

# 2019

## Annual Report



*Service, Honor & Integrity*



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*“Blessed are the  
peacekeepers, for  
they shall by  
called the children  
of God*

*- Matthew 5:9*



The mission of the Bloomington Police Department is to prevent crime, preserve order and to protect the rights, lives and property of the citizens of Bloomington.

The success of the mission depends upon a continuous effort to increase awareness and develop higher levels of trust and understanding among police officers and the community.

We shall continuously strive towards attaining excellence by providing our employees with fair and effective leadership, supervision and training.

In accomplishing these goals; service will be our commitment; honor and integrity our mandate.

# *Courage...*

*is the most important of all the virtues because without courage, you cannot practice any other virtue consistently.*

*- Maya Angelou*







# Message From the Chief

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It is with great pride that I present the 2019 Borough of Bloomingtondale Police Department's annual report to the Mayor, Council, and all of the citizens of Bloomingtondale. I am Honored to be the Chief of Police and lead a talented organization of dedicated employees. The Bloomingtondale Police Department remains committed to reducing crime and enhancing the quality of life through an active partnership with our community. It will be through this collaboration that we, as a community, continue to make our Borough a safer place to live, work, and raise our families.

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

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

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

Sincerely, Joseph Borell

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chief Joseph Borell".

Chief of Police







# Personnel in 2019

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## **Chief of Police**

Joseph Borell

## **Records Clerk**

Dorothy McMaster

## **Lieutenants**

Robert Resslerand

Ronald Frost

## **Chief's Secretary**

Sandy Caparotta

## **Sergeants**

Michael Boffa

Marc Loveland

David Terpsta

Daniel Fletcher

## **Class II Specials**

Ray Muller

Mark Gilersleeve

Paul Pampinella

## **Detectives**

Daniel Greenwood

Steven Smith

## **Dispatchers**

Dorothy McMaster

Mary Mazzola

Andrea Vollaro

Chelsea Adams

Ron Thomas

Joe Costello

Linda Daly

Dominick Gentile

## **Patrol Division**

Gary Walker

Robert Grabowski

Michael Fatzer

Kevin Peirsel

