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Police Chief's Monthly Report for June 2017

On July 12, 2017 the Roselle Park Police Department in conjunction with the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles conducted a vehicle inspection check point on Chestnut Street at the intersection of West Colfax 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 four hour period from 9:00am – 1:00pm, and as a result of the detail there were 28 vehicles inspected by the Division of Motor Vehicle Agents, and Roselle Park Police personnel issued 10 motor vehicle summonses to motorists for various motor vehicle safety violations. The Police Department, in conjunction with the Division of Motor Vehicles will continue to conduct these inspection details throughout the year. The next DMV inspection check point is scheduled for August 9, 2017.

The Police Department was presented with a donation of four AR-15 Colt Rifles from Mr. Arthur Mastapeter, and Mr. Anthony Mastapeter of Mastapeter Funeral Homes of Roselle Park and Bayville, New Jersey. The rifles will be deployed to our departments Honor Guard unit where the rifles will be utilized during official ceremonies, the rifles are operational and may also be deployed to patrol personnel if the need arises. This was a very generous donation and the Police Department is grateful to Arthur and Anthony Mastapeter for their continued support of the Roselle Park Police Department. I would also like to thank the Mayor & Council for your continued support of the Police Department with the acceptance of this donation.

During the month of August Officers from the Community Policing Unit will be arranging meetings with residents who have an interest in working with the Police Department in reestablishing a Neighborhood Watch program. This program encourages residents to become involved in monitoring activities/incidents within their neighborhoods and reporting suspicious, or unusual occurrences to the Police Department. Officer Gregory Polakoski will be organizing the Neighborhood Watch meetings and will be instructing and guiding residents on the proper procedures of participating as an active member of a Neighborhood Watch program. The Police Department will be advertising this program on several different media outlets to help in drawing attention to the Neighborhood Watch Program.

I will be away on vacation during the week of July 17, 2017 and will not be available to attend the July 20, 2017 council meeting, Lieutenant David Pitts has been assigned to attend the meeting in my absence.

Very truly yours,

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May 30, 2017

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Police Chief's Monthly Report for May 2017

On May 3, 2017 the Roselle Park Police Department in conjunction with the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles conducted a vehicle inspection check point on Galloping Hill Road at the intersection of East Colfax 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 32 vehicles inspected by the Division of Motor Vehicle Agents, and Roselle Park Police personnel issued 19 motor vehicle summonses to motorists for various motor vehicle safety violations. The Police Department has scheduled additional inspection details with the Division of Motor Vehicles for the upcoming months.

On May 24, 2017 the Police Department hosted the third Coffee with a Cop event which was held at the Casano Center from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm. There were many seniors in attendance who had the opportunity to interact with Police Officers and have discussions with officers on a more personal level. This was a great opportunity for officers to get to know some of the Roselle Park seniors on a more personal note rather than in a professional capacity.

During the month of May the Police Department conducted three decoy pedestrian safety details in the area of the train station, these details were prompted by complaints from residents concerning vehicles failing to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks in the area of the train station. On May 17th a decoy pedestrian detail was conducted for a two hour period on Chestnut Street at East Lincoln Avenue. As a

result of that detail officers issued five summonses to motorists who failed to stop for the decoy officer in the crosswalk. On May 18th a second decoy pedestrian crossing detail was conducted for a two hour period on Locust Street at the intersection of West Webster Avenue. As a result of this detail officers issued six summonses to motorists who failed to stop for the decoy officer in the crosswalk. On May 19th an additional decoy pedestrian crossing detail was conducted for a two hour period on Locust Street at the intersection of West Lincoln Avenue. As a result of this detail four summonses were issued to motorists who failed to stop for the decoy officer as he was crossing the roadway. The Police Department will continue to conduct decoy pedestrian details as well as pedestrian details on a periodic basis throughout the year. The Police Department is hopeful that these types of details will help educate motorists on the dangers of failing to stop for pedestrians crossing roadways.

