



The Monthly Roundup

Upper Dublin Police Department

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In Memoriam

It's with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of retired Upper Dublin Police Officer Edward B. "Eagle" Johnson, who proudly served the police department from March 1970 to August 1997. Ofc. Johnson passed away on June 25, 2024. Ofc. Johnson's commitment to public service and his unwavering dedication to the safety and well-being of our community left an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing him. Throughout his distinguished career, he was known for his integrity, bravery, and compassionate approach to law enforcement.

Ofc. Johnson had many duties and responsibilities throughout his law enforcement career. He served as a field training officer and officer-in-charge, supervising his platoon's daily operations. He was an instructor at the Montgomery County Municipal Police Academy and a member of the Black Police Officers Association in Montgomery County. Before working at the Upper Dublin Township Police Department, Ofc. Johnson worked for the Ambler Borough Police Department. He was a beloved mentor and friend to fellow officers throughout his career.

To the community he served, Ofc. Johnson was known as "Eagle" for his approachable personality and kind heart. He was a true mentor and was respected by youth and adults alike who would seek him out when they needed guidance or just someone to talk to. Ofc. Johnson mentored many young black men who were interested in law enforcement.

Following his law enforcement career, Ofc. Johnson continued to be an active and cherished member



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of the Upper Dublin community when he served as a Security Officer for the Upper Dublin School District. He helped many students during their challenging years at Sandy Run Middle School through that work. In 2002, Ofc. Johnson found his true calling when he became a Pastor of the Holmesburg Baptist Church in Philadelphia. There, he continued his legacy of service to the Lord and his kindness will be remembered and cherished by all in his congregation.

Our thoughts and deepest condolences go out to his family, friends, and former colleagues. Ofc. Johnson will be deeply missed, but his spirit and legacy will continue to inspire us all.

Investigations

Patrol Division & Detective Unit

On Sunday, June 30, 2024, Ofc. Spotts was dispatched to a single-vehicle crash on the 1600 block of Twining Road, in the Dresher section of Upper Dublin Township. The driver was reported to be the sole occupant and struck a tree. Upon Ofc. Spotts arriving on-scene, he recognized this vehicle as one he had attempted to stop a short time prior. However, after activating the patrol vehicle's emergency lights and siren and conducting a U-turn, the vehicle fled at a high rate of speed, and it was unable to be located. Ofc. Spotts conducted an on-scene investigation which revealed that the driver was impaired and later admitted that is why he fled. The driver was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, fleeing and eluding, and other related charges. He was processed and then transported to Montgomery County Correctional Facility for arraignment.

On Thursday, July 04, 2024, Upper Dublin Police Officers were notified by Upper Moreland Police Officers, that a Ford F-250 was possibly involved in a vehicle crash in their jurisdiction and the driver was suspected to be intoxicated. A short time after receiving this information, Ofc. Spotts was dispatched to a two-vehicle crash involving a truck matching this description. Upon Ofc. Spott's arriving on-scene, he confirmed that the truck was one of the involved vehicles. The driver displayed signs of heavy intoxication and therefore no Standardized Field Sobriety Tests were given. The driver was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and other related charges. He was processed and then transported to Montgomery County Correctional Facility for arraignment. Fortunately, the driver and occupant of the other vehicle that was struck head-on did not sustain any injuries.

On Friday, July 5, 2024, Det. Lebbly was conducting surveillance on a business in the Promenade which is in the Dresher section of Upper Dublin Township. This business has been the scene of numerous retail thefts, robberies, and disturbances. While conducting surveillance he observed two (2) suspicious individuals enter the store. Upon this occurring, Det. Lebbly requested patrol officers respond to his location. While awaiting their arrival, the suspicious individuals quickly fled the store on foot, entered a vehicle, and subsequently fled from Det. Lebbly when he attempted to conduct a vehicle stop.

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A pursuit ensued, but it was quickly terminated. Through investigation, it was determined that the suspicious individuals had committed a retail theft. This continues to be an active investigation.

On Wednesday, July 10, 2024, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched to a business in the Promenade which is in the Dresher section of Upper Dublin Township for the report of a disturbance and retail theft in progress. Upon arrival, it was determined that a retail theft had been committed and that the suspects had fled before the arrival of the police. Two (2) suspects had pulled out trash bags, filling them with merchandise before fleeing. The stolen items were valued at more than \$9,000. This continues to be an active investigation.

