MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Message from the Chief

On behalf of the men and women of the Montgomery Township Police Department, it is my honor to present our 2019 Annual Report. This report has been created to provide you with a brief snapshot of the Department's activity in 2019 to include community programs, Department news, and statistical information. In this year's Annual Report, we have chosen to spotlight some of the technology that the members of our Department utilize to provide police services to our community. One of the Department's major initiatives in 2019 was the implementation of our body-worn camera program. With the financial assistance of both the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and the Department of Justice, the Department was able to secure funding to purchase a body camera for every sworn officer in the Department. The Department's body-worn camera program provides for better evidence collection, enhanced officer accountability, more accurate documentation of the events, improved communication between the police and the public, and the ability to use the videos as training tools for improving police performance.

In closing, the members of the Montgomery Township Police Department would like to thank you for your continued support, and we hope that you find this annual report to be both informative and interesting. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,
J. Scott Bendig
Chief of Police

Our Mission

The mission of the Montgomery Township Police Department is to achieve and maintain a highly professional organization that affirmatively promotes, preserves and delivers a feeling of security, safety and quality service to members of the residential, commercial and industrial community.

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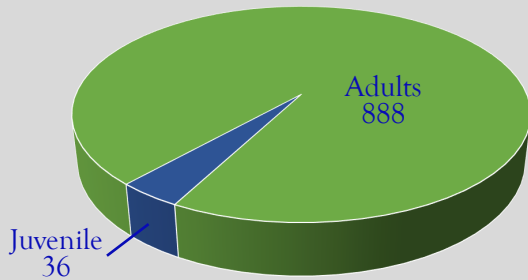Sign up for E-News at www.montgomerytwp.org
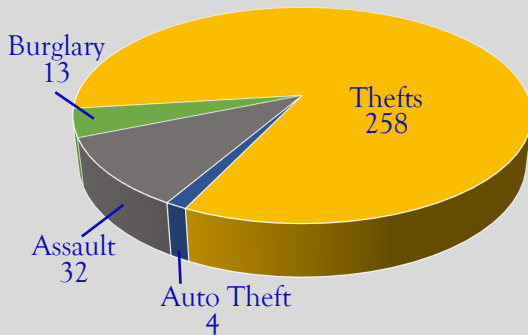
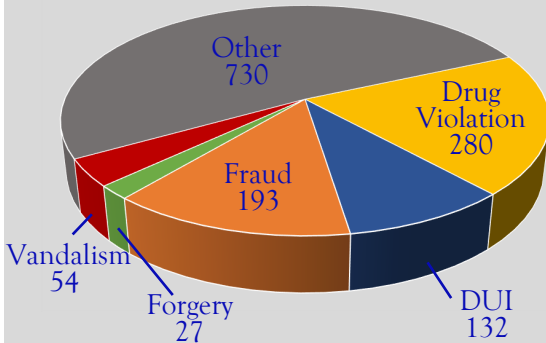Follow us on Twitter @MontTwp

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2019 Statistics

Arrests

Adults
888

Juvenile
36

Part I Offenses

Burglary
13

Thefts
258

Assault
32

Auto Theft
4

Part II Offenses

Other
730

Drug
Violation
280

Fraud
193

Vandalism
54

Forgery
27

DUI
132

2019 Grant Money

In 2019, the Montgomery Township Police Department received $91,654.56 in county, state, and federal funding. This funding was used to conduct seat belt, impaired driving, and drug enforcement details as well as to purchase equipment.

Smart911™ Have You Registered?

Smart 911 is a free service provided by the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety. You can provide 911 call takers and first responders with critical information you want them to know in an emergency. For more information, or to register, visit www.smart 911.com.
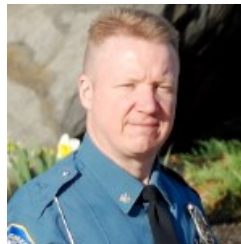
Department News

Seven Seals Award

Chief Bendig and Officer Rose were honored to accept the Seven Seals Award on behalf of the Department from Major General Wesley E. Craig, U.S. Army (Ret.). The Seven Seals Award is presented in recognition of significant organizational achievement, initiative, or support that promotes and supports the employment and military service of members of the National Guard and Reserve in the United States.
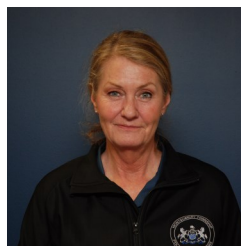
Congratulations On Your Retirement!

