



Peters Township Police Department
Washington County, Pennsylvania
200 Municipal Drive
McMurray, PA 15317-3496
724-942-5030 Fax 724-942-5004



January 31, 2021

Paul Lauer,
Peters Township Manager
610 East McMurray Road
McMurray, Pennsylvania 15317

Mr. Lauer,

It is my pleasure to present the Peters Township Police Department (PTPD) 2020 Annual Report. This report contains an overview and analysis of the various functions and responsibilities of the men and women of this Department during 2020.

The year 2020 presented significant and unique challenges for law enforcement across the country. Peters Township was no exception. In late January the nation was made aware of the potential of the COVID 19 virus. In February the effects of the pandemic began to impact every facet of our society. By March Peters Township along with all of Pennsylvania were in lock-down mode shuttering businesses, churches, and travel. In an effort to mitigate the exposure of our officers we made significant changes to our everyday operating procedures. Those changes came with their own set of challenges. Through it all we responded to every call for service while maintaining our status as an accredited agency. Toward that end, we worked to collect proofs of compliance and continued to access and develop police policy that ensured we would maintain accreditation status. Maintaining our status as an accredited agency is a notable accomplishment that requires the continued buy-in of every officer of the Department.

In 2020, we saw the departure of Officer Joseph Johnston, an integral part of the Patrol Unit, Middle School Resource Officer, and DARE Officer. The Department hired Part-time Officer Joseph Glover in April and Full-Time Officer Mallory Jarzynka in November 2020.

An essential element of the professional development of our officers includes training and education. Despite the impact of COVID-19 we were able to maintain a high level of training for our officers in 2020. Each year we strive to provide 80 hours of professional development/training for each officer. This is well above the 12 hours of mandatory training required by Act 120 for police officers. This goal is significant and ensures our officers training exceeds the minimum requirements. One highlight of this standard includes Sergeant Jason Brunetti's attendance and graduation from the FBI National Academy (FBINA) Leadership Training in Quantico, Virginia. The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement managers nominated by their agency heads because of demonstrated leadership qualities. The 10-week program—which provides coursework in intelligence theory, terrorism and terrorist mindsets, management science, law, behavioral science, law enforcement communication, and forensic science—serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide. Sergeant Brunetti was fortunate to be part of the last class to enter the academy before the impact of COVID which resulted in the Academy being closed for the remainder of 2020. In addition to Sergeant Brunetti's attendance at the FBI National Academy, both he and Sergeant Jay Davis completed the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (LEEDA) Trilogy of Leadership courses in November. These training accomplishments mark a milestone in each of their developments as leaders of this Department. Looking forward into 2021 we plan to continue the development of our officers as we seek higher levels of training and professional development in support of our overall mission to provide professional police services to our community.

The administrative structure of the Department continues to enable strong direction and accountability of all Department members as we strive to achieve our goals and objectives. From a training and preparedness perspective, the Department continues to refine our overall goals that will



Peters Township Police Department
Washington County, Pennsylvania
200 Municipal Drive
McMurray, PA 15317-3496
724-942-5030 Fax 724-942-5004



better prepare us to respond to the needs of this Community. This includes the development and training related to mass casualty type events. Unfortunately, in today's world this is a necessary part of planning and preparedness. This preparedness can only be accomplished by working closely with the Peters Township Fire Department, Peters Township School District, and VFW Ambulance service to refine a comprehensive plan for the training and preparedness of each agency.

Throughout 2020 we continued to leverage the versatility of the Police Officer Scheduling System (POSS) for the day-to-day scheduling, analysis of manpower needs, and leave-analysis. In 2020 we once again met or exceeded our staffing goals established by Council.

Looking forward to 2021, we will continue to institute changes to the day-to-day business processes and infrastructure of the Department that support the development of personnel, policies, and procedures. These applications include: the continued use of Power DMS to manage training and policy review, the use of PoliceOne Training Academy courses, participation in the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) Mandatory In-Service Training (MIST) courses, the continued development of our in-house training courses, and all other training deemed relevant and essential to the core mission of the Department. Additionally, we will continue to review our policies and procedures to ensure we maintain a consistent application of best practices and professional services to this Community.

Every resident should rest assured we remain committed to treating our citizens with the courtesy, professionalism, and respect they deserve, while impartially enforcing the ordinances of Peters Township and the laws of this Commonwealth. We remain steadfast in this commitment through the deterrence of criminal activity and the relentless pursuit of justice.

Finally, I would like to thank the residents and businesspeople of this community. While 2020 was certainly a tumultuous and trying year in many ways, it was particularly strenuous for law enforcement. Through the pandemic and periods of unrest in our Nation, our officers continued to come to work every day and answer every call for service. They did so with a sense of duty and commitment to protect and serve this community. In return, our officers were routinely met with encouragement and expressions of appreciation from area residents and businesspeople alike. You should know that the heartfelt encouragement and acts of kindness demonstrated by so many of you have served to bolster our officers in their sense of duty and commitment. Each of us is humbled and grateful in the face of your encouragement and generosity. Thank you!

Douglas E. Grimes
Chief of Police



Peters Township Police Department
Washington County, Pennsylvania
200 Municipal Drive
McMurray, PA 15317-3496
724-942-5030 Fax 724-942-5004





Peters Township Police Department
Washington County, Pennsylvania
200 Municipal Drive
McMurray, PA 15317-3496
724-942-5030 Fax 724-942-5004



PETERS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Peters Township Police Department is to enhance the quality of life in Peters Township by working in partnership with our community to enforce the law, preserve peace, reduce fear, and maintain order. The Department is committed to accomplishing this mission through the protection of life and property, for all citizens, by treating every citizen with courtesy, professionalism, and respect while enforcing the laws impartially, fighting crime through deterrence, and the relentless pursuit of criminals.





Peters Township Police Department
Washington County, Pennsylvania
200 Municipal Drive
McMurray, PA 15317-3496
724-942-5030 Fax 724-942-5004



ACCREDITATION

In 2020 the PTPD maintained our accreditation from the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (PLEAC). This process required us to continue to demonstrate compliance with all PLEAC standards. This process involved the review and assessment of all policies to ensure compliance and the recording of proofs of compliance where applicable. This is only possible with the total “buy-in” and assistance of essentially every employee of the Department. This accomplishment places the Department among 1 of 127 out of approximately 1,100 police departments in Pennsylvania as having met this standard of professionalism and performance.

