



ANNUAL REPORT



**NJ STATE PARK
POLICE**

*"Protecting New Jersey's Treasures
and the People Who Visit Them"*

2022



New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection: State Parks, Forests & Historic Sites





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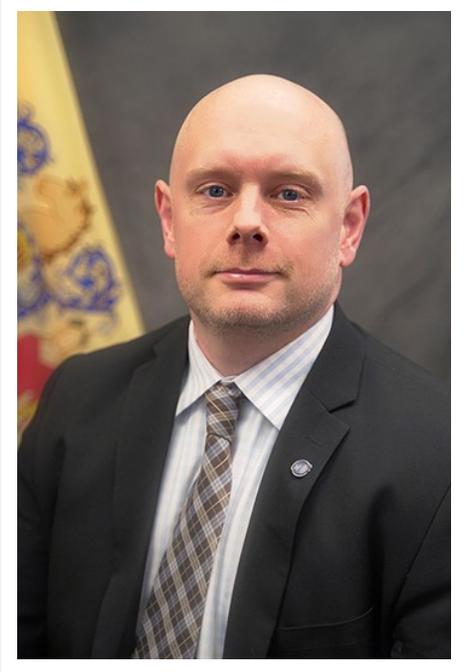
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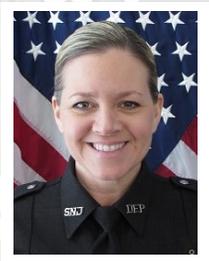
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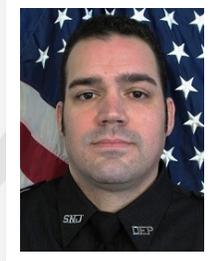
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Letter from the Chief

I am pleased to present the New Jersey State Park Police 2022 Annual Report to Commissioner LaTourette, employees of the Department of Environmental Protection, and the many visitors of our State Parks, Forests, & Historic Sites.

The 2022 Annual Report includes information about how we are continuing our mission to protect the Natural Resources & Historic Treasures of our State's Parks, Forests, & Historic Sites and the safety, security, and well-being of all who visit them. This report highlights the efforts by the State Park Police to improve public safety and engagement of our visitors through community policing initiatives and educational campaigns.

Moving through 2022, we finally began to feel the grasp of COVID loosen. While the State Park Police worked diligently through the pandemic, the world moved from a nearly all virtual environment to becoming more comfortable with once again seeing each other in person. One positive outcome of the virtual environment was discovering the ability to communicate over long distances, which in some ways, made our work productivity more efficient. The COVID restrictions provided the opportunity for many families to become closer and spend valuable time together that many of us took for granted pre-pandemic. With the increased family time, came increased visitation to our State Parks, Forests, & Historic Sites. Through all of this, the State Park Police responded to over 15,000 calls for service as visitation peaked at just over 16.7 million visitors.

As the State Park Police embark into 2023 under my leadership, the organization will undergo a transformation to better align our priorities with the State Park Service. The first step in this process is realigning the State Park Police command structure to mirror that of the Park Service and allow for more effective and efficient communication between our two agencies. Diversifying our recruiting and retention initiatives will be prioritized to fill voids within our ranks. We will develop our staff to continue and grow our longstanding tradition of serving as ambassadors of our natural resources & historic treasures.

It is my pleasure to work alongside the dedicated staff of the State Park Police. On behalf of our officers and civilian staff, we look forward to improving and building relationships in and around our park communities and to provide the best possible experience to those who visit our State Parks, Forests, & Historic Sites.



Chief George Fedorczyk

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SECTION ONE

Department Organization and Personnel





New Jersey State Park Police Vision Statement:

“It is the vision of the New Jersey State Park Police to be recognized as the most professional Natural Resources Police Department in the United States.”

New Jersey State Park Police Values Statement:

“The core values of the New Jersey State Park Police guide and inspire us in our professional and personal actions. Integrity - We will never compromise our integrity, it is the foundation of our reputation and our way of life. Ambassadorship - We are Public Servants committed to conducting our duties and responsibilities in a manner that preserves and protects the dignity of every person we interact with. We are our State’s Ambassadors to the Public we serve. Professionalism - We are Professionals dedicated to protecting the State’s treasures and the people who visit them. Our efforts will be based on best practices, and with the acknowledgment that it is the legitimate expectation of the public that we are doing our best at all times. “

New Jersey State Park Police Mission Statement:

“It is the mission of the New Jersey State Park Police to protect the Natural Resources and Historic Treasures of our States Parks, Forests and Historic Sites and the safety, security and well being of all who visit them.”



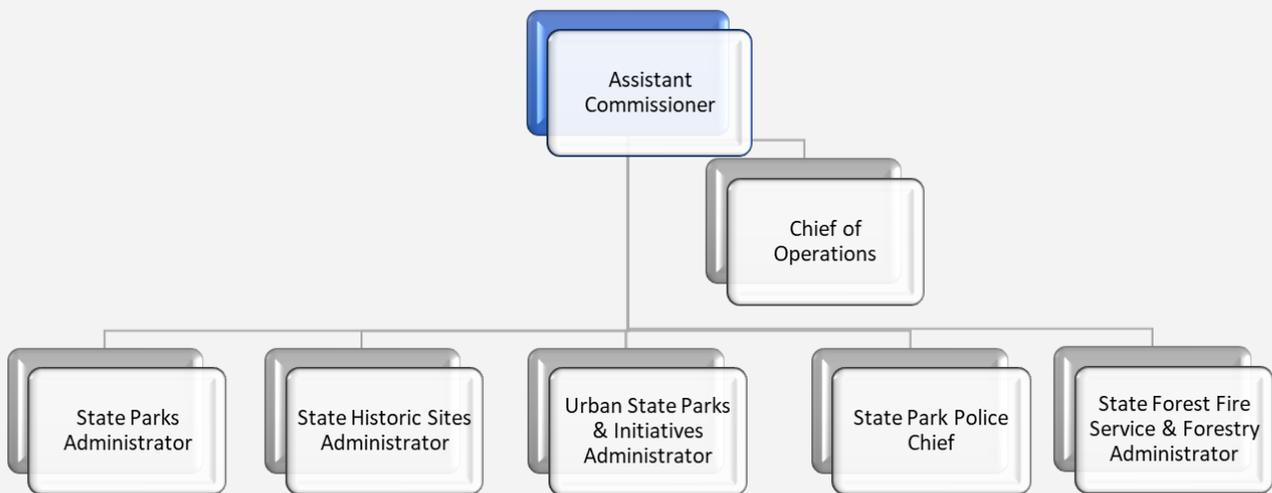


New Jersey State Park Police Organization (2023)



Administrative:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection State Parks, Forests & Historic Sites



The State Park Service administers New Jersey's 452,000 acres of land comprising of state parks, forests, historic sites, and other recreation areas by the actively working to manage and promote thriving natural and historic resources.

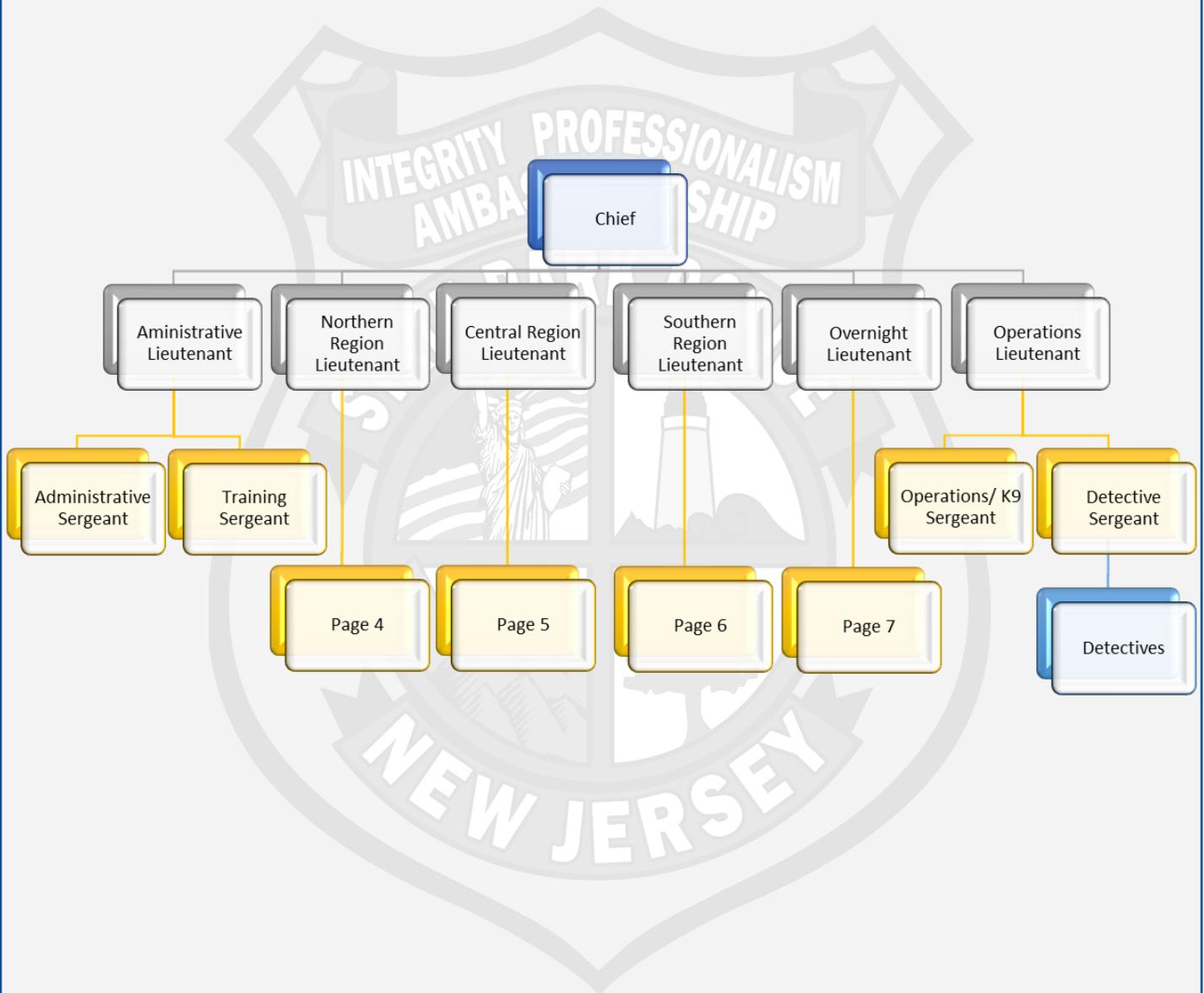
The New Jersey State Park Police fall under the Department of Environmental Protection State Parks, Forests and Historic Sites along with the State Park Service, State Historic Sites, Urban State Parks, State Forest Fire Service and Forestry.

