

GLEN RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT



2024 Annual Report



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



As Chief of the Glen Ridge Police Department, I am proud to present our 2024 Annual Report, highlighting our ongoing commitment to public safety, innovation, and community partnership. This year, we embraced modern law enforcement strategies, reinforced our core values, and made significant strides toward creating a safer community for all residents.

In 2024, we advanced our use of technology with expanded body-worn cameras, upgraded our digital evidence management system, and implemented data-driven policing strategies. Additionally, through a federally funded grant, we acquired four automated license plate readers, set to be deployed in 2025. These innovations improve public safety, accountability, and our ability to respond effectively to crime.

A significant milestone was our re-accreditation in October 2024 by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, after our initial accreditation in 2021. This re-accreditation reflects our ongoing commitment to maintaining the highest standards in law enforcement practices.

This year, we also introduced a full-time Traffic Bureau Officer, the first of its kind in our department. This position has been instrumental in reducing traffic crashes, addressing violations, and working closely with the community to enhance roadway safety.

We were also honored to receive a Gold Status award from “Safe Routes to School” in recognition of our efforts to promote safe and accessible transportation for students. This achievement highlights our commitment to ensuring the safety of our young residents.

Looking ahead, we remain focused on continuous improvement. We will invest in officer training, including de-escalation, mental health crisis intervention, and cultural awareness. We also plan to enhance our use of analytics to optimize resource allocation and improve response times.

Through strategic enforcement and strong community partnerships, we’ve seen a decrease in property crimes and a more focused approach to violent offenses. Our collaboration with local businesses, schools, and residents continues to foster a safer, more vibrant community.

At the core of our work are the values of Integrity, Professionalism, and Respect. We remain dedicated to fair, impartial policing and ensuring the well-being of every resident. We thank our residents, local leaders, and law enforcement partners for their unwavering support and look forward to continuing our shared commitment to safety, trust, and progress.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Chief Sean Quinn' followed by the number '#99'.

Chief Sean Quinn
Glen Ridge Police Department

DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

Mission Statement

The members of the Glen Ridge Police Department are committed and prepared to provide quality service to our community. Our goal is to enhance the quality of life, safety and security for all citizens. Every member of our department is devoted to maintain integrity, professionalism, and respect towards those that they serve.

Core Values

The core values of our organization are the fundamental beliefs that dictate and direct the members of our department, helping our members to further the mission of our department. Our members have chosen the values they deemed to be most important to them, to reflect upon these core principals by which to police by.

INTEGRITY ■ PROFESSIONALISM ■ RESPECT



OFFICERS AND SUPPORT STAFF



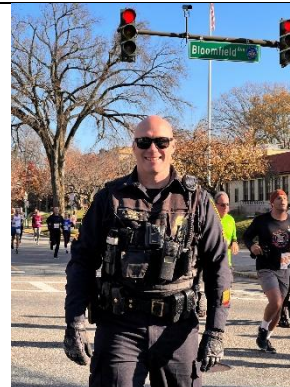
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Lt. Timothy Faranda



Lt. Dean Gnardellis



Sgt. Anthony Mazza



Det. Sgt. Daniel Manley



Sgt. Matthew Koc



Sgt. Ryan Schwartz



Sgt. Michael Medico



Sgt. Patricia Romaine



Sgt. Matthew Perigo



Acting Sergeant Anthony Re



Officer Joseph Uliano



Officer Giuseppe Oliva



Officer Christopher Grogan



Officer Fuquannah Holley



Officer Cal Abrahamsen



Officer Paul Cicchetti



Officer Joseph Anello



Officer Kristofer Lucas



Officer Andrew Waring



Det. Kendall Caruso



Officer Manuel Addu



Officer Aly Ahmed



Officer Elverth Sandoval



CSO Adrian Cheddie



CSO Anthony Christian



CSO Cassie Wachter



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CRIME STATISTICS

The Glen Ridge Police Department participates in the National Incident Based Reporting System, known as NIBRS. The system is maintained by the FBI and is implemented to improve the overall quality of crime data collected by law enforcement. For more information, visit the FBI's website crime, statistics section.

The following NIBRS offenses were not reported in 2024:

