

Lacey Township Police Department  
**Mission Value Statement**

The Lacey Township Police Department, in partnership with the community, is committed to enhancing the safety and security of the community by providing professional law enforcement service.

Central to our mission are the values that guide our work, our decisions and help us to contribute to the quality of life in Lacey Township.

**We Value:**

- Human life and respect the dignity of all persons.
- Aggressive investigation of crimes and apprehension of those who have violated the law.
- Honest and ethical behavior by all members of the department.
  - Training and planning as a means of staying current with modern law enforcement methods, equipment, and technology.
  - Proactive crime prevention through education to reinforce the police/citizen partnership.
  - Each other and take pride in our work, and in doing our best.
- Service to members of the community delivered in a fair, courteous, caring and responsive manner.
- Cooperative interaction with township departments, public and private agencies.
- Coordination with agencies which comprise and contribute to the criminal justice system.
- Sensitivity in our interaction with others as the key to maintaining public support and trust.



# ORGANIZATION & PERSONNEL

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## Personnel

There were no promotions during 2006. Officers Richard Barbosa and Robert Pfaff each retired after 25 years of service. Police Officers Gerard Noda, George Resetar and Andrew Slota joined the department in January.

## Departures

In 2006 the following employees left the Police Department:

### Full Time (retired)

Barbosa, Richard (25)  
Pfaff, Robert (25)

### Part Time/Temporary

Lattanzio, Theresa  
Walker, Joanne  
Smith, MaryEllen

## Seniority

The table below shows the average years of service of employees by category for the last five years.

Category	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
All Employees	14.7	14.5	11.9	10.0	11.25
Management	22.3	23.3	17.6	16.25	18.25
Supervisors	19.3	18.7	14.0	14.0	16
Sworn	15.2	15.0	12.1	9.6	10.8
Non-Sworn	12.1	11.9	11.1	10.6	12.6
Patrol Division	9.6	10.3	11.1	7.8	8
Detective Bureau	9.6	7.6	5.75	8.5	10.75

## Current Employees

The list below reflects the Department Personnel on December 31, 2006.

### Chief

Nally, William

### Police Operations Captain

Paprotta, David

### Patrol Lieutenant

Tirella, Scott

### Investigative Lieutenant

Veltri, James

### Investigative Sergeant

Cornelius, Christopher

### Administrative Sergeants

DiBella, Michael

Jurkiewicz, Chester

Kenny, Christopher

### Patrol Sergeants

DiFrancesco, Robert

Ganley, Patrick

Olbrys, Edward

Tranz, James

### Detectives

Gudgeon, Michael

Simonson, John

Wood, James

### Administrative Assistants

Cortese, Linda

Stawski, Terri

### Patrol Officers

Abrecht, Alan

Anderson, Fred

Androcy, Evan

Barcalow, Julie

Brignola, Louis

Buxton, Ronald

Cernek, John

DellaSala, Sam

Donahue, Peter

Duffy, Robert

Eden, Michael

Flynn, Robert

Gibson, Nathan

McKee, John

Meehan, Vincent

Nick, Darrell

Noda, Gerardo

Pearce, Keith

Prokosch, James

Resetar, George

Schaffer, Noah

Slota, Andrew

Slota, Jeffrey

Soto, Joseph

Sullivan, Paul Jr.

Supsie, David

Surtees, Robert

Taino, Kymberly

Tsarnas, Dimitrios

### Clerical Personnel

Brenner, Mary

Kelber, Lee

Staer, Marjorie

### Communications

Favor, Donna

Frandsen, Marlene

Johnson, Frances

Lawler, Kim

McCusker, Elizabeth

Simpson, Debra

Stevens, Dawn

Streno, Patricia

Wujack, Joanne

### Property & Evidence

DePoto, Linda

### Class I Special Officers

Cheney, Travis

Martin, Kenneth

Shelley, Bryon

Sicola, Michael

Simpson, Dan

### Class II Special Officers

Ewart, Adam

### Crossing Guards

Butynes, Patricia

DeBenedetto, Elaine

Gardner, Jane

Guerriero, Walter

McRae, Eileen

Murphy, Karen

Squeo, Rose

## **Retirees and other Previous Employees**

These are the sworn officers and civilian employees we wish to remember who dedicated many years of their lives to the Lacey Township Police Department. The good work they did still has a positive effect on the department today.

