

STRATFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

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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 of Police Ronald Morello

On behalf of the Stratford Police Department, it is my distinct pleasure to present the 2025 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.

As government evolves, in 2024 the Stratford Police Department joined every other bona fide law enforcement agency in New Jersey, whereas all of our police officer became licensed by the New Jersey Police Training Commission (PTC). As such, the police department has instituted additional mandatory training and employment standards. Although there are fees and additional costs associated with licensing, these are all welcomed advances to the department so we may better serve the citizens of Stratford.

ORGANIZATION & PERSONNEL

Personnel

In 2025, Sergeant Vincent Jess was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant; and Detective Thomas Farrell was promoted to Corporal. Officer James Kelly was promoted to a full time police officer. In 2025, two police officers left the agency. Lieutenant Frank Gagliardi retired after 26.5 years of service. Officer Joseph Romano was hired and completed the Camden County Police Academy in December of 2025. Officer Timothy Eddis completed his training at the Gloucester County Police Academy. In October 2025, Officer Chris Hoyle joined the Stratford Police Department.

2025 STAFFING ROSTER

Chief of Police

Ronald M. Morello

LIEUTENANTS

John Beasley

Frank Gagliardi (ret. 11/1/25)

Vincent Jess

SERGEANTS

Caleb Speer

Steve Schmidt

CORPORAL

Thomas Farrell

DETECTIVES

Thomas Farrell

Frank Gagliardi

Robert Kelly (SLEO 2)

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Stephen McBride

Scott Beasley

CLERICAL / ADMINISTRATIVE

Tina Rauer

Trish Riebel

PATROLMEN

Tim Butler

Patrick Deitz

Ronald Morello, Jr.

Zachary Collins

Ethan McBride

James Kelly

Timothy Eddis

Christopher Hoyle

Joseph Romano

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. Jessica Farrell (Captain) | 12. Keith Hartley |
| 2. John Crawford | 13. Beth Healey |
| 3. Barbara Jess | 14. Joseph Judd |
| 4. John Laino | 15. Lauren Laino |
| 5. Christine Larsen | 16. Rosa O'Hara |
| 6. Donald C. Miller | 17. Victoria Martin |
| 7. Lorraine Morello | 18. Christopher Mote |
| 8. Nicholas Morello | 19. Megan Moyers |
| 9. Trish Riebel | 20. Melanie Sacco |
| 10. Deborah Schmid | 21. Morgan Sims |
| 11. Tina Wiseman | 22. Mark Tentarelli |
| | 23. Michael Wiseman |

Each year, the Stratford Police Department conducts an ongoing review to determine the feasibility of staffing each crossing post. The following crossing locations are staffed daily:

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| 1. Laurel & Warwick | 6. Parkview & Parkview School |
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2. Warwick & Yellin
3. Warwick & Vassar
4. Vassar & Atlantic
5. Laurel & Atlantic

7. Longwood & Overhill
8. Longwood & Homestead
9. Vassar & Yellin
10. Warwick & Post Office

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	D/Chief Nick DiEttore	Sergeant Edward Kane
Chief James McBride	Chief James Fuller	Sergeant Paul Stoffel
Clerk Marie Gahagan	Captain John Brown	Patrolman Fred “Rick” Casario
Chief Jack Joyce	Sergeant Scott Beasley	Captain Stephen McBride
Detective Michael Williams	Captain Robert Kelly	Sergeant Bret Johnson
Sergeant Mike Meyers	Detective Andrew Rebecca	Lieutenant Frank Gagliardi

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. Throughout 2025, our Police Officers were assaulted on four (4) occasions. These felonious assaults on Law Enforcement Officers occurred while police were investigating the following types of incidents: *domestic disturbances, other disturbances, assisting hospital staff & traffic stops*. The Stratford Police Department logged over 91,000 miles driven in department vehicles, resulting in (2) traffic accidents. In one case, a driver struck a police vehicle backing from a private driveway in Laurel Mills.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Reported Crimes

As can be seen by the figures below, the total police reports have decreased from 2023 to 2025. The figures below include all reported criminal activity, and instances where officers filed a police report, excluding traffic crashes and summonses.

	2023	2024	2025
Total Criminal Offenses	1206	1044	1010



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 arrest data listed below reflect the number of persons (Adults / Juveniles) physically arrested by Stratford Police Officers. In approximately 90 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.

	2023	2024	2025
Arrests	321	318	257

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. However, 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 now legal 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
2024	101
2025	93

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.

