

CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

2020

**LT. Robert Brown
Officer in Charge**

CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To: Mayor Julia Fahl, Lambertville City Council
From: LT. Robert Brown, Officer in Charge
SUBJECT: Annual Report 2020
Date: March 11, 2021

The City of Lambertville Police Department is a progressive, pro-active, community oriented law enforcement agency. We are a full-service department staffed by nine police officers and one special officer that is operational around-the-clock, seven days a week. Primarily a uniformed patrol based operation, we also provide a criminal investigative function. This is through the assignment of a detective (when feasible) and conduct periodic specialized patrol in the form of a Bicycle Patrol Unit. Our police officers receive continuous, up-dated in-service training relating to both existing and new policies, procedures, firearms proficiency, and other areas relevant to the law enforcement function. Most of our officers have attended advanced classes, covering many diverse topics that include traffic accident and criminal investigations, Interview and Interrogation, Bias Crime Reporting and Investigation, Cultural Diversity, Terrorism, Internal Affairs, Narcotics Enforcement, Methods of Instruction, Handling the Emotionally Disturbed, Evidence Management, Autism Awareness, and Computer Crime/Identity Theft. The administrative staff includes an office manager, a full-time parking enforcement officer and several part-time parking enforcement officers. I am proud to say that the caliber of our officers and civilian staff is second to none.

It is the philosophy of this department to perform our duties consistent with modern, community policing practices. We routinely solicit citizen input in addressing crime and quality-of-life issues. We always strive to identify and solve problems by maintaining open lines of communication with the community. We take these responsibilities seriously and continuously look for ways to improve our performance.

I respectfully submit the 2020 Annual Report for the City of Lambertville Police Department for your review. This report details operational statistics, administrative activities and functions. There is also a general assessment of department productivity in a variety of areas.

2020 was a year unlike any other, from the unique challenges of day to day living and working created by COVID-19 and to the tragic death of George Floyd at the hands of police officers in Minneapolis. This sparked demonstrations throughout the country and in our own community, which caused mistrust within the communities.

2020 was a very difficult year for the Lambertville Police Department. I am proud to say that the men and women of the Lambertville Police Department stepped up and met these new challenges with great determination and pride.

We successfully worked our way through the demonstrations uniting against racism and against police brutality. The demonstrations were peaceful and the officers of this agency remained professional.

Officers had to quickly become familiar with all the known facts of COVID 19 and adapt to the ever-changing procedures. Officers responded daily to incidents where individuals were displaying COVID 19 symptoms to render aid or to provide any other assistance they needed. All of our officers did so without hesitation and continued to serve the community. The police department remained open 24 hours a day throughout the pandemic to protect and serve our unique city.

In 2020 we continued to operate with a reduction in force of one police officer (10% of department) that took effect in 2011 and the police director position in 2019. The civilian police director's responsibilities have been assigned to the police lieutenant who is currently the officer in charge. This staff reduction resulted in the elimination of a dedicated investigator's position. This slot had been crucial with respect to our ability to conduct timely and efficient initial and follow-up investigation of reported crimes, and all other type of investigations such as background checks, domestic violence case follow-up, ABC, firearms, taxicab, and vending machine licensing. These responsibilities are presently shared with Detective Vincent Albani and Detective Matthew Bast. However, both officers remain assigned to the regular duty chart and are still required to perform all routine patrol duties and respond to calls for service. Detective Albani also serves as the department's Evidence/Property and Project Medicine Drop Program Officer.

In 2020, the department handled 10,807 calls for service. The department conducted 294 investigations, and 2,331 non-criminal investigations.

In 2020 the department had 36 arrests, compared to 66 arrests in 2019. Total parking summonses issued in 2020 were 3,525, compared to 4,431 in 2019. Total ParkMobile transactions for 2020 were 33,971, compared to 39,064 transactions in 2019.

