

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT 2012 ANNUAL REPORT



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Middle Township Police Department experienced a challenging year in 2012. First, the loss of Ptl. Jason Sill was a devastating blow to the men and women of the department and many in our community. Second, the number of fatal motor vehicle crashes we investigated in 2012 was disappointing with a significant increase over last year and including the double fatal of two young girls in the Green Creek section of Middle Township. Third, we weathered another major hurricane with Superstorm Sandy. The Police Department/Emergency Management stood up the Emergency Operations Center and worked around the clock in managing our response to the storm and keeping our residents informed. The Township overall was lucky, but areas along the Delaware Bay section of Middle Township such as Reeds Beach were devastated. While this was a tough year for the department, the men and women of the Middle Township forged ahead and in difficult conditions carried out their duties with professionalism and compassion.

In 2012, we continued to replace officers as they retired, but we lost many of our Class II officers just before the summer. This placed additional strain on the department and resulted in an increase in our overtime budget from last year. In response to the staffing issue, we hired a Special Law Enforcement Officer Class I through the Cape May County Technical High School Criminal Justice Program. We executed on our restructuring plan for the Major Crimes Unit outlined in last year's Annual Report. Cpl. Sharon Price and Cpl J. DeVico were replaced with Detectives that in addition to their responsibilities at their respective schools will also assist the Major Crimes Unit, especially in the summer months.

The criminal activity in Middle Township continued the trend we saw in 2011. Our non-violent crime had another increase up approximately 11 % from 2011 and our violent crime had another decrease down approximately 35% from 2011. Motor Vehicle crashes saw a small decrease for a second year in a row since breaking 1000 crashes in 2010. We handled 887 crashes in 2012 compared to 895 in 2011. There were 6 fatalities in 2012 compared to 2 in 2011. Motor Vehicle crash injuries were down 15% from 2011 with a total of 242. The number of domestic violence cases went up, but the increase was after a significant decrease last year. The number reported in 2012 is more consistent with the range of reported cases in previous years.

There were many positive accomplishments in 2012. The most positive was the first year of the Chaplin Program, led by Pastor Scott Durbin and Pastor Keith Strunk. They were utilized by our officers, their families and families that lost loved ones in motor vehicle crashes. In January of 2012 we announced a reward for information leading to the whereabouts of Mark Himebaugh. The reward was made possible by an anonymous donor and the Cape May County Sheriff's Department Crime Stopper Program. The first year of the Community Service Program was success with individuals on probation performing various tasks such as detailing patrol cars under the direction of Ptl. James D'Alonzo.

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We continued to make strides in our efforts to reach out to the community. We launched our new website, www.middlepd.org which has made access to our services easier and more user friendly. We launched Nixle, which allows residents to receive alerts from the Police Department through e-mail or text message and proved to be a valuable service in dealing with Superstorm Sandy. We instituted a new program called, "Street of the Week" where residents can nominate their street for extra patrols on our website. The program has been a huge success with new requests coming in every few days. We also introduced our Mapping Software to the public called, "RAIDS ONLINE" where residents can see what crime is occurring in their neighborhood, register for alerts through e-mail or download a free APP for their iphone.

Last but certainly not least, was the first retiree luncheon sponsored by the Middle Township Police Officer's Association. We revealed for the first time the wall of retired officers that is now displayed on the second floor of the Police Department. The attendance was incredible and included many family members of retired officers that are no longer with us. We intend to have a retiree luncheon every two years.



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ORGANIZATION & PERSONNEL

Personnel

Retirements

Sgt. James Dougherty, Cpl. Sharon Price, and Jeff Devico.

Current Sworn Employees

The list below reflects the Department sworn personnel as of January 1, 2013.

Chief of Police

Christopher Leusner

Captain

John Edwards

Lieutenant

William Adams

Donald Nelson

Detectives

Doug Osmundsen

Allan McClure

Clint Stocker

Ken Martin

Len Larkin

Tracey Super

Giacomo Trombetta

Special Services Unit

James Loftus

Marcus Phillips

Jason Sweitzer

Class II Joseph Gamble

Class II Michael Reardon

Class II Shawn Karge

Class II Lois Cartagena

Class II Matt Lamanteer

Class I Stephen Deliniski

Patrol Sergeants

Fran Fiore

Mark Higginbottom

Mike Elias

Robert Shepherd

Corporals

Phil Johnson

Jennifer DeLanzo

Fred Crawley

Eugene Castellano

Senior Patrol Officers

Richard Sittineri

Patrolman

Julio Ruiz

Steven Novsak

Michelle Brown

Joshua Bryan

Ron Miller

Dan Martin

Matthew Martino

Kurt Saettler

Armondo Jones

Martin Lindholm

Dan Geiger

James D'Alonzo

David Hagan

John Norton

Alison Akke

Jeffrey Salvesson

Raymond Bradley

Brian Vergantino

Pasquale Conte

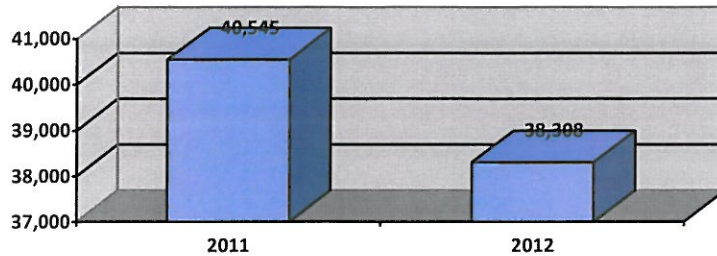
Brian Murphy

Justin Vitola

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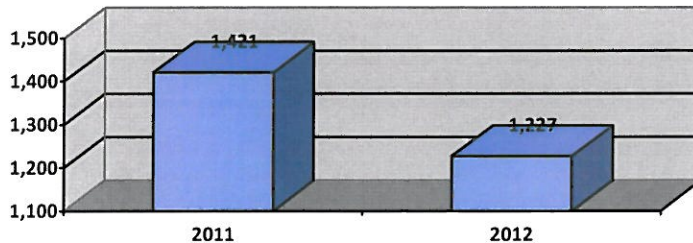
CALLS FOR SERVICE & CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
Calls for Service:	40,545	38,308	-2,237



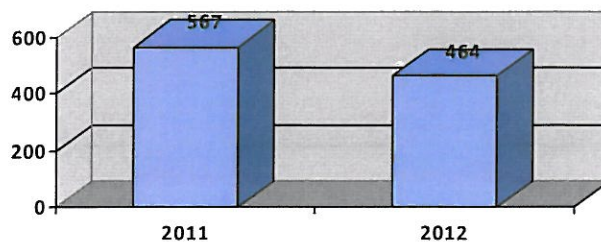
Note: The drop in the calls for service can be attributed to drops in the following call types: Administrative (-231), Check Well Being (-102), Directed Patrol (-211), Disorderly Conduct (-165), Mal Damage (-125), Obstruction of Justice (-105), Traffic Enforcement (-563), Traffic Related Debris (-101). The reduction in self-initiated calls such as Directed Patrol and Traffic Enforcement can be attributed to the large increase in Investigation Reports (+325) and Supplemental Reports (+441) plus less officers, especially Class II officers on the street in the summer months.

