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MARPLE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



Ofcr. Matt Hughes
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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

On behalf of every member of the Marple Township Police Department, sworn and civilian, I thank you for your interest in learning about many of the things we do. After reading this report you will have a greater understanding of the range of duties within the department that make for a professional, well-trained, and well-organized municipal law enforcement organization dedicated to public service.

Society's reaction to the pandemic and death of George Floyd in 2020 caused dramatic shifts in thinking and perceptions, the ramifications of which we all continue to experience. Law enforcement bore the brunt then and continues to do so to this day. We saw it in the form of mandates, mostly unfunded, focused on training that will require hundreds of cumulative hours annually to receive and maintain certifications. After 12-18 months of planning by state and federal policy makers, many of those required certifications came to fruition in 2022. We immediately saw and felt the effects of those hours - hours that cost real tax dollars and remove an officer from the streets where s/he is most needed. Due to this department's pre-existing commitment to enhanced and consistent training, some of these procedures were already in place and softened the blow but the effects were still felt. Undoubtedly some aspects of the trainings are quite valuable and benefit the public as much as the officer, but some of these mandates place even more expectations upon the already broad job description of a police officer. Police officers are often the first and only group expected to adapt when societal (re)action calls for + "reform" or + "change." This approach may be well-intended, but it is lazy, and produces unintended consequences that cause more damage to all segments of society.

In 2022 Marple Township, like so many communities across this land, experienced an increase in crime. Fortunately, violent offenses remained rare, but criminals grew more emboldened and brazen due to the lack of accountability in other sectors of our society. For example, compared to 2021 Marple Township experienced a 42% jump in thefts and an eye-popping 233% increase in illegal gun arrests, the latter due entirely to the highly proactive approach of our officers. None of those gun arrests turned violent, but the potential remains ever present. Another troubling trend has proven to be a rise in the number of individuals of all ages suffering from mental health problems. Coupled with a lack of sufficient services and resources, police officers are the first and only resource for many patients and families. These incidents often require a significant investment of time, but our officers are empathetic and well-equipped, skillfully de-escalating several incidents where, if handled differently, could have caused serious injuries or unnecessary arrests.

With all that said, your Marple Township Police Officers continue to exceed that which is asked of them. From community policing to law enforcement, I could not be prouder of their attitudes and achievements. Their extraordinary professionalism exhibited daily is matched only by the support received from our residents and community. We are so blessed to serve a community that consistently and unabashedly shows their support for us. Our officers enforce those bonds during the thousands of

individual interactions throughout the year as well as at larger public gatherings like the July 4th Parade, National Night Out, and the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Veteran's Park. No matter what expectations are placed upon them, every MTPD officer accepts that steep responsibility and stands ready and prepared to protect the interests of our community. We successfully accomplish this by having the highest quality character people who stay true to our core values of integrity, professionalism, and respect.

Our mission of service and protection remains as strong as ever, evident by the work done every day by the smart, driven, and dedicated professionals who proudly wear the uniform of a Marple Township Police Officer. We are committed to building on these challenges and experiences as we move forward to a new year of opportunity and service.

Pictured on the cover of this report are the officers who earned awards for many of the actions I just described. For the first time, a copy of every citation these officers earned and received are included in this report to give you a just a small sample of what your Marple police officers do to protect this community. I trust you will enjoy reading about their outstanding work in the following pages.

Brandon M. Graeff
Chief of Police



MISSION STATEMENT

The Marple Township Police Department has the responsibility of providing a diverse variety of services to the community and will accomplish the following mission...

This agency will actively seek a partnership with the community in order to provide prompt and professional service. The goal of this partnership is to improve the quality of life by protecting lives and property, enforcing laws, preventing crime, as well as resolving problems. This will be accomplished by stressing the police officers' role as an integral part of a community problem-solving network.

This agency will proactively address citizen concerns by utilizing personnel and resources to promptly and fairly apprehend violators of the law, and to ensure that the rights guaranteed to all under the Constitution are protected.

This agency will continually educate, train and challenge its officers to improve and develop their professional skills and to provide the highest level of service available, in order to protect and serve the community.

In keeping with the mission of service to the community, officers of this agency are charged with the responsibility to professionally and ethically provide these and other services as may be necessary on an emergency or non-emergency basis.

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ACCREDITATION

The Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association (PCPA) introduced the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Program to the Commonwealth in July 2001. Since then, 375 agencies have enrolled in the program, and 149 have attained accredited status. In February 2016, Marple Township Police Department became the 103rd police agency in the Commonwealth to reach this achievement. Marple Township Police Department was the second accredited police agency in Delaware County. In 2019, the PCPA accredited Marple Township Police for the second time.

2022 marked the third time Marple Township Police have achieved accredited status.

Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of helping institutions evaluate and improve their overall performance. The benefits of being an accredited agency include:

- Establishes a credible framework for evaluating agency practices and procedures
- Reduces agency risk and exposure to lawsuits
- Decreases some liability insurance expenditures
- Improves law enforcement – community relations
- Increases employee input, interaction, and confidence in the agency
- Enlarges the outlook and viewpoints of managers, officers, and employees
- Identifies and highlights the capabilities and competence of the agency
- Furnishes a solid foundation for the agency to build upon for further progress
- Provides reliable methods to improve essential management procedures
- Extends agency accountability to the public and elected officials
- Enhances planning and innovative activities by all agency personnel
- Develops improved methods for providing services to the community
- Encourages problem-solving activities within the agency

To become accredited, an agency must comply with 139 standards set by the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (PLEAC), the accrediting body of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association. These standards are divided into four categories:

- Organization and Management
- Law Enforcement Functions
- Staff Support Responsibilities
- Pennsylvania Legal Mandates

The Accreditation Manager monitors the Agency's operations and collects/organizes these proofs of compliance on an ongoing basis, updates policies and procedures as needed to remain current with the PLEAC standards and coordinates the training necessary to maintain compliance. Since 2012, Sergeant Kathleen Connolly has been the Agency's Accreditation Manager. In March of 2022, Sergeant Jeffrey Haughey took over the role of Accreditation Manager.

Being an accredited agency is an ongoing process. Marple Township Police Department undergoes a re-accreditation assessment every three years to maintain our accredited status. In 2022, Marple Township Police Department entered the first year of its three-year cycle. The Agency's next accreditation assessment is scheduled for February 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Sergeant Jeffrey T. Haughey #52
Sergeant Kathleen Connolly #061**



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HONOR BOARD



Officer Austin Gallagher

2022 BROOMALL ROTARY CLUB POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

3/13/2023

Officer Austin Gallagher was voted the Broomall Rotary Club's 2022 Marple Township Police Department Officer of the Year. Each year, the Marple Township Police Honor Board considers submissions from colleagues and supervisors alike for this honor and casts their votes based on criteria such as initiative, productivity, community involvement, and leadership to name just a few. Just like those before him and those nominated with him, Austin is the embodiment of a Marple Township police officer.

The son of Joe and Janice and fiancée to Marissa Giletto, Austin graduated from Marple Newtown High School in 2013 and took his talents to Kutztown University. A committed student-athlete, he ran on the university's track team for four years, graduating in 2017 with a BA in Criminal Justice with a minor in Public Relations. Wasting no time, he enrolled in the Delaware County Community College Police Academy, becoming a certified municipal police officer in December 2017.

Officer Gallagher began his law enforcement career working part-time simultaneously for over a year as an officer with the Yeadon and Brookhaven Borough Police Departments until being hired full time at Marple on July 9, 2019, returning to his hometown - one that could not be prouder nor better because of it. Since his Marple career began, Austin has earned two Life Save Awards and one Letter of Commendation (LOC). He is a certified C.O.P.E. teacher, primarily at Paxon Hollow Middle School, creating and fostering relationships with the youth of our community, a certified Standard Field Sobriety Test (SFST) instructor, and is currently in school to become a certified Field Training Officer, arguably the most important assignment in any police department. Most impressively, he begins his sixth year as an assistant coach for the Marple Newtown High School Track & Field team.

Austin was nominated by his immediate supervisor, Sergeant Stephen Benecke. Some other noteworthy criteria that factored into Austin's nomination: he led the department in number of calls for service as a primary officer, led the department in total number of traffic citations and contacts, and was 2nd in the number of arrests. Proving his well-roundedness, Austin is affable, dependable, and proactive. According to Sgt Benecke, Officer Gallagher "submits very well written reports that can withstand court scrutiny and rarely need correcting" and "is very knowledgeable and always happy to assist other officers." Austin is wise and empathetic beyond his years, a trait laid bare in the LOC he earned. Responding to a home for a reported suicide, officers quickly found themselves in the middle of not only a grisly scene, but a volatile, emotionally charged incident. Austin immediately began consoling and distracting the now-widow and 3 fatherless children, all under the age of 5, while compassionately intervening between several other grieving but angry family members. A nearly impossible task, Austin was able to help provide some semblance of humanity during a time of utter despair.

Officer Austin Gallagher embodies the versatility of what is expected of today's police officer. He is a native son, a solid member of the community he serves, and a consummate professional in every sense of the word.



Letter of Commendation

Earned by

Officer Mark Christake #2223

Please be advised that on February 6, 2023, the Marple Township Police Honor Board affirmed the nomination for a Letter of Commendation because of your actions on November 24, 2022, at 0226hrs:

While on patrol Officer Christake observed a box truck tucked in the alley between Lawrence Park Shopping Center and Home Depot. As he circled around to investigate, the truck pulled away and onto the highway where he stopped it. After speaking with the two occupants Officer Christake, through astute observations and skillful interview techniques, seized the vehicle and executed a search warrant on it. The search uncovered a small amount of marijuana, a large pump with attached hose, and a large plastic vat containing cooking oil. Restaurants across the region have been affected by a rise in cooking oil thefts from their outdoor storage tanks. The two suspects were arrested and because of his initiative, awareness, and persistence, businesses in Marple Township and across the region were protected.

Your actions were within the best traditions of the police service and a testament to your professionalism. Therefore, it is directed that this commendation become a permanent part of your personnel service record with the Marple Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Police Department.

By order of: _____

Brandon M. Graeff
Chief of Police





Letter of Commendation

Earned by

Officer Ricky Dempsey #2021

Please be advised that on February 6, 2023, the Marple Township Police Honor Board affirmed the nomination for a Letter of Commendation because of your actions on April 23, 2022, at 0005hrs:

After stopping a vehicle for several violations and suspicious behavior of the operator, Officer Dempsey, through astute observations, skillful interview techniques, and assistance from Onyx, a drug sniffing Radnor Police K9, seized the vehicle and executed a search warrant on it. The search uncovered over one package of heroin, two dozen illegal pills, paraphernalia for selling illegal drugs, one loaded .22 caliber revolver, and one loaded semi-automatic 9mm handgun with an obliterated serial number. As a result of his initiative, awareness, and persistence two suspects were arrested and a small cache of drugs, firearms, and other weapons was taken off the street.

Your actions were within the best traditions of the police service and a testament to your professionalism. Therefore, it is directed that this commendation become a permanent part of your personnel service record with the Marple Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Police Department.

By order of: _____

Brandon M. Graeff
Chief of Police





Letter of Commendation

Earned by

Officer Ricky Dempsey #2021

Please be advised that on February 6, 2023, the Marple Township Police Honor Board affirmed the nomination for a Letter of Commendation because of your actions on December 26, 2022, at 2205hrs:

Officers Dempsey, Duncan, and Schrock responded to the 400 block of Warren Boulevard for a house fire. Upon arrival, there was heavy black smoke billowing from the residence. Without hesitation, all three entered to search for any occupants. Once inside, the female resident informed officers that her adult son was out safely but her disabled husband was still upstairs. Officer Dempsey escorted the female and her dog out of the house, Officer Duncan went downstairs to confirm no one was on that level, and Officer Schrock went upstairs where he located the disabled male and helped him out of the house. Because of the quick actions and tremendous teamwork of these officers, severe injuries were prevented, and a life was likely saved.

Your actions were within the best traditions of the police service and a testament to your professionalism. Therefore, it is directed that this commendation become a permanent part of your personnel service record with the Marple Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Police Department.

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Brandon M. Graeff
Chief of Police





Letter of Commendation

Earned by

Officer Jerome Duncan #070

Please be advised that on February 6, 2023, the Marple Township Police Honor Board affirmed the nomination for a Letter of Commendation because of your actions on June 21, 2022, at 2112hrs:

After stopping a vehicle for several infractions, upon his approach Officer Duncan observed a black handgun on the driver's lap. Calmly, and with the cooperation of the driver, Officer Duncan removed the handgun and continued his interaction. Through astute observations and skillful interview techniques, he was able to search the vehicle and uncover ammunition of different calibers scattered around the vehicle, two handgun magazines, several hypodermic needles, and a loaded .40 caliber handgun, that turned out to be stolen. As a result of his initiative, awareness, and persistence three suspects were arrested, none of whom were legally permitted to possess a firearm, and two illegal guns taken off the street.

Your actions were within the best traditions of the police service and a testament to your professionalism. Therefore, it is directed that this commendation become a permanent part of your personnel service record with the Marple Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Police Department.

By order of: _____

Brandon M. Graeff
Chief of Police





Letter of Commendation

Earned by

Officer Jerome Duncan #070

Please be advised that on February 6, 2023, the Marple Township Police Honor Board affirmed the nomination for a Letter of Commendation because of your actions on December 26, 2022, at 2205hrs:

Officers Duncan, Dempsey, and Schrock responded to the 400 block of Warren Boulevard for a house fire. Upon arrival, there was heavy black smoke billowing from the residence. Without hesitation, all three entered to search for any occupants. Once inside, the female resident informed officers that her adult son was out safely but her disabled husband was still upstairs. Officer Dempsey escorted the female and her dog out of the house, Officer Duncan went downstairs to confirm no one was on that level, and Officer Schrock went upstairs where he located the disabled male and helped him out of the house. Because of the quick actions and tremendous teamwork of these officers, severe injuries were prevented, and a life was likely saved.

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Brandon M. Graeff
Chief of Police





Letter of Commendation

Earned by

Officer Jerome Duncan #070

Please be advised that on February 6, 2023, the Marple Township Police Honor Board affirmed the nomination for a Letter of Commendation because of your actions on October 7, 2022, at 0225hrs:

After stopping a vehicle for several infractions, Officer Duncan, through astute observations and skillful interview techniques, uncovered and seized small amounts of marijuana and psilocybin, and a loaded 9mm handgun. As a result of his initiative, awareness, and persistence two suspects were arrested on gun and drug charges and an illegally possessed firearm was taken off the street.

