



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

CHIEF JOSEPH W. FUSSNER

Mission Statement

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

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

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

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

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

Core Values

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



FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF....

I would like to thank the administration of the City of Ventnor for their continued support and the opportunity to serve as Chief of Police.

Also, I would like to thank the men and women of the Ventnor City Police Department for their dedication and support. In 2023, there remains a lack of trust and respect from most of society towards law enforcement and we are working hard to bridge those gaps. Here in New Jersey, many changes in policies and procedures have been implemented, making it difficult to have a clear and consistent vision on what it takes to be a police officer in 2023.

During a period where police officers are under great scrutiny, the men and women of our police department maintained a high-level of professionalism and integrity and ensured that our agency continued to provide exceptional services to our residents and many visitors. By doing so, the residents and visitors have shown that they support and trust the officers of our police department.

Positive relationships between the community and its police officers are integral and a key element in having the trust and support of the people. Another important component to this concept is transparency and providing information to the public. In 2023, we instituted several changes and emphasized the importance of keeping the public informed.

Communication is vital to an organization. The Police Department will continue to focus on providing timely and accurate information to the public and use our social media platforms to disseminate information.

Recruiting police officers has been an extremely difficult task in the last several years. We have made significant strides in increasing our staffing levels during these trying times, and we will continue to work hard in recruiting quality officers using the tools and resources available.

I will continue to advocate for a new, modern public safety facility. Conversations should continue between members of the governing body and the police department on developing a plan to construct a new facility for our police department. The current building is antiquated, in need of significant improvements, and requires a comprehensive upgrade. This has been and will remain a top priority for me.

Again, I would like to thank the men and women of the Ventnor City Police Department personally. I am grateful to each of you for your contributions to our Police Department and to the City of Ventnor.

It is with great pleasure that I submit this report for 2023.

Joseph W. Fussner
Chief of Police

Operations

Captain Wootton is the operations commander and oversees all functions and components of patrol. The patrol division encompasses 4 Lieutenants, 4 Sergeants, and 21 patrol officers whose primary responsibility is to patrol the streets and respond to calls for service. In 2023, our patrol officers handled a total of 18,024 incidents, where 7,031 were calls for service from the residents and visitors of Ventnor.

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

In mid-2023, Lieutenant Louis Kabo was transferred to the police administration to manage and oversee the police department's information technology and network infrastructure. Lt. Kabo is also the department's fleet manager, and ensures all departmental vehicles are properly maintained.

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

John Bazemore was hired as the Ventnor Educational Community Complex School (VECC) Resource Officer / Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer. A shared services agreement was signed between the Ventnor City School Board and the Ventnor City Police Department, whereas the Police Department agreed to permanently assign Officer Bazemore to the VECC during the school year.

