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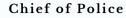
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Robbinsville Township Police Department



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Michael K. Polaski Chief of Police

Chief Polaski started his Law Enforcement Career in 1995 as a Class 2 Special Officer with Lacey Township Police Department.

In 1996 Chief Polaski joined the Point Pleasant Beach Police Department where he worked Bicycle and Road Patrols until March of 1999 when he was hired by Washington Township Police Department, now known as Robbinsville Township Police Department.

In June of 2004, he was promoted to the rank of Patrol Sergeant.

In November of 2009, he was promoted to the Rank of Patrol Lieutenant and then Administrative Lieutenant in April of 2016.

He served as Deputy Office of Emergency Management Coordinator from 2009 until 2016 and Office of Emergency Management Coordinator from 2016 through 2022.

In January of 2022, he was promoted to Chief of the Robbinsville Township Police Department.

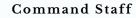
Organizational Chart





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Michael K. Polaski				

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William Swanhart Accreditation Manager Lieutenant



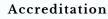
Christopher Clifton Administrative Lieutenant



Thomas Egan Patrol / Communications Lieutenant



Adrian Markowksi Criminal Investigations Lieutenant





The Robbinsville Township Police Department is currently undergoing a large step towards excellence in policing, called Accreditation.

Becoming an accredited agency is voluntary and shows an agency's commitment to policing with the best practices set forth through approximately 60 policies, procedures and standards.

In addition, agencies are required to prove they're following the standards during an examination by the New Jersey State Association of Chief's of Police.

Over the years, these standards have been proven to reduce liability, increase proficiency, provide transparency and create a stronger bond with the community.

It is well known that for many years the members of the Robbinsville Township Police Department have strived towards excellence in policing along with generating meaningful relationships with the citizens and business owners of Robbinsville Township. Becoming an accredited agency will demonstrate the Robbinsville Township Police Department's continued commitment to the community and State of New Jersey.

If you have any further inquiries, please direct them to the Accreditation Manager, Lt. William Swanhart at <u>williams@robbinsville.net</u>.





The Administrative Division is responsible for a number of support services that are vital to the efficient and effective operation of the agency.

The Administrative Division includes the Traffic Division and Records Bureau.

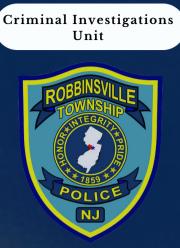
Some of the responsibilities of the Administrative Division include maintaining all police records; purchasing and budgeting; acquiring and maintaining the patrol vehicle fleet; payroll and quasi-duty administration; supervision of the Firearms Unit; operation of the Robbinsville Township Police Department Training Facility; oversight of departmental training; outfitting staff with uniforms and equipment; and coordination of the internship program.



Sgt. James Moore Traffic Sergeant



Alexandra Vacha Chief's Executive Assistant



The primary function of Criminal Investigations Unit is to conduct follow-up investigations of reported crimes.

These investigations consist of interviewing suspects, victims, and witnesses; analyzing information for validity, reliability, and accuracy; and compiling a comprehensive and factual case file to be presented in court.

Detectives are also tasked with crime analysis, surveillance in areas of criminal activity, the monitoring and maintenance of registered sex offenders, and intelligence gathering. They also conduct investigations related to the application of a retail liquor license.

The Criminal Investigations Unit is responsible for the receiving, processing, storing and purging of property/evidence collected by officers during the course of their duties. The integrity of the chain-of-custody and the integrity of the evidence/property room are critical for the successful prosecution of criminal cases.

The Criminal Investigations Unit conducts all police and communication officer recruiting, employee background investigations and all background checks for those seeking firearm identification cards, handgun permits and/or permits to carry applications.

Criminal Investigations Unit





DSgt. Peter Galazka



Det. Robert Quinn



Det. Thomas Septak



Patrol is the largest Division of the Police Department, and its primary responsibility is responding to calls for service from the community.

The primary mission of the Patrol Division is to protect the welfare and safety of the approximately 15,000 people who reside within Robbinsville Township's 20.491 square miles.

Officers from the Patrol Division respond to approximately 26,000 calls for service each year. They also provide proactive services such as traffic enforcement, crime detection and suppression, conduct business and property checks, and initiate contacts with community members to further the department's commitment to Community Oriented Policing.

Officers assigned to the Patrol Division are divided into four squads. These four patrol squads are responsible for 24-hour coverage, seven days a week. Each squad is supervised by a Sergeant and has three patrol officers.









Sgt. Eric Bakay



Ptl. Shawn Bruton



Ptl. Michael Slininger



Ptl. Michael Roote





Squad #2



Sgt. Michael Farrell



Ptl. Matthew Hill



Ptl. John Cain



Ptl. James Pica





Squad #3



Sgt. Scott Kivet



Ptl. Robert Morgano



Ptl. Ryan Meehan



Ptl. Cory Wilson





Squad #4



Sgt. Wayne Haugh



Ptl. Colin Lockwood







Ptl. Cassidy Kyle







Ptl. Shane Heisler Sharon Elementary School



Ptl. Connor Boyle Pond Road Middle School



Ptl. Edward Vincent Robbinsville High School

Communications



THE UNSEEN HEROES OF PUBLIC SAFETY



CO Kathy O'Connor



CO Kathy Murr



CO Victor Raczka



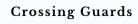
CO Vivian Salguero-Cincilla



CO Dora Haines



CO Noah Leitstein







Lottie Ferguson 4-Way Intersection Crossing Guard



Darlene Forker Rt. 526 @ High School Crossing Guard



Peter Pennica Pond Road Mid-block Crossing Guard Police K-9 Units





The Robbinsville Township Police Department currently has three Police K-9 Units. Each K-9 Unit covers a variety of special skills through their senses to supplement officers with investigations. Our K-9s specialize in explosives detection, narcotics detection, and criminal and missing person tracking searches.

The strong olfactory senses of a K-9 give the police department an incredible tool to keep our community safe. Each K-9 team goes through an initial state certification process that ensures that they are competent in their abilities. Additionally, all K-9 teams train and certify on a regular basis to hone those skills and remain effective in their duties.

K9 Rigo is black Labrador Retriever, assigned to Patrolman Edward Vincent, our School Resource Officer, at Robbinsville High School. K9 Rigo is trained and certified to detect explosive materials, in addition to tracking missing subjects and article search.

K9 Corbin is a yellow Labrador Retriever, assigned to Sergeant Scott Kivet. K9 Corbin is trained and certified in Narcotic Scent Detection.

K9 Quori is a yellow Labrador Retriever, also assigned to Sergeant Scott Kivet. K9 Quori was previously trained and certified in Narcotic Scent Detection however, now he specializes in community policing.



Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Drone Unit

The Robbinsville Township Police Department operates a Small Unmanned Aircraft System (SUAS) Drone Unit, that consists of Police Officers that are specially trained in the operation and procedures for public safety drone flight.

The drone unit's operators obtained Remote Pilot Certifications from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), under Part 107, allowing the operators to deploy the drones during the day and at night.

The Drone Unit operates a DJI Mavic 2 Enterprise.

The Drone Unit uses this sophisticated tool for a variety of different safety functions, such as search and rescue, missing children/adults, traffic collisions, crime scene documentation, evidence search at inaccessible locations, fire incidents, HAZMAT incidents, and more.

Drone Unit Operators:

Detective Robert Quinn Patrolman Michael Slininger Patrolman James Pica Patrolman Shane Heisler

Chaplains

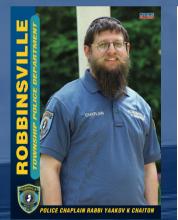






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Habbi Yaakov is a devoted community leader, co-directing the Jewish organization in Robbinsville and Hamilton with his wife Chana. His deep passion for education and community drives his mission to address local challenges with unity and compassion. As a father of six boys, he understands the significance of a strong, supportive community.

PERSONAL MESSAGE

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Kevin Holt has resided in Robbinsville since 2012. He is married to Niki and together they have 3 girls. Kevin is the Community Pastor at Lifetree Community church and also works in the Recreation Division for Robbinsville Township. He enjoys serving in the community and lending a helping hand to those in need.

PERSONAL MESSAGE "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile" - Albert Einstein

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Ptl. Shawn Emmons retired on June 30, 2023 after serving for more than 26 years.

Shawn began his career with the Rutgers Police Department before getting hired by then Washington Township in 1998. Shawn was assigned to the Bike Unit, Traffic Unit, and was a K-9 Officer with K-9 Zilke from 2004 to 2010.

In 2020, Shawn was assigned as the School Resource Officer at Pond Road Middle School. Shawn is known as a "Cops Cop" and throughout his career he has been involved and assisted with many high-profile cases with the Mercer County Prosecutors Office and the New Jersey Office of Attorney General.

Shawn served as an Officer in Charge, a Field Training Officer, Humane Law Enforcement Officer and mentor to many of our officers.

We wish Shawn the best of luck as he transitions into his well-earned retirement.







In 2023, we hired the following officers to fill vacancies created by retirements or due to officers resigning to leave for other agencies:

> Patrolwoman Cassidy Kyle Patrolman Michael Roote Patrolman Cory Wilson



Patrolwoman Cassidy Kyle



Patrolman Michael Roote



Patrolman Cory Wilson

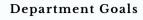




MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of the Robbinsville Township Police Department, are committed to excellence in Law Enforcement and are dedicated to the residents and traditions of our community.

In order to protect life and property, prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime, we will provide service with understanding, response with compassion, performance with integrity and Law Enforcement with vision.





The Robbinsville Township Police Department will strive to provide the citizens of Robbinsville with the most community focused, efficient and effective police service available within the confines of existing resources.

The Robbinsville Township Police Department will attain its goal by the following objectives:

We will:

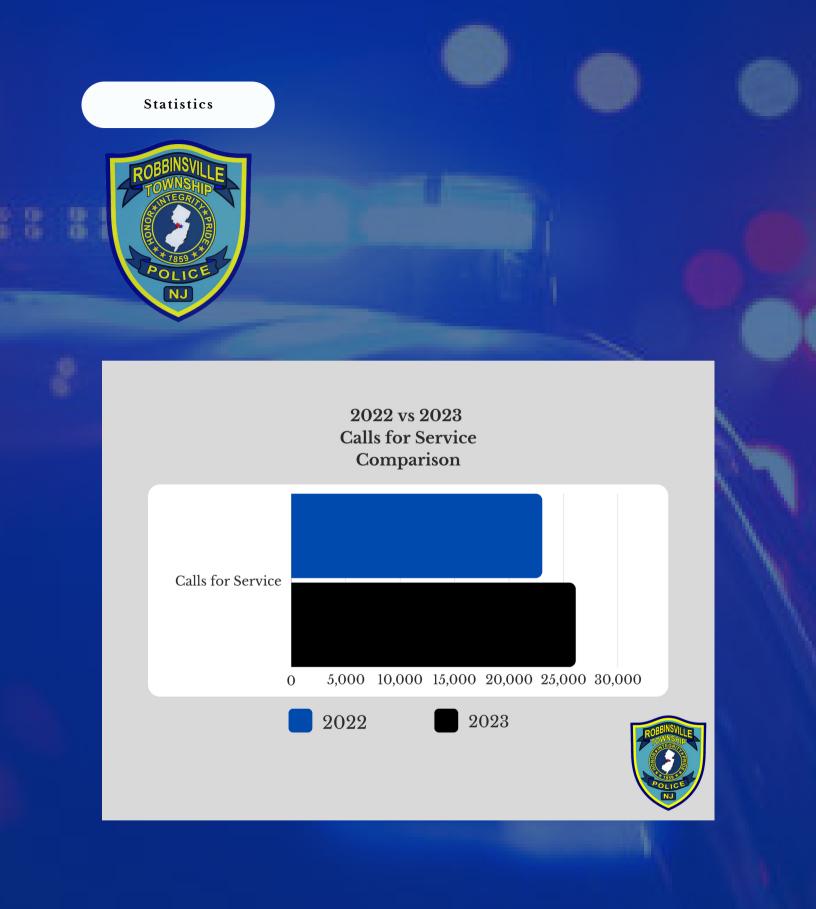
- Have innovative, honest, responsive leadership. The staff will set the tone of professionalism, integrity, and hard work
- Provide realistic departmental guidelines and policies
- Recruit and retain the best possible police officers
- Provide quality training for every level of the organization
- Promote police conduct that is responsive and sensitive to the needs of the community
- Require pro-active crime fighting to improve the utilization of patrol and investigative resources in the identification, arrest, and conviction of individuals committing criminal activity within our jurisdiction
- Require a professional work ethic and professional work product by officers engaged in routine police duties, and preliminary and follow up investigations
- Recognize exceptional work by employees
- Stress the responsibility of all employees to be accountable to the department and community for all his/her actions

