

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



**CHIEF OF POLICE
JOSEPH P. DELANEY IV**

A Message from Chief Joseph P. Delaney IV

As we close out 2025, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the past year and extend my sincere gratitude to the members of our community.

The 2025 Garfield Police Department Annual Report is a sincere effort to provide transparency into our day-to-day operations. This report allows our community to better understand who we are, what we do, and what we stand for. These values define the character and strength of our department.

As you review this report, each section is intended to provide a deeper understanding of our agency. You will also find highlights of our community-focused efforts and see why we place such a high value on our partnership with you.

This year presented its share of challenges, but it also highlighted the strength, resilience, and cooperation that define our city. The City Manager, Mayor, and Council continue to support the Garfield Police Department in providing the community with the highest quality of services. Through continued partnerships among residents, business owners, the Fire Department, EMS, and the Police Department, we were able to address public safety concerns, enhance quality-of-life initiatives, and maintain a strong presence throughout our neighborhoods.

Community engagement remains a cornerstone of effective policing. Your willingness to communicate concerns, provide information, and work collaboratively with us directly contributes to safer streets and stronger neighborhoods. We encourage residents to remain involved and continue to partner with us as we move forward.

Looking ahead to 2026, the Police Department remains focused on proactive enforcement, transparency, and ongoing efforts to improve quality of life throughout the city. Together, we will continue working toward a safe, welcoming, and vibrant community for all.

The members of the Police Department remain committed to serving with professionalism, integrity, and respect. Their dedication, often under demanding circumstances, continues to make a meaningful difference in keeping our community safe. It is a privilege to lead this department and serve this great community. I am proud of their service and grateful for the trust you place in them.

Joseph P. Delaney IV
Chief of Police

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Section I – Organizational Overview

Core Value and Mission Statement
Table of Organization
Yearly Personnel Actions

Section II – Division Statistics

Community Affairs Division
Criminal Investigation Division
Operations Division
Patrol Division
Records Division

Section III – Administrative Services

Accreditation Unit
Administrative Function
Body Worn Cameras and TASERs
Officer Wellness and Resiliency
Police Licensing
Training

Section IV – Police Department Statistics

Traffic Statistics
Use of Force Statistics
Vehicular Pursuits Statistics
Uniform Crime Report Statistics and NIBRS

Section V – Department Social Media

Public Information Officer

CORE VALUE AND MISSION STATEMENT

The Garfield Police Department is committed to the mission of protecting the lives, property and rights of all people; proactively address the social issues that create the opportunity of crime and to be sensitive to the needs of the community. Our core values in pursuit of our mission will be **(GARFIELD)** Growth, Accountability, Respect, Fairness, Integrity, Efficiency, Leadership and Dedication.

Growth

We are proud of the reputation our department has built over the years and are committed to continuing this through diligence and hard work.

Accountability

We hold ourselves accountable for our actions and the actions of our fellow officers.

Respect

We treat all persons in a dignified and courteous manner, and exhibit understanding of ethnic and cultural diversity, in both our professional and personal endeavors. We guarantee to uphold the principles and values embodied in the constitutions of the United States and the State of New Jersey

Fairness

We treat all people impartially with consideration and compassion. We are equally responsive to our employees and the community we serve.

Integrity

Integrity is the hallmark of the Garfield Police Department and we are committed to the highest performance standards, ethical conduct and truthfulness in all relationships. We hold ourselves accountable for our actions and take pride in a professional level of service and fairness to all.

Efficiency

We provide service in a courteous, and efficient manner. We foster community and employee involvement through problem-solving partnerships. Recognizing and responding with sincerity to those in need of our services.

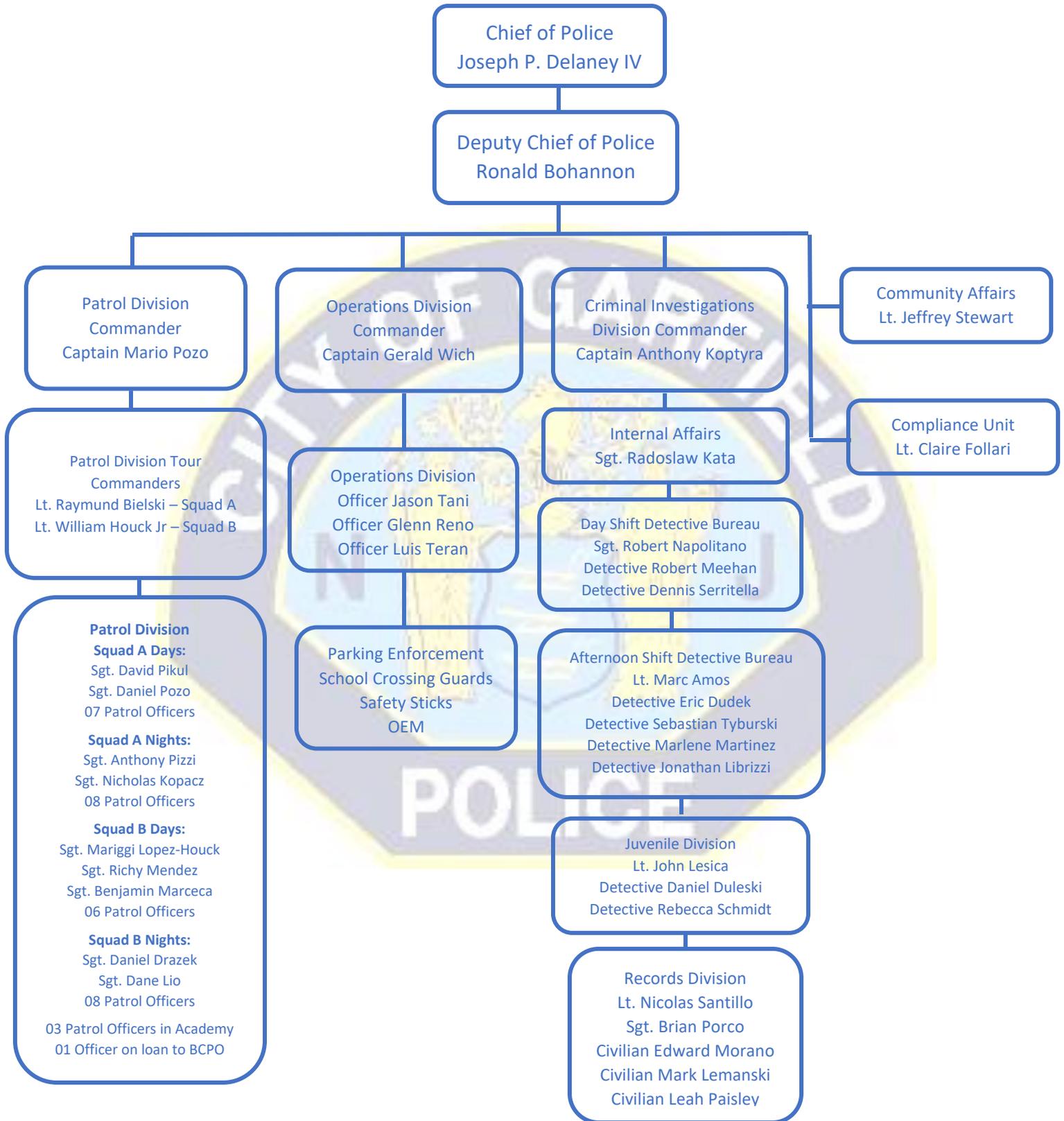
Leadership

We will ensure that our members are dedicated, highly trained and capable of handling the daily demands of the law enforcement profession. We promote a collaborative environment for sharing information, resources, assistance and expertise.

Dedication

We are dedicated to ourselves, our department, and to the community and citizens that we serve.

