



CITY OF BURLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



City of Burlington Police Department ***2024 Annual Report***



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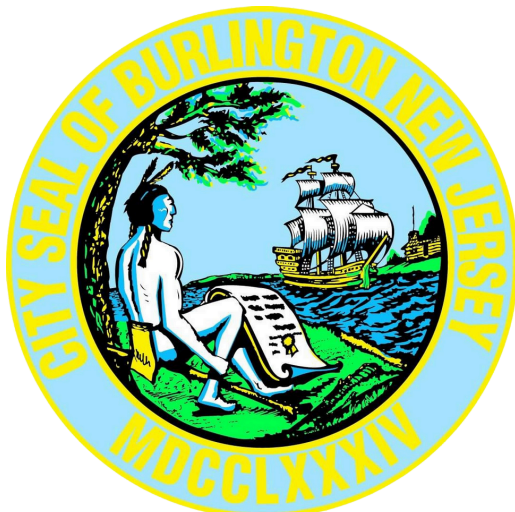


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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

On behalf of the members of the City of Burlington Police Department, I am happy to present our 2024 Annual Report to the community. This report offers an overview of our agency's work, highlights the services we provide and outlines our vision for the future in 2025. As we reflect on the accomplishments of 2024, we take pride in how far we have come, and we are eager to continue building on this foundation in the year ahead.

Together with our dedicated officers, civilian staff, and volunteers, we will continue working to ensure our community receives the highest level of service possible. We are committed to advancing our department's standing as one of the top law enforcement agencies, always striving for greater efficiency, effectiveness, and engagement.

In 2024, we remain focused on two key priorities: community engagement and ensuring the highest level of training for our staff. By maintaining strong connections with the people we serve, we position our agency and our community as one unified team. When we work together, we can achieve anything and overcome any challenge. Additionally, forward-thinking, comprehensive training is essential for our officers to be equipped to meet the demands of this profession and ensure the safety and well-being of our community.

As we continue to evolve, your safety, and that of your families, is our top priority. In these times, where community trust and transparency are paramount, we encourage you to stay connected with our department through social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram. These platforms allow us to share updates, engage with you directly, and maintain a high level of transparency, ensuring that you remain informed about the work we are doing and the services we provide.

The City of Burlington Police Department will continue to collaborate closely with our Mayor, City Administration, elected leaders, and partner agencies to serve you effectively and maintain a safe, vibrant community for all. I am incredibly proud of both our staff and our community, and I look forward to a bright future as we move into 2025. Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Sincerely,

Ryan Elbertson
Chief of Police



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the City of Burlington Police Department is to ensure the best quality of life for our citizens through partnerships with the community, enforcement of the law, and providing of a safe environment. We will act professionally, and ensure that all officers conduct themselves with the highest level of moral and ethical standards.



CORE VALUES

INTEGRITY

To be trusted by the public and seen as honest, sincere and virtuous.

PROFESSIONALISM

Maintaining an educated workforce committed to integrity, accountability and self-regulation.

SERVICE

To enhance the quality of life for all City of Burlington residents by providing timely, professional and compassionate police services.

VISION

The department strives to be a model law enforcement agency through its commitment to excellence and partnerships with our community.





CODE OF ETHICS

“As a Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind: to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately, without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession... law enforcement.”

A YEAR IN REVIEW

JANUARY



BCPD and the school district introduced two “Blue Devil” police vehicles to enhance school safety and support students. Co-funded by both agencies and by a grant, one vehicle is equipped for student transport while the other serves as the primary vehicle for K-9 Sully (therapy). The vehicles are also used for community outreach and events. This collaboration strengthens safety measures and demonstrates a shared commitment to the school community.



Burlington City Police and Fire Departments responded to a structure fire on York Street. The fire, which affected three homes, required mutual aid responders. Fortunately, no injuries occurred, but three families were displaced and assisted by the Red Cross and Volunteers of America. Kiyam Hammond, a young resident who alerted his father to the fire, was honored with the Burlington County Prosecutor’s Office PROCOPS Citizen Hero Award for his quick thinking.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

February



We received this message from a parent of Saint Paul School about Officer Hesson:

"SPS mom here, and we love our school officer! Thank you for keeping our school safe! My kids all love seeing him in the mornings! Today was 'dress as what you want to be when you grow up' and Mikey dressed like his favorite officer"

The students at Wilbur Watts love K-9 Sully so much that they didn't want him to miss out on Valentine's Day. To make sure he was included, they had a special mailbox created, so he could receive cards from the students. K-9 Sully, trained in therapy, continues to make a significant impact on the community.



A YEAR IN REVIEW

March



The City of Burlington Police Department has achieved re-accreditation through the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. A team of independent assessors confirmed that the department meets the required standards. This voluntary accreditation recognizes the implementation of effective and sound policies and procedures.



K-9 Dutch was recognized by the Burlington County Animal Shelter and the Burlington County Commissioners in honor of K-9 Veterans Day. Additionally, K-9 Dutch's foster mother, Jen Furman, was acknowledged for her dedication to fostering and preparing dogs for their future roles.



Thanks to the NJ Department of Children & Families Office of Resilience Law Enforcement-Youth Interaction Initiative, BCPD was able to provide each player and coach with a soccer jacket. Rebecca Bryan from the Office of Resilience emphasized the importance of youth development programs.



BCPD partnered with the Prosecutor's Office, Amazon, and several organizations to conduct multiple Straight to Treatment outreach events throughout the year. These outreaches offered assistance not only with substance abuse, but also with housing, identification, and other social services. Thanks to generous donations, personal care items, food, and clothing were provided to those in need.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

April



The K-9 Unit held a successful fundraiser at JB Bakery, featuring Batman and all of our K-9s. Residents enjoyed meeting officers, taking pictures, and eating delicious pastries.



BCPD joined several groups for Mayor Barry Conaway's Community Clean-up, coming together to take pride in our community and lend a hand in keeping it clean.



The youngest members of the BCPD family, our children, had the opportunity to participate in "Bring Your Child to Work Day." This was a special chance for them to learn about the important work their family members do every day.