### **Sworn**

Alfred Crincoli  
John Zahn  
Patrick Garrity  
John Parker  
Irv Exel  
Franklin Brown  
Albert Chick  
Thomas R. Darmody  
Dave Koudelik  
Paul Schoeber  
William Georgeson  
Samuel McNeil  
Dennis Hammerle  
William Beecroft  
Gary Smith  
Roger Pearce  
Jack Murray  
Olindo Molinia  
James Stockton

Michael Murphy  
Joseph Plazerine  
Karl Alizade  
Gerard Grappo  
Raymond Camporeale  
George Stankus  
Daniel Peersen  
Theodore Hutler  
Walter Kirk  
John Flynn  
Dennis Blewitt  
Patrick O'Brien  
William Trainor  
Robert Wright  
Brian Reid  
Patsy Sposato  
Joseph Ciano  
Denis Beaulieu  
Bernard Snyder  
Henry Krzeczkowski

John Downing  
Mark Lynch  
Ronald Klebacher  
James LeTellier  
John Slota  
Paul Sullivan  
Richard Barbosa  
Robert Pfaff

### **Civilian**

Julia Hutler  
Barbara Sheedy  
JoAnne Logudice  
Linda Russo  
Warren Mason  
Doris Wolverton

## **Injuries and Accidents**

Lacey Township is self-insured for workers compensation claims. There has been a concerted effort by all supervisors and employees to reduce the incidence of worker injury. Due to the very nature of the law enforcement profession, which oftentimes exposes police officers to hazardous situations, the potential for injury is high. In 2006 there were twelve (12) cases of work related injuries reported. There were three (3) work days missed due to those injuries.

The Police Department logged 442,625 miles driven in department vehicles in 2006; resulting in four (4) traffic accidents involving department vehicles.

# CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

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## Reported Crimes

As can be seen by the figures below, the total reported criminal offenses rose significantly, up over 56% from 2005 to 2006. The figures below include all reported criminal activity except for traffic and juvenile offenses.

	2004	2005	2006
Total Criminal Offenses	2,219	1,965	3,076

## Arrests

The figures listed below reflect the number of “individuals” arrested for the previous five years. It should be noted that multiple charges are sometimes filed against a single “individual.” The current design of the Records Management System does not permit for the tabulation of multiple charges against a single individual.

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Adult	978	768	854	970	1,119
Juvenile	149	181	248	101	179

## Drug Offenses

Reported drug offenses continued to rise in 2006 - increasing 41% over 2005 to a five (5) year high. The police department is continuing in its proactive enforcement efforts concerning drug use and distribution.

Year	Drug Offenses
2002	39
2003	34
2004	52
2005	41
2006	69

## Uniform Crime Reports (UCR)

The Uniform Crime Reporting Program is a nationwide, cooperative statistical effort of more than 17,000 city, county, and state law enforcement agencies reporting data on crimes brought to their attention. It was established in 1930 to gauge the state of crime in the nation. There are eight (8) main offense classifications, known as Part I Crimes, used as part of the Uniform Crime Reporting Program. The eight (8) crime classifications are divided into two categories; Violent Crimes and Property Crimes. The offenses which constitute the Violent Crime category include: Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter; Forcible Rape; Robbery; and Aggravated Assault. The offenses which constitute the Property Crime category include: Burglary; Theft; Motor Vehicle Theft; and Arson.

Below is a chart highlighting the eight (8) identified crime classifications and the respective number of offenses for Lacey Township for the last five (5) years.

<b>Offense</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>% Change 05 – 06</b>
Homicide	1	0	1	0	1	+100 %
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0 %
Robbery	3	5	5	3	1	-66 %
Agg. Assault	24	16	23	4	5	+25 %
Burglary	57	78	71	58	94	+62 %
Theft	418	372	476	422	516	+22 %
M.V. Theft	14	26	11	13	13	0 %
Arson	1	0	5	1	1	0 %

There are several dozen different classifications of calls. The following list shows those classifications which occurred the most frequently in 2006.

<b>Activity</b>	<b># of 2006 Calls</b>
Harassment	481
Disputes	324
Criminal Mischief	549
Theft	529
Burglary Alarms	1,011
Juvenile Problems	901
Animal Complaints	707
School Resource Officer Visits	883
Suspicious Incidents	643
First Aid Calls	1,747

**Domestic Violence**

Domestic Violence is a serious crime against society and it must be aggressively addressed by both law enforcement and the courts. New Jersey has strong laws and protective processes for victims of Domestic Violence, which is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the following criminal offenses upon a person protected under the "Prevention of Domestic Violence Act of 1991:"