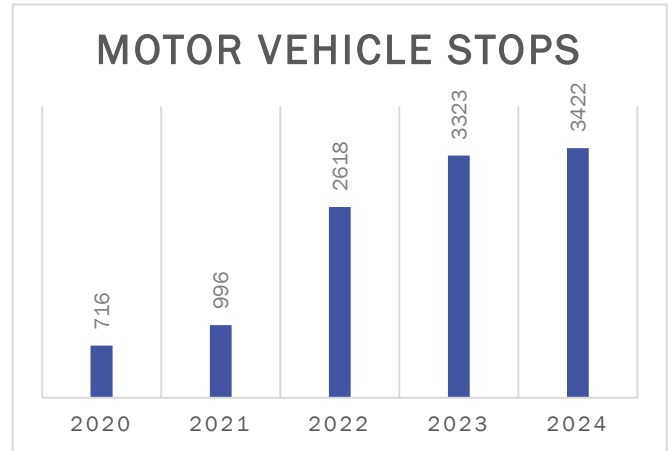
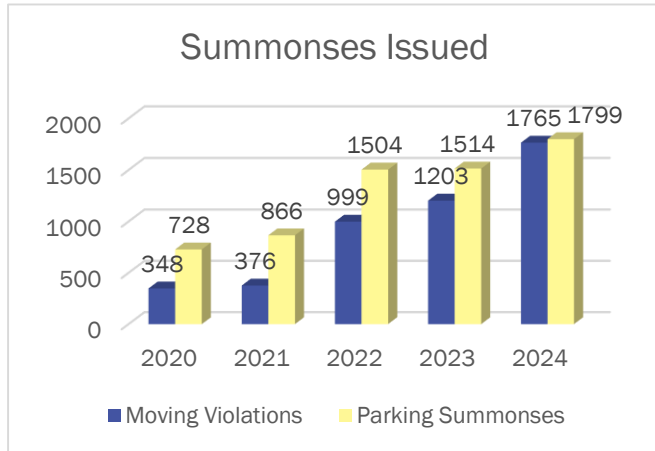
Murder	Manslaughter	Justifiable Homicide	Rape	Kidnapping	Sexual Assault with an object
Incest	Statutory Rape	Human Trafficking	Involuntary Servitude	Robbery	
Arson	Bribery	Gambling Offenses	Prostitution	Pornography Offense	
Animal Cruelty					

NIBRS Crime	2024 Total Reported	2024 Total Cleared	2023 Reported	2023 Cleared	2022 Reported	2022 Cleared
Fondling	1	1	3	3	3	3
Aggravated Assault	2	2	3	3	2	1
Simple Assault	20	16	28	22	33	24
Intimidation	13	7	5	3	12	10
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	1	1	0	0
Crimes Against Persons Total	36	26	40	32	50	38
Robbery	0	0	0	0	1	1
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	19	5	20	2	10	3
Larceny/Theft Offenses	76	12	117	31	87	23
Motor Vehicle Theft	11	2	8	3	17	4
Destruction Of Property	6	4	12	7	12	9
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	1	5	4	8	5
Fraud Offense	33	0	30	5	40	0
Embezzlement	0	0	5	3	3	2
Extortion/Blackmail	6	0	5	0	2	0
Stolen Property Offenses	1	1	1	1	6	6
Crimes Against Property Total	153	24	203	56	186	53
Drug/Narcotic Violations	1	1	3	3	2	2
Drug Equipment Violations	0	0	2	2	1	1
Weapons Law Violations	2	2	1	1	1	1
Crimes Against Society Total	6	6	4	4	4	4
Total Group "A" Offenses	195	56	247	92	240	95

TRAFFIC DATA

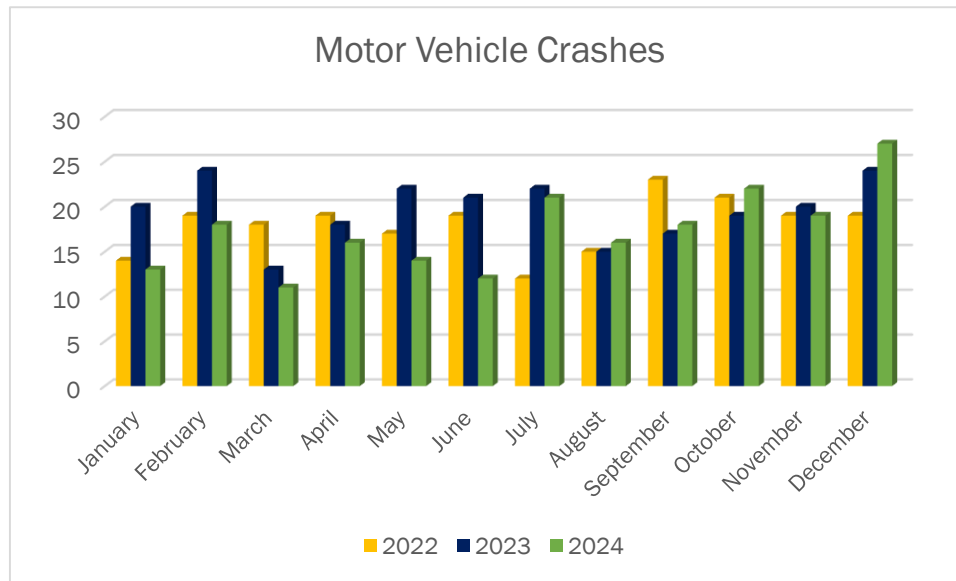
Violations and Motor Vehicle Data

The Glen Ridge Police Department issued 3,564 traffic summonses in 2024. A total of 1,765 were issued for moving violations, 1,799 summonses were issued for parking violations and 101 borough ordinance violations were issued. There were a total of 3,422 traffic stops, 1,100 traffic details conducted and 126 vehicles towed. The department completed 7 traffic surveys and received 66 traffic related complaints which were investigated.



Traffic Crash Data

In 2024, the department responded to 207 traffic crashes, 40 of which had injuries, compared to 235 traffic crashes, with 63 injuries in 2023. There were zero fatal motor vehicle accidents and 9 pedestrians were struck by a motor vehicle.



