

# PETERS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## 2025 Annual Report



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# Letter from Chief Joseph Glover

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It is my pleasure to present the Peters Township Police Department (PTPD) 2025 Annual Report. This report contains an overview and analysis of the various functions and responsibilities of the men and women of this Department during 2025. The PTPD continues to be accredited by PLEAC, the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, an arm of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police. During 2025, we were re-inspected and had all our policies, procedures, and facilities examined. We successfully passed this examination and will receive official re-accreditation in early 2026. We are 1 of only 193 agencies in Pennsylvania currently accredited.

In 2025, our hiring efforts were again successful. New hires are Officer Frank Welling and Officer Keith Stetor. Officer Welling comes to us after over 20 years of service with the City of Pittsburgh, and Officer Stetor has over 25 years of experience with the Pennsylvania State Police. The experience and education these officers bring with them only enhances the already stellar capabilities of the Peters Township Police Department.

We continue to provide a School Resource Officer (SRO) in every Peters Township school. The unit consists of Sergeant Spencer Scott, Officers Matthew Malloy, Patrick Mazzotta, Mallory Jarzynka, Jamie Hughes, and Robert Smolinski. Charles Allard continues as the SRO at the Intermediate Unit, in what was the old Middle School.



# Letter from Chief Joseph Glover

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As stated in previous yearly reports, we received an influx of federal asset forfeiture money in 2023. This year we used a portion of those funds to purchase several new vehicles. Our Chevrolet Tahoe Police Pursuit Vehicles are both more comfortable, and capable of hauling more equipment than the vehicles they replaced and are still some of the sharpest police vehicles on the road! We also purchased an unmarked vehicle specifically for traffic enforcement. We purchased breaching gear for each of our vehicles and schools and we have added to our park security by having a comprehensive camera system placed in Peterswood Park.

I would like to highlight the work of our Detectives over the past year. Although there is a summary of some of the larger cases we have investigated in 2025 later in this report, there are literally hundreds of other cases that do not get mentioned. Detective Caruso is a recognized expert in cell phone data extraction and is sought out by local, state, and federal law enforcement officers for assistance in hundreds of investigations yearly. Detective Walker is our investigative specialist, who assists, directs, or conducts every type of criminal investigation. His breadth of expertise, experience, and knowledge is relied on by every member of this Department.

I have now been the Chief of Police for over 2 years, and it has been an amazing experience! The men and women of this Department are capable, enthusiastic, and dedicated to the protection of the visitors and residents of the Township. This really is one of the best Police Departments in Pennsylvania!

Finally, I would like to thank the residents and businesspeople of this community. I am constantly amazed at the encouragement and acts of kindness shown to the men and women of this Department. Please know that this Department works hard every day to earn and keep your trust. I believe that I speak for all the men and women of this Department when I say that it is an honor to work for the residents of this Township.

*Joseph Glover*

Chief of Police



# Mission Statement

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“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.”



# Accreditation

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The Peters Township Police Department has maintained accredited status through the Pennsylvania Accreditation Commission (PLEAC) since 2019. This process required us to review and assess all PTPD policies to ensure compliance with the program's 139 standards and to record proofs of compliance where applicable. This was only possible with the total "buy-in" and assistance of essentially every employee of the PTPD. Out of approximately 1,100 police departments in Pennsylvania only 193 have met this standard of professionalism and performance. The continued accredited 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. In 2022, the PTPD underwent the first re-accreditation cycle requiring proofs of compliance with each of the standards. In November of 2025 the PTPD underwent the second re-accreditation process requiring proofs of compliance for each standard. Moreover, our policies and procedures were analyzed by neutral assessors to ensure we have maintained consistent application with national best practices and PLEAC standards. This continuous process of developing proofs and reviewing policy will be performed on a regular basis by the men and women of the Peters Township Police Department each year. Every employee of the PTPD played a major role in this achievement and should take great pride in maintaining this distinction.

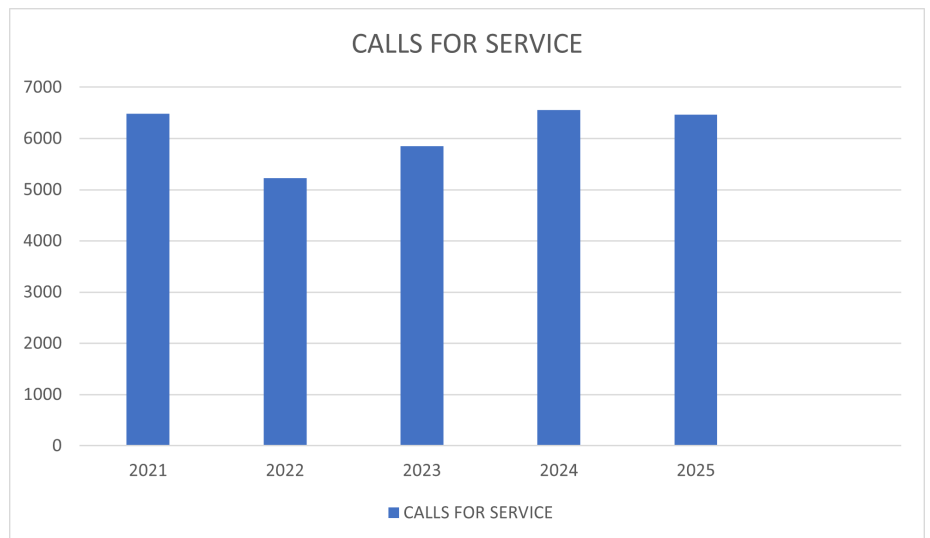


# Calls For Service (CFS) Analysis

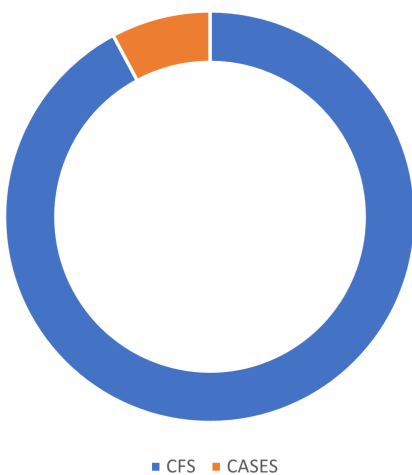
To better understand the analysis, it is important to clarify where Calls for Service (CFS) numbers are derived from. CFS are a count of the written reports from PTPD officers. A written report can be initiated by several types of contacts; a 911 call, a walk in complaint, phone call report, or officer self-initiated. There's also a wide range of reasons a report is written; from creating a case to documenting that a road hazard was cleared. As the PTPD evolves with our growing township, procedures can be adjusted in regards to when a written report is required from officers. For example, in 2020, which generated the highest number of CFS in the past 5 years, officers were required to write daily reports for park checks. Although this is a normal police function that is done daily by officers, they are no longer required to write a report for it. Therefore, an increase or decrease in CFS does not always equate to there being less 911 calls.

## CFS by Year

In 2025, PTPD responded to a total of 6466 CFS, which represents a small decrease from 2024 (6556 CFS in 2024).



## Criminal Cases



## Total Criminal Cases

In 2025 out of 6466 CFS there were 463 criminal cases. Criminal Cases are created if a CFS falls under one of the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) categories (see page 8). All cases are investigated to the full extent.



# Calls For Service (CFS) Analysis

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The most reoccurring CFS police matters are alarms, non-reportable accidents, traffic hazards, disabled vehicles, mental health, and check welfare of a person.

An accident is considered non-reportable when there are no injuries reported and all vehicles are drivable. An accident is considered reportable when there are injuries reported or any of the vehicles are not drivable.

Officers respond to non-reportable accidents to ensure the involved vehicles are moved to a safe location and to assist with the exchange of information.

