

CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

2021

**Lt. Robert Brown
Officer in Charge**

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To: Mayor Andrew Nowick, Lambertville City Council
From: Lt. Robert Brown, Officer in Charge
SUBJECT: Annual Report 2021
Date: February 23, 2022

The City of Lambertville Police Department is a progressive, pro-active community oriented law enforcement agency. We are a full-service department staffed by nine police officers and one special officer that is operational around-the-clock, seven days a week. Primarily a uniformed patrol based operation, we also provide a criminal investigative function. This is through the assignment of a detective (when feasible) and periodic specialized patrol conducted in the form of a Bicycle Patrol Unit. Our police officers receive continuous, up-dated in-service training relating to both existing and new policies, procedures, firearms proficiency, and other areas relevant to the law enforcement function. Most of our officers have attended advanced classes, covering many diverse topics that include traffic accident and criminal investigations, Interview and Interrogation, Bias Crime Reporting and Investigation, Cultural Diversity, Internal Affairs, Narcotics Enforcement, Methods of Instruction, Mental Health, Evidence Management, and Autism Awareness. The administrative staff includes an office manager, a full-time parking enforcement officer and several part-time parking enforcement officers. I am proud to say that the caliber of our officers and civilian staff is second to none.

It is the philosophy of this department to perform our duties consistent with modern, community policing practices. We routinely solicit citizen input in addressing crime and quality of-life issues. We always strive to identify and solve problems by maintaining open lines of communication with the community. We take these responsibilities seriously and continuously look for ways to improve our performance.

I respectfully submit the 2021 Annual Report for the City of Lambertville Police Department for your review. This report details operational statistics, administrative activities and functions. There is also a general assessment of department productivity in a variety of areas.

2021 was a year unlike any other, from the unique challenges of day to day living and working created by COVID-19 and flooding, which was caused by Ida.

2021 was a very difficult year for the Lambertville Police Department. I am proud to say that the men and women of the Lambertville Police Department stepped up and met these new challenges with great determination and pride. We successfully worked our way through COVID-19 and the devastation of the flooding.

Officers had to quickly become familiar with all the known facts of COVID 19 and adapt to the ever-changing procedures. Officers responded daily to incidents where individuals were displaying COVID 19 symptoms to render aid or to provide any other assistance they needed. All of our officers did so without hesitation and continued to serve the community. The police department remained open 24 hours a day throughout the pandemic to protect and serve our unique city.

In the afternoon of September 1, 2021, Lambertville was inundated with over 11 inches of rain with in several hours. This caused city wide flooding with every road leading in and out of the city closed. Hundreds of homes and properties were destroyed. The emergency services in Lambertville; Police Department, Fire Department, Rescue Squad and the Office of Emergency Management stepped up and assisted the residents of Lambertville and individuals from our neighboring communities that were trapped in Lambertville. In a disaster of this magnitude, there is no guide; however, the emergency services were able to protect and assist our residents, which resulted in no deaths. I would like to take a minute to thank all the emergency personnel who stepped up, put their lives on the line on that night. In the days and weeks following the storm, officers worked 18 hours a day to provide service to the residents of our community.

In 2021 we continued to operate with a reduction in force of one police officer (10% of department) that took effect in 2011 and the police director position in 2019. The civilian police director's responsibilities have been assigned to the police lieutenant who is currently the officer in charge. This staff reduction resulted in the elimination of a dedicated investigator's position. This slot had been crucial with respect to our ability to conduct timely and efficient initial and follow-up investigation of reported crimes, and all other type of investigations such as background checks, domestic violence case follow-up, ABC, firearms, taxicab, and vending machine licensing. These responsibilities are presently shared with Detective Vincent Albani and Detective Matthew Bast. However, both officers remain assigned to the regular duty chart and are still required to perform all routine patrol duties and respond to calls for service. The department did not fill the part-time administrative assistant position.

In 2021, the department handled 11,776 calls for service. The department conducted 288 investigations, and 2,619 non-criminal investigations.

In 2021 the department had 33 arrests, compared to 36 arrests in 2020. Total parking summonses issued in 2021 were 5,214, compared to 3,525 in 2020. Total ParkMobile transactions for 2021 were 67,558 compared to 33,971 transactions in 2020.

Part I UCR crimes in 2021 totaled 32, compared to 28 in 2020. See attachment B for detailed analysis.

There were 148 motor vehicle accidents in 2021, compared with 118 reported in 2020. No fatalities resulted from these accidents. One pedestrian was struck in 2021, compared to one pedestrian struck in 2020. Four motor vehicle accidents resulted in DUI arrests in 2021, compared to three in 2020. The top two accident locations were once again occurred in the general vicinity of Routes 165/ 518 and Routes 165/179.