New Jersey State Parks, Forests & Historic Sites Mission Statement:

"The mission of the State Parks, Forests & Historic Sites program is to provide equitable and responsible access for present and future generations to the state's natural, historic and recreational resources. Through the implementation of best practices in stewardship, education, interpretation, law enforcement and forest protection we ensure the conservation, protection and understanding of these resources"

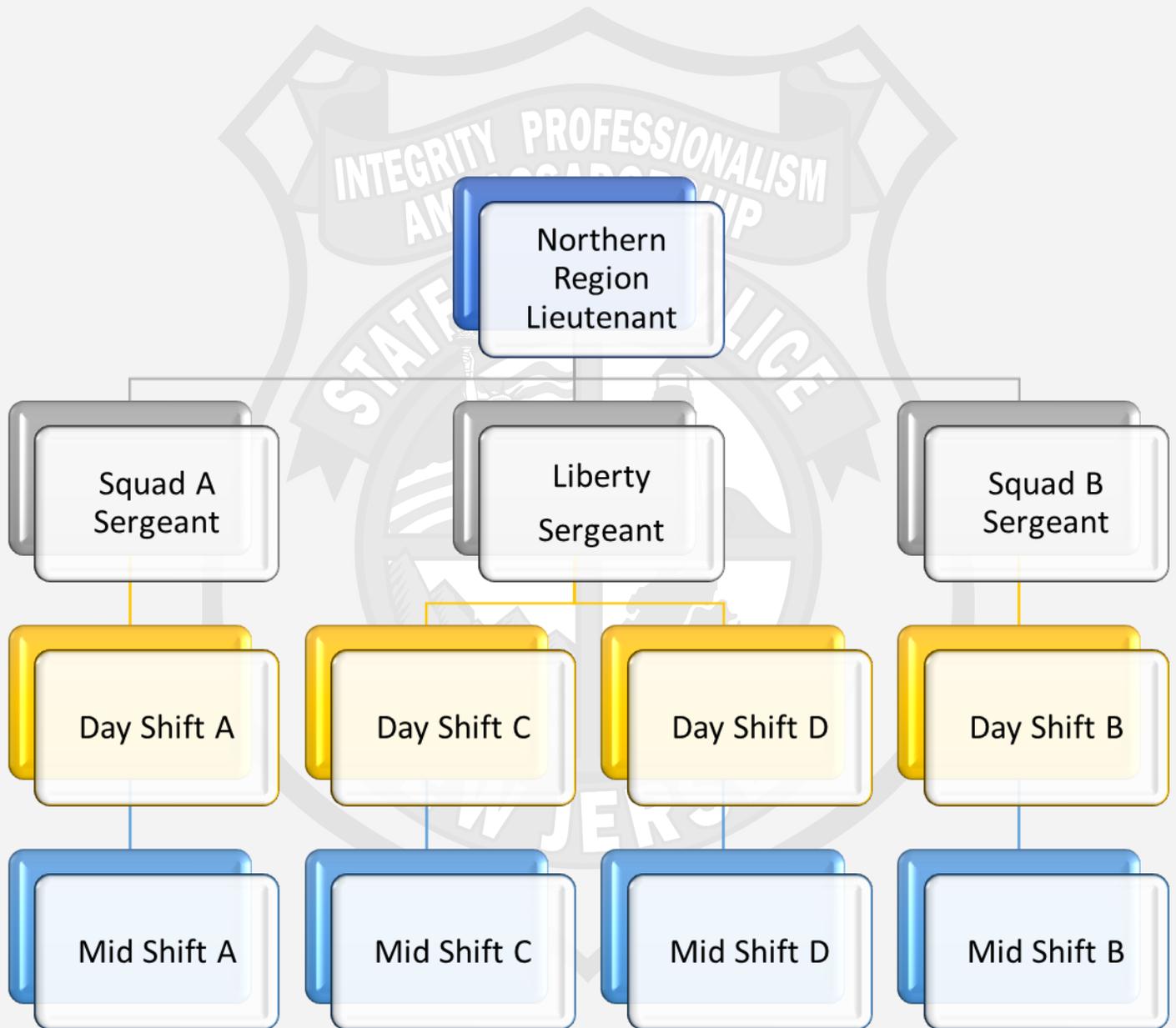
New Jersey State Park Police Organization (2023)

Administrative:



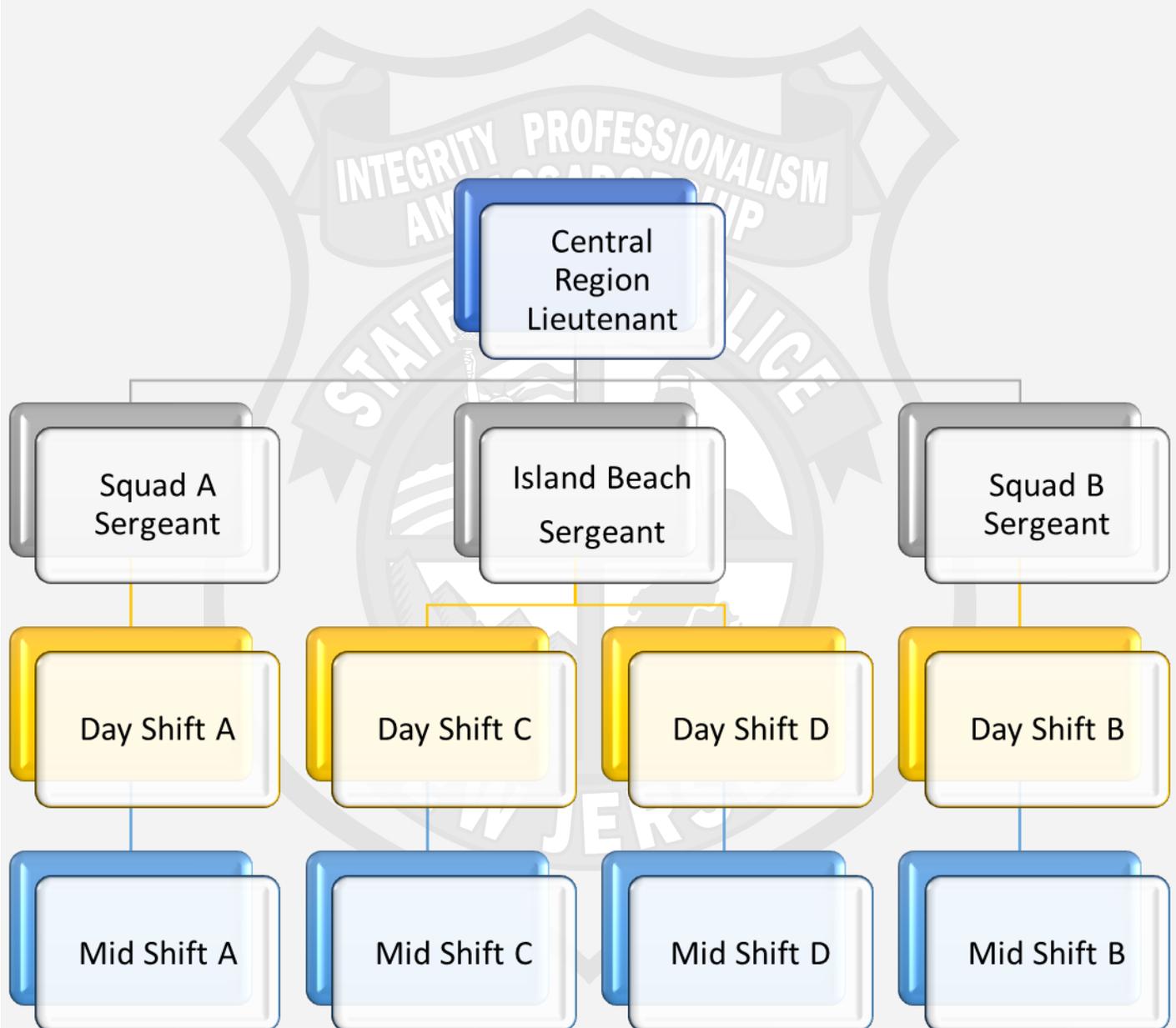
New Jersey State Park Police Organization (2023)

