## MONTHLY REPORT JULY 2022

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#### COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT

During the month of July, many members of the Department assisted with the Summer Safety University. Ofc. Bochanski and Ofc. Ciuffetelli held outdoor water gun and obstacle course activities for the Summer Safety University program at the UDP&R camp at Twining Valley Park on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Chief Wheatley, Sgt. Judge and Ofc. Timcho gave a presentation on Crime Scenes and Evidence Collection for the Summer Safety University program at the UDP&R camp at the North Hills Community Center on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Sgt. Judge and Ofc. Bochanski presented a touch-a-truck event and helicopter landing for the Summer Safety University program at the UDP&R camp at Twining Valley Park on July 19th. Ofc. Bochanski held a mock crime scene activity for the Summer Safety University program at the UDP&R camp at the North Hills Community Center on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Wheatley, Sgt. Lavenberg, Sgt. Rowland, Cpl. Madrak, Ofc. Fiedler, Ofc. Taylor, Ofc. Ciuffetelli, Det. Lebby, Det. Scarpato, Det. Shanahan and Det. Gallen attended the Oreland 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

Chief Wheatley, Sgt. Judge, Ofc. Thomas and Ofc. Petaccio attended the Kona with the Cops event at the North Hills Community Center on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

The CRU provided eight (8) full or partial patrol coverage shifts this month due to short staffing.

The following enforcement details took place:

- Five (5) Motor Carrier inspection and enforcement vehicle stops on local highways. Those efforts resulted in:
  - Five (5) Level 3 inspections completed
    - 10 citations issued

1 driver placed out-of-service

#### Social Media Activity

- Estimated Facebook reach was 34,837, a decrease of 22% compared to June 2022
- Estimated Instagram reach was 1,114, a decrease of 23.7% compared to June 2022

The Upper Dublin Township Police Department is guided by the philosophy of Professionalism, Integrity, and Community Policing. Our greatest asset is our personnel; our greatest strength is our partnership with our community.



### INVESTIGATIONS

#### **Detective Unit & Patrol Division**

On Thursday, February 10, 2022, Ofc. Miller was dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to the 1200 block of Virginia Drive for a report of a hit-and-run vehicle crash. Upon his arrival, he was advised by the victim that his vehicle was intentionally struck. After an exhaustive investigation, which included a search warrant on the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission for EZ Pass toll records, Ofc. Miller filed charges on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, against the vehicle driver who fled the scene of the crash.

In May of 2022, the Upper Dublin Police Department was made aware of a bus aide who was alleged to have had inappropriate contact with minors during his employment with the Upper Dublin School District. Detectives began an investigation and uncovered additional evidence and victims. The suspect was identified and charged with multiple counts of sexual and indecent assault.

In April of 2022, the Upper Dublin Police Department was made aware of allegations of child abuse at a residence in the Dresher section of Upper Dublin Township. Detectives began an investigation and conducted multiple victim interviews. As a result of the investigation, a suspect was identified and charged with multiple counts of sexual and physical assault, as well as corruption of a minor.

On Wednesday June 29, 2022, Ofc. Borgmann was dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center, to a hit and run in-progress in the 1200 block of Bethlehem Pike, in the Ambler section of Upper Dublin Township. The reporting party advised that his vehicle was struck by a truck that had since pulled into the parking lot of a restaurant located in the area. The reporting party was also able to provide a registration for the vehicle which allowed for the striking vehicle's owner to be more easily found. Upon further investigation and after consulting with the victim, criminal charges are currently pending.

On Monday, July 4, 2022, Ofc Marchesani was conducting a directed patrol in the parking lot of an area hotel. He was notified by Sgt. Rowland that there was a warrant for arrest of an individual known to be operating a vehicle that parked in the parking lot of the hotel. A short time later an individual entered the vehicle and began to exit the parking lot. Ofc. Marchesani was able to visually identify the vehicle driver as the individual who had a warrant for her arrest. As a result, Ofc. Marchesani conducted a vehicle stop near the intersection of Fort Washington Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue, in the Fort Washington section of Upper Dublin Township. The identity of the vehicle driver was confirmed, as was the warrant, and she was placed under arrest. A short time later she was turned over to the Upper Moreland Police Department, the agency which held the warrant for her arrest.

On Wednesday, July 6, 2022, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to a residence in the Ambler section of Upper Dublin Township for a reported death. Upon arrival, an approximately 40-year-old deceased male was located. The scene was secured, and detectives responded to investigate. The scene was processed by Detectives, and they are currently working with the Montgomery County Coroner's Office to determine the cause of death.

On Sunday, July 10, 2022, Ofc. Milligan was dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to the 1300 block of Bethlehem Pike, in the Ambler section of Upper Dublin Township, for a report of a suspicious vehicle. According to the reporting party the vehicle driver appeared to be intoxicated. A short time later the reporting party advised that the vehicle had left the area and was last seen in a nearby apartment complex. Ofc. Milligan, with assistance from Sgt. Rowland, was able to locate the vehicle and subsequently arrested the driver for Driving Under the Influence. This was the vehicle driver's 3 arrest for Driving Under the Influence and he was DUI suspended at the time of his arrest.