- Homicide..... N.J.S. 2C:11-1
- Assault..... N.J.S. 2C:12-1
- Terroristic Threats..... N.J.S. 2C:12-3
- Kidnapping..... N.J.S. 2C:13-1
- Criminal Restraint..... N.J.S. 2C:13-2
- False Imprisonment..... N.J.S. 2C:13-3
- Sexual Assault..... N.J.S. 2C:14-2
- Criminal Sexual Contact..... N.J.S. 2C:14-3
- Lewdness..... N.J.S. 2C:14-4
- Criminal Mischief..... N.J.S. 2C:17-3
- Burglary..... N.J.S. 2C:18-2
- Criminal Trespass..... N.J.S. 2C:18-3
- Harassment..... N.J.S. 2C:33-4
- Stalking..... N.J.S. 2C:12-10

Lacey Township is not immune from the problems and concerns of Domestic Violence. The chart below reflects the incidence of Domestic Violence within our community for the previous five years. After three years of decline 2002 through 2004, we have unfortunately seen a two year trend of increasing Domestic Violence incidents within the Township.

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>January</b>	30	26	16	15	23
<b>February</b>	29	20	17	17	16
<b>March</b>	29	33	17	27	25
<b>April</b>	34	25	18	26	28
<b>May</b>	34	24	13	19	22
<b>June</b>	36	24	28	27	29
<b>July</b>	41	17	19	22	25
<b>August</b>	27	23	31	24	31
<b>September</b>	31	32	30	27	26
<b>October</b>	24	28	29	25	23
<b>November</b>	19	21	20	17	28
<b>December</b>	26	22	22	22	20
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>296</b>

## **Fast Facts: Domestic Violence In Lacey Township**

2002.....	Most frequent day of occurrence:	<u>Saturday</u>
	Most Frequent 2 hour period:	<u>6:00 pm - 7:59 pm</u>
	Female Victims:	<u>252 (70%)</u>
	Male Victims:	<u>108 (30%)</u>
2003.....	Most frequent day of occurrence:	<u>Sunday</u>
	Most Frequent 2 hour period:	<u>8:00 pm - 9:59 pm</u>
	Female Victims:	<u>214 (72.5%)</u>
	Male Victims:	<u>81 (27.5%)</u>
2004.....	Most frequent day of occurrence:	<u>Friday</u>
	Most Frequent 2 hour period:	<u>6:00 pm - 7:59 pm</u>
	Female Victims:	<u>204 (78.5%)</u>
	Male Victims:	<u>56 (21.5%)</u>
2005.....	Most frequent day of occurrence:	<u>Sunday</u>
	Most Frequent 2 hour period:	<u>8:00 pm - 9:59 pm</u>
	Female Victims:	<u>209 (76.3%)</u>
	Male Victims:	<u>65 (23.7%)</u>
2006 .....	Most frequent day of occurrence:	<u>Sunday</u>
	Most Frequent 2 hour period:	<u>6:00 pm – 7:59 pm</u>
	Female Victims:	<u>219 (72.5%)</u>
	Male Victims:	<u>83 (27.5 %)</u>

\* Six (6) incidents of Domestic Violence had multiple victims.

# TRAFFIC

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## Accidents

After a 2 year decline in traffic accidents between 2002 and 2005, Lacey Township experienced a 4.6 % increase in traffic accidents in 2006. The department will continue to place an emphasis on hazardous motor vehicle violations through proactive, directed enforcement efforts. Officers are regularly assigned to high violation and problem areas in a continuing effort to reduce accident causing violations.

<b><u>Traffic Accident Five Year Comparison</u></b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Injury Accidents	134	196	183	116	158
Number Injured	*	224	198	*	*
Fatal Accidents	1	2	1	2	2
Number Killed	1	2	1	2	2
Property Damage Accidents	793	801	767	751	749
	928	999	951	869	909

## **Total Traffic Accidents**

\* Not Available

## Vehicular Citations

Hazardous Citations	1,755	1,538	2,270	2,230	2,748
Non Hazardous Citations	868	505	703	2,497	3,996
Driving While Intoxicated	87	67	81	118	134
Parking Citations	113	140	120	147	110
<b>Total Summonses Issued</b>	<b>2,823</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>3,174</b>	<b>4,992</b>	<b>6,988</b>

# PATROL

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Patrol is the largest Division of the Police Department. Its primary responsibility is responding to calls for service from the community. These can range from neighborhood disputes, domestic violence incidents and traffic accidents to burglaries in progress and death investigations.

As the first responder to criminal complaints, patrol officers are responsible for seeing to the medical needs of anyone involved, interviewing witnesses, recognizing and preserving evidence, determining whether, in fact, a crime has occurred, and identifying and ultimately arresting those responsible.