Northern Region:



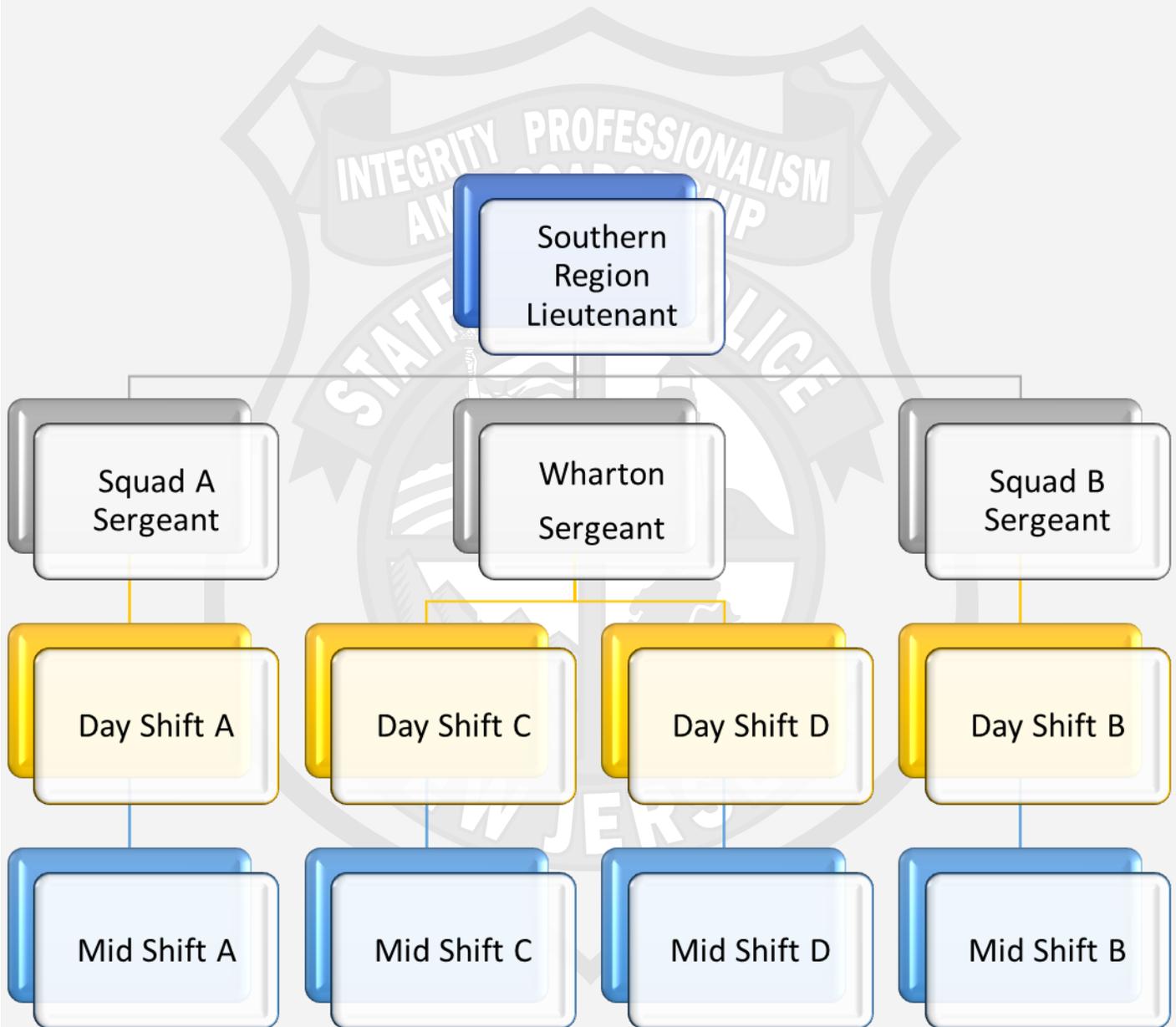
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Central Region:



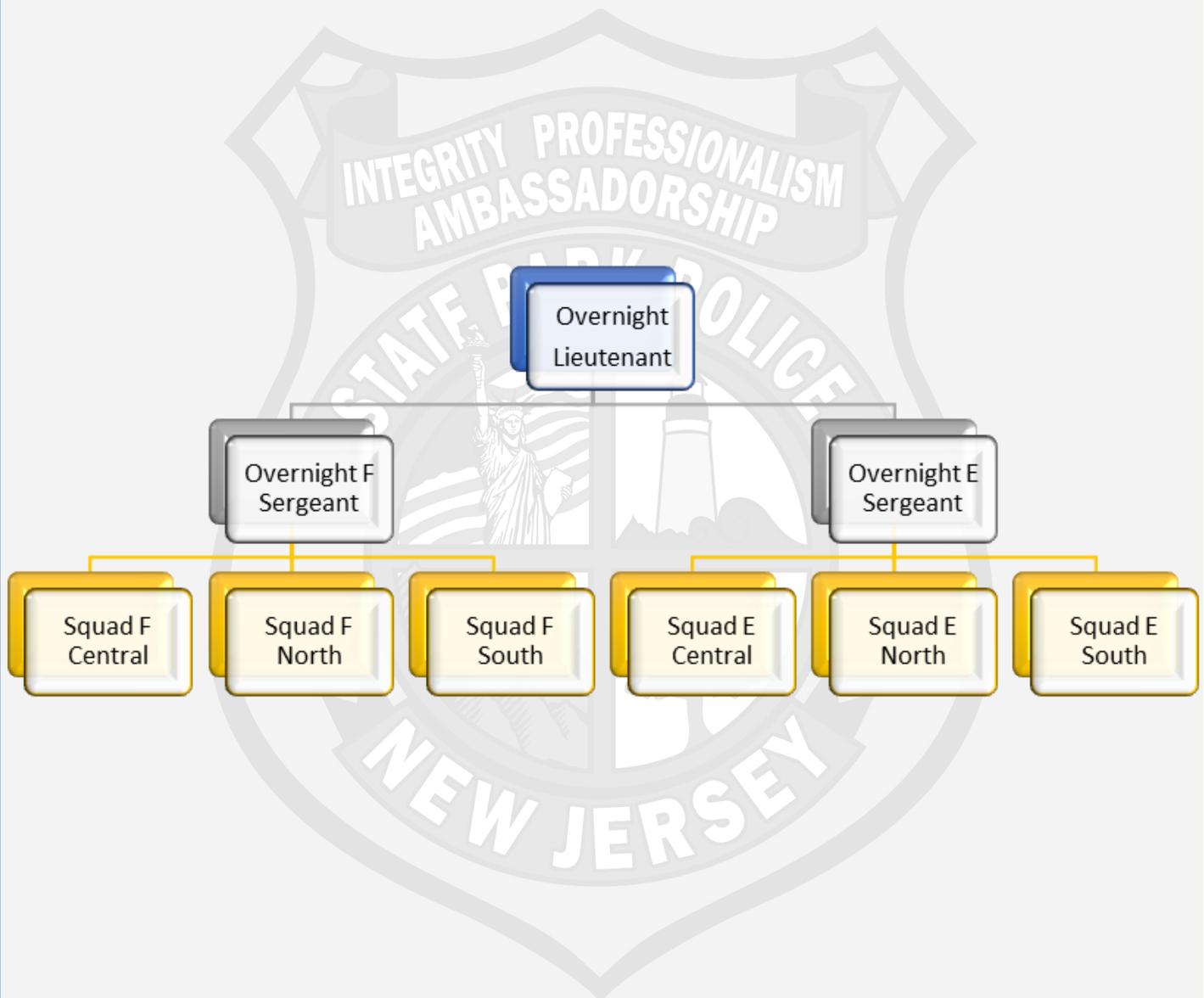
New Jersey State Park Police Organization (2023)

Southern Region:



New Jersey State Park Police Organization (2023)

Overnight:





New Jersey State Park Police

2022 Retirements



Chief Amanda Smith



Lieutenant Thomas Norton



K9 Officer Joe Drawdy

And Roma





In Memoriam



Thomas Earl Card, 66 years old, passed away unexpectedly at Newton Medical Center on Monday, February 14, 2022.