Statistics

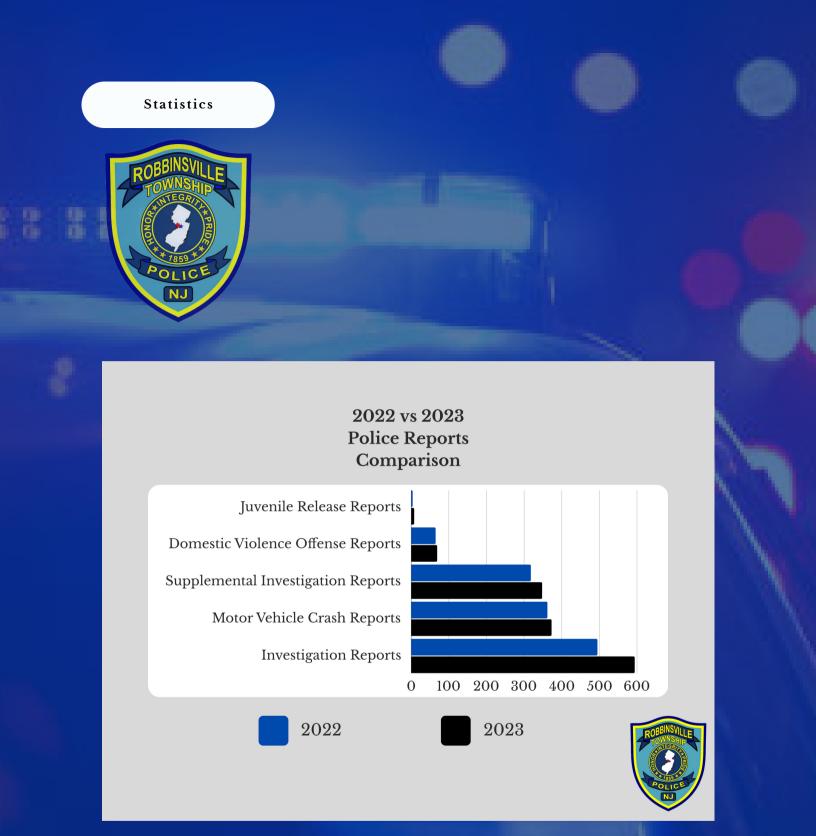


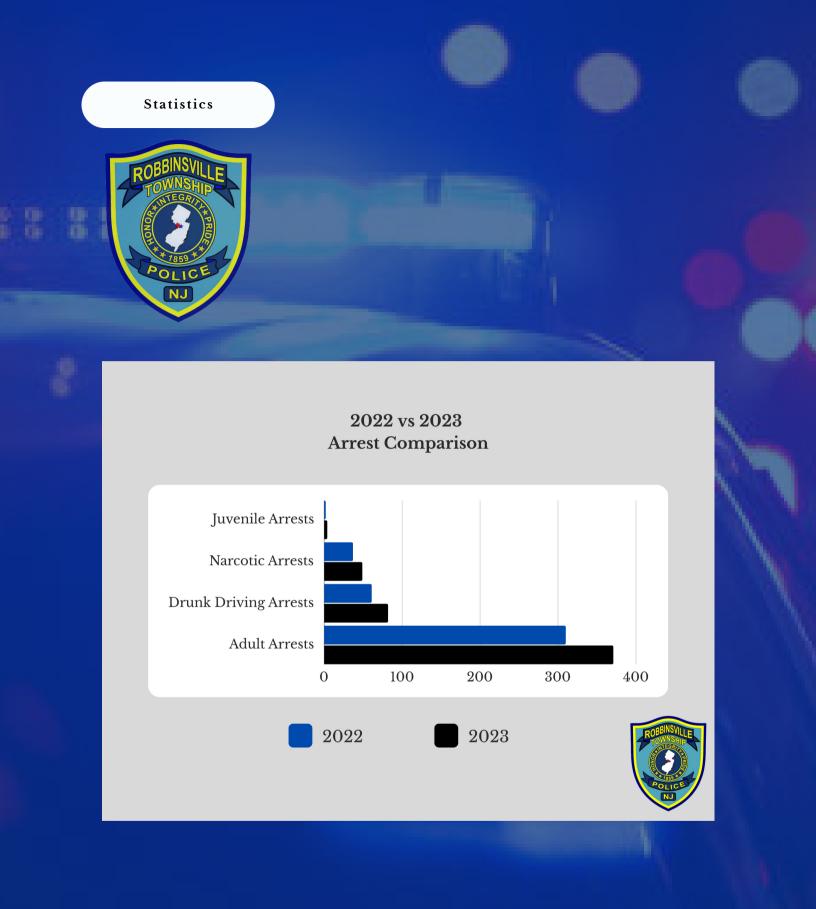
Primary categories of calls for service:

- Calls for Service up 13.3% (23,060 in 2022 vs 26,138 in 2023)
- Motor Vehicle Stops up 38.1% (6,422 in 2022 vs 8,868 in 2023)
- Motor Vehicle Summonses down 3.3% (3,810 in 2022 vs 3,683 in 2023)
- Juvenile Release Reports up 100% (4 in 2022 vs 8 in 2023)
- Domestic Violence Offense Reports up 6.2% (65 in 2022 vs 69 in 2023)
- Supplemental Investigation Reports up 9.4% (318 in 2022 vs 348 in 2023)
- Motor Vehicle Crash Reports up 3% (362 in 2022 vs 373 in 2023)
- Investigation Reports up 20% (495 in 2022 vs 594 in 2023)
- Juvenile Arrests up 100% (2 in 2022 vs 4 in 2023)
- Narcotic Arrests up 32.4% (37 in 2022 vs 49 in 2023)
- Drunk Driving Arrests up 34.4% (61 in 2022 vs 82 in 2023)
- Adult Arrests up 19.7% (310 in 2022 vs 371 in 2023)









Statistics



<u>Month</u>	CAD Entries	Investigation <u>Reports</u>	Supplemental Investigation <u>Reports</u>	Adult Arrest <u>Reports</u>	Narcotic <u>Arrests</u>	Domestic Violence Offense <u>Reports</u>
January	2,088	60	27	31	5	4
February	1,767	52	47	31	4	10
March	2,201	40	30	30	4	3
April	2,019	45	18	27	2	2
May	2,487	48	37	30	4	6
June	2,014	50	22	25	3	9
July	2,219	58	37	26	2	9
August	1,890	47	28	25	7	4
September	1,965	46	30	36	3	3
October	2,308	67	24	48	8	7
November	2,659	49	28	31	7	6
December	2,521	32	20	31	0	6
Year to Date TOTAL =	26,138	594	348	371	49	69

Statistics



Month	Motor Vehicle Crash <u>Reports</u>	Motor Vehicle <u>Stops</u>	Motor Vehicle <u>Summonses</u>	DWI <u>Arrests</u>	Juvenile <u>Arrests</u>	Juvenile Release <u>Reports</u>
January	31	631	339	15	2	2
February	29	517	252	6	0	1
March	33	700	265	9	0	0
April	37	665	266	2	0	1
May	30	872	399	7	2	3
June	22	546	226	4	0	0
July	25	625	235	5	0	0
August	32	532	194	4	0	1
September	32	584	197	5	0	0
October	31	844	401	11	0	0
November	41	1,202	541	8	0	0
December	30	1,150	368	6	0	0
Year to Date TOTAL =	373	8,868	3,683	82	4	8



1st Quarter 2023:

January 3, 2023 – Lt. Egan escorted a homeless, Domestic Violence victim "V" to the NJ Housing Authority to secure a Section 8 Housing Voucher.

