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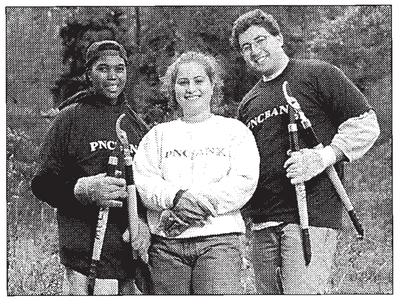

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Fire Dept. Responded To 1,600 Calls in 1998

The Westfield Fire Department last year reported an insurance loss of $311,235 as the result of blazes in town. The bulk of the damage was sustained to buildings, $182,535, followed by building contents — $110,600.

The department responded to nearly 1,600 calls in 1998 with 60 false alarms dialed. The town also dispatched fire vehicles 23 times as part of mutual aid agreements with surrounding communities.

A town provides backup to a surrounding community while that particular town has its trucks dispatched at another fire. Westfield only received one call for assistance last year.

In addition to 137 calls in September, which was the busiest year of the month, the department responded to over 200 calls for assistance following a severe thunderstorm which ripped through Union County on Labor Day.

The bulk of the calls — over 850 for each truck — were responded to by the town's 1995 and 1991 model year fire engines. The backup engines, dating back to the mid 1970s, handled only 27 calls between them.

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Annual Westfield Police Report

The decline in Westfield's index of crimes as recorded by the state ended last year with an overall jump of nearly 10 percent, according to the 1998 Westfield Police Department Annual Report.

Indexed crime includes murder, rape, robbery, assaults, burglary, theft, auto theft and arson. No murders or rapes were reported in the town last year.

The biggest increase in reported crimes was in thefts, which jumped almost 21 percent to 419 cases with a value of $182,500, mainly caused by a huge increase in bicycle thefts which rose from 42 in 1997 to 98 last year, with a dollar amount in the $35,000 range.

"When the jump in bicycle thefts became apparent, stakeouts were set up at strategic locations. Both adult and juvenile bureaus put in about 150 man hours which resulted in the arrest of several people responsible," explained Police Chief Anthony J. Scutti.

Also during the year, the Detective Bureau conducted a two-month narcotics investigation concerning the distribution of ecstasy, a date rape drug; steroids and marijuana. As a result, five persons were arrested along with the seizure of a quantity of drugs, guns and money.

Auto thefts were up to 24 incidents in 1998, a slight rise from the 20 cases the previous year. However, thefts from motor vehicles were up from 84 to 110, with a value estimated at $18,412.

While assaults were pretty much the same as last year, at 119, burglaries dropped 27 percent to 60.

Although Westfield, as an affluent suburb that has few if any cases of violent crime, the town participates in a number of programs to counteract underage purchases of alcohol and / or the buying and use of illicit drugs.

To prevent purchases of alcohol by persons under the age of 21, the legal age to purchase alcohol products in New Jersey, at the end of 1998 the police department implemented the "Cops in Shops" program whereby police officers pose as employees at participating liquor stores. The program is funded through the Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund which is administered by the state's Division of Highway and Traffic Safety.

Westfield also participates in the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program, a prevention initiative at the elementary and intermediate school levels in both public and parochial schools.

Police arrested 180 juveniles in 1998 compared to 138 — a jump of 30 percent — the previous year for such charges as theft, forgery, narcotic drug law cases and criminal mischief, with 19 youth either sent to the county juvenile detention facility or referred to county agencies.

Eighty-five of those youngsters arrested were referred to Union County Family Court based on either their previous arrest record and / or the severity and classification of the crime committed.

Back to adult crimes, Westfield saw a jump of 22 percent in fraud and forgery cases, with arrests nearly doubling from 12 in 1997 to 23 last year. As society becomes more electronically sophisticated, these crimes are expected to continue to rise.

In terms of the Traffic Safety Bureau, Westfield saw a 6 percent increase in traffic accidents. Also, 23 drunk driving arrests were made last year, 17 of which were heard in Municipal Court, resulting in convictions. Only two of the individuals arrested were under the legal drinking age.

There were no traffic related fatalities in 1998, although 259 persons were injured. Eighteen pedestrian accidents were recorded in 1998, an increase of 125 percent over 1997, along with six bicycle accidents.

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