The continued accreditation status will require on-site inspections every three-years performed by PLEAC assigned assessors to observe compliance proofs for each of the standards outlined in the accreditation standards manual. Each year the proofs continue to be collected on a regular basis in preparation for the next assessment. Moreover, our policies and procedures continue to be analyzed and reviewed as living breathing documents and processes to ensure consistent application with National best practices and PLEAC standards.

This continuous process is being performed on a regular basis by the men and women of the Peters Township Police Department. Every employee of the Department plays a role in this achievement and should maintain a sense of pride in achieving and maintaining this distinction.

GENERAL ANALYSIS

Analysis of Part I and Part II Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) data for Peters Township reveals 143 Part I offenses and 404 Part II offenses in 2020. An analysis of our Records Management System (In-Synch) reveals there were a total of 687 investigations in 2020 (**Appendage E**). This number would include all criminal investigations conducted by the PTPD to include Hit and Run Traffic crashes, ordinance violations and other investigations not meeting the FBI UCR criteria for measurement. Overall, this results in an average of almost 60 investigations being conducted each month. Of those investigations, 252 were cleared by the arrest of one (1) or more persons. There were additional investigations cleared by “Exceptional” means. Exceptional clearances are a category defined by the FBI UCR rules that allows for the clearance of an investigation when; the identity of the offender is known, there is enough information to support an arrest, and the location of the offender is known, but no criminal charges are filed in the case. One common example of this type of case occurs when the victim no longer wants to cooperate in the prosecution of the offender. In 2020, there were 70 such cases closed under the “Exceptional” clearance category even though the persons responsible were identified and could have been charged. Additionally, there were 70 cases closed as “Unfounded,” meaning the reported offense was false or baseless and there was no proof a crime occurred as initially reported. Each of these variables determine the clearance rate of the Departments criminal investigations. Based upon available UCR data, clearance rates for the PTPD increased from 40% in 2019 to 47% in 2020. This is significant in light of the impact of COVID-19, the increased call volume, and the overall number of investigations (687) for 2020. As stated, there were 252 cases cleared by arrest in 2020 plus an additional 70 cases classified as exceptionally cleared for a total of 294 cleared cases. After removing the cases not tracked as criminal in nature the overall clearance rate is determined to be 47% for 2020. This is a significant increase in the overall clearance rate all while seeing a dramatic increase in the number of calls for service in 2020. This is the result of a significant level of investigative effort and proactive police work under difficult circumstances.



Peters Township Police Department
 Washington County, Pennsylvania
 200 Municipal Drive
 McMurray, PA 15317-3496
 724-942-5030 Fax 724-942-5004



Below is a table showing the Department’s clearance rates for comparison over the past three (3) years.

YEAR	PART I	PART II	COMBINED
2018	32%	37%	36%
2019	29%	43%	40%
2020	47%	47%	47%

Part I Offenses (**Appendage B**) for 2020 reveals 58 of the offenses reported were classified as property crimes (burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson) and within that number, 52 incidents were identified as Larceny Thefts.

Further analysis of the UCR submissions reveal 404 Part II Offenses (**Appendage C**) recorded for 2020. This is a significant decrease in reported offenses in this category from 2019. The 404 Part II Offenses in 2020 is a 29% decrease from the 570 Part II Offenses in 2019. Analysis of Sex Offenses within the Part II category reveal a slightly lower total number, 21 for 2020 when compared to 24 for 2019.

Given the impact of COVID-19 in 2020 the overall numbers of crimes in these categories are within expected norms from previous years. While every criminal offense is concerning, perspective is important when attempting to analyze these overall number and corresponding statistics. In many instances, the percentage increase/decrease can appear to be much more significant than the actual variance. While COVID-19 dramatically changed the ability of patrols to engage the public proactively, likewise the public was less likely to be out on the street traveling and conducting their normal routines.

Overall, there was a 21% decrease in Part I and Part II Offenses combined for 2020 from 703 in 2019 to 547 in 2020. The decrease of 156 Part I and Part II Offenses in 2020 can primarily be attributed to the impact of COVID-19 and business process changes in proactive patrols for the majority of 2020.

STAFFING

In 2020, the Department met and exceeded the requirement to maintain three (3) or more patrols on duty 80% of the time. In 2020 there were 732 shifts to staff. Of the 732 shifts, 687 were staffed with three (3) or more officers (**Appendage G**). The overall average of having three (3) or more officers on a shift for 2020 was 94%. This was possible, in large part, due to the use of part-time police officers and the efficient application of the POSS Scheduling System. Use of the POSS automated scheduling system allowed us to maintain staffing levels while scheduling 203 training days in 2020. Further analysis of the staffing reveals a total of 93.5 sick days were used in 2020, which is up from 60.5 when compared to 2019. This is in large part due to one officer being injured off duty and requiring surgery as a result.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Significant Cases for 2020:

In March 2020, PTPD executed a search warrant after a month-long drug investigation. As a result of the search warrant, officers discovered materials and equipment for a marijuana grow operation. At the time, it was a non-operational grow. PTPD seized processed marijuana and numerous items of paraphrenia. The two occupants of the residence were arrested.



Peters Township Police Department
Washington County, Pennsylvania
200 Municipal Drive
McMurray, PA 15317-3496
724-942-5030 Fax 724-942-5004



In April 2020, PTPD became aware of an individual fraudulently obtaining prescription narcotics from a local grocery store. PTPD conducted surveillance on the pharmacy and waited until the suspect arrived and took custody of the narcotic. The suspect was arrested. After several search warrants were executed, it was discovered that the suspect had obtained hundreds of prescription narcotics from various pharmacies in Washington and Allegheny County through her employment with a local veterinary office.

In April 2020, a resident reported several suspicious and harassing letters received through US Postal Mail. With the assistance of US Postal Inspectors, a suspect was identified through the stamp used on one of the letters. This person was charged, and a successful prosecution was attained.

In July 2020, several instances of mail theft across Peters Township and North Strabane Township led to the identification of a pair of suspects. A husband and wife Romanian couple were caught on surveillance taking checks from mailboxes of businesses, often churches. They would then cash these checks at local banks. In a combined effort including both agencies, as well as the Pennsylvania State Police, the couple was arrested and await a final disposition. Their fraud resulted in a loss exceeding \$10,000.

In August 2020, PTPD initiated an investigation involving a criminal trespass/theft of over \$10,000.00 USC. Search warrants were served and witnesses were interviewed. Officers also utilized cellular telephone GPS data to track the movements of the suspect during the time of the theft. As a result, the suspect was arrested.