January 4, 2023 – Ptl. Cain escorted "V" to the Robbinsville Affordable Housing office so she could complete an application for affordable housing.

January 6, 2023 – Lt. Egan attended the weekly Rotary Club meeting at PJ's Pancake House.

January 8, 2023 – Det. Septak attended the Robbinsville T-Ball orientation event at Tantum Park.

January 9, 2023 – Sgt. Kivet, Ptl. Hill, Ptl. Cain, and Ptl. McLaughlin attended the Malvern School Police Officer Appreciation Event. The officers read books to the children and they discussed what a police officer does. Sgt. Kivet introduced K-9 Quori to the children and did a K-9 demonstration.

January 9, 2023 – Lt. Egan escorted "V" to the Social Security Administration Offices to drop off paperwork pertaining to her SSI benefits.

January 13, 2023 - Lt. Egan attended the weekly Rotary Club meeting at PJ's Pancake House.

January 14, 2023 – Ptl. Cain and Ptl. McLaughlin attended a "Cocoa with a Cop" event at Mission BBQ in Hamilton Marketplace.



Community Policing Engagements

January 17, 2023 – Chief Polaski, Lt. Egan, Lt. Markowski, Sgt. Farrell, Ptl. Emmons, Ptl. Morgano, Ptl. Vincent, Ptl. Pica, and Ptl. Heisler visited the Sharon School 2nd Grade classes to talk about the job of a Police Officer. Chief Polaski accepted "Thank You" letters from the students for Police Appreciation Week.



January 19, 2023 - School Resource Officers Ptl. Emmons, Ptl. Vincent, and Ptl. Heisler attended the "State of the Schools" meeting and showed their school spirit while connecting with the community.



<u>Community Policing Engagements</u>

January 20, 2023 - Lt. Egan attended the weekly Rotary Club meeting at PJ's Pancake House.

January 24, 2023 – Lt. Egan escorted "V" to the IRS Office to obtain "Non-filing" letters for her application to Robbinsville Affordable Housing.

January 27, 2023 - Lt. Egan attended the weekly Rotary Club meeting at PJ's Pancake House.

January 27, 2023 – Lt. Egan escorted "V" to NJ DMV to obtain her out of state driver's license transfer.

February 3, 2023 – Ptl. Morgano and Ptl. Kyle went to Robbinsville High School to watch the school play and interact with the community in attendance.

February 7, 2023 – Chief Polaski held our Annual Religious Leaders Meeting at B.A.P.S. Chief Polaski, Lt. Egan, Lt. Markowski, Ptl. Slininger, Ptl. Heisler, and CO Raczka attended. We discussed situational awareness for places of worship and took a tour of B.A.P.S.



Community Policing Engagements

February 25, 2023 – Sgt. Farrell, Det. Septak, and Ptl. Kyle attended the Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge in Seaside, NJ to help raise awareness and money for Special Olympics.

February 26, 2023 – 1st Annual Top Golf PBA Fundraiser. Det. Septak and various PBA members and dispatchers held our 1st Annual Top Golf PBA Fundraiser at Top Golf in Mount Laurel, NJ. Approximately 75 members from the community attended this event as well as our PBA members and their families.

February 28, 2023 – Ptl. Godfrey went to Pond Road Middle School to speak to the students about Career Day. Ptl. Godfrey had the opportunity to speak with approximately 22 students about the process of becoming a police officer which included the application process, background check, and police academy. He explained to the students how the responsibilities they have now, such as homework, punctuality, and teamwork are important and directly translate to being a police officer. Ptl. Godfrey explained all our equipment that we use daily. He also spoke about his time serving in the military as an Army Medic and how that experience has helped translate to him becoming a police officer. The presentation ended with Ptl. Godfrey doing a set of ten pushups we three students as the rest of the students counted out loud.

March 1, 2023 – Robbinsville Night Off - Sgt. Galazka, Det. Septak, Ptl. Emmons, Ptl. Vincent, and Ptl. Heisler held an open house at the Police Station and provided tours of the station and the cars/equipment we use.

March 12, 2023 – Emergency Preparedness Presentation for Cub Scouts Pack 79 at the Police Station. Ptl. Cain provided a tour of our station and spoke with the Cub Scouts about Emergency Preparedness which included: basic 911 use, locking doors on cars and house, exterior lighting/cameras, securing lawn furniture if pending storms, parking off street if snow expected, having a first aid kit on hand, fire extinguisher use, etc.



March 31, 2023 - Lt. Egan attended the weekly Rotary Club meeting at PJ's Pancake House.

Community Policing Engagements

2nd Quarter 2023:

April 10, 2023 – Sgt. Kivet and K-9 Corbin did a K-9 Demonstration for some kids that were outside at the Anderson Lane cul-da-sac.

April 13, 2023 – Ptl. Emmons, Ptl. Vincent, and Ptl. Heisler attended a job fair at Mercer County Community College. They manned a table from 10:00 to 14:00, spoke with students, and handed out literature about our hiring process with the Robbinsville Police Department.



April 18, 2023 – Chief Polaski invited Alex Mann, a 23 year old male from Chester County PA, who is diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder to tour our Police Department. This was Alex's 328th Police Department that he has visited over the past 4 ½ years. Alex offered some helpful advice to our officers on how to interact with members of the community that are Autistic.



April 22, 2023 – We held our annual Coffee with a Cop to raise Autism Awareness at Everson's Karate. During this event, our officers engaged with the community, and they were available to help anyone wishing to register for the Rville S.A.F.E. Program complete their application. Ptl. Slininger conducted a Drone Demo and explained when and how we would deploy our Drone.



May 2, 2023 – Sgt. Kivet and K-9 Corbin did a K-9 Demonstration for the Plainsboro Police Department Adult Citizen Police Academy.

May 5, 2023 – Chief Polaski, Lt. Egan, and Ptl. Meehan attended the weekly Rotary Club Meeting. At this meeting, Ptl. Meehan received the 2023 Rotary Club of Robbinsville Hamilton Community Service Award.



<u>Community Policing Engagements</u>

May 10, 2023 – Ptl. Lockwood read a book to students at Sharon Elementary School.

