

MONTHLY REPORT

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COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT

Activities & Events:

On Monday, April 9, 2023, the Upper Dublin Police Department began what hopefully will become an annual event, the Citizens Police Academy (CPA). Cpl. Madrak was tasked with organizing the CPA and received assistance for this endeavor from Chief Wheatley, Sgt. Judge, Corinne Dorn, and Siobhan Klinger. In addition, each Sergeant along with select Corporals and Patrol Officers have been tasked with creating lesson plans on topics that are relevant to policing. The CPA is a nine (9) week course that utilizes a classroom and live-scenarios format so that the participants can better understand the various aspects of policing. There are approximately 16 people enrolled in the CPA and to this point, it is proving to be a great success!

On Tuesday, April 18, 2023, Sgt. Judge attended a meeting that was held at the North Hills Community Center in conjunction with the Upper Dublin School District and Upper Dublin Township. The meeting offered area residents the opportunity to meet with various representatives from each entity and ask questions and have their concerns addressed.

On Wednesday, April 19, 2023, Cpl. Madrak provided a School Safety presentation to teachers and staff of Beth Or.

On Saturday, April 22, 2023, Cpl. Madrak and Det. Gallen took part in the national Drug Take Back Day, which was held from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Upper Dublin Police Department. Approximately 35 lbs. of medication was collected. In addition, another 35 lbs. were collected during the month of April in the Medication Collection container that is located within the lobby of the police department. All of the

medication that was collected was turned over to the Montgomery County Detective Bureau for destruction.

On Monday, April 24, 2023, Cpl. Madrak attended a school safety meeting with representatives from Upper Dublin High School.

On Tuesday, April 25, 2023, Ofc. Ciuffetelli attended the Open House that was held at the Upper Dublin Public Library for students from Fort Washington Elementary School. During the Open House Ofc. Ciuffetelli read two books to students who were in attendance.

Two (2) Aggressive Driving Enforcement Details were held during the month of April. Enforcement efforts were focused on the 1800 block of North Hills Avenue. There were a total of 66 vehicle drivers contacted with 68 citations issued. Aggressive Driving and Buckle-Up Enforcement Details are held based upon grant funding supplied by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT).

The building committee, which consists of the Upper Dublin Police Department's Command staff, along with Sgt. Lavenberg, Sgt. Judge, and Cpl. Madrak attended meetings concerning the future police department that will be located at 801 Loch Alsh Avenue.

In July of 2022, the Upper Dublin Police Department was awarded a two-year grant from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. Cpl. Madrak completed the grant application which focused on underage and dangerous drinking. In March, Sgt. Rowland and Ofc. Petaccio conducted alcohol education within Upper Dublin High School and in April, enforcement details began. The enforcement details take place on dates and times that correspond with events within Upper Dublin Township that may result or have historically resulted in underage and dangerous drinking. These enforcement details are primarily completed by Upper Dublin Police Officers utilizing police bicycles, in particular the e-bicycles that the police department has received as a result of this grant award. If you have questions concerning underage and dangerous drinking please visit: <https://www.upperdublin.net/departments/police/underagedrinking/> or contact Cpl. Madrak @ david.madrak@udpd.us.

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INVESTIGATIONS

Detective Unit & Patrol Division

On Saturday, April 1, 2023, Cpl. Garay, along with other Upper Dublin Police Officers was dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to the 300 block of Summit Avenue, in the Fort Washington section of Upper Dublin Township, for a report of a vehicle crash. The reporting

party stated that the vehicle they had been driving struck a legally parked vehicle. Upon arriving on scene, Cpl. Garay observed a significant amount of damage to the reporting party's vehicle and the vehicle that had been struck. Upon further investigation Cpl. Garay determined that the reporting party may have been under the influence of alcohol. Standardized Field Sobriety Tests were conducted on scene and the driver was arrested for suspicion of Driving Under the Influence.

On Monday, April 3, 2023, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to the area of Twining Road and Welsh Road, in the Willow Grove section of Upper Dublin Township, for a reported armed subject. Upon arrival, a victim and multiple witnesses were located, however, the actor had left the scene. Detectives responded and began an investigation into the incident. The victim and witnesses were interviewed. Through investigation, an astute patrol officer was able to identify a possible suspect and detectives responded to the subject's residence. The detectives then interviewed the male who admitted to being involved in the incident. The gun used in the incident was recovered as well. Charges have been filed for simple assault and related charges.

On Monday, April 3, 2023, Officers were dispatched for a report of fraud at a local car dealership. The initial investigation indicated that a female was attempting to lease a vehicle with fraudulent documents. Detectives responded to the scene and began investigating. On April 4, 2023, the same actor returned to the dealership and attempted to complete the transaction. The female was arrested and called a friend to retrieve the actor's vehicle. Upon the friend's arrival, it was discovered that they had an active warrant from another state. The friend was also arrested on a warrant.

On Thursday, April 6, 2023, Upper Dublin Police Officers took a report of possible elder abuse at a local assisted living facility. Detectives were assigned to the case and began an investigation into the incident. This is an ongoing investigation.