On October 20, 2020, a theft by deception report was initiated involving the purchase of a Polaris brand "Slingshot" recreational vehicle via E-Bay from a user for \$17,775.00. Numerous search warrants were executed at banks and a UPS Store in Nevada. As a result, numerous victims were identified throughout the country. Additionally, the suspect has been identified as a Romanian National illegally in the United States. PTPD is leading this investigation with assistance from the United States Department of State, United States Homeland Security Investigations, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and four different police departments throughout the country.

In December 2020, a local bank reported several fraudulent checks passed by the same female, all on the same day. The nine checks were determined to be counterfeit, with a total loss of nearly \$20,000. The female suspect was identified and charged. There is an outstanding warrant for her arrest.

The PTPD has also been involved in a prolonged investigation with the Food and Drug Administration. A search warrant was served on an office associated with three businesses selling Kratom and illegal steroid type substances. As a result of the search warrant, a tractor trailer was used to transport the seized evidence. In addition to the seized evidence, numerous bank accounts containing a large amount of USC were seized. The suspect has not been arrested to date due to possible cooperation with other businesses selling illegal substances.

PROPERTY

An analysis of the UCR Report of Stolen and recovered property (**Appendage D**) reveals a total stolen property during 2020 of \$123,075.00 and a recovery of \$71,041.00 for a net loss of stolen property of \$ 53,075.00. This is consistent with prior years UCR statistics.

The Property Room (Evidence Room) was inspected on two (2) occasions during 2020. The first inspection was completed in April 2020. This inspection was a full inspection designed to ensure all



Peters Township Police Department
Washington County, Pennsylvania
200 Municipal Drive
McMurray, PA 15317-3496
724-942-5030 Fax 724-942-5004



property was accounted for and stored in proper condition. Discrepancies discovered during inspections are corrected and a reinspection is completed as necessary to ensure compliance with all PLEAC standards and National best practices. The reinspection occurred in May 2020 and any noted discrepancies were corrected.

The second inspection was completed in November and was a semi-annual inspection designed to ensure officers were up to date on property destruction/returns related to ongoing and completed investigations. This inspection resulted in a significant effort to return found property, destroy valueless property related to completed cases or when court ordered, and prepare property lists for escheats via the Pennsylvania Treasury Unclaimed Property system in 2021.

Ultimately, in both cases, the Property Room was found to be in good order and the Property Room log was properly maintained consistent with standard best practices and Department policy.

INVESTIGATIVE TECHNOLOGY

In 2020, we continued to seek improved methods of utilizing technology. Technology is the fastest growing area of law enforcement. As we strive to improve our footprint in the area of technology, the focus remains centered around providing the public with technology tools to help better understand crime and safety in Peters Township while keeping our officers safe.

The Body Worn Camera (BWC) project was initiated in 2018 and has now been in use for almost three years. Since the introduction of the BWC it has become a mainstay of our technological initiatives. Each officer is assigned a BWC and policy was implemented to govern the use and application of the technology. During 2020, there were numerous instances of utilizing the BWC to investigate both criminal incidents and citizen complaints.

In July 2018, we installed **two Intersection Cameras with License Plate Readers (LPR)** at two major intersections in the Township. Each intersection captures all traffic flowing through the intersection and reads the license plate of the vehicles. The license plate (Vehicle Registration) information is automatically checked against the PennDOT database and information is stored for review as needed. The information is only reviewed or analyzed in relation to a specific investigative need. Multiple cases during 2020 benefitted from the Intersection Cameras. In each case, the data captured by the cameras led to the identification of a suspect and ultimately an arrest and clearance of the case.

The PTPD website continues to enable the public to find information related to Police notifications and public safety. Such notices include current Scam/Identity Theft incidents as well as information on how to avoid becoming a victim. In addition, we include current information and photographs of approved solicitors in the Township that may be going door-to-door. We also utilize the website to advertise our "Exchange Zone" which is a clearly marked parking area in front of the Police Department building. The Exchange Zone is under constant video surveillance and is intended to provide a monitored location for completing exchanges of property bought and sold during online purchases. In addition, the Exchange Zone is frequently used for the transfer of children in contested custody situations.

The website was leveraged to launch a **Community Crime Mapping** application that enables the public to view the locations and types of crimes reported to the Department. This application is linked with our Records Management System (RMS) and displays information in real time. The Community Crime Mapping application can be found at the following link <https://communitycrimemap.com/?address=peterstownship%2Cpa>. This application has two additional



Peters Township Police Department
Washington County, Pennsylvania
200 Municipal Drive
McMurray, PA 15317-3496
724-942-5030 Fax 724-942-5004



functions that have proven valuable. The first allows for the user to submit tips directly to the Department. The user may choose to provide their name or leave the tip anonymously. Secondly, the application allows users to set up an alert notice based upon a defined radius from a specified location/address (e.g. their home). The alert then notifies the user by email when a new crime is committed within the defined radius.

Next, the Department **Facebook** page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/PetersTownshipPolice>, and is being used to provide more immediate notifications and information in instances of shorter term, immediate need-to-know situations. This includes on-going crimes, e.g. gift cards being stolen from trash cans left for trash haulers at Christmas, traffic issues, and crimes that tend to come in rashes such as vehicle break-ins. Throughout 2020 we worked to leverage the power of social media to solve crimes. The Facebook page has also been a good way for the public to make inquires of the Department they might not have otherwise made. Using the Facebook page and social media platform has given the public a “direct-messaging” aspect that did not previously exist. Managed correctly we can use this platform to make the Department more efficient and the Township a safer place to live and work.

Finally, 2020 was the first whole year our department was equipped with the technology to extract and process cell phone data. With cooperation and funding assistance from the Washington County District Attorney’s Office, PTPD is now the only municipal agency with a Graykey device used in this process. With the acquisition of the Graykey device and other investigative tools combined with a defined skillset of Detective Caruso, the PTPD Investigative unit has clearly established themselves as a leader among Washington County law enforcement agencies. In 2020, 117 cell phones and similar devices were processed by the PTPD Investigative unit for investigative purposes. As a result, this new tool has benefited Peters Township as well as all other Washington County law enforcement agencies.