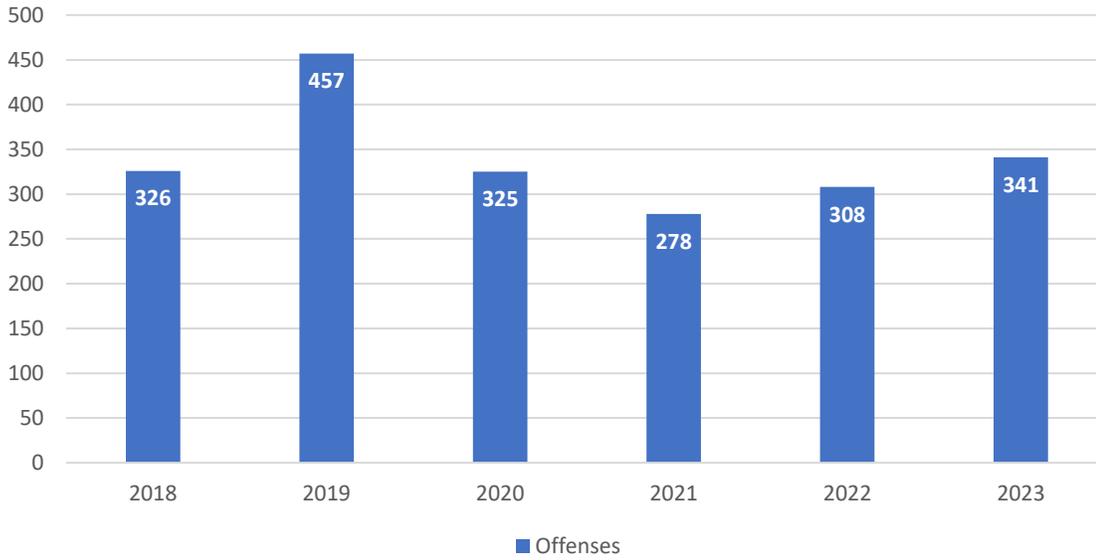


Crime Fighting

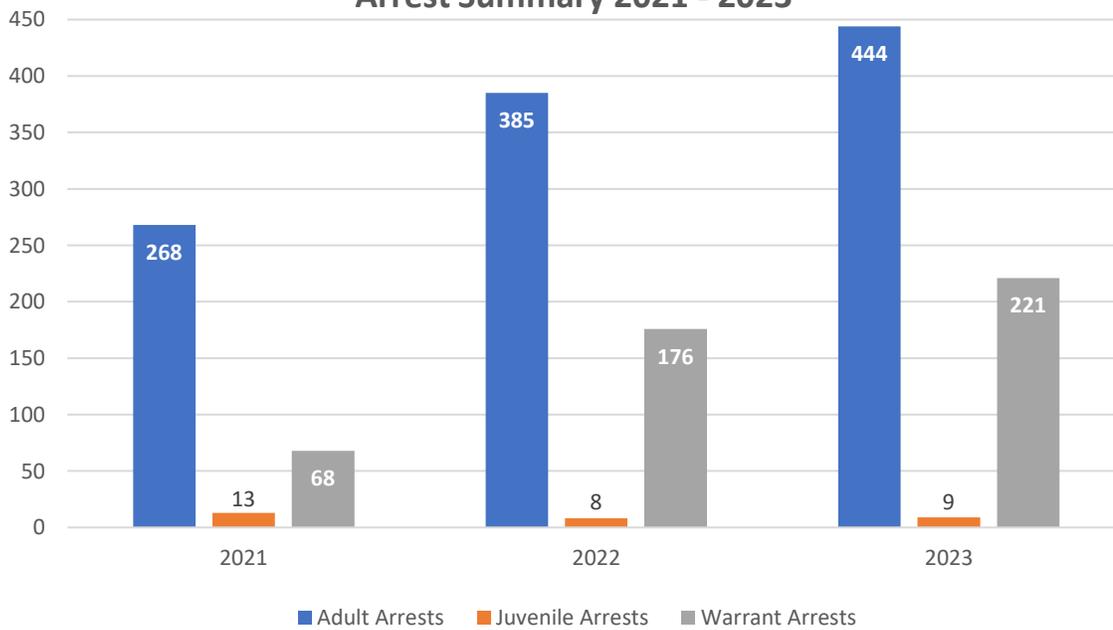
The year 2023 saw an overall increase (10.2%) in the number of reported offenses from 2022. Theft (larceny) related incidents increased 4%, from 240 in 2022 to 250 in 2023, and most of the theft offenses were shopliftings. The overall clearance rate went from 36.6% in 2022 to 47.2% in 2023, a credit to the hard work of the men and women of the department. A substantial increase in the number of arrests occurred in 2023 and was a result of aggressive enforcement of quality-of-life issues, a higher clearance rate of reported crimes as well as increased issuance of bench warrants within our court systems.

<u>Reported Offenses & Clearances</u>		
<u>2023</u>		
<u>Type of Offense</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Cleared</u>
Murder	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	2	1
Aggravated Assault	9	7
Burglary	26	8
Larceny	250	104
Motor Vehicle Theft	10	0
Arson	0	0
Simple Assault	44	41
TOTAL	341	161
	Clearance Rate = 47.21 %	
<u>2022</u>		
<u>Type of Offense</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Cleared</u>
Murder	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	1	0
Aggravated Assault	5	4
Burglary	19	5
Larceny	240	94
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	1
Arson	0	0
Simple Assault	37	33
TOTAL	308	137
	Clearance Rate =36.61 %	

