

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

2007 ANNUAL REPORT



Chief Joseph M. Evangelista

Report Prepared by
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ORGANIZATION & PERSONNEL

Personnel

Retirements

Detective Steven Ginyard and Corporal Burgess "Butch" Hamer each retired this year after 25 plus years of service. One officer Leon Linthicum was terminated; there is currently an appeal under way in this matter.

New Hires

Police Officers Leonard Larkin, Felix Cruz, Matthew Martino and Giacomo Trombetta were hired and attended either the Cape May County or the Atlantic County Police Academies. Kurt Saettler was hired in late August and is presently in the Police Academy

Current Sworn Employees

The list below reflects the Department Personnel on December 31, 2007.

Chief of Police

Joseph Evangelista

Captain

Wm. Scott Webster

Captain

Richard Smedberg

Lieutenant

Christopher Leusner

Lieutenant

Paul Fritsch

Detectives

Detective Sergeant

Chris Murphy

Paul Loefflad

Allan McClure

Clint Stocker

Richard McHale

Doug Osmundsen

School Liaison Officers

Sergeant Jeff Saduk

Officer Sharon Price

Patrol Sergeants

Mark Devico

John Edwards

Pat Conte

Bill Adams

Corporals

Jeff Devico

Mike Elias

Jim Dougherty

Fred Crawley

Senior Patrol Officers

Richard Sittineri

Mike Harron

Walter Krych

Patrolman

Robert McHale

Marcus Phillips

Francis Fiore

Robert Shepherd

Jennifer Moore

Gino Castellano

Jason Sill

James Loftus

Phillip Johnson

James Dalonzo

Jason Sweitzer

Patrolman

David Hagan

Julio Ruiz

Steven Novsak

Michelle Greenwaldt

John Norton

Joshua Bryan

Ron Miller

Tracey Super

Dan Martin

Matthew Martino

Leonard Larkin

Felix Cruz

Giacomo Trombetta

Kurt Saettler

Street Crimes Unit

Detective Don Nelson

Officer Ken Martin

Officer Mark Higginbottom

CALLS FOR SERVICE & CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Calls for Service for the year of 2007: 45,506

Calls for service for the year of 2006 was: (39,123)
This resulted in an increase of (6,383) calls for service in 2007.

Arrests

The figures listed below reflect the number of individuals arrested for the year of 2006 and this year 2007. It should be noted that multiple charges are sometimes filed against a single individual. The numbers below do not reflect a tabulation of multiple charges filed against an individual.

2007	2006
Total Arrests: 1302	Total Arrests: 1300

Uniform Crime Reports (UCR)

The Uniform Crime Reporting Program is a nationwide, cooperative statistical effort of more than 17,000 city, county, and state law enforcement agencies reporting data on crimes brought to their attention. It was established in 1930 to gauge the state of crime in the nation. There are eight (8) main offense classifications known as Part I Crimes, used as part of the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

Below is a listing highlighting the eight (8) identified crime classifications and the respective number of offenses for Middle Township for the past two (2) years.

Offense: 2007		Offense: 2006	
Homicide	0	Homicide	1
Rape	11	Rape	4
Robbery	22	Robbery	21
Aggravated Assault	49	Aggravated Assault	74
Burglary	163	Burglary	154
Theft	523	Theft	575
Motor Vehicle Theft	39	Motor Vehicle Theft	30
Arson	9	Arson	9
Total UCR:	807		859
Violent Crime:	82		100
Non Violent Crime:	725		759

Comparing 2007 to 2006 finds that overall reportable crime is down slightly. Homicides are down from 1 to 0. Contrastly Rapes are up from 4 to 11 in 2007. Robberies are up by 1, Aggravated Assaults are down by 25 incidents. Burglaries are up by 9 and thefts are down by 22. MV thefts are up by 9 and arsons stayed the same.

There are several dozen different classifications of calls. The following list shows the classification of the other type of calls for service both criminal and non criminal in nature handled by members of the Police Department in 2007.

