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Upper Dublin Township Police Department

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Investigative Lieutenant

Daniel P. Wade

Deputy Chief of Police

Ryan P. Judge

Patrol Lieutenant

Letter to the Upper Dublin Community

As we approach the end of another year, the Upper Dublin Police Department takes the time to reflect and evaluate our collective goals and objectives that we mapped out for 2023. With a few exceptions, many of our goals are directly related to ensuring public safety and providing our residents, schools, religious centers, and local businesses with the highest level of professional police services that our community has come to know and expect.

One of those few exceptions last year involved establishing a building committee of police personnel to research and compile information on the development of a new police station. There are many integral parts in designing a police complex that require hundreds of hours of planning to ensure our future building meets the critical needs of law enforcement activities in our community. Our police building committee worked closely with the township manager and D'Huy Engineering and GKO Architects to develop a cohesive operational floor plan with a focus on efficiency, functionality, and safety for our officers and the public. Our officers and civilian staff are excited with the overall design of the new township complex and police station and we are looking forward to the completion of this project which is scheduled for the end of 2025.

Community Partnerships

Our community partnerships with community leaders, school officials, local businesses, and residents continue to be our number one priority in fostering a safe and thriving community. In October 2023, we were proud to swear in our first official Police Chaplain, George Weldon, who recently completed his ministry at United Lutheran Seminary. Pastor Weldon has been employed with the police department as a Police Communication Officer for the last four (4) years and he is now taking on the additional role as our department Chaplain. In 2024, Pastor Weldon will expand the Chaplain program to include other religious leaders in our township.

Other community initiatives in 2023 include running two (2) new community outreach programs, our Citizen Police Academy for adult community members and Cop Camp program for youths ages 9 to 11. These educational programs are part of our commitment to community engagement that will continue to strengthen the bonds we have with our community.

Promotions & Achievements

In 2023, the police department held several promotional exams for the positions of Corporal, Sergeant, and Lieutenant positions. As a First-Class Township, promotional testing processes are approved and validated by the Upper Dublin Civil Service Commission. This

competitive testing process requires months of preparation and studying by our officers and supervisors who are interested in advancing their leadership roles within the police department. We appreciate the efforts of all who participated in the promotional exams, and we want to acknowledge the following officers who were recently promoted; Officer Christopher Reading was promoted to the rank of Corporal. Detective Kevin Shanahan was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and Sgt. Ryan Judge was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

Police Accreditation Standards

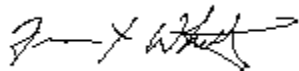
Also in 2023, the police department underwent a re-accreditation assessment. Accreditation is a voluntary program, administered by the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association. The Upper Dublin Police Department was initially accredited in 2005 and was one of the original police departments in Montgomery County to achieve an accredited status. Since May 2005, the police department has been successfully re-accredited in 2008, 2011, 2014, 2017, 2020, and again in 2023. During the 2023 re-accreditation assessment, our department received an overall compliance finding of 100%, which is only the 2nd time in the almost 25-year history of the accreditation program that this has taken place. As a result of the re-accreditation, the police department also retained its “Premier Agency” status, which was originally bestowed in 2020. Corporal David Madrak oversees and manages the accreditation process and the men and women of the Upper Dublin Police Department are proud to retain the agency’s accredited status.

Looking Ahead to 2024

As we step into the new year, we are excited about the opportunities to build on our successes and address new challenges. Our commitment to community-oriented policing remains our priority, and we will continue to work collaboratively to ensure that Upper Dublin Township remains a safe, inclusive, and vibrant place to work and live.

I encourage community members and business partners to reach out to the police department with any questions, concerns or suggestions you have about police services or regarding specific police interactions. Your input, ideas, and feedback are invaluable as we work together to create a safer and more resilient community.

