



**READINGTON TOWNSHIP
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

2025 Annual Report





Executive Summary

The year 2025 marked a period of significant transition, growth, modernization, and community partnership for the Readington Township Police Department (RTPD). Guided by the principles of Professionalism, Duty, Honor, Integrity, and Valor that are found in our Core Values, the Department continued to advance our mission of providing exceptional public safety services.

Operational Highlights

Throughout 2025, the Department responded to thousands of calls for service, ensuring the safety and well-being of the community through proactive patrol operations, effective investigations, and data-driven, high-visibility traffic enforcement. The Patrol Division continued to increase staffing to allow for 5-officer shifts, maintaining consistency with the growing population. The Detective Bureau successfully investigated a wide range of cases, and leveraged procurements in advanced technology such as 3D crime scene reconstruction hardware and software and an expansion in our highly successful Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) footprint. The detective bureau also worked to increase inter-agency partnerships to improve investigative outcomes.

The Traffic Safety Unit (TSU), which was officially established in May 2025, continued its strong focus on reducing crashes and improving roadway safety through high-visibility and proactive enforcement and community outreach and education. In collaboration with goHunterdon, the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety, and county partners, the TSU conducted multiple traffic studies, implemented new pedestrian safety improvements, including the installation of LED crosswalk systems across key township corridors, and saw an increase in productivity through a significant increase in summonses issued for Title 39 violations. Also in 2025, the unit launched the Fatal Crash Reconstruction Team (FCRT), which will respond to all fatal or serious crashes to enhance investigative response capabilities.

Innovation and Modernization

Another milestone in 2025 was the build-out of the RTPD Drone Unit, equipped with DJI Avata II and Mavic 3 Enterprise drones to provide real-time aerial and thermal imaging during search operations, accident investigations, and tactical deployments. The Drone Unit - the first of its kind in Hunterdon County- represents the Department's continued investment in technology and officer safety, ensuring faster and more efficient responses to critical incidents.

The Department also advanced its long-term digital transformation goals, identifying and integrating data and technology solutions to improve modernization and enhance efficiency. These initiatives are part of a broader modernization strategy that supports readiness for future accreditation and statewide best-practice standards.





Community Engagement

Community outreach became an area of significant focus for the RTPD this year. In 2025, officers participated in a rich schedule of programs including National Night Out, the inaugural Junior Police Academy, the “Caught Being Safe” youth bicycle helmet campaign, the Safe Routes to School program, and countless other events. The Department also partnered with Holland Brook School art classes to create student-designed traffic safety signs, encouraging youth engagement and civic pride. These initiatives, alongside collaborations with local organizations and social service partners, underscored the Department’s Community First philosophy and dedication to public partnership.

Professional Development and Recognition

RTPD personnel completed an extensive range of professional training programs, including advanced leadership, investigative, and defensive tactics courses. Officers received commendations for exceptional service, lifesaving actions, and community initiatives, while the Department earned recognition from local and regional organizations for its commitment to excellence in law enforcement and traffic safety.

Looking Ahead to 2026

As the Department moves forward and continues to reshape, priorities for 2026 include pursuing formal accreditation, expanding technology and data integration, further developing leadership and supervisory training, an overhaul of the K9 Unit, and many other objectives aimed at enhancing the capabilities and performance of the police department.





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A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF STEVEN J. RINDOCK

I am proud to present the Readington Township Police Department's 2025 Annual Report. Readington Township continues to experience ongoing commercial and residential growth; however, we are proud to report that the police department has not only met the needs of the community but has strategically used existing staff to meet the changing demands as they evolve. Our department has a strong relationship with the community and continues to build upon that with increased community policing interactions and dedicated events. The Township continues to experience an ongoing demand for law enforcement with a significant growth in calls for service over the last 3 years.

In 2025, our department consisted of 34 officers and 2 civilian staff. A team consisting of highly trained, dedicated personnel who are prepared to meet the challenging needs of law enforcement in 2026. Our department canine, Polis, recently retired after an impressive 11-year career. The Readington Township Police Department is currently without a police canine for the first time in over 20 years; however, we are excited to resume the canine position in 2026.

Looking ahead for 2026, our department will begin the rigorous process of becoming accredited through the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. This accreditation process takes approximately 18 months to complete and implements best practice policies tailored to New Jersey statutes at all levels of policing. Accredited police departments are strongly supported by the New Jersey Attorney General and even can reduce insurance costs through the JIF and MEL.