Sex Offenses, other than Rape:	(18)
Simple Assaults	(163)
Ambulance and Fire calls:	(2,987)
Animal Complaints:	(1,764)
Burglar, Fire or Medical Alarms	(1,212)
Death Investigations:	(27)
Disorderly conduct incidents:	(4,088)
Fraud, forgery, bad checks:	(162)
Malicious damage incidents:	(381)
Missing persons or runaways:	(115)
All other public assistance calls:	(1,994)
Assisting other agency incidents:	(494)
Property and building checks:	(14,424)
Bias Incidents investigated:	(4)

Investigations Reports generated by Officers totaled: (1,911)
Supplemental Investigations or follow up reports generated: (1,932)

Domestic Violence:

Domestic Violence is a serious crime against society and it must be aggressively addressed by both law enforcement and the courts. New Jersey has strong laws and protective measures for victims of Domestic Violence.

Middle Township is not immune from the problems and concerns of Domestic Violence. During the year of 2007 Middle Township Police responded to **(254)** Domestic Violence incidents. In 2006 Middle Township Police responded to (235) Domestic Violence incidents. Additionally **(62)** Domestic Violence Temporary Restraining Orders were filed for and obtained with the assistance of police.

Property Stolen and Recovered:

Property offenses include Burglary, Theft, Criminal Mischief and Shoplifting. The exact amount of value in the theft related offenses is hard to determine as officers and victims usually estimate the value of property stolen and recovered. Below reflects the estimated value of property stolen and recovered for the year of 2007.

Stolen:	<u>(\$953,577.00)</u>
Recovered:	<u>(\$353,115.00)</u>

Officer Line of Duty Injuries and or accidents

During 2007 a total of **(10)** officers suffered on duty injuries causing a lost time at work totaling **(17)** work days. The injuries varied from dog bites, to motor vehicle crash injuries to hand, knee, back and ankle sprains.

Officers were involved in **(10)** motor vehicle accidents while on duty, three accidents being reportable in nature and the remaining seven being very minor in nature.

Use of Force Incidents and Reporting

As required by law each officer who must use force, above the normal in arresting or handling an individual must complete a state use of force reporting form. This report is supplied each year to the Cape May County Prosecutors Office.

In 2007 a total of **(21)** Use of Force incidents were reported by Middle Township Police Of those incidents **(22)** subjects were arrested, one subject was in possession of a weapon, **(4)** subjects received injuries during the use of force, (all minor in nature) **2** Middle Township Police Officers were injured during the arrests. No weapons were discharged in any of the incidents.

TRAFFIC

Motor Vehicle Accidents:

A total of (966) motor vehicle crashes were investigated by the Middle Township Police Department. This an increase of (46) crashes over last year.

Of the 966 crashes a total of (180) injuries were sustained as a result of those crashes. A total of (7) individuals were killed in five (5) crashes during 2007.

In 2006 a total of (920) crashes were investigated and (194) individuals sustained injuries as a result of those crashes. Five (5) individuals were killed in five (5) crashes.

Motor Vehicle Summonses issued:

(3898) motor vehicle summonses were issued by officers of the Middle Township Police Department in 2007.

(3721) motor vehicle summonses were issued by officers in 2006.

The Middle Township Police Department received a grant in the amount of \$9,600.00 from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety, to pay for overtime patrols to enforce traffic laws and combat "aggressive driving behaviors".

The Police Department also received a similar grant from the Division of Highway Traffic Safety to enforce the usage of seat belts by all operators and passengers of motor vehicles.

Driving while intoxicated by alcohol or drugs (DWI):

(135) arrests were made for DWI offenses in 2007, this compared to (115) arrests made in 2006.

The Middle Township Police Department received a grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety to pay for overtime patrols to enforce and combat DWI offenses.

Police Pursuits:

Middle Township Police Officers were involved in eight (8) incidents involving Police motor vehicle pursuits. Two of the pursuits ended in motor vehicle crashes and six (6) ended in arrests of seven individuals. Two pursuits were terminated by officers.

