

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT 2010 ANNUAL REPORT



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Middle Township Police Department had a challenging year in 2010. The department continued to shrink through attrition for a third year in a row and was affected by the financial crisis like every other municipality in New Jersey. In March, the Governor announced a cut in state aid of approximately \$500,000. This required an immediate restructuring of the Police Department to find dollars to help the Township close a significant budget deficit. This included disbanding of the Street Crimes Unit and reassigning those officers to patrol on 8 hour shifts to work during high call and high overtime periods. This change resulted in a 20% reduction in overtime, a savings of approximately \$50,000 when factoring in grant money we acquired in 2010. In addition, we restructured our fleet management plan and realized a \$75,000 savings. Under the leadership of Lt. Murphy, dispatch overtime was reduced by over 35% for a savings of approximately \$23,422. The command staff also researched and set forth options to recover costs for some of our services such a False Alarm Reduction Program and then privatized the administration of the program. We also utilized two retired officers at a modest hourly rate to assist Sgt. Adams with our reaccreditation, a task formerly handled exclusively by a Captain. Finally we recommended increasing the administrative fee paid to the Township for off-duty police officer employment.

In 2010, the restructuring and attrition had consequences that resulted in a decrease in pro-active/preventive activity and an increase in reactive activity. Calls for Service in 2010 were down approximately 10,000 and this almost entirely because of 10,000 less preventive property checks. Motor Vehicle summons were down slightly, approximately 2% in 2010. However, criminal activity was up in both non-violent and violent crime. In 2010, our Uniform Crime rating saw increases in 6 out of 8 categories. In addition, Domestic Violence cases were up approximately 7%. Traffic Accidents reached 1000 for the first time in our history and was approximately a 10% increase from 2009. While criminal activity and traffic accidents are up, Middle Township in relation to other communities is a safe place to live. We must be aware of the rise and not allow it to continue to a point that would affect the quality of life of our residents. Our hope is that cuts in public safety are mostly behind us and that we can maintain 45 officers plus 5 Special Class II Officers to deliver police services. Further reductions in public safety would most likely result in a continuation of the rise in criminal activity.

Bright spots of 2010 for the Middle Township Police Department were receiving our first reaccreditation, a further reduction of serious motor vehicle accidents on Route 47 by 5%, upgrade of our communication system to microwave links and increased involvement with the community. In 2010 we partnered with organizations such as the Kiwanis and Toys for Tots. The Chief of Police attended 8 different meetings/events of various community and civic groups to open lines of communication between the Police Department and the community. The Middle Township Police Officer's Association (MTPOA) continued its mission of supporting our Officers and the community. The MTPOA sponsored a Middle Township Little League Team in the April and in November we sponsored Thanksgiving care packages for families in need, and then in December we completed our 10th Annual Toy Drive.

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Going forward we are proposing to expand the Class II officer program to a total of 5 Class II officers. Middle Township is the only municipality in the county that did not use Class II officers. Middle Township qualifies as a resort community under state statute and experiences a significant increase in population during seasonal months. These officers will assist in handling calls for service but they will be limited to handling only 3rd Degree crimes and below and traffic related issues. Nonetheless, they will play a limited but important role in providing police services to our residents.

One of the main proposals for 2011 is to develop an Intersection Safety Camera Program. In June of 2010 the Middle Township Police Department began researching the viability of an Intersection Safety Camera Program. We spoke with representatives from the leading companies in this area, American Traffic Solutions and Redflex Corporation. We reviewed studies from Iowa State University, Old Dominion University, Rice University, Texas A & M University and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. An aggressive public awareness campaign to solicit feedback from the public and various community and civic groups was undertaken. After reviewing all available information, we concluded that an Intersection Safety Camera Program would increase safety at township intersections. Township Committee accepted the recommendation and selected American Traffic Solutions as a vendor to submit an application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation. New Jersey has a pilot program and will not be reviewing any new applications until April when they can evaluate the results of the New Jersey towns that installed systems last year.

Our goals for 2011 will focus on improving the quality of life of residents and increasing traffic safety. The number#1 Goal of the Patrol Division will be to improve the quality of life on State Highway 47 in Rio Grande by increasing patrols and arrests for “quality of life” issues such as: open alcohol, public drunkenness, harassment, sleeping on benches and disorderly conduct. Our focus on traffic will include increasing traffic enforcement and traffic safety awareness on the following roadways: Shunpike Road, Bayshore Road, Hand Avenue, Dias Creek Road, Dennisville Road and Indian Trail Road. We will also continue to increase our enforcement in the area of distracted driving. Our Major Crimes Unit will have benchmarks to hit to increase efficiency within the Unit because of a restructuring that leaves them with one less Detective.

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ORGANIZATION & PERSONNEL

Personnel

Retirements

SFC Mark Devico and Sgt Richard McHale retired December 31, 2010.

Current Sworn Employees

The list below reflects the Department sworn personnel as of January 1, 2011.

Chief of Police

Christopher Leusner

Captain

Paul Fritsch

Lieutenant

John Edwards

Christopher Murphy

Detectives

D/Sgt Don Nelson

Allan McClure

Clint Stocker

Ken Martin

Mark Higginbottom

Special Services Unit

Sgt. D. Osmundsen

Cpl. J. DeVico

Officer Sharon Price

Patrolman Marcus Phillips

Patrolman Jason Sweitzer

Special Police Officer II Brian Murphy

Patrol Sergeants

Pat Conte

Bill Adams

James Loftus

Robert Shepherd

Corporals

Mike Elias

Jim Dougherty

Fred Crawley

Fran Fiore

Senior Patrol Officers

Richard Sittineri

Patrolman

Julio Ruiz

Steven Novsak

Michelle Greenwaldt

Joshua Bryan

Ron Miller

Tracey Super

Dan Martin

Matthew Martino

Leonard Larkin

Giacomo Trombetta

Kurt Saettler

Armondo Jones

Martin Lindholm

Dan Geiger

Robert McHale

Jennifer DeLanzo

Gino Castellano

Jason Sill

Phillip Johnson

James Dalonzo

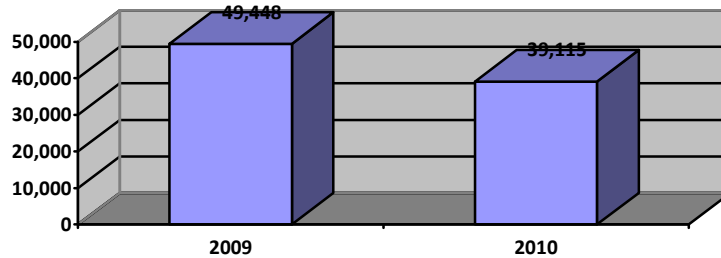
David Hagan

Leon Linthicum

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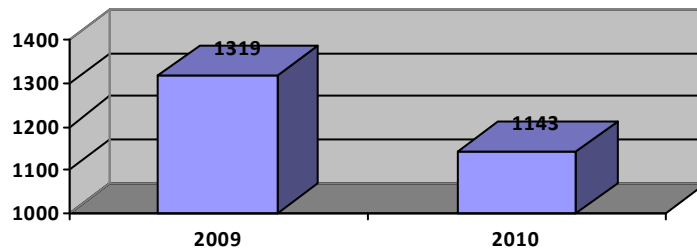
CALLS FOR SERVICE & CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>
Calls for Service:	49,448	39,115	-10,333