Although the responsibilities and challenges that police departments handle have become increasingly more demanding, all of our members remain committed to providing first-class police service and a safe, secure environment for all Lambertville residents and visitors. I am honored and privileged to have had the opportunity to lead the men and women of this police department, as they are truly dedicated and amazing individuals.

Respectfully,

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ANNUAL TRAINING

All police officers received mandatory in-service, semi-annual training in the following areas: Firearms Proficiency, Use of Force, Vehicle Pursuits, Domestic Violence, Pepper Spray, ASP Baton Use and Tactics, Right to Know, Bloodborne Pathogens, Chemical Safety and Hazardous Materials Awareness, CPR, AED Certification and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace. Members also attended advanced training at certified academies and training facilities throughout the state in: CLEAR Training, Understanding Implicit & Explicit Bias, Multiculturalism & Police, Handle with Care. Additional training in, Bias Crime Reporting and Investigation, NJSP CJIS TAC Officer Update, Uniformed Crime Reporting Update, Evidence Management, Internal Affairs Investigations, De-Escalation, Implicit Bias, Officer Safety, Juvenile Justice, Protecting children from abuse, Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE) and Integrating Communications Assessment and Tactics (ICAT) training.

POLICIES, PROCEDURES, OTHER DIRECTIVES

The Department continued to review existing policies and procedures and updated or promulgated directives as necessary. Additionally, various Prosecutors' Office directives and Attorney General Directives and/or guidelines were received and disseminated as appropriate.

Two post conditions and thirteen personnel orders were issued in 2021. These directives covered areas that included community policing and enforcement activities, directed patrols, post assignments, personnel appointments, special event coverage and other operational and/or administrative subjects.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS SUMMARY

In 2021 the department investigated five Internal Affairs Complaints. (2) Demeanor, and (3) Other Rule Violations. The five complaints were from citizens. In two cases, the officers were exonerated, two additional cases were not sustained and one was sustained. Two cases were carried over from 2020, which resulted in the two cases being sustained. See attached Yearly IA Complaint Summary.

SPECIAL EVENTS/DETAILS

- Over 2,377 hours of special details, various road repair/construction projects throughout city requiring contractual traffic control details
- 1,356.25 hours dedicated to Ida Flooding
- Various road repair/construction projects throughout city requiring contractual traffic control details

ONGOING PROGRAMS

- Child Safety Seat Installation Program
- Bicycle Registration Program
- Bicycle Patrol Unit
- Project Child Safe Gun Lock Program

PERSONNEL CHANGES

David DeJesus (Resigned)
Garrett Ruoff (Appointed Full-Time Special Police Officer)
Kevin Brown (Appointed Full-Time Class 2 Special Police Officer)
Miles Smith (Appointed Part-Time Parking Officer)
Allen Wurpel (Promoted to Corporal)
Matthew Bast (Promoted to Corporal)
Gerald Malek (Resigned)
Aaron Edler (Resigned)
Garret Ruoff (Resigned)
Kevin Bereheiko (Appointed to Full-Time Police Officer)
Lauren Balaity (Resigned)
Eric Sullivan (Appointed to Full-Time Police Officer)
Raymond Genito (Appointed to Full-Time Class 2 Special Police Officer)

Officers' Additional Assignments

- Lieutenant Robert Brown- Officer in Charge, Training Officer, IT-Alt TAC Officer, Terrorism Task Force Representative, Domestic Violence Liaison Officer, Special Event coordinator.
- Sergeant Anthony Memolo- Firearms Instructor/Department Armorer. Evidence/Property Supervisor, Internal Affairs Officer.
- Sergeant Michael Gramlich- Radar Instructor, Alcotest and PBT coordinator, TAC Officer, School Security Coordinator, UCR Supervisor.
- Officer Kevin Brown- Firearms Application Investigations.
- Officer Vincent Albani- Criminal, background and other investigations, Gang Officer, Juvenile Officer, Primary Evidence/Property Officer, Project Medicine Drop Coordinator.
- Officer Matthew Bast- Criminal/Background Investigations, UCR Officer.
- Officer Allen Wurpel- Bicycle Patrol Child Car Seat Inspection/Installations, Motor Vehicle Accident Analysis and Reporting, Resiliency Officer.
- Officer Kevin Bereheiko-UCR Officer

- Officer Eric Sullivan- Vending Machine Inspections, ABC Inspections
- Kelly Kascik-Office Manager, Customer Service, Records Management/Processing, OPRA.
- Officer Michael Vecchio- parking enforcement, meter revenue processing, meter maintenance, mail runs, motor pool coordinator and court security. Monitors social websites and reports to Police Director/Officer in Charge regarding any issues impacting the city. Worked special details for the department during the year.
- Stephen Balaity Jr.- Part-Time parking enforcement officer
- Miles Smith- Part-Time parking enforcement officer
- School Crossing Guard Vernon Barlow- Crossing LPS students throughout the year and worked special details for P.D.

