



# 2018 Annual Report

*100 Year Anniversary Edition*







# A Message From the Chief

It is with great pride that I present the 2018 Borough of Bloomingdale Police Department's annual report to the Mayor, Council, and all of the citizens of Bloomingdale. I am Honored to be the Chief of Police and lead a talented organization of dedicated employees. The Bloomingdale Police Department remains committed to reducing crime and enhancing the quality of life through an active partnership with our community. It will be through this collaboration that we, as a community, continue to make our Borough a safer place to live, work, and raise our families.

This year the Police Department continued to build relationships with our Community and remains extremely proud of all the partnerships that we have built. The Bloomingdale Police Department will continue to work with the Bloomingdale Municipal Drug Alliance and the Bloomingdale School System to enhance our school safety and drug prevention initiatives. We will continue to support and promote our businesses using social media, as they are the backbone of our community.

As Police Chief, it is my belief that police work is entrusting public safety for both the community and the officers who serve within the Borough of Bloomingdale. I am confident when reading this Annual Report you will see that it reflects the hard work of the members of the Bloomingdale Police Department. More importantly, I think you will see the Police Department's goal is to treat all people we come in contact with respectfully, with empathy and with courtesy while building a trust and mutual respect that makes us partners with those we serve. In this report you will see how we are committed to your safety, community engagement and all aspects of police work while being held accountable at all times..

In closing, you can be proud of your officers and all police department personnel not only for their knowledge and abilities, but for what we call the "right attitude"... that is providing community policing and customer service through teamwork and a high level of personal pride and caring that we expect all our personnel to demonstrate. Should you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I also encourage you to visit the police department on Facebook.

Sincerely,

Joseph Borell - Chief of Police





# Personnel in 2018

## Chief of Police

Joseph Borell

## Lieutenants

Robert Resslerand

Ronald Frost

## Sergeants

Michael Boffa

Marc Loveland

David Terpsta

Daniel Fletcher

## Detective Bureau

Daniel Greenwood

Steven Smith

## Patrol Division

Gary Walker

Robert Grabowski

Michael Fatzer

Kevin Peirsel

Vincent Graziosa

Conrad Jimenez

Sami Zeidan

Antonio Calabro

## Records Clerk

Chief's Secretary

Sandy Caparotta

## Class II Specials

Ray Muller

Mark Gilersleeve

Paul Pampinella

## Dispatchers

Dorothy McMaster

Mary Mazzola

Andrea Vollaro

Chelsea Adams

Ron Thomas

Joe Costello

Linda Daly

## Crossing Guards

Raimee Ball

Susan Galante-Sacco

Andrea Redfield

Andrea Vollaro

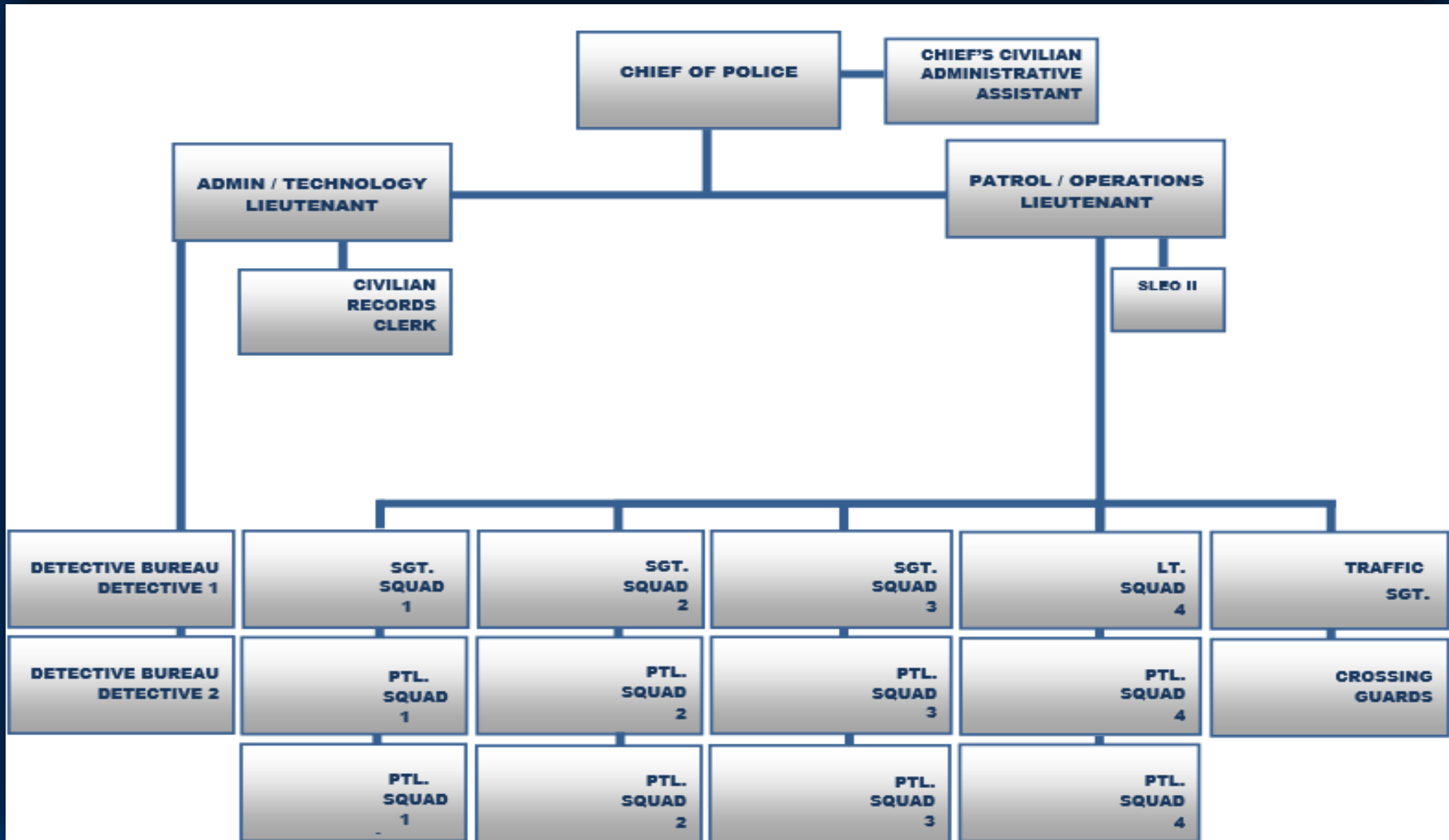
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Sue Kelsey





# Organizational Chart & Responsibilities





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## Bloomington Police Department Function Responsibilities 2018