Traffic Officer

Sgt. Matthew Perigo continues to be assigned as the Department's dedicated traffic enforcement officer, a position he has been assigned to since August 2023. His responsibilities include responding to traffic complaints, enforcement and conducting traffic surveys. After being assigned, Sgt. Perigo conducted 1,315 motor vehicle stops, completed 4 traffic surveys and 432 specific traffic details. The assignment continues to prove to be successful and has allowed the department to respond to the multitude of traffic complaints in an expeditious manner. Additionally, the department saw a reduction in motor vehicle crashes in 2024 (207) as compared to 2023 (235). Sgt. Perigo investigated 18 specific traffic complaints and completed ten comprehensive surveys.

Traffic Improvement

At the recommendation of our traffic officer, the Borough made significant traffic improvements this year. New speed limit signs were installed on multiple streets as well as all school zones. A four-way stop sign was introduced at Hillside Avenue and Clark Street. Optical speed bars and a parking lane were painted onto Glen Ridge Avenue, narrowing the roadway as a calming measure for traffic to reduce speeds. Crosswalks were repainted with the assistance of the Glen Ridge Public Works. Upgraded crosswalk reflective beacons were installed at Ridgewood Avenue and Baldwin as well as Ridgewood Avenue and Wildwood Terrace. Reflective Pylons were also installed at multiple locations along Ridgewood Avenue to protect pedestrians utilizing crosswalks. The Department and Borough continue to work to improve pedestrian, bicyclist and motorist safety. All suggestions are welcomed.

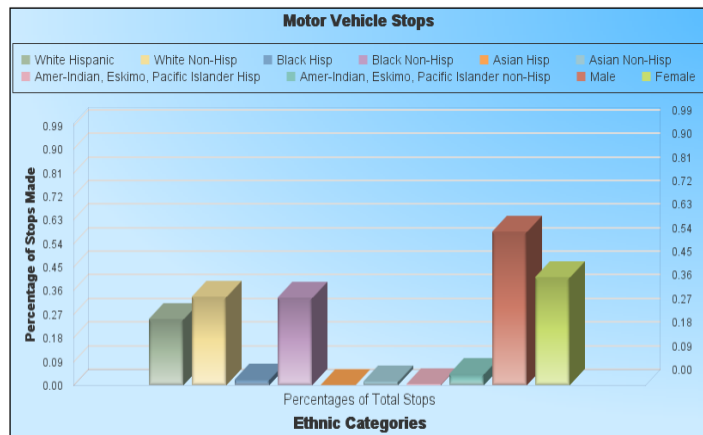
Traffic Grants

The Glen Ridge Police Department participated in one traffic grant in 2024. The grant was issued through the NJ Department of Highway Traffic Safety and was for the Click it or Ticket Campaign. During this two-week period, Officers conducted 66 hours of enforcement which resulted in 148 traffic stops, 74 traffic summonses issued and 3 arrests.