The Readington Township Police Department looks forward to proudly and professionally serving our community once again for 2026. This annual report showcases some of the hard work that we have done in partnership with our community over this past year. Our collective goal is to continually galvanize our relationship with the community, enhance our skillsets by additional training, and proactive enforcement to ensure the safety of all those who live and visit Readington Township.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Steven J. Rindock





Mission Statement

We, the officers of the Readington Township Police Department, are committed to protect and serve the public, prevent crime and apprehend offenders, and provide professional police service to all of our citizens as well as those who visit or travel through our community.

To achieve our mission we must earn and retain the confidence and respect of the public we serve. We hold ourselves accountable for these actions and therefore, we will strive to recruit and retain the highest quality officers as we realize they are our most valuable assets in achieving our mission.

Core Values

PROFESSIONALISM: the skill, competence, or character expected of a member of a highly trained profession

DUTY: the precursor of discipline and obedience, it reveals itself through the accomplishment of all required tasks, done on time and to the best of one's ability

HONOR: a quality that combines respect, pride and honesty

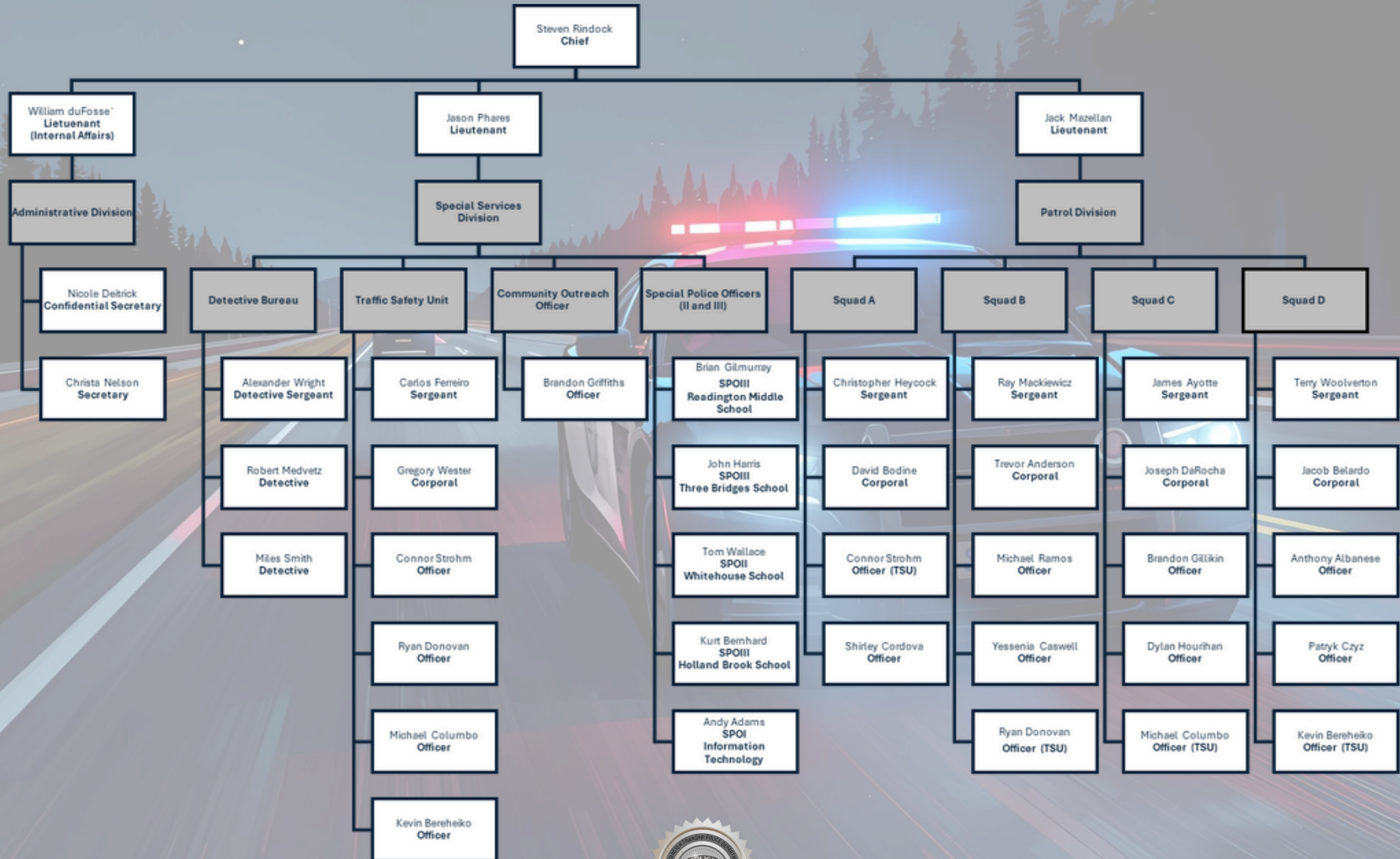
INTEGRITY: the quality of being honest and morally upright