TABLE OF ORGANIZATION



YEARLY PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Patrol Officers – January 9, 2025

Samantha Garcia
Nicholas Marquez
Brianna Garcia
Gene Carlo Altamirano-Jimenez

Chief of Police Promotion – April 16, 2025

Chief Joseph Delaney IV



Promotions – July 1, 2025

Captain Anthony Koptyra
Lieutenant Jeffrey Stewart
Sergeant Nicholas Kopacz



YEARLY PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Patrol Officers – July 14, 2025

Michael Alfonso
Thomas Sawicki
Christopher Schult

Promotions – October 27, 2025

Deputy Chief Ronald Bohannon
Captain Gerald Wich
Sergeant Benjamin Marceca



Retirements:

Captain Joseph Marsh – July 1, 2025

Sergeant Pedro Gongora – August 1, 2025

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DIVISION



In a community as culturally rich and diverse as Garfield, the Garfield Police Department's Community Affairs Division continues to redefine what modern community policing looks like rooted in trust, driven by collaboration, and focused on meaningful impact. Guided by compassion, innovation, and partnership, our team works each day to strengthen relationships, build opportunity, and enhance quality of life for every resident. As progressive agencies around the world

reimagine the role of law enforcement, Garfield proudly stands among them—serving not only as protectors, but as partners, educators, and community builders.

Strengthening Community Through Innovation, Inclusion, and Heart

This year, the Community Affairs Division delivered **unique, one-of-a-kind community initiatives** designed to uplift residents of every age, ability, and background. Working alongside a dedicated team that continuously researches and writes grants, we secure vital funding that brings meaningful resources to our city ensuring impactful programs **without placing a burden on taxpayers**. Through strong collaborations across Garfield and beyond, we continue to expand opportunities, support families, and ensure help reaches those who need it most.

Championing Inclusion and Empowering Youth

We proudly support Garfield's **multiple abilities community**, ensuring equity, inclusion, and acceptance remain core values in all we do. Whether through sensory-friendly events, inclusive recreation opportunities, or year-round support programming, our Division strives to ensure every child feels valued, included, and celebrated. Our partnership with Special Olympics continues to grow, and we are excited to launch Garfield's **first Special Olympics Track Team in 2026**.



Programs such as the **Boilermaker Brew Café**, along with meaningful gardening and cooking initiatives, teach communication, independence, life skills, and health awareness empowering youth with opportunities to learn, lead, and thrive.

Creativity, Expression, and Opportunity for At-Risk Youth

Recognizing the critical need for positive creative outlets, we support a **state-of-the-art Creative Music Studio** inside the Boys & Girls Club. This safe space allows at-risk youth to

write, produce, and compose music using professional equipment, industry software, and a full sound booth. Guest mentors from the music industry frequently visit, providing guidance, motivation, and real-world experience—reviving an arts-based opportunity lost in many communities and offering hope, confidence, and direction.

Community Engagement That Builds Pride and Belonging

From **Chief for a Day**, to city parades, holiday celebrations, and support of the city’s many houses of worship, our Division remains deeply embedded in the heart of Garfield. City partnerships create standout experiences such as **Trunk or Treat with pumpkin giveaways**, vibrant **summer block parties and BBQs**, open-hydrant cooling events, and countless outreach efforts for children and families facing medical or personal hardships bringing unity, joy, and connection citywide.

Prevention, Education, and Public Health Leadership

We proudly host and lead the **Garfield Prevention Coalition**, strengthening community resilience through awareness, education, and access to life-saving resources. Efforts such as **Operation Take Back**, opioid awareness nights, “Knock Out Opioid Abuse” programs, Narcan distribution, and educational initiatives ensure prevention remains proactive, compassionate, and community-driven.



Our **internationally recognized “Outrun Opioids” initiative** stands as a testament to Garfield’s innovative spirit garnering national attention for its bold approach and serving as a model for creative, collaborative prevention programming.

Crime Prevention, Public Safety, and Community Solutions

Crime prevention remains a critical pillar of our work. We continue to partner with businesses, including working closely with **Walmart Loss Prevention to reduce retail theft**, improve deterrence strategies, and support safer retail environments. We also remain proactive in **combating catalytic converter theft**, enhancing patrol strategies, education, and community reporting initiatives to reduce victimization.



Our Division also plays a key role in **neighborhood dispute mitigation**, package theft prevention awareness, and educational outreach to help residents protect themselves and their property. In addition, Garfield proudly participates in a **regional Reentry Committee** focused on rehabilitation and reducing recidivism—bringing together formerly incarcerated community members, faith leaders, civic leaders, concerned citizens, and national organizations including REFORM Alliance and NJ Reentry

Corporation. Having a seat at that table ensures Garfield remains part of meaningful change, advocating for fair opportunity, stronger support systems, and safer paths forward for those reentering society.

Supporting Older Adults With Care, Education, and Connection

As leaders of Garfield’s **Age-Friendly Initiative**, we remain committed to dignity, independence, and wellbeing for older adults. Our work continues to address key determinants of health such as social isolation, financial vulnerability, and lack of access to information. Fraud prevention education, wellness awareness programming, and our weekly **Together Tuesday** gatherings provide consistent engagement, connection, and support.



Compassion in Action

Signature initiatives such as **Cops & Bobbers “Cops and Kids Fishing,”** our **annual coat drive,** year-round **food pantry support,** **Thanksgiving turkey distribution,** **Christmas toy programs,** and **school supply drives** continue to relieve burdens and support families in need. These efforts reflect the true heart of community policing—meeting people where they are, lifting spirits, and ensuring no one feels alone.

Community Resource Liaison – Real Help, Real Support

This year also marked the creation of a **Community Resource Liaison**, a boots-on-the-ground support model designed to help residents navigate complex systems and access vital resources. Working on an on-call basis, this role assists with SNAP applications, veteran benefits, government aid, and essential service navigation free of charge to residents. This innovative approach mirrors elements of alternative response and co-response models while remaining uniquely tailored to Garfield’s needs.

Officer Wellness, Community Wellness, and Shared Strength

We believe **community wellness and officer wellness go hand-in-hand.** To continue serving at the highest level, we prioritize mental, emotional, and physical wellbeing within our department. Programs such as the **GPD Athletic and Run Club** promote fitness, camaraderie, resilience, and community partnership often running 5Ks and wellness events alongside community members. A healthy department means a stronger, safer, more resilient community.



Recruitment, Mentorship, and Future Leaders

We continue to invest in the future of policing through **intentional recruitment, education, and mentorship**. Outreach begins here in Garfield and extends to colleges and universities, where we attend job fairs, mentor students, and guide future candidates toward careers in service. Our **internship program** continues to thrive, with many former interns going on to serve in respected federal, state, and local agencies demonstrating the strength and impact of Garfield’s leadership pipeline.



Leadership, Training, and Global Impact

Training remains a priority, ensuring our officers serve with professionalism, empathy, cultural awareness, and excellence. The Garfield Police Department continues to receive **international recognition** for its progressive community engagement initiatives, with officers serving on influential boards and advisory groups while sharing knowledge with agencies globally. Garfield proudly serves as both a mentor and a learner—helping shape best practices while continuously evolving and improving.

A City Built on Partnership, Care, and Community Pride

Through collaboration, creativity, compassion, and commitment, the Garfield Police Department’s Community Affairs Division continues to shape a safer, stronger, more connected city. Every initiative, every partnership, and every moment of support reflects our mission: **to protect, uplift, empower, and stand beside the people of Garfield.**



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

The Criminal Investigations Division investigates various crimes that are committed in the City of Garfield. Some of these investigations are completed with the assistance of outside agencies from neighboring towns, county agencies, state agencies, and federal agencies.



The Criminal Investigations Division also is tasked with these additional responsibilities:

- Obtain and executive search warrants and arrests warrants
- Conduct Surveillance
- Interview victims and witness
- Interrogate Suspects
- Conduct pre-employment background investigations

The Criminal Investigations Division is staffed with the following:

- 1 Police Lieutenant
- 1 Police Sergeant
- 6 Police Detectives

The Criminal Investigations Division also consists of the Juvenile Bureau, which provide guidance, service, education, and support for the youth and families of our community. The Officers assigned to the Juvenile Bureau teach Law Enforcement Against Drugs (L.E.A.D.) to all fifth graders in the Garfield Public Schools.

The Juvenile Bureau is staffed with the following:

- 1 Police Lieutenant
- 2 Police Detectives / School Resource Officers

The Office of Professional Standards (Internal Affairs) is also located in the Criminal Investigations Division. Internal Affairs accepts and investigates all complaints of alleged officer misconduct or wrongdoing from any internal agency, external agency, citizen, and/or anonymous source. Internal Affairs is also responsible for reviewing every Use of Force and Motor Vehicle Pursuit incidents. Further, Internal Affairs conducts the two (2) random drug tests per year, which consist of ten (10) percent of our department per test.

