. This is a decrease of **-1.85%** in the number of calls answered by officers when compared to the **12,951** answered in **2023**. 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.

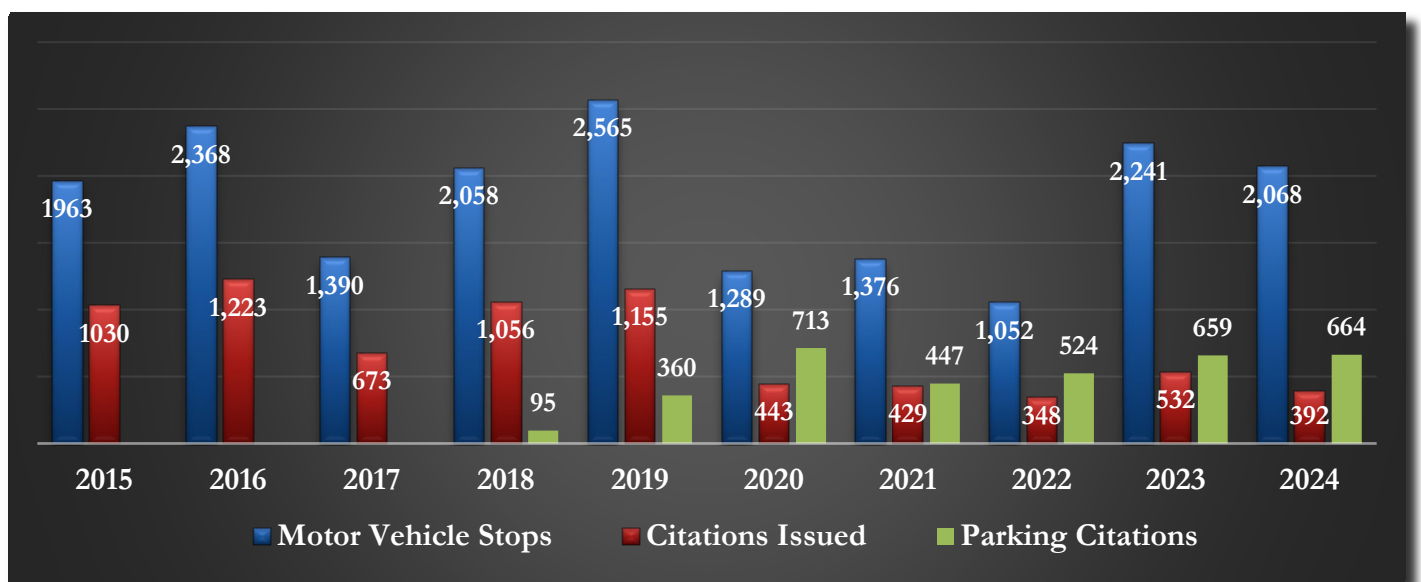
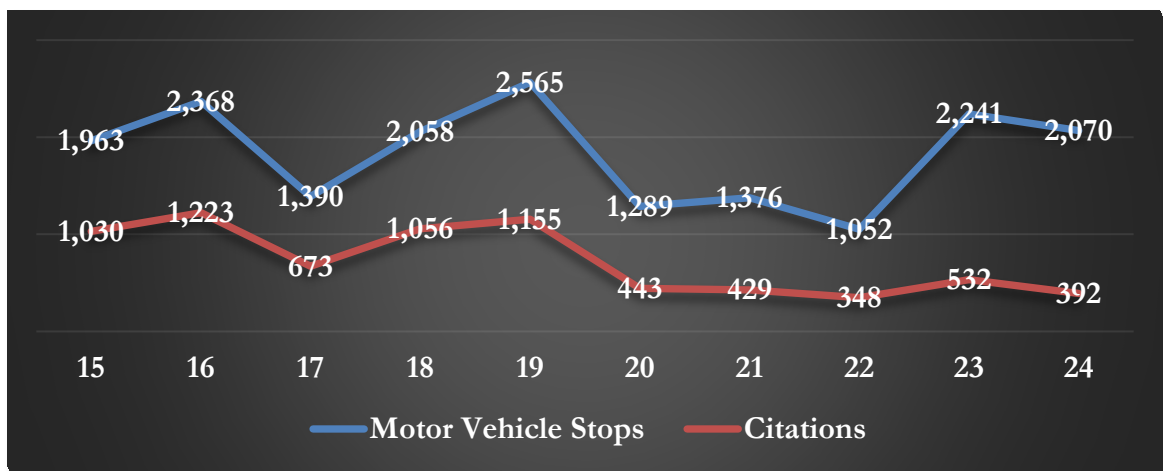
10 Year Trend in Calls for Service



