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Police Chief's Monthly Report for September 2016

Due to a very noticeable increase in the number of restricted vehicles that have been traveling over the Walnut Street bridge the Police Department contact the Union County Police Department vehicle Weigh Team division to conduct vehicle inspections of overweight trucks that are in violation of the weight restrictions on the Walnut Street bridge. The request made by this department for the Weigh Team to perform the inspection detail was authorized by Union County Police officials. On September 28, 2016 the inspection detail was conducted for a three hour period and as a result six vehicles were issued summonses for traveling over the bridge with an overweight vehicle. The Police Department will continue to monitor the Walnut Street, and Gordon Street bridges for restricted vehicle violations.

On September 8, 2016 the Police Department conducted a seatbelt inspection detail on Faitoute Avenue at the intersection of West Webster Avenue. The seatbelt inspection check point is designed for Police Officers to detect vehicle occupants who fail to utilize safety restraints while in a moving vehicle as required by New Jersey State motor vehicle laws. The seatbelt detail was conducted for a one hour period and as a result of that detail 10 summonses were issued to vehicle occupants who failed to wear the required safety restraints. The number of violations issued during seatbelt details has been continuing to decrease since the Police Department first implemented this program several years ago. The continued decrease in safety restraint violations is a clear indication that this detail has been successful in educating the public on the dangers associated with failing to wear safety restraints.

On September 7, 2016 the Police Department hosted our first “**Coffee with the Cops**” which was held at the Sun Rise Diner from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. The morning breakfast was a great opportunity to meet with residents on a more personal level to discuss their concerns, and also answer questions on many different subjects. The Police Department was very pleased with the resident’s response to this program which was a very relaxed atmosphere and residents were comfortable in speaking with officers on a more personal level rather than a law enforcement level. Thank you to all of the residents who attended and participated in conversation with the officers, and a special thanks to the Sun Rise Diner who provided the space for this event and also donated coffee.

Due to several complaints of motorists failing to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk on Chestnut Street at Charles Street the Police Department conducted pedestrian crossing details on September 28th & 29th. On these dates unmarked police vehicles were assigned to the aforementioned location to observe and detect operators of motor vehicles who were failing to stop for pedestrians crossing the roadway. The two details were conducted for a one hour period during high volume traffic hours in late afternoon, as a result of these details eight motorists were issued summonses for failing to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk. The Police Department will continue to periodically conduct pedestrian crossing details when possible.

Very truly yours,

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