Racial Profiling Statistics

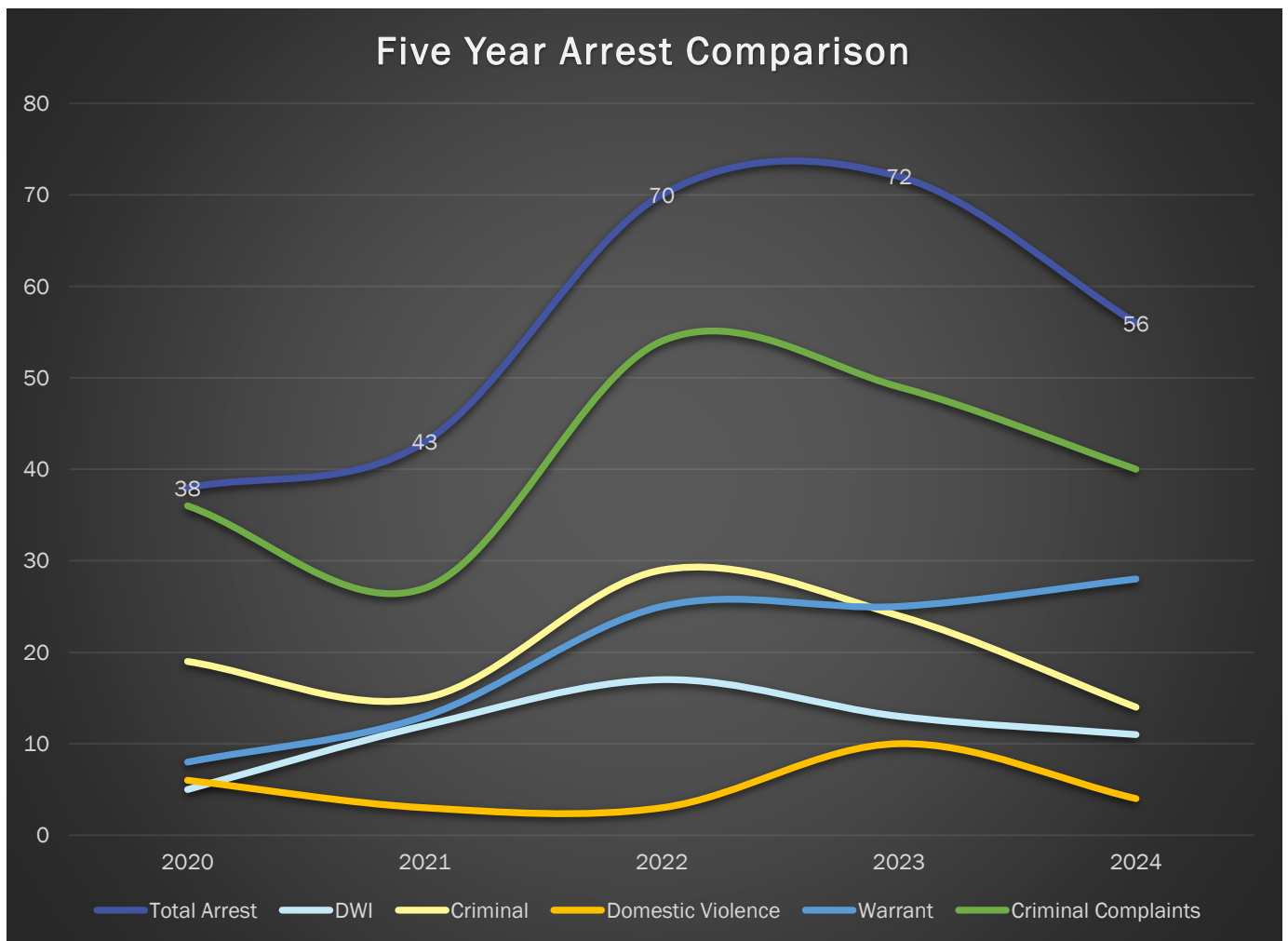
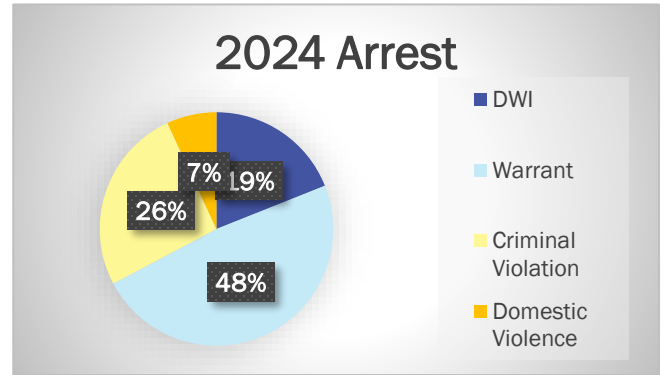
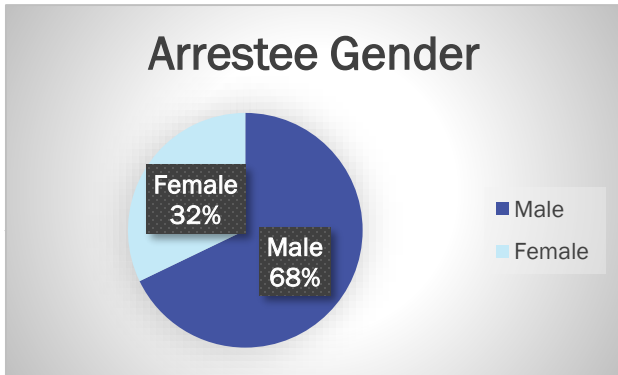
The Department reports on all ethnicities for motor vehicle stops. Below is a breakdown of total traffic stops and reported ethnicity.

Race Code	Total #	Percentage
White Hisp.	849	25.13%
White Non-Hisp.	1137	33.65%
Black Hisp.	67	1.98%
Black Non-Hisp.	1130	33.44%
Native Amer/Eskimo Hisp.	3	0.09%
Native Amer/Eskimo Non-Hisp	45	1.33%
Asian Hisp.	6	0.18%
Asian Non-Hisp.	143	4.23%
Male	1982	58.66%
Female	1392	41.20%



ARREST DATA

In 2024, The Glen Ridge Police Department made 56 arrests. Those arrested were processed at the police department and either released in accordance with New Jersey Bail Reform Laws or transported to the Essex County Correctional Facility. Additionally, 54 criminal complaints were filed with the courts.



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Internal Affairs Report and Major Discipline

The Internal Affairs Division consists of Lt. Timothy Faranda, Lt. Dean Gnardellis, and Det. Sgt. Daniel Manley. In 2024, the unit processed three complaints of alleged misconduct and closed out two complaints from 2023. Additionally, the unit conducted two random drug tests of sworn personnel in accordance with the New Jersey Attorney General Guidelines. Early warning monitoring was conducted for all department members. There was no major discipline reported in 2024.

The Internal Affairs Division monitors and reports quarterly and annually to the Essex County Prosecutor's Office on all complaints, as well as monthly on any Brady and Giglio violations resulting from untruthfulness.

The Glen Ridge Police Department accepts and investigates all complaints of department and employee alleged misconduct or wrongdoing from any person, department employee or any other source, including anonymous sources. Complaints may also be submitted electronically at internalaffairs@glenridgenj.org. Additionally, the unit completes a command level review for any Use of Force and Pursuit incidents, as well as any other incident which may require a review to determine if the officers' actions were appropriate and followed departmental procedures.