<b>ABC Investigator</b>	<b>Court Liaison</b>	<b>Firearms / OC</b>	<b>LEAD Program</b>	<b>Radar Cert. / Maintenance</b>
Det. Greenwood	Lt. Ressler	Lt. Ressler	Sgt. Fletcher	Sgt. Boffa
Det. Smith	S/O Gildersleeve	Sgt. Terpstra	Sgt. Loveland	Ptl. Walker
<b>Accident Report Review</b>	S/O Pampinella	Ptl. Fatzer	Ptl. Grabowski	Det. Smith
Sgt. Boffa	<b>Crossing Guards</b>	Det. Smith	Det. Smith	Ptl. Jimenez
Sgt. Terpstra	Sgt. Boffa	<b>Fire Extinguisher</b>	Ptl. Peirsel	<b>Radio Maintenance</b>
<b>Accreditation Mgr</b>	<b>Digital Camera Maintenance</b>	Ptl. Walker	Ptl. Graziosa	Ptl. Walker
S/O Muller	Lt. Frost	<b>Flash Light Repair</b>	<b>Junior Academy</b>	<b>Record Mgt &amp; CAD System</b>
<b>Active Shooter Training</b>	<b>Dispatchers</b>	Pt. Graziosa	Sgt. Loveland	Lt. Frost
Lt. Ressler	Lt. Frost	<b>First Aid / AED</b>	<b>Manpower Coordinator</b>	<b>Road Construction (Meetings)</b>
Ptl. Fatzer	Sgt. Boffa	Ptl. Jimenez	Sgt. Boffa	Sgt. Boffa
<b>Alcotest Maintenance</b>	<b>DVRT</b>	Ptl. Calabro	<b>Megan's Law Registry</b>	<b>Road Signage</b>
Sgt. Boffa	Ptl. Peirsel	<b>Fleet Maintenance</b>	Det. Greenwood	Sgt. Boffa
Ptl. Walker	<b>Drug Alliance</b>	Sgt. Boffa	Det. Smith	<b>Senior Citizens</b>
<b>Armorer</b>	Det. Greenwood	Ptl. Zeidan	<b>Mobilevision / ALPR</b>	Ptl. Peirsel
Lt. Ressler	<b>Equipment / Supplies</b>	<b>Forms</b>	Lt. Frost	<b>Servers &amp; Networking</b>
Sgt. Terpstra	Ptl. Jimenez	Ptl. Graziosa	Ptl. Zeidan	Lt. Frost
<b>Bias Crime</b>	Ptl. Calabro	<b>Grants / DWI</b>	<b>CJIS/INCIC TAC</b>	<b>Special Police</b>
Det. Greenwood	<b>Evidence Custodian</b>	Sgt. Boffa	Sgt. Boffa	Lt. Ressler
Det. Smith	Det. Greenwood	<b>High School</b>	Lt. Frost	<b>Stationhouse Adjustments</b>
<b>Bike Patrol</b>	Det. Smith	Det. Smith	<b>New Veh. Equipment</b>	Lt. Ressler
Sgt. Terpstra	<b>Field Training Officer</b>	<b>Home Security</b>	Sgt. Boffa	<b>Swiftreach</b>
Det. Smith	Lt. Ressler	Lt. Frost	Chief Borell	S/O Muller
Ptl. Graziosa	Sgt. Boffa	<b>Internet / Website</b>	<b>Overnight Permits</b>	<b>Traffic Lights</b>
<b>Child Safety Seats</b>	Sgt. Terpstra	Lt. Frost	Lt. Ressler	Sgt. Boffa
Sgt. Terpstra	Det. Smith	<b>In-Service Academy</b>	<b>PowerDMS / Red Box</b>	<b>Video Recording Sys.</b>
Ptl. Grabowski	<b>Fire / Fire Police</b>	Sgt. Boffa	Lt. Frost	Det. Greenwood
<b>Community Service</b>	Lt. Ressler	<b>Internal Affairs</b>	Ptl. Zeidan	<b>Video Storage - Patrol Veh</b>
Sgt. Terpstra	<b>Firearms Applications</b>	Lt. Ressler	<b>Press Officer</b>	Lt. Frost
<b>Computers &amp; IT</b>	Lt. Ressler	Det. Greenwood	Sgt. Fletcher	<b>Video Surveillance System</b>
Lt. Frost	Sgt. Terpstra	Chief Borell	Lt. Frost	Lt. Frost



# Calls for Service in 2018

Total Calls for Service in CAD: **25,623**

Logged miles of street patrol: over **100,000**

Property and school checks conducted: **9,057**

Self-Initiated CAD entries: **19,996**

Motor vehicle crashes investigated: **195**

Open/Unsecured businesses found: **48**

Alarm calls responded to: **301**

Assisted with fire department related calls: **193**

Drug arrests made: **108**

Assaults reported: **36**

Burglaries reported: **6**

Thefts reported: **65**

\*Total Arrests made: **285**

Reports taken: **3,689**

911 calls responded to: **750**

DWI arrests made: **28**

\*Investigatory case close-out rate: **92%**

Total Investigatory Cases: **53**

Total Investigatory Cases Closed: **49**

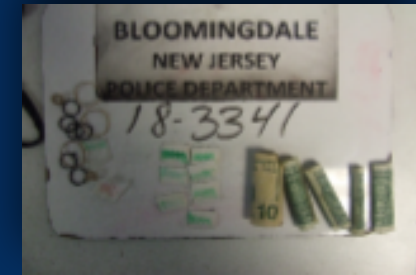
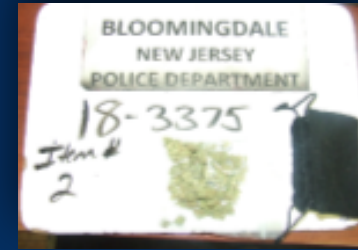
Total open cases: **4**

Articles of evidence submitted (Digital, Non-Digital & Property) **593**

Total non-investigatory cases: **199**

Part 1 offenses recorded: **67** (Murder, Rape, Robbery, Assault, Burglary, Theft, MV Theft, or Arson)

Megan's Law functions (registrations conducted): **16**





## Enforcement of Traffic Laws

Traffic laws enforcement is a top priority for the officers Bloomingtondale. Speeding, distracted driving habits, and driving under the influence account for many accidents, deaths and injuries each year nationwide and the Bloomingtondale Police Department is committed reducing the likelihood of such tragedies occurring here.

The traffic enforcement efforts of our officers also leads to the detection of many other crimes such as dangerous drugs, theft, burglary, and the discovery of those who are wanted by this and other jurisdictions. Most importantly, however, is that having a reputation as a department that aggressively enforces traffic laws discourages those who are inclined to engage in unlawful behavior from visiting our community. Dangerous individuals avoid towns where they feel they may be stopped for any petty offense related to their driving or their vehicle. They prefer to relocate and hang-out in communities where they are less likely to come to the attention of the police.

In 2018, the Bloomingtondale Police Department made **4,271** Motor Vehicle Stops.

- 3,478** summonses were issued as a result of those stops.
- 3,116** were for moving violations.
- 712** were given on Route 287.
- 847** radar details were logged.
- 362** were for parking violations.
- 173** were for unregistered vehicles.
- 147** were for speeding violations.
- 107** were for inspection violations.
- 96** were for cell phone violations.
- 13** were for displaying a fraudulent inspection sticker.
- 28** persons were arrested for DWI.
- 70** persons were arrested for possession of drugs in a motor vehicle.

\* The Municipal Court of Bloomingtondale collected **\$505,374** in fines for 2018.

