# UPPER DUBLIN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



**ANNUAL REPORT** ~ 2014 ~

"COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING"

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# Introduction by Chief of Police Terrence P. Thompson

It is with great satisfaction and pride that I present the Upper Dublin Township Police Department's 2014 Annual Report to the Upper Dublin Township community. The 2014 Annual Report is a testament of the dedication and professionalism of Upper Dublin Township Police Officers and Support Staff who seek to continue a tradition of excellence and provide quality law enforcement services to the Upper Dublin Township community.

As you read the 2014 Annual Report you will find a collection of interesting statistics and information about the services provided by the Upper Dublin Township Police Department. It is important to recognize that the members of the Upper Dublin Township Police Department are committed to making a difference and ensuring that Upper Dublin Township is a safe and prosperous community. The 2014 Annual Report is a written reflection of the integrity, quality, and dedication of our members and serves as a reminder of how valuable our relationship is with the Upper Dublin Township community.

As we welcome 2015, the Upper Dublin Township Police Department will continue to work diligently and conscientiously to ensure that Upper Dublin Township remains a thriving community with safe neighborhoods and schools, as well as a flourishing business community. As we look ahead, I am confident that the partnerships we have developed with our residents and businesses in the community will continue to grow and prosper. With the continued support of the Upper Dublin Township community, the members of the Upper Dublin Township Police Department will strive to ensure that we continue to provide quality law enforcement services.

Sincerely,

Terrence P. Thompson

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



# Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission

On Thursday, June 5, 2014 the Upper Dublin Township Police Department successfully completed the requirements necessary to be re-accredited for a 3 year term by the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Commission Accreditation (PLEAC). The Upper Dublin Township Police Department was officially recognized for accomplishment and their awarded documents displaying their achievement by the Pennsylvania Law



Pictured from left to right: Patrol Officer David Madrak, Chief of Police Terrence Thompson, and Deputy Chief Lee Benson displaying the awarded Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission Certificate

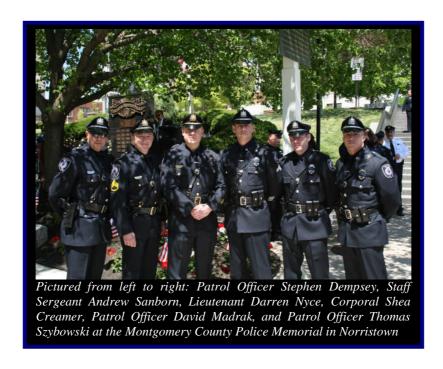
Enforcement Accreditation Commission on behalf of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association at their conference on July 16, 2014.

The Upper Dublin Township Police Department, under the direction of Chief Terrence P. Thompson, first embarked on becoming an accredited law enforcement agency in the fall of 2003. On May 21, 2005 the Upper Dublin Township Police Department became a state accredited law enforcement agency. Once initial accreditation is achieved it must be maintained and the process of providing the necessary proofs of compliance resumes for a 3 year period. Since then, the Upper Dublin Township Police Department has been re-accredited on three occasions: July 12, 2008, June 10, 2011, and now June 5, 2014. The Upper Dublin Township Police Department's accreditation status will once again be re-evaluated in June of 2017.

The Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association introduced the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Program to the Commonwealth in July 2001. Since then, of the over 1,150 law enforcement agencies within Pennsylvania, approximately 300 agencies have enrolled in the program and 96 agencies

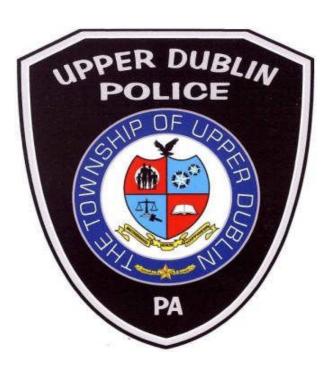
currently have attained accreditation. The members of the Upper Dublin Township Police Department are proud to have attained this distinguished status.

According to the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission's website, the accreditation program was designed and developed by professional law enforcement executives to provide a reasonable and cost effective plan for professionalizing law enforcement agencies within the Commonwealth. Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of helping institutions evaluate and improve their overall performance. When the proper policies and procedures are in place, a team of independent professionals is 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

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

As Law **Enforcement Officer.** my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives property, to protect the innocent against the weak deception, against oppression or intimidation and the against peaceful violence or disorder; respect the and to



constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality, and justice.

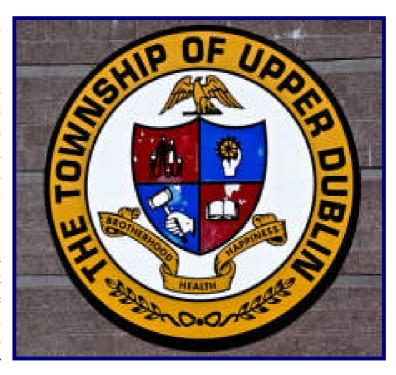
I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying 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 Pennsylvania. County, 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 singlefamily homes, townhouses, shopping centers, educational institutions, park recreational areas, and the Fort Washington Office Park. The residents of Upper Dublin Township are served by the School District Upper



Dublin. There are 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 and work.