CRIME	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
RAPE / SEX CRIME	8	2	1	1	2	2	0	0
ROBBERY	4	7	2	0	1	2	1	2
AGG ASSAULT	12	12	11	13	11	12	11	9
BURGLARY	4	5	3	7	8	3	9	4
MV THEFT	7	1	6	1	5	11	7	10
THEFT	112	117	147	128	119	101	137	112

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 2025
Suspicious Incidents	16%
Other Complaints	22%
Medical Assist	6%
Ordinance Violations	1%
Follow Up Investigations & Reports	23%
Patrol / Traffic Enforcement / MVA's	32%

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. In 2025, over 50% of Domestic Violence acts involved alcohol consumption or drug use on behalf of the actor, victim or both. These statistics are basically static from prior years. In 2025, over 170 hours were spent resolving these disputes by arrest, emergency restraining orders, court appearances or mutual separations. Cyber crimes have increased greatly in recent years. Cyber harassment, stalking and intimidation offenses have become very common forms of domestic violence.

CRIMINAL FILINGS

Between **July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025**, **1085 Criminal charges** were filed in the Borough of Stratford. On average, **2.97** criminal charges per day were investigated, prepared or signed by the Stratford Police Department, and passed onto to the Records Division 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 **6189** court cases were filed by the Stratford Police Department, a decrease of **7 cases** over the 2024-2025 court filings.

TRAFFIC

Accidents

Traffic Accident 12 Year Comparison

	<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>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	
Injury Accidents	73	56	77	73	65	77	71	58	44	68	89	58	
Fatal Accidents	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	
# of Accidents	296	255	321	341	365	369	342	242	226	286	280	239	-41

Traffic Summonses issued by Category (2018 – 2025)

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>+ / -</u>
Moving & Non	5047	7847	4011	5382	5382	4437	4517	4459	-58
DWI	98	107	68	62	78	59	66	55	-11
Ordinance Summonses	136	84	60	77	95	97	110	48	-62

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 are 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. Lieutenant Vincent Jess and Sergeant Caleb Speer supervise the A-Team. Lieutenant John Beasley and Sergeant Steven Schmidt supervise the B-Team. Corporal Tom Farrell is assigned to the Detective Bureau; 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
- National Night Out
- 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. Sergeant Steven Schmidt, Sergeant Caleb Speer, and Patrolman Timothy B, 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 three police officers who have undergone weeks of specialized training in their function.

Detective Frank Gagliardi	26 years experience	(ret. 11/1/25)
Detective Thomas Farrell	23 years experience	
Detective Robert Kelly (SLEO 2)	31 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
2013	\$227,793.00	\$38,279.00
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	\$1,089,850.00
2024	\$193,657.00	\$142,280.00
2025	\$255,135.00	\$187,135.00

Criminal Investigations

From 12/01/2024 to 12/01/2025, the Detective Bureau was assigned **269** cases.

Burglaries (vehicles, home, commercial)	22
Thefts	29
Identity Theft / Frauds	21
Robberies	1
Assaults, Threats	23
Narcotics	0
Sex Crimes	8
Stolen Motor Vehicles	9
Non- Classified	56
Missing Persons	7

Sudden Death / Overdose	8 / 0
Fires / Arson	1/0
Criminal Mischief	7
Homicide	1
Shoplifting	4
School Investigations	63
Applicant Investigations	9

Arrests

24 suspects were arrested or charged by the Detective Bureau.

Non-Criminal Investigations

In addition to the criminal investigations, Stratford Police Detectives also handled **480** Non-criminal Investigations and the below regulatory investigations.

Firearms Licenses / Backgrounds	141
Handgun Permits	118
Identification Cards	67
Applications Received	141
Denial	4
Mercantile License	8
Vendor	3
Backgrounds, Vendors, Festivals	130

Megan's Law

Detectives registered **9** Megan's Law offenders from 11/1/23 to 10/31/24.

We currently have **8** registered Megan's Law offenders living in Stratford.

Detective's delivered **36** Megan's Law notices this year.

Evidence

Detectives processed **302** Property Reports that were turned in and logged. This resulted in **1,358** items logged in. **2** property report for Field notes were also logged and secured.

Notable Case

2024-2025 Notable Cases

1. In December of 2024, the Stratford Police Department received a telephone call from the US Customs and Boarder Protection in regards to a located Missing Persons. For months, the Stratford Police Department investigated Missing Person's Report in September of 2024. It was reported that a twenty three year old male, who was suffering medically, left his home and was possible en-route to Atlantic City. Family members were able to track the male to El Paso, Texas where they believed he might have crossed the border into Mexico.

