

RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP
POLICE DEPARTMENT
2023 Annual Report



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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Riverside Township Police Department is to maintain the quality of life we enjoy and to ensure Riverside is a safe place to live, work and play.

This will be accomplished through protecting life and property, arresting violators, safeguarding individual liberties, building community partnerships, preventing crime and resolving those crimes which do occur.

The Riverside Police Department recognizes that we cannot fulfill this mission without community support. It is imperative that a dialogue characterized by mutual trust and open and honest communication be maintained between this agency and our community. Our vision includes a willingness to continually examine and modify policies and procedures and assure that our mission is accomplished in a manner compatible with the best interest of the community.

We are committed to this mission and conduct our responsibilities toward a goal of excellence and with dedication to the community we serve.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

It is an honor to have the opportunity to lead the brave and honorable men and women of the Riverside Township Police Department in the mission of providing you unparalleled public safety. The Riverside Township Police Department has a history of dedicated service and collaborative community engagement. My goal is to strengthen and support the ideals of protection and service for all members of our diverse community. In pursuit of advancing the principles of 21st Century Policing, I am dedicated to strengthening trust and collaboration, with an emphasis on public safety and Officer well-being.

It is my strong belief that we have an outstanding police department. The members of the Riverside Township Police Department possess exceptional knowledge, skills, and understanding driven by a strong sense of compassion. Our goal will be to apply our strengths to provide the highest quality of police service to our community.

It has been said that, “The community are the police, and the police are the community.” This sums up my opinion that our goals are best achieved through our immersion into the community, our continual training, and our vigilance. I am excited about our future and I look forward to working with the community as we continue to make Riverside Township a great place to live, work, and play.

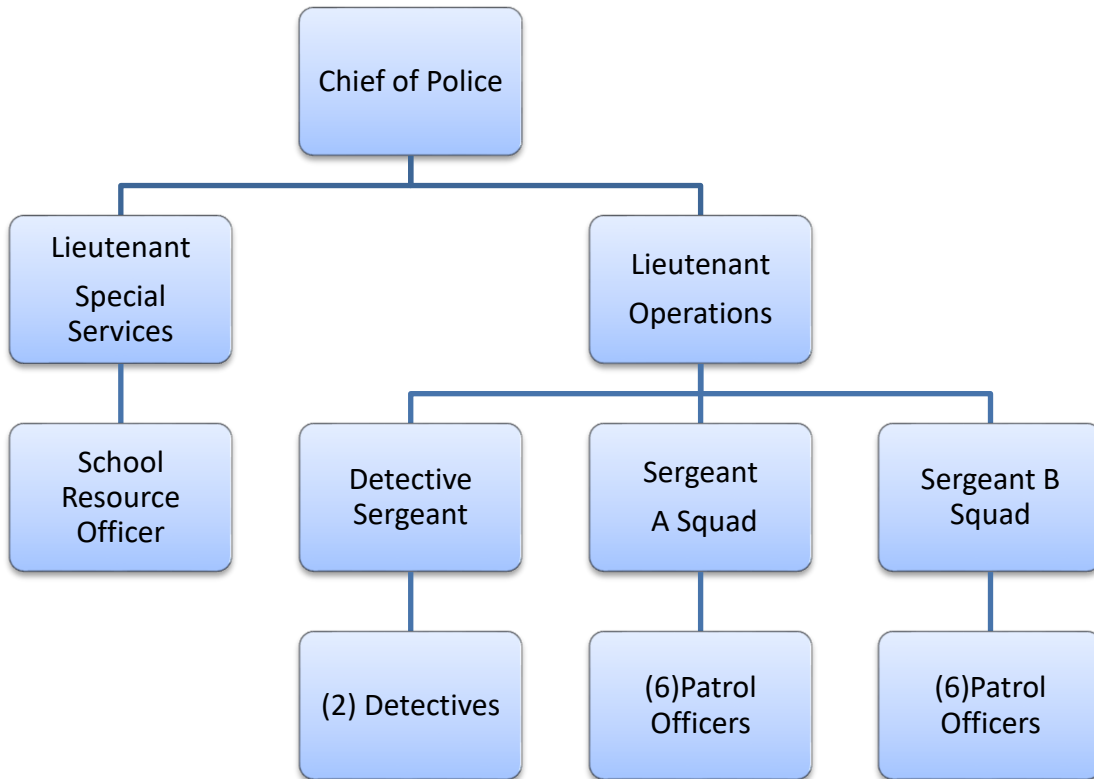
The following 2023 Riverside Township Police Annual Report was created to provide as much information as possible to the public. Any questions or comments on how we can continue to improve our services can be forwarded to the Chief of Police, H. David Jaensch directly at hjaensch@riversidepolicenj.org, contact (856) 461-8820 ext. 110, or feel free to stop in and see me.

Respectfully,

H. Jaensch

H. David Jaensch
Chief of Police

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



DETECTIVE BUREAU

Three Detectives staff the Detective Bureau. One is a Detective Sergeant responsible for the supervision of the Bureau. Our detectives handle dozens of cases annually. Their investigations are time consuming, as they are responsible for investigations, digital and physical evidence collection, evidence management, interviews, surveillance, search warrants, subpoenas, and monitoring crime trends and addressing them.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Internal Affairs is responsible for receiving, processing, and supervising internal affairs investigations that involve allegations of criminal conduct and acts of misconduct made against members of the Riverside Police Department. The Office of Professional Standards ensures that allegations made against members of the Riverside Township Police Department are thoroughly and objectively investigated to their logical conclusion. Internal Affairs maintains a comprehensive index of all complaints received against all members. This information is submitted to the Burlington County Prosecutors Office on an annual basis.