Ptl. Aaron Martinez and K-9 Echo were recognized with a proclamation from Delanco Township for their role in the successful search for a missing 5-year-old autistic child. The child was found unharmed thanks to the dedicated efforts of all law enforcement involved.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

May



BCPD announces the upcoming retirement of Chief John J. Fine.

Chief Fine began his career in 1999 as a SLEO Class I officer and joined BCPD full-time in 2001. He advanced through roles in the Detective Bureau, Special Response Team, Traffic Unit, and Police Administration, before being appointed Chief of Police by Mayor Barry Conaway in April 2019.

During his tenure, Chief Fine introduced key initiatives like the Riverfront Chaplains, Straight to Treatment, VOA, and the SRO program, strengthening community partnerships and advancing the department's community policing efforts.

Mayor Barry W. Conaway appoints Ryan P. Elbertson as Acting Chief of Police.

Acting Chief Elbertson, a Burlington Police veteran since 1999, is committed to working with residents, business owners, City leadership, and the department to strengthen and secure Burlington.

Over the years, he served in various units, including the Special Response Team and Emergency Services Unit, and became Supervising Firearms Instructor.

Promoted to Sergeant in 2013, Lieutenant in 2019, and Acting Captain in 2023, he has held key leadership roles, including Patrol Division Commander and Accreditation Manager.



A YEAR IN REVIEW

June



Jeeps on the Waterfront was a huge success! This event helped raise funds to support our Community Policing efforts.



Ptl. Christopher Hubbs, Badge #115, graduated from the Camden County Police Academy. From SLEO I to SLEO II, and now our newest full-time officer, we're proud to have him on the team!



BCPD and departments all over participated in the New Jersey Law Enforcement Torch Run to raise awareness for Special Olympics New Jersey.



BCPD teamed up with Prevention Plus and local students for a Sticker Shock event to raise awareness about the dangers of buying alcohol for minors. Together, we're working towards a safer, healthier community for our youth.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

July



Ptl. Martinez and K-9 Echo were invited to attend Christ Baptist Church Vacation Bible School.



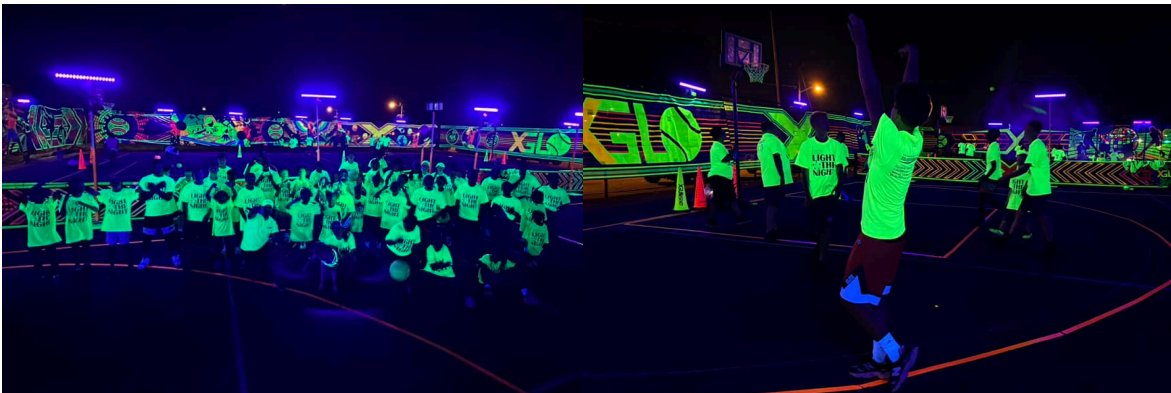
The Burlington City and Edgewater Park Township Police Departments Youth Police Academy Class 3 was a great success. Cadets learned various aspects of law enforcement, including self-defense, CPR certification, and crime scene investigation. They visited key locations like the Philadelphia Police Training Center, Joint Base MDL, the 9/11 Memorial, and engaged with various agencies such as the NJ State Police. Highlights also included a ropes course, a rock climbing gym and a gun awareness talk. A graduation ceremony where cadets received medals for their hard work and dedication.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

August



BCPD hosted National Night Out. National Night Out is an annual event that brings communities together to strengthen relationships between residents and law enforcement. It's a night dedicated to promoting safety, crime prevention, and community engagement. We had many partners including the Fire Department, Public Works and other community organizations who hosted activities such as safety demonstrations, games, and entertainment. The goal is to build trust, foster a sense of community, and raise awareness about crime prevention efforts.



BCPD teamed up with Prevention Plus and other community partners to host the XGlosive "Light the Night" basketball event. It was a fun-filled evening where local kids enjoyed basketball with a unique twist!

A YEAR IN REVIEW

September



Supervisor Leadership Institute

CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

Sergeant Matthew Mercuri and Sergeant Robert Perro completed the FBI-LEEDA Supervisor Leadership Institute.



Burlington Chevrolet hosted a Car Show and selected our K-9 Unit as one of the beneficiaries. Officers participated in the event as part of our community outreach efforts, which included K-9 demonstrations from several agencies.



Ptl. Kostic had a great time at Burlington Township Police Department's "Touch a Truck Event" alongside Willingboro Township Police Department's SWAT Team. Ptl. Kostic, Ptl. Pruden, and Detective Edwardson are all proud members of a collaborative SWAT team with Willingboro PD.



At the Wood Street Fair, we proudly showcased the Dutch rock, painted by resident Angelina Cunha. This rock was part of a project to raise awareness for animals in need of adoption at the Burlington County Animal Shelter. Fun fact: Dutch was adopted by BCPD from that very shelter!

A YEAR IN REVIEW

October



BCPD members attended the Silent Witness Project event for Domestic Violence Awareness Month at Rowan College at Burlington County's Mt Laurel Campus. The ceremony featured life-sized silhouettes representing victims of domestic violence. Sponsored by the County Prosecutor's Office, Providence House, Catholic Charities, and the college, the event highlighted efforts to end domestic abuse through education, advocacy, and support for those affected.



October is Dysautonomia Awareness Month! For several years, we've been honored to welcome special visitors who place turquoise ribbons on our patrol vehicles in support. Dysautonomia affects millions, influencing daily life in numerous ways. By sharing stories, raising awareness, and advocating for those impacted, we can help bring this invisible illness into the spotlight.