\* The Borough received **\$199,017** from the fines collected.





## Business, Residential & School Checks

As part of daily patrol officers are required to check each of the Bloomington Schools during the evening shift. Patrols will verify that all doors and windows are secure and check the premises for any suspicious activity as well as ensuring no one is on the school property.

Officers are also required to check the businesses in town along Main Street, Hamburg Turnpike and Union Avenue. Officers physically check the doors of the businesses to ensure they are locked. If any doors are found to be unlocked, patrol will check the interior of the business to ensure there was no criminal activity. Business owners are contacted and the business will be secured by patrol if requested to do so.

Also as part of the patrol responsibilities, officers are required to check to see which residents have logged their home in our Vacant Home Registry. This consists of notifying the Police Department of the dates the residents will be away and any important information about the home as well as providing emergency contact information.

Below are the results of these efforts for 2018:

School checks conducted: **4,194**

Vacant Home checks conducted: **725**

Open/Unsecured businesses found: **48**

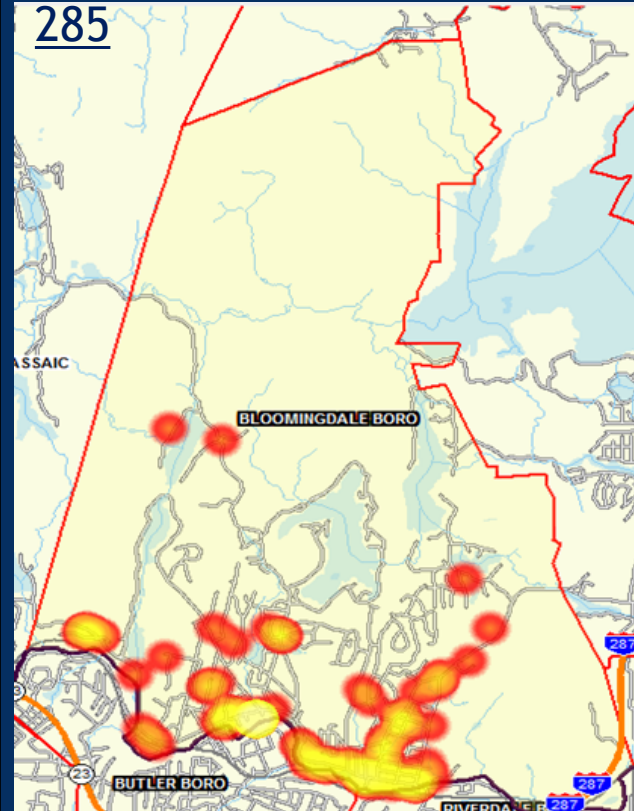


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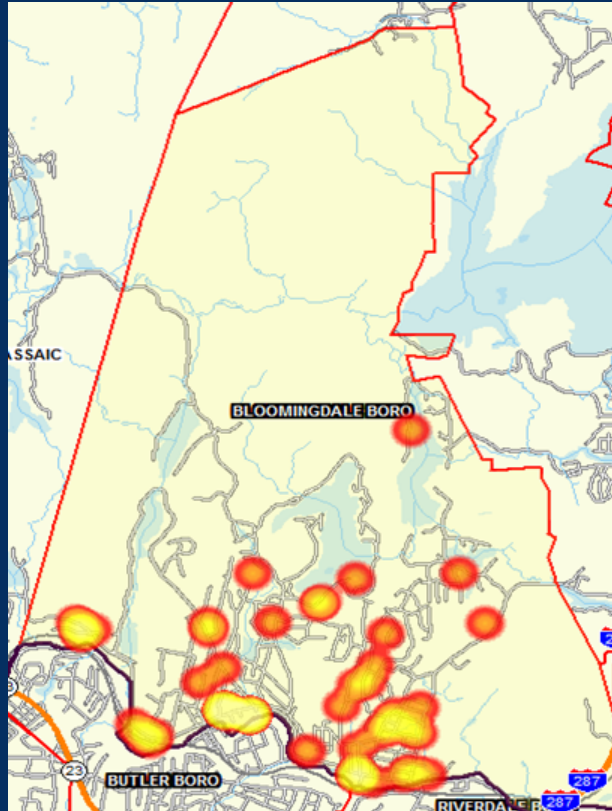
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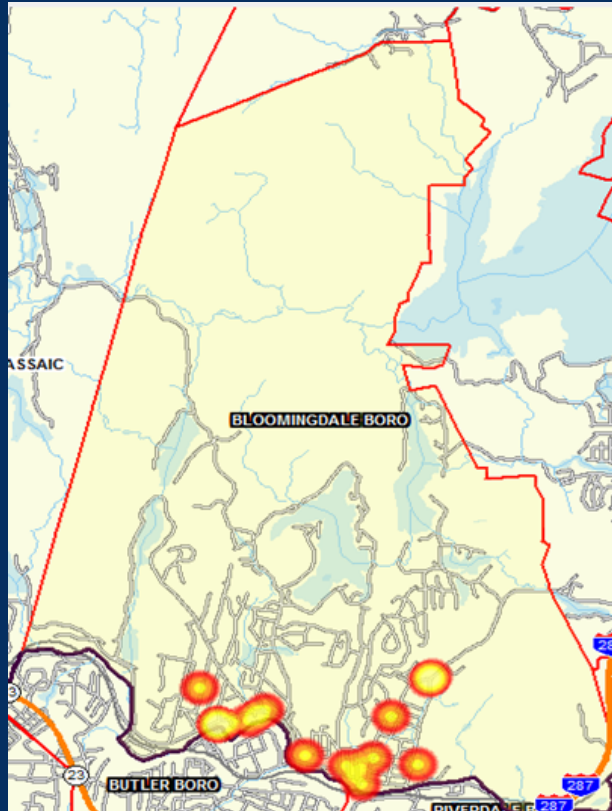
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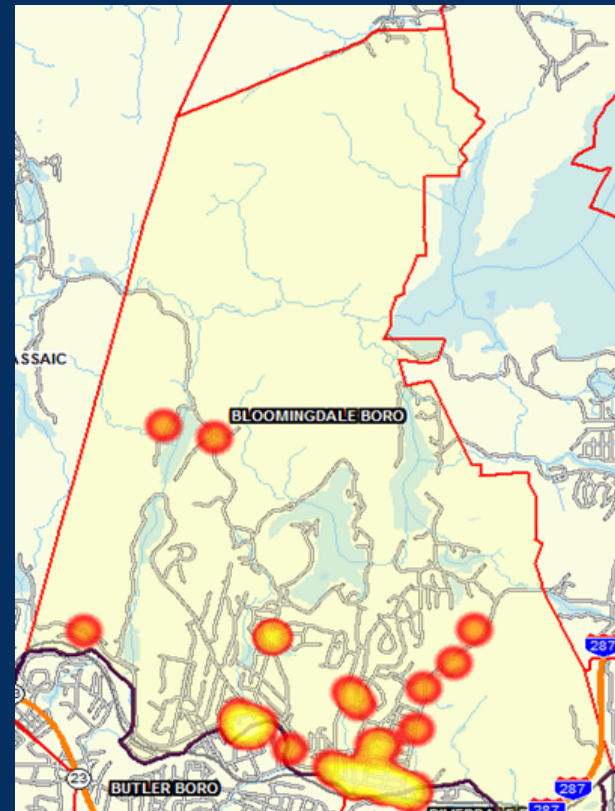
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DWI Arrests: 28