The Riverside Police Department strives to maintain community trust through our Internal Affairs Bureau. The goal of Internal Affairs is to insure that the integrity of the department is maintained through a system of internal discipline where fairness and justice are assured by objective, impartial investigation and review. Our 2023 Internal Affairs Summary and Major Discipline reports are attached. Additionally, complete reports can be found online at: <https://riversidepolicenj.org/office-of-professional-standards/>

PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Officers of the Riverside Police Department are the core of the agency. Patrol Officers are tasked with wearing many different hats to ensure the quality of service we provide is outstanding. Riverside Police are not detached to specialized units therefore they must be capable of handling any situation that arises which is not limited to criminal activity. As Riverside does not have a paid fire department, or emergency medical services, Patrol Officers are usually the first to arrive in any emergency. These same Officers are responsible for daily patrol, traffic enforcement, and answering calls for service. Each Officer is assigned additional duties to maintain the effective operation of the Department. Such duties include firearms instructors, traffic safety, internal affairs, vehicle maintenance, domestic violence liaison, etc. All of their functions yield a great deal of report writing as well. In 2023, two new Officers were added to our Patrol Division.

RECORDS

We currently have one part-time records clerk. Her responsibilities include:

- Data entry
- Discovery preparation
- Filing
- Purchasing supplies
- Preparing reports for the public

How do I request a copy of a report?

- Motor vehicle accident reports may be picked up at the station after they have been reviewed, or they may be accessed online at: [Online Motor Vehicle Crash Reports](#)
- For other records information please contact Police Records Clerk Angela Ledman at (856)461-8820 ext. 116 or records@riversidepolicenj.org.

SPECIAL SERVICES UNIT

The Special Services Unit (SSU) was established to assist those suffering from substance abuse and mental health issues as well as assisting those in need of social services. Individuals can enter the police department or call 911 if in crisis and request referral to services, and assistance. The SSU will utilize established County and State programs along with NJTIP and its volunteers to assist those suffering from substance abuse and or mental health issues. The SSU also utilizes other resources and organizations to assist in Harm Reduction within our community. The SSU along with NJTIP track individuals after an initial engagement with a focus on providing “wraparound” care; characterized by ongoing check-ins and assistance with accessing different substance use disorder and or mental health disorder social services, sometime in the form of care coordination or case management through the SSU and or NJTIP. For additional information, contact Lt. Lou Fisher at lfisher@riversidepolicenj.org or 856-461-8820 ext. 136.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

We believe that training our Officers is the best way to improve the quality of service we provide on a daily basis. Specialized training and certifications maintained by our Officers include:

- **Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) (4)**
- **Gracie Survival Tactic Instructors (2)**
- **Firearms Instructors (4)**
- **Civil Disorder Response Team Members (3)**
- **Human Law Enforcement (Animal Abuse) (3)**
- **Undercover Narcotics Investigations**
- **Human Law Enforcement Officers (Animal Abuse) (3)**
- **School Resource Officer**
- **Internet Crimes Against Children Investigators (2)**
- **Drug Recognition Experts (2)**
- **L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Against Drugs)**
- **Bike Patrol (Electric Bicycles)**
- **Active Shooter Instructors (4)**
- **Unmanned Aircraft Operator (Drone)**
- **Internal Affairs Investigators (4)**

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for police service cover a wide range of situations. They include calls for criminal activity, emergency medical services, fire and any other time the public perceive the need for police presence.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

2014	6,691
2015	7,165
2016	7,244
2017	7,490
2018	7,161
2019	9,788
2020	6,925
2021	7,547
2022	10,057
2023	11,459

MENTAL HEALTH CALLS FOR SERVICE

2015	84
2016	74
2017	63
2018	82
2019	155
2020	164
2021	148
2022	198
2023	142

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Many of these investigations are the result of proactive police patrol through motor vehicle stops and pedestrian encounters.

INVESTIGATIONS	
2014	877
2015	1,287
2016	1,136
2017	1,261
2018	1,062
2019	958
2020	478
2021	650
2022	778
2023	664

ADULT ARRESTS	
2014	686
2015	980
2016	784
2017	958
2018	738
2019	711
2020	324
2021	303
2022	442
2023	398

JUVENILE ARRESTS	
2014	55
2015	45
2016	39
2017	52
2018	58
2019	50
2020	29
2021	31
2022	37
2023	18

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence should not happen to anyone. The sad reality is it does, on an all too often basis. Domestic violence is rarely an isolated incident. It is frequently a repeated act with the intensity of violence increasing with each incident, sometimes with tragic results. The cycle of violence must be broken. The Riverside Police Department remains vigilant in investigating and prosecuting offenders of domestic violence.

Maybe you have lived with abuse, maybe it happened just once; maybe you work or live next to someone who is being abused right now. There is help! You just need to remember two things: first, abuse is never okay; second, you are not alone. Help is yours for the asking. Your safety as well as the ones attached to you is a priority. If you know someone who you think is being abused - a friend, family member, co-worker, client, patient or parishioner - please contact the Riverside Police Department and stop the violence. Additional help for domestic violence victims can be found at www.thehotline.org.

With your help and continued support we can continue to reduce the occurrences of Domestic Violence and increase the frequency with which police are notified of potential cases of Domestic Violence.

Domestic violence calls are highly volatile situations for Officers to respond to. In 2023 Riverside Police responded to 160 calls for domestic violence. In Riverside the most frequent time for domestic violence calls were received was Sunday between 7 pm and 7 am. The Riverside Police also assist victims with obtaining Temporary Restraining Orders (TRO) on weekends, holidays, and other times the courts are close.