All required Internal Affairs Reports are posted on the departments website as well as our Early Warning Policy, Internal Affairs Policy and Drug Testing Policy, <https://www.glenridgenj.org/GRPD-ProfessionalStandards.htm>

Scanning the QR Code will bring you directly to the departments webpage.



Motor Vehicle Pursuits

In 2024, the Glen Ridge Police Department reported no motor vehicle pursuits. There were, however, 20 instances where a vehicle failed to stop for a Glen Ridge officer and fled the scene without a pursuit being initiated. This marked an increase from 11 such instances in 2023.

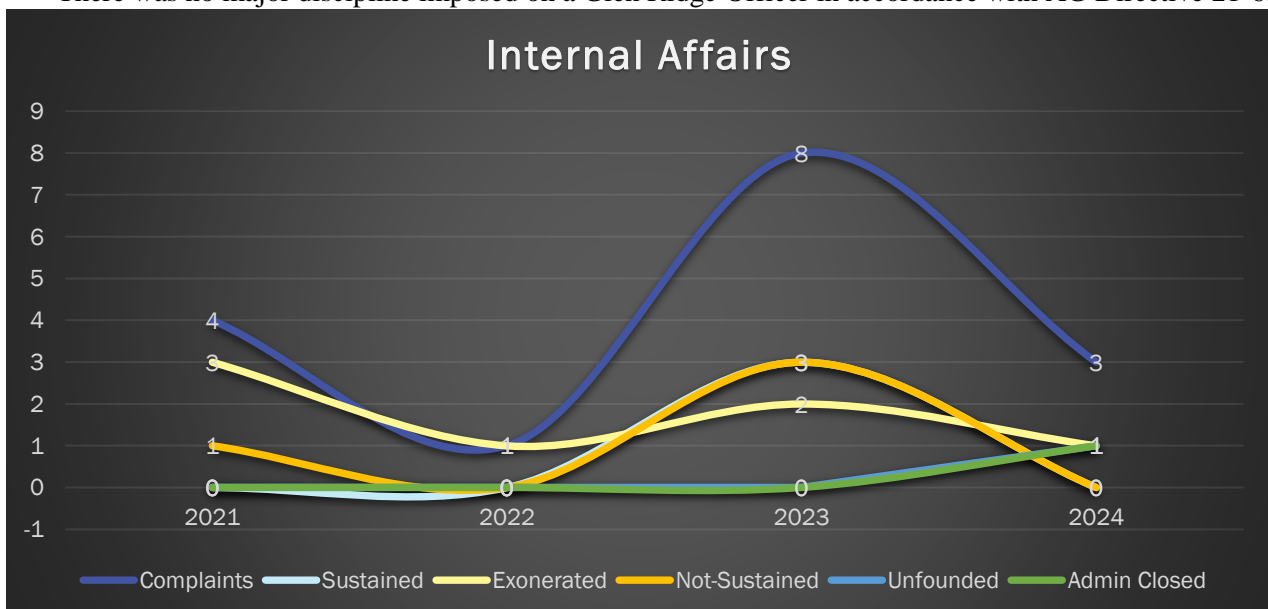
Use of Force

In 2024, there were zero use of force reports filed by Glen Ridge officers, a decrease from two reports in 2023. There were three documented show of force incidents involving the use of constructive authority with a firearm, down from four in 2023. A command-level review continues to be completed for all reported incidents.

	Pending from Prior Years	New cases	Cases Closed	Source of Complaint			Criminal Outcome				Internal Disciplinary Outcome			Pending End of Year	
				Agency	Civilian	Anonymous	Conviction	Diversion	Acquittal	Dismissal	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded		Administratively Closed
Excessive Force	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Improper Arrest	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Improper Entry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Improper Search	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Criminal Violation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Differential Treatment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dememeanor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Domestic Violence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Rule Violation	-	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-

Total Cases Opened	3
Total Cases Closed	5
Total Cases Pending	0
Total Criminal Cases	0

There was no major discipline imposed on a Glen Ridge Officer in accordance with AG Directive 21-6.



CALLS FOR SERVICE

During 2024, the officers of the Glen Ridge Police Department documented 37,091 incident call types where an officer was out of service. A sample of those calls is below:

Aid/Assist	355	Missing Person	5
Aid Other Authority	78	MV Crash	207
Alarm Calls	312	Noise Complaint	87
Animal Complaints	110	Open Door	159
Back up Officer	4,946	Parking Enforcement	3,339
Building Check	3,655	Property Calls	141
Community Outreach	1,700	School Detail	205
Crossing Detail	368	Suspicious Conditions	470
Disturbances	83	Traffic Related	1194
Field Check	2,656	UAV Deployment	41
Lockout House/MV	17	Welfare Check	58

264
Fire Dispatches

1,260
Reports Taken

1,754
Vacant House Checks

126
Motor Vehicle Towed

2038
911 Calls

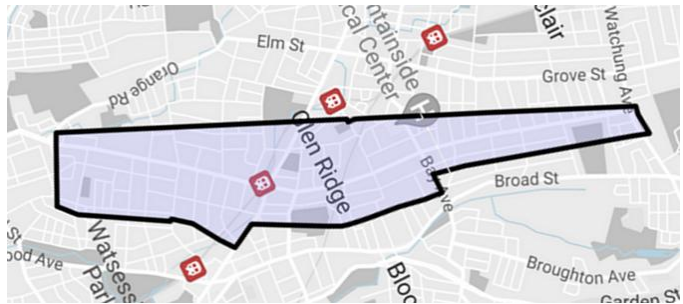
98,872
Miles Patrolled

1,404
Ambulance Responses

3,421
Motor Vehicle Stops

Borough Demographics

Police Department Personnel	
Chief	1
Lieutenants	2
Sergeants	7
Police Officers	14
Dispatchers	4
Civilian Staff	2
Crossing Guards	22