Reported Crimes 2018-2023



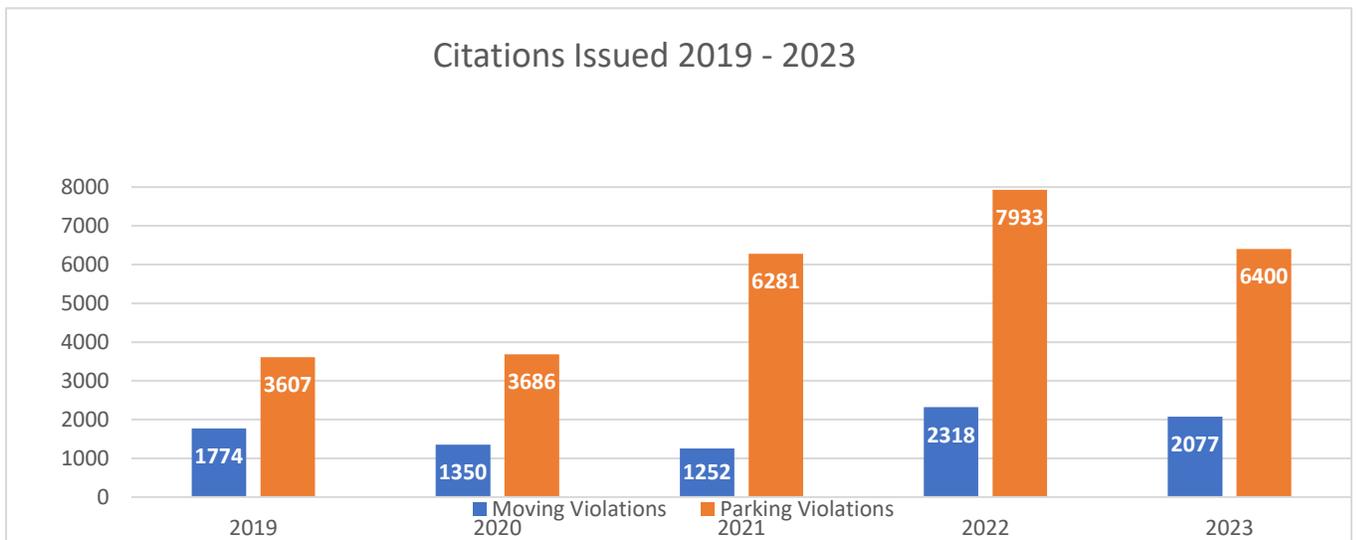
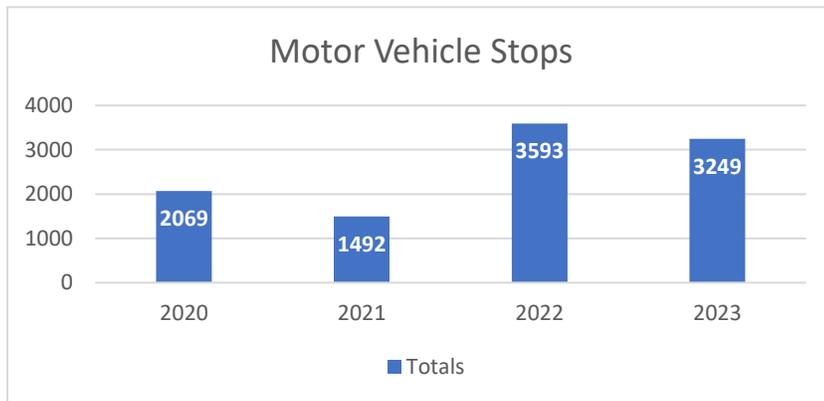
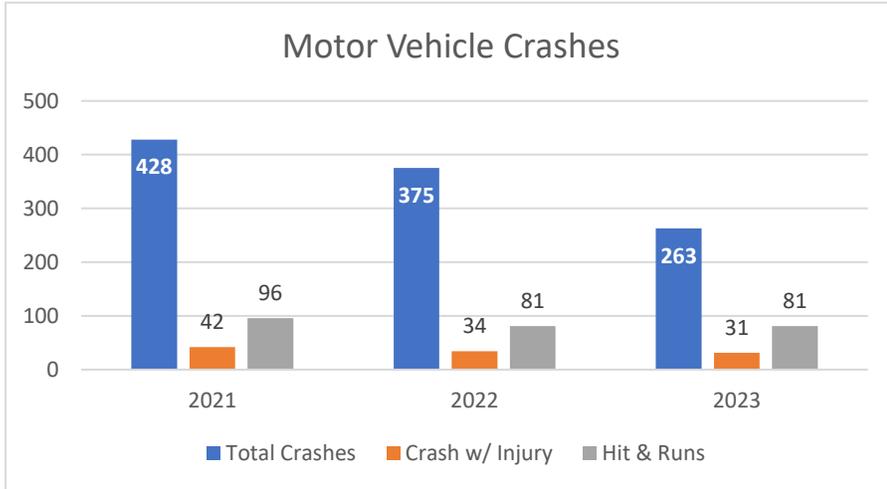
Arrest Summary 2021 - 2023