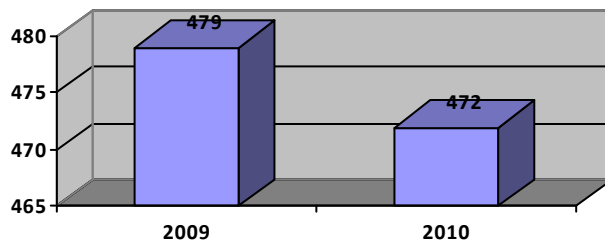
Note: This drop is attributed to a reduction in property checks of over 10,000 from 2009.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>
Arrests:	1319	1143	-176



Note: When comparing 2010 to 2009 there was a decrease of 176 arrests. The disparity can be attributed to juvenile arrests still decreasing, and less time for proactive warrant service details. For 2010 warrant arrests were down 88 when compared 2009.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>
Indictable Complaints	479	472	-7



Each year Middle Township (472) and Wildwood (463) send a considerable amount of complaints to the Prosecutors Office. The remaining departments are significantly less, with Lower Township Police Department the next closest with 303 complaints in 2010.

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Uniform Crime Reports (UCR)

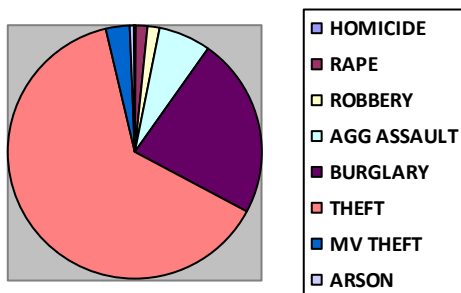
The Uniform Crime Reporting is a nationwide, cooperative statistical effort of more than 17,000 city, county and state law enforcement agencies reporting data on crimes brought to their attention. It was established in 1930 to gauge the state of crime in the nation. There are main offense classifications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

Below is a list highlighting the crime classifications and the respective number of offenses for Middle Township for the past two 2 years.

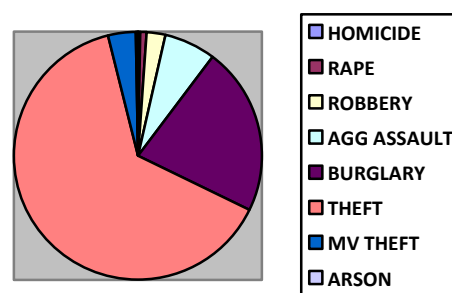
Offense: 2009		Offense: 2010		Change
Homicide	1	Homicide	2	+1
Rape	10	Rape	7	-3
Robbery	11	Robbery	18	+7
Aggravated Assault	45	Aggravated Assault	49	+4
Burglary	155	Burglary	163	+8
Theft	431	Theft	473	+42
Motor Vehicle Theft	21	Motor vehicle Theft	26	+5
Arson	3	Arson	3	-
Total UCR:	674		741	+67
Violent Crime:	67		76	+9
Non Violent Crime:	607		665	+58

Note: This is an estimate based on our monthly reports; the official report is released by the New Jersey State Police later in the year.

UCR 2009



UCR 2010



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The following list shows the classification of the other type of calls for service both criminal and non-criminal in nature handled by the members of the Police Department in 2009.

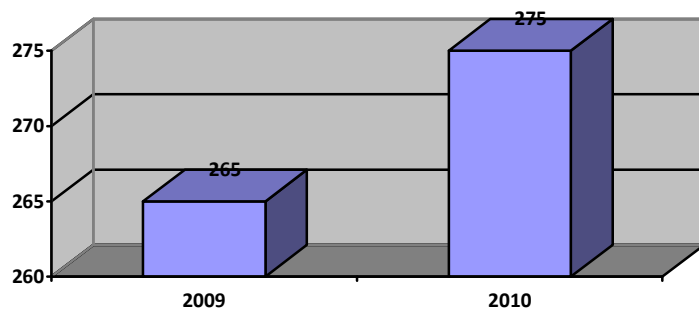
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>
Sex Offenses, other than Rape	37	28	-11
Simple Assaults	115	129	+14
Medical Calls	3249	3344	+95
Fire Calls	612	841	+229
Death Investigations	27	24	-3
Disorderly Conduct incidents	1,407	1,530	+123
Fraud, Forgery, Bad Checks	168	148	-20
Malicious Damage incidents	236	220	-16
Missing Persons and Runaways	145	134	-11
Assisting other agency incidents	552	511	-41
Property and Building Checks	21,747	12,343	-10,196
Bias Incidents Investigated	6	3	-3
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>
Investigation Reports generated:	1,716	1,565	-151
Supplemental Investigations generated:	2,063	1,598	-465

Domestic Violence:

Domestic Violence is a serious crime against society and both law enforcement and the courts must aggressively address it. 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 2009, Middle Township Police responded to 265 Domestic Violence incidents. In 2008 Middle Township police responded to 250 Domestic Violence incidents.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>
Domestic Violence:	265	275	+10

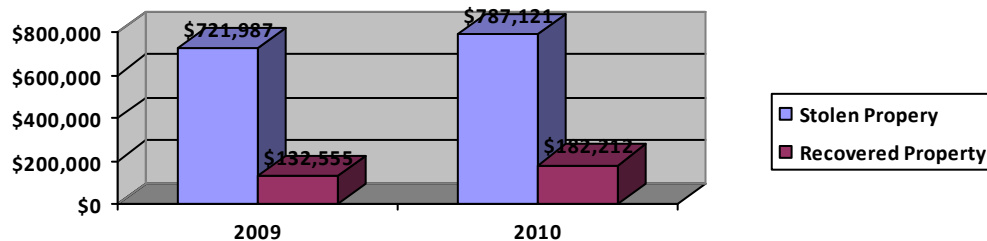


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Property Stolen and Recovered:

Property offenses include Burglary, Theft, Criminal Mischief, and Shoplifting. The exact amount of value in the theft related offenses are 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 2010.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>
Stolen:	<u>\$721,987.00</u>	<u>\$787,121.00</u>	<u>+\$65,134</u>
Recovered:	<u>\$132,555.00</u>	<u>\$182,212.00</u>	<u>+\$49,657</u>



Officer Line of Duty Injuries and or accidents

During 2010, Personnel Officer Kalish reports 11 incidents filed with her, of which 8 were reported to the JIF. A total of 6 officers suffered injuries while in the performance of their duties, which caused the 6 officers to miss a total of 107 workdays.

The following is a list of the 6 officers who missed time:

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Days missed</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Corporal James Dougherty	3	SWAT training
Patrolman Jen DeLanzo	29	Reoccurring work related injury
Patrolman James D'Alonzo	1	Critical Incident
Patrolman Jason Sweitzer	2	Slipped on ice
Patrolman Steve Novsak	1	Fall
Patrolman Dan Martin	71	Motor Vehicle Accident (Officer still out of work as we start 2011)

Officers were involved in 7 motor vehicle crashes while on duty in 2010. Four crashes were reportable, and three were non reportable.