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
Arrests:	1,421	1,227	-194



Note: The decrease in arrests can mostly be attributed to a decrease in Warrant Arrests (-66), Shoplifting Arrests (-57) and Assault Arrests (-39).

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
Indictable Complaints	567	464	-103



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Uniform Crime Reports (UCR)

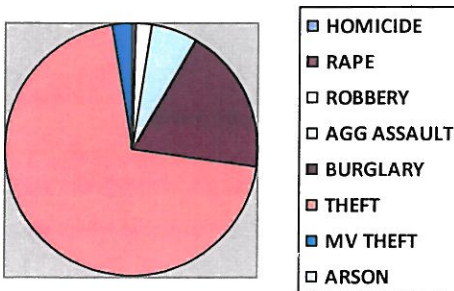
The Uniform Crime Reporting is a nationwide, cooperative statistical effort of more than 17,000 city, county and state law enforcement agencies reporting data on crimes brought to their attention. It was established in 1930 to gauge the state of crime in the nation. There are main offense classifications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

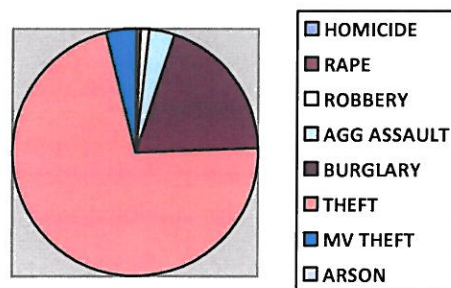
Offense: 2011		Offense: 2012		<u>Change</u>
Homicide	0	Homicide	0	0
Rape	5	Rape	4	-1
Robbery	15	Robbery	12	-3
Aggravated Assault	52	Aggravated Assault	31	-21
Burglary	159	Burglary	184	+25
Theft	593	Theft	678	+85
Motor Vehicle Theft	21	Motor Vehicle Theft	37	+16
Arson	0	Arson	1	+1
Total UCR:	845		947	+102
Violent Crime:	72		47	-25
Non Violent Crime:	773		900	+127

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 2010



UCR 2011



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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 2012.

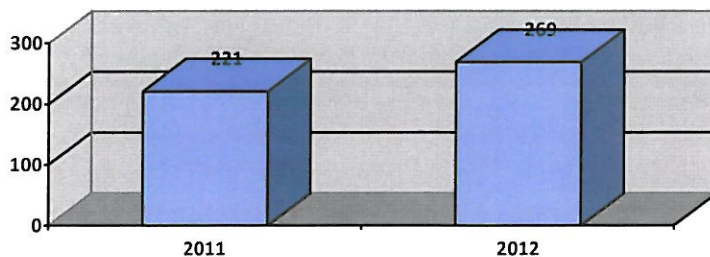
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
Sex Offenses, other than Rape	20	38	+18
Simple Assaults	112	83	-29
Medical Calls	3253	3326	+73
Fire Calls	707	728	+21
Death Investigations	28	28	0
Disorderly Conduct incidents	1,655	1,489	-166
Fraud, Forgery, Bad Checks	131	145	+14
Malicious Damage incidents	178	133	-45
Missing Persons and Runaways	123	103	-20
Assisting other agency incidents	440	434	-6
Property and Building Checks	14,105	14,121	+16
Bias Incidents Investigated	2	1	-1
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
Investigation Reports generated:	1,487	1,812	+325
Supplemental Investigations generated:	1,246	1,687	+441

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. In 2012 Middle Township Police responded to **269** Domestic Violence incidents. In the year prior Middle Township police responded to **221** Domestic Violence incidents.

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
Domestic Violence:	221	269	+48



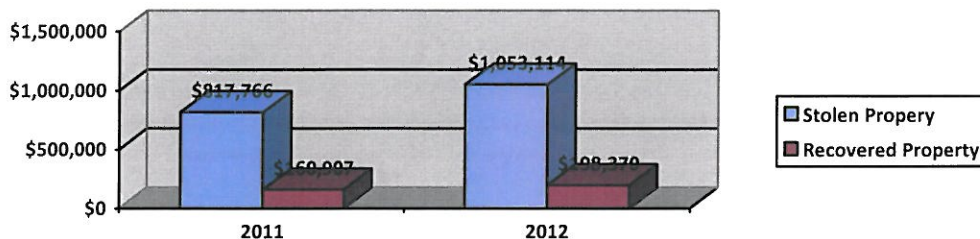
Note: Domestic Violence incidents are up compared to 2011, which there was a significant decrease in 2011. The number of incidents in 2012 are more in line with prior years.

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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 2012.

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
Stolen:	\$817,121.00	\$1,053,114.00	-\$235,993
Recovered:	\$160,907.00	\$198,370.00	+\$37,463



Officer Line of Duty Injuries and or crashes

During 2012, Personnel Officer Kalish reports (24) work related injury incidents. Of those (24) incidents (8) officers suffered injuries, while in the performance of duty, which caused 31 missed days at work. All other injuries had no time loss from work.

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Days missed</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Tracey Super	2	car crash
Ronald Miller	2	leg injury
Eugene Castellano	2	eye injury
Martin Lindholm	8	car crash
Justin Vitola	2	heat related
James D'Alonzo	2	leg injury
Richard Sittineri	12	knee injury
Julio Ruiz	1	back strain

Officers were involved in (5) motor vehicle crashes while on duty in 2012.

