



**How much did the average homeowner
pay in property taxes for the Police
Department in 2010?**



2010 Numbers

**\$1.27 a day or \$38.80 a month
or \$465.00 for the year.**



2010 Numbers

- The average home assessed at \$300,000 paid **\$4170.00** in property taxes.
- The average tax rate was **\$1.39 per \$100.00 of assessed value.** *(Note: Twp. Rate was .36, Twp. has 3 different Fire Districts)*
- **.16 cents of the 1.39 is needed to cover police operations.**

2010 Cost Analysis of the Middle Township Police Department	
Salary and Wages	
Police	\$ 4,114,137
Dispatch	\$ 447,000
Records	\$ 153,363
Municipal Social Security/Unemployment Contribution	\$ 341,400
Terminal Leave Liability <i>(Note: 1 Officer left not capped at 12K)</i>	\$ 125,000
Total	\$ 5,180,900
Operating Expenses	
O/E for Police and Dispatch	\$ 131,500
Purchase of Patrol Cars	\$ 25,000
Maintenance of Patrol Cars including labor	\$ 160,000
Service Contracts	\$ 82,000
Gasoline	\$ 185,000
Telephone, Electricity, Natural Gas	\$ 115,400
Total	\$ 698,900
Debt Service	
Debt Service, 2007, 9 yr Bond (Radio System/MDT's)	\$ 161,000
Total	\$ 161,000
Municipal Pension Contribution	
Police and Fire Pension System	\$ 831,943
Public Employees Pension System	\$ 33,000
Total	\$ 864,943
Health Care/Dental/Prescription Insurance	
Active Employees and Retirees	\$ 1,328,190
Minus Employee Contribution	\$ (30,000)
Total	\$ 1,298,190
Insurance Costs(48% of Premiums, based on 5 yr review of claims)	
Liability, Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 278,300
Total	\$ 278,300
Total Cost for Middle Twp. Police Department	\$ 8,482,233

2010 Miscellaneous Twp. Revenues(38% of total to Twp) Note: Police was 38% of Twp. Budget

Energy Receipts Tax	\$ 1,337,502
Licenses, Motel Tax, Investments, Trailer Tax, Municipal Court	\$ 339,458
Sale of Assets and Various Permits	\$ 413,041
Receipt for Delinquent Taxes	\$ 245,100
Surplus	\$ 920,740
Total	\$ 3,255,841
Note: A number of revenues were excluded that were allocated for specific functions such as Ambulance and Constructions Fees.	
Grants/Interlocal Agreements	
Safe and Secure Community Grant	\$ 60,000
Cops in Shops	\$ 1,809
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	\$ 37,357
Click and Ticket It	\$ 3,054
CMC Technical High School Interlocal	\$ 78,970
Total	\$ 181,190

2010 Property Taxpayer portion for Police Services	
Cost of MTPD to the Property taxpayer	\$ 5,045,202
Value of a Penny	\$ 325,000
How many cents to cover the cost	\$ 0.16
Average Total Tax Rate in Middle Township	\$ 1.39
Average Assessed home of 300,000 total property tax bill	\$ \$4170 a year or \$347 a month or \$11.45 a day
Middle Township Police Department Cost	\$ \$465.71 a year or \$38.81 a month or \$1.27 a day

Reviewed by Township Auditor.



Why is the Police Department the largest part of the Budget?

- Every other Municipal Department has labor costs of **8 hours a day, 5 days a week.**
- The Police Department labor costs are **24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.**
- A Police Department is a labor intensive operation and that is the main driver of it's cost. *(Note: MTPD patrolled 72 square miles including the county seat while protecting a year a round population of approximately 19K, a summer population of over 60K. In 2010 officers responded to 39,115 Calls, 1055 motor vehicle accidents, and arrested 1143 subjects)*



Conclusion

This Analysis serves two important purposes:

1. It is important that taxpayers know where their tax dollars are going and for what services.

2. These numbers illustrate the need for proper planning between the Township, Command Personnel and the PBA to navigate the new 2% Cap.