

STRATFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT



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Chief Police Executive Ronald Morello

STRATFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Stratford Police Department to provide professional, high quality and effective police service in partnership with the community. We, the members of the Stratford Police Department, believe that our work has a vital impact on the quality of life in our community. To demonstrate our commitment to our profession, on and off duty, we subscribe to the following values:

Integrity

Integrity is defined as being honest, moral, upright and sincere. Public trust can only exist with our integrity and respect for one another. The foundation of the Stratford Police Department is the high level of integrity of its employees.

Commitment to Employees

The Stratford Police Department recognizes that its employees are the vital component to the successful delivery of police service. We believe we can achieve our highest potential by actively involving our employees in problem solving and improving police services. We support an organizational climate of mutual trust and respect.

Community Partnership

Recognizing the fact that police agencies were established as a result of society's voluntary limitation of personal freedoms, we encourage and expect the participation of the community in facilitating solutions to problems of mutual concern. We therefore solicit and support contributions from all members of this community regardless of race, sex, national origin or social status.

Community Sensitive Policing

Department members shall uphold laws in an ethical, impartial, courteous, and professional manner while respecting the rights and dignity of all persons. We shall strive to achieve a balance between enforcement and community needs which reflects both the spirit and the letter of the law.

Professionalism

Recognizing the changing and diverse needs of the community, the Stratford Police Department promotes and encourages a policy of professional and individual excellence which is delivered and enhanced by continuing education and training.

We realize fully that the expression of ideas is meaningless unless actively practiced. The integrity and professionalism demanded of members of the Stratford Police Department shall ensure the proper, lawful and unbiased application of police powers.

EXECUTIVE STATEMENT

By: Chief Police Executive Ronald Morello

On behalf of the Stratford Police Department, it is my distinct pleasure to present the 2023 Annual Report for the Borough of Stratford Police Department.

The Stratford Police Department is responsible for enforcing state statutes and municipal ordinances, investigating crimes, and providing a multitude of services while maintaining a safe community for our residents to live and work in. As you review this report, you will find that the Stratford Police Department is meeting and or exceeding its mission, statement, while effectively handling all responsibilities delegated to our agency. I am confident you will agree that the officers of our department have done an exceptional job keeping our community safe while providing our residents with the best services possible.

I look forward to continue working with the governing body to enhance the services we provide and to continue making the Borough of Stratford a safe place to live and work. As 2023 closes, I must take this moment to recognize the 8 years of solid leadership provided by Mayor Josh Keenan. While kindness and his genuine good nature are his strongest attributes, the Mayor's ability to govern and lead with dignity was remarkable and worthy of imitation. The Stratford Police Department welcomes Mayor-Elect Linda Hall. We know public safety will be a top priority of Mayor Hall's administration as well.

ORGANIZATION & PERSONNEL

Personnel

In 2023, Detective Andrew Rebecca retired from the Stratford Police Department after serving for 20 years. There were no other new hires or retirements.

2023 STAFFING ROSTER

DEPARTMENT HEAD

Ronald Morello 4/2023

LIEUTENANT

John Beasley

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Stephen McBride

Scott Beasley

SERGEANT

Frank Gagliardi

Vincent Jess

Steve Schmidt

CLERICAL / ADMINISTRATIVE

Tina Rauer

Trish Riebel

CORPORAL

Caleb Speer

PATROLMEN

Tim Butler

Dominic Romeo

Daniel Camburn

Patrick Brunett

Patrick Deitz

Dylan Jess

Ronald Morello Jr.

Zachary Collins

Ethan McBride

DETECTIVE

Thomas Farrell

Frank Gagliardi

Andrew Rebecca (retired 1/2024)

CROSSING GUARDS



Our crossing guards play a critical role to the Borough's public safety function. Each school day, crossing guards hit the streets to perform the paramount task of ensuring our children have a safe passage to, and from school. These guards perform especially dangerous tasks under some of the worst atmospheric and driver created conditions. These men and women are serious about their work and are deserving of recognition.

Crossing Guards

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| 1. Christine Osciak (Captain) | 9. Keith Hartley |
| 2. Christine Larsen | 10. Barbara Jess |
| 3. Lorraine Morello | 11. Trish Riebel |
| 4. Jessica Farrell | 12. Tina Wiseman |
| 5. Nicole Trusko | 13. John Laino |
| 6. Mark Tentarelli | 14. John Crawford |
| 7. Kay Mayer | 15. Nick Morello |
| 8. Christopher Mote | 16. Bill Stains |

Each year, the Stratford Police Department conducts an ongoing review to determine the feasibility of staffing each crossing post. During the summer of 2023, it was determined the staffed crossing location of Laurel & Atlantic should be de-commissioned. The following crossing locations remain staffed:

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|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Laurel & Warwick | 5. Parkview & Parkview School |
| 2. Warwick & Yellin | 6. Longwood & Overhill |
| 3. Warwick & Vassar | 7. Longwood & Homestead |
| 4. Vassar & Atlantic | 8. Vassar & Yellin |

Retirees and other Previous Employee

Below are the most contemporary sworn officers we wish to remember, who all dedicated many years of their lives to Stratford. Their good work still has positive ramifications on the department and our town today.

Retired Personnel

Detective Frank Rizzo
Chief James McBride
Clerk Marie Gahagan
Chief Jack Joyce
Detective Michael Williams
Chief Ronald Morello

D/Chief Nick DiEttore
Chief James Fuller
Captain John Brown
Sergeant Scott Beasley
Captain Robert Kelly
Sergeant Mike Meyers

Sergeant Edward Kane
Sergeant Paul Stoffel
Patrolman Fred “Rick” Casario
Captain Stephen McBride
Sergeant Bret Johnson
Detective Andrew Rebecca

Injuries and Accidents

Stratford Borough is self-insured for workers compensation claims. In order to ensure the proper level of police services for the citizens of Stratford, there has been a concerted effort by all police officers to reduce incidents of work place injury. Unfortunately, due to the inherently dangerous nature of the law enforcement profession, it often exposes police officers to hazardous situations that are beyond their control, therefore making the potential for injury extremely high. In 2023, there was one case of a work related injury where an officer was injured by an arrestee. There were two exposures to pathogens. Throughout 2023, our Police Officers were assaulted on six (6) separate occasions. These felonious assaults on Law Enforcement Officers occurred while police were investigating the following types of incidents: *domestic disturbances, other disturbances, traffic stop*. The Stratford Police Department logged over 102,000 miles driven in department vehicles in 2023; resulting in (3) traffic accidents, two involving parked vehicles. In one case, a parked police truck sustained heave damage after being struck by a construction backhoe on Vassar Avenue.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Reported Crimes

As can be seen by the figures below, the total police reports have increased from 2021 through 2023. The figures below include all reported criminal activity, and instances where officers filed a police report, excluding traffic crashes and summonses.

