

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

CHIEF JOSEPH W. FUSSNER

Mission Statement

The members of the Ventnor City Police Department are committed to safeguarding the community through enforcement of the law and faithful service to the public without regard to race, religion, ethnicity, gender, social status, or political affiliation.

We promise to respect, honor, and defend the rights and liberties of the people as enumerated in the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of New Jersey. We will pursue and bring to justice any person or group of people who would bring harm to a member of the community, visitor to the city, or member of this department.

We recognize that our authority is derived from the people we serve and will endeavor to maintain the confidence of the public by discharging our duties in a lawful, professional, and compassionate manner. We cherish public trust and will, through due process, remove from our ranks any member who would breach that trust by means of unlawful, immoral, or other improper conduct.

We will work cooperatively with other public agencies, schools, businesses, civic associations, and community organizations to foster and maintain the highest quality of life, promote commerce, and encourage good citizenship in Ventnor City.

Finally, we welcome community input and participation in pursuit of our everlasting mission to maintain peace and uphold justice in the City of Ventnor City, New Jersey.

Core Values

The core values which guide each officer of the Ventnor City Police Department in the performance of their duties are Respect, Honor, Trust, Compassion, and Cooperation in the performance of their duties.



FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF

I am pleased to submit the Ventnor City Police Department's Annual Report for 2024. This report highlights the overall operation of the Ventnor City Police Department. It emphasizes the efforts and dedication of the highly trained members of the department to improve the quality of life for the residents and many visitors to the City of Ventnor. The annual report contains statistical data

related to crime, arrests, traffic enforcement, traffic calming efforts, as well as information related to the members of the agency.

The Ventnor City Police Department is a state accredited agency through the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. In 2024, the department was once again evaluated by the New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police Accreditation Evaluation program. I am pleased to announce the department received its fifth reaccreditation. I am very proud of our consistent adherence to the best practices in our profession. The Ventnor City Police Department continues to stress integrity, respect and fairness for all the people we encounter.

In 2024, the department continued to evolve as officers retired or separated from the agency. Recruiting quality candidates to meet the needs of the agency and community continues to be a challenge. The department remains committed to hiring the best candidates to maintain sufficient staffing levels. It is important to sustain adequate staffing levels as it can have an impact on the well-being of the rank and file, and the level of service we provide to the community.

The Ventnor City Police Department remains a community-driven agency. We pride ourselves on the relationships we built with the residents, business owners and community stakeholders. Strengthening those relationships builds trust and respect from those that we protect and serve and has proven to be an effective approach to policing.

I am grateful to Mayor Tim Kriebel and the City Commissioners for their continued support in increasing our staffing levels, replacing vacancies of ranking personnel and providing me with the funding needed to continue to provide my officers with the equipment needed to perform their job safely, effectively and efficiently.

I would like to thank the men and women of the Ventnor City Police Department personally. I am grateful to each of you for your contributions to our Police Department and the City of Ventnor. It is with great pleasure that I submit this report for 2024.

Joseph W. Fussner Chief of Police

Operations

Captain Wootton is the operations commander and oversees all functions and components of patrol. The patrol division encompasses 4 Lieutenants, 4 Sergeants, and 21 patrol officers whose primary responsibility is to patrol the streets and respond to calls for service. In 2024, our patrol officers handled a total of 18,679 incidents, where 6,543 were calls for service from the residents and visitors of Ventnor.

Lieutenant Louis Kabo manages and oversees the police department's information technology and network infrastructure. Lt. Kabo is also the department's fleet manager, and ensures all departmental vehicles are properly maintained.

Lieutenant David Gaeckle oversees the Office of Professional Standards and investigates all internal affairs matters. He is also the agency's accreditation manager and training coordinator. He ensures all officers of the agency receive and complete all mandated training.

Lieutenant Peter Munizza is the Commander of the Detective Bureau and is responsible for supervising the detectives assigned to the bureau who conduct investigations into criminal offenses, background investigations, property, and evidence control. Lt Munizza is also tasked with conducting background investigations into those residents who apply for firearms permits. He is also responsible for all licensing checks for alcoholic beverage related matters within the city.