Motor Vehicle Stops and Citations Issued

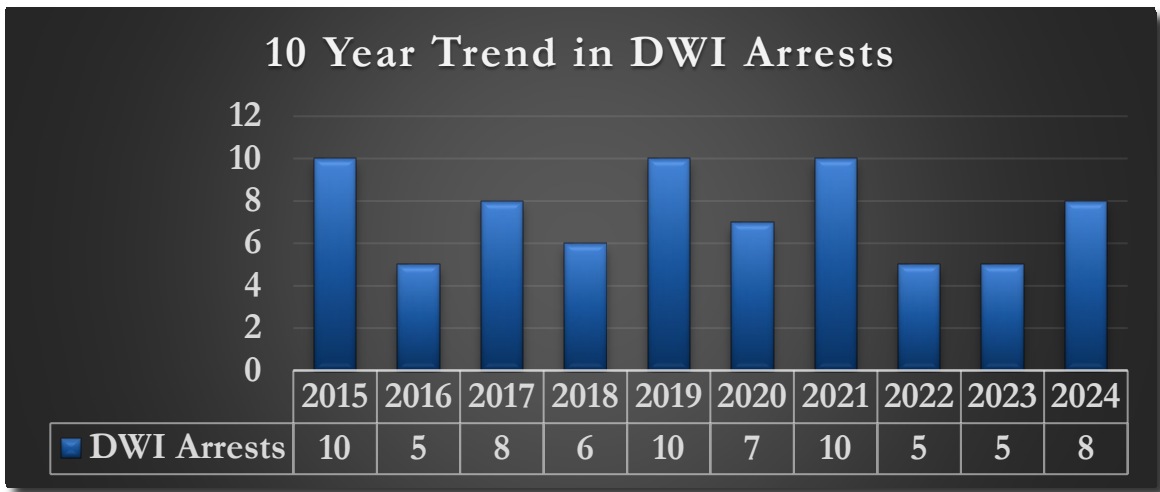
The Borough of Longport experiences an extremely high volume of traffic on a daily basis as it is a corridor from the mainland towns to and from Atlantic City and other shore points. The Longport Police Department reports conducting **2,070** motor vehicle stops during the **2024** calendar year and issuing **392** citations for traffic related offenses. This equates to an decrease of **-7.63%** in vehicles being stopped and a **-26.32%** decrease in summons issued from the previous **2023** calendar year. In total, **1,056** were issued in **2024** resulting in a **-11.34%** decrease from **2023**.