Officers in the Patrol Division are also expected to provide proactive services such as traffic enforcement, crime detection and suppression, and initiating contacts with community members to further the department's commitment to Community and Problem Oriented Policing.

Officers assigned to the Patrol Division are divided into two (2) Platoons. These platoons are responsible for 24-hour street coverage, seven days a week. Each platoon is divided into two (2) squads, each supervised by a Sergeant. A squad currently consists of 6-7 officers.

## **Community/Problem Oriented Policing Programs & Strategies**

In the mid 1990's the Lacey Township Police Department identified a need to implement community-oriented/problem solving strategies to assist in more effectively addressing citizen concerns about crime, safety and quality of life issues. While still embracing traditional policing practices such as random patrol and rapid response to calls for service, the department recognizes that there must be a collaborative problem solving approach between the police and the community in problem identification, prioritization and resolution of community concerns. Our goal is to reduce crime and increase the quality of life by seeking citizen involvement, cooperation and support. Operationally, we seek to implement our strategy and accomplish our goals through various programs including but not limited to:

- Attendance at Community Meetings
- School Resource Officer Program
- Pre-K thru 12 Educational Programs
- Job Shadowing Program
- PTA Participation
- Rotary Club Participation
- Attendance at Community Meetings
- Child ID Program
- Officer McGruff
- Narcotics Strike Force
- Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund
- Targeted Traffic Enforcement
- Volunteer Coach Fingerprinting Program

## **Field Training**

All police officers hired by the Lacey Township Police Department must attend a state certified police academy. Upon graduation from the academy, all officers return to the department and are required to successfully complete a Field Training Program (FTO). The FTO program is an additional 4-6 months of intense training and evaluation in which the probationary officer is paired with an experienced officer who has been carefully selected and trained as a Field Training Officer. It is the goal of the FTO Program to prepare and develop Probationary Officers to act efficiently, effectively and safely in a solo patrol capacity.

## **School Resource Officer**

The School Resource Officer (SRO) program began in 1999 and continues today as a collaborative effort with the Lacey Township School District. The School Resource Officer Program has two main components designed to enhance the relationship between the school district, its students, teachers and administrators, and the police department. The first component is to provide law enforcement and an added police presence to all district schools. This is accomplished through the use of patrol officers who, as part of their duties, report to each of the schools where they will meet with staff and students while walking the corridors. While in the school, officers often interact with the children by participating in various school activities, thus allowing the students to see them as “regular” people. The second component is to provide training and informal counseling to students, staff and parents. Sergeant Michael DiBella serves as the department’s School Liaison Officer and is responsible for coordinating school related activities. Training Programs currently offered by the department include: 911 Awareness; Bullying; DWI Awareness; Bicycle Safety; and Drugs and Drug Awareness.

# INVESTIGATIONS

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The Investigative Division is charged with the responsibility to review all incident reports and intelligence sources in order to prioritize and investigate criminal activity. Lieutenant James Veltri, Commander of the Investigative Division, also serves as the Department's Counter-Terrorism Coordinator and meets regularly with other local, state and federal authorities in that regard.

The Investigative Division went through a number of personnel changes during the past year. Officers Michael Gudgeon and James Wood were assigned to the Detective Bureau and Officer Joseph Soto was reassigned to the Patrol Division.

The Investigative Division is staffed by the following employees.

Lt. James Veltri  
Investigative Division Commander  
18 years experience

Sgt. Christopher Cornelius  
Investigative Division Supervisor  
9 years experience

Detective Michael Gudgeon  
Case Detective  
20 years experience

Detective John Simonson  
Case Detective  
7 years experience

Detective James Wood  
Case Detective  
7 years experience

## **Cases**

Detectives work cases that are assigned to them based on the nature or complexity of the case. They also work a number of cases that they initiate upon receiving intelligence information.

A few notable cases for 2006 include:

- Detective Sergeant Cornelius arrested two (2) Lacey Township juveniles, ages 15 and 16, in connection with the Burglary of four (4) homes in Lanoka Harbor. Numerous items including a shotgun and electronics totaling over \$7,800.00 were stolen. Approximately \$5,000.00 of the reported stolen items, including the shotgun, were recovered.

