

WESTVILLE POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT - APRIL 2023

-  Motor Vehicle Stops- **355**
 -  Motor Vehicle Thefts – **0**
 -  Arson- **0**
 -  Assaults – **6**
 -  Burglary/Theft Reports – **17**
 -  Property Checks – **124**
 -  Added Patrols – **501**
 -  Motor Vehicle Crashes – **14**
 -  Arrests – **25**
 -  Foot Patrols – **68**
 -  Domestic Violence Incidents – **9**
 -  Parking Enforcement – **16**
 -  Community Policing – **53**
 -  Abandon Vehicles – **3**
 -  Robbery - **0**
 -  Reports taken and typed by officers – **98**

 -  Total Calls for Service - **1802**
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ARREST REPORT

Please note that certain police activities/details are not going to be made public due to confidentiality reasons. Examples are cases pertaining to domestic violence, juvenile complaints, specific addresses, and other investigations that are ongoing and sensitive in nature. The Westville Police Department will share with the community what we are allowed to by law. If a citizen is requesting specific information, they will have to complete an OPRA request. However, certain reports are still prohibited from being released even with an OPRA request.

-  On 04/02/23 a Harrison Twp. male was arrested for Simple Assault and active warrants during a Domestic Violence Incident
-  On 04/02/23 a Gloucester City male was arrested or active warrants during a motor vehicle stop
-  On 04/03/23 a Maple Shade male was arrested for active warrants during a motor vehicle stop
-  On 04/10/23 a New York male was turned over by the New Jersey State Police for active warrants for his arrest
-  On 04/10/23 a Woodbury male was arrested for Driving Under the Influence during a motor vehicle stop
-  On 04/12/23 a Camden male was arrested for active warrants during a motor vehicle stop
-  On 04/12/23 a Voorhees male was arrested for active warrants during a motor vehicle stop
-  On 04/13/23 a Westville male was arrested for Simple Assault during a domestic violence incident
-  On 04/15/23 a Westville male was arrested for active warrants during a motor vehicle stop
-  On 04/15/23 a Deptford male was arrested for active warrants during a motor vehicle stop
-  On 04/16/23 a Deptford male was arrested for active warrants during a motor vehicle stop
-  On 04/17/23 a Westville female was arrested for Simple Assault during a domestic violence incident

-  On 04/17/23 a Westville male was arrested on active warrants during a motor vehicle stop
-  On 04/17/23 a Logan Twp. male was arrested for active warrants during a motor vehicle stop
-  On 04/17/23 a Penns Grove male was arrested for active warrants during a motor vehicle stop
-  On 04/18/23 a Blackwood male was arrested for Driving Under the Influence during a motor vehicle stop
-  On 04/18/23 a Pennsauken male was arrested for active warrants during a motor vehicle stop
-  On 04/20/23 a Newfield female was arrested for Driving Under the influence during a motor vehicle stop.
-  On 04/23/23 a Westville male was arrested for Driving Under the Influence during a motor vehicle stop
-  On 04/25/23 a Gloucester City female was arrested for being a Wanted Person out of the Camden County Sheriff's Department during a motor vehicle stop
-  On 04/25/23 a Westville male was arrested for active warrants during a suspicious incident
-  On 04/26/23 a Westville female was arrested for an ordinance violation during an investigation
-  On 04/27/23 a Sewell female was arrested for active warrants during a motor vehicle stop
-  On 04/28/23 a Westville male was turned over by the New Jersey State Police for active warrants
-  On 04/28/23 a South Carolina male was arrested for Soliciting Without a Permit during a call for service

Notable Highlights

-  Westville Police received a \$4,200 grant for the Distracted Driver Campaign for the month of April. Officers conducted over 355 motor vehicle stops and issued 248 summonses during the campaign.
-  Sgt. Grady provided a tour of the police department and court room to Cub Scout Pack 9. Sgt. Grady gave them a lesson on police work and the services we provide to the community. The kids also got to sit in a police car. They really enjoyed it.

CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY REPORT - APRIL 2023

April 3rd-7th

-  **300 Block Summit Ave:** Off-Street Parking and Vehicle on Lawn. Letter of Violation Sent. **Abatement Date: 4/17/2023**
-  **500 Block Highland Ave:** Vehicle's on Lawn. Letter of Violation Sent. **Abatement Date: 4/17/2023**
-  **100 Block E. Olive St:** Off-Street Parking, Red Durango. Letter of Violation Sent. **Abatement Date: 4/17/2023**
-  **100 Block Walnut:** Re-Inspection of Violation, Vehicle on Lawn, abated. **Abated 4/6/2023**
-  **100 Block Snyder:** Re-Inspection of Violation, Trash/Debris, **progress made. Re-Inspection 4/18/2023**
-  Fulfilled OPRA request for Dennis.
-  Sign moved from ROW 300 Block Summit Ave.

April 10th-14th

- **100 Block Delsea Dr:** Received a phone call from the Owner inquiring about the Violation, Vehicle blocking Sidewalk. She was advised that Code Enforcement deals directly with the Owner in regards to Violations unless the Owner can provide proof that said Violation was passed on to the tenants then Code Enforcement would deal with the Tenant.
- **500 Block Highland Ave:** Left a Voicemail, 4/10/2023 for the Owner who left a message about his Violation, 2 Vehicles on Lawn. Resident stop in the Office to discuss the Violation. Stated he was only cleaning his vehicles and that he doesn't park on the lawn frequently. **Abated: 4/10/2023**
- **200 Block Delsea Dr:** Re-Inspection of Violation, Off-Street Parking, Abated. **Abated 4/10/2023**
- **200 Block Maple Ave:** Re-Inspection of Violation, Trash/Debris Front Porch, Abated. **Abated 4/10/2023**
- **100 Block Dewey Ave:** Letter of Violation's sent, 2 Vehicles on Lawn, Large Tree Branch on rear of House and Vegetation entire Property. **Abatement Date: 4/28/2023**

April 17th-21st

- **Unit Block E. Olive St:** High Grass. Letter of Violation Sent to Owner. **Abatement Date: 4/28/2023**
- **300 Block Highland Ave:** High Grass. Letter of Violation Sent to Owner. **Abatement Date: 4/28/2023**
- **300 Block Highland Ave:** High Grass. Letter of Violation Sent to Owner. **Abatement Date: 4/28/2023**
- **Unit Block Walnut St:** High Grass. Letter of Violation Sent to Owner. **Abatement Date: 4/28/2023**
- **500 Block Summit Ave:** High Grass. Letter of Violation Sent to Owner. **Abatement Date: 4/28/2023**
- **100 Block Spruce Ave:** Vehicle on Lawn rear yard. Letter of Violation sent to Owner. **Abatement Date: 4/28/2023**
- **100 Block E. Olive St:** Re-Inspection of Violation, Off-Street Parking and Ordinance 368 Abandoned Vehicle, not abated. **Final Letter of Violation sent to Owner. Abatement Date: 4/28/2023**
- **300 Block Summit Ave:** Re-Inspection of Violation, Off-Street and Vehicle on Lawn, abated. **Abated: 4/17/2023**
- **700 Block Gateway Blvd:** High Grass. Letter of Violation Sent to Owner. **Abatement Date: 4/28/2023**
- **800 Block Crown Pt Rd:** Off-Street Parking and High Grass. Letter of Violation sent to the Owner. **Abatement Date: 5/1/2023**
- **600 Block Crown Pt Rd:** Trash cans visible from the street, front yard, and high grass. Letter of Violation sent to the Owner. **Abatement Date: 5/1/2023**
- **700 Block Crown Pt Rd:** High Grass. Letter of Violation Sent to Owner. **Abatement Date: 5/1/2023**
- **300 Block Elm St:** High Grass. Letter of Violation Sent to Owner. **Abatement Date: 5/1/2023**
- **700 Block Gateway Blvd:** High Grass. Letter of Violation Sent to Owner. **Abatement Date: 5/1/2023**
- **400 Block Broadway:** Trash all around the dumpsters. Dennis was notified and handling.
- **500 Block Broadway:** High Grass. Letter of Violation Sent to Owner. **Abatement Date: 5/2/2023**

- **Unit Block E. Olive St:** Trash/Debris next to house. Letter of Violation sent to Owner. **Abatement Date: 5/2/2023**
- **100 Block Snyder Ave:** Emailed the Owner about progress of the Violation, Trash/Debris. Received an Email back in which they stated they were sick with the flu for 8 days and were unable to make any improvements. New Re-Inspection Date is 5/1/2023.
- Removed 2 signs from Right of Way IFO 500 Almonesson Rd
- Removed 1 sign from Right of Way IFO 621 Almonesson Rd
- Removed 1 sign from Right of Way IFO 132 E. Olive St
- Removed 6 signs from Right of Way IFO Galaxy Car Wash and advised the owner of Borough Ordinance about the same
- While on a Medical Call it was noticed of an Illegal living situation. Code Enforcement was notified and is handling it.