Detectives began electronically tracking the male. With the assistance of the US Customs and Boarder Protection, US Consulates Office in Mexico, United States Department of Diplomatic Security Service and the FBI, we found that the male was traveling between Juarez and Cancun Mexico. In October of 2024, the male ceased all communications with his family and all banking and transportation transactions stopped.

Detectives were able to enter the male into the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System were flyers were distributed in Juarez, Mexico. On December 13, 2024, the Missing Male approached Border Protection Agents at the Paso del Norte Bridge where he advised them that he wished to return home to New Jersey. The missing male was transported to a local hospital for medical treatment and was eventually returned safe to his family members.

2. In December of 2024, Detectives undertook a joint investigation into to a Stratford resident selling stolen sports memorabilia. It was reported that a male subject may also be manufacturing illegal firearms. A search warrant was executed at the suspects residence and two people were taken into custody. Both were charged accordingly and remanded to the Camden County Correctional Facility.
3. In December of 2024, Detectives assisted Patrol Officers with a found Burglary to a business. Initial investigation revealed that an unknown suspect arrived to the business on a bicycle. The suspect then gained entry into the business by throwing a rock through the front entry door. The unknown suspect then unlawfully removed US Currency from the register and fled the business. Detectives were able to locate numerous videos of the suspect from nearby businesses, which showed his route of travel to and from the Burglary. Detectives learned that this suspect was seen in the Patco train station prior to the Burglary wearing the exact same clothing and in possession of the exact same bicycle. Furthermore, it was also learned that he was suspected in numerous other Smash and Grabs. A facial recognition initiative was created and a suspect was identified. In January of 2025, the suspect was apprehended where he was found to be riding the same bike and wearing the same clothing as the night of the Burglary. The suspect was charged accordingly and remanded to the Camden County Correctional Facility.

4. In March of 2025, Detectives assisted the School Resource Officer at the Parkview School with a Criminal Mischief investigation. Video surveillance footage revealed that seven juveniles arrived at the school and headed towards the playground. While in the playground, the juveniles were observed setting off fireworks on the ground and on top of the playground equipment. The actions of the juveniles caused significant amount of damage to the playground equipment. Seven juveniles in total were identified, restitution was made for the damages and the juveniles were placed into the Station House Adjustment Program.
5. In March of 2025, Detectives received a report from the Barrington Police Department in regards to a resident who maybe in possession of an explosive device. With the assistance of the Camden County SRT Team and Bomb Squad Unit, a search warrant was executed at the suspect's residence. A search of the residence found numerous illegal firearms that were in the suspect's possession. The suspect was arrested, charged accordingly and remanded to the Camden County Correctional Facility.
6. In April of 2025, Detectives assisted Patrol Officers with five separate Attempted Vehicle Burglaries that occurred during the early morning hours. Video surveillance footage was obtained which showed a male suspect attempting to unlawfully enter numerous vehicles throughout town. Additional footage was obtained which showed the suspect at the Patco train station prior the Attempted Burglaries. A suspect was generated and his information was provided to the Patrol Division. Approximately three days later, Patrol Officers observed the suspect, who was wearing the exact same clothing, walking back into town. The suspect was apprehended by the officers after he unlawfully gained entry into another vehicle. The suspect was charged accordingly and remanded to the Camden County Correctional Facility.
7. In May of 2025, Detectives assisted Patrol Officers with a Home Invasion and Sexual Assault of an elderly female. Initial investigation yielded that the elderly female victim was asleep in her bed when a male intruder entered her bedroom. The suspect, who resided a few blocks away from the victim, was apprehended by the United States Marshal's Fugitive Task Force, charged accordingly and remanded to the Camden County Correctional Facility.
8. In June of 2025, Detectives responded to the Stratford Quaker Store for a report of a found Burglary. Initial investigation revealed that an unknown person(s) forcefully entered the property by kicking open the side door leaving behind a boot print. While inside of the store, a large quantity of cooper pipes was removed from the basement. During the investigation, Detectives learned that a male subject was arrested in another jurisdiction and was found to be in possession of a large quantity of cooper pipes. Photographs were obtained of the pipes, which matched the pipes that were removed from the Quaker Store. Detectives obtained the suspects boots which also matched the boot print on the side door. The suspect was charged accordingly and remanded to the Salem County Correctional Facility.
9. In September of 2025, Detectives assisted Patrol Officers with a theft investigation at the Indian Bazaar grocery store. Initial investigation revealed that an unknown person(s) ascended the roof and removed numerous components to an industrial air conditioning unit costing damage in excess of \$30,000. Furthermore, it was reported that two other businesses in the vicinity also fell victim to the same crime. Detectives were able to obtain surveillance footage from numerous businesses along with footage from a

scrap yard in Camden City. A description of the suspect was provided to patrol officers who located a male suspect. The suspect was interviewed by Detectives and gave a full confession to the crimes. The suspect was charged accordingly and remanded to the Camden County Correctional Facility.