POLICE PATROL

The PTPD Patrol Section consists of 22 officers, four (4) sergeants and 18 patrolmen. They responded to 7,365 calls for service (**Appendage A**) in 2020. This equates to an average of 613 calls for service each month. In addition to the calls for service, patrols are tasked with a sundry of other duties to include vacation checks, park checks, targeted traffic enforcement, business checks, church walk throughs and school checks. The Patrol Section issued 927 citations, and 2,947 written warnings for a total of 3,874 traffic contacts for 2020. While this is a significant decrease from 2019, (**Appendage F**) the overall call volume was increased and COVID restrictions and business process changes impacted the patrol officers contacts with the public. Overall, between Patrol Officers and Detectives, the Department made 252 misdemeanor/felony arrests to include 42 DUI arrests (**Appendage C**) in 2020. There were no fatal crashes in 2020 and 110 reportable crashes including 10 that were DUI related (**Appendage F**). The statistical change over 2019 in this category was insignificant.

In 2020 our use of the bikes for patrol on the trail was somewhat limited again due to COVID restrictions and business process changes. Community Day was cancelled as was a number of other events that would normally lend themselves to the use of the E-Bikes on patrol. We continued to use the E-bikes for patrol in various developments in our efforts to thwart car break-ins and to patrol our business district. The Bicycle Patrol Unit (BPU) has proven to be a very effective enforcement tool and deterrent to criminal activity while providing our residents with an approachable, visible representative of the Peters Township Police Department. The continued goal of the BPU is to reduce crime and increase contact with the public. Currently, the BPU has six (6) trained officers all of whom received their training through the International Police Mountain Bike Association.



Peters Township Police Department
Washington County, Pennsylvania
200 Municipal Drive
McMurray, PA 15317-3496
724-942-5030 Fax 724-942-5004



The use of our 2017 Suzuki V-Strom 650 motorcycle for patrol was also limited in 2020. This was the direct result of our Motors Officer being limited by injury during the riding season for 2020. The motorcycle is generally used for traffic enforcement initiatives and patrol of our parks and neighborhoods. The motorcycle has created a unique opportunity for our Motors Officer to connect with kids of all ages and help bolster the Community Policing efforts of the Department.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The School Resource Officer (SRO) program was initiated at the beginning of the 2013 school year as a cooperative effort between the Township and School District to enhance policing primarily at the high school level. The positive effects of this program have now extended to all schools within the district. Officer James Stevick is currently assigned to the position of High School SRO and Officer Patrick Mazotta is assigned to the Middle School. In our efforts to maintain a safe and secure environment for our schools, we continue to work closely with the District to build upon safety initiatives and develop progressive plans to assess and improve school safety.

An analysis of police records in most areas indicate an increase in the number of police-related incidents in our schools. This, combined with a review of the buildings, grounds and number of students, generally supports the need for additional SROs to adequately provide security for our schools. Further analysis suggests the structure and assignment of the personnel should include full-time SRO's in our schools. In this structure, full-time SRO positions provide:

- Law enforcement and investigative services
- Development of crime prevention programs
- Train school personnel
- Mentor students
- Conflict resolution
- Positive role model

In addition, SRO duties include facilitating Drug and Alcohol Awareness programs, Drivers Education, Social Media responsibility, DARE, and teacher support for Law and Justice classes. Each of these programs and responsibilities are critically important to the growth, development, safety and well-being of our students and faculty.

DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

This is the 15th year of the Peters Township Deer Management Program. The initial year of the program resulted in approximately 90 deer harvested within the Township areas and accounted for over 1000 pounds of venison donated to local food banks. Although hunters harvested fewer deer this season, the program can be considered a success as the following goals were accomplished:

- There have been no safety issues raised by the public or residents who have encountered archers afield
- The deer management program has concluded the 15th season without an injury reported by anyone involved in or encountering the program
- The PTPD and Pennsylvania Game Commission fielded no complaints related to the Township hunt this season



Peters Township Police Department
Washington County, Pennsylvania
200 Municipal Drive
McMurray, PA 15317-3496
724-942-5030 Fax 724-942-5004



An analysis of the 2020-2021 season reveals the following:

- The Deer Management Program in 2020-2021 showed 21 of 29 program hunters were successful in harvesting deer
- A total of 50 deer were harvested within the designated hunting areas (season not yet over at the time of this report)
- Over 600 pounds of venison were donated through the “Hunters Sharing the Harvest” program
- A combined total of 81 deer versus car collisions were reported which is a slight decrease from the previous year
- 5 deer were reported caught on residential fences which were dispatched by officers.
- 1 deer entered residential home through a window and died.
- 1 deer entered a business through glass window.
- 8 deer were taken by hunters outside the program
- 35 deer were taken by local farmer. Confirmed by WCO Sitler.

The program continues to require prospective archers to satisfactorily complete background checks as well as educational classes and demonstrate skill proficiency. There are currently 29 archers in the program. While the program was designed through the Peters Township Deer Management Committee, the Township’s employees have been instrumental in its operation and oversight. The PTPD was ultimately tasked with creating, inspecting, and enforcing program criteria including selection, training, and approval of the archers.

This program was not developed as an immediate solution to human-deer conflict, but rather as an additional effort to cull the deer population at minimal expense. As such, the Peters Township Deer Management Program has shown continued success, as indicated by the results listed. Additionally, those involved as archers spend time afield, some with family members also participating. The Police Department and other Township employees involved continue their dedication and hard work to ensure safety, promote environmental stewardship, and limit the need for Township funding.

D.A.R.E. PROGRAM

Launched in 1983, **D.A.R.E.** is a comprehensive K-12 education program taught in thousands of schools in America and 52 other countries. D.A.R.E. curricula address drugs, violence, bullying, internet safety, and other high-risk circumstances that today are too often a part of students’ lives. [D.A.R.E. America, (2017, January 24). Retrieved from <http://www.dare.com>.] The D.A.R.E. program has been taught in the Peters Township School District since 1989.

Visitation lessons are used with grades 1, 2, and 3. These lessons include information on being safe at home, in schools, and in the community. The lessons help students develop confidence to make the right choices by providing them with information and skills they can use to face challenging situations. Some lessons start the talk about dealing with peer pressure and how to handle it. In one lesson, we discuss how drugs can help or harm them. There is also a lesson regarding how to deal with anger in appropriate ways, which in today’s environment, is needed more than ever.

For the 2020 – 2021 school year, the DARE program, the Tobacco Awareness program, and the Officer Phil Program were all suspended for this school year. We will revisit these programs in the summer of 2021.