May 11, 2023 – Ptl. Godfrey and Ptl. Hodge read a book to students at Sharon Elementary School.

May 11, 2023 – Ptl. Emmons and Ptl. Heisler participated in the Sharon School Color Fun Run.



May 18, 2023 – Lt. Egan attended a Science Fair at the Chestnut Montessori School and spoke to the students about Science, Physics, and Forensic Science.



May 25, 2023 – Lt. Markowski, Sgt. Bakay, Ptl. Lockwood, and Ptl. Cain attended the Memorial Day Commemoration at Community Park.

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June 6, 2023 – Lt. Egan attended a semiannual meeting of the Mercer County Police Departments Community Officers at Ewing Police Department to share ideas and community policing initiatives.

June 9, 2023 – Ptl. Cassidy Kyle participated in the NJ Special Olympics Torch Run.



June 10, 2023 – Chief Polaski, Lt. Swanhart, Lt. Clifton, Lt. Markowski, and CO Raczka attended the Robbinsville Township Community Day and engaged with the community. Sgt. Haugh, Ptl. Emmons, Ptl. Vincent, Ptl. Heisler, and Ptl. Hodge attended and assisted with traffic control and security for the event. Sgt. Kivet and K-9 Corbin did a K-9 Demonstration.

June 13, 2023 – Ptl. Emmons, Ptl. Hill, Ptl. Slininger, and Ptl. McLaughlin attended the Pond Road Middle School STARS end of the year party with students from the school.

June 13, 2023 – Ptl. Emmons and Ptl. Heisler attended the 8th Grade Graduation ceremony at the Robbinsville High School.

June 14, 2023 – Det. Quinn attended the Health and Wellness Fair at the Robbinsville Senior Center.

June 17, 2023 – Ptl. Slininger attended the Robbinsville Township Father's Day Fishing Derby at the Lake in Town Center.

June 19, 2023 – Day 1 of the Youth Police Academy: The class started the day with some physical training. They then had identification cards made for them. The Criminal Investigations Unit set up a mock crime scene and the class was instructed on evidence collection. The class was then shown how our Drone works and explained what is used for. We then discussed the effects of drugs and alcohol which included a hands on demonstration using our "Fatal Vision" goggles. The class used golf carts to drive through a coned-out course on the basketball courts so they can see how their motor skills are affected if they become impaired when wearing the "Fatal Vision" goggles.





June 20, 2023 – Day 2 of the Youth Police Academy – We took the class on a field trip to the New Jersey State Police Burlington Marine Station. The class took a tour of the station and boat fleet. The class was explained the responsibilities of the Troopers assigned to this unit and then they were able to take a boat ride on the Delaware River. When we got back to our station, we did some team building exercises that consisted of obstacle course races. The class then took a tour of our Police Department. We ended the day with a military drill "knock out" session to test their attention and listening skills.



June 21, 2023 – Day 3 of the Youth Police Academy – We marched the class from our Police Department to Robbinsville Airport where the New Jersey State Police Aviation Unit landed one of their helicopters for the class to tour. We then ended the day at Everson's Karate Institute where the class was taught some defensive tactics.



June 22, 2023 – Day 4 of the Youth Police Academy – We spent the day at the Robbinsville Fire Department. We started the day with some physical training and military drill. We then did some resiliency training using various leadership and motivational videos. The Fire Department instructed CPR and basic first aid to the class. The class was also instructed on basic fire safety and how to use a fire extinguisher.



June 23, 2023 – Day 5 of the Youth Police Academy – We took the class on a field trip to the New Jersey State Police Museum and Learning Center. While we were there, the class did a scavenger hunt to find answers to the questions we asked them in the museum displays. We then came back to the Pond Road Middle School and had a pizza party for the class. The day ended with a Graduation Ceremony.



3rd Quarter 2023:

July 6, 2023 – Lt. Egan, Lt. Markowski, Sgt. Haugh, Ptl. Hill, Ptl. Vincent, Ptl. Cain, Ptl. McLaughlin, and Ptl. Heisler participated in "Cone with a Cop" at Friendly's.



July 6, 2023 – Sgt. Haugh conducted a car seat install for a resident.

July 7, 2023 – Sgt. Kivet met with Congressman Andy Kim to discuss our C.A.R.E. Program and to ensure that NJ treatment centers always have space for those in need.



<u>Community Policing Engagements</u>

July 9, 2023 – Lt. Markowski and Ptl. Godfrey attended the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office Inclusion Fest at Mercer County Community College.

July 11, 2023 – Lt. Egan, Ptl. Cain, Ptl. Slininger, and Ptl. Heisler attended the Robbinsville Farmer's Market Touch a Truck Event.

July 13, 2023 – Ptl. Pica stopped by Golden Paws Pet Resort and Spa and played bubbles with the dogs.

July 21, 2023 – Ptl. Bruton and Ptl. Meehan attended the Mercer County Library Touch a Truck Event.

July 30, 2023 – Nicholas Manna (10 year old resident with Autism) donated a "Buddy Bench" for the Police Department and it was installed.



July 31, 2023 – Chief Polaski was interviewed for a public safety announcement about the current condition of our Police Department and why we are in need of a new building. A video of the interview was put on our Facebook page.

August 1, 2023 – National Night Out at our Police Department - We had various bounce houses, conducted Police Station tours, Sgt. Kivet and K-9 Corbin did a K-9 demonstration, a Drone demonstration by Ptl. Slininger, and other community engaging activities.



August 2, 2023 – Ptl. Slininger did a Drone Demonstration for the summer camp at Master Peter's Academy of Martial Arts.

August 9, 2023 – Ptl. Godfrey stopped by Blakely Park and engaged with the Robbinsville Youth Football practices.

August 14, 2023 – Chief Polaski and Lt. Egan met with the Robbinsville Police Chaplains to discuss the program over lunch.



August 14, 2023 – Our Police Department was honored at the B.A.P.S. Festival of Inspirations.



August 29, 2023 – Ptl. Heisler and Ptl. Godfrey attended the Robbinsville Farmer's Market Touch a Truck Event.



August 31, 2023 – Ptl. Heisler attended the Mercer County Overdose Awareness Event at Veterans Park in Hamilton.

September 2, 2023 – Ptl. Pica stopped by a Lemonade Stand on Burnet Crescent to engage with the children.



September 6, 2023 – Our School Resource Officers engaged the community with a special segment on Facebook known as "Get to know your School Resource Officer." Each SRO took photos and posted them along with a "My First Day of School" bio chalkboard.



September 11, 2023 – Various members of the department attended the Robbinsville Fire Department September 11 Memorial Ceremony at the Town Center Lake.