Accreditation

In March of 2024, the Ventnor City Police Department received re-accreditation through the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) accreditation program. Becoming an



accredited agency is voluntary and shows an agency's commitment to policing with the best practices set forth through numerous policies, procedures and standards. In addition, agencies are required to prove they're following the standards during an examination by the NJSACOP. Over the years, these standards have been proven to reduce liability, increase proficiency, provide transparency and create a stronger bond with the community. It is well known that for decades, the members of the Ventnor City Police Department have

strived towards excellence in policing along with generating meaningful relationships with the citizens and business owners of Ventnor City. Becoming an accredited agency demonstrates the Ventnor City Police Department's continued commitment to the community and State of New Jersey.

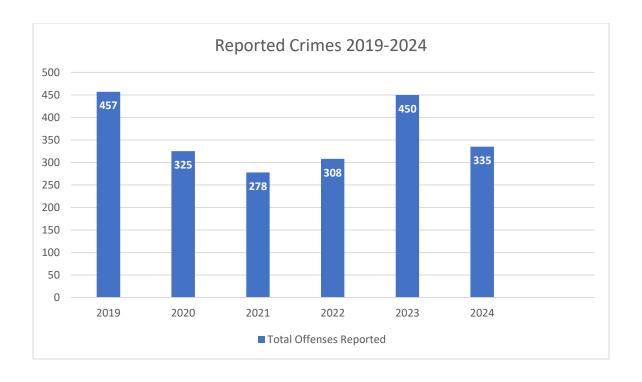


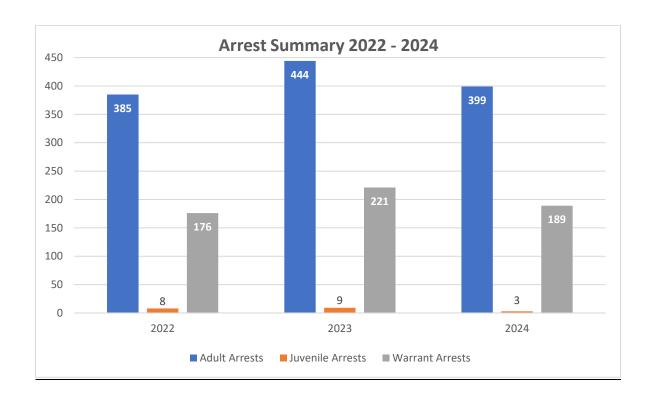
Criminal Offenses

The year 2024 saw a significant decrease (25.5%) in the number of reported offenses compared to 2023. The largest decrease was in Larceny (Theft) related incidents, where a 26.4% decrease was noted between 2024 and 2023. The overall clearance rate went down slightly from 54.9 % in 2023 to 51.34% in 2024, however, that clearance rate far exceeds national averages. The total number of arrests went down, from 444 in 2023 to 399 in 2024, which can be related to the significant decrease in the number of reported offenses in 2024 (335) compared to 2023 (450).

Reported Offenses & Clearances		
2024		
Type of Offense	Reported	Cleared
Murder	0	0
Rape	1	1
Robbery	1	1
Aggravated Assault	8	8
Burglary	20	8
Larceny	184	74
Motor Vehicle Theft	9	2
Arson	0	0
Simple Assault	33	26
All Other Offenses	79	52
TOTAL	335	172
	Clearance Rate = 51.34 %	
2023		
Type of Offense	Reported	Cleared
Murder	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	2	1
Aggravated Assault	9	7
Burglary	26	8
Larceny	250	104
Motor Vehicle Theft	10	0
Arson	0	0
Simple Assault	44	41
All Other Group A	109	86
TOTAL	450	247
	Clearance Rate = 54.9 %	

Crime Fighting





Traffic Calming: EVOLIS Radar Sign Speed Statistics

Speed breakdown of vehicles traveling through Ventnor at each intersecting radar. All data was compiled through the EVOLIS Radar system and remotely transmitted through a wireless connection to the manufacturer's speed data system. What has been revealed is a sharp reduction in speed as motorists become visually aware of their speeds and immediately self-correct by reducing their vehicle's speeds.