Stay well,



Francis Wheatley
Chief of Police



Upper Dublin Township

Fort Washington, Montgomery County, PA

Population – 26,665

Households – 9,415

Median Age - 47

Square Miles – 13.2

Primarily Residential & Commercial Properties

Served by the Upper Dublin School District



READY TO PROTECT, PROUD TO SERVE

Who We Are

Established in 1928

- Ready to Protect, Proud to Serve

Divisions

- Administration
 - Command
 - Communications
 - Detectives
- Patrol
 - Platoons (4)
 - Community Response Unit

Personnel

- Sworn: 41 (Authorized for 41)
- Non-Sworn: 10
- Crossing Guards: 14





An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency

AN ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SINCE 2005 AND GRANTED PREMIER AGENCY STATUS IN 2020

A Look Back Through 2023

UPPER DUBLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT



Personnel

READY TO PROTECT, PROUD TO SERVE

Welcome To The Force!

OFC. ERIK LESSER



OFC. CAROLINA BOLANOS





Retirement

CORPORAL SHEA CREAMER, 26
YEARS OF SERVICE TO UPPER
DUBLIN TOWNSHIP



Promotions

SERGEANT KEVIN SHANAHAN AND CORPORAL CHRISTOPHER READING



Promotion

LIEUTENANT RYAN JUDGE

Upper Dublin Police Department



Police Chaplain

GEORGE WELDON



PCO Lee Bernhang: 5 Years	Ofc. Alexis Dease: 5 Years	Ofc. Donald Thomas: 5 Years	Ofc. Kevin Spotts: 5 Years
Det. Kyle Gallen: 5 Years	Cpl. Christopher Reading: 5 Years	Ofc. Gregory Borgmann: 10 Years	Sgt. Stephen Nick: 10 Years
Cpl. Stephen Scheier: 15 Years	Sgt. Mark Wolfgang: 20 Years	Deputy Chief Daniel Wade: 25 Years	

Career Milestones



Crossing Guards

The following individual joined the police department's team of Crossing Guards in 2023:

- Mark Brock

Commendations





Commendation Ceremony – Letter



Commendation Ceremony – Lifesaving



Commendation Ceremony – Merit



Commendation Ceremony – Letter



Commendation Ceremony – Merit



Commendation Ceremony – Letter & Merit



Commendation Ceremony – Letter & Merit



Commendation Ceremony – Letter, Merit, Heroism

Commendation Ceremony

For more information on the commendations awarded to Upper Dublin Police personnel in May 2023, scan the QR code and download The Monthly Roundup