VALOR: strength of mind or spirit that enables a person to encounter danger with firmness; personal bravery





TABLE OF ORGANIZATION





New Hires

PERSONNEL UPDATES

Promotions

Steven Rindock - Chief
Jason Phares - Lieutenant
Jack Mazellan - Lieutenant
James Ayotte - Sergeant
Alexander Wright - Sergeant
Terry Woolverton - Sergeant
Jacob Belardo - Corporal
Trevor Anderson - Corporal
David Bodine - Corporal
Joseph DaRocha - Corporal

Assignments

Alexander Wright - Detective
Sergeant
Miles Smith - Detective
Connor Strohm - Traffic Safety
Unit
Ryan Donovan - Traffic Safety
Unit
Michael Columbo - Traffic
Safety Unit
Kevin Bereheiko - Traffic Safety
Unit





BUDGET

From 2022 to 2025, the department's Total Salary and Wages increased from \$3,269,829 to \$3,819,892, representing a 17 percent rise driven by contractual adjustments, promotions that filled several positions which had been vacant for years, and staffing changes. Despite these increases, the department closed each year, including 2025, with a surplus.

The Overtime Budget experienced significant fluctuation during this comparison period. After being reduced by almost 47 percent in 2023, the allocation was gradually restored and ultimately raised to \$140,000 in 2025. Performance against that allocation remained consistent as the department stayed under budget in three of the four years.

The most notable trend, however, is the sharp reduction of the Operating Budget, which declined from \$317,400 in 2022 to \$247,400 by 2024 and 2025—a 22% reduction. Despite this sustained decrease in available operating funds, the department substantially improved its year-end position. Ending balances rose each year, culminating in \$52,465 remaining at the close of 2025 which is the highest surplus of the four-year period. To achieve these results, the department managed the operating budget conservatively, making strategic expenditures, accessing alternative funding sources, and deferring non-essential expenditures.

	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Salary and Wages	\$3,269,829	\$3,354,840	\$3,998,392	\$3,819,892
Ending Salary and Wages	\$.96	\$17,968.72	\$156,937.99	\$174,984.59
Overtime Budget	\$132,752.30	\$70,000	\$100,000	\$140,000
Ending Overtime	\$0	\$17,968.72	\$8,914.28	\$-4,022.32
Operating Budget	\$317,400	\$237,230	\$247,400	\$247,400
Ending Operating Budget	\$4,105	\$2,244.02	\$1,065.68	\$52,464.71





Patrol Fleet

The state of the patrol fleet in 2025 reflects the department's continued reliance on high-demand vehicles and the operational challenges associated with units that have reached or surpassed their service life. The department targets a mileage cut-off of approximately 100,000–120,000 miles for frontline patrol vehicles, as safety concerns, reliability issues, and mechanical failures rise substantially beyond this range. Several units have now exceeded or are nearing this threshold, resulting in increased maintenance costs and more frequent out-of-service intervals that impact overall readiness. Since 2023, the township has taken in approximately \$140,000 in equipment fees from outside employment assignments, including construction road jobs, traffic control, and similar details, which provides an ongoing opportunity to offset a portion of fleet-related expenses and support future vehicle and equipment needs. Taking into account high-mileage vehicles that are past due for replacement and others removed from service without backfill, the department has experienced a net reduction of seven acceptable patrol vehicles from its typical full complement of fifteen—a **47 percent decrease in safe, duty-ready frontline units.**

<u>Car Number</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Milage</u>	<u>Status</u>
22-10	Dodge Durango	2020	94,494	OOS
22-11	Dodge Charger	2019		OOS
22-12	Dodge Charger	2021	54,000	In Service
22-13	Dodge Durango	2019	163,000	OOS
22-14	OFFLINE/NOT REPLACED (2023)			
22-15	Dodge Durango	2020	56,615	In Service
22-16	OFFLINE/NOT REPLACED (2023)			
22-17	Dodge Charger		57,271	In Service
22-18	Dodge Charger	2019	156,329	In Service
22-19	Dodge Charger	2021	63,721	In Service
22-20	Dodge Charger	2018	116,275	OOS
22-21	Dodge Charger	2021	72,938	OOS
22-24	Dodge Durango	2019	114,129	In Service
22-25	Dodge Durango	2023	18,801	In Service
22-26	Dodge Durango	2023	34,726	In Service

A 2025 Chevrolet Tahoe and 2025 Chevrolet Silverado are currently being upfitted for patrol use





PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division serves as the backbone of the Readington Township Police Department and is the most visible representation of the agency's commitment to public safety and community service. Operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, the division is responsible for responding to a broad range of calls for service, conducting proactive patrols, and enforcing traffic laws.


