

Annual Report of Diversity in Law Enforcement Recruitment and Hiring

Somerset- Hillsborough Township Police Department

Time Period: January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

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Applicant and Hiring Process Summary

Somerset- Hillsborough Township Police Department is a Municipal law enforcement agency. During the time period covering January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022 the agency received applications for law enforcement officers. The agency's hiring process is not governed by Civil Service Regulations.

For Somerset- Hillsborough Township Police Department in the above time period, the applicant and hiring process included the following methods of identifying applicants:
Direct hire of BCPO certified officer

During the hiring process, Hillsborough Township Police Department included the following elements to identify the most qualified applicants:

- Formal Application
- Interview Board
- Drug Testing
- Medical Exam
- Psychiatric Exam

During the hiring process, Hillsborough Township Police Department considers an applicant to be appointed Upon successful completion of the Academy .

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Annual Summary of Law Enforcement Diversity: Applicant Summary

	#	% of Total Applicants
Total Applicants	95	-
Total Applicants Appointed	6	6%
Total Applicants Not Appointed	81	85%

	#	% of Total Applicants
Direct Hire Applicants	95	100%
Transfer Applicants	0	0%
Waiver Applicants	0	0%
CSC Exam Exempt Direct Hire Applicants	0	0%

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Annual Summary of Law Enforcement Diversity: Applicant Demographic Summary

		Total Applicants	% of Total	Direct Hire Applicants	Transfer Applicants	Waiver Applicants
<i>Gender</i>	Total Male	89	94%	89	0	0
	Total Female	6	6%	6	0	0
	Total X or Non-Binary	0	0%	0	0	0
<i>Sexual Orientation</i>	LGBTQ+	1	1%	1	0	0
	Not LGBTQ+	93	98%	93	0	0
<i>Race/ Ethnicity</i>	Total American Indian or Alaska Native alone	0	0%	0	0	0
	Total Asian alone	0	0%	0	0	0
	Total Black or African American alone	9	9%	9	0	0
	Total Native Hawaiian/ other Pacific Islander alone	0	0%	0	0	0
	Total White alone	69	73%	69	0	0
	Total Two or more races alone	0	0%	0	0	0
	Total Other alone	1	1%	1	0	0
	Total Hispanic or Latino	16	17%	16	0	0
<i>Age</i>	Total 18-29	68	72%	68	0	0
	Total 30-39	24	25%	24	0	0
	Total 40-49	2	2%	2	0	0
	Total 50-59	0	0%	0	0	0
	Total 60-69	0	0%	0	0	0
	Total 70+	0	0%	0	0	0

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Annual Summary of Law Enforcement Diversity: Applicants

Applicants: Gender, Race & Age Demographics

	<i>American Indian or Alaska Native alone</i>	<i>Asian alone</i>	<i>Black or African American alone</i>	<i>Native Hawaiian / other P. I. alone</i>	<i>White alone</i>	<i>Two or more races alone</i>	<i>Other alone</i>	<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>
Male	0	0	9	0	64	0	1	15
Female	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	1
X or Non-Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	9	0	69	0	1	16

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>X or Non- Binary</i>	<i>American Indian or Alaska Native alone</i>	<i>Asian alone</i>	<i>Black or African American alone</i>	<i>Native Hawaiian / other P. I. alone</i>	<i>White alone</i>	<i>Two or more races alone</i>	<i>Other alone</i>	<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>
Age: 18-29	65	3	0	0	0	5	0	54	0	1	8
Age: 30-39	21	3	0	0	0	3	0	13	0	0	8
Age: 40-49	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Age: 50-59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Age: 60-69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Age: 70+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Annual Summary of Law Enforcement Diversity: Applicants

Applicants: Sexual Orientation Demographics

	Male	Female	X or Non-Binary	American Indian or Alaska Native alone	Asian alone	Black or African American alone	Native Hawaiian / other P. I. alone	White alone	Two or more races alone	Other alone	Hispanic or Latino
LGBTQ+	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Not LGBTQ+	88	5	0	0	0	8	0	68	0	1	16

	Age: 18-29	Age: 30-39	Age: 40-49	Age: 50-59	Age: 60-69	Age: 70+
LGBTQ+	1	0	0	0	0	0
Not LGBTQ+	66	24	2	0	0	0