Internal Affairs is staffed with the following:

- 1 Police Sergeant

Year	Total Cases Investigated	Increase / Decrease from Previous Year
2024	875	-1.13%
2025	820	-6.29%

2025 Noteworthy Cases:

Theft - Detectives investigated an incident that occurred early in January where a manager of a local business stole \$121,000.00 of US currency. After an investigation took place, the manager of the establishment was charged with 2C:20-3A, a second-degree crime.

Armed Robbery – Detectives investigated several reports of armed robberies that all occurred within a short period of time of each other, all involving the same suspects. In each incident, the victims were robbed of their possessions at knife point. Detectives were able to positively identify several juveniles as the suspects responsible for the robberies. All juveniles involved were eventually charged with first-degree armed robbery and some with additional weapons possession charges. Each juvenile charged was placed under arrest, processed and lodged at the Bergen County Juvenile Detention Center.

Theft of Packages – Over the course of approximately two months, the Police Department had been receiving numerous reports of package thefts. Detectives began compiling all of the reports that appeared similar in nature and upon gathering video evidence for each, it was determined the same male suspect was responsible for all of the thefts. Detectives investigated the incidents and were able to positively identify the suspect. Detectives were eventually able to observe the suspect getting into a motor vehicle and soon conducted a lawful traffic stop. The suspect was found to have active warrants and was subsequently placed under arrest. As a result of the lengthy investigation, the suspect was charged with 15 counts of 3rd degree package theft and was transported to Bergen County Jail.

Aggravated Arson – Detectives investigated an incident where a vehicle was reportedly stolen. During their investigation, Detectives observed an active vehicle fire and later identified the vehicle on fire as the stolen vehicle. During the course of their investigation, a suspect was identified, and later charged with second degree aggravated arson, third degree arson, third degree theft by unlawfully taken, third degree criminal mischief, and fourth degree failure to take responsible measure to put out, control, or report, a fire.

Shooting – Detectives investigated a shooting in the area of Palisade Avenue and Somerset Street. During the course of their investigation, Detectives developed suspects and eventually were able to charge both parties involved in the shooting with the assistance of the Bergen County Prosecutors Office and Bergen County Regional SWAT Team.



Negligent Firearm Discharges – Detectives investigated multiple negligent firearm discharges in which the defendants were both identified. The defendants were charged accordingly and Temporary Extreme Risk Protection Orders were applied for barring the defendant's from possessing firearms in the future.

Drug Induced Death – Detectives were dispatched to a residence on River Drive on a report of an unresponsive male party inside one of the apartments. Upon arrival, it was determined that the male party was deceased, and a heroin overdose was the suspected cause. A joint investigation was initiated by the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office and the Garfield Police Department into the death of the victim and the related drug activity. Following a months-long investigation, detectives determined that the substance ingested by the victim contained a lethal dose of fentanyl, and were able to identify the individual that sold the victim the substance. The defendant was charged with first-degree strict liability for the drug induced death of another and third-degree distribution of fentanyl, placed under arrest, and lodged in the Bergen County Jail.

Arson – Detectives investigated an incident where it was observed on surveillance camera a party setting fire to a cardboard box on the front porch of a residence. The suspect was eventually identified and later observed by Patrol Officers. The suspect was apprehended and transported to Bergen County Jail.

Narcotics – Detectives conducted a narcotic search warrant with the Clifton Police Department. During the course of the search warrant, narcotics were located in the residence and the suspect was placed under arrest and charged with 2C:35-10A(1), 2C:36-2, and 2C:35-24.

Missing Person – Detectives continuously conducted an investigation into a missing person for approximately two years by conducting monthly checks of the parties personal accounts. After two years and three months, Detectives were finally able to locate the party and confirm their location.

Commercial Burglary – Detectives investigated two auto sale establishments that were broken into in the late-night hours. While processing the scene video footage was obtained and the suspect description was quickly acquired. Detectives were able to obtain a lead into the stolen vehicle from one of the establishments. Detectives contacted that jurisdiction and were able to positively identify the suspect. The proceeds of the burglary were recovered and returned to the victims.

Threat – Detectives investigated a threatening message received by a victim that the suspect was going to “shoot up his house” and “kill any cops that try to stop him”. During the course of the investigation, the Detectives observed the suspect in a known vehicle, at which time he fled from the Detectives and Patrol Units. A short time later, the suspect fled on foot after being involved in a motor vehicle crash and was subsequently apprehended. The suspect was charged with narcotics offenses and eluding.



Missing Juvenile - Detectives were advised of a male juvenile who was reported missing by family after an argument with his mother over his involvement in a stolen motor vehicle in Englewood, New Jersey. During the course of the investigation, Detectives identified the missing juvenile as a suspect in a separate incident involving a stolen motor vehicle in Garfield. Further investigation determined the missing juvenile may be staying with friends who reside in Phillipsburg, NJ or surrounding areas of Easton, Pennsylvania. Over the course of the next three months the investigation continued until the juvenile was involved in a stolen motor vehicle crash in Washington Township (Warren County), NJ. The juvenile was subsequently injured and transported to Morristown Memorial Hospital for treatment of his minor injuries. Two active warrants and numerous current & pending charges placed him into the Juvenile Detention Facility in Bergen County.

Cyber Crimes – Detectives responded to school with the City of Garfield on a report of a suspicious email. Upon arrival, Detectives met with the principal and second grade teacher who reported she received an email from a parent who identified themselves as a “dark web pedophile.” On scene, the email was verified and a well-being check was conducted at the home of the party who composed the email. Due to the statement made in the email, the Division of Child Protection and Permanency were contacted and responded to the school. The party was entered into the system as missing as they were unable to be located, along with the vehicles they utilized, and an exigent phone ping established through T-Mobile was completed. In the early hours of 11/20/2025, Detectives were contacted and advised that the party was located in Phillipsburg, NJ along the Delaware riverbank with a suicide note and electronic device reportedly containing child sex abuse material. The party was transported to the hospital for mental health services and the Bergen County Prosecutors Office Cyber Crime Unit were notified. The male party was placed under arrest and charged with possession of child sexual abuse material.

Possession of a Weapon – Officers responded to the area of Elizabeth Street and Gaston Avenue on a report of a juvenile female making terroristic threats towards the caller while spark displaying a taser. Upon officer arrival, officers observed the juvenile female activating the taser while conducting herself in a disorderly manner. Officers detained the juvenile at the scene and attempted to obtain statements from the victim. On scene, both the juvenile victim and mother declined interviews for further charges. The juvenile was placed under arrest at the scene for weapons possession and transported to Garfield Police Department where her guardians were notified to respond. The juvenile was processed at police headquarters and released to her father without incident.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

CROSSING GUARDS

The Officers assigned to the Operations Division are assigned to the scheduling and maintaining of the School Crossing Guards. They conduct the yearly training, maintain the roster, cover school posts when needed, and maintain monthly and yearly hours worked per crossing guard.

FLEET MAINTENANCE

The Officers assigned to the Operations Division maintain the vehicles assigned to the Police Department and Parking Enforcement. All vehicles are scheduled for quarterly maintenance, properly registered, and maintained for inspections.

In 2024, the City of Garfield entered into an agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management and began to acquire their police vehicles through there program. This allows more vehicles to be maintained under warranty and properly replaced when the value of the vehicle is at its highest. This program also allows our Officers to patrol the streets in safer and more fuel-efficient vehicles.

In 2024, the Garfield Police Department acquired five (5) new Police Vehicles for the following Divisions: one (1) for Administration, one (1) for Community Affairs, and three (3) for Patrol.

In 2025, the Garfield Police Department acquired seven (7) new Police Vehicles for the following Divisions: one (1) for Administration, two (2) for the Detective Bureau, and four (4) for Patrol.



PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The Officers assigned to the Operations Division are assigned to the scheduling and maintaining of the Parking Enforcement Officers. They conduct the scheduling of the Parking Enforcement Officers and make sure all the shifts for overnight parking, one-hour parking, alternate side, and any special event coverage that may be needed are covered.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT / MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES

The Officers assigned to the Operations Division respond to motor vehicle crashes throughout their tours of duty. Further, when a vehicle that belongs to the City of Garfield is involved in the motor vehicle crash, the Operations Division Officers respond to the scene and complete the report. The Officers also complete various traffic enforcement throughout the course of their tours of duty.