In 2025, patrol officers responded to thousands of calls encompassing a wide range of incidents, including motor vehicle crashes, criminal investigations, medical emergencies, and general quality-of-life concerns. Officers maintained a strong emphasis on community policing, engaging with residents and businesses daily to maintain open lines of communication with the community. **Between 2023 and 2025, the patrol division has seen a 22.4% increase in calls for service and a 66.2% increase in arrests. Comparing 2025 to 2024, the patrol division has seen a .47% increase in calls for service and a .40% increase in arrests.**

The Patrol Division also supported township events, parades, and school activities, ensuring the safety of participants and spectators alike. Officers routinely conducted property checks, patrols of school zones, and residential neighborhoods to deter crime and promote visibility.

In 2025, officers assigned to the patrol division participated in ongoing training and certification programs focused on de-escalation, crisis intervention, and defensive tactics to ensure professional and effective police services for our community.



Statistics at a Glance....

	2025	2024	2023
Total Calls for Service	29,101	28,966	23,780
Arrests	231	230	139





DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Detective Bureau, comprised of a detective sergeant and 2 detectives, is responsible for conducting in-depth investigations into criminal activity, supporting patrol operations, and managing the department's case follow-ups. Detectives are trained in specialized investigative techniques, including evidence collection, interview and interrogation, financial crimes, and digital forensics, to name just a few of their many capabilities. The Bureau's work is essential to the successful prosecution of criminal cases and gathering intelligence that impacts the overall safety of the community.

In 2025, the Detective Bureau investigated a wide range of offenses, including burglary, theft, fraud, drug distribution, and juvenile cases. Detectives collaborated closely with the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office, New Jersey State Police, the United States Secret Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and various county and state task forces to share intelligence and coordinate operations. The Bureau also provided support to the Patrol Division and Traffic Safety Unit in complex investigations, crash reconstructions, and search warrant executions.

The Bureau continued its use of advanced technology and data analysis to identify crime trends, recover stolen property, and enhance investigative efficiency. Detectives also worked to strengthen community partnerships—regularly coordinating with schools, businesses, and residents to address emerging issues and share crime prevention strategies.

Statistics at a Glance....

	2025	2024	2023
Criminal Investigations	106	146	91
Firearms Background Check	298	390	352
Concealed Carry Background Check	67	104	12





TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT



The Traffic Safety Unit (TSU) of the Readington Township Police Department remains dedicated to improving roadway safety through proactive enforcement, education, and collaboration. The unit's mission is to reduce traffic crashes, enhance pedestrian safety, and promote responsible driving throughout the township.

In 2025, the TSU focused on data-driven enforcement initiatives targeting speeding, distracted driving, and impaired driving, while also addressing roadway design and visibility concerns through coordination with the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety, Hunterdon County Engineering Department, and gohunterdon.

The unit also played a leading role in community engagement, participating in events such as the Bicycle Rodeo, Safe Routes to School Walks, and multiple pedestrian safety campaigns aligned with October's Pedestrian Safety Awareness Month. These efforts were complemented by the installation of new LED, pedestrian-activated crosswalk signs at key intersections across Readington Township.

In addition, the TSU assisted with school traffic safety evaluations, crash reconstruction investigations, and traffic control planning for community events and township infrastructure projects.

Statistics at a Glance....

	2025	2024	2023
MV Stops	8281	6751	4561
Summonses Issued	3176	1767	1682
Crashes	401	447	465
Bus Complaints	19	10	15
Bus Violations Issued	68	21	14
Traffic Studies	19	15	14

2025 Accomplishments

- TSU formally established in May 2025 with 1 supervisor and 4 officers assigned to the unit.
- Pedestrian Safety Improvements: Installation of 7 new LED crosswalk systems on Main Street and surrounding areas.
- Community Events Supported: 10+ events including Safe Routes to School, Bicycle Rodeo, and National Night Out.
- Public Education Campaigns: Conducted multiple grant-funded outreach efforts focused on seatbelt use, impaired driving, and school zone safety
- Established the Fatal Crash Reconstruction Team (FCRT) comprised of highly trained crash reconstructionists.
- From 2023-2025, we have recorded an **82% increase in MV Stops**, **89% increase in summonses**, and a **14% decrease in crashes**, all indicative of the TSU having a significant impact on traffic safety.





COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM

The Community Outreach Team (COT) began in late November 2024 and is comprised of Readington Township Community Outreach Officer Brandon Griffiths, LSW and the Readington Township Director of Social Services Christine Dey, LCSW. This team plays a vital role in strengthening relationships between Readington Township Offices and the residents they serve. COT has successfully completed one full year of operation. During this year the team received 87 referrals with 86 of them being unduplicated. The team completed 327 visits for the year with 22 of those visits being unsuccessful (meaning a visit was attempted but the individual was not home). The Community Outreach Team currently has an active caseload of 25 cases.