The K-9 Car Show attracted over 200 cars and drew many visitors to the downtown. This annual event helps raise essential funds to support the K-9 Unit.



BCPD partnered with Pearl Pointe Apartments to host the 4th Annual Trunk or Treat event at the Riverfront. A fun time was had by all!

A YEAR IN REVIEW

November



Ptl. Murphy visited Smith School, where she had the opportunity to chat with the kids and answer their questions. She also brought along goodie bags to make the visit extra special!



BCPD proudly participated in the City's Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony, led by our Honor Guard and Motorcycle Unit. It was truly an honor to pay tribute to the brave men and women who have served our country.



We had the pleasure of welcoming a very special guest to our station—Ethan, a local resident who was celebrating his birthday! As part of his celebration, Ethan was officially appointed Chief of Police for the day. He had the chance to tour various areas of the station. His enthusiasm and curiosity were contagious, and we have no doubt he'll be a future leader in our community.



Amanda Mackie joined BCPD as our new Community Service Worker. This newly created role is designed to enhance our community-based initiatives. She will be supporting a variety of outreach programs, assisting with public events, and working to strengthen the positive relationships between our department and the community.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

December



Captain Robert Elbertson is retiring after a distinguished career with BCPD, which began in 1998 as a Class I Reserve Officer. Over the years, he served in various roles, including Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and ultimately Captain. Throughout his time, he led multiple units, including Reserve, Traffic, K-9, Special Enforcement, Investigations Division, Patrol Division, Firearms Instructor and Police Operations.



BCPD attended the Holiday Parade and Village. It was a meaningful way for our community to come together, especially after the heartbreaking loss of our beloved crossing guard, Bruce Morlack. The community came together and participated in the moment of silence to honor and remember Bruce.



A memorial vigil was held to honor Bruce Morlack, a dedicated crossing guard who gave his life to save two children. It was a time to remember and pay tribute to a true hero.



We teamed up with the mayor and city officials to distribute holiday toys to local schools for students. This was a wonderful collaboration between the city, residents, and schools.

2024 PERSONNEL

The list below reflects department active personnel and assignments as of December 2024

Acting Chief of Police

Ryan Elbertson

Acting Captain

Michael Ekelburg

Lieutenants

Jospeh Caruso

Robert O'Brien

David Matthews  

Sergeants

Ronald Fuss

Robert Perro

Matthew Mercuri


David Edwardson  

Corporals

Brian Ptaszenski  

Anna Czajka

Ricardo Rios

Charles Haney  

Lisa Tisby 

Detectives

Jamie Lambing

William Lancenese  

Patrol Officer

Gregory Pierce 

Justin Zeuner 

Bradley Caruso 


Cameron Lung 

Aaron Martinez 

Andrew Kostic 

Makenzie Murphy 

Woodley Duga 

Najah Pruden 

Jordon Gorleski

Robert Clemente 

Sean Fitzpatrick

Xavier Morris

Christopher Hubbs 

Yunus Boduroglu

SLEO II

Christopher Rivell

Stephen Hesson

SLEO III

Javier Ortiz

Brandon Roberson

Daniel Pascal 

Walter Walczak

Joseph McHugh

SLEO I

Jeffery Green

Justin Pires

Seray Kahya

Marissa Lorang

Adam Hwilka

Police Aide

Beverly Schnegelsberger

Support Services

Renee Delapena

Jamie Pennacchi

Mauren Agnew

Matthew Wiesniewski

Amanda Mackie

CROSSING GUARDS

Crossing guards play a vital role in ensuring the safety of children and pedestrians by controlling traffic and preventing accidents at busy intersections.



Head Crossing Guard: Patricia Kennedy

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| Robert Ballard | Julianna Merluse |
| Robert Brown | Kathleen O'Connor |
| Whitney Brown | James Ogburn |
| Aldo Bucci | Mary Peebles |
| Gerald Cipollone | Bruce Robinson |
| Andrew Cross | Sharon Sallie |
| Alfred Greenwood | Betty Searls |
| Kathy Griffith | Claude Sivels |
| John Gusrang | Virginia Thompson |
| Lauren Kamps | Diane Wagner |
| John Lipscomb | Brian Williams |
| Robin McNeil | |

CHAPLAINS

Volunteer police chaplains serve the community by offering emotional support, guidance, and comfort to individuals in times of crisis, fostering trust and compassion between law enforcement and the public.



- Chaplain Pollard
- Chaplain Domosh
- Chaplain Diggs
- Chaplain Dunham
- Chaplain Hutton
- Chaplain Lowe
- Chaplain Warren
- Chaplain Joyner

COMMAND OFFICERS

Acting Chief of Police

Ryan Elbertson



Acting Chief of Police Ryan P. Elbertson began his law enforcement career with the City of Burlington Police Department in October 1999 as a Class I Special Officer. In 2002, he transitioned to a full-time position after successfully graduating from the Burlington County Police Academy.

Throughout his career, Acting Chief Elbertson has served in and supervised numerous specialized units, including the Special Response Team, Emergency Services Unit, Special Enforcement Unit, and as the Supervising Firearms Instructor. His dedication and leadership led to his promotion to Sergeant in September 2013, where he served in both the Patrol Division and the Criminal Investigation Division.

In April 2019, he was promoted to Lieutenant, taking on key responsibilities as the Patrol Division Commander, Training Officer, and Fleet Manager. In January 2020, he was appointed as the Department's Accreditation Manager, where he oversaw the implementation and maintenance of critical operational standards and certifications.

Acting Chief Elbertson is a graduate of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Command and Leadership Academy and the prestigious FBI National Academy's 275th Session in Quantico, Virginia. Acting Chief Elbertson is a New Jersey State Chiefs of Police Accredited Command Executive. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration and a Master's Degree in Administrative Science from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

As Acting Chief of Police, he continues to exemplify leadership, professionalism, and a commitment to excellence in serving the City of Burlington Police Department and the community it protects.

OPERATIONS COMMANDER

Acting Captain Michael Ekelburg



Acting Captain Michael Ekelburg began his law enforcement career with the City of Burlington Police Department in 1991 as a Class I Special Law Enforcement Officer. In 1997, he advanced to Class II Officer after graduating from the Gloucester County Police Academy. He was hired as a full-time Patrol Officer on January 1, 2001.