Traffic/Parking Enforcement

Motor vehicle crashes saw a 29% overall decrease in the overall number of reported crashes. Crashes that resulted in injury decreased 8%, from 34 in 2022 to 31 in 2023. This decrease can be contributed to the continued emphasis in

enforcing the traffic laws, specifically speed, and distracted driving by the men and women of the Ventnor City Police Department. 2,077 moving violation citations were issued in 2023, compared to 2,318 in 2022. Motor vehicle stops conducted by officers decreased by 9% between 2022 (3,593) and 2023 (3,249). The emphasis on parking violations remains a priority within our agency, as the department issued 6,400 parking citations in 2023.

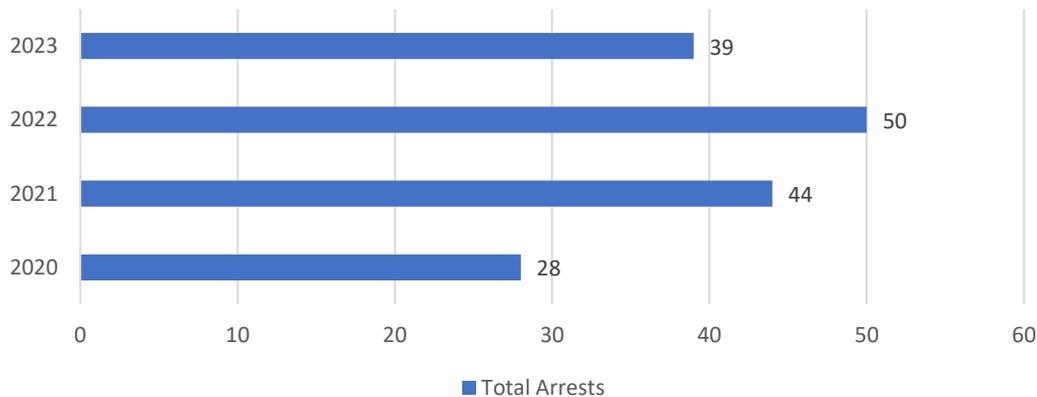


DWI CHECKPOINT

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



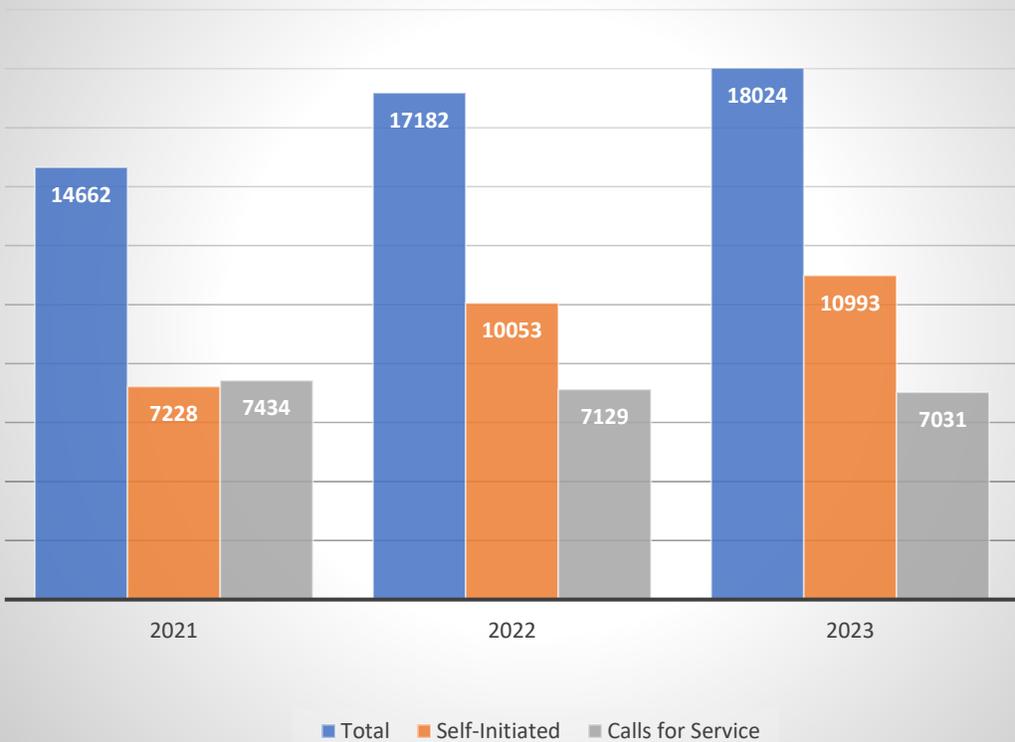
**Driving While Intoxicated Arrests
2020 - 2023**