Traffic Related Services Provided: (6,001) incidents handled by officers in 2007.

PATROL DIVISION

Patrol is the largest Division of the Police Department. Its primary responsibility is responding to calls for service from the community. These can range from neighborhood disputes, domestic violence incidents and traffic accidents to burglaries in progress and death investigations.

As the first responder to criminal complaints, patrol officers are responsible for seeing to the medical needs of anyone involved, interviewing witnesses, recognizing and preserving evidence, determining whether, in fact, a crime has been committed, and identifying and ultimately arresting those responsible.

Officers of the Patrol Division are also expected to 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 and Problem Oriented Policing.

Officers assigned to the Patrol Division are divided into four (4) squads. These squads are responsible for 24-hour street coverage, seven days a week. Each squad is supervised by a Sergeant and consists of between seven or eight patrolman.

Field Training Officers: (FTO's)

All Police Officers hired by the Middle Township Police Department must attend and successfully complete a New Jersey State certified Police Academy. This department predominantly uses the Cape May County Police Academy. Upon graduation from the academy, all officers return to the department and are required to successfully complete a Field Training Program. This FTO program is an additional 3 months of intensive training and evaluation in which the probationary officer is paired up with an experienced officer. This FTO officer has been carefully selected and trained as a Field Training Officer. It is the goal of the FTO program to prepare and develop probationary officers to act efficiently, effectively and safely in a solo patrol capacity.

The below listed eight officers conducted the Field Training to the four (4) newly hired officers this past year.

Corporal James Dougherty
Corporal Jeff Devico
Patrolman Robert Shepherd
Patrolman Gino Castellano

Patrolman James Loftus
Patrolman Phil Johnson
Patrolman David Hagan
Patrolman Steven Novsak

DETECTIVE DIVISION

The Detective Division or otherwise known as the Major Crime Unit is charge with the responsibility of reviewing all incident reports and activities in order to prioritize and investigate criminal activity. Detectives work cases that are either assigned to them or come to them while on duty or on call. They also initiate case investigations.

2007 saw many personnel changes within the Detective Division, Detective Steven Ginyard retired after 25 years of service. Patrolman Richard McHale was moved into the Detective Division taking Ginyards place in July. Detective Don Nelson was moved to the newly created Street Crimes Unit to command that unit, and Patrolman Doug Osmundsen was chosen to replace him in the Detective Division this took place in November.

During 2007 the Detective Division generated (149) investigations, conducted (1,132) Supplemental or follow up investigations, and made (141) arrests.

The Detective Division also conducts any and all police recruit, police employee employment background investigations.

The Division also assists the Middle Township Business Administrator and his staff in conducting any and all needed internal Township wide investigations.

Members of the unit include:

Detective Sergeant Chris Murphy
Detective First Class Paul Loefflad
Detective Allan McClure
Detective Clint Stocker
Detective Richard McHale
Detective Doug Osmundsen

Part Time Evidence clerk Bob Bongiovanni

STREET CRIMES UNIT

In 2002 the Middle Township Police Department formed a Street Crimes Unit that unit was established to combat crimes against persons and property and to investigate drug dealing and use within Middle Township. Almost instantly the unit was a success, solving crimes and arresting drug dealers and users. But due to manpower problems the Unit had to be disbanded and the officers had to go back onto patrol.

Realizing the value of the Street Crimes Unit the unit was brought back into service in November of 2007. The unit is made up of (3) officers: Detective Don Nelson (Unit Leader), Patrolman Ken Martin and Patrolman Mark Higginbottom.

The members of the unit work in a plain clothes capacity and utilize unmarked under cover style vehicles. They work closely with the Patrol and Detective Divisions as well as with the Cape May County Prosecutors Office Narcotics Strike Force.

The unit combats narcotics crimes, and crimes against persons and property throughout Middle Township. The unit also serves as the intelligence clearing house for any and all organized gang related involvement within the Township. The unit executes search warrants and seizes contraband. As a result of many of the seizures, monies seized and property seized is often forfeited through the court system and a percentage is returned to the Police Department to be placed in Forfeiture Fund, with this money to be used by the department for law enforcement purchases or training.

