



Northvale Police Department

Serving Northvale/Rockleigh

William Essmann, *Chief*

Internal Affairs

Public Synopsis of Disciplinary Action

Years 2014 to 2017

For the year 2014, two civilian complaints were received regarding officer's demeanor. Investigations for each complaint were conducted and the dispositions for both complaints were determined to be unfounded.

Four agency rule violation complaints were also filed regarding officer's conduct off duty. Investigations for each complaint were conducted and the dispositions for the complaints were determined to be unfounded.

For the year 2015, one civilian complaint was received regarding an agency rules and regulations violation. An investigation for the complaint was conducted and the disposition for the complaint was determined to be not sustained.

For the year 2015, seven civilian complaints were received regarding officer's demeanor. Investigations for each complaint were conducted and the dispositions for the seven complaints were determined to be unfounded.

For the year 2016, one civilian complaint was received regarding officer's demeanor. An investigation for the complaint was conducted and the disposition for the complaint was determined to be not sustained.

One anonymous complaint was received regarding an alleged rules and regulation violation during performance of duties. After an investigation was conducted and the complaint was sustained. Internal disciplinary action was taken.

A civilian complaint was received regarding an alleged rules and regulations violation by an officer. An investigation was conducted and the disposition was determined to be unfounded.

For the year 2017, one internal investigation was conducted for the alleged violation of departmental rules and regulations. An investigation was conducted and the complaint was sustained. Internal disciplinary action was taken against the officer.

Captain Howard Ostrow, Internal Affairs Officer

Northvale Police Department

INTERNAL AFFAIRS SUMMARY REPORT FORM

Agency: NORTVALE PD

County: BERGEN

Reporting Period: 1/1/14 TO 12/31/14

*Note: for criminal charges, indicate S for Superior Court or M for Municipal Court

Type of Complaint	Cases Pending from Prior Years	Cases Received This Year	Total Cases	Number of Dispositions										Cases Pending End of Year	
				Conviction	Diversion	Acquittal	Dismissal	Internal Disciplinary Action	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Administratively Closed	Total Dispositions		
															Criminal Charge*
Excessive Force															
Anonymous															
Citizen															
Agency															
Improper Arrest															
Anonymous															
Citizen															
Agency															
Improper Entry															
Anonymous															
Citizen															
Agency															
Improper Search															
Anonymous															
Citizen															
Agency															
Other Criminal Violation															
Anonymous			0												
Citizen			0												
Agency			0												

INTERNAL AFFAIRS SUMMARY REPORT FORM

Agency: NORTHVALE PD

County: BERGEN

Reporting Period: 1/1/2014 TO 12/31/2014

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				Conviction	Diversion	Acquittal	Dismissal	Internal Disciplinary Action	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded		Administratively Closed	Total Dispositions
Differential Treatment														
	Anonymous													
	Citizen													
	Agency													
Defendant														
	Anonymous													
	Citizen		2	2							2	2	0	
	Agency													
Domestic Violence														
	Anonymous													
	Citizen													
	Agency													
Other Rule Violation														
	Anonymous													
	Citizen													
	Agency		4	4							4	4	0	
Total														
	Anonymous													
	Citizen		2	2							2	2	0	
	Agency		4	4							4	4	0	

INTERNAL AFFAIRS SUMMARY REPORT FORM

Agency: Northvale Police Department

County: Bergen

Reporting Period: 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015

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				Sustained			Internal Disciplinary Action	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Administratively Closed		Total Dispositions
				Criminal Charge*	Conviction	Diversion							
Excessive Force													
Anonymous													
Citizen													
Agency													
Improper Arrest													
Anonymous													
Citizen													
Agency													
Improper Entry													
Anonymous													
Citizen													
Agency													
Improper Search													
Anonymous													
Citizen													
Agency													
Other Criminal Violation													
Anonymous													
Citizen													
Agency													

INTERNAL AFFAIRS SUMMARY REPORT FORM

Agency: Northvale Police Department

County: Bergen

Reporting Period: Jan. 1, 2015 to Dec. 31, 2015

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Type of Complaint	Cases Pending from Prior Years	Cases Received This Year	Total Cases	Number of Dispositions										Cases Pending End of Year	
				Sustained				Internal Disciplinary Action	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Administratively Closed	Total Dispositions		
				Criminal Charge*	Conviction	Diversion	Acquittal								Dismissal
Differential Treatment															
	Anonymous														
	Citizen														
	Agency														
Defendant															
	Anonymous														
	Citizen		7		7							7		7	0
	Agency														
Domestic Violence															
	Anonymous														
	Citizen														
	Agency														
Other Rule Violation															
	Anonymous														
	Citizen		1		1							1		1	0
	Agency														
Total															
	Anonymous														
	Citizen														
	Agency														