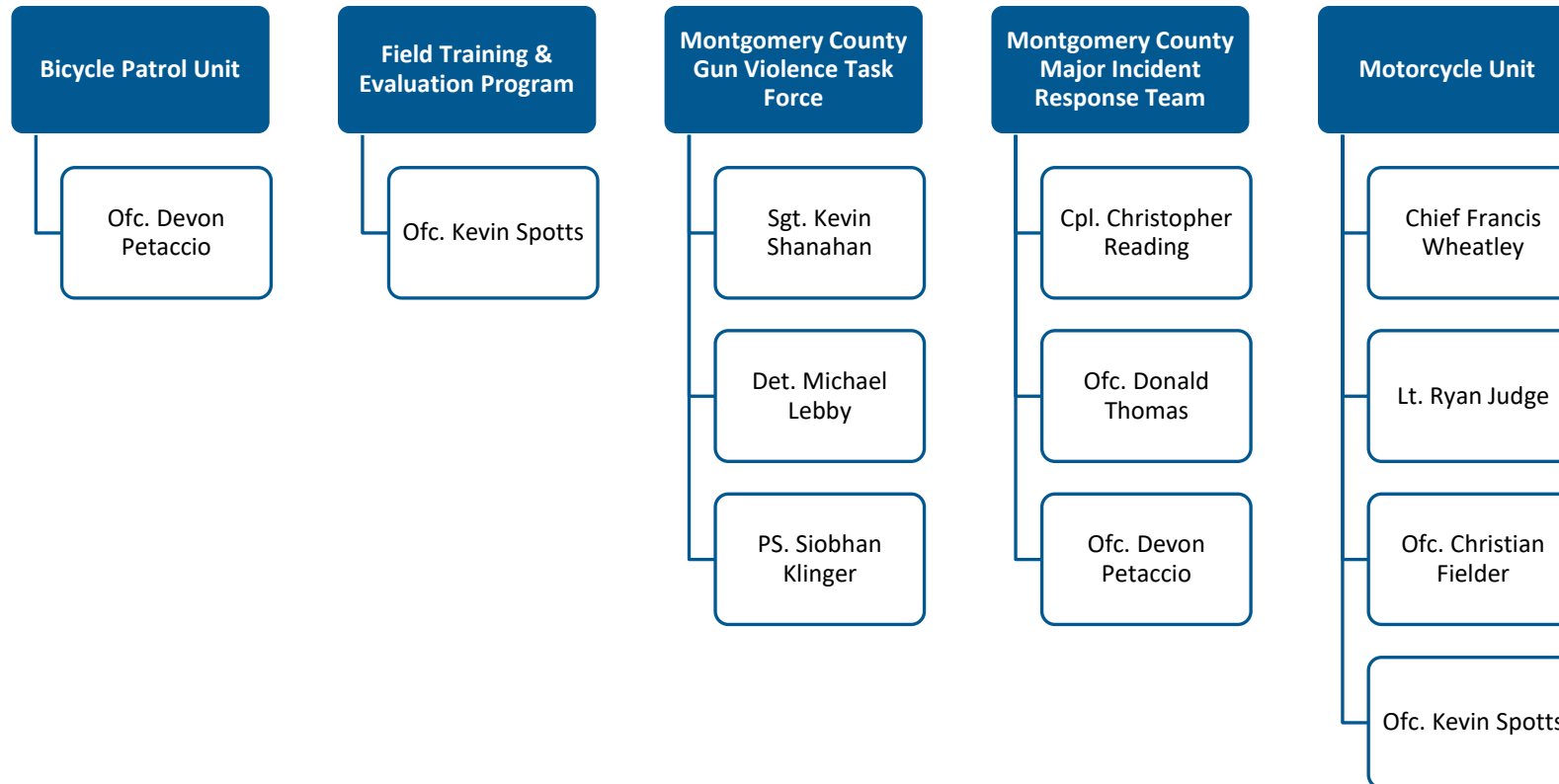
The Monthly Roundup

Upper Dublin Police Department

Established 1928

Ready to Protect, Proud to Serve

Appointments



Training & Recruitment



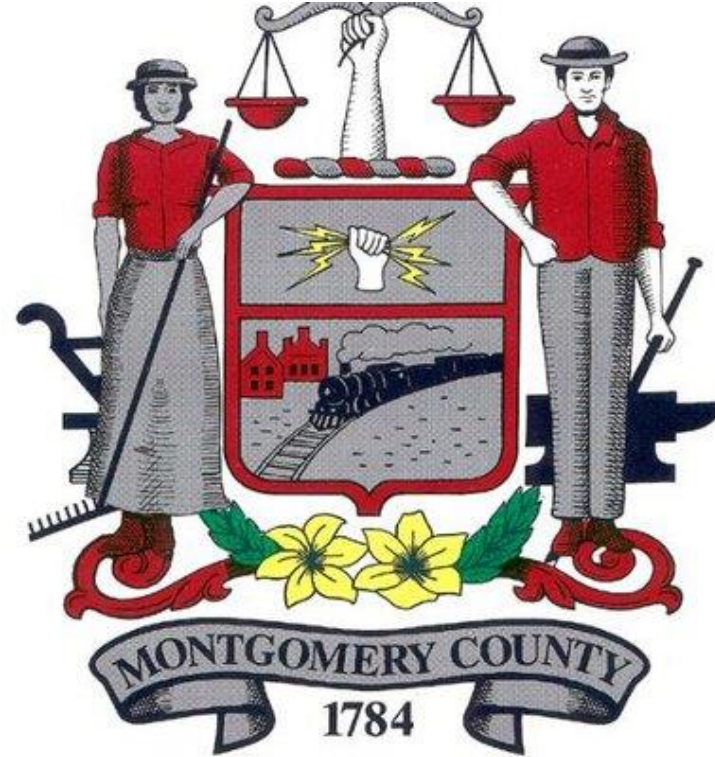


Use of Force Training

FIREARMS QUALIFICATIONS @ THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER



Law Enforcement Career Fair



Eastern Montgomery County Chiefs of Police Tabletop Training Exercise with Montgomery County Emergency Management Training coordinator, Amanda Brady

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



Field Training & Evaluation Program

USE OF FORCE TRAINING FOR NEW HIRES –
PATROL SCENARIOS



Upper Dublin Police Personnel



UPPER DUBLIN

— T O W N S H I P —

Stronger Together

Community Initiatives

UPPER DUBLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

A photograph of a community meeting taking place in a school cafeteria. The room is filled with people of various ages, including children and adults, seated at long tables. In the background, a woman stands at a podium, addressing the group. The room has a drop ceiling with fluorescent lights and several framed pictures on the walls. The overall atmosphere is one of an active community gathering.

