

# MONTHLY REPORT

## AUGUST 2022

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## COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT

### Summer Safety University:

Over the course of 8 weeks this summer, Upper Dublin Police Officers had very positive interactions with campers from the Upper Dublin Parks and Recreation (UDP&R) camp programs at the Summer Safety University (SSU) program. The SSU program provided safety presentations, obstacle courses, a mock crime scene, a touch-a-truck event and SWAT and K9 demonstrations. The culmination of the SSU program was Field Day where, by and large, the campers had a lot of fun! This year brought new challenges due to both the retirement of Sgt. Sanborn and the additional coordination necessary to provide presentations/events to two different camp programs. Despite these challenges, the SSU program was a great success! Thank you to all of the Upper Dublin Police personnel and UDP&R staff that helped with the SSU program this summer!

### Events:

- Cpl. Madrak and Ofc. Bochanski attended the Abington Township Pre-National Night Out event on August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Cpl. Madrak, Ofc. Timcho, and Upper Moreland Police Officer Matt Snyder and his K9 Maximus provided SWAT and K9 demonstrations for the Summer Safety University program at the UDP&R camp at Twining Valley Park on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Sgt. Judge and Ofc. Timcho provided a recruitment presentation to the cadets at the Delaware County Community College Police Academy on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

- On August 9<sup>th</sup>, Chief Wheatley, Lt. Nyce, Sgt. Judge, Ofc. Bochanski, Ofc. Timcho, Ofc. Haggard, Ofc. Thomas, Det. Scarpato, Det. Leiby, Det. Shanahan, Det. Gallen, Police Specialist Klinger and Administrative Assistant Yannuzzi all participated in the Summer Safety University Field Day at the North Hills Community Center.
- Ofc. Bochanski and Ofc. Timcho provided a recruitment presentation to the cadets at the Reading Police Academy on August 10<sup>th</sup>.
- On August 11<sup>th</sup>, Ofc. Bochanski met with the Upper Dublin School District bus drivers to discuss the upcoming school year.
- On August 16<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Judge and Ofc. Ciuffetelli attended a meeting with the crossing guards. In the late afternoon of August 16<sup>th</sup>, Chief Wheatley and Cpl. Madrak participated in the North Hills Community Meeting at the North Hills Community Center.
- Cpl. Madrak attended a safety meeting at Nurtisystem on August 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Ofc. Ciuffetelli and Ofc. Thomas attended the Kona with the Cops event at Sheeleigh Park on August 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Cpl. Madrak provided a school safety presentation to Temple Sinai on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Operation Nighthawk:**

On Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>, Ofc. Ciuffetelli conducted Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Enforcement Details as part of the statewide Operation Nighthawk. Ofc. Ciuffetelli conducted a total of six (6) vehicle stops, resulting in a DUI arrest.

### **MCSAP:**

CRU Officers conducted 3 days of Motor Carrier inspections and enforcement resulting in:

- 9 Level-1 inspections completed
  - 33 citations issued
  - 4 vehicles placed out-of-service
  - 2 drivers placed out-of-service

### **Patrol Shift Coverage:**

CRU Officers provided six (6) full or partial patrol coverage shifts this month due to short staffing.

### **Social Media Activity:**

- Estimated Facebook reach was approximately 53,100, an increase of 84% compared to July 2022
- Estimated Instagram reach was approximately 1,628, an increase of 47% compared to July 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.**



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## **INVESTIGATIONS**

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

In April of 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 report of an arson. Officers responded and notified Detectives and the Fire Marshall who responded to process the scene. Just a day later, Officers were again dispatched out to the same location for a report of a suspicious person who was observed to be trespassing on the property and damaging the resident's vehicles. The homeowner retrieved a firearm and chased the person, firing several shots. Detectives responded to the scene and processed it for physical evidence. Through an intensive investigation, a person of interest was identified and interviewed. Additional evidence was collected and ultimately, Detectives were able to tie the suspect to several arsons in the area. The suspect was charged with multiple felonies, including: several counts of arson, stalking, and loitering and prowling at nighttime. This was a true team effort, and it was due to the hard work of the involved investigators and officers that the case was brought to a successful conclusion.

