



The Monthly Roundup

Upper Dublin Police Department

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Community Response Unit

Sgt. Lavenberg, Cpl. Madrak, and Police Chaplain Weldon met with several prospective members of the local clergy about joining the police department's Chaplain Program. Five (5) new clergy members have joined the Chaplain Program and will be receiving training in March. After being trained, they can supplement the police officers while responding to difficult and crisis calls. The Chaplain Program has been in development since the summer of 2023 and has already shown its worth, as there was a call-out in January. Chaplain Weldon was able to respond with Upper Dublin Police Officers and assist with a death notification to a spouse. The family appreciated his calming presence and ability to help them contact other resources.

Members of the Community Response Unit have assisted with planning and security for events such as the Fire and Ice Festival and other larger Upper Dublin Township events that are scheduled to take place this year. This cooperative planning increases public safety and communication with other township departments and outside agencies.

Over the last month, members of the Community Response Unit have presented to school groups and public groups about safety-related issues. These have been very well received and help us continue to engage with the community positively.



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Investigations

Patrol Division & Detective Unit

Ofc. Marchesani located & arrested a resident who had an active UDPD felony warrant for fleeing & attempting to elude an officer, reckless driving, and related traffic offenses. The defendant was processed and transported to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility for Arraignment.

Officer Fiedler had a Preliminary Hearing for a resident who had a habitual suspended driver's license whom he arrested for driving under the influence. All charges were transferred to the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas.

On Friday, February 2, 2024, Ofc. Borgmann took a delayed report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Victoria Court, in the Ambler section of Upper Dublin Township. Ofc. Borgmann assisted the reporting party in obtaining an Emergency Protection from Abuse Order, which officers subsequently served upon the reporting party's spouse, evicting them from the residence.

On Sunday, February 4, 2024, Ofc. Spotts located several intoxicated juveniles behind the Maple Glen Shopping Center, in the Maple Glen section of Upper Dublin Township. The juveniles fled but Ofc. Spotts was able to detain one of them. Ofc. Spotts contacted the parents of the detained juvenile and ultimately accounted for the safety of all those who had fled.

On Friday, February 09, 2024, Ofc. Spotts was dispatched to a delayed report of credit cards being stolen out of a victim's vehicle that was parked at a fitness center located in the Fort Washington section of Upper Dublin Township. While speaking with the victim, it was learned that while exercising, their vehicle may have been entered and two credit cards were stolen and subsequently used at local businesses to obtain a large quantity of items. Currently, Ofc. Spotts is awaiting a video from the business and is investigating the matter further.

On Saturday, February 10, 2024, Ofc. Pratt was actively patrolling the North Hills section of Upper Dublin Township. He received information regarding a vehicle that violated the vehicle code and was traveling toward his location. Even though all the lights on the vehicle had been turned off, he was able to locate the vehicle. He attempted to conduct a vehicle stop for the violations, but the driver of the vehicle pulled a ski mask over their face to conceal their identity and began to reverse up the street, attempting to turn around. While doing so, the vehicle almost struck the patrol vehicle several times and fled at a high rate of speed. Due to Ofc. Pratt knowing the identity of the male, did not pursue the vehicle and later filed felony charges against him and obtained an arrest warrant. This defendant was later arrested by Upper Dublin Police Officers, processed, and transported to the Montgomery County Correction Facility for Arraignment. The defendant received an unsecured bail of \$1,000.

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

On Monday, February 12, 2024, Ofc. Haggar took a report from the reporting party in the earlier Protection from Abuse (PFA) Order on Victoria Court regarding possible violations. Ofc. Haggar confirmed that the subject of the PFA Order had violated the terms and subsequently filed charges for Indirect Criminal Contempt. A warrant was issued, and the defendant was later arrested by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department.

On Monday, February 12, 2024, Ofc. Miller took receipt of a Protection from Abuse (PFA) Order that was obtained by a resident of Linden Avenue in the Glenside section of Upper Dublin Township. Upper Dublin Police Officers subsequently served the PFA upon the defendant at a residence on Logan Avenue, evicting the defendant and recovering a firearm that had been ordered relinquished.