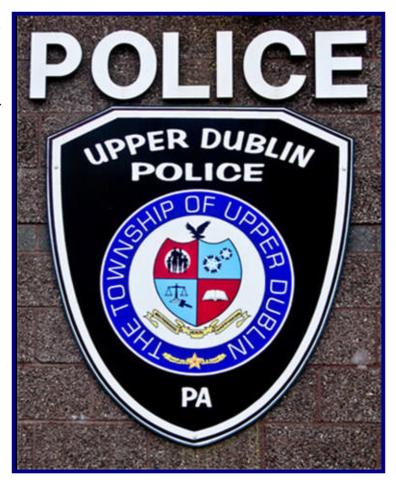
**Table 1. Upper Dublin Township Facts and Figures** 

<b>Demographics (2010 C</b>	Census)	Land Use Distribution (2008)			
Population: 25,569		Developed Land: 95.0%			
Population Density: 1,966 per square mile Households: 9,397		Undeveloped Land: 5.0%			
Communities within U	Jpper Dublin	<b>Developed Land by Percentage</b>			
<b>Township</b> (with Zip C	ode)				
Abington (19001)*	Ambler (19002)*	Residential: 55.2%			
Ardsley (19038)	Dresher (19025)	Commercial: 8.0%			
Fort Washington (19034)	Jarrettown (19025)	Industrial: 1.7%			
Maple Glen (19002)	North Hills (19038)	Utilities: 0.9%			
Oreland (19075) Willow Grove (19090)		Recreational & Open Space: 6.0%			
		Institutional: 16.3%			
*Abington Township and Ambler Borough are		Not Classified: 6.9%			
separate entities and not part of Upper Dublin					
Township.					

# Upper Dublin Township Police Department

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 Upper Dublin Township. 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 40 full-time sworn police officers, Communication Police Officers, 1 Records Clerk, and an Administrative Assistant to fulfill its mission.



The Upper Dublin Township Police Department consists of Patrol and Administrative Divisions with support units consisting of Communications, Highway Patrol, Investigations, and Professional Standards. In addition, the Department has many specialized units as well.

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

# Personnel Assignments

**Highway Patrol Officers** 

Professional Standards Officer

#### **Table 2. Personnel Assignments**

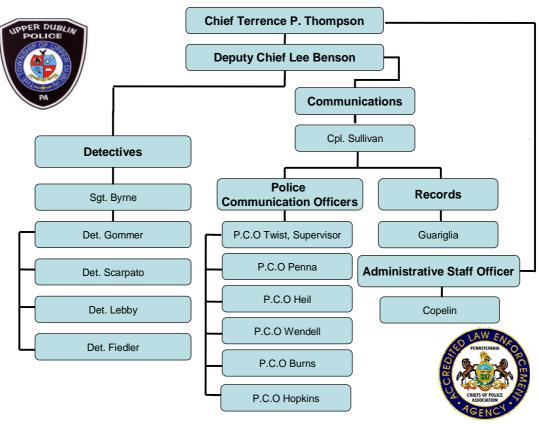
Command Staff (Sworn Personnel – 3) Chief of Police Deputy Chief Lieutenant	1 1 1
Administrative Division (Sworn Personnel –	<b>6</b> )
Sergeant (Detective) Corporal (Communications) Detectives (Adult Investigations) Detectives (Juvenile Investigations)	1 1 3 1
Administrative Division (Non-Sworn (Civilia	nn) Personnel – 27)
	,
Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police Records Clerk Police Communications Officers Crossing Guards (Part-Time)	
Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police Records Clerk Police Communications Officers	1 1 6

Upper Dublin Township Police Department Sworn Personnel – 39
\*(Authorized Sworn Personnel = 41)\*

Upper Dublin Township Police Department Non-Sworn Personnel – 27

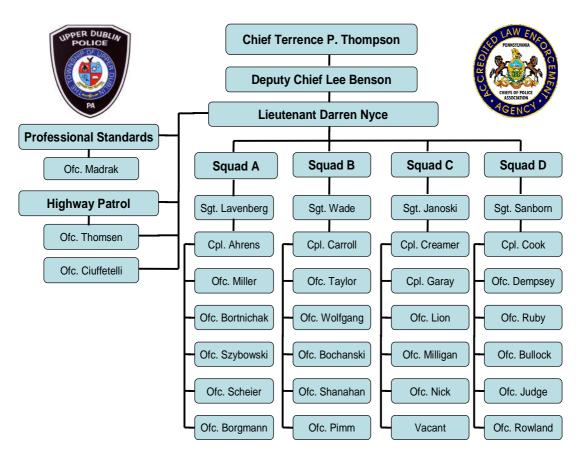
**Upper Dublin Township Police Department Personnel – 66** 