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Appointed Applicants: Gender, Race, & Age Demographics

	<i>American Indian or Alaska Native alone</i>	<i>Asian alone</i>	<i>Black or African American alone</i>	<i>Native Hawaiian / other P. I. alone</i>	<i>White alone</i>	<i>Two or more races alone</i>	<i>Other alone</i>	<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>
Male	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	1
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
X or Non-Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	1

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>X or Non- Binary</i>	<i>American Indian or Alaska Native alone</i>	<i>Asian alone</i>	<i>Black or African American alone</i>	<i>Native Hawaiian / other P. I. alone</i>	<i>White alone</i>	<i>Two or more races alone</i>	<i>Other alone</i>	<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>
Age: 18-29	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	1
Age: 30-39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Age: 40-49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Age: 50-59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Age: 60-69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Age: 70+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	Male	Female	X or Non-Binary	American Indian or Alaska Native alone	Asian alone	Black or African American alone	Native Hawaiian / other P. I. alone	White alone	Two or more races alone	Other alone	Hispanic or Latino
LGBTQ+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not LGBTQ+	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	1

	Age: 18-29	Age: 30-39	Age: 40-49	Age: 50-59	Age: 60-69	Age: 70+
LGBTQ+	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not LGBTQ+	6	0	0	0	0	0

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Not Appointed Applicants: Gender, Race, and Age Demographics

	<i>American Indian or Alaska Native alone</i>	<i>Asian alone</i>	<i>Black or African American alone</i>	<i>Native Hawaiian / other P. I. alone</i>	<i>White alone</i>	<i>Two or more races alone</i>	<i>Other alone</i>	<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>
Male	0	0	8	0	53	0	1	14
Female	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1
X or Non-Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	8	0	57	0	1	15

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>X or Non- Binary</i>	<i>American Indian or Alaska Native alone</i>	<i>Asian alone</i>	<i>Black or African American alone</i>	<i>Native Hawaiian / other P. I. alone</i>	<i>White alone</i>	<i>Two or more races alone</i>	<i>Other alone</i>	<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>
Age: 18-29	53	3	0	0	0	4	0	44	0	1	7
Age: 30-39	20	2	0	0	0	3	0	11	0	0	8
Age: 40-49	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Age: 50-59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Age: 60-69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Age: 70+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	Male	Female	X or Non-Binary	American Indian or Alaska Native alone	Asian alone	Black or African American alone	Native Hawaiian / other P. I. alone	White alone	Two or more races alone	Other alone	Hispanic or Latino
LGBTQ+	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Not LGBTQ+	76	4	0	0	0	8	0	56	0	1	15

	Age: 18-29	Age: 30-39	Age: 40-49	Age: 50-59	Age: 60-69	Age: 70+
LGBTQ+	1	0	0	0	0	0
Not LGBTQ+	55	22	2	0	0	0

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Not Appointed Applicant- Reasons

	% of Total Not # Appointed Applicants		% of Total Not # Appointed Applicants	
Academy Failure	0	0%	Failed Background check- other	1 1%
Applicant Withdrawal	15	19%	Failed Drug Test	0 0%
Defer	0	0%	Interview Panel Recommendation	56 69%
Did not meet minimum qualifications	6	7%	Other	2 2%
Failed background check- Criminal History	1	1%	Physical Qualification Exam	0 0%
Failed background check- Financial	0	0%	Residency Requirement	0 0%
			Written Exam	0 0%

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Not Appointed Applicants- Reasons by Gender & Race

Male Applicants

	<i>American Indian or Alaska Native alone</i>	<i>Asian alone</i>	<i>Black or African American alone</i>	<i>Native Hawaiian / other P. I. alone</i>	<i>White alone</i>	<i>Two or more races alone</i>	<i>Other alone</i>	<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>
Academy Failure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Applicant Withdrawal	0	0	1	0	10	0	0	3
Defer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Did not meet minimum qualifications	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	1
Failed background check- Criminal History	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Failed background check- Financial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Failed Background check- other	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Failed Drug Test	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interview Panel Recommendation	0	0	4	0	40	0	0	9
Physical Qualification Exam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Residency Requirement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Written Exam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0