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UCR Statistics

<u>Crime / Offense</u>	<u>Total 2017</u>	<u>Total 2018</u>	<u>Total 2019</u>	<u>Total 2020</u>	<u>Total 2021</u>
1. Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
2. Rape	0	0	0	0	0
3. Robbery	2	0	0	0	0
4. Aggravated Assault	3	1	0	0	1
Simple Assault (part 2 offense)	13	12	7	7	4
5. Burglary	5	5	2	1	3
6. Larceny	37	34	23	20	26
7. Motor Vehicle Thefts	3	6	0	0	1
8. Arsons	1	0	0	0	0
Total UCR Crimes (Part 1 offenses only)	64	58	32	28	31

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PERSONNEL ROSTER

February 22, 2022

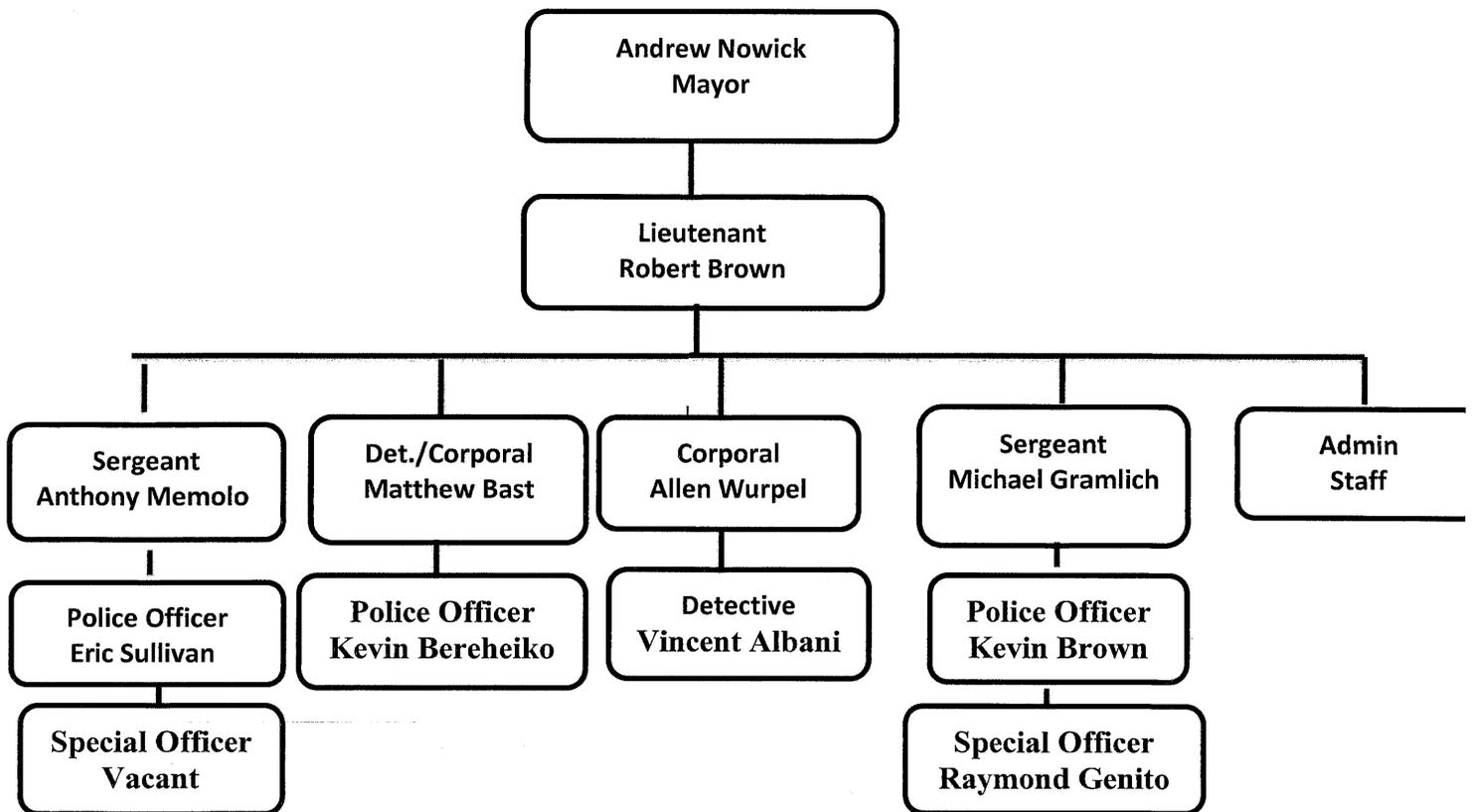
<u>RANK/TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>OPER. #</u>	<u>DATE APPOINT.</u>
Lieutenant	Robert Brown	Op # 2	July 15, 1996
Sergeant	Anthony Memolo	Op # 3	February 6, 2003
Sergeant	Michael Gramlich	Op # 4	February 1, 2004
Detective	Vincent Albani	Op # 11	May 20, 2005
Detective/Corporal	Matthew Bast	Op # 12	May 1, 2014
Corporal	Allen Wurpel	Op # 13	December 29, 2014
Police Officer	Kevin Brown	Op # 15	December 1, 2020
Police Officer	Kevin Bereheiko	Op # 16	October 5, 2021
Police Officer	Eric Sullivan	Op# 17	December 1, 2021
Class 2 SPO	Raymond Genito	Op# 18	December 1, 2020
Class 3 SPO	Vacant	Opr#	
P/T CL 2 SPO	Vacant	Op #	