North Hills Community Engagement

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE UPPER DUBLIN
POLICE DEPARTMENT & UPPER DUBLIN SCHOOL
DISTRICT



Mondauk Common Park 40th Anniversary Celebration

A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Citizens Police Academy

A 1ST FOR THE UPPER DUBLIN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY



“Ride to School”

A PARTNERSHIP WITH FORT WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

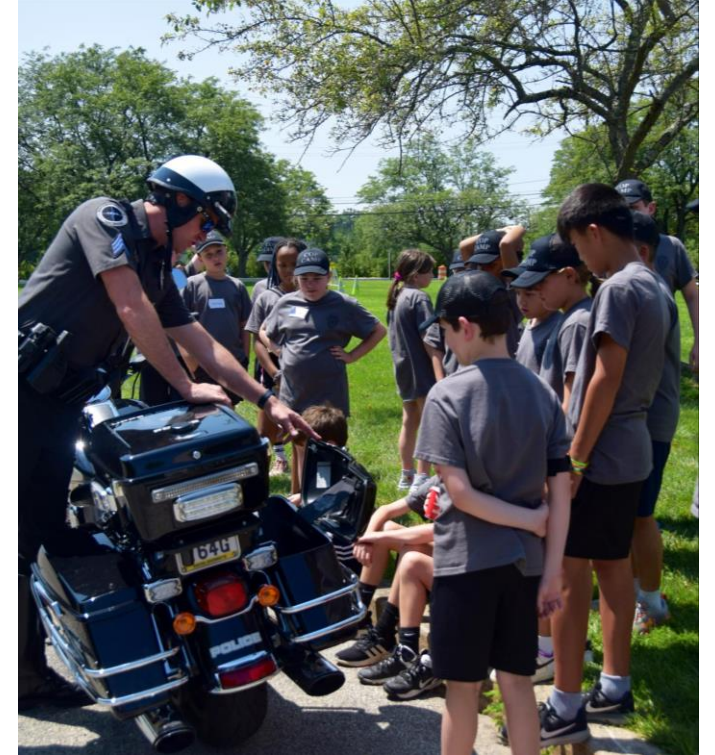
COP Camp – 2023





COP Camp

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE UPPER DUBLIN POLICE COP CAMP CADETS



COP Camp

UPPER DUBLIN POLICE OFFICERS AND THE COP CAMP CADETS



COP Camp - Partners in Action

Upper Moreland Police Department's K9 Unit &
Whitemarsh Township Police Department's K9 Unit
officers with the COP Camp cadets