	2021	2022	2023
Total Criminal Offenses	1019	1266	1206



Arrests

The figures listed below reflect the number of “individuals” arrested for the previous three years. It should be noted that most times, multiple charges are filed against a single “individual.” The arrests figures listed below reflect the number of persons (Adults / Juveniles) physically arrested by Stratford Police Officers. In approximately 110 additional cases, criminal charges have been filed against suspects, but they have not been yet arrested or were arrested by other law enforcement agencies at the request of the Stratford Police Department.

	2021	2022	2023
Arrests	301	283	321

Drug Offenses

Because drug related crimes remain a high priority to law enforcement, the Stratford Police Department is continuing in its proactive enforcement efforts concerning drug use and distribution. Since the Overdose Prevention Act was enacted, many more drug offenses have been recorded. But according to the Overdose Prevention Act, police officers are powerless to arrest or charge certain drug offenders under some circumstances. In 2021, changes in legislation resulted in the legalization of cannabis (marijuana) and for the most part, it is not illegal to possess, or use cannabis.

Year	Drug Offenses
2009	70
2010	68
2011	75
2012	94
2013	101
2014	98
2015	75
2016	98
2017	113
2018	98
2019	109
2020	79
2021	73
2022	44
2023	76

Uniform Crime Reports (UCR)

The Uniform Crime Reporting Program is a nationwide, cooperative statistical effort of more than 17,000 cities, county and State law enforcement agencies reporting data on crimes brought to their attention. It was established in 1930 to gauge the state of crime in the nation. There are eight (8) main offense classifications, known as Part I Crimes, used as part of the Uniform Crime Reporting Program. The eight (8) crime classifications are divided into two categories; Violent Crimes and Property Crimes. The offenses, which constitute the Violent Crime category, include Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter; Forcible Rape; Robbery; and Aggravated Assault. The offenses, which constitute the Property Crime category, include Burglary; Theft; Motor Vehicle Theft; and Arson. Below is a chart highlighting the (7) identified crime classifications and the respective number of offenses for Stratford Borough for the last seven (7) years.

Offense	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
HOMICIDE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
RAPE / SEX CRIME	2	8	2	1	1	2	2
ROBBERY	2	4	7	2	0	1	2
AGG ASSAULT	11	12	12	11	13	11	12
BURGLARY	15	4	5	3	7	8	3
MV THEFT	4	7	1	6	1	5	11
THEFT	131	112	117	147	128	119	101

There are a number of law enforcement calls for police services that are time consuming. Below are the most frequent calls for municipal police services / activity for the patrol division:

Activity	% of activity 2023
Suspicious Incidents	15%
Other Complaints	31%
Medical Assist	5%
Ordinance Violations	2%
Follow Up Investigations & Reports	25%
Patrol / Traffic Enforcement / MVA's	22%

Domestic Violence

Acts of Domestic Violence are crimes the entire world must face and Stratford Borough is no way exempt. Domestic Violence consists of a host of crimes committed by family members, which is extended to any two people who have ever resided together. Domestic violence also governs those who have engaged in a dating relationship. Across the country, a large percentage of law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty have resulted from responses to domestic violence incidents. By standard operating procedure, at least two police officers must respond to domestic disturbance calls. This is particularly challenging to the Stratford Police Department because there are hours which only one police officer is on duty. It is during these times that we must rely on mutual aid from neighboring police departments. In order to effectively deploy manpower resources when they are most needed, the administration of the Stratford Police Department has identified below, when most acts of Domestic Violence occur within our jurisdiction. It comes as no surprise that reported acts of Domestic Violence still mirror those days when most drunk drivers are arrested. Once again, over 50% of Domestic Violence acts during 2023 involved alcohol consumption or drug use on behalf of the actor, victim or both. These statistics stayed are basically static from the prior years. In 2023, over 210 hours were spent resolving these disputes by either arrest, emergency restraining orders, court appearances or mutual separations. Virtual crimes have increased in recent years. Cyber harassment, stalking and intimidation crimes have become very common forms of domestic violence.

CRIMINAL FILINGS

Between **July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023, 933 Criminal charges** were filed in the Borough of Stratford. On average, **2.55** criminal charges per day were investigated, prepared or signed by the Stratford Police Department, and passed onto to the Records and Municipal Court staff for processing. Once filed, criminal charges may be sent to State Court or may be returned to the municipal court for disposition. For this same time period, a total of **6689** court cases were filed by the Stratford Police Department.

TRAFFIC

Accidents

Traffic Accident 11 Year Comparison

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Injury Accidents	77	73	56	77	73	65	77	71	58	44	68
Fatal Accidents	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	1
# of Accidents	291	296	255	321	341	365	369	342	242	226	286

Traffic Summonses issued by Category (2017 – 2023)

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>+/-</u>
Moving & Non	5275	5047	7847	4011	5382	5163	4437	-726
DWI	142	98	107	68	62	78	59	-19
Ordinance Summonses	133	136	84	60	77	95	97	+2

PATROL



Patrol is the largest Division and core law enforcement function of the Stratford Police Department. Its primary responsibility is responding to calls for service from the community. These calls can range from neighborhood disputes, domestic violence incidents, traffic accidents, burglaries in progress, robberies and sudden death investigations.

As the first responder to criminal complaints, patrol officers are responsible for seeing to the medical needs of anyone involved, interviewing witnesses, recognizing and preserving evidence, determining whether, in fact, a crime has occurred, and identifying and ultimately arresting those responsible.

Officers in the Patrol Division are also expected to provide proactive services such as traffic enforcement, crime detection and suppression, and initiating contacts with community members to our commitment to Community Oriented Policing. We are even called upon to unclog toilets, discipline children, unlock car doors, and change

flat tires. While these tasks are not usual police functions, these represent some of the needs of our vulnerable population and our officers our proud to serve the needs of our residents.