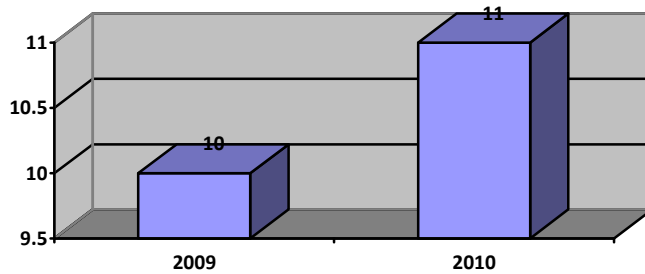
<u>Officer</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Synopsis</u>
Sgt. Pat Conte	6-25-10	Vehicle rear ended patrol vehicle
Ptl. Dan Martin	8-6-10	Patrol vehicle rear ended other vehicles
Ptl. Jason Sweitzer	10-22-10	Patrol vehicle struck deer
Sgt. Pat Conte	10-26-10	Vehicle rear ended patrol vehicle
Ptl. Armond Jones	11-5-10	Patrol vehicle backed into other vehicle
Ptl. Armond Jones	11-7-10	Patrol & other vehicle / angle / parking lot
Cpl. Jim Dougherty	11-26-10	Patrol vehicle struck deer

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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.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>
Use of Force Incidents	10	11	+1



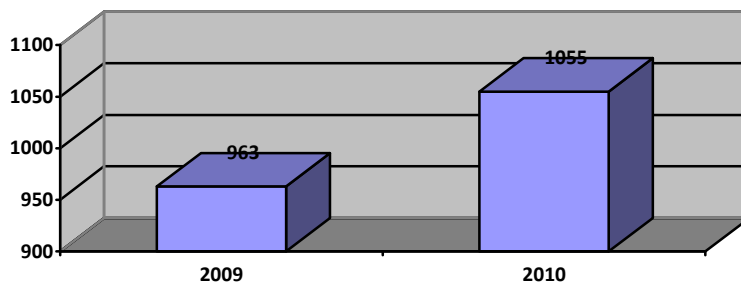
Of those 11 use of force incidents, 10 subjects were arrested, 1 subject received minor injury, and 1 subject was killed.

2 Middle Township Police Officers were injured during the arrests. A weapon was discharged in one of the incidents.

Officers injured using force:	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>
	6	2	-4

TRAFFIC

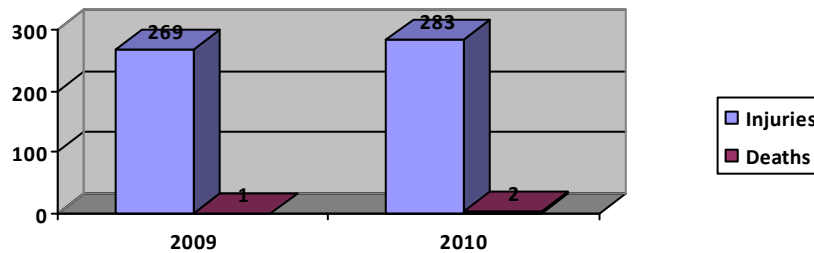
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>
Motor Vehicle Crashes	963	1055	+92



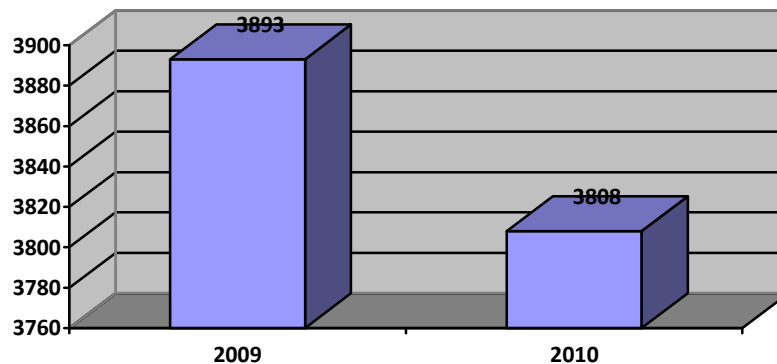
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Motor Vehicle Accident Injuries/Deaths:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>
Injuries:	269	293	+24
Deaths:	1	2	+1



	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>
Motor Vehicle Summonses issued:	3869	3808	-61

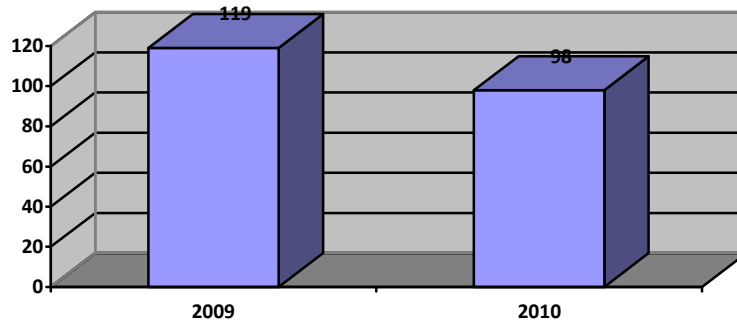


The Police Department received a \$4000.00 grant in May 2010, from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety. The grant was for the “Click it or Ticket” campaign, which funds enforcement to increase seat belt usage and awareness.

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Driving While Intoxicated by Alcohol or Drugs (DWI):

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>
DWI Arrests	119	98	-21



The Middle Township Police Department received a **\$6000.00** grant in August 2010 and again in December 2010 from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety. The campaign called “Over the Limit, Under Arrest”, utilized \$8,200 of the funds for DWI enforcement patrols.

In addition, the Middle Township Police received **\$37,356.99** from the Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund on December 16, 2009. In 2010, \$9,307 from the DDEF fund was expended on drunken driving enforcement patrols.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>
Police Pursuits:	6	4	-2

Middle Township Police Officers were involved in **4** incidents involving motor vehicle pursuits. **2** ended in motor vehicle crashes involving the pursued vehicle. (Of the two, **1** was a single vehicle crash, and **1** struck another car, with no one being injured.) All **4** ended with arrests.

ADMINISTRATION

The Police Administration is one of the smallest in the county and is only four officers, including the Chief. The officers are Chief Christopher Leusner, Captain Paul Fritsch, and Lieutenants John Edwards and Christopher Murphy. The Chief of Police is responsible for the day to day operations of the Department, administer and enforce rules and regulations and special emergency directives, discipline of the force and it's personnel, prescribe duties and assignments, delegate



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authority for efficient operation of the force, issue policies/directives, meet with community, civic and religious groups, prepare grants, prepare and manage the Police Department's Budget and report at least monthly to Township Committee.

The Captain serves as the Executive Officer and is responsible for the following areas: Internal Affairs (Review/Recommend), SOPs/Rules & Regulations (manage/update), JIFF coordinator, Safety officer, Infectious control officer, Manage Alcotest units, Review all DWIs and accident reports, Manage Radar units/tuning forks, L.E.T.N. coordinator, Emergency Management officer, Crash Team Commander, Traffic/DWI grants, Fleet manager, Honor Guard liaison, Radio system administrator, Building/cell inspections, Training administrator, On-call administrator, Employee evaluations, Fire Department Liaison, Maintain Battery Back-up, and the Special Events Committee.

The Patrol Commander is responsible for the following areas: Vehicle maintenance, Traffic committee, School Liaison Officers, Schedule training, Public Information officer, Prepare Grants, POSS Administrator (schedule/time off/OT, etc.), Patrol equipment (purchase, maintain, issue), Order/Replace Uniforms, On-call administrator, Manage Off-duty details, Municipal court liaison, Manage Towing Ordinance, Manage Statistics, Manage Municipal Court warrants, Manage DWI DVDs, Manage Class II Program, Maintain Mobile Data Terminals, Global Connect Administrator, FTO Coordinator, and the Domestic Violence coordinator.

