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Police Chief's Monthly Report for March 2018

As a result of the recent school shooting in Parkland, Florida Captain McCaffery and myself have been meeting with the Roselle Park Superintendent of schools to have additional discussions pertaining to increased school security. One of the areas discussed was increased police presence at the high school during arrival and dismissal times which would serve as a deterrence to individuals who may be planning to bring unauthorized materials into the school. It was decided that a uniformed officer would be assigned to the front doors of the high school during arrival and dismissals times, this officer will be funded from the Board of Education budget. The officer assigned to the perimeter detail will not be selected from the on-duty patrol personnel schedule so this assignment will not affect the day shift patrol operations. The Police Department will continue to work with school officials on enhancing security procedures in all of our schools.

On March 2, 2018 officers from the Police Department participated in Read Across America which is a program that celebrates Doctor Seuss' birthday. Officers were invited to our grammar schools to interact with the children and read to the students in their classrooms. This program is always very well received by the children as well as the school staff. Officers enjoy the opportunity to visit with the children and speak with them on a personal level.

I am pleased to inform you that Officers William Hannon and Dean Khallaf have been selected by the New Jersey Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) to receive the annual Mothers Against Drunk Drivers award for obtaining a large percentage of DWI arrests within Union County for the year 2017. This is an outstanding honor for these officers to be the recipient of the 2017 MADD award, I

commend Officers Hannon and Khallaf for their accomplishment as well as their dedication to their profession. The aforementioned officers will be honored at a luncheon hosted by MADD on June 12, 2018 at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

I am also pleased to report that at this year's third annual **21st Century Drug & Violence Prevention Conference** Detective Joshua Medrano was selected as Instructor of the Month by the committee for **Law Enforcement Against Drugs (L.E.A.D.)**. Detective Medrano is a certified instructor for L.E.A.D. and has been committed to teaching our grammar school children on the dangers of using drugs and alcohol. Detective Medrano was chosen as Instructor of the Month for his dedication and professionalism, this is a great accomplishment to be chosen as Instructor of the Month and represent all of the L.E.A.D. instructors throughout the State of New Jersey. I commend Detective Medrano for his dedication to the children of Roselle Park as well as his dedication to his profession and the Roselle Park Police Department.

Very truly yours,

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Police Chief's Monthly Report for February 2018

On February 13, 2018 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 observe and detect vehicle occupants who are not in compliance with New Jersey State law which required vehicle occupants to utilize safety restrains when in a moving vehicle. The February 13th safety inspection was conducted for a two hour period which commenced at 10:00 am and concluded at 12:00 pm. As a result of the inspection detail 8 summonses were issued to vehicle occupants who were discovered to be in violation of New Jersey State seatbelt regulations. The Police Department will continue to provide this safety program which is intended to educate the public on the dangers of failing to wear safety restraints while in a moving motor vehicle.

As a result of the tragic school shooting that occurred on February 14th in Florida I met with our school superintendent, Pedro Garrido on February 20th to discuss our current school security policies and also discussed enhanced security measures for our schools. At this meeting it was agreed that additional security procedures would be incorporated into the existing security plans that are currently in place which will enhance the safety of the students and school staff. I also informed Mr. Garrido that prior to the tragic event in Florida on February 14th the Roselle Park Police Department had already scheduled three training dates in April for Active Shooter training in our schools. This training is conducted on days when school is not in session which allows for officers to train in all areas of the schools which familiarizes officers with the layout of the buildings. The Police Department conducts these training sessions several times throughout the year.

On February 23rd I again met with Mr. Garrido along with members of the Board of Education (BOE) who are part of a school security committee that has been formed by the BOE. At this meeting we discussed short term security additions as well as long term security measures for our school buildings. This meeting was very productive with many proactive idea's pertaining to enhancing building security and safety procedures for students and staff. The Police Department continues to be dedicated to providing the best possible security in our schools, and continues to build on all current security and safety procedures to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

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Police Chief's Monthly Report for January 2018

On January 18, 2018 security exercises were conducted at the Middle school, Robert Gordon School and the high school. The exercises were conducted by the Police Department in conjunction with the Office of Homeland Security, and the New Jersey State Police. There were several purposes for the exercises one of which was to observe how school staff members would react when an unknown subject would request to enter the school during school hours. The exercise also explored how school officials and staff members reacted to an intruder who was discovered in the school. I am pleased to report that during the security drills at all of the aforementioned schools the school officials and staff members responded appropriately and followed all security procedures pertaining to intruders and possible active shooter situations. The visits to the schools were unannounced and the school administrations had no knowledge that the situations they had encountered were "staged" drills by law enforcement officials. The Police Department along with the accompanying agencies also had discussions with school officials on the subject of school security and discussed additional measures that could be put in place to further enhance security procedures within the schools. The security exercises were very well received by the superintendent of schools as well as the school officials and staff members. The Police Department has always worked very closely with our school officials to ensure the best possible security within our schools to ensure the safety of the students and staff members, the Police Department will continue to update and enhance security measures within all Roselle Park schools.

On January 23, 2018 at approx. 6:15 pm a 16 year old female was struck by a motor vehicle as she was crossing Valley Road at the intersection of Beechwood Avenue. The vehicle involved was traveling

south bound on Valley Road approx. 200 feet south of Woodside Avenue when the accident occurred. The pedestrian was struck just as she was stepping up onto the curb on the west side of Valley Road, the vehicle was rounding the bend in the road and did not observe the pedestrian prior to the impact. The victim was transported to University Hospital in Newark with head trauma and internal injuries and is expected to survive her injuries. The operator of the vehicle submitted to drug and alcohol testing which were negative with no indication of drug or alcohol use, there was no initial indication that vehicle speed was a contributing factor of the accident. An assessment of the location where the incident occurred did indicate that the area is poorly lighted and there are no sidewalks or pedestrian walkways in the area. The Police Department has met with PSE&G officials at the accident site and has made recommendations for additional street lighting on the west side of Valley Road. The Police Department is also recommending pedestrian signage and a pedestrian walkway along the wooded area of Valley Road. A traffic study will also be conducted on Valley Road for north bound and south bound traffic to determine average vehicle speeds as well as the volume of vehicle traffic during various hours throughout a 24 hour period. A search of Police Department records has indicated that there have not been any other pedestrian accidents at the location in question, however the Police Department will move forward with additional traffic measures to improve safety for pedestrians walking or crossing the roadway in the aforementioned area.

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