On Tuesday, July 26, 2022, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to multiple thefts from unlocked motor vehicles. During the investigation of those thefts, a vehicle that was stolen from Whitmarsh Township was located. Detectives responded to several of the crime scenes to process and collect evidence. Through a multijurisdictional investigation, a suspect was identified, and eventually confessed to stealing from unlocked cars and stealing the vehicle from Whitmarsh Township.

On Friday, August 5, 2022, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to the 1400 block of Dreshertown Road, in the Dresher section of Upper Dublin Township for the report of a burglary. The investigation is still on-going, but the possibility exist that a false report was made by the reporting party.

On Friday, August 5, 2022, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to the 800 block of Tennis Avenue, in the Ambler section of Upper Dublin Township for the report of a burglary in-progress. According to the reporting party, he found three (3) males in his residence. Upon encountering them, they fled on foot into the neighborhood. While enroute, Upper Dublin Police Officers requested a K9 respond as well. Two Upper Moreland Police Officers responded, one with the K9, and a track was started. The burglars were not located; however the crime scene was processed, evidence was collected, and the investigation is ongoing.

On Sunday, August 7, 2022, Cpl. Garay conducted a vehicle stop near the intersection of Virginia Drive and Susquehanna Road. Upon investigation it was determined that the vehicle driver was wanted

by the Bucks County Sheriff's Department for Child Neglect. The defendant was taken into custody for the warrant.

On Thursday, August 11, 2022, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to multiple thefts from unlocked motor vehicles. In addition, a vehicle (with the keys inside) was stolen. The vehicle was later recovered by the Philadelphia Police Department. It was returned to the police department where detectives processed the vehicle for evidence. This is an ongoing police investigation.

On Sunday, August 21, 2022, Ofc. Pratt and Cpl. Pimm arrested a wanted subject who was a guest at a hotel located in the 200 block of Commerce Drive, in the Fort Washington section of Upper Dublin Township. The subject was wanted for felony retail theft with full extradition by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department. The defendant was transported to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility.

On Wednesday, August 24, 2022, Ofc. Carruthers, Ofc. Pratt and Cpl. Pimm arrested a wanted subject who was a guest at a hotel located in the 200 block of Commerce Drive, in the Fort Washington section of Upper Dublin Township. The subject was wanted for misdemeanor drug possession by the Philadelphia County Sheriff's Department. The defendant was transported to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility.

On Saturday, August 13, 2022, Ofc. Miller was dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to the 100 block of Hampstead Drive, in the Ambler section of Upper Dublin Township for the report of a theft. Upon investigation, evidence was collected, a suspect identified and as a result charges pending.

On Saturday, August 13, 2022, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to a residence in the 300 block of Linden Avenue, in the North Hills section of Upper Dublin Township for a reported domestic between the caller and her 16-year-old son. During the investigation the juvenile male suddenly and intentionally kicked one of the officers in the chest. The male was arrested and charged with assault on a law enforcement officer.

On Thursday, August 18, 2022, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to a report of a dog-on-dog attack that occurred in the 700 block of Hartranft Avenue, in the Fort Washington section of Upper Dublin Township. The complainant had been walking his dog on the street in that area when two dogs ran out of a house that he was walking past. One of the dogs attacked and injured the complainant's smaller dog. The attacking dog was determined to be vaccinated.

On Monday, August 19, 2022, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to a storage facility in the Dresher section of Upper Dublin Township for a reported theft of a recreational camper. A suspect vehicle was identified, and that information was shared with a regional crime sharing network to assist with identification.

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

On Sunday, August 21, 2022, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to a physical domestic in the 2000 block of Grant Mews, in the Ambler section of Upper Dublin Township. Upon investigation, Ofc. Petaccio determined that one of the involved individuals would be arrested for simple assault. The defendant was processed and transported to the Montgomery County Correction Facility.

On Tuesday, August 23, 2022, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to a delayed report of a catalytic converter theft that occurred at a fitness center between 6:00-7:30PM. There were no witnesses, and the theft was not captured on video surveillance.