During November and December of 2007 in the units first 2 months of operation the members prepared and executed (5) search warrants for narcotics offenses, conducted (10) investigations, prepared (41) supplemental or follow up investigations and arrested (19) subjects. Members also gathered intelligence information and prepared (26) intelligence reports.

Forfeiture Fund:

Began year 2007 with a balance of :	(\$5,566.58)
Forfeited monies received in 2007:	(\$7,443.60)
Forfeited monies expended in 2007:	(\$7,524.16)
Balance transferred over to 2008:	(\$6,811.21)

Equipment purchased with use of Forfeited Funds in 2007

1 emergency patrol vehicle light bar	\$2,821.71
4 desktop computer systems	\$3,817.35
1 evidence refrigerator	\$287.10
Computer Crash Zone software for MVA's	\$598.00

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The School Resource Officer (SRO) Program has been in place for the past 12 to 15 years and continues today as a collaborative effort with both the Middle Township School District and by a contract with the Cape May County Vocational Technical High School. Presently two (2) officers are assigned as School Resource Officers, Sergeant Jeff Saduk who oversees the unit and is primarily assigned to the Middle Township High School. Officer Sharon Price is assigned to the Cape May County Vocational Technical High School.

The School Resource Officer Program has two main components designed to enhance the relationship between the school district, its students, teachers and administrators, and the police department. The first component is to provide law enforcement and an added police presence to all district schools. This is accomplished through the use of patrol officers who, as part of their duties, conduct walk throughs and visits to the facilities. The second component is to provide training and informal counseling to students, staff and parents.

The School Resource Officers conducted (127) investigations during the school year, initiated (25) arrests and prepared (62) investigation reports and (22) supplemental or follow up reports. As well as investigating (3) motor vehicle accidents.

DARE PROGRAM

The Middle Township Police Department has conducted the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance and Education) program in the Middle Township Schools since 1990. To this year over 4,000 Middle Township students have gone through the DARE program Which is now taught at Elementary #2's fifth (5th) grade. This program is 14 weeks long and trained officers visit their assigned class once a week and teach a prescribed curriculum. In 2007 approximately (250) students were taught the DARE program. Officers who teach the DARE program include.

Sergeant Pat Conte
Corporal Jeff Saduk
Patrol Officer Jennifer Moore
Patrolman Mark Higginbottom
Patrolman Francis Fiore (program coordinator)

RECORDS DIVISION

The Records Section of the Police Department supports the operational efforts of the Patrol and Investigative functions as well as performing a variety of other services, including but not limited to:

- Data entry
- Report maintenance / Filing / Retrieval
- Issuing Licenses
- Copy reports for Civilians / Attorneys / Law Enforcement Agencies / Insurance Companies
- Expungement Orders
- Division of Youth and Family Backgrounds
- Issue Handicap Placards
- Process Firearms Applications
- Process Fingerprint Cards
- Process Juvenile Complaints
- Conduct monthly statistics
- Handle petty cash
- Conduct Uniform Crime Reports

The Records Section staff consists of the following employees:

- Elaine Gregory
- Muriel Anderson
- Barbara Eisminger
- Virginia Sweitzer
- Kendra Karstens

The work they do is invaluable and a great asset to this department.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Middle Township Police Department is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week by full time Public Safety Telecommunicators. They are the initial point of contact for a majority of the public requiring police services. They are an extremely vital component in delivering effective police services to the community and their dedication and importance should not be overlooked. Often times they are required to maintain a reassuring and calming demeanor in the face of extraordinary circumstances in order to assist the caller and the police officer responding to an emergency. All of the Public Safety Telecommunicators are required to receive and maintain certification by the Office of Emergency Telecommunications Services in the Department of Law and Public Safety. Some of the examples of work performed include.