INTERNAL AFFAIRS SUMMARY REPORT FORM

Agency: Northvale Police Department

County: Bergen

Reporting Period: 1/1/2016 to 12/31/2016

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Type of Complaint	Cases Pending from Prior Years	Cases Received This Year	Total Cases	Number of Dispositions										Cases Pending End of Year	
				Criminal Charge*					Internal Disciplinary Action	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Administratively Closed		Total Dispositions
				Conviction	Diversion	Acquittal	Dismissal	Sustained							
Excessive Force															
Anonymous	0	0	0											0	
Citizen	0	0	0											0	
Agency	0	0	0											0	
Improper Arrest															
Anonymous	0	0	0											0	
Citizen	0	0	0											0	
Agency	0	0	0											0	
Improper Entry															
Anonymous	0	0	0											0	
Citizen	0	0	0											0	
Agency	0	0	0											0	
Improper Search															
Anonymous	0	0	0											0	
Citizen	0	0	0											0	
Agency	0	0	0											0	
Other Criminal Violation															
Anonymous	0	0	0											0	
Citizen	0	0	0											0	
Agency	0	0	0											0	

INTERNAL AFFAIRS SUMMARY REPORT FORM

Agency: Northvale Police Department

County: Bergen

Reporting Period: Jan, 1, 2016 to Dec. 31, 2016

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				Criminal Charge*			Sustained	Internal Disciplinary Action	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Administratively Closed	Total Dispositions	
				Conviction	Diversion	Acquittal								
Differential Treatment														
	Anonymous	0	0	0										0
	Citizen	0	0	0										0
	Agency	0	0	0										0
Demeanor														
	Anonymous	0	0											
	Citizen	0	1	1									1	0
	Agency	0	0											
Domestic Violence														
	Anonymous													
	Citizen													
	Agency													
Other Rule Violation														
	Anonymous		1	1									1	0
	Citizen		1	1									1	0
	Agency													
Total														
	Anonymous	0	1	1									1	0
	Citizen	0	2	2									1	0
	Agency	0											2	0

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				Conviction	Diversion	Acquittal								
Excessive Force														
Anonymous			0											
Citizen			0											
Agency			0											
Improper Arrest														
Anonymous			0											
Citizen			0											
Agency			0											
Improper Entry														
Anonymous			0											
Citizen			0											
Agency			0											
Improper Search														
Anonymous			0											
Citizen			0											
Agency			0											
Other Criminal Violation														
Anonymous			0											
Citizen			0											
Agency			0											

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				Conviction	Diversion	Acquittal	Dismissal	Internal Disciplinary Action	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded		Administratively Closed	Total Dispositions
Differential Treatment														
	Anonymous			0										
	Citizen			0										
	Agency			0										
Demenor														
	Anonymous			0										
	Citizen			1							1			
	Agency			0										
Domestic Violence														
	Anonymous			0										
	Citizen			0										
	Agency			0										
Other Rule Violation														
	Anonymous			0										
	Citizen			0										
	Agency			1				1						
Total														
	Anonymous			0										
	Citizen			1							1			
	Agency			1				1						

Year 2015

POLICE PURSUIT SUMMARY REPORT

Agency	Northvale Police Department	County	Bergen
Reporting Period	January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015		
Person completing report	Captain Howard Ostrow	Date completed:	Jan. 22, 2016
Phone number	201-768-5900		

1. Number of pursuits initiated	0
2. Number of pursuits resulting in accidents	0
3. Number of pursuits resulting in injuries (NO DEATHS)	0
4. Number of pursuits resulting in death	0
5. Number of pursuits resulting in arrest	0
6. Number of vehicles in accidents	
a. Pursued vehicles	0
b. Police vehicles	0
c. Third party vehicles	0
7. Number of people injured	
a. Pursued vehicles	0
b. Police vehicles	0
c. Third party vehicles	0
d. Pedestrians	0
8. Number of people killed	
a. Pursued vehicles	0
b. Police vehicles	0
c. Third party vehicles	0
d. Pedestrians	0
9. Number of people arrested	0
10. Number of pursuits in which a tire deflation device was used	0

POLICE PURSUIT SUMMARY REPORT

Agency Northvale Police Department	County Bergen
Reporting Period 1/1/16 – 12/31/16	
Person completing report Capt. Howard Ostrow	Date completed 1/27/2017
Phone number 201-768-5900	