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Synopsis</u>
Tracey Super	1-6-2012	Responding to an emergency
Martin Lindholm	3-26-2012	Struck at an intersection
Julio Ruiz	5-20-2012	Backing

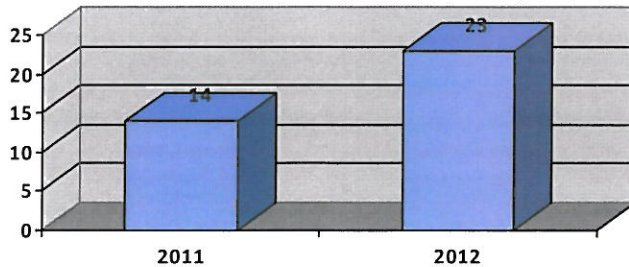
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John Norton 9-12-2012 Rear end collision
Shawn Karge 11-22-2012 Struck by drunk driver

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>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
Use of Force Incidents	14	23	+9



Of those (23) use of force incidents, (21) subjects were arrested, (10) subjects were injured.

Officers injured using force:	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
	1	3	+2

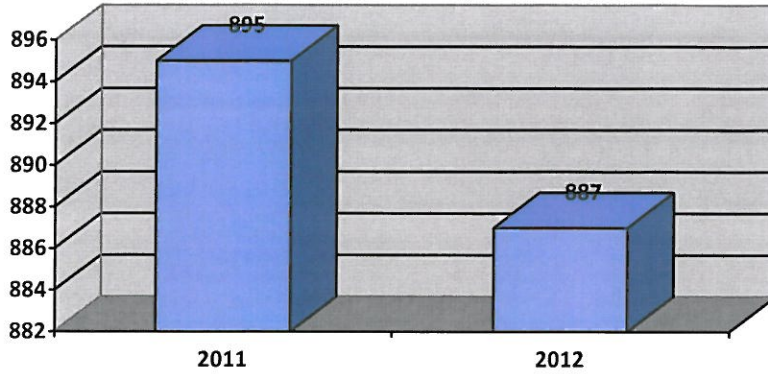
Police Pursuits:	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
	4	2

Middle Township Police Officers were involved in (2) incidents involving motor vehicle pursuits. As a result there was one crash, which resulted in one injury, and two people were arrested.

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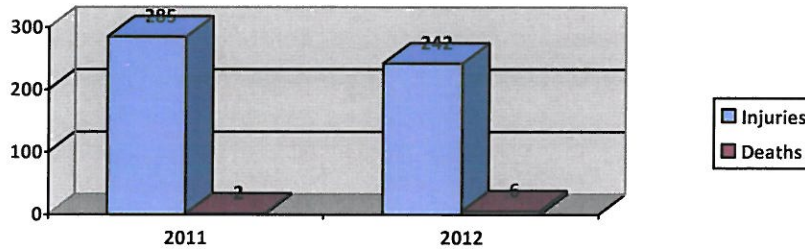
TRAFFIC

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
Motor Vehicle Crashes	895	887	-8

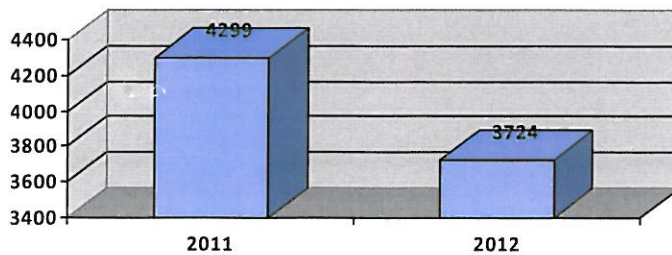


Motor Vehicle Accident Injuries/Deaths

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
Injuries:	285	242	-43
Deaths:	2	6	+4



	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
Motor Vehicle Summonses issued	4299	3724	-525

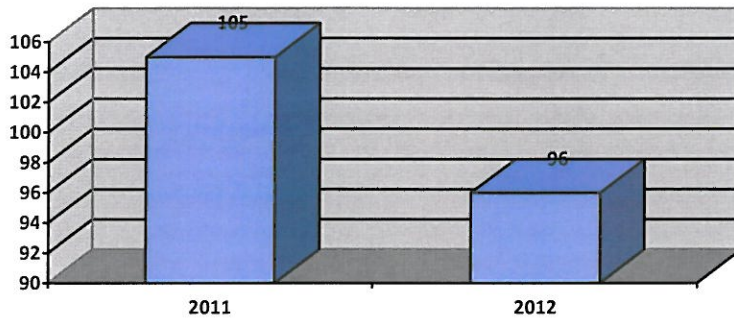


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Note: There were 563 less motor vehicle stops in 2012 compared with 2011 which would explain the decrease in summons issued. We also had staffing issues as outlined previously in the report.

Driving While Intoxicated by Alcohol or Drugs (DWI)

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
DWI Arrests	105	96	-9



Note:

The Middle Township Police Department received a \$4,400.00 grant in August 2012, and another \$4,400.00 in December 2012 from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety. The campaign was called “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over”. One hundred percent of the grant was spent on roving patrols.

In addition, the Middle Township Police received \$9,930 from the Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund in 2012. In 2012 a total of \$11,104 from the DDEF fund was expended on drunken driving enforcement patrols, and \$2,887 was spent on upgrading the station video server.

ADMINISTRATION

The Police Administration is one of the smallest in the county and is composed of four officers, including the Chief. The officers are Chief Christopher Leusner, Captain John Edwards, and Lieutenants William Adams and Donald Nelson. 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 authority for efficient operation of the force, issue policies/directives, meet with community, civic and religious groups,



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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 Commander, manage and update standard operating procedures, JIFF coordinator, safety officer, infectious control officer, manage Alcotest unit, manage radar units, NJLearn coordinator, assistant Emergency Management officer, crash team commander, manage and apply for DWI grants, traffic committee, fleet manager, honor guard liaison, radio system administrator, Building/cell inspections, Global Connect administrator, training administrator, on-call administrator, employee evaluations, fire department Liaison, public information officer, and maintain battery back-up.

The Patrol Commander is responsible for the following areas: vehicle maintenance, schedule training, prepare Grants, POSS administrator, patrol equipment, review all driving while intoxicated and accident reports, manage the uniform budget, on-call administrator, manage off-duty details, municipal court liaison, manage towing ordinance, manage statistics, manage Class II program, maintain mobile data terminals, field training officers coordinator, and the county domestic violence coordinator.

