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Police Chief's Monthly Report for June 2016

On June 15, 2016 the Roselle Park Police Department in conjunction with the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles conducted a vehicle inspection check point on Faitoute Avenue at the intersection of West Webster Avenue. The check point is designed for officers to inspect the safety of vehicles, and to ensure that vehicles are properly insured and registered as required by the State of New Jersey. The inspection detail was conducted for a two hour period and as a result of the detail there were 33 vehicles inspected by the Division of Motor Vehicles, and Roselle Park Police personnel issued 15 motor vehicle summonses to motorists for various motor vehicle violations. The Police Department will continue to conduct these inspection details in future months.

The Police Department received a \$4,000.00 grant from the State of New Jersey which allowed our department to participate in the State wide **"Click it or Ticket"** program during the time period of May 23, 2016 to June 5, 2016. This program is designed for Police Departments in the State who qualify for this grant to monitor motorists and passengers who violate the vehicle safety restraints laws as well as any other traffic violations while traveling on the roadways. During the aforementioned time period officers were assigned to roving patrols to target vehicle operators, and passengers who were violating the safety restraint laws, and any other violation that may accompany the safety restraint violation. As a result of this State funded program Roselle Park Officers issued 162 summonses to violators during the period of the **"Click it or Ticket"** program. The State Department of Transportation, and the Roselle Park Police Department are hopeful that the **"Click it or Ticket"** program will help to educate the public on the dangers of failing to wear safety restraint while in a motor vehicle.

This year's St. Anthony's Feast which was held during the time period of June 9th to June 12th was attended by a much larger number of people than in past years, and I'm very pleased to inform you that there were no criminal incidents that occurred during the feast. There was also a larger police presence at this year's feast due to the newly formed Auxiliary Police Division within the Police Department. All Auxiliary Officers performed their duties at the feast in a very professional manner, and I was very pleased with their performance, the Auxiliary Officers added an additional sense of security for all attendees of the feast.

This year's fireworks which were held on July 3rd in celebration of Independence Day were attended by a much larger number of people than the attendance numbers from last year's celebration. Although there were larger crowds than there had been at past celebrations there were no disorderly, or criminal acts reported at the event. I would like to give special thanks to the following agencies who assisted in making this year's event a safe, and enjoyable experience for all who attended; the Union County Sheriff's Office K-9 unit, the Union County Police who provided an observation tower which is untiled to monitor activities within the event. Roselle Park Department of Public Works who provided valuable assistance in preparation for the event, as well as the Roselle Park Volunteer Fire Department, and the Roselle Park First Aid Squad. The Roselle Park Police Department Auxiliary Division also provided additional police security at this year's event. Thank you to all agencies who assisted in making the July 3, 2016 fireworks a safe and successful event.

Very truly yours,

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