- Sergeant Michael DiBella arrested four Lacey Township residents in connection with Prescription Fraud. Each were accused of obtaining Valium and Percocet with stolen prescription blanks and were charged with multiple counts of Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS).
- Detective James Wood recovered a Suzuki 125 cc motorcycle valued at \$2,250.00 stolen from a shed on Windsor Street.
- Detective James Wood arrested Jennifer Bergstrom, 37 yoa, charging her with Obtaining a Controlled Dangerous Substance by Fraud and Impersonation after she telephoned a local pharmacy and presented herself as an employee of a doctor's office thereby enabling her to obtain an unauthorized prescription.
- Detective Sergeant Cornelius arrested two (2) Township men charging them with Possession of Marijuana; Possession With Intent to Distribute; and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The arrests were a result of ongoing burglary investigations.
- Detective Simonson arrested James Cort, a township resident, charging him with Burglary and Theft of a Motor Vehicle after he stole a vehicle from a local taxi service. The vehicle was later found abandoned in Atlantic City.
- Detective Wood investigated several incidents involving the theft of bulk metal. Unknown individuals removed numerous items, which are generally sold as scrap, from several locations. The materials included aluminum ramps, aluminum forms, and copper tubing. The value of the materials exceeds \$25,000.
- Detective Soto concluded an investigation into several incidents of Criminal Mischief in the Forked River Beach area with the arrest of six (6) township juveniles charging each of them with Criminal Mischief. Several separate incidents were involved and included damage to homes, vehicles and a boat trailer. Damage totaled approximately \$2,500.
- Detective Simonson arrested township resident Jesse Wheeler charging him with Theft by Deception and Forgery. Mr. Wheeler was charged after he used stolen checks to obtain funds from an area bank. He was lodged in Ocean County Jail in lieu of \$10,000 cash bail.
- The police department investigated many cases involving mail and internet scams. Township residents were targeted after receiving offers of investment and sale opportunities which are later found to be fraudulent. Individuals have posed as bank officials, automobile salesman and lottery officials and are obtaining personal, confidential information which is later used to defraud.
- Detective Joseph Soto arrested two (2) Virginia women in connection with the April 30<sup>th</sup> Burglary of a Sinclair Avenue home. A safe containing jewelry and cash was removed and subsequently located in Rehobeth Beach, Delaware. Both women were lodged in Ocean County Jail.
- Detective James Wood arrested a township man charging him with Burglary and Theft in connection with the theft of tools from an area contractor. The tools, valued at \$1,800.00 were recovered and returned.

- Matthew Burbage, 29, a resident of Long Beach Island, was arrested by Detective James Wood and charged with the Theft and Burglary of a township home in connection with the theft of approximately \$900.00 in tools.
- Detective James Wood arrested Jonathan Ward, a 26 year old Howell Township man after he identified himself as a police detective at a local restaurant.
- Detective John Simonson investigated the Burglary of a Sommerel Drive residence. Unknown individual(s) entered the home through an unlocked window stealing various items totaling approximately \$4,000.
- Detective James Wood arrested township resident Jonathan Amato in connection with the discovery of illegally dumped material in a wooded area along Trenton Avenue North. The investigation was aided by an alert neighbor who witnessed the dumping and was able to furnish the department with a description of the vehicle involved. The material dumped included a boat trailer, boat bumpers, tiki torches and several bags of garbage.
- Lieutenant Veltri arrested a township couple charging them with burglary and theft. Aldo Vanterie, 26, and Melanie Ferreria, 22, conspired to distract a local resident while one of the subjects entered her home. While inside the residence, they removed checks, which were later forged and cashed.
- Detective Sergeant Cornelius arrested a Manchester Township resident after a two-month investigation. The investigation began when two homes west of the parkway were burglarized during the day. David Lemmon, age 50, was charged with two counts each of burglary and theft. The arrests were the result of a joint investigation which included: Manchester, Dover, and Jackson Township Police Departments. David Lemmon was lodged in the Middlesex County Correctional Facility with bail set at \$125,000.
- Detective Wood investigated the burglary of a Terry Avenue home. Unknown actor(s) forced entry into the residence and stole several items including a handgun. The total value of the theft was \$7,500.
- Detectives Simonson and Wood, assisted by Sergeant DiBella, conducted a traffic stop leading to three arrests. The occupants, Ryan Bacon, 19, of Lacey, Stephen Tyrell, 20, of Lacey, and Lenny Vanderwiele, 20, of Virginia, all under the legal drinking age, were taken into custody after a large quantity of alcohol was discovered in their vehicle. The vehicle's driver, Ryan Bacon, was also found to be in possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. All three men were charged with Underage Possession of Alcohol and Bacon was also charged with Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia.
- A Berkeley Township woman reported that her car was burglarized while parked at Gille Park. Cash and credit cards were removed from the victim's purse. The credit cards were subsequently used to purchase merchandise valued over \$1,000 throughout the county. The investigation lead to the arrest of John Clarke, 43, from Brooklyn, New York. The accused was lodged in the Ocean County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 cash bail after being charged with Burglary, Theft, and Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card.