COT has developed and expanded relationships with the Hunterdon Medical Center's Behavioral Health, the Hunterdon County Department of Social Services and Department of Housing as well as Prevention Resources. COT and Prevention Resources collaborated on an opioid/Narcan presentation that was held at Mirota Senior Residence and the Readington Senior Group. The team also collaborated with the Readington Twp. Police Department-Traffic Division for a bike safety training offered at the Willows. COT presented on this new approach to community outreach at the Junior Police Academy and the Readington Senior Group. The Community Outreach Team has participated in National Night Out, Care Event, First Responders Event, United Way Event, and the Veteran's Fair.

By maintaining an active presence at community events and serving as a consistent point of contact for those seeking assistance or information, the Community Outreach Team continues to embody the Township's philosophy of Community First. The Community Outreach Team welcomes all referrals.



Statistics at a Glance....

	2025
Total Home/Office Visits	327
Community Events Attended	11
Meetings	19
New Referrals	87
Closed Referrals	62
MH/Addiction/Hoarding: 45% Homeless/Eviction: 18% 55% of referrals are seniors	





DRONE UNIT

This year, the Readington Township Police Department began the process of building a dedicated Drone Unit to enhance operational safety, search capabilities, and situational awareness. The unit is equipped with a DJI Avata II FPV drone designed for indoor and confined-space searches, as well as two DJI Mavic 3 Enterprise drones featuring thermal imaging technology for nighttime and low-visibility operations. The drones were purchased using forfeiture funds and generous private donations. All detectives are FAA Part 107 certified, ensuring compliance and professional operation standards. Looking ahead to 2026, the department aims to have at least four patrol officers obtain Part 107 certification to ensure immediate drone deployment and faster response times during critical incidents.



Enhanced operational safety

Acts as a force multiplier, providing real-time aerial and thermal imaging for safer searches, tactical operations, and accident investigations without placing officers in harm's way.



Improved efficiency and response

Enables rapid deployment during emergencies, missing person searches, and crime scene documentation, significantly reducing response and processing times.



Enables quick deployment for emergencies and investigations.

Allows access to confined or hazardous environments using the DJI Avata II and supports nighttime or low-visibility missions with thermal-equipped Mavic 3 Enterprise drones.





SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS



The Readington Township Police Department advanced pedestrian and traffic safety with several key upgrades. The process has begun to relocate a crosswalk from the NJ Transit Train Station to Bank Street for improved visibility and accessibility. Also, High-visibility Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) and new LED stop signs were also installed at multiple locations township-wide, enhancing driver awareness and pedestrian safety.





Community Outreach Events

In 2025, the Readington Township Police Department continued its strong commitment to community engagement and public partnership through a variety of outreach initiatives. Officers participated in and hosted numerous events aimed at strengthening relationships with residents of all ages, including the annual Junior Police Academy, Bicycle Rodeo, and Safe Routes to School Walks in collaboration with goHunterdon. The Department also coordinated several car seat safety inspections, hosted the NJMVC Mobile Inspection Unit and NJMVC Mobile MVC Office, and participated in annual community programs such as National Night Out.

The Community Outreach Officer worked closely with township social services to assist residents in need, while the Traffic Safety Unit conducted educational campaigns focused on pedestrian awareness and school zone safety. Through these initiatives, the Readington Township Police Department reinforced its mission of proactive policing, transparency, and partnership—ensuring that community trust and safety remain at the forefront of its operations.





National Night Out (NNO)

In August, the Readington Township Police Department proudly hosted its annual National Night Out, an event dedicated to strengthening relationships between law enforcement and the community. Planned and coordinated by Community Outreach Officer Brandon Griffiths and Social Services Director Christine Dey, the event brought together residents, local organizations, and first responders for an evening of family-friendly fun, safety education, and community connection.

The event featured interactive police and emergency vehicle displays, demonstrations, games, food vendors, and activities for children. Community partners, including township departments, local businesses, and civic organizations, joined in to share resources and promote neighborhood unity.

Through the leadership of Officer Griffiths and Director Dey, National Night Out once again highlighted the Department's commitment to collaboration, transparency, and the "Community First" philosophy that defines the Readington Township Police Department's approach to public service.





JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY



In June, the Readington Township Police Department proudly hosted its First Annual Junior Police Academy, an exciting new community outreach initiative designed to strengthen the bond between law enforcement and local youth. The week-long program offered middle school students a hands-on introduction to the world of policing through interactive lessons, physical training, team-building activities, and practical demonstrations.