1. Number of pursuits initiated	0
2. Number of pursuits resulting in accidents	0
3. Number of pursuits resulting in injuries (NO DEATHS)	0
4. Number of pursuits resulting in death	0
5. Number of pursuits resulting in arrest	0
6. Number of vehicles in accidents	
a. Pursued vehicles	0
b. Police vehicles	0
c. Third party vehicles	0
7. Number of people injured	
a. Pursued vehicles	0
b. Police vehicles	0
c. Third party vehicles	0
d. Pedestrians	0
8. Number of people killed	
a. Pursued vehicles	0
b. Police vehicles	0
c. Third party vehicles	0
d. Pedestrians	0
9. Number of people arrested	0
10. Number of pursuits in which a tire deflation device was used	0

POLICE PURSUIT SUMMARY REPORT

Agency Northvale Police Department	County Bergen
Reporting Period 1/1/17 – 12/31/17	
Person completing report Capt. Howard Ostrow	Date completed 1/4/2018
Phone number 201-768-5900	

1. Number of pursuits initiated	0
2. Number of pursuits resulting in accidents	0
3. Number of pursuits resulting in injuries (NO DEATHS)	0
4. Number of pursuits resulting in death	0
5. Number of pursuits resulting in arrest	0
6. Number of vehicles in accidents	
a. Pursued vehicles	0
b. Police vehicles	0
c. Third party vehicles	0
7. Number of people injured	
a. Pursued vehicles	0
b. Police vehicles	0
c. Third party vehicles	0
d. Pedestrians	0
8. Number of people killed	
a. Pursued vehicles	0
b. Police vehicles	0
c. Third party vehicles	0
d. Pedestrians	0
9. Number of people arrested	0
10. Number of pursuits in which a tire deflation device was used	0

A. Incident Information

E. Officer Information

C1. Subject 1 (List only the person who was the subject of the use of force by the officer listed in Section B)

C2. Subject 2 (List only the person who was the subject of the use of force by the officer listed in Section B)

➤ If this officer used force against more than two subjects in this incident, attach additional USE OF FORCE REPORTS.

Signature <i>SGT. MICHAEL GRAHAM #16</i>	Date 6/18/2014
Print Supervisor Name: SGT. MICHAEL GRAHAM #16	Supervisor Signature

**USE OF FORCE REPORT
NORTHVALE POLICE DEPT.**

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A. Incident Information

Date 07/29/2015	Time 1115	Day of Week Wednesday	Location Briarwood Ln. & Paulding Ave.	INCIDENT NUMBER NV-15-06085
Type of Incident ☐ Crime in Progress ☐ Domestic ☐ Mental Health ☒ Suspicious Person ☐ Traffic Stop ☐ Vehicle Pursuit ☐ Other Dispute ☐ Other (specify) Subject walking on private property along CSX Rail line.				

B. Officer / Investigator Information

Name (Last, First, Middle) ALBANESE, CHARLES		Badge # 29	Sex M	Race White	Injured Y	Killed N
Rank P.O.	Duty Assignment Patrol	Years / Mo. of Service 1 year 8 mos		Age 25	On-Duty Y	Uniform Y

C. Subject (List only the person who was the subject of the use of force by the officer listed in Section B.)

Name (Last, First, Middle) JOHNSON, SEAN G.	Sex M	Race White	Age 22	Weapon N	Injured Y	Killed N
☐ Under the Influence ☐ Other Unusual Condition (specify)		Arrested Y	Charges 20-21-001 (B&I) POLICE OFFICER 20-21-003 POSSE COB OVER B&I 20-26-001 INTENT TO DET. COB 20-26-002 INTENT TO DET. COB WITHIN 1000 FT SCHOOL ZONE 20-26-003 RESISTING ARREST 20-12-001 AGG ASSAULT AGG-1ST PD			
Subject's Actions (check all that apply) ☒ Resisted police officer control ☒ Physical threat / attack on officer or another ☐ Threatened / attacked officer or another with blunt object ☐ Threatened / attacked officer or another with knife / cutting object ☐ Threatened / attacked officer or another with motor vehicle ☐ Threatened officer or another with firearm ☐ Fired at officer or another ☒ Other (specify) SUBJECT ATTEMPTED TO DISARM OFFICER		Officer's use of force toward this subject (check all that apply) ☒ Compliance hold ☒ Hands / fists ☐ Kicks / feet ☐ Chemical / natural agent ☐ Strike / use baton or other object ☐ Canine ☐ Other (specify)		(check all that apply) Firearms Discharge ☐ Intentional ☐ Accidental Number of Shots Fired _____ Number of Hits _____ (Use UNK if unknown)		