COP Camp

UPPER DUBLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT



July 4th Celebration

Oreland Parade, Upper Dublin & Springfield Townships



SPEED
LIMIT
25

July 4th Celebration

UPPER DUBLIN POLICE OFFICERS



Jordan Fafara, Cabrini University

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



Pre- National Night Out



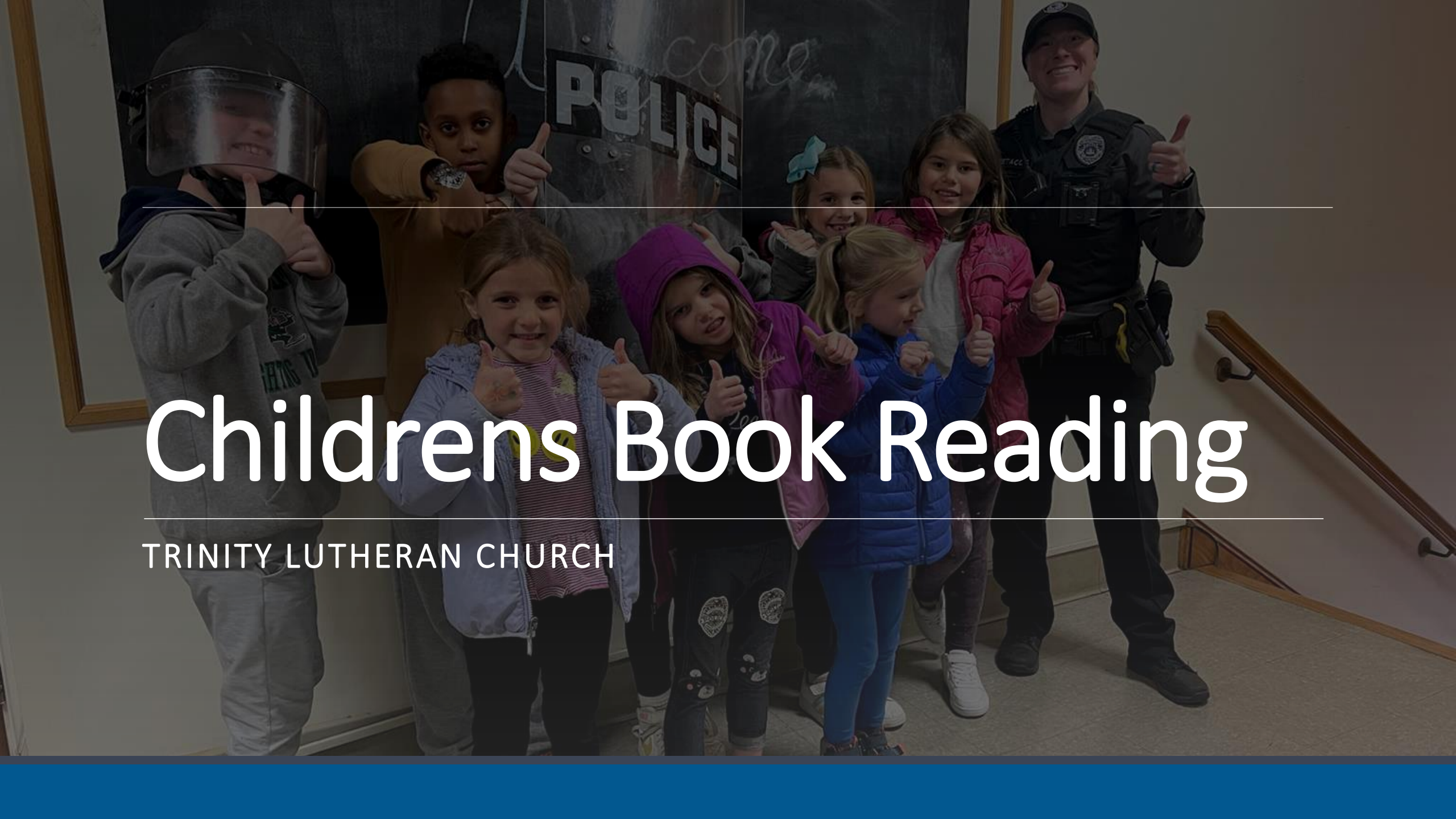
Books with Blue: Storytime with a Police Officer

A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UPPER DUBLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY



Cub Scout Pack 405

“DUTY TO COUNTRY” ~ TOUR
OF THE UPPER DUBLIN
POLICE DEPARTMENT



Childrens Book Reading

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Coffee with a Cop

QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH





Community Event

AMBLER CHAPTER OF THE NAACP



Proudly Serving the Upper Dublin Township Community Since 1928

READY TO PROTECT, PROUD TO SERVE

Chaplain Program

Formed in 2023

George Weldon, Police Chaplain

- Training
- Policy & Procedures
- Supervision

Additional clergy actively being recruited from the Upper Dublin Township community



ACCESS SERVICES

unlocking potential

Mental Health Services

Expanded an existing partnership in 2023

Representatives from Mobile Crisis are now on-site at the police department one day a week

The expanded partnership will assist with bridging the gap between the police and mental health consumers

Mobile Crisis employees have the training and expertise to discuss interventions at an incident scene and in ongoing situations

The goal of Mobile Crisis is to collaborate with the police to best meet the community's needs in a way that will bring long-term solutions

The Montgomery County Mobile Crisis team is **available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week**. All services are provided free of charge to anyone currently in Montgomery County