	Service Population		Current Sworn Officers		Current Sworn Officers – Female	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Caucasian	6028	75.8%	20	83.4%	2	8.7%
African – American	334	4.4%	2	8.3 %	1	4.3%
Hispanic	1,097	13.7%	2	8.3 %	0	0%
Asian	493	6.1%%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	7,952	100%	23	100%	3	13%

ACCREDITATION

On October 10th, 2024 the Glen Ridge Police Department successfully completed re-accreditation with the New Jersey State Associations of the Chiefs of Police. The process for accreditation began in 2017, under the direction of then Captain Sean Quinn the department was required to revise and update all of its policies and procedures. Chief Quinn worked tirelessly to implement the new policies and procedures and to meet the standards and proofs required to achieve accreditation. Throughout the re-accreditation process the department was required to meet 112 standards and produce more than 450 proofs as well as pass a rigorous onsite inspection.

Why Accreditation Matters:

- ✚ Enhances accountability
- ✚ Promotes efficiency and professionalism
- ✚ Fosters community trust

To achieve and complete the re-accreditation processes means that the department has met the required standards and operating effectively and efficiently. Accreditation is required to be maintained with additional assessments to become reaccredited every three years.

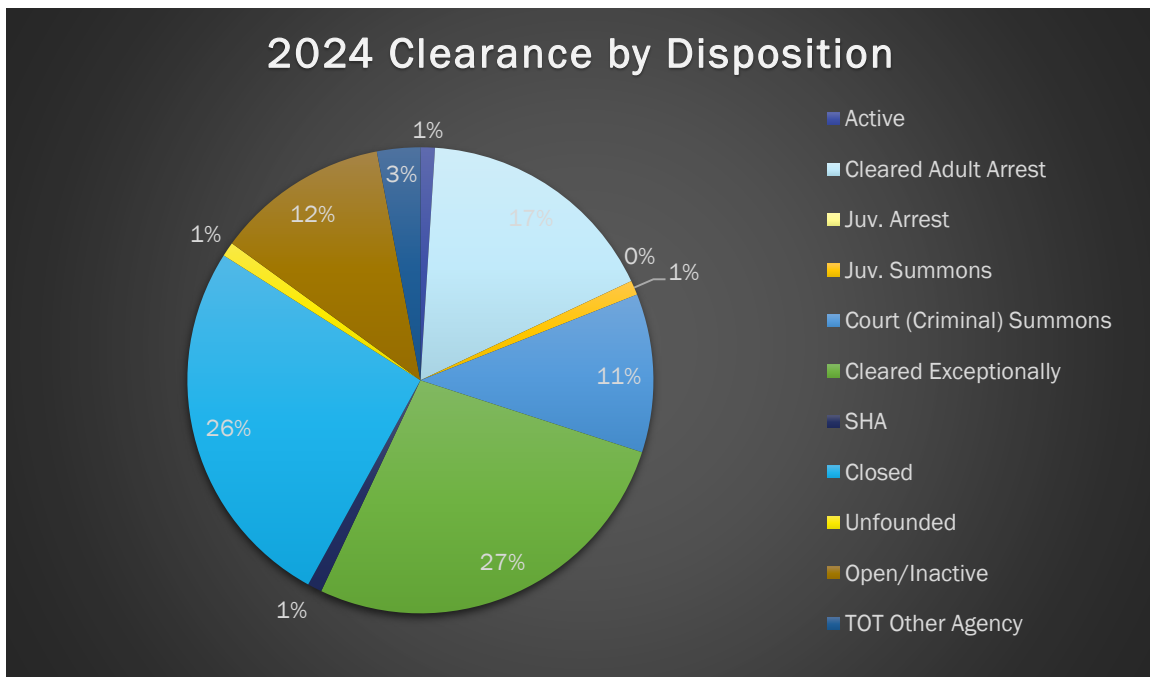


Only 54% of police departments statewide achieve accreditation status, and just 32% are re-accredited, making this recognition a testament to our dedication to serving the Glen Ridge community with integrity and excellence. Special thanks to Mayor Deborah Mans, Police Commissioner Peter Hughes, Borough Administrator Michael Zichelli and the Glen Ridge Council for their constant support of the Glen Ridge Police Department as we pursue this endeavor. The department would also like to extend to special thanks to our Accreditation Manager, Lieutenant Dean Gnardellis, whose hard work and diligence were instrumental in this achievement.



DETECTIVE BUREAU

In 2024, the Detective Bureau, consisting of one supervisor and one detective, conducted thorough investigations into **152 incidents**, successfully clearing **94 cases**—resulting in a **61% clearance rate**. This marks a **9% increase from 2023**, a testament to the department’s continued investment in training, technology, and strategic partnerships at the local, county, state, and federal levels.

