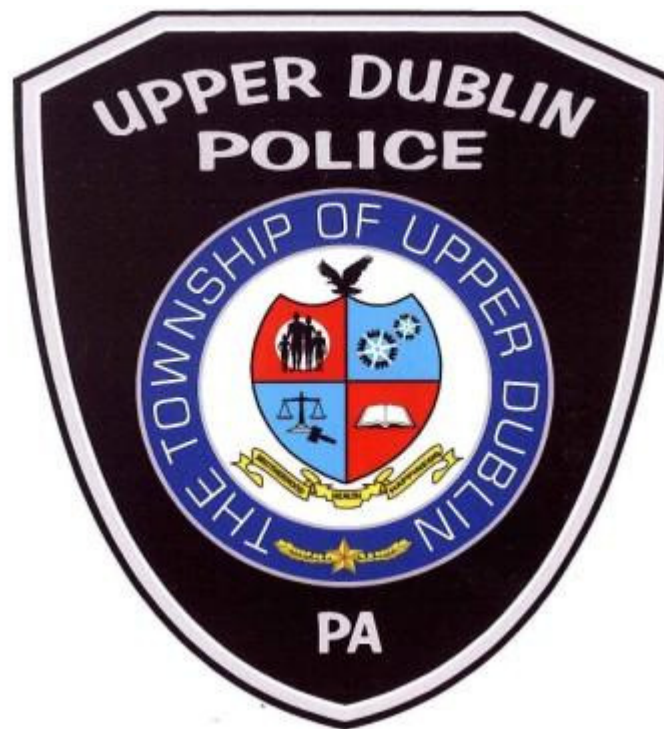


# UPPER DUBLIN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



## ANNUAL REPORT ~ 2009 ~

*“COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING”*

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# Introduction by Chief of Police Terrence P. Thompson

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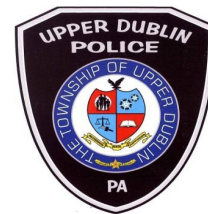
I am pleased to present the Upper Dublin Township Police Department - 2009 Annual Report to the citizens of Upper Dublin Township. This document is a comprehensive report that contains a variety of interesting statistical facts and information about the valuable services provided by the Upper Dublin Township Police Department.

The Upper Dublin Township Police Department is a community oriented accredited law enforcement agency that prides itself on providing exceptional service to Upper Dublin Township. The hard working members of the Department consistently provide services to the community that are above and beyond the normal call of duty. The Upper Dublin Township Police Department is fortunate and honored to provide excellent service to an appreciative and supportive public and we pledge to continue this outstanding service to the Upper Dublin Township community that we serve.

Sincerely,

*Terrence P. Thompson*

Terrence P. Thompson  
Chief of Police  
Upper Dublin Township Police Department



*“Community Oriented Policing”*

## Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (PLEAC)

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The Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association introduced the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Program to the Commonwealth in July 2001. Since then, over 270 agencies have enrolled and approximately 66 agencies have currently attained an accredited status.

On May 21, 2005 the Upper Dublin Township Police Department became an accredited law enforcement agency; and on July 12, 2008 the Upper Dublin Township Police Department was re-accredited by the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. The members of the Upper Dublin Township Police Department are proud to have attained this distinguished status.

Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of helping institutions evaluate and improve their overall performance. The cornerstone of this strategy lies in the promulgation of standards containing a clear statement of professional objectives. Participating administrators then conduct a thorough analysis to determine how existing operations can be adapted to meet these objectives. When the procedures are in place, a team of independent professionals are assigned to verify that all applicable standards have been successfully implemented. The process culminates with a decision by an authoritative body that the institution is worthy of accreditation.



## Mission Statement

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The Upper Dublin Township Police Department exists to provide to all who live, work, visit or otherwise enter this jurisdiction the most professional police services that can be offered. We are committed to providing a safe environment for all through diligent police patrols, exhaustive police investigations, service to the community, and the impartial enforcement of laws with respect and concern for fundamental human rights and dignity. Our commitment to excellence not only extends to the community, but to the officers and employees of this Department who have dedicated themselves to the police profession. We will strive to provide the training, education, career development, equipment, and support needed to fulfill our mission with the safety and security of our officers in mind. We will never rest or become complacent with our achievements, but will continuously assess our performances to meet the needs and demands of the community we serve.



## Code of Ethics

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**As a Law Enforcement Officer**, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property, to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality, and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature, or that is confided to me in my official capacity, will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never accepting gratuities.

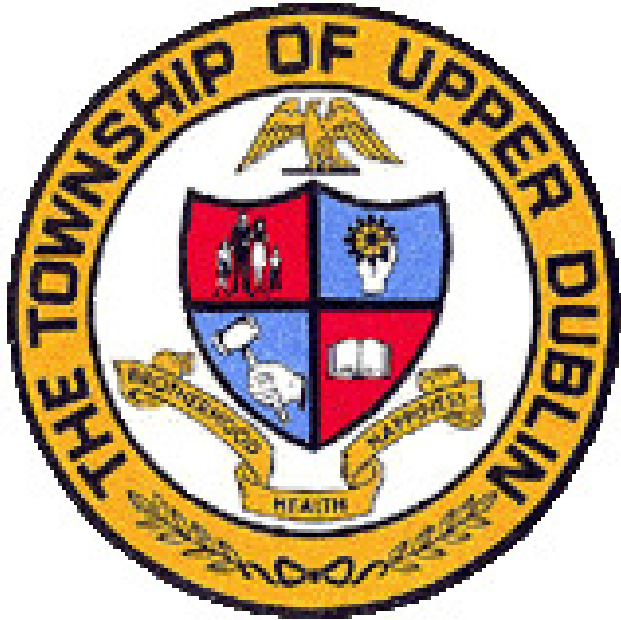
I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust, to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession --- law enforcement.





## Upper Dublin Township at a Glance

Upper Dublin Township is located within Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Approximately 26,000 people reside within this 13.2 square mile community. Most of the land within Upper Dublin Township has been developed into communities of single-family homes, townhouses, shopping centers, educational institutions, park and recreational areas, and the Fort Washington Office Park. The residents of Upper Dublin Township are served by the School District of Upper Dublin. There are many major arteries (i.e. The Pennsylvania Turnpike, Routes 309, 152, and 63) that pass through Upper Dublin Township and mass transit is available through the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority. Upper Dublin Township is a highly desirable community to live, work, and play!



**Table 1. Upper Dublin Township Facts and Figures**

<b>Land Use Distribution</b>	<b>Demographics (2000 Census)</b>	
Developed Land: 90.5% Undeveloped Land: 9.5%	Population: 25,878 Population Density: 1,990 per square mile Households: 9,174	
<b>Developed Land by Percentage</b>	<b>Communities within Upper Dublin Township (with Zip Code)</b>	
Residential: 59.6% Commercial: 2.4% Industrial: 3.6% Utilities: 1.5% Recreational: 11.6% Institutional: 8.4%	Abington (19001)* Ardsley (19038) Fort Washington (19034) Maple Glen (19002) Oreland (19075)	Ambler (19002)* Dresher (19025) Jarrettown (19025) North Hills (19038) Willow Grove (19090)
	*Abington Township and Ambler Borough are separate entities and not part of Upper Dublin Township.	