The Administrative Lieutenant is responsible for the following areas: 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, DCPD liaison, coordinate 4-H Fair, Harvest Festival & National Night Out, ACS/ATS Coordinator, CJIS TAC/Coordinator, county court liaison, Maglocen liaison, Prosecutor's Office liaison, false alarm program administrator, maintain voice recorder, Animal Control, 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 calls 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.

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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. The squad is utilized to fill special needs of the department. Such as Training function, Court Security, Community Events, Firearms investigations, and assist the patrol division during peak times.

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 three 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 Phillip Johnson

Patrolman John Norton

Patrolman Dave Hagan

Corporal Eugene Castellano

Patrolman Steven Novsak

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.



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The Detective Division generated the following:

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
Initial Investigation Reports:	44	78	+34
Supplemental Investigations:	1049	1239	+190
Arrests:	83	110	+27

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

The Major Crimes Unit utilizes a Case Management System. This system is designed to track all cases assigned to the Major Crimes Unit. It allows the Detective Sergeant to monitor the unit's overall caseload as well the caseload of each individual detective. This system also allows the Detective Sergeant to better assign new cases based on the caseload of the particular Detective. Case activity can now be tracked so as to ensure that no case is inadvertently forgotten. The Detective Sergeant also now meets monthly with each Detective to discuss their active cases and strategies.

The following is a breakdown of cases as of December 31, 2012:

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
Cases Assigned:	241	398	+157
Cases Closed:	157	284	+127

Current number of active cases as of December 31st, 2012: 114

Some notable cases handled by the Major Crimes Unit in 2012 include:

- Missing Person since Jan. 2011 (25 year old Samuel Schmucker), case has been solved and a 25 year old male was arrested and charged with Manslaughter, case #2011-00663
- Aggravated Assault with a Weapon, 17 year old victim, arrested a 17 year old male accused, 2012-00158
- Human Trafficking/Sexual Assault, 15 year old victim, 30 year old male accused, 2012-00663
- Sexual Assault, 14 year old victim, 20 year old male accused, 2012-06633
- Bomb Threat (Atlantic Cape Community College), 22 year old male victim arrested, 2012-06944
- Vehicular Homicide, 2 female victims (15 and 13 years old), 30 year old male arrested, 2012-22876
- Threat (Middle Twp. High School), 15 year old female arrested, 2012-28844
- Sexual Assault/False Reports, 17 year old female arrested, 2012-30347
- Threat (Middle Twp. Elementary #2 School), no arrest made, 2012-30827
- Threat (Middle Twp. Elementary #2 School), no arrest made, 2012-30923
- Threat (Middle Twp. High School), 15 year old male arrested, 2012-30937
- Sexual Assault/False Reports, 17 year old female arrested, 2012-30347

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- Aggravated Assault with a Weapon, 26 year old male arrested, 2012-37729
The unit handled numerous Aggravated Assaults, Sexual Offenses, Burglaries, Child Endangerment and Missing Person cases.



The division works on a number of open cases, such as the Mark Himebaugh investigation, with various agencies including the FBI, New Jersey State Police and Cape May County Prosecutors Office. In 2012 an anonymous donor has offered a reward of \$10,000 for the discovery of Mark Himebaugh, and \$25,000 if the information leads to Mark's safe return home. Anyone with information on the above cases is asked to contact the Major Crimes Unit at 609-465-8700.

Members of the unit during 2012 included:

Detective Sergeant Doug Osmundsen (as of April 2012)
Detective First Class Allan McClure
Detective Clint Stocker
Detective Kenneth Martin
Detective Tracey Super (as of July 2012)
Detective Leonard Larkin (as of September 2012)
Detective Jack Trombetta (as of December 2012)
Part Time Evidence Clerk Bob Bongiovanni

Note: Detective Sergeant Don Nelson was promoted to Lieutenant in April of 2012 and Detective Mark Higginbottom was promoted to Sergeant in November of 2012.

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 a minimal move as a change to a different apartment or motel room, within the same building. 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>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
New registrants and/or moves:	46	50	+4
Average monthly registrant count:	64	70	+6
Low count	58	64	+6
High count	67	77	+10

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SPECIAL SERVICES UNIT

The Special Services Unit is led by Sgt. James Loftus, and is under the command of the Patrol Lieutenant William Adams. The Unit is charged with a number of responsibilities including but not limited to: Narcotics Enforcement, supplement Patrol as needed, Training, Community Relations, and Court Security.

During the past year, the Middle Township Police Department's Special Services Unit, has conducted a total of fourteen Quality of Life details in the Rio Grande section of the township resulting in fifty-five arrests. There were also 24 summons issued due for "Jaywalking" in the Rio Grande area where we have had problems with pedestrian motor vehicle accidents. The details entailed plain clothed operations doing "Cops in Shops" and also street crimes operations targeting open air drug transactions and arresting persons with active outstanding warrants. The "Cops in Shops" detail is a statewide initiative where the department received funding through grant money for the purpose of placing plain-clothed officers in retail liquor establishments to enforce laws involving the purchase of alcohol by individuals under the legal age.

During the street crimes operations, members of the patrol division would work plain clothed details walking and riding bicycles in the area of Rio Grande to investigate open air drug distributions reported along State Highway 47 and Route 9, specifically in the business and motel district. Working the plain clothed details allowed officers to approach individuals engaged in suspicious activities without alerting them of the police presence. This allowed the unit to corroborate information received from concerned citizens and confidential informants in regards to illegal activity and also allowed the officers to witness criminal activity first hand and make arrests.

The SSU was involved in 25 narcotics investigations during 2012, some of which were cooperative cases with the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office. As a result of these investigations, 13 search warrants were authored and executed. As a result, 20 individuals were arrested for numerous drug related offenses and numerous drugs and drug paraphernalia were seized.