# Organizational Chart – Administrative Division



**Administrative Division** 

# Organizational Chart – Patrol Division



**Patrol Division** 

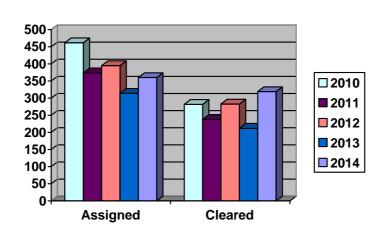
# Administrative Division

The Administrative Division is supervised by Deputy Chief of Police Ralph (Lee) Benson. The Administrative Division is responsible for budgeting, personnel, data processing, facilities management, statistics. purchasing, and communications. The Administrative Division consists of Communications and Detectives. Records personnel.



#### Detectives

#### **Table 3. Detective Unit Investigations (Adult & Juvenile)**



- ➤ Assigned Investigations Assigned to Detectives
- ➤ Cleared Investigations Cleared by Detectives through Arrest or by Exceptional Means (i.e. no prosecution, turned-over-to another jurisdiction, etc.)

**Table 4. Juvenile Investigations** 

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Residents	356	336	425	393	448
<b>Non-Residents</b>	40	51	86	56	50
The Villa Residents	234	179	216	205	279
Wordsworth Academy	44	43	62	68	47
Students					

➤ 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

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Email to UDPD	5	17	20	22	25
Letter to UDPD	25	21	17	14	22
<b>Mobile Date Terminal</b>	549	683	611	89	15
<b>Montgomery County</b>	208	185	206	15	N/A
911 Transfer					
<b>Montgomery County</b>	3,818	4,049	3,967	7,735	8,830
Communications					
Center					
Other Police	74	51	34	45	49
Department					
Police Radio	12,288	11,019	10,400	12,054	10,762
Pennsylvania State	6	4	11	2	2
Police Computer					
<b>UDPD Phone #</b>	4,894	4,923	4,545	2,071	1,590
Township	4	1	3	7	2
Administration					
"Walk-in" to UDPD	1,677	1,649	1,424	1,511	1,528

➤ The table above provides the source as well as the number of calls for service received through the Upper Dublin Township Police Department's Communications Center.





# **Patrol Division**

The Patrol Division is supervised Lieutenant by Darren Nyce who serves as the Patrol Commander. The Patrol Division is currently comprised of 30 sworn officers. There are four seven officer squads, each the direction of under Sergeant with support provided by a Corporal which allows for a clear and concise chain-ofcommand. In addition. Patrol Division also consists of a Highway Patrol Unit and the Professional Standards Officer.



The Patrol Division's primary purpose is to respond to all emergency and nonemergency 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 law enforcement agencies.

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. As always, officer safety is paramount.

#### Highway Patrol Unit

The Highway Patrol Unit consist of two Highway Patrol Officers whose primary responsibilities include: addressing traffic complaints, conducting directed patrols in locations where traffic violations and crashes are frequent, deploying speed trailers and variable message boards, conducting commercial vehicle inspections (i.e. trucks), conduct Aggressive Driving and Driving Under the Influence Enforcement details and analyze all reportable crash data.

**Table 6. Highway Patrol Unit Activities** 

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Traffic	168	240	316	175	109
Complaints					
<b>Directed Patrols</b>	483	360	176	119	331
Speed Trailer	63	40	13	15	4
Deployment					
Variable Message	N/A	N/A	N/A	20	10
Board					
Deployment					
<b>Truck Inspections</b>	75	75	42	62	71
Aggressive	17	12	6	9	10
Driving					
Enforcement					
<b>Details</b>					
<b>Driving Under the</b>	24	20	20	2	12
Influence					
Enforcement					
<b>Details</b>					
Reportable	261	277	245	275	275
Crashes	(1 Fatality)	(1 Fatality)	(2 Fatalities)	(1 Fatality)	(1 Fatality)

<sup>➤</sup> The table above represents the activities of the Highway Patrol Unit.

#### Professional Standards

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 responsibilities of the Professional Standards 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, serve as the Department's Quartermaster, assist with community relations, the evaluation of school safety, coordinate the deer management program, and complete any special projects assigned by the Chief of Police.

# Specialized Units

The Upper Dublin Township Police Department has many specialized units that allow the Department to expand its reach within the Upper Dublin Township community.

#### Specialized Units include:

- Bicycle Patrol Unit
- Breath Test Instrument Operators
- Crash Reconstructionist
- Crime Scene Investigators
- Crisis Intervention Specialists
- Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Instructors
- Eastern Montgomery County Special Weapons and Tactics Team
- Field Training & Evaluation Unit
- Montgomery County Drug Task Force
- Montgomery County Major Incident Response Team
- Quick Response Service Medical Unit
- Use of Force Instructors



# **Training**

Upper Dublin Township Police Department personnel undergo training throughout their career in enforcement. This law paramount to the security of the community and continues of promote the level professionalism we encourage for our employees. Staying abreast of the advancements in the law enforcement community is an ongoing process and it is responsibility of the Department to ensure that all officers receive the most appropriate training for their core responsibilities.