10. In September of 2025, Detectives assisted Patrol Officers with a found Burglary to a business. Initial investigation revealed that tall male suspect threw a landscaping rock through the rear window and entered the establishment. Upon entering the business, the suspect obtained an injury and blood evidence was located and collected. The suspect then removed the cash register and fled through a side door. The register was located a short time later behind an adjacent business. Detectives were able to obtain surveillance footage of the suspect and fingerprints were lifted off the register. The finger prints were sent to the New Jersey State Police AFIS Unit where a match was obtained. The suspect in this matter has been charged accordingly.
11. In October of 2025, Detectives received a report of a Sexual Assault to a age child. Initial investigation yielded that the suspect pleased himself in front of his child along with showing them pornographic videos. The suspect was charged accordingly and remanded to the Camden County Correctional Facility.

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. Registrants 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 9 sex offenders as of November 1, 2025, we have 7 sex offenders living in Stratford.

We currently have 1 new registrant in 2025.

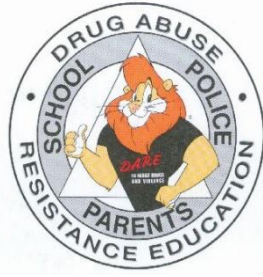
We have 0 offenders that has been relieved of an obligation to register.

We have 9 offenders register annually and no offenders required to register every 90 days.

We have 5 Tier I offenders and 4 Tier II offenders, and zero Tier 3 Offenders (highest threat)

Detective Farrell delivered 36 Megan’s Law notices to schools, daycares, civic groups and alike.

DARE / LEAD 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 graders 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 2025, approximately 165 students were instructed in the DARE Program.

Officers who taught the DARE Program in 2025 were:

Sgt. Caleb Speer (Program Coordinator)
Ptlm. Ethan McBride

Ptlm. Zack Collins
Ptlm. James Kelly

Ptlm. Patrick Deitz

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 2025. 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 1, 2015.

2025	Activity
2500	Cases/ Reports copied
327	Firearms Application / Permits CCW
12	Juvenile Court Complaints / Stationhouse
10	Handicapped Parking Permits
1375	Discovery / Court / OPRA

POLICE / DISPATCH 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. All but two Camden County municipalities utilize the County Communications Center.

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 received 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 police offices are closed 16 hours a day, and all weekend long, the Stratford Police Department greatly 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 routed through the Camden County Communications Center.

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	change
Calls	7925	8399	8110	8427	7575	-849

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 named 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 2025, the Stratford Office of Emergency Management participated in 4 drills, 6 practical exercises and attended 10 county meetings. In 2025, the Office of Emergency Management conducted (3) 911 validations.

Emergency Management Coordinator

Ronald Morello

Deputy Coordinator(s)

Thomas Farrell

Tim Hall

Stephen McBride

Robert Kelly

CERT Team – First Aid

Thomas Farrell, EMT

OFFICE OF EMEGENCY 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 vehicles was transformed to a First Aid vehicle, designed to match the appearance of the Stratford Ambulance.

In 2025 our volunteers staffed the 4th of July Parade, 100 Year Celebration, Halloween Parade, and the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting.



MISCELLANEOUS

Overtime

For the calendar year of 2025, officers of the Stratford Police Department worked approximately 750 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 2025:

Overtime by Category:

	Hours				
Extended Tour	210				
Extra Tour	320				
Court	115				
Training	40				
Records Coverage	24				
County Reimbursement	40				
DDEF & Task Force	260				
Other & Grants	24				
Other OT					

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 2025 including:

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
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
TAC Terminal Officer
VOA EDP Tele-Evaluation

Missing Child Investigation
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
Taser Instructor
NJ Chiefs Assoc Leadership
ACADIS PTC Mandates

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 2025, there were 10 Internal Affairs Investigations. The categories of these investigations included rule violations and demeanor. There were 8 Use of Force reviews and 1 motor vehicle pursuit reviewed. 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	EDP-Tele-Evaluations	Active Violent Events