VARIOUS TASKS

The Officers assigned to the Operations Division are assigned other various tasks throughout the course of their tours of duty. Some of the tasks that the Officers handle are as follows: funeral escorts, handling of impound complaints, special events Incident Action Plans, maintain applications for crossing guards / parking enforcement officers, liaisons between Department of Public Works, Handicapped Parking Applications, and maintain roadwork for the Police Department.

PATROL DIVISION

The City of Garfield Police Department's Patrol Division is the largest division within the Police Department and are considered the "First Responders". The Patrol Division is tasked with answering calls for service 24 hours a day 365 days a year.

The Patrol Division operates on two (2) shifts and each shift is supervised by two (2) Sergeants. A high priority for Patrol Officers is to conduct community policing throughout the city to form a bond with its residents and to hear any concerns that they may have. Officers also conduct radar enforcement posts and are well versed in detecting motorists who are operating vehicles while impaired due to drugs or alcohol.



Patrol Officers undergo training in many facets of police work, such as:

- Arrest, Search, & Seizure
- Defensive Tactics
- Stop the Bleed
- Active Shooter
- De-Escalation
- Narcotics
- Taser
- Domestic Violence
- Oleoresin Capsicum (OC)
- CPR / First Aid
- Report Writing
- Radar

2025 Noteworthy Cases:

Motor Vehicle Stop – Officer Marvin Camano conducted a motor vehicle stop at the intersection of Palisade Avenue and Dewey Street that matched the description of a vehicle wanted out of a "be on the lookout" from Lodi Police Department that was reportedly armed with a handgun. Officer Camano gave verbal commands to the driver to exit the vehicle, who refused his commands. Several additional Garfield Officers arrived on scene to assist, however the driver still refused their verbal commands and at one point stated they would have to "kill him" in order to remove him from the vehicle. Officers were eventually able to forcibly remove the driver from the vehicle by breaking the driver side window. A search of the vehicle found a loaded handgun with a large capacity magazine. The driver was later charged with Unlawful possession of a weapon, Certain Persons not to have weapons, Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance, Throwing Bodily Fluid at a Law Enforcement Officer, Obstruction of Administration of Law, and Possession of Prohibited Weapons and Devices.

Pink Poodle Rescue – Officers were notified of a loose dog in the area of the Passaic River. Sgt. Mariggi Lopez-Houck, Officer Noah Murphy, and Officer Benjamin Marceca responded to the area and attempted to catch the dog, however were unsuccessful. The dog eventually made its way to the riverbank and jumped into the frigid waters. Garfield Officers contacted the Fire Department, who coordinated a rescue with Clifton Fire Departments and ultimately were able to rescue the pink poodle from the frigid water.



Barricaded Subject – Officers responded to a residence on Belmont Avenue on the report of a male resident breaking and throwing objects. Garfield Officers made several attempts to initiate contact with the male party, and eventually made contact, however he refused to open the door. The Bergen Regional SWAT team was requested, as per Attorney General Directive 2024-004, and eventually forced entry after numerous failed attempts by the crisis negotiator. The male party was taken into custody and transported to New Bridge Medical Center for a mental health evaluation.

Inappropriate Conduct – Officers responded to Walmart on the report of an adult male looking under bathroom stalls at juveniles. While en-route to Walmart, Officers Cody Doud and Benjamin Marceca observed a vehicle matching the description and conducted a motor vehicle stop. Additional Officers responded to Walmart and spoke with employees and the juveniles involved, it was determined that the driver of the motor vehicle stop was the actor involved in the incident. The driver was placed under arrest and charged with Invasion of Privacy and Endangering the Welfare of Children.

Counterfeit Currency – Officers were dispatched to Chase Bank on the report of a suspicious male party observing customers inside the ATM vestibule. Upon arrival, Officers George Petta, Elijah Bezares, and Daniel Fedor observed a male party standing inside the bank watching customers utilize the ATM machine. During the course of their investigation, they discovered the male party had an active warrant out for his arrest. A search of the male party subsequently found more than \$150,000 in counterfeit U.S. currency in various denominations, magnetic templates used in counterfeiting, and five credit cards belonging to different individuals. The male party was charged with forgery, theft of credit cards, and distribution, manufacturing, possession of 20+ counterfeit items or 5+ items of 5+ people.

RECORDS DIVISION

The Garfield Police Department Records Division consists of two (2) Sworn Officers and three (3) civilians. The staff of the Records Division handle all documentation of incoming and outgoing reports, firearm applications, open public record requests, and court correspondence for the Garfield Police Department. The Records Division also maintains the petty cash for the department and Officers certificates and documents that may be needed for discovery requests.

Additionally, the Records Division Commander handles the bank deposits from fees received from Open Public Records Requests, Firearm Identification Cards, Firearms Purchaser Permits on a weekly basis.

All Motor Vehicle Crash Reports can be obtained on crashdocs.org.

Department Statistics	2024	2025	Change
Calls for Service	30,730	33,873	+10.23%
Arrest Reports	319	463	+45.14%
Investigation Reports	1,822	1,800	-1.21%
Operations Reports	490	545	+11.22%
Property Reports	702	738	+2.5%
Property Release Reports	233	297	+27.47%

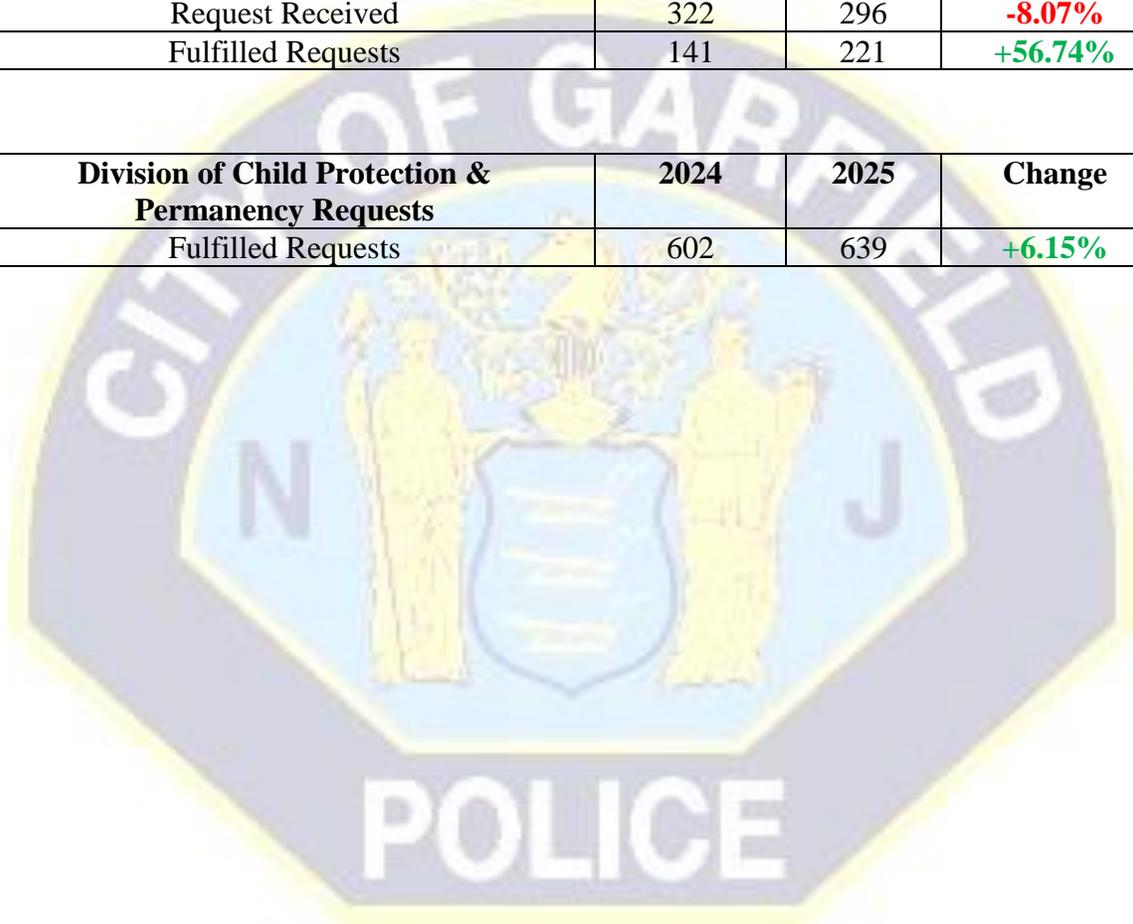
Firearms Statistics	2024	2025	Change
Applications Submitted	397	298	-24.94%
Handgun Permits Issued	366	325	-11.20%
Firearms I.D. Cards Issued	164	171	+4.27%
Applications Approved	268	211	-21.27%
Applications Pending	90	53	-41.11%
Applications Withdrawn	29	25	-13.79%
Applications Denied	9	9	-
Handguns Confirmed Purchased	215	202	-6.05%
Concealed Carry Permits Issued	71	85	+19.72%