September 12, 2023 – Ptl. Godfrey stopped by Blakely Park and engaged with the Robbinsville Youth Football practices.

September 17, 2023 – Sgt. Kivet and Ptl. Hodge attended the Chabad of Robbinsville & Hamilton "Shofar at the Lake" event at the Gazebo on Lake Drive in town center.

September 20, 2023 – Lt. Egan attended the B.A.P.S. Robbinsville Appreciation Night at the B.A.P.S. Temple.



Thank you Robbinsville!

September 21, 2023 – Ptl. Godfrey stopped by Blakely Park and engaged with the Robbinsville Youth Football practices.



4th Quarter 2023:

October 6, 2023 – Sgt. Kivet did a presentation on the fentanyl crisis at the Rotary Club of Robbinsville Hamilton weekly meeting at PJ's Pancake House. Sgt. Kivet provided statistics, insights, and videos during his presentation. Sgt. Kivet discussed the toll on individuals and society caused by this dangerous drug.



October 11. 2023 - Sgt. Kivet and K-9 Corbin did a K-9 Demo at Keil Daycare in Hamilton.

October 11, 2023 – Chief Polaski went to the Mercer County Community College and spoke with a class about the current state of policing in America and how to become a police officer.

October 14, 2023 – Chief Polaski, Sgt. Farrell, Sgt. Kivet, and Ptl Godfrey attended the Central Jersey Sikh Association groundbreaking event.



October 19, 2023 - Ptl. Godfrey stopped by Blakely Park and engaged with the Robbinsville Youth Basketball league games.

October 23, 2023 – Sgt. Kivet attended a meeting with the Boy Scouts at the Robbinsville Police Department.

October 24, 2023 – Lt. Egan and Ptl. Pica gave a tour of our Police Station and patrol car to a special "Jr. Policeman."



October 28, 2023 – Sgt. Farrell, Ptl. Morgano, Ptl. Pica, and Ptl. Roote attended the Robbinsville Economic Development Committee 8th Annual Small Business Scavenger Hunt and Halloween Contest at Foxmoor Shopping Plaza.

October 28, 2023 – DSgt. Galazka and Det. Quinn participated in the "National Prescription Drug Take Back Day" and collected unused, unwanted and expired medications at our Police Department. They collected approximately 18 pounds of medications which were then properly disposed of.

October 31, 2023 – Various officers on patrol engaged with Trick or Treaters for Halloween. Our officers handed out glow necklaces and glow rings to improve visibility and safety.

November 6, 2023 – Ptl. Godfrey met with 3 juveniles at our station to assist them with a school assignment for education with the local government and law enforcement.

November 7, 2023 – Ptl. Godfrey stopped by Blakely Park and engaged with the Robbinsville Youth Football practices.

November 11, 2023 – Sgt. Kivet, Ptl. Bruton, and Ptl. Kyle stopped by the Robbinsville High School to engage with the community for the Robbinsville High School boys soccer team NJ State Championship game.

November 16, 2023 – Ptl. Godfrey stopped by Blakely Park and engaged with the Robbinsville Youth Football PAL Football team.



November 21, 2023 – Sgt. Kivet, Ptl. Bruton, and Ptl. Roote went to the Malvern School for a community policing event. Sgt. Kivet and his K-9 Partners Quori and Corbin did a K-9 demonstration for the children.

November 22, 2023 – Lt. Egan went to the Serv, Inc. group home and had lunch with one of the residents there to engage in a positive, non-law enforcement situation, to bridge the gap and promote a positive relationship.

November 24, 2023 – Sgt. Kivet met with Rabbi Yaakov Chaiton to discuss upcoming holiday events.

November 24, 2023 – PBA President Hill and Ptl. Kyle assisted with Meals on Wheels deliveries for Thanksgiving. The Robbinsville PBA purchased meals from Dolce and Clemente's and delivered them to residents that are on the Meals on Wheels program.



November 28, 2023 – Sgt. Kivet, Ptl. Lockwood, Ptl. Cain, and Ptl. Slininger attended the Foxmoor Shopping Center Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony.

November 29, 2023 – SRO Vincent and his K-9 partner Rigo engaged with students at the Robbinsville High School during their lunch break.



December 4, 2023 – Chief Polaski, Lt. Swanhart, Lt. Egan, and Ptl. Morgano attended the 2023 Womanspace Communities of Light Ceremony at the Robbinsville Police Department.



December 5, 2023 – Chief Polaski, Lt. Swanhart, Lt. Egan, Ptl. Meehan, and Ptl. Kyle attended the Robbinsville Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting ceremony at the Robbinsville Senior Center.

December 5, 2023 – Ptl. Godfrey attended Robbinsville Youth Basketball practices at the Pond Road Middle School.

December 14, 2023 - Ptl. Bruton, Ptl. Meehan, and Ptl. Kyle participated and escorted the Chabad of Robbinsville & Hamilton with their Menorah Car Parade throughout Robbinsville Township to celebrate Hanukah.



<u>Community Policing Engagements</u>

December 17, 2023 - Ptl. Cain while on patrol gifted some toys to children on Spruce Street in the Newtown Village development.

December 21, 2023 - Det. Septak, SRO Vincent, SRO Heisler, and SRO Boyle spread some holiday cheer and delivered toys purchased by the PBA to some children within the community.







On January 25, 2023, Ptl. Ryan Meehan was detailed to the Rt 130 Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram car dealership, for a suspicious person sleeping in a vehicle. The investigation resulted in a DWI arrest of the driver who was in possession of a controlled dangerous substance. The driver was found to be in possession of Methamphetamine, 86 Oxycodone pills, 71 Opioid Tablets, 5 Xanax Tablets, 3 Alprazolam Tablets, additional drug paraphernalia, and an imitation firearm.

For his actions Ptl. Meehan is awarded the HONORABLE SERVICE MEDAL.

On February 4, 2023 patrol units responded to a residence regarding a report of a vehicle fire. When Ptl. Shawn Bruton arrived first on scene, he observed a female screaming that she wanted to go to the car and she wanted to die. Ptl. Bruton physically stepped into her path and prevented her from approaching the fire. Ptl. Bruton's actions prevented her from injuring or attempting to kill herself. Ptl. Bruton also assisted the family, after the scene was safe, with dealing with the trauma of the fire at their residence and the crisis that their family member was having.

For his actions, Ptl. Bruton is awarded the HONORABLE SERVICE MEDAL.

On April 22, 2023, Patrolman Connor Boyle was assisting a driver with his disabled vehicle, partially in the road on Rt 130. While Ptl. Boyle was assisting the driver, a vehicle traveling on Rt 130 South struck Ptl. Boyle's patrol car and struck Ptl. Boyle.