Thomas worked as a State Park Ranger at High Point State Park for many years, retiring in 2005 as a Regional Chief Ranger. After retirement, he volunteered and worked at the New Jersey School of Conservation. He served on the Sussex-Wantage Board of Education as President and member. Tom was a Cub Scout Leader for Pack 84 and Boy Scout Leader for Troop 97. Tom took great joy in the outdoors including, hiking, kayaking, traveling, especially Gettysburg trips and when inside, enjoyed gaming.

Godspeed and thank you for your service.



K9 Cabo passed away in July of 2022. K9 Cabo began his career with the NJ State Park Police after graduating the Union County K9 Academy in 2016. In 2019 his handler, K9 Ofc. Rodriguez, and the NJ State Park Police parted ways along with K9 Cabo.

We thank K9 Cabo for his years of dedicated service to the people of the State of New Jersey during his time as a K9.



New Jersey State Park Police

2022 New Hires



Officer Matthew Costelow



Officer Justine Matuliewicz



Officer Pedro Benitez



Officer Tyler Sypniewski



New Jersey State Park Police

2022 New Hires



Officer John Robinson

Officer Michael Solomone

Officer Raul Perez

Officer Michael Devaney



New Jersey State Park Police

2022 K9 Graduations



K9 Rainier

K9 Rainier, a Belgian Malinois, was brought on for the Department from Germany and teamed with Sgt. Mott on April 1, 2022.

K9 Sgt. Mott graduated NJ State Police's Scent Detection class #37 as an Explosive Detection Specialist Team in June 2022.

The team is expected to graduate from State Police Patrol School in January 2023.



Canine Patrol Instructor

K9 Ofc. Kriete graduated from State Police Scent Class #22 as a certified Canine Scent and Patrol Instructor.



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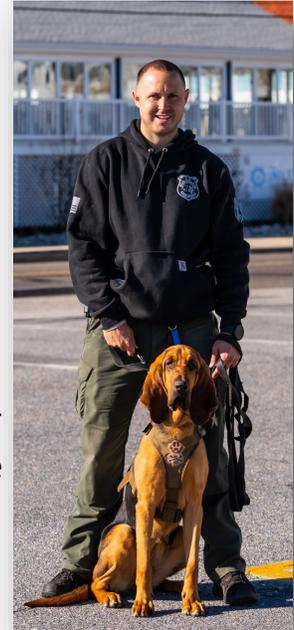
K9 Academies



K9 Jetty and K9 Pepper

K9's Jetty and Pepper, Bloodhounds, were brought on to the Department in August of 2022. The pair were teamed with their handlers, Ofc. McDermott and Ofc. Truelove.

They began Cape May County Sheriff's K9 Academy's Tracking and Trailing School in October of 2022. They are expected to graduate January 2023.





New Jersey State Park Police 2022 Awards

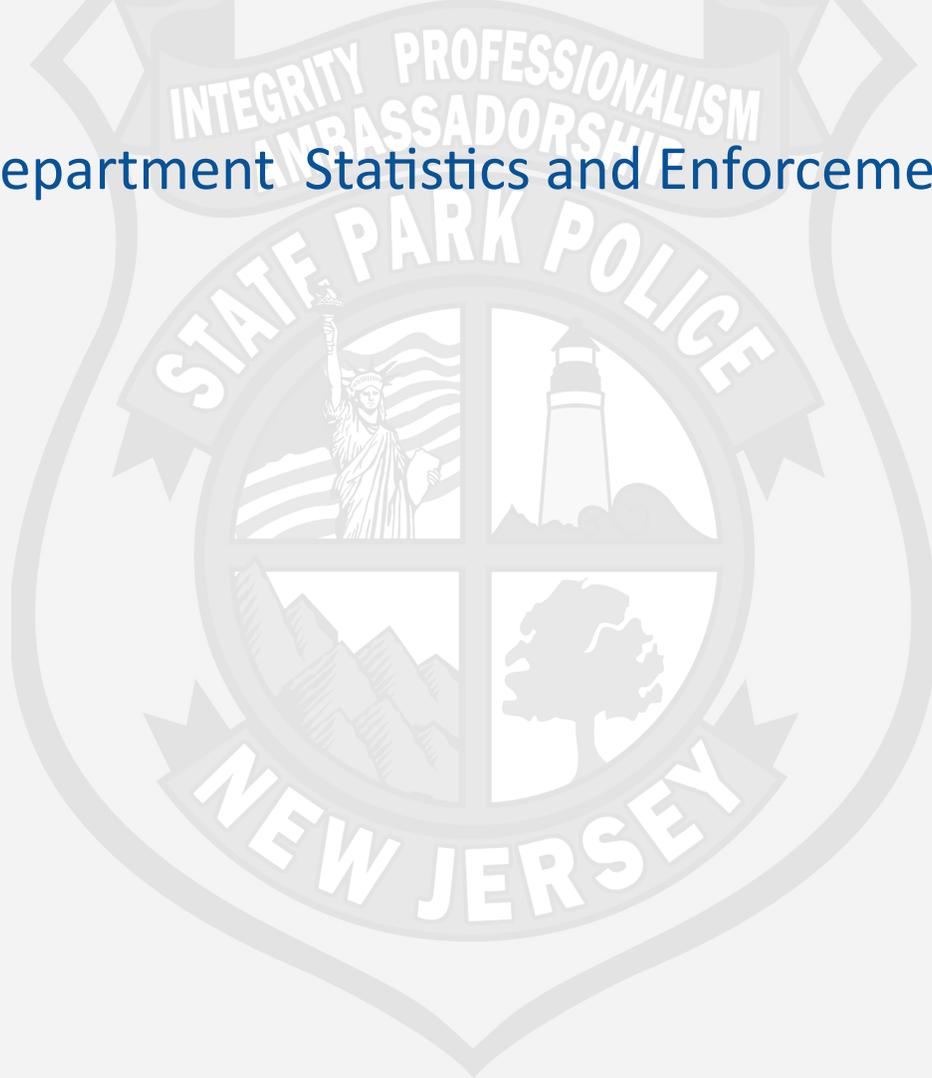


In April 2022 The New Jersey State Park Police were presented with a Valiant Teamwork Award by the 200 Club of Hudson County for their efforts on December 10, 2019. The award was accepted by Lt. Thomas Norton (Ret.), Sgt. Jose Salerna and Det. Byron Serna.



SECTION TWO

Department Statistics and Enforcement





New Jersey State Park Police

2022



The New Jersey State Park Police patrol and protect the State's Parks, Forests, Recreation Areas, Historic Sites and Natural Land Trust Preserves.

We are a diverse group of men and women dedicated to safeguarding New Jersey's resources 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The New Jersey State Park Police are empowered with the same law enforcement authority as all New Jersey municipal, county and state police officers.

We respond to public safety emergencies as well as environmental emergencies. Through various methods of patrol, including but not limited to foot, bike, boat and motor, we provide courteous, professional, knowledgeable assistance and services to the public at all times. The State Park Police also provide mutual aid assistance to municipal, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

The New Jersey State Park Police's patrol area includes:

40 State Parks

11 State Forests

5 Recreation Areas

4 Reservoir Sites

50+ State Historic Sites and villages

2 Burial Grounds

6 Marinas

4 Golf Courses

100+ Natural Land Trust Preserves

16 Miscellaneous Areas

With a total coverage area of more than 482,000 acres including Natural Land Trust Preserves.

The New Jersey State Parks recorded **16,730,660** visitors in 2022.

The New Jersey State Park Police is involved in more than 175 special events hosting thousands of visitors statewide per year.



New Jersey State Park Police

2022 Coverage Areas



Below is a list of the State Parks and Historic Sites the New Jersey State Park Police Patrol under the State Parks, Forests and Historic Sites in the Northern Region of the State. This list does not include Natural Land Trust Preserves the Department also patrols.

Northern Parks

- Abram S. Hewitt State Forest (2,126 acres)
- Allamuchy Mountain State Park (10,843 acres)
- Fanny State Park (4,867 acres)
- High Point State Park (16,252 acres)
- Hopatcong State Park (632 acres)
- Jenny Jump State Forest (4,698 acres)
- Kittatinny Valley State Park (9,770 acres)
- Long Pond Ironworks State Park (5,347 acres)
- Norvin Green State Forest (5,622 acres)
- Ramapo Mountain State Forest (4,368 acres)
- Ringwood State Park (4,576 Acres)
- Stephens State Park (805 acres)
- Stokes State Forest (16,756 acres)
- Swartswood State Park (4,118 acres)
- Wawayanda State Park (35,974 acres)
- Worthington State Forest (7,047 acres)

Northern Historic Sites

- Grover Cleveland Birthplace
- The Hermitage
- High Point Monument
- Keens Mill
- Long Pond Ironworks
- Lusscroft Farm
- Ringwood Manor
- Skylands Manor
- Steuben House
- Van Nest-Hoff-Vannatta Farm
- Waterloo Village



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2022 Coverage Areas



Below is a list of the State Parks and Historic Sites the New Jersey State Park Police Patrol under the State Parks, Forests and Historic Sites in the Central Region of the State. This list does not include Natural Land Trust Preserves the Department also patrols.