Atlantic Avenue @ Nashville Avenue (Westbound)

<=25 mph:	26 – 30 mph:	31-35 mph:
561,591 (66.24%)	164,642 (19.4%)	101,243 (14%)
36-40 mph:	41-45 mph:	46-65 mph:
17,773 (2.1%)	2,229 (less than 1%)	383 (less than 1%)

Atlantic Avenue @ Pittsburgh Avenue (Eastbound)

<=25 mph:	26 – 30 mph:	31-35 mph:
564,246 (69.4%)	152,863 (18.8%)	87,798 (10%)
36-40 mph:	41-45 mph:	46-65 mph:
12,187 (1.5%)	1,528 (less than 1%)	350 (less than 1%)

Monmouth Avenue (@ New Haven Avenue)

<=25 mph:	26 – 30 mph:	31-35 mph:	
497,093 (90.7%)	41,312 (7.5%)	8,535 (1.5%)	
36-40 mph:	41-45 mph:	46-65 mph:	
785 (less than 1%)	121 (less than 1%)	94 (less than 1%)	

Winchester Avenue (@ Buffalo Avenue)

<=25 mph:	26 – 30 mph:	31-35 mph:
454,741 (92.4%)	30,589 (6.2%)	5,804 (1%)
36-40 mph:	41-45 mph:	46-65 mph:
427 (less than 1%)	75 (less than 1%)	42 (less than 1%)

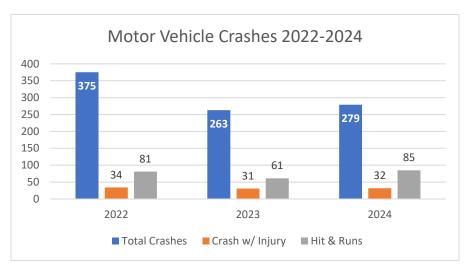
Dorset Avenue (500 Blk Northbound)

<=25 mph:	26 – 30 mph:	31-35 mph:
991,553 (59.4%)	461,297 (27.6%)	195,477 (11.7%)
36-40 mph:	41-45 mph:	46-65 mph:
17,833 (1%)	1,940 (less than 1%)	621 (less than 1%)

Ventnor Avenue (@ Surrey Avenue Eastbound)

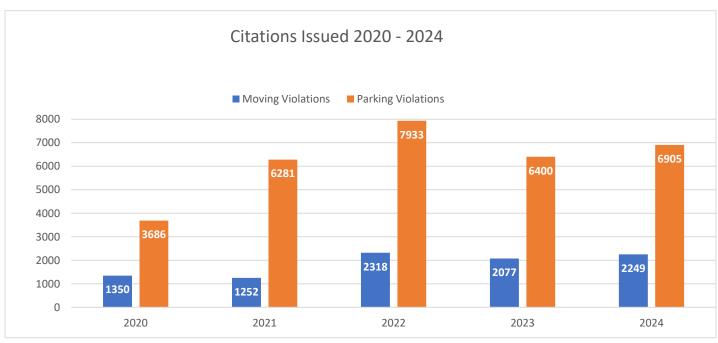
<=25 mph:	26 – 30 mph:	31-35 mph:
686,665 (81.5%)	114,109 (13.5%)	37,009 (4.4%)
36-40 mph:	41-45 mph:	46-65 mph:
3,878 (less than 1%)	510 (less than 1%)	178 (less than 1%)

Traffic/Parking Enforcement



In 2024, Motor vehicle crashes saw a slight increase of 6 % in the number of reported crashes compared to 2023. No one factor can be viewed as the cause of this small increase. Motor vehicle stops conducted by officers increased 19.5% in 2024, compared to 2023. 2,249 moving violation citations were issued in 2024, compared to 2,077 in 2023, which equates to a 7 % increase. The emphasis on parking violations remains a priority within our agency, as the department issued 6,905 parking violation citations in 2024.