Peters Township Police Department
Washington County, Pennsylvania
200 Municipal Drive
McMurray, PA 15317-3496
724-942-5030 Fax 724-942-5004



In anticipation of retooling the DARE Program and in light of Officer Johnston's retirement Officer Patrick Mazzotta was selected as the new School Resource Officer at the Middle School and as such was trained as a DARE Officer in September 2020. Officer Mazzotta will also take over the roles of Tobacco Awareness and School Safety training as the new Middle School SRO.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

In addition to the routine daily, positive interactions with the community, the PTPD conducted or participated in the following events:

- Police Station Tours (6)
- Township Events (11)
- School District Events (1)
- Parade (2)
- Meet and Greet sessions (show police car, meet with children, etc.) (3)
- Survival 101 sessions - approximately 200 high school students received lessons regarding alcohol prevention and highway safety (2)
- "Coffee with a Cop" program (3)

McDonald's, under the ownership of Ronald Galiano, started and has hosted the "Coffee with a Cop" program since its inception in Peters Township. In 2017, we met with Mr. Galiano about expanding the program to other Township businesses to reach a broader population. He was supportive of the idea and reiterated his goal of starting the program was to foster positive relationships between the community and the Peters Township Police Department. In 2020, the program was expanded to Paramount Senior Living at Peters Township and Starbucks.

- Church Liaison Program

In 2018, the PTPD began a new initiative called the **Church Liaison Program**. Each church was assigned a dedicated liaison officer as a single point of contact. In our efforts to advance this concept, we assigned walk-throughs of the church facilities during service times. In all, 71 incident reports were generated from the church walk-throughs. In addition, 31 incident reports were generated involving church liaison activity ranging from meeting with church elders, church safety presentations, youth group interaction, and other public relations activity. Furthermore, we conducted in-house departmental training on police response to critical incidents at our local churches. Each liaison gave a brief overview of their respective church and provided a plan of operations to include tactical dilemmas, resources needed, and geographic staging areas. The training also consisted of walk-throughs of the churches to get a hands-on look as a group through several of the churches in Peters Township. Sergeant Matthew Collins attended training on mobilizing your faith-based community organizations in preparing for disasters. Moving forward we hope to have more formalized operations plans comprised for each facility created in concert with the church elders and or security team. This is the next logical step in the evolution of the goal of this program to help ensure a safe environment for all houses of worship in our faith-based community. Due to COVID-19 restrictions in 2020, there were no additional steps added to the program.

Chief Grimes made presentations to community organizations and participated in various meetings and events. The following is a partial list of those events/meetings:



Peters Township Police Department
Washington County, Pennsylvania
200 Municipal Drive
McMurray, PA 15317-3496
724-942-5030 Fax 724-942-5004



- Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) (Commissioner)
- MPOETC - Legislative Review Committee for Police Legislation (Committee member)
- MPOETC Rules and Regs Committee (Chairperson)
- Western PA Chiefs' Executive Board and General Meetings (Second Vice President 2020)
- Washington County Chiefs' meetings (Member)
- FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force meetings (Member)
- First Responder/Public Safety Communication Committee meetings (Washington County)
- Newly Elected Officials Training for Allegheny County (Presenter)
- South Hills Areas Council of Governments (SHACOG) Meetings
- Chiefs' training for Use of Force and Administrative Responsibilities in Use of Force Incidents
- Rep Natalie Mihalek Open house
- Body Worn Camera Grant Seminar (Federal Grant Requirement)
- Aggressive Driving Coordination meeting
- Mock Crash Meeting with Peters Township High School Officials
- Coffee with a Cop
- Sun Chevrolet Cancer Awareness Challenge
- Youth Commission Meetings
- Character Counts meetings

CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

In 2020, the PTPD started a Citizen's Police Academy on March 3rd but was forced to cancel due to COVID-19 restrictions on March 15th. The program is designed to expand the citizen's knowledge and understanding of the law and explore police procedures. Participants are also taught the basics of criminal law with emphasis on the crimes code and vehicle code. The program includes patrol tactics, the processing of crime scenes, interview and interrogation and many other subjects. There were 17 participants in the spring session.

COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARD

During the month of November each year, the American Automobile Association (AAA) holds its annual luncheon. The purpose of this event is to honor participating communities for their efforts to improve local traffic safety.

Communities voluntarily participate in this program by submitting Traffic Safety Worksheets that address specific issues. There are 18 general categories of traffic safety issues. For example, aggressive driving is a general category. Specific issues addressed in this problem are speeding, tailgating, and road rage.

The program also takes into consideration the traffic safety and education programs sponsored by the Police Department and the Township. These programs include Buckle Up PA (seat belt safety), Halloween safety, Washington County DUI Task Force, Stranger Danger, school crossing guard, and speed awareness.



Peters Township Police Department
 Washington County, Pennsylvania
 200 Municipal Drive
 McMurray, PA 15317-3496
 724-942-5030 Fax 724-942-5004



The awards given are based on the Department’s enforcement efforts, a five-year analysis of Department statistics, and the various programs offered. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there was no luncheons scheduled and there were no awards given in 2020.

DRUG TAKE BACK INITIATIVE

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. Since the inception of this program, the PTPD has collected approximately 17,332 pounds of unwanted drugs. This is an important program that removes prescription drugs from the cabinets of citizens, thereby preventing the possibility of someone misusing the drugs.

In 2020, two (2) days were Nationally promoted for the Drug Take Back Initiative. The April collection date, however, was cancelled due to COVID-19. In October, multiple sites were designated across the Township to collect unneeded or unwanted medication. The PTPD once again lead this initiative by coordinating as the active drop-off site for all area police departments who wished to participate in this program. In 2020, 16 police departments participated in the program. In an effort to make this program even more effective, the PTPD maintains a drug drop box in the lobby of the Department for drop offs available Monday – Friday between 8:00AM – 4:00PM.

The collection efforts resulted in the following totals for 2020:

April 2020	Not Collected, Cancelled Due to COVID
October 2020	36 boxes collected weighing in at 660 lbs.