On Friday, April 7, 2023, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched to a local business for a reported burglary. Detectives responded to the scene. Through the course of the investigation, a suspect was identified. Detectives interviewed the suspect who admitted to the crime. A warrant was issued for his arrest, and he later turned himself in. The actor is awaiting his preliminary hearing.

On Tuesday, April 11, 2023, Ofc. Spotts was dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to the intersection of Welsh Road and Dillon Road, in the Maple Glenn section of Upper Dublin Township, for the report of a vehicle crash. The driver of the at-fault vehicle was suspected of being intoxicated by alcohol. The driver was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of alcohol and consented to a blood draw. The blood kit was submitted to NMS Labs for analysis and charges are pending.

On Friday, April 14, 2023, Platoon D was made aware of a vehicle that was parked at a hotel in the Fort Washington section of Upper Dublin Township. There was a warrant associated with the owner of the vehicle; the male was wanted for Aggravated Assault with a Weapon. Ofc. Reading observed a male enter the vehicle. Upper Dublin Police Officers approached the vehicle and briefly made contact with the driver, who then put the vehicle in drive and fled from the scene. A short pursuit ensued before it was terminated. Charges have been filed and an arrest warrant has been obtained for the driver of the vehicle.

On Friday, April 14, 2023, Ofc. Petaccio was dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to the 1300 block of S. Bethlehem Pike, in the Ambler section of Upper Dublin Township, for a report of theft that had occurred on March 10, 2023, at a hotel within Upper Dublin Township. According to the victim, they purchased a vehicle, sight unseen. The individual who was

supposed to deliver the vehicle never did nor did they return the money. A suspect was identified, and felony theft charges have been filed.

On Friday, April 14, 2023, the defendant in a terroristic threats case was investigated by Ofc. Haggar in July of 2022, plead guilty and was sentenced to two years of probation.

On Saturday, April 15, 2023, Ofc. Marchesani was dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to a retail establishment in the 200 block of Dryden Road, in the Dresher section of Upper Dublin Township, for the report of a theft. Upon Ofc. Marchesani's arrival he contacted the store's Loss Prevention Manager (LPM). The LPM advised that approximately \$7,000.00 worth of fragrances were stolen by two women. The investigation is ongoing.

On Monday, April 17, 2023, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to the 100 block of Commerce Drive, in the Fort Washington section of Upper Dublin Township, for a report of a theft. It was reported to Ofc. Ferrara that three (3) catalytic converters were stolen from work vehicles that were parked next to the building. The investigation is ongoing.

On Monday, April 17, 2023, Ofc. Taylor was dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to a report of a Protection from Abuse Order violation stemming from a 2022 case in the 1200 block Spring Avenue, in the Fort Washington section of Upper Dublin Township. The protected party reported receiving a letter in the mail from the defendant. Ofc. Taylor completed a criminal complaint, and a warrant was approved. The defendant surrendered to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office at the Montgomery County Courthouse in Norristown.

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On Tuesday, April 18, 2023, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to a residence along Jarrettown Road, in the Dresher section of Upper Dublin Township, for the report of a stolen vehicle. Ofc. Ferrara was advised by the vehicle owner that the vehicle was stolen during the evening hours and that the vehicle is a specialty vehicle with higher-than-normal value. The case was turned over to the Detective Unit for further investigation.

On Tuesday, April 18, 2023, Ofc. Reading and Ofc. Spotts were dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to the 2200 block of Navajo Path for a domestic assault. A husband assaulted his wife. Upon investigation, it was determined that the husband had a full extradition warrant out of Alabama for a probation violation. Ofc. Reading completed a criminal complaint charging the husband with domestic assault. The husband was transported to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility.

On Wednesday, April 19, 2023, Ofc. Haggar was dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to a suspicious person at a retail establishment located on Bethlehem Pike in the Fort Washington section of Upper Dublin Township. The male was found to be intoxicated and was cited for public drunkenness and released to a family member.

On Thursday, April 20, 2023, Ofc. Petaccio was dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center to the 1300 block of S. Bethlehem Pike, in the Ambler section of Upper Dublin Township, for the report of a theft. Upon investigation Ofc. Petaccio determined that an employee was almost struck by a male while working their shift and that the male then stole items from the store. The stolen items consisted of three (3) Bananas, one (1) Snickers Bar, and one (1) bouquet of roses. The investigation is ongoing.

On Thursday, April 21, 2023, Sgt. Nick attended the preliminary hearing for the January arrest of a female for possession of a stolen vehicle, fraudulent vehicle documents, DUI, and drug possession. The defendant waived the hearing, and the case is proceeding to the Court of Common Pleas in Norristown.

On Friday, April 21, 2023, the Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center was dispatched to the 900 block of West Lincoln Drive for a report of an armed subject. An ex-boyfriend threatened to shoot and kill his ex-girlfriend with a gun. Upon our arrival, the ex-boyfriend was no longer on location. The ex-girlfriend agreed to be interviewed at the Upper Dublin Police Department. Ofc. Spotts sought an emergency Protection from Abuse Order for the ex-girlfriend which was granted by on-call Judge Leo. Ofc. Spotts completed a criminal complaint, and an arrest warrant was approved. The ex-boyfriend surrendered himself on Saturday, April 22, 2023.