Central Parks

- Allaire State Park (3,505 acres)
- Bulls Island Recreation Area (incl D&R)
- Cheesequake State Park (1,850 acres)
- D & R Canal State Park (7,318 acres)

- Hacklebarney State Park (1,186 acres)
- Monmouth Battlefield State Park (2,742 acres)
- Pigeon Swamp State Park (1,120 acres)
- Princeton Battlefield State Park (715 acres)
- Round Valley Recreation Area (6,034 acres)
- Six Mile Run Reservoir Site (3,026 acres)
- Spruce Run Recreation Area (3,342 acres)
- Voorhees State Park (1,342 acres)
- Washington Crossing State Park (4,131 acres)
- Washington Rock State Park (52 acres)

Central Historic Sites

- Allaire Village
- Boxwood Hall
- Clarke House
- Craig House
- Delaware and Raritan Canal
- Drumthwacket
- Edison Memorial Tower
- Johnson Ferry House
- The Marshall House
- Monmouth Battlefield
- Prallsville Mills
- Princeton Battle Monument
- Princeton Battlefield
- Proprietary House
- Rockingham
- Trenton Battle Monument
- Wallace House & Old Dutch Parsonage
- Washington Crossing



New Jersey State Park Police

2022 Coverage Areas



Below is a list of the State Parks and Historic Sites the New Jersey State Park Police Patrol under the State Parks, Forests and Historic Sites in the Southern and Coastal Regions of the State. This list does not include Natural Land Trust Preserves the Department also patrols.

Southern Parks

- Atsion Recreation Area (incl. Wharton)
- Bass River State Forest (29,678 acres)
- Belleplain State Forest (22,774 acres)
- Brendan T. Byrne State Forest (34,563)
- Double Trouble State Park (8,701 acres)
- Parvin State Park (2,296 acres)
- Penn State Forest (3,366 acres)
- Rancocas State Park (1,275 acres)
- Stow Creek State Park (1,100 acres)
- Tall Pines State Preserve (109 acres)
- Warren Grove Recreation Area (617 acres)
- Wharton State Forest (125,145 acres)

Coastal Parks

- Barnegat Lighthouse State Park (51 acres)
- Cape May Point State Park (275 acres)
- Corson's Inlet State Park (341 acres)
- Fort Mott State Park (126 acres)
- Island Beach State Park (3,006 acres)
- Liberty State Park (1,213 acres)
- North Brigantine Natural Area (685 acres)

Southern Historic Sites

- Atsion Mansion
- Batsto Village
- Carranza Memorial
- Double Trouble Village
- Dr. James Still Office & Education Center
- Hancock House
- Indian King Tavern
- James Lawrence House
- Monocacy Battle Monument
- Walt Whitman House
- Whitesbog Village

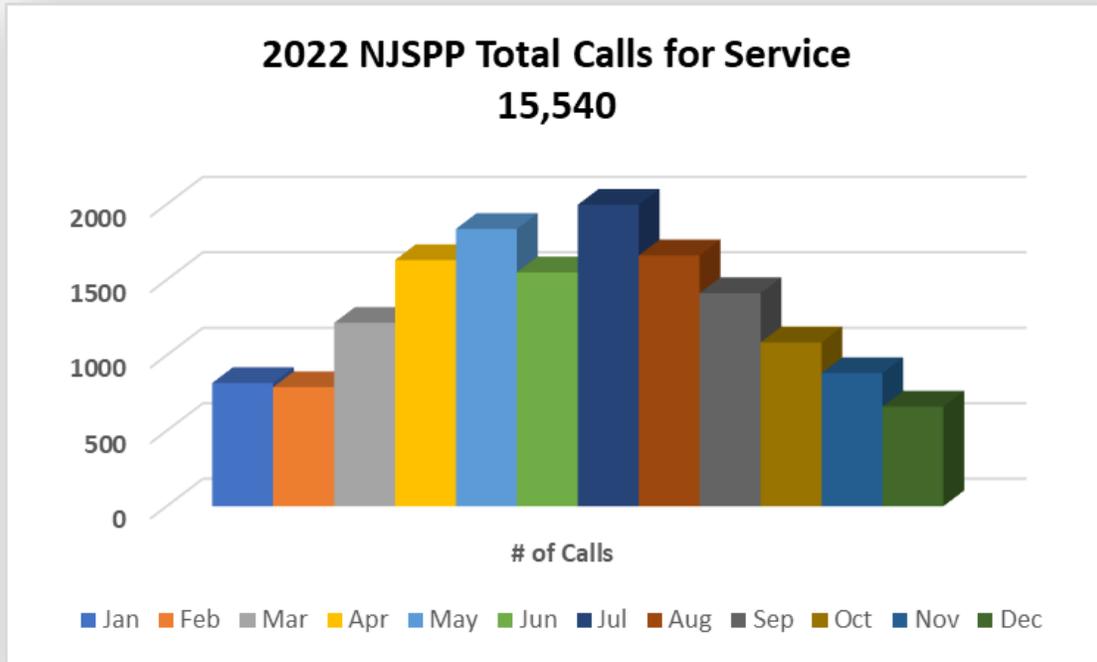
Coastal Historic Sites

- Absecon Lighthouse
- Barnegat Lighthouse
- Cape May Point Lighthouse
- Central Railroad of New Jersey Terminal
- Fort Mott
- Herford Inlet Lighthouse
- Somers Mansion
- Twin Lights



New Jersey State Park Police

2022 Statistics



	2021	2022	Change
Incidents	700	808	+15%
Arrests	88	78	-11%
Accidents	61	82	+34%
Citations	3230	3245	No

New Jersey State Park Police responded to 15,540 calls over the 2022 calendar year.

Call volume peaked in the Spring month of May and Summer month of July.

Heightened call season occurred from March through October 2022.



New Jersey State Park Police

2022 Crime Statistics



SRS Summary Report

Class of Offense	Offenses Reported	Un-founded	Actual Offenses	Total Offenses Cleared	Juvenile Offenses	Value
Rape	1	–	1		–	N/A
Robbery	2	–	2		–	\$1966
Assault	14	–	14	10	–	
Burglary	5	–	5	1	–	
Larceny	57	–	57	1	–	\$30,520
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	–	2		–	\$8,650
Total	81	–	81	12	–	

SRS Summary Report—Return of Arson Report

Property Class	Offenses Reported	Un-founded	Actual Offenses	Total Offenses Cleared	Juvenile Offenses	Value
Vehicles, Automobiles, Trucks, Buses	2	–	2	0	–	\$17,001
Other	2	–	2	0	–	\$0
Total	4	–	4	0	–	\$17,001



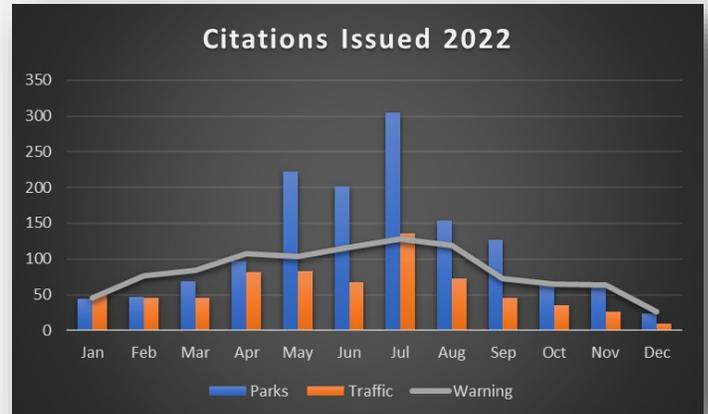
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2022 Statistics

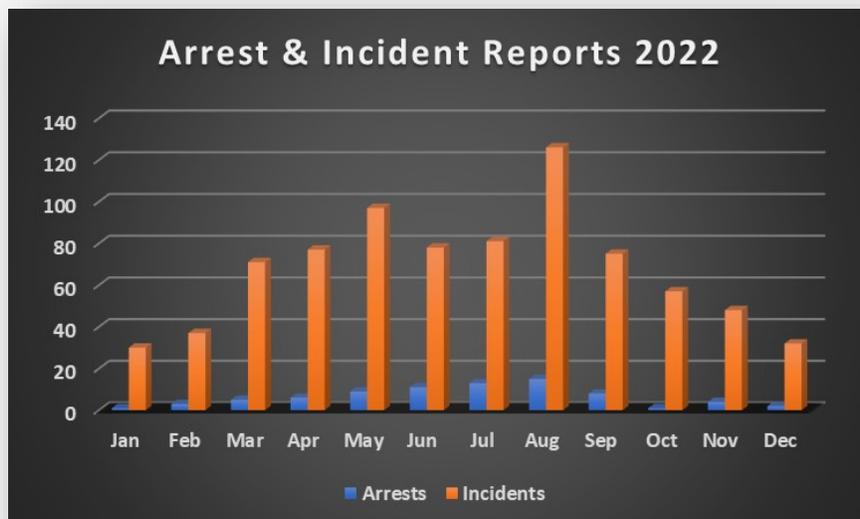
Citations Arrests and Reports



The New Jersey State Park Police patrol with statewide law enforcement authority enforcing criminal, motor vehicle, state park, environmental, conservation, animal cruelty and many other laws in NJ.