Drug Arrests: 108



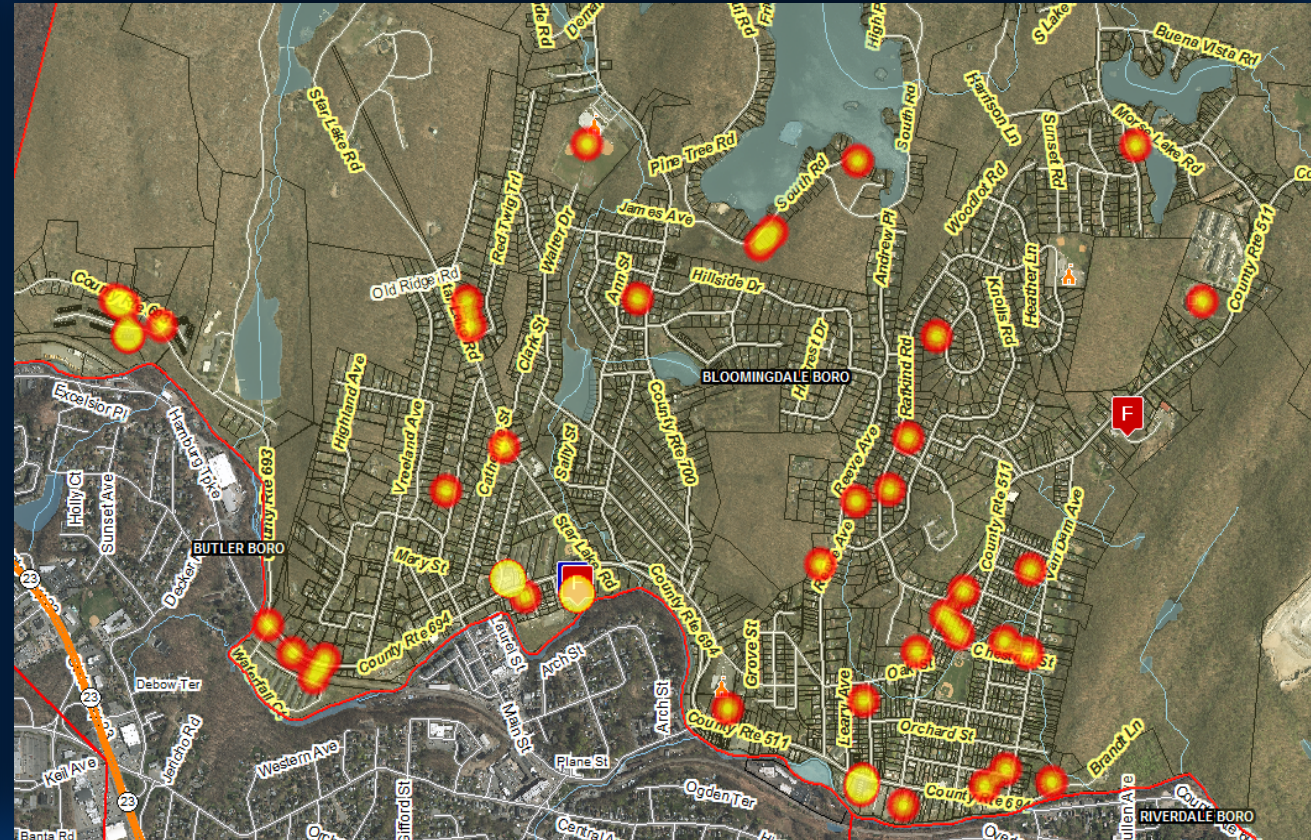


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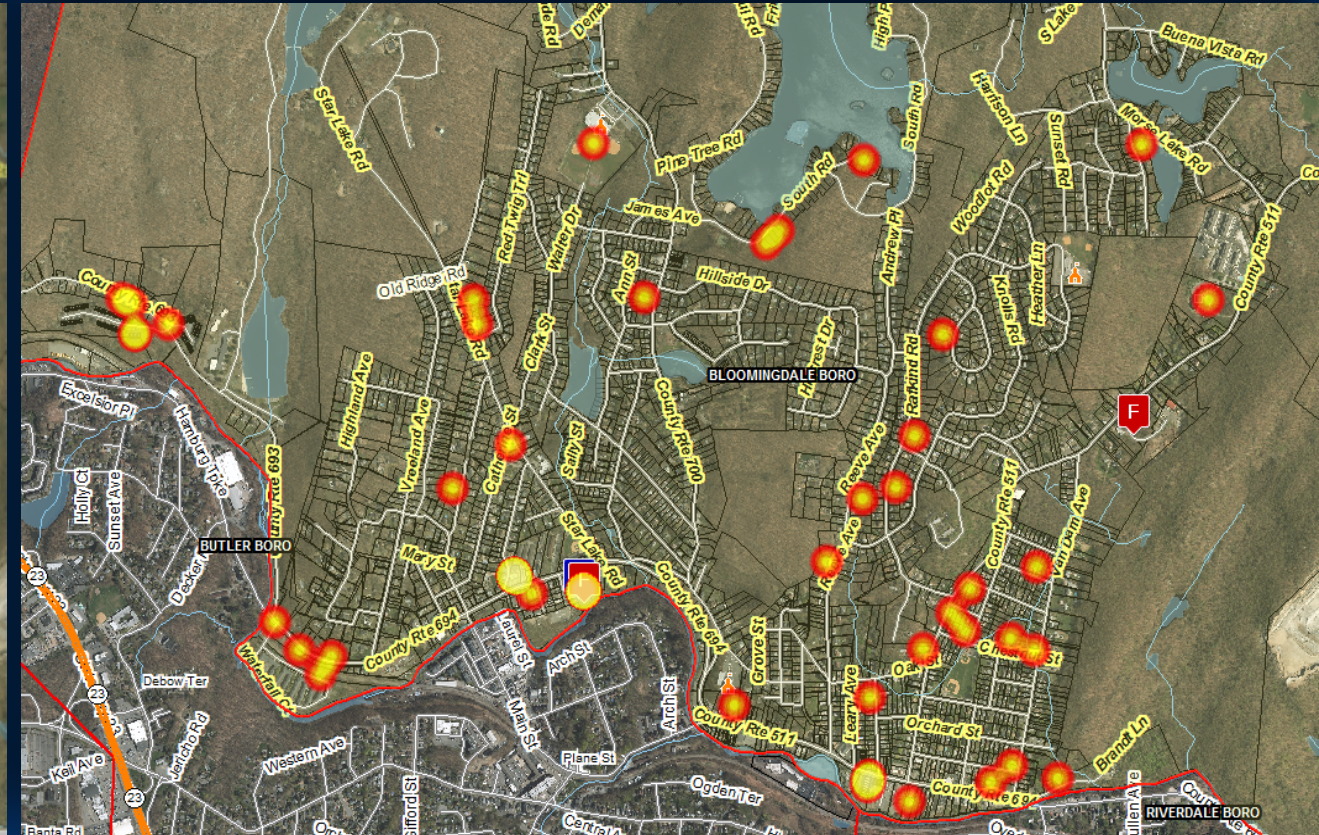