Mobile Crisis can be contacted at 855-634-4673

Motorcycle

1st motorcycle was purchased in 2023

Uses

- Community Policing Activities
- Traffic Safety
- Recruitment





pennsylvania
STATE POLICE



Pennsylvania
Chiefs of Police Association

AOPC

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE of PENNSYLVANIA COURTS

Assessments & Audits

UPPER DUBLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Outcomes



Pennsylvania State Police: Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network

No findings

Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police: Re-accreditation Assessment

No findings (only the 2nd occurrence in the history of the accreditation program (2000))

Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts: Pennsylvania Justice Network

No findings



Re-accreditation recognition by the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission in July 2023

IN 2023, ACHIEVED 6TH RE-ACCREDITATION & RETAINED PREMIER STATUS



DATA



KNOWLEDGE



ACTION

By The Numbers ~ 2023

UPPER DUBLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Related Activity for 2023	
Incidents	20,266
Arrests	197

Reports	
Investigative	2,073
Supplemental	3,257

Proactive Policing Activity	
Type of Activity	Total
Directed Patrols	2,898
Foot Patrols	689
Vehicle Stops	2,204
Premise Checks	1,491
Premise Checks – Schools	429
Premise Checks - Vacant	72



POLICE ACTIVITY

Vehicle Crashes

Reportable

245

Non-Reportable

400

Community Outreach

Community Engagements

88

Bridge & HUB Program
Referrals

21

Traffic Calming & Safety

Abandoned Vehicle Complaint
Investigations

15

Parking Complaint Investigations

108

School Bus Violation Investigations

15

Technical Crash Investigations

4

Traffic Complaint Investigations

37

Traffic Enforcement Details

12

Traffic Safety Equipment Deployments

32

Traffic Surveys Conducted

28

Vehicle Stops

Citations Issued

705

Warnings Issued

1,518

Arrests for
Driving Under the
Influence of
Drugs / Alcohol

32

Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program

Level 1 Inspections

42

Level 3 Inspections

30

Commercial Drivers: Out-of-Service

4

Commercial Vehicles: Out-of-Service

15

Citations Issued

201

Investigative Activity	
Assigned Investigations	251
Active Investigations	47
Cleared by Arrest	13
Closed by Exceptional Means	140
Closed by Other Means	51

**Detective
Unit**



Uniform Crime Reporting

Offense	Total
Murder/Non-Negligent Homicide	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0
Rape	3
Robbery	3
Assault	6
Burglary	14
Larceny	175
Motor Vehicle Theft	8
Arsons	0
Hate Crimes	0
Human Trafficking	0

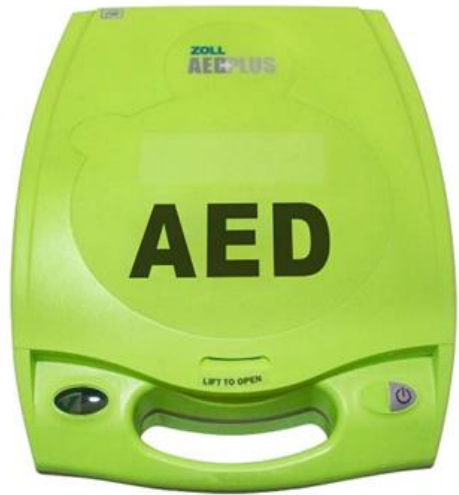


Upper Dublin Township

STRONGER TOGETHER

What's To Come In 2024

UPPER DUBLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT



Opportunities

Budget savings in 2023 and 2024 will be realized through grant funding and donations

- AEDs (4)
- Bicycle Helmets
- E-bicycles (3)
- Tourniquets



Laser Scanner

Partnership with the Abington Township Police Department to allow for joint use between agencies