Officers perform public assistance and resource protection as a sworn law enforcement officer at state parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites, marinas, and botanical gardens, and other State Park Service lands and facilities. Officers act as liaisons with the public enforcing laws and regulations for the protection and management of the health and safety of people and natural and historical resources. They educate and inform the public, through a working knowledge of State forestry, wildlife, habitat and watershed management practices, regarding the rules, regulations, laws and management practices of State Park Service and to enhance environmental awareness and Stewardship. As well as providing security services for people, water, land, and structures under the guidelines of Homeland Security.





New Jersey State Park Police

2022 Statistics

Vehicle Break-Ins



2022 saw a continuation of vehicle burglaries and thefts occurring throughout the state. The NJSPD Detective Bureau is working closely with multiple agencies on similar cases occurring outside of the parks as well.

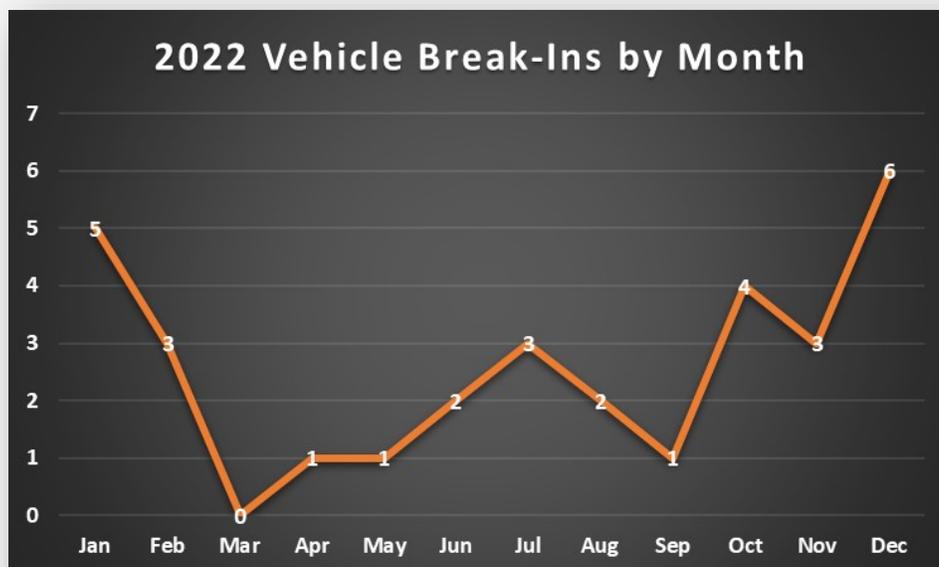
PARK SMART!
HELP US, HELP YOU!

- Do I have all my valuables?
- Did I double check my doors are locked?
- Did I make sure my windows are closed?
- Did I take my keys from the car?
- Did I remove any loose change or other money?

If You Love It, Don't Leave It!


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Special operations have also been utilized and a number of suspects have been identified.

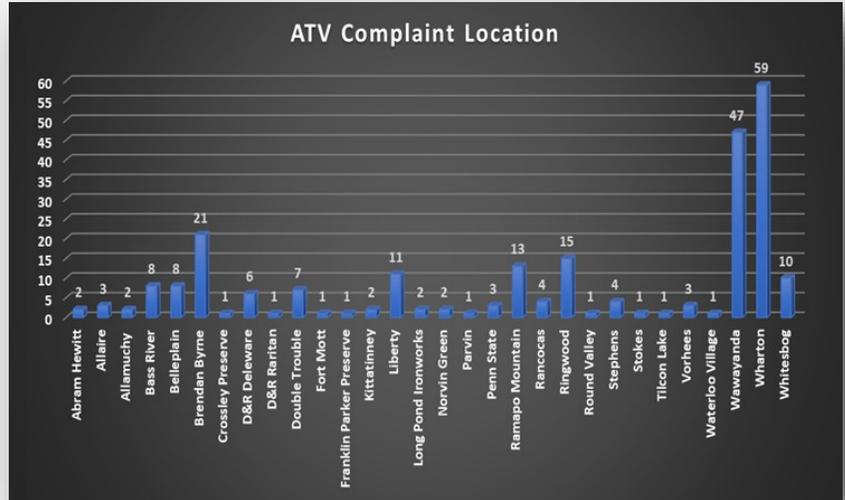
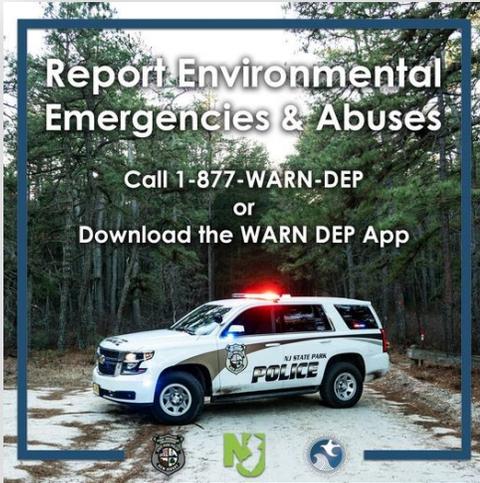




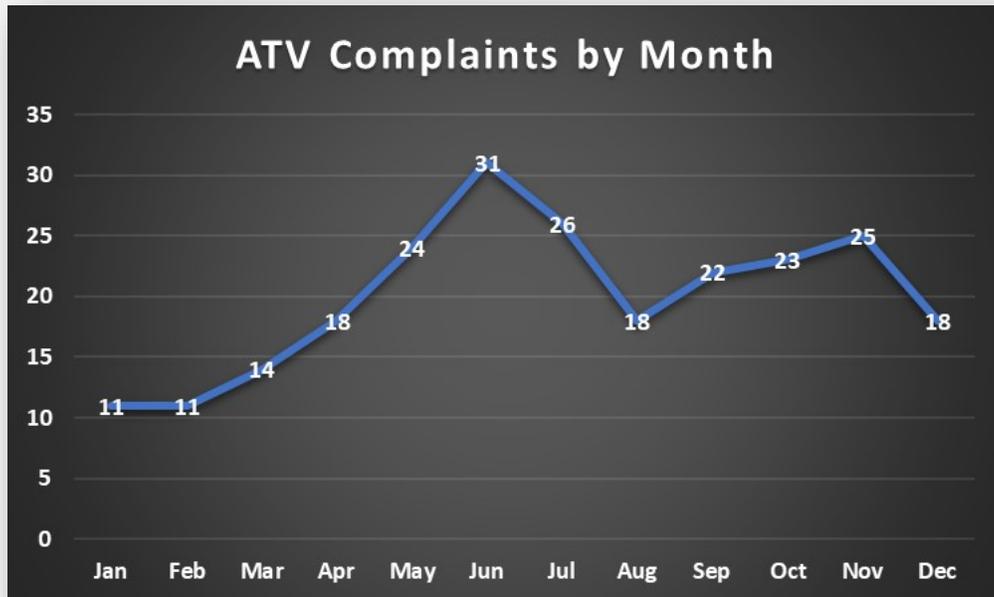
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2022 Statistics

ATV Complaints



Illegal ATV activity is an ongoing issue throughout the state. The trend is seeing the activity move from rural areas into more densely populated urban settings increasing the likelihood of accidents.