10 Year Trend - Motor Vehicle Stops and Citations



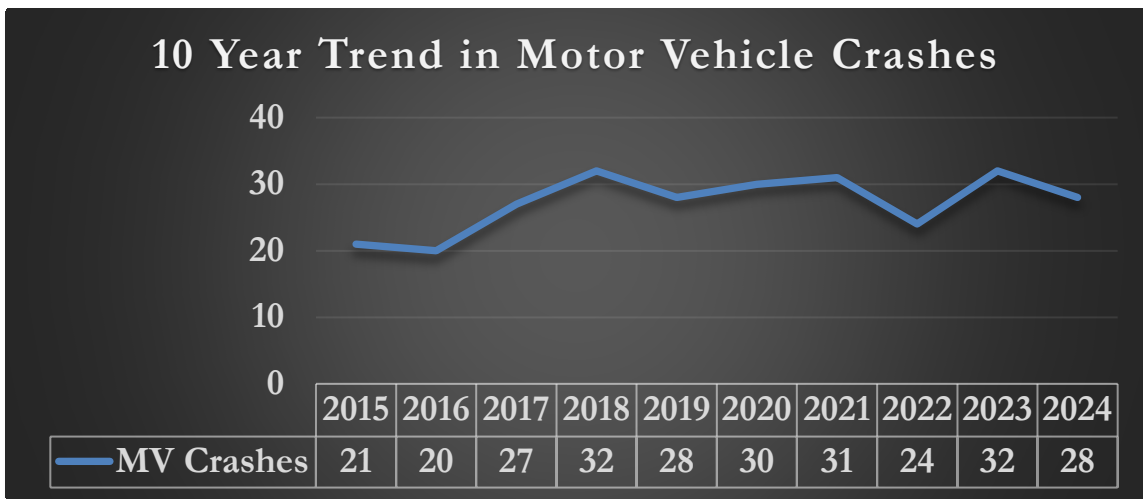
Driving While Intoxicated Arrests (DWI)

In **2024**, Longport PD reported **8** driving while intoxicated arrests. This is an **increase** of **60%** when compared to the **5** DWI arrests in **2023**.



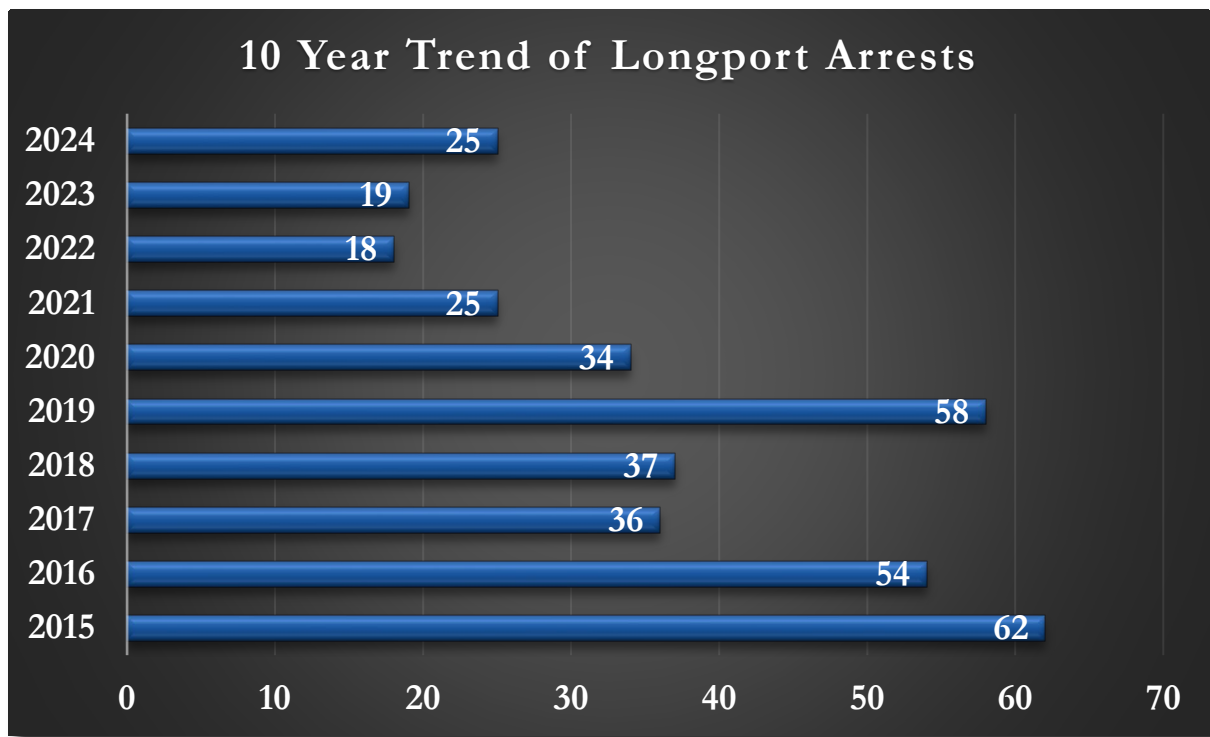
Motor Vehicle Crashes

The Longport Police Department reports responding to **32** motor vehicle crashes during the **2024** calendar year. This is a **-12.5% decrease** when compared to the **2023** total of **32** crashes within the Borough of Longport.