#### 2014 Training Seminars included:

- American Red Cross AED and CPR
- Bicycle Patrol
- Crash Investigations
- Crime Scene Investigations
- Criminal Investigations
- Eastern Montgomery County Special Weapons and Tactics Team
- Evidence Analysis & Collection
- Field Training and Evaluation Program
- Internal Affairs Investigations
- International Police Mountain Bike Association
- Major Incident Response Team
- Montgomery County Emergency Vehicle Driving
- Municipal Police Officer Education
- Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command
- Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission
- Police Liability Seminars
- Use of Force Defensive Tactics, Firearms, and Less Lethal Force Options

# **Anniversaries**

The Upper Dublin Township Police Department had many members celebrate benchmark anniversaries during 2014.

- John Sullivan, Corporal 30 years
- Christian Fielder, Detective 15 years
- Michael Gommer, Detective 15 years
- Andrew Lavenberg, Sergeant 10 years
- Matthew Garay, Corporal 10 years
- Thomas Miller, Patrol Officer 10 years
- Kevin Shanahan, Patrol Officer 5 years



# Assignment

The following Upper Dublin Township Police Department personnel were appointed to the following Specialized Units in 2014:

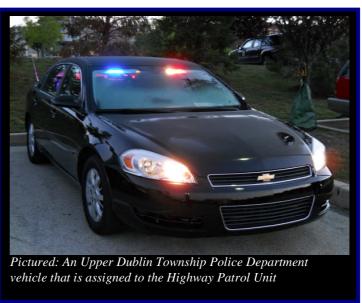
#### • Bicycle Patrol Unit

In June of 2014, Patrol Officer Stephen Nick selected as the Upper Dublin Township Police Department's newest Bicycle Patrol Officer. Patrol Officer Nick has been with the Department for 2 years and had previously served law as enforcement officer in Delaware County.

#### • Highway Patrol Unit

In August of 2014. Patrol Officer Michael Ciuffetelli was selected as the Upper Dublin Township Police Department's newest Highway Patrol Officer. Officer Ciuffetelli has been with the Department for 3 years previously and had served as a law enforcement officer in New Jersey.





#### **Awards**

Commendations are awarded to Upper Dublin Township Police Department personnel in recognition of and appreciation for outstanding acts of public service.

In April of 2014, Patrol Michael Officer Ciuffetelli received a Unit Commendation from Letter the Horsham Township Police Department for and individual team performance during a shooting incident at the Double Visions Lounge on October 19, 2013. Officer Ciuffetelli was honored



along with police officers from Horsham Township, other neighboring police departments, and the Montgomery County Communications Center Dispatcher who was working at the time of the incident.

In June of 2014, Patrol Andrew Officer Rowland was awarded Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his contributions to the Pennsylvania Aggressive Driving Enforcement and Education Program.



In August of 2014, Patrol Officer Mark Wolfgang was provided with a plaque retirement upon his from Eastern Montgomery **Special** Weapons and Tactics (EMSWAT) Team after 10 years of dedicated service. Officer Wolfgang began his career with **EMSWAT** by graduating from the basic Special FBI's



Pictured front to rear: Upper Dublin Township Police Corporal Shea Creamer and Patrol Officer Ryan Judge, both members of the Eastern Montgomery County Special Weapons and Tactics Team (EMSWAT) providing information to the public on Police Night

Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) School. He also held certifications in rappelling, vehicle rescue, and advanced SWAT. In addition, Officer Wolfgang also graduated from two live agent training schools in Anniston, Alabama held by the Center for Domestic Preparedness. Officer Wolfgang continued to improve his skill set and embody the "team" concept through any challenge and he was also one of the original volunteers of EMSWAT to participate in Montgomery County's Level B SWAT program. His years of fire and Emergency Medical Service were instrumental in helping to establish Standard Operating Procedures and proper equipment protocols for the Level B SWAT program. Officer Wolfgang was a great asset to EMSWAT and his outstanding service will always be appreciated.

## Graduation

In February of 2014, Sergeant Daniel Wade graduated from the Northwestern University School of Police and Command, Class 353. Sergeant Wade began his career with the Upper Dublin Township Police Department as a College Intern, and then in January of 1996 was hired as a Dispatcher. In April of 1998, Sergeant Wade was hired as a Patrol Officer and served in that capacity until September of 2002 when he was assigned to Detectives. Sergeant Wade served



Detective until being promoted to the position of Patrol Sergeant in May of 2010, where he has supervised Platoon B. Sergeant Wade joins Deputy Chief of Police Benson, Lieutenant Nyce, Staff Sergeant Sanborn, and Sergeant Janoski as graduates of Northwestern University School of Police and Command.