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May 2, 2017

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Police Chief's Monthly Report for April 2017

During the month of April the Police Department participated in the Nationwide **Distracted Driving Campaign** which targeted motorists who were using hand held wireless devices while operating motor vehicles. The month long program was funded through a state grant that was applied for by the Police Department which allowed the Police Department to assign Officers to the detail at no cost to the Borough. As a result of the distracted Driving Campaign officers issued 101 cell phone violations to motorists who were observed using the wireless device while operating a motor vehicle, in addition to the cell phone violations officers also issued an additional 87 unrelated summonses for various other motor vehicle violations. The Police Department is hopeful that this type of strict enforcement will help to educate the public on the dangers of using a hand held device while operating a motor vehicle.

The Police Departments Community Policing Unit is continuing its security camera initiative which will allow business owners and residents to register their home and business security camera's with the Police Department which would allow the police to use footage from private security camera's when investigating incidents and crimes. The public has responded very well to this program and many residents and business owners have shown a great interest in registering their security devices with the Police Department. Residents who have an interest in registering their personal security systems with the Police Department should contact Officer Gregory Polakoski of the Community Policing Unit.

The Police Department is currently in the process of scheduling it's third **Coffee With a Cop** which will hopefully be scheduled in the month of June, once a date is scheduled it will be announced on the Police Department Facebook page. The last Coffee with a Cop was held on March 7, 2017 at Dunkin Donuts which was very well attended by our residents.

On April 22, 2017 Police Department personnel participated in Active Shooter Training at Aldene school, officers are trained in many different scenarios of intruders in a school and are trained in the best techniques on how to address these threats. The Police Department conducts Active Shooter training in all of our schools throughout the year to ensure all officers are familiar with floor plans of the schools and how to best apply tactical techniques in the event of a threat in one of the schools. All Active Shooter training is conducted when schools are closed and schedule with the approval of school Superintendent Pedro Garrido, Mr. Garrido has been very supportive of this training and continues to work closely with the Police Department to ensure our schools have the best possible security measures in place.

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April 3, 2017

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Police Chief's Monthly Report for March 2017

On March 7, 2017 the Police Department hosted our second **Coffee With A Cop** which was held at Dunkin Donuts on West Westfield Avenue from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm. The afternoon coffee was a great opportunity for officers to meet with residents on a more personal level to discuss their concerns and answer questions on many different topics. The Police Department was very pleased with the residents involvement with this program which was a very relaxed atmosphere for all who attended, residents appeared to be very comfortable when meeting and speaking with officers while enjoying a cup of coffee. Thank you to all of the residents who attended and participated in conversation with officers, and a special thanks to Dunkin Donuts for providing the space for this program and for donating the coffee.

The Police Departments Community Policing Unit has begun an initiative for residents and business owners to voluntarily register their exterior security cameras with the Police Department. This initiative will help in assisting police when investigating crimes or incidents that occur in different areas of town, this will further help to expedite the process of locating security camera's in locations where a crime has been committed. Currently when a crime has been committed officers canvas neighborhoods asking residents or business owners if they have security camera's that could possibly assist police with investigating a crime or incident, this current process has been found to be very time consuming. This program will now allow police to locate security cameras in an expeditious manner by reviewing the police department security camera registry and going directly to the location of the camera to obtain the security footage in a more timely manner. The Police Department camera registry

will be confidential and will only be utilized for law enforcement purposes with the authorization of the resident or business owner.

During the month of April the Police Department will be participating in a Nationwide **Distracted Driving Campaign** which targets motorists who are using hand held wireless devices while operating a motor vehicle. This program is funded through a state grant that was applied for by the Police Department which will allow for more Police Officers to be assigned to this detail and paid through the grant. In 2013 distracted driving took the lives of 3,154 people, we are hopeful that the distracted driving program will help in educating the public on the dangers of using hand held devices while operating motor vehicles. The fines and penalties that are associated with receiving a ticket for use of a cell phone are as follows ; **First offense- \$200.00 - \$400.00 fine, Second offense- \$400.00 - \$600.00 fine, Third offense- \$600.00 - \$800.00 fine, 3 points on license and 90 day suspension of driver's license.** The fines and penalties associated with using a head held device while driving are very severe and hopefully this will help in deterring first time offenders from re-offending.