On Friday, February 16, 2024, Ofc. Ferrara and Detective Lebby arrested a defendant on a warrant at District Court 38-1-10. The subject had previously been charged in connection with a retail theft Ofc. Ferrara and Detective Lebby investigated. Their investigation into the incident revealed additional felony drug violations by the defendant, and they withdrew the original criminal complaint, obtaining a new arrest warrant with the additional charges. The arrest was made without incident.

On Tuesday, February 17, 2024, Upper Dublin Police Officers responded to a residence on Treetop Lane in the Ambler section of Upper Dublin Township for a report of a medical emergency. Upon arrival, it was discovered that the patient was deceased. Ofc. Borgmann assumed the on-scene investigation, which revealed no signs of foul play. The Montgomery County Coroner's Office is investigating the cause of death.

On Monday, February 26, 2024, Ofc. Borgmann located a vehicle that was associated with a missing person alert in a hotel parking lot, that is located in the Fort Washington section of Upper Dublin Township. He and Ofc. Miller found the missing person in the hotel and confirmed that they were alright and did not require police assistance. This information was relayed to the entering agency.

Training

During the week of January 15, 2024, Cpl. Madrak, and Cpl. Reading, attended the FBI – LEEDA (Law Enforcement Executive Development Association) Supervisor Leadership Institute (SLI) course that was held at the Abington Township Public Safety Training Center. The FBI – LEEDA SLI is a 4 1/2-day program designed especially for supervisors and middle managers to enhance their leadership competencies. The attendees engage in personality diagnostics, review leadership case studies, and learn about mentoring, developing your people, performance management, risk management, and credibility. This institute is student-centered and rich in facilitated dialogue and group work.

On Thursday, January 18, 2024, Cpl. Pimm instructed "Officer Resilience" training at the Montgomery County Public Safety Campus. The training is designed to assist law enforcement professionals in their professional and personal lives.

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

On Thursday, January 18, 2024, Sgt. Nick organized and hosted a training session for the police department's Use of Force Instructors at the Montgomery County Public Safety Training Center. This training session allowed all of the instructors to review the upcoming lesson plan, which included firearms, defensive tactics training, and patrol operations. It was a valuable experience and will help ensure continuity of training for the entire Department.

Statistics

Table 1. Department-wide activity for February 2024

Type of Activity	Total
Calls for Service	1,880
Investigative and Supplemental Reports	147
Crash Reports	62
Directed Patrols	328
Foot Patrols	72
Vehicle Stops	261
Premise Checks	132
Premise Checks – Schools	50
Premise Checks – Vacant	6

Table 2. Community Response Unity activity for February 2024

Type of Activity	Total
Abandon Vehicle Complaints	2
School Bus Violation Investigations	1
Traffic Complaints	2
Traffic Survey	1
Variable Message Board Deployment	1



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Table 4. Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program Inspections and Enforcement Details for February 2024

Type of Activity	Total
Level-1 Inspections	3
Level-3 Inspections	0
Citations Issued	15
Driver's Out-of-Service	0
Vehicles Out-of-Service	2



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Northwestern University Center for Public Safety

School of Police Staff and Command Graduation Press Release

Lieutenant Ryan Judge has graduated from Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety.

The Upper Dublin Township Police Department is pleased to announce the recent graduation of Lieutenant Ryan Judge from the School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) at Northwestern University. Lieutenant Ryan Judge has successfully completed the ten (10) week Staff and Command program held in Doylestown, Pennsylvania from October 9, 2023 – February 16, 2024. This program, which was implemented by the Center for Public Safety in 1983, has graduated over 21,000 students both nationally and internationally. Lieutenant Ryan Judge was a student in SPSC Class #563 which accommodated a total of 40 students for the ten week period.

The School of Police Staff and Command provides upper-level college instruction in a total of twenty-seven core blocks of instruction and additional optional blocks during each session. The major topics of study include: Leadership, Human Resources, Employee Relations, Organizational Behavior, Applied Statistics, Planning and Policy Development, Budgeting and Resource Allocation.