April 24th-28th

- **Pine St Municipal Lot:** Off-Street Parking, abated. **Abated: 4/26/2023**
- **700 Block Gateway Blvd:** Re-Inspection of Violation, High Grass, abated. **Abated: 4/28/2023**
- **Unit Block Walnut St:** Re-Inspection of Violation, High Grass, abated. **Abated 4/28/2023**
- **300 Block Highland Ave:** Re-Inspection of Violation, High Grass, abated. **Abated 4/28/2023**
- **300 Block Highland Ave:** Re-Inspection of Violation, High Grass, abated. **Abated 4/28/2023**
- **500 Block Summit Ave:** Re-Inspection of Violation, High Grass, abated. **Abated 4/28/2023**
- **100 Block Spruce St:** Re-Inspection of Violation, Vehicle rear yard, abated. **Abated 4/28/2023**
- **Unit Block E. Olive St:** Re-Inspection of Violation, High Grass, Not Abated. **Final Letter of Violation Sent. Abatement Date: 5/11/2023**
- **100 Block E. Olive St:** Letter sent to contact Code Enforcement for non-compliance of Violation's, Off-Street Parking and Vehicle abandonment.
- **100 Block Dewey Ave:** Re-Inspection of Violation's, High Grass, abated. Vehicles on Lawn, Not abated and Large dead branch on rear of house, not abated. **High grass Abated: 4/28/2023. Final Letter of Violation for Vehicle's and Tree Branch sent. Abatement Date: 5/12/2023**
- **Unit Block Oak Ave:** High Grass. Spoke with Tenant about Violation
- **500 Block Broadway:** Spoke with the Owner about High Grass Violation.
- **600 Block Broadway (rear parking lot):** Spoke to several tenants about ongoing trash issue.
- Removed several signs from Right of Way's throughout the Borough
- Received a complaint about several address in the 300 Block of High Street related to trash and a basketball net.

WESTVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT - APRIL 2023

April 1st

- Fire Department handled 7 calls for service, 4 fire related incidents and 3 medical incidents.

April 2nd thru 8th

- Fire Department handled 30 calls for service, 10 fire related incidents and 20 medical incidents.

April 9th thru 15th

- Fire Department handled 30 calls for service, 9 fire related incidents and 21 medical incidents.

April 16th thru 22nd

- Fire Department handled 20 calls for service, 5 fire related incidents and 15 medical incidents.

April 23rd thru 30th

🔥 Fire Department handled 40 calls for service, 23 fire related incidents and 17 medical incidents.

The Westville Fire Department handled a total of 127 calls for service in the month of **April**.

Members responded to 295 a total of 15 times, responded to (2) calls on the New Jersey Turnpike, performed (2) motor vehicle accidents with entrapment (Westville and Bellmawr) and were involved in 1 working fire (Bellmawr).

Members also participated in 1 Drill that concentrated on technical vehicle rescue incidents.

Members also coordinated and attended the Line of Duty Death Funeral of Chief Jeff Phieffer of the Deptford Township Fire Department on Thursday March 20th. 20 Members were in attendance and assisted Chief Farley in the funeral which lasted the entire day.

Members attended the Monthly Westville Fire District Meeting,

Service to your Community!

Spanish-Speaking Volunteers Enhance Westville Fire Dept.

Firefighters Julio Irizarry Fuentes and Emmanuel Nieves are Spanish-speaking volunteers with the Westville Fire Department. They are making a huge impact on the community they serve.

By Anne Forline, posted on-line by South Jersey Observer, April 28, 2023



BILINGUAL FIREFIGHTERS EMANUEL NIEVES AND IRIZARRY FUENTES ARE VOLUNTEERS WITH THE WESTVILLE FIRE DEPT. (PHOTO PROVIDED)

Julio Irizarry Fuentes and Emmanuel Nieves are both Spanish-speaking volunteers at Westville Fire Department.

“Having a firefighter on a call that can speak Spanish helps everyone understand the person and the situation that they are going into,” said Nieves.