Your actions were within the best traditions of the police service and a testament to your professionalism. Therefore, it is directed that this commendation become a permanent part of your personnel service record with the Marple Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Police Department.

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Brandon M. Graeff
Chief of Police





Letter of Commendation

Earned by

Officer Thomas Giannantonio #2023

Please be advised that on February 6, 2023, the Marple Township Police Honor Board affirmed the nomination for a Letter of Commendation because of your actions on March 17, 2022, at 2136hrs:

After stopping a vehicle for several infractions, Officer Giannantonio, through astute observations and skillful interview techniques, uncovered and seized a small amount of marijuana and a 9mm handgun. As a result of his initiative, awareness, and persistence an arrest was made and an illegally possessed firearm was taken off the street.

Your actions were within the best traditions of the police service and a testament to your professionalism. Therefore, it is directed that this commendation become a permanent part of your personnel service record with the Marple Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Police Department.

By order of: _____

Brandon M. Graeff
Chief of Police





Letter of Commendation

Earned by

Officer Thomas Giannantonio #2023

Please be advised that on February 6, 2023, the Marple Township Police Honor Board affirmed the nomination for a Letter of Commendation because of your actions on September 17, 2022, at 105hrs:

While standing on the roadside speaking with the operator of a vehicle he had pulled over for several infractions, Officer Giannantonio reacted quickly when the subject jumped back into his car and fled. Officer Giannantonio gave chase into a neighboring jurisdiction, until losing sight of the suspect's vehicle. However, as he continued to follow the presumed path of the suspect, he came upon a two-vehicle crash, immediately recognizing one of the cars involved as that of the suspect. Witnesses told Officer Giannantonio that the suspect fled on foot. As the innocent occupants of the other the vehicle were tended to, numerous assisting officers flooded the area, quickly locating and arresting the suspect. A loaded semi-automatic handgun, reported stolen a year prior out of Columbia, SC, was found in the suspect's vehicle. As a result of his initiative and persistence, a dangerous individual and a stolen firearm was taken off the street.

Your actions were within the best traditions of the police service and a testament to your professionalism. Therefore, it is directed that this commendation become a permanent part of your personnel service record with the Marple Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Police Department.

By order of:

Brandon M. Graeff
Chief of Police





Letter of Commendation

Earned by

Officer Matthew Hughes #1925

Please be advised that on February 6, 2023, the Marple Township Police Honor Board affirmed the nomination for a Letter of Commendation because of your actions on May 24, 2022, at 0739hrs:

After stopping a vehicle for several violations and suspicious behavior of the operator, Officer Hughes, through astute observations and skillful interview techniques, seized the vehicle and executed a search warrant on it. The search uncovered small amounts of marijuana, paraphernalia used for selling and using marijuana, and a loaded .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun. As a result of his initiative, awareness, and persistence the driver was arrested on gun and drug charges and an illegally possessed firearm was taken off the street.

Your actions were within the best traditions of the police service and a testament to your professionalism. Therefore, it is directed that this commendation become a permanent part of your personnel service record with the Marple Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Police Department.

By order of:

Brandon M. Graeff
Chief of Police





RESOLUTION NO. 8004

Upon recommendation of the Chief of Police, Brandon M. Graeff, the Board of Commissioners, over the signature of its President, awards the Excellent Duty Citation Bar to Officer Robert Schrock, for the exemplary performance of his duty on December 26, 2022, as now described:

Whereas, At 2205hrs Marple Township Police were dispatched to the 400 block of Warren Boulevard for a house fire, and

Whereas, Upon arrival, there was heavy black smoke billowing from the residence. Without hesitation, Officer Schrock, Officer Jerome Duncan, and Officer Ricky Dempsey entered the home to search for any occupants, and

Whereas, Once inside the home, a female resident informed officers that her adult son was out safely but her disabled husband was still upstairs. Wasting no time Officer Dempsey escorted the female and her dog out of the house, Officer Duncan went downstairs to confirm no one was on that level, and Officer Schrock went upstairs where he located the disabled man, and

Whereas, Officer Schrock gently but hastily helped the resident up and out of the burning house. Once safely out of the house, both the man and Officer Schrock were treated for smoke inhalation but were otherwise unhurt, and

Whereas, Officer Schrock, utilizing tremendous teamwork and communication with his fellow officers, helped to avert serious injuries and likely saved a life, preventing this terrible incident from becoming a tragedy.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Commissioners of Marple Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, award this Excellent Duty Citation Bar to Officer Robert Schrock and direct that this record of same become a permanent part of his service record with the Marple Township Police Department.

Resolved, this 13th day of March 2023

*By: _____
Joseph Rufo, President*

*Attest: _____
Sharon Angelaccio, Township Secretary*



Letter of Commendation

Earned by

Officer Matthew Smith #1926

Please be advised that on February 6, 2023, the Marple Township Police Honor Board affirmed the nomination for a Letter of Commendation because of your actions on July 1, 2022, at 0158hrs:

After stopping a vehicle for several violations and suspicious behavior of the operator, Officer Smith, through astute observations and skillful interview techniques, seized the vehicle and executed a search warrant on it. The search uncovered a small amount of marijuana, associated drug paraphernalia, and a loaded 9mm semi-automatic handgun. As a result of his initiative, awareness, and persistence the suspect was arrested on gun and drug charges and an illegally possessed firearm was taken off the street.

Your actions were within the best traditions of the police service and a testament to your professionalism. Therefore, it is directed that this commendation become a permanent part of your personnel service record with the Marple Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Police Department.

By order of: _____

Brandon M. Graeff
Chief of Police





Letter of Commendation

Earned by

Officer Joseph Varacalli #069

Please be advised that on February 6, 2023, the Marple Township Police Honor Board affirmed the nomination for a Letter of Commendation because of your actions on June 4, 2022, at 2022hrs:

While approaching a vehicle on the highway after stopping it for several traffic violations, the vehicle fled. Officer Varacalli gave chase until the vehicle lost control and crashed a few miles away. As the operator fled on foot into a neighborhood, he retrieved a pistol from his waistband and discarded it. After a brief search, assisting officers located and arrested the suspect on the patio of a residence. Illegal drugs and a large amount of cash were seized from the vehicle. The firearm, which was recovered and later analyzed, was found to match a weapon used in several homicides in Philadelphia. As a result of his initiative, persistence, and teamwork a dangerous individual was taken off the street without injury to any citizens or officers.

Your actions were within the best traditions of the police service and a testament to your professionalism. Therefore, it is directed that this commendation become a permanent part of your personnel service record with the Marple Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Police Department.

By order of: _____

Brandon M. Graeff
Chief of Police





Letter of Commendation

Earned by

Officer Joseph Varacalli #069

Please be advised that on February 6, 2023, the Marple Township Police Honor Board affirmed the nomination for a Letter of Commendation because of your actions on April 12, 2022, at 2124hrs:

After stopping a vehicle for several infractions, Officer Varacalli, through astute observations and skillful interview techniques, seized the vehicle and executed a search warrant on it. The search uncovered small amounts of marijuana, over a dozen illegal pills, and a loaded 9mm handgun. As a result of his initiative, awareness, and persistence the driver was arrested on gun and drug charges and an illegally possessed firearm taken off the street.

Your actions were within the best traditions of the police service and a testament to your professionalism. Therefore, it is directed that this commendation become a permanent part of your personnel service record with the Marple Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Police Department.

By order of:

Brandon M. Graeff
Chief of Police





Letter of Commendation

Earned by

Officer Joseph Varacalli #069

Please be advised that on February 6, 2023, the Marple Township Police Honor Board affirmed the nomination for a Letter of Commendation because of your actions on August 13, 2022, at 1357hrs:

After stopping a vehicle for several infractions, Officer Varacalli, through astute observations and skillful interview techniques, uncovered and seized small amounts of marijuana, cocaine, amphetamine pills, paraphernalia for selling and distributing those drugs, and a loaded .45 caliber handgun with obliterated serial numbers. As a result of his initiative, awareness, and persistence a local drug seller was arrested, and an illegal firearm taken off the street.

Your actions were within the best traditions of the police service and a testament to your professionalism. Therefore, it is directed that this commendation become a permanent part of your personnel service record with the Marple Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Police Department.

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Brandon M. Graeff
Chief of Police



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**POLICE
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OVERVIEW OF POLICE OPERATIONS FOR YEAR 2022

The Marple Township Police Department currently employs thirty-one (31) sworn officers along with the Superintendent's Secretary and two (2) Records Clerks. The Police Department had thirty (30) sworn officers throughout most of 2022. Sergeant Christopher Chermak retired in October of 2022, after 21+ years of dedicated service to our Department. Sergeant Chermak's retirement coupled with the anticipated departure of Officer David Lerro to the St. Petersburg (FL) Police Department, required our Department to initiate the hiring process for new officers. In October of 2022, after a comprehensive testing process and thorough background investigation, Officers Christopher Dougherty, George Lambritsios, and Mark Christake joined the ranks of the Marple Township Police Department and brought our total compliment of officers to thirty-one (31).

The Operations Division of the Marple Township Police Department comprises both the patrol functions and the Department's investigative function.

PATROL DIVISION

Patrol is the largest and most visible division of the Police Department. The well-trained Officers assigned to the Patrol Division comprise four platoons, each supervised by a Sergeant. These platoons work twelve-hour shifts, rotating every two weeks between day work and night work, and they provide around the clock service, 365 days per year. The Patrol Division's primary responsibility is responding to calls for assistance from the community. These calls can range from alarm and 911 calls, neighborhood disputes, domestic violence incidents, animal complaints, and traffic accidents to crimes in progress and death investigations. As the first responders to criminal complaints, patrol officers are responsible for seeing to the medical needs of anyone involved, interviewing witnesses, recognizing and preserving evidence, determining whether there was a crime committed, and identifying and ultimately arresting those responsible. Officers of the Patrol Division also provide proactive services such as traffic enforcement, crime detection and suppression, conducting business and property checks, and initiating contacts with community members to further the Department's commitment to community policing.

DETECTIVE DIVISION

The Detective Division consists of four (4) detectives and one (1) Sergeant. Until 2021, the Detective Division operated with four detectives reporting directly to the Operations Lieutenant. With the promotion of an additional Sergeant in 2021, the Detectives have had a supervisor that can be more hands-on and provide additional resources to support the Detective Division. The Detectives work an eight-hour shift and provide coverage 24 hours each day, either by their physical presence or by being on call. One detective is always on-call for those situations where their services are required. The Detectives are responsible for follow-up investigations involving misdemeanor and felony crimes and any other major incident that would impact our citizens' safety and quality of life. The Detective Division also provides support services for the Patrol Division. The Department strives to provide complete and thorough investigations while protecting victims' rights. In addition to investigating crimes, the Detectives are responsible for

evidence management, juvenile crimes, processing open records requests and expungement orders, and maintaining crime statistics.

CIVILIAN STAFF

In addition to our Patrol Officers and Detectives, our civilian staff plays a prominent role in the daily operations of the Police Department. Our civilian staff endured a significant transformation in FY2022, with the retirement of two (2) longstanding staff members. In July of 2022, Chief Graeff’s secretary Roberta Tarrozi retired, after 19+ years with the Department. In August of 2022, Information Assistant Michael Barbiers passed away, after 41+ years of service with the Department. The loss of “Robbie” and “Mikey” required promotions and hiring, to keep the efficiency of the civilian staff moving forward. Mrs. Denise Harmon was promoted to Chief’s secretary, and Ms. Jamie Rufo was hired to fill the position of records clerk. Ms. Rufo and Mrs. Kate Rosen are frequently the first voices you will hear or faces you will see when calling the Police Department or stopping into our Lobby with a question or service request. Our civilian employees support the operational efforts of the Department and perform a variety of services. They are an integral part of the Department’s day-to-day operations, and the work they do and the support they provide are invaluable. They are a great asset to this Department.

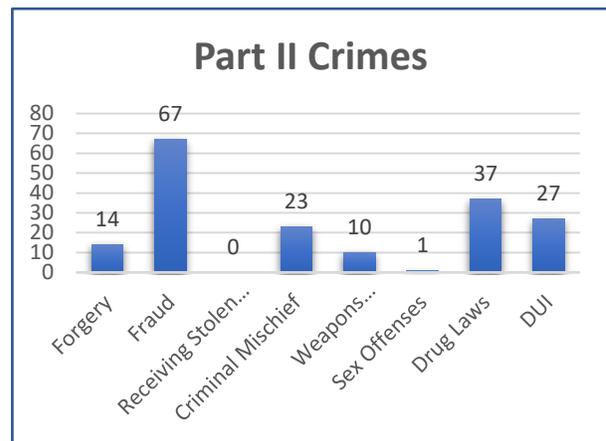
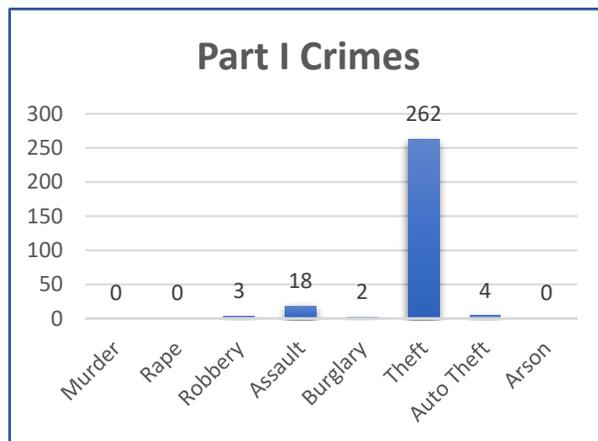
2022 CALLS FOR SERVICE

During the year 2022, the Marple Township Police Department responded to 14,310 calls for service, an increase of 1% from 2021. The busiest month was May, with 1,371 calls handled, while August was the least active with 1,084 calls for service. The average number of calls per month in 2022 was 1,192.5.



2021 CRIME STATISTICS AND CLEARANCE RATE

Of the 14,310 calls for service handled throughout the year, five hundred and thirty (530) were reported crimes, an increase of around 20% from 2021. There were two hundred and eighty-nine (289) Part I crimes reported. Part I crimes are considered 'more serious' offenses. The two hundred and eighty-nine (289) Part I crimes represent an increase of approximately 40% over those reported in 2021. There were two hundred and forty-one (241) Part II crimes reported. The two hundred and forty-one (241) Part II crimes represent an increase of approximately 6% over those reported in 2021. The most prevalent crime in the Township during 2022 was thefts. Thefts (including retail thefts) accounted for 49.4% of our total reported crimes during the year.