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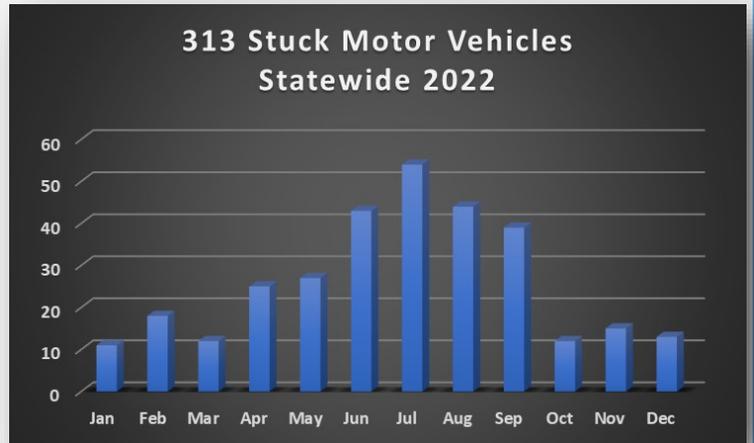
2022 Statistics

Know Before You Go



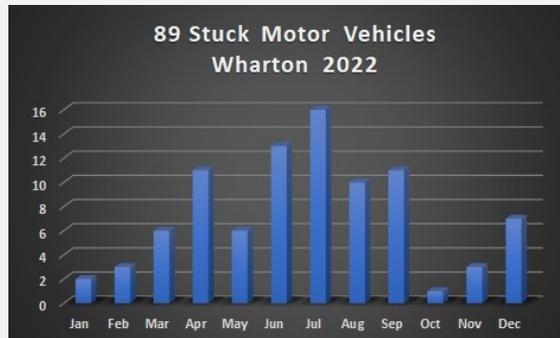
Not all "roads" should be travelled.

Despite abundant signage, vehicles improperly accessing unsafe or conditional areas is a common problem in State Parks. This fact leads to a high volume of stuck motor vehicles throughout the year in the state.



*Remember: 4-Wheel Drive doesn't mean you can make it.

Areas of State Parks have features that the general public can not gauge the hazards, depths, currents or dangers of properly, creating dangerous conditions and situations when improperly accessed.





New Jersey State Park Police

2022 Internal Affairs



The New Jersey State Park Police are committed to fostering strong Police-community relationships and public trust. State Park Police Personnel are held to the highest standard of professional conduct because of the power inherent in the exercise of law enforcement authority, including the power to detain, arrest and the power to use deadly force.

The Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB), under the supervision of a Professional Standards Lieutenant, is responsible for receiving, processing and assigning the investigation of any alleged misconduct or criminal conduct by any member of the Department. The IAB ensures all allegations are investigated thoroughly and objectively.

All members of the Department are directed to accept all complaints of officer misconduct from all persons, regardless of time of day or day of week and whether received in person, via telephone or in writing.

2022

Complaint determinations:

- **Exonerated**: the alleged incident did occur, but the actions of the officer were justified, legal and proper.
- **Sustained**: the investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to prove the allegation, and the actions of the officer 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.

Investigations

Demeanor	Adm Closed
Policy	Pending
Policy	Sustained
UOF	Exonerated
Demeanor	Unfounded
Policy	Sustained
DUI	Pending
Demeanor	Exonerated
Policy	Exonerated
Policy	Pending
Harassment	Unfounded



New Jersey State Park Police

Detective Bureau



For the majority of 2022 the NJSPD Detective Bureau operated with two new Detectives and one Detective Sergeant. Another, much needed Detective was added before the start of 2023.

During 2022 the NJSPD Detective Bureau (DB) handled and/or processed approximately 118 cases statewide. Of those cases 75 were closed. The Detective Bureau currently has 43 open cases.

The NJSPD DB is on call 24/7.

They support the NJ State Park Police with tasks and operations like disseminating Intelligence, Safety Bulletins, responding to HOT calls where extra manpower is needed, assisting with identification procedures, plain clothes details for large scale special events, assisting patrol with criminal complaints, conducting background investigations, plainclothes and proactive patrols, and numerous other responsibilities.

NJSPD Detective Bureau Establishes a TIP LINE

In December 2022, the NJSPD Detective Bureau setup the first NJSPD Tip Line in English and Spanish. The Tip Line is to assist with Important cases where many tips would come into the park. This assists our DEP Dispatchers slow down some of their call volume.

Detective Bureau Statistics at a glance:

Total Investigations	118
Closed Investigations	75
Open Investigations	43



New Jersey State Park Police

2022 Noteworthy Cases



March 2022

Burglary/Criminal Mischief Suspect Identified and Arrested through DNA

In March 2021 an unknown suspect broke into D&R Canal State Park's Carnegie House and stole \$1,600 in property and caused \$2,000 in damages, but left a cup on scene. DNA was recovered from the lip of the cup and in March 2022 the DNA results came back. A suspect was identified, interviewed, confessed, and was charged with the Burglary and Criminal Mischief.



NJSPP DB Investigates Sexual Assaults in D&R Canal State Park

NJSPP Detectives maintained surveillance cameras, handed out flyers, spoke with the Public and Park Staff regarding several Sexual Assaults that occurred in and around D&R Canal State Park over the past two years.

NJSPP DB participated in Task Force meetings regarding these cases and assisted with plain clothes details in and around D&R Canal State Park. Detectives maintained communication with the lead investigating Prosecutor's Offices (Middlesex and Somerset Prosecutor's Offices) and provided updates on leads.

A suspect was identified, arrested, and charged by the Middlesex and Somerset Prosecutor's Offices in August 2022.



New Jersey State Park Police

2022 Noteworthy Cases



April 2022

Brendan T. Byrne Spring Lake Fire Suspect: Charged

Detectives worked with NJ Forest Fire Investigators and followed up leads to the Spring Lake Fire. The Detective Bureau was able to identify, locate and interview possible suspects, all of which were homeless grifters.

Ultimately there was not enough evidence to charge suspects with setting the fire, but suspects were charged with other criminal and park related charges in lieu of Arson charges.



May 2022

Armed Robbery at Liberty State Park

Detectives responded to Liberty State Park for an armed robbery with a handgun where thousands of dollars in jewelry was robbed from the victim.

The robbery occurred on a walking path near the Nature Interpretative Center and video surveillance footage was recovered.

Detectives are working with the Jersey City PD and Hudson County Prosecutor's Office in the ongoing investigation.



New Jersey State Park Police

2022 Noteworthy Cases



Sexual Assault Parolee Search Along the Batona Trail

Detectives teamed with the US Marshalls and NJ Parole to conduct extensive searches of the Batona Trail. An isolated campsite was located where belongings were collected forcing the suspect into the open, resulting in his capture.

June 2022

Missing Person Located in Wharton State Forest: Deceased

Detectives teamed with NJSP Missing Persons Unit, Camden County Search and Rescue, Waterford, and Cherry Hill PD to locate a missing person last seen in Wharton State Forest.

Detectives utilized ATV's and off-road equipment, conducted grid searches, foot searches, and bike searches resulting in the missing person's remains being recovered.

DB Responds to Brendan T. Byrne for Male Threatening to Harm NJSP and NJSP Officers: Ends Peacefully

Our Detective Sergeant responded to Brendan Byrne for a male with a warrant, threatening to harm NJSP Officers and NJSP Troopers.

The Sergeant was able to speak with the subject, deescalate the situation and safely place the suspect in custody and transport him to jail.

The suspect was later charged with Animal Cruelty along with other charges.



New Jersey State Park Police

2022 Noteworthy Cases



July 2022

NJSPP Detective Bureau Assisted with Targeted Patrol of D&R Canal-Frenchtown-Commended by Mayor and Hunterdon County Prosecutor

NJSPP Detectives assisted NJSPP Patrol with targeted patrol of Frenchtown area of D&R Canal State Park due to threats of violence and disorder.

The Detective Bureau and NJSPP patrol were commended by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor and the Mayor of Frenchtown for their efforts.



August 2022

Overdosed Suicidal Subject located along Mullica River Road in Wharton State Forest: Saved

NJSPP Patrol units along with our Detective Sergeant and Operations Lieutenant were able to locate a missing, suicidal, and endangered female who overdosed on CDS.

With quick coordination they were able to safely evacuate her from the woods and transport her to the hospital, which subsequently saved her life.

September 2022

Liberty Science Center Bomb Threat Suspect Identified by NJSPP DB

The Detective Bureau, working with the ATF and US Attorney's Office was able to identify the individual making threats against the Liberty Science Center through computer information linked to the threats.

An NJSPP Detective interviewed the suspect and charges are pending.



New Jersey State Park Police

2022 Noteworthy Cases



October 2022

NJSPP Detective Locates Deceased Individual on NJ Fish and Wildlife Property

While enroute to training an NJSPP Detective stopped to assist, what he thought was a disabled vehicle. He discovered the male driver deceased. The detective assisted with securing the scene and turning the scene over to NJSP and NJ F&W.

Suspect Destroys Liberty State Park Bathroom, Identified by DB

An NJSPP Detective investigated a male suspect who damaged a Liberty State Park bathroom and water fountain. The detective, utilizing video footage, was able to positively identify the suspect. The suspect was interviewed and charges are pending.