Evidence	2024	2025	Change
Cases with Evidence	720	781	+8.47%
Evidence Collected	1,059	1,113	+5.10%
NJSP Lab / B.C.I. Submissions	22	24	+9.10%

Open Public Record Requests	2024	2025	Change
Citywide Requests	1,404	1,506	+7.26%
Police Assigned Requests	813	891	+9.59%
Digital Upload of Reports	727	755	+3.85%
Special Service Charge Fee Needed	86	136	+58.14%
Special Service Charge Fee Needed Paid	47	53	+12.7%

Criminal Discovery Requests	2024	2025	Change
Request Received	322	296	-8.07%
Fulfilled Requests	141	221	+56.74%

Division of Child Protection & Permanency Requests	2024	2025	Change
Fulfilled Requests	602	639	+6.15%



CRASHDOCS.ORG

POWERED BY:



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation is a progressive and time proven way of helping law enforcement agencies evaluate and improve their overall performance. Our agency received initial accreditation from the New Jersey State Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) in 2021.



ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION

The Administrative Function is comprised of the Accreditation Manager and the Administrative Supervisor. The Accreditation Manager ensures that the Department is compliant with all of the Rules and Regulations, Policies, and Mandates associated with Accreditation. Further, the Accreditation Manager handles the billing for the department, PowerDMS management (updating policies), budget management, and unexpected items for the day to day operations for the building.

The Administrative Supervisor ensures that the following day to day programs are properly running and managed: InfoShare – RMS (CAD System), VCS Scheduling System, and Evidence.com. Along with managing the programs, the Administrative Supervisor is also tasked with various other items during the course of the year, such as: upkeeping the Axon Body Worn Cameras and Axon Taser 7s, completing the Police Licensing of the Officers, upgrading equipment or contracts if needed, scheduling training (both in service and mandatory training), and completing forfeiture when needed.

The Accreditation Manager and Administrative Supervisor work together to hand out necessary equipment to Officers and properly document it in their personnel files.

AXON BODY WORN CAMERAS & TASER 7s

In 2025, all Officers of the Garfield Police Department were outfitted with Axon Body 4 WVRs. This was an upgrade from the Axon Body 3 WVRs that Officers utilized for the past several years. Officers are outfitted with Body Worn Cameras to comply with New Jersey Attorney General guidelines on body worn cameras.



Axon Body 4 WVRs have a maximized battery life that last a full twelve (12) hour shift that our Patrol Officers work. Axon Body 4s also have the following features that help benefit the Officers and Department: clearer recordings, streamlined operations, faster charging, improved security, wider angles for recording videos, and programmable buttons. All video evidence recorded by the Axon Body 4 WVRs are uploaded to the cloud and secured to our department management system on evidence.com. On evidence.com, all Axon Body 4 WVRs

are assigned specifically to Officers and all evidence recorded under that WVR is saved under their name and badge number.

Axon Body 4 WVRs are reviewed by Supervisors. These reviews are documented for various reasons. In 2024, Supervisors reviewed 1,108 videos and addressed any issues observed immediately. In 2025, Supervisors reviewed 1,305 videos and addressed any issues observed immediately.



The Axon Taser 7s (Conducted Energy Device) were supplied to Officers in December of 2022. We currently have fifty-one (51) Officers who are assigned Axon taser 7s. Each Taser 7 is specifically assigned to the Officer along with two (2) Taser 7 cartridges in our department management system. The Taser 7 provides Officers with another non-lethal solution to solve critical incidents after de-escalation techniques have been exhausted.

OFFICER WELLNESS & RESILIENCY

The Garfield Police Department Police Chief and Administration are aware of the amount of stress, long hours, physical and emotional demands that their Officers endure during the course of a tour of duty and year. With all of that in mind, the Garfield Police Department increased our number of Resiliency Officers to four (4). The Resiliency Officers are available twenty-four (24) hours a day to the Officers of the Garfield Police Department and follow up on all major incidents that Officers respond to.

All members of the Garfield Police Department have gone through Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics (ICAT) and Active Bystandership For Law Enforcement (ABLE) training. These courses have been applied to help Officers determine the best ways to manage high stress events and enable them to look for signs that they may need to assist others.

Further, the City of Garfield has allowed the Garfield Policeman's Benevolent Association to maintain a workout center at the police range on the first floor. This workout center is maintained by the members of PBA Local #46 and utilized to improve physical fitness as well as their mental health before and after shifts.

POLICE LICENSING

On January 1, 2024, the Police Licensure Act went into effect. This law requires that all New Jersey Law Enforcement Officers be licensed and those licenses be re-evaluated every three years. The licenses are overseen by the Police Training Commission and the applications must be submitted for review once completed. Each year 1/3 of the Garfield Police Department is up for renewal, which is approximately twenty-three (23) Officers. This number can be more or less depending on retirements, new hirers, and when your original license expiration date was given by the Police Training Commission.

The Administrative Supervisor completes the review of the application, background, and reviews the previous year's training to make sure the mandatory training was completed for each Officer up for renewal. Once the background and application are complete, the application will be submitted through an online portal to the Police Training Commission with the requested

paperwork. The application and paperwork will be reviewed by the Police Training Commission investigation and legal teams and the license will be renewed or the Officers paperwork will be further evaluated. Any questions regarding an Officers application or paperwork will be sent to the Administrative Supervisor, at which time the requested documents will be provided and reviewed.

In 2024, we had twenty-three (23) Officers up for renewal and twenty-two (22) were renewed with one (1) taken for further review. In 2025, that one (1) Officer was then renewed completing all twenty-three (23) from 2024.

In 2025, we had twenty (20) Officers up for renewal and nineteen (19) were renewed and one Officer (1) retiring prior to having to submit the paperwork for renewal. We also had four (4) Officers complete their initial application for Police Applications with the Police Training Commission, which were all approved. These four (4) Officers attended the Bergen County Police Academy and graduated the Police Academy in June 2025.

TRAINING

Training is scheduled by the Administrative Supervisor. Training consists of required training mandated by the attorney general guidelines, such as firearms, active shooter, use of force, vehicular pursuit, domestic violence, etc, or requested training that is taught at a police academy by a certified instructor. All requested training is approved through the Officers chain of command and then forwarded to the Administrative Supervisor to register, schedule, and submit for payment.

Mandatory Training is scheduled year-round and will be tracked to make sure all Officers complete the mandatory training to be re-licensed and in accordance with all policies and guidelines. Some mandatory training is taken on PowerDMS, such as Use of Force and Vehicular Pursuit Training, and others are scheduled throughout the year, such as firearms qualifications and active shooter. New to 2025 was Jiu Jitsu / Defensive Tactics training, which every Officer was mandated to complete four (4) hours of training.

All requested training is geared toward subject matter that will enhance our Officers ability to stay up to date on current trends, laws, and relevant information in certain law enforcement subject matter.

The Garfield Police Department conducts a majority of our mandatory in-person training in conjunction with Lodi Police Department. This collaborate effort allows both departments to integrate training between Officers who do not work together on a daily basis and build trust and working relationships for those incidents that may happen in the future.