According to Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety's (NUCPS) website, NUCPS has earned the reputation as the worldwide leader in law enforcement professional development and education. More than 550 police chiefs, sheriffs, and directors of state policing agencies currently serving in the United States are graduates of NUCPS.



# Hiring

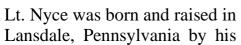
In 2014, the Upper Dublin Township Police Department received authorization from the Upper Dublin Township Board of Commissioners to hire three Police Communication Officers (PCOs). The Police Communication Officers serve within the Upper Dublin Township Police Department's Communications Center. Of the three PCOs that were hired, one was full-time and the remaining two were parttime. The Upper Dublin Township Police Communications Officers that were hired are: Tegan Wendell, Tyler Burns, and Liam Hopkins.





## **Promotion**

In April of 2014, Darren Nyce was promoted to Lieutenant of the Upper Dublin Township Police Department. Present for his promotion at the Upper Dublin Township Board of Commissioners Meeting were many members of the police department, surrounding police departments, family, and friends.





parents, David and Deborah Nyce. He graduated from North Penn High School in 1989, and he graduated from the Pennsylvania State University in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science. It was at Penn State where he became interested in Law Enforcement while working for the University Police as a Student Auxiliary Officer.

Lt. Nyce began his police career with the Upper Dublin Township Police Department on January 12, 1996, attending the Montgomery County Municipal Police Academy and earning the Highest Academic Achievement Award in his academy class.

In 2000 he earned a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from West Chester University. In 2008 he graduated from the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command and in 2012 he graduated from the 248<sup>th</sup> session of the F.B.I. National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

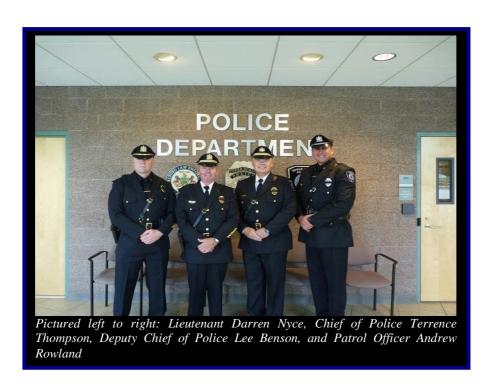
Since 2003, he has been a Municipal Police Academy instructor teaching for both Montgomery County Community College and Temple University.

Over the past 18 years he has been involved in or a member of many aspects of the Upper Dublin Township Police Department, including:

Bicycle Patrol Unit

- D.A.R.E
- Eastern Montgomery County Special Weapons and Tactics Team
- Field Training Officer
- Field Training Coordinator
- Montgomery County District Attorney's Drug Task Force
- Emergency Vehicle and Operations Course Instructor

Lt. Nyce's first police supervisory experience was in 1999 as an Acting Corporal for several months. He was promoted to Corporal in October of 2004, and then to Sergeant in September of 2005. In 2010 he was assigned the position of Patrol Commander, overseeing all functions of the Upper Dublin Township Police Department's Patrol Division. With Lt. Nyce's promotion in April of 2014, he continues to supervise the Patrol Division.



# Regrets

In 2014, the Upper Dublin Township Police Department had two members pass away: retired Police Officer Lori Sweeney and Police Communications Officer Mark Lesniak.

• On Thursday, March 27, 2014 retired Patrol Officer Lori Sweeney passed away. Patrol Officer Sweeney served with the Upper Dublin Township Police Department for 20 years; prior to serving with the Upper Dublin Township Police Department, she had served as a police officer with the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA). Patrol Officer Sweeney was an avid animal rights advocate, a passionate Philadelphia Phillies and Baltimore Orioles fan, and had a larger than life personality to all who knew her.



On Friday, March 28, 2014 Police Communications Officer Lesniak passed away. Police Communications Officer Lesniak served with the Upper Dublin Township Police Department for 18 years. Police Communications Officer Lesniak served as the supervisor of Upper Dublin Police Department's Communications Center and as a liaison for Emergency Management in Upper Dublin Township. Police



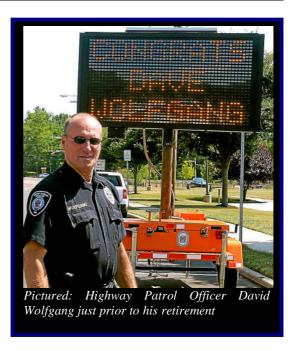
Communications Officer Lesniak was a member with the Fort Washington Fire Company, Oreland Fire Company, and Ambler Ambulance.

Both Lori and Mark will be missed, but not forgotten, by their friends at the Upper Dublin Township Police Department.

# Retirement

After 33 years serving as an Upper Dublin Township Police Officer, Highway Patrol Officer David Wolfgang retired. Officer Wolfgang's last day of service to the Upper Dublin Township community was Friday, September 5, 2014.