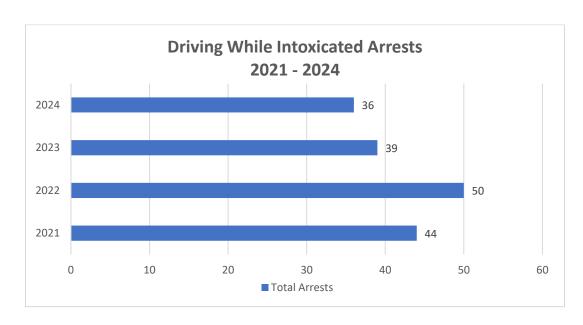


DWI Checkpoint

In July, the Ventnor Police Department hosted a DWI Checkpoint in conjunction with the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office utilizing grant funding generated from DWI convictions. The DWI Checkpoint was conducted to raise awareness of the dangers of drunk driving to the motoring public. Officers interacted with over 800 drivers and provided them with valuable information about drunk driving. One arrest for driving while intoxicated was made during the six-hour-long checkpoint.

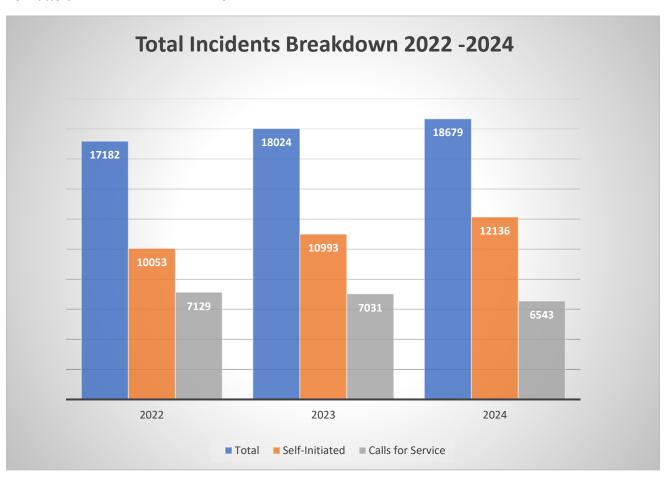






2024 Call Type Breakdown Summary Report

Ambulance/Fire Dept. Assist	1596	Missing Persons	11
Assist Public	184	Neighbor Disputes	65
Burglar Alarms	590	Noise Complaints	223
Civil Matters	22	Ordinance Violations	168
Community Policing	318	Property Checks/Open Doors	2189
Disturbances/Unwanted Guests	232	Parking Problems	627
Domestic Violence	254	Park/Walks	1187
Drug Overdoses	21	Suspicious Activity	575
Fraud Investigations	57	Theft/Stolen Bike/Shoplifting	237
Harassment	96	Trespassing	59
Health/Welfare Checks	401	Vandalism/Mischief	57
Juvenile Matters	107		



Community Partnerships

Community Policing remains an active and integral component of the Ventnor City Police Department's mission. We continue to emphasize the importance of maintaining strong relationships with our community partners. Throughout the year, our officers are present at numerous community events within our city as well as throughout Atlantic County.



VECC Career Day



Read Across America



Dr. Seuss Day



Shop with Hero



Alex Mann Day



Special Olympics Torch Run

2024 Use of Force Report

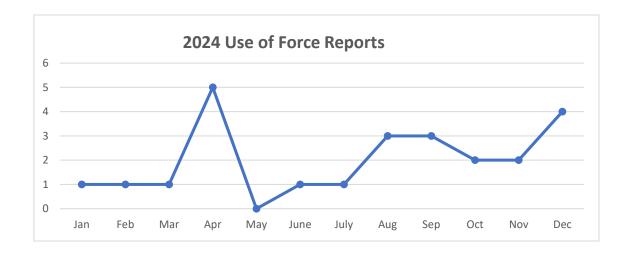
Use of Force Overview

Officers using Force: 23

% Sworn Officers Using Force: 62 %

# Use of Force Incidents:	24
# Use of Force Reports:	57
Average reports per Incident:	2.3
# Unique Subjects of Force:	24
Average Subjects per Report:	1.00

Use of Force Incidents per Month			
Jan	1	July	1
Feb	1	Aug	3
Mar	1	Sept	3
Apr	5	Oct	2
May	0	Nov	2
June	1	Dec	4



Officers Using Force

Total Officers Using Force: 23

Officer Race	
White	70 %
Hispanic	22 %
Black	0.0%
Asian	8 %
American Indian	0.0%
Not Provided	N/A