TRAFFIC STATISTICS

2025 Totals	Traffic Crashes	DUI
January	98	3
February	102	2
March	89	3
April	95	3
May	109	4
June	130	2
July	86	4
August	77	7
September	90	5
October	105	7
November	87	4
December	105	4
Total		
Total	1,173	48

Department Statistics	2024	2025	Change
Motor Vehicle Stops	2,541	3,829	+50.68%
Summons Issued - Moving	5,048	6,548	+29.71%
Summons Issued - Parking	9,617	12,845	+33.57%
Motor Vehicle Crashes	1,269	1,173	-7.57%
Fatal Motor Vehicle Crashes	0	0	-
DUI Arrests	52	48	-7.69%

May 19, 2025 – June 1, 2025 Click It or Ticket

Summons Issued	Total	Summons Issued	Total
DWI (Alcohol)		Suspended License	6
DWI (Drugs)		Unlicensed / Expired License	4
Seatbelt	21	Suspended Registration	4
Child Seat / Child Restraint	2	Unregistered / Expired Registration	7
Speeding		Vehicle Inspection	14
Cell Phone / Texting	3	Uninsured	2
Reckless Driving		Unclear Plates	18
Careless Driving	4	Failure to Exhibit Documents	19
Stop Sign / Red Light Violation	17	Obstructing / Delaying Traffic	40
Failure to Stop for Pedestrian		Parking Violation	5
Move Over Law Violation		Obstructed View	27
Tinted Windows		Maintenance of Lamps	5
Other Chapter 4 Violation	10	Other Chapter 3 Violation	5
Total Shifts between May 19, 2025 – June 1, 2025 (Roving Patrol)			
			12
Total Arrests	3	Total Summonses Issued	213

July 10, 2025 – July 19, 2025 Pedestrian Decoy Detail

Summons Issued	Total	Summons Issued	Total
DWI (Alcohol)		Suspended License	7
DWI (Drugs)		Unlicensed / Expired License	9
Seatbelt	7	Suspended Registration	
Child Seat / Child Restraint		Unregistered / Expired Registration	5
Speeding		Vehicle Inspection	9
Cell Phone / Texting	7	Uninsured	2
Reckless Driving		Unclear Plates	8
Careless Driving	2	Failure to Exhibit Documents	13
Stop Sign / Red Light Violation	1	Obstructing / Delaying Traffic	13
Failure to Stop for Pedestrian	174	Parking Violation	
Move Over Law Violation		Obstructed View	56
Tinted Windows	11	Maintenance of Lamps	3
Other Chapter 4 Violation	3	Other Chapter 3 Violation	21
Total Shifts / Hours Worked			
	9 Shifts / 271 Hours	Total Motor Vehicle Stops	349
Total Warnings Given	94	Total Summonses Issued	351

December 6, 2025 – December 31, 2025 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

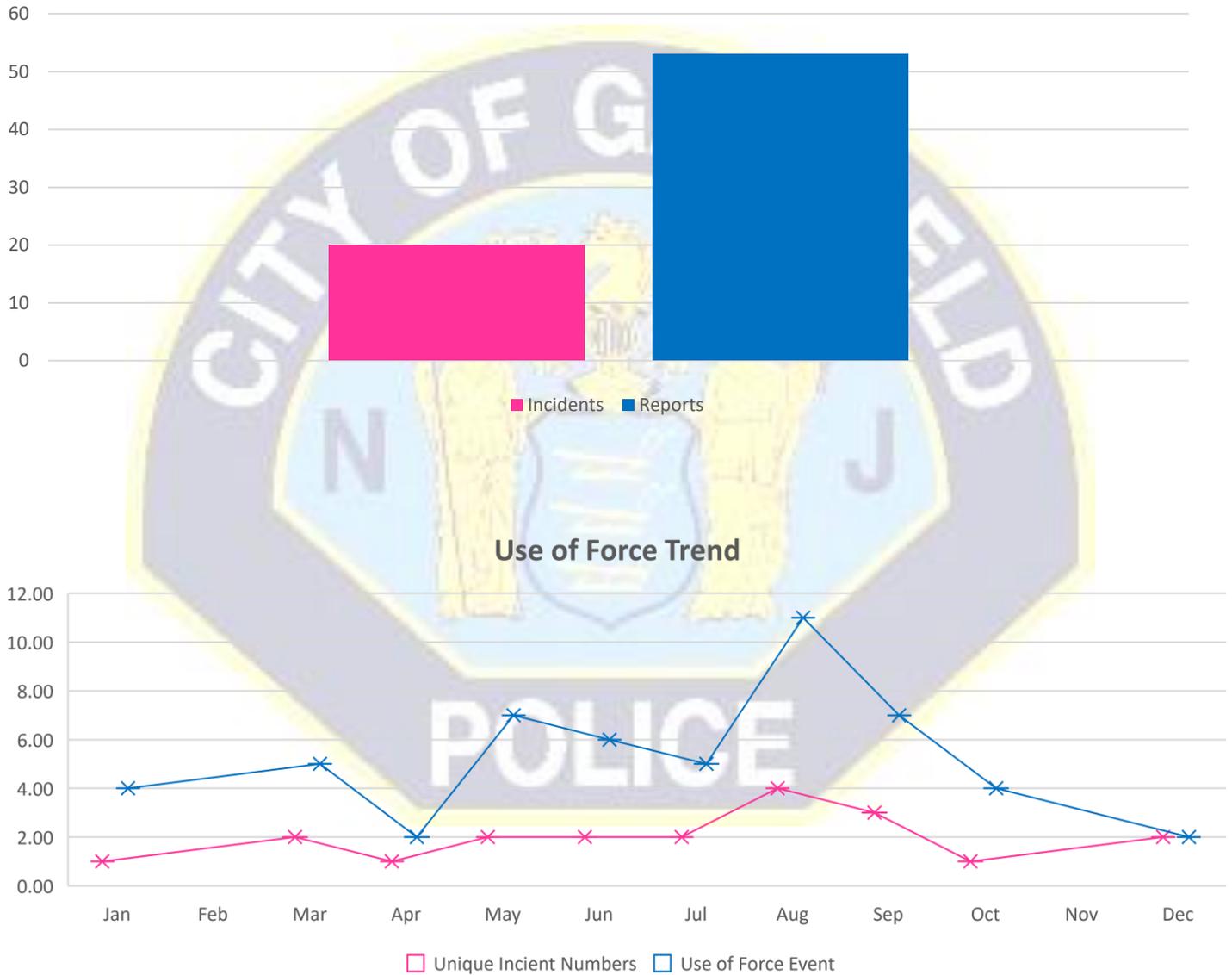
Summons Issued	Total	Summons Issued	Total
DWI (Alcohol)		Suspended License	4
DWI (Drugs)		Unlicensed / Expired License	3
Seatbelt	2	Suspended Registration	1
Child Seat / Child Restraint	1	Unregistered / Expired Registration	7
Speeding	5	Vehicle Inspection	2
Cell Phone / Texting	2	Uninsured	1
Reckless Driving		Unclear Plates	8
Careless Driving	11	Failure to Exhibit Documents	1
Stop Sign / Red Light Violation	21	Obstructing / Delaying Traffic	24
Failure to Stop for Pedestrian		Parking Violation	1
Move Over Law Violation		Obstructed View	21
Tinted Windows	3	Maintenance of Lamps	8
Other Chapter 4 Violation	24	Other Chapter 3 Violation	11
Total Shifts between December 6, 2025 – December 31, 2025 (Roving Patrol)			
			12
Total Arrests	01	Total Summonses Issued	161