The Administrative Lieutenant is responsible for the following areas: MCU Administrator, Dispatch Administrator, Records Administrator, Review all Investigation and Supplement Reports, Dive Team (people/training/equipment), Internal Affairs Investigator, Megan's Law liaison, Bias crime officer, Oversee evidence unit, DYFS liaison, Coordinate 4-H Fair, Harvest Festival & National Night Out, Coordinate JV programs (DARE/Explorers, etc.), ACS/ATS Coordinator, CJIS TAC/Coordinator, county court liaison, Maglocen liaison, Prosecutor's Office liaison, False Alarm Program Administrator, Maintain Voice Recorder, Animal Control, Maintain Facebook page, Hotel/Motel Association Liaison, Internship Coordinator, MVS 2000 reports, Maintain Generator, Prepare Grants, and On-call administrator.

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.



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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 five squads. Four patrol squads are responsible for 24-hour street coverage, seven days a week. Each squad is supervised by a Sergeant and has seven patrol officers. The fifth squad, the Special Service Unit works 5 days a week during high call volume and overtime periods to assist in the workload and reduce overtime expenses.

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, all officers return to the department and are required to successfully complete a Field Training Program. The FTO program is an additional 3 months of intensive training and evaluation where the probationary officer is paired up with an experienced officer. The 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 following Officers are designated as FTO:

Corporal James Dougherty

Patrolman John Norton

Patrolman Dave Hagan

DETECTIVE DIVISION

The Detective Division, otherwise known as the Major Crime Unit (MCU), is charged 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.



In January 2010 Detective Sergeant Christopher Murphy was promoted to Lieutenant. He was replaced by Sergeant Donald Nelson. During the fall/winter of 2010, Detectives

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Doug Osmundsen and Robert Shepherd were moved back into the Patrol Division in anticipation of their promotions to Sergeant. Ptl. Mark Higginbottom was assigned to the Detective Unit as a replacement. The unit will run with one less detective as it enters 2011.

The Detective Division generated the following:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>
Investigations:	162	92	-70
Supplemental Investigations	1730	1234	-496
Arrests	184	81	-103

Note: We attribute the above changes to a reduction in Unit in the fall and an increase in more complex and time consuming investigations in 2010.

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.

Some notable cases handled by the Major Crimes Unit in 2010 include:

- Arrest of a 20 year old male (for Aggravated Assault/Possession of a Weapon) for putting a handgun to a 19 year old female's head. (2010-10703)
- Arrest of three males for a home invasion in Goshen in which the residents were duct-taped. Charges were Robbery, Burglary, Possession of a Weapon and Criminal Restraint. (2010-19007)
- Arrest of a 23 year old male for Car Jacking with injury and Resisting Arrest in Rio Grande. (2010-27805)
- Investigation and arrest of a male for the Murder (with handgun) of a 50 year old Del Haven resident. Accused fled/arrested in Florida. (2010-24950)
- Arrest of a juvenile for Terroristic Threats for threatening to bring weapons to the Middle Township High School. (2010-37138)
- Arrest of a 20 year old male in Rio Grande for Distribution CDS/Possession of Handgun during CDS offense and Resisting Arrest. (2010-33034)

The unit handled numerous Aggravated Assaults, Sexual Offenses and Missing Person cases. It also conducts all background checks for those seeking Firearm ID cards and/or handgun permits.



The division works on a number of open cases, such as the Mark Himebaugh and Craig White investigations, with various agencies including the FBI, New Jersey State Police and Cape May County Prosecutors Office. Anyone with information on the above cases is asked to contact the Major Crimes Unit at 609-465-8704.

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Members of the unit during 2010 included:

Detective Sergeant Donald Nelson

Detective First Class Allan McClure

Detective Clint Stocker

Detective Kenneth Martin

Detective Doug Osmundsen

(reassigned to patrol December 2010)

Detective Robert Shepherd

(reassigned to patrol November 2010)

Detective Mark Higginbottom

(assigned to unit November 2010)

Part Time Evidence Clerk Bob Bongiovanni

MEGAN'S LAW UNIT

Megan's
Law

Although not “officially” a unit, the task of handling Megan’s Law registrants within the township rests with the Major Crimes Unit.

Detective Clint Stocker primarily oversees the registrants with the assistance of other detectives. Registrants are required to re-register anytime they move to a new address within the township, even as minimal as a change to a different apartment or motel room. Registrant’s must also register upon moving into Middle Township from another area as well as notify our agency when they are moving to another jurisdiction.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>
New registrants and/or moves:	<u>36</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>+4</u>
Average monthly registrant count:	<u>58</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>+3</u>
Low count	<u>53</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>+2</u>
High count	<u>64</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>+2</u>

SPECIAL SERVICES UNIT

The Special Services Unit was formed in April 2010. The existing Street Crimes Unit was disbanded and officers were reassigned to various assignments. This was partly in response to the cut in state aid of approximately \$500,000. The reassignment of officers from plain clothes to patrol duties during our high volume call period and high overtime periods allowed us to reduce overtime expenses by over 20% from 2009. The Street Crimes Unit had done some excellent proactive police work in 2009. The Unit executed 29 search warrants and



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arrested 110 subjects, but the pressure on the department from attrition and cuts in state aid required a restructuring to reduce costs and focus on our core functions of responding to calls for service from the public.

Sgt. P. Conte supervised the Special Services Unit in 2010. The School Resource Officers, Cpl. J. DeVico and Ptl. S. Price reported to Sgt. Conte. Ptl. M. Phillips who handles many training responsibilities was reassigned to this unit to maximize non-training time on the road assisting patrol. The Unit is also responsible for handling the new protocols for court security. Two additional officers, Ptl. M. Higginbottom prior to being reassigned to the Major Crimes Unit and Ptl. Jason Sweitzer were assigned to the Special Services Unit. In the summer time, Officer Sharon Price was assigned to a patrol squad and Ptl. J. D'Alonzo was temporarily assigned to the unit for the summer. In addition, we hired a Special Class II police officer, Brian Murphy in October and he was assigned to the unit.

The mission of the unit included tackling problem areas that ranged from traffic complaints from citizens to court security and some narcotics enforcement. They were also responsible for supplementing the patrol squads during their busy times and filling in patrol squad shortages in lieu of incurring overtime. In addition, they handled numerous community outreach initiatives and events. Sgt. Doug Osmundsen will be leading the Special Services Unit in 2011.

FORFEITURE

<u>Forfeiture Fund:</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>
Began year balance:	\$3,756.22	\$4,619.77	+\$863.55
Forfeited monies received:	\$5,850.73	\$3,563.50	-\$2,287.23
Forfeited monies expended:	\$4,990.19	\$6,030.00	+\$1,039.81
Balance transferred over:	\$4,616.76	\$2,153.27	-\$2,463.49

Note: Any minor discrepancies can be attributed to interest gained on the account.