Officer Gender	
Male	96 %
Female	4 %
Gender Non-Conforming/X	0.0%
Not Provided	N/A

	Officers in Uniform when Using Force							
	# Reports	% Reports						
Yes	55	96 %						
No	2	4 %						

Officer Assignment During Use of Force							
# Reports % Reports							
Patrol	55	96 %					
Extra Duty	0	0.0%					
Off-Duty	0	0.0%					
Specialized Unit	2	4 %					

Subject Information

Total Unique Subjects: 24

Subjects Rac	<u>:e</u>
White	54 %
Hispanic	8 %
Black	25 %
Asian	13 %
Not provided	N/A

Subjects Gender								
Male	84 %							
Female	16 %							
Non-conforming	0.00%							
Not Provided	N/A							

Subjects Arrested						
Yes	18					
No	06					

Reasons for No Arrest	
Medical/Mental Health Incident	03
Already in Custody	01
Other	02

	Subjects Age							
Under 17	00	40-49	03					
18-29	06	50-59	05					
30-39	08	60+	02					

<u>Perceived Conditions</u>						
No Unusual Condition Noted	09					
Under the Influence Alcohol/Drugs	10					
Potential Mental Health Incident	06					
Not Provided	N/A					

POLICE DEPARTMENT REVENUE TOTALS 2024:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Firearms Permits	\$8,225.00
Refundable Deposits	\$2,850.00
Special Event Revenue	\$3,980.00
Discovery & Copies	\$1,465.99
Fingerprinting	\$120.00
4-wheel drive permits	\$3,400.00
Misc.	\$194.75
Sub-total	\$20,235.74
Park Mobile/Meters/Kiosks	\$126,896.97
TOTAL REVENUE	\$147,132.71

2022 - 2024 VENTNOR POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERNAL AFFAIRS DISPOSITIONS

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	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Excessive Force	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Improper Arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Criminal Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Differential Treatment	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
Demeanor	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	4
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Other Rule Infraction	1	8	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	11	1
TOTAL	1	8	2	6	4	0	0	2	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	7	15	6

<u>Sustained:</u> The investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to prove the allegation against the officer by preponderance of the evidence.

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

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

<u>Unfounded:</u> The alleged incident did not occur.

<u>Administratively Closed:</u> Examples include situations where a complainant withdraws their complaint, or the subject officer terminates his or her employment prior to the conclusion of the internal affairs investigation.



Ventnor City Police Training Summary 2024 Courses

As a New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) accredited law enforcement agency, there are certain inservice training courses that are mandated for our officers. The Ventnor City Police Department not only adheres to the recommended schedule but mandates additional training above what is the minimum standard.

Training Topic Delivered **Dealing with Emotionally Disturbed Persons Every two years Bias Based Policing Every three years Bi-Annual Use of Force Training Detention Facility Management** Annual **Domestic Violence** Annual **Prison Rape Elimination Act Annual Firearms Qualifications** Quarterly **Vehicle Pursuit Bi-Annual Right to Know Every two years Resiliency Training Every three years Bloodborne Pathogens** Annual **Legal Updates Annual Implicit Bias** Once **Defensive Tactics / Baton Training** Annual Annual **Hazardous Materials Awareness** Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Training **Bi-Annual Ethics Every two years CJIS Compliance Every two years Basic Crime Scene Management** Once **Workplace Harassment Prevention Every three years**

Cybersecurity

Throughout the year numerous officers have also attended other training courses relevant to their specific job title and/or current duties & responsibilities.

