



# Allendale Police Department

## News Release

### 01/23/2014

Jan 3 – Officers responded to 10 MVCs within a 1.5 hour period as a result of the snow. No injuries were reported in any of the crashes.

Jan 4 – Three Allendale officers attended the funeral for Det. Lieu of the NYPD. The department also had 6 officers attend NYPD Det. Ramos' funeral on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> and sent five officers to Cliffside Park Officer Petruzzello's funeral on Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Jan 8 – Officers were called to Pearl Court to investigate a MV crash. The driver of an unknown vehicle struck a light pole, causing it to fall and strike a tree, shearing a large limb off. The crash occurred between 6:30 and 8:00 PM.

Jan 9 – A Whitney Lane resident noticed charges to her credit card. Both transactions occurred in December at a store in Freehold, NJ with the total being over \$900.00. The loss was discovered while the resident was checking her bank statement. The Detective Bureau is investigating.

Jan 10 – Residents of Crescent Avenue returned home from an evening out to find the rear door to their home partially open. They called police, who found the door had been forced open and the home entered by persons unknown. The home was checked and it appeared that jewelry was taken. The Detective Bureau is investigating.

Jan 12 – A Rio Vista resident reported that unknown persons had signed up for a store credit card and online banking with a large bank based out of New York. In both instances the parties had used his personal information. Both were cancelled after being notified of the fraud attempt.

Jan 13 – While investigating a rush-hour MV crash, police arrested a Ho-Ho-Kus man for possession of marijuana and other offenses. The 18 year-old was involved in a crash on Hillside Avenue and while gathering information for the report officers noticed drug paraphernalia in the man's vehicle. Further investigation led to the marijuana and additional drug-related items. The man was charged with Possession with intent to Distribute Marijuana, Possession with Intent to Distribute CDS within 1,000 feet of a school and Possession with intent to distribute related to the other items he had with him. He was released ROR to a parent.

Jan 13 – A 19 Year-old Dumont man was observed speeding on Myrtle Avenue and when stopped was found to be in possession of marijuana. While speaking with the man after stopping his car officers noticed the marijuana and other drug-related items in the car. He was arrested and brought to police HQ, where he was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug-related items. He was released ROR.

Jan 16 – An employee of the Allendale Nursing Home reported that the fob to her car had been stolen while she was at work. Upon checking her car she found that it had been opened and articles inside had been tampered with. The employee was advised to monitor her bank accounts for unauthorized activity.

Jan 18 – Officers responded to 9 MV crashes and 9 disabled vehicles between 8:00 and 10:00 am. All were due to the icing conditions caused by the freezing rain. The conditions were so bad that a SwiftReach message was sent out advising residents to stay home and not venture out until conditions improved. By 10:30 am the DPW had enough salt/sand on the roads to make them passable. A second SwiftReach message was sent out advising residents that road conditions had improved, but to only travel if necessary.

Jan 21 – A Mark Road resident reported that his credit card had been used to make multiple charges at a store in the Carlstadt area. At the time of the report he was still gathering information on the amounts charged. The card was cancelled and the Detective Bureau is investigating.

Jan 22 – Police were called to a dispute at a multi-family residence on West Allendale Avenue. One person playing his bongo drums too loud and at an inappropriate hour, which disturbed his neighbor. The dispute was mediated by officers to the satisfaction of all parties involved.

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Since mid-December there have been 3 reported burglaries in Allendale. As a reminder, Allendale Police urge all residents to observe some simple precautions to create the impression that a house is occupied even when no one is home.

- Leave a TV, radio or lights on when you are not at home
- Consider using motion activated spotlights outside your home
- Do not keep jewelry and cash in traditional places such as a master bedroom
- Do not hesitate to call 9-1-1 when you:
  - See someone who doesn't fit in the neighborhood
  - Hear breaking glass and/or an audible alarm
  - See a vehicle driving aimlessly through the neighborhood

- See or hear anything out of the ordinary

After sending out SwiftReach messages regarding the recent burglaries, the rate of suspicious persons and vehicles reported has more than doubled from what it was in 2014. We want to encourage residents to continue calling when they believe something isn't right. Remember - our residents are the extra "eyes and ears" of the police department. Please help us to keep you and your home safe.