Throughout his career, Acting Captain Ekelburg has served in various specialized units, including the Emergency Service Unit, Special Enforcement Unit, Bicycle Unit, and Field Training Unit. His dedication and expertise led to his promotion to Sergeant in April 2013, where he was assigned as a Patrol Supervisor in the Patrol Division. In 2015, he transitioned to the Criminal Investigative Division, serving as the division's supervisor.

In June 2019, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, and in July 2024, he ascended to the role of Acting Captain. He currently serves as the Commander of the Criminal Investigative Division and oversees the Special Law Enforcement Officer Unit.

A lifelong resident of Burlington City, Acting Captain Ekelburg is a proud graduate of Burlington City High School. In 2017, he successfully completed the New Jersey State Chiefs of Police Command Leadership Academy, further solidifying his commitment to leadership and professional development.

INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION COMMANDER

Lieutenant
Joseph Caruso



Lt. Joseph Caruso began his law enforcement career with the City of Burlington Police Department in 1987 as a Reserve Police Officer and was hired full-time in 1995, initially assigned to the Patrol Division. In 1999, he joined the Pro-Active Enforcement Unit, focusing on narcotics investigations and violent crime, earning him the department's "Officer of the Year" award. That same year, he became a member of the Burlington City/Burlington County Joint Tactical Team (SWAT), eventually serving as its Commander until its disbandment in 2013. Lt. Caruso also served in the Detective Division from 2002 to 2004, receiving the Burlington County Prosecutor's Law Enforcement Officer Commendation Award in 2003 for his work combating drug activity and violent crime.

Promoted to Sergeant in 2005, he supervised the Pro-Active Enforcement Unit and later became a Lieutenant in 2010, overseeing multiple units, including the Detective Division, SWAT, and firearms training. Since 2013, he has held various leadership roles, including in the Professional Standards Unit, and currently serves as the Supervising Patrol Lieutenant.

Throughout his distinguished career, Lt. Caruso has supervised and contributed to numerous specialized units, such as the Gang Task Force, Burlington Special Response Team, and the Burlington County Civil Response Team. His expertise extends to critical areas such as officer safety, vehicle pursuit training, community policing, and firearms instruction. He has been a steadfast leader in patrol operations, fostering professionalism and mentoring junior officers under his command.

Lt. Caruso has undergone extensive training, earning certifications in advanced tactical operations, incident command, SWAT, internal affairs, and active shooter response. His education includes prestigious programs like the West Point Command and Leadership Class and various courses in media relations, stress management, and gang awareness. These qualifications have enabled him to effectively lead his team while upholding the highest standards of law enforcement.

Born and raised in Burlington City, Lt. Caruso takes immense pride in his profession and community. A passionate advocate for community policing, he has instilled its principles in the officers he mentors. His commitment to fostering trust and collaboration between law enforcement and the community reflects his dedication to serving Burlington City with integrity and excellence.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION COMMANDER

Acting Lieutenant

Robert O'Brien



Robert O'Brien serves as the Acting Lieutenant for the City of Burlington Police Department. He began his law enforcement career in 2008 after graduating from the Burlington County Police Academy as an alternate route candidate. Starting in Medford Township, Lieutenant O'Brien joined the City of Burlington Police Department in 2011, where he has since built a diverse and accomplished career.

During his tenure, Lieutenant O'Brien has served in the Patrol Division, operated as a member of the Special Response Team (SRT), and worked as a Field Training Officer before advancing to supervisor of the Field Training Program. He was

also a member of the C.R.I.M.E. Unit and the Detective Bureau, gaining valuable tactical and investigative experience, and served as a firearms instructor to uphold high standards of safety and proficiency within the department.

Lieutenant O'Brien is a graduate of the prestigious New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Command and Leadership Academy. In his current role, he oversees the Patrol Division and departmental training, ensuring operational effectiveness and professional development for all personnel. As an Active Shooter Response Instructor, he collaborates with local organizations to provide civilian training and develop response protocols that enhance community safety.

Lieutenant O'Brien's extensive experience, leadership, and commitment to excellence embody the mission of the City of Burlington Police Department: to serve and protect the community with integrity and professionalism.

PATROL DIVISION COMMANDER

Acting Lieutenant

David Matthews



Acting Lieutenant David Matthews embarked on his law enforcement career with the City of Burlington Police Department in 1999 as a Class I Special Law Enforcement Officer. His exemplary service led to his full-time appointment at the Burlington County Sheriff's Department in 2001. He graduated from the Burlington County Police Academy in April 2003, earning a promotion to Class II Special Law Enforcement Officer in Burlington City. In December 2003, Acting Lieutenant Matthews was appointed as a full-time Police Officer in the Patrol Division. While serving in this Division he was assigned to the Traffic Unit, teacher of the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) program, the Motorcycle Unit, Crime Scene Investigator, and Certified as an Accreditation Manager.

In July 2016, Acting Lieutenant Matthews' leadership and commitment were recognized with a promotion to Sergeant. His tenure as Sergeant saw him take on additional responsibilities as a TAC Officer and elevated to Supervisor of both the Traffic Unit and Motorcycle Unit, along with several other internal responsibilities.

A lifelong resident of Burlington, Acting Lieutenant Matthews is a proud alumnus of Burlington City High School, class of 1987. His pursuit of excellence in leadership was further solidified in 2017 when he successfully completed the prestigious NJ State Chiefs of Police Command and Leadership Academy.

Promoted to the rank of Acting Lieutenant in December 2024, he is currently undergoing comprehensive training in all aspects of Police Administration, ensuring operational effectiveness, proper training, and professional development for all Officers. He has extensive experience and a commitment to excellence which embraces the mission of the City of Burlington Police Department. He is poised to continue his exemplary service and leadership in law enforcement for the City of Burlington.



OFFICER OF THE YEAR: PATROL DIVISION

Officer Najah Pruden

Officer Najah Pruden, badge #90109, is a proud graduate of Burlington City High School, Class of 2002, where he not only excelled academically but also made his mark in sports, winning a state championship in basketball. His athletic talent carried him to Kent State University, where he played football and earned a bachelor's degree in Technology in 2007.