- Receive and respond to telephone requests for emergency services
- In response to medical emergencies, provide First Aid or CPR instructions to stabilize the medical condition of persons until the arrival of medical assistance
- Relay all vital information to responding police officers
- Utilize radio, telephone, or other electronic equipment to dispatch specific law enforcement, Fire Department or Medical units to the scene of an emergency.
- Refer non-emergency situations to the appropriate public or private agencies
- Make data entries into the Police Departments computer system as well as various systems databases such as the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and the State Crime Information Center (SCIC), Stolen Vehicle File and Missing Persons file.

The Middle Township Police Department employs eight (8) full time Communications Operators, two (2) assigned to each of the four patrol squads. The department employs and additional (4) four part time communications operators. It is mandatory that at all times there be two operators present in the dispatch center. This highly important and stressful position is filled by the following highly qualified and dedicated employees.

Senior Operator Diane Shinn
Senior Operator Madonna Sill
Senior Operator Jennifer Graham
Senior Operator Keith Woodrow
Operator Bob Eagan
Operator Bill Mulligan
Operator Dustin Gaskill
Operator Jennifer Teasenfitz
Part Time Operator Maureen Leitenberger
Part Time Operator Joe Russo
Part Time Operator Ted Farina

During the year of 2007 Middle Township Police Department Telecommunications Operators processed some **(45,506)** calls for service into the CAD Computer Aided Dispatch system.

Operators answered a total of **(11,647)** emergency 911 calls for service; those 911 calls were answered in an average time of 3.03 seconds.

The Communications Operators also monitor and answer calls coming into headquarters on the Police Departments main operating phone number, 609-465-8700. A review of the Audiolog telephone and radio recording system reveals that Police Communications Operators receive and make an average of **(180)** telephone calls per day while in the performance of their duties. Based on this figure Middle Township Police Communications Operators will handle approximately:

**(65,700) telephone calls and (11,647) 911 calls for a total of (87,347) calls per year
Or (239) calls per day.**

Senior Operator Jennifer Graham is a certified 911 instructor
Communications Operator Bill Mulligan is a certified EMD Emergency Medical Dispatch instructor

Police Department members who hold the rank of Instructor:

In addition to their normal work duties several Middle Township Police Officers have attained the position of being an instructor in a specific field or multiple fields. These officers conduct interdepartmental in-service training to department members. Many of them are also instructors at the Cape May County Police Academy. Officers who are instructors are as follows:

Captain Scott Webster	Juvenile Law, ABC Law, Megans Law	Police Academy
Sergeant Bill Adams	2C Law instruction	Police Academy
SFC Jeff Saduk	Firearms instruction	Departmental and Police Academy
DFC Paul Loefflad	Arrest Search and Seizure / Firearms	Police Academy
Detective Rich McHale	2C Law instruction	Police Academy
Corporal Jim Dougherty	ATV/Firearms/ Defensive Driving/ Radar	PD-Academy
Sergeant Pat Conte	Radar	Departmental
Corporal Fred Crawley	Physical Training instructor	Police Academy
Patrolman Jason Sweitzer	Physical Training instructor	Police Academy
Patrolman Marcus Phillips	Firearms instruction	Departmental and Police Academy

The above officers committed in excess of (57) work days based on an 8 eight shift to training and instructional matters.

COMMUNITY ORIENTED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS CONDUCTED BY MTPD IN 2007

Detectives conducted safety and security seminars at the Loylton Nursing Home complex

Officers maintained an informational show booth at the annual 4H fair in July.

Coordinated the annual and very successful Americas Night Out Against Crime Event in August

Detectives conducted a Bank employee safety seminar at the Police Academy

Detectives and the Chief of Police assisted the Recreation Department with the CSI summer camp program

The Department successfully switched over to the ENFORSYS Computer system

Video Cameras that can be remotely viewed in Dispatch were put into place at the Rio Grande Sub Station.

GOALS AND CHALLENGES 2008

Manpower Related Issues:

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- Meet with Middle Township School Administration and the Cape May County Special Services School System Administration to explore possible contractual agreements to attain an additional or two School Resource Officers.