Multi-use technology

- Crash Investigations
- Crime Scenes

Training

Drones

Assist with time-sensitive incidents and scene management

- Armed Subjects
- Crash Investigations
- Crime Scenes
- Missing Persons

Policy implementation

Licensing and training



Ballistic Armor Protection & Firearms

Ballistic Helmets

Replaces existing ballistic armor protection that is expired

Level IV Ballistic Armor Plates & Carriers

Replaces existing ballistic armor protection that is expired

Rifles

Replaces existing rifles which are several years old



Infrared & Night Vision Cameras

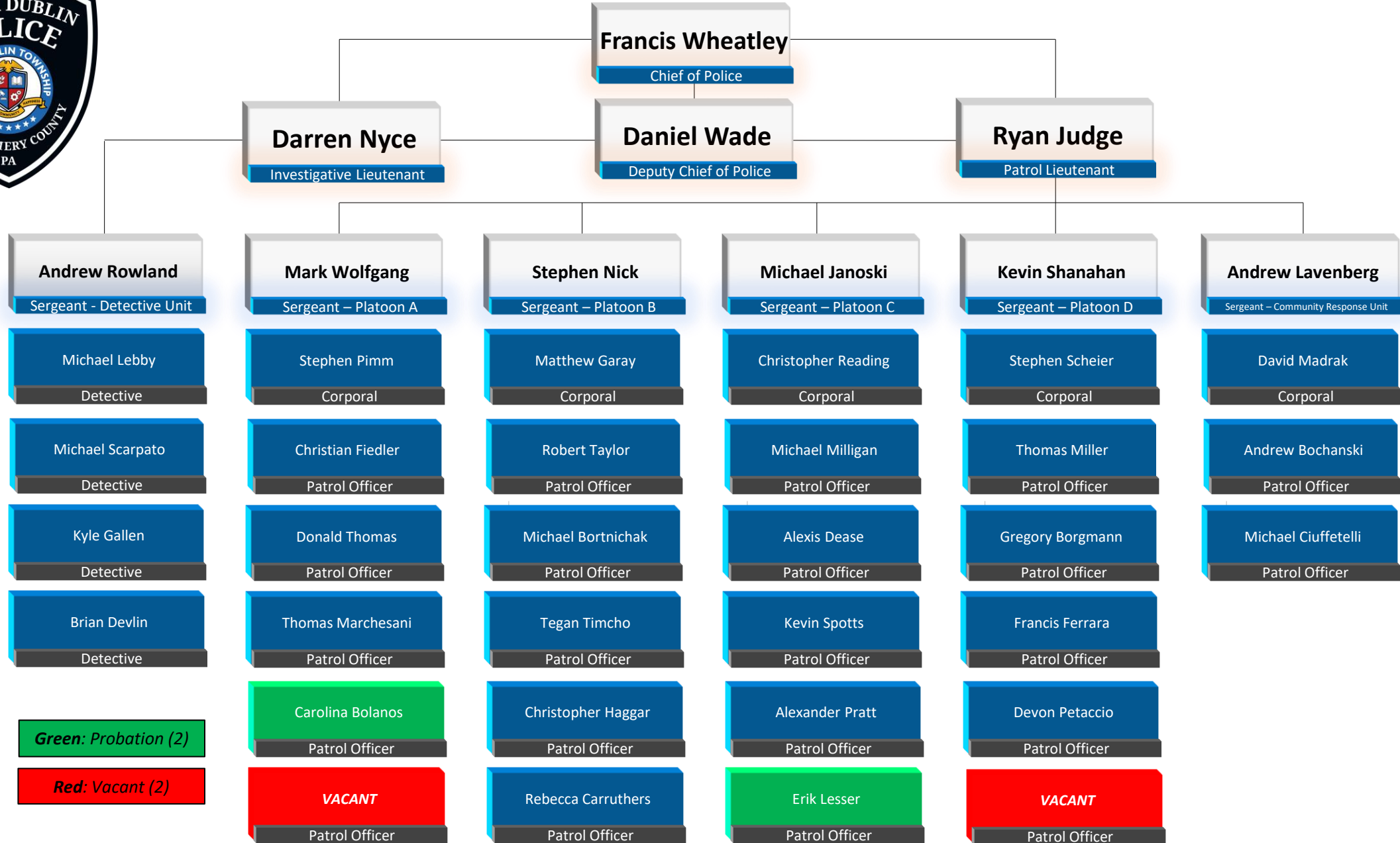




Upper Dublin Police Personnel

Upper Dublin Police Department

2024 Sworn Officer Organization Chart



Green: Probation (2)

Red: Vacant (2)



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.