Vincent Graziosa

Conrad Jimenez

Sami Zeidan

Antonio Calabro

## **Crossing Guards**

Raimee Ball

Susan Galante-Sacco

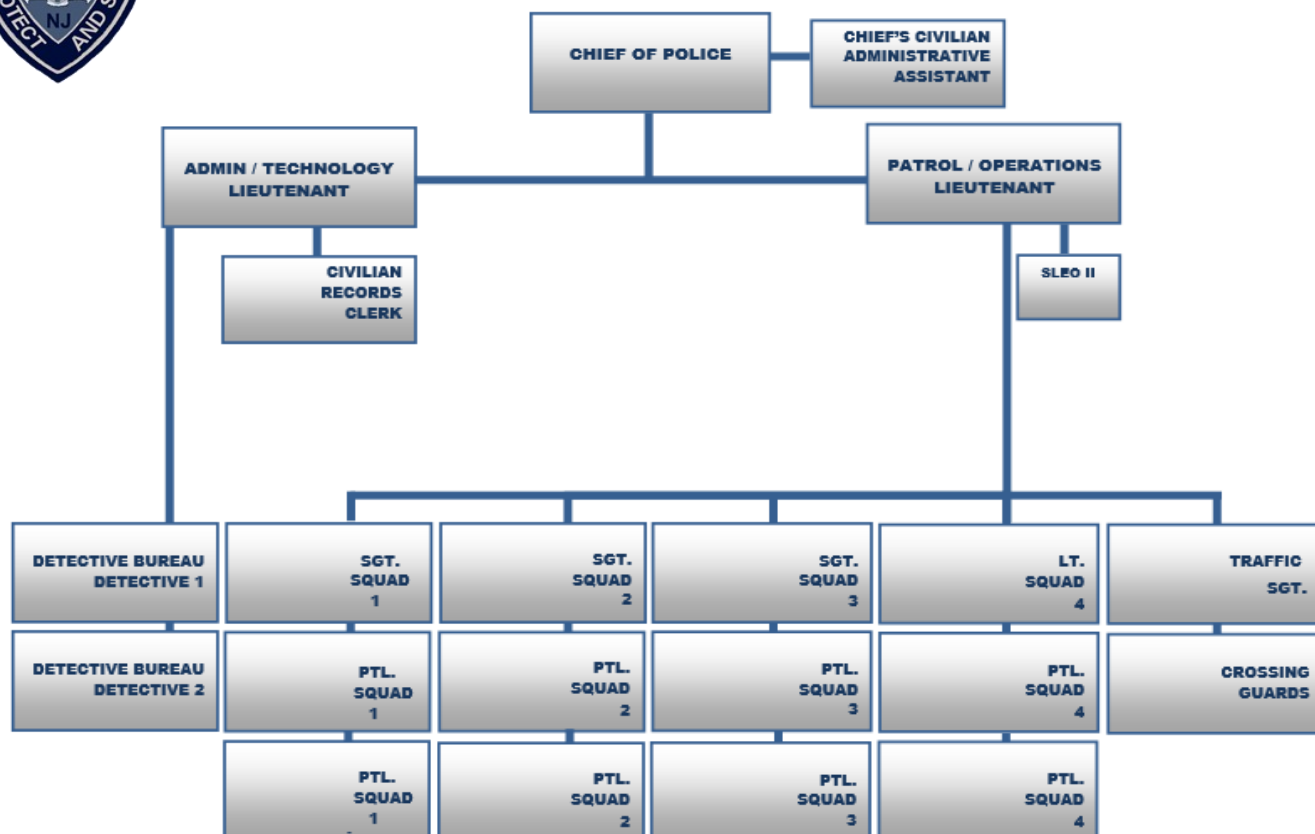
Andrea Redfield

Andrea Vollaro

Toni Hasson



# Organizational Chart & Responsibilities



## Bloomington Police Department Function Responsibilities 2019

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



# 25,539 Calls for Service in 2019

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

Property and school checks conducted: **9,055**

Self-Initiated CAD entries: **20,233**

Motor vehicle crashes investigated: **168**

Open/Unsecured businesses found: **40**

Alarm calls responded to: **206**

Assisted with fire department related calls: **134**



**\*Total Arrests made: 266**

Reports taken: **3,581**

911 calls responded to: **648**

DWI arrests made: **23**

Drug arrests made: **102**

Assaults reported: **23**

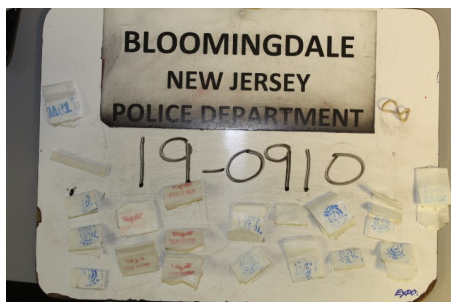
Burglaries reported: **11**

Thefts reported: **51**

Total Investigatory Cases: **59**

Total Investigatory Cases Closed: **52**

Total open cases: **4**



**\*Investigatory case close-out rate: 88%**

Articles of evidence submitted (Digital, Non-Digital & Property) **656**

Total non-investigatory cases: **102**

Part 1 offenses recorded: **58** (Murder, Rape, Robbery, Assault, Burglary, Theft, MV Theft, or Arson)

Megan's Law functions (registrations conducted): **13**





# Enforcement of Traffic Laws

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

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

In 2019, the Bloomingdale Police Department made **4,505** Motor Vehicle Stops.

**4,062** summonses were issued as a result of those stops.

**3,713** were for moving violations.

**969** were given on Route 287.

**1,026** radar details were logged.

**349** were for parking violations.

**211** were for unregistered vehicles.

**199** were for speeding violations.

**96** were for inspection violations.

**110** were for cell phone violations.

**12** were for displaying a fraudulent inspection sticker.

**23** persons were arrested for DWI.

**64** persons were arrested for possession of drugs in a motor vehicle.

The Municipal Court of Bloomingdale collected **\$488,321.92** in fines for 2019.

The Borough received **\$216,130.79** from the fines collected.



# Business, Residential & School Checks

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

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

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

Below are the results of these efforts for 2019:

School checks conducted: **4,939**

Vacant Home checks conducted: **530**

Open/Unsecured businesses found: **40**

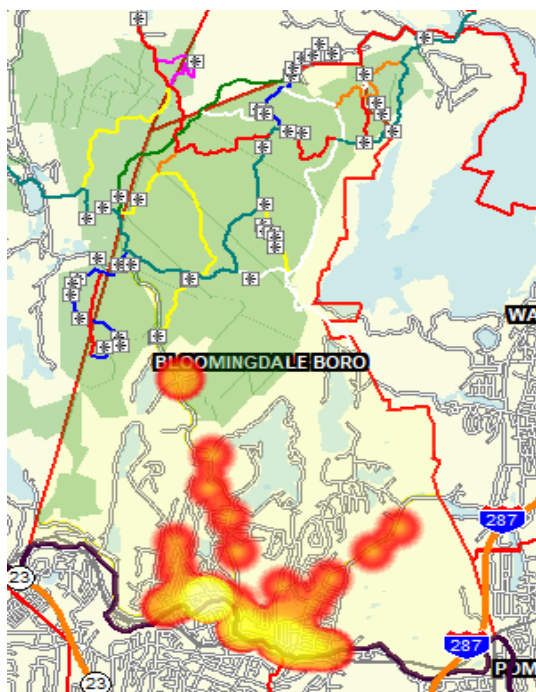


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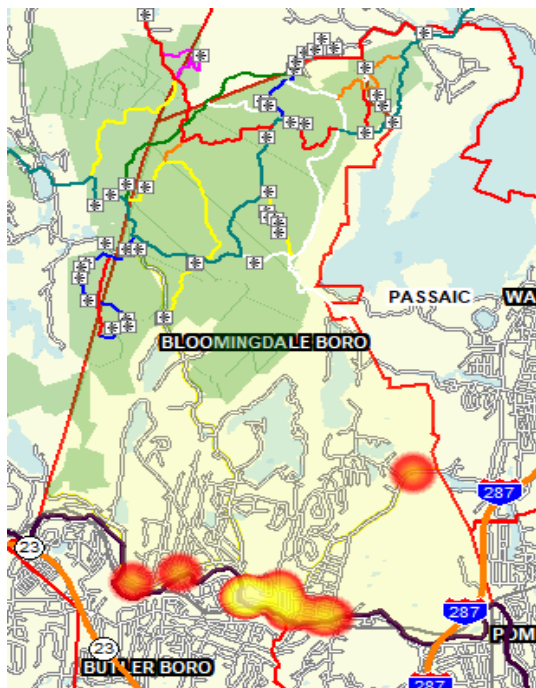
## A Bird's Eye View of Activity in Bloomington in 2019

Activity shown in Heat Map to show concentration of volume of call type

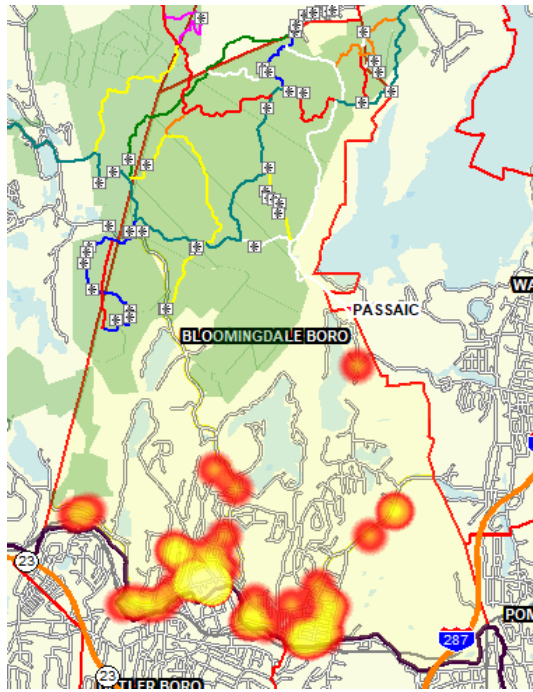
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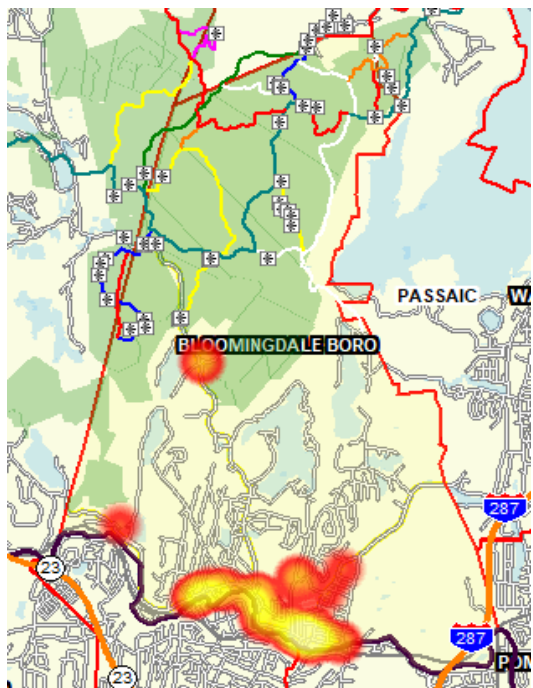
**DWI Arrests:23**