Custodial Arrests

Custodial arrests refer to individuals who are arrested and taken into physical custody by law enforcement officers. In the **2024** calendar year, Longport Police Officers made a total of **25** custodial arrests for a range of offenses, including disorderly persons offenses, indictable crimes, and certain motor vehicle infractions. This represents a **+31.58% increase** compared to the **19** arrests made in **2023**. The increase in arrests highlights the department's ongoing commitment to maintaining public safety and addressing a variety of offenses within the community. While this rise reflects a more active approach to enforcement, it is also indicative of our department's dedication to ensuring a safe and orderly environment for residents and visitors alike.

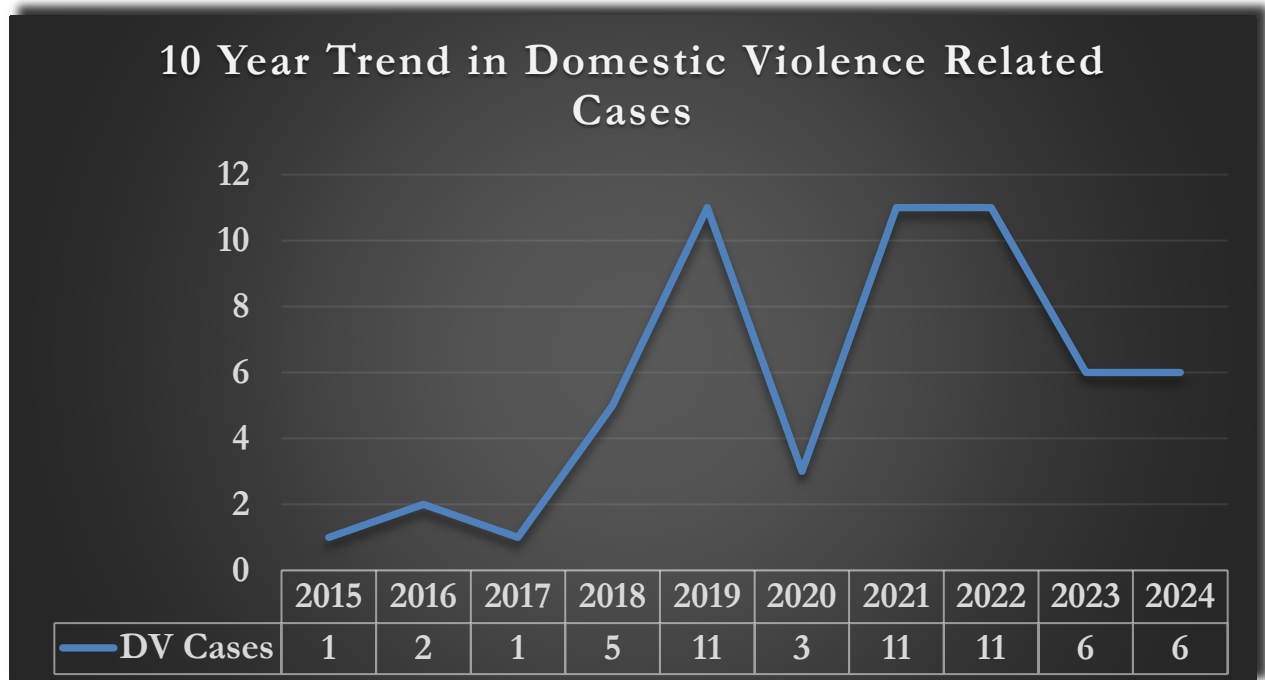


Domestic Violence

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.