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February 27, 2017

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Police Chief's Monthly Report for February 2017

On February 1, 2017 officers conducted a pedestrian crossing safety detail on Chestnut Street at the intersection of West Lincoln Avenue. The pedestrian safety detail is designed of officers to monitor the flow of vehicle traffic as pedestrians are entering the roadway and attempting to cross the road. Patrol officers are positioned in marked police vehicles on Chestnut Street and when a vehicle is observed failing to stop for a pedestrian that motorist is stopped and advised of the violation and ticketed. The Police Department will be conducting periodic pedestrian details in the area of the train station due to several complaints of motorists failing to stop for commuters who are going to and from the train station. The February 1st detail was conducted for a two hour period and as a result 5 motorists were issued summonses for failing to stop for pedestrians crossing the roadway.

On February 22, 2017 the Police Department conducted a seatbelt safety inspection detail on Faitoute Avenue at the intersection of West Webster Avenue. Officers assigned to this detail inspected all occupants of vehicles that passed through the check point to ensure that they were utilizing the proper restrains while they were seated in the vehicle. The seatbelt detail was conducted for a two hour period from 10:00 am – 12:00 PM, and as a result of the detail 7 summonses were issued to vehicle occupants who failed to wear the required safety restrains while in a vehicle.

On March 7, 2017 the Police Department will be hosting “**Coffee with a Cop**” this program will be held at Dunkin Donuts on West Westfield Avenue between the hours of 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm. The

Police Department is inviting residents to join officers at Dunkin Donuts to discuss whatever topics that they have an interest in discussing with members of the Police Department. In hosting Coffee with a Cop we hope to get to know residents on a more personal level and hopefully this will help residents with feeling more comfortable when speaking to Police Officers. We believe that residents will be more at ease when sitting a 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 professional law enforcement level. The coffee is on us and we hope to meet and talk with many residents on March 7th. The Police Department last hosted Coffee with a Cop on September 7, 2016 at the Sun Rise Diner, the Police Department is hopeful that with each additional Coffee with a Cop events more and more residents will take the opportunity to come out to meet members of the Police Department.

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January 30, 2017

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Police Chief's Monthly Report for January 2017

On January 25, 2017 Community Policing Officers and detectives conducted a safety talk for senior citizens at the Casano Center. The topic being discussed with the seniors were acts of fraud and various types of scams that are committed in our area. This program was very well received by the seniors and there were many questions and concerns that officers were able to put the seniors at ease about and they were given many tips on how to avoid becoming a victim of a scam. This type of program is a great opportunity for officers to meet with our seniors and supply them with valuable information which will hopefully help them to not become a victim of a scam or a fraudulent act. The Police Department will continue to conduct these safety talks with our seniors in the future so we may keep them informed on many topics that may affect them.

On January 25, 2017 officers conducted a pedestrian crossing safety detail on the 200 block of Chestnut Street. The pedestrian safety detail is designed of officers to monitor the flow of vehicle traffic as pedestrians are entering the roadway and attempting to cross the road. Patrol officers are positioned in marked police vehicles on the east and west sides of Chestnut Street and when a vehicle is observed failing to stop for a pedestrian that motorist is stopped and advised of the violation and ticketed. The Police Department is hopeful that this type of detail will help in educating the public on the dangers of failing to stop for pedestrians crossing roadways.

On January 11, 2017 the Police Department conducted a seatbelt safety inspection detail on Galloping Hill Road at the intersection of East Colfax Avenue. Officers assigned to this detail inspected all occupants of vehicles that passed through the check point to ensure that they were utilizing the proper restrains while they were seated in the vehicle. The seatbelt detail was conducted for a two hour period from 11:00 am – 1:00 PM, and as a result of the detail 8 summonses were issued to vehicle occupants who failed to wear the required safety restrains while in a vehicle. The Police Department will continue to conduct these details in an effort to educate the public on the dangers that are associated with failing to wear safety restraints when in a moving vehicle. The number of safety restraint violations have decreased over the past several year's which is an indication that this type of inspection check point has educated the motoring public on the dangers of failing to wear safety restraints.

Due to a scheduling conflict I will not be available to attend the February 5, 2017 council meeting, I have assigned Lieutenant David Pitts to attend in my absence and to report back to me with any police related issues that may arise at during the meeting.

Very truly yours,

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