On Wednesday, August 24, 2022, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to a reported hit & run crash in the 400 block of Summit Avenue, in the Fort Washington section of Upper Dublin Township. A witness followed the striking vehicle to the 200 block of Madison Ave, where it became disabled in the middle of the street. Ofc. Devlin responded to that location and located the driver who was still with the vehicle. The driver exhibited signs of impairment and failed sobriety tests. The driver was arrested for Driving Under the Influence.

On Saturday, August 27, 2022, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to Ambler Road, in the Ambler section of Upper Dublin Township for a reported physical domestic between the female resident and her adult son. The female resident claimed that her son, who is in his 40's, choked her and verbally threatened her while she was in her bedroom. There was corroborating evidence as well as witness statements. The male was arrested for several crimes related to domestic violence. After the male was arrested, his teenage son removed from the male's bedroom what appeared to be a cardboard wrapped homemade explosive with an attached unlit fuse. The Montgomery County Sheriff's Department - Bomb Squad was contacted, and they responded to take possession of the device. They will be conducting tests on this object to determine whether it was an actual explosive device.

The members of the Upper Dublin Police Department would like to remind the residents and visitors of Upper Dublin Township to lock their cars and secure their valuables, as this is often a crime of opportunity.

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## **25-YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

Corporal Shea Creamer became a police officer with the Upper Dublin Police Department on August 6, 1997. Prior to that, Shea had served meritoriously with the United States Army and

Pennsylvania National Guard, and he even worked for several months as a records clerk for the Upper Dublin Police Department.

Cpl. Creamer has taken on a variety of duties throughout his Upper Dublin policing career. In 2000, he became a Field Training Officer for the Department. In 2002, he was certified as a Crash Reconstructionist and also joined the Bicycle Patrol Unit that year. He was also the Department's Fitness Coordinator for a period of time. In 2005, Shea was promoted to the rank of Corporal.

Since 1998, Cpl. Creamer has served on the regional SWAT team, now called the Montgomery County Special Weapons and Tactics – East Region team. He has risen through the ranks of the SWAT team as an entry operator, an assistant team leader, a team leader, the senior team leader, and is now the team's deputy commander.

Presently, Cpl. Creamer is one of the Police Department's Use of Force instructors, having been trained and certified as an instructor in various disciplines such as Firearms, Patrol Rifle, Taser, Handcuffing, Defensive Tactics, Red Dot Sights, and Active Shooter Response.

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## TRAINING

During the month of August a significant amount of training was attended by Upper Dublin Police Officers:

- All sworn personnel completed 1<sup>st</sup> Aid/CPR training through the American Heart Association.
- Cpl. Garay earned his trilogy award for completing the FBI-LEEDA Executive Leadership Academy. He had previously completed the Supervisory Leadership and Command Leadership Academies.
- Ofc. Borgmann and Ofc. Ciuffetelli, and Ofc. Timcho completed a Red Dot Pistol Instructor Course
- Ofc. Borgmann, Ofc. Ciuffetelli, and Ofc. Timcho completed a National Rifle Association (NRA) Rifle Instructor course
- Sgt. Judge and Ofc. Borgmann completed an ALERRT Active Shooter Trainer Course in Chester County.
- Sgt. Judge and Ofc. Milligan completed a Montgomery County Active Shooter trainer course.

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# STATISTICS

**Table 1. Department-Wide Activity for the Month of August**

Type of Activity	Totals
Calls for Service	1,662
Investigative and Supplemental Reports	179
Crash Reports	46
Directed Patrols	221
Foot Patrols	63
Vehicle Stops	193
Premise Checks	135
Premise Checks – Schools	8
Premise Checks – Vacant	15

**Table 2. Community Response Unit Activity for the Month of August**

Type of Activity	Totals
Bridge/HUB Program Referrals	8
Traffic Complaints	1

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Corporal Shea Creamer

25-Years of Service to  
Upper Dublin Township





# Summer Safety University



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# KONA

## WITH THE COPS

Join us for free Kona Ice on  
Thursday, August 25th, 2022  
5:30pm - 7:30pm  
at Sheeleigh Park

(Argyle Avenue & Douglas Street in Ambler, PA)

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