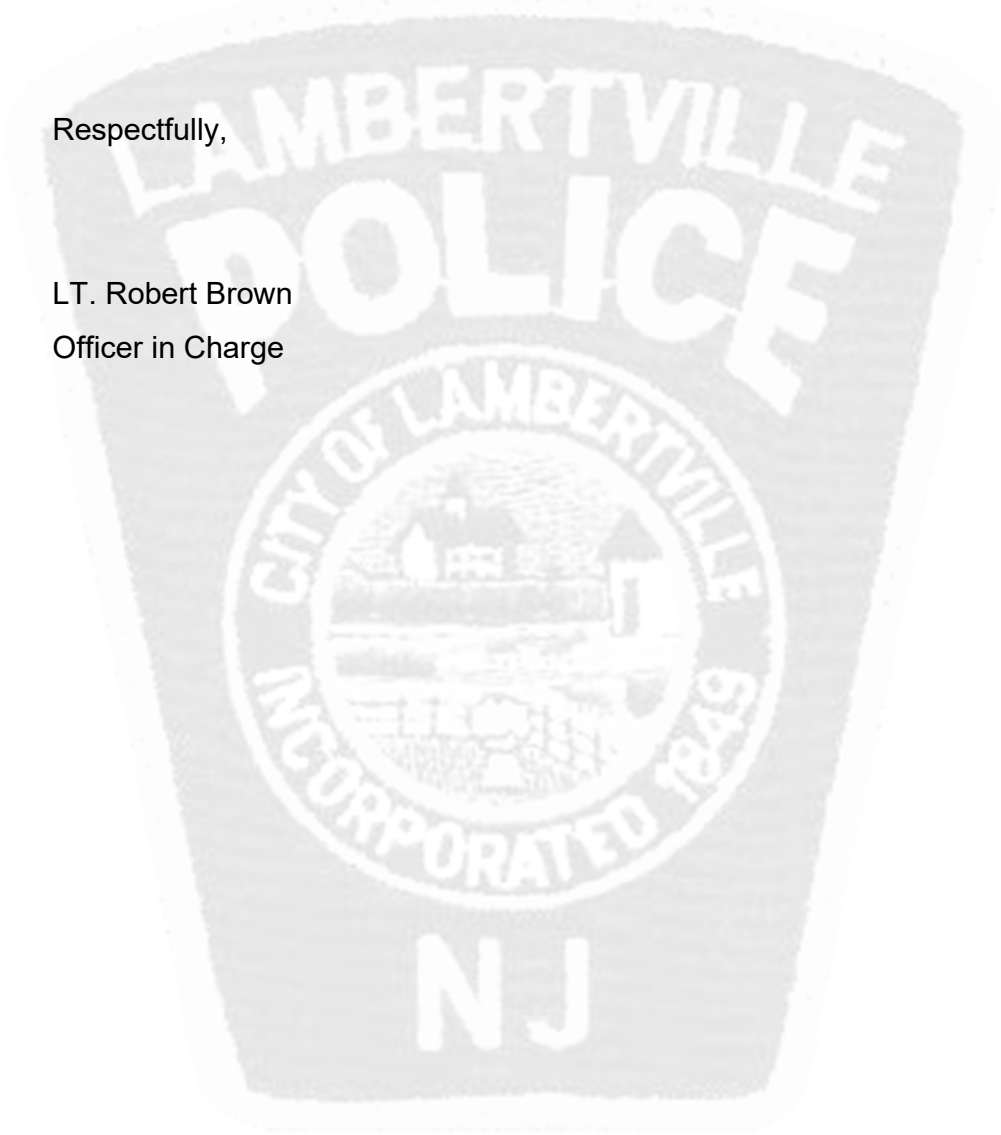
Part I UCR crimes in 2020 totaled 28, compared to 32 in 2019. See attachment B for detailed analysis.

There were 118 motor vehicle accidents in 2020, compared with 117 reported in 2019. No fatalities resulted from these accidents. One pedestrian was struck in 2020, compared to Two pedestrians were struck in 2019. Three motor vehicle accidents resulted in DUI arrests. The top two accident locations were once again occurred in the general vicinity of Routes 165/ 518 and Route 165/179.