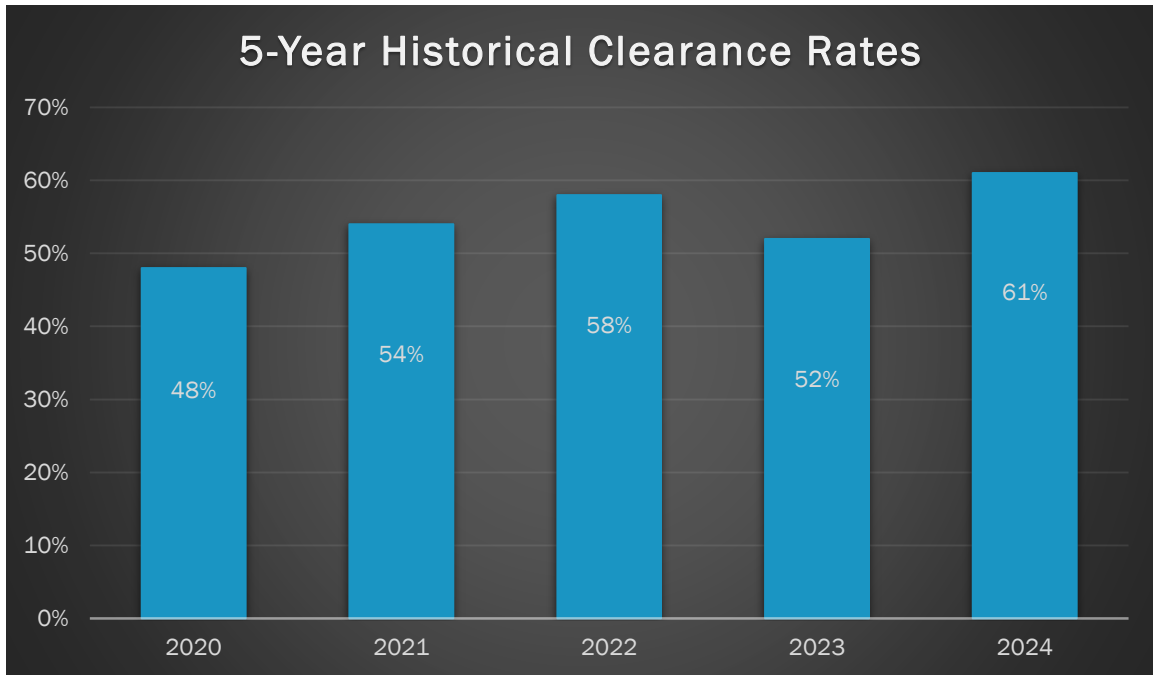


Despite the ongoing impact of bail reform legislation, which has led to a statewide decline in the issuance of arrest warrants, the Detective Bureau remained steadfast in bringing criminal offenders to justice. Notably, the percentage of cases cleared via **Court Summons** more than **doubled**, rising from **5% to 11%**, reflecting the dedication and persistence of our investigators in pursuing cases through final disposition.

Over the past three years, the department has fully committed to implementing modern crime-fighting technology, and in 2024, those efforts yielded significant results. Detectives regularly leveraged advanced investigative tools, including Communications Data Warrants, Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPRs), Drones, Vehicle Forensics, and Electronic Device Extraction Software, to analyze critical evidence, identify suspects, and build strong cases leading to criminal charges. These technologies have significantly enhanced the bureau’s ability to solve complex cases more efficiently and bring offenders to justice.

A particularly notable success this year was our collaborative approach to combating motor vehicle thefts committed immediately following residential-occupied burglaries. Through close cooperation with the NJ State Police Auto Theft Taskforce, the Regional Operations & Intelligence Center (ROIC), and Newark’s Real Time Crime Center, detectives were able to identify, track, and charge those responsible for these offenses more effectively than ever before. These partnerships played a critical role in ensuring that offenders were swiftly brought to justice.

As we move forward, the Detective Bureau remains committed to staying ahead of evolving crime trends through continuous training, technological advancements, and strengthening interagency collaborations to further enhance public safety in our community.



Project Medicine Drop

The department’s prescription drug abuse prevention program, Project Medicine Drop, continued to grow in popularity in 2024. This proactive crime prevention program provides residents an opportunity to properly discard expired, unused, or unwanted prescription medications. The department collected 175 pounds of expired, unused, or unwanted prescription medications in 2024. Since launching the program in 2017, the department has collected 1,708 pounds of medication.

Reassignment of Personnel

On March 3, 2024, Detective Re was reassigned to the patrol division as an acting sergeant. Detective Re spent just over two years in the detective bureau. During that time, he successfully investigated various crimes, including, but not limited to, theft, burglary, robbery, motor vehicle theft, drug offenses, fraud, sexual assault, and criminal mischief.