# Upper Dublin Township Police Department

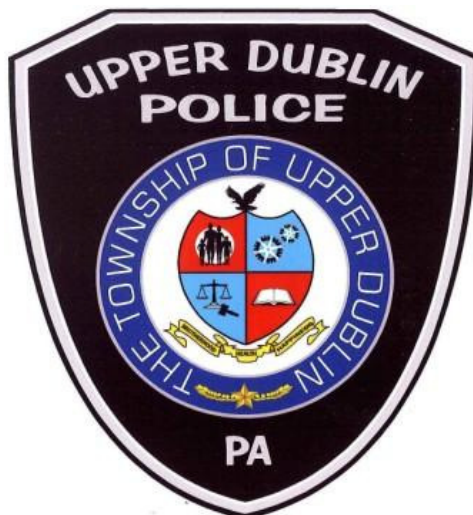
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The Upper Dublin Township Police Department was established in 1928 by resolution of the Upper Dublin Township Board of Commissioners. The Department is charged with the protection of life and property within the Upper Dublin Township community. The Upper Dublin Township Police Department is a Pennsylvania first class, civil service, accredited, law enforcement agency. Staffed 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, the Department employs 41 full-time sworn police officers, 6 Telecommunication Operators, 2 Records Clerks, and an Administrative Assistant to fulfill its mission.

The Upper Dublin Township Police Department consists of a Patrol and Administrative Division with support divisions consisting of Investigations and Communications. The Department also has many specialized units, including:

- Bicycle Patrol
- Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E)
- Field Training and Evaluation
- Highway Patrol
- Medical Response
- Major Incident Response
- Narcotics Enforcement
- Professional Standards
- Tactical Response
- Use of Force

The Upper Dublin Township Police Department maintains a “Community Oriented Policing” philosophy through the dedication and service of its members.





# Personnel Assignments

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**Table 2. Personnel Assignments**

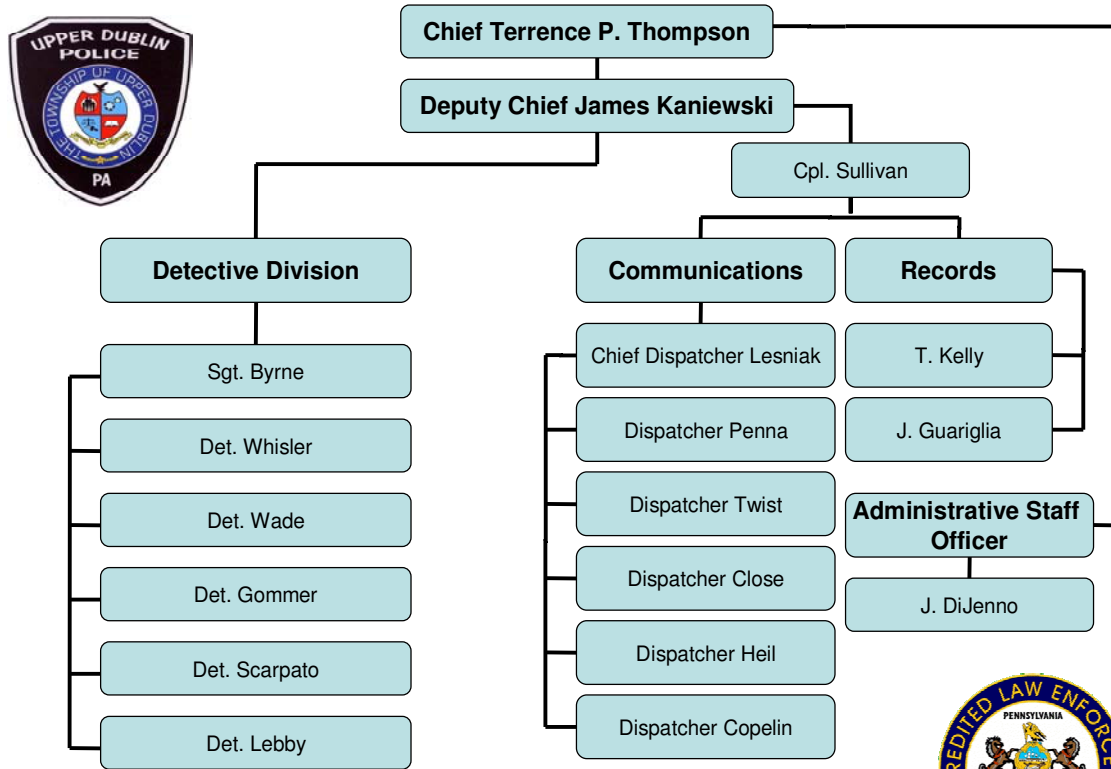
<b>Command Staff (Sworn Personnel – 3)</b>	
Chief of Police	1
Deputy Chief of Administration	1
Deputy Chief of Operations	1
<b>Administrative Division (Sworn Personnel – 7)</b>	
Sergeant of Detectives	1
Detectives (Adult Investigations)	4
Detectives (Juvenile Investigations)	1
Communications Corporal	1
<b>Administrative Division (Civilian Personnel – 9)</b>	
Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police	1
Records Clerks	2
Telecommunication Operators (Dispatchers)	6
<b>Patrol Division (Sworn Personnel – 31)</b>	
Sergeants	4
Corporals	5
Patrol Officers	19
Professional Standards Officer	1
Highway Patrol Officers	2

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**Upper Dublin Township Police Department Sworn Personnel – 41**  
**Upper Dublin Township Police Department Civilian Personnel – 9**