- Detective Simonson arrested Raymond Farino, a 23 year-old Lacey Township man, in connection with credit card fraud. The accused, an employee of a local business, was accessing confidential customer information and using that information to obtain cash. During his arrest, he was also found to be in possession of a controlled dangerous substance. He was lodged in the Ocean County Jail in lieu of \$9,000 cash bail.
- Detective Wood completed investigated the Burglary of a Sarasota Drive residence. Two (2) local juveniles, ages 15 and 17, were each charged with two counts of Burglary and Theft after entering a shed and removing several mini bikes. The mini bikes were returned to their owner.
- Detective John Simonson investigated an incident which took place along the power lines adjacent to the Garden State Parkway in which a 20 year-old Waretown man was stabbed. The incident began in Waretown after a verbal altercation between two men led to a car chase through the woods into Lacey Township. A fight ensued resulting in the Waretown man being stabbed several times in the leg with a small pocket knife. He was treated and released from an area hospital.
- Detective Sergeant Cornelius and Detective Wood completed an investigation involving the burglary of numerous parked vehicles in the Lacey Business Park. One 18 year old and two juveniles were charged with numerous counts of burglary, theft, criminal mischief and one count of arson. Items stolen included cash, stereos, compact discs and tools.

These are just a few of the many investigations from a very busy year. Not included here are many investigations conducted by Detective Bureau personnel that are handled as the routine part of a workweek. They include death investigations, sexual assaults, thefts, and burglaries just to name a few.

### **Property Stolen and Recovered**

Property offenses include Burglary, Theft, Criminal Mischief and Shoplifting. The exact amount of value in theft related offenses is hard to determine as officers and victims usually estimate the value of property stolen and recovered. The chart below reflects the estimated value of property stolen and recovered for the previous five (5) years. The current department computer system and record keeping practices do not permit for the ready determination of the value of damaged property.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Stolen</b>	<b>Recovered</b>
2006	\$580,777.00	\$ 74,074.00
2005	\$382,085.00	\$ 71,173.00
2004	\$483,873.00	\$112,491.00
2003	\$454,029.00	\$189,707.00
2002	\$477,987.00	\$129,392.00

# RECORDS SECTION

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The Records Section of the department supports the operational efforts of the investigative and patrol functions as well as performing a variety of other services, including but not limited to:

- Data Entry
- Report Maintenance/Filing/Retrieval
- Issuing Licenses
- Copy reports for Civilians/ Insurance Companies/Attorneys
- Expungement Orders
- Issue Handicap Placards
- Process Firearms Applications
- Coordinate Background Investigations
- Process Fingerprint Cards
- Process Juvenile Complaints
- Compile monthly statistics

The chart below highlights a small percentage of the work processed by Records Section personnel in 2006.

	2006
Reports Copied	2,008
Firearms Applications Processed	151
Background Checks Initiated	522
Juvenile Complaints Processed	111
Handicap Placards Processed	65

# COMMUNICATIONS

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The Lacey Township Police Department is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week by full-time Public Safety Telecommunicators. They are the initial point of contact for a majority of the public requiring police services. They are an extremely vital component in delivering effective police services to the community and their dedication and importance should not be overlooked. Often- times they are required to maintain a reassuring and calming demeanor in the face of extraordinary circumstances in order to assist the caller and the police officer responding to an emergency. All of the Public Safety Telecommunicators are required to receive and maintain certification by the Office of Emergency Telecommunications Services in the Department of Law and Public Safety. Some of the examples of work performed include:

- Receive and respond to telephone requests for emergency services;
- In response to medical emergencies, provide First Aid or CPR instructions to stabilize the medical condition of persons until the arrival of medical assistance;
- Relay all vital information to responding police officers;
- Utilize radio, telephone, or other electronic equipment to dispatch specific law enforcement, fire, or medical units to the scene of an emergency;
- Refer non-emergency situations to other appropriate public or private agencies;
- Make entries into the department's computer system as well as various other systems and databases such as the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and State Crime Information Center (SCIC), Stolen Vehicle File and Missing Persons File.

## Calls For Service

Calls for service are operational incidents that the police department tracks. These include 911 calls, emergency and non-emergency requests for service, and "on-sight" criminal/public service activity by officers. The chart directly below reflects the number of calls for service handled by the police department for the previous five (5) years. A large majority of the Calls for Service are channeled through the Communications Center.