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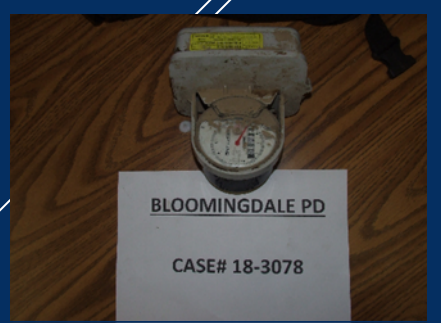
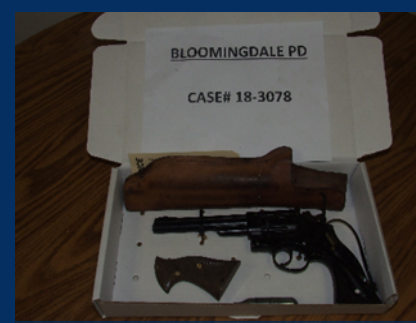
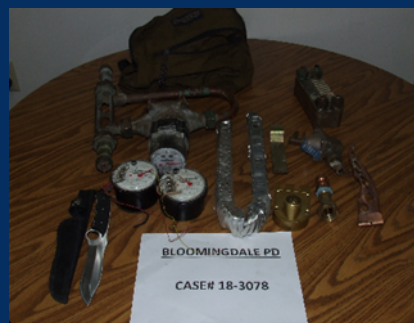
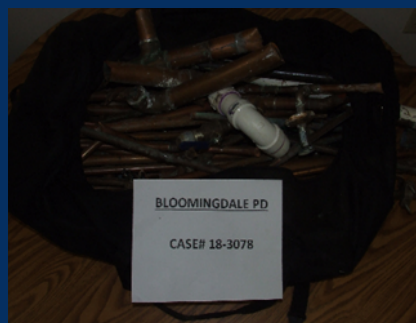




# 2018 Year in Review

## Two Arrested for Numerous Burglaries

On November 13, 2018 at 3:00 AM, Ptl. Sam Zeidan observed a suspicious vehicle being operated in the area of Warren Street. As the vehicle observed Ptl. Zeidan, the driver shut off his lights and pulled into an undisclosed driveway on Warren Street. The vehicle's occupants both exited the vehicle and separated themselves at which point Ptl. Zeidan made contact with both. It was explained that they were there to visit a friend whom they could not provide the name of. After further investigation the individuals later identified as SB, 28 and DD, 26 both of Pompton Lakes both were found in possession of screw drivers, gloves, flash lights and knives all consistent with Burglary tools. A vehicle search was conducted and a further search revealed suspected cocaine, hypodermic syringes, jewelry, burglary tools, stolen copper piping, residential water meters and a firearm. SB and DD admitted to canvassing the area to commit a burglary prior to being caught. SB and DD were both arrested and transported to Police Headquarters. At Police Headquarters a further investigation took place where was learned that the items located were proceeds from several burglaries which had taken place in Bloomingdale, Pompton Lakes, Wayne, Riverdale, Kinnelon, Paterson and several other municipalities. Several burglaries that had taken place had not been reported at the time of this discovery. Officers recovered water meters that had been taken from the various locations and were able to match those serial numbers with several homes within Bloomingdale and Pompton Lakes. The targeted homes, which were under bank ownership (foreclosures), had been burglarized and were missing copper piping within the entire residence. SB and DD were charged with Drug Possession, Possession of Burglary Tools, Receiving Stolen Property, Possession of a Firearm for Unlawful Purpose, Unlawful Possession of a weapon, Burglary (X3), Theft (X3), Conspiracy to commit Burglary, and Criminal Attempt.

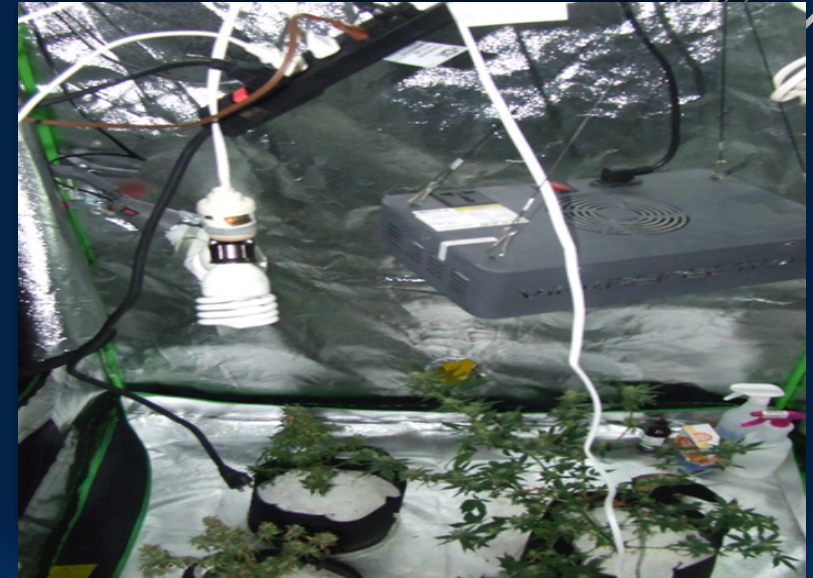




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## Execution of Search Warrant for CDS Distribution

On July 6th, 2018 at 17:18 hours, Det. Daniel Greenwood, who had put together a case for a search and seizure as part of a drug distribution case, served a search warrant on a residence on Macopin Road. Along with Det. Steven Smith, Ptl. Michael Fatzer and Ptl. Antonio Calabro, the officers responded and executed the search warrant. Located in the residence were a number of suspected marijuana plants. Also equipment needed to grow the plants was confiscated. Several jars and plastic bags were also located containing suspected marijuana. A resident, JS(32), was arrested and transported to headquarters for processing. She was charged with C.D.S. distribution, possession of C.D.S. and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was released pending her court date. A second resident not found at the location, JS (28), was also charged with the same charges and served at a later time.





# 2018 Year in Review

## Motor Vehicle Crash / DWI / CDS - Arrest of Suspect

On April 26th 2018 at 15:21 hours, a number of officers from this department responded to a single vehicle accident at the Municipal Building. The driver, RB (37) of Butler, had been traveling west on Hamburg Turnpike. The Suspect seemed to lose control of his vehicle which crossed the eastbound lane before striking a utility pole in front of the Municipal Building. After breaking the utility pole the vehicle continued and struck the borough's digital signboard and knocked down the borough flagpole where the vehicle finally came to a stop.