On Friday, July 12, 2024, Ofc. Timcho came upon what appeared to be a two-vehicle crash at Fort Washington Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue in the Fort Washington section of Upper Dublin Township. Through investigation, it was determined that the defendant was attempting to tow another vehicle when it crashed into a traffic pole. Ofc. Timcho determined that the driver exhibited signs of intoxication. After Ofc. Timcho conducted Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, the driver was subsequently arrested, processed, and charged with Driving Under the Influence of Drugs.

On Saturday, July 6, 2024, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched to the report of a residential burglary along Jeffrey Drive in the Dresher section of Upper Dublin Township. Upon arrival, Upper Dublin Police Officers discovered a burglary scene and requested the response of the on-call detective, Detective Devlin. While on scene, a trail camera was discovered, and it is believed that whoever had placed the trail camera at the residence was involved in the burglary. Later that same date, the residence caught fire under suspicious circumstances. The incidents are under investigation by the Detective Unit, with assistance from the Upper Dublin and Pennsylvania State Police Fire Marshal.

On Saturday, July 6, 2024, Cpl. Scheier along with Ofc. Borgmann and Ofc. Moreni assisted the Pennsylvania State Police in checking the area of Camp Hill Road and Virginia Drive, in the Fort Washington section of Upper Dublin Township for a driver who had walked away from the scene of a vehicle crash on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Upper Dublin Police Officers located an individual matching the description and determined that he was the driver who had fled the crash scene. Upon investigation, it was determined that the individual was found to be wanted out of Bucks County, Pennsylvania. He was also found in possession of methamphetamines, drug paraphernalia, and a handgun while being a person not to possess. He was turned over to the custody of the Pennsylvania State Police, who charged them with multiple related felonies and misdemeanors.

On Tuesday, July 9, 2024, Ofc. Spotts was dispatched to the 100 block of Bethlehem Pike for a report of theft of items from a trailer. Upon arrival, he spoke with the complainant who stated that two (2) generators and a power washer were secured to the outside of a trailer that was near a green Gator utility vehicle. The generators and power washer were locked together using a steel cable and Master lock. Upon arriving at the job site, he observed the rear trailer doors to be opened. He looked inside the trailer and saw it to be ransacked, with several power tools missing. The Master lock used to secure the trailer doors was cut and lying on the ground. He then realized that a generator and the power washers were missing. Ofc. Spotts contacted Det. Gallen who responded to the scene and began an

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in-depth investigation. Det. Gallen reviewed the available video and was able to identify a vehicle and a suspect. This continues to be an active investigation.

On Wednesday, July 10, 2024, Ofc. Bortnichak investigated a two-vehicle crash at Butler Pike and Bethlehem Pike, in the Ambler section of Upper Dublin Township. Upon Ofc. Bortnichak arriving on-scene, he determined that one of the drivers exhibited signs of intoxication. The driver refused Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and was subsequently arrested, processed, and charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.

On Wednesday, July 17, 2024, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched to the 1900 block of Lincoln Drive East, in the Ambler section of Upper Dublin Township for the report of a motor vehicle theft. Upon investigation, the victim stated that while at a party he had lost the keys to his vehicle. His vehicle was later stolen from where it had been left before the keys were lost. The vehicle was later located and recovered in the City of Philadelphia, by Philadelphia Police Officers in the 35th district. This continues to be an active investigation.

On Thursday, July 18, 2024, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched to a business in the Promenade, which is in the Dresher section of Upper Dublin Township for the report of a retail theft. Through investigation Ofc. Fiedler and Ofc. Short determined that approximately \$1,350.00 worth of merchandise was stolen and that the suspect fled the store in a white Kia sedan. This continues to be an active investigation.

On Friday, July 19, 2024, Sgt. Shanahan and Corporal Madrak, along with Ofc. Miller, Ofc. Borgmann, and Ofc. Moreni, assisted the Whitmarsh Township Police Department during a search for an individual who had escaped an area mental health care facility while subject to an involuntary mental health commitment. Ofc. Borgmann deployed the police department's unmanned aerial system (drone), assisting a Whitmarsh Police drone operator and the Philadelphia Police Aviation Unit in checking the area for the subject. Despite an extensive search involving K-9 tracks, aerial resources, and police officers on foot and in vehicles, the subject was not located at that time.

On Sunday, July 21, 2024, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched to a business in the Promenade which is in the Dresher section of Upper Dublin Township for the report of a retail theft in progress. With the assistance of an off-duty police officer and the Horsham Township Police Department, three (3) adults and one (1) juvenile were located at a business across the street from the Promenade. Through investigation Ofc. Bortnichak and the assisting detectives determined that more than \$3,000.00 in stolen merchandise was recovered. Each of the adults was arrested and charged accordingly.