The Department continues to have an excellent clearance rate when it comes to solving crimes. In 2022, the Department cleared three hundred and twenty-four (324) of the five hundred and thirty (530) reported crimes. These clearances resulted in three hundred and fifty-five (355) arrests. That translates into an overall clearance rate of 61.1%. We can credit our high clearance rate to both the patrol officers who take the initial reports and gather preliminary information and the detectives who follow up with investigations. Without cooperation between both groups, the Department would not achieve its success in clearing reported crimes.

PROCESSING OF DEFENDANTS

All misdemeanor and felony arrests and certain summary arrests, require that a defendant be processed. The processing of an arrestee includes having their fingerprints and photograph (mugshot) taken. The prisoner's processing allows the officer to immediately confirm the arrestee's identification and link relevant records of arrests and prosecutions. The fingerprint analysis further provides a basis for making fundamental criminal justice decisions regarding detention, charging, bail, and sentencing. Marple Township strives to ensure that all arrestees are processed promptly. The social cost of not fingerprinting an arrestee is not small: without a fingerprint, a defendant has no criminal history. Our Department, in 2022, with three hundred and fifty-five (355) arrests, processed 86% of those requiring processing. We continue to work toward 100% compliance; however, there are many arrests made throughout the year where the arrestee is never in our custody, and there are outstanding warrants for their arrests.

AUXILIARY ASSIGNMENTS

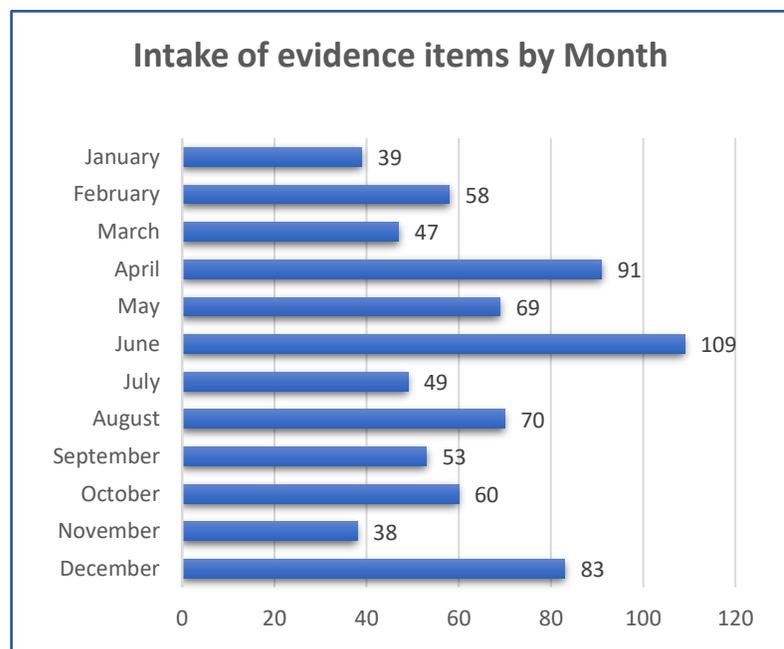
In addition to handling calls for service and investigating crimes, there are over forty-five (45) auxiliary assignments that are handled by members of our Police Department. Auxiliary assignments are responsibilities assigned to members of our Department, in addition to the regular duties they have, due to their position within the Department. Auxiliary assignments range from having one (1) to six (6) officers assigned. Some of these auxiliary assignments, such as Drug Task Force, Firearms, Juveniles, SWAT, MIRT, Community Relations, COPE, School Resource Officer, and Accreditation, you'll read about more in depth, later in this report. Other assignments may not have their own section in this report, however the time commitment and attention to detail they require, along with the added benefit they provide to the community, shouldn't go unnoticed.

EVIDENCE & PROPERTY

Arguably the most essential responsibility in the Police Department and the one least recognized is that of the evidence custodian – Detective McGettigan. The workload of the evidence custodian is often dictated by that of everyone else in the Department – if they're working, the evidence custodian is working! The responsibility of the evidence custodian is the safekeeping of all evidence and property brought into the Department.

The evidence custodian is responsible for the receiving, recording, retaining and releasing of all evidence and property. The evidence custodian is responsible for ensuring the evidence room is neat and organized and that all evidence is accessible when needed for court. Exceptional, valuable, or sensitive evidence or property ("High value items") require additional security. These types of items include but are not limited to expensive jewelry, US Currency, antiques, firearms, and drugs. Our Department's policy recommends that two (2) officers be present during the inventory and securing of any of these types of items.

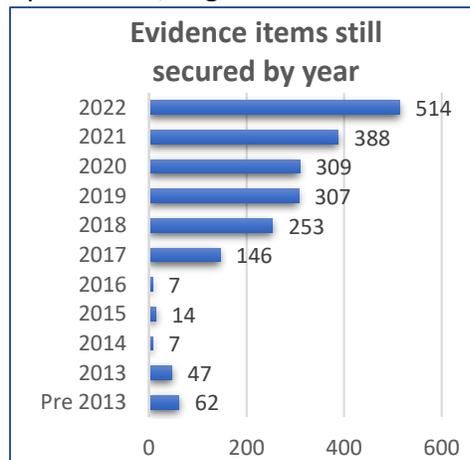
Over 750 items were submitted into evidence throughout 2022. Many items may be stored in the main evidence room, however some items, such as DNA, firearms, and controlled substances (drugs) are required to be transferred to other Agencies for further analysis. Chain of custody is arguably one of the most critical responsibilities of the evidence custodian. Chain of custody is a process that tracks the movement of evidence through its collection, safeguarding, and analysis lifecycle by documenting each



person who handled the evidence, the date/time it was collected or transferred, and the purpose for the transfer. Items must be carefully tracked to maintain a tight control on evidence continuity and security.

Of the 750+ items submitted, seventeen (17) submissions were made for seized US Currency totaling over \$33,500; forty-five (45) submissions were made for seized firearms; one hundred and sixty-two (162) submissions were made for controlled substances (drugs); twenty-three (23) submissions were for DNA; and nineteen (19) submissions for blood kits (DUI). These submissions, which totaled approximately 35% of items submitted, required additional ‘man hours’ and transfers to/from other Agencies by the evidence custodian.

To ensure compliance with Accreditation Standards and overall integrity of evidence procedures, an inspection of the evidence room, one (1) scheduled audit, and one or more unannounced audits are conducted annually. The annual inspection verifies the room’s security, organization, absence of hazardous materials, proper packaging and labeling of evidence, refrigerator is operational, high value items are in locked cabinets, and any problems are identified. The



scheduled and unannounced audits collect data on a number of random items located in the evidence room to ensure the packaging, labeling, and storage of each item is correct. Anytime there is an addition/removal to/from the evidence custodian assignment, an inventory is completed to ensure the accuracy of stored evidence during the transition. Our department continues to pass annual inspections of the evidence room, continuously receives perfect scores for inventory counts, and continuously receives near perfect scores on item location audits. As of this report, our Department’s main evidence room secures over 2,000 pieces of evidence from various years.

CIVILIAN FINGERPRINTS

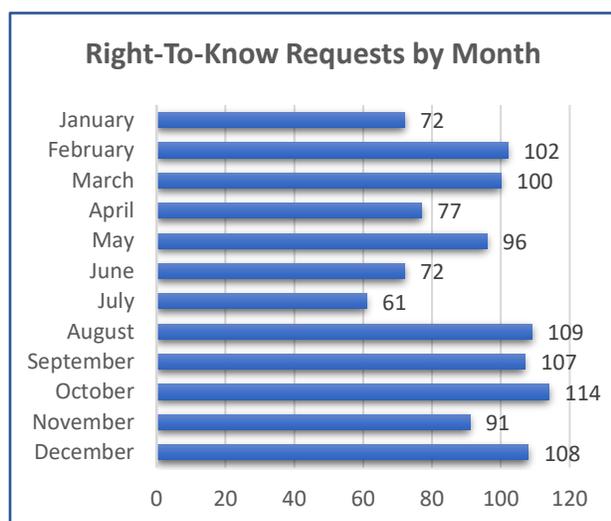
There are a variety of reasons a civilian may need their fingerprints collected -- other than being arrested! Some common reasons civilian prints are needed are: employment, volunteer opportunities, schooling, and/or professional licenses/certifications. As a courtesy to local residents, our Department provides the opportunity for residents to have their fingerprints taken at our Police Station, when a resident is required to submit their fingerprints as part of an FBI clearance/background check. Civilian fingerprints are typically handled by a member of our Detective Division, free of charge,



at a time convenient for them. In 2022, our Department collected fingerprints for forty-six (46) civilians, who required them for employment, volunteer opportunities, schooling, and/or professional licenses/certifications. If you are a local resident and require civilian fingerprints for any reason, please contact our Detective Division at (610) 356-6098, to schedule an appointment.

OPEN RECORDS AND RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW REQUESTS

In 2009, Pennsylvania legislatures passed what is known as the Right-To-Know Law. The purpose of the law was to ensure citizens are provided access to records for which they are entitled. Under the Right-To-Know Law, all records are presumed to be public records unless disclosure is barred by: (1) state or federal law or regulation; (2) judicial order; (3), privilege, (attorney/client or doctor/patient); or (4) one of the exceptions in Section 708 of the Right-to-Know Law. Our Department policy aligns the operating procedures of the Police Department to comply with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Office of Open Records and the Right-To-Know Law. The designated open records officer for our Department is Detective Joseph McGettigan.



Detective McGettigan handles the duties of open records officer, in addition to the regular duties required of a Detective. Detective McGettigan also receives assistance with open records compliance from the Civilian Staff. In 2022, our Department handled over 1,100 open records requests. Each request was independently reviewed, a decision to approve, deny, or partially approve/deny the information was made, information was redacted (if required), and results of the requests were returned to the requester in a timely fashion – typically within 3-5 business days. The work put

into these requests totals hundreds of ‘man hours’ each year. We are fortunate to have hardworking staff members who work diligently to fulfill each request promptly.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Marple Township Police Department uses social media to connect and communicate directly with the public. By reaching out in these ways, the Department can interact with a large and diverse audience. The goal is to share important information in a timely manner. The sites serve as a one-stop source for information. Our largest platform, Facebook, currently has over 6,900 followers, Twitter has over 2,355 followers, and Instagram has 1,796 followers – all increases from FY2021. Social media has helped our Police Department do a better job by reaching and communicating with one of the greatest resources available, the public. Follow our website and social media accounts, to keep up to date with what is happening in the Police Department and in your community.



- ❖ **Website:** www.marplepolice.com
- ❖ **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/marplepolice>
- ❖ **Twitter:** @marplepolice
- ❖ **Instagram:** marplepolice

CLOSING

Unfortunately, our Part I crimes (more serious) have increased 40% since FY2021 and 65% since FY2020. Drug seizures and the amounts/weights seized have consistently increased. Firearms seized in FY2022 doubled from the number seized in FY2021. Most of those seizures/incidents were initiated by aggressive and proactive policework by members of our patrol division. Our Part II crimes, namely thefts (including retail thefts), increased 42.5% in FY2022. Many of these were solved through the hardworking and determined efforts of our Detective Division through collaboration with other governmental agencies and private businesses. Worth noting is that not only did the number of thefts increase, but the loss value to our local businesses also significantly increased due to the nature of many of the thefts – particularly organized crime. We encountered more groups of individuals, conspiring to target our businesses, and steal hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise, than ever before. Most of the criminals we identified, reside in the City of Philadelphia some even come from another state. Our suburban communities are without a doubt, feeling the ripple effects of the lawlessness that ensues daily in the City of Philadelphia.

As we move into FY2023, our patrol division will remain proactive and aggressive. Our detective division will continue their diligent efforts to follow up on crimes and make arrests on those that committed them. Our Department will continue to remain tough on crime and we will strive to minimize negative impacts on our community, from those coming from outside it.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Lieutenant Nicholas Coffin
Lieutenant Sean Hannigan

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CRIME STATISTICS

CRIME STATISTICS

In 2022, the Marple Township Police Department responded to 14,310 calls for service. Of these calls, 530 were crimes as defined by the Federal Uniform Crime Reporting Program (UCR). These crimes get reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on a yearly basis.

There were 289 Part I offenses and 241 Part II offenses. Part I offenses are categorized as more serious crimes than Part II. “Violent crimes” are composed of murder, nonnegligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

Of the 530 crimes reported, 324 were cleared, resulting in 355 arrests. This translates to a clearance rate of 61.1%. The national average is typically well below 50% for violent crimes, and 20% for property crimes (such as burglary and theft). A crime is cleared by arrest and prosecution of the offender, or the identity of the offender is known, however prosecution is declined.

The following tables breakdown the crimes reported to the Marple Township Police in 2022 and how they compare to prior years.

	2020	2021	2022
Total Calls	12,761	14,125	14,310
Total Crimes	427	435	530
Part I	<i>175</i>	<i>207</i>	<i>289</i>
Part II	<i>252</i>	<i>228</i>	<i>241</i>
Cleared	216	279	324
Arrests	222	285	355

UCR reporting the last three years:

Crime	2020	2021	2022
Murder	0	0	0
Rape	1	0	0
Robbery	1	2	3
Assault	20	14	18
Burglary	3	5	2
Theft	145	184	262
Auto Theft	5	2	4
Arson	0	0	0
Part I Total	175	207	289
Forgery	4	14	14
Fraud	72	37	67
Receiving Stolen Property	1	1	0
Criminal Mischief (Vandalism)	32	22	23
Weapons Violations	3	3	10
Sex Offenses	6	4	1
Drug Laws	36	39	37
DUI	30	33	27
Underage Drinking	2	1	0
Public Drunkenness	10	5	5
Disorderly Conduct	11	8	7
Prowling at Night	0	0	0
All Other Crimes	45	61	50
Part II Total	252	228	241
Total	427	435	530

Breakdown of crimes reported in 2022:

Crime	Total (530)	Cleared (324)	Arrests (355)
Robbery	3	2	2
Assault	18	18	21
Burglary	2	0	0
Theft	262	145	175
Auto Theft	4	0	0
Forgery	14	5	4
Fraud	67	18	18
Criminal Mischief (Vandalism)	23	2	1
Weapons Violations	10	10	14
Sex Offenses	1	1	1
Drug Laws	37	37	39
DUI	27	27	27
Public Drunkenness	5	5	5
Disorderly Conduct	7	7	9
<i>All Other Crimes</i>	50	47	39

<i>All Other Crimes</i>	Total (50)	Cleared (47)	Arrests (39)
PICS Denial (PA Instant Check System)	7	7	1
Terrorist Threats	7	7	7
Harassment	10	8	7
Criminal Trespass	9	8	8
Protection From Abuse Order Violations	6	6	6
Arrest on Warrant (Fugitive)	2	2	2
False ID to Law Enforcement	1	1	1
Endangering the Welfare of a Child	3	3	3
Illegal Dumping	1	1	0
Other Vehicle Code Offenses	4	4	4

Respectfully submitted,

Detective Andrew Ronsvale

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**JUVENILE
STATISTICS**

2022 Juvenile Report

Police Contacts with Juveniles

There are a variety of reasons that police have contact with juveniles. Police may have contact with a juvenile while responding to more routine calls for service, such as medicals or traffic accidents. A juvenile may be the victim of a crime or may also be accused of committing a crime. When a juvenile is charged with a crime there are typically 3 ways the matter is handled. These options are The Youth Aid Panel, a non-traffic citation, or to be petitioned to the juvenile court.

