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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE RELEASE SUMMER SEASONAL ACITIVITIES REPORT

Lower Township Police Chief, Edward Donohue, reports that the Lower Township Police Department responded to and/or investigated **14,245** Calls For Service, during the seasonal summer period from May through September.

Officers investigated **206** Domestic Violence complaints, **45** of which involved assaults while handling criminal complaints which included the following offenses:

Robberies - 3
Aggravated Assaults - 13
Simple Assaults - 15
Burglaries - 66
Thefts - 159
Stolen Motor Vehicles - 5
Aggravated Sexual Assaults - 3
Other Sexual Offenses - 14
Arsons - 2
Assault on Police Officers - 5

Lower Township Officers responded to and investigated **258** Motor Vehicle Accidents on Lower Township roadways, while conducting a total of **2,565** Motor Vehicle Stops which resulted in **866** Traffic Summonses being issued, along with **222** Traffic Warnings issued.

Officers also issued **8** Local Ordinance complaints along with **35** warnings for Local Ordinance violations.

Total arrest made during this period include **216** adult arrest with **42** juveniles arrested. In addition, Lower Township Police Officers arrested a total of **40** drivers for Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated, over the course of the summer season.

Officers assisted the Lower Township Rescue Squad with over **700** Emergency Medical Calls and responded to **227** Fire Alarm call outs with the township's three (3) fire departments.

Patrol Officers responded to **300** commercial and residential alarms, **381** Disorderly Conduct complaints, **185** Criminal Mischief complaints and along with Animal Control Officers, **260** Animal complaints.



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Officers responded to **119** 9-1-1 Hang Up Calls that had to be investigated, while taking curfew enforcement action **27** times. Officers responded to **66** Trespassing complaints and took enforcement action on Liquor Law Violations **38** times.

Officers responded to **440** calls of suspicious persons or vehicles, arrested **88** people on active warrants and **8** subjects for Weapons Offenses along with **10** subjects for Resisting Arrest violations.

Officers responded to **10** Attempted Suicide calls while conducting a total of **11** Sudden Death investigations, one **(1)** of which was ruled a suicide by self inflicted gun shot wound, two **(2)** were ruled drug overdoses and the remaining eight **(8)** were ruled non-suspicious in nature.

The Detective and Patrol Divisions conducted numerous drug/narcotic investigations which resulted in the arrest of **30** subjects for Possession of Narcotics.

Officers completed **571** Investigation Reports and conducted **3,798** Residential Property Checks throughout Lower Township during the reporting period.

The following is some of the more serious incidents handled by the Lower Township Police Department over the summer season.

May 26, 2009 – Strong Armed Robbery with theft of cash investigation at the Pantry One Store in the Erma section of Lower Township.

May 28, 2009 – Drug Investigation, 30 year old male suspect arrested with over 40 bags of Heroin.

May 31, 2009 – 19 year old male charged with the Criminal Sexual Contact of a handicapped woman in the North Cape May section of Lower Township.

June 21, 2009 – Investigation Involving Man Slashed with Boxcutter, victim required multiple stitches and treatment at the emergency room.

June 24, 2009 – Car Stop leads to Seizure of Multiple Bags of Marijuana, 45 year old male arrested for possession of same.

June 26, 2009 – Five year old struck by Golf Cart at local campground, airlifted to Cooper Hospital in Camden.



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July 1, 2009 – Sex Crimes Investigation, police announce the arrest of a 36 year old male on two counts of Aggravated Sexual Assault and Endangering the Welfare of a Child. The arrest was the result of a cooperative investigation by the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office Special Investigations Unit and the Lower Township Police Department.

July 5, 2009 – Narcotics Investigation, 16 year old male juvenile arrested for possession of over 150 bags of Heroin with the Intent to Distribute.

July 11, 2009 – Water Rescue, Police, Fire and Rescue personnel assisted with a water rescue at the Wuerker's Farm gravel pits, when a 16 year old sustained a neck injury while swimming. The boy's companions were credited with saving his life with performing rescue breathing/CPR on him prior to first responders arrival.

July 17, 2009 – Arrest in Car Burglaries, multiple vehicles were entered and various items were taken. A 19 year old male and a 17 year old juvenile were arrested for the car burglaries. Property was recovered and returned to victims.

July 26, 2009 – Officer Involved Shooting, Police Officers responding to a Domestic Violence call at approximately 1:30 am, were met by an enraged man wielding a large 4X4 post. A Police Officer fired one (1) round from his service weapon when man attempted to strike his girlfriend with the post. The incident did not result in any injuries and the suspect was charged with three (3) counts of Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

August 12, 2009 – Motor Vehicle Stop leads to Seizure of Pills, driver was arrested for same.

August 18, 2009 – Home Invasion Investigation in the Villas Section, three (3) males, one (1) armed with a large knife, forced their way into a residence and demanded money.

August 21, 2009 – Motor Vehicle Stop, 37 year old male arrested for Driving While Intoxicated and possessing 35 bags of Heroin.

August 28, 2009 – Domestic Call, 19 year old male charged with Violation of a Restraining Order, Assault and Robbery.

September 4, 2009 – Drug Investigation, Seizure of 35 Bags of Heroin and arrest of 25 year old male for possession of same.

September 9, 2009 – Aggravated Assault, Man Arrested in Stabbing Incident, also charged with Obstruction of Justice and Resisting Arrest.



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September 11, 2009- Drug Investigation, large seizure of over 100 Bags of Heroin, arrest of 70 year old suspect for possession of same.

September 12, 2009 – Two Car Head On Motor Vehicle Accident with One (1) Fatality. In addition, two (2) members of the same local family were seriously injured. The driver of the vehicle which caused the accident was charged with **Driving While Intoxicated, Reckless Driving, Failure to Maintain a Lane and Death By Auto.**

2009 Summer Seasonal
Activities Report Prepared By:

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