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Not Appointed Applicants- Reasons by Gender & Race

Female Applicants

	<i>American Indian or Alaska Native alone</i>	<i>Asian alone</i>	<i>Black or African American alone</i>	<i>Native Hawaiian / other P. I. alone</i>	<i>White alone</i>	<i>Two or more races alone</i>	<i>Other alone</i>	<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>
Academy Failure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Applicant Withdrawal	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Defer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Did not meet minimum qualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Failed background check- Criminal History	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Failed background check- Financial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Failed Background check- other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Failed Drug Test	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interview Panel Recommendation	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Physical Qualification Exam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Residency Requirement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Written Exam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Not Appointed Applicants- Reasons by Gender & Race
X or Non-Binary Applicants

	<i>American Indian or Alaska Native alone</i>	<i>Asian alone</i>	<i>Black or African American alone</i>	<i>Native Hawaiian / other P. I. alone</i>	<i>White alone</i>	<i>Two or more races alone</i>	<i>Other alone</i>	<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>
Academy Failure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Applicant Withdrawal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Defer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Did not meet minimum qualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Failed background check- Criminal History	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Failed background check- Financial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Failed Background check- other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Failed Drug Test	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interview Panel Recommendation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Physical Qualification Exam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Residency Requirement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Written Exam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Current Officers and Promotional Process Summary

Somerset- Hillsborough Township Police Department is a Municipal law enforcement agency. During the time period covering January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022 the agency received applications for a promotional opportunity. The agency's promotional process is not governed by Civil Service Regulations.

For Somerset- Hillsborough Township Police Department in the above time period, the promotional included the following methods of identifying qualified officers:
Non-Civil Service Promotional Examination List
Promotional Interview

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Annual Summary of Law Enforcement Diversity: Current Officers Summary

		#	% of Total Officers
Total Officers		61	-
Total Officers Eligible for Promotion		33	54%
Total Officers Applied for Promotion		29	48%
Total Officers Promoted		5	8%
Gender	Total Male	59	97%
	Total Female	2	3%
	Total X or Non-Binary	0	0%
Race/ Ethnicity	Total American Indian or Alaska Native alone	0	0%
	Total Asian alone	3	5%
	Total Black or African American alone	2	3%
	Total Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	0	0%
	Total White alone	49	80%
	Total Two or more races alone	2	3%
	Total Other alone	0	0%
	Total Hispanic or Latino	5	8%
Age	Total 18-29	18	30%
	Total 30-39	16	26%
	Total 40-49	17	28%
	Total 50-59	10	16%
	Total 60-69	0	0%
	Total 70+	0	0%

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Annual Summary of Law Enforcement Diversity: Current Officers and Promotions

Current Officers

	<i>American Indian or Alaska Native alone</i>	<i>Asian alone</i>	<i>Black or African American alone</i>	<i>Native Hawaiian / other P. I. alone</i>	<i>White alone</i>	<i>Two or more races alone</i>	<i>Other alone</i>	<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>
Male	0	3	2	0	48	2	0	4
Female	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
X or Non-Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	3	2	0	49	2	0	5

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>X or Non- Binary</i>	<i>American Indian or Alaska Native alone</i>	<i>Asian alone</i>	<i>Black or African American alone</i>	<i>Native Hawaiian / other P. I. alone</i>	<i>White alone</i>	<i>Two or more races alone</i>	<i>Other alone</i>	<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>
Age: 18-29	18	0	0	0	3	0	0	11	2	0	2
Age: 30-39	14	2	0	0	0	1	0	12	0	0	3
Age: 40-49	17	0	0	0	0	1	0	16	0	0	0
Age: 50-59	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
Age: 60-69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Age: 70+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Officers Eligible for Promotion

	<i>American Indian or Alaska Native alone</i>	<i>Asian alone</i>	<i>Black or African American alone</i>	<i>Native Hawaiian / other P. I. alone</i>	<i>White alone</i>	<i>Two or more races alone</i>	<i>Other alone</i>	<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>
Male	0	1	1	0	26	1	0	3
Female	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
X or Non-Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	1	1	0	27	1	0	3