Youth Aid Panel

The Youth Aid Panel Program is designed to afford certain juveniles an opportunity to avoid the criminal justice system before reaching the age of 18. The Youth Aid Panel is a one-time opportunity to wipe the child's record clean of the offense while contributing to the community in a constructive way.

The following process will occur once the juvenile has been referred by the Police Department: The juvenile and their parent(s) or guardian will meet on a specified date with the Youth Aid Panel. At that time, the Youth Aid Panel will conduct a confidential conference, ask questions of both the juvenile and parents or guardian. Those questions will encompass such topics as their home, school, work, friends and the details of the incident which took place.

After all questions are answered, the panel will ask the juvenile and parents or guardian to step out for a few minutes. During that time the panel members will discuss the case. The juvenile and parents will be brought back into the room, and they will be instructed in detail on the resolutions the juvenile offender is assigned and the time frame for completion. Resolutions might include some or all of the following examples: community service, educational activities, counseling, research papers, and specific projects.

If the juvenile and the parents agree to perform the appointed resolutions, they will be given a date on which to return to the panel with the necessary paperwork indicating the juvenile has completed, the record will be wiped clean of the offense.

If they do not agree, or the juvenile fails to perform the resolutions assigned, the juvenile offender will be referred to the criminal justice system for prosecution.

In 2022, The Delaware County District Attorney's Office took over the oversight of the Youth Aid Panel. The panel still functions like it has in the past, now the District Attorneys office keeps track of all juveniles that are referred to various panels throughout Delaware County and tracks their progress as they go through the panel.

Non-Traffic Citation

Another option for handling juvenile offenders is issuing a non-traffic citation. This option can be used for summary offenses such as underage drinking, disorderly conduct, retail theft and curfew violations.

If a juvenile offender has already been through the Youth Aid Panel for a previous offense, they would most likely be issued a non-traffic citation.

Juvenile Petition

For more serious crimes involving a juvenile offender, the juvenile is usually petitioned to the juvenile court. The juvenile is brought before a Court of Common Pleas Judge, to face the allegations levied against them.

Juvenile Crime

In 2022 the Marple Police Department handled 42 juvenile offenders. That was an increase from 24 in 2021. Of these offenders, 20 juvenile petitions were forwarded to the Juvenile Court System. This was an increase from 7 in 2021. In 2022 18 juveniles were referred to the Youth Aid Panel. That was an increase of 1 from 17 in 2021. 4 juveniles were issued non traffic citations in 2022. That was an increase of 3 from 1 in 2021.

2023

Moving forward in 2023, it is the hope of the Marple Township Police that we can effectively lower the number of juveniles that enter the juvenile justice system.

Respectfully Submitted,

Detective Greg deSimone #057

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**TRAINING
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TRAINING OVERVIEW FOR YEAR 2022

The Marple Township Police Department remains committed to providing necessary and valuable ongoing training to our Officers. The need for new and ongoing training for law enforcement is ever increasing. As society is ever-changing and increased demands are placed on police officers, training must remain relevant, consistent, and current. In 2021, the Police Department made numerous improvements to our training curriculum. In 2022, we continued progressing to ensure that all our Officers are receiving up-to-date training in critical areas of policing. Much of this year's training focused on topics that surfaced in police incidents that captured national attention in the media. In identifying these training opportunities as they arose, and training and educating our Officers promptly, we can ensure that we are improving the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the Department all the while reducing our exposure to liability. In the year 2022, the Department committed 4,274 hours to training.

MPOETC TRAINING

To remain certified as Police Officers in Pennsylvania, our police officers must complete twelve (12) hours of ACT 180 continuing education each year and annual firearms qualifications. In 2022 the ACT 180 training educational modules consisted of Annual Legal Updates, Use of Force, Understanding Bias, and a hand-on training block for Defensive Tactics. *This training accounted for twelve (12) additional hours of training per officer, or three hundred and sixty (360) hours of training for the Department.*

Firearms qualifications are also an important annual requirement set forth by the Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission (MPOETC). In addition to the traditional classroom-style training opportunities that our officers participate in during the year, officers are also required to participate in an annual handgun qualification course to demonstrate proficiency in handling their assigned weapons. This course involves shooting from distances ranging from 3-25 yards as well as shooting during daylight, low light, and dark conditions. In addition to qualification courses, our officers engage in additional firearm skills training as well. *This training accounted for eight (8) additional hours of training per officer, or two hundred and forty (240) hours of training for the Department.*

POLICEONE ACADEMY TRAINING

In 2022, the Marple Township Police Department continued our partnership with Lexipol PoliceOne Academy. Lexipol's PoliceOne Academy provides our Department with an extensive library of online law enforcement training content. This training can be delivered during roll-call, in-service, or viewed from any cellular device or computer at the individual Officer's pace. The Police One training focuses on high-liability topics to improve officer and community safety. Many of the PoliceOne training modules also qualify as MPOETC Act 180 continuing education credits. Officers complete monthly training on a variety of topics. *This training accounted for twenty-five (25) additional hours of training per Officer, or seven hundred and fifty (750) hours for the Department.*

Topics covered during 2022 PoliceOne monthly training were: Active Shooter 1; Basic Firearm Safety; Cyberstalking; Dealing with Stress; De-escalation and Reasonable Use of Force; Developing Effective Communication Skills; Edged Weapons 1; First Responder Traffic Incident Management; Generational Differences for Law Enforcement; Human Fatigue in 24/7 Operations Leadership 1; Off-Duty, Safe, and Ready; Presenting Effective Testimony in a Courtroom; Professional Police Driving; Racial Profiling Part 1; Reasonable Suspicion; Risks of Social Media in the Workplace; Tactical Patrol Considerations; The Will to Win 1; Time Management Skills; Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder; Written Communication and Report Writing.

ACCREDITATION TRAINING

As part of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association's standards required for Accreditation, officers are required to complete a variety of trainings upon hiring, during their initial field training period, quarterly, annually, and/or once every 3 years.

Required training during a complete Accreditation cycle includes: A review of policies relating to use of force, deadly force, de-escalation, duty to intervene; Lethal weapons qualifications; Less-lethal weapons qualifications; Empty hand control, arrests techniques, and defensive tactics; A review of new policies relating to Accreditation standards; Non-sworn personnel training (if applicable); Bias based policing; In service training (Act 180); SWAT / Negotiator training; Specialized vehicles; In-car video; Mental illness; Prisoner detention area; Non-sworn cell area training; Pursuits – Tire deflation devices; Pursuits – Pursuit intervention tactics; PA Crime Victim's Act; PA Protection from Abuse Act; Protection from Sexual violence / intimidation

In 2022, all officers completed training on necessary topics to include: CPR and First AID; less lethal weapons; empty hand control, arrests techniques, and defensive tactics; dealing with individuals with mental illness; de-escalation; biased based policing; duty to intervene.

FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM

The Field Training and Evaluation Program (FTEP) has been developed and implemented to properly training and indoctrinate new officers through established guidelines and procedures. The Department requires that each new officer satisfactory completes a strictly controlled and evaluated Field Training and Evaluation Program. This program is required for all new officers. The program has two 'tracks' – a 10-week track for brand new officers and a 6-week track for officers with over one (1) year of Law Enforcement experience.

Both FTEP tracks include training on: Officer Safety; Shift Preparation; Radio Procedures; Township Ordinances; Township Geography; Vehicle Crashes; Vehicle Operation; Vehicle Code; Patrol Techniques; Vehicle Stops; Police Call And Response (Other Than High-Risk); Officer Safety; Crime Scene Investigations; DUI; Police Calls and Response (High Risk); Vehicle Stops (High Risk); Courtroom Testimony; Defendant Processing; Crimes Code; Firearms Training; Prisoner Search and Handcuffing Techniques; Prisoner Transport; Criminal Procedures; Juvenile Law; Arrests, Warrants, and Affidavit; Mental Health Laws; Domestic Abuse Law; and Use Of Force

The year 2022 brought three new officers to the Marple Township Police Department when Officers Dougherty, Lambritsios, and Christake were hired in October. Due to their prior experience, Officers Lambritsios and Christake completed their 6-week FTEP training in early December. Officer Dougherty completed the full 10-week program, completing his FTEP training in Mid-January of 2023. Each officer completed the required 160+ hours in the Field Training and Evaluation Program.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING COURSES, SEMINARS, CONFERENCES

In addition to the training required by the Department or by state requirements (MPOETC), many officers have auxiliary assignments requiring continuing specialized training. These classes and seminars range from a few hours to a few days or more. Some courses are held locally, and some are held throughout the region. In 2022, in addition to the required MPOETC curriculum courses and the required PoliceOne training, officers attended over 100 different trainings/seminars/conferences consisting of 2,467 hours of training. As an Agency, we strive to develop specialized skills through valuable training that our officers utilize every day to make Marple Township the finest police department in the area.

Some of the additional training, seminars, and conferences attended by members of our Department include:

Lieutenant S. Hannigan and **Sergeant Coffin** attended *Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC)*. SPSC is a 10 week, 400 hour course, that helps prepare law enforcement professionals for success in senior command positions. The course curriculum includes: Budgeting, Contemporary Policing, Decision Making and Problem Solving, Employee Relations, Evaluating Products and Services, Executive Image, Grant Writing, Human Resources, Leadership and Management, Media Relations, Organizational Behavior, Planning and Policies, Project Management, Resource Allocation, Statistics, and Traffic.

Detective deSimone completed the 40 hour *FBI Basic Hostage Negotiation course*, as part of the requirements for him to join the Central Delco Tactical Response Team (CDTRT) as a negotiator. This course is designed to provide law enforcement with the basic skills necessary to negotiate in a hostage/barricade situation involving a person in crisis, and to function as part of a crisis/hostage negotiation team.

Detective Lazzari completed a 40 hour *New Detective/Investigator training*. This 5-day course provides criminal investigators a comprehensive review of their responsibilities in an investigation and the broad array of issues and factors that must be taken into account as the investigation proceeds. It provides practical approaches to overall investigations, witness interviews, suspect interrogations, and preparing a case for successful prosecution. The course examines procedures for a wide range of criminal activities, from injury and death investigations, to sex crimes, to financial and other property crimes

Officers Engelman, Lerro, and Duncan completed the 40 hour *FBI Intercounty Detective School*. This 5-day course presented by the FBI introduces students to various aspects of Criminal Investigations, including procedures and techniques for basic crime scene processing, interviewing techniques, challenges related to crime scene investigation, sovereign citizen extremism tactics and techniques, as well as providing information on the FBI's evidence response team (ERT), Cellular Analysis Survey Team (CAST) and Digital Imaging & Evidence Recovery Team..

Sergeant Coffin and **Detective Lazzari** completed the *Analysis & Documentation of Medicolegal Death Investigation* course, co-hosted by the Marple Township Police Department. This 5-day, 40 hour course covered basic topics in analysis and documentation of death scenes, to include techniques of crime scene investigation. The course incorporated real-world case studies including the 2012 mass shooting at the Aurora, Colorado movie theatre, of which the instructor was a lead crime scene investigator.

Officers Duncan and **Sexton** completed the 40 hour *Basic SWAT school*. SWAT school is a comprehensive introduction to tactical skills. Students are introduced to basic SWAT topics, tactics and techniques including a historical overview of SWAT, team organization and structure, resolution of barricaded suspect situations, covert individual and team movement, searches and room clearing, chemical agents, less-lethal options, warrant service and multiple field training exercises. This is a hands-on, high-intensity course in which students practice tactics and techniques in the field.

Officer Giannantonio completed a 16 hour, *A.L.I.C.E. Instructor Certification* course. ALICE stands for **A**lert, **L**ockdown, **I**nform, **C**ounter, and **E**vacuate. The course is designed to teach proactive option-based strategies to increase survivability in a violent critical incident. The ALICE strategies empower individuals to participate in their own survival in the gap between when a violent situation begins and when law enforcement arrives

Officer Cannon completed the *GLOCK Armorer course*. Our Department currently issues Glock 17, 9mm firearms, to all officers. This course provided Officer Cannon the knowledge and ability to explain the design features of the GLOCK Safe Action System, and to maintain, troubleshoot, and service all GLOCK pistols.

Detective Lazzari completed an *AR15 Armorer course*. This course certified Detective Lazzari in the proper maintenance, care, and repair of these weapons systems, including semi-auto and select-fire trigger systems.

Sergeants Haughey and **Connolly** attended the annual *Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Conference*. The conference provides annual updates and best practices for continuing to achieve accredited status through the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association.

Officers Stiles and **Engelman** completed their *Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technician* recertification. CPS technicians use their considerable knowledge and expertise at a variety of community-based engagements, such as child safety seat checks, where parents and caregivers receive education and hands-on assistance.

Sergeant Connolly attended training in *ALERTT* (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training). This training provides research-based active shooter response training. Over 90 percent of our Officers have participated in this training.

Officers Gallagher and **Smith** conducted 24 hours of instruction on *Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST)* as part of their assignment as SFST Instructors. The training was presented to approximately twenty (20) police officers throughout Delaware County, including our own officers from Marple Township.

Officer Dempsey completed training on *Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST)*. Over 90 percent of our Officers have attended and successfully completed this training.

Lieutenant S. Hannigan completed a course on '*Internal Affairs Investigations – Off Duty Conduct*'

Sergeant Connolly attend a seminar on '*Women in Command*'

Lieutenant S. Hannigan and **Sergeant Coffin** attended a seminar on '*Ethical Leadership – Why leaders need to do the right thing*'

Twenty-one (21) officers attended a seminar presented by the Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County.

Sergeant Baylor and **Officers Stiles, Engelman, and Smith** attended trainings related to their assignments to the Delaware County Major Incident Response Team (MIRT). Those trainings included *field force operations, incident command, sport and special events risk management, handling large crowds, radiation/nuclear detection, and detecting chemical weapons*. Officers are also updated on the current domestic and international terrorism trends.