Equipment purchased with the use of Forfeited Funds in 2010:

1. Upgrade Rio Grande substation computer server and replace routers-\$2,550.00
2. Purchase new Dell computer desktop for Rio Grande substation-\$1,000.00
3. Purchase new Enforsys computer server-\$2,480.00

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SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The School Resource Officer (SRO) Program is a collaborative effort with both the Middle Township School District and with the Cape May County Technical High School. Presently two 2 officers are assigned as School Resource Officers. Corporal Jeff Devico is primarily assigned to the Middle Township High School. Officer Sharon Price is assigned to the Cape May County Technical High School. *(Note: Middle Township has an inter-local agreement with the Technical High School for the services of the School Resource Officer)* Both officers report to the Sergeant of the Special Services Unit.



The School Resource Officer Program has two main components. The first is designed to enhance the relationship between the school district, its students, teachers/administrators and the police department. The daily communication between police and school officials prevents many problems and mitigates existing problems for both the school and the police. The second component is to provide a law enforcement presence in all district schools. This is accomplished through the use of patrol officers who, as part of their duties, conduct walk through visits to the facilities. The second component is to provide training and informal counseling to students, staff and parents.

School security/action plans have been completed for all schools in Middle Township, including the Cape Christian Academy and the State Department of Human Services School. All plans are reviewed annually and updated if necessary by the School Resource Officers.

The School Resource Officers conducted the following:

<u>Middle Township</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>
Investigations:	64 (67)	23 (26)	-41
Supplement Investigations:	42 (51)	07 (10)	-35
Arrests:	39 (43)	17 (25)	-22
 <u>Cape May County Technical High School</u>	 <u>2009</u>	 <u>2010</u>	 <u>Change</u>
Investigations:	33 (48)	34 (45)	+1
Supplement Investigations:	10 (12)	07 (11)	-3
Arrests:	6 (16)	10 (23)	-6

Note: Both officers are reassigned during the summer months. Cpl. Devico went to the Special Services Unit and Officer Price went to a Patrol Squad. The first listed numbers are actions related to the school, the second number in parenthesis is their total number for the year (school plus summer period). It should also be noted that Cpl. Devico was out quite a bit during the year due to the illness of a family member.

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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 date over 4,200 Middle Township students have gone through the DARE Program which is now taught at Elementary #2's fifth (5th) grade. In 2010 the program was also taught at the Cape Christian Academy. This program is 14 weeks long and trained officers visit their assigned class once a week and teach a prescribed curriculum.



In 2010 approximately **200** students were taught through the DARE Program.

Officers who teach the DARE Program include:

Detective Mark Higginbottom (Program Coordinator)
Corporal Jeffrey Devico

Officer Jennifer DeLanzo
Officer Joshua Bryan

RECORDS DIVISION

The Records division 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:

Debra Dunbracco
Muriel Anderson
Barbara Montgomery

Virginia Sweitzer
Kendra Karstens

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

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COMMUNICATIONS

The Middle Township Police Department Communications Center is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by full time Public Safety Telecommunication Operators. 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 Telecommunication Operators 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 department's computer system as well as various systems databases such as the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and the State Crime Information Center (SCIC).

The Middle Township Police Department employs nine 9 full time Telecommunication Operators, 2 assigned to each of the four patrol squads. The 9th operator is a "floater" who is used to cover vacations, training, illness, etc... (Keeping overtime to a minimum). The department employs an additional four 4 part time communications operators. It is mandatory that at all times there are two 2 operators present in the dispatch center.

*Communications Operator Joseph Russo resigned his full-time status as of 08/01/10 and continued on as a part-timer until resigning completely on 12/28/10. Part-timer Lauren Long became a full-timer as of September 2010 to fill Dispatcher Russo's position. New part-timers Jacob Loefflad and Jennifer Rutherford were brought on board as of 05/08/10. They replaced part-timers Joseph Russo and Maureen Leitenberger who left during 2010. Part-timer Brenda Camp never returned to work in 2010; she was eventually replaced by part-timer Brittany Linz during December 2010.

In November of 2010 the Communications Center was completely renovated and upgraded. All computers, servers were moved to a separate room and every line and

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connection was tagged for future reference. This will allow for easier access to troubleshoot software and hardware issues and allow for easier cleaning of the equipment, which will result in a longer useful life of the equipment. All walls, counters, flooring, ceiling and lighting were also replaced.

The following qualified and dedicated employees fill this highly important and stressful position as of 12/31/10:

Senior Operator Diane Shinn
Senior Operator Jennifer Graham
Operator Bob Eagan
Operator Dustin Gaskill
Operator Lauren Long
P/T Operator Jacob Loefflad
P/T Operator Brittany Linz

Senior Operator Madonna Sill
Senior Operator Keith Woodrow
Operator Bill Mulligan
Operator Ted Farina
P/T Operator Lauren Anzelone
P/T Jennifer Rutherford

Middle Township Police Department Telecommunications Operators handled the following:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>
Calls for service:	49,448	39,027	-10,421
9-1-1 Calls:	10,654	12,370	+1,716
Average time to answer:	3 seconds	3.4 seconds	+4 seconds
Average 911 calls per day:	29.1	33.9	+4.8 calls

Senior Operator Jennifer Graham is a certified 911 Instructor.

Communications Operator Bill Mulligan is a Certified EMD – Emergency Medical Dispatch Instructor and 911 Instructor.

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 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 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.

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The purpose of the 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 and improves the relationship between police and the citizens they serve by facilitating 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 assist officers in meeting department objectives while a monitoring system permits managers to identify problem areas requiring increased training, direction or policy changes. Finally, the Internal Affairs Policy ensures fairness and due process protection to citizens and officers alike.

In 2010 there were a total of **19** Internal Affairs Investigations conducted compared with **23** in 2009. Of the 23 from 2009, **3** remained pending into 2010. Those 3 were completed along with the 19 from 2010 creating 22 dispositions in 2010.

Of the **19** Investigations handled in 2010, **7** resulted in disciplinary action taken against the officer. Of the **3** pending from 2009, **1** resulted in disciplinary action.

Below is a list of the type of cases and their dispositions received in 2010.

2010 Disposition

Excessive Force:	(2) Exonerated (1) Unfounded.
Improper Arrest:	(0)
Improper Entry:	(1) Exonerated
Improper Search	(1) Exonerated
Differential Treatment	(1) Administratively Closed
Demeanor:	(1) Sustained - Internal Discipline (1) Exonerated (1) Unfounded
Other Rule Violation:	(7) Sustained - Internal Discipline (2) Exonerated, (1) Unfounded
Other Criminal Violation:	(1) Not-sustained (1) Unfounded (1)
Administratively	Closed

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 is to ensure that the highest quality of investigation is conducted.

The Internal Affairs Division is commanded by Captain Paul Fritsch and Lieutenant Christopher Murphy.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

One of the most important responsibilities of a law enforcement agency is the training and education of all its personnel. The Police Department has in place a comprehensive policy that addresses the organization and administration of the entire training process, including recruit training, in service training, roll call training and specialized training.

Late in 2008, Ptl Marcus Phillips was reassigned and a training unit was formed. There was a need to make the training officer and assign him outside regular patrol duties. Ptl Phillips keeps track of all the mandatory training records. In addition, he recognizes problems/trends and then formulates strategies for training to deal with the issue. Along with his training duties he is the Court Security Officer, a SWAT Team Operator and a member of the Special Services Unit where he contributes to achieving their mission when not handling training responsibilities.