USE OF FORCE STATISTICS

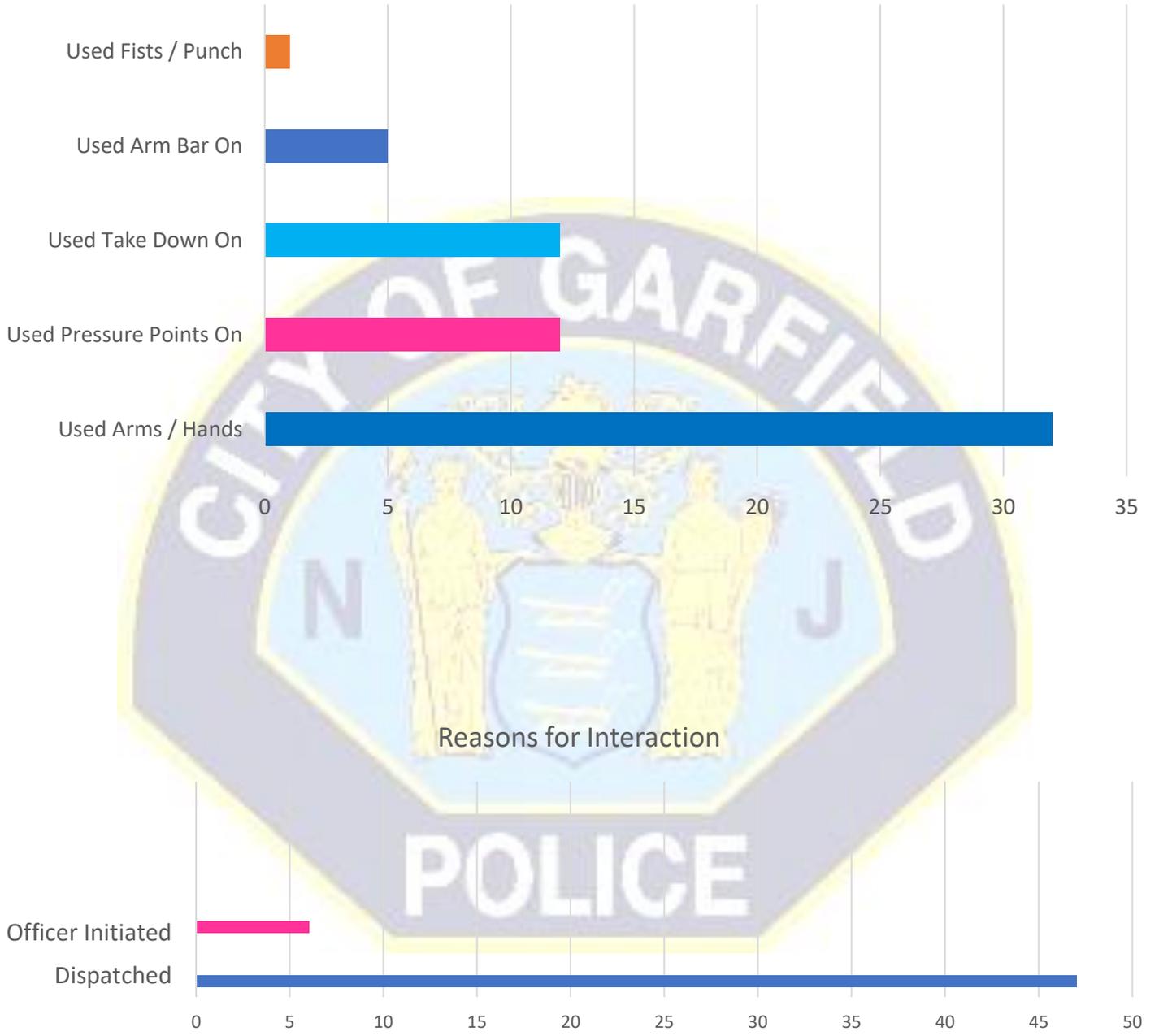
Completed Use of Force Reports: 53

Primary Officers in Use of Force Reports: 24

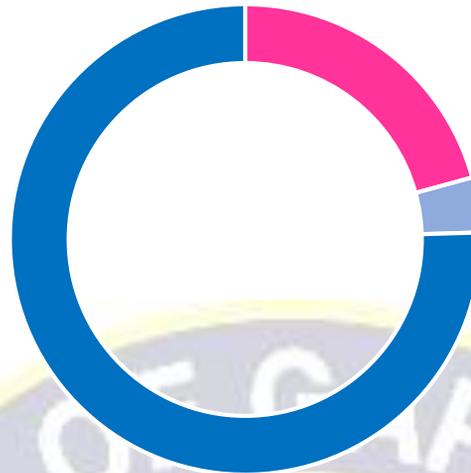
2025 Use of Force Reports & Incidents



Officer Force Applied



Subject Race



■ Black Or African American ■ Other ■ White

Subject Actions Led to Force

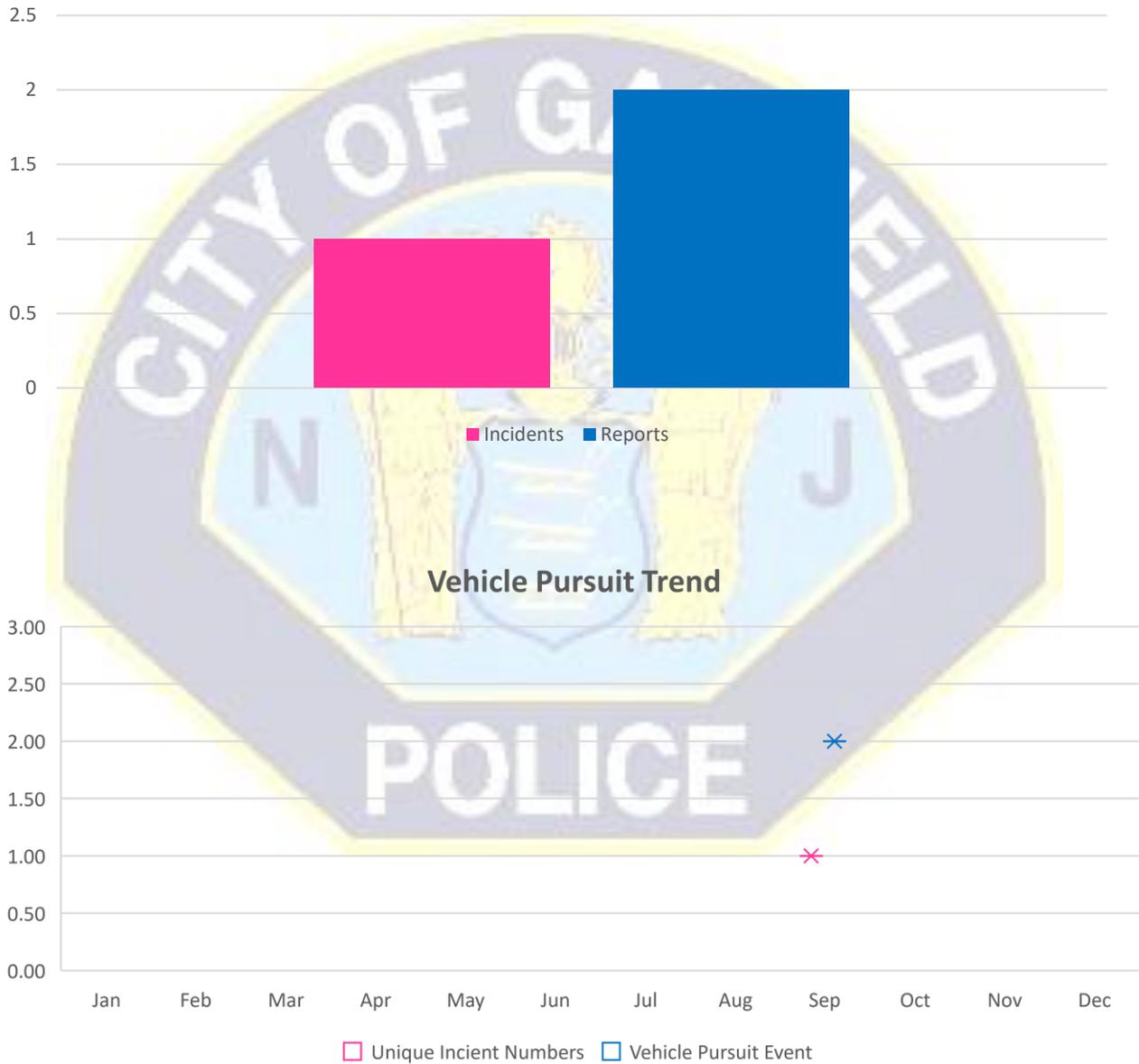


VEHICLE PURSUITS STATISTICS

Completed Vehicle Pursuit Reports: 2

Primary Officers in Vehicle Pursuit Reports: 2

2025 Vehicle Pursuit Reports



UNIFORM CRIME REPORT STATISTICS & NIBRS

Offense	Reported in 2025	Reported in 2024	Percent Change	Offenses Cleared	Percent Cleared	Percent of Category
Kidnapping / Abduction	0	1	-100.00%	0	0.00	0.00%
Rape	2	10	-80.00%	1		0.66%
Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00%
Sexual Assault With An Object	1	0	0	0	0.00	0.33%
Fondling	8	13	-38.46%	2		2.63%
Murder & Nonnegligent Manslaughter	0	1	-100.00%	0	0.00	0.00%
Incest	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00%
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00%
Aggravated Assault	35	32	9.38%	5		11.51%
Simple Assault	202	146	38.36%	73		66.45%
Intimidation	55	39	41.03%	29		18.09%
Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00%
Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	1	0	0	0	0.00	0.00%
Crimes Against Persons Total	304	242	25.62%	110		27.24%
Arson	1	1	0.00%	0	0.00	0.13%
Extortion / Blackmail	2	4	-50.00%	0	0.00	0.25%
Burglary / Breaking & Entering	57	38	50.00%	2		7.16%
Pocket-picking	0	2	-100.00%	0	0.00	0.00%
Purse-snatching	3	5	-40.00%	0	0.00	0.38%
Shoplifting	134	127	5.51%	13		16.83%
Theft From Building	19	32	-40.63%	2		2.39%
Theft From Coin-Operated Machine or Device	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00%
Theft From Motor Vehicle	73	64	14.06%	4		9.17%
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	30	41	-26.83%	0	0.00	3.77%
All Other Larceny	198	171	15.79%	11		24.87%
Motor Vehicle Theft	52	99	-47.47%	3		6.53%
Counterfeiting / Forgery	3	1	200.00%	0	0.00	0.38%
False Pretenses / Swindle / Confidence Game	58	70	-17.14%	0	0.00	7.29%
Credit Card / Automated Teller Machine Fraud	45	56	-19.64%	2		5.65%
Impersonation	0	1	-100.00%	0	0.00	0.00%
Welfare Fraud	1	2	-50.00%	0	0.00	0.13%
Wire Fraud	2	0	0	0	0.00	0.25%
Identity Theft	39	32	21.88%	0	0.00	4.90%
Hacking / Computer Invasion	1	7	-85.71%	0	0.00	0.13%
Embezzlement	0	1	-100.00%	0	0.00	0.00%
Stolen Offenses	1	1	0.00%	0	0.00	0.13%
Destruction / Damage / Vandalism of Property	64	73	-12.33%	21		8.04%
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00%
Robbery	13	12	8.33%	1		1.63%
Crimes Against Property Total	796	840	-5.24%	59		71.33%
Weapon Law Violations	5	4	25.00%	0	0.00	31.25%
Pornography / Obscene Material	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00%
Betting / Waging	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00%
Operating / Promoting / Assisting Gambling	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00%
Gambling Equipment Violation	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00%
Sports Tampering	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00%
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00%
Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00%
Purchasing Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00%
Drug / Narcotic Violations	5	3	66.67%	0	0.00	31.25%
Drug Equipment Violations	2	1	100.00%	0	0.00	12.50%
Animal Cruelty	4	0	0	0	0.00	25.00%
Crimes Against Society Total	16	8	100.00%	0	0.00	1.43%
Total Group "A" Offense	1116	1090	2.39%	169		100%

GARFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Agency: GARFIELD PD

Municipality: Garfield City

Total Offenses	1,175	Clearance Rate	33.19%
% change from last year	0.51%	Last years rate	27.37%
Total Arrests	315	Hate Crime Offenses	0
% change from last year	18.42%	Law Officers Assaulted	3
Group A Crime Rate per 100,000 Population :	0.01	Summary based reporting Crime Rate per 100,000 Population :	0.01
Arrest Rate per 100,000 Population :	0.00		

Arrest Reporting

Group "A"	Adult	Juvenile	Unknown	Total Arrests	Arrests Reported Last Year
Murder	0	0	0	0	5
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0
Justifiable Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	1
Robbery	2	4	0	6	0
Aggravated Assault	21	1	0	22	27
Burglary	5	0	0	5	4
Larceny	62	1	0	63	47
Motor Vehicle Theft	8	0	0	8	8
Arson	2	0	0	2	1
Simple Assault	69	0	0	69	59
Intimidation	8	0	0	8	2