Sergeant Haughey, Detective Lazzari, and Officers Duncan and Sexton attended monthly training for their assignment as operators on the Central Delco Tactical Response Team (CDTRT)

Sergeant Coffin attended quarterly training for his assignment as a negotiator on the Central Delco Tactical Response Team (CDTRT)

The **Detective Division** attended a variety of training for investigations including but not limited to white collar crime, crypto currency, online crime, social media, narcotics,

domestic abuse, financial crimes, crimes against the elderly, check frauds, digital forensics, and facial recognition.

Numerous officers from the Patrol Division attended trainings related to criminal interdiction, identifying fraudulent documents, proactive patrols, patrol tactics, Pennsylvania search and seizure laws, Pennsylvania vehicle code and traffic enforcement, taught by a variety of private and government agencies.

As society changes, society's demands and expectations of the police also change. The training subject matter is as diverse as the duties that today's police officers are called upon to do. Ongoing training is crucial to continue to provide the level of professionalism expected from our officers. An officer will never know everything there is to know about this profession. However, with the genuine mix of a desire to learn, eagerness to improve oneself, dedication to teamwork, and commitment to community, the Marple Township Police Department officers stand ready to handle any challenge faced by those we serve.

BREAKDOWN 2022 TRAINING HOURS	
MPOETC educational training	360
MPOETC firearms training	240
Lexipool PoliceOne Academy	750
PLEAC Accreditation required	480
FTEP Training (new hires)	480
Additional trainings, seminars, conferences	2,467
TOTAL TRAINING HOURS FOR 2022	4,777

Because Chief Graeff is such a big proponent of continued education and so many officers possess the initiative, the result is an elite police force with qualified officers capable of making the Marple Township Police Department incredibly self-sufficient. As we move forward into FY2023, the Department will continue to meet the never-ending challenges of police work and public service head-on.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Lieutenant Nicholas Coffin
Lieutenant Sean Hannigan

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**COMMUNITY
POLICING**

Community Policing Unit



This 2022 report details how the Marple Township Police Department continued its community engagement efforts through events, programs, interactions, and meetings. The purpose of these engagements is to further the trust, improve communication, and reinforce our proud commitment of being a community oriented police department. The department believes that community engagement works best when it is consistent, authentic, and intentional. The report describes the various community policing efforts that took place in 2022. We are proud of how our officers connected with our residents, and we look forward to maintaining that connection in the future.

LITTLE LEAGUE PARADES: We are always honored to be a part of that magical day where winter blues are replaced with the sound of the umpire yelling “PLAY BALL”



STATION TOURS: This year we have had some special visitors come to see our headquarters. They see everything from what we keep in our cars to the cell area.



well as at more than 3,700 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad. This year we were happy to take part in the ceremony as well as escort the participants through town.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA: Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as



CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY: Officer Engelman and Stiles have continued their child passenger safety certification. The National Child Passenger Safety Certification Training Program (CPS certification program) certifies people as child passenger safety technicians and instructors. CPS technicians put their knowledge to work by conducting child safety seat checks, where parents and caregivers receive hands-on assistance for proper use of child restraint systems and safety belts. The Marple Township Police Department assisted 12 caregivers install child seats and provided important information regarding the safe transportation of children.

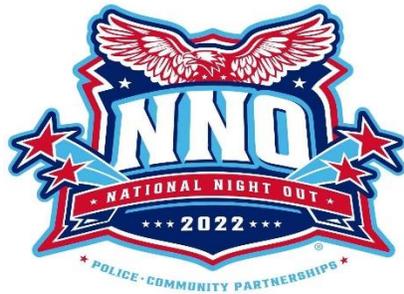


SCHOOL CHECKS: On top of our school resource officer, every school in Marple day. This layout of interact and



Township is visited by an officer at least once a provides the officer an opportunity to learn the the school and more importantly a chance to get to know the kids.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: The first Tuesday in August of each year the department joins forces with the National Association of Town Watch and take part of National Night Out. The event is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. The goal is to bring the residents together with



organizations that provide services to our community and surrounding area. Coupled with food and entertainment, there are numerous displays of equipment from S.W.A.T. to police air units and dive teams. This year we had a DJ and the Brian Boru Pipes & Drums band for entertainment.

DRUG TAKE BACK: The police department has partnered with the DEA and hosted a drug take back event. Residents are welcome to bring expired and unwanted prescription drugs knowing they will be disposed of in a responsible and safe manner.



Thank you for taking part in our events and we hope to see you in 2023.

For up-to-date information on our events, go to our website at MarplePolice.com and follow us on social media.

Respectfully Submitted by

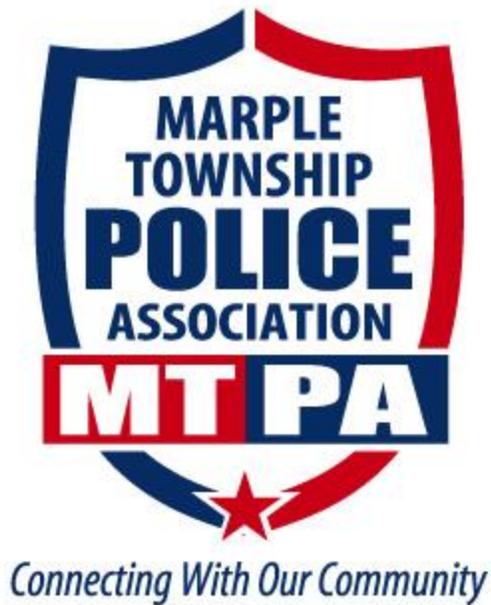
Officer Ray Stiles

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**MARPLE TOWNSHIP
POLICE ASSOCIATION**



This Marple Township Police Association was formed for the purpose of promoting the mutual friendship of its members, and to provide for their mutual assistance, enjoyment, and well-being. To inculcate in its members a high sense of responsibility and loyalty to each other, and the community. To promote and maintain a friendly relationship between members of the association, and the members of the community through athletic and social activities. To initiate, promote, and participate in charitable projects and functions.

This year we were able to support the youth of the township with sponsorships of many sports programs. You can see our logo on many of the athletic fields in the township. We partnered up with Rita's Water Ice to provide many flavors of yummy refreshment to those that attended National Night Out.

To support the older students, the police association is proud to provide a scholarship to both Marple Newtown and Cardinal O'Hara High Schools. As parents ourselves, we know every little bit helps.

We would like to thank those that have made donations to our 501c3 organization and look forward to connecting with our community in which we serve.

Ray Stiles
President

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SRO

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

MARPLE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



To: Chief Brandon Graeff
From: Officer John Murrin
Date: February 5, 2023
Re: 2022 SRO Annual Report

The position of School Resource Officer (SRO) is in its fourth year of existence in Marple Newtown School District. I, along with Officer Jeff Johnson of the Newtown Township Police Department, are the current SROs assigned to the school district. This partnership has provided many opportunities and benefits for the school district, as well as the Marple Township and Newtown Township police departments. Having full-time officers in the schools allows the community to coordinate resources and better serve the students and families of Marple Newtown School District (MNSD).

The National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) provides training and membership for all SROs. I completed the mandatory Basic SRO course in September 2021. I have been employed by Marple Township Police Department (MTPD) since July 2002, and in all, have over 28 years of law enforcement experience. I have completed various trainings throughout my career, some of which include crime prevention, community policing, mental health/crisis intervention, and active shooter scenarios.

I took over the position of SRO at the start of the 2021-2022 school year, September 8, 2021. My office is located in Paxon Hollow Middle School, which is where I spend the majority of my time during the school week. I also visit the elementary schools located in Marple Township-Worrall, Loomis, and Russell. At each site, I work in partnership with administration and counselors to build positive relationships with students, families, faculty, and staff. My priorities as an SRO are to ensure the safety of those inside the school and to build bridges between the police department and the community.

The function of School Resource officers goes far beyond responding to criminal activity within the school. As an SRO, one of my main goals is to build positive relationships with students, families, and school personnel. I prioritize daily interactions with all constituents, striving to be a role model and mentor while performing my duties. Through these strong relationships, I can encourage students to communicate any safety issues they might not report to other adults.

The SRO acts as a liaison between MTPD and MNSD. I report directly to the Lieutenant of Operations of MTPD and coordinate my duties with the Director of MNSD Security, Barry Williams.

The SRO is a security and prevention specialist whose responsibilities include the following:

- Work to prevent juvenile delinquency through close and positive relationships with students.
- Establish and maintain a close partnership with school administrators, counselors, and staff.
- Work with the Juvenile Detectives in handling police-involved school incidents.
- Counsel and mentor students.
- Assist parents and students with social and legal issues.
- Aid administrators with any issues that go beyond basic school discipline.
- Coordinate and monitor fire, evacuation, and lock down drills.

The Marple Police and the Marple Newtown School District have always worked together to serve the community. The SRO program has afforded both institutions the ability to provide services in a joint effort to better serve students, parents, and school personnel. Though somewhat new to the District, the SRO program has shown that it is a necessary and worthy resource.

Respectfully Submitted,

Officer John Murrin #55

MNSD School Resource Officer

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COPE

**COMMUNITY ORIENTED
PREVENTION EDUCATION**

C.O.P.E. Program

In May of 2022, all the 6th grade students at Paxon Hollow Middle School completed the Marple Township Police Department's C.O.P.E. Program. In the winter of 2022, Saint Pius School also saw its entire 5th grade class successfully complete the C.O.P.E. Program. The fall of 2022 brought about a big change for the C.O.P.E. Program. Larry Wendler, the Health/ Physical Education teacher at Paxon Hollow Middle School, left the Marple Newtown School District after 23 years. Wendler took a job with another school district. Mr. Wendler was a great asset to both the C.O.P.E. Officers as well as to the students in Paxon Hollow Middle School. His assistance, insight and belief in the program will be missed by both students and C.O.P.E. Officers.

Ms. Rylee Everhart has replaced Mr. Wendler as the Health and Physical Education teacher at Paxon Hollow. Ms. Everhart seemed eager to get to be a part of C.O.P.E. and seems like Mr. Wendler, she will be a big part of the programs continued success and effectiveness.

2022 marked the 4th year since the implementation of the C.O.P.E. program, which replaced the D.A.R.E. program. The C.O.P.E. program, borrows from the D.A.R.E. program by putting police officers in schools and discussing certain topics with kids. The topics include, alcohol, social media, vaping, tobacco, drugs, both legal and illegal, peer pressure and decision making. The program consists of 7 lessons in which these topics are covered.

In early 2023 the other C.O.P.E. officers and I will be looking at the curriculum and adjusting it where needed. These adjustments may include updated information, statistics, changes to certain laws and student and faculty feedback.

Also in early 2023, the other half of 6th grade students, who did not have the C.O.P.E. program in the fall of 2022 will partake in C.O.P.E. We also intend to bring back our graduation ceremony. At the ceremony the kids are recognized for completing the program and winners are announced to the "Just say no/ Anti-Drug" contest. The students are asked to create a poster with "Just say no or Anti-Drug" message on it.

C.O.P.E. like the D.A.R.E. program before it, owe a good bit of its success to the Administration of the Marple Newtown School District and the Marple Township Police Department for their continued support and belief in the program. The other C.O.P.E. instructors and I look forward to another successful year in 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Det. Greg deSimone #057 -C.O.P.E. Coordinator

Ofc. Kyle Engelman #066

Ofc. Joe Varacalli #069

Ofc. Jerome Duncan #070

Ofc. Austin Gallagher #1924

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DRUG TASK FORCE

DRUG TASK FORCE OVERVIEW FOR YEAR 2022

DELAWARE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE NARCOTICS TASK FORCE

The Delaware County District Attorney's Office directs the Delaware County Narcotics Task Force. The Delaware County Narcotics Task Force is the county's largest investigative unit dedicated solely to drug enforcement concerns and organized crime. In 1997, with the assistance of funding secured from the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office, the Task Force personnel was increased to 11 law enforcement officers, including Criminal Investigation Detectives and Municipal Police Officers. Currently, the County's Drug Task Force has approximately 50 officers from various jurisdictions in Delaware County, as well as State and Federal Agencies. The investigative work of task force officers is supervised by Deputy District Attorney Laurie Moore, and Sergeant Anthony Ruggieri from the Delaware County Criminal Investigation Division, Narcotics Unit.

In addition to conducting investigations, the Narcotics Task Force also serves as a central source of drug intelligence and coordinates and conducts investigations with other task force members and state and federal authorities. Arrest and seizure statistics are sent quarterly to the Delaware County District Attorney. The DA's office reimburses Marple Township for all incurred overtime expenses for both officers assigned to the Narcotics Task Force. Marple Township currently has 2 officers assigned to the Delaware County Narcotics Task Force – Lieutenant Sean Hannigan and Sergeant Nicholas Coffin.

PROACTIVE INVESTIGATIONS:

In 2022, Marple Township Police Officers assigned to the Delaware County Drug Task Force ("DTF") continued to conduct investigations in and around Marple Township, for violations of the Health and Safety Act. DTF officers initiated ten (10) proactive drug investigations, targeting individuals distributing controlled substances, in and around Marple Township. Some of those investigations included:

In January of 2022, DTF officers initiated an investigation into a Springfield resident distributing large quantities of Fentanyl throughout the area. During the investigation, the Springfield resident's source of supply was identified. In June of 2022, search warrants were executed at locations in Delaware County and Philadelphia County, with the assistance of the Pennsylvania State Police. As a result of the search warrant executions, law enforcement seized four (4) firearms; approximately (2.5) pounds of methamphetamine; approximately (360) grams of cocaine; approximately (125) grams of bulk fentanyl; (865) wax bags containing suspected fentanyl; (135) pressed fentanyl pills; approximately (640) Xanax pills; approximately (35) ecstasy pills; 2021 Honda Accord; 2019 BMW M5; over \$100,000 worth of high valued items; and approximately \$100,000 US currency. A subsequent search warrant was executed on the bank account of one defendant which resulted in an additional seizure of approximately \$280,000. An adult male was charged with firearms and narcotics violations.



In June of 2022, DTF officers initiated an investigation into a Chester resident distributing large quantities of prescription pills throughout the area. In August of 2022, a search warrant was executed on a Delaware County residence which resulted in the seizure of: (61) oxycodone pills; (52) suboxone films; (124) Xanax pills; (110) Adderall pills; and over \$13,900. A subsequent search warrant was executed on the bank account of the defendant which resulted in an additional seizure of approximately \$6,900. An adult male was charged with narcotics violations.