The car (unknown at the time) continued South on Rt 130, and left the scene. Coordination between many members of this department resulted in locating the involved car and the arrest of the driver within 4 hours of the hit and run crash.

For their actions, Lt. Egan, Lt. Markowski, Sgt. Bakay, Sgt. Kivet, Sgt. Haugh, Det. Quinn, Det. Septak, Ptl. Lockwood, Ptl. Morgano, Ptl. Boyle, and CO Haines are awarded the **GRAND CORDON MEDAL**.

For Ptl. Boyle sustaining injuries in the line of duty, he is awarded the **LEGION OF HONOR MEDAL**.



On April 27, 2023, Patrol Sergeant Eric Bakay and Patrol Officer Colin Lockwood responded to the Andover Glen Development for a report of an unconscious driver inside a vehicle, with the transmission in gear. Just before their arrival, bystanders were attempting to break a window to get inside the car to help the driver. As this was happening, the car transmission shifted into reverse and the car crashed into another parked car.

These officers were able to gain entry into the car and immediately started lifesaving measures, including Narcan and utilization of an AED. The driver began breathing on his own and his pulse came back stronger. The driver was turned over to Robbinsville EMS 40 for further medical care.

For their actions, Sgt. Bakay and Ptl. Lockwood are awarded the LIFE SAVING MEDAL.

On June 14, 2023, this agency received a call from Wall Twp. PD regarding an elderly missing person with Dementia. Ptl. Shawn Bruton spotted the vehicle and made contact with the driver, who was the missing person. With the assistance of Sgt. Kivet and CO Kathy Murr, the missing person confirmation was made, and the driver was safely reunited with his family.

For their actions, Sgt. Kivet, Ptl. Bruton, and CO Murr are awarded the GRAND CORDON MEDAL.

On July 4, 2023, Patrolman Ryan Meehan conducted a motor vehicle stop for a traffic violation. While asking the driver some questions, the stop escalated into a criminal investigation which resulted in the seizure of controlled dangerous substances, drug paraphernalia, a double-edged knife, a 9mm handgun and 30 rounds of 9mm ammunition.

For his actions, Ptl. Meehan is awarded the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

On August 29, 2023, Patrolwoman Cassidy Kyle conducted a motor vehicle stop for a traffic violation. She immediately observed, in plain view, open containers of alcohol and marijuana in the vehicle. The stop, now a criminal investigation, revealed that the driver was additionally in possession of Methamphetamine. After the arrest, the investigation continued and contact was made to the Hamilton Police Anti-Crime Unit. This investigation led them to apply for search warrants that resulted in additional drug distribution related arrests.

For her actions, Ptl. Kyle is awarded the HONORABLE SERVICE MEDAL.



On September 21, 2023, Ptl. Ryan Meehan conducted a motor vehicle stop whereas the driver became uncooperative and belligerent. The driver refused multiple requests from Ptl. Meehan for driver and vehicle credentials. Ptl. Shawn Bruton arrived on scene to assist and the driver was escorted out of the vehicle and arrested. Sgt. Kivet and his K-9 partner Corbin arrived on scene. An exterior K-9 sniff of the vehicle was completed and it resulted in a positive indication for the presence of controlled dangerous substances. A vehicle search was completed and a loaded handgun was found under the dash board on the driver side.

For their actions, Sgt. Kivet, Ptl. Bruton, and Ptl. Meehan are awarded the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

On September 25, 2023, Ptl. Bruton was following up on a burglary and theft complaint and was able to make a positive identification of the suspect. DSgt. Galazka, Ptl. Bruton, Ptl. Hill, and Ptl. Slininger were able to coordinate and an arrest was made. The suspect arrested provided a confession that he was responsible for multiple burglaries throughout the Robbinsville Town Center.

For their actions, Sgt. Galazka, Ptl. Bruton, Ptl. Hill, and Ptl. Slininger are awarded the HONORABLE SERVICE MEDAL.

On October 26, 2023, Ptl. Hill conducted a motor vehicle stop for a traffic violation. The driver provided false information and withheld his identity. The driver was subsequently arrested and at the station, CO Noah Leitstein was able to confirm the driver's identity. The driver was wanted for Aggravated Sexual Assault out of Middlesex County.

Because of their persistence and follow-through with the investigation, Ptl. Hill and CO Leitstein are awarded the HONORABLE SERVICE MEDAL.

Most Driving While Intoxicated Arrests: Ptl. Meehan (35 Arrests)

Most Controlled Dangerous Substance Arrests: Ptl. Meehan (30 Arrests)

2023 Police Officer of the Year: Ptl. Boyle







Robbinsville Township Police Department Notable Accomplishments for 2023:

- Lieutenant Swanhart Graduated from the FBI National Academy
 Lieutenant Clifton became a Certified Public Manager
 All Mobile Computer Systems were upgraded
 All In-Car and Body Worn Cameras were replaced
 All officers were transitioned to exterior bulletproof vests



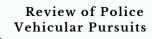
Pursuant to our law enforcement reporting requirement in accordance with the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General Directive 2022-4, Use of Force Review Section 7, the Robbinsville Township Police Department had twelve (12) incidents of Use of Force involving twenty-six (26) Officers between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023.

Chief Polaski reviewed each of these incidents to include police reports, police vehicle dashboard camera video, body worn video, and analytical information through Benchmark Analytics.

Additionally, these incidents were reviewed by the immediate Supervisor, as well as Internal Affairs.

The results were that all incidents involved minimal control type of contact. Each incident involved some level of de-escalation. There were no apparent racial disparities or injuries to the involved parties.

USE OF FORCE POLICY





Pursuant to our law enforcement reporting requirement in accordance with the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General Directive 2022-4, Vehicular Pursuit Review Section 12, the Robbinsville Police Department had four (4) incidents of Police Vehicular Pursuits, involving five (5) Officers between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023.

These four incidents did not result in injury, a motor vehicle crash, or property damage however, each officer committed minor violations of the Attorney General's Vehicular Pursuit Policy. Each officer was counseled for their actions and received vehicular pursuit training by the Training Lieutenant.

Furthermore, each police officer within the agency received additional training related to vehicular pursuits by the Training Lieutenant.

Firearms Training Report



January:

Officers were accompanied to the RTPD Training Facility. Each officer had to utilize their department issued M4 Rifle and fire 10 rounds of familiarization. The purpose of this is to ensure the gun is in working proper order; the officer displays safety, and knowledge of handling the weapon. This also gives the shooter the chance to ensure their red dot sight is in working order and accurate.