Participants experienced a variety of law enforcement topics, including criminal investigations, traffic safety, crime scene processing, drone operations, K9 operations, and defensive tactics. The program emphasized leadership, respect, discipline, and teamwork—core values that reflect the mission of the Readington Township Police Department.

The inaugural academy was a resounding success, with enthusiastic participation from both students and officers. It created a deeper understanding of police work and community service, and set the foundation for what will become an annual tradition in Readington Township.





"Caught Being Safe" Campaign

This summer, the Readington Township Police Department continued its "Caught Being Safe" campaign, recognizing children who were observed riding their bicycles while wearing helmets. Officers issued special "Caught Being Safe" summonses redeemable for free pizza, rewarding positive behavior and encouraging bicycle safety among local youth.

The initiative promoted safe habits, strengthened community relationships, and made safety education fun and engaging for our youngest residents.





NJ MVC MOBILE UNIT

On multiple occasions through the year, the Traffic Safety Unit coordinated with the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to bring both the NJMVC Mobile Unit and the Mobile Inspection Unit to Readington Township. These events provided residents with convenient, on-site access to services such as registration renewals, title transactions, and vehicle safety inspections—without the need to travel to a regional MVC center. The outreach initiative supported our goal of increasing community accessibility to public services, reducing barriers for residents, and promoting roadway safety.

The Traffic Safety Unit will continue to pursue similar partnerships that enhance convenience, safety awareness, and positive community engagement.



Where: Readington Township Municipal Building
When: Monday, August 25th, 2025
Time: 9AM - 2PM

Make Appointments at: <https://telegov.njportal.com/njmvcmobileunit/>

Appointments will be made available on August 19th, 2025 after 3PM

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR THESE SERVICES:

- Real ID
- Registration Renewal
- Initial Permit "No Testing"
- Non-Driver ID
- Duplicate/Replacement Title or Registration

WALK-UP SERVICES (NO APPOINTMENT) FOR:

- License Plate Surrender
- Handicapped, Veterans, or Purple Heart Placards
- To Purchase red Graduated Driver's License Decals



HOSTED BY THE READINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT'S
TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT





SCHOOL BUS & TRAFFIC SAFETY SIGN PROJECT



The Readington Township Police Department's Traffic Safety Unit partnered with the 4th and 5th grade art classes at Holland Brook School to create student-designed signs promoting school bus and pedestrian safety. Following Pedestrian Safety Awareness Month, officers provided guidance on safety messaging, and students developed artwork encouraging safe crossing, bus stop awareness, and alert driving near schools.

Holland Brook School staff selected several finalists, and the Police Department invited the community to vote for the winning design through social media. The chosen design will be produced as an outdoor yard sign and displayed near school zones and bus stops throughout the Township.

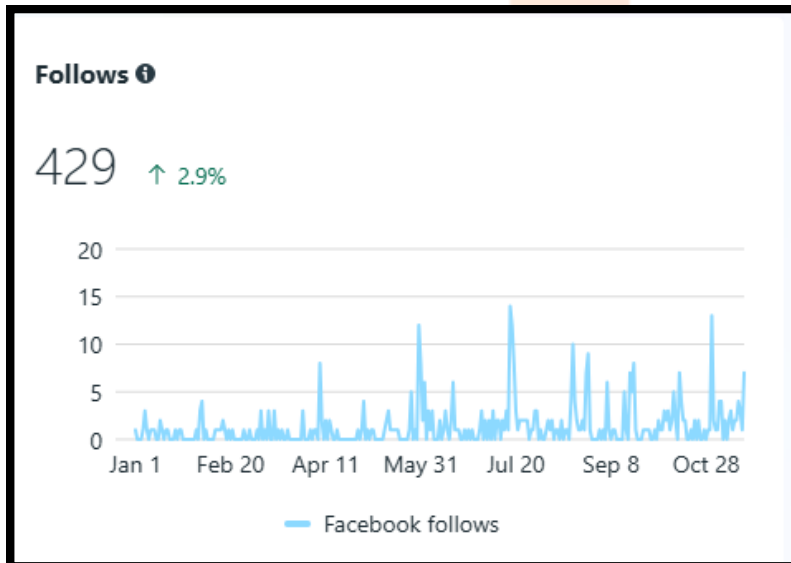
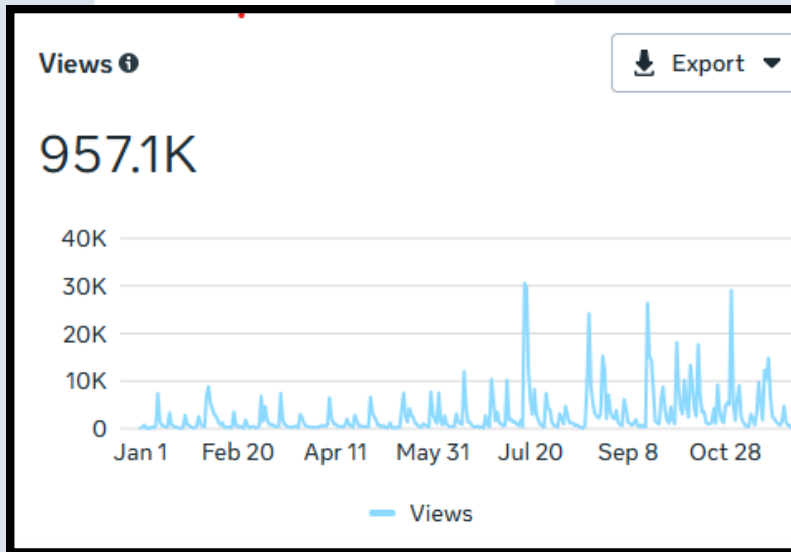
This project strengthened police-school relationships, encouraged student involvement in public safety, and increased community participation in promoting safer travel for children.