The National Prescription Drug Take Back program has proven to be a valuable initiative within our community. Although the success of this program cannot be measured in lives saved, it can be identified as a success based upon the sheer volume of unwanted drugs removed from the medicine cabinets of our citizens. For several years now, the total combined weight of the drugs collected has exceeded 1,000 lbs until 2020. Had the April collection date not been cancelled we clearly would have once again exceeded this goal. Under any circumstances the results of this program can be viewed as a success.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Training is more important today than perhaps ever before in the history of law enforcement. The Act of June 18, 1974, P.L. 359, No.120, as amended, created the Municipal Police Officers’ Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) and the requirement that all Municipal Police Officers attend a minimum of 12 hours of in-service/continuing education training each year. To that end, MPOETC develops a three (3) hour course on Legal Updates, which is considered mandatory; however, the remaining nine (9) credit hours may be obtained via various approved MPOETC courses. In 2020, those courses were available via the Pennsylvania Virtual Training Network (on-line), PoliceOne Academy (on-line), or via an accredited course of instruction as listed on the MPOETC website. This training is necessary to obtain the biannual certification of officers. All Peters Township Police Officers completed their mandatory training in 2020 and were eligible for recertification by MPOETC.

In 2020, we were able to make great strides in the area of training and education. Training and education is critical to the continued success and development of the Peters Township Police



Peters Township Police Department
Washington County, Pennsylvania
200 Municipal Drive
McMurray, PA 15317-3496
724-942-5030 Fax 724-942-5004



Department. In 2020, we utilized five (5) types of training to include: **(1) Leadership Development, (2) Instructor Development, (3) Career Development, (4) In-House, and (5) On-line training.** Utilizing various training methods and sources enabled us to develop a well-trained and qualified police department in the most expeditious and efficient way. The courses attended by our officers varied by training provider, host, and subject matter. In every case, our officers completed each course of instructions as required and obtained the subsequent attendance certificate, full certification, or Instructor certification upon completion. It is significant to note the instructor certification enables our trained officer to instruct and certify other officers during our own in-house training making us even more efficient and effective.

Below is a comprehensive list of the courses attended by our officers and the number of officers who attended each course:

Leadership Training

FBI National Academy-1
FBI-LEEDA Command Leadership Institute – 1
FBI-LEEDA Supervisor Leadership Institute-1

Instructor Development Training

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Instructor Course – 1
Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Instructor Recertification-1
Optics Enhanced Pistol Instructor Course-2
Physical Fitness Coordinator Recertification-1
Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) Instructor Course-1
Tactical Shotgun/Less Lethal Instructor - 2

Career Development

Advanced Asset Forfeiture Training for Task Force Officers-1
Collision Investigation Course – 1
Constitutional Use of Force-1
Criminal Investigations-1
Disability Awareness Training-1
Driver's Training – 3
Field Training Officer-2
GLOCK Armorer's Course - 1
Internal Affairs Investigations-3
PA CLEAN Local Limited Access-3
PA CLEAN Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC)-1
Police Mountain Bike Training - 6
School Resource Officer Training - 2

In-house Training (All officers attended the below mandatory in-house training in 2020.)



Peters Township Police Department
Washington County, Pennsylvania
200 Municipal Drive
McMurray, PA 15317-3496
724-942-5030 Fax 724-942-5004



1st Quarter Training

Fire Department Response/Use of Fire Extinguisher Review
Rescue Task Force Training
Resources for Senior Citizens
Response to Active Assailant Incidents/Tabletop Exercises
Reunification Plan Review
School Response Plan
Walk-through of Bible Chapel

2nd Quarter Training

9mm and Red Dot System (RDS) Training/Annual Firearms Qualification
Use of Force/Deadly Force Policy Review

3rd Quarter Training

Baton/OC Spray/Taser Recertification
De-Escalation Policy
Dim Light Qualifications
Duty to Intervene Policy
Less Lethal Shotgun Certification
Off-Duty Qualifications
Practical Application Drills
Response to Panic Alarms
Taser Policy
Use of Force/Deadly Force Policy

4th Quarter Training

Cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

On-line training

Peters Township Police Officers completed a total of 394 hours of training using PoliceOne Academy. These courses include material developed from National best practices to procedural application, to legal issues. Many of the over 200 courses offered by PoliceOne are approved by MPOETC and count towards the mandatory in-service training requirements.

INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

The PTPD recognizes the need to thoroughly investigate all Citizen Complaints regarding officer performance and to conduct internal reviews of performance issues such as police pursuits, Department vehicle accidents, and Use of Force incidents. During 2020, the PTPD conducted eight (8) such investigations. The investigations from 2020 can be broken down into two (2) basic categories as follows:

- Citizen Complaints - 4
- Internal Reviews - 4

Further analysis of the Internal Investigations in 2020 reveals that of the four (4) citizen complaints, three (3) were considered unfounded and one (1) resulted in the officers being exonerated. Of the four (4) Internal Reviews, one (1) was not sustained, and four (4) were sustained and corrective measures were taken. Where warranted, progressive disciplinary action was taken.



Peters Township Police Department
Washington County, Pennsylvania
200 Municipal Drive
McMurray, PA 15317-3496
724-942-5030 Fax 724-942-5004



YOUTH COMMISSION

2020 Case Review

In 2020, the Youth Commission was presented with eight (8) cases and accepted all eight (8) of them. One (1) case was ultimately referred back to the Police when the youth was unable to complete his requirements in the time permitted. **Appendage H** contains a further breakdown of the cases overseen by the Peters Township Youth Commission for 2020.

Organization used for Community Service

Peters Township Public Library, Peters Township Police Department, Peters Township Fire Department, and Horses for Hope (a non-profit organization).