Officer Wolfgang, a native of Abington and graduate of Abington High School, served for three years as a Dispatcher with the Upper Moreland **Township** Police Department prior to serving as an Upper Dublin Township Police Officer. While serving as an Upper Dublin Township Police Officer, Officer Wolfgang was a member of the Department's Quick



Response Service Medical Unit, a Highway Patrol Officer, and assisted with the formation of the Upper Dublin Police Benevolent Association.

Officer Wolfgang had the opportunity to interact with many members of the Upper Dublin Township community throughout his career, most notably though as a Highway Patrol Officer

We would like to thank Highway Patrol Officer Wolfgang for his many years of service and wish him well in his retirement!

# **Community Oriented Policing**

The Upper Dublin Township Police Department believes in and practices Community Oriented Policing. Community Policing Oriented is philosophy that promotes organizational strategies, which support the use of partnerships and problem-solving within techniques the proactively community to 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, residence checks, and firearm safety, in addition to also conducting bicycle, vehicle, school and work-place safety seminars. Furthermore, the Upper Dublin Township Police Department encourages patrol officers to conduct foot or bicycle patrols throughout the neighborhoods and business centers of Upper Dublin Township in order to present an opportunity for the public to interact with the patrol officers.

Community Oriented Policing activities included:

- Crime Prevention Classes
- Career Fairs
- Drug Abuse Resistance Education Classes
- Upper Dublin Police Department Tours
- Upper Dublin Police Youth Leadership Activities

The most popular Community Oriented Policing Activities that are sponsored and/or hosted by the Upper Dublin Township Police Department include:

#### • College Internship Program

The Upper Dublin Township Police Department is committed to developing partnerships within the Upper Dublin Township community and beyond. With this in mind, the Upper Dublin Township Police Department is one of only a small number of law enforcement agencies in the region to offer a College Internship Program. Through the College Internship Program, the Department builds partnerships with colleges and universities and benefits, along with the college interns, from shared educational experiences.

The objective of the Internship College Program is to provide a positive learning environment, in which interested college students can experience the various aspects and responsibilities of law while enforcement completing a project as part of their studies. The Department strives offer quality educational experience providing by



student with a "hands on" learning environment and enhancing their understanding of the criminal justice system.

Taylor participating at the Junior Police Academy

The College Internship Program is coordinator by the Deputy Chief of Police and addressed by a Department policy. All applicants must be at least 18 years of age, enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university, maintain an overall minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 in their curriculum, enrolled in a criminal justice program or related course of study, and free of any felony or misdemeanor arrests or convictions. College interns do not receive any compensation or benefits and must provide to the Department copies of any journals or reports that they

complete related to their time enrolled as a College Intern at the Department. College Interns typically spend 8-24 hours a week for approximately 15 weeks at the Department. College Interns will observe the functions of both the Administrative and Patrol Divisions and each of their respective units.

In 2014, both the Pennsylvania State University – Abington Campus and Cabrini College in Wayne, Pennsylvania each had a college student successfully complete their internships at the Upper Dublin Township Police Department. With the completion of their internship, each student had better insight into the criminal justice system and possible careers in law enforcement.

#### • Family Picnic and Softball Game

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Upper Dublin Police Department family picnic softball and game was held on Sunday, August 2014. The day began with a softball game and concluded with a catered lunch. The softball game featured Upper Dublin's finest versus the members of



the Fort Washington Volunteer Fire Company (FWVFC). This year, Upper Dublin's finest defeated the Firefighters. It was a well-played game and the trophy is proudly displayed in the Roll Call room of the Patrol Division. Administrative Staff Officer Ryan Copelin as well as the Upper Dublin Police Benevolent Association coordinated the event with the members of the FWVFC.

#### Junior Police Academy

The Upper Dublin Township Police Department held its 19<sup>th</sup> annual Junior Police Academy program on Monday, August 4, 2014, and Tuesday, August 5, 2014. The Junior Police Academy was coordinated by Detective Michael Scarpato, with assistance from Patrol Officer David Madrak and

Administrative Staff Officer Ryan Copelin. This year's events for the Junior Police Academy included a tour of the police station, a police vehicle, a Fort Washington Volunteer Fire Company fire engine, and an Ambler Community Ambulance Association ambulance.

In addition, there was a K-9 demonstration given by Officer Rose and K-9 Duke of the Montgomery Township Police Department, a tactical demonstration given by Officer Thomas Szybowski of Upper the Dublin Police Department on behalf of the Eastern Montgomery County Special Weapons and Tactics Team, and a



helicopter landing by Jeff STAT. At the conclusion of the program there was an awards ceremony, a pizza party, and a bicycle rodeo!