Officers assigned to the Patrol Division are divided into two (2) Teams. Both teams are responsible for 24-hour patrol coverage, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Sergeant Vincent Jess and Corporal Caleb Speer supervise the A-Team. Sergeant Steven Schmidt supervises the B-Team. Sergeant Frank Gagliardi is assigned to the Detective Bureau; Lieutenant John Beasley is the Day Watch Commander. The officers assigned in the patrol division work 10 hour workdays.

Community Oriented Policing Programs & Strategies

In the mid 1990's under the leadership of Chief James McBride, the Stratford Borough Police Department identified a need to implement community-oriented / problem solving strategies to assist in more effectively addressing citizen concerns about crime, safety and quality of life issues. While still embracing traditional policing practices such as random patrol and rapid response to calls for service, the department recognizes that there must be a collaborative problem solving approach between the police and the community in problem identification, prioritization and resolution of community concerns. More recently, these strategies have been greatly enhanced by our current police department leadership. Our more recent goals are to reduce crime and increase the quality of life by seeking citizen involvement, cooperation and support. One of the most important aspects of this philosophy is to identify and solve community problems rather than simply treating the symptoms. Operationally, we seek to implement our strategy and accomplish our goals through various programs including but not limited to:

- Attendance at Community Meetings
- Child Seat installation & Safety
- School Safety Programs
- Drunk and Drugged Driving Education
- Pre-K thru 12 Educational Programs
- PTA / PTO Participation
- Youth Sports Participation
- Child Identification Programs
- Officer Phil Program
- Red Ribbon Program
- Drunk Driving Enforcement
- Drug Enforcement Operations
- Code Enforcement
- Targeted Traffic Enforcement
- Volunteer Fingerprint Programs
- Crime Prevention Programs
- Town Watch Program (as needed)
- Bicycle Patrol
- Traffic Studies

Field Training

All police officers hired by the Stratford Borough Police Department must attend a state certified police academy. Upon graduation from the academy, all officers return to the department and are required to successfully complete a Field Training Program (FTO). The FTO program is an additional 2 months of supervised, intense training and evaluation in which the probationary officer is partnered with an experienced officer who has been carefully selected and trained as a Field Training Officer. It is the goal of the FTO Program to prepare and develop

Probationary Officers to act efficiently, effectively and safely in a solo patrol capacity, which is an absolute essential function of the Stratford Police Department. Because there are many instances where an officer is unassisted during a patrol function, each and every member of the police department must have the knowledge, skills and abilities to properly handle any situation that may arise. To fill those voids, supervisors and detectives are on call to respond to or communicate with the duty police officer handling an incident or crisis. These detectives and supervisors perform this function without additional compensation 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. Patrolman Tim Butler, Corporal Caleb Speer and Sergeant Steven Schmidt, are designated as Field Training Officers.

DETECTIVE BUREAU



The Detective Bureau is charged with the responsibility to review all Police Investigation Reports and intelligence sources in order to prioritize and investigate criminal activity. The Detective Bureau also serves as the Stratford Police Department's Counter-Terrorism, Narcotics, Megan's, Firearms and Intelligence Liaisons' and they meet regularly with other local, state and federal authorities in these regards. They Investigate Firearms Applicants, Investigate Business Licenses Applicants, secure and process all department evidence, and other property. The Detective Bureau is also responsible for providing for 24 hour a day, 365 days per year "on call" coverage. Detectives frequently are called during off hours to investigate serious active or recent crimes. The Detective Bureau works closely with the Camden County Prosecutors Office, and is reportable to that agency regarding all indictable crimes and investigations.

The Detective Bureau is currently staffed by two police officers who have undergone weeks of specialized training in their function.

Detective Frank Gagliardi	24 years experience
Detective Thomas Farrell	21 years experience

Property Stolen and Recovered

Property offenses include Burglary, Theft, Criminal Mischief and Shoplifting. The exact amount of value in theft related offenses is difficult to determine as officers and victims usually estimate the value of property stolen and recovered. The chart below reflects the estimated value of property stolen and recovered for the previous eleven (11) years. With the Borough of Stratford hosting three financial institutions and one check-cashing agency, the dollars lost to theft and fraud can be significant.

Year	Stolen Property	Stolen Property Recovered
2011	\$245,106.00	\$77,267.00
2012	\$109,480.00	\$15,877.00
2013	\$227,793.00	\$382,79.00
2014	\$140,250.00	\$38,159.00
2015	\$138,610.00	\$77,672.00
2016	\$74,145.00	\$46,195.00
2017	\$102,972.00	\$52,730.00
2018	\$66,934.00	\$58,902.00
2019	\$118,655.00	\$50,751.00
2021	\$100,433.00	\$46,049.00
2022	\$104,289.00	\$78,677.00
2023	1,195,187.00	\$1,089,850.

Criminal Investigations

From 11/01/2022 to 10/31/2023, the Detective Bureau was assigned **134** cases.

Burglaries (vehicles, home, commercial)	19 (3) commercial or residential
Thefts	30
Identity Theft / Frauds	19
Robberies	0
Assaults, Threats	13
Narcotics	3
Sex Crimes	3
Stolen Motor Vehicles	8
Non- Classified	21
Missing Persons	5
Sudden Death / Overdose	14 / 0

Fires / Arson	3
Criminal Mischief	8
Homicide	0
Shoplifting	1
School Investigations	6
Applicant Investigations	0

Arrests

8 suspects were arrested or charged by the Detective Bureau.

Non-Criminal Investigations

In addition to the criminal investigations, Stratford Police Detectives also handled **425** Non-criminal Investigations and the below regulatory investigations.

Firearms Licenses / Backgrounds	103
Handgun Permits	116
Identification Cards	45
Applications Received	103
Denial	5
Mercantile License	5
Vendor	3
Backgrounds, Vendors, Festivals	9

Evidence

Detectives processed **205** Property Reports that were turned in and logged. This resulted in **846** items logged in. **One** property report for Field notes were also logged and secured.

Notable Cases

2022-2023 Notable Cases

1. From November of 2022 through October of 2023, Stratford Police Detectives investigated **14** Sudden Death Cases. There have been over **8** other cases of drug overdoses.
2. In November of 2022, Stratford Police Detectives received a report of numerous fraudulent car loans that were issued at one of the local automobile dealerships. Initial investigation revealed that a former employee used false identities to secure over twenty automobile loans totaling over a half a million dollars. Further investigation yielded that employee also used the identities of six people whom lived in six different states. Investigation in this matter is ongoing. Charges are pending at this time.