Although the responsibilities and challenges that police departments handle have become increasingly more demanding, all of our members remain committed to providing first-class police service and a safe, secure environment for all Lambertville residents and visitors. I am honored and privileged to have had the opportunity to lead the men and women of this police department, as they are truly dedicated and amazing individuals. **Thank you to Mayor Julia Fahl for her continued trust and support.**

Respectfully,

LT. Robert Brown
Officer in Charge



LAMBERTVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

ANNUAL TRAINING

All police officers received mandatory in-service, semi-annual training in the following areas: Firearms Proficiency, Use of Force, Vehicle Pursuits, Domestic Violence, Pepper Spray-ASP Baton Use and Tactics, Right to Know, Bloodborne Pathogens, Chemical Safety and Hazardous Materials Awareness, CPR, AED Certification and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace. Members also attended advanced training at certified academies and training facilities throughout the state in: CLEAR Training, Understanding Jewish Orthodox Religion, Understanding Implicit & Explicit Bias, Multiculturalism & Police, Handle with Care. Additional training in, Bias Crime Reporting and Investigation, NJSP CJIS TAC Officer Update, Uniformed Crime Reporting Update, Evidence Management, Internal Affairs Investigations, Social Media, De-Escalation, Corruption, Implicit Bias, Officer Safety, Juvenile Justice and Protecting children from abuse.

POLICIES, PROCEDURES, OTHER DIRECTIVES

The Department continued to review existing policies and procedures and updated or promulgated directives as necessary. Additionally, various Prosecutors' Office directives and Attorney General Directives and/or guidelines were received and disseminated as appropriate.

Eight post conditions and five personnel orders were issued in 2020. These directives covered areas that included community policing and enforcement activities, directed patrols, post assignments, personnel appointments, special event coverage and other operational and/or administrative subjects.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS SUMMARY

In 2020 the department investigated nine Internal Affairs Complaints. (3) Demeanor, (1) Differential Treatment and (5) Other Rule Violations. Eight complaints were from citizens and one complaint was an anonymous complaint. Four cases were exonerated, two cases were not sustained and one case was sustained. Two cases were carried into 2021. See attached Yearly IA Complaint Summary.

SPECIAL EVENTS/DETAILS

- Over 800 hours of special details for COVID 19
- Over 1,000 facemasks were distributed to residents by officers
- Assisted Emergency Food Harvest program
- Various road repair/construction projects throughout city requiring contractual traffic control details

ONGOING PROGRAMS

- Child Safety Seat Installation Program
- Bicycle Registration Program
- Bicycle Patrol Unit
- Project Child Safe Gun Lock Program

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Tyler Clark (Resigned)

Aaron Edler (Appointed Full-Time Police Officer)

Kevin Brown (Appointed Full-Time Class 2 Special Police Officer)

Joseph Weber (Resigned)

Kevin Brown (Appointed to Full-Time Police Officer)

David DeJesus (Appointed to Full-Time Class 2 Special Police Officer)

Xiomara Oppenheimer (Resigned Part-Time Secretary)

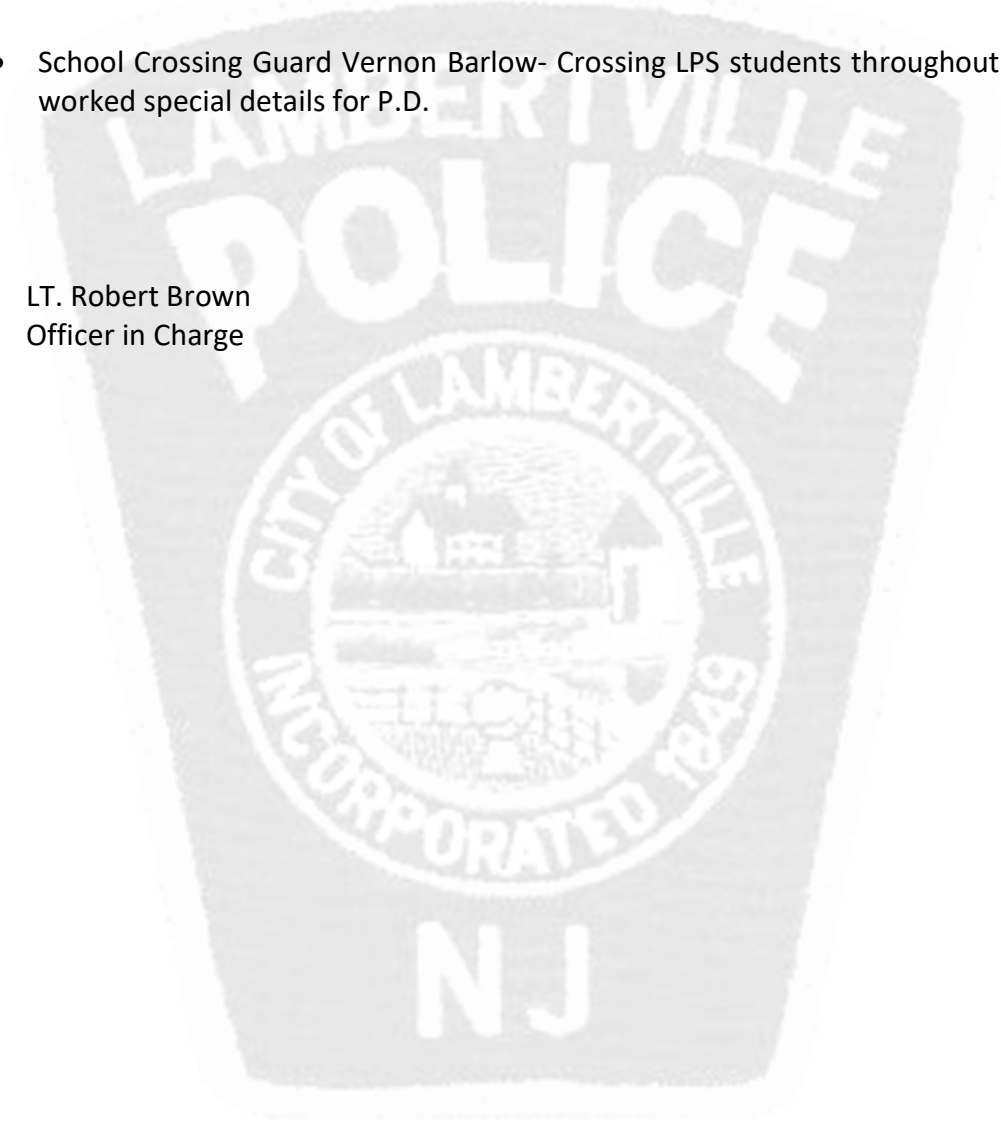
Kelly Kascik (Appointed to Office Manager)