Once

Departmental Roster

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Chief	Joseph Fussner	Administration
Captain	Joseph Wootton	Administration
Lieutenant	Louis Kabo	Administration
Lieutenant	David Gaeckle	Administration
Lieutenant	Patrick Hiltner	Patrol Shift Commander
Lieutenant	Bryan Gaviria	Patrol Shift Commander
Lieutenant	William Borrelli	Patrol Shift Commander
Det. Lieutenant	Peter Munizza	Detective Bureau Commander
Lieutenant	Mark Suprun	Patrol Shift Commander
Sergeant	Hommy Quinones	Patrol Supervisor
Sergeant	Marc Franco Jr.	Patrol Supervisor
Det. Sergeant	Kevin Brady	Detective Bureau Supervisor
Sergeant	James Franco	Patrol Supervisor
Sergeant	Lindsay O'Connell	Patrol Supervisor
Interim Sergeant	Jose Liriano	Patrol Supervisor
Officer	Michael Newell	Patrol
Officer	Gabriel Henao	Patrol
Officer	Raymond Aiuto	Patrol
Officer	Ryan Szaniszlo	Patrol
Detective	Stephanie Lamaine	Detective Bureau
Detective	Damian Guanchez	Detective Bureau
Officer	Christopher Luisi	Patrol
Officer	Blake Ballin	Patrol
Officer	Chelsea Burns	Patrol
Officer	Jimmy Le	Patrol
Officer	Anthony Vitanza	Patrol
Officer	Matthew Gorham	Patrol
Officer	Raymond Snyder	Patrol
Officer	Kevin Miranda	Patrol
Officer	Ryan Rifkin	Patrol
Officer	Juan Feliz	Patrol
Officer	Stephen Gaffney	Patrol
Officer	Morgan Connon	Patrol
Officer	Michael Whalen	Patrol
Officer	Ryan Bonanni	Patrol
Police Recruit	Patrick Quinn	Patrol
Police Recruit	Anthony Rivera	Patrol
Dispatcher	Jerry Schaffer Jr.	Communications Supervisor
Dispatcher	Gregory Steinmann	Communications
Dispatcher	Cindy Rossi	Communications
Dispatcher	Jerry Schaffer Sr.	Communications
Dispatcher	Christine Eichwald	Communications
Dispatcher	Cameron Sweeney	Communications
Dispatcher	Joseph Bongiovanni	Communications
Dispatcher	Sean Kenney	
•	•	Communications
Parking Officer	Leonard Tabak	Parking Enforcement
Parking Officer	James Johnson	Parking Enforcement
Records Clerk	Lynn Orsatti	Records Department
Admin. Assist.	Donna Peterson	Administration/OEM / Special Events
Class I Officer	Isabella Zanghi	Boardwalk