The men and women of the Middle Township Police Department attended a wide variety of in service training courses throughout 2010 including but not limited to:

- Blood borne Pathogens
- Property and Evidence
- Firearms Qualifications
- SWAT Training
- Hostage Negotiation Training
- Dive Team Training
- ATV Operation Training
- Assault Rifle Qualifications
- Active Shooter Response
- Report Writing
- CPR recertification
- Use of Force
- Domestic Violence
- Vehicle Pursuit
- Interview and Interrogation
- Incident Command
- Hazmat
- Radar Instructor and Operator
- High Risk Motor Vehicle Stops
- Accident Investigations I and II
- Alcotest Operator Training
- Cell Block Management
- Arrest Search and Seizure retraining
- HGN-DWI refresher
- Infant Car Seat Training
- Weapons Armor School
- DRE – Drug Recognition Expert School
- Fraudulent Document School
- Police Supervision School

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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 intradepartmental 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:

Detective Robert Shepherd	2C Law Instruction Police Academy
Sergeant 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
Detective Doug Osmundsen	Firearms Instruction Departmental
Patrolman Josh Bryan	Physical Training Instructor Police Academy

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. In 2008 Wildwood Police Department came on board. The County Team is now divided into two geographical regions; Mainland and Island divisions. Every Police Department in the county has representation on the team.



Team members undergo a very rigorous training schedule, tactically, mentally, and physically. These members work with their respective agencies as officers doing normal duties, but when necessary are called upon to conduct SWAT operations. They are on call 24 hours a day seven days a week.

The position of a SWAT member is voluntary. Selection to become a member of the team is very competitive. Their own department must select officers. These officers are selected based upon their past performance and attitude. Then they must attend a rigorous two-week SWAT course.

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

The North division was called out on **14** assignments in 2010.

Middle Township Police Officers assigned to the Regional Swat Team include:

Sgt William Adams (Team Leader)
Patrolman Phil Johnson
Sergeant Pat Conte
Corporal Jim Dougherty

Patrolman James D'Alonzo
Patrolman Marcus Phillips

DIVE TEAM

The Middle Township Police Department maintains a fully operational and Certified Marine Search and Recovery Dive Team. The department maintains 2 vessels, one being a Carolina Skiff, outboard, center console boat, and the other being an aluminum johnboat vessel, also with an outboard motor.



The department has seven (7) certified divers with a full compliment of dive equipment. The team had (12) training sessions in 2010. Training takes place in local gravel pits, lakes, and in the Delaware Bay and Atlantic Ocean. The team also attended/assisted with the Wildwood Polar Plunge, National Night Out, the county 4-H Fair as well as Lower and Middle Township DARE days. The team has been utilized many times to assist the US Coast Guard and other agencies in rescue and recovery operations.

Members of the Dive Team are:

Detective Clint Stocker (Team Leader)
Corporal Jeff Devico
Patrolman John Norton
Patrolman James Loftus

Detective First Class Allan McClure
Patrolman Steven Novsak
Detective Robert Shepherd

HOSTAGE NEGOTIATIONS TEAM

The Middle Township Police Department employs officers that are certified and highly trained in Police Hostage Negotiations. This team regionalized in 2009 with Middle Township's existing team acting as a foundation for the North end of the county. The team was made up of six (6) officers, currently there are four (4), who are available to respond to any incident within Middle



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Township or anywhere within the County to assist in negotiations. The team trains on a regular basis and is often called out in conjunction with the SWAT team.

The Hostage Negotiations team is made up of the following officers:

Corporal Fran Fiore
Patrol Officer Jennifer DeLanzo
Patrolman James Loftus
Patrolman Julio Ruiz

Sergeant Don Nelson (Team Leader) and Senior Patrol Officer Sharon Price retired from the team during 2010.

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 wear a formal uniform blouse and utilize ceremonial rifles and flags. The Honor Guard is used at official such as graduations at the Police Academy, DARE Graduations, parades, and funerals. The Honor Guard has presented the colors at a Philadelphia Phillies home game for the past five 5 years.



Members of the Honor Guard include:

Patrolman James Loftus (Unit Leader)
Corporal Fred Crawley
Patrolman Robert McHale
Patrolman Marcus Phillips
Patrolman Gino Castellano
Patrolman Jason Sweitzer
Patrolman David Hagan

Patrolman John Norton
Patrolman Joshua Bryan
Patrolman Ron Miller
Patrolman Dan Martin
Patrolman Len Larkin
Patrolman Jack Trombetta

CRASH TEAM

Members of the Middle Township Crash Investigation Team have specialized training to investigate serious motor vehicle crashes. Their training is through North Western University and Institute of Police Technology and



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Management. The courses are: Crash I, Crash II, Pedestrian Crash, Motorcycle Crash, Heavy Vehicle Crash, Vehicle Dynamics and Traffic Crash Reconstruction.

These training courses allow the unit complete, if necessary the following at a crash scene:

- Scaled computer diagramming
- Mathematical analysis
- Damage evaluations
- Seatbelt, headlamp and tire examination
- Scene measurements
- Documentation of road type and tire friction
- High and low speed collision
- Bicycle collisions
- Motorcycle collisions
- semi truck/commercial vehicle accidents

The Middle Township Crash Team uses the following equipment, if necessary, to assist with crash investigations: Laser Impulse, Recon Data Recorder, Map Star System Angle Encoder, Prism and Pole, Drag Boot, Power and Lighting Equipment, Laptop with Crash Zone, Measuring Tapes, Marking Paint, Chalk, and other Miscellaneous equipment.

The Crash Team meets periodically during the year for training updates and familiarization with the equipment. Some Middle Township Police Crash Team members respond with the Cape May County Fatal Unit to assist with other serious crashes throughout the county. The Crash Team is commanded by Captain Paul Fritsch #49.

Members include:

Cpl. James Dougherty #62 (unit leader)

Sgt. Pat Conte #80

Sgt. James Loftus #85

Cpl. Jeff DeVico #56

Ptln. Gino Castellano #83

Ptln. James D'Alonzo #88

DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERTS

The Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) Program is a national effort to deter impaired driving by increasing the likelihood that people who drive under the influence of drugs will be detected, caught, convicted and punished. The DEC Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and is administered and coordinated by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). The DEC Program focuses on a 12 step examination which makes up the DRE drug influence examination. The training consists of three phases: a two day Pre-School,



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a seven day DRE School and Certification Training which consists of 6 field evaluations and witnessing 6 other field evaluations. Upon completion of all three phases certification is achieved.

An evaluation consists of 12 steps. The initial is the breath test completed by the arresting officer. If the Blood Alcohol Concentration reading is less than 0.08% and the officer believes the subject appears more impaired than what the reading suggests a DRE is requested. The responding DRE performs more in depth testing of the subject to determine if the subject is under the influence of one or more of seven drug categories.

The Department currently has 3 Drug Recognition Experts, Sgt. William Adams, Patrolman David Hagan and Patrolman Leonard Larkin. During 2010 these officers performed the following number of evaluations:

Adams: 3	(All for this Department)
Hagan: 6	(4 for this Department, 2 for other jurisdictions)
Larkin: 2	(1 for this Department, 1 for another jurisdiction)

The Department is currently looking into a joining a grant with Atlantic County. This would allow the Department to be reimbursed all overtime incurred by DRE's performing evaluations and possibly their court time.

ACCREDITATION PROGRAM



The Middle Township Police Department participates in the New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. This is a voluntary state program developed by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police and is modeled after the CALEA national program. The accreditation program requires compliance with a series of professional standards designed specifically for New Jersey law enforcement agencies. The program promotes the best practices in law enforcement. The Department was initially accredited in 2006.