2025 CFS by Call Type (Most Recurring)		
	Call Type	Total
1	Business Check	403
2	Non-Reportable Accident	356
3	Alarm (False Business)	353
4	Suspicious Activity	296
5	Alarm (False Residential)	255
6	Assist Other Agency	232
7	Fire Call	230
8	Public Service	227
9	Alarm Fire (False)	211
10	Traffic Hazard	166
11	Check Welfare	136
12	Police Information	134
13	Mental Health	130
14	Disabled Vehicle	128
15	Ordinance Violation	125
16	Reportable Accident	111
17	Animal Complaint	105
18	Civil Matters	88
19	Hazard	83
20	Traffic Complaint	82
21	Parking Complaint	75
22	Lockout - Vehicle	68
23	Disturbance	56
24	Domestic	46
25	Harassment	45



# UCR Data

In 1930, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) created a system to compile data to track nationwide reported crimes called Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) Program. UCR data generates reliable statistics for use in law enforcement. It also provides information for students of criminal justice, researchers, the media, and the public. Sergeant Louis Reda and Detective Evan Caruso compile the UCR statistics for the PTPD. Below is the UCR data for the past five years.

It should be noted, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania the term Larceny is not used in The Pennsylvania Crimes Code. Instead Pennsylvania uses the term Theft which is synonymous with the term Larceny. Larceny is used in the chart below because UCR data is nationwide and must stay consistent.

Part I Crimes	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Murder	0	1	2	0	0
Rapes	1	0	0	1	1
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	54	88	68	66	49
Burglary	4	12	11	6	2
Larceny	47	69	63	62	36
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	0	1	4	4
Arson	0	2	0	0	0
Part II Crimes					
Forgery	6	16	7	8	3
Fraud	282	119	54	86	38
Embezzlement	3	4	1	2	0
Stolen Property	0	0	2	3	0
Vandalism	37	28	21	21	12
Weapons	1	4	1	1	3
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	20	6	11	7	3
Drugs	19	23	14	18	20
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0
Family Offenses	1	0	1	4	1
DUI	42	43	28	34	35
Liquor	7	4	5	3	4
Drunkenness	5	8	4	4	5
Disorderly	76	88	63	60	16
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0	0
All Others	50	112	112	34	31



# Traffic Enforcement

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The primary responsibilities of the Peters Township Traffic Enforcement Program include responding to citizen traffic complaints and proactively patrolling the Township while enforcing the statutes contained in the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, Pennsylvania Crimes Code, and Peters Township Ordinances. The top priority of the traffic enforcement program is to reduce vehicle accidents and ensure the roadways are safe for all drivers, passengers, and pedestrians traveling in and through our Township. This is achieved through the use of targeted enforcement areas, the utilization of traffic calming technology, and highly visible proactive police patrols. Empirical data from decades of statistical analysis have shown that speeding is a main contributor to fatal crashes

## Utilization of Traffic Calming Technology

Technology has also played a vital role in reducing traffic related complaints and vehicle crashes. The Department utilizes several different types of technology to deter traffic related violations. Currently, the Department possesses 25 permanently affixed, solar-powered traffic radar signs and four portable traffic radar signs. The signs are placed at locations on highly traveled roadways or where speeding was determined to be a problem. The Department also responds to several other traffic related complaints such as violations involving school buses, stop sign violations, and school zone speeding violations. For 2025 officers are assigned a rotating traffic post in high violation areas. We also began extra patrols following school buses as a deterrent and for school bus safety. As a result of these extra patrols officers issued over 250 warnings and over 100 citations for violations of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code.

The Department also utilizes speed enforcement lines to enforce traffic laws in our Township. The two sets of lines are placed onto a roadway at a specific distance from each other. Once a vehicle travels through the set of speed lines, Officers can determine the average speed the vehicle was traveling using a certified stopwatch or a device called a TRACKER which is permanently installed inside the patrol vehicles. The Department has installed speed lines at several different locations through the township.

## Targeted Traffic Enforcement

In 2025, the Department responded to over 150 traffic related complaints. These complaints consisted of speeding, reckless driving, stop sign violations, and school bus violations.

## Proactive Response to Citizen Complaints

In 2021, Sergeant Spencer Scott and Corporal Conor Wohlfarth took responsibility of overseeing the traffic enforcement program, and in 2025 Officer Matthew Brand joined their efforts. Our initiatives include responding to citizen traffic complaints, determining targeted enforcement areas, and updating the speed calming technology available to the Township. Corporal Wohlfarth is also a member of the Township's Traffic Calming Committee and regularly meets with the committee to assist the Township with responding to traffic related complaints.



# Traffic Enforcement

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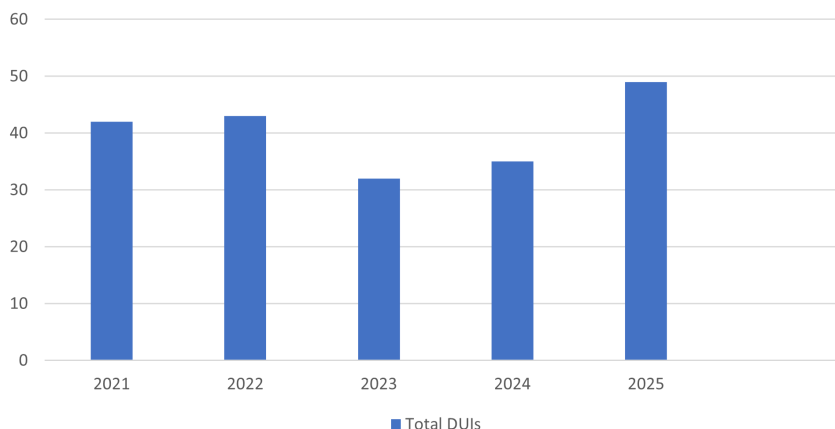
In 2025, the Department purchased two new permanent radar signs in order to assist with responding to speeding complaints throughout the Township. The radar signs allow the Department to collect speed-related data at several different locations throughout the Township. The Department also has four portable speed signs that can be deployed throughout the Township to assist in collecting traffic related data as well as traffic calming.

## 2025 Police Traffic Contacts

Written Warnings	Citations	DUIs	Total Traffic Contacts
4155	810	49	5014

## DUI Enforcement

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), about 34 people are killed every day from drunk driving crashes. In 2023 there were 12,429 alcohol-impaired driving deaths. All of these deaths were preventable. PTPD officers are dedicated to keeping our roadways safe and free of drivers who are under the influence.



In 2025, PTPD officers arrested 49 individuals for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol (DUI). This represents a 40% increase from the previous year and the highest number of DUI arrests since 2021. In the 2025 PTPD responded to 108 reportable crashes, 3 of which were DUI related. There were no fatal crashes in Peters Township in 2025.

## Moving Forward to 2026

The Peters Township Police Department's top priority will always be the safety of our citizens. In 2026, the Department will be adding four additional permanent radar signs which will further our goal of reducing traffic related accidents while ensuring the safety of drivers, passengers, and pedestrians traveling on our roadways. The Department takes great pride in the partnerships that we have established with our citizens and look forward to building new relationships in an effort to create a safer community.



# Significant Investigations

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## Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse

### C25-0002699

On May 28, 2025, the Peters Township Police Department (PTPD) received two Child Line reports relative to the same information.

The Child Lines identified the alleged victim as a 12-year-old (Victim) and the alleged perpetrator as a 15-year-old (Actor). The Child Lines alleged the actor forced the victim to perform oral sex. The incidents were to have occurred approximately three (3) years ago while victim was 9 years old and the actor was 12 years old.

On June 30, 2025, the victim was forensically interviewed. The victim revealed the actor began talking about inappropriate topics. This progressed into the victim and actor being at the actor's residence. While there, the victim and actor were downstairs where the actor's bedroom was located. The actor talked the victim into going into the walk-in closet. Once inside the closet, the actor disrobed and lay on the floor. The actor told the victim to perform oral sex. The victim did so. The victim related that this occurred approximately three times.

As a result of the victim's disclosure, the actor was charged with three (3) counts of Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse.