Another service we assist victims with is a referral to a member of The Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT). The DVRT is a free service to victims of domestic violence. Area volunteers respond to the police station during instances of domestic violence and provide the victim assistance with housing, counseling and child care assistance. We are currently seeking volunteers for the DVRT. Information about volunteering can be found on our website: [Click-here-for-the-DVRT-Application.pdf \(riversidepolicej.org\)](#)

Domestic Violence Calls	160
Domestic Violence Arrests	38
Officer Hours Spent	384.5
Temporary Restraining Order Granted	24
Temporary Restraining Order Denied	13
Temporary Restraining Order Violations	7

MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS

MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	
2019	2,243
2020	1,110
2021	1,053
2022	2,083
2023	3,328

SUMMONSES ISSUED	
2014	1,127
2015	1,668
2016	1,693
2017	1,871
2018	1,793
2019	1,973
2020	1,013
2021	908
2022	1,720
2023	2,134

PARKING SUMMONSES	
2021	292
2022	305
2023	535

DWI AND TRAFFIC CRASHES

DWI ARRESTS	
2014	50
2015	20
2016	42
2017	44
2018	55
2019	34
2020	9
2021	26
2022	73
2023	101

TRAFFIC CRASHES	
2014	123
2015	108
2016	99
2017	105
2018	127
2019	127
2020	126
2021	120
2022	158
2023	166

NARCAN/NALOXONE



In response to the continuing epidemic of heroin and opiate-based drug overdoses and deaths, the Riverside Township Police carries the anti-overdose drug, Naloxone, also known as Narcan. This drug is administered as a nasal spray to victims to combat the immediate effects of an opiate-induced overdose and to save lives. Every Officer with the Riverside Police Department is trained to administer the drug. In 2023, Riverside Police responded to 10 drug overdose calls and administered the drug 7 times. In some circumstances, more than one dosage was required. In 2023, there was 1 overdose fatality.

OVERDOSE	CALLS	FATALITIES
2015	33	2
2016	32	6
2017	37	3
2018	39	8
2019	27	6
2020	16	1
2021	14	2
2022	23	5
2023	10	1



In addition to Riverside Officers carrying Narcan to combat the nationwide opioid epidemic, the Riverside Police Department has attempted to be on the forefront of addiction treatment services and advocacy. NJTIP is a not for profit organization founded by Louis J. Fisher. The NJTIP program is considered the Recovery Partner of the Riverside Township Police Department. NJTIP is designed to assist individuals of addiction that are at high risk of overdose. NJTIP works with those individuals to attain placement in addiction treatment facilities, monitors their progress,

advocates on their behalf if needed and assists in guiding addicted persons towards after care treatment. NJTIP maintains an all- volunteer staff that assists addicted persons navigate the difficult road of addiction recovery. If you or your loved one has succumbed to addiction and need recovery help, please check out the NJTIP website at NJTIP.net.

The Riverside Township Police will continue to categorize this problem as a HIGH priority and will continue to investigate, charge, and prosecute anyone who manufactures, sells or distributes heroin, prescription pills or any other addictive narcotics in and around the township. Citizens are encouraged to continue to assist police with information on those they believe are distributing narcotics within the township. Call 856-461-3434 or email at: crimetips@riversidepolice.nj.org

FIREARMS APPLICATIONS

The Riverside Police Department has been receiving a high volume of applications for firearms. Firearms permit investigations are currently being handled by four Officers as the process includes background checks of applicants by our Officers. The application process includes an extensive applicant background screening. These background checks are time consuming for the Officers who must complete them during their normal shifts.

Applications	
Distributed	101
Firearms ID Cards Issued	29
Gun Permits Issued	120
Denied/Withdrawn	27
Concealed Carry Permits Issued	10

ALARM CALLS

Each year Riverside Police are dispatched to alarm calls for businesses and private residences. Most alarm calls are the result of user error or equipment malfunction, but they are all investigated as crimes in progress or emergencies.

False Alarms	131
Summons	9
Warning Letters	2

HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The Riverside Township Police Department has three trained Humane Law Enforcement Officers, or H.L.E.O.(s). Our H.L.E.O.(s) work in conjunction with New Jersey Animal Control to address issues in relation to animal abuse and neglect, as well as vicious dogs.

2023 Yearly HLEO Totals	Investigations
Dog Bite causing Injury to Human	3
Cruelty Abuse/Kill/Care	5
Cruelty Necessary Care/Abuse or Torture/Causing injury	1
Cruelty Restrain/Tether	0
Proper Shelter	0
Dog attack causing injury or death to another domestic animal	2
Total	11

MEGAN'S LAW

Megan's Law offenders are required by law to register in the municipality which they plan to live. For details on NJ Attorney General Guidelines as they pertain to Megan's Law please visit www.nj.gov/oag/dcj/megan/guidelines.htm. In 2023 there were 13 Megan's Law registrants.

Tier Levels	2023
Tier 1 (Low Risk) Offenders	6
Tier 2 (Moderate Risk) Offenders	7
Tier 3 (High Risk) Offenders	0

Below is a “Frequently asked Questions” chart about Megan’s Law provided by the NJ State Police.

1. What is registration?

Sex offenders must fill out a registration form and submit it to their local police department. The form requests personal information of the sex offender, including home address and place of employment. The accuracy of the information on the form is confirmed. This information is kept by the Division of State Police in a Sex Offender Registry.

2. What types of offenses require registration?

The offenses requiring registration include aggravated sexual assault, sexual assault, aggravated criminal sexual contact, criminal sexual contact if the victim is minor, endangering the welfare of a child by engaging in sexual conduct which would impair or debauch the morals of the child, endangering the welfare of a child through acts involving pornography featuring a child, promoting prostitution of a child, luring or enticing, kidnapping, criminal restraint, and false imprisonment if the victim is a minor and the offender is not a parent of the victim.

3. Who is required to register?

Sex offenders who have been convicted since Megan’s Law went into effect on October 31, 1994, or who were serving a sentence on the effective date of the law are required to register. Sex offenders who have been found to be repetitive and compulsive by experts and the courts, regardless of the date of conviction, are required to register.

4. Are juvenile sex offenders required to register?

A juvenile sex offender is a person who commits a sex offense while under the age of 18. Juvenile sex offenders must register like adults.

5. Are sex offenders convicted in another state required to register when they move to New Jersey?

Sex offenders convicted in another state are required to register within 10 days of moving to New Jersey. In addition, sex offenders convicted in another state are required to register even if they are just attending school or are employed in New Jersey.

6. Are sex offenders required to report changes of address?

Sex offenders are required to report every change of address. Sex offenders must notify the local police at least 10 days prior to the move. In addition, law enforcement agencies will monitor whether sex offenders are reporting changes of addresses. Some sex offenders must verify their addresses annually. Others must verify their addresses every 90 days.