2020 Youth Commission Officers:

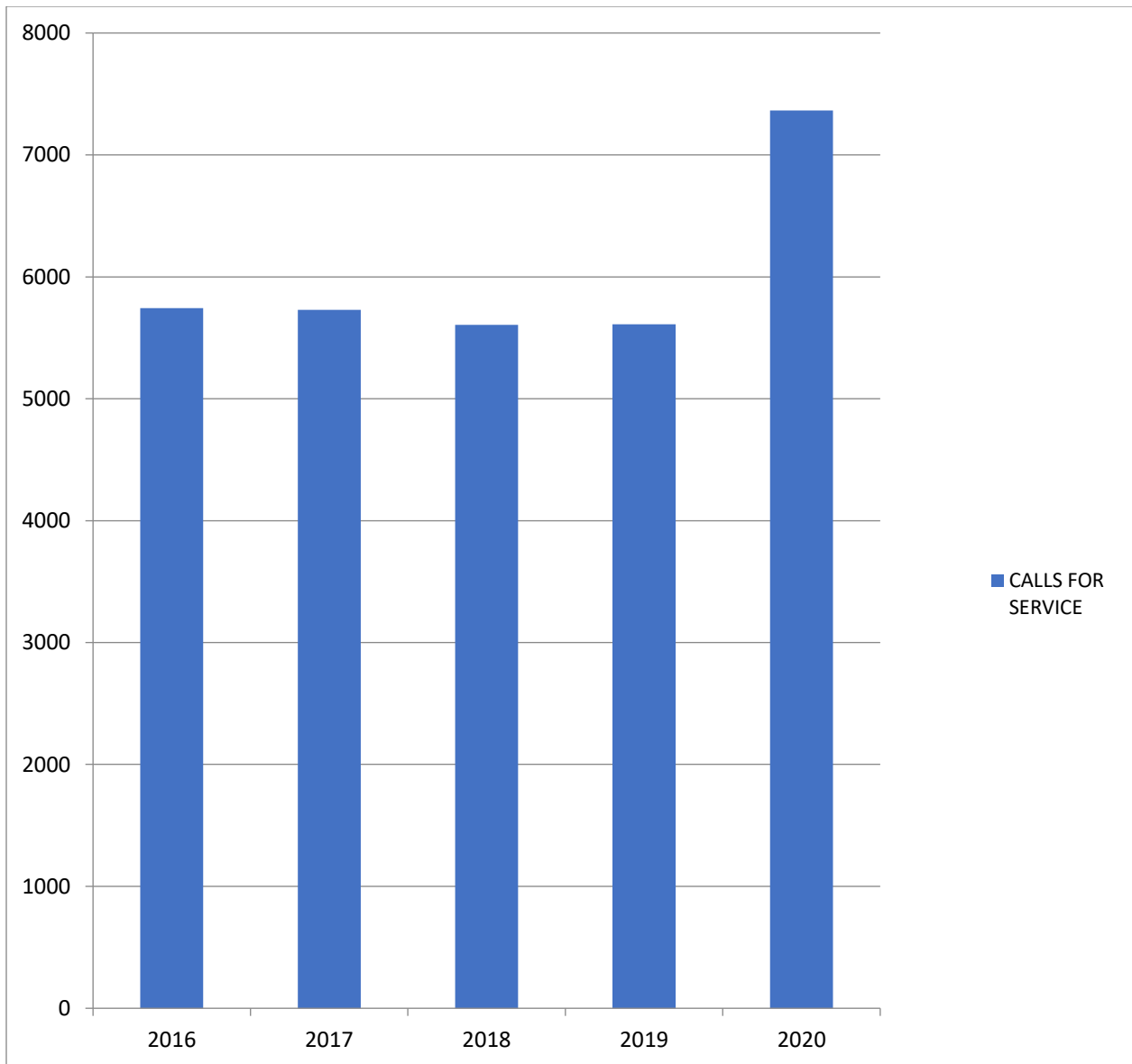
Chairman – Terry Luddy
Vice Chairman – John Barnes
Corresponding Secretary – Kellie Rogers
Recording Secretary – Chrissy Grasso

2021 Youth Commission Officers:

Chairman – Cathy Skidmore
Vice Chairman – Kellie Bootman-Rogers
Corresponding Secretary – Lee Tornabene
Recording Secretary – Chrissy Grasso



CALLS FOR SERVICE





CLASSIFICATION OF PART I OFFENSES



Totals	2020						2019						
Classification Of Offense	Reported	Unfounded	Actual	Cleared	Percent Cleared	Juvenile ₁	Reported	Unfounded	Actual	Cleared	Percent Cleared	Juvenile ₁	Percent Actual Change
1. Criminal Homicide, Total		0	0	1	-			0	0		-		0
a. Murder		0	0		-			0	0		-		0
b. Manslaughter*		0	0	1	-			0	0		-		0
2. Forcible Rape, Total	1	0	1	1	100.00%		1	0	1		-		0
a. Rape	1	0	1	1	100.00%		1	0	1		-		0
b. Attempts to Commit Rape		0	0		-			0	0		-		0
3. Robbery, Total	1	0	1	1	100.00%			0	0		-		0
a. Firearm		0	0		-			0	0		-		0
b. Knife or Cutting Instrument		0	0		-			0	0		-		0
c. Other Weapons		0	0		-			0	0		-		0
d. Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc.)	1	0	1	1	100.00%			0	0		-		0
4. Assault - Aggravated, Total	83	9	74	49	59.00%	9	31	3	28	20	64.50%	4	164.286
a. Firearm	1	0	1	1	100.00%			0	0		-		0
b. Knife or Cutting Instrument	3	0	3	3	100.00%	1	1	0	1	1	100.00%		200
c. Other Weapons	7	0	7	2	28.60%	1		0	0		-		0
d. Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc.	1	0	1	1	100.00%			0	0		-		0
e. Other Assaults - Simple*	71	9	62	42	59.20%	7	30	3	27	19	63.30%	4	129.63
Classification Of Offense	Reported	Unfounded	Actual	Cleared	Percent Cleared	Juvenile ₁	Reported	Unfounded	Actual	Cleared	Percent Cleared	Juvenile ₁	Percent Actual Change
5. Burglary Total	5	0	5		-		3	0	3		-		66.667



CLASSIFICATION OF PART I OFFENSES



a. Forcible Entry		0	0		-		1	0	1		-		-100
b. Unlawful - No Force	2	0	2		-		2	0	2		-		0
c. Attempted Forcible Entry	3	0	3		-			0	0		-		0
6. Larceny - Theft, Total	52	1	51	15	28.80 %	1	27	1	26	9	33.30%	3	96.154
7. Motor Vehicle Theft, Total	1	0	1	1	100.00 %			0	0		-		0
a. Autos	1	0	1	1	100.00 %			0	0		-		0
b. Trucks and Buses		0	0		-			0	0		-		0
c. Other Vehicles		0	0		-			0	0		-		0
8. Arson, Total		0	0		-			0	0		-		0
Index Crimes Total	72	1	71	25	34.70 %	3	32	1	31	10	31.30%	3	129.032
Index Crimes Less Arson	72	1	71	25	34.70 %	3	32	1	31	10	31.30%	3	129.032
Reported Offenses, Total	143	10	133	67	46.90 %	10	62	4	58	29	46.80%	7	129.31