2024 Full-Time Personnel Changes

March 11th Class III Officer John Bazemore Resigned

March 25th Officer James Arentz, Jr. Transferred to Patrol

March 25th Officer Damian Guanchez Transferred to Detective Bureau

May 12th Sergeant Mark Suprun Designated Interim Lieutenant

May 12th Officer Lindsay O'Connell Designated Interim Sergeant

June 7th Officer Matthew Gorham Returned from Suspension

August 19th Officer Domenic Cappella, III New Hire

August 19th Officer Anthony Rivera New Hire

August 19th Officer Patrick Quinn New Hire

September 1st Lieutenant Francisco O'Neill Retired

September 1st Officer James Arentz, Jr. Retired

September 1st Sergeant Mark Suprun Promoted to Lieutenant

September 1st Officer Lindsay O'Connell Promoted to Sergeant

September 1st Pastor Lou Strugala Named Police Chaplain

September 3rd Officer Domenic Cappella, III Resigned

September 13th Parking Violations Officer Mario Lima New Hire

November 6th Officer Joseph Andy Dao Resigned

November 18th Officer Jose Liriano Designated Interim Sergeant

December 8th Parking Violations Officer Mario Lima Resigned







2024 OFFICER TOTALS (ARRESTS / SUMMONSES)

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Moving</u>	<u>Parking</u>	Ordinances	Adult Arrests	Juv. Arrests
Ofc. Ballin	195	27	5	35	0
Ofc. Feliz	312	12	4	29	0
Ofc. Liriano	44	6	1	25	0
Ofc. Aiuto	35	4	8	25	0
Ofc. Szaniszlo	207	30	1	26	0
Ofc. Gaffney	182	10	1	25	1
Ofc. Burns	188	17	6	23	0
Ofc. Luisi	239	22	4	23	0
Ofc. Snyder	67	35	6	18	0
Ofc. Whalen	98	34	5	18	0
Ofc. Gorham	74	22	3	17	0
Ofc. Miranda	47	12	5	19	0
Ofc. Bonanni	161	37	6	15	0
Ofc. Connon	64	13	2	15	0
Ofc. Henao	46	9	1	15	0
Ofc. Vitanza	30	36	6	15	0
Ofc. Dao	77	16	1	14	0
Ofc. Newell	20	5	0	10	0
Ofc. Rifkin	15	0	1	7	0
Sgt. M. Franco	20	0	0	6	0
Sgt. O'Connell	22	6	4	6	0
Ofc. Le	21	6	2	5	0
Sgt. J. Franco	26	1	1	3	0
Lt. Suprun	8	1	0	2	0
Det Sgt. Brady	0	0	0	1	2
Det. Guanchez	4	0	0	1	0
Sgt. Quinones	17	14	0	0	0
Lt. Gaviria	25	0	0	1	0
Lt. Borrelli	5	0	0	0	0
Lt. Hiltner	0	0	0	0	0
PVO Johnson	0	2335	0	0	0
PVO Tabak	0	2626	0	0	0
PVO Lima	0	902	0	0	0
SLEO I Zanghi	0	431	1	0	0

EMPLOYEES ABSENT DUE TO ILLNESS 2024 (amounts are in HOURS)

Chief Fussner	53.50	Ofc. Szaniszlo	164	Disp. Schaffer Jr.	48
Capt. Wootton	100	Det. Lamaine	10	Disp. Steinmann	152
Lt. Kabo	123.50	Det. Guanchez	159	Disp. Rossi	328
Lt. Gaeckle	83.50	Ofc. Luisi	208	Disp. Schaffer Sr.	168
Lt. Hiltner	173.50	Ofc. Ballin	107.50	Disp. Eichwald	16
Lt. Gaviria	52	Ofc. Burns	233.25	Disp. Sweeney	256
Lt. Borrelli	81.50	Ofc. Le	115	Disp. Bongiovanni	33.50
Lt. Munizza	90	Ofc. Gorham	208	Disp. Kenney	64
Lt. Suprun	84.50	Ofc. Vitanza	127.75	Clerk Orsatti	0
Sgt. Quinones	24	Ofc. Snyder	124	Asst. Peterson	205.50
Sgt. M. Franco Jr.	108.50	Ofc. Miranda	132	PVO Tabak	102.50
Sgt. J. Franco	43	Ofc. Rifkin	116.50	PVO Johnson	119.50
Sgt. Brady	75.50	Ofc. Feliz	0	SLEO I Zanghi	53
Sgt. O'Connell	67.5	Ofc. Gaffney	24		
Ofc. Newell	126	Ofc. Connon	85.50		
Ofc. Henao	132	Ofc. Whalen	138.50		
Ofc. Aiuto	89	Ofc. Bonanni	48		
Ofc. Liriano	115				

Police Department Fleet

2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Base (T1)

2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Base (5)

2023 Ford Police Interceptor (9)

2021 Ford Interceptor (22)

2021 Ford F-150 XLT Super Crew (24)

2021 Ford Explorer Interceptor (12)

2021 Ford Explorer Interceptor (23)

2021 Ford EcoSport (S1)

2021 Ford EcoSport (S2)

2021 Chevrolet Tahoe (17)

2020 Ford Utility Police Interceptor Base (3)

2020 Ford F-150 Super Crew (20)

2019 Ford Utility Police Interceptor Base (T2)

2019 Chevrolet Tahoe (15)

2019 Chevrolet Impala LS (D3)

2017 Ford Utility Police Interceptor Base (K2)

2017 Chevrolet Tahoe (2)

2017 Chevrolet Tahoe (14)

2017 Chevrolet Tahoe (K1)

2016 Ford Utility Police Interceptor Base (D1)

2014 Chevrolet Tahoe Special Services (1)

2013 Ford Expedition XL (21)





SPECIAL EVENTS YEAR END REPORT - 2024

As Coordinator of Special Events the following are responses and notifications:

2024
21 Special Events – Private
16 Special Events – City
23 Concerts
15 Farmer's Market

- Special Events include:
 - Any events on City Property ranging from small religious services of 10 people to large scale events that include marathons, triathlons, street fairs, and parades.
 - It should be noted that some large-scale events require Special Events / OEM to Coordinate specific details with other agencies and city departments to ensure smooth communication and response to any incidents that may occur during the event.