3. In December of 2022, Stratford Police Detectives along with members of the Camden County Prosecutor's Office began to investigate two sexual assault complaints involving a resident of this town. During the investigation, it was learned that both victim's met the suspect on a social media dating application. While on a date at the suspect's residence, both victim's reported consuming a drink that was prepared by the suspect. Both victim's reported the loss of consciousness and fell victim of the sexual assault. Detective's executed a search warrant at the suspect's residence resulting in the seizure of a large quantity of narcotics and assorted drug paraphernalia. The suspect was charged accordingly and remanded to the Camden County Correctional Facility.
4. In January of 2023, Stratford Police Detectives assisted Patrol Officers with a fraudulent prescription that was presented at the CVS Pharmacy. Initial investigation revealed that a male suspect passed two fraudulent prescriptions for a quantity of narcotics. Detective's learned that numerous pharmacies and doctor's offices in northern New Jersey fell victim to burglaries where prescription blanks were stolen. Further investigation revealed that the suspect, along with over twenty other suspects were involved in a multi-state prescription fraud scheme. The suspect was identified and charged accordingly.
5. In February of 2023, Stratford Police Detectives were contacted by a resident of Philadelphia in regards to a bank fraud. The victim advised detectives that an unknown suspect unlawfully removed a large quantity of currency from his checking account. Investigation revealed that the suspect entered the Stratford TD Bank, utilized a fictitious Pennsylvania Driver's License and was able to access the victim's banking information. Detectives learned that the suspect and his associates were known to utilize fictitious identifications where they would travel from bank to bank and withdrawal money or cash fraudulent checks in the tristate area. The suspect was positively identified and charged accordingly.
6. In February of 2023, Stratford Police Detectives assisted Patrol Officers with a domestic disturbance at a local apartment complex. Initial investigation revealed the suspect arrived at the apartment for a custody exchange. During the course of the custody exchange, it was reported that three suspects then unlawfully entered into the apartment where they assaulted the two adult occupants. Both occupants sustained non-life threatening injuries. Ultimately, all suspect were apprehended, charged accordingly and remanded to the Camden County Correctional Facility.
7. In February of 2023, Stratford Police Detectives assisted Patrol Officers with a report of a trash truck that had compacted an unknown substance, which seemed to be combustible, corrosive and reactive to water. Furthermore, the fluid was leaking from the hopper and it was emitting caustic fumes. Members of the Stratford Fire Department, Stratford Office of Emergency Management, Stratford Public Works and Camden County Haz-Mat Division were summoned and arrived on scene. The trash truck was ultimately removed from the roadway where it's contents were removed and properly neutralized of any hazardous substances. Detectives canvassed the area and learned that a resident improperly disposed of pool cleaning agents in the trash. The resident, who was not charged in this matter, reimbursed the borough for the costly expenses in this incident.
8. In April of 2023, Stratford Police Detectives investigated a Domestic Violence incident. Initial investigation revealed that the suspect and victim were involved in a verbal disagreement over a cellular telephone. During the course of the disagreement, the suspect placed his hands around the victim's throat and began to strangle her. The suspect repeatedly strangled the victim until she lost consciousness. Upon gaining consciousness, the suspect grabbed the victim's phone, threw it to the floor

thus rendering it disabled. In May of 2023, patrol officers located and apprehended the suspect. The suspect was charged accordingly and remanded to the Camden County Correctional Facility.

9. In May of 2023, Stratford Police Detectives received a Firearms Application for an Initial Firearms Identification Card and four permits to purchase a handgun. During the applicant's background investigation, detectives learned that the applicant indicated that he was a law enforcement officer, he provided false information and had two previous applications denied and one application was withdrawn. Furthermore, the applicant previously appealed both denied applications where his right to obtain and own a firearms identification card and permit to purchase a handgun, permanently revoked. The applicant's false statements, he was charged accordingly.
10. In August of 2023, Stratford Police Detectives assisted Patrol Officers with a Stolen Motor Vehicle report. Initial investigation revealed that the suspect entered onto the Stratford Commons construction site and unlawfully entered a white work van. The suspect located the keys inside of the vehicle and fled the scene. The suspect fled into Philadelphia where he utilized the victim's credit card at a local hardware store. Detectives were able to trace the suspect whereabouts using video surveillance footage from the construction site. Detectives observed that the suspect traveled to the site on foot from the direction of the PATCO High Speed Line. Additional surveillance footage was obtained from the Delaware Port Authority showing the suspect at the train station. Detectives also learned that the officers previously encountered the suspect earlier in the day. During that encounter, the suspect provided officers with false biographical information. On the following day, the suspect was apprehended at the train station and transported to police headquarters where he was interviewed and gave a full confession. The suspect was charged accordingly and remanded to the Camden County Correctional Facility.
11. In October of 2023, Stratford Police Detectives, along with the Camden County Prosecutor's Office and the Division of Child Protection and Permanency investigated an alleged incident of Child Abuse that was reported to one of the schools. Initial investigation revealed that the child showed signs of injury, was struck in the face and was possibly choked by one of the parents. Investigation into this matter is ongoing. Criminal Charges have been filed.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER INITIATIVE (SRO)



STRATFORD SCHOOL BOARD PROPOSAL

The Board of Education of the Borough of Stratford, in the County of Camden (School District) is authorized to raise an additional, \$76,000.00 for two (2) School Resource Officers to provide security to students at each building within the school day. Each resource officer would be a full time position, working the hours of the school day at a salary of \$38,000.00, with no benefits. Approval of these taxes will result in a permanent increase in the districts tax levy increasing the appropriation line 11-000-266-110 Security Personnel Salaries.

YES
NO

On November 6, 2018, the taxpayers of Stratford spoke loudly and clearly, when they convincingly authorized a referendum to fund two Resource Officers to protect our public schools. This measure finalized a pilot program instituted in July of 2018. In June of 2023 the Stratford Mayor & Council unanimously agreed to renew the agreement with the school district and continued to place officers in Yellin and Parkview School. The Stratford Police Department is proud to provide for the safety and security of our children and staff. We hope our presence is conducive to learning and eases safety concerns of our parents and educators.