**Upper Dublin Township Police Department Personnel – 50**

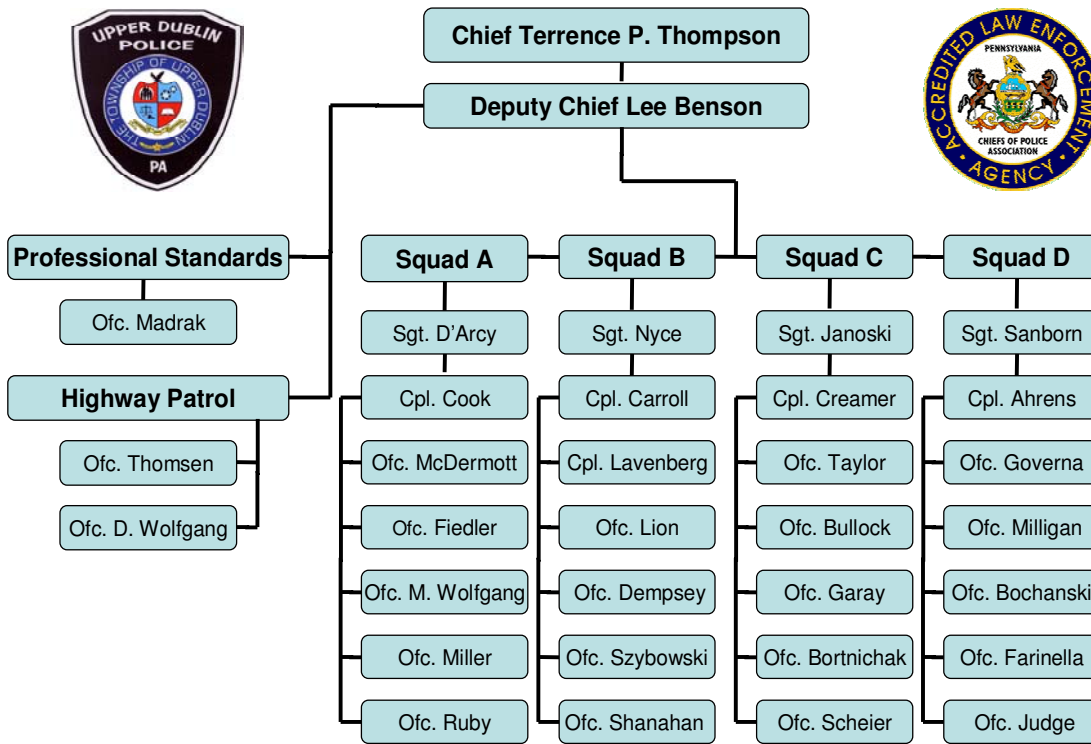
# Organizational Chart – Administrative Division



## Administrative Division



# Organizational Chart – Patrol Division



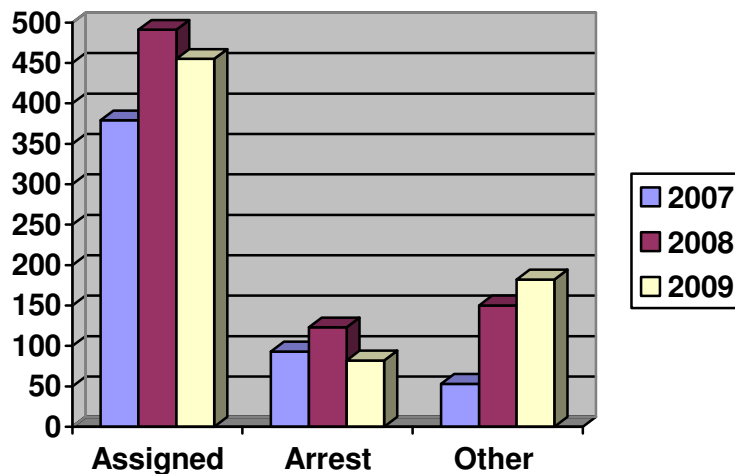
## Patrol Division

# Administrative Division

The Administrative Division is overseen by the Deputy Chief of Administration, James Kaniewski. The Administrative Division is responsible for budgeting, personnel, data processing, facilities management, purchasing, statistics, and communications. The Administrative Division consists of the Detective Division and the Communications Division.

- Detective Division** – The Detective Division is supervised by Sergeant Michael Byrne and is comprised of five detectives; four of the detectives are assigned to adult investigations and one detective is assigned to juvenile investigations. The Detective Division is responsible for criminal investigations, forensics, drug investigations, intelligence, evidence management, applicant background checks, and juvenile crime investigations. Detectives work closely with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. The detective assigned to juvenile investigations works closely with Upper Dublin School District personnel concerning school related incidents and issues. The Detective Division, through their high level of commitment and training, is prepared to meet any challenge.

**Table 3. Detective Division Investigations (Adult & Juvenile)**



- Assigned – Investigations Assigned to Detective Division
- Arrest – Investigations Cleared by Arrest
- Other – Investigations Cleared by Exceptional Means (i.e. no prosecution, turned-over-to another jurisdiction, etc.)

**Table 4. Juvenile Investigations**

	2008	2009
<b>Residents</b>	227	261
<b>Non-Residents</b>	33	68
<b>Saint Mary’s Villa Residents</b>	126	147
<b>Wordsworth Academy Students</b>	47	55

- The table above displays the number of juveniles, both resident and non-resident, as well as those who attend the two youth rehabilitation centers located within Upper Dublin Township that have had direct contact with the police as a result of an investigation.

**Communications Division** – The Communications Division is supervised by Communications Corporal John Sullivan. The Communications Division is comprised of the Communications Center and Records Unit. The Upper Dublin Township Police Department maintains a 24-hour a day 365 days a year Communications Center to serve the public and provide support for the officers.

The Communications Center is comprised of six Telecommunication Operators (dispatchers) who work in conjunction with Emergency Dispatch Services (9-1-1), a division of Montgomery County Department of Public Safety, to ensure that all requests for police service are handled efficiently and safely.



The Communications Center has been successful in keeping abreast of the latest technological advancements by utilizing digital communication systems for the immediate delivery of vital information to officers in the field. The Records Unit consist of two Records Clerks who are responsible for the storage, sharing, retrieval, preservation, distribution, retention, and destruction of all police records. The Records Unit responds to a broad range of questions and requests for information and assistance from members of the Police Department, Upper Dublin Township personnel, citizens, and the media, as well as other public officials and agencies.

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**Table 5. Sources of Calls for Service**

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>Email to UDPD</b>	0	6	7
<b>Letter to UDPD</b>	23	22	7
<b>Mobile Data Terminal</b>	285	955	960
<b>Montgomery County 911 Transfer</b>	283	235	239
<b>Montgomery County Communication Center</b>	4,080	3,912	3,771
<b>Other Police Department</b>	80	85	76
<b>Police Radio</b>	12,551	12,148	11,792
<b>Pennsylvania State Police Computer</b>	10	16	7
<b>UPDP Phone #</b>	5,741	5,264	5,023
<b>Township Administration</b>	8	4	4
<b>“Walk-in” to UDPD</b>	1,354	1,385	1,656

- The table above provides the source as well as the number of Calls for service received through the Upper Dublin Township Police Department’s Communication Center.





## Patrol Division

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The Patrol Division is overseen by the Deputy Chief of Operations, Lee Benson. The Patrol Division is comprised of 31 sworn officers and is divided into four, seven officer squads, each under the direction of a Sergeant. The Patrol Division's primary purpose is to respond to all emergency and non-emergency calls for service within Upper Dublin Township. Officers assigned to the patrol division utilize proactive policing activities that include criminal and vehicle statute enforcement, as well as crime prevention through high visibility patrol in order to protect life and property. In addition, patrol officers also respond to mutual aid requests for assistance from other police departments. The Upper Dublin Township Police Department has an outstanding working relationship with other law enforcement agencies and is committed to assisting all public service professionals in the performance of their duties. The Patrol Division seeks to provide the most professional and ethical law enforcement services to the Upper Dublin Township community, thereby ensuring the preservation of peace and the highest quality of life in the community. As always, officer safety is paramount.



## Specialized Units

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The Upper Dublin Township Police Department encourages officers within the Department to have additional duties that go above and beyond what is required of them in their general job descriptions. The Upper Dublin Township Police Department has many specialized units that allow the Department to expand its reach within the Upper Dublin Township community.