7. How long must sex offenders register?

All sex offenders subject to Megan’s Law must register for the remainder of their lives. Sex offenders may apply to the court to be removed from the Sex Offender Registry if they committed only one offense, have not committed another offense for 15 years, and prove that they are not likely to pose a threat to the safety of

others. Juvenile sex offenders may also apply to the court to be removed from the Sex Offender Registry if they were under the age of 14 at the time of their offense but are now over the age of 18.

8. What if a sex offender fails to register?

Failure to comply in any way with Megan's Law is a fourth degree crime. If you know someone has been convicted of a crime requiring registration, you can always provide that information to the local police or county prosecutor. However, they will not be able to advise you whether or not that particular sex offender is registered.

9. Once sex offenders are registered, how does the notification process work?

The county prosecutors receive the registration forms from the local police. The prosecutors then must determine the risk to the community -- the likelihood that the sex offender will commit another crime. In making that determination, the prosecutors weigh many factors set by statutes and the Attorney General's Guidelines. The prosecutors classify sex offenders in one of three tiers based on the degree of risk they pose to the public: low risk (Tier 1), moderate risk (Tier 2), or high risk (Tier 3). Classification in a tier determines who will receive notification.

10. Who will receive notification?

If the risk level is low (Tier 1), law enforcement agencies are notified. If the risk level is moderate (Tier 2), in addition to law enforcement agencies, schools, licensed day care centers, summer camps, and registered community organizations are notified of sex offenders that they are likely to encounter because of the possibility that pedophiles and sexual predators will be drawn to these places. If the risk level is high (Tier 3), in addition to law enforcement agencies, schools, licensed day care centers, summer camps, registered community organizations, and members of the public are notified.

11. What information is provided in a notification?

In all three levels of notification, the information provided includes the offender's name, description and photograph, address, place of employment or school if applicable, a description of the offender's vehicle and license plate number, and a brief description of the offense.

12. How will I be informed?

You will receive personal notification of the location of all high risk (Tier 3) offenders that you are likely to encounter in your neighborhood. A law enforcement officer, such as a police officer, state police trooper, or investigator from your county prosecutor's office, will come to your door and deliver a notice to an adult member of your household.

13. May I share information with friends?

You may share and discuss the information you have received with those residing in your household or with anyone caring for your children at your residence in your absence. You may NOT share this information with anyone outside your household or not in your care. You may NOT copy or post the notice. Law enforcement will notify all appropriate community members, schools, organizations, residences, and businesses.

14. What if I move to a new neighborhood?

Megan's Law information is only given to persons already living in the neighborhood. This information will NOT be given by law enforcement agencies to persons who are considering moving into the neighborhood. Also, the seller may NOT be required as a condition of the sale to tell the buyer about Megan's Law notifications. However, once a home is actually purchased, the new owner may request Megan's Law notifications from the local police department.

15. Is information available on the Internet?

Information is available on the Internet at the following website: www.njsp.org. Click onto the Sex Offender Registry icon. The law limits the information to be placed on the Internet to all high risk (Tier 3) offenders and some moderate risk (Tier 2) offenders. The law excludes all juvenile sex offenders (except for Tier 3 juvenile sex offenders), most moderate risk offenders whose crimes were committed against members of their families or households, and most moderate sex offenders whose crimes were considered statutory because of age.

16. What should I do if I receive a notification?

Reinforce general precautions about staying away from strangers and ask your children to tell you or their caretakers where they will be at all times. Use the information responsibly. Talk to your children. Tell them to treat the sex offender as a stranger. Tell them where the sex offender lives, what he or she looks like, and what to do if they encounter or are approached by that person. If you believe that a crime is being committed by a sex offender, contact your local law enforcement agency immediately as you would do in any case of suspected criminal activity.

17. Are there any other steps I can take to protect my family?

There is no law that can ever completely protect us. Adults need to teach children about basic safety precautions. Check with your child's school to determine whether a program is in place to teach children about strangers. Also, check with the school and other locations where your child spends time on a regular basis to determine whether safety precautions are in place.

18. What am I prohibited from doing?

Any actions taken against the individual named in the notification, including vandalism or property, verbal or written threats of harm, or physical violence against this person, his or her family, or employer, will result in arrest and prosecution for criminal acts. Vigilantism is not only a crime, it is an action that will undermine the efforts of those who have worked hard to enact this law.

RIVERSIDE POLICE IN THE COMMUNITY

BICYCLE REGISTRATIONS

Bicycle theft is a common problem in most towns. It is often difficult to determine ownership of a bicycle on scene with a suspect or when recovered as abandoned. Stolen bicycles are commonly sold for scrap metal. In an effort to combat this problem the Riverside Police Department registers bikes free of charge every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., or by appointment. The registration numbers help police identify stolen bicycles, arrest thieves, and return stolen bikes to their rightful owners.

BICYCLE HELMET SAFETY

In May of 2023, Riverside Police continued our bike helmet safety program by handing out "tickets" to juveniles seen wearing a bicycle helmet while riding their bicycles. The tickets can be redeemed at Arnieri's Pizza for a slice of pizza and a boost. Any remaining tickets were rewarded throughout the summer to additional juveniles seen wearing bicycle helmets.



CHILD I.D.CARDS



May 25th is National Missing Children's Day. It is also the anniversary of Etan Patz's disappearance. Etan Patz was a six year old boy kidnapped in New York two blocks from his home while walking to his school bus stop in 1979. Recently a Maple Shade man was charged in his kidnapping and murder which ended in a hung jury this month.

In **1983**, President Ronald **Reagan** declared May 25, National Missing Children's Day. For more than three decades the search for Etan has continued. We would like to honor Etan by reminding parents, guardians, families and communities that every child deserves a safe childhood. Please take time to talk to your children about their safety, including their online presence and the existence of online predators.

In 2014, there were 466,949 entries for missing children under the age of 18 into the FBI's National Crime Information Center, also called NCIC. An outstanding organization, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), works closely with law enforcement to locate these children. They staff a 24 hour tipline to report sightings of missing children 1-800-THE-LOST (800-843-5678).