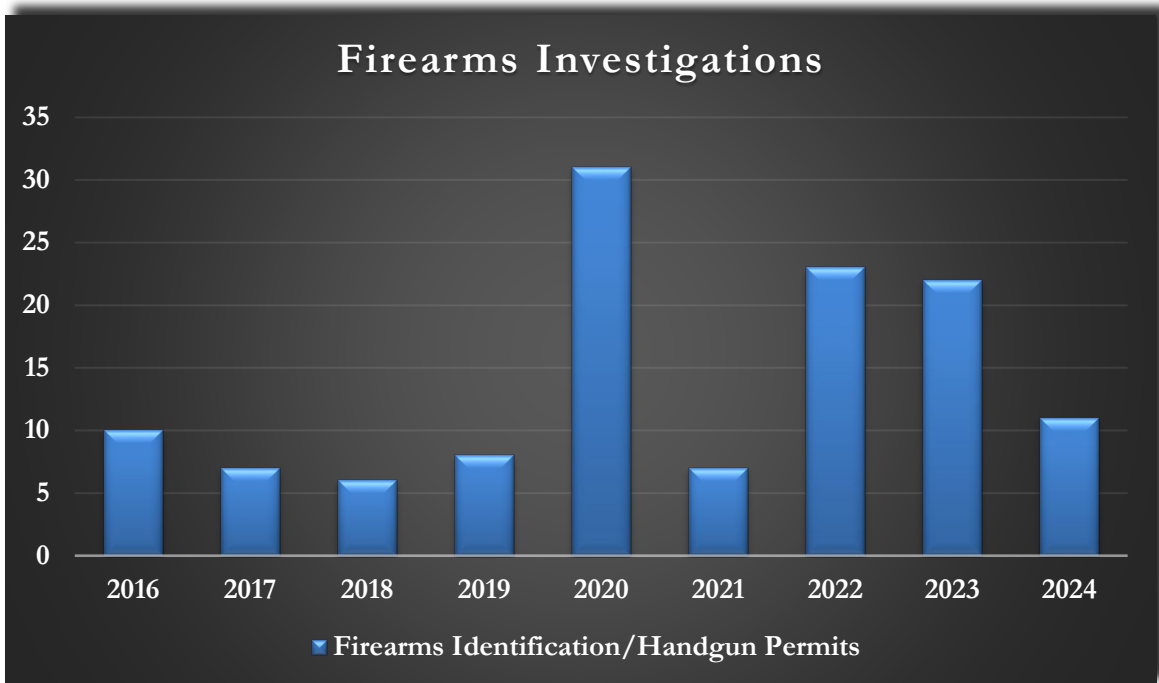
In **2024**, the Longport Police Department responded to **6** Domestic Violence incidents. This is an unchanged result compared to the **2023** total of **6** Domestic Violence related cases.



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 **2024**, the Longport Police Department reports conducting **11** investigations for Firearms Applications. This number is **-50% decrease** when compared to the **22** investigations carried out in 2023. Additionally, LPD also reports conducting **6** investigations in **2024** for concealed carry licenses which is a **-53.85% decrease** from 2023.

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.