On August 23rd and 24th, 2010, a team of assessors from the New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (NJLEAC) came to this Department to evaluate the Department's policies and procedures, management, operations and support services. The Department had to comply with 112 standards in order to be reaccredited. The assessment team was composed of law enforcement practitioners from other agencies in the state. The assessors reviewed written materials, interviewed individuals, and visited offices and other areas where compliance can be witnessed. After a review of the Department, reaccreditation was granted. Accreditation status is for 3 years, during

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which the department must submit annual reports attesting to continued compliance with those standards under which it received accreditation.

Sergeant William Adams is the Accreditation Manager.

FALSE ALARM REDUCTION PROGRAM

On May 3, 2010 the Township Committee of Middle Township, repealed their prior false alarm ordinance and approved an new alarm ordinance to encourage alarm users to properly use and maintain the operational effectiveness of alarm systems in order to improve the reliability of alarm systems and reduce or eliminate false alarms. Middle Township has always had an ordinance dealing with False Alarms, but with a decrease in manpower both sworn and civilian personnel, it is very time consuming to manage. A decision was made to privatize this function and Middle Township, on behalf of the Middle Township Police Department, entered into a contract with ATB Services to administer its Alarm Ordinance.



Middle Township has well over 1000 false alarms a year that could be easily prevented. Each alarm in Middle Township must be registered so we can reach people in the event of emergencies. Unfortunately, approximately only 400 alarms were registered in Middle Township out of approximately 1000 in operation. Many times officers and dispatchers would be wasting valuable time trying to locate an emergency contact from an unregistered alarm or failure to update their contact sheet on file. This ordinance will result in a decrease of false alarms, quicker response from emergency contacts, and a more efficient use of one of the most expensive costs we have; the time of a sworn law enforcement officer.

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MIDDLE TOWNSHIP AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Middle Township Awards Committee was reinstituted in 2010. The Awards Committee consists of Lt. Christopher Murphy, Detective Clint Stocker, Ptl. Jason Sweitzer, Detective Allan McClure and Sgt. James Loftus. The committee reviews submissions for awards and has the sole authority in making the final determination. In February, the very first awards dinner was held at the Middle Township Senior Center and was well attended. The following officers were presented awards by the Chief of Police and Mayor:



- Chief Chris Leusner
Chief's Achievement & F.B.I.
Academy
- Capt. Paul Fritsch
25 Years of Service
- Lt. Chris Murphy
Honorable Service
- Ptl. Steve Novsak
Meritorious Service
- Ptl. Matthew Martino
Meritorious Service
- Ptl. Rich Sittineri
Meritorious Service
- Sgt. Rich McHale
Exceptional Duty
- Cpl. Fran Fiore
Community Service
- Ptl. Jason Sill
Honorable Service
- Ptl. Jack Trombetta
Honorable Service & Honor Guard
- Ptl. Dan Martin
Honor Guard
- Ptl. Geno Castellano
Life Saving
- Ptl. Len Larkin
Life Saving & Honor Guard
- Ptl. John Norton
Good Conduct
- Ptl. Michelle Greenwaldt
Good Conduct
- Ptl. Josh Bryan
Good Conduct
- Ptl. Tracy Super
Good Conduct
- Dispatcher Diane Shinn
20 Year Pin
- Dispatcher Madonna Sill
15 Year Pin
- Dispatcher Jennifer Graham
15 Year Pin
- Dispatcher Keith Woodrow
10 Year Pin
- Records-Muriel Anderson
20 Year Pin
- Records-Debbie Dunbracco
10 Year Pin

Awards Dinner's will be held every two years and the next scheduled ceremony will be February of 2012.

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Middle Township Police Officers have come together and formed the Middle Township Police Officers Association. Each sworn officer contributes money to fund the association. The purpose of the association is to support a morale and welfare account.



Over the past year the association has supported numerous community events.

The MTPOA sponsored a Little League team and continued to support our Annual Christmas Toy Drive. The highlight of 2010 was the Thanksgiving turkey giveaway. Officers and non sworn employees of the police department came together and gave away 45 meals to members of the community who were in need.

In the future the MTPOA intends to give away scholarships. The scholarships would be for children of our Officers. We also intend to offer a general scholarship to students who have need and have demonstrated leadership skills in the community.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- The Chief of Police attended the following community/civic group's meetings/events in 2010: Middle Twp. Chamber of Commerce, Concerned Citizens of Whitesboro, Gateway Shores Homeowners Association, Avalon Manor Homeowners Association, Stone Harbor Manor Homeowners Association, Cape May Court House AARP, Our Lady of the Angels Senior Group and the Kiwanis Club of Cape May Court House. Lt. Edwards attended a meeting of the Gatherings Homeowners Association in Rio Grande.
- Officers maintained an informational show booth at the annual 4H Fair, the Harvest Festival, ACCC Community Day and Home Depot Safety Day.



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- Coordinated the annual and very successful America's Night Out Against Crime Event in August. Retired Patrolman Butch Hammer volunteers his time to coordinate this event.
- The Middle Township Police Department supports the Special Olympics by supplying an Honor Guard at the opening ceremonies of the New Jersey State Special Olympics and supplying the Dive Team and boat for the Polar Plunge in Wildwood.
- In 2010, the Middle Township Police Department partnered with the Kiwanis club of Cape May Court House to offer a safety event for parents. PBA Local 59 union members volunteered their time for this event.
- With the help of Ptl. J. DeLanzo, the Middle Township Police Department partnered with the Middle Township School District to bring a powerful presentation on treating each others with kindness called, "Rachael's Challenge".
- "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day" The Middle Township Police Department partnered with Caryn Rixey and other parents that have lost children in motor vehicle accidents in an effort to raise awareness of safe driving with the goal of having no fatalities for one day in the United States.
- The Middle Township Major Crimes Unit presented a Theft Prevention Seminar to residents of the Loyalton in Cape May Court House.
- The Middle Township Police Department partnered with Atlantic Cape Community College and developed an Internship Program. January of 2010, the very first intern, Tom Rizzuto, was assigned to the department.

2010 Goals Results

Patrol Division

In 2010 the Patrol Division had set three Goals. We were successful on two of the goals and fell short on one. The first goal was to decrease the amount of serious crashes on Highway 47 by 5 %. A crash is considered serious if an occupant is transported to the hospital. This goal was accomplished by maintaining a heavy enforcement presence on SH 47.

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The second goal was to reduce the number of drunk drivers on the roads of Middle Township and to increase driving while intoxicated arrests. This was to be accomplished through enforcement patrols and training. Arrests actually decreased by 18%. We did not meet our goal of increasing DWI arrests. However, the patrol division was able to increase the amount of DWI patrols on the road. Currently all but two officers are Alcotest certified, and all but one officer has been trained in Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus.

The third goal was to increase enforcement of cell phone use while driving. We met this goal by increasing summons issued by 315% over 2009. Tickets were issued for talking on cell phone while driving, and texting while driving.

Major Crimes Unit

For 2010 the Major Crimes Unit set two goals:

The first goal was to increase activities related to address verifications of Megan's Law offenders residing within the township. This goal was achieved as three complete address verifications were done as well as another three random "spot" checks. The complete verifications were done in conjunction with the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office. Information provided by registrants was periodically and randomly checked utilizing DMV records and the Accurint system. Individuals found to be in violation were arrested.