**Part 1 Crimes:58** Murder, Rape, Robbery, Assault, Burglary, Theft, MV Theft, or Arson



**Drug Arrest:102**

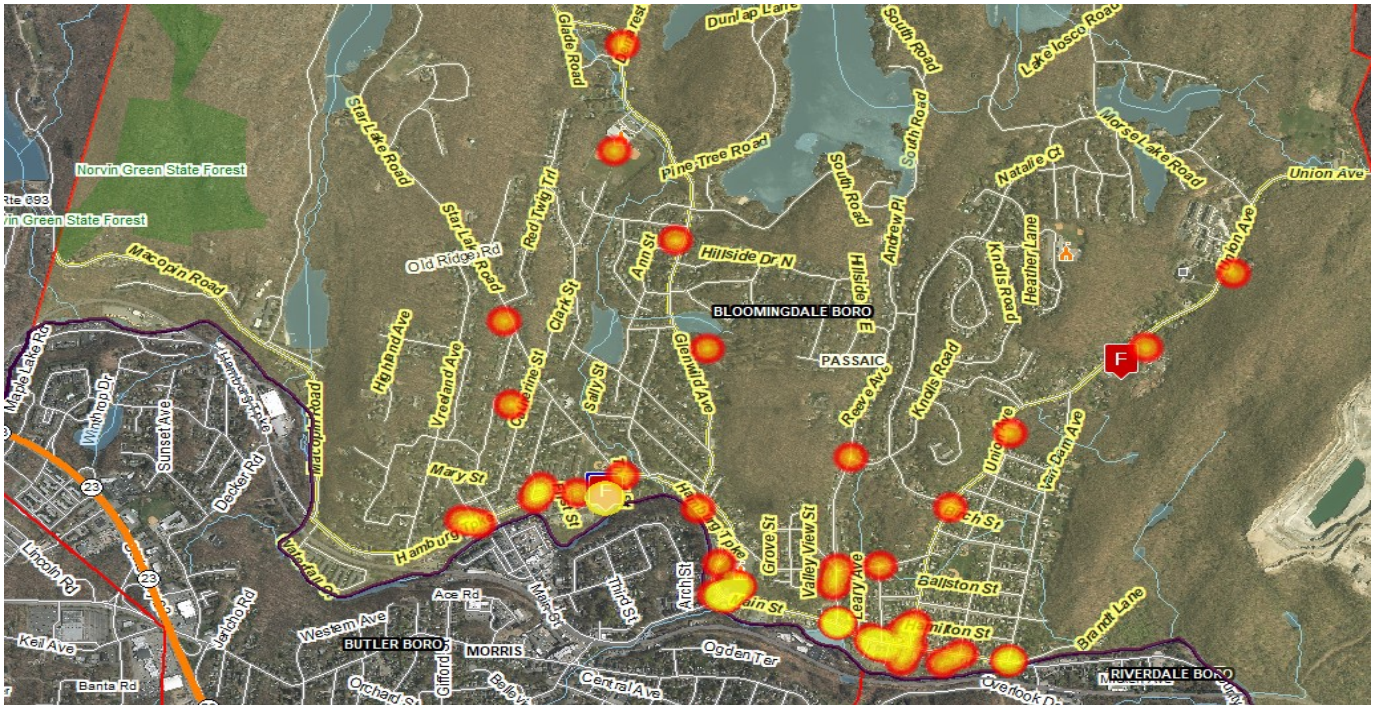




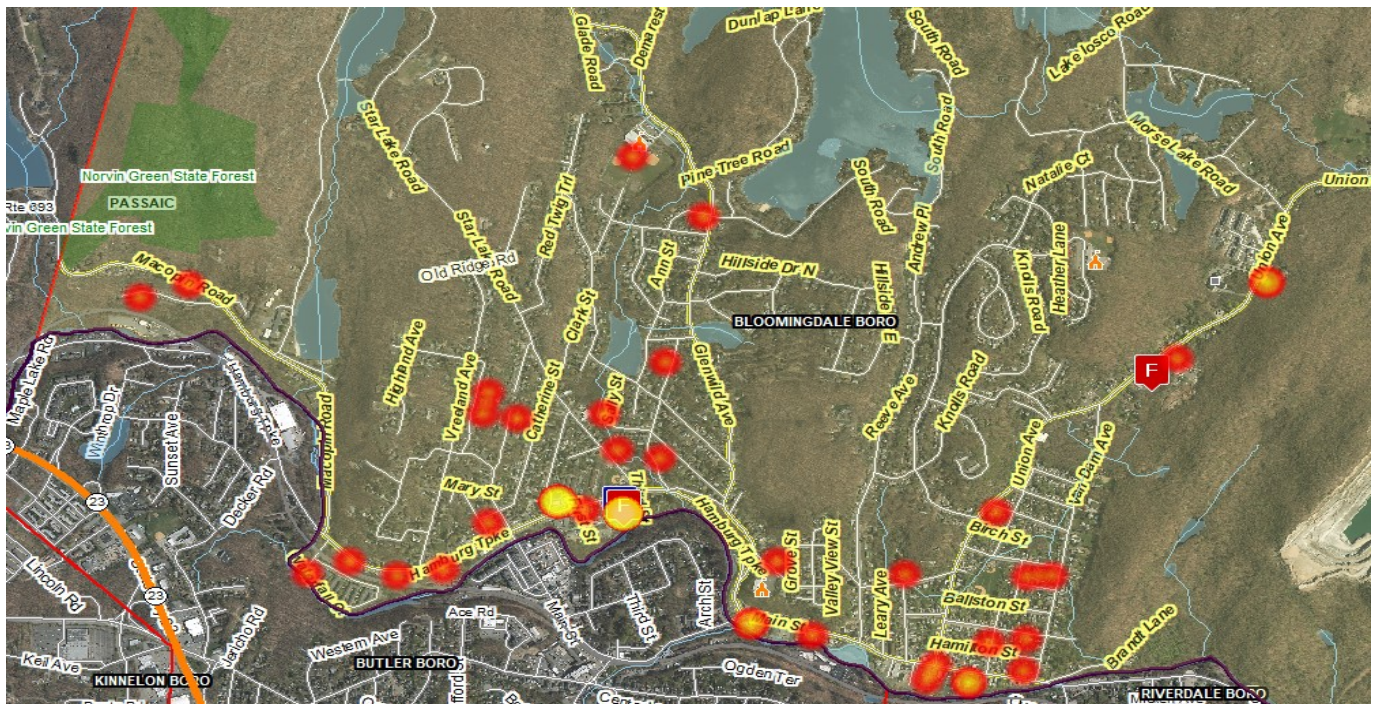


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Total Part 1 Offenses: 58 (Murder, Rape, Robbery, Assault, Burglary, Theft, MV Theft, or Arson)