After college, Officer Pruden's dedication to service led him to pursue a career in law enforcement. In 2019, he joined the City of Burlington Police Department as a full-time officer, where he currently serves in the patrol division and on the SWAT team. Officer Pruden is committed to his community and he takes pride in giving back by engaging with local youth and sharing in their joy.

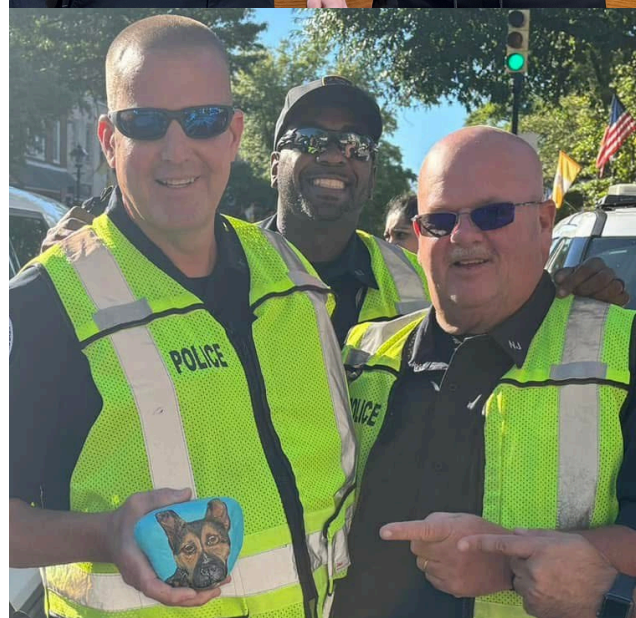
This year, Officer Pruden's outstanding contributions and tireless work ethic have earned him the title of Officer of the Year. His passion for service, dedication to his community, and commitment to making a positive impact have truly set him apart.

OFFICER OF THE YEAR: RESERVE DIVISION

Officer Justin Pires

Reserve Officer Justin Pires, badge #90502, began his law enforcement career with the City of Burlington Police Department in 2017 as a Class 1 Reserve Officer after graduating from the Gloucester County Police Academy. He actively serves his community by working special events, including the Wood Street Fair and football games. His dedication and commitment to public safety earned him the honor of Reserve Officer of the Year.

In addition to his work with the Burlington Police Department, Justin also serves full-time with Consolidated Edison in New York City as a member of their Hazmat Team. His unique skill set and work ethic make him an invaluable asset to our police department.



2024 INTERNAL AFFAIRS SUMMARY REPORT

The City of Burlington Police Department is committed to providing law enforcement services that are fair, effective, and impartially applied. The goal of internal affairs process is to ensure that the integrity of the department is maintained through a system of internal discipline where fairness and justice are assured by objective, impartial investigation and review. All complaints are investigated to their logical conclusion, based upon all available evidence, and then categorized in the following classification of dispositions.

Exonerated: The alleged incident did occur, but the actions of the employee were justified, legal and proper.

Sustained: The investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to prove the allegation, and the actions of the employee violated provisions of rule and regulation or department written directives.

Not Sustained: The investigation failed to disclose sufficient evidence to clearly prove or disprove the allegation.

Unfounded: The alleged incident did not occur.

In 2024, a total of 42 Internal Affairs complaints were made against City of Burlington Police Officers. Of these, 34 complaints were filed by citizens, ranging from demeanor issues to rule violations. The remaining 8 complaints were generated internally, arising from rule violations, motor vehicle collisions, and policy violations.

Out of the 42 complaints, 7 were sustained, 33 were exonerated, and 2 were unfounded. When a complaint is sustained, the officer receives training to ensure future compliance with policies. In 2024, no officers (0) received "Major Discipline" defined by and in accordance with reporting requirements outlined in the New Jersey Attorney General Guidelines governing Internal Affairs Policy & Procedures.

2024 USE OF FORCE SUMMARY REPORT

In 2024, members of the City of Burlington Police Department used force in 26 police-related incidents. This report provides a detailed summary of the types of force used, the frequency of each application, and the related outcomes. Tracking these incidents helps the department maintain transparency, evaluate police practices, and ensure accountability.

It should be noted that in several incidents, more than one officer used force during the course of the incident, which resulted in separate use of force reports being completed. Additionally, in some incidents, multiple types of force were used and documented on a single Use of Force Report.

Each use of force incident undergoes several layers of meaningful review at the command level to determine whether the force used was appropriate, necessary, and consistent with department policies.

Type of Force	2024
Firearms Used	0
CED (Taser)	1
OC Spray (Pepper Spray)	0
Baton	0
K-9	0
Weaponless	25
Arrests	22
Total Incidents	26
Complaints	2
Use of Force Reports Completed	44

2024 MOTOR VEHICLE PURSUIT SUMMARY

The Police Pursuit Incident Reports are completed by each officer who engages in a pursuit with a motor vehicle. An Administrative Review is then performed on each pursuit. The review consists of a detailed examination of the Police Pursuit Incident Report, In-car Video Recorder and Body Worn Camera footage of the event, and case report(s) to ensure New Jersey Attorney General Guidelines and City of Burlington Police Department Policy and Procedures were properly followed during the course of the pursuit. The Police Pursuit Summary is completed as part of the annual administrative pursuit analysis and review. These reports are completed at the end of each year so that the data gathered throughout each particular year can be analyzed and submitted to the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office.