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## Fraud

### C25-0003226

On June 27, 2025, the PTPD received information from Ashley Reeves, accountant for Allegheny Machine Tool Systems Inc. McMurray PA. Reeves reported three (3) unauthorized charges were discovered on the latest bank statement for the business. The charges totaled \$16,194.96.

Several search warrants were obtained. As a result of these search warrants, a suspect was identified as John Klosterman of Arvada, Colorado. Klosterman was charged with Felony level Fraud and Theft counts.

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## Forgery

### C25-0004175

On August 16, 2025, the PTPD was notified that an individual entered the Clearview Federal Credit Union in Brentwood on August 4, 2025, and opened a fraudulent account. The individual used the name of an uninvolved female from Ohio – using this person's information on a driver's license with the individual's (actor) photograph. This individual applied for and received a loan via online application. This individual then traveled to the Federal Credit Union in Peters Township and withdrew \$15,000.00 from the loan.

On August 13, 2025, the Monroeville Police Department conducted a traffic stop on the individual (actor). The individual was identified as Katherine Diorio from New York.

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# Significant Investigations

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Diorio was arrested and found to have fraudulent identifications (to include the fraudulent Ohio driver's license used for this incident) and credit cards in the vehicle. The fraudulent identifications were from Ohio, Georgia, and Connecticut.

The PTPD filed numerous felony Forgery, Theft, Access Device Fraud, and Identity Theft charges against Diorio.

## Theft From Motor Vehicle

### C25-0004720

On September 17, 2025, the PTPD was dispatched to Peters Lake Park for a report of an unattended vehicle that was broken into. A witness stated she was at the park when she heard a loud noise coming from the parking lot of the park. The witness walked towards where the sound came from to investigate further and heard a vehicle accelerating at a high rate of speed out of the park. The witness observed a vehicle with a shattered driver's side window. Victims were identified. It was discovered that a purse was missing with several credit cards, along with a wallet. A second witness stated she had been at the park and was leaving. The second witness followed a silver Nissan sedan with an Arizona registration plate. The second witness became suspicious of the vehicle because it was traveling at a slow speed and pulled into a parking space between two vehicles (victim vehicles) when there were numerous open spaces available in the parking lot.

Armed with the witness information, the PTPD checked the License Plate Readers (LPR) throughout the township. The search returned results for one vehicle - a silver Nissan Altima with Arizona Registration: CWC 9714.

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The PTPD shared the vehicle description with local police departments. The Allegheny County Police Department advised the department had three similar incidents which occurred in ACPD District 1 (Airport), ACPD District 2 (South Park) and ACPD District 3 (North Park) on September 15 and 16, 2025.

On September 19, 2025, ACPD made notification that the suspect vehicle was stopped by officers at Pittsburgh International Airport. The sole occupant of the suspect vehicle was identified as Kentrell De'Marquis Davis. Davis has a listed home address in Jacksonville, FL. Davis declined to answer any questions on scene and invoked his right to an attorney. DAVIS did however confirm his phone number to officers, (904) 547-9032. The vehicle registered owner was listed as SIXT, a vehicle rental company. The PTPD contacted a representative of SIXT and they were advised the company wanted the vehicle returned to their custody at this time. ACPD officers conducted an inventory search of the vehicle prior to towing the vehicle. Officers recovered (32) gift cards located in the trunk of the vehicle.

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The PTPD authored search warrants to include cellular telephone tower data for the suspect telephone. As a result of the search warrants, the PTPD was able to track the suspect's movements throughout Washington and Allegheny Counties. This information was utilized by the ACPD and the New Sewickley Police Department to file charges against Davis. The PTPD also filed charges of Theft and Criminal Mischief against Davis.

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## Forgery

### C25-0005419

On October 29, 2025, the PTPD became aware of a theft related, fraudulent transaction involving a Peters Township Library bank account. A known individual who works for the Peters Township Library Foundation related that she had mailed a check on September 24, 2025, from the Library Foundation account, to pay for a business-related credit card bill. The individual stated the check was placed in the U.S. Postal Box located in the police parking lot to be mailed.

After some time, the individual stated she received a notification from the credit card company stating they never received the payment. The individual stated she contacted the Library Foundation's bank (CFS Bank) about the check and they advised her that it had been deposited. CFS Bank further related the check had been deposited on October 8, 2025, and posted the following day, October 9, 2025. The check had been altered to show the payee as "Deandre Curry" and the check amount as "\$3,105.18".

The PTPD authored several search warrants. As a result of these search warrants, the suspect was identified as Deandre Curry from Chicago, Illinois. Additionally, the PTPD was able to identify another victim of Curry's theft from Wisconsin. The PTPD contacted the victim along with the local police to follow up in their jurisdiction.

The PTPD filed Forgery, Access Device Fraud, Theft, Theft By Deception, and Identity Theft charges against Curry. All charges were felonies.

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## Accident Involving Death Or Personal Injury

### C25-0005766

On November 18, 2025, the PTPD was dispatched to Atria's Restaurant, for a hit and run accident involving a vehicle striking a pedestrian. Upon arrival, the PTPD learned that the pedestrian was a 79 year-old female and the vehicle that struck her was unknown. The female had been walking from the Key Bank parking lot to Atria's Restaurant utilizing the crosswalk when she was struck by the vehicle.

The female was treated at the scene before being transported to Allegheny General Hospital in critical condition. These injuries were identified as left leg tibia and fibula both being broken, two cracked vertebrae, and two subdural hematomas.

At the time of the accident, a witness stated they heard a loud noise and saw a woman on the ground in the traffic way.

The PTPD was able to obtain video surveillance footage from surrounding businesses, accompanied by LPR captures. After reviewing the surveillance footage from the businesses, the PTPD was able to identify the vehicle that struck the female, along with the operator of said vehicle. The vehicle was a 2005 Buick LeSabre, registered to an individual in Finleyville, PA. Several of the obtained video surveillance cameras depicted the Buick LeSabre accelerating through the stop sign at the entrance

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to McDowell Shops and Crosswinds Drive after striking the female.

Upon discovering the vehicle involved, the PTPD conducted numerous interviews and acquired additional surveillance videos to positively identify the individual operating the vehicle. The individual was identified as Keith Shearer of Jefferson, PA 15344

The PTPD traveled to Shearer's residence in Jefferson, PA 15344. While traveling up the driveway, officers observed the white Buick. Officers confirmed that the white Buick had the same registration plate as the vehicle identified as striking the female victim.

Shearer admitted to being in the area at the time of the accident but denied striking a person. Shearer explained that he may have “passed out” while driving home.

After reviewing witness interviews, studying physical evidence, watching surveillance footage, and interviewing Keith Shearer, the PTPD filed charges of Accidents Involving Death or Personal Injury; Aggravated Assault By Vehicle; Recklessly Endangering Another Person; Careless Driving; Reckless Driving; Duties At Stop Signs; Failure To Yield Right Of Way To Pedestrian; and Duty To Give Information and Render Aid.

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# Social Service Coordinator

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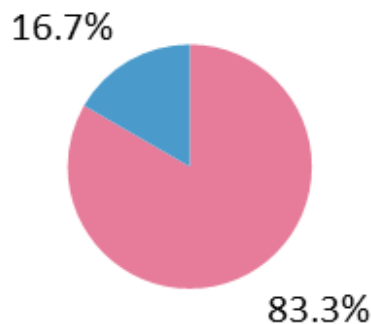
The Social Services Coordinator (SSC), Margie Ratay, LCSW began July 7, 2025. The position is designed to provide supportive services and care to residents in real time during active 911 calls and to develop proactive community-based programming. The Social Services Coordinator provides co-response support with Peters Township Police Department while also managing referrals internal to the police department and from external agencies. The SSC has established relationships with community organizations, including local churches, mental health providers, and local medical facilities. The SSC routinely attends community events within the Township to remain a visible, active support. Development of a social service program structure remains a priority, including that the SSC has built a documentation system separate from the police department's reporting system, created a local resource guide, and has consulted on policies and procedures related to the role. The SSC also attended multiple trainings related to forensic social work practices and is now an approved trainer for mandated reporter training for PA Family Support Alliance.