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On Sunday, July 21, 2024, Ofc. Borgmann and Ofc. Moreni conducted a vehicle stop in the area of Welsh Road and Tennis Avenue, in the Maple Glen section of Upper Dublin Township after observing a vehicle driving erratically along Welsh Road. The ensuing investigation determined that the driver was intoxicated. After Ofc. Borgmann conducted Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, the driver was subsequently arrested, processed, and charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. It was learned through a chemical test of the driver's blood that their BAC at the time of the vehicle stop was more than 0.2, the legal limit is .08.

On Monday, July 22, 2024, Ofc. Spotts and Ofc. Kimble located two (2) unoccupied vehicles at Mondauk Common Park, in the Fort Washington section of Upper Dublin Township. Utilizing security cameras, Cpl. Reading observed two (2) males fleeing across the main parking lot toward Dillon Road. While officers checked the area for these males, Ofc. Dease was dispatched to a house being egged a short distance away. Ofc. Spotts and Ofc. Kimble positioned themselves along the roadway and continued to watch the vehicles. A short time later two (2) younger males returned to the vehicles. Through investigation, it was discovered these males were the same males that had egged the house. The homeowner was updated but did not wish to prosecute. Instead, the males went to the home the next day and cleaned the house while apologizing for their actions.

On Tuesday, July 23, 2024, Ofc. Dease was dispatched to a business located in the 1900 block of Norristown Road, in the Maple Glen section of Upper Dublin Township for a report of a scam. Through investigation, it was determined that an individual had entered the store and tampered with select gift cards. The gift cards tampered with were for businesses such as Sephora, Apple, and Home Depot. It is unknown how many gift cards were tampered with, but this was one of many occurrences in the region in which the same individual placed fraudulent gift cards on store shelves for sale. This continues to be an active investigation.

On Tuesday, July 23, 2024, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched to a physical domestic in progress between husband and wife in the 1800 block of Perrin Court in the Maple Glen section of Upper Dublin Township. Upon arrival, they observed the female to have fresh injuries in numerous spots on her face and arms. The male was subsequently arrested for domestic assault. He was processed and then transported to Montgomery County Correctional Facility for arraignment.

On Tuesday, July 23, 2024, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched to a business in the Promenade which is in the Dresher section of Upper Dublin Township for the report of a retail theft. Through investigation Ofc. Fiedler and Ofc. Short determined that approximately \$1,500.00 worth of merchandise was stolen and that the suspects fled the store in a white Acura sport utility vehicle. This continues to be an active investigation.

On Tuesday, July 23, 2024, Upper Dublin Police Officers were dispatched to a business in the Promenade which is in the Dresher section of Upper Dublin Township for the report of a retail theft. Through investigation Ofc. Fiedler and Ofc. Short determined the suspect paid for groceries, but had left the store without paying for vitamins, gum, and mints. The suspect was in the parking lot and later admitted to paying for some of the items and concealing the others. She was subsequently arrested for retail theft, processed, and issued a non-traffic citation for retail theft.

Community Response Unit

On Wednesday, July 17, 2024, Cpl. Madrak provided Workplace Safety Training to staff at Brandywine Assisted Living. There were approximately 15 staff members who attended this training. There were several questions asked by the staff members and the training lasted approximately one (1) hour.

On Friday, July 26, 2024, Sgt. Lavenberg had the opportunity to talk to Upper Dublin Parks and Recreation campers about bicycle safety. Following the presentation, he participated in a bike rodeo with the children.

On Saturday, July 27, 2024, Ofc. Borgmann collaborated with Sprouts Market in the Promenade to engage with community members.

During July, Ofc. Bochanski conducted Motor Carrier Enforcement Details. The purpose of these enforcement details is to ensure that trucks traveling through Upper Dublin Township are safe to operate. During one enforcement detail in July, Officer Bochanski located a loaded tractor-trailer that went over a weight-restricted bridge. While conducting a closer inspection of the truck, Officer Bochanski located two (2) sets of brakes that had issues, including one that was completely inoperable. Officer Bochanski continues to help keep our community safe.

In collaboration with the Upper Dublin Public Library, a survey was sent out requesting information about the community's needs as it relates to the quarterly Public Safety Speaker Series. The survey can be accessed at the following link: [PSSS - AD&L Topic Survey \(typeform.com\)](https://www.typeform.com/survey/PSSS-AD&L-Topic-Survey).

Training

Ofc. Thomas serves as the police department's physical fitness coordinator. To continue with this certificate, had to complete a Physical Fitness Coordinator Recertification course that was sponsored by the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association. On Friday, July 12, 2024, Ofc. Thomas completed the course, and his certification remains valid until July of 2027.