They also provide a cybertipline to report; child pornography, molestation, child sex trafficking, online enticement of children, unsolicited obscene material sent to a child, etc. You can submit a cybertip

at: [CyberTipline](#). Parents and educators can find resources to share with your children at [Child Safety and Prevention](#).

In recognition of National Missing Children's Day and in an effort to promote child safety, we began annually fingerprinting children free of charge at the Riverside Police Department on the closest Saturday to May 25th. The fingerprints will be on a child identification card for you to keep and provide to police if your child goes missing. Fingerprinting can also be done throughout the year by appointment.

CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

The Riverside Police Chaplain volunteer program was created in 2016 to provide a comprehensive police response by providing comfort and support during local death notifications, scenes of a tragedy, working with troubled juveniles through community service projects, and providing counsel to employees and their families upon request. We currently have three trained Chaplains that assist us in providing an overall better quality of service to the community.

COLLEGE STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

For almost thirty years members of the Riverside Township Police Department have collected funds and toys to help local families during the Holiday season by shopping and wrapping presents for children in the community. We always look forward to handing them out with Santa and the Riverside Fire Department! Thank you to everyone who helps make this event possible!



COLLEGE STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Riverside Township Police Department is committed to developing partnerships with the community through the Volunteers in Police Service Program. An important part of the volunteer program is student internships, where students and the police department both benefit from shared experiences.

It is the policy of the Riverside Township Police Department to provide a positive learning environment for interested college students to experience the various aspects and responsibilities of law enforcement first hand. While working on operational, administrative and support functions, the intern is provided with an atmosphere of learning through a combination of hands-on and observational experiences.

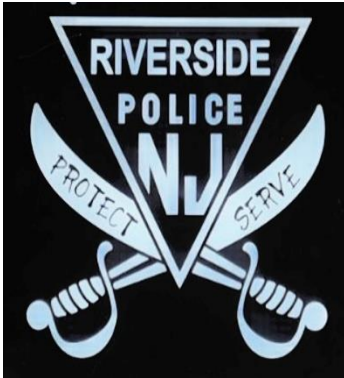
COMMUNITY CARETAKING CARDS

When Officers respond to a home, or business and the owner is not available, they leave behind these bright yellow, highly visible cards. The cards help bring attention to a problem such as a broken window, or unlocked door.

DRONE PROGRAM

The 2023 the Riverside Township Police Department received a donation of two drones, a Mavic Pro and Mavic Pro Platinum. Since then one Officer has trained and achieved FAA certification as an Unmanned Aircraft Operator. The drones will be utilized for a wide variety of incidents such as search and rescue operations, crowd monitoring, and community policing.

HAUNTED POLICE STATION



Riverside Township and the Riverside Police Association hosted our 7th Haunted Police Station and Trunk or Treat in 2023. The event features many of our Officers in costume interacting with visitors along with food trucks and local craft vendors. The Haunted Police Station continues to grow in popularity and attendance. Over 1,500 attend this year's Pirates of Riverside themed version of the Haunted Police Station. Along with providing a fun, family friendly event, we also collected non-perishable food items we donated to a local food bank.



KIDS FUNZONE GAME TRUCK



The Kidz FunZone Game Center is a 2002 Chevrolet Silverado that was seized after being used in the attempted commission of a crime against a child. In three weeks the truck was transformed into a mobile gaming center with the help of our generous sponsors. The "Kidz FunZone Game Center" has three 55" televisions connected to Nintendo Switches and a booming stereo system. It is also outfitted with outdoor games, sports equipment, and a 12'x12' outdoor movie screen. The truck was used throughout the year for outdoor movies and game nights and parades. The Kidz FunZone would not be possible without the support of our generous sponsors. We are very grateful for their continued support.



L.E.A.D

This L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Against Drugs) educational program provides fifth graders with the knowledge to make the right choices when it comes to drugs and alcohol. It also teaches problem solving techniques for everyday situations. Steps in the process include; defining the problem, assessing choices, and responding by making smart decision and evaluating if the choice was correct. Our School Resource Officer presents this program.



NO SHAVE NOVEMBER

In 2023, members of the Riverside Police Department donated funds in order to Grow out their facial hair and participate in “No Shave November”. The traditional purpose of the fundraiser is to “grow” awareness of men’s health by embracing hair that cancer patients so often lose. This year, our department chose to donate to NJ Tip to help those battling addiction.



ONLINE REPORTING

The purpose of online reporting is to allow individuals to file police reports from our website for past tense minor, non-emergency incidents that occurred within Riverside Township.

If the incident you wish to report is an **EMERGENCY**, a crime in progress, or involves any type of injury please do not submit the report online and **DIAL 9-1-1**. The loss or theft of prescription medication, narcotic or otherwise **CANNOT** be reported online. For any non-emergency incident that requires a police officer to respond dial the police non-emergency number [\(856\) 461-3434](tel:8564613434).

Examples of Non-emergency Incidents

Criminal Mischief - Past tense vandalism, graffiti

Harassment - (NOT INVOLVING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED ISSUES)

Harassing phone calls or other repeated acts causing annoyance or alarm.

Identity Theft - Unauthorized use of personal information to obtain credit cards, goods, or services.

Lost Property - Property that is missing or lost.

Property Damage - Damage to property requiring a report for insurance, such as damage from a storm or damage from a contractor.

Local Ordinance Violations - Barking dog, noise, weeds and debris etc.

POLICE EXPLORER PROGRAM

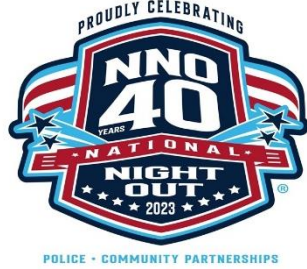


The Riverside Police Explorers Post is a youth mentoring program affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America. The Explorers learn and experience different aspects of law enforcement under the supervision and guidance of members of the Riverside Police Department. Although they have no law enforcement authority, they often augment the Police Department by assisting with community related functions.