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	% change (05-06)
<b>Calls</b>	25,251	24,080	27,628	28,733	36,416	26%

# MISCELLANEOUS

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## Overtime

Employees of the police department worked a total of 3,699.50 hours of overtime in 2006. Overtime is utilized and necessary throughout all divisions of the department for purposes such as the replacement of personnel out sick, injured or on other approved leave, attendance at mandatory training, completion of assignments, the investigation of serious offenses, or to work a special assignment. Sworn officers are permitted to receive pay or compensatory time off for any overtime worked. For tracking purposes, overtime is recorded by division, month and classification. Classifications include:

**Extended Tour** - time worked in addition to and consecutive with one's regular work day (examples include time at the end of a tour of duty to complete an assignment or report).

**Extra Tour** - time worked in addition to one's regular work day (examples include replacing an officer on sick leave or a Detective called in to work on a complex case).

**Court** - To provide testimony in municipal, state or federal court (examples include mandatory court appearance which does not coincide with an officer's regularly scheduled work day).

**Training** - attendance at in-service training courses not available during work days (examples include EMT training, breathalyzer certification, defensive tactics instruction, etc.)

**Communications** - coverage of the department's radio system (examples include the necessity of a police officer to fill in for a dispatcher's absence).

**Strike Force** - assistance with the Ocean County Narcotics Strike Force.

**DDEF - Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund**: a state funded grant utilized to place additional police officers on the road to target drunk drivers (examples include extra patrols on New Years Eve and the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend).

**Other** – Overtime used for extra patrols for seatbelt and speed reduction campaigns. Overtime in this category is generally reimbursed through state and federal grants.

The charts on the following pages reflect the department overtime for 2006.

**Overtime By Division:**

	Administration	Patrol	Investigative	Communications	Clerical
Extended Tour	35.75	218.25	86	-	-
Extra Tour	154.5	730.75	358.75	531	62
Court	-	347.25	-	-	-
Training	83.5	814.25	62.75	3.75	-
Communications	-	-	-	-	-
Strike Force	-	-	4	-	-
DDEF	-	88	-	-	-
Other	-	119	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>273.75</b>	<b>2,317.5</b>	<b>511.5</b>	<b>534.75</b>	<b>62</b>

**Overtime By Classification:**

	Extended Tour	Extra Tour	Court	Training	Comm.	Strike Force	DDEF	Other
Administrative	35.75	154.5	-	83.5	-	-	-	-
Patrol	218.25	730.75	347.25	814.25	-	-	88	119
Investigative	86	358.75	-	62.75	-	4	-	-
Communications	-	531	-	3.75	-	-	-	-
Clerical	-	62	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>1,837</b>	<b>347.25</b>	<b>964.25</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>119</b>

**Overtime By Month:**

Overtime Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Admin</b>												
Extended Tour	7.25	3	-	3	-	2.5	-	-	3	2.5	14.5	-
Extra Tour	3.5	-	4	15.75	1	-	10	17	18	26.75	23.5	35
Training	-	-	4	9	5	-	-	-	9.5	-	-	56
<b>Patrol</b>												
Extended Tour	20	10.75	25	7.5	12.75	20.25	31.25	17.75	23.75	30	8	11.25
Extra Tour	56.5	31.75	53.25	60	39.5	24.25	88.5	27.5	90.25	61.75	102.5	95
Court	19	52	46	14.5	20.25	23	25	31	32	21	30	33.5
DDEF	-	-	-	-	20	6	18	-	-	20	-	24
Training	49	-	27	11.5	40	24.5	63	40	32	61.25	156	310
Other	-	-	-	-	64	12	-	-	-	-	-	43
<b>Investigative</b>												
Extended Tour	4	15.5	6	16	3.5	7	7	2	1.5	10.5	12	1
Extra Tour	21.5	25.5	21.25	36	20.5	8.5	34	9.5	41.5	20	29.5	91
Strike Force	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
Training	-	-	-	7.5	-	4	-	-	-	8	22.5	20.75
<b>Communication</b>												
Extra Tour	19.25	62.75	29.5	11.75	33.25	31.5	73.5	32	61.5	103.5	33	39.5
Training	-	-	-	-	1.75	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Info Systems	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Clerical</b>												
Extra Tour	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	25.5	12.5	2.5	8.5
Info Systems	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>201.25</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>192.5</b>	<b>261.5</b>	<b>163.5</b>	<b>350.25</b>	<b>195.75</b>	<b>338.5</b>	<b>377.75</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>768.5</b>
<b>PAID</b>	77.25	90.25	53	88.25	152.25	78.25	110.50	54.5	165.5	171.25	252.5	449.75
<b>COMP TIME</b>	122.75	111	163	104.25	109.25	85.25	239.75	141.25	173	206.5	181.5	318.75

## **Training and Education**

One of the most important responsibilities of a law enforcement agency is the training and education of all personnel. The police department has in place a comprehensive policy that addresses the organization and administration of the entire training process, including recruit training, in-service training, roll call training and specialized training.