The second goal was to enhance efforts in reference to investigations related to technology. This goal was partially achieved and shall be an on-going venture. Det. Doug Osmundsen briefed the Patrol Squads on the NCIC identity theft files and the avenues available to assist in investigations. Patrol was also briefed as to information available through the use of subpoenas and Communication Data Warrants. Both Detective Osmundsen and Detective Martin attended schools involving investigations with the Internet, e-mails, social sites, etc... Detective Martin was also trained by the NJ State Police as a TAC officer for our agency.

Street Crimes Unit

The Street Crimes Unit was disbanded in March because of a restructuring. The #1 Goal of the Street Crimes Unit in 2010 was to improve the quality of life in Rio Grande along Route 47. This goal is now the #1 Goal of the Patrol Division for 2011.

Appendix A: Proposals 2011

Manpower Related Issues/Class II Officer Program:

The Middle Township Police Department has been working diligently to deliver the best possible police services in an unprecedented financial environment. The Department continues to shrink through attrition and today we stand at 46 full time officers and will be at 45 full time officers in the middle of the year. We have mitigated the impact on public safety by a combination of restructuring existing personnel, hiring a Class II officer, privatizing some areas and investing in technology. We hope to maintain a staffing level of 45 full time officers. In 2011, we are proposing to expand the Class II officer program to a total of 5 Class II officers. Middle Township is the only municipality in the county that did not use Class II officers. Middle Township qualifies as a resort community and experiences a significant increase in population during seasonal months. These officers will assist in handling calls for service but they will be limited to handling only 3rd Degree crimes and below and traffic related issues. Nonetheless, they will play a limited but important role in providing police services to our residents.

Intersection Safety Camera Program

In June of 2010, the Middle Township Police Department began researching the viability of an Intersection Safety Camera Program. We spoke with representatives from the leading companies in this area, American Traffic Solutions and Redflex Corporation. We reviewed studies from Iowa State University, Old Dominion University, Rice University, Texas A & M University and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. An aggressive public awareness campaign to solicit feedback from the public and various community and civic groups was undertaken. After reviewing all available information, we concluded the program would increase safety at township intersections. Township Committee accepted the recommendation and selected American Traffic Solutions as a vendor to submit an application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation. New Jersey has a pilot program will be reviewing new applications in April when they can evaluate the results of towns that installed systems last year.

Bike Unit

The Middle Township Police Department will be starting a part time bicycle unit with grant monies in 2011. This will be a part time unit and it will be utilized at parades, various community events, and special details. These officers will still be assigned to their respective patrol squads, but if manpower permits the Patrol Sergeant may assign them to various tasks based on need.

Equipment:

- Upgrade our voice recorder hardware and software (end of useful life)
- Upgrade 9-1-1 hardware and software (end of useful life)
- Phase I of IV of replacing MDT's in patrol vehicles.(end of useful life)
- Purchase Crime Analysis Software application. (Increase efficiency)
- Purchase Power DMS software application for policies and training documentation. (Increase efficiency)

Appendix B: 2011 Goals

Patrol Division

Goal#1

Improve the quality of life along SH#47 in Rio Grande, specifically from the area of Payless Shoes north to Railroad Avenue, as well as in the shopping areas.

Objective:

Increase patrols and arrests for “quality of life” issues such as: open alcohol, public drunkenness, harassment, sleeping on benches and disorderly conduct in the targeted area.

Strategies:

1. Spot check bus waiting areas for above behaviors.
2. Identify names of homeless people living in the area for intelligence purposes.
3. Increase unmarked and marked patrol throughout shopping areas.
4. Conduct a minimum of 6 plain clothes operations on foot in the targeted area.

Goal#2:

Increase traffic enforcement and traffic safety awareness on the following roadways: Shunpike Road, Bayshore Road, Hand Ave, Dias Creek Road, Dennisville Road and Indian Trail Road.

Objective:

Increase traffic stops and summons on the above roadways by 20% in 2011.

Strategies:

1. Maintain traffic enforcement by assigning at least one officer per shift to conduct radar details.
2. Strategically position our Traffic Message Display Sign periodically on the above roadways.
3. Use data from the Radar Sign to identify the times of the day and days of the week that result in high volume of speeders.
4. Use grant money to fund special traffic enforcement details on the above roadways.
5. Conduct a Public Awareness Campaign to alert the public of the roadway and our enforcement efforts.
6. Use social media to raise traffic safety awareness and alert the public to our enforcement efforts.

2011 Goals

Goal#3

Increase the level of safety for motorists by reducing the number of distracted drivers on roadways within Middle Township by reaffirming our commitment to enforcement.

Objective:

Increase enforcement by targeting drivers using cell phones and texting while driving by issuing an average of at least 20 summons/warnings a month and distributing safety pamphlets during a minimum of four community events in 2011. (Reflects a 100% increase in summons from 2010)

Strategies:

1. Conduct roll call training for patrol officers on the increased risk to the traveling public by distracted drivers.
2. Promote a public campaign to increase awareness of the law and hazards of distracted driving.
3. Conduct enforcement details with the working patrol squad and the Special Services Unit.
4. A presentation by School Resource Officers to promote awareness in the Middle Township High School and Cape May County Technical High School to target the most at risk population of young inexperienced drivers.
5. Distribute safety pamphlets on the dangers of driving while distracted at the 4-H Fair, National Night Out, and the Harvest Festival.

Major Crimes Unit

Goal#1

Increase efficiency within the unit and prioritize caseloads.

Objective:

Institute a caseload management system within the next twelve months that will track open and closed cases assigned to Detectives.

Strategies:

1. Identify modules within Enforsys to track cases.
2. Institute procedures to assign case within our Enforsys system to Detectives.
3. Prepare monthly reports on the status of cases.
4. Prioritize cases in high priority and high probability of clearance in a quarterly report.
5. Report clearance rates by Detectives each quarter.

2011 Goals

Goal#2

Create more efficient handling of the evidence/property function.

Objective:

Conduct an audit of evidence room and Purge old past due items and enter remaining items into the Beast Software System within the next twelve months.

Strategies:

1. Transfer items of evidence/property stored at Public Works to the new Evidence Cage within the Old Firehouse bays.
2. Utilize Evidence Cage within the Firehouse for all new items.
3. Captain Webster (ret) to assist with evidence inventory/purge in accordance with Attorney General Guidelines.
4. Train all Detectives and Officers on the Enforsys/BEAST interface application.
5. Purge items on a quarterly basis.

Special Services Unit

Goal#1

Improve evaluation and assessment of criminal activity and traffic accident data.

Objective:

Develop and utilize a crime analysis system within the next twelve months.

Strategies:

1. Review and update, if necessary, data entry procedures to ensure accuracy.
2. Manage the implementation of Omega Dashboard/Mapping software application.
3. Determine baselines of criminal activity for each of the four patrol zones.
4. Prepare monthly analysis reports.

2011 Goals

Goal#2

Increase safety of pedestrians at various shopping centers within Middle Township.

Objective:

Increasing enforcement of no parking zones within shopping center parking lots, and issue 15 tickets a month for parking in a fire zone.

Strategies:

1. Train Class II officers on various local ordinance parking laws.
2. Conduct in-service training on local ordinance parking laws.
3. Raise awareness by placing the ordinances and fine amounts on our Facebook page.
4. Conduct at least 3 parking details a week.