## Intakes/Referrals

**Intakes/Referrals are defined as cases identified during co-response support, internal referrals from police officers, and external referrals from the Township and outside agencies. From July through December 2025, the SSC screened a total of 177 calls/cases. Over 83% of intake/referrals were screened in for follow up services. Reasons for cases being screened out include the family/client declining services and/or assessment demonstrating that sufficient support was already in place.**

### Intakes by Screening Decision

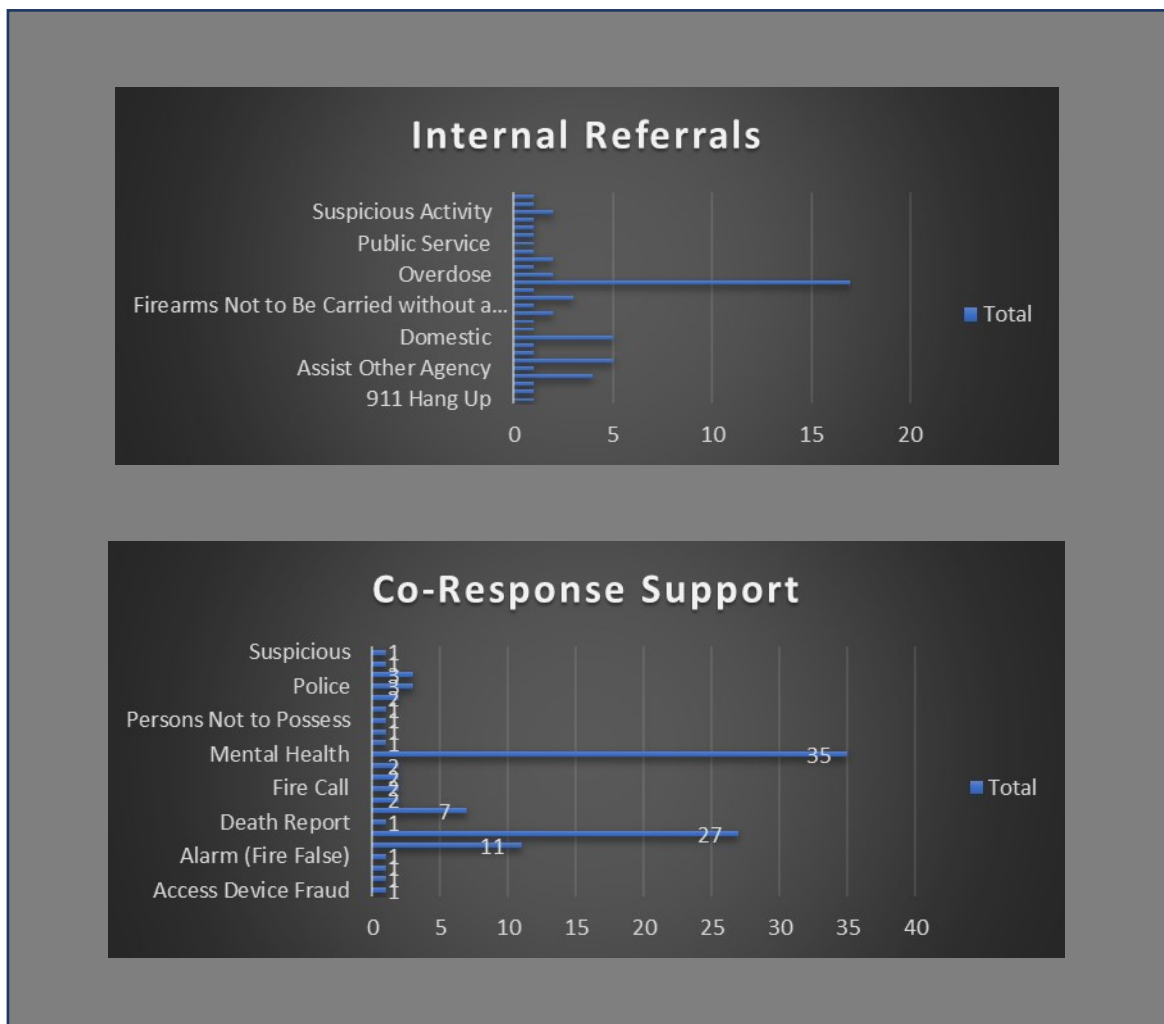
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# Social Service Coordinator

## Case Overview

The SSC has an active case load for short-term care from multiple access points. This affords the opportunity for immediate mental health support, rapport building that is sometimes crucial for case follow up when responding to 911 calls, and real time assessment of needs for expedited access to resources. Between July and December of 2025, the SSC received 60 internal referrals between July and December of 2025, 10 external referrals from the Township and outside agencies, and responded to 107 active 911 calls in person or by phone (during off hours). The bar graphs below depict the wide range of cases for which the SSC provides support.



# Social Service Coordinator

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## Positive Outcomes

Important outcomes of this project are primarily centered on improved care of residents within Peters Township. Since the start of the position in July 2025, the SSC has routinely prioritized cases of families and individuals who had chronic/repeated interactions with emergency services, most frequently with the police department. The SSC collaborated with the police department and other local agencies to reframe the interventions delivered to the identified individuals/families in need of targeted support. As a result, these cases have stabilized, reducing the frequency with which they are interacting with emergency services (if at all). Additional lessons learned include that some active 911 calls can be supported by the SSC in ways that may not be immediately obvious. For instance, if an elderly person falls in their home (once or on a consistent basis), this may be a sign of an older adult in need of support with care planning related to aging.



SSC Margie Ratay and Officer James Stevick

## Impact Story

During the first three months of the project, the SSC provided targeted support to a resident with chronic mental health issues. The resident frequently presented to the police station, as many as five times in one week, to share her concerns related to her ex-husband. Police had previously investigated allegations that the resident's ex-husband, from whom she was divorced for 30 years, was stalking/harassing her. Upon meeting the resident, the SSC assessed concerns for psychosis and limited natural support. The SSC worked to build rapport with the resident and ultimately gained the resident's trust to make care recommendations and coordinate with the resident's family out of state. The SSC was able to facilitate the resident's hospitalization where she received extensive mental health treatment. The SSC partnered with personnel in the local hospital to establish a strong care plan for the resident prior to discharge. Regular contact with the resident's out of state family members was also established to facilitate their inclusion in the resident's care plan. As a result, the resident has stabilized and non-emergent contact with the police department related to symptoms of psychosis has resolved.

# School Resource Officers (SROs)

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 the schools within the district. Officer Patrick Mazzotta is assigned to The Peters Township Middle School and in 2022, four new SROs were added to our school district. Officer Matthew Malloy is assigned to The Peters Township High School, Officer James Hughes is assigned to McMurray Elementary School, Officer Robert Smolinski is assigned to Pleasant Valley Elementary School and Officer Mallory Jarzynka is assigned to Bower Hill Elementary School. In addition Officer Chuck Allard is assigned to The Intermediate Unit. Sergeant Spencer Scott supervises the resource officers and acts as the department liaison with the Peters Township School District. Captain Judd Emery will continue to oversee the entire program.

In our efforts to maintain a safe and secure environment for our schools, we continue to work closely with the school district to build upon safety initiatives and develop progressive plans to assess and improve school safety. An analysis of police records in most area indicate an increase in the number of police related incidents in public 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 SROs 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, act as a positive role model, facilitate drug and alcohol awareness programs, driver's education classes, teach social media responsibility, support teacher in law and justice classes, and instruct D.A.R.E. courses.



Bower Hill Elementary SRO Mallory Jarzynka



Pleasant Valley Elementary SRO Robert Smolinski



McMurray Elementary SRO James Hughes

# School Resource Officers (SROs)

## Bower Hill Elementary / 703 students – SRO Mallory Jarzynka

Research has shown that when students feel unsafe at school, this has a significant impact on educational achievements. Officer Jarzynka and Officer Bob Smolinski teamed up with their respective elementary schools to emphasize school safety.