The Special Services Unit leads many of the community relations initiatives such as our Neighborhood Watch Program, Informational Booths at Community Events, and the "Cops and Coffee Program". Our current Neighborhood Watch Programs are Friends of Davis and Teal (Rio Grande), Friends of 13 Curves (CMCH/Green Creek), Stone Harbor Manor Homeowners, Shannon Oaks Neighborhood Watch (Rio Grande), Gathering at Cape May (Rio Grande) and Antina Lane Lookouts (Swainton). The SSU held 8 Cops and Coffee details where they went to a local coffee shop and discussed with citizens any concerns they may have related to illegal activity in



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the Township. The SSU also participated in or hosted several events throughout the year including the following:

- Health and Safety Fair at the Emeritus assisted living complex
- Annual 4H Fair
- Middle Township Harvest Festival
- Annual Whitesboro Reunion
- Elementary School presentations educating children on the dangers of talking to strangers and similar topics
- Girl Scouts of America presentation on safety
- Cape May County Compact School- presentation on the dangers of drug and alcohol use and abuse

The SSU also has taken over investigation of firearms background checks from the Major Crimes Unit during 2012. During the year the unit conducted 242 firearms related background checks. The SSU provided court security on 47 Court days during the year and supplemented street coverage on 70 days.

FORFEITURE

<u>Forfeiture Fund:</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
Began year balance:	\$2,175.96	\$3,180.64	+\$1,004.68
Forfeited monies received:	\$1,000.00	\$4,032.54	+\$3,032.54
Forfeited monies expended:	\$ None	\$ None	No Change
Balance transferred over:	\$3,180.64	\$7,216.92	+\$4036.28

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

Equipment purchased with the use of Forfeited Funds in 2012: N/A

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. During 2012 the School Resource Officer Program was restructured and now is incorporated with the Major Crime Unit. This was done to assist in the Major Crime Unit's case load and



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to enhance the communication between the schools and the police department. During the year Corporal Jeff Devico and Corporal Sharon Price retired. Presently, two detectives are assigned as School Resource Officers. Detective First Class Allan McClure is primarily assigned to the Middle Township School District and Detective Kenneth Martin 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)*

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 at their respective schools:

<u>Middle Township</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
Investigations:	27	34	+7
Supplement Investigations:	7	28	+14
Arrests:	27	24	-3

<u>Cape May County Technical High School</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
Investigations:	34	30	-4
Supplement Investigations:	7	9	+2
Arrests:	10	5	-5

Note: Both detectives work with the Major Crime Unit during the summer months handling major crime investigations and assist throughout the school year as needed.

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 4,800 Middle Township students have gone through the DARE Program which



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is now taught at Elementary #2's fifth (5th). This program is 14 week long and trained officers visit their assigned class once a week and teach a prescribed curriculum.

In 2012 approximately **215** students were taught through the DARE Program.

Officers who teach the DARE Program include:

Sergeant Mark Higginbottom
Corporal Jennifer Delanzo
Patrolman Joshua Bryan
Detective Tracey Super

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/OPRA requests
- Issuing Licenses
- Copy Reports for Civilians /
Attorneys / Law Enforcement
Agencies / Insurance Companies
- Expungement Orders
- Issue Temporary Handicap
Placards
- Division of Youth and Family
Backgrounds
- Process Firearms Applications
- Process Fingerprint Cards
- Process Juvenile Complaints
- Conduct Monthly statistics
- Handle Petty Cash
- Conduct Uniform Crime Reports



During 2012 the Records Section staff consisted of the following employees:

Deborah Becker
Muriel Anderson
Sandra Linz (Hired in August of 2012)

Virginia Sweitzer
Kendra Karstens

The work they do is invaluable, and they are 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 full time Telecommunication Operators, two 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 three (04) part time communications operators. It is mandatory that at all times there are two (02) operators present in the dispatch center.

During the year Part Time Dispatcher Paul Fritsch completed the required training. Class I Officer Stephen Delinski is currently training and if he successfully completes the training he will be able to fill in during emergencies, injuries, etc.

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

Senior Operator Madonna Sill
Senior Operator Keith Woodrow

Senior Operator Jennifer Graham
Senior Operator Robert Eagan

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Operator Dustin Gaskill
Operator Ted Farina
Operator Jacob Loefflad
P/T Operator Lauren Anzelone
P/T Operator Stephen Delinski (Training)

Operator William Mulligan
Operator Lauren Long
P/T Operator Diane Shinn
P/T Operator Paul Fritsch Jr.

Middle Township Police Department Telecommunications Operators handled the following:

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
Calls for service:	40,546	38,309	-2255
9-1-1 Calls:	14,350	*2,681(9/27-12/31)	*see below
Average 911 calls per day:	39.3	*38.3(9/27-12/31)	-1.0

*During 2012 the 911 computers were replaced and upgraded. As a result the data from 1/1/2012-12/31/2012 was unable to be retrieved. The 2012 data is from 9/27/2012 thru 12/31/2012.

Senior Operator Jennifer Graham is a certified 911 Instructor.
Operator Bill Mulligan is a Certified EMD – Emergency Medical Dispatch Instructor as well as a 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.

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

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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 2012 there were a total of (29) Internal Affairs Investigations conducted. There were (25) cases that reached a conclusion. See the below chart for the disposition types. Four cases are pending and will be carried forward to 2013.

2012 Dispositions

Excessive Force:	(1) Not sustained
Other Criminal Violation:	(1) unfounded
Differential Treatment	(1) unfounded
Demeanor:	(2) unfounded
Domestic violence:	(1) sustained (1) not sustained
Other Rule Violation:	(12) Sustained (3) Exonerated (2) not sustained (1) Administratively closed

Major Discipline Disclosure:

1. One officer was suspended for (10) days for misconduct. Officer was malfeasant while on duty.
2. One Officer was suspended for (30) days for misconduct. Officer went outside the chain of command.
3. One Officer was demoted for a violation of the sexual harassment policy.

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 John Edwards and Lieutenant Donald Nelson.

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



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The Special Services Unit under the command of Sgt. James Loftus oversees the training component of the department. Cpl. Phillips, a member of his unit 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 for submission to the Chief of Police.

The men and women of the Middle Township Police Department attended a wide variety of in service training courses throughout 2012 including but not limited to:

- Blood borne Pathogens
- Property and Evidence
- Firearms Qualifications
- SWAT Training
- Hostage Negotiation Training
- Dive Team 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
- Fraudulent Document School
- Police Supervision School
- Suicide Awareness Training

In December of 2012, officers received Question, Persuade, and Refer Training provided by Cop to Cop. This was the first phase of training that is centered on Officer Wellness and Stress Management.