In July of 2022, DTF officers initiated an investigation into a Yeadon resident distributing large quantities of prescription pills throughout the area. A search warrant was executed at a residence in September of 2022 during which law enforcement seized (1) firearm; (35) oxycodone pills; approximately twenty (20) grams of methamphetamine; and a quantity of marijuana. An adult male and female were charged with firearms and/or narcotics violations.

In August of 2022, DTF officers were contacted by Law Enforcement authorities in Ohio, regarding a vehicle traveling to Marple Township, that had delivered a large quantity of narcotics to a location in their jurisdiction. DTF members coordinated with members of the Pennsylvania State Police and were able to intercept the vehicle as it approached Southeastern Pennsylvania. Approximately \$30,000 in suspected drug money was recovered from within the vehicle.



In October of 2022, DTF officers initiated an investigation into a Morton resident distributing quantities of fentanyl throughout the area. A search warrant was executed in October of 2022 during which law enforcement seized (1) firearm; (95) Xanax pills; (38) wax bags containing suspected fentanyl; and approximately \$500 US currency. Two (2) adult males were charged with firearms and/or narcotics violations.

In November of 2022, DTF officers with assistance from the Springfield Township Police Department and Pennsylvania State Police, initiated an investigation into a male distributing large quantities of fentanyl throughout the area. The investigation stemmed from an overdose death of a 27 year old Springfield resident. Search warrants were executed in Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties. As a result of the search warrant executions, law enforcement seized five (5) firearms; approximately 11,000 bags of suspected fentanyl; quantities of prescription pills, cocaine, crack cocaine, methamphetamine, and marijuana; drug trafficking paraphernalia; multiple vehicles; and over \$28,000 US



Currency. An adult male was charged with firearms violations, narcotics violations, and drug delivery resulting in death for distributing the fatal dose of fentanyl to the victim.

In Late December of 2022, Marple Township Police Officers responded to an address in Marple, for two individuals suffering from a drug overdose. While handling the incident, a large amount of suspected methamphetamine was recovered from both individuals. An adult male and female were charged with narcotics violations.

In addition to the above-listed investigations within Marple Township, the Marple Police Drug Task Force members were called upon to assist the Delaware County Drug Task Force and other law enforcement agencies, including Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office, the Drug Enforcement Administration, Narcotics Task Forces from Bucks, Chester and Montgomery Counties, as well as municipalities within Delaware County and the surrounding counties. In assisting the above agencies, the Marple Police Drug Task Force members were called upon to assist in investigations, controlled and undercover buys, consensual recordings, surveillance, arrests, warrant sweeps, and other tasks as required in narcotics cases. Some of these investigations took place within Marple Township. These investigations involved large amounts of narcotics being trafficked by persons residing in Marple Township and persons using locations within Marple Township. Specific information is withheld on these investigations as they are still being prosecuted at the time of this report.

ASSET FORFEITURE / CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES FORFEITURES ACT 42 PA. CS 6801

Marple Township continues to benefit from the Asset Forfeiture Act. The Forfeiture Act allows certain uses for the forfeited property and/or assets (42 Pa. CSA SS 6801):

1. Purchase of equipment and training related to the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device & Cosmetic Act;
2. Enforcing the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device & Cosmetic Act;
3. Utilized for community-based drug and crime-fighting programs;
4. Used to relocate and protect witnesses in criminal cases;



In FY2022, as a result of investigations and subsequent searches and arrests, Marple Township's Drug Task Force Officers seized over \$459,300.00 in US Currency, over \$100,000 worth of high valued items (Louis Vuitton, Dior, Gucci, Michael Kors, etc.) seven (7) vehicles, eleven (11) firearms, and a large quantity of a variety of narcotics.

Not all seizures made by Marple Township's Drug Task Force Officers, come back to the Department 100%. Currency, assets, and high-end valuables are split among assisting Agencies involved in the investigation. Vehicles are sometimes forfeited, but more times than not are returned to the bank. Over the past few years however, Marple Township has benefited from over \$60,000 worth of equipment, to include: two (2) 'new' undercover vehicles, cell phone

extraction software, Nikon cameras, tactical vests, breaching tools for warrants, surveillance equipment, plus money still in the forfeiture account.

MARPLE TOWNSHIP POLICE NARCOTICS OFFICERS

In addition to being assigned to the County's Drug Task Force, Sergeant Coffin and Lieutenant Sean Hannigan also have primary assignments within the Marple Township Police Department as members of the Detective Division and the Operations Lieutenant, respectively. Sergeant Coffin was promoted to the Detective position in September of 2019, then to become the Sergeant of the Detective Division in 2021, leaving the Department without an Officer having a dedicated assignment to investigating drug crimes within the Township. Lieutenant S. Hannigan and Sgt. Coffin continue to monitor daily police activity reports and calls for service for drug activity indicators within the Township and coordinate an investigative response where necessary. Sgt. Coffin and Lt. S. Hannigan are also called to respond to overdose deaths within the Township to further investigate where the drugs originated and pursue charges where applicable. Sgt. Coffin and Lt. S. Hannigan, being cross designated as County Drug Task Force investigators, allow for investigations to be followed across jurisdictional boundaries within Delaware County to locate and arrest the source of the drugs coming into Marple Township. If you'd like to provide information relating to drug activity, please contact Sergeant Coffin at coffin@marplepolice.com or by phone at (484) 427-8168 – you can remain anonymous.

Respectfully submitted,

*Acting Lieutenant Nicholas Coffin
Lieutenant Sean Hannigan*

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**MIRT
MAJOR INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM**

Major Incident Response Team

The Delaware County Major Incident Response Team (MIRT) is a specialized team which is comprised of Police Officers and Sheriff's Deputies throughout all of Delaware County. The MIRT team members and its command staff are highly trained in multiple fields as to maintain interoperability. The team is responsible for planning, responding, and assisting in any large crowd or planned protest event in Delaware County. The team can be utilized for assistance in a staging area during a large event or it can be dispatched to an immediate response area as needed.



The MIRT program originated as a response to the 9-11 attacks and has since morphed into a true all hazards response force that is cross trained in a wide variety of disciplines. The Delco MIRT team works and trains closely with the Philadelphia Police Department's Homeland Security Unit and Major Incident Response Team as well as the Bucks and Montgomery County MIRT Teams. Together the 4 organizations make up a regional response team which services the Southeastern Pennsylvania area. The regional MIRT Team's goal is to be a unified rapid response team that can be called upon as a force multiplier to meet the specialized needs a department requires during any major event.

The Marple Township Police Department currently has Sergeant Pete Baylor, Officers Ray Stiles, Kyle Engelman, and Matt Smith assigned to the Delaware County MIRT Team. All four Officers have received specialized training in Special Events Operations, Hazmat Assessment and Detection, Urban Disorder, Mass Casualty Response, and Radiation and Nuclear Detection. Sergeant Baylor, Officers Stiles, Engelman, and Smith attend training and re-certifications with the Delco MIRT Team as requested by the command staff annually. In 2022, Sgt. Baylor traveled to the Philadelphia Police Department and attended a Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) sponsored training on Sport and Special Event Risk Management.

The year 2022 was significantly more peaceful for the Delco MIRT team than the past several years. In April of 2022 Delco MIRT was on standby for the Radnor and Villanova Police Departments during the Villanova/Kansas Final Four basketball game. In October of 2022 Delco MIRT was on standby for any Delaware County Police Department who may have needed assistance with civil unrest or disorder during the Philadelphia Phillies run to the World Series. The Delco MIRT Team also assisted the Philadelphia Police Department with manpower and resources for Radiation and Nuclear detection during the Army/Navy Football Game at Lincoln Financial Field.

In the upcoming year the Delaware County MIRT team and its command staff is poised to continue its training and education to evolve its team to be prepared to respond to the future threats we face not only at a county level, but what we face as a nation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sergeant Peter J. Baylor

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**DELAWARE COUNTY
CHILD ABUSE
EXPLOITATION TASK FORCE**

MARPLE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
ACTION – MEMO



To: Chief Brandon Graeff
From: Officer Dave Lerro
Date: **January 12, 2022**
Re: Child Abuse & Exploitation Task Force Annual Report

The Child Abuse Exploitation Task Force was created to ensure that all child abuse and child exploitation cases in Delaware County are handled consistently and thoroughly, by detectives, officers and attorneys with the specialized training and resources that such cases require.

Task Force members include:

- Assistant District Attorneys from the DA's office, led by Kristen Kemp
- Sergeant Ken Bellis, the head of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force;
- Detective Sergeant Robin Clark and Detective Steve Bannar, the lead detectives from the Child Abuse Unit in the Criminal Investigative Division;
- 24 officers from municipal police departments throughout the County who have a demonstrated track record with this type of work.

They will also collaborate with partners such as:

- Children and Youth Services
- Crozier
- Women Against Rape
- Delaware County Child Advocacy Center, a program of the Family Support Line,
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

The Task Force meets monthly with a focus on training and collaboration.

In 2022, Marple Township Police alongside with the CAETF have seen 8 cases investigated inside of Marple Township for possible sexual or physical abuse on children. All cases were handled thoroughly and investigated to the fullest extent with Juvenile Detective deSimone, Officer Lerro, the Child Advocacy Center (CAC), Child Youth Services (CYS), and Delaware County Criminal Investigative Division (CID). After thorough investigation for each case, each child and their family were put into contact with all the available resources to help them get the help they needed to continue with their road to recovery and growth.

Respectfully Submitted, Officer Dave Lerro #068

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**CDTRT
CENTRAL DELAWARE COUNTY
TACTICAL RESPONSE TEAM**



The Central Delaware County Tactical Response Team (CDTRT) is a specialized team of officers from several County police agencies as well as Delaware County CID Detectives, Delaware County Sheriff's Department and Crozer-Chester Paramedics. The Team is responsible for responding to emergent situations requiring specialized tactics and training. Often, these incidents involve barricaded and/or emotionally disturbed person(s), potential hostage situations, high risk warrant services and dignitary protection services. Each department in the Central Delaware County region is required to dedicate officers to train (monthly) and work with CDTRT. The Team can respond to any area of the County for tactical assistance with minimal delay and is led by a group of experienced operators in the Command/Team Leader positions.

Marple Township provides officers to both the tactical element and the negotiations team. In 2022, Sgt. Jeff Haughey (TAC-2) and Detective Dan Lazzari (Sniper/Observer) were operational with the CDTRT Tactical Unit, and Officers Pat Sexton and Jerome Duncan successfully completed the selection process for CDTRT. Selection includes a physical fitness evaluation, demonstration of firearm(s) proficiency, and a panel interview with Team Leadership. The goal is to select candidates who display physical

ability, mature decision making, initiative and a sense of teamwork. Sergeant Nick Coffin is assigned to the Crisis Negotiations Team. Negotiators attend yearly training and continuing education courses to maintain their ability to perform effectively in resolving potentially volatile situations before they further deteriorate. They rely on communication skills to assess the situation and expedite a safe resolution to the crisis.

Members of the Tactical Team are required to attend monthly training sessions. These training blocks include physical fitness exercises, marksmanship, decision making, and other perishable skills needed to maintain a high operational tempo (building entries/searches, ladder/roof operations and woodland operations, among others). High standards in marksmanship and physical fitness are expected and required of each member of the Team.

CDTRT responded to several incidents in 2022. These operations included:

02-06-22	523 Camelot Drive, Brookhaven	Barricaded domestic with a knife
02-20-22	1354 Adair Rd, Chester Twp	Barricaded subject with a firearm
02-25-22	1229 Chestnut St, Trainer Borough	High Risk Warrant Service
03-10-22	1124 Curry St, Chester City	Homicide Warrant Service
04-04-22	Villanova University, Radnor Twp	Villanova Basketball QRF Detail
04-05-22	336 Taylor Terrace, Chester City	Homicide Warrant Service
05-04-22	327 Taylor Terrace, Chester City	Homicide Warrant Service
05-04-22	925 W 3 rd St, Chester City	Barricaded subject with a firearm
06-09-22	806 W 7 th St, Chester City	High Risk Warrant Service
08-05-22	5 Castle Ave, Upland Borough	Homicide Warrant Service
08-23-22	304 Frank Young Ave, Chester City	Homicide Warrant Service
09-08-22	2416 Lindsay St, Chester City	High Risk Warrant Service
10-07-22	804 Tilghman St, Chester City	High Risk Warrant Service
10-07-22	1416 W Congress St, Chester City	Barricaded subject after a shooting
10-21-22	318 Mowry St, Chester City	High Risk Warrant Service

*12-09-22	3704 Powell Rd, Chester Twp	Home Invasion Warrant Service
12-09-22	804 Franklin St, Chester City	Homicide Warrant Service
12-16-22	608 Vernon St, Media	Barricaded subject with a firearm
12-22-22	20 Derry Rd, Glen Mills	High Risk Warrant Service

All the operations listed above were conducted with no major injury to any operators on scene. Multiple subjects were safely taken into custody, as were several firearms and narcotics as a result of the efforts of the cooperative police agencies involved.

CDTRT welcomed new operators to the Team in 2022 from various parts of the County. Prospective members are subject to the same basic standards as existing members and are expected to improve with gradual training in various topics prior to becoming fully operational. They are evaluated on marksmanship, physical fitness, decision making, and other criteria. The new operators are required to attend a forty (40) hour Basic SWAT School, focusing on CQB (Close Quarters Battle) to ensure they meet and ideally exceed our expectations. CDTRT has also increased its leadership cadre, promoting new Team Leaders and Asst Team Leaders. The goal is to continually evolve the quality of the Team by holding ourselves accountable and putting ownership of the Team and its credibility in the hands of its own qualified members.

Moving forward in 2023, CDTRT Leadership plans to continually expand our capabilities, knowledge, and effectiveness by focusing on a high level of training, discipline and esprits de corps that makes the Team a valuable asset to the Township and to the County of Delaware.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgt. Jeffrey T. Haughey
CDTRT 2nd Tactical Commander

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**FIREARMS
REPORT**

2022 Firearms Annual Report

Firearms training is a very important aspect of police work. As police we are required to respond to various threatening situations daily in the performance of our sworn duties. Most police encounters involve nothing more than words to gain compliance. In some instances, people choose to ignore or actively resist police. Officers have an ascending array of force options to gain control or protect life.

As police officers we are required to respond to various threatening situations in the performance of our sworn duties. Sometimes officers may be called upon to utilize their firearms and training in the protection of life. Making the right decision about how and when to use deadly force an officer must rely on judgement, skill, and training.