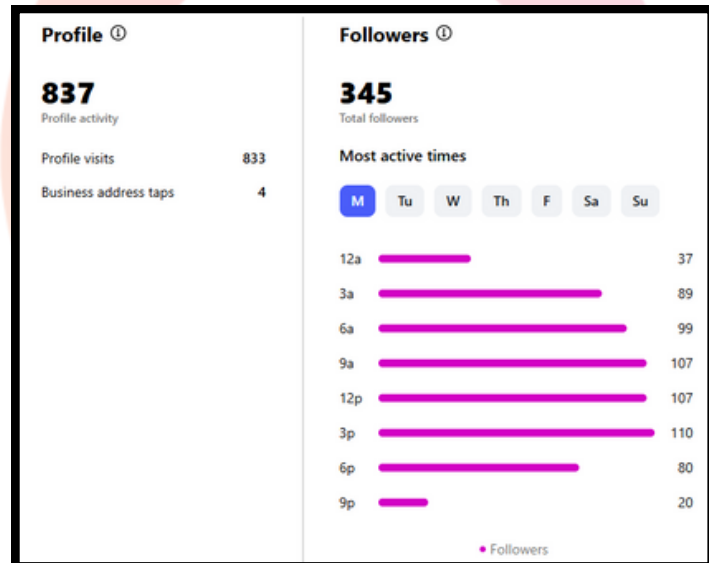
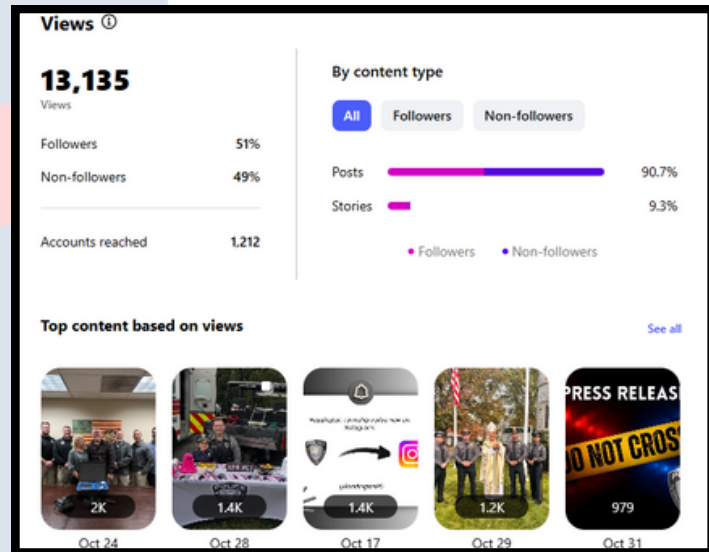


SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook



Instagram





Professional Development



Certified Public Manager (CPM)
NJSACOP Command and Leadership Academy
NJ Traffic Safety Specialist Level 1
Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Defensive Tactics
High Performance Leadership
Crisis Intervention
Female Enforcer
Firearms Instructor
Advanced Sniper
Basic Crash Investigation
Advance Crash Investigation
Front Line Supervisor Program
Bulletproof Mind
FBI MALEEDS (Command and Leadership)
Defensive Tactics Instructor
Financial Crimes Investigation
Glock MOS
Countering Advanced Criminal Tactics
Reid Technique for Advanced Interview and Interrogation
Property and Evidence Management
NRA Law Enforcement Handgun Instructor
Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)
Basic Crime Scene Investigation
Basic Arson Investigation
Internal Affairs Policy and Procedure
Internal Affairs Instructor
DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Tests
Overcome. Honor. Heal. Stories of Resilience
Juvenile Prosecutor Excellence Course
L.E.A.D. Too Good for Drugs
Subject Control
Swiftwater Awareness
Drug Identification





AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

This year, the Readington Township Police Department proudly recognized the outstanding dedication, professionalism, and service of its officers and staff. These achievements reflect the Department's ongoing commitment to excellence in law enforcement, community engagement, and public safety.