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 2025, the police department issued 12 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 and or expended by the Stratford Police Department during the year of 2025:

1. DWI Enforcement Patrols	\$14,000.00
2. DOJ COPS Grant	\$125,000.00
3. State Bullet Proof Vests	\$1300.00
4. NJ Safe & Secure Manpower	\$16,000.00
5. DWI Check Point	\$5400.00
6. County DWI Task Force	\$43,900.00
7. Other Traffic Enforcement Grants	\$21,000.00
8. Pedestrian Enforcement Grant	\$30,000.00

Since 2002, the Stratford Police Department estimates having received approximately 1.5 million dollars in grant awards. Awards 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 16 full time regular police officers and 2 part time officers. Two (2) retired officers are assigned to Parkview and Yellin School where they service as Resource Officers.

Statistically, 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:

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.

POLICE FLEET

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
32-5	2017		Ford Explorer	70,760
32-6	2023		Chevy Tahoe	7975
32-7	2015		Ford Taurus	Decommissioned for SRO

32-8	2014		Ford Explorer	Decommissioned for JP-2
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 Road Work Only
32-13	2017		Ford Explorer	53,080
32-15	2016		Ford Explorer	71,260
32-16	2016		Ford Explorer	85,540
32-17	2020		Ford Explorer	41,896

PUBLIC NOTICE
THE STRATFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT TO BEGIN USING BODY
WORN CAMERAS (BWC'S)
(Year 5)



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 use of body worn cameras has provided an additional level of safety and security for the public and to our police officers.

The use of Body Worn Cameras has resulted 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 16 Special Initiative 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, 2025, our Task Force has removed over **3150 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 2025, the Stratford Police Department added two additional CED devices to our officers array. Currently 85% of our officers are trained and equipped with a less than lethal option.

Naloxone 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 2025, Naloxone was used on 6 occasions, and since the program's inception, officers utilized the antidote on 160 occasions, thus saving the lives of 120 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 1 citizen in 2025. 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.

2024 Uniform Change



After approximately 75 years, the Stratford Police Department authorized a standard uniform change, transitioning from our traditional French blue button shirt, necktie and cross strap to an outer vest carrier and navy blue underlayment shirt. The change was authorized after weighing an officer wellness study performed by the University of Wisconsin, detailing the benefits of removing weight and gear from the hips and waist. <https://www.wisconsin.edu/all-in-wisconsin/story/uw-eau-claire-research-aims-to-improve-police-officers-health-quality-of-life/>

Also considered was the community response of the departure from our long-time uniform. After a trial period, the community concerns were determined to be unfounded. No adverse interactions or concerns of police militarization were encountered.

The traditional French blue uniform remains our dress Class A uniform, donned on occasions when a formal uniform is most appropriate.

Mental Health Telehealth Program



In July 2025, department wide training was received to assist the public with Mental Health issues. Telehealth Screening was provided so our officers can connect citizens with mental health professionals from the field. This program was made possible by the Volunteers of America (VOA), with technology granted by the Camden County Prosecutors Office. Since implement, telehealth screening was performed on **4** occasions. In December 2025, the program was expanded to allow officers to make electronic referrals to the VOA for citizens in need of other types of social services.



2025 Year End Police Activity Report

<u>271</u>	Adults Arrests
<u>8</u>	Juvenile Arrests
<u>1</u>	Homicide
<u>7</u>	Assaults to Police
<u>64</u>	Simple Assaults
<u>53</u>	Criminal Mischief Complaints
<u>127</u>	Harassment Complaints
<u>6659</u>	Other Investigations & Complaints
<u>4</u>	Burglaries (residential or commercial)
<u>1</u>	Robberies by Weapons or Force
<u>115</u>	Thefts valued at <u>\$301,515.00</u>
<u>212,503.00</u>	Stolen Property was <u>Recovered or cleared by arrest or otherwise</u>
<u>10</u>	Motor Vehicle Thefts
<u>55</u>	Drunk Driving Arrests
<u>91</u>	Narcotics Arrests
<u>4529</u>	Traffic Tickets issued
233	Motor Vehicle Accidents
<u>62</u>	Injuries from Car Accidents <u>1</u> Pedestrian <u>0</u> Bike Accidents
<u>0</u>	Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents
<u>277</u>	Alarm Activations
<u>849</u>	Total Crime Reports taken
<u>7475</u>	Total Calls for Police Service

62 Properties Inspected
61 Warning Letters Issued
28 Code Summonses Issued