Ptl. Vincent Graziosa, Detectives Daniel Greenwood & Steven Smith along with several borough employees first met with the Suspect who had exited his vehicle and although it had struck multiple things and had airbag deployment, the Suspect seemed uninjured. The Tri Boro First Aid Squad and paramedics were dispatched to the scene as a precaution and it was decided that the Suspect would be transported to St. Joseph's Hospital for a medical evaluation.

In breaking the utility pole, several wires had fallen. A local school bus which had also been traveling in the westbound lane on Hamburg Turnpike was struck by these wires which caused damage to the bus. It had no students on board and the driver was uninjured.

After being evaluated in the hospital, the Suspect returned to this department. He was charged with Driving While Intoxicated, Reckless Driving, Failure to Keep Right, Failure to inspect his vehicle and a number of additional motor vehicle summonses. He was released to the care of a family member pending his court date.

Lt. Robert Ressler, Sgt. David Terpstra & Ptl. Kevin Peirsel all assisted with the accident. Also a number of organizations responded to assist including Butler Power & Light, Verizon, Optimum, the Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department & the Bloomingdale Department of Public Works. A section of Hamburg Turnpike, from Star Lake Road to Elizabeth Street, was closed until midnight.





## Traffic Division

The Traffic Division is comprised of a Traffic Sergeant and six school crossing guards. The Bloomington Police Department Traffic Division utilizes the three “E’s” of traffic safety (Education, Enforcement, and Engineering) to formulate a comprehensive traffic safety plan for the Borough.

### Crashes:

The Traffic Sergeant and an alternate Sergeant review every crash report written by patrol officers and conduct any follow up investigation that may be necessary. Each report is entered into a database program that allows us to identify trends around the borough and determine crash causation. In addition, all crashes are pinned on a map of the map in our GIS System to show an aerial view of the crashes.

### Education:

The Bloomington Police Department works diligently to insure safe practices by the users of our roadways through multiple “education” initiatives. Educational programs in the schools include such topics as Driving While Under the Influence, Teen Driving, Bicycle Safety and Pedestrian Safety, Don’t Talk To Strangers, and Use of School Crossing Guards. The Department continues to use the portable Radar sign to alert driver’s of their actual speed and we continue to utilize the Street of the Week campaign to allow residents to alert the Police Department of traffic concerns so that a focus can be put on traffic enforcement on those roadways. This program has been very effective in bringing speed compliance to neighborhood streets.

### Engineering:

The Traffic Division is constantly looking for ways to make our roads safer. “Engineering” at certain intersections and roadways is found to be a cause of many traffic problems. Data is collected from traffic counters, crash reports, intersection reviews, and citizen complaints in order to assist the Traffic Division in evaluating roadways or intersections for engineering changes. These changes can be as simple as better signage or pavement markings or can be as complicated as roadway widening or traffic signal installations

### Enforcement:

The department continues to use the portable radar sign, ALPR (Automatic Plate Reader) and Radar Details, which the officers conduct daily and several safe driving campaigns such as: Drive Sober or get Pulled Over, DDEF Drunk Driving Enforcement, Aggressive Driver, Click it or Ticket &

U Text U Drive U Pay





# Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

The Bloomington Police Department participated in the national “Drive Sober, Get Pulled Over” 2018 Statewide Crackdown. The department received a \$5,500 grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for 100 hours of overtime enforcement for the 2018 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year End Holiday Crackdown .

The goal of the program is to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving through high-visibility enforcement and to arrest motorists who choose to drive while impaired by drugs or alcohol.

From December 11, 2018 through January 1, 2019 the department stepped up impaired driving enforcement as part of Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2018 Year End Crackdown. The department conducted roving patrols during this mobilizations.

Below is a summary of the department’s enforcement efforts.

## Total Productivity During the Mobilization:

12/07/18 - 01/01/19

DWI Alcohol: **5**

DWI Drugs: **2**

Speeding: **26**

Cell Phone Violation: **10**

Total Summonses: **221**

CDS / Warrant Arrests: **11**





## Click it or Ticket

The Bloomingtondale Police Department received \$5,500 in grant money from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for seatbelt enforcement during the national “Click It or Ticket” campaign. The goal of the program is to increase seatbelt usage rates through education and enforcement.

New Jersey reported 568 fatalities in 2018, and a large percentage of the motor vehicle occupants killed in these traffic crashes were not wearing a safety belt. The use of a safety belt remains the most effective way to avoid death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash.

This year’s “Click It or Ticket” Mobilization was conducted from May 21, 2018 to June 3, 2018. The department conducted two seat belt checkpoints and additional hours of focused roving patrols utilizing overtime, patrol, and traffic personnel.

A total of 85 hours was utilized, which was reimbursed by the grant.

Below is a summary of the department’s enforcement efforts.

Hours Worked: **85**

Fixed Seatbelt Checkpoints: **15**

Total Seatbelt Violations: **145**

Cell Phone: **31**

Suspended Driver: **17**

Speeding: **22**

DWI (Alcohol / Drugs): **5**

CDS Arrests: **2**

Careless Driving: **18**

All Other Violations: **278**

Child Restraints: **1**

Total Summonses during the mobilization: **517**





## U Text U Drive U Pay

The Bloomington Police Department participated in the U Text U Drive U Pay Program this year. The department received a grant in the amount of \$6,600.00 for this enforcement campaign.

Distracted driving is a dangerous epidemic on New Jersey's roadways, being cited as a major contributing factor in over 804,000 motor vehicle crashes in the state from 2011 to 2015. Nationwide 3,450 people were killed in distracted driving crashes in 2016 alone. To combat these troubling statistics, law enforcement agencies throughout New Jersey will be using a combination of traditional and innovative strategies to crack down on motorists who text and drive. This effort is a part of the national U Drive. U Text. U Pay high-visibility enforcement (HVE) campaign that combines periods of intense anti-texting enforcement coupled with advertising and media outreach to let people know about the enforcement and convince them to obey the law. U Drive. U Text. U Pay enforcement strategies include roving police patrols, spotters on highway overpasses, and stationary police vehicles prominently placed at strategic locations.

The campaign was conducted From April 1, 2018 Through April 21, 2018 .

As a result the following summonses were issued:

Cell Phone: **53**

Speeding: **36**

CDS / Warrant Arrests: **16**

Total Summonses issued during this mobilization: **304**





# Aggressive Driver Campaign

The Bloomington Police Department conducted 2 aggressive driving campaigns that focus on aggressive driving by those traveling in our community. The details were set up in various locations and were a combination of both stationary and roving details.

Below are the results of these two mobilizations that took place in 2018.

## November 21, 2018

MV Stops: **36**

Speeding: **11**

Other Moving: **29**

Cell Phone: **3**

Arrests: **2**

Total Summonses: **43**

## August 31, 2018

MV Stops: **43**

Speeding: **6**

Other Moving: **58**

Cell Phone: **4**

Arrests: **3**

Total Summonses: **68**





# DWI Enforcement Program

The department used two extra enforcement initiatives to augment patrol efforts in enforcing DWI within the borough. The Extra DWI Patrol Programs have been in place since for many years. In 2018 the department received a grant in the amount of \$2,725.86 from the State of New Jersey DDEF (Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund). The extra patrol program consists of putting extra patrols out on selected weekends (usually holidays) with the specific assignment of detecting and apprehending drivers who are under the influence. Further, the DDEF Grant money was used to create enforcement details that targeted certain days of the week and certain hours of the day.