2020 PART II OFFENSES



PART II OFFENSE:	OFFENSES REPORTED OR KNOWN TO POLICE	UNFOUNDED	NUMBER OF ACTUAL OFFENSES	TOTAL OFFENSES CLEARED BY ARREST OR EXCEPTIONAL MEANS	% CLEARANCE
FORGERY:	2	0	2	2	100.00%
FRAUD:	81	2	79	6	7.59%
EMBEZZLEMENT:	1	0	1	1	100.00%
STOLEN PROPERTY:	0	0	0	0	N/A
VANDALISM:	40	3	37	7	18.92%
WEAPONS:	1	0	1	0	0.00%
PROSTITUTION:	0	0	0	0	N/A
SEX OFFENSES:	21	0	21	2	9.52%
DRUGS:	45	0	45	43	95.56%
GAMBLING:	0	0	0	0	N/A
FAMILY OFFENSES:	1	0	1	1	100.00%
DUI:	44	1	43	42	97.67%
LIQUOR:	10	0	10	6	60.00%
DRUNKENNESS:	9	0	9	7	77.78%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT:	80	10	70	31	44.29%
VAGRANCY:	0	0	0	0	N/A
ALL OTHER:	69	4	65	34	52.31%
TOTAL PART II OFFENSES:	404	20	384	182	47.40%



Report of Stolen and Recovered Property



State Totals	2020			2019		
	Type of Property	Stolen	Recovered	Percent Recovered	Stolen	Recovered
A. Currency, Notes, Etc.	\$34,134	\$39	0.11%	\$5,225	\$2	0.04%
B. Jewelry and Precious Metals	\$0	\$0	-	\$7,359	\$0	-
C. Clothing and Furs	\$0	\$0	-	\$0	\$0	-
D. Locally Stolen Motor Vehicles	\$70,000	\$70,000	100.00%	\$0	\$0	-
E. Office Equipment	\$0	\$0	-	\$0	\$0	-
F. Televisions, Radios, Stereos, Etc.	\$4,049	\$0	-	\$2,740	\$0	-
G. Firearms	\$1,025	\$0	-	\$0	\$0	-
H. Household Goods	\$1,000	\$1,000	100.00%	\$0	\$0	-
I. Consumable Goods	\$54	\$2	3.70%	\$0	\$0	-
J. Livestock	\$0	\$0	-	\$0	\$0	-
K. Miscellaneous	\$12,813	\$0	-	\$19,487	\$4,331	22.23%
Total	\$123,075	\$71,041	57.72%	\$34,811	\$4,333	12.45%
Total Less Locally Stolen MVs	\$53,075	\$1,041	1.96%	\$34,811	\$4,333	12.45%



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION ANALYSIS



		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Total Criminal Cases		54	52	47	48	69	73	65	59	60	69	52	39	687
Cleared by arrest		17	21	16	17	29	22	26	25	23	24	20	12	252
Closed due to lack of leads		20	15	20	22	24	33	21	18	19	24	17	11	244
Closed exceptional clearance		3	8	4	5	5	8	7	6	8	8	6	2	70
Closed unfounded		7	4	5	4	7	8	6	4	3	9	6	7	70
Referred to another agency for prosecution		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Open active investigations		7	4	2	0	4	2	5	6	7	4	3	7	51
Totals		54	52	47	48	69	73	65	59	60	69	52	39	687



REPORTABLE CRASHES STATISTICS 2020



	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
REPORTABLE	13	9	5	3	8	5	9	6	5	16	11	20	110
DUI RELATED	1	1	4	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	10
FATALITIES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FATALITIES DUI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FIVE (5) YEAR COMPARISON OF CRASH FATALITIES

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
1	1	1	1	0

FIVE (5) YEAR COMPARISON

ACTIVITY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	2,489	2,010	1,341	1,413	927
WARNINGS	2,026	3,960	3,483	3,917	2,947
TOWNSHIP PARKING TAGS	223	313	126	99	112
REPORTABLE MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	135	117	122	124	110
UNDERAGE DRINKING CITATIONS	11	10	11	27	18
ANIMAL CONTROL CALLS	415	492	503	525	483

***The information contained in this report was obtained from the TraCS system and the In-Synch Records management system.



Annual Staffing 2020



In 2020 there were 732 shifts to staff. Of the 732 shifts a total of **687** were staffed with three or more officers. This chart provides a daily view of the number of shifts by day of the week that were staffed with three or more officers.

In 2020 Number of Shifts Staffed With Three or More Officers

Shifts	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Average
6PM 6AM	48 of 52	42 of 52	47 of 52	49 of 53	47 of 53	52 of 52	52 of 52	92.0%
6AM 6PM	45 of 52	50 of 52	52 of 52	53 of 53	51 of 53	51 of 52	48 of 52	95.6%
Aver.	89.4%	88.4%	95.1%	96.2%	92.4%	99%	96.1%	94%

A total of 530.5 shifts were taken off and an additional 203 training days were scheduled for a total of 733 shifts. The use of part-time officers continues to permit greater flexibility to afford officers the opportunity to take contractual leave and attend training as well as keeping staffing levels above 80%. Listed below is a breakdown of that time off.

- 93.5 sick days. Up 33 from 2019 due to Officer Madey’s off-duty injury/surgery- 55 days.
- 381.5 days of vacation, holidays, personal days, and comp days.
- 17.5 emergency days. (bereavement, paternity, covid-19 cares act)
- 38 injury days. Up 35 from 2019 due to Officer Stevick’s on-duty motor cycle accident.
- 203 training days were scheduled to enhance the knowledge and professional development of our officers. Down 159 from 2019 due to cancelations as result of pandemic.



Youth Commission Report



The Youth Commission was presented and accepted eight (8) new cases in 2020. One (1) case was referred back to the Police Department for cause. Due to COVID-19, three (3) cases are not complete. A brief summary of the cases is as follows:

#	Month Initiated w/PTYC	Age	Gender	Offense	Hours and Location of Community Service	Length of Contract	Completed?
1	1/20	14	M	2709 Harassment	PT Library (20 hours)	8 wks	no
2	1/20	15	M	2709 Harassment	PT Library (20 hours)	8 wks	yes
3	3/20	17	M	5503 Disorderly conduct	Waived due to COVID 19	12 wks	yes
4	3/20	14	F	6321 Transm of Sex explicit photos	Waived due to COVID 19	12 wks	yes
5	3/20	15	M	6321 Transm of Sex explicit photos	Waived due to COVID 19	12wks	yes
6	10/20	14	F	6321 Transm of Sex explicit photos	Waived due to COVID 19	18 weeks	Not complete
7	11/20	16	F	6321 Transm of Sex explicit photos	Waived due to COVID 19	18 weeks	Not complete
8	11/20	15	M	6321 Transm of Sex explicit photos	Waived due to COVID 19	18 weeks	Not complete