SUPPORT STAFF

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHEDULE</u>	<u>DATE APPT</u>
Office Mgr.	Kelly Kascik	Mon-Fri (0900 X 1630)	July 13, 2020
P/T Secy.	Vacant		
Parking Enforcement			
Officer (F/T)	Michael Vecchio	Mon-Fri (various)	March 18, 2015
Officer (P/T)	Stephen Balaity Jr	Various	April 4, 2019
Officer (P/T)	Miles Smith	Various	July 1, 2021
School Crossing			
Guard	Vernon Barlow	Mon-Fri (various)	Dec 18, 2014

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LAMBERTVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION CHART 2021



Administrative/Support Staff

Kelly Kascik-Administrative Assistant

Vacant-P/T Secretary

Michael Vecchio-Parking Enforcement Officer

Stephen Balaity Jr-P/T Parking Enforcement Officer

Miles Smith-P/T Parking Enforcement Officer

Vernon Barlow-School Crossing Guard



MISSION STATEMENT

“The City of Lambertville Police Department’s primary mission is to protect lives and property and provide the highest quality police service to all persons; professionally, impartially and within the framework of community policing ideals. We are committed to achieving this mission by adhering to the highest ethical standards and developing a well trained and disciplined workforce.”

INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS MONTHLY ACTIVITY- 2021

OFFICER	M.V.	PARK	IND	DP	DUI	CDS	ORD	WARR	JUV	SICK	VAC	OT HRS	TRNG HRS
LT Brown	0	0					0			0	0	9	14
YTD	5	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	54.5	16	161.5	71
SGT Memolo	6	1					0			0	24	8	1
YTD	71	20	4	3	4	0	1	0	0	70.5	66	101.5	68.75
SGT Gramlich	5	1					0			0	12	16	8
YTD	29	12	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	120	157	56
PO K. Brown	7	0					0			0	0	3	0
YTD	49	7	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	214.5	63.75	32	121.5
PO Albani	2	12					0			0	0	11.5	0
YTD	20	49	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	216	122.5	40.75
PO Bast	6	0					0			0	0	5.5	0
YTD	42	29	2	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	120	173	54
PO Wurpel	2	2					0			0	0	0	6
YTD	17	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	36	180	19.5	48.75
PO Bereheiko	4	0					0			0	0	0	0
YTD	20	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	180
PO Sullivan	17	13					0			0	0	0	0
YTD	26	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	180
PEO Vecchio	0	62					0			0	39	0	0
YTD	0	1740	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	0
P/T PEO Balaity	0	51					0			0	0	0	0
YTD	0	1715	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P/T PEO Smith	0	222					0			0	0	0	0
YTD	0	1532	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YTD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YTD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MTHLY TOTAL	49	364	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	53	29
YTD TOTAL	397	5214	7	14	10	0	10	1	0	446	1013.75	1020	908.75

**2021 MOTOR VEHICLE PED STOPS
RACE GENDER TRACKING**

TOTALS	BM	BF	WM	WF	HM	HF	IM	IF	AM	AF	TOTAL/MONTH
JANUARY	1	1	36	20	6	1	0	0	0	0	65
FEBRUARY	11	0	31	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	55
MARCH	1	2	15	12	2	1	0	0	2	1	36
APRIL	1	2	21	30	2	1	1	1	0	0	59
MAY	2	2	25	9	2	0	0	0	1	0	41
JUNE	2	1	22	15	4	0	0	0	1	2	47
JULY	4	1	22	10	3	1	3	0	0	0	44
AUGUST	2	2	23	17	1	0	0	0	1	1	47
SEPTEMBER	1	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	8
OCTOBER	2	2	25	18	2	1	0	1	1	0	52
NOVEMBER	3	6	41	23	3	2	0	0	0	1	79
DECEMBER	5	4	43	22	7	5	0	1	0	1	88
STOPS/YTD	35	23	308	190	33	12	4	3	6	7	621
STOPS %/YTD	6%	4%	50%	31%	5%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	