2023 Call Type Breakdown Summary Report

Ambulance/Fire Dept. Assist	720	Missing Persons	16
Assist Public	170	Neighbor Disputes	83
Burglar Alarms	551	Noise Complaints	236
Civil Matters	40	Ordinance Violations	249
Community Policing	375	Property Checks/Open Doors	2554
Disturbances/Unwanted Guests	215	Parking Problems	785
Domestic Violence	243	Park/Walks	1895
Drug Overdoses	27	Suspicious Activity	239
Fraud Investigations	49	Theft/Stolen Bike/Shoplifting	298
Harassment	130	Trespassing	392
Health/Welfare Checks	389	Vandalism/Mischief	70
Juvenile Matters	97		

Total Incidents Breakdown 2021 -2023

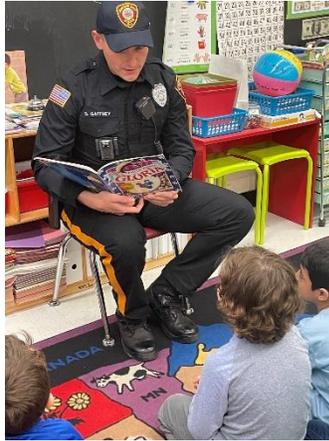


Community Partnerships

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



VECC 8th Grade
BBQ



Read Across
America



Dr. Seuss Day



National
Night Out



Special Olympics
Torch Run



National
Night Out

2023 Use of Force

Annual Report – Atlantic

Atlantic County, Ventnor City PD

Use of Force: Overview

Officers using Force: 18

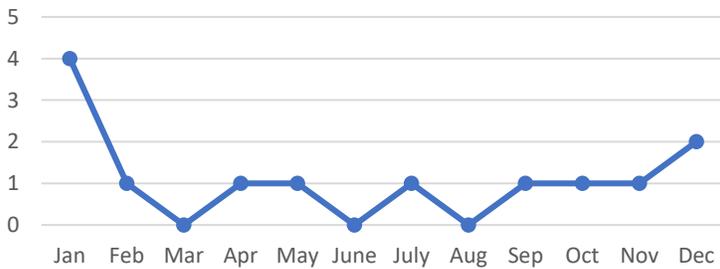
% Sworn Officers Using Force: 49 %

# Use of Force Incidents:	13
# Use of Force Reports:	28
Average reports per Incident:	2.15
# Unique Subjects of Force:	13
Average Subjects per Report:	1.00

Use of Force Incidents per Month

Jan	4	July	1
Feb	1	Aug	0
Mar	0	Sept	1
Apr	1	Oct	1
May	1	Nov	1
June	0	Dec	2

2023 Use of Force Reports



Officers Using Force

Total Officers Using Force: 18

Officer Race

White	72.2%
Hispanic	22.3%
Black	0.0%
Asian	5.5%
American Indian	0.0%
Not Provided	N/A