Officers' Additional Assignments

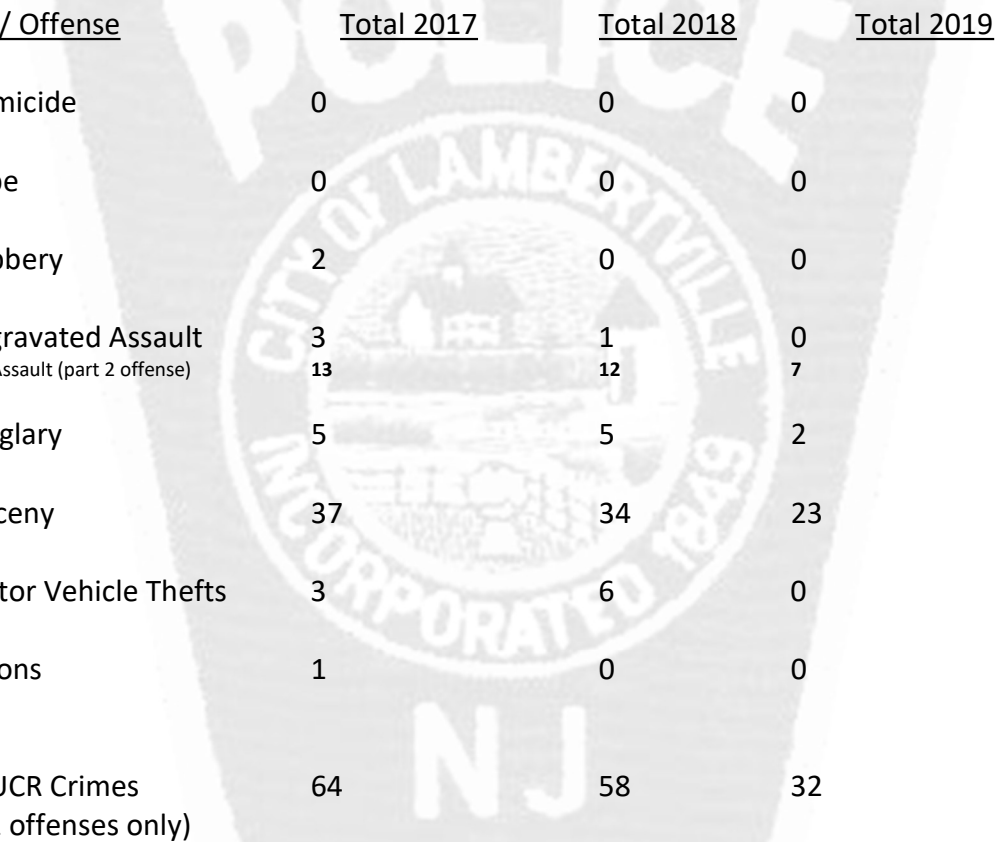
- Lieutenant Robert Brown- Officer in Charge, Training Officer, IT-Alt TAC Officer, Terrorism Task Force Representative, Domestic Violence Liaison Officer, Special Event coordinator.
- Sergeant Anthony Memolo- Firearms Instructor/Department Armorer. Evidence/Property Supervisor, Internal Affairs Officer.
- Sergeant Michael Gramlich- Radar Instructor, AlcoTest and PBT coordinator, TAC Officer, School Security Coordinator, UCR Supervisor.
- Officer Kevin Brown Press Releases.
- Officer Vincent Albani- Criminal, background and other investigations, Gang Officer, Juvenile Officer, Primary Evidence/Property Officer, Project Medicine Drop Coordinator.
- Officer Matthew Bast- Criminal/Background Investigations, UCR Officer.
- Officer Allen Wurpel- Bicycle Patrol Child Car Seat Inspection/Installations, Motor Vehicle Accident Analysis and Reporting.
- Officer Lauren Balaity-Firearms Application Investigations, Resiliency Officer
- Officer Edler- Vending Machine Inspections, ABC Inspections
- Kelly Kascik-Office Manager, Customer Service, Records Management/Processing, OPRA.