The men and women of the Lacey Township Police Department attended a wide variety of in-service training courses throughout 2006 including:

- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Property & Evidence
- Firearms Qualifications
- SWAT Team Training
- Patrol Rifle Training
- Basic SWAT
- Active Shooter Response
- Report Writing
- Noise Officer Certification
- EMT Recertification
- Autism Awareness
- Right to Know
- Use of Force
- Vehicle Pursuit
- Interview & Interrogation
- Incident Command
- HAZMAT
- National Incident Management System
- Radar Instructor Certification
- Work Zone Safety
- Tactical Interviewing
- Marijuana Eradication
- High Risk Motor Vehicle Stops
- Accident Investigation
- Crash Investigation II
- Certified Public Manager Training
- Field Training Officer Certification
- Evidence Technician Training
- Advanced Investigation of Domestic Violence Cases
- Domestic Violence Central Registry Seminar
- Alcotest Operator Certification
- Cell Block Management
- Crash Vehicle Dynamics

The department also encourages all personnel to attain a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university through the use of academic incentives. Of the forty-three (43) sworn officers on the department at the end of 2006 three (3) have Master's Degrees; twelve (12) have Bachelor's Degrees and ten (10) have Associate's Degrees. Nine (9) officers are currently working towards an Associate's Degree; four (4) are working towards a Bachelor's degree and three (3) are working towards a Master's Degree.

## **Citizen Complaints / Internal Affairs**

The Lacey Township Police Department is committed to providing law enforcement services that are fair, effective, and impartially applied. Toward that end, officers are held to the highest standards of official conduct and are expected to respect the rights of all citizens. Officers' adherence to these standards, motivated by a moral and professional obligation to perform their job to the best of their ability, is the ultimate objective of this agency.

The effectiveness of a law enforcement agency is dependent upon public approval and acceptance of police authority. The department must be responsive to the community by providing formal procedures for the processing of complaints from the public regarding individual officer performance.

The purpose of the Department's Internal Affairs Policy is to improve the quality of law enforcement services. Citizen confidence in the integrity of the police department increases through the establishment of meaningful and effective complaint procedures. This confidence engenders community support for the police department. Improving the relationship between the police and the citizens they serve facilitates cooperation vital to the department's ability to achieve its goals. An effective disciplinary framework also permits police officials to monitor officers' compliance with department policies and procedures. Adherence to established policies and procedures assists officers in meeting department objectives while a monitoring system permits managers to identify problem areas requiring increased training or direction. Finally, the Internal Affairs Policy ensures fairness and due process protection to citizens and officers alike.

The internal affairs process is also used to identify and correct unclear or inappropriate agency procedures. In addition, it will highlight organizational conditions that may contribute to any misconduct, such as poor recruitment and selection procedures or inadequate training and supervision of officers.

In 2006, there were a total of two (2) Internal Affairs Investigations conducted. One (1) investigation involved an allegation of excessive force while the other involved a demeanor complaint. In each case the Officers involved were exonerated and their actions deemed appropriate at the conclusion of the investigation.

## **Policeman's Benevolent Association**

The police officers of Lacey Township are members of Local #238 of the State of New Jersey Policeman's Benevolent Association. In addition to the labor responsibilities the PBA performs for its members, they are committed to serving the community and residents of Lacey Township through charitable works and donations. The PBA makes confidential donations to needy families, sponsors youth sports and community groups as well as giving annual scholarships to graduating seniors. Much of the work is possible due to the generous donations received from the residents and businesses of the Township. In 2006, PBA #238 donated money to many organizations, including:

- Lacey Township H.S. Wrestling
- Lacey Township H.S. Boosters
- Lacey Girls Softball
- Lacey Football Foundation
- Lacey Day Committee
- Lacey Elks Handicapped Children Committee
- Lacey Twp. Municipal Alliance
- Lacey Twp. Little League
- Lanoka Harbor School PTO
- Lanoka Harbor Fire Department
- F.R. Baptist Church
- Rotary Club of Forked River
- L.T.H.S. Prom Breakfast
- PAC 35
- Troop 56
- BCYAA
- Ocean of Love
- CMC Foundation
- Annual Scholarship Fund