Officer Gender

Male	94.5%
Female	5.5%
Gender Non-Conforming/X	0.0%
Not Provided	N/A

Officers in Uniform when Using Force

	# Reports	% Reports
Yes	28	100.0%
No	0	0.0%

Officer Assignment During Use of Force

	# Reports	% Reports
Patrol	28	100.0%
Extra Duty	0	0.0%
Off-Duty	0	0.0%
Specialized Unit	0	0.00%

Subject Information

Total Unique Subjects: 13

Subjects Race

White	92.3 %
Hispanic	0.0%
Black	7.7%
Asian	0.00%
Not provided	N/A

Subjects Gender

Male	77.0%
Female	23.0%
Non-conforming	0.00%
Not Provided	N/A

Subjects Arrested

Yes	11
No	02

Reasons for No Arrest

Medical/Mental Health Incident	02
Already in Custody	00
Other	00

Subjects Age

Under 17	00	40-49	02
18-29	03	50-59	01
30-39	05	60+	02

Perceived Condition

No Unusual Condition Noted	03
Under the Influence Alcohol/Drugs	07
Potential Mental Health Incident	03
Not Provided	N/A

POLICE DEPARTMENT REVENUE TOTALS 2023:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Firearms Permits	\$6,877.00
Refundable Deposits	\$3,500.00
Special Event Revenue	\$6,415.00
Discovery & Copies	\$1,819.01
Fingerprinting	\$130.00
4-wheel drive permits	\$1,500.00
Misc.	\$1,469.60
Sub-total	\$21,710.61
Park Mobile/Meters/Kiosks	\$146,346.66
TOTAL REVENUE	\$168,057.27

2021 - 2023 VENTNOR POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERNAL AFFAIRS DISPOSITIONS

	SUSTAINED			EXONERATED			NOT SUSTAINED			UNFOUNDED			ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSED			TOTAL DISPOSITION		
	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023
Excessive Force	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Improper Arrest	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Other Criminal Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Differential Treatment	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Demeanor	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Other Rule Infraction	3	1	8	0	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	5	11
TOTAL	3	1	8	4	6	4	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	9	7	15

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

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

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

Unfounded: The alleged incident did not occur.

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



Ventnor City Police Training Summary 2023 Courses

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

<u>Training Topic</u>	<u>Delivered</u>
Dealing with Emotionally Disturbed Persons	Every two years
Bias Based Policing	Annual
Use of Force Training	Bi-Annual
Detention Facility Management	Every two years
Domestic Violence	Annual
Prison Rape Elimination Act	Every three years
Firearms Qualifications	Quarterly
Vehicle Pursuit	Bi-Annual
Right to Know	Every two years
Resiliency Training	Every three years
Bloodborne Pathogens	Annual
Legal Updates	Annual
Investigative Report Writing	Once
Law Enforcement Suicide Awareness	Once
Mental Health & Special Needs	Once
De-Escalation & Crisis Stabilization	Once
Defensive Tactics / Baton Training	Annual
Hazardous Materials Awareness	Annual
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Training	Bi-Annual
Ethics	Every two years
CJIS Compliance	Every two years
Off Duty Behavior	Once
Workplace Harassment Prevention	Every three years
Supervisor Liability	Once

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

Departmental Roster

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

2023 Class I Special Law Enforcement Officers: Joseph Andy Dao, Erin Dewispelaere, Ethan Leacott, Tiara Racine and Isabella Zanghi

2023 Full-Time Personnel Changes

January 16 th	Officer Stephanie Lamaine	Transferred to Detective Bureau
March 26 th	Officer Ryan Bonanni	New Hire
June 25 th	Sergeant William Borrelli	Promoted to Lieutenant
June 25 th	Sergeant Peter Munizza	Promoted to Lieutenant
June 25 th	Detective Kevin Brady	Promoted to Sergeant
June 25 th	Officer James Franco	Promoted to Sergeant
June 26 th	Lieutenant Louis Kabo	Transferred to Administration
July 14 th	Officer Lindsay O'Connell	Designated Interim Sergeant
August 1 st	Lieutenant Jason Rzemyk	Retired
August 14 th	Class III Officer John Bazemore	New Hire (SRO)
October 23 rd	Interim Sergeant Lindsay O'Connell	Designated Patrol Officer
October 29 th	Officer Joseph Andy Dao	New Hire
December 1 st	Officer Matthew Gorham	Suspended