Each student is academically challenged through written examinations, projects, presentations and quizzes in addition to a staff study paper that are all required parts of the curriculum. Upon successful completion, students may be awarded a total of 6 units of undergraduate credit from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

The Center for Public Safety was established at Northwestern University in 1936 with the specific goal of expanding university-based education and training for the Law Enforcement Community. Since its inception, the Center has broadened its original objective and now provides a variety of courses and programs in the area of Police Training, Management Training, and Executive Development.

The Upper Dublin Township Police Department anticipates a variety of benefits from Lieutenant Ryan Judge's attendance at this program. Many of the program's graduates do go on to achieve a variety of leadership positions within their respective agencies.

Northwestern University School of Police Staff & Command (SPSC)

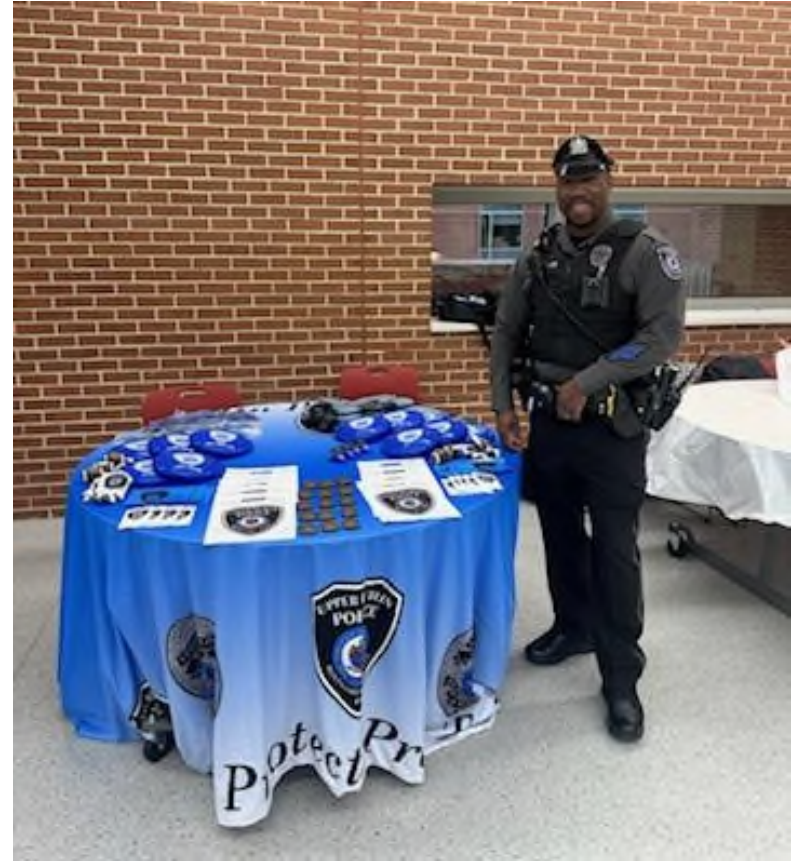
Lt. Justin Judge of the Lower Merion
Police Department with his brother Lt.
Ryan Judge of the Upper Dublin Police
Department



Girl Scout Cookie Donation

A very special thank you to
Emma from Girl Scout Troop
71148 who donated 30 boxes
of Girl Scout cookies!





Black History Event @ Sandy Run Middle School

UD Celebrate!

Crossing Guard Appreciation Day

- February 7, 2024



Crossing Guard Appreciation Day



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Patrol Vehicle 41-12 ~ Motor Carrier Enforcement



Upper Dublin Police Department's

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Go behind the badge!

Every Monday Evening

April 1st to June 3rd*

6:30pm to 9:00pm

*No Class on Monday, May 27th. Weekly Class will be held on 5/29



Upper Dublin Public Library

520 Virginia Drive
Fort Washington, PA 19034



For more information and to register,

SCAN THE QR CODE

OR VISIT <https://udpl.typeform.com/vtoVvYEqMMKe>



REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
MARCH 22nd

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