



**How much did the average homeowner pay in property taxes for the Police Department in 2012?**



# 2012 Numbers

**\$1.43 a day or \$43.76 a month  
or \$525.00 for the year.**



# 2012 Numbers

- The average home assessed at \$274,000 paid \$4110.00 in property taxes.
- The average tax rate was \$1.50 per \$100.00 of assessed value. *(Note: Twp. Rate was .36, Twp. has 3 different Fire Districts)*
- .19 cents of the 1.50 is needed to cover police operations.

<b>2012 Cost Analysis of the Middle Township Police Department</b>	
<b>Salary and Wages</b>	
Police	\$ 4,306,637
Dispatch	\$ 395,000
Records	\$ 157,363.00
Municipal Social Security/Unemployment Contribution	\$ 401,309.00
Terminal Leave Liability	\$ 122,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,375,689</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
Police O/E	\$ 120,300
Dispatch O/E	\$ 7,000
Purchase of Patrol Cars	\$ 50,000
Parts for Patrol Cars	\$ 42,000
Labor for Maintenance for Patrol Cars	\$ 100,000
Service Contracts	\$ 86,799
Gasoline	\$ 142,363
Telephone	\$ 52,000
Electricity	\$ 36,500
Natural Gas	\$ 10,000
Debt Service	\$ 161,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 835,000</b>
<b>Municipal Pension Contribution</b>	
Police and Fire Pension System	\$ 949,105
Public Employees Pension System	\$ 28,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 977,105</b>
<b>Health Care/Dental/Prescription Insurance</b>	
Active Employees and Retirees	\$ 1,402,045
Minus Employee Contribution	\$ (54,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,348,045</b>
<b>Insurance Costs(48% of Premiums, based on 5 yr review of claims)</b>	
Liability, Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 348,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 348,800</b>
<b>Total Cost for Middle Twp. Police Department</b>	<b>\$ 8,994,024</b>

**2012 Miscellaneous Twp. Revenues(44% of total to Twp)      Note: Police was 44% of Twp. Budget**

Energy Receipts Tax	\$ 1,569,500
Licenses, Motel Tax, Investments, Trailer Tax, Municipal Court	\$ 478,000
Receipt for Delinquent Taxes	\$ 413,000
Surplus	\$ 532,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,993,940</b>
<b>Note: A number of revenues were excluded that were allocated for specific functions such as Ambulance and Constructions Fees.</b>	
<b>Revenue Specific Sources</b>	
Motel Tax	\$ 36,000
Alarm Fees	\$ 42,000
DRE Grant Money	\$ 1,760
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 79,790</b>

<b>2012 Property Taxpayer portion for Police Services</b>	
<b>Cost of MTPD to the Property taxpayer</b>	<b>\$ 5,784,371</b>
<b>Value of a Penny</b>	<b>\$ 301,820</b>
<b>How many cents to cover the cost</b>	<b>\$ 0.19</b>
<b>Average Total Tax Rate in Middle Township</b>	<b>\$ 1.50</b>
<b>Average Assessed home of 300,000 total property tax bill</b>	<b>\$ \$4110.00 a year or \$342.00 a month or \$11.26 a day</b>
<b>Middle Township Police Department Cost</b>	<b>\$ \$ 525.00 a year or \$43.76 a month or \$1.43 a day</b>

**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.)*



# 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.***