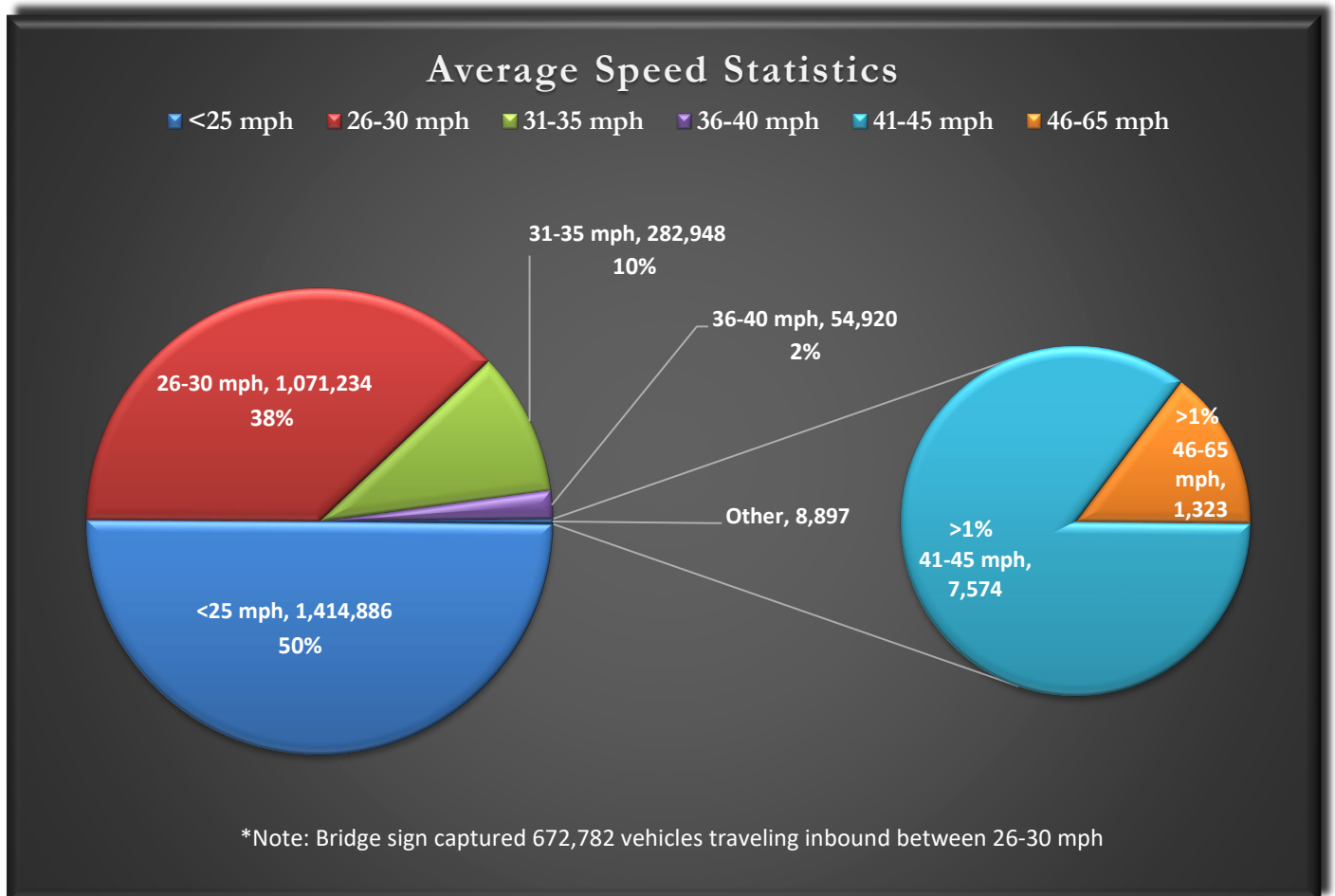


Radar Speed Statistics

*Speed breakdown of vehicles traveling through Longport at each intersecting radar:
(01/01/2024 through 12/31/2024)*

All data was collected from seven radar speed signs placed throughout the town, with information transmitted remotely via a wireless connection to the manufacturer's speed data system. Since the installation of these radar devices, there has been a noticeable reduction in speeds, as motorists, now visually aware of their speed, tend to self-correct and reduce their vehicle's speed immediately.

The following section summarizes the average speeds recorded throughout town as well as the total numbers of motor vehicles in each category and percentage of makeup to the total.



Summer Community Policing Statistics

Community Policing Officer Initiated Calls & Citizen Assists

Community policing officer-initiated calls and citizen assist calls both play vital roles in fostering strong relationships between the police department and the Longport community. Officer-initiated calls involve proactive actions by officers, such as, welfare checks and community outreach, aimed at preventing crime, ensuring safety, and building trust with residents. These efforts are complemented by citizen assist calls, where community members reach out for support with non-criminal matters, such as directions, lost property, or emergency assistance. Together, these types of interactions reflect the department's commitment to maintaining a visible, helpful, and responsive presence in the borough. The detailed statistics for both officer-initiated calls and citizen assists are provided below.