Throughout the year, several members were commended for exceptional performance, exemplary conduct, and acts of service that went above and beyond.. Specifically, officers were recognized for outstanding investigative work, lifesaving actions, and community outreach initiatives that strengthened public trust and safety within the township.



CPL. GREG WESTER
Law Enforcement
Hometown Heroes
ceremony



TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT
goHunterdon Traffic
Safety Champion



DETECTIVE BUREAU
200 Club Unit
Citation



Cpl. Belardo, Ofc. Albanese, Lt.
Mazellan, Ofc. Bereheiko, Det.
Smith
RTPD Life Saving Award





GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Readington Township Police Department remains committed to continuous improvement, accountability, and proactive public service. Guided by the principles of Community First, the Department strives to enhance safety, transparency, and trust through innovation, training, and partnership.

2026 GOALS

- **Expand Technology and Data Integration:** Continue modernizing department systems and network hardware. Our current server is entirely obsolete, lacking available storage, security, and requires a complete overhaul to achieve accreditation.
- **Enhance Traffic Safety Efforts:** Strengthen the Traffic Safety Unit's operations by analyzing crash data, coordinating with state and county partners, and implementing targeted, high-visibility enforcement in high-risk areas.
- **Increase Community Engagement:** Broaden outreach efforts through educational programs, social media presence, and participation in community events.
- **Advance Training and Professional Development:** Provide ongoing training in all areas, but especially supervisory leadership to ensure the highest standards of professionalism and preparedness.
- **Pursue Accreditation and Best Practices:** Begin the process of achieving NJSCOP accreditation, ensuring compliance, consistency, and excellence in policing practices by adopting best-practices.
- **Increase Staffing:** Hire 5 officers to increase staffing. This will also allow for the growth of shift manpower and the expansion of specialty units.
- **Pursue Grant Opportunities:** Secure outside funding through state and federal grants to fund community programs, equipment upgrades, and to support the hiring of additional officers.
- **Expand Drone Unit:** Support additional officers working to achieve FAA Part 107 licensing and deploy drones in patrol to shorten response times, and purchase and properly upfit a patrol vehicle to support officers assigned to this unit.
- **Modernize Patrol Fleet:** Replenish and modernize a rapidly aging fleet of patrol vehicles.
- **Upgrade Body-Worn Camera:** Replace our Motorola Watchguard platform, which is on the verge of obsolescence, and replace it with the modern and widely used and supported Axon platform.
- **Continuation of K9 Unit:** Redevelopment of the K9 Unit, including the acquisition of a new dog and assigning a handler.
- **Incorporate L.E.A.D.:** Work with Readington Township Schools to incorporate Law Enforcement Against Drugs program into the school curriculum.





Acknowledgements

The Readington Township Police Department extends its profound appreciation to the residents of Readington Township and to the members of the Readington Township Committee for their support throughout the year.

The achievements outlined in this Annual Report reflect a year transition and significant progress for our agency. In 2025, the Department advanced numerous priorities that strengthen public safety, organizational readiness, and community engagement. These included the further development of the Special Services Division which includes the implementation of our Traffic Safety Unit and Drone Unit, extensive Community Outreach initiatives, the successful launch of the first annual Junior Police Academy, and the continued critical upgrade of our IT infrastructure.

We also wish to express our sincere gratitude to the Township Committee for their essential role in supporting major infrastructure improvements. Notably, the Committee's advocacy and collaboration helped secure a \$1.932 million federal grant for the modernization and expansion of Police Headquarters—an investment that will directly enhance operational efficiency, capacity, and long-term service to our residents. Additionally, ongoing support for updated equipment, public safety programs, and personnel development has ensured that our Department remains well-equipped to meet the evolving needs of our community.

To the residents of Readington Township, we extend our thanks for your engagement, cooperation, and trust. Your participation in important community programs—ranging from school safety initiatives and traffic-calming campaigns to collaborative events such as National Night Out—has strengthened our shared commitment to a safe and vibrant township.

As we look forward to the coming year, we do so with renewed dedication to professionalism and service. On behalf of the entire Readington Township Police Department, thank you for your continued support and for your vital role in our collective success.