- Officer Michael Vecchio- parking enforcement, meter revenue processing, meter maintenance, mail runs, motor pool coordinator and court security. Monitors social websites and reports to Police Director/Officer in Charge regarding any issues impacting the city. Worked special details for the department during the year.
- Stephen Balaity Jr.- Part-Time parking enforcement officer
- School Crossing Guard Vernon Barlow- Crossing LPS students throughout the year and worked special details for P.D.

LT. Robert Brown
Officer in Charge



UCR Statistics



<u>Crime / Offense</u>	<u>Total 2017</u>	<u>Total 2018</u>	<u>Total 2019</u>	<u>Total 2020</u>
1. Homicide	0	0	0	0
2. Rape	0	0	0	0
3. Robbery	2	0	0	0
4. Aggravated Assault	3	1	0	0
Simple Assault (part 2 offense)	13	12	7	7
5. Burglary	5	5	2	1
6. Larceny	37	34	23	20
7. Motor Vehicle Thefts	3	6	0	0
8. Arsons	1	0	0	0
Total UCR Crimes (Part 1 offenses only)	64	58	32	28

TABLE #1: LCPD KEY DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS 2020

CATEGORY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Total Calls	856	884	843	973	922	884	1062	923	910	856	880	814	10807
Criminal Investigations	33	14	11	25	16	34	35	23	26	27	33	17	294
Non-Criminal Investigations	182	159	160	154	173	212	223	238	230	215	206	179	2331
Administrative Assignments	13	12	30	40	35	17	15	17	11	16	11	13	230
Fire Calls	9	9	7	3	13	13	19	16	31	21	11	20	172
EMS Squad Calls	46	39	32	33	28	40	46	44	34	39	29	26	436
M.V. Accidents	8	17	7	6	1	8	8	13	9	15	13	13	118
Parking Summonses	383	373	191	55	146	136	206	474	472	362	351	376	3525
Moving Violations	113	177	51	29	13	16	15	27	33	22	25	15	536
Indictables	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
Disorderly Persons Arrests	0	1	3	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	10
DUI Arrests	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	8
CDS Arrests	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Warrant Arrests	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	9
Domestic Incidents	4	1	2	2	2	5	4	3	4	0	3	0	30
Juvenile Incidents	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	4	1	0	1	0	15
Alarms	11	9	16	4	9	8	11	10	10	13	14	12	127
Assist Other Agencies	5	7	7	6	15	8	15	13	8	6	5	9	104
Overtime (Hours)	17	70.5	40	30	26	82	49	78	73	88	90	68	711.5
Sick (Hours)	56	48.00	53.5	36	82.5	135	8.5	8	19	36	31.5	8	522

INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS MONTHLY ACTIVITY-DECEMBER 2020