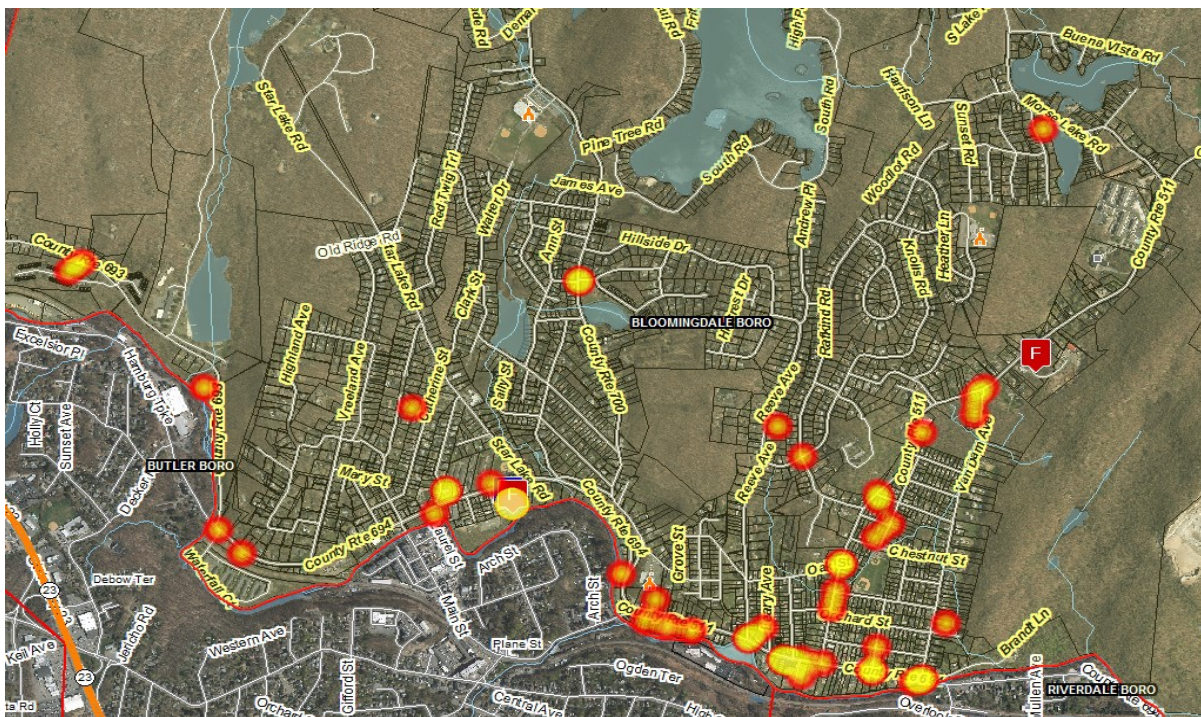




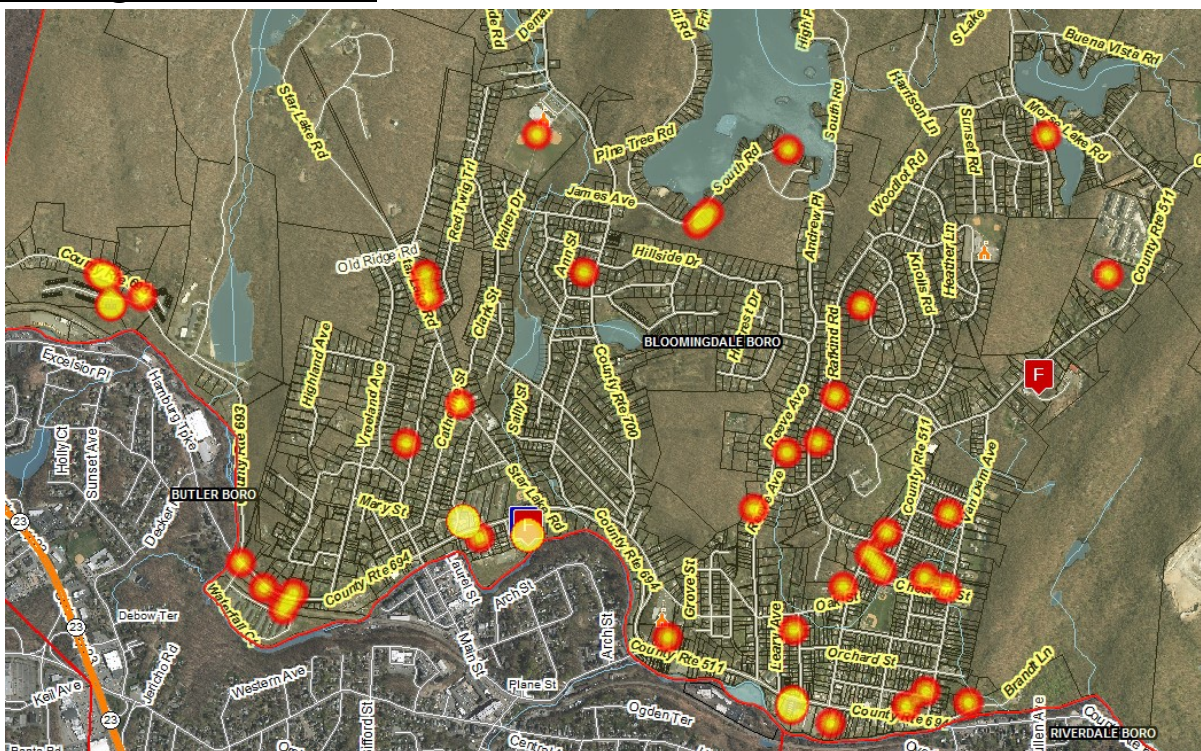


# Map View of 2019 Activity

Total DWI Arrests: 23



Total Drug Arrests: 102



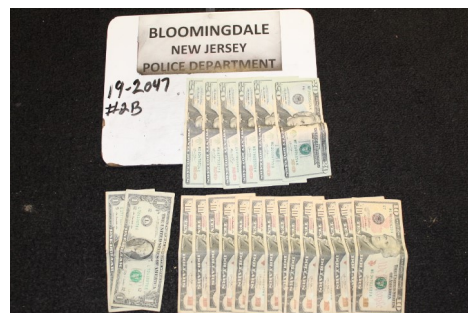




# 2019 Year in Review

## Stolen Jet Ski - Search warrant leading to seizure of narcotics, vehicle and multiple arrests

On August 2, 2019 at 5:49 PM, a Secaucus resident contacted Bloomingtondale PD to report that his jet-ski and trailer had been stolen and his GPS tracker was showing the stolen jet-ski at 204 Union Avenue. With a combine effort utilizing Bloomingtondale Patrol, Bloomingtondale Detective Bureau and the Passaic County Sheriff's Department K-9 and ID Bureau confirmation of the stolen property was confirmed. With the execution of a search warrant, Police discovered more stolen property including, but not limited to, multiple jet-skis, trailers and narcotics. A 2014 Jeep Cherokee, which was used in the commission of the crime, was seized and forfeiture was made for the vehicle. Acquisition of the vehicle was made by the Bloomingtondale Police Department. Two adult males were arrested and received multiple charges for Theft and Receiving Stolen Property. The arrestees were remanded to the Passaic County Correctional Facility.