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:

Patrolman Pat Conte	Radar Departmental
Sergeant Doug Osmundsen	Firearms Instruction Departmental/ Narcotics instructor
Corporal Fred Crawley	Physical Training Instructor Police Academy
Patrolman Jason Sweitzer	Physical Training Instructor Police Academy
Corporal Marcus Phillips	Firearms Instruction Departmental and Police Academy/ Boxing instructor/ Sim Survival instructor

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Patrolman Josh Bryan	Physical Training Instructor Police Academy
Patrolman James D'Alonzo	Firearms Instructor
Patrolman Phil Johnson	Firearms Instructor
Patrolman Kurt Saettler	Criminal Law
Patrolman G. Trombetta	Physical Training instructor

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

The Mainland division was called out on 20 assignments in 2012. The total callout for the County Team was 42, some of which involved multiple targets. The Mainland division also responded to some of these callouts as well.

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

Corporal Phil Johnson
Patrolman Ronald Miller

Patrolman James D'Alonzo
Patrolman Joshua Bryan

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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 center console boat, and the other being an aluminum johnboat vessel.



The department has seven (7) certified divers with a full compliment of dive equipment. The team had fourteen (14) training sessions in 2012. 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)
Detective Kenneth Martin
Patrolman John Norton
Sergeant James Loftus

Detective First Class Allan McClure
Patrolman Steven Novsak
Sergeant Robert Shepherd

Note: Corporal Jeff Devico retired in 2012 and was replaced by Detective Kenneth Martin.

HOSTAGE NEGOTIATIONS TEAM

The Middle Township Police Department employs officers that are certified and highly trained in Police Hostage Negotiations. A county regional team formed in 2009 with Middle Township's existing team acting as a foundation for the North end of the county. The team is made up of four (4) 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 is often called out in conjunction with the SWAT team.



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

Sergeant Fran Fiore
Corporal Jennifer DeLanzo
Sergeant James Loftus
Patrolman Julio Ruiz

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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 various official functions and community events. The Honor Guard members wear a formal uniform blouse and utilize ceremonial rifles and flags. The Honor Guard presents the colors at events such as Police Academy graduations, DARE Graduations, Township Parades, and fallen officer funerals. The Honor Guard has presented the colors at a Philadelphia Phillies home game for the past five 5 years. The Honor Guard has also had the privilege of presenting the colors at the New Jersey Special Olympics opening ceremonies in Trenton for almost two decades.



Members of the Honor Guard include:

Sergeant James Loftus (Unit Leader)

Patrolman John Norton

Corporal Marcus Phillips

Patrolman Gino Castellano

Patrolman Jason Sweitzer

Patrolman David Hagan

Patrolman Kurt Saettler

Patrolman Tracey Super

Patrolman Ron Miller

Patrolman Dan Martin

Patrolman Len Larkin

Patrolman Giacomo Trombetta

CRASH TEAM

Members of the Middle Township Crash Investigation Team have specialized training to investigate serious motor vehicle crashes. The members receive specialized training provided by North Western University and the Institute of Police Technology and 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 to complete the following:

- Scaled computer diagramming
- Mathematical analysis
- Damage evaluations
- Seatbelt, headlamp and tire examination
- Scene measurements

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- Documentation of road type and tire friction
- High and low speed collision
- Motorcycle collisions
- Bicycle collisions
- semi truck/commercial vehicle accidents

The Middle Township Crash Team uses the following equipment 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. The Crash Team is commanded by Captain John Edwards.

Members include:

Sgt. James Loftus
Cpl. Gino Castellano
Ptlm. Pasquale Conte

Ptlm. James D'Alonzo
Ptl. Armondo Jones
Ptl. Martin Lindholm

BIKE UNIT

The Middle Township Police Department launched a new part-time bicycle unit. The members assigned to the unit will still be assigned to regular patrol cars and patrol units, but will be equipped with racks that will hold the bicycle. When manpower conditions permit the officers will conduct bicycle patrols in business districts of the Township, some residential areas, and the Township Bike Path. In addition, these officers will be used for various township special events throughout the year. Also, if we experience issues such as burglaries or criminal mischief problems in certain areas of the Township, these officers could be assigned to these areas to address the issue. All of the equipment for the unit was purchased using grant monies through the federal government JAG program.

Members:

Cpl. Marcus Phillips
Ptl. Dave Hagan
Ptl. Jason Sweitzer
Ptl. Armondo Jones
Ptl. Ron Miller



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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, 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 2012 these officers performed the following number of evaluations:

Adams: 1	(1 for this Department)
Hagan: 4	(2 for this Department, 2 for other jurisdictions)
Larkin: 10	(6 for this Department, 4 for other jurisdictions)

In May 2011, the Department joined a grant with Atlantic County. The grant reimburses the Department \$220.00 each time a DRE is called in to complete an Evaluation when the officer is off duty. The grant will also reimburse the Department an additional \$220.00 when an officer has to appear in court for up to 2 court dates. During 2012, \$1,760.00 was reimbursed back to the Department through this grant.

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



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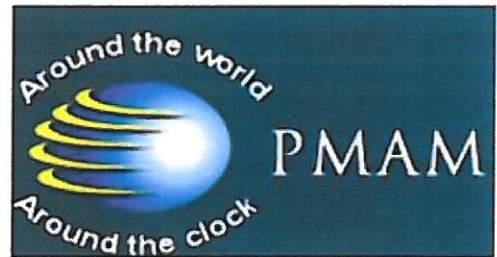
enforcement. The Department was initially accredited in 2006.

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 which the department must submit annual reports attesting to continued compliance with those standards under which it received accreditation. This year the department will be going through the process to be revaluated for accreditation.

Lieutenant 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 a 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. In 2012, ATB Services was sold to PMAM Corporation.



In the past Middle Township had 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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The alarm program has yielded positive results which can be seen by the false alarm data below. Shown is a comparison of the years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012. Numbers are the amount of false alarms for each month.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2009	117	81	103	101	82	99	122	139	132	96	97	107
2010	92	150	135	117	116	118	142	99	77	78	78	106
2011	95	79	65	76	70	77	78	99	69	78	75	71
2012	77	59	74	69	72	90	69	79	68	78	59	76

2009 total was: 1,276

2010 total was: 1,216

2011 total was: 932

2012 total was: 870

Comparing 2009 to 2010, alarms are down by 60 which is a 4.7% decrease (updated).

Comparing 2010 to 2011, alarms are down by 284 which is a 23.4% decrease.

Comparing 2011 to 2012, alarms are down by 62 which is a 6.7% decrease.

Since the inception of the program in 2009 to 2012 alarms are down by 406 which is a 31.2 % decrease.