On Monday, July 15 through Thursday, July 18, 2024, Ofc. Marchesani attended Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) training (drone). Also, to fly a UAS under the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Small UAS Rule (Part 107), a Remote Pilot Certificate must be obtained from the FAA.

The certificate demonstrates that the pilot understands the regulations, operating requirements, and procedures for safely flying drones. Ofc. Marchesani successfully obtained his certification. He, along with four (4) additional Upper Dublin Police Officers are now trained and certified in the use of the Department's two (2) drones. These drones are utilized by the Department to assist in investigations such as missing persons, serious vehicle crashes, and crime scenes.

Statistics

Table 1. Department-wide activity for July 2024

Type of Activity	Total
Calls for Service	1,914

Investigative and Supplemental Reports	167
Crash Reports	38
Directed Patrols	285
Foot Patrols	0
Vehicle Stops	265
Premise Checks	133
Premise Checks – Schools	0
Premise Checks – Vacant	34

Table 2. Community Response Unity activity for July 2024

Type of Activity	Total
Abandon Vehicle Complaints	4
School Bus Violation Investigations	0
Traffic Complaints	1
Traffic Surveys	0
Variable Message Board Deployment	0

Table 3. Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program Inspections and Enforcement Details for July 2024

Type of Activity	Total
Level-1 Inspections	8
Level-3 Inspections	8
Citations Issued	51
Driver's Out-of-Service	0
Vehicles Out-of-Service	4

Table 4. Aggressive Driving Enforcement Details for July 2024

Type of Activity	Total
Details Conducted	2
Vehicle Contacted	16
Citations Issued	13
Arrests	0



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Francis X. Wheatley, Chief of Police



Community Engagement

Sprouts @ The Promenade



Bicycle Safety

Upper Dublin Parks & Recreation
Department - Campers

July 4th

Oreland Parade





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*For they shall not rely on their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.
Isaiah 40:31 KJV*

Pastor EDWARD B. Johnson

WHICH OCCURRED ON JUNE 25, 2024

ORDER OF SERVICES

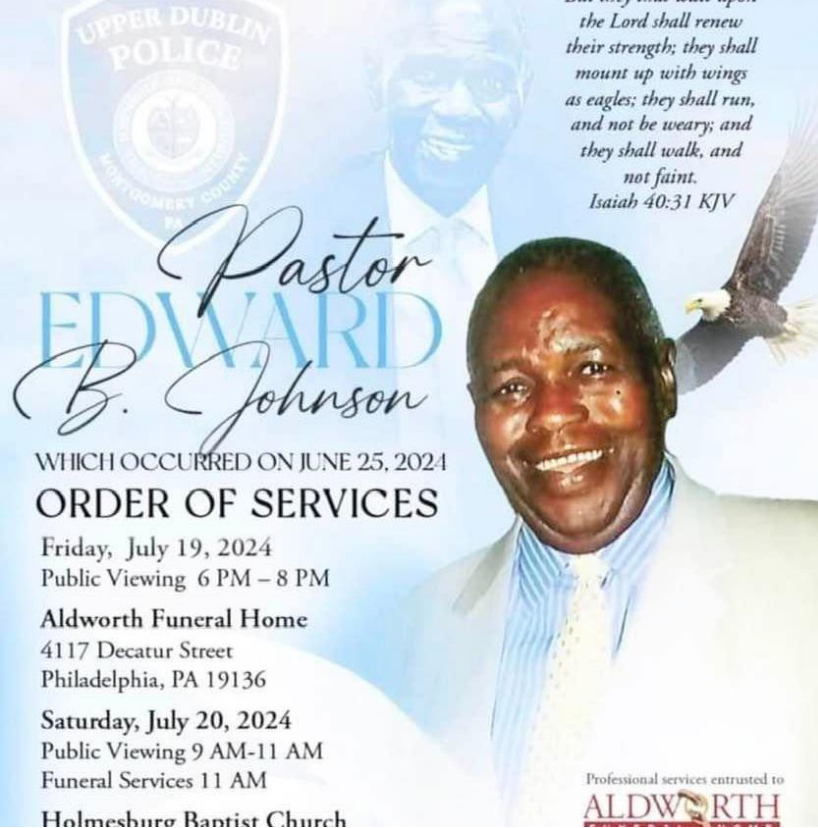
Friday, July 19, 2024
Public Viewing 6 PM – 8 PM

Aldworth Funeral Home
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Philadelphia, PA 19136

Saturday, July 20, 2024
Public Viewing 9 AM-11 AM
Funeral Services 11 AM

Holmesburg Baptist Church

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