In the afternoon hours of Saturday, April 23, 2023, Platoon C facilitated the arrest of a suspect from a domestic violence case the night prior. The defendant was taken into custody at the Upper Dublin Police Department and served with an Emergency Protection from Abuse Order. The defendant was processed and transported to Montgomery County Correctional Facility for arraignment.

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

TRAINING

On Saturday, April 1, 2023, Ofc. Borgmann, Ofc. Petaccio and Ofc. Bolanos attended the annual Autism Institute Conference at Gwynedd Mercy University. The Autism Conference was a free training opportunity that had approximately 15 workshops each of 1 ½ hours in length. The workshops focused on a wide variety of topics by leading professionals in the area. The Autism Institute is dedicated to assisting in identifying and providing for the needs of the community. As a result of this training, Ofc. Borgmann and Ofc. Petaccio will be instructing the Neurodiverse event that the Upper Dublin Police Department will be hosting and sponsoring on Sunday, May 7, 2023.

On Thursday, April 20, 2023, Upper Dublin Police Department Use of Force Instructors conducted Use of Force scenarios for both new hires, Ofc. Lesser and Ofc. Bolanos. These Use of Force scenarios are designed to both test and teach the students' knowledge and application of the rules of criminal procedure, laws, and policies governing the use of force and tactics. Scenarios have been a proven and valuable teaching technique that gives the student the ability to practice what they have learned, make timely decisions, get feedback, and learn from their responses.

Sgt. Nick attended the Force Science Institute's course on Force Science Analysis and achieved certification as an analyst. The one-week course was presented in Chicago, IL, and focused on the human performance factors at play in critical use of force incidents and investigative considerations for determining justification.

On Friday, April 14, 2023, Cpl. Garay and Ofc. Miller attended a training that was sponsored by the International Police Mountain Bicycle Association (IPMBA) and hosted by the Hatboro Police Department. This training was specific to the use of electric bicycles (e-bikes), of which the Upper Dublin Police Department has two (2). This training will enable these two bicycle patrol officers to share their knowledge with the other members of the Department's Bicycle Patrol Unit.

Cpl. Madrak and Case Manager Klinger attended training provided by the Pennsylvania State Police concerning the Commonwealth Law Enforcement Network (CLEAN). CLEAN is used by criminal justice agencies within the Commonwealth to access driver's license and motor vehicle information, state criminal history record information maintained in the Pennsylvania State Police Central Repository, the Commonwealth's central registry for Protection from Abuse orders, "hot" (stolen and wanted) files, law enforcement messaging capabilities, and a host of other services. CLEAN is Pennsylvania's conduit to NCIC, the FBI's National Crime Information Center, and to Nlets, the International Justice and Public Safety Information Sharing Network.

Cpl. Creamer, Assistant Team Commander of the Montgomery County Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) – East Region was an instructor during the one-week basic SWAT Operator Course to new operators from MCSWAT-ER and the Norristown Police Department. Ofc. Timcho and Ofc. Marchesani, both of whom were recently selected to join the SWAT Team, successfully completed this course.

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STATISTICS

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

Type of Activity	Totals
Calls for Service	1654
Investigative and Supplemental Reports	196
Crash Reports	63
Directed Patrols	182
Foot Patrols	53
Vehicle Stops	195
Premise Checks	120
Premise Checks – Schools	34
Premise Checks – Vacant	4

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

Type of Activity	Totals
Abandon Vehicle Investigations	3
Aggressive Driving Enforcement Detail	2
Bridge/HUB Program Referrals	2
Traffic Complaints	6
Traffic Survey	4
Variable Message Board Deployments	3

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.





Field Training & Evaluation Program

- Use of Force Training for New Hires – Patrol Scenarios

Upper Dublin Police Department's **CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY**

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*No Class on Memorial Day - Weekly class will be held on Wednesday 5/31

6:30 TO 8:30PM

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MARCH 27TH, 2023**

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DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

APRIL 22, 2023

SATURDAY, 10 A.M.—2 P.M.



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Meet the Police Event

for our Neurodiverse Youth Community

The Upper Dublin Police Department will be hosting a neurodiverse-friendly "Meet the Police" event at the Upper Dublin Public Library for children ages 6-18 who live in our community. Families members are welcome to attend.

Topics will include:

- Why do we have police?
- How to identify a police officer
- Laws, rules and their purpose
- When would you encounter the police?
- Guidance for police interactions

Activities will include:

- Touch a truck
- Understanding a police officer's uniform
- Speakers from the UDPD, UDSD & ASERT
- Light Refreshments will be served



**Sunday,
May 7th
1pm to 3pm**



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED VIA EMAIL BY MAY 3rd: registration@udpd.us

Please include all attendees names, ages of children, your email & telephone number and any other important information about your child(ren).

SERGEANT JAMES R. MILLER

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