#### National Police Week Commemoration Night

On Monday, May 12<sup>7</sup> 2014, the Upper Dublin **Township** Police Department hosted its annual "Open House" in commemoration of **National** Police Week. This year's event featured law numerous enforcement agencies which displayed their equipment, vehicles, and personnel to the



public in order to educate them about police duties and responsibilities. Some of those agencies in attendance included the Lower Gwynedd Township Police Department, Montgomery Township Police Department, the Pennsylvania State Police, Fort Washington Volunteer Fire Company, Ambler Community Ambulance, the Eastern Montgomery County Special Weapons and Tactics Team, and the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety.

During this year's "Open House" there was a reflection upon and a moment of silence for the 10 year anniversary of the death of Upper Dublin Township Police Sergeant James R. Miller. Sergeant Miller's life was tragically taken in a vehicle accident while serving in the line-of-duty with the Upper Dublin Township Police Department in April of 2004. During the "Open House" Chief Thompson provided the gathering of family, friends, and community members with a reflection of Sergeant Miller's career and also shared with everyone a few lasting memories that he has of Sergeant Miller.



#### School Safety Program

The Upper Dublin Township Police Department has developed a School Safety Program based upon "best practices" when protecting those within any school facility in Upper Dublin Township. The School Safety Program has trained teachers, staff, and students on how to properly respond to a variety of incidents that could happen within a school.

In addition, Upper Dublin Township Police Officers conduct daily "foot patrols" and "premise checks" of school facilities. The foot patrols and premise checks provide for an increased police presence within school facilities.



Since the Upper Dublin Township Police Department is committed to the "Community Oriented Policing" philosophy, having Upper Dublin Police Officers within school permits students, teachers, and staff to interact with Upper Dublin Police Officers on an almost daily basis. This interaction has created

relationships that have led to crime prevention, problem-solving, community engagement, and community partnerships.

#### • Youth Field Day

On Wednesday, August 2014, the Upper **Dublin Township Police** Department held its Field annual Day program at the Pavilion in Mondauk Commons Park. Field Day is coordinated by Detective Michael Scarpato and the Upper **Dublin Township Parks** and Recreation Department. Field Day included events

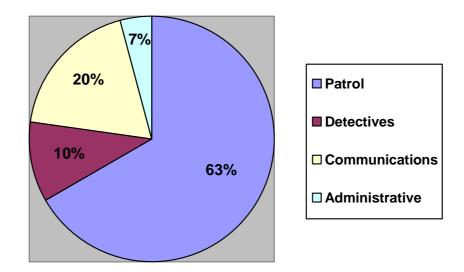


kickball, relay races, water relay races, a Frisbee throw, and the final event – a game of Tug-of-War between the police officers and kids. The event concluded with a barbeque and an awards ceremony.

# Fiscal Responsibility

The Upper Dublin Township Police Department recognizes the impact police services have on the Upper Dublin Township budget. Every member of the Department strives to be fiscally responsible. Although grant funding for municipal police departments has been substantially reduced, the Upper Dublin Township Police Department still attempts to locate, apply for, and receive alternate sources of funding for law enforcement purposes. 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 7. Budget Expenditures for 2014



➤ 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 Administrative Division, including Detectives, and Communications, providing support for this function.

Table 8. Grants Awarded in 2014

Title	<b>Date Submitted</b>	<b>Amount of Grant</b>	Sponsor
Aggressive Driving	January 2014	\$9,294.93	Federal
& Buckle-Up	(Approved)		Government
Enforcement			
Pennsylvania	March 2013	\$22,005.00	Pennsylvania
Liquor Control	(Approved for		Liquor Control
Board Underage	use in 2014 –		Board
and Dangerous	2015)		
Drinking			
North Hills Manor	June 2014	\$7,680.00	Montgomery
Patrols	(Approved)		County Housing
			Authority
Regional Driving	September 2014	\$5,068.40	Montgomery
Under the Influence	(Approved)		County Driving
Checkpoints and			Under the
Roving Patrols			Influence Task
			Forces
Ballistic Vest	September 2014	\$2,000.00	Federal
Program	(Approved for		Government
	use in 2013 –		
	2015)		

➤ The table above displays the grants awarded to the Upper Dublin Township Police Department in 2014; the Department was allocated approximately \$46,048.33 in grant money from various federal and state agencies.



# **Statistics**

Statistical information assists with predicting or realizing criminal activity, crash locations, traffic concerns, and other public safety issues. Statistical information is also used to address day-to-day assignments and training needs as well as assist with long range operational and fiscal planning. 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 accordingly.

**Table 9. Total Incidents** 

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
23,548	22,602	21,238	23,565	22,825

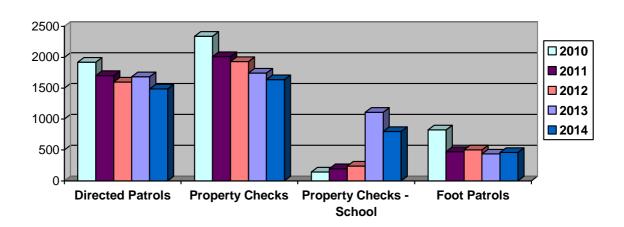
➤ The table above displays the number of reported incidents in which there was Upper Dublin Township Police Department involvement.