Male Suicide Victim Found Semi-Unconscious at Stephens State Park

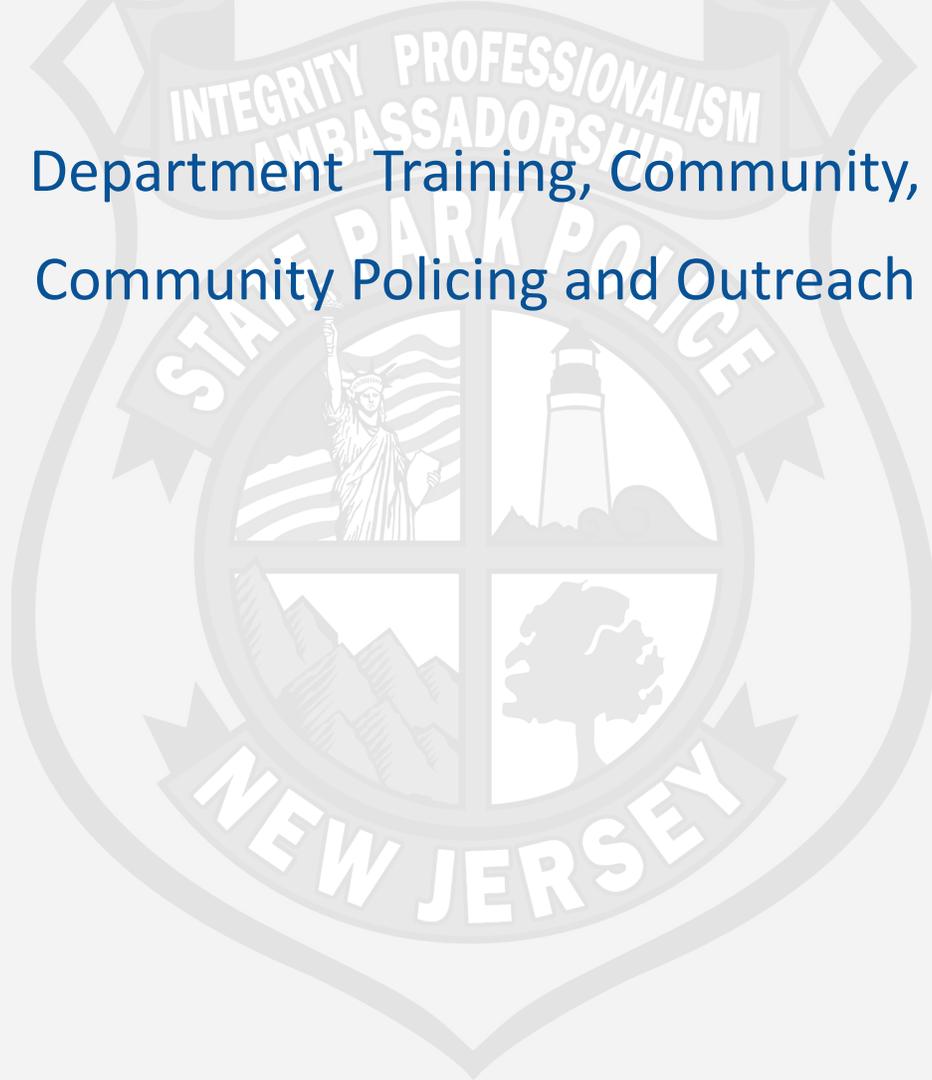
NJSPP Patrol responded to Stephens State Park for a male having an unknown medical emergency . NJSPP Detectives responded to the scene and determined the victim utilized a nail gun in order to attempt suicide. The victim passed away a few days later.

After an extensive investigation spanning Northern NJ it was determined the victim committed suicide. The nail gun was tested for ballistics by NJSPP Detectives and this case has been ruled a suicide by the Medical Examiners office with the extensive help of the NJSPP Detective Bureau.

Recent and On-going cases are currently under investigation.

SECTION THREE

Department Training, Community,
Community Policing and Outreach





New Jersey State Park Police

2022 Training



Ice Rescue Training

Personnel participated in joint ice rescue training on Lake Hopatcong in January 2022. They learned the use of ice rescue equipment and tools through hands on scenarios. The state parks have numerous bodies of water these skills may need to be utilized on.

These exact skills became necessary the same month when two separate incidents involving deer occurred in Round Valley and Hopatcong.

NJ State Police

Basic Marine Law Enforcement Course



1 NJSPP Lieutenant and 7 NJSPP Officers completed the State Police's Basic Marine Law Enforcement Course and are prepared to patrol our lakes, reservoirs and waterways.





New Jersey State Park Police Community



Christmas Tree

Recycling Program

NJSPP Officers assisted volunteers at Island Beach State Park in the 2nd Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program in January 2022. The recycled Christmas Trees help trap loose sand and rebuild sand dunes damaged from seasonal storms and erosion.

Washington's Crossing Reenactment

NJSPP Officers assisted with the yearly Washington's Crossing reenactment.





New Jersey State Park Police 2022 Community Policing



Rowan Law Enforcement Career Day

NJSPP Officers attended the Law Enforcement Career Day at Rowan College at Burlington County.



Voorhees HS

Career Day

NJSPP attended Career Day at Voorhees High School.

Sussex County Superior Court Bring Your Kid To Work Day



NJSPP personnel gave a presentation to over 50 kids at the Sussex Superior Court Bring Your Kids to Work Event.



New Jersey State Park Police 2022 Community Policing



Earth Day / DEP 50+2



The NJSPP K9 unit spoke with patrons and gave demonstrations during the DEP 50+2 event held on Earth Day 2022 in Liberty State Park.



Police Unity Tour

Liberty State Park was used as the kickoff staging site for part of the tour this year. 2022 marked the 20th anniversary of the first post-9/11 Unity Tour ride.



New Jersey State Park Police 2022 Community Policing



Boy Scouts of America Camporee



On June 4th 2022, NJSPP attended the Boy Scouts of America Camporee held at the National Guard Training Center / New Jersey State Police Academy in Sea Girt.



National Night Out

NJSPP participated in 2022 National Night Out events in Little Egg Harbor and Lumberton.

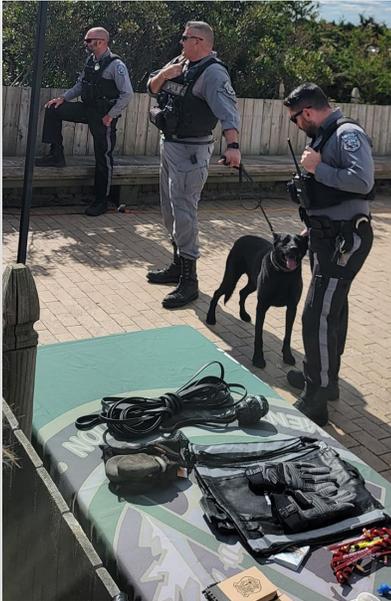
National Dog Day





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Barktoberfest

NJSPP K9 and Patrol units attended Island Beach State Park's Barktoberfest. K9 performed demonstrations at the event which also saw a pet costume parade, photo booths, treats and rescue groups.



Country Living Fair

New Jersey State Park Police set up a table and showed up en masse to the 2022 Country Living Fair.





New Jersey State Park Police 2022 Community Policing



Trunk or Treat 2022

The 4th annual Trunk or Treat event was held at the Atsion recreation Area. The event was attended by NJSPD patrol and K9 units.





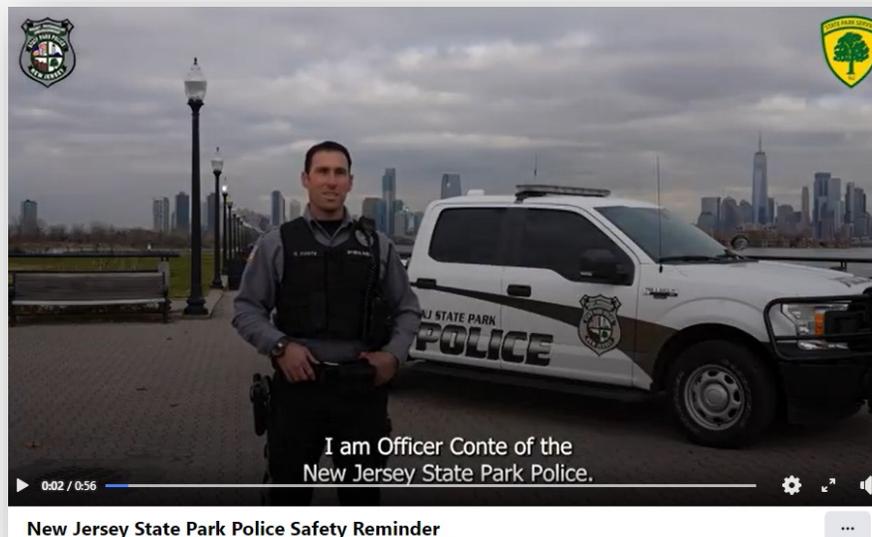
New Jersey State Park Police 2022 Community Outreach



New Messaging for 2022

In 2022, the NJ State Park Police began using video messaging to better interact with the public. On Veteran's Day Chief Fedorczyk, a veteran, thanked former, current and future veterans for their service.

Ofc. Conte, in another video, offers advice on keeping your belongs safe while visiting the parks.





New Jersey State Park Police Social Media



New Jersey State Park Police Official State Website:

<https://www.nj.gov/dep/njstateparkpolice/index.htm>



New Jersey State Park Police Facebook:

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