



Wyckoff Police Department PRESS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release:

On Wednesday January 3, at approximately 12:50 PM, P.O. Kaitlyn Maglione was on patrol when she observed a vehicle make a right turn on red from Wyckoff Avenue onto Goffle Road. P.O. Maglione conducted a motor vehicle stop to address the violation with the driver. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Joseph F. Barbieri III, Parsippany NJ, age; 26. Barbieri was charged with one count each of possession of marijuana under 50 grams, and possession of drug paraphernalia. In addition, he was issued motor vehicle summonses for failure to observe a traffic control device, improper display of license plates, and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle. He was processed and released from headquarters pending a court date. Sgt. Thomas Tully and Sgt. Kevin Pinches assisted P.O. Maglione.

On Tuesday January 9, at approximately 9 PM, P.O. Robert Schlossberg was observing traffic on Route 208 North at Grandview Avenue. He observed an SUV travelling at a high rate of speed in the left lane. He conducted a motor vehicle stop to address the violation with the driver. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of the driver, Andreas L. Peters, Oakland NJ, age; 32 and his passenger, Danielle L. Hillman, Oakland NJ, age; 34. Both occupants were charged with one count each of possession of a controlled dangerous substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Peters was processed and remanded to the Bergen County Jail. Hillman was processed and released from custody pending a court date.

On Wednesday January 10, at approximately 10:45 PM, P.O. Ryan Noon was on patrol when he observed a white pickup truck parked and occupied in the parking lot of the Pulis Field Recreation Facility. Upon speaking with the occupants of the vehicle, P.O. Noon detected a strong odor of raw marijuana emanating from the vehicle. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Nicholas R. Papenberg, Waldwick NJ, age; 26. He was transported into headquarters and charged with one count each of possession of marijuana under 50 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was also issued motor vehicle summonses for possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle and failure to exhibit proof of insurance. He was released from custody pending a court date.

The Wyckoff Police Department would like to point out that the above individuals have been charged with a crime, offense, and or motor vehicle violations. However, they are presumed innocent unless and until they are found guilty in a court of law.

We cannot stress enough the value of our residents remaining alert in their neighborhoods and reporting anything unusual or suspicious to the police, “Hear It!, See It!, Report It!”

We encourage all residents to report ANY suspicious persons, vehicles, or activity occurring at any time to the Wyckoff Police – County Communications Center at 201-891-2121 or 911 in the event of an emergency.

Wyckoff Police Chief Murphy would like to advise residents of the following:

**WYCKOFF POLICE DEPARTMENT PERFORMING VEHICLE STOPS
TO ENSURE VEHICLES TRAVELING THROUGH WYCKOFF ARE SAFE AND MOTORISTS DO NOT POSE A RISK TO
RESIDENTS AND PEDESTRIANS**

In the last two (2) months the Wyckoff Police Department, with the assistance of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (NJMVC) and with the use of a State Grant from the Division of Highway Safety, to participate in the 2017 "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over: Year End Holiday Crackdown" campaign, have conducted safety check points with the goal of ensuring motorists operating vehicles in Wyckoff are operating vehicles safely and with vehicles approved and inspected for safe driving by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission. These enforcement actions contribute to the safety of our residents whom typically drive to and from; activities in our community, schools and stores with their families and who walk on crosswalks and sidewalks.

AN ALARMING TREND

Similar to the national trend, the number of traffic deaths in New Jersey rose again to 635, considerably higher than the record low of 542 set in 2013. These enforcement actions taken by the Wyckoff Police Department are intended to reverse this trend by changing motorist's behavior in Wyckoff. Statistics reveal that most accidents occur within a five (5) mile radius of your home.

The number of vehicles found to be operating unsafely in Wyckoff resulted in the following summonses issued:

▪ Driving While Intoxicated	6
▪ Possession of Narcotics in Motor Vehicle	3
▪ Consumption/Possession of Alcohol in Motor Vehicle	3
▪ Vehicles Operating with Expired Registrations	18
▪ Failure to Perform Required Motor Vehicle Safety Repairs	36
▪ Driving with a Suspended License	10
▪ Failure to Stop for Pedestrian	3
▪ Driving While Intoxicated in School Zone	3
▪ Careless/Reckless Driving	32

Residents and motorists are encouraged to drive safely, plan for extra travel time, do not drive and text, and obey speed limits for the safety of our families traveling through Wyckoff and the safety of pedestrians utilizing our crosswalks.

***Better Unread Than Dead.
Don't Text and Drive.***

The Wyckoff Police Department would like to remind all residents and business owners of the following snow removal ordinances:

Township Code 165-1:

The owner or owners, tenant or tenants of any lands abutting upon the public streets of the Township of Wyckoff shall remove all snow and ice from the abutting sidewalks of such public streets within 12 hours of daylight after the same shall fall or be formed thereon.

Township Code 165-1.1

The operator of any snowplow, or other snow removal equipment, clearing accumulated snow on private property shall not deposit, or cause to be deposited, such snow on any public road, street or highway, sidewalk, public right-of-way, or on private property other than the property on which the snow had accumulated. An operator of any snowplow or other snow removal equipment who fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be liable for a fine of \$250 for the first offense, and for each subsequent offense, a fine of \$500.

Township Code 165-5

Any such owner or owners, tenant or tenants of any lands abutting upon sidewalks of the public streets of the Township of Wyckoff who shall neglect or refuse to remove all snow, ice, grass, weeds, leaves, or other impediments therefrom as aforesaid and as required by the provisions of §§ 165-1 and 165-2 shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500 or to imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days, or both.

NJ Motor Vehicle Law Title 39:4-77.1 states:

39:4-77.1 FAIL TO REMOVE ICE/SNOW FROM VEHICLE



All MOTORISTS shall remove all ice and snow from their vehicle before driving, especially from the hood, windows, and roof. It is the law in New Jersey. Motorists who fail to do so face fines of \$25 to \$75 for each offense, regardless of whether the ice and snow is dislodged from the vehicle. If flying ice or snow causes property damage or injury to others, motorists face fines of \$200 to \$1000 for each offense.

39:4-77.1. Snow, ice dislodged from moving vehicle causing injury, property damage; penalties

1. When snow or ice is dislodged from a moving vehicle and strikes another vehicle or pedestrian causing injury or property damage, the following penalties shall apply:

The operator of a non-commercial motor vehicle shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$200 or more than \$1,000 for each offense.

The operator, owner, lessee, bailee or any one of the aforesaid of a commercial motor vehicle shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$1,500 for each offense.

No motor vehicle points or automobile insurance eligibility points pursuant to section 26 of P.L.1990, c.8 (C.17:33B-14) shall be assessed for this offense.

L.1997,c.124,s.1.