OFFICER	M.V.	PARK	IND	DP	DUI	CDS	ORD	WARR	JUV	SICK	VAC	OT HRS	TRNG HRS
LT Brown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.5	0	9	0
YTD	26	11	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	15	80	118.5	25
SGT Memolo	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YTD	83	3	0	5	1	0	17	0	0	129	152	90	21
SGT Gramlich	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.75
YTD	69	6	1	1	2	0	9	0	0	0	17	70	32.5
PO Weber(Retired)													
YTD	17	6	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	219	201	0	7.75
PO Albani	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1.25
YTD	29	2	0	0	1	0	11	0	0	24	99	84.5	27.5
PO Bast	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1.25
YTD	74	14	3	1	1	0	6	4	0	4	36	113.5	22.75
PO Wurpel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0
YTD	32	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	12	60	32	19.25
PO Balaity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	17	1
YTD	70	2	0	1	0	2	10	0	0	48	64	94	22.25
PO Edler	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	16	1
YTD	61	9	0	0	2	0	2	4	0	0	60	79	80.25
CLII SPO Brown	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	8	1.5
YTD	38	457	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	31	32	32	14.5
PEO Vecchio	0	282	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.5	33.5	0	0
YTD	0	1174	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	33.5	0	2
P/T PEO Barlow													
YTD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P/T PEO Balaity	0	93								0	0	0	0
YTD	0	1324	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.09
P/T PEO Wachob(Resigned)													
YTD	0	755	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CL II SPO DEJESUS	4												
YTD	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MTHLY TOTAL	15	376	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	8	81.5	68	9.75
YTD TOTAL	538	3525	6	10	8	2	69	10	0	522	938.5	732.5	542.34

Agency Name: Lambertville City Police Department, Hunterdon County

Year: 2020

Annual Internal Affairs Summary

	Pending			Source of Complaint			Criminal Outcome				Internal Disciplinary Outcome					Pending End of Year
	from Prior	New	Cases								Not		Administra-tively			
	Years	cases	Closed	Agency	Civilian	Anon.	Conviction	Diversion	Acquittal	Dismissal	Exonerated	Sustained	Unfounded	Closed	Sustained	
Excessive Force		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Arrest		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Entry		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Search		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Criminal Violation		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Differential Treatment		0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Demeanor		0	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Domestic Violence		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Rule Violation		0	5	4	0	3	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1