Additional duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Safety Coordinator: attend mandatory local and county meetings, mandatory training, and monthly inspections of city property.
- Right to Know Coordinator: updates to state for known chemicals within city limits.
- Chair, JIF Safety Committee 6 meetings per year.
- Chair, Special Events Committee 6 meetings per year.
- Assistant to Chief & Administrative Staff. Various duties to assist with daily police functions.

Estimated hours for day of events include planning, meetings, set up, event, & breakdown:

- Concerts: 8 hours per event x 24 concerts = 192 hours + Part Time 100 hours = TOTAL 292 hours
- Farmers Market: 5 hours per event x 3 days = 15 hours + onsite checks = 15 hours = TOTAL 30 hours
- Seafood Fest: 2 days x 10 hours = 20 hours x 3 people = TOTAL 60 hours
- NYC Bus Trip: 10 hours planning & 15 hours for day of event = TOTAL 25 hours
- NNO: Planning & day of event: TOTAL 24 hours.
- Independence Celebration: meetings, planning, & day of event: TOTAL 24 hours
- Polar Plunge: planning & event: TOTAL 10 hours
- Ventnor Music Festival & Funky Pickle: meetings, planning, & day of event: TOTAL 24 hours
- Halloween Fest: meetings, planning, & day of event: TOTAL 24 hours
- Block Party: planning, meetings, registration, layout, day of event: TOTAL 48 hours
- Planning, meetings, etc. various events: 48 hours

TOTAL hours: 609 for special events for 2024

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT YEAR END REPORT - 2024

Emergency Management responses and notifications:

2024
25 Responses OEM
45 Notifications OEM
35 Code Blue Alerts
402 CodeRED Messages (Public & City)
55 Special Events

Responses include:

- o Fire scene assessment of displaced residents in need of temporary shelter and food by way of American Red Cross response team.
- Ensuring that proper proactive assessment of flooding resulting from high tides and or storms is evaluated and proper response by local, State, and Federal authorities is enacted to ensure the safety of the Ventnor residents.
- Assist on the scene of gas leaks and coordinate any efforts needed to resolve the incident.

Notifications include:

- Any incidents within the City of Ventnor that require notification/assistance from outside agencies including County, State, and Federal.
- Act as the liaison for The American Red Cross & United States Department of Homeland Security.
- DEP liaison for underground tanks.

Code Blue Alerts include:

Notification for below freezing weather to make sure all have shelter, including animals. During Code Blue, City departments are on high alert for homeless, and at-risk citizens and pets during cold weather events.

Code Red messages include:

- Notifications for various types of issues including weather, bridge issues, and special events.
- When residents receive a Code Red message it is the responsibility of OEM to issue specific information and or directions to assist the citizens in making decisions in reference to a specific incident.

Special Events include:

- Any events on City Property ranging from small religious services of 10 people to large scale events that include marathons, triathlons, street fairs, and parades.
- It should be noted that some large-scale events require OEM to Coordinate specific details with other agencies and city departments to ensure smooth communication and response to any incidents that may occur during the event.

EMMA annual Grant recipient:

- \$10,000 per year used to purchase equipment. To date we have purchased: Jersey barriers with trailers, 4 snow blowers, a sign board
 with trailer, barrels & cones for traffic control, solar speed limit signs, side by side gator, water rescue gear, portable-folding message
 board, breach training tools, and AED's.
- Declared storm reimbursement as of 2024: \$1,400,000.00.
- Received three (3) portable generators for County traffic lights in Ventnor and one (1) large trailer mounted generator to be used for use in the City for emergency power for pump stations.
- Training: 300 total hours of mandatory training for all OEM staff.

OVERY

LEAP Grant recipient:

\$50,000 grant received to purchase a Downbeach OEM Command trailer. Ventnor OEM is the lead agent for this grant in conjunction with Margate and Longport. This unit will be used for various events and emergencies for all the Downbeach OEM's.

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