Equipment:

- Purchase in car audio-video cameras to be placed in departments patrol vehicles
- Purchase additional stalker radar units
- Purchase foul weather apparel for officers
- Purchase Ballistic Helmets for personnel
- Installation of a new telephone system, this in coordination with the entire Township Hall complex.
- Implement and install Township Hall and Police Department Headquarters building structure storm security features, as well as Township wide storm evacuation plans
- Purchase mountable portable speed radar display signs

Law Enforcement Challenge issues for the year 2008:

- Prepare and implement traffic oriented projects
- Conduct a review of the present DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. Look into the GREAT (Gang Resistance Education) program. Make a decision as which program may better serve the students of Middle Township.
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- Complete refurbishment of the Rio Grande Sub Station with the installation of the new Live Scan Fingerprint system.
- Continue to assist Middle Township Emergency Management with the LOCATOR Program.
- Move forward in conjunction with Emergency Management to purchase Army style High Body vehicles.
- Assist with the installation of video cameras at the Goshen Complex Skate Park

- Obtain internet access with the Middle Township High School, the Cape May County Vocational Technical School and the new the cameras at the Skate Park. This to give access to view the cameras from Police Headquarters and remotely.
- Work in conjunction with the Municipal Court in regards to the mandated Court Security issues.
- Refurbish the Used Ambulance to be used as a mobile command post vehicle

SPECIAL UNITS

SWAT Team (Special Weapons and Tactics)

The Middle Township Police maintained and operated its own SWAT team for approximately 20 years. In 2007 the Cape May County Prosecutors Office with the cooperation of the Cape May County Chiefs of Police Association formed a Regional Countywide SWAT team. Every police department in the county has representation on the team. The team is divided into a North Team which Middle Township belongs to and a South Team. Many of Middle Townships SWAT team members were incorporated into the Regional SWAT team. Middle Township was a lead agency supplying personnel, equipment and training staff to the team.

Team members undergo a very rigorous training schedule, both tactically, mentally and physical fitness wise. These members work with their respective agencies as officers doing normal duties, but when necessary are called upon to conduct SWAT operations.

Team members must training at least (12) hours per month and training sessions are held two times per month.

Members of the Middle Township Police Department SWAT team were called out on **(29) deployments** during the year of 2007.

Middle Township Police Officers assigned to the Regional SWAT team include:

Lieutenant Chris Leusner	(Team Leader)	
Sergeant John Edwards		Patrolman Phil Johnson
Sergeant Bill Adams		Patrolman James Dalonzo
Sergeant Pat Conte		
Corporal Jim Dougherty		
Corporal Fred Crawley		
Patrolman Marcus Phillips		

DIVE TEAM

The Middle Township Police Department maintains a fully operational and certified marine rescue dive team. The department maintains 2 vessels, one being a Carolina Skiff outboard center console boat, the other being an aluminum row boat style vessel. The department has six (6) certified Police Department divers with a full compliment of dive equipment. The team trains (10) times per year, both in local gravel pits lakes and in the Delaware Bay and Atlantic Ocean. The team has been utilized many times to assist the US Coast Guard and other agencies in rescue and or recovery operations.

Members of the Dive team are:
DFC Paul Loefflad (Team Leader)
Corporal Jeff Devico
Detective Allan McClure
Detective Clint Stocker
Patrolman Steven Novsak
Patrolman John Norton

HOSTAGE NEGOTIATIONS TEAM

The Middle Township Police Department employs Police Officers that are certified and highly trained in Police Hostage Negotiations. The team is made up of (6) officers who are available to respond to any incident within Middle Township or anywhere within the County to assist in negotiations. The team trains on a regular basis and are often called out in conjunction with the SWAT team. In 2007 the Hostage Negotiation Team responded to (5) critical incidents.