# 2019 Year in Review

## Criminal Mischief to DeLazier Field - Arrest of two subjects

On November 26th, at 9:14 hours, the DPW Superintendent reported that over the previous weekend someone had spray painted graffiti in the foyer of DeLazier Memorial Field. Located on the Ballston Street side. There was also graffiti spray painted on the stone walls and concrete seating areas with the stadium. After a lengthy investigation and pouring through many hours of surveillance footage that was acquired from surrounding residential and Borough digital video surveillance systems, identification of the suspects was made. Police arrested two adult females for the vandalism and each was charged with Criminal Mischief and Desecration of Venerated Objects due to the field being deemed a memorial location.

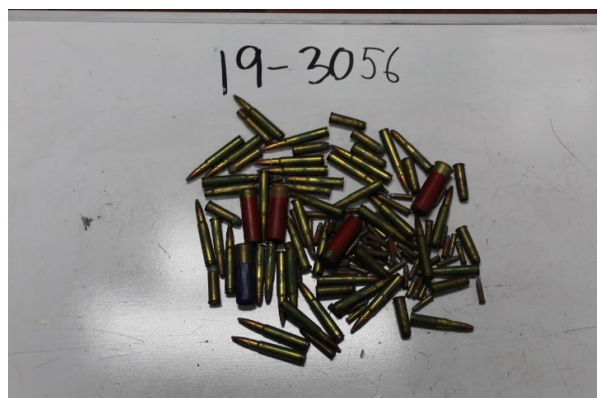
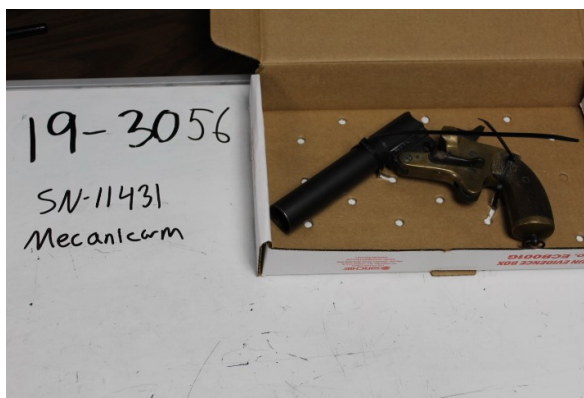
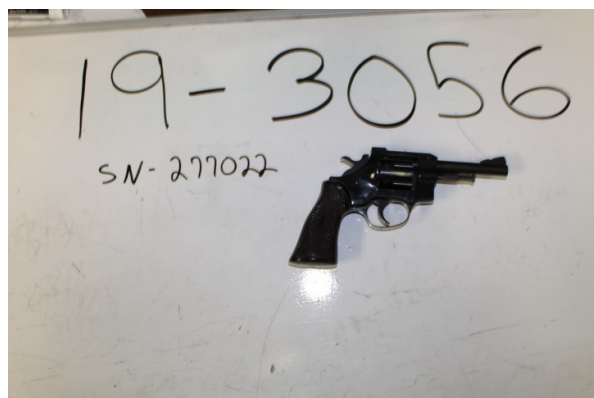
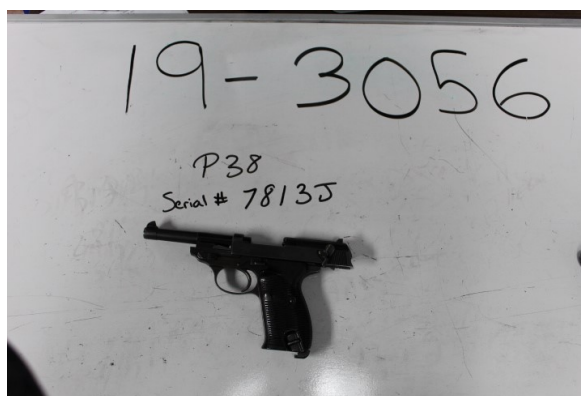
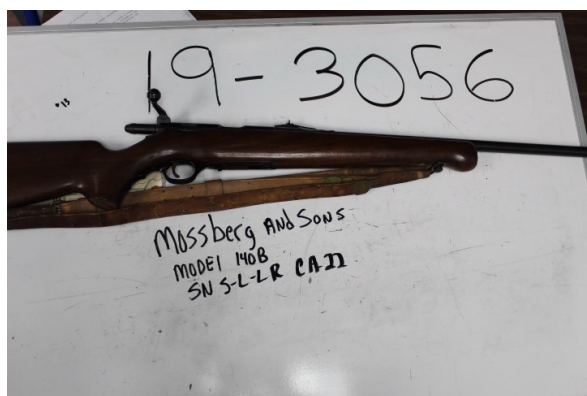