MEGAN'S LAW UNIT

Megan's Law

Although not “officially” a unit, the task of handling Megan’s Law registrants within the borough is vested with the Detective Bureau. Detective Thomas Farrell primarily oversees the registrants. Registrants are required to re-register anytime they move to a new address within the borough, even as minimal as a change to a different apartment. Registrant’s must also register upon moving into the Borough of Stratford from another area as well as notify our agency when they are moving to another jurisdiction.

We have registered a total of 7 sex offenders as of December 31, 2023, we have 7 sex offenders living in Stratford.

We currently have 1 new registrant in 2023.

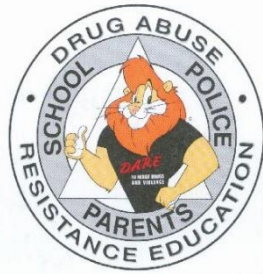
We have 0 offenders that has been relieved of an obligation to register.

We have 7 offenders register annually and no offenders required to register every 90 days.

We have 5 Tier I offenders and 2 Tier II offenders, and zero Tier 3 Offenders (highest threat)

Detective Farrell delivered 40 Megan’s Law notices to schools, daycares, civic groups and alike.

DARE PROGRAM



The Stratford Police Department has conducted the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance and Education) Program in the Stratford School district since **1990**. To date, over 4100 Stratford students have gone through the DARE Program. The program is taught to 5th grades at Yellin and John Paul II Schools. This program is 12 weeks long and trained officers visit their assigned class once a week and teach a prescribed curriculum. In 2023, approximately 125 students were taught in the DARE Program.

Officers who taught the DARE Program in 2023 were:

PtIm. Caleb Speer (Program Coordinator)
PtIm. Tim Butler

PtIm Zack Collins
PtIm. Dan Camburn

PtIm Patrick Deitz

To celebrate the students accomplishments, the Stratford Police Department and JP II School hosted the annual DARE Graduation Night at the carnival.

RECORDS DIVISION



The Records Division of the Stratford Police Department supports the operational efforts of the detective bureau, patrol division and administrative sections. Along with performing a variety of other services, including but not limited to

- Data Entry & filing
- Prosecutors Office Case Preparation
- Processing of Automated Red Light Enforcement Offenses and Discovery
- Report Maintenance/Filing/Retrieval
- Issuing Licenses, permits
- Copy reports for Civilians/ Insurance Companies/Attorneys
- Isolating Expunged Files
- Issue Handicap Placards
- Process Firearms Applications
- Coordinate Background Investigations
- Process Fingerprint Cards
- Process Juvenile Complaints
- Receiving incoming emergency and non-emergency calls
- Screening walk-in complaints
- Compile monthly statistics
- Municipal Court case preparation

The chart below highlights a small percentage of the work processed by the Records personnel in 2023. The records division is responsible for creating and maintaining over 20,000, records annually. The records clerks process each and every case, accident, summonses and documents which are ultimately passed on to the municipal court office that is staffed by two full time and one part time employee. In accordance with Stratford’s paperwork reduction philosophy, during the month of October 2012, our records room began making motor vehicle crash reports available online. This initiative has found to be convenient for the public and efficient for the police department. There are no associated costs to the borough for this service. In late 2014, the Stratford Police Department entered into a shared service agreement with Bellmawr Borough where as Stratford purchased a State of the Art Records Management System (RMS) Effective January 2015 Stratford and now all other law enforcement agencies in Camden County will have the benefit of instantly sharing crime data, including arrests and investigation. Much of costs associated with the purchase of the RMS system was paid for with grants, forfeiture funds and sources.

	2023
○ *Reports Copied	2700
○ *Firearms Applications Processed	116
○ *Background Checks Completed	5
○ *Juvenile Complaints Processed	25
○ *Prepares Cases for Court Office	1425

**denotes estimated*

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stratford Borough Police Department does not directly employ police dispatchers or communications officers. Our primary communications function is provided to Stratford by the Camden County Police Communications Center, which is located in Lindenwold NJ. The Communications Center is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Despite all appearances, when calling 911, the process of dispatching a police officer is nearly immediately underway. Officers of the Stratford Police Department respond to most emergency and non-emergency calls within 120 seconds of receipt from the Communications Center. 95% of Camden County municipalities utilize the Camden County Communications Centers with the exception of four larger townships who are Gloucester Township, and Cherry Hill Township. However, during business hours, our Records Clerks will receive, screen and dispatch 10 to 50 emergency and non-emergency calls for service per week. These calls are handled by the Stratford Police Department when a reporting person dials the police administration building directly instead of the non-emergency line or 911. Because the offices are closed 16 hours a day, and all weekend long, the Stratford Police Department discourages the public from calling the administrative offices to report crimes in progress.

Calls for Service

Calls for service are operational incidents that the police department can track and monitor. These include 911 calls, emergency and non-emergency requests for service, and “on-sight” criminal/public service activity by officers. The chart directly below reflects the number of calls for service handled by the Stratford Police Department for the previous five (5) years. As previously stated the vast majority of calls for police service are channeled through the Camden County Communications Center.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	change
Calls	6774	5674	7925	8399	8110	-289

STRATFORD OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (OEM)



The Stratford Office of Emergency Management (OEM) was first enacted in the 1950's during World War II and the Korean Conflict as what was commonly called Civil Defense Department. It progressed through the war eras until the late 70's early 80's when the name changed to the Office of Emergency Management and came under the direction of the New Jersey State Police.

Over the decades, the department has gone from a single filing cabinet in the basement of the Borough Hall, later to a shared desk, and now in 2022 to a 24/7 fully functional Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located in the Stratford Public Safety Facility at 315 Union Avenue. The recent move from the basement of Borough Hall was made due to the need for technology access, and the convenience of directly coordinating our efforts with the Stratford Police Department. In addition, an emergency generator energizes the Public Safety Facility during times of power outages. The Stratford Office of Emergency Management is a volunteer department of the Stratford Municipal Government, staffed by the below volunteers.

In 2023, the Stratford Office of Emergency Management participated in 4 drills, 6 practical exercises and attended 6 county meetings. In November of 2023, Deputy Coordinator Tim Hall completed Basic OEM Training at the Cumberland County Training Center.

Emergency Management Coordinator

Ronald Morello

Deputy Coordinator(s)

Thomas Farrell

Tim Hall

Stephen McBride

CERT Team – First Aid

Thomas Farrell
(EMT-First Aid)

Tim Hall
First Aid

Lauren Laino
First Aid

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FIRST AID CERT TEAM

During 2023, the Stratford Office of Emergency Management created a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to make first aid services available to citizens at special town events. A decommissioned police vehicle was transformed to a First Aid vehicle, designed to match the appearance of the Stratford Ambulance.