Officer Jarzynka taught 54 lessons to finish up the 2024-2025 school year. The lessons were broken up into two separate sessions. Lesson 2 of the school year focused on Situational Awareness and Stranger Danger, Lesson 3 focused on internet safety and knowing the difference between safe and unsafe websites.

Lessons for the 2025-2026 will begin in January of 2026 and will focus on internet safety and cyber-bullying. During the kindergarten lessons students are introduced to their School Resource Officer. Students learn what SROs do with a fun book entitled “Police in our School” by Deputy Becky Cole.

At the beginning of the school year the second grade classes started a monthly coloring contest, “Cookies with a Cop”. Winners each month get to spend the last period of a dedicated day to hang out, talk, and eat cookies with Officer Jarzynka.

Total reports taken in 2025 (during the school day): 5



Officer Mallory Jarzynka at Bower Hill



Officer Mallory Jarzynka at Bower Hill

## Pleasant Valley Elementary / 516 students –

### SRO Bob Smolinski

Officer Brand completed the 2024-2025 teaching Lesson 3 to all classes at Pleasant Valley Elementary. Lesson 3 focused on staying safe while using electronic devices, technology and online.

At the start of the 2025-2026 school year Pleasant Valley Elementary and the Peters Township School District welcomed a new School Resource Officer, Officer Bob Smolinski. Officer Bob Smolinski joined the Peters Township Police Department in 2024 with over 23 years experience with the City of Pittsburgh Police Department.

Officer Smolinski taught 20 “Intro to ALICE and Staying Safe in our School” lessons in conjunction with the Guidance Office. ALICE training is a program that teaches students how to respond to violent critical incidents. ALICE is an acronym for the steps one can take to survive a violent encounter; alert, lock-down, inform, counter, evacuate. This lesson is taught the first few weeks of school. At the end of the lesson, students participate in an interactive roleplaying scenario which reinforces the principal of ALICE.

Total reports taken in 2025 (during the school day): 10



Officer Robert Smolinski at Pleasant Valley



Officer Robert Smolinski at Pleasant Valley



Officer Matthew Brand at Pleasant Valley

# School Resource Officers (SROs)

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## Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E) Program

### McMurray Elementary / D.A.R.E. Program / 616 students – SRO James Hughes

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 addresses drugs, violence, bullying, internet safety, and other high-risk circumstances that today are too often a part of students' lives. [Retrieved from <http://www.dare.com>.] The D.A.R.E program has been taught in the Peters Township School District since 1989.

The fifth-grade lessons presented to each classroom are designed to prevent drug use. This is done by developing basic or core skills needed for safe and responsible choices. These skills extend beyond drugs to health and mature choices in life.

For the 2025-2026 school year, the total number of 5th grade students taking part in the program were 330 students along with 5 D.A.R.E Graduations.

The curriculum is based on the Socio-Emotional Learning Theory and identifies fundamental, basic skills and developmental processes needed for healthy development. These include, self-awareness and management, responsible decision making, understanding others, relationship and communication skills and handling responsibilities and challenges.



5th grade D.A.R.E essay winners

There were twelve (12) lessons including the graduations.

In the fifth-grade program, all students must write an essay about what they have learned during the program. The best essay is chosen from each class and the student who wrote the essay is awarded a D.A.R.E Lion. A second student is chosen as the Good Citizen winner in each class. This award goes to the student who best participates in the lessons and are helpful to others in the school. They do what is asked the first time and follow the rules of the school.

Starting 2025-2026 school years Officer Hughes began teaching D.A.R.E safety lessons to the Fourth grade students. He taught 4 separate lessons to approximately 330 students for a total of 14 classes.

Total reports taken in 2025 (during the school day): 2



# School Resource Officers (SROs)

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## Peters Township Middle School / 942 students –

### SRO Patrick Mazzotta

Officer Mazzotta completed a total of 10 lessons pertaining to the dangers / facts of alcohol for the 7th grade Health Classes.

The lessons are about alcohol and the way it effects the brain, body, and central nervous system. An example shows how reaction time changes with alcohol present in the body. The rest of the class time is spent having the students doing activities with the Fatal Vision Goggles. They get the opportunity to experience impairment, while the brain is fully functioning.

Officer Mazzotta completed a total of 10 lessons pertaining to the dangers of Vaping for the 7th grade Health Classes.

The lessons are about vaping and way it affects the brain, body, and central nervous system. Furthermore, we are implementing an educational program focused on preventing e-cigarette use among young students. These programs typically provide students with factual information about the health risks and consequences of vaping, nicotine addiction, and refusal skills.

Officer Mazzotta completed a total of 5 lessons pertaining to the dangers of Sexting for the 7th grade Health Classes.

Sexting is a risky behavior with potential serious emotional, social, legal, and future consequences especially for minors. The class would educate individuals, particularly youth, and the unintended and often permanent impacts of sending sexually explicit coThe Pennsylvania State Police completed a 7<sup>th</sup> grade school assembly about internet/social media safety. There was a Q&A session at the end of the assembly for the students.

Officer Mazzotta was featured during the afternoon video announcements twice this school year. The first video was a Q&A about Officer Mazzotta and Halloween safety. There will be another afternoon video scheduled for spring, however, the topic has not been discussed yet.

Magistrate Ron Arnoni will complete a 7th grade school assembly about internet/social media safety. This assembly will be presented to the students in February of 2026.

Officer Mazzotta completed 26 incident reports during the year. Two of those twenty six incidents were Public Relation Details (teaching the class Survival 101 at the high school) during the 2024-2025 school year.



Peters Township Middle School SRO Patrick Mazzotta



# School Resource Officers (SROs)

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## Peters Township High School / 1271 students– Officer Matthew Malloy

### Mock Crash 2024:

Officer Malloy is directly working with the school to create the Mock Crash. The Mock Crash occurs before the school district's Prom. The Mock Crash impacts students by having them view the incident and observe their fellow classmates as being involved. Vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among teens in the United States.

### Survival 101:

Officer Mazzotta completed 2 lessons pertaining to PennDOT program, Survival 101, at the Peters Township High School Driver's Theory class. This program is aimed at high school students to emphasize the serious consequences of unsafe driving, such as speeding and not wearing a seatbelt. The program is a dynamic, impactful presentation, often led by law enforcement, who share personal experiences of responding to serious vehicle crashes and delivering tragic news to families.

Officer Malloy took a total of 36 reports and 15 arrests (summary offenses included) in 2025 during the school year(s).



Peters Township High School SRO Matthew Malloy

# School Resource Officers (SROs)

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## Intermediate Unit Educational Campus at McMurray / 82 students – SRO Chuck Allard

In 2025 the Peters Township Police Department welcomed Officer Chuck Allard with over 5 years of experience with the City of Pittsburgh Police Department. Officer Allard serves as the School Resource Office at the Intermediate Unit.

The Intermediate Unit provides services to assure student success as they prepare to meet the challenges within a high tech information based society. The Campus at McMurray offers several classes that meet the changing needs of students and families, including early intervention and school aged classes. Programs include, multi-disability support, Autism support, Comprehensive Therapeutic Emotional Support and Alternative Education. Officer Allard works closely with students, faculty and administrators to enhance school safety, foster positive relationships, and support a secure learning environment. Officer Allard has been a valuable asset to both the school community and the Department.

During the calendar year 2025 , while school was in session Officer Allard took 48 calls/reports within the Intermediate Unit.



Intermediate Unit SRO Chuck Allard

# School Resource Officers (SROs)

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## PASRO Conference

In June 2025 all seven (7) of the School Resource Officers (SROs) attended the Pennsylvania School Resource Officer (PASRO) Conference in Harrisburg, PA. There they joined approximately 100 other School Resource Officers from across Pennsylvania.



