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- October 2nd, MLPD Officers, in cooperation with WAWA, met with the public on National Coffee with a Cop” day. The intent of the day is to strengthen Police – Community relations, by providing the residents with an opportunity to meet their local police officers on a personal level over a cup of coffee.
- October 3rd, at approximately 10:01 AM, Patrolman Brown conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 46 East which led to the arrest of 59-year-old Marleana Aldred of Boonton, NJ for an active NCIC warrant out of Sussex County. Mrs. Aldred was turned over to the Sussex County Sheriff’s Office to be transported to Morris County Correctional Facility.
- October 11th, at approximately 4:03 PM, Patrolman Bryan conducted a motor vehicle stop on the Boulevard, which led to the arrest of 46-year-old Victor Columbo of Boonton, NJ. After being requested to provide his identification, as is required by law when subject to a summons, Mr. Columbo continuously refused to comply. Mr. Columbo was charged with obstruction and was subsequently issued motor vehicle summonses for failure to possess a driver's license, failure to possess proof of insurance, failure to possess proof of registration, and not having license plates on his vehicle.
- October 13, MLPD Officers attended the Fall Fest at Birchwood Lake where the Mountain Lakes PBA 310 provided hot chocolate and cookies to event attendees and conversed with residents.
- October 15th, at approximately 9:41 PM, Patrolman Stewart conducted a motor vehicle stop along Route 46 West which led to the arrest of 35-year-old Markel Morris of Paterson, NJ for multiple traffic warrants. Mr. Morris was turned over to the Union Beach Police Department.
- October 20th, Patrolman Bryan gave a presentation to Mountain Lakes High School students about developing safe driving habits. He also educated the students on various motor vehicle violations they should be aware of. Patrolman Bryan stressed the dangers of distracted driving, probationary driver's license restrictions, and other important motor vehicle related issues for new drivers.

- October 21st, at approximately 9:43 PM, Patrolman Brown conducted a motor vehicle stop along Route 46 West that led to the arrest of the driver, 33-year-old Gerardo Hernandez-Herrera of Newark, NJ for driving under the influence. Mr. Hernandez-Herrera was issued motor vehicle summonses for driving under the influence, careless driving, reckless driving, driving with a suspended license, refusing to submit to chemical breath testing, obstructing the flow of traffic, and having no license plates on his vehicle.
- October 31st, the Mountain Lakes Police Department, along with the Mountain Lakes Fire Department, Mountain Lakes CERT Team, and residents of "the Village," hosted another successful Halloween Safe-Zone for tricker-treaters and families enjoying Halloween festivities.

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 read "S. Bennett", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chief Shawn Bennett