# 2019 Year in Review

## Several ERPO (Extreme Risk Protective Order) Cases

With the advent of the new law pertaining to the Emergency Protective Order (Temporary Extreme Protective Order & Final Extreme Risk Protective Order) the Bloomington Police have been enforcing these orders as needed in 2019. These orders remove firearms from those that are deemed an extreme risk for committing violent acts with a firearm. The Bloomington Police Officers have utilized this new law on several occasions to protect the citizens of the Borough and have done so in a professional, compassionate and thoughtful manner while executing their duties.







# Traffic Division

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

## **Crashes:**

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

## **Education:**

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

## **Engineering:**

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

## **Enforcement:**

The department continues to use the portable radar sign, ALPR (Automatic Plate Reader) and Radar Details, which the officers conduct daily and several safe driving campaigns such as:

- Drive Sober or get Pulled Over
- DDEF Drunk Driving Enforcement
- Aggressive Driver
- Click it or Ticket
- U Text U Drive U Pay





# Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

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The Bloomington Police Department participated in the national "Drive Sober, Get Pulled Over" 2019 Statewide Crackdown. The department received a \$5,500 grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for 100 hours of overtime enforcement for the 2019 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year End Holiday Crackdown .

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

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

## **Total Productivity During the Mobilization:**

08/16/19 - 09/01/19

Suspended License: 11

Speeding: 31

Seatbelt: 24

Poss. Of CDS in MV: 7

Cell Phone Violation: 10

Total Summonses: 356

CDS / Warrant / Other Arrests: 15





# U Text U Drive U Pay Program

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The Bloomington Police Department participated in the U Text U Drive U Pay Program this year. The department received a grant in the amount of \$5,500.00 for this enforcement campaign.

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

The campaign was conducted From April 1, 2019 Through April 18, 2019 .

As a result the following summonses were issued.

Speeding: 16

Seatbelt: 13

Suspended License: 8

CDS / Warrant Arrests: 18

Total Summonses issued during this mobilization: 289





# Aggressive Driver Program

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

Below are the results of these two mobilizations that took place in 2019.

## November 27, 2019

Careless: 4  
Speeding: 5  
Improper Passing: 4  
Following too Close: 3  
Cell Phone: 5  
Lane Violation: 8  
Other Summonses: 60  
Arrests: 1  
Vehicle Impounds: 2  
Total Summonses: 89

## May 24, 2019

Careless: 5  
Speeding: 9  
Cell Phone: 6  
Lane Violation: 10  
Other Summonses: 96  
CDS Arrests: 3  
Total Summonses: 128





# DWI Enforcement Program

The department used an extra enforcement initiative to augment patrol efforts in enforcing DWI within the Borough. The Extra DWI Patrol Program has been in place since for many years. In 2019 the department received a grant in the amount of \$4,115.17 from the State of New Jersey DDEF (Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund). The extra patrol program consists of putting extra patrols out on selected weekends (usually holidays) with the specific assignment of detecting and apprehending drivers who are under the influence. Further, the DDEF Grant money was used to create enforcement details that targeted certain days of the week and certain hours of the day.