On Thursday July 14, 2022, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to Cavendish Drive, in the Ambler section of Upper Dublin Township, for the report of an armed subject who had started a fire in an apartment and was threatening people. Upon arrival, the male was detained, the scene rendered safe, and a mental health evaluation was sought for the male before filing criminal charges for terroristic threats and simple assault. The suspect, who was already out on bail for a number of other offenses, is currently in custody at the Montgomery County Correctional facility.

On Saturday, July 16, 2022, Ofc. Reading conducted a vehicle stop in the 1600 block of Susquehanna Road, in the Dresher section of Upper Dublin Township, because of a vehicle being driven on its rim. Upon further investigation it was determined that the vehicle driver was Driving Under the Influence of alcohol and in the rear seat were the unrestrained mother & six-year-old daughter. Due to this, addition criminal charges of Recklessly Endangering Another Person, Endangering the Welfare of a Child and traffic related offenses were all filed.

On Monday, July 18, 2022, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to the intersection of Norristown Road and Hood Lane, in the Maple Glen section of Upper Dublin Township for the report of a three-vehicle crash. Upon investigation it was determined that the at-fault driver was intoxicated and was subsequently arrested for Driving Under the Influence. Charges are currently pending lab results.

Criminal charges and any discussion thereof, are merely allegations and all defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

On Tuesday July 19, 2022, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to the intersection of a Limekiln Pike and Twining Road, in the Dresher section of Upper Dublin Township, for a report of a suspicious person at a convenience store. The male was found to be experiencing the effects of significant alcohol and opiate use. He was transported to the hospital and a non-traffic citation for public drunkenness was filed. The subject came to the station the next day to thank the police for their caring and compassionate treatment and to let us know that he was checking himself into a rehabilitation program.

On Tuesday, July 26, 2022, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to multiple theft from unlocked motor vehicles. During the investigation of those thefts, a vehicle was located that was stolen from Whitemarsh Township. Detectives responded to several of the crime scenes to process and collect evidence. This is an ongoing investigation. Residents and visitors of Upper Dublin Township are reminded to lock their cars and secure their valuables, as this is often a crime of opportunity.

On Wednesday, July 27, 2022, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to a residence in the Fort Washington section of Upper Dublin Township for a reported burglary. Detectives responded to investigate and process the scene. It appears that jewelry and other items were stolen. This is an active investigation.

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## MONTGOMERY COUNTY SPECIAL WEAPONS & TACTICS - SWAT

Ofc. Marchesani and Ofc. Timcho were both appointed to the Montgomery County Special Weapons and Tactics Team – East Region (MCSWAT-ER), as operators. Each had to successfully complete a rigorous application process which included: firearm qualification, a physical agility test, and an interview. Congratulations to each of them for this accomplishment.

#### **TRAINING**

On Monday, July 11, 2022, Ofc. Bochanski, Ofc. Borgmann, Ofc. Petaccio, and Ofc. Spotts attended a Medical Marijuana training at the Abington Police Department's Training Annex. This training will assist each of them when dealing with medical & illegal marijuana cases.

On Monday, July 11, 2022, Ofc. Dease attended a training entitled: Emotional Survival for Female Enforcers. This was a web-based training that was sponsored by Calibre Press. This training focused on overcoming the "24/7" aspect of a career which involves serving and protecting your community, home, and family. Managing all these demands can sometimes be the most difficult part of the job. This training will provide Ofc. Dease with skills that can be easily and immediately put into practice.

On Tuesday, July 12, 2022, and Wednesday, July 13, 2022, Cpl. Garay, Ofc. Bochanski, and Ofc. Fiedler attended a training entitled: Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE). This training was sponsored by the Pennsylvania DUI Association. This training will assist each of them with detecting, apprehending, testing, and prosecuting impaired drivers.

On Tuesday, July 19, 2022, through Thursday, July 21, 2022, Sgt. Judge and Cpl. Madrak attended a training entitled: School Safety Summit – Strategies for Prevention. This was a web-based training was sponsored by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC). The training provided attendees with a participant focused opportunity to learn and discuss strategies intended to prevent acts of violence in schools. There was an emphasis placed on social media, Physical Security and Threat Assessment/Threat Management. The strategies discussed applied to all types of educational infrastructure (K-12 and College/University). There were speakers representing state, local and federal law enforcement, and the private sector, and each shared lessons learned and best practices.

On Tuesday, July 26, 2022, and Wednesday, July 28, 2022, Sgt. Judge and Sgt. Rowland attended an AR-15 armorer's course that was hosted by the Upper Gwynedd Police Department. This training will assist each of them since they serve as Use of Force instructors for the Department.

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## **STATISTICS**

Table 1. Department-Wide Activity for the Month of July

Type of Activity	Totals
Calls for Service	1,672
Investigative and Supplemental Reports	217
Crash Reports	42
Directed Patrols	211
Foot Patrols	67
Vehicle Stops	157
Premise Checks	123
Premise Checks – Schools	2
Premise Checks – Vacant	8

Table 2. Community Response Unit Activity for the Month of July

Type of Activity	Totals
Abandon Vehicle Investigations	7
Traffic Complaints	2

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