All of the Bloomington Officers are certified operators of the Alcotest 7110 MK III-C and trained Standardized Field Sobriety Tests. Below is the results of the two mobilizations conducted in the borough.

## Total Productivity:

	<u>8/21/18 - 9/07/18</u>	<u>12/11/18 - 1/01/19</u>
DWI Arrests	6	1
Drug Arrests	10	5
Indictable/ Warrant Arrests	11	12
Summonses	266	209





## Body Armor Vest Programs

Body armor is an essential component of an officer's safety equipment. The life saving benefits of wearing body armor cannot be understated. The FBI's Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted (LEOKA) statistics show that from 1987 through 2015, more than 70,000 officers were assaulted with firearms. Of the 1,708 officers feloniously killed in the line of duty during that period, 1,574 were killed by firearms. This means that 92% of all felonious deaths of officers in the line of duty were due to firearms.

In 2018 The Bloomington Police Department was awarded two body armor grants. The grants were secured from the 2018 Bureau of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant **\$2,120.25** and the 2018 State Body Armor Replacement Grant **\$2,046.88**.





## Social Media



In 2003 The Bloomingtondale Police Department launched its own website. Since its inception website was been created and has maintained by the department. Over the last 15 years the site has evolved from a simple informational platform to a location that the public can download various types of applications for Firearms Permits, Home Surveillance System Registration, Vacant Home Checks, Street of the Week, Emergency Medical Cards, Business Registration Cards, Overnight Parking Permits and Swift Reach (Reverse 911). There is also an area on the main page where the public can commend an officer or submit comments. The department stays committed to constantly looking for new ways to connect with the borough residents by utilizing available technology.

For the past several years the department has been utilizing Facebook and Twitter for not only notifications to followers, but also keeping the public engaged in the activities of the department. This the department uses these platforms to regularly notify the public of emergency situations, road closures, power outages and also to post crime statistics and Department events.

In 2018 the Police department took on a more active role in engaging in social media with the public by linking each social media platform to the other. The Department also started an Instagram account and began new initiatives aimed at providing not only public awareness of crime and other events occurring in the community, but also helpful tips for keeping safe.

Via Instagram, Facebook and Twitter The #9PMROUTINE was created as a way to remind residents each evening at 9PM to bring their valuables in from their vehicle, lock their vehicle doors and ensure their outdoor sensor lights were working to discourage would be burglars and car thieves from taking their property. Not only was this an enormous hit with our followers, but our number of followers swelled tremendously .

Another social media initiative was our Bloomingtondale Police Business Spotlight. Each week a local business would be visited, photographed and the owners interviewed. The images and a description of the business and the owners of the businesses would appear on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

To date we have boosted our online social media presence to 1,050 Instagram followers, 3,800 Facebook followers and 1,375 followers.



## Project Medicine Drop

In 2014, we joined the New Jersey Attorney General's "Project Medicine Drop" initiative and installed a Project Medicine Drop box at police headquarters.

This initiative continues to not only remain effective, but is gaining popularity as we saw an increase in the amount of medications that were placed in the Medicine Drop container. In 2018, over **256 lbs.** of unused prescription medications were dropped off and disposed of properly. This makes it easier and more convenient than ever for Bloomingtondale residents to take an active role in the fight against the nationwide epidemic of opiate and heroin abuse, which often is fueled by the abuse of prescription painkillers.

The Police Department continues to maintain reminders through our website and social media outlets to encourage our residents to use this service.

Members of the public are invited to visit the Project Medicine Drop sites and drop off any unused prescription medications anonymously and with no questions asked. The Bloomingtondale Drop Site is available from 8:00am until 12 midnight, seven days a week, 365 days a year.







# Communications / Records

The Bloomington Police Department maintains its own Public Safety dispatch and handles all calls for service within the Borough of Bloomington. Our dispatch center is staffed 16 hours a day (8AM to Midnight) 7 days a week by a certified tele-communicator or police officer to answer all calls and dispatch Police & Fire. Dispatchers will record all calls for service into the Police Department Computer Aided Dispatch and Record Management System as well as coordinate services for Police, Fire, DPW, OEM and other local, county and state agencies when needed.

The full time dayshift dispatcher also functions as the departmental records clerk will handle requests for reports from the public as well as discovery requests in accordance with NJ State Law and standardized accreditation procedures. The Records Bureau is open to the public Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, holidays excluded.

All tele-communicators are trained to utilize the following technologies:

- NCIC / CJIS (NJ State Crime and DMV Computer)
- Computer Aided Dispatch / Records Management System
- GIS (Geographical Information System) Call Plotting
- Phone and Radio Playback
- Security Camera Monitoring
  - Walter T. Bergen School
  - Samuel R. Donald School
  - Martha B. Day School
  - Bloomington Public Library
  - Bloomington Borough building





# Firearms Permits & Licensing

In order to obtain a firearm in the State of New Jersey, you must meet eligibility requirements and comply with the statutes which govern firearms purchases in the State of New Jersey.

All firearms applications for residents of Bloomingtondale are handled through the police department's Firearms Records Officers, Lt. Robert Ressler and Sgt. Dave Terpstra.

The process begins with making application for a Firearms Purchaser Identification Card and along the way, requires applicants to submit to a background investigation by both state and federal agencies, supply references, be fingerprinted, and consent to a mental health records check. To assist the Bloomingtondale residents, the Police Department has listed instructions and provided downloadable documents on the Departmental website along with website links to the necessary state agency run sites to assist the public in this endeavor.

Upon approval from the Chief of Police, a NJ Firearms Identification Card and/or a Permit to Purchase a Handgun is issued to the Applicant.

In 2018, **30** NJ Firearms Identification Cards and **105** Permits to Purchase a Handgun were issued.





# Accreditation

The Bloomingtondale Police Department was awarded its Re-Accreditation certification from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police for another 3 years in April of 2017. The task of remaining in compliance with Accreditation Standards is ongoing and ever changing as new laws are passed and new guidelines and directives are implemented. Maintaining, updating and creating new policies as well as ensuring practices and procedures are being followed is key to ensuring that the Department does not fall behind when it is time to renew. The Department will again be applying for re-accreditation status in 2020 and 2019 will be integral in laying the foundation for the next re-accreditation evaluation.





# Community Relations

Members of the Bloomingtondale Police Department hosted a Holiday Party for the Bloomingtondale Senior Citizens at the Senior Center. Many seniors came for a great time and were able to meet with all of the Bloomingtondale Officers while enjoying a holiday dinner and desert. The dinner was provided by the Bloomingtondale PBA Local #354. All of the members of the Police Department volunteered to not only help with the set up, serving food and cleanup, but also to sit with the seniors, listen to their concerns and also engage in casual conversation and enjoy the holiday festivities. A great time was had by all!