The Explorers Program is open to youths between the ages of 15 and 21, many of whom have a desire to pursue a career in law enforcement. The activities of the Explorers include, but are not limited to, training, ride-alongs, and community service, details of which can be found by clicking the activities link below. Several of our former Police Explorers have become Officers for the Riverside Township Police Department as well as other law enforcement agencies. For further information about the Riverside Police Explorers Program, please contact School Resource Officer Brendon Griffin at: bgriffin@riversidepolicenj.org

<https://riversidepolicenj.org/police-explorers/>

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.



OFFICER PHIL PROGRAM

This program is directed toward children in kindergarten through fifth grade, and illustrates the importance of obeying the rules set by parents and society. It presents various problems and solutions in manner children easily understand and readily accept.

OUTDOOR MOVIE AND FAMILY GAME NIGHTS

The Riverside Police Department hosted two outdoor movie/game nights in 2023. The free events were open to the public, and provided a great opportunity for children and adults to meet and play games with our Officers and each other.



READ ACROSS AMERICA

Each year in February Riverside Police Officer volunteer to read to elementary school students during the Read Across America event. It is a great opportunity for Officers to spend a few minutes with children in a setting the children are familiar with building trust.



PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION DROP BOX



Prescription drug abuse is an escalating problem that often evolves into opiate abuse. The theft of prescription medication is also a growing trend. Jewelry boxes and medicine cabinets are often the first places a burglar checks when they break into a home. Proper and timely disposal of medications prevents it from falling into the wrong hands.

The Riverside Police Department received a medication drop off box, which is installed in the front vestibule of the police station. The drop box is an environmentally responsible way to dispose of unwanted or unused medications and will be available to the public 24/7.

We kindly ask that you deposit **prescription medication only**. All over the counter medication can be disposed of normally.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

This School Resource Officer (SRO) Program was established to provide a Police Officer for Riverside Township's K-12 Public Schools. The SRO provides classroom instruction and advice to students and parents, and is a positive law enforcement presence in the schools. The SRO is not intended to merely serve as security personnel in the schools, yet the presence of the SRO will serve as a security function.

The SRO does not enforce the school disciplinary policies. The school environment is a community in and of itself. It remains, however, an integral part of the larger community and of society in general. Although the members of the school community are younger, the code of conduct remains the same. The SRO will enforce the law in the same unbiased and impartial manner as he enforces it in the larger community.



SOCIAL MEDIA ACCESS



As any successful law enforcement agency knows, continued communication with the community is vital to the overall success and safety of the town. Social media gives us an opportunity to rapidly disseminate critical information in the event of an emergency, provide timely press releases, and interact with the public to solve crimes and improve our service. Numerous crimes have been solved as a result of our social media presence.

We encourage everyone to follow the Riverside Police Department by using any the following social media tools. Stay informed, stay connected, and stay safe!

- WEBSITE: www.riversidepolicenj.org
- FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/riversidepolicenj>
- TWITTER: @riversidepdnj
- NIXLE: <http://www.nixle.com/>
- YOUTUBE: [Riverside Police YouTube Channel](#)
- BLOG: <http://riversidepolicenj.blogspot.com>
- INSTAGRAM: [riversidepolicenj](#)
- TIP411: APP available on Google Play and the App Store for your Android and Apple devices.

SPEED SIGN

The Riverside Police Department purchased and began using a new speed sign/sign board allow us to send messages to drivers such as notifications of road closures, alert drivers of the speed limit and even notify them of their current vehicle speed. The sign records the volume of traffic in that area along with average vehicle speeds. This data allows us to more efficiently manage our speed enforcement efforts and better serve the residents of Riverside. If you would like to see the speed sign in your neighborhood, please complete the online request form at: <https://riversidepolicenj.org/speed-sign-request/>



TIP411

TIP411 is a free service that allows users to submit anonymous tips and information to the Riverside Township Police Department from their mobile device.

To send an anonymous tip via text message to the Riverside Police Department, text the keyword RIVERSIDEPD and your tip to 847411.

Use the links below to find out more about the TIP411 mobile app that makes it easy to submit anonymous tips using your mobile device.

<https://home.tip411.com/tip411adminappuser>

<https://youtu.be/ZBNdUTHBCfI>



The advertisement features a dark blue background with a radial light effect. In the top left corner is the 'tip 411' logo, and in the top right is a QR code. The main text reads 'HELP FIGHT CRIME.' followed by instructions: 'Send anonymous tips to Riverside Police. Text keyword RIVERSIDEPD to 847411, add a space, type in your tip information, and hit send.' Below this is a smartphone displaying the app download screen with the text 'DOWNLOAD FREE', 'Riverside PD app', and 'for iPhone or Android'. At the bottom left, it says 'A service of Riverside Police Department' and at the bottom right is the Riverside Police NJ logo.

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VULNERABLE PERSONS REGISTRY



In recognition of Autism Awareness Month in 2015, the Riverside Police Department implemented a Vulnerable Person Registry program. The program is designed to support families caring for loved ones with physical and or mental disabilities who are prone to wandering and/or becoming lost. This includes, but is not limited to persons with Autism, Alzheimer's Disease, Dementia, Down Syndrome, brain injuries, and mental illness.

The registration will rapidly provide police with photographs, detailed physical descriptions, approach recommendations, and most importantly emergency contact information to be used in these circumstances.

The information will remain confidential at all times and will be released only to police, fire, and/or medical personnel assisting in the identification, safety, and rapid return if a registrant is found, reported missing, or otherwise determined to be at-risk by emergency response personnel. The registration packet can be picked up at the Riverside Police station or found on our [website](#). Additionally, all Officers received training in "Autism Education for First Responders."

AWARDS

- MADD drunk driving enforcement award
- Burlington County Prosecutors Office "Pro-Cops" award for **Community Policing**
- ASIS International Unit award for **Community Policing**
- Invited to speak at the state house where the Department was recognized with Senate and General Assembly resolutions for **Community Policing** programs
- New Jersey Dept. of Traffic and Highway Safety traffic enforcement 2nd place award for departments with 11-25 Officers in New Jersey.
- New Jersey Law Enforcement Challenge Underage Alcohol Prevention Award.
- Courier Post readers selected the Riverside Police Department as the "Best in South Jersey"
- Jewish Community Service Award for the investigation of Bias Crimes
- Burlington County Regional Chamber of Commerce **Community Policing** award
- NJ Attorney General's Office Distinguished Service in **Community Policing**



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Quarter	2023
Quarter start date	1/1/2023
Quarter end date	12/31/2023

2023 Internal Affairs Summary

2023

Internal Affairs: 2023 Snapshot

This sheet contains some top-line facts and figures for Internal Affairs cases closed in 2023. Detailed breakdowns can be found in the subsequent pages.