Number of Pursuits Initiated	2
Number of Pursuits Resulting in Accidents	0
Number of Pursuits Resulting in Injuries	0
Number of Pursuits Resulting in Death	0
Number of Pursuits Resulting in Arrest	0
Number of Pursuits Terminated	2

2024 STRAIGHT TO TREATMENT SUMMARY REPORT

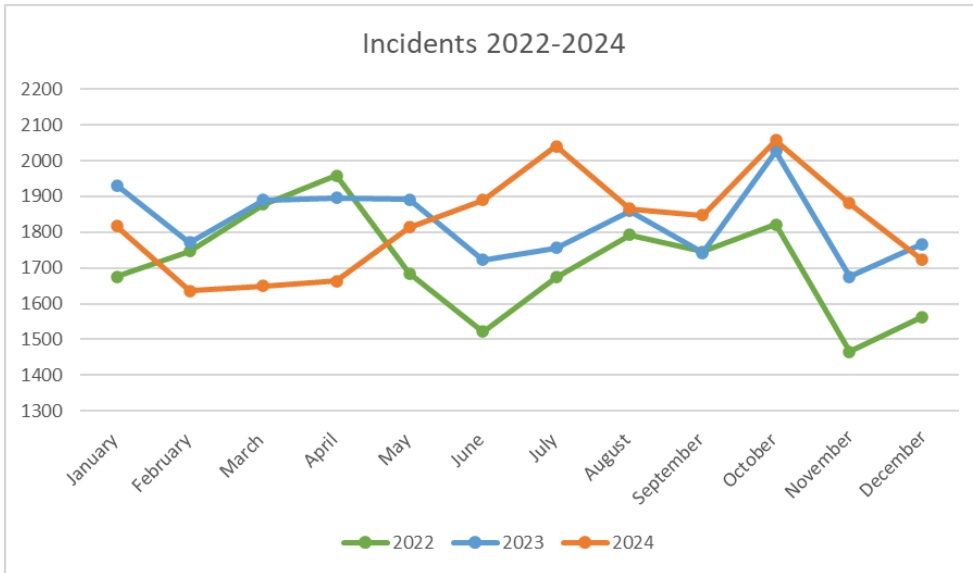
The Straight to Treatment program was created to help those who are caught in the powerful grip of addiction and substance abuse but would like to break free with the opportunity to be connected to a program to assist them with overcoming their addiction. The program was created by the Burlington County Prosecutor’s Office and is operated in conjunction with the City of Burlington Police Department along with numerous treatment centers.

The City of Burlington Police Department was able to assist a total of 17 clients who needed help with their addiction enter into detox and rehabilitation programs. Below is a list of total clients assisted during 2024.

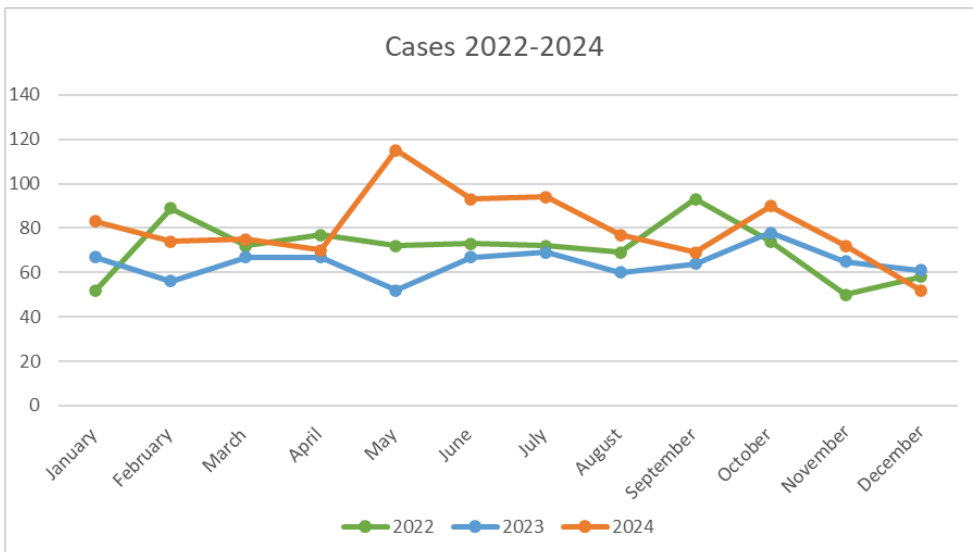


TOWN	STATE	COUNTY	M/F	AGE	Date
Burlington	NJ	Burlington	M	49	2/25/2024
Homeless	NJ	Burlington	F	48	3/27/2024
Homeless	NJ	Burlington	M	52	4/11/2024
Little Egg Harbor Twp	NJ	Ocean	M	54	4/12/2024
Homeless	NJ	Burlington	M	50	5/18/2024
Homeless	NJ	Burlington	F	57	6/18/2024
Delran	NJ	Burlington	F	60	6/5/2024
Wildwood	NJ	Cape May	M	37	6/18/2024
Mount Laurel	NJ	Burlington	F	28	6/25/2024
Roebling	NJ	Burlington	F	31	6/27/2024
Burlington	NJ	Burlington	F	48	7/8/2024
Mount Holly	NJ	Burlington	M	44	7/18/2024
Burlington	NJ	Burlington	M	27	7/31/2024
Merchantville	NJ	Camden	F	46	9/12/2024
Florence	NJ	Burlington	M	63	9/23/2024
Browns Mills	NJ	Burlington	F	31	10/2/2024
Hamilton	NJ	Mercer	F	40	12/13/2024

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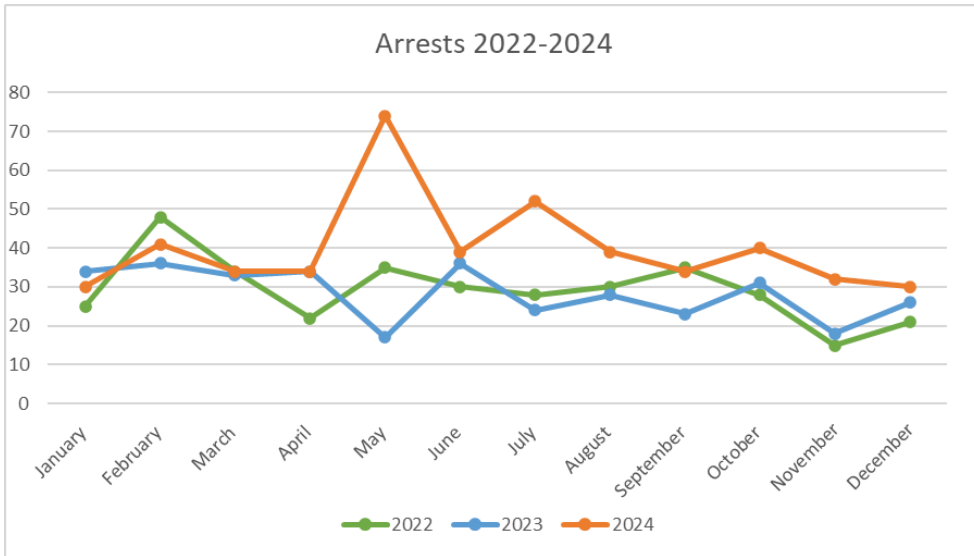
2024 began on a positive note, with fewer incidents compared to the previous year. However, summer brought a noticeable increase, driven by issues such as curfew violations and events bringing in an increase of people. As we look ahead to this summer, our focus is on fostering awareness around curfews, hosting engaging community gatherings, and enhancing proactive patrols to ensure a safe and enjoyable season.