- **Bicycle Patrol** – The Bicycle Patrol Unit was established in 1996. Currently, there are 21 officers who are members of the Bicycle Patrol Unit. Officers utilize 15 Fuji Police Bicycles that were purchased through donations raised by the Department in October of 2008.

All bicycle patrol officers attend a rigorous 40-hour Police Mountain Bike Patrol training program to achieve certification as a bicycle patrol officer. The Bicycle Patrol Unit is beneficial in



patrolling those areas of Upper Dublin Township not accessible by police vehicles; these areas include Upper Dublin Township parks and recreation properties, Upper Dublin School District properties, golf courses and country clubs, and large wooded natural areas. Bicycle Patrol Officers are encouraged to ride as often as possible and to interact with the community as they do so.

- **Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E)** –

Upper Dublin Township Police Department D.A.R.E officers instruct grade school students in all Upper Dublin Township public and parochial schools in the D.A.R.E program. The D.A.R.E program is coordinated by Juvenile Detective Michael Scarpato and is instructed by 3 patrol officers who are certified as D.A.R.E instructors.



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- **Field Training and Evaluation** – The Field Training and Evaluation Unit is coordinated by Sergeant Darren Nyce and is comprised of 13 Field Training Officers (FTO). The Field Training and Evaluation Unit is intended to ease a “new” police officer’s transition from the academic setting to the performance of general law enforcement duties. While on probationary status newly hired Upper Dublin Township Police Department Officers must successfully complete the Field Training and Evaluation program in order to advance to Patrol Officer status. The Field Training and Evaluation program requires that officers become familiar with department personnel, the policies and procedures of the Department, and provides the initial formal and informal training specific to the day-to-day duties of an officer. It is the responsibility of the FTO, whom has been specially selected and trained to conduct this type of training, to thoroughly review field training materials with the new officer and to demonstrate proper police procedures. This one-on-one style of training, and the fact that the FTO must guide the training in real law enforcement situations, sets it apart from any prior academic endeavors. In 2009, two officers successfully completed the Field Training and Evaluation program, thereby achieving Patrol Officer status.
- **Highway Patrol** – The Highway Patrol Unit was established in 2005 and consists of two patrol officers. The Highway Patrol Unit is assigned two police vehicles, a marked Chevrolet Tahoe and an unmarked Chevrolet Impala as well as two Speed Monitoring Trailers. The Highway Patrol Unit officers are constantly conducting Directed Patrols and placing speed deterrent signs, which state “SLOW DOWN,” throughout Upper Dublin Township in response to concerns expressed by citizens and crash statistics. It has been found that these proactive policing activities do deter unsafe driving habits by motorists. It should also be noted, that the Highway Patrol Unit officers have numerous certifications some of which permit them to conduct truck inspections, perform crash reconstructions, and assist with traffic and engineering studies. The officers assigned to the Highway Patrol Unit are highly motivated individuals who diligently perform their duties.





**Table 5. Highway Patrol Unit Activities**

	2007	2008	2009
<b>Traffic Complaints</b>	223	209	144
<b>Directed Patrols</b>	1,104	1,058	585
<b>Speed Trailer Deployment</b>	100	103	82
<b>Truck Inspections</b>	34	34	58
<b>Aggressive Driving Enforcement Details</b>	6	6	20
<b>Driving Under the Influence Enforcement Details</b>	24	24	24

➤ The table above represents the day-to-day activities of the Highway Patrol Unit, which includes addressing all traffic complaints, conducting directed patrols of those locations in which traffic violations and crashes are common, deploying speed trailers, conducting truck inspections of commercial vehicles that travel the roadways of Upper Dublin Township and conducting Aggressive Driving and Driving Under the Influence Enforcement details.

- **Medical Response** – The Quick Response Service (QRS) Unit was established in 1991 in an effort to improve response times to emergency medical problems in Upper Dublin Township. The QRS Unit is coordinated

by Sergeant William D’Arcy and there are currently 7 officers who are certified as Emergency Medical Technicians in the Department. In 2009, the QRS Unit’s current vehicle was purchased, a 2009 Chevrolet Suburban sport utility vehicle; this is a specialized police vehicle that contains more medical



equipment than a typical police vehicle. In 2009, it was determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Health that the QRS Unit was in compliance with all of the standards of excellence set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Health as part of their voluntary recognition program for Quick Response Services and as a result, the Department’s QRS Unit was certified through 2012.

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- **Major Incident Response** – The Major Incident Response Team (M.I.R.T) consists of police officers from multiple jurisdictions throughout Montgomery County. The members of the M.I.R.T team respond as needed to any natural disasters, riots, major events (i.e. presidential visits or protests), and terrorist attacks that take place within Pennsylvania. Currently, there are 10 officers from the Upper Dublin Township Police Department who are voluntarily assigned to the M.I.R.T team. The Department is assigned and houses one vehicle for the M.I.R.T team, which was purchased in 2008 by Montgomery County. In 2009, five Upper Dublin Township Police Department M.I.R.T officers were in attendance at the G-20 Summit in Pittsburgh assisting federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies with security and crowd control.



- **Narcotics Enforcement** – The Montgomery County Drug Task Force consists of police officers from multiple jurisdictions throughout Montgomery County. The Upper Dublin Township Police Department has officers who are voluntarily assigned to the Drug Task Force. These officers are highly trained individuals who are responsible for the investigation and apprehension of those people that engage in the trafficking of controlled substances.
- **Professional Standards** – The Professional Standards Officer position was created in 2006. The Professional Standards Officer is responsible for the administration of the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Program as it applies to the Upper Dublin Township Police Department. The

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responsibilities of this officer are to evaluate and develop policies and procedures that are of the highest quality, complete grant applications and ensure grant compliance, assist with administering departmental training, and complete any special projects assigned by the Chief of Police. In 2009, the Professional Standards Officer assisted the Chief of Police with the development of the Upper Dublin Township Police Department's Annual Report, Brochure, and the Hazard Vulnerability Assessment of Upper Dublin Township.

- **Tactical Response** – The Moreland Area Emergency Response Team (M.A.E.R.T) was created in 1989 as a special weapons assault team. Currently, the M.A.E.R.T team is comprised of approximately 40 officers from multiple jurisdictions within eastern Montgomery County. The Upper Dublin Township Police Department has 10 officers who are voluntarily assigned to the M.A.E.R.T team, along with one vehicle. Upper Dublin Township Police Department M.A.E.R.T officers are highly motivated and exceptionally trained both mentally and physically to handle life threatening incidents.



- **Use of Force** – The Use of Force Training Unit is coordinated by Sergeant Andrew Sanborn and consists of multiple officers who are specially trained and certified in the disciplines of Firearms, Defensive Tactics, Taser, and Impact Munitions. Uses of Force training programs are continuously being conducted with Department officers through classroom instruction and practical exercises in order to enhance their knowledge and skills in the use of firearms (i.e. handgun and long gun), defensive tactics (i.e. handcuffing, self-defense, baton, and pepper spray, etc.), Taser and the 12-gauge super sock shotgun. The Upper Dublin Township Police Department seeks to provide its officers with the most up-to-date training in order to protect themselves and the Upper Dublin Township community.