	# allegations	# initial allegation sustained	# other allegation sustained	# not sustained
Criminal violation	0	0	0	0
Differential treatment	0	0	0	0
Excessive force	1	0	0	1
Improper arrest	0	0	0	0
Improper entry	0	0	0	0
Improper search	0	0	0	0
Domestic violence incident (non-criminal)	0	0	0	0
Demearor	0	0	0	0
Other rule violation	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	0	0	1

Distribution of sources for complaints closed in 2023

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

Frequency of discipline by type for complaints closed in 2023

Oral reprimand or performance notice	0
Written reprimand or written warning	0
Monetary fine or loss of pay	0
Suspension without pay	0
Separated while IA pending	0
Demotion or loss of promotion opportunity	0
Discharge from employment	0
Training, coaching, or counseling	0
Loss of time	0
None	0
TOTAL	0

2023 Summary

Total Pending from Prior Years	1
Total Opened	0
Total Closed	1
Total Sustained	0
Total Not Sustained	1
Total >180 Days	0
Total Pending at end of 2023	0

NOTE: This sheet provides a snapshot of IA cases at a single point in time. As a case progresses, classifications and categorizations may change.

A single Internal Affairs case may involve one or more officers. This Summary refers to the count of OFFICERS who were named in an Internal Affairs Complaint.

2023: Cases Opened and Closed, All Allegations

Complaints OPENED by Most Serious Initial Allegation

Most serious <u>initial</u> allegation	Pending from Prior Years			New			Average # initial complaints		
	Agency	Civilian	Anonymous	Agency	Civilian	Anonymous	Agency	Civilian	Anonymous
Criminal violation	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Differential treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Excessive force	0	1	0	0	0	0			
Improper arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Improper entry	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Improper search	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Domestic violence incident	0	0	0	0	0	0			
DemEANor	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Other rule violation	0	0	0	0	0	0			
TOTAL	0	1	0	0	0	0			

Source of Complaint

Pending from Prior Years

New

Average # initial complaints

PLEASE NOTE: This page counts complaints by most serious INITIAL allegation. For a focus on closed cases by their SUSTAINED allegations, please see Page 3.

This page and the subsequent page consider ALL ALLEGATIONS. For a breakdown of Other Rule Violations, see Pages 4-5. For a breakdown of Criminal Violations, see Pages 6-7.

Complaints CLOSED by Most Serious Initial Allegation

Most serious <u>initial</u> allegation	Top-line numbers			Source of Complaint			Criminal Outcomes				Internal Disciplinary Outcome			
	Total closed	Average length (days)	# pending appeal	Agency	Civilian	Anonymous	Conviction	Diversion	Acquittal	Dismissal	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Administratively Closed
Criminal violation	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Differential treatment	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Excessive force	1	30	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper arrest	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper entry	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper search	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic violence incident	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DemEANor	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other rule violation	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	30	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source of Complaint

Criminal Outcomes

Internal Disciplinary Outcome

Top-line numbers

Not

Administratively Closed

2023: Cases Closed, All Allegations

Comparison of Initial and Sustained Allegations

Most serious <u>initial</u> allegation	Total Initial Allegations	Total Sustained by Most Serious Sustained Allegation										Total Not Sustained	
		Excessive Force	Improper Arrest	Improper Entry	Improper Search	Criminal Violation*	Differential Treatment	Demeanor	Domestic Violence	Other Rule Violation**			
Criminal violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Differential treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Excessive force	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Improper arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper entry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper search	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic violence incident	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Demeanor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other rule violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

* For a breakdown of "Criminal Violations", see Page 7.
 ** For a breakdown of "Other Rule Violations", see Page 5.

Most serious <u>sustained</u> allegation	Internally Sustained <i>Source of Complaint</i>			Average # sustained complaints <i>Source of Complaint</i>			Criminal Sustained Complaints <i>Source of Complaint</i>			Average Length (days)	Disposition of most serious allegation Not sustained
	Agency	Civilian	Anonymous	Agency	Civilian	Anonymous	Agency	Civilian	Anonymous		
Criminal violation	0	0	0				0	0	0		
Differential treatment	0	0	0				0	0	0		
Excessive force	0	0	0				0	0	0		30
Improper arrest	0	0	0				0	0	0		
Improper entry	0	0	0				0	0	0		
Improper search	0	0	0				0	0	0		
Domestic violence incident	0	0	0				0	0	0		
Demeanor	0	0	0				0	0	0		
Other rule violation	0	0	0				0	0	0		
TOTAL	0	0	0				0	0	0		30

2023: Cases Opened and Closed, Alleged Other Rule Violations

Complaints OPENED by Alleged Other Rule Violation

Source of Complaint

Most serious alleged rule violation	Pending from Prior Years			New			Average # initial complaints		
	Agency	Civilian	Anonymous	Agency	Civilian	Anonymous	Agency	Civilian	Anonymous
Drug test failure	0	0	0	0	0	0			
DUI/DWI on duty	0	0	0	0	0	0			
EEO	0	0	0	0	0	0			
False documentation or failure to document	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Conduct unbecoming / Discredit to the agency	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Improper supervision or failure to supervise	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Insubordination or disobeying an order	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Neglect of duty	0	0	0	0	0	0			
DUI or DWI off duty	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Preventable MV accident	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Vehicular pursuit policy violation	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Use of force policy violation	0	0	0	0	0	0			
BWC/MVR violation	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Attendance issues	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Loss of or failure to safeguard agency property	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Other departmental rule violation	0	0	0	0	0	0			