Attendees of the 2025 PASRO Conference, Harrisburg, PA

# School Resource Officers (SROs)

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School Resource Officers (SROs) play a vital role during the summer months by maintaining continuity between schools, law enforcement and the community even when classes are not in session. Their presence over the summer helps deter crime around school campuses, supports youth-focused programs, and strengthens relationships with students and families outside the classroom setting. SROs often participate in community events and mentorship initiatives, allowing them to engage with young people in a positive, non-law enforcement context that builds trust and mutual respect. By staying actively involved throughout the summer months, school resource officers help ensure a safer community, reinforce proactive policing efforts, and create a strong foundation for a secure and supportive return to school in the fall.

## Trainings attended by SRO's

### June

Firearms Qualifications/Accreditation Training– 7

Basic School Resource Officer Training– 3

PASRO Conference -7

Standard Field Sobriety Checkpoint Refresher/DUI Training– 1

### July

Advance School Resource Officer Training– 5

Standard Field Sobriety Checkpoint Refresher/DUI Training– 4

NCFTA Fraud Investigation Training– 1

### August

Taser Instructor Training– 1

## Self Initiated Incidents for SROs June-August

Bicycle Patrols	22
Community Events	22
Traffic Contacts	197



# Youth Commission

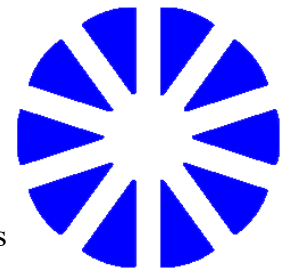
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The Commission is designed to provide an alternate method of adjudicating youth offenders. In 2025, seven (7) new case were presented and accepted, 0 cases were not accepted, 0 cases required restitution, and 0 were carried over from 2024. There were no accepted cases referred back to the Police Department.

Month Initiated w/ PTYC	Age	Offense	Hours and Location of Community Service	Length of Contract	Completed?
1-2-25	14	Harassment	Victim Awareness Class; 20 hours Horses with Hope	2 months	Yes
1-2-25	15	Harassment	Victim Awareness Class; 20 hours Horses with Hope	2 months	Yes
3-6-25	17	Vaping	20 hours Horses with Hope	2 months	Yes
3-6-25	15	Harassment	Victim Awareness Class; 25 hours Horses with Hope	2 months	Yes
5-1-25	14	Harassment	Victim Awareness Class; 20 hours Horses with Hope	2 months	Yes
5-1-25	14	Harassment	Victim Awareness Class; 25 hours Horses with Hope (Additional 20 hours community service imposed with Horses with Hope due to initial non-compliance with mandated attendance at Victim Awareness Class)	4 months (extension granted to complete Victim Awareness Class and additional community service hours)	Yes
5-1-25	14	Harassment	Victim Awareness Class; 20 hours Horses with Hope	2 months	Yes

0 cases required restitution





Incorporated in 1973, the South Hills Area Council of Governments (SHACOG) is a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation composed of member municipalities who voluntarily collaborate to pursue and address area of mutual interest and concern. Within that framework, it undertakes projects and implements programs for the benefit of its members while taking advantage of the economy of scale afforded by its size. There are 23 member police departments, including PTPD. In the wake of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, the Board of Directors looked to the committee to provide some direction in case of a major event in the SHACOG area, resulting in the multiple specialized teams including the Critical Incident Response Team, Cooperative Investigative Team, Accident Reconstructions Team, Mobile Field Force and Honor Guard.



SHACOG Honor Guard presented colors at Jefferson Hills Police Department during a ceremony honoring fallen Jefferson Hills Officer Dale Provins.

## Honor Guard



The SHACOG Honor Guard was established in 2019. The honor guard is a ceremonial unit comprised of 18 sworn members. Duties include providing funeral honors for officers who have been killed in the line of duty, as well as for police officers who have honorably retired from the department. In 2025 the Honor Guard assisted with 8 ceremonies/memorials and 3 funerals. The Honor Guard Unit meets bi-monthly for training. PTPD Officer Mallory Jarzynka is a member of the SHACOG Honor Guard.

# SHACOG

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## Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program

The Peters Township Police Department participates in the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program. The Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) is a federal grant program that provides financial assistance to states to reduce the number and severity of accidents and hazardous material incidents involving commercial motor vehicles. The goal is to reduce accidents, fatality and injuries involving commercial motor vehicles. Within Pennsylvania there are approximately 300 MCSAP certified municipal police officers. Our department currently has one certified officer who participates in this program, Officer Richard Bonczek.



In addition to the participation in the MCSAP program Officer Bonczek is certified to conduct weights and measures enforcement. The certified officer utilizes portable scales to enforce the laws. These scales were purchased by the Township. This is important to ensure safe and effective operation of vehicles as they travel through the township and also to maintain the infrastructure of township roads.

The Peters Township Police MCSAP officer, Officer Richard Bonczek regularly works with officers from numerous South Hills jurisdictions when conducting truck inspections, both within and outside of Peters Township. As a unit, these officers conducted 113 inspections within Peters Township, located 116 violations and wrote 57 citations and issued 114 warnings. In addition, they placed 30 vehicles or drivers out of service and located 10 vehicles that were over-weight. Individually, our officer conducted 91 inspections, located 124 violations and wrote 42 citations. He placed 8 vehicles or drivers out of service.

## Accident Reconstruction Team (Crash Team)

During calendar year 2025, the SHACOG crash team responded to 25 requests for reconstruction. Officer Weaver responded to many of these calls, including one within the township. As of January 1st, 2026, Officer Weaver will take over as the Team Leader for Team 2. Several members of the team attended Motorcycle Collision Investigation which was hosted by Peters Township Police. The demand for this course was so high that it was held twice. Additionally, members attended the Pennsylvania State Police Collision and Reconstruction Seminar held in Pocono Mountain, Pennsylvania. The combination of these two courses resulted in accredited members receiving 52 continuing education credits. Of note, members were able to participate and investigate 3 separate staged moderate to high-speed collisions at the seminar. This type of real-world investigative experience is invaluable.

## Case Investigation

On 05/15/25 at approximately 9:22PM, a Toyota Highlander was making a left hand turn from Washington Road onto the Valley Brook Ramp. The Highlander had a steady green light, but no green arrow. At the same time, a Black Kawasaki Ninja was traveling Southbound at a high rate of speed in the left lane. The Ninja struck the right side of the Highlander resulting in significant injuries to the rider.



# Mobile Data Extractions

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The Peters Township Police Department has the equipment and training to conduct data extractions from cell phones and tablets.

In 2025, 128 mobile data extractions were performed.

In addition to conducting investigations for the PTPD, assistance is provided to law enforcement agencies at the local, state, and Federal level in order to obtain valuable evidence from these sources.



# Western Regional Auto Theft Task Force

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The Pennsylvania State Police Auto Theft Task Force is unique in that it is the only such task force in the state where the Pennsylvania State Police partner with local law enforcement on a daily basis. There are three regional units assigned to investigate auto theft related crimes across the 67 counties of Pennsylvania. The Western Regional Auto Theft Task Force is a unit comprised of six State Troopers and three local detectives (partner members). The WRAATF covers the 27 counties on the western side of the Commonwealth. The focus of the WRAATF is to investigate organized theft rings of vehicles, heavy equipment, and other motorized vehicles/machinery. Many of these investigations span several states and jurisdictions. In January of 2022 Peters Township Police joined the task force and Detective Doris has been assigned to the task force since January of 2024. Detective Doris spent 12 years as a PSP Task Force member as a trooper prior to his employment with Peters Township.

## TRAINING

In February 2025, Detective Doris attended vehicle identification training in Washington D.C. The training is sponsored by the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) and hosted by the Washington Metro Police Department. Attendees are admitted into the Washington DC Convention Center Auto Show after hours for the purpose of locating and documenting secondary and confidential serial numbers on new vehicles held there for the auto show. The information gained during this training is then downloaded into the NICB database to assist with the identification of vehicles.