# Training

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Upper Dublin Township Police Department personnel undergo training throughout their career in law enforcement. Staying abreast of changes within the law enforcement discipline is an on going process and it is the responsibility of the Department to train all officers in their core tasks within their job description. The Upper Dublin Township Police Department's mission of serving the public is greatly enhanced through its dedication of keeping its officers fully trained and equipped in order to meet the changing needs within the law enforcement community.

2009 Training Seminars included:

1. Firearms
2. Defensive Tactics
3. Less-than-Lethal Force Options
4. Telecommunications
5. Thermal Imaging & Night Vision Equipment
6. American Red Cross AED, CPR & First Aid Training
7. Supervision
8. Investigations
9. Evidence Analysis & Collection
10. Water Rescue Response
11. Police Response to Fire Emergencies
12. Drug Abuse Resistance Education – Instructor Training
13. Major Incident Response Team – Yearly Training
14. Municipal Police Officer Education – Yearly Training
15. Moreland Area Emergency Response Team – Operator, Sniper, and Negotiator Training
16. Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy
17. International Law Enforcement Education and Trainers Association
18. International Police Mountain Bike Association
19. Middle Atlantic Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network
20. Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission



## Community Oriented Policing

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The Upper Dublin Township Police Department is a strong proponent of Community Oriented Policing. Community Oriented Policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies, which support the use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques within the community to proactively address public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and the fear of crime.

The Upper Dublin Township Police Department has instituted a variety of community oriented policing strategies to educate people within the Upper Dublin Township community in the areas of crime prevention, substance abuse, vacation home checks, and firearm safety; in addition, the Department also offers bicycle, vehicle, and work-place safety seminars. Furthermore, the Upper Dublin Township Police Department encourages officers to “park and walk” or bicycle throughout the neighborhoods and business centers of Upper Dublin Township in order for the public to have an opportunity to interact with the officers.

2009 Community Oriented Policing activities included:

1. Crime Prevention Classes
2. Identity Theft Prevention Classes
3. Project Safe Return Informational Classes
4. Career Fairs
5. Drug Abuse Resistance Education Classes
6. Upper Dublin Police Department Tours
7. Upper Dublin Police Youth Leadership Activities
8. Upper Dublin Police Youth Driving Academy
9. Upper Dublin Junior Police Academy
10. Upper Dublin Police Youth Field Day
11. Upper Dublin Library Eager Readers Program
12. Upper Dublin Police National Police Week Commemoration Night



## Promotions and Hiring

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In March of 2009, Officer Andrew Lavenberg, who is a Bicycle Patrol Officer, Community Policing Officer, M.A.E.R.T Hostage Negotiator, and D.A.R.E instructor for the Department was promoted to the rank of Corporal. Corporal Lavenberg has served with the Department for 5 years and has always shown a willingness to succeed in his duties.



In October of 2009, Detective Corporal Michael Byrne was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Byrne has served as a police officer and subsequently a detective with the Department for more than 25 years. He is an invaluable member of the Upper Dublin Township Police Department due to his selfless attitude and consistent outstanding assistance to his fellow officers and the community. Sergeant Byrne looks forward to continuing his service to the Upper Dublin Township community with pride and respect.



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In March of 2009, Officer Kevin Shanahan a graduate of the Delaware County Municipal Police Academy was hired by the Department. Officer Shanahan successfully completed the Department's Field Training and Evaluation Program and was assigned to Squad B. Officer Shanahan has quickly become a fine officer and has done an outstanding job protecting the Upper Dublin Township community.



In November of 2008, Officer Stephen Scheier was hired by the Department. In July of 2009, Officer Scheier graduated from the Montgomery County Municipal Police Academy. Officer Scheier successfully completed the Department's Field Training and Evaluation Program and was assigned to Squad C. Officer Scheier is looking forward to serving the residents of Upper Dublin Township for years to come.



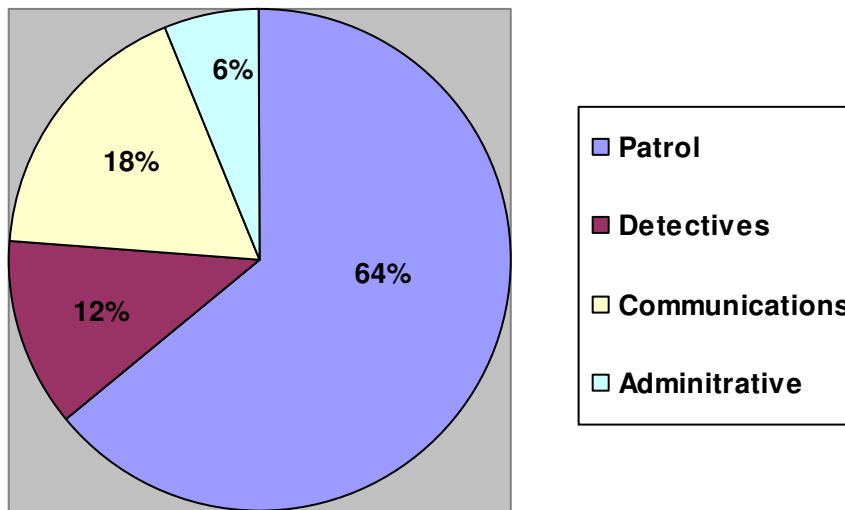
Those individuals who seek to become a police officer with the Upper Dublin Township Police Department must meet criteria established by the Upper Dublin Civil Service Commission. In September of 2009, the Upper Dublin Township Police Department took part in the Montgomery County Consortium of Communities Police Officer Examination. This portion of the test required applicants to successfully pass a written test; in December the applicants were interviewed by department personnel and are eagerly awaiting the results of the testing process.



## Fiscal Responsibility

The Upper Dublin Township Police Department is acutely aware of the impact police services have on the Upper Dublin Township budget. With that fact in mind, we endeavor to be fiscally responsible. We take very seriously the task of "spending wisely". The Upper Dublin Township Police Department is constantly applying for alternate sources of financial support for equipment, technology, training, and personnel. The Department applies for grant funding through federal and state agencies that have programs directed for law enforcement activities. To date the Upper Dublin Township Police Department has secured grant monies in excess of \$ 1,000,000.00. These grant funds directly reduce the amount of tax dollars that fund police operations.

**Table 6. Budget Expenditures for 2010**



- The chart above displays how the Upper Dublin Township Police Department budget expenditures are distributed. The Patrol Division receives the majority of budget dollars since it is the “backbone” of the Department, with Detectives, Communications, and Administration providing support for this function.