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

## Total Productivity:

8/16/19 - 9/01/19

### Total Arrests

15

Drug Arrests	7
Warrant Arrests	7
Other / Warrant Arrests	1

### Summonses

356

Speeding	31
Suspended License	11
Cell Phone	10
Poss. Of CDS in a M.V.	4
Seat Belt	24







# Body Armor Grants Received

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

In 2019 The Bloomington Police Department was awarded two body armor grants. The grants were secured from the 2019 Bureau of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant **\$1,840.35** and the 2019 State Body Armor Replacement Grant **\$1,926.89.**





# Social Media

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

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

In 2019 the Police department took on a more active role in engaging in social media with the public by linking each social media platform to the other. The Department also started an Instagram account and began new initiatives aimed at providing not only public awareness of crime and other events occurring in the community, but also helpful tips for keeping safe.

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

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

To date we have boosted our online social media presence to 1,234 Instagram followers, 4,209 Facebook followers and 1,457 Twitter followers.



# Project Medicine Drop

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

This initiative continues to not only remain effective, but is gaining popularity as we saw an increase in the amount of medications that were placed in the Medicine Drop container. In 2019, over **323 lbs.** of unused prescription medications were dropped off and disposed of properly. This makes it easier and more convenient than ever for Bloomington residents to take an active role in the fight against the nationwide epidemic of opiate and heroin abuse, which often is fueled by the abuse of prescription painkillers.

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

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





# Communications/Records

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

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

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

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







# Firearms Permits & Licensing

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

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

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

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

In 2019, **48** NJ Firearms Identification Cards and **116** Permits to Purchase a Handgun were issued.





# Accreditation

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The Bloomingdale Police Department was last awarded Re-Accreditation certification from the New Jersey State Association of Chief's of Police for another 3 years in April of 2017. The task of remaining in compliance with Accreditation Standards is ongoing and ever changing as new laws are passed and new guidelines and directives are implemented. In 2020 the Police Department will be maintaining, updating and creating new policies as well as ensuring practices and procedures are being followed is key to ensuring that the Department does not fall behind when it is time to renew.

The Department looks forward to once again receiving it's re-accreditation status in 2020.







## Community Relations

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

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

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

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

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

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

- DVRT Christmas Drive
- Bloomingdale Christmas Drive
- No Shave November
- Special Olympics
- Bob Kotchka Run
- Police Unity Tour
- Triboro Little League
- Butler High School Scholarships (3 Scholarships)



# Community Relations – a Year in Pictures







# Professional Standards

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## **The Professional Standards Unit manages these programs and responsibilities:**

- Investigation of all Internal Affairs complaints involving Bloomingdale Police Officers
- Examination and analysis of all complaints, and all other incidents, involving any discharge of a firearm not related to training, all use of force incidents resulting in injury to the suspect or a third party, all vehicular pursuits undertaken by members of the department, and all collisions involving department vehicles.
- Management of the department's training programs to ensure compliance with local, county, state and federally-mandated requirements.
- Dispatcher operations and training requirements
- Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) officer responsible for inspections and investigations related to all licensed establishments
- Domestic Violence liaison officer to the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office
- Investigation of personal and professional background information for all individuals seeking a position associated with the Bloomingdale Police Department
- Investigation and processing of all firearms related applications
- Investigation of all taxi, limousine, solicitor, peddler, and raffle applications, and licensing
- Public presentations, regarding various aspects of law enforcement, to schools and organizations

The Professional Standards Unit of the Bloomingdale Police Department manages and/or investigates all complaints against police personnel received from the public (external) or from another officer (internal), in accordance with the New Jersey Attorney General's Guidelines. Citizen complaints are accepted from anyone at anytime, including anonymous and third party complaints. While the public perception may be that Internal Affairs complaints against officers generally involve citizen complaints of criminal conduct by officers, in reality many complaints are originated internally by supervisory officers, and are related to infractions of rules, regulations, policies and procedures. Moreover, often the majority of the complaints received from the public are related to a citizen's dissatisfaction with the officer's demeanor during an interaction, such as a motor vehicle stop.

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

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



# Professional Standards

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## **The Professional Standards Unit Continued:**

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

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

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

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



# Professional Standards

## 2019 Internal Affairs Complaints

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

## 2019 Internal Affairs Dispositions

2019 Internal Affairs Dispositions	Sustained	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Administratively Closed	Total
Excessive Force						0
Improper Arrest						0
Improper Entry						0
Improper Search						0
Oth. Criminal Violation				1		1
Differential Treatment						0
Demeanor						0
Domestic Violence						0
Other Rule Infraction						0
Total	0	0	0	1	0	1



# New Police Officers

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The Bloomington Police Department has selected a new Police Officer that have received a “promise of employment” with the Borough of Bloomington.

This officer will be hired as of February 18th 2020 and graduate the academy in March 2020.

We look forward to the addition of Patrolman Dustin Gomes.



# Goals and Objectives for 2020

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

- New Dispatch Desk
- New Radio Frequency / Radios
- New Mobile Computers for Police Vehicles
- New In Car Video System (MVR)
- 2 new Police Officers
- Re-Accreditation

*“Wisdom is  
knowing the  
right path to  
take. Integrity is  
taking it ”*

*- M.H. McKee*



**Thank you!**