**Table 10. Criminal Offenses** 

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	12	12	8	14	11
Robbery	3	3	4	4	7
Assaults	93	73	111	67	63
<b>Property Offenses</b>	473	389	396	317	274
Arson	1	2	2	1	1
<b>Drug Violations</b>	49	47	54	53	44
<b>Alcohol Offenses</b>	94	92	89	109	78

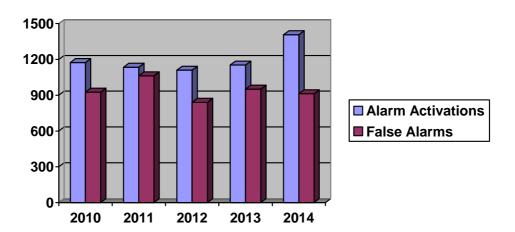
➤ The table above displays the number of criminal offenses reported to Pennsylvania State Police by the Upper Dublin Township Police Department.

**Table 11. Directed Patrols, Property Checks, and Foot Patrols** 



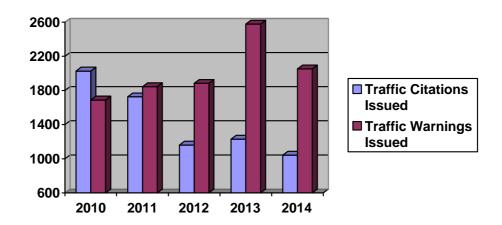
➤ The graph above displays proactive policing activities.

**Table 12. Alarm Activations and False Alarms** 



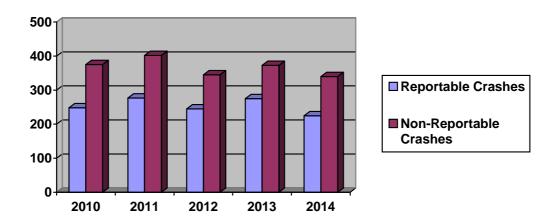
The graph above displays the alarm activations (i.e. burglar) that have occurred within Upper Dublin Township warranting a police response. In addition, the graph also displays the number of alarm activations that were deemed to be false alarms, either through an officer's investigation or alarm company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

**Table 13. Traffic Citations and Warnings Issued** 



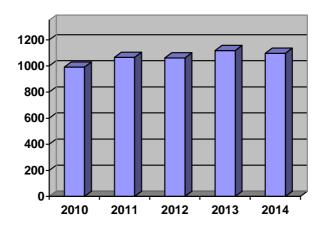
➤ The graph above displays the traffic citations and warnings that were issued as a result of a vehicle code violation by a motorist.

**Table 14. Reportable and Non-Reportable Crashes** 



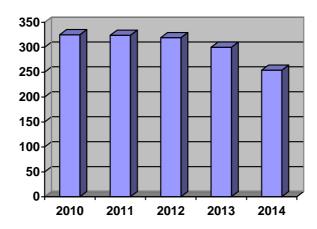
The graph above displays those crashes which were reported to the Upper Dublin Township Police Department. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is required to be notified of all Reportable Crashes.

**Table 15. Medical Emergencies** 



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

**Table 16. Aid to Other Law Enforcement Agencies** 

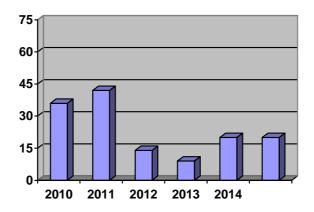


➤ The graph above displays calls for service relating to aid provided to other law enforcement agencies by the Upper Dublin Township Police Department. Some of these agencies include:

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.

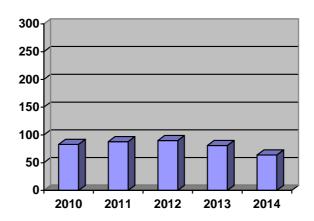
Pennsylvania State Police Philadelphia P.D. Springfield Township P.D. Upper Moreland Township P.D. Whitemarsh Township P.D. Whitpain Township P.D.

**Table 17. Alarm Violations** 



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

**Table 18. Parking Violations** 



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

# Goals and Objectives for 2015

The Upper Dublin Township Police Department is a community oriented, accredited, law enforcement agency that strives for excellence. The Upper Dublin Township Police Department plans on achieving the following goals and objectives in 2015:

- Expand traffic monitoring systems to better track the volume and speed of vehicular traffic in Upper Dublin Township
- Implement the use of Power DMS, a document management system, in order for the Department to manage the distribution of and hold personnel accountable for policies, procedures, other documents of importance, as well as record training, and assist with the accreditation process
- Maintain an environment in which the members of Upper Dublin Township community feel secure from crime
- Maintain a high level of skill and training, based upon best police practices
- Maintain the high level of support and trust received from the members of the Upper Dublin Township community



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