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**Table 7. Grants Awarded in 2009**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Date Submitted</b>	<b>Amount of Grant</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Aggressive Driving Enforcement & “Click-It or Ticket”	January 2009	\$ 10,000.00	Federal Government
Ballistic Vest Program	January 2009	\$ 5,000.00	Federal Government
Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE)	January 2009 & July 2009	\$ 5,000.00 \$ 5,081.00	Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency
2009 Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Grant to Reduce Underage and Dangerous Drinking	February 2009	\$ 10,000.00	Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board
Justice Assistance Grant	May 2009	\$ 35,062.00	Federal Government

- The table above displays the grants awarded to the Upper Dublin Township Police Department in 2009; the Department was allocated approximately \$ 70,000.00 in grant money from various federal and state agencies.





## Significant Monthly Occurrences

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- **January**
  - A 23 year-old Dresher man was stabbed six times in the shoulder area by a 28 year-old Bethlehem man. This incident occurred in a Brookwood Drive residence. As he and three other males fled the scene on Bethlehem Pike they were arrested by officers from the Lower Gwynedd Township Police Department who were assisting Upper Dublin Township Police.
  - The Upper Dublin Township Police Department assisted the Abington Township Police Department with their Communication Center duties when their system failed. The Upper Dublin Township Police Department was presented with a plaque as a display of their appreciation for the assistance provided to them.
  
- **February**
  - A Pennsylvania Department of Transportation “Aggressive Driving Enforcement” program resulted in more than 45 citations being issued to vehicle drivers who were found to be committing traffic violations.
  - Upper Dublin Township Police Officers assigned to the Moreland Area Emergency Response Team were alerted to respond to Horsham Township for a barricaded subject.
  - A traffic stop resulted in a stolen vehicle being recovered.
  - Officers attended the funeral of a Philadelphia Police Officer who was killed-in-the-line of duty.
  - Officers attended the funeral of a Middletown Township Police Officer (Bucks County) who was killed-in-the-line of duty.
  
- **March**
  - Officers responded to a house fire on the 1300 block of Fort Washington Ave; the house sustained significant fire damage.
  - A 54 year-old Whitmarsh Township resident was charged with Driving Under the Influence after losing control of her 2009 Cadillac Sport Utility Vehicle on Virginia Drive. The crash resulted in the vehicle flipping over onto its roof after it had struck a curb, guide rail, sign and light standard; the vehicle was estimated to be traveling at 50 MPH.

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- A Pennsylvania Department of Transportation “Aggressive Driving Enforcement” program resulted in more than 119 citations being issued to vehicle drivers who were found to be committing traffic violations.
- **April**
  - A 32 year-old Upper Darby Township resident, who was employed as a counselor at Saint Mary’s Villa was charged with arson and reckless endangerment after he lit his car on fire while it was parked on the Saint Mary’s campus.
  - A large fight took place outside of a hotel located within the Fort Washington Business Park. Upper Dublin Township Police officers received assistance from four other police departments in order to put an end to the fight.
  - Thirteen young adults (approximately 19-20 years-of-age) were cited for underage drinking, disorderly conduct and public drunkenness. There were more than 25 young adults present when police arrived on scene at 1600 block of Morris Road.
  - Officers responded to a house fire on Purdie Lane; the house sustained significant fire damage.
- **May**
  - Officers attended the annual Montgomery County Police Memorial Service at the Montgomery County Courthouse in Norristown.
  - Officers attended the annual Police Memorial Service sponsored by the Bridgeport Police Department (Montgomery County).
  - The Upper Dublin Police Department’s National Police Week Commemoration Night took place at the municipal building; there were over 200 people in attendance.



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### • June

- Officers assisted the Upper Dublin School District with the Upper Dublin High School graduation.
- Officers assisted Upper Moreland Township Police Officers search for an armed robber in the area of Fitzwatertown Road.
- Officers assisted Abington Township Police Officers and Jenkintown Borough Police Officers arrest two North Hills residents who were allegedly using a BB gun to “hold-up” people throughout the area.
- Officers assisted Whitpain Township Police Officers and Ambler Borough Police Officers with a fight involving a large number of people on Maple Avenue along the borders of Whitpain Township and Ambler Borough.
- Officers arrested a man who was being sought by the Abington Township Police Department for armed robbery.



### • July

- A 39 year-old man was arrested on warrants from Leigh County.
- Utilizing the Department’s Thermal Imaging equipment, officers assisted Ambler Borough Police Officers attempt to locate a disabled elderly man whom had gone missing.
- A Driving Under the Influence checkpoint was conducted in the Dresher section of Upper Dublin Township.

### • August

- Burglary suspects responsible for more than a dozen daytime burglaries between May 18 and Aug. 6 in five Eastern Montgomery County municipalities were arrested in Upper Dublin Township. Five men, all in their early 20s, were charged with multiple counts of burglary and attempted burglary at homes along the Route 63 corridor. The suspects were arraigned before District Judge Patricia Zaffarano within the Upper Dublin Township building and were remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility in lieu of bail set at \$250,000 cash each. Upper Dublin Township detectives,

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who filed the criminal complaints, termed the investigation “a true team effort.”

- Officers assisted Fort Washington Volunteer Fire Company personnel as well as Upper Dublin Township personnel with numerous weather related issues (i.e. heavy rain, flooding, downed trees and electrical wires) that had struck Upper Dublin Township.



Township personnel were required to re-enforce the Loch Alsh Reservoir Dam against a potential breach. Numerous vehicle rescues had to be made along with road closures; many buildings and homes were flooded.

- During the storm Upper Dublin Township Police Department Corporal James Ahrens assisted with the rescue of a boy whom was in-danger of being “swept away” by the severe flooding.
- The Upper Dublin Junior Police Academy took place at the police station; there were over 60 children who took part in the two day event.
- The Upper Dublin Police Youth Field Day took place at Mondauk Park; there were over 60 children that took part in the day’s events.



- Officers assisted with the memorial services for the Upper Dublin Township residents who were involved in an aircraft collision over the Hudson River in New York City.



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- Upper Dublin Township Police Officers assigned to the Moreland Area Emergency Response Team were alerted to respond to Horsham Township for a barricaded subject.
- **September**
  - Officers assisted Whitpain Township Police Officers and Ambler Borough Police Officers search for two armed robbery suspects who reportedly shot at an individual on Butler Avenue.
  - Eight teenagers were cited for underage drinking after they were found in a wooded area near the intersection of Belmont and Orland Avenue.
  - A Pennsylvania Department of Transportation “Aggressive Driving Enforcement” program resulted in more than 45 citations being issued to vehicle drivers who were committing traffic violations.
  - An 11 year-old boy was struck by a vehicle, sustaining injuries to his torso.
  - While conducting a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation “Aggressive Driving Enforcement” detail officers arrested an individual whom was found to possess a large quantity of crack cocaine and marijuana, as well as more than \$1500.00 in cash.
  - Officers assisted Abington Township Police Officers search the Willow Grove area for a bank robbery suspect.
  - Upper Dublin Township Police Officers assigned to the Major Incident Response Team were in attendance at the G-20 Summit in Pittsburgh assisting federal, state and local law enforcement agencies with security and crowd control.
- **October**
  - Officers assisted Temple University Police Officers with crowd control during the Temple University Ambler Campus “BeeFest.”
  - Upper Dublin Township Police Officers assigned to the Moreland Area Emergency Response Team were alerted to respond to Upper Moreland Township for a barricaded subject.
  - The estranged wife of a Temple Drive man reported finding 30 suspicious video tapes made unknowingly by a camera hidden in the ceiling of a guest bedroom.