Complaints CLOSED Categorized by Alleged Other Rule Violation

Most serious alleged rule violation	Top-line numbers			Source of Complaint			Criminal Outcomes					Internal Disciplinary Outcome			
	Total closed	Average length (days)	# pending appeal	Agency	Civilian	Anonymous	Conviction	Diversion	Acquittal	Dismissal	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Administratively Closed	
Drug test failure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
DUI/DWI on duty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
EEO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
False documentation or failure to document	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Conduct unbecoming / Discredit to the agency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Improper supervision or failure to supervise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Insubordination or disobeying an order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Neglect of duty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
DUI or DWI off duty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Preventable MV accident	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Vehicular pursuit policy violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Use of force policy violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
BWC/MVR violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Attendance issues	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Loss of or failure to safeguard agency property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other departmental rule violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

This page and the subsequent page consider only cases whose most serious allegation was OTHER RULE VIOLATION. For all allegations, see Pages 2-3. For a breakdown of Criminal Violations, see Pages 6-7.

2023: Cases Closed, Alleged Other Rule Violations

SUSTAINED Complaints by Sustained Other Rule Violation

Most serious <u>sustained</u> rule violation	Internally Sustained			Average # sustained complaints			Criminal Sustained Complaints		
	Source of Complaint			Source of Complaint			Source of Complaint		
	Agency	Civilian	Anonymous	Agency	Civilian	Anonymous	Agency	Civilian	Anonymous
Drug test failure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DUI/DWI on duty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EEO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
False documentation or failure to document	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conduct unbecoming / Discredit to the agency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper supervision or failure to supervise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Insubordination or disobeying an order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neglect of duty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DUI or DWI off duty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Preventable MV accident	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicular pursuit policy violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Use of force policy violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BWC/MVR violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attendance issues	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loss of or failure to safeguard agency property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other departmental rule violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Initial allegations resulting in a sustained charge, by alleged other rule violation

Most serious <u>initial</u> alleged rule violation	# complaints		Average case length (days)	
	Disposition of most serious initial allegation		Disposition of most serious initial allegation	
	Sustained	Not sustained	Sustained	Not sustained
Drug test failure	0	0		
DUI/DWI on duty	0	0		
EEO	0	0		
False documentation or failure to document	0	0		
Conduct unbecoming / Discredit to the agency	0	0		
Improper supervision or failure to supervise	0	0		
Insubordination or disobeying an order	0	0		
Neglect of duty	0	0		
DUI or DWI off duty	0	0		
Preventable MV accident	0	0		
Vehicular pursuit policy violation	0	0		
Use of force policy violation	0	0		
BWC/MVR violation	0	0		
Attendance issues	0	0		
Loss of or failure to safeguard agency property	0	0		
Other departmental rule violation	0	0		

2023: Cases Closed, Alleged Criminal Violations

SUSTAINED Complaints Categorized by Alleged Criminal Violation

Most serious <i>sustained</i> criminal violation	Internally Sustained <i>Source of Complaint</i>			Average # sustained complaints <i>Source of Complaint</i>			Criminal Sustained Complaints <i>Source of Complaint</i>		
	Agency	Civilian	Anonymous	Agency	Civilian	Anonymous	Agency	Civilian	Anonymous
Sexual assault	0	0	0				0	0	0
Domestic violence	0	0	0				0	0	0
Assault	0	0	0				0	0	0
Harassment or stalking	0	0	0				0	0	0
Theft	0	0	0				0	0	0
Property damage or criminal mischief	0	0	0				0	0	0
Other criminal violation	0	0	0				0	0	0
	0	0	0				0	0	0

Initial allegations resulting in a sustained charge, by alleged criminal violation

Most serious <i>alleged</i> criminal violation	# complaints <i>Disposition of most serious allegation</i>	Average case length (days) <i>Disposition of most serious allegation</i>				
			Sustained	Not sustained	Sustained	Not sustained
Sexual assault	0	0				
Domestic violence	0	0				
Assault	0	0				
Harassment or stalking	0	0				
Theft	0	0				
Property damage or criminal mischief	0	0				
Other criminal violation	0	0				
	0	0				

Agency Name:

Burlington- Riverside Township Police Report

Year:

January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Annual Summary of Law Enforcement Diversity: Current Officers Summary

		# % of Total Officers		
	Total Officers	21	-	
	Total Officers Eligible for Promotion	0	0%	
	Total Officers Applied for Promotion	0	0%	
	Total Officers Promoted	0	0%	
Gender	Total Male	19	90%	
	Total Female	2	10%	
	Total X or Non-Binary	0	0%	
	Total American Indian or Alaska Native alone	0	0%	
Race/ Ethnicity	Total Asian alone	0	0%	
	Total Black or African American alone	2	10%	
	Total Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	0	0%	
	Total White alone	17	81%	
	Total Two or more races alone	0	0%	
	Total Other alone	0	0%	
	Total Hispanic or Latino	2	10%	
	Age	Total 18-29	4	19%
Total 30-39		11	52%	
Total 40-49		3	14%	
Total 50-59		2	10%	
Total 60-69		1	5%	
Total 70+		0	0%	

Agency Name:

Burlington- Riverside Township Police Report

Year:

January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Additional Narrative

Narrative Prompts: A detailed assessment as to whether representation has improved for any previously identified underrepresented groups

A description of the data used to determine the existence of any underrepresentation.

Any new or modified Program goals to be implemented in the upcoming year

The Riverside Township Police Department utilized the most recent census data and current rosters to identify underrepresented groups. The Riverside Police Department hired one officer directly this year, not from the Civil Service list. The new officer is Hispanic and bilingual which is also one of this agency's identified underrepresented demographics. This hire was the direct result of his success in our internship program which is part of our recruitment outreach efforts. In 2023 job brochures and posters were translated to encourage bi-lingual applicants to apply for the next Civil Service test and help use serve our non-english speaking community. The brochures were disseminated throughout the community and at a college job fair. Although we are fully staffed at this time we will continue work with area colleges on our internship program and seek new ways to encourage females and people of color to apply for the next Civil Service exam Riverside Township applies for.