The team is made up of the following officers:
Captain Richard Smedberg (Team Leader)
Detective Don Nelson
Patrolman Fran Fiore
Patrol Officer Sharon Price
Patrol Officer Jennifer Moore
Patrolman James Loftus

HONOR GUARD

The Middle Township Police Department maintains a formal Police Honor Guard. The purpose of the honor guard is to formally represent the Middle Township Police Department at official functions. The honor guard performs its task with a military regime; the members also wear a formal uniform blouse and ceremonial rifles and the use of flags.

The Honor Guard is used at official government functions, at the Graduation of the Police Academy, at the DARE graduations, in parades and represent the police department at funerals. Members of the unit include:

Patrolman James Loftus (Leader)
Patrolman Marcus Phillips
Patrolman Mark Higginbottom
Patrolman Joshua Bryan
Patrolman Robert McHale

Corporal Fred Crawley
Patrolman Jason Sweitzer
Patrolman David Hagan
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CITIZEN COMPLAINTS INTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Middle Township Police Department is committed to providing law enforcement services that are fair, effective and impartially applied. Toward that end, officers are held to the highest standards of official conduct and are expected to respect the rights of all citizens. Officer's adherence to these standards, motivated by a moral and professional obligation to perform their job to the best of their ability, is the ultimate objective of this agency.

The effectiveness of a law enforcement agency is dependent upon public approval and acceptance of police authority. The department must be responsive to the community by providing formal procedures for the processing of complaints from the public regarding individual officer performance.

The purpose of the Departments Internal Affairs Policy is to improve the quality of law enforcement services. Citizen confidence in the integrity of the police department increases through the establishment of meaningful and effective complaint procedures. The confidence engenders community support for the police department. Improving the relationship between the police and the citizens they serve facilitates cooperation vital to the department's ability to achieve its goals. An effective disciplinary framework also permits police officials to monitor officer's compliance with department policies and procedures. Adherence to established policies and procedures assists officers in meeting department objectives while a monitoring system permits managers to identify problem areas requiring increased training or direction. Finally, the Internal Affairs Policy ensures fairness and due process protection to citizens and officers alike.

The internal affairs process is also used to identify and correct unclear or inappropriate agency procedures. In addition, it will highlight organizational conditions that may contribute to any misconduct, such as poor recruitment and selection procedures or inadequate training and supervision of officers.

In 2007 there were a total of **(25)** Internal Affairs Investigations conducted. Of them eighteen involved internal administrative rule violations not generated by the general public. Of those (18) cases, eight (8) involved some sort of disciplinary action being taken against the officer. (4) cases were exonerated, (1) case was not sustained, (3) cases were deemed unfounded, and three were administratively closed.

One (1) allegation of excessive force was received and that case was cleared exonerated.

Two (2) allegations made were for reported improper arrests. One case was found to be unfounded and the other was cleared exonerated.

One (1) complaint was received involving differential treatment, this was found to be unfounded.

Three (3) complaints received were deemed criminal in nature and the investigations resulted thus far in one case being exonerated, and the other 2 are still pending.

The Middle Township Police Department works closely with the Cape May County Prosecutors Office and many of the internal affairs investigations are worked jointly between both departments this to ensure that the highest quality of investigation is conducted.

Internal Affairs Division is commanded by Captain Scott Webster and Lieutenant Christopher Leusner.

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PATROL DIVISION
2007 Year Statistics