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- **November**

- A 21 year-old woman was charged with Driving Under the Influence after losing control of her vehicle on Butler Pike and crashing into two vehicles that were located in a parking lot; the woman further admitted to officers that she was “texting” while driving.
- A 21 year-old man was injured when the bicycle he was operating was struck by a vehicle which then fled the scene.
- While operating their vehicle on Susquehanna Road, an Ambler woman struck a utility pole.
- A woman lost control of her vehicle while operating it on Commerce Drive resulting in the vehicle flipping over.
- A 48 year-old Norristown resident, whom was suspected to be Under the Influence of Alcohol, was stopped by officers prior to him driving his vehicle. The male was taken to the hospital and determined to have a Blood Alcohol Content of .437% (more than 5 times the legal limit of .08 % to drive).

- **December**

- Two Pennsylvania Department of Transportation “Aggressive Driving Enforcement” programs resulted in more than 106 citations being issued to vehicle drivers who were found to be committing traffic violations.



## General Statistics

The statistical information contained within this report assist with predicting or realizing criminal activity, crash locations, traffic concerns, and other public safety issues. The information is also used to address day-to-day assignments and training needs as well as assist with long range operational and fiscal planning. It should be noted that although statistics provide a means to examine data, there are often normal fluctuations in crime data that do not indicate fundamental changes in crime rates. Over longer terms, statistical studies show that certain trends are cyclical in nature and tend to follow national trends and events. The Upper Dublin Township Police Department consistently monitors all available statistical data in order to determine true trends so that once they are identified they are addressed by the well-trained and skilled members of the Department.

**Table 8. Total Incidents**

2007	2008	2009
24,845	24,319	23,542

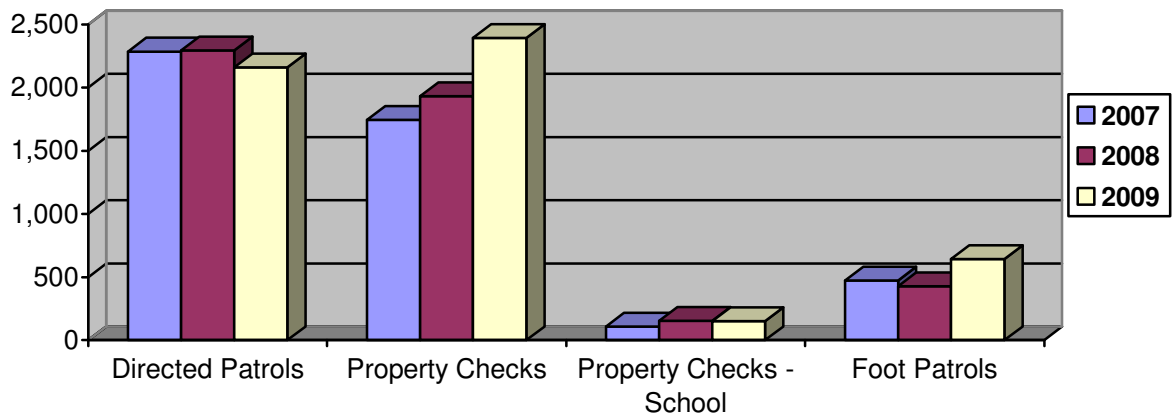
- The table above provides the total number of reported incidents in which there was Upper Dublin Township Police Department involvement.

**Table 9. Criminal Offenses**

	2007	2008	2009
<b>Homicide</b>	0	0	0
<b>Sex Offenses</b>	13	8	5
<b>Robbery</b>	4	4	1
<b>Assaults</b>	98	104	78
<b>Property Offenses</b>	488	526	346
<b>Arson</b>	0	1	3
<b>Drug Violations</b>	45	29	23
<b>Alcohol Offenses</b>	92	96	79

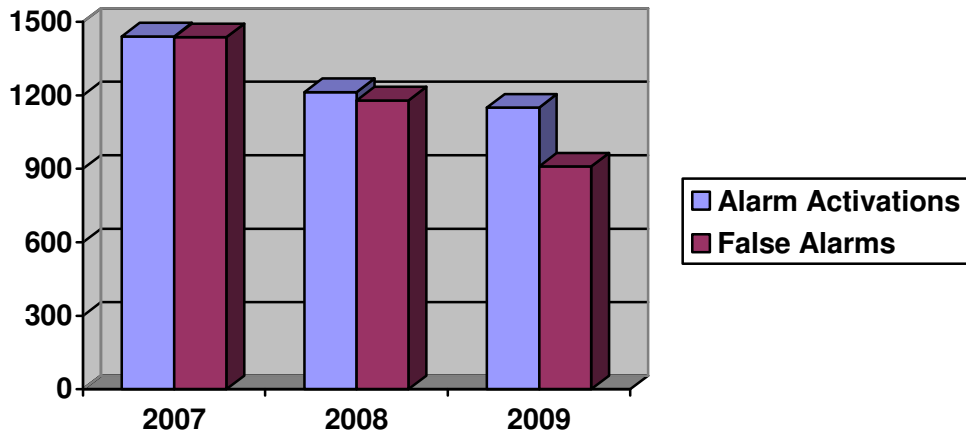
- The table above provides the number of criminal offenses reported to Pennsylvania State Police by the Upper Dublin Township Police Department for crime reporting purposes.

**Table 10. Directed Patrols, Property Checks, and Foot Patrols**



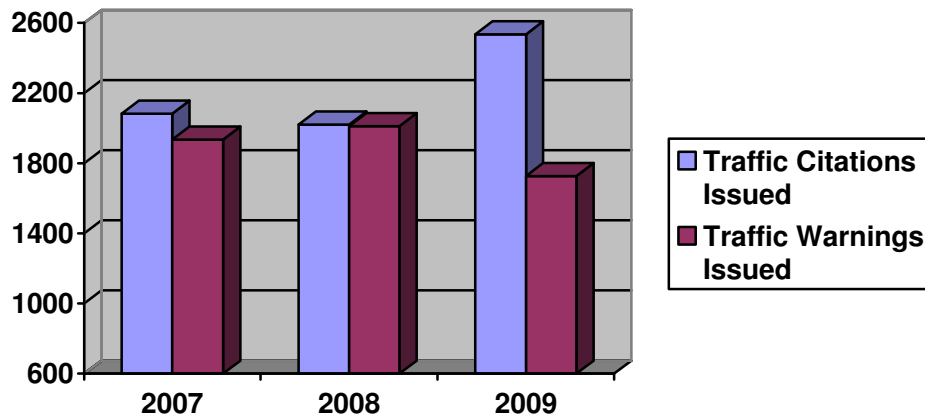
➤ The graph above displays officer initiated proactive policing activities.