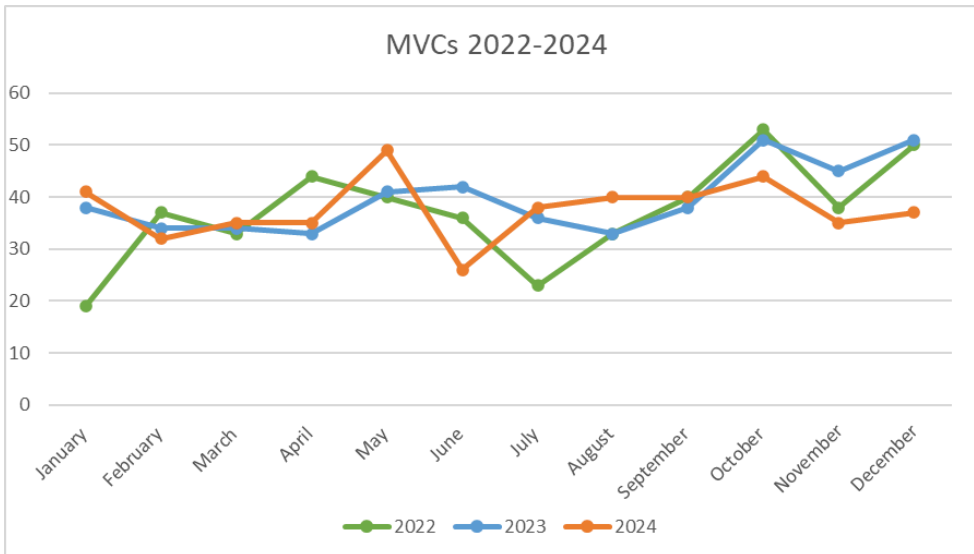
In 2024, case numbers remained consistent with previous years, take note that not all incidents result in cases. While summer saw a rise in incidents, the case numbers were relatively steady, with May reflecting an increase tied to arrests. Moving forward, we are committed to ongoing officer training to deliver the highest level of service to our community.

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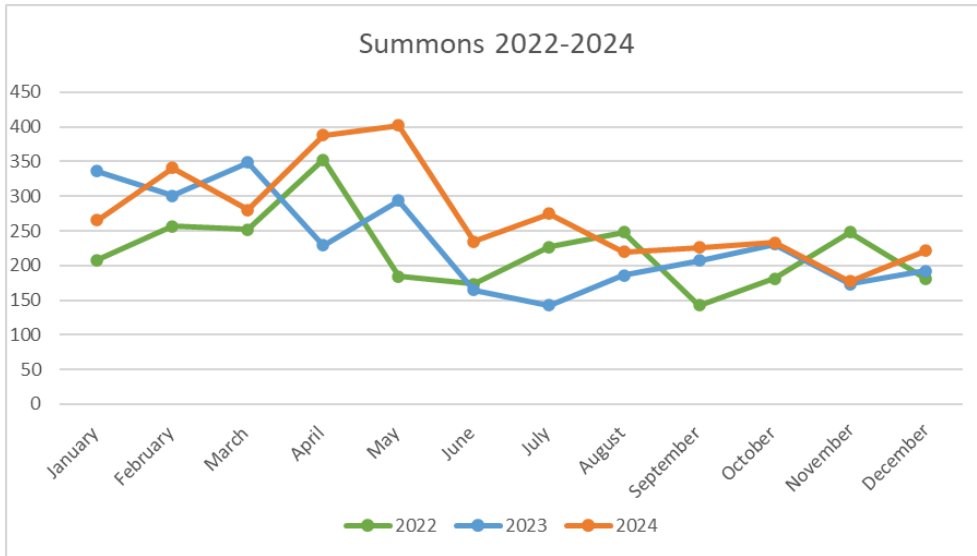
May experienced a notable rise in arrests, which, while seemingly concerning, was largely due to a few incidents involving multiple arrests. For example, a single car stop could lead to both the driver and passenger being taken into custody. Our officers remain steadfast in their diligence, carefully addressing each call to ensure no detail is overlooked and prioritizing safety.



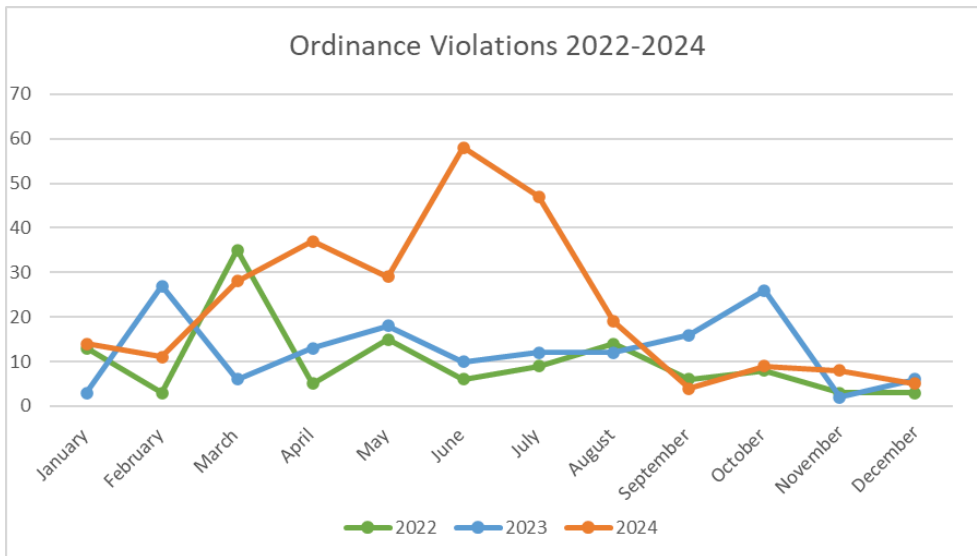
A notable highlight of 2024 was the drop in motor vehicle crashes, a positive outcome for our community. Our traffic unit continues its dedicated efforts to promote safe driving, helping to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone on the road.