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	0	0	1	0
Vandalism	2	0	0	2	4
Drug/Narcotic Violations	6	0	0	6	9
Drug Equipment Violations	2	0	0	2	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud	1	1	0	2	3
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping	0	0	0	0	1
Pornography	0	0	0	0	0
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0
Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault w/Object	0	0	0	0	0
Fondling	2	0	0	2	2
Incest	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	1
Stolen Property	1	0	0	1	1
Weapons Law Violations	3	1	0	4	2
Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	0	0	0
Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0	0
Animal Cruelty	0	0	0	0	0
Total Group A Arrests	195	8	0	203	177
Group "B" Arrests					
Bad Checks	0	0	0	0	0
Curfew/Vagrancy	0	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	11	0	0	11	7
DUI	46	0	0	46	50
Drunkenness	0	0	0	0	1
Family Offenses-nonviolent	1	0	0	1	0
Liquor Law Violations	1	0	0	1	0
Peeping Tom	0	0	0	0	0
Runaways	0	0	0	0	0
Trespass	17	0	0	17	5
All Other Offenses	36	0	0	36	26
Total Group B Arrests	112	0	0	112	89

Total Arrests	307	8	0	315	266
----------------------	------------	----------	----------	------------	------------

Offense Reporting

Group "A"	Offenses Reported	Offenses Cleared	Offenses Reported Last Year
Murder			1
Negligent Manslaughter			
Justifiable Homicide			
Rape	5	2	6
Robbery	15	5	14
Aggravated Assault	40	30	44
Burglary	32	7	28
Larceny	473	92	452
Motor Vehicle Theft	62	12	103
Arson	2	2	1
Simple Assault	211	145	172
Intimidation	57	38	45
Bribery			
Counterfeiting/Forgery	3	1	1
Vandalism	82	27	91
Drug/Narcotic Violations	5	5	5
Drug Equipment Violations	2	2	1
Embezzlement			1
Extortion/Blackmail	2		4
Fraud	157	6	176
Gambling			
Kidnapping			1
Pornography			
Prostitution			
Sodomy			1
Sexual Assault w/Object	1		
Fondling	7	6	14
Incest			
Statutory Rape			1
Stolen Property	2	2	1
Weapons Law Violations	12	8	6
Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts			
Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	1		
Animal Cruelty	4		
Total Group "A"	1,175	390	1,169

Crime Against Person
 322 - This year
 285 - Last year
 12.98% - Percent Change

Crime Against Property
 830 - This year
 872 - Last year
 -4.82% - Percent Change

Crime Against Society
 3 - This year
 2 - Last year
 91.67% - Percent Change

Population : 33092

Note: Last years figures are provided for comparison purposes only.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

The **Public Information Officer (PIO)** for the Garfield Police Department is the spokesperson or communications representative for the police agency. Their main role is to manage how information is shared between the police department and the community in which they serve. The PIO is also responsible for communication and assisting members of the media with stories, breaking news, or other inquiries a media agency may have. This includes building a strong relationship with the media, briefing reporters and writing press releases to facilitate accurate information that will be relayed to the public. The PIO is also responsible for the handling of the police agencies social media accounts to relay accurate, time sensitive, and factual information to the public.

Roles of a Public Information Officer for the Garfield Police Department:

- **Media Relations:** Act as the official point of contact for reporters, issuing press releases, answering questions, and arranging interviews.
- **Public Communication:** Share accurate and timely information with the community, especially during emergencies, ongoing investigations, or major incidents.
- **Crisis Communication:** Provide updates in critical situations (natural disasters, shootings, missing persons, etc.) to ensure the public has clear, reliable information.
- **Transparency & Trust:** Help the department maintain credibility and trust by balancing public right-to-know with the need to protect investigations or sensitive information.
- **Social Media & Outreach:** Manage the agency's social media platforms to create content, share updates, safety tips, community events, and alerts.

Official Social Media Accounts of the Garfield Police Department



Website: <https://www.garfieldnj.org/Departments/police-department>

Linktree*

Official Linktree account: <https://linktr.ee/garfieldpolice>



@GarfieldPolice



@GarfieldPDNJ



@GarfieldPoliceNJ