In 2023 our volunteers staffed the 4th of July parade, National Night Out, Halloween Parade, Bill Scully Charity Walk and the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting.



MISCELLANEOUS

Overtime

For the calendar year of 2023, officers of the Stratford Police Department worked approximately 680 hours of locally budgeted hours of overtime and or compensatory time. The Police Department budgeted overtime is utilized and necessary for the patrol division and detective bureau for purposes such as attendance in court, the replacement of personnel out sick, injured or on other approved leave such as attendance at mandatory or other training, completion of assignments, the investigation of serious offenses, or to work a special assignments such as parades, and other public events. In years past, severe weather events have seriously taxed the overtime budget; however, the police administration remains committed to ensuring police personnel are deployed where and when our citizens need them. For accountability purposes, overtime must be approved by a supervisor or department head.. Categories for overtime are as follows:

Extended Tour - time worked in addition to and consecutive with one's regular 10 hour work day (examples include time at the end of a tour of duty to complete an arrest, assignment or reports).

Extra Tour - time worked in addition to one's regular workday (examples include replacing an officer on sick leave or a Detective called in to work on a serious case).

Court - To provide testimony in municipal, state or federal court (examples include mandatory court appearance, which does not coincide with an officer's regularly scheduled workday).

Training - attendance at in-service training courses not available during workdays or contractual uncompensated days (examples include CPR / AED Training, Alcotest Certification, Search & Seizure Updates and Criminal Law Refresher). Very limited overtime for training has been expended in the past 4 years.

Crash Investigation Team - assistance provided to the Camden County Prosecutors Office investigating fatal accidents county wide. The Camden County Prosecutors Office reimburses the Stratford Police Department when our trained officer is used out of Stratford Borough on assignment.

DDEF - Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund: a state funded grant utilized to place additional police officers on the road to target drunk drivers (examples include extra patrols on holidays, weekends and nights when instances of drunk driving are inherently increased).

Other Grant Overtime – Overtime used for extra patrols for seatbelt and speed reduction campaigns. Overtime in this category is generally reimbursed through state and federal grants.

Other Overtime – Overtime expended through the Borough paid for by private vendors (traffic construction) Other overtime is spent on school events, carnivals, public events, other traffic control, security posts, and security details as required.

Compensatory Time-Hours: Compensatory hours are actually overtime hours worked in which the police officers elects to bank hours which can be later used as time off. Compensatory hours per Federal Law can be accrued up to 480 hours.

The chart below reflects the Stratford Police Department's estimated overtime, by category for 2023:

Overtime by Category:

	Hours				
Extended Tour	190				
Extra Tour	310				
Court	135				
Training	40				
Records Coverage	8				
County Reimbursement	60				
DDEF & Task Force	290				
Other & Grants	200				

Training and Education



One of the most important responsibilities of a law enforcement agency is the training and education of all personnel. It is well settled that training increases safety and reduces civil liability. The Stratford Police Department has in place a comprehensive police-training program, which provides for the annual training of all officers on topics determined to be critical to police officers of this agency. The men and women of the Stratford Borough Police Department attended a wide variety of in-service training courses throughout 2023 including:

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Blood-Borne Pathogens | High Risk Traffic Stops |
| Property & Evidence | Advanced Crash Investigation |
| Firearms Qualifications | Field Training Officer |
| Evidence Technician Training | Child Abduction Response Training |
| SRT Team Training | DNA Gathering |
| Patrol Rifle Training | Criminal Law & Procedure |
| Basic SWAT | Cell Block Updates |
| Active Shooter Response | Domestic Violence |
| Report Writing | Attorney General Guidelines |
| EMT Recertification | DWI Detection & Prosecution |
| Arrest Search & Seizure | Alcotest Training |
| Right to Know | PBT Training |
| Use of Force | NCIC Training |
| Handle With Care | Officer Resiliency |
| Vehicle Pursuit | Radar Operator Training |
| Interview & Interrogation | Missing Child Investigation |

HAZMAT
NIMS
School Drills
RMS Operators Course
CED (Taser) Training
Criminal Justice Reform Updates
AED/CPR Training
ODARA (risk assessment)
DNA Gathering
COVID 19 Training
Body Word Cameras
ABLE
CAT
CLEAR Training
Alcotest Refresher
Executive Leadership FBI LEADS
Leadership Virtual Series

Work Zone Safety
OC Spray Training
NCIC Updates
Narcan Training
Below 100 Training
21st Century Policing Training
De-Escalation Training
CJ Reform Risk Assessment
ERPO Training
Handle with Care
Use of Force
Culture Diversity
Dealing with Drug Dependents
DWI Field Sobriety Training
Autism Awareness
Contemporary Leadership

Internal Affairs & Professional Standards

The Stratford Borough Police Department is committed to providing law enforcement services that are fair, effective, and impartially applied. Toward that end, officers are held to the highest standards of official conduct and are expected to respect the rights of all citizens. Officers' adherence to these standards, motivated by a moral and professional obligation to perform their job to the best of their ability, is the ultimate objective of this agency. The effectiveness of a law enforcement agency is dependent upon public approval and acceptance of police authority. The department must be responsive to the community by providing formal procedures for the processing of complaints from the public regarding individual officer performance.

The purpose of the Department's Internal Affairs Policy is to improve the quality of law enforcement services. Citizen confidence in the integrity of the police department increases through the establishment of meaningful and effective complaint procedures. This confidence engenders community support for the police department. Improving the relationship between the police and the citizens they serve facilitates cooperation vital to the department's ability to achieve its goals. An effective disciplinary framework also permits police officials to monitor compliance with department policies and procedures. Adherence to established policies and procedures assists officers in meeting department objectives while a monitoring system permits managers to identify problem areas requiring increased training or direction. Finally, the Internal Affairs Policy ensures fairness and due process protection to citizens and officers alike. The internal affairs process is also used to identify and correct unclear or inappropriate agency procedures. In addition, it will highlight organizational conditions that may contribute to any misconduct, such as poor recruitment and selection procedures or inadequate training and supervision of police officers. In 2023, there were 6 Internal Affairs Investigations. The categories of these investigations included rule violations and demeanor. There were zero use of Use of Force investigations. As per the protocol established by the Camden County Prosecutors Office, the Internal Affairs function conducted random drug testing of 20% of the police department. All random drug tests of police officers were negative.