2023 OFFICER TOTALS (ARRESTS / SUMMONSES)

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Adult Arrests</u>	<u>Juv. Arrests</u>	<u>Moving</u>	<u>Parking</u>	<u>Ordinances</u>
Ofc. Liriano	33	1	185	144	8
Ofc. Luisi	21	0	260	12	11
Ofc. Ballin	28	2	159	59	11
Ofc. Szaniszlo	38	0	167	18	5
Ofc. Feliz	15	0	183	12	3
Ofc. Gaffney	18	0	140	32	6
Ofc. Snyder	14	3	89	74	6
Ofc. Burns	22	0	135	21	3
Ofc. Whalen	39	0	91	24	14
Ofc. Bonanni	10	0	15	111	7
Ofc. Vitanza	19	1	52	64	1
Ofc. Miranda	20	0	47	48	10
Ofc. Connon	22	0	63	17	5
Ofc. Henao	24	0	60	15	7
Ofc. Le	13	0	64	11	2
Sgt. M. Franco Jr.	9	0	70	1	1
Ofc. Aiuto	18	0	51	4	7
Sgt. J. Franco	9	1	58	2	3
Ofc. Guanchez	15	0	37	15	2
Ofc. O'Connell	16	0	41	2	0
Lt. Gaviria	3	0	48	3	1
Ofc. Newell	17	1	17	14	2
Ofc. Gorham	3	0	18	4	1
Sgt. Quinones	6	0	12	22	3
Ofc. Rifkin	4	0	9	5	3
Lt. O'Neill	1	0	13	6	0
Det. Sgt. Brady	7	0	0	0	0
Lt. Borrelli	0	0	1	0	1
Lt. Hiltner	0	0	1	0	0
Sgt. Suprun	0	0	0	0	0
PVO Johnson	0	0	0	3042	0
PVO Tabak	0	0	0	2443	0
S/O Zanghi	0	0	0	116	0

EMPLOYEES ABSENT DUE TO ILLNESS 2023 (amounts are in HOURS)

Chief Fussner	37	Ofc. Szaniszlo	113	Disp. Schaffer Jr.	52.5
Capt. Wootton	48.75	Det. Lamaine	0	Disp. Steinmann	120
Lt. Kabo	45.5	Ofc. O'Connell	0	Disp. Rossi	0
Lt. Gaeckle	83	Ofc. Guanchez	48	Disp. Schaffer Sr.	72
Lt. O'Neill	60	Ofc. Luisi	59.5	Disp. Eichwald	63.25
Lt. Hiltner	138.5	Ofc. Ballin	84	Disp. Sweeney	0
Lt. Gaviria	24	Ofc. Burns	108	Disp. Bongiovanni	16
Lt. Borrelli	90	Ofc. Gorham	208	Disp. Kenney	176
Lt. Munizza	30	Ofc. Le	90.75	Clerk Orsatti	0
Sgt. Quinones	24	Ofc. Vitanza	84	Asst. Peterson	0
Sgt. Suprun	667	Ofc. Snyder	132	PVO Tabak	117
Sgt. M. Franco Jr.	116.5	Ofc. Miranda	108	PVO Johnson	126
Sgt. Brady	60	Ofc. Rifkin	144		
Sgt. J. Franco	67.5	Ofc. Feliz	0		
Det. Arentz Jr.	85	Ofc. Gaffney	0		
Ofc. Newell	121.5	Ofc. Connon	36		
Ofc. Henao	168	Ofc. Whalen	58		
Ofc. Aiuto	80	Ofc. Bonanni	0		
Ofc. Liriano	132				

Police Department Fleet

2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Base

2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Base

2023 Ford Police Interceptor

2021 Ford Interceptor

2021 Ford F-150 XLT Super Crew

2021 Ford Explorer Interceptor

2021 Ford Explorer Interceptor

2021 Ford EcoSport

2021 Ford EcoSport

2021 Chevrolet Tahoe

2020 Ford Utility Police Interceptor Base

2020 Ford F-150 Super Crew

2019 Ford Utility Police Interceptor Base

2019 Chevrolet Tahoe

2019 Chevrolet Impala LS

2017 Ford Utility Police Interceptor Base

2017 Chevrolet Tahoe

2017 Chevrolet Tahoe

2017 Chevrolet Tahoe

2016 Ford Utility Police Interceptor Base

2014 Chevrolet Tahoe Special Services

2014 Chevrolet Tahoe Special Services

2013 Ford Expedition XL



SPECIAL EVENTS 2023 YEAR END REPORT

As Coordinator of Special Events the below are events held during 2023:

2023
26 Special Events – Private
15 Special Events – City
24 Concerts
15 Farmer’s Market

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

Additional duties and responsibilities include but not limited to:

- **Safety Coordinator:** attend mandatory local and county meetings, mandatory training, and monthly inspections of city property.
- **Right to Know Coordinator:** updates to state for known chemicals within city limits.
- **Auction Coordinator:** coordination with online auction company for items to be auctioned quarterly. Items often include but are not limited to bikes, computer equipment, and used city vehicles.
- **Chair, JIF Safety Committee – 6 meetings per year.**
- **Assistant to Chief & Administrative Staff.** Various duties to assist with daily police functions.

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

- **Concerts:** 8 hours per event x 24 concerts = 192 hours + Part Time 96 hours = **TOTAL 288 hours**
- **Farmers Market:** 5 hours per event x 3 days = 15 hours + onsite checks = 15 hours = **TOTAL 30 hours**
- **Seafood Fest:** 2 days x 10 hours = 20 hours x 3 people = **TOTAL 60 hours**
- **Ironman:** 4 hours for meetings & planning + 8 hours total for day of event = **TOTAL 12 hours**
- **NYC Bus Trip:** 8 hours planning & 15 hours for day of event = **TOTAL 23 hours**
- **NNO:** Planning & day of event: **TOTAL 24 hours.**
- **Independence Celebration:** meetings, planning, & day of event: **TOTAL 18 hours**
- **Polar Plunge:** planning & event: **TOTAL 10 hours**
- **Ventnor Music Festival & Funky Pickle:** meetings, planning, & day of event: **TOTAL 24 hours**
- **Halloween Fest:** meetings, planning, & day of event: **TOTAL 20 hours**
- **Block Party:** planning, meetings, registration, layout, day of event: **TOTAL 40 hours**
- **Planning, meetings, etc. various events:** 40 hours

TOTAL hours: 589 for special events for 2023

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT YEAR END REPORT

As Emergency Management the below are responses and notifications for 2023:

2023
25 Responses OEM
45 Notifications OEM
35 Code Blue Alerts
398 CodeRED Messages (Public & City)
55 Special Events

- Responses include:
 - Fire scene assessment of displaced residents in need of temporary shelter and food by way of American Red Cross response team.
 - Ensuring that proper proactive assessment of flooding resulting from high tides and or storms is evaluated and proper response by local, State, and Federal authorities is enacted to ensure the safety of the Ventnor residents.
 - Assist on the scene of gas leaks and coordinate any efforts needed to resolve the incident.
- Notifications include:
 - Any incidents within the City of Ventnor that require notification/assistance from outside agencies including County, State, and Federal.
 - Act as the liaison for The American Red Cross & United States Department of Homeland Security.
 - DEP liaison for underground tanks.
- Code Blue Alerts include:
 - Notification for below freezing weather to make sure all have shelter, including animals. During a Code Blue, City departments are on high alert for homeless, and at-risk citizens and pets during cold weather events.
- Code Red messages include:
 - Notifications for various types of issues including weather, bridge issues, and special events.
 - When residents receive a Code Red message it is the responsibility of OEM to issue specific information and or directions to assist the citizens in making decisions in reference to a specific incident.
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 - It should be noted that some large-scale events require OEM to Coordinate specific details with other agencies and city departments to ensure smooth communication and response to any incidents that may occur during the event.
- EMMA annual Grant recipient:
 - \$10,000 per year used to purchase equipment. To date we have purchased: Jersey barriers with trailer, 4 snow blowers, sign board with trailer, barrels & cones for traffic control, solar speed limit signs, side by side gator, water rescue gear, portable-folding message board, and AED's.
- Declared storm reimbursement as of 2023: \$1,400,000.00.
- Received three (3) portable generators for County traffic lights in Ventnor and one (1) large trailer mounted generator to be used for use in the City for emergency power for pump stations.
- Training: 300 hours of mandatory training for all OEM staff.
- LEAP Grant recipient:
 - \$50,000 grant received to purchase a Downbeach OEM Command trailer. Ventnor OEM is the lead agent for this grant in conjunction with Margate and Longport. This unit will be used for various events and emergencies for all the Downbeach OEM's.