In April, August, and November 2025 Detective Doris, along with other members of the Auto Theft Task Force presented instruction at the Pennsylvania State Police Academy in Hershey to the PSP Cadets. The training was a basic introduction to auto theft investigations and the identification of stolen vehicles and heavy equipment. Detective Doris also attended training for Cargo Theft at the PSP Academy as well as the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators training seminar in Hershey, Pennsylvania.



# Western Regional Auto Theft Task Force

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## INVESTIGATIONS

Detective Doris conducted 80 auto-theft-related investigations during the 2025 calendar year, resulting in the recovery of 83 vehicles. The total combined value of the recovered property as a result of those investigations was \$1,660,708.

In addition, Detective Doris took part assisting 23 criminal investigations in support of other Auto Theft Task Force members and/or other police departments that resulted in the recovery of 40 additional vehicles. The total combined value of the property recovered in those investigations was \$2,218,205.

As a result of these investigative efforts 29 actors were charged by Detective Doris or investigators who were assisted by Detective Doris, and two were exceptionally cleared when the victim declined to prosecute. Two of the actors were charged federally and three were extradited from out of state, one from New York, one from Virginia, and one from California.

Of the aforementioned investigations, six originated or were resolved in Washington County, two of which resulted in the arrest of an individual(s). Two of the investigations originated in Peters Township, the theft of a Peterbuilt truck tractor, and the theft of a 2016 Nissan Frontier. Both vehicles were subsequently recovered, the Peterbuilt by Detective Doris in the Borough of Smithfield, Fayette County.

The suspect in the theft of Peterbuilt was charged accordingly and awaits trial. That particular vehicle was valued at \$60,000.

Detective Doris conducted six insurance fraud investigations that resulted in arrests of all six suspects.

Detective Doris conducted 86 VIN verifications at various auto salvage auctions across Western Pennsylvania.

During the 2025 calendar year Detective Doris deployed the portable License Plate Reader on the Peters Township Auto Theft vehicle for approximately 190 hours, capturing over 110,000 registration plates. 27 stolen vehicles were recovered as a result of these investigative efforts.

**TOTAL NUMBER OF RECOVERIES: 83**

**TOTAL VALUE OF RECOVERIES: \$1,660,708!**



# Deer Management

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In 2007 the Peters Township Environmental Quality Board authorized the development of a deer management program. The primary goal was to utilize managed archery hunting as a means to reduce deer-related vehicle accidents while also addressing resident complaints of property damage due to over-browsing. Following the inception of the program, deer-related vehicle accidents declined to an eventual low of 40 in 2012. However, the downward trend was short lived, and we have seen a steady increase since that low in 2012.

Several factors are believed to have contributed to the continued increase of deer-related incidents. Most notably, Peters Township has continued to experience steady development of both residential and commercial properties, thereby reducing the natural deer habitat, creating fewer viable hunting locations, and causing an increase in vehicular traffic. The impact of decreased habitat combined with breeding norms of the whitetail deer has resulted in an increase in the deer population with smaller spaces in which to live. This combination inevitably results in a steady increase of deer related incidents. This impact of these changing variables is made clear when you consider the historic high of 94 deer-related vehicle accidents in 2021.

In our efforts to mitigate the increase in deer-related incidents, the Peters Township Police Department (PTPD) proposed an expansion of the deer management program to include a controlled sharpshooting program for 2022. Following the completion of all Pennsylvania Game Commission requirements and certifications for the institution of such a program, the formal proposal was presented to the Peters Township Council for consideration. On December 20, 2021, Peters Township Council granted authorization for the PTPD to initiate the sharpshooting program beginning on February 1, 2022. It is significant to note that the program was established in accordance with all Pennsylvania Game Commission Guidelines. Sharpshooting is conducted by Peters Township Police Officer James Stevick, Corporal Austin Kline and Captain Jason Brunetti. Since the inception, sharpshooting has resulted in the removal of 875 deer from the community.



Circle Drive



Peterswood Park

# Deer Management

## Sharpshooter Program

In addition to sharpshooting the PTPD continued management of an archery hunt. Authorized hunters are assigned designated hunting areas throughout the municipality. The managed archery hunt is conducted on both township owned and privately owned properties. Township owned properties include Peters Lake Park, Peterswood Park, Elm Grove Park, Rolling Hills Park, and Rees Park. Residents interested in donating their property for use during the program do so by contacting the PTPD. Each hunting location is assessed for feasibility by members of the PTPD prior to being used for the program. During the 2025 – 2026 archery season 33 program hunters safely removed 48 deer from the community.

Sharpshooting Totals		
Year	Dates	Deer Harvest Totals
2022	February 1, 2022 – March 4, 2022	125
2023	February 1, 2023 – February 19, 2023	250
2024	February 2, 2024 – February 19, 2024	250
2025	February 1, 2025 – February 20, 2025	250

The PTPD continues to track deer-related vehicle accidents in an effort to evaluate the success of the program and guide future decisions regarding the deer management program, In 2025 the PTPD responded to 87 deer-related vehicle accidents. This represents a 7% decrease since 2021.

Deer-Related Vehicle Accidents (2009-2022)			
Year	Deer-Related Accidents	Year	Deer-Related Accidents
2009	74	2018	87
2010	58	2019	84
2011	57	2020	91
2012	40	2021	94
2013	47	2022	85
2014	60	2023	96
2015	89	2024	84
2016	84	2025	87

In 2025 the Peters Township Deer Management Program through a collaborative effort with Hunters Sharing the Harvest (HSH) donated approximately 11,000 pounds of venison to local food banks including the Greater Washington County Food Bank Allenport Food Pantry, and Donora Food Pantry.



# Public Relations

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The entire community working together is essential for public safety. We believe that the more our residents engage with our officers, the safer our community will be. In addition to their daily routine and positive interaction with our residents, the PTPD conducted or participated in numerous community events including; police station tours, township events, school district events, parades, meet and greet sessions, our Church Liaison Program and many more.



Officer Matthew Brand during a school party.

## Church Liaison Program

The PTPD is committed to providing efficient services to our community which include a proactive approach to community organizations. Officers are assigned to one of the township's jurisdictional houses of worship to act as a point of contact or liaison for each organization. The goal is for officers to be able to ascertain any community problems that our police department can assist in mitigating. At the same time, it will provide safety, security, and community wellness. In addition, officers patrol each church during the church's time of worship on Sundays. There are a total of 11 churches in Peters Township. There are 6 churches in district 1, and 5 churches in district 2.

**January – December 2025-** Church Walk Through District 1 – 51 incident reports were generated for the weekly walk through (multiple churches are being checked on each incident number).

**January – December 2025 –** Church Walk Through District 2 – 44 incident reports were generated for the weekly walk through (multiple churches are being checked on each incident number).

**January-December 2025-** Church Liaison Incidents - 14 incident reports were generated involving church liaison activity ranging from meeting with church elders, church safety walk through, and public relations type activity.



Trinity United Methodist Church

This particular statistic titled, "Church Liaison Program" has been documented by patrol since September of 2021. The quarterly contact for each church can be completed in person, by phone, or by email.



# Public Relations

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## Daycare Liaison Program

The PTPD is committed to providing efficient services to our community which include a proactive approach to community organizations. In 2024 PTPD started a daycare liaison program. An officer is assigned to act as a point of contact or liaison for each organization. The goal is for officers to be able to ascertain any community problems that our police department can assist in mitigating. At the same time, it will provide safety, security, and community wellness. In addition, officers take the time to visit the center to meet with the children.

Officer Jarzynka visited three daycares in 2025 for an interactive visit with students.

There are currently 8 participating daycare centers in the program.

## Citizen's Police Academy

Peters Township Police Department hosts the Citizen's Police Academy. 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 crimes scenes, interview and interrogation and many other subject. Although no classes were held in 2025, classes are already scheduled for Spring on 2026.