ADMINISTRATION

Police Policy Manual

By law and Attorney General Guidelines, every police department shall adopt certain policies, which govern how law enforcement operations are carried out. Although the mandatory policies are few, the Chief of Police believes that policies are a critical element of an effective law enforcement agency. Since 2002, the Chief of Police has developed a comprehensive policy manual, which consists of, the below chapters:

Read & Initial Board	Organizational Structure	Written Orders
Court Appearances	Uniforms	Command
Police Chief Notifications	Detective Notifications	Secondary Employment
Use of Police Vehicles	Discipline	Accident Reporting
Mission Statement	Ethics	Property & Evidence
Body Armor	Authorized Leave	Training
Harassment in the Workplace	Police Reporting	Juvenile Holding
Criminal Complaints	Alternate Care for Dependents	Domestic Violence
Amber Alert	Response to Bank Alarms	Strip Search
DWI Processing	Vehicle Impound	Detective Affairs
Death Notifications	Ordinance / Parking	Internal Affairs
Juvenile Processing	Vehicle Pursuit	Fingerprints
Bias Incidents	Officer of the Year	DYFS Matters
OC Spray	Anti-Discrimination	Special Events
Fatal MVA	Use of Force	AED & CPR
Missing Persons	MDT	Transportation
Release of Impounds	Mutual Aid	Hostage Situations
Bomb Threats in School	Holding Room Policy	NCIC Entry
Family Crisis Matters	Haz-Mat Incidents	Traumatic Events
Telephone Warrants	Home Firearm Security	Station House Juveniles
NCIC Computer Security	Blood Borne Pathogens	Sexual Harassment
SWAT Team	Rapid Response Team	School Lockdowns
School Evacuations	Portable Breath Testing	Drug Testing of Police
Computer Email Policy	Immigration Notification	Emergency School Operations
Emergency Driving	ViCAP Policy	Domestic Violence (LEO)
Patricia's Law (Missing Persons)	Dealing with the Mentally Ill	Social Media
Field Note Retention	Eyewitness Identification	Fire Investigations
Medical Marijuana Investigations	School Critical Incidents	Blood Evidence
Overdose Prevention Act	DWI Telephonic Warrants	CED Policy
Naloxone (Narcan)	Injured on Duty Policy (IOD)	De-Confliction
DNA Gathering	Surreptitious Recordings	Immigration Trust
Extreme Risk Protection Order	Interactions with Transgender	Handle with Care
COVID Practices	Body Worn Cameras	Judicial Protection
Safe Kits	Special Needs Registry	ALPR Policy
Initial Report to Sexual Assault Investigations		

In 2008, the Stratford Police Department stopped issuing paper policies. Each officer has been issued a password protected thumb drive and all departmental policies and directives have been converted to PDF format. This initiative has resulted in a cost savings while making the comprehensive patrol

guides available to the officer while in the field / patrol vehicles. During the year 2023, the police department issued 7 Special Order or Personnel Orders.

Law Enforcement Grants

Because of local fiscal restraints, the Stratford Police Department relies heavily upon State and Federal Grants to continue to function at a high level. In addition, because the effective delivery of law enforcement services depends greatly upon training, equipment and effective use of manpower, the Stratford Police Departments literally operates on a shoestring budget supplemented by grant funds. The following is a partial list of grants applied for, and received by the Stratford Police Department during the year of 2023:

1. DWI Enforcement Patrols	reserved
2. State Bullet Proof Vests	\$1400.00
3. NJ Safe & Secure Manpower	\$16,000.00
4. DWI Check Point	\$2000.00
5. County DWI Task Force	\$39, 900.00
6. Other Traffic Enforcement Grants	\$14,000.00

Since 2002, the Stratford Police Department estimates having received well over one million dollars in grant awards, which include manpower hours, law enforcement training and equipment.

Staffing & Patrol Analysis

In these days of rising costs, and a shrinking tax base, staffing of all municipal departments legitimately comes into question. Without question, every municipal employee inclusive of elected officials have a duty to ensure that our taxpayers receive the most effective and efficient delivery of municipal services.

To achieve this mission, the administration of the Stratford Police Department strives to deploy our police officers when and where they are needed most by our citizens. To ensure public safety, the department has elected to employ Temporary & Special Police Officers. These officers currently are not fully trained police officers however they are trained as Special Class Two Police Officers. These officers are hourly employees who are called upon to assist our regular police officers. Special Police Officers are a “special class” of law enforcement officers who are restricted in a variety of ways. However, they clearly serve the needs of our community while defraying overtime costs. Currently the Stratford Police Department employee’s fifteen (15) full time regular police officers and (3) part time officers. 2 retired officers are assigned to Parkview and Yellin School where they service as Resource Officers.

Statically, the Borough of Stratford enjoys the protection of 2.1 Police Officers, per one thousand residents. The County average in this regard is 2.5 Police Officers, per one thousand residents and the New Jersey State average is 2.3 Police Officers per one thousand residents. Although we may be significantly below the state and county averages regarding the number of police officers we employ, the administration of the Stratford Police Department is confident that our manpower is deployed in an effective and efficient manner, which is continuously analyzed. Should crime or population meaningfully increase, the need for additional police officers may become necessary. However as stated, our manpower and workload is carefully monitored to ensure the safety of our citizens. Consequently, the administration of the police department remains confident that the borough’s public safety obligations are met, and yet fairly balanced against the financial or tax implications to our citizens.

