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Police Chief's Monthly Report for August 2016

During the month of August the Police Department increased enforcement of motorists who utilize hand held wireless devices while operating a motor vehicle. Special patrols were detailed to target motorists who are observed operating motor vehicles while using a hand held device. This detail was put in place due to the increased number of motor vehicle fatalities throughout the Country due to motorists continuing to use hand held wireless devices while operating a motor vehicle. As a result of the detail 30 motorists were issued summonses for operating a motor vehicle while talking, or texting on a hand held device. The Police Department will continue to assign special details for increased cell phone enforcement periodically throughout the year.

On August 25, 2016 the Police Department conducted a seatbelt inspection detail on Galloping Hill Road at the intersection of East Colfax 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 August 25th seatbelt detail was conducted for a two hour period and as a result of that detail 16 summonses were issued to vehicle occupants who failed to wear the required safety restraints. The number of violations issued on seatbelt details has decreased since the Police Department first implemented this program several years ago, the decrease in safety restraint violations is a clear indication that this type of detail is successful in educating the public on the dangers associated with failing to wear safety restraints.

On September 7, 2016 the Police Department will be hosting “**Coffee with the Cops**” this program will be held at the Sun Rise Diner between the hours of 8:30 am – 10:00 am. The Police Department is inviting the residents to come to the diner to sit with Police Officers and discuss whatever topics they would like to talk to a Police Officer about. By hosting Coffee with the Cops we hope to get to know the residents on a more personal level and hopefully the residents will feel more comfortable when speaking to a Police Officer. We believe that residents will be much more at ease when sitting and having a cup of coffee with a cop in a relaxed atmosphere and having the opportunity to talk with Officers on a more personal level rather than on a law enforcement level. The coffee is on us, and we hope to meet, and talk with many residents at our first Coffee with the Cops. The Police Department will also be hosting future Coffee with the Cops programs at later hours of the day so we may accommodate residents who may not be available during morning hours.

Very truly yours,

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