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>X or Non- Binary</i>	<i>American Indian or Alaska Native alone</i>	<i>Asian alone</i>	<i>Black or African American alone</i>	<i>Native Hawaiian / other P. I. alone</i>	<i>White alone</i>	<i>Two or more races alone</i>	<i>Other alone</i>	<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>
Age: 18-29	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Age: 30-39	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	2
Age: 40-49	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	11	0	0	0
Age: 50-59	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
Age: 60-69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Age: 70+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Officers who Applied for a Promotion

	<i>American Indian or Alaska Native alone</i>	<i>Asian alone</i>	<i>Black or African American alone</i>	<i>Native Hawaiian / other P. I. alone</i>	<i>White alone</i>	<i>Two or more races alone</i>	<i>Other alone</i>	<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>
Male	0	1	1	0	22	1	0	3
Female	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
X or Non-Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	1	1	0	23	1	0	3

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>X or Non- Binary</i>	<i>American Indian or Alaska Native alone</i>	<i>Asian alone</i>	<i>Black or African American alone</i>	<i>Native Hawaiian / other P. I. alone</i>	<i>White alone</i>	<i>Two or more races alone</i>	<i>Other alone</i>	<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>
Age: 18-29	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Age: 30-39	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	2
Age: 40-49	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	0	0	0
Age: 50-59	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Age: 60-69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Age: 70+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Officers Promoted

	<i>American Indian or Alaska Native alone</i>	<i>Asian alone</i>	<i>Black or African American alone</i>	<i>Native Hawaiian / other P. I. alone</i>	<i>White alone</i>	<i>Two or more races alone</i>	<i>Other alone</i>	<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>
Male	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
X or Non-Binary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>X or Non- Binary</i>	<i>American Indian or Alaska Native alone</i>	<i>Asian alone</i>	<i>Black or African American alone</i>	<i>Native Hawaiian / other P. I. alone</i>	<i>White alone</i>	<i>Two or more races alone</i>	<i>Other alone</i>	<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>
Age: 18-29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Age: 30-39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Age: 40-49	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0
Age: 50-59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Age: 60-69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Age: 70+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Officers Promoted

	<i>Promoted to Sergeant</i>				<i>Promoted to Lieutenant</i>				<i>Promoted to Captain</i>			
	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>X or Non-Binary</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>X or Non-Binary</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>X or Non-Binary</i>	<i>Total</i>
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Asian alone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black or African American alone	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian / other P. I. alone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White alone	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Two or more races alone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other alone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hispanic or Latino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Additional Narrative

Narrative Prompts: A detailed assessment as to whether representation has improved for any previously identified underrepresented groups
A description of the data used to determine the existence of any underrepresentation.
Any new or modified Program goals to be implemented in the upcoming year

The department noted in 2021's Diversity Report that females and Hispanics/Latinos are an underrepresented group within the Hillsborough Police Department. Females, in particular remain an underrepresented group. This has been determined using basic data concerning the makeup of the department. The department conducted three hiring processes in 2022; one of which began in 2021. The New Jersey Asian American Law Enforcement Association, National Organization of Black Police Executives, the National Association of Black Law Enforcement Officers, New Jersey Women in Law Enforcement, the Hispanic Law Enforcement Association and Garden State Equality were all notified of the hiring process in an attempt to bolster recruiting. At the conclusion of the first process, it was clear that additional female applicants were needed. The second process which ran from August-October 2022, saw an increase in female applicants from one to six. It is difficult to compare ethnicity between these processes year to year as the 2021 report only accounted for an approximately three week period. However from these processes, the department appointed two female applicants (one Hispanic) and one Hispanic male applicant. The third hiring process was the result of the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office Diversity in Law Enforcement program. The top five highest scoring applicants were interviewed and a black male candidate was offered a conditional offer of employment pending a background investigation and medical clearance. At the conclusion of 2022, the Hillsborough Police Department continues identify females and now Asians as underrepresented groups. Hiring efforts brought the number of Hispanic officers to 8%, just below the 9% who reside within the township according to the 2020 census. Hispanic applicants constituted 17% of all applicants, a significant percentage. The Hillsborough Police Department intends on improving the underrepresented groups through increased recruitment efforts.