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We observed a spike in summonses in April/May, followed by a steady decline throughout the year. This trend highlights the dedication of our officers, whose proactive enforcement efforts and community engagement contributed to improved compliance.



The increase in ordinance violations was primarily attributed to abandoned vehicles and curfew infractions. In response, officers prioritized the removal of these vehicles and actively enforced curfew regulations, leading to a decrease in violations during the second half of the year.



2024 NATIONAL INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING SYSTEM (NIBRS)

Offense	Reported in 2024	Reported in 2023	Percent Change	Offenses Cleared	Percent Cleared	Percent Of Category	Rate Per 100,000*
Murder	0	0	NA	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	NA	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Justifiable Homicide	0	0	NA	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-consensual Sex Offenses:							
Rape	0	4	-100.00%	0	0.00	0.00%	0.00
Sodomy	0	1	-100.00%	0	0.00	0.00%	0.00
Sexual Assault with Object	0	0	NA	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fondling	1	0	NA	0	0.00	0.85%	10.17
Aggravated Assault	29	41	-29.27%	21	72.41%	24.79%	294.99
Simple Assault	58	73	-20.55%	33	56.90%	49.57%	589.97
Intimidation	28	16	75.00%	16	57.14%	23.93%	284.81
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	0	NA	0	0.00	0.85%	10.17
Consensual Sex Offenses:							
Incest	0	0	NA	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Statutory Rape	0	0	NA	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	NA	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0	NA	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Crimes Against Persons Total	117	135	-13.33%	70	59.83%	18.87%	1190.11
Robbery	9	3	200.00%	6	66.67%	2.06%	91.55
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	25	14	78.57%	6	24.00%	5.73%	254.30
Larceny/Theft Offenses	235	168	39.88%	74	31.49%	53.90%	2390.40
Motor Vehicle Theft	27	16	68.75%	1	3.70%	6.19%	274.64
Arson	0	1	-100.00%	0	0.00	0.00%	0.00
Destruction Of Property	93	83	12.05%	16	17.20%	21.33%	945.99
Counterfeiting/Forgery	3	9	-66.67%	0	0.00	0.69%	30.52
Fraud Offense	24	26	-7.69%	2	8.33%	5.50%	244.13
Embezzlement	0	0	NA	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	NA	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bribery	0	0	NA	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stolen Property Offenses	20	8	150.00%	7	35.00%	4.59%	203.44
Crimes Against Property Total	436	328	32.93%	112	25.69%	70.32%	4434.95
Drug/Narcotic Violations	17	7	142.86%	15	88.24%	25.37%	172.92
Drug Equipment Violations	25	10	150.00%	23	92.00%	37.31%	254.30
Gambling Offenses	0	0	NA	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	NA	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prostitution	0	0	NA	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Weapons Law Violation	25	22	13.64%	19	76.00%	37.31%	254.30
Animal Cruelty	0	0	NA	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Crimes Against Society Total	67	39	71.79%	57	85.07%	10.81%	681.52
Total Group "A" Offenses	620	502	23.51%	239	38.55%	100%	6306.58

2024 TRAINING AND EDUCATION

The City of Burlington Police Department recognizes that, to operate effectively, it has the responsibility to provide appropriate, up-to-date, and sustainable training to all its officers. Law enforcement instruction is a key component of 21st Century Policing, particularly in today's ever-changing environment.

Ongoing law enforcement training and education provide protection for both officers and the organization, reduce risks, foster growth for officers and the department, and ultimately benefit the community. Policing is a high-risk profession that leaves little room for error, making training critical. It is one of the top priorities of the City of Burlington Police Department. While law enforcement training requires significant time, resources, and funding, the benefits to the department, officers, and community are invaluable.

In 2024, members of the City of Burlington Police Department completed the following training, but not limited to:

- Domestic Violence
- Right to Know
- Basic SWAT
- Red Dot Instructor
- Search and Seizure
- Interview and Interrogation
- Firearms Instructor
- Rifle Instructor
- HazMat
- Title 39
- FBI-LEEDA
- Law Enforcement Active Shooter Emergency Response (LASER)
- Traffic Incident Management (TIM)
- National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)
- Document Fraud
- Use of Force
- Basic Course for Police
- K9 In-Service
- FBI Conference
- Firearms Qualifications
- Rifle Qualifications
- Conducted Energy Devices Qualifications
- Less Lethal Shot-gun Qualifications
- Rifle Armorer
- Burlington County Prosecutors Office In-Service
- Resiliency Program
- Chemical Munitions Instructor
- Less Lethal Instructor
- Conducted Energy Device Operator
- Search Warrant Preparation
- LIDAR Traffic Enforcement
- Crisis Communication
- School Resource Officer
- Burlington County SANE/SART
- Motor Vehicle Pursuits
- OC Spray Instructor
- Internal Affairs Investigations
- CJIS Security Training
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Homicide Investigation
- Advanced Crime Scene Investigations
- Zoom-In Crime Scene Photography
- Defensive Tactics
- Firearms Law and ID Application Training
- Alcotest Operator
- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)
- Active Threat/Shooter
- Cellblock Management and Suicide Awareness
- OPRA
- DWI Standard Field Sobriety

2025 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Implement New Technology to Prevent and Solve Crime
- Replace Outdated Equipment
- Improve Safety and Security of City Hall
- Enhance Grant Writing
- Improve Professional Development Opportunities
- Expand Active Shooter Training
- Increase Staff (Sworn & Civilian)
- Improve Department Accountability, Evaluations, and Feedback
- Increase Officer Recognition
- Build Upon and Enhance Existing Community Relations
- Focus on Physical Fitness and Mental Health Awareness for Staff