**Table 11. Alarm Activations and False Alarms**



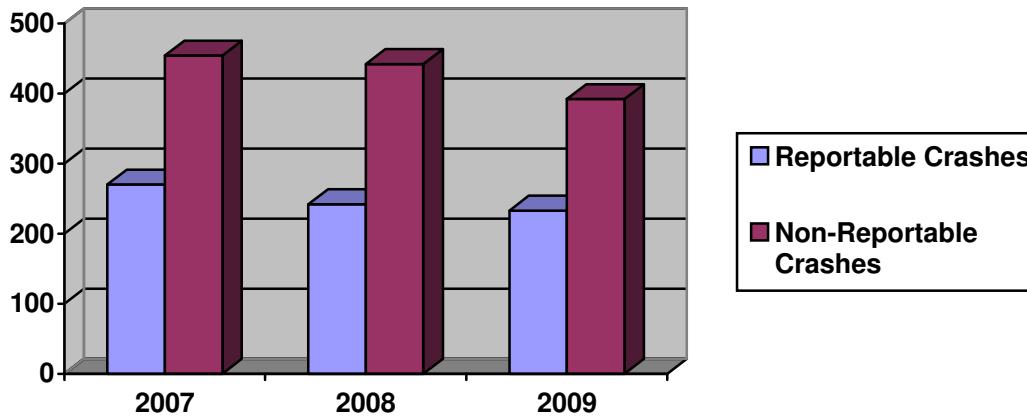
➤ The graph above displays the alarm activations that have occurred within Upper Dublin Township warranting a police response. In addition, the table also displays the number of alarm activations that were deemed to be false alarms, either through an officer’s investigation or alarm company notification.

**Table 12. Traffic Citations and Warnings Issued**



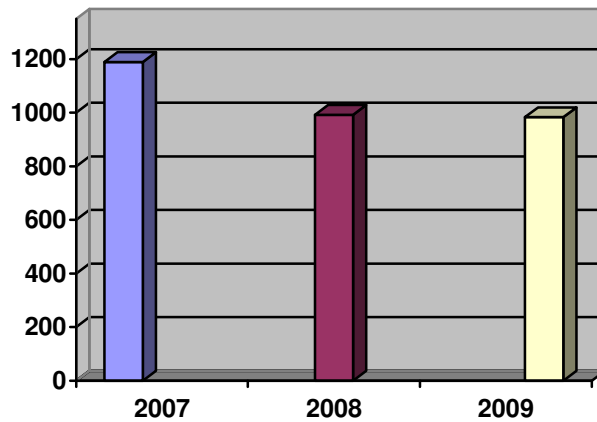
- The graph above displays the traffic citations or warnings that were issued as a result of a vehicle code violation by a motorist.

**Table 13. Reportable and Non-Reportable Crashes**



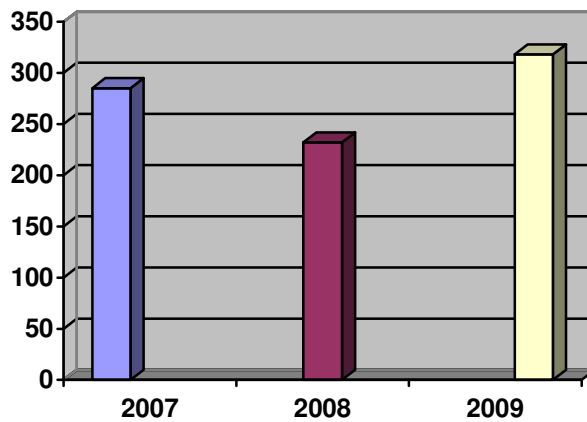
- The graph above displays those crashes which were reported by the Upper Dublin Township Police Department to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and those crashes in which notification was not required to be made. A Reportable Crash report is necessary when a vehicle occupant or pedestrian requires medical attention at the scene of a crash and / or the vehicle(s) involved sustain damage that does not allow them to be safely driven on a roadway.

**Table 14. Medical Emergencies**



- The graph above displays those calls for service that were due to a medical emergency taking place.

**Table 15. Aid to Other Law Enforcement Agencies**

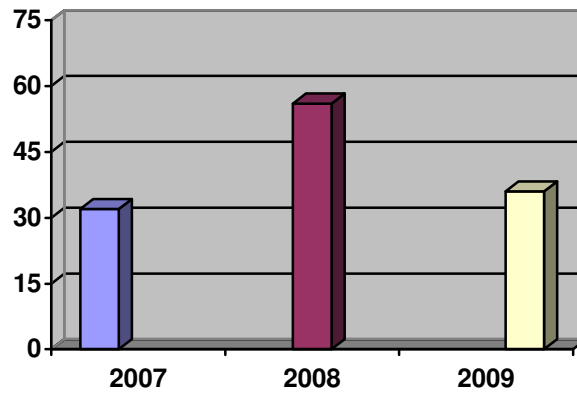


- The graph above displays calls for service relating to aid provided to other law enforcement agencies by the Upper Dublin Township Police Department. Some of these agencies include:

Abington Township P.D.  
Ambler Borough P.D.  
Horsham Township P.D.  
Lower Gwynedd Township P.D.  
Montgomery County Probation Dept.  
Montgomery County Sheriff's Dept.

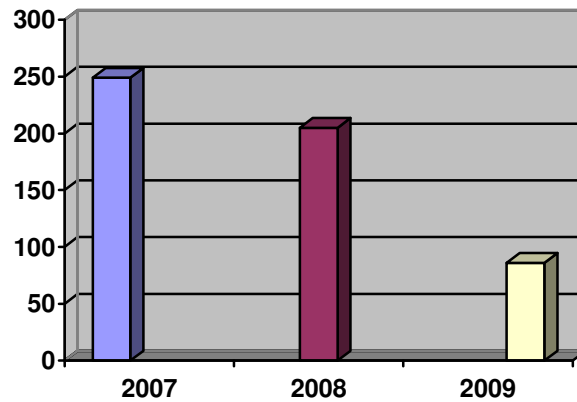
Pennsylvania State Police  
Philadelphia P.D.  
Springfield Township P.D.  
Upper Moreland Township P.D.  
Whitmarsh Township P.D.  
Whitpain Township P.D.

**Table 16. Alarm Violations**



- The graph above displays the alarm citations issued as a result of multiple false alarm violations occurring at any given location.

**Table 17. Parking Violations**



- The graph above displays the parking citations issued as a result of a parking violation.



## Goals and Objectives for 2010

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The Upper Dublin Township Police Department is a community oriented accredited law enforcement agency that strives for excellence. In order to accomplish this, the Department seeks to provide its personnel with most up-to-date equipment, technology, and training available. It is believed, that by providing department personnel with the tools necessary for success, the Upper Dublin Township community will be better served. The Upper Dublin Township Police Department plans on continuing and the following goals and objectives in 2010:

- Enhance the flow of communication throughout all levels of the Department
- Continue career development at all levels
- Continue to develop a positive organizational culture
- Continue to explore alternate sources of financial support
- Continue to provide the most efficient and cost effective services to the Upper Dublin Township community



*“Community Oriented Policing”*