C. Subject (List only the person who was the subject of the use of force by the officer listed in Section B.)

Name (Last, First, Middle)	Sex	Race	Age	Weapon	Injured	Killed
☐ Under the Influence ☐ Other Unusual Condition (specify)		Arrested	Charges			
Subject's Actions (check all that apply) ☐ Resisted police officer control ☐ Physical threat / attack on officer or another ☐ Threatened / attacked officer or another with blunt object ☐ Threatened / attacked officer or another with knife/cutting object ☐ Threatened / attacked officer or another with motor vehicle ☐ Threatened officer or another with firearm ☐ Fired at officer or another ☐ Other (specify)		Officer's use of force toward this subject (check all that apply) ☐ Compliance hold ☐ Hands / fists ☐ Kicks / feet ☐ Chemical / natural agent ☐ Strike / use baton or other object ☐ Canine ☐ Other (specify)		(check all that apply) Firearms Discharge ☐ Intentional ☐ Accidental Number of Shots Fired _____ Number of Hits _____ (Use UNK if unknown)		

Officer's Signature:	Date: 07/29/2015
Print Supervisor Name: CPT. HOWARD OSTROW	Supervisor's Signature:

January 19, 2018

Detective Brian Lucas
Bergen County Prosecutor's Office
100 Eisenhower Drive
Paramus, NJ 07652

Re: 2017 Firearms Qualification Report

Dear Det. Lucas,

The Northvale Police Department held its spring qualification-training session from May 5, 2017 through June 7th 2017 for the handgun. The police carbine qualification was also held from May 5, 2017 through June 7th, 2017.

The duty weapon for the officers is the Sig Sauer P226.
The ammunition for the handgun is Speer GDHP .40 S&W 155 Gr.

The police carbine in service is the H & K UMP40
The ammunition for the UMP40 is Speer GDHP .40 S&W 155 Gr.

The Northvale Police Department consists of Fifteen (15) full time police officers as of this qualification session.

Fifteen (15) officers successfully qualified with a score of 80% or higher in the Attorney General's 60 round HQC and 40 round HNQC.

Fifteen (15) officers successfully qualified with a score of 80% or higher in the Attorney General's recommended PCQC and PCNQC.

The Northvale Police Department held its fall qualification-training session from October 9th 2017 through November 9th, 2017 for the handgun. The police carbine qualification was also held from October 9th 2017 through November 9th, 2017.

The duty weapon for the officers is the Sig Sauer P226.
The ammunition for the handgun is Speer GDHP .40 S&W 155 Gr.

The police carbine in service is the H & K UMP40.
The ammunition for the UMP40 is Speer GDHP .40 S&W 155Gr.

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Fifteen (15) officers successfully qualified with a score of 80% or higher in the Attorney General's recommended PCQC and PCNQC.

If you require anything further, please feel free to contact me at 201-768-5900.

Respectfully Submitted,

Detective/Sergeant Robert Pizzi
Firearms Instructor

Northvale Police Department Mandatory Training 2017

Officers	FIREARMS	FALL	ACTIVE SHOOTER	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	MENTAL HEALTH	USE OF FORCE/PURSUIT
	SPRING					
200	6/7/2017	11/9/2017	11/9/2017			6/1/2017
215	6/7/2017	10/9-11/9	11/9/2017		12/21/2017	6/1/2017
216	5/5-6/7	10/9-11/9	1/16/2018	10/26/2017	12/14/2017	6/1/2017
218	5/5-6/7	10/9-11/9	11/9/2017	12/13/2017		6/1/2017
217	6/7/2017	10/9-11/9	1/16/2018	3/14/2017	9/28/2017	6/1/2017
220	6/5/2017	10/9-11/9	11/9/2017	12/13/2017	9/12/2017	6/1/2017
221	6/6/2017	10/9-11/9	6/16/2017	10/16/2017	12/28/2017	6/1/2017
222	6/6/2017	10/9-11/9	1/16/2018	11/2/2017	12/21/2017	6/1/2017
223	6/6/2017	10/9-11/9	11/9/2017	10/26/2017	9/26/2017	6/1/2017
224	6/7/2017	10/9-11/9	11/9/2017	10/12/2017	12/7/2017	6/1/2017
226	6/5/2017	10/9-11/9	11/9/2017	12/13/2017	9/26/2017	6/1/2017
228	6/7/2017	10/9-11/9	11/9/2017	12/13/2017	9/14/2017	6/1/2017
229	6/5/2017	10/9-11/9	4/12/2017	12/13/2017	9/12/2017	6/1/2017
230	7/24/2017	10/9-11/9	11/9/2017	9/26/2017	9/28/2017	7/24/2017
231	7/24/2017	10/9-11/9	11/9/2017	9/26/2017	9/1/2017	7/24/2017