Community Policing CFS	May	June	July	August
2024	13 ^	21 ^	26 ^	13 ^
2023	9	19	19	8
2022	24	19	23	13
2021	17	26	23	24
2020	8	10	14	15

Citizen Assist CFS	May	June	July	August
2024	21 v	33^	20 v	20 v
2023	22	21	21	21
2022	15	13	18	13
2021	15	19	17	12
2020	9	21	25	15



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



2024 Internal Affairs Summary

Internal Affairs Snapshot

Quarter	2024
Quarter start date	1/1/2024
Quarter end date	12/31/2024

2024 Internal Affairs Summary 2024

Internal Affairs: 2024 Snapshot

This sheet contains some top-line facts and figures for Internal Affairs cases closed in 2024.
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	1	0	0	1
Other rule violation	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	0	0	1

Distribution of sources for complaints closed in 2024

	Anonymous	Agency	Civilian
#	0	0	1
%	0%	0%	100%

Frequency of discipline by type for complaints closed in 2024

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

2024 Summary

Total Pending from Prior Years	1
Total Opened	1
Total Closed	1
Total Sustained	0
Total Not Sustained	1
Total >180 Days	0
Total Pending at end of 2024	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 2024

Course Title	Personnel	Hours
Alcotest 9510 Conversion Course	12	48
Radar Recertification	13	52
Report Writing	2	32
Criminal Investigations	2	112
FBI National Academy Conference / Quarterly Meetings	3	54
FBI LEEDA – Supervisory Leadership Institute	2	72
FBI LEEDA – Executive Leadership Institute	2	72
Glock Armorer Recertification	1	8
Paul Bailey Leadership Seminar	4	32
DWI Detection / SFST Training	2	64
Firearms Instructor Training	1	40
Supervision School	3	120
NJSACOP Frontline Supervision	1	32
Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC) School	1	32
TAC Seminar	1	3
FBI Seminar	3	24
EMT Refresher Training	2	48
Mandated In-Service Training	13	163
MEB Training	2	32
OC Instructor School	2	16
Reid Interview & Interrogation	1	32
Mid-Atlantic Law Enforcement Executive Development	1	40
Legal Updates	13	52
NJSACOP Command & Leadership	1	114
SIMS Training	10	40
ProPhoenix 2024 National Users Conference	1	48
Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)	1	16
ATV Instructor Course	2	64
CPR / AED Recertification	13	39
NJSP Office of Forensic Sciences / Toxicology Symposium	1	8
Field Training Officer School	1	24
Less Lethal Instruction	12	48
ABC Investigations	1	16
FARS Training	1	3
Total		1,600

In addition to the above, each officer had approximately 18 hours of firearms training (Including both handgun and carbine training – Department **252 hours**), representing a total of approximately **1,852 hours of training for 2024.**



IN MEMORIAM



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of former Police Chief Scott Porter. Chief Porter began his distinguished career in law enforcement in 1981 with Stockton University before joining the Longport Police Department in 1986, where he proudly served the Longport community for over two decades.

Rising through the ranks, Porter became the agency's Police Chief in 2001, a position he held with honor and dedication until his retirement in 2011. His commitment to service was evident not only in his role as Chief but also when he returned to the Borough of Longport in September of 2019 as Business Administrator, continuing to lend his expertise and leadership to the community he loved.

“Scott Porter was more than just a leader; he was a mentor and a friend. His dedication to the Longport community and the officers of our department has left an indelible mark on all of us. Personally, I have learned so much from him over the years, both as an officer and as a chief. His wisdom and guidance have shaped my approach to leadership, and I will forever be grateful for the influence he had on my life and career.” - Chief Frank Culmone

Chief Porter’s legacy will live on in the hearts of those he served and in the continued commitment of the Longport Police Department to uphold the values he instilled in us. Our sincerest condolences are with his family during this time of loss. Rest in peace Chief Porter, we will take it from here.



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Thank you!

2024 Annual Report Prepared by Chief Frank Culmone & Lt Ray Burgan (Public Information Officer)

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