Sgt Gary Orosz teaching during CPA



Sgt Andrew Greene teaching during CPA



# Public Relations

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## National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and aims to provide safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. The DEA schedules two Drug Take Back Days a year, one in April and another in October. The PTPD participates in both. PTPD officers set up drop off locations in Peters Township at Giant Eagle, The County Store, Rite Aid, and Heisler's Market.



Officer Patrick Mazzotta during Drug Take Back Day at The Country Store

## Women's Self Defense Class

In July of 2023 the department implemented a Women's Self Defense Class offered to the residents of Peters Township. The class which is 2 hours, is designed to teach situational awareness, basic self-defense skills and tactics, and empower women during emergency and potential life-threatening situations.

Twelve (12) classes were taught in 2025.



Officer Jarzynka teaching a Women's self-defense class

# Public Relations

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## Christmas Card Contest

Peters Township Police Department worked with McMurray Art Teacher Kelly Rutkowski for our annual holiday card design contest. Of the nearly 200 submitted entries, 5th grader Isabelle Stetor was announced as the winner! In addition to having her artwork on the Police Department card, she received a framed copy of her artwork, a Barnes and Noble gift card and her homeroom received a pizza party!



Captain Judd Emery, Officer Jamie Hughes and Sgt Spencer Scott with Holiday card winner Isabelle Stetor and her family and teacher.

## Touch-a-Truck



Officers at the annual Touch-a-Truck event, one of multiple Touch-a-Trucks we attended locally

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## Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for Special Olympics



Cpl Austin Kline participated in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics that travels 155 miles from PNC Park to Beaver Stadium at Penn State.

## Homecoming Parade



Cpl Austin Kline participated in the annual Homecoming Parade.

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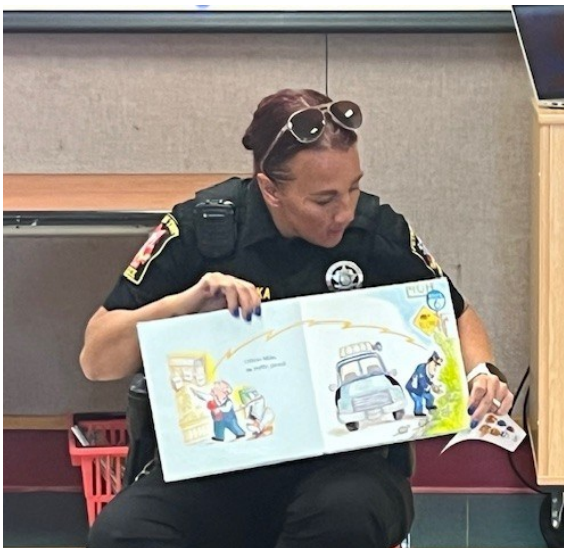
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## Station Tours



Officer Matthew Brand ,Officer James Hughes and Chief Joseph Glover with PTPD youth cheerleaders who stopped by to show their appreciation and get a tour.

## Library and Daycare Visits



Officer Mallory Jarzynka reading to a group at the Peters Township Public Library.



Officer Mallory Jarzynka visited the Little Gym

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## Super Hero Night



Officer Mallory Jarzynka at Super Hero Night at the Peters Township Rec Center.

## County Wide Initiatives



Officer Matthew Hlasnick along with officers from the Washington Co Sheriff's Dept, and Pennsylvania State Troopers joined the DUI Association in educating the public of the risks of operating a motor vehicle while impaired.



# Public Relations

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## Holiday Events



Officer Robert Smolinski and Sgt Spencer Scott participated in Trunk-or-Treat at Peterswood Park.



Officer Chuck Allard participated in the Holiday Kickoff event at the Peters Township Rec Center



Officer Mazzotta participated in a neighborhood caroling event.

# Public Relations

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## Public Safety Day



Cpl Austin Kline and Officer Bob Smolinski at our annual Public Safety Day

## Community Day



Sgt Reda, Sgt Scott, Cpl Kline, Captain Emery and Officer Hughes in attendance at the annual Community Day at Rolling Hills Park



Officer Matthew Malloy at Community Day held at Rolling Hills Park.

# Staffing

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In 2025 there were 730 shifts to staff. Of the 730 shifts a total of 674 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 2025 Number of Shifts Staffed with Three or More Officers**

Shifts	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Average
6PM 6AM	48 of 52	44 of 53	46 of 53	50 of 52	50 of 52	49 of 52	47 of 52	92%
6AM 6PM	43 of 52	51 of 53	52 of 53	50 of 52	49 of 52	50 of 52	45 of 52	93%
Aver.	87.5%	91%	94%	98%	95%	95%	88%	92%

A total of 515.5 shifts were taken off and an additional 260 training days were scheduled for a grand total 771.5 of shifts. Listed below is a breakdown of that time off.

- 111.5 Sick Days.
- 393 Comp, Holidays, Personal, and Vacation Days.
- 8 Emergency days (Bereavement and Paternity.)
- 3 Injured on Duty Days
- 256 training days were scheduled to enhance the knowledge and professional development of our officers.



# Internal Investigations

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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 2025, the PTPD conducted eight (8) such investigations. The investigations from 2025 can be broken down into two (2) basic categories as follows:

Citizen Complaints - 4

Internal Reviews - 4



# Training and Education

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## 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 developed a three (3) hour course on Legal Updates and a three (3) hour course on Crisis Intervention, which were considered mandatory; however, the remaining six (6) credit hours may be obtained via various approved MPOETC courses. In 2025, those courses were available via the Pennsylvania Virtual Training Network (on-line), or via an accredited course of instruction as listed on the MPOETC website. All Peters Township Police Officers earned six (6) credit hours by completing a monthly, online case law updates course. This training is necessary to obtain the bi-annual certification of officers. All Peters Township Police Officers completed their mandatory training in 2025 and were eligible for recertification by MPOETC.

In 2025, 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 Department. In 2025, 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 instruction 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 officers 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 LEEDA-12

### **Instructor Development Training**

Physical Fitness Coordinator Recertification-2



# Training and Education

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## **Instructor Development Training (continued)**

Axon Taser 10 Instructor Course -5

Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor for Tactical Shooting-1

Basic Life Support Instructor - 1

## **Career Development Training**

Accreditation Manager Training Course-1

Active Shooter Response Training-2

Expert Physical Security Assessment Training – 1

Forensic Evidence from Crash Fatalities – 1

FBINA Western PA Retraining - 2

GLOCK Armorer's Course-1

IACP Conference-1

NASRO Basic School Resource Officer – 8

NASRO Advanced School Resource Officer - 6

North American Standard Driver/Vehicle Inspection Training (Updates)-1

Police Motorcycle Annual In-Service Training-1

Police Mountain Bike Annual In-Service Training-4

PA School Resource Officer Annual Conference-6

SHACOG Ceremonial Unit Training-1

SHACOG Crash Team Training-1

SHACOG Support Team Training-4

Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Refresher - 24



# Training and Education

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**In-house Training (All officers attended the below mandatory in-house training in 2025.)**

## **1st Quarter Training**

Annual Firearms Qualification  
Use of Force/Deadly Force Policy Review  
ABEL Refresher  
Critical Incident Tabletop Exercise

## **2nd Quarter Training**

Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Refresher  
Sobriety Checkpoint Training Refresher

## **3rd Quarter Training**

Arrest Tactics  
Baton/OC Spray/Taser Recertification  
Control Hold Review  
CPR/First Aid  
De-escalation Policy  
Defensive Tactics  
Duty to Intervene Policy  
Empty Hand Control  
MPOETC Control Tactics Course  
Taser 10 Certification

## **4th Quarter Training**

Force on Force scenario based training  
Tactical Combat Medic Course  
Clearing Tactics  
Vehicle Stops  
Shoot/no shoot targets



# Training and Education

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## On-line training

In 2025, Peters Township Police Officers completed an online, monthly review of current case laws, legal updates, and court rulings that impact how they operate on the street. The case law is drawn from Pennsylvania (state law cases), the Third Circuit Court (federal cases) and the United States Supreme Court (federal cases). These courses also count towards the State-mandated in-service training requirements.



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