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CHIEF OF POLICE

Mountain Lakes Police Borough Council Monthly Report December 2025

- December 5th, 2025, Patrolman Bryan and Patrolman Pierre assisted the New Jersey Transit Police Department with security during the annual Polar Express train ride. NJ Transit conducts this event each holiday season for special needs children. The Mountain Lakes Police Department was proud to participate. Thanks to NJ Transit for providing this service to the community.
- December 5th, 2025, Detective Torres charged 29-year-old Ruddy Vargas-Santos of Newark with third-degree theft in connection with a package theft incident that occurred in Mountain Lakes on August 12, 2025. Mr. Vargas-Santos was released pending a mandatory court appearance.
- December 7th, 2025, members of the Mountain Lakes Police Department assisted with security and traffic control during the Borough's annual Christmas Tree Lighting event.
- December 12th, 2025, members of the Mountain Lakes Police Department assisted with security and traffic control during the Borough's annual Menorah Lighting event.
- December 12th, 2025, at approximately 4:26 a.m., Sergeant Grady was patrolling the eastbound lanes of Route 46 near Cherry Hill Road in Parsippany when he observed suspects attempting to steal a vehicle from the Zoom Auto Group dealership located at the intersection of Route 46 East and Cherry Hill Road. Upon Sergeant Grady's approach, the suspects reentered their vehicle and fled the scene. Sergeant Grady, assisted by Patrolman Blair, initiated a motor vehicle pursuit for burglary and attempted motor vehicle theft. The pursuit was later terminated on Route 80 eastbound due to hazardous road conditions.
- December 12th, 2025, at approximately 3:27 p.m., Patrolman Stewart conducted a motor vehicle stop in the driveway of police headquarters, which resulted in the arrest of 54-year-old Gary Lyttle of Boonton Township for driving while intoxicated. Mr. Lyttle was issued motor vehicle summonses for driving while intoxicated, careless driving, and reckless driving. He was released pending a mandatory court appearance.

- December 15th, 2025, at approximately 10:06 p.m., patrol units were dispatched to a residence on Lakewood Drive for a reported active structure fire. Upon arrival, patrol officers located an active fire in an upstairs bedroom. Patrolman Blair extinguished the fire, preventing further damage to the residence. The investigation was subsequently turned over to the Mountain Lakes Volunteer Fire Department.
- December 24th, 2025, at approximately 6:09 p.m., patrol units responded to a residence in town for a reported domestic violence incident in progress. An on-scene investigation resulted in the arrest of a female party for simple assault. The defendant was later released pending a mandatory court appearance.

A criminal complaint is merely an accusation. Despite this accusation, defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SB' followed by a stylized flourish.

Chief Shawn Bennett

MOUNTAIN LAKES BORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Citation Report

From Date : 12/1/2025 To Date : 12/31/2025

Report Date : 1/20/2026 1:01 PM

Officers Name	Badge Number	Traffic Stops	Equipment	Moving	Radar	Parking	Ordinance	Warnings	Total
XX	XX	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
XX	XX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
XX	XX	48	0	15	0	0	0	1	16
XX	XX	47	0	1	0	0	0	13	14
XX	XX	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
XX	XX	28	0	1	0	0	0	3	4
XX	XX	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
XX	XX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
XX	XX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
XX	XX	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
XX	XX	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
XX	XX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
XX	XX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
XX	XX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
XX	XX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
XX	XX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
XX	XX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
XX	XX	77	0	25	0	1	0	5	31
XX	XX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
XX	XX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
XX	XX	28	1	7	0	0	0	1	9
XX	XX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
XX	XX	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total:		269	2	51	0	1	0	23	77

MOUNTAIN LAKES BORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Agency Activity Report

By CFS Classification**From Date: 12/1/2025 To Date: 12/31/2025****Report Date: 1/20/2026 1:10:22 PM**

Classification code	Description	Total Events	0000-0800	0801-1600	1601-2359
0600	Theft	1	0	0	1
1300	Stolen Property	1	1	0	0
1500	Weapons Offense	2	1	1	0
2000	Family Offense	2	0	0	2
2100	Liquor Laws Drunk Driving	1	0	0	1
2400	Disorderly Conduct	3	0	2	1
2600	All Other Offenses	1	0	1	0
4000	Non Criminal Investigations	49	12	13	24
4100	Fire Related	13	0	4	9
5000	Lost Found Property	1	0	0	1
5500	Animal Complaints	6	0	4	2
6000	Traffic Accidents	22	2	13	7
6300	Traffic Enforcement	276	32	115	129
6500	Parking Enforcement	7	0	5	2
6600	Traffic Services	11	0	7	4
7000	Public Services	276	162	47	67
7500	Assist other Agency	14	4	5	5
8000	Warrants	1	0	0	1
9000	Administrative	443	155	92	196
	Total:	1130	369	309	452

Time Used/Overtime by Month

	Sick Time Hours					Vacation/Comp Hours/Pens Day/Bereave					Court Overtime					Department Overtime					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	79	588	324	36	264	10	60	14	0	42	48	224.5	165.5	120	\$0	\$154	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Feb	86	444	266	68	48	56	24	220	111	189.5	252	171.5	163.75	121.5	\$210	\$258	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$399	\$26,163
March	110	332	180	36	118	84	24	168	74.5	81	289	257.75	123	147.75	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$447	\$0	\$512	\$13,803
April	106	456	240	94	222	120.5	82	265.5	0	226	333	215	249.5	96.25	\$422	\$0	\$263	\$0	\$0	\$679	\$19,398
May	96	564	204	46	48	126	48	169	36	681	482	260.5	146.75	256.5	\$993	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$28,052
June	106	540	312	140	69	190	36	254	194	727.5	385	198.5	261.5	289.5	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$161	\$0	\$232	\$25,593
July	47	442	420	44	70	214	92	84.5	551	877	482	669.5	543.25	255.25	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$23,548
August	246	312	168	104	90	104	198	748	708	792	541	459	681	583.5	\$0	\$0	\$263	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$36,695
Sept	180	256	70	22	100	140	58	222.5	389	280	549.5	301	302	183.5	\$0	\$0	\$250	\$161	\$0	\$328	\$5,418
Oct	154	314	48	120	68	86.5	82	216	292	204	502.5	251.5	353	329	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$161	\$0	\$0	\$12,385
Nov	426	302	44	80	156	60	246	176	287	370	550.5	337.25	396.5	367.25	\$0	\$0	\$363	\$0	\$0	\$190	\$26,699
Dec	600	424	206	104	168	118	138	144.5	376	265	642.5	366.5	316.5	461.25	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$178	\$22,187
Total	2236	4974	2482	894	1421	1309	1088	2682	3018.5	4735	5057	3712.5	3702.3	3211.3	\$1,625	\$412	\$1,139	\$929	\$0	\$668	\$239,983

December

<u>Total Overtime</u>
<u>Hours Paid</u>
275.50

<u>Total</u>	<u>Vaca/Comp/Personal/Bereave Hrs</u>	<u>% of Hrs Equating to</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>Creating OT</u>	<u>OT</u>
<u>Vaca/Comp Hrs</u>	143.5	31.11%
461.25		

<u>Total Sick Time</u>	<u>Total Sick Time</u>	<u>% of Hrs Equating to</u>
<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Hrs Creating OT</u>	<u>OT</u>
138	55.5	40.22%

- 6 Hours of arrest/investigations
- 43 Hours Mandatory Training
- 11 Hours Menorah/Tree lighting events
- 3 Hours Court
- 13.5 Hours weather related events requiring traffic control