Patrol Vehicle Replacement Program



As a matter of business, the Borough of Stratford strives to replace one patrol car on off years and two on even years. In doing so, administrators and the designated motor pool officer carefully evaluate the use, mileage, condition of each police vehicle. Generally, the Stratford Police Department will de-commission a patrol car after approximately 10 years of service. Although these decade old cars give a nice appearance, wear, tear, mileage and hard driving clearly takes its toll on these cars. For the safety of the police officers and the public, generally police cars are decommissioned after a decade. Given the inherent nature of their use, the mileage, and existence of 50 speed bumps, it is remarkable that the patrol cars receive 10 years of longevity. Currently our patrol fleet consists of the following patrol vehicles:

Unit #	Year	Make / Model	Mileage
32-1	2012	Ford Expedition	Decommissioned to OEM/EMS
32-2	2023	Chevy Tahoe	8365
32-3	2022	Ford Explorer	18160
32-4	2007	Ford Expedition	Decommissioned to DPW
32-5	2017	Ford Explorer	70,760
32-6	2023	Chevy Tahoe	7975
32-7	2015	Ford Taurus	Decommissioned for SRO

32-8	2014		Ford Explorer	126,823
32-9	2017		Ford Explorer	62,797
32-10	2022		Ford Explorer	21526
32-11	2020		Ford Explorer	51,119
32-12	2012		Ford Expedition	116,673
32-13	2017		Ford Explorer	53,080
32-14	2015		Ford Taurus	117,435
32-15	2016		Ford Explorer	71,260
32-16	2016		Ford Explorer	85,540
32-17	2020		Ford Explorer	41,896
32-18	2009		Ford Crown Victoria	Decommissioned to Stratford Fire

Over the past year or so, the governing body transferred three older cruisers to the fire department, emergency management and to the department of public works. Although these patrol cars may not be serviceable for law enforcement use, we hope they will continue to serve the citizens of Stratford for years to come.

\$55,000.00 IN NEW JERSEY GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED TO OUTFIT AND IMPLEMENT A BODY WORN CAMERA PROGRAM FOR ALL POLICE OFFICERS

**PUBLIC NOTICE
THE STRATFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT TO BEGIN USING BODY WORN CAMERAS (BWC'S)**



Using Grant funds from the State of New Jersey, supplemented by the Borough of Stratford, the Stratford Police Department will begin implementing the use of Axon Body Worn Cameras (BWC's) around June 2021. The police department and borough officials believe that the use of body worn cameras will provide an additional level of safety and security for the public and to our police officers.

The use of Body Worn Cameras will also result in the following benefits:

- Document objective evidence of what took place during a police-citizen encounter.
- Discourage all parties from engaging in inappropriate conduct.
- Discourage anyone from offering false information.
- Clearly document the discovery and recovery of all forms of evidence.
- Capturing the physical appearance, language and acts of suspects.
- Documenting witness and suspect statements on scene, as events unfold.
- Use of Body Worn Cameras will supplement traditional police reports.

The use of Body Worn Cameras is regulated by guidelines of the New Jersey Attorney General, State Statute and Stratford Police Department Policies

Miscellaneous Year 15 Special Initiative Camden County Regional DWI Task Force



During the summer of 2009, the Stratford Police Department made application to the New Jersey Office of Highway Traffic Safety to receive federal funding for drunk driving enforcement. Consequently, five municipal police departments along the White Horse Pike corridor joined forces to develop the Camden County Drunk Driving Task Force. As of December 31, 2023, our Task Force has removed over 2955 drunk drivers from our neighborhoods. Remarkably, the Officers of the Stratford Police Department consistently ranked as one of the top 50 police departments in the state of New Jersey in regards to Drunk Driving Enforcement.

Handgun Replacement

In 2023, the governing body funded a request to replace the ageing Sig Sauer P-220, 45 caliber handguns carried by all Stratford Police Officer from 2005 -2023. In April 2023, the department's older and larger weapons were replaced with the Sig Sauer P320, 9mm handgun. The new weapon and ammunition caliber is in line with neighboring police departments, which is advantageous in the event of an emergency.



Conducted Energy Devices (Taser)



In early 2014, the Stratford Police Department received authorization from the State of New Jersey to carry Conducted Electronic Energy Devices. Utilizing money confiscated from narcotics seizures, the department purchased three devices. These devices are not carried to replace handguns; however, our supervisors and some patrol officers carry these devices so that we have a less than lethal force alternative. Each activation is recorded by a video camera, or body worn camera. In July of 2022, the Stratford Police Department added two additional CED devices to our officers array. Currently three quarters of our officers are trained and equipped with a less than lethal option. The department would like to begin a Taser replacement cycle in 2024.

Nalaxone Program (Narcan)



During the month of May 2014, the Stratford Police Department joined many other police departments in the country, when we trained and equipped our police officers with nasal mist dosages of Naloxone hydrochloride also known as Narcan. Sadly, there remains a need for Stratford Officers to carry this anti-opiate antidote to save lives. In 2023, Naloxone was used on 16 occasions, and since the program's inception, officers utilized the antidote on 146 occasions, thus saving the lives of 107 different individuals (some were saved more than once) who had overdosed on illegal drugs. The Stratford Police Department recognizes that the Narcan Program is not a cure to the opiate epidemic, but rather simply an additional lifesaving tool, which furthers the department's core mission of protecting and preserving lives. Under a recent law change, Officers are now required to provide a "Narcan Dose to Go" for overdose / Narcan recipients who refuse transportation to a hospital after being saved by law enforcement or EMS.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED)



In furtherance of our core function of preserving life, each Stratford Patrol Vehicle is outfitted with an AED. All officers are certified bi-annually on their use. Proudly your Stratford Police officers saved or preserved the lives of three resident's during 2023 and used the device on three other occasions. In July 2023, the Municipal Budget supported the purchase of two new AED units for the patrol division. One AED was transferred to the Stratford Community Center where it is housed in an AED Cabinet for emergency use.

2023 Year End Police Activity Report

<u>321</u>	Adults Arrests
<u>3</u>	Juvenile Arrests
<u>0</u>	Homicide
<u>5</u>	Assaults to Police
<u>59</u>	Simple Assaults
<u>46</u>	Criminal Mischief Complaints
<u>142</u>	Harassment Complaints
<u>6758</u>	Other Investigations & Complaints
<u>3</u>	Burglaries, (residential or commercial)
<u>2</u>	Robberies by Weapons or Force
<u>\$1,165,187.00</u>	Thefts (property stolen)
<u>\$219,359</u>	Stolen Property was <u>Recovered or cleared by arrest or otherwise</u>
<u>10</u>	Motor Vehicle Thefts
<u>59</u>	Drunk Driving Arrests
<u>76</u>	Narcotics Arrests
<u>44371</u>	Traffic Tickets issued
<u>231</u>	Motor Vehicle Accidents
<u>54</u>	Injuries from Car Accidents <u>7</u> Pedestrian Accidents
<u>1</u>	Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents
<u>249</u>	Alarm Activations
<u>1206</u>	Total Crime Reports taken
<u>8110</u>	Total Calls for Police Service