As indicated above, prior to the implementation of this program there were about 400 registered alarms within the township. As of this report date there are 918 registered which is more than double the initial number. It should be noted that on several occasions the officer is "cancelled" prior to arrival, when the alarm owner/company determines police are not needed. This aspect of the program allows police to remain free to respond to other valid calls. This program has also resulted in better contact information being provided for police.

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Middle Township Awards Committee was reinstated in 2010. The Awards Committee consists of Detective Clint Stocker, Ptl. Jason Sweitzer, Detective First Class Alian McClure and Sgt. James Loftus. The committee reviews submissions for awards and has the sole authority in making the final determination. Our Second Awards Dinner was held in February of 2012 and a list of the award recipients is listed below:



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- Captain John Edwards F.B.I. Academy
- Lt. William Adams Accreditation
- Lt. William Adams Drug Recognition Expert
- Ptl. Josh Byrant DARE Officer
- Ptl. Josh Byran SWAT Officer
- Ptl. James D'Alonzo Distinguished Service
- Ptl. James D'Alonzo Life Saving Award
- Pt. James D'Alonzo Police Commendation
- Cpl. Jennifer DeLanzo Community Service
- Cpl. Jeffrey DeVico Bike Unit
- Cpl. Jeffrey DeVico School Resource Officer
- Sgt. Fran Fiore Lifesaving
- Ptl. Daniel Geiger Good Conduct
- Ptl. David Hagan Bike Unit
- Ptl. David Hagan Drug Recognition Expert
- Ptl. David Hagan Lifesaving
- Ptl. Armondo Jones Bike Unit
- Det. Len Larkin Bike Unit
- Det. Len Larkin Drug Recognition Expert
- Ptl. Martin Lindholm Lifesaving
- DFC. Allan McClure Distinguished Service
- Ptl. Ron Miller Bike Unit
- Cpl. Marcus Phillips Bike Unit
- Cpl. Sharon Price School Resource Officer
- Ptl. James Sweitzer Bike Unit
- Ptl. Jason Sill Police Commendation
- Dispatcher Madonna Sill Certificate of Recognition
- Dispatcher Theodore Farina Certificate of Recognition
- Dispatcher Madonna Sill 20 Year Pin
- Dispatcher Bob Eagan 15 Year Pin
- Dispatcher Dustin Gaskill 5 Year Pin
- Dispatcher Jennifer Graham 15 Year Pin
- Dispatcher Keith Woodrow 10 Year Pin
- Dispatcher William Mulligan 5 Year Pin
- Records-Barbara Montgomery 10 Year Pin
- Records-Kendra Karstens 5 Year Pin
- Records-Ginny Sweitzer 5 Year Pint

The Awards Dinner is held every two years and the next scheduled ceremony will be February of 2014.

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 several years the association has supported numerous community events. The MTPOA sponsored a Little League team and continued to support our Annual Christmas Toy Drive, which is spearheaded by Sgt. Fran Fiore. The highlight of 2012 was the annual Thanksgiving turkey giveaway. Officers and non-sworn employees of the police department, and Acme of Cape May Court House came together and gave away 25 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 2012: Concerned Citizens of Whitesboro, Legacy Homeowners Association, Cape May Court House AARP, and the Rotary Club of Cape May Court House.



- The Middle Township Police Department launched a new program, "Street of the Week" where residents can nominate their street for extra patrols.
- The Middle Township Police Department launched Nixle where residents can register to receive alerts from the Department through e-mail or text message.
- RAIDS Online was released, where residents can access our Mapping Software to see what crimes were reported in their neighborhood and submit tips to specific incidents through the web or through an App for their iPhone.

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- Officers maintained an informational show booth at the annual 4H Fair, the Harvest Festival, ACCC Community Day, Home Depot Safety Day, K-Mart safety day, and the Concerned Citizens of Whitesboro Reunion Weekend.
- 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.
- "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day" The Middle Township Police Department again 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.

2012 Goals/Results

Patrol Division

In 2012 the Patrol Division had set two Goals. We were successful on both. The first goal was to improve the Quality of Life issues along the Route 47 corridor in Rio Grande. We were to accomplish this by conducting a minimum of six plain clothes details, increasing marked and unmarked patrols, and identifying homeless people in the area. The Special Services Unit headed up the effort, and in conjunction with the patrol division was able to conduct 14 special details, which resulted in 55 arrests and the issuance of 24 summonses for jaywalking.

The second goal was to increase the level of safety for motorists and pedestrians on the roadways in Middle Township. The first part was to preserve the enforcement level from 2011 on County roads: Shunpike Road, Bayshore Road, Hand Avenue, Dias Creek Road, Dennisville Road, and Indian Trail Road. We not only maintained the enforcement level from 2011, enforcement increased, with the number of motor vehicle stops increasing 10.7% and summons issued increased 39.5 %. The second part was to increase pedestrian safety. Several details were conducted where summons were issued for jaywalking. The Department also went to several motels to hand out flyers in reference to pedestrian safety. The Department used it's Facebook page to post a video "It Can Wait" which is about the dangers of texting and driving.

Special Service Unit

The Special Services Unit had set two goals for 2011. The first goal increase Narcotics enforcement within Middle Township. This was another success. During 2012, the SSU was involved in 25 narcotics investigations; resulting in the issuance of 13 Court authorized search warrants. Some of these were joint investigations with the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office. As a result, 20 arrests were made and numerous drugs and paraphernalia were seized.

The second goal was to improve the evaluation and assessment of criminal activity and traffic accident data. Currently the Department has crime mapping software. The software is used to assist us in finding hot spots where we can focus our enforcement efforts. We are able to track criminal offenses at this current time and are in the process of having our accident data transferred from our reporting system to the crime mapping software. We will be using this crime mapping software to assist us with our new DDACTS program which is explained later in this report.

Major Crimes Unit

For 2012 the Major Crimes Unit set two goals:

The first goal was to improve the Major Crime Unit's ability to efficiently and effectively handle an increasing case load. This goal was primarily met during 2012; the unit now has two additional detectives which cover the Middle Township School District and the Cape May County Technical School. The two new detectives are considered juvenile detectives and have been trained and also handle cases involving juveniles, which do not originate in the school. The Detective Sergeant now coordinates and manages case loads utilizing the case management module in Enforsys. Half of the detectives utilize Dragon Speak Voice Dictation software to increase efficiency. The unit is still working on completing a complete evidence audit and it is expected to be completed by April 15th, 2013. This is a huge task and due to the unit's work load and the personnel changes during the year it has taken longer than expected. This goal is expected to be completed by May of 2013.