All Marple Officers are issued the Glock model 17, 9mm handgun. All Detectives and Administrators are issued the Glock model 26, 9mm handgun. In addition to issued handguns all Marple patrol vehicles are also equipped with the Smith & Wesson M&P15T, 5.56mm rifle. Two patrol vehicles (Supervisor's) are equipped with a Remington Bean Bag Shotgun in the truck area.

Each year Marple Township Police Officers are required to conduct training on Use of Force and Firearms. This training consists of both departmental policy reviews and practical training at the live fire range. Practical firearms training is comprised of annual firearms qualifications and shooting skills sets.

Annual firearms qualifications are a mandatory requirement set forth by the Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission (MPOETC). The Marple Township Police Handgun Qualification Course is a 50-round evolution from known distances from 3 to 25 yards during daylight hours. Additionally, officers are required to complete a course of fire in low light or nighttime conditions. In 2022, all officers successfully qualified with their duty Glock handguns.

In addition to pistol qualifications all officers must successfully pass an M-4 rifle qualification course. Officers are trained on deploying these weapons from the vehicle mounts inside the police SUVs proficiently and in a safe manner. All officers have successfully qualified with the Smith & Wesson M15T.

In 2021 there were no qualifications with the Remington 870 12 ga shotgun, and they were not carried in the police vehicles in 2022. Late in 2022 it was decided that due to the age and condition of the Remington 870 shotguns, the department would look at replacing these guns for 2023. A total of eight Remington 870 shotguns were sold back to the Officer Store and Marple Township Police purchased ten Mossberg 500 pump-action 12 ga shotguns. Training and qualifications for the Mossberg shotgun will be conducted for all officers so they can be certified for use and placed in service in each marked patrol vehicle.

Each year duty handguns are inspected and inventoried by the department certified armorer. The Glock Gen5 pistols are less than three years old and there have been no major issues to date. During each inspection a thorough cleaning of firearms is also conducted by the armorers.

Officers can only rely on training and experience to guide their decision-making process when a use of force situation arises. I feel that all of our officers are well equipped and trained to respond to these situations. Firearms training is a priority within the department to keep officers from getting complacent and to be ready when a deadly force situation arises.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ofc Mike Rush

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**ABANDONED
VEHICLES**

2022
Abandoned Vehicle Report

ABANDONED VEHICLE: Section 102 of the Vehicle Code defines an abandoned vehicle in the following manner:

A vehicle (other than a pedalcycle) shall be presumed to be abandoned under any of the following circumstances:

- (i) The vehicle is physically inoperable and is left unattended on a highway or other public property for more than 48 hours.
- (ii) The vehicle has remained illegally on a highway or other public property for a period of more than 48 hours.
- (iii) The vehicle is left unattended on or along a highway or other public property for more than 48 hours and does not bear all the following:
 - (A) A valid registration plate.
 - (B) A current certificate of inspection.
 - (C) An ascertainable vehicle identification number.
- (iv) The vehicle has remained on private property without the consent of the owner

For the year of 2022 the patrol division investigated twenty-one (21) reports of abandoned vehicles.

Of the twenty-one (21) reported, two (2) did not meet the above criteria of an abandoned vehicle.

Thirteen (13) of the vehicles were moved after police made contact with the owner either by phone, physical contact, or by certified letter.

Two (2) vehicles were towed and PennDOT forms completed.

Three (3) vehicles were on private property and the property owner was explained the process on how to remove a vehicle from private property.

Four (4) vehicles towed by K&S Towing at the request of Marple Twp Police Department were left abandoned on their lot. PennDOT forms were completed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Officer Matthew Hughes #1925
Officer Ricky Dempsey #2021

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2022 CLEAN/NCIC Report

The Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network (CLEAN) is used by criminal justice agencies to access driver's license and motor vehicle information, state criminal history record information maintained in the Pennsylvania State Police Central Repository, the Commonwealth's central registry for Protection from Abuse (PFA) orders, "hot" (stolen or wanted) files, law enforcement messaging capabilities, and a host of other services. CLEAN is Pennsylvania's conduit to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Crime Information Center (NCIC), and to the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS). CLEAN is maintained and administered by the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP). CLEAN access and the use of the criminal justice systems and information is restricted to criminal justice agencies.

Pennsylvania's Justice Network (JNET) is the Commonwealth's primary public safety and criminal justice information broker. JNET's integrated justice portal provides a common online environment for authorized users to access public safety and criminal justice information. This critical information come from various contributing municipal, county, state, and federal agencies. JNET provides critical information to law enforcement in a timely manner which enhances public safety. Having the right information available at the right time ensures criminal justice agencies are making the right decisions efficiently and effectively. The availability of this information has enabled officers in the field to identify and apprehend suspected individuals, solve cases faster, and keep criminals off of the street.

CLEAN maintains connection to over 40 other networks, including JNET. CLEAN handles over 1.5 million transactions daily with an average turnaround time of 2.5 seconds. The amount of traffic on the system has greatly increased in the recent years due to increased number of Mobile Data Computers (MDC) installed in patrol vehicles. MDC's have allowed the patrol officer direct access to the CLEAN/NCIC network, which is critical to the apprehension of wanted and missing persons, as well as the recovery of stolen property. Access to the Mobile Data network and the MDC's are provided to the municipalities of Delaware County. Delaware County Emergency Services (DELCOM) is in the process of updating the MDC's in the police cars throughout the county. Having the technology of Jnet available in the cars through these modern MDC's at our fingertips is invaluable. Marple Township Police officers can access JNET and our in-house records system through the use of wireless air cards that have been added to the County MDC's

CLEAN validation listings are now made available to every CLEAN terminal agency monthly via an on-line system. When each validation listing becomes available, our agency is required to review each CLEAN entry to make sure the record is accurate and is still active. During 2021, the monthly listings were reviewed by Detective Lazzari, any necessary corrections were made, and they were returned to DELCOM in a timely fashion. The validation procedure is helpful in maintaining the accuracy of our agency records so that we are always prepared for a CLEAN audit.

The TAC officer is responsible for setting up new accounts for CLEAN and JNET so each officer has their own access to the crime information networks, or switching existing accounts over from the new officer's previous employer. With the addition of 3 new officers in the 2022 year, they were seamlessly

transitioned to our dept's account by having their existing accounts transferred to our dept and their information updated.

The TAC officer is the point of contact for the members of the dept. with regards to CLEAN or JNET. It is the job of the TAC officer to make sure every officer stays current with their certifications, which have to be renewed every two years by watching a video and taking a 25-question exam. The CLEAN certification also allows our officers to access CLEAN/NCIC via MDC's and to have criminal history access in the JNET system.

We continue to provide our own computer equipment to access the CLEAN system. The yearly cost for access through PSP is approximately \$4,000. Our agency must maintain proper anti-virus and security on the computer which accesses the CLEAN network. CLEAN audits include a review of our agency's security measures on the computer connected to the CLEAN network. Live-Scan uses the same connection with PSP to interface with the state Automated Fingerprint System (AFIS) and the FBI's Integrated Automatic Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS) maintained by the Department of Justice (DOJ). The digital photo capture equipment is used to photograph offenders and electronically transmit digital photographs to the Commonwealth Photo Imaging Network (CPIN). We recover some of the costs for Livescan by charging offenders who are processed on the Livescan system.

This year, our dept. underwent the tri-annual CLEAN audit by a member of the Pennsylvania State Police audit unit. The audit consists of a review of pre-selected records where they are examined for accuracy and completeness. Also, every person with access to the CLEAN system must have their criminal history checked every 2 years. Those records were looked at as well. I'm proud to say we passed with flying colors!

Respectfully Submitted,
Sgt. Stephen Benecke #59
TAC Officer

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**PURSUIT
REVIEW**

MARPLE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
ACTION – MEMO



To: Sgt Jeff Haughey
From: Chief Brandon Graeff
Date: January 6, 2023
Re: Pursuit Review – PLEAC 4.2.3

In accordance with Chapter 4 Pennsylvania Legal Mandates Section 4.2.1, Vehicle Pursuits, I have conducted a review of all documented vehicle pursuits in 2022 that involved the Marple Township Police Department. Here is a summary of those fifteen (15) incidents:

- **February 20:** The driver of a sedan refused to stop for several equipment violations. The officer pursued for roughly 3 miles. Pursuit was called off by the supervising Sergeant due to high speed and other dangerous moving violations committed by the suspect. No identification possible, no arrest made.
- **March 5:** A sedan refused to stop after committing several moving violations witnessed by the officer such as speeding and unsafe lane changes. The officer pursued for roughly 3 miles until self-terminating the pursuit due to numerous safety concerns. No identification possible, no arrest made.
- **March 25:** Officers were notified by police radio of a stolen sedan being tracked by GPS. When the vehicle was located by a Marple officer it fled at a high rate of speed. For about 1 mile the officer maintained a safe distance and self-terminated due to dangerous rates of speed and having information that the jurisdiction toward which the vehicle was fleeing was set up with spike strips. The vehicle was stopped in an adjacent municipality and an arrest was made.
- **March 30:** Pursuant to a terminated pursuit in an adjacent jurisdiction, several minutes later the suspect sedan was observed by an officer traveling in Marple and followed it at normal speed for about 1 mile. When the officer activated his emergency lights, the vehicle fled at a high rate of speed and traveled in the opposing lanes. The officer self-terminated after one-quarter of a mile.
- **April 2:** An officer attempted to stop a sedan for several aggressive moving violations. The vehicle fled from the officer eventually turning into a residential neighborhood where the officer lost sight of it. The officer drove onto the last street the vehicle was seen and located it where it had crashed into a fence and embankment. The entire pursuit distance was approximately 1.5 miles. The driver fled on foot prior to the officer's arrival but was not located. After an investigation, the driver was identified and arrested within 24 hours.
- **May 11:** Officers assisted an adjacent jurisdiction with the pursuit of a sedan as it traveled through Marple. The vehicle was involved in a felony retail theft. After about 2 miles, the pursuit was called off by the supervising Sergeant when the vehicle entered the interstate. No identification or arrest was made.

- **June 4:** A vehicle refused to stop for an equipment violation. After approximately 3.5 miles the suspect lost control and crashed in an adjacent jurisdiction. After a brief foot pursuit, the driver was arrested, and a firearm recovered. Except for the offender, no other parties were involved or injured.
- **June 24:** A motorcycle refused to stop for a moving violation. After traveling at a high rate of speed and weaving through traffic for about 1 mile, the officer self-terminated the pursuit. No identification or arrest was made.
- **July 30:** Officers attempted to stop a pickup truck involved in a retail theft. The vehicle fled and was pursued for roughly 6 miles into West Philadelphia where a passenger in the truck jumped out and got into a sedan and fled. The vehicles traveled in different directions and officers continued pursuing the truck. After circling the neighborhood for less than a minute, the on-duty supervisor called off the pursuit. No identification or arrest was made.
- **August 14:** Officers in a shopping center were alerted by a passerby of 2 males that had just fled a store on foot with stolen merchandise and gotten into a green SUV. Officers witnessed the SUV back into another vehicle as it attempted to flee. An officer pursued the SUV for roughly 1.5 miles but self-terminated the pursuit after losing sight of the vehicle. No identification or arrest was made.
- **September 12:** An officer spotted a sedan suspected in a retail theft. The officer activated his emergency lights and followed the vehicle on the highway at 25-30mph for nearly 1 mile before it turned off and stopped on a residential street. Arrest made.
- **September 17:** The driver of a sedan refused to stop for several equipment violations. He fled at a high rate of speed and the officer pursued for roughly 1.5 miles until losing sight of him as it traveled into an adjacent jurisdiction. The officer continued to travel the route the suspect was last seen and came upon a crash. The suspect had crossed into the opposing lane a traffic and struck an innocent party head on. The suspect had fled on foot but was taken into custody minutes later by assisting officers. The suspect, the innocent driver, and adolescent daughter passenger sustained non-life-threatening injuries. A stolen firearm was recovered from the suspect.
- **November 23:** The driver of a sedan refused to stop for several moving and equipment violations. After pursuing for approximately 1 mile, the officer lost sight of the vehicle and self-terminated. No identification or arrest.
- **December 13:** Officers attempted to stop a vehicle involved in a burglary in an adjacent jurisdiction. The vehicle was pursued on highways for about 13 miles. The officer self-terminated the pursuit after losing sight of the suspect. No identification or arrest.
- **December 31:** Officers assisted an adjacent jurisdiction with a pursuit of a sedan involved in a retail theft. Officers stayed involved for about 1 mile until the suspect entered the interstate. The supervising Sergeant instructed officers to terminate the pursuit due to traffic and road conditions. No identification or arrest made.

In each of these pursuits, the officers involved responded appropriately and acted well within the scope of current policy and sound judgement. Eleven (11) of the pursuits were terminated, each being called off appropriately by either the primary officer or the supervisor after considering conditions, speeds, and the nature of the offense. Proper decisions were made in each case.

Marple Township Police Department Policy 4.2.1, Vehicle Pursuits, appears to be sound and currently requires no changes.



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**BIAS BASED
POLICING REVIEW**

MARPLE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

ACTION – MEMO



To: Sergeant Jeff Haughey
From: Chief Brandon M Graeff
Date: February 9, 2023
Re: Annual Review of Bias Based Policing 1.8.3

I have reviewed the Marple Township Police Department's Bias Based Policing Policy 1.8.3 and found it to be current and sufficient. Currently no changes are necessary.

In addition, I have reviewed the arrest and use of force data compiled throughout 2022 and compared that to the demographic data of which Marple Township is composed. According to the most recent United States Census Bureau data through July 1, 2021, the residential population of Marple Township is approximately 24,062. Of that total, 82.4% are considered "White alone," 12.5% "Asian alone," 2.2% "Black alone," while the remaining 2.9% are a sum of "Two or more races", "American Indian", and "Hispanic or Latino alone."

In 2022 the Marple Township Police Department made 335 arrests. One arrest was of a business that was cited for permitting the violation of the township soliciting ordinance, leaving 334 arrests of individuals. The racial and gender breakdown of those 334 individuals arrested is shown here:

White: 50%	Male: 61%	White/Male: 33%
Black: 47%	Female: 39%	Black/Male: 24%
Asian: 2%		Black/Female: 22%
Hispanic: <1%		White/Female: 16%
		Asian/Male: 2%
		Hispanic/Male: < 1%
		Asian/Female: < .3%

The disparity in arrest rate to population demographic is a direct result of our crime patterns and those who commit them. The most reported crime in Marple Township was some form of theft, including retail commonly known as shoplifting, committed by a non-resident. Of the 530 total offenses in Marple Township in 2022, 262 (49%) were investigated as thefts. Many thefts were committed in or near two of the largest shopping centers in Marple conveniently located along public transportation routes, state highways, and Interstate 476. Many employees and customers are from outside Marple Township and most arrestees reside outside this township.