Members of the Bloomingtondale Police Department also grew beards in the month of November (No Shave November) to show support for those suffering from cancer. Participating members each donated their own money to put toward making a departmental donation to a resident suffering from cancer to help ease their financial burden.

During the Holiday Season the Bloomingtondale officer also delivered gifts to many Bloomingtondale children to help make their Christmas special.

With assistance from the Municipal Drug Alliance, Bloomingtondale Volunteer Fire Department and the teachers at the Walter T. Bergen School, the Police sponsored the “Unity Through Community” event that highlighted the dangerous alcohol and drugs and while participating in a volleyball game including students, teachers, police and fire fighters.

In cooperation with the Girl Scouts the Police Department had their pictures taken to be put on trading cards to be handed out to youth in the community. The cards came out very professional and were a big hit with the school children and others in town.

In addition to these events the Police PBA has sponsored these local charitable efforts:

- DVRT Christmas Drive
- Bloomingtondale Christmas Drive
- No Shave November
- Special Olympics
- Bob Kotchka Run
- Police Unity Tour
- Triboro Little League
- Butler High School Scholarships (3 Scholarships)
- Senior Citizens Holiday Dinner
- Bogue Park Book Box



# Community Relations – A Year in Pictures





# Professional Standards

Investigation of all Internal Affairs complaints involving Bloomingtondale Police Officers

Examination and analysis of all complaints, and all other incidents, involving any discharge of a firearm not related to training, all use of force incidents resulting in injury to the suspect or a third party, all vehicular pursuits undertaken by members of the department, and all collisions involving department vehicles.

- Management of the department's training programs to ensure compliance with local, county, state and federally-mandated requirements.
- Dispatcher operations and training requirements
- Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) officer responsible for inspections and investigations related to all licensed establishments
- Domestic Violence liaison officer to the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office
- Investigation of personal and professional background information for all individuals seeking a position associated with the Bloomingtondale Police Dept.
- Investigation and processing of all firearms related applications
- Investigation of all taxi, limousine, solicitor, peddler, and raffle applications, and licensing
- Public presentations, regarding various aspects of law enforcement, to schools and organizations

The Professional Standards Unit of the Bloomingtondale Police Department manages and/or investigates all complaints against police personnel received from the public (external) or from another officer (internal), in accordance with the New Jersey Attorney General's Guidelines.

Citizen complaints are accepted from anyone at anytime, including anonymous and third party complaints. While the public perception may be that Internal Affairs complaints against officers generally involve citizen complaints of criminal conduct by officers, in reality many complaints are originated internally by supervisory officers, and are related to infractions of rules, regulations, policies and procedures. Moreover, often the majority of the complaints received from the public are related to a citizen's dissatisfaction with the officer's demeanor during an interaction, such as a motor vehicle stop.

All complaints are investigated with utmost integrity and are classified into the following categories:

1. Excessive Force
2. Improper Arrest
3. Improper Entry
4. Improper Search
5. Differential Treatment
6. Domestic Violence
7. Demeanor
8. Other Criminal Violation
9. Other Rule Infraction



# Professional Standards

## The Professional Standards Unit Continued:

All allegations are investigated to their logical conclusion by experienced and specially trained investigators who analyze the incident in question. Completed investigations are forwarded to the Chief of Police for review with one of the following recommended final dispositions:

- Unfounded: The alleged incident did not occur.
- Exonerated: The alleged incident occurred, but the actions of the officer were justified, legal, and proper.
- Not Sustained: Investigation failed to disclose sufficient evidence to clearly prove or disprove the allegation.
- Sustained: The investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to prove the allegation.
- Administratively Closed: The complainant voluntarily requests that a complaint be withdrawn, the subject officer terminates his or her employment prior to final disposition of the complaint, or some other factor precludes investigators from concluding the investigation

Allegations determined to be “Sustained” may result in one of the following actions or penalties:

- Counseling/Training
- Oral Reprimand
- Written Reprimand
- Suspension
- Loss of time off (i.e.: vacation time, compensatory time, Personal time)
- Transfer/Reassignment
- Monetary fine
- Loss of promotional opportunity
- Demotion
- Dismissal



# Professional Standards

## 2018 Internal Affairs Complaints

Type of Complaint	Anonymous	Citizen	Agency	Total Complaints
Excessive Force				0
Improper Arrest		1		1
Improper Entry				0
Improper Search				0
Oth. Criminal Violation				0
Differential Treatment				0
Demeanor				0
Domestic Violence				0
Other Rule Infraction				0
Total	0	1	0	0





# Professional Standards

## 2018 Internal Affairs Dispositions

2018 Internal Affairs Dispositions	Sustained	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Administratively Closed	Total
Excessive Force						0
Improper Arrest			1			1
Improper Entry						0
Improper Search						0
Oth. Criminal Violation						0
Differential Treatment						0
Demeanor						0
Domestic Violence						0
Other Rule Infraction						0
Total	0	0	1	0	0	1



# Department Promotion

On September 18th, Officer Ron Frost was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

The Bloomington Police Department promotional process is a very time consuming, expense laden and family impacting process. The sergeants within the department were involved in an oral board exam generated and proctored by the New Jersey State Chiefs Association. The exam included areas of Supervision and Management principals, New Jersey and US Constitutional Law, Attorney General Guidelines, directives, case law, arrest search and seizure and the list goes on. The sergeants then were interviewed by the Council's Public Safety Committee using scenarios to determine leadership skills and supervisory knowledge, professional demeanor and "just who they are as people" and what their perspective of police work entails.

Lieutenant Frost is a 23 year officer who is respected greatly by his peers not only within our department, but outside the department as well. Lieutenant Frost has exemplified professionalism and a strong work ethic throughout his career. He has received several commendations as well as multiple life saving awards during his career.





# Goals and Objectives for 2019

Each year the Bloomington Police Department makes the effort to continue to improve in our day to day operations. By the use of new available technologies, training and exploring the thoughts and ideas of each and every member of the Police Department. In looking ahead to the coming year the department has outlined several areas where we would like to meet that objective.

- New Dispatch Desk
- New Radio Frequency / Radios
- ProTech DNA Kits
- New LiveScan Fingerprint System
- New Alcotest
- BPD C.A.R.E.S (Citizen At Risk Entry System)

## BPD C.A.R.E.S (Citizen at Risk Entry System)

The Bloomington Police would like to announce a search and rescue program operated by locally by the Bloomington Police and other Bloomington public safety departments. The program is designed for “at risk” individuals who are prone to the life threatening behavior of wandering. The primary goal provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children with the propensity to wander due to a cognitive condition. Participants register at police headquarters by providing some basic information and having a photo taken of person being registered. That information is uploaded into the Police Dispatch and Records Management System so that Officers can quickly identify the person visually as well as have knowledge of possible locations they may be attracted to. This information is also plotted to a GIS (Graphical Information System) map which allows Police personnel to get a bird’s eye view of possible destinations along with an aerial image of any possible hazardous locations nearby. This immediate distribution of information to the Police Officers in the field is key to a speedy location and recovery of the person in need.

*“We must find time to stop  
and thank the people who  
make a difference in our  
lives”*

*- John F. Kennedy*



**Thank you!**