ALPHA SQUAD	CFS	MV SUM	ARRESTS	INVESTS	SUPPS	MVA	DWI	Remarks	SICK
ADAMS	556	28	6	5	11	3	1	0	2
CRAWLEY	596	49	15	22	2	11	1	0	10
FIGORE	791	83	25	56	19	26	3	see below	17
LOFTUS	1585	88	29	74	23	27	2	0	1
SWEITZER	1045	65	33	64	20	35	1	0	9
HAGAN	961	80	28	42	15	17	3	see below	2.5
RUIZ	1203	91	16	38	6	30	0	0	10
MILLER	2587	358	97	99	22	40	8	0	0
MARTINO	556	45	22	43	9	20	1	see below	4
TOTALS	9880	887	271	443	127	209	20	0	55.5
BRAVO SQUAD									
EDWARDS	263	3	3	6	14	4	1	see below	0
DEVICO, J	449	59	8	5	6	5	4	0	3
KRYCH	1396	438	52	63	19	22	8		5
CASTELLANO	839	98	39	39	11	38	2	0	4
SILL	1475	83	17	42	12	44	6	see below	10
DALONZO	1585	164	43	44	4	34	6	0	7
GREENWALDT	1633	137	29	97	48	40	6	0	8
CRUZ	691	69	36	30	14	20	5	see below	0
TOTALS	8331	1051	227	326	128	207	38	0	37
CHARLIE SQUAD									
CONTE	719	45	15	11	32	4	2	0	1
DOUGHERTY	791	103	21	26	30	22	5	0	3
SITTINERI	1380	77	30	29	7	20	4	0	11.5
SHEPHERD	897	89	31	40	6	25	6	0	10
NOVSAK	1177	123	45	72	22	35	6	1	1
NORTON	1146	148	59	58	19	40	14	0	2
BRYAN	1561	125	46	70	21	44	8	0	3
Dan MARTIN	1526	111	28	63	12	41	1	0	6
TROMBETTA	301	31	11	17	3	9	0	see below	0
TOTALS	9498	782	286	386	152	240	46	0	37.5
DELTA SQUAD									
DEVICO,M	427	5	2	3	7	0	0	0	5
ELIAS	1000	125	32	21	4	12	6	0	4
HARRON	919	50	18	57	22	26	1	see below	22
MCHALE, ROB	745	105	21	31	11	28	0	see below	17.5
PHILLIPS	740	58	9	15	3	21	1	see below	10.5
MOORE	1235	44	14	43	6	16	1	0	5
JOHNSON	1198	101	24	52	8	32	1	0	3
SUPER	1637	83	40	72	16	37	5	0	7.5
LARKIN	845	61	23	27	7	13	2	see below	0

TOTALS	8746	632	183	321	84	185	17	0	74.5
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DETECTIVES

MURPHY	60	2	13	11	243	0	0	0	0
LOEFFLAD	86	0	20	33	332	0	0	0	3
MCCLURE	99	0	23	26	184	0	0	0	7
STOCKER	237	1	70	59	272	0	0	0	0
McHale Rich	0	0	12	14	78	0	0	detective July	5
OSMUNDSEN	0	1	3	6	23	0	0	detective Nov.	9
TOTALS	482	4	141	149	1132	0	0	0	24

SCHOOL

SADUK	44	0	17	31	15	3	0	0	3
PRICE	83	6	8	31	7	1	0	0	9
TOTALS	127	6	25	62	22	2	0	0	12

STREET CRIMES UNIT

NELSON	11	1	2	3	16	0	0	see below	3
MARTIN Ken	40	0	8	7	8	0	0	see below	5
HIGGINBOTTO	23	7	2	14	9	0	0	see below	0
	74	8	12	24	33	0	0	0	8

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Rich McHale	1305	65	12	18	31	15	3		
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Osmundsen	725	51	21	29	12	14	1		
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Detectives 1-07 to 11-01-07

Nelson	70	0	24	23	200				
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Martin	885	88	28	47	7	14	2		
Higginbottom	1109	99	37	33	11	14	3		

Remarks

Hagan WRI injury light duty detail May thru August
Phillips Light duty injury January thru mid June
 Edwards Military leave January, February and March
Fiore Light Duty injury and sick leave May and June
 Sill Sick leave April
Dan Martin Graduated Academy Late January: Ride along with FTO until May
 Rob McHale Sick leave-Light Duty: January and February
Harron Family emergency leave: June
 Larkin Graduated Academy late June: Ride along with FTO until September
Cruz Graduated Academy late June: Ride along with FTO until September
 Martino Graduated Academy late June: Ride along with FTO until September
Trombetta Graduated Academy late August: Ride along with FTO until December
 Saettler Hired late August still in the Police Academy
Linthicum Suspension: February thru November: Terminated