Total Cases Opened 9

Total Cases Closed 7

Total Pending Cases 2

Total Cases >180 Days 0

LAMBERTVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

PERSONNEL ROSTER

March 11, 2021

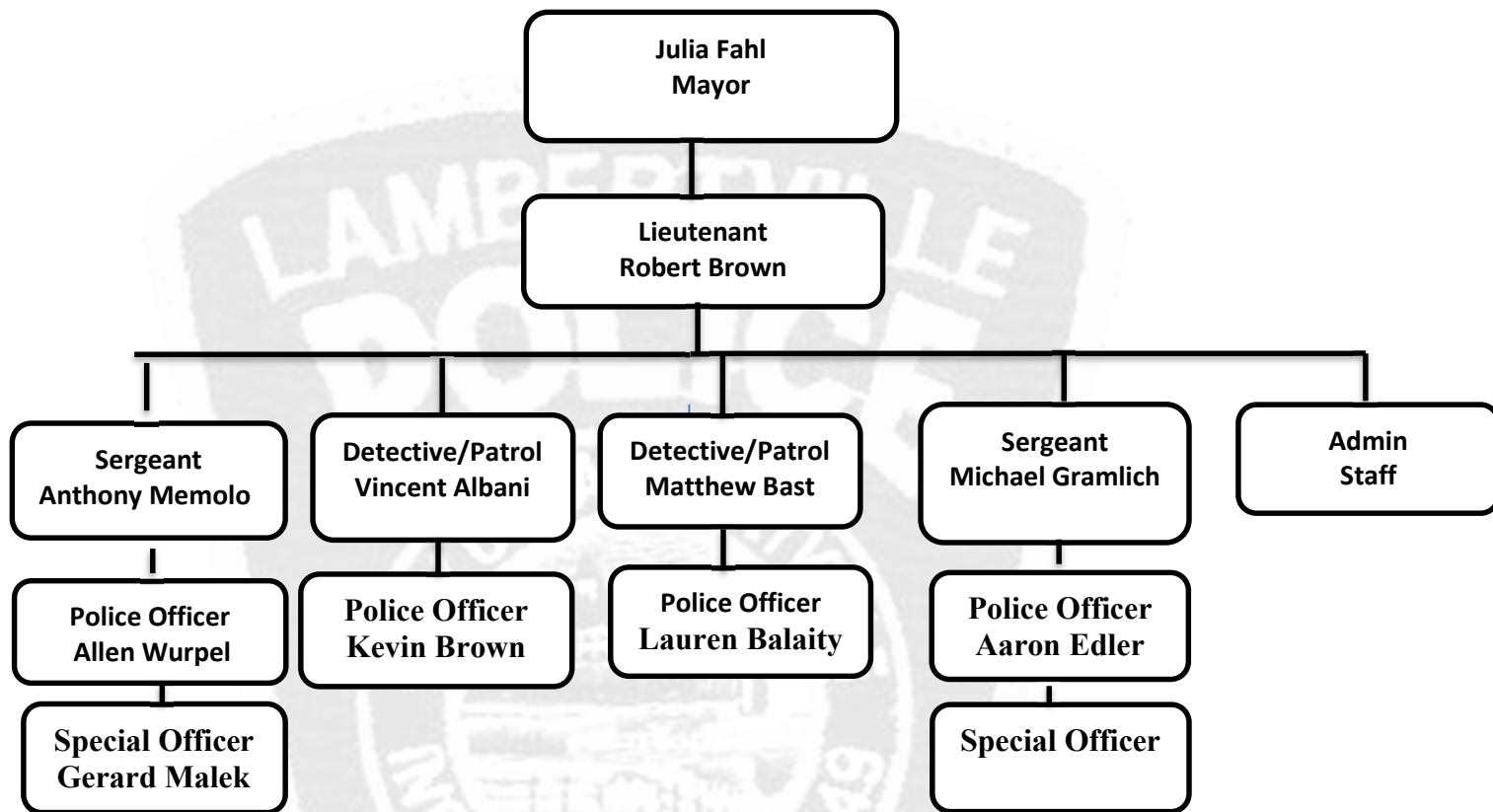
<u>RANK/TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>OPER. #</u>	<u>DATE APPOINT.</u>
Lieutenant	Robert Brown	Op # 2	July 15, 1996
Sergeant	Anthony Memolo	Op # 3	February 6, 2003
Sergeant	Michael Gramlich	Op # 4	February 1, 2004
Detective	Vincent Albani	Op # 11	May 20, 2005
Detective	Matthew Bast	Op # 12	May 1, 2014
Police Officer	Allen Wurplel	Op # 13	December 29, 2014
Police Officer	Lauren Balaity	Op # 14	December 19, 2017
Police Officer	Aaron Edler	Op # 15	February 2, 2020
Police Officer	Kevin Brown	Op# 16	December 1, 2020
Class 2 SPO	David DeJesus	Op# 17	December 1, 2020
Class 3 SPO	Gerard Malek	Op# 20	August 12, 2019
P/T CL 2 SPO	Vacant	Op #	

SUPPORT STAFF

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHEDULE</u>	<u>DATE APPT</u>
Office Mgr.	Kelly Kascik	Mon-Fri (0900 X 1630)	July 13, 2020
P/T Secy.	Vacant		
Parking Enforcement			
Officer (F/T)	Michael Vecchio	Mon-Fri (various)	March 18, 2015
Officer (P/T)	Stephen Balaity Jr	Various	April 4, 2019
Officer (P/T)	Vacant		
School Crossing			
Guard	Vernon Barlow	Mon-Fri (various)	Dec 18, 2014

LT. Robert Brown
Officer in Charge

LAMBERTVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION CHART 2020



Administrative/Support Staff

Kelly Kascik-Administrative Assistant
Vacant-P/T Secretary
Michael Vecchio-Parking Enforcement Officer
Stephen Balaity Jr-P/T Parking Enforcement Officer
Vacant-P/T Parking Enforcement Officer
Vernon Barlow-School Crossing Guard



MISSION STATEMENT

“The City of Lambertville Police Department’s primary mission is to protect lives and property and provide the highest quality police service to all persons; professionally, impartially and within the framework of community policing ideals. We are committed to achieving this mission by adhering to the highest ethical standards and developing a well trained and disciplined workforce.”