He has answered a few calls where the person who needed assistance only spoke Spanish. When Spanish is the only language, someone speaks, Nieves and Irizarry Fuentes say this can cause problems on calls when first responders don’t know Spanish. If there is a language barrier, it takes longer to understand what is going on during an emergency, where every second counts.

“We’re living in a country with a variety of different languages from all over the world,” said Irizarry Fuentes. “It would be great to have bilingual volunteers who can communicate with people who speak the same language during an emergency.”

According to the 2020 Census, 13.61% of residents in Westville speak a language other than English. Imagine a person who was in a car accident who cannot speak English and is having one of their worst days.

“When they cannot speak to first responders, they are even more anxious and afraid,” said Irizarry Fuentes.

To make situations like these better, he and Nieves are teaching their fellow Westville volunteers’ basic words and phrases in Spanish that could be helpful on emergency calls.

Officially sworn into the department in the fall of 2022, they will graduate with their Firefighter I certification from Camden County Fire Academy in May.

“It’s a tough school, but they’re passionate about teaching you,” said Nieves. “It’s not an easy job and they’re trying to prepare you for the line of work.”

Nieves grew up in the United States to Spanish-speaking parents and learned English when he started going to school.

He discovered that Westville Fire Department was seeking volunteer firefighters from a Facebook ad for the [JoinWestvillFire.org](https://www.joinwestvillfire.org) campaign.

He read more about the department and then filled out an inquiry form to express interest. After visiting the station and talking with other volunteers, he felt like Westville would be a good fit for him.

As a husband and father of two, he also consulted with his wife because he knew volunteering would be a big commitment. Always wanting to help people, Nieves really enjoys the fire service.

“The guys make it fun and going on calls to help people – or even just listen to people and talk with people – is rewarding,” said Nieves.

Similar to Nieves, Irizarry Fuentes’ first language is Spanish; however, he was born and raised in Puerto Rico. While living there, he was always interested in getting a job in the police department or emergency services, but never did.

After Hurricane Maria hit in 2017, Irizarry Fuentes moved with his wife and four kids to the United States to start a new life.

English was a mandatory school course in Puerto Rico, and Irizarry Fuentes also watched movies in English, so he already knew the language when relocating to the United States.

With his interest in an emergency services career, Irizarry Fuentes found that Westville Fire Department was the closest station to his home.

Although Westville is 100% volunteer and does not offer paid positions, Irizarry Fuentes still decided to join the team as a volunteer.

“Responding to calls is exciting,” he said. “What I enjoy the most is the way people get along with each other and the respect between everybody.”

Irizarry Fuentes works at Green Lawn Fertilizer to provide fertilization and weed control services to lawns. Meanwhile, Nieves works at ATLAS Flasher in traffic control.

“My job helps me with firefighting,” said Nieves. “If we’re answering a medical call on the turnpike or highway, I can take care of the traffic.”

To anyone interested in joining Westville Fire Department, Nieves’ advice is to engage and spend time with other firefighters.

“It’s not easy coming in new, knowing nothing,” said Nieves, “The more you engage, the more they will embrace you. When you show up to calls, it shows them that they can count on you.”

Irizarry Fuentes agrees with that sentiment.

“Go to training nights and respond to calls. Make sure the other volunteers see you to build that trust,” he said. “Open your eyes, open your ears, and communicate. If you have any questions, ask them; don’t hesitate.”

No prior experience is required to become a volunteer firefighter. Westville Fire Department trains volunteers and provides them with gear.

“I’m having fun and learning a lot,” said Nieves. “It’s a great company to work for, a lot of hands-on experience.”

How to Volunteer

Westville Fire Department is seeking volunteer firefighters and firefighter/EMTs, ages 18 and older, as well as junior firefighters, ages 14 through 17.

To learn more or sign up to volunteer, visit JoinWestvilleFire.org.

The Westville Fire Department is always looking for members to join the volunteer staff. The success of the local Fire Department comes from the residents that serve it! We are looking for those who would like to help protect their community as well as those who wish to assist and serve on the administration side of the department. Skills that you hold within yourself would be a welcome addition to an organization and community that could benefit from. Feel free to stop by and see what we have to offer you and what you could offer to the community. The Westville Fire Department is steep in Tradition, Values and a Desire to Serve.

All we need is YOU!

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