February:

During this training, while the officers were on location they were run through two scenarios utilizing the MILO training system. Each officer had to display proper handling of the MILO handgun all while giving any commands needed for the scenario. Shooting and non-shooting scenarios were utilized during this time. There was a school shooting scenario used which forced the officers to verbalize their commands.

March:

Firearms Instructors began to qualify officers for the first half of 2023 in their department issued handguns and/or any off duty handguns that the officer needs to qualify in. All officers should be qualified by the end of April in their handguns.

April:

Each officer had to utilize their department issued Glock 19 Gen5 for handgun qualifications for the month of April. During this time the officer fired 50 rounds for day fire and 40 rounds for night fire. Each officer had to score a minimum of 80% on the qualifications. Each officer is being watched by the instructor for safety with the weapon as well as proper/accurate handling of the weapon to include if the gun jams. There were no issues during this time.

Firearms Training Report



May:

Officers went to the range for a full day of training with the Colt M4 Rifles as well as classroom training at the Fish and Game Wildlife Range. Half the department went on Monday, May 1, 2023, and the other half went on Thursday, May 4, 2023. Each officer qualified with their department issued Colt M4 rifle in both the daytime and nighttime qualifications. Each officer is watched for safety when utilizing this weapon as well as proper/accurate handling of the weapon to include if the gun jams. Also, during this range, each officer was required to sit in on classroom time for a variety of classes to include the following: CPR Refresher, Stop the Bleed, Autism awareness training from an Eden Acres representative, Mobile Outreach representative for Crisis Intervention Training, and Women's Space representatives for Domestic Violence training. Each officer listened to their presentation and was allowed time for questions and answers.

June:

Officers were assigned NJ Learn training that consisted of 8 module courses. In this training was Use of Force and Vehicle pursuit, which normally would have been done during our range date. Due to the range date being so filled, this allowed us to complete these NJ Learns, which had to be handed in no later than June 16th. Also, for the month of June officers were given the opportunity to take this time to clean both their duty issued Handgun and M4 Rifle, which will be inspected during the July MILO Training.

July:

Officers specifically had to draw their weapon from the holster while in a seated position. They sat in a chair in front of the MILO screen, which was to simulate them either in their car or sitting in an establishment such as a restaurant. They had to come up on target and make accurate shots on a male charging them with a knife. The subject ran at the officer from 31 feet, 21 feet, and 15 feet distances.

August:

Officers were allowed to randomly pick a scenario. Some may have been a shoot scenario and some may have been a non-shoot scenario. Each officer was critiqued on whatever scenario they had and their performance at the time.

Firearms Training Report



September:

Officers were taken to the range and qualified on their Glock 19 Gen5 department issued handguns. During this time every officer qualified and displayed good safety with the handgun. All officers were also advised to clean and maintain their handgun as they've been trained.

Once this was completed all officers also shot 10 familiarization rounds with their department issued Colt M4 Rifle. All officers displayed proper handling of their rifles as well as safety. During this time this allowed us to make sure their red dots were still zeroed in and if there were any issues, they were handled prior to leaving the range. Batteries were also checked.

October:

Officers qualified on their duty issued M4 Colt Rifle. While attending the Collier Mills Range, each officer was run through a qualification for both day and night fire on their Rifle. During this time each officer not only qualified, but also displayed good safety and knowledge of the weapon.

Drills were also completed by Ptl. Morgano utilizing the Rifle and department issued handguns. Barricades were utilized. Shooting from behind cover was demonstrated and then performed by each officer. Some moving and shooting was also utilized. The officers also fired a few rounds while wearing their department issued Kevlar helmets so they could feel what it was like to shoot with them on their heads.

A demonstration was also completed with the handguns and rifles where an old police car door was shot, along with glass. We were trying to give the officers an idea of what the bullets could do to those materials and their effects. It was also a lesson on why we try to avoid a door for cover if possible and utilize the vehicles wheels or engine block area.

November and December:

Members of the Firearms Unit accompanied officers to the RTPD Training Facility for MILO training. This training consisted of allowing each officer to pick whatever scenarios they wanted to work on. Their options are a shoot and no-shoot scenario.

We did two scenarios with each officer so they could pick either two shoot scenarios, two nonshoot scenarios, or one of each. During whichever scenario was chosen the instructors looked for good gun control, proper vocal commands/de-escalation techniques, and safety with the weapons.

Also, in the future, the officers will be allowed to pick if they want to shoot from a standing or seated position and pick their scenarios. This allows the officers to work on whatever skill set they feel they need to work on.

Rville S.A.F.E. Special Needs Registry



The Robbinsville Township Police Department has created a registry for our community members who are Autistic or have another communication disability in efforts to give police quick access to critical information about a person who is registered in an emergency situation.

This registry will provide our officers with emergency contact information, detailed physical descriptions including a photo, medical concerns, the best way to communicate, known stressors/stress reducers, and much more. This information will greatly assist our police officers when time is essential in communicating and dealing with an emergency situation.

The information you provide is confidential and will only be used by law enforcement in an emergency situation.

You can download the registration form from our website: www.robbinsvillepd.org

Please contact Lt. Thomas Egan at thomase@robbinsville.net with any questions.

Completed Rville S.A.F.E. registration forms may be turned into our School Resource Officers, handed in at our Police Dispatch window, or emailed to Lt. Thomas Egan.

Upon completion/submission of the registration form, we will provide a Robbinsville Township Police RVILLE S.A.F.E. sticker that you can proudly display on your vehicle and front entrance door of your house.

This sticker will bring awareness to responding Officers / EMS during an emergency situation while serving as a de-escalation tool.



The Robbinsville Township Police Department is committed to helping anyone struggling with drug addiction that is seeking assistance or treatment, including anyone arrested with no current detainers.

The Robbinsville C.A.R.E. (Community Addiction Recovery Effort) Program was formed and implemented to bridge the gaps and start the recovery process with a plan of immediate intervention.

The Robbinsville C.A.R.E. Program offers those struggling with addiction access to drug counseling and a plan for treatment.

The Robbinsville C.A.R.E. Program allows our officers to offer a pathway to recovery by providing resources, access to treatment, and guidance from a trained drug counselor.

The Robbinsville C.A.R.E. Program recognizes addiction as a disease and our officers provide resources during the short window of opportunity when the addict is at his/her most receptive moment. Our officers recognize the disease of addiction as a nation-wide epidemic and provide these resources for a pathway for recovery.



National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.

Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.



National Night Out













National Night Out











2024 Department Goals



Robbinsville Township Police Department Goals for 2024:

- 1. Achieve Accreditation

- Succession Planning at all levels of the agency
 Transition to the State Radio System
 Install radio amplifiers at the Robbinsville High School and Pond Road Middle School.
- 5. Reduce sick time
- 6. Increase traffic enforcement



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