School Engagement

In addition to investigative responsibilities, the detective bureau served as the liaison to the Glen Ridge School District. Detectives conducted various security drills and community policing programs throughout the borough’s schools. They also participated in security meetings and tabletop exercises with school administrators.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In the past year, our police department has strengthened its commitment to fostering positive relationships with the Glen Ridge and Essex County communities through a variety of outreach initiatives. Events such as *National Night Out* brought neighbors and officers together in a celebration of safety and collaboration, while programs like the *Police Trading Card Program* and the *Bicycle Rodeo* engaged our youth in fun, educational activities that emphasize trust and connection as well as introduced our youth to our officers through meaningful interactions. The *Car Seat Installation* program provided families with hands-on safety support, and events like *Walk to School with an Officer* and *Lemonade with Law Enforcement* offered informal opportunities to connect with officers in everyday settings. Seasonal highlights included the festive *Santa Parade*, which brought holiday cheer to the Borough.

Additionally, our department played a crucial role in ensuring the safety and security of participants and spectators at the Borough's four annual road races—the *Lager Run 5K*, *Sunset Classic 8K*, *Ashenfelter 8K*, and *Rhino Romp*. Officers worked diligently to manage traffic, provide emergency response support, and create a secure environment, allowing these beloved community events to run smoothly and safely. These combined efforts exemplify our department's dedication to building a safer, more connected community for all.

Photos



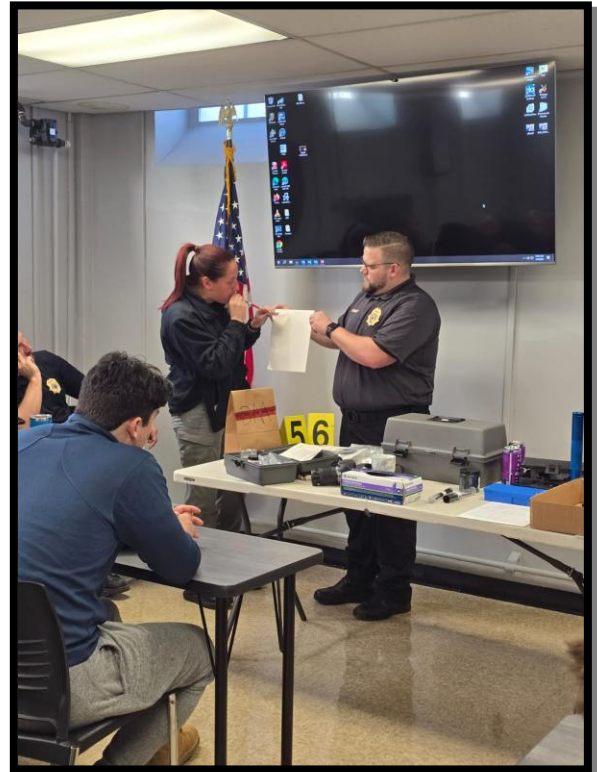
TRAINING & LICENSING

The Glen Ridge Police Department began license renewal for Officers in accordance with the New Jersey Police Licensure act. All officers who were due for renewal met all requirements and were successfully renewed.

The Glen Ridge Police Department remains committed to maintaining the highest standards of professionalism, accountability, and integrity. The department provides annual training to all officers and civilians in commitment to our officers' ongoing professional development to ensure compliance with all state and federal regulations.

The department trains all officers, some examples are as follows:

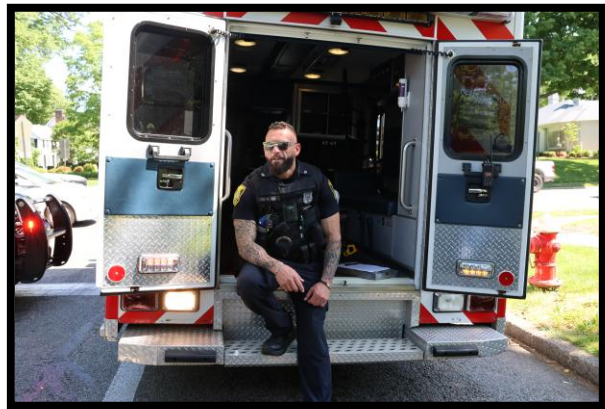
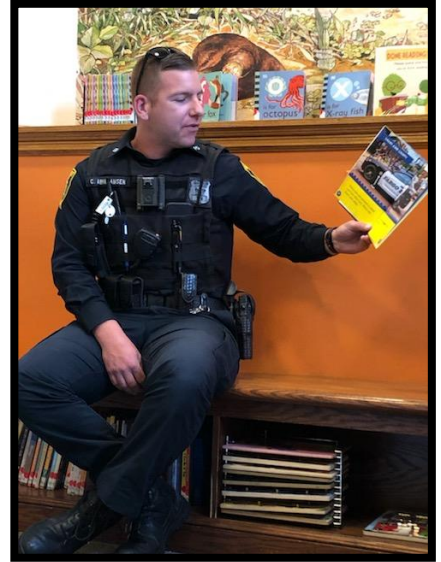
- Use of Force
- De-escalation training
- Firearms Qualifications
- Active Shooter Response Training
- First Aid
- CPR
- AED Certification
- Internal Affairs
- Crisis Intervention Training
- Domestic Violence
- Legal Updates
- ALCOTest
- Standardized Field Sobriety Test
- EMD/911 Training
- Bomb Threats and Swatting
- Case Law
- Search and Seizure
- Detective Collage
- First Amendment Auditors
- School Recourse Officer
- Radar Instructor



PHOTOS







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