Throughout 2022, a total of 21 "use of force" incidents were documented by officers, a 30% reduction compared to 2021. These incidents ranged from physically restraining an individual suffering from a medical incident to the display of a taser (there were no Taser deployments/firings in 2022). Of the subjects upon which any level of force was used, 13 were white (68%), 4 were black (21%), 2 were Asian (11%), 1 was Hispanic (5%) and 1 was American Indian/Other (5%). The Use of Force threshold inside the Marple Township Police Department is significantly lower than that which is required by the FBI. To illustrate this point, by FBI data standards Marple Township Police Department had zero (0) use of force incidents in 2022. In addition, none of these use of force incidents generated complaints from arrestees or bystanders, nor did any Marple Township Police Officer receive a formal complaint alleging mistreatment due to impartiality, prejudice, or excessive force.

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TRAFFIC SAFETY

MARPLE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL REPORT

TO: Chief Graeff

FROM: Lt. Frank Hannigan

DATE: 1 March 2023

SUBJECT: 2022 Traffic Safety Annual Report

In Pennsylvania, crashes are classified as either reportable or non-reportable. A reportable crash involves the death or injury of anyone involved in the collision or one resulting in an involved vehicle being disabled. A crash is considered non-reportable if there are no resulting injuries and vehicles can be driven from the accident scene.

In 2022, there were 698 motor vehicle crashes investigated by the Police Department. This total represents an increase of almost five percent from the number reported last year (665). Of those crashes, 106 were considered reportable crashes. This number represents a decrease of almost 12.5% from the previous year (121). In 2021, there were 544 non-reportable crashes. In 2022, that number had increased by 8.8% to 592 crashes. The number of reportable crashes investigated in 2022 is almost thirty percent less than the number investigated ten years ago, in 2012 (150).

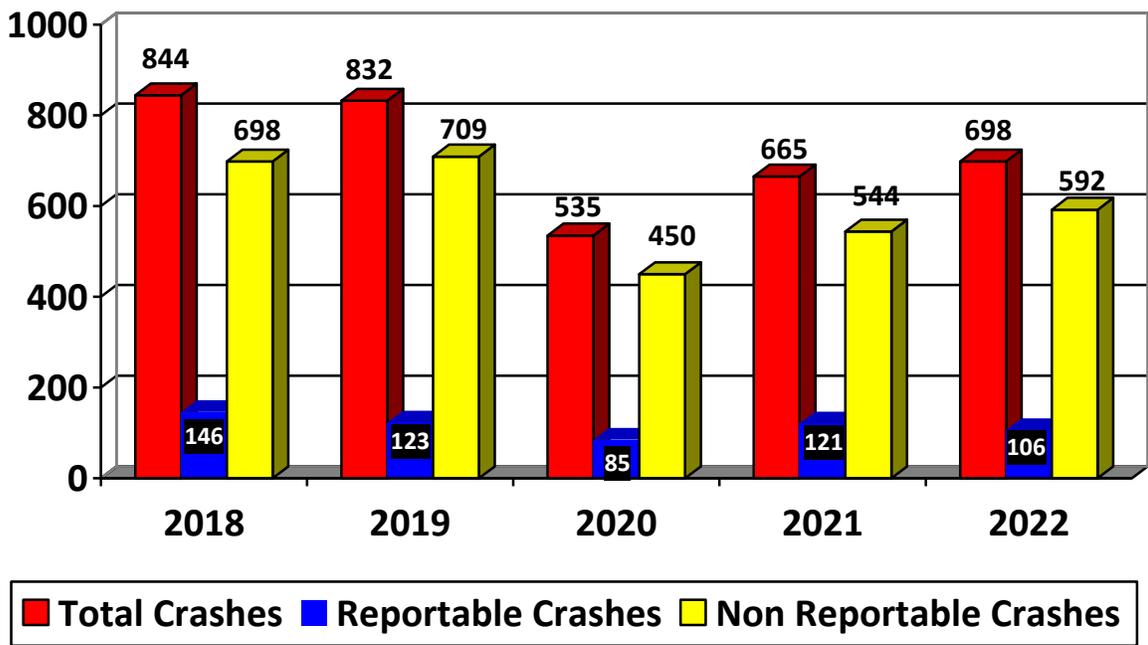
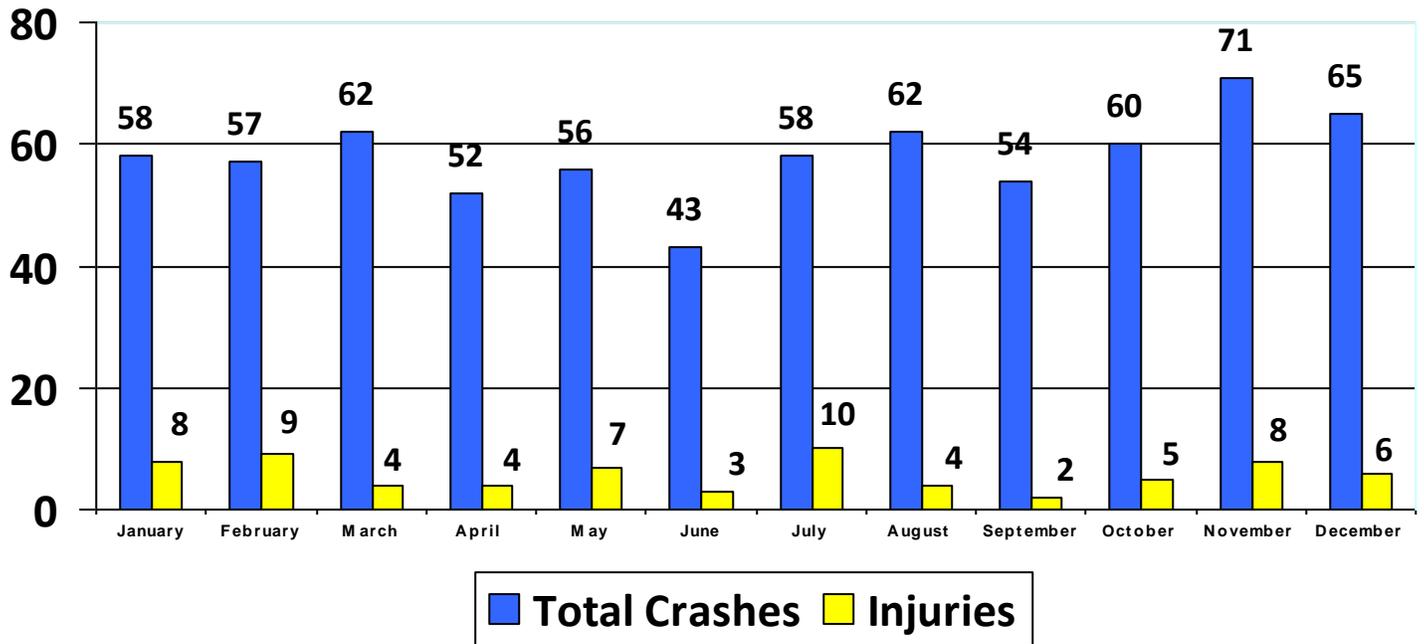
The number of injuries reported to police resulting from motor vehicle crashes was lower in 2022. That number, seventy, decreased 13.6% from those reported to police in 2021. A total of eighty-one occupants were injured in crashes in 2021.

The department remains committed to maintaining safety on all township roadways and reducing the number of injuries resulting from traffic-related incidents.



Lt. Frank Hannigan #048

Crash Reports 2022



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FLEET VEHICLES

MARPLE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL REPORT

TO: Chief Graeff

FROM: Lt. Frank Hannigan

DATE: 1 March 2023

SUBJECT: Annual Vehicle Report 2022

In 2022, over 205,000 miles were traveled by department vehicles. The average mileage put on the eight front-line patrol cars in 2022 was 18,504. This number is slightly higher than the previous year's average miles driven of 17,879. Three new vehicles, 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe's, were added to the fleet in 2022. The department fleet was reduced in size by one vehicle by retiring an unmarked 2007 Ford Escape.

Most of the front-line patrol vehicles are in use twenty-four hours each day, three hundred and sixty-five days each year. Driving the vehicles at varying speeds and in all types of weather and road conditions takes a toll on the front-line patrol vehicle. Even when the vehicles are not being driven, they are still accumulating engine hours while idling, whether while an officer is completing reports or handling an incident. These additional hours of use contribute to the overall wear and tear of the patrol vehicles.

The department fleet is maintained throughout the year by Township mechanics. The mechanics do an excellent job at keeping department vehicles serviced and performing reliably. All department vehicles are serviced by the Township mechanics at least once monthly. In 2022, over \$37,300 was spent on the maintenance and repair of department vehicles. This amount is a slight decrease of almost one percent from the amount spent on maintenance in 2021.

In 2023, the department intends to purchase three new vehicles. In addition to a new Chevrolet Tahoe, the department will purchase a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado to be used by Patrol Supervisors. The use of a pick up truck will afford the officers the opportunity to carry more equipment and provide extra payload to assist officers during emergency situations. Additionally, a new Harley Davidson motorcycle will be added to the department fleet. The current motorcycle was purchased in September of 2002 and has served the department well. Finally, new mobile video recording systems will be purchased for the front-line patrol vehicles. The current systems in use are older and no longer covered under warranty or support. The new systems will be more technologically advanced, provide secure cloud-based storage of video, and work in conjunction with officers' body cameras.



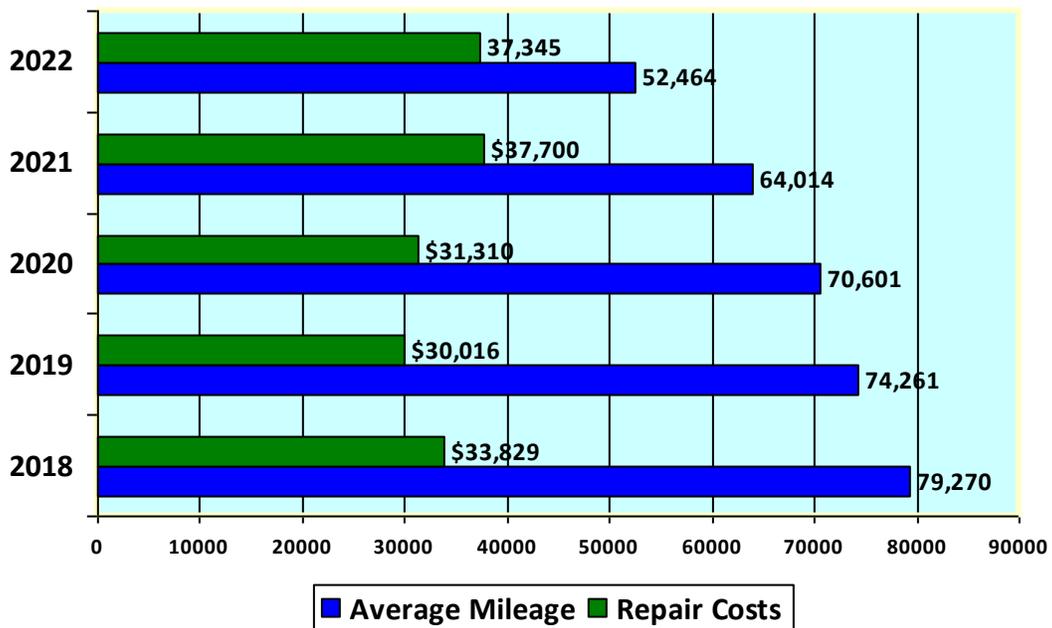
Lt. Frank Hannigan #048

Marple Township Police Department Vehicle Inventory

Unit	Year / Make	Model	Mileage	2022 Miles
75-1*	2019 Chevrolet	Tahoe	59,855	18,854
75-2*	2020 Chevrolet	Tahoe	51,338	18,290
75-3*	2022 Chevrolet	Tahoe	17,195	17,195
75-4*	2022 Chevrolet	Tahoe	16,148	16,148
75-5*	2022 Chevrolet	Tahoe	7,649	7,649
75-6*	2021 Chevrolet	Tahoe	41,333	35,044
75-7*	2021 Chevrolet	Tahoe	34,325	20,544
75-8*	2019 Chevrolet	Tahoe	68,595	14,305
75-31	2021 Chevrolet	Tahoe	7,505	7,505
75-32	2016 Ford	Fusion	37,994	4,624
75-34	2016 Ford	Interceptor SUV	119,380	6,637
75-35	2020 Chevrolet	Tahoe	60,763	13,284
75-36	2014 Ford	Interceptor SUV	99,357	4,836
75-37	2019 Chevrolet	Tahoe	79,294	16,497
75-38	2012 Ford	Escape	89,706	3,367
75-39	2002 Harley Davidson	Road King	35,229	981

* *Front-line Patrol Vehicle*

Average Annual Fleet Mileage and Repair Costs



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2021 BUDGET

TOTAL EXPENDITURES BUDGET		FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
1-410-3610	Electric - Traffic Signals	6,000.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
1-410-3730	Repairs & Maintenance - Non-Vehicle	18,500.00	20,000.00	11,000.00	12,600.00
1-410-3740	Repairs & Maintenance - Vehicle	36,000.00	38,500.00	33,500.00	36,000.00
1-410-3741	Office Equipment & Maintenance	4,000.00	4,700.00	4,000.00	2,000.00
1-410-3750	Tires, Batteries, & Accessories	5,500.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
1-410-3760	Traffic Signal Maintenance	18,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
1-410-3810	Firearms Range Rental	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
1-410-4200	Dues, Subscriptions, & Memberships	5,500.00	5,500.00	4,700.00	5,000.00
1-410-4600	Meetings & Conferences	5,000.00	5,800.00	5,900.00	5,900.00
1-410-4700	Training	13,000.00	13,000.00	14,000.00	15,000.00
1-410-7200	Major Building Repairs	2,500.00	37,000.00	35,000.00	20,000.00
1-410-7400	Capital Outlay		128,100.00	25,200.00	81,600.00
1-410-7400.1	DOJ Equity Sharing Disbursement	349.00	24,000.00	20,000.00	4,781.00
1-410-7500	Capital Outlay - Computer Hardware	25,200.00	27,225.00	18,000.00	14,000.00
TOTAL:		7,947,008.00	8,438,191.00	8,356,141.00	8,415,912.00