The second goal was to conduct at least four random spot checks of Level II and Level III offenders registered within Middle Township. During 2012, the unit was only able to conduct a total of three random spot checks due to the work load, the restructuring of the unit and the availability of resources.

Appendix A: 2013 Proposals

DDACTS

Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) is an operational model that uses the integration of location-based crime and traffic data to establish effective and efficient methods for deploying law enforcement and other resources. The Middle Township Police Department's DDACTS initiative is planned to address concerns for public safety within the Township of Middle through the collection and analysis of data to identify crime, crash and traffic related "Hot Spots." The DDACTS approach is grounded in community based law enforcement which stresses time and place based enforcement is a more efficient use of resources.

In order to effectively implement DDACTS in the Township of Middle, specific objectives were established to collect essential data. Objectives included identifying the specific type of data that must be collected, identifying the data sources, developing a method for quality data control, developing consistent data collection procedures, and determining how and when data would be collected and reported.

The goals of MTPD's DDACTS model are to reduce crime, increase traffic safety, reduce the number of serious injury and alcohol related crashes and to more efficiently use data analysis to deploy patrol and police resources.

Through the analysis of previous crimes and crashes in the Township, the department has decided to deploy the first phase of our DDACTS initiative in the Route 47 and Route 9 intersection, between the Off-Shore Motel and Railroad Ave on Route 47 and between Wal-Mart and Church Street on Route 9. This area accounts for over 24% of all crimes reported and over 35% of all reported traffic crashes in the Township of Middle. We intend to significantly increase our traffic enforcement and other special details in the above DDACT Zone significantly during 2013. We will identify targeted days and times based on data analysis to focus and drive our activity.

Reaccreditation

The Middle Township has been an accredited law enforcement agency since 2006. We have had one reaccreditation assessment in 2010 and we are currently in the preparation stage for our third accreditation assessment. We anticipate a group of assessors will visit the Middle Township Police Department in the second half of the year for their assessment.

Survey

The Middle Township Police Department is committed to being responsive to the needs and concerns of our community. As part of that commitment, we are requesting members of the public to take a brief survey at www.middlepd.org by clicking on the "Take Online Survey Logo". We want to hear about how members of the public feel the Police Department is providing services to protect our community and offer suggestions on how we can better improve our services.

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Intersection Safety Camera Program

Our application is still active and has been under review since early 2011.

Equipment:

- Upgrade our Communications System, specifically add transmit sites or develop a plan to join the statewide radio system.
- Phase III of IV of replacing MDT's in patrol vehicles.(end of useful life)
- Desktop Computers
- Radar Display Signs
- High Visibility Rain Gear
- Emergency Operations Center Equipment-Cots/Blankets/Phones/TV
- Variable Message Sign Board

Appendix B: 2013 Goals

Patrol Division

Goal#1

Improve quality of life and improve the safety of residents and motorists in the Rio Grande Section of Middle Township.

Objective:

Reduce reported Part I offenses and Motor Vehicle Crashes by 10% from 2012 levels.

Strategies:

1. Implement DDACTS, Data Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic Safety policing model.
2. Increase the number of motor vehicle stops in hot spot areas.
3. Increase patrol time and police activity during our peak days and times.
4. Conduct a minimum of 10 plain clothes operations on foot in the targeted area based on peak days and times of reported criminal activity.
5. Refer and meet periodically with Code Enforcement and Fire Prevention Officials on potential violations.

Goal#2

Increase the level of safety for pedestrians on the roadways of Middle Township.

Objective:

Conduct 12 Jaywalking details and distribute pamphlets at 5 different community events in the next twelve months.

Strategies:

1. Promote a public campaign to increase awareness of the law and hazards of distracted driving and pedestrian safety.
2. Increase patrol visibility at the cross-walks within Middle Township.
3. Conduct enforcement details with the working patrol squad and the Special Services Unit.
4. Use social media to raise traffic safety awareness and alert the public to our enforcement efforts.

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Major Crimes Unit

Goal#1

Improve the quality of life within the Rio Grande section of Middle Township.

Objective:

Conduct 4 plain clothed operations in the Rio Grande section of Middle Township, specifically the DDACTS zone, to reduce crime and vagrant activities within the next twelve months.

Strategies:

1. Deploy plain clothed details within the DDACTS zone to assist the patrol division with identifying crime and quality of life complaints.
2. Conduct surveillance details targeting vagrant activities to identify panhandling and harassment around local businesses within the DDACTS zone.
3. Work in conjunction with the Special Services Unit to combat narcotics related activities within the DDACTS zone, specifically by executing three (3) or more court-authorized search warrants or consent to searches resulting in the arrest(s) of individuals for drug-related offenses.

Goal #2

Improve the quality and amount of intelligence sharing within the County's Information Sharing system.

Objective:

Ensure proper utilization of the County's Information Sharing System by members of the Patrol Division to increase the number of intelligence reports by 25% from 2012 levels.

Strategies:

1. Instruct and educate members of the department in the proper procedures to document intelligence, specifically concerned citizens, confidential informants and officer initiated intelligence.
2. The Detective Sergeant will provide a quarterly report indicating the officers who have submitted intelligence reports into the County's CAPESIS Information Sharing System.

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Special Services Unit

Goal#1

Increase Narcotics Enforcement within Middle Township.

Objective

Execute at least 10 Narcotics Search Warrants that result in Drug Distribution charges within the next twelve months.

Strategies

1. Increase the number of confidential informants.
2. Partner with the Cape May County Prosecutor's Guns Gangs and Narcotics Task Force to conduct a minimum of four joint undercover operations.
3. Work with the Patrol Division to gather intelligence in reference to Drug Distribution.

Goal#2

Analyze crime mapping software data to assist with the implementation of DDACTS.

Objective:

Analyze crime/traffic accident data to improve allocation of Department Resources.

Strategies:

1. Prepare a Bi-Weekly Report tracking the crime and traffic data in designated DDACTS zones.
2. Use crime and traffic data to determine if another DDACTS zone should be established.
3. Use crime mapping software to relay any crime trends occurring in the Township to the Patrol Division and Major Crimes Unit.