John McGready
Detective

Montgomery Township Police Department had two members retire in 2019. Detective John McGready and Communications Supervisor Jo Marie Pearson. Detective McGready started his career with the department in May of 1994. He worked as a Patrolman until he became Detective in June of 2011, where he would finish out his career.

Jo Marie Pearson

Communications Supervisor Pearson started her career with the department in August of 1992 as a dispatcher. She worked her way up to Communications Supervisor in June of 2011. Both have proven to be an asset to the department and they will truly be missed! Best wishes on your next chapter!

District Attorney Recognition

Detective Todd Walter and Officer Dan Rose were recognized on May 8, 2019 for their outstanding law enforcement efforts by Montgomery County District Attorney, Kevin Steele. Detective Walter was recognized for his efforts in apprehending two serial rooftop burglars and Officer Rose for his arrest of an individual for trafficking drugs and stolen guns.

Detective Todd Walter

Officer Dan Rose

Police Technology

Ever wonder what a police vehicle is equipped with? What happens when a prisoner is brought back to the station? What does a body camera look like? Montgomery Township Police Department uses some of the latest technology to aid in everyday police work. This section will go over some technology that our police officers use while on duty.

Body Camera and In-Car Camera Systems

In 2019, the police department adopted the use of officer-worn body cameras and upgraded the existing patrol car camera and audio system. The new body cameras and car camera systems provide officers with the ability to document police interactions with the public and offenders. The new body camera and car camera system is able to link video and audio recordings from different officers and synchronize them for an accurate account of police interactions.

ALPR (Automatic License Plate Recognition

Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) systems are one of the most powerful tools now available to law enforcement agencies. These systems have the ability to identify vehicles that may have arrest warrants associated with them, while increasing officer efficiency and safety. ALPR systems are also capable of assisting officers to keep the streets safe by providing vehicle information to include insurance cancelations, suspended registrations, stolen vehicles, and other vehicle registration violations.

Noptic and Scion Thermal Devices

The Scion Thermal Device is a handheld monocular that gives officers the ability to see heat sources under diminished light situations. This handheld thermal imager provides officers a valuable tool for the detection of suspects and evidence as well as the ability to locate a missing subject in an area with heavy vegetation. This handheld thermal device is pivotal in areas where a police vehicle-mounted thermal camera is unable to be used due to terrain or stealthy necessities. The Noptic thermal device is a thermal camera that is mounted on the spotlight of a police vehicle. The thermal image is shown on the police vehicles in-car computer. By mounting the thermal camera on the spotlight, the camera can be swiveled for a greater viewing area.

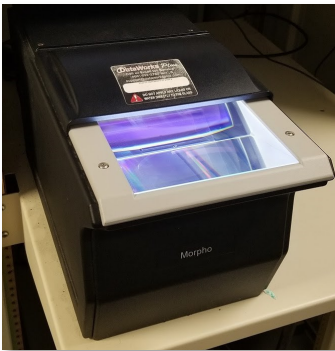**Scion Thermal**

Noptic Thermal

Mobile Fingerprint Scanner

The mobile fingerprint scanner is a device that can be used on the street to assist law enforcement with the identity of a subject who is providing false identification to the police during an investigation. The mobile fingerprint scanner is also capable of verifying the identity of a subject that is suspected of having a warrant for their arrest. The device works by comparing fingerprints with records in the Pennsylvania State Police Automated Fingerprint Identification System through a secured server established by the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association and the Pennsylvania Justice Network. Police are required to ask for consent before administering mobile ID and, it can only be used in situations where reasonable suspicion exists.

Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) and Commonwealth Photo Imagine Network (CPIN)

The Montgomery Township Police Department houses an AFIS and CPIN system that is used for the processing of prisoners after they are arrested. The AFIS equipment allows officers to electronically capture a person's fingerprints that are automatically checked through the Pennsylvania State Police Automated Fingerprint Identification System and will provide the police officer with criminal arrest information for anytime the subject was fingerprinted regardless of the name they provided to law enforcement. The CPIN system is used to uniformly capture an arrested person's image and store it for future retrievals, facial recognition investigations, or investigative photograph arrays.

Montgomery County Judicial Video Conferencing Network

The Montgomery County Judicial Video Conferencing Network is a secure two way video and audio system. The Network allows law enforcement and Magisterial District Judges the ability to conduct preliminary arraignments in a physically secure environment. This is done within the department's detention facility while the Magisterial District Judge may remain at their corresponding district court facilities. The Montgomery County Judicial Video Conferencing Network can also be used for the judicial approval of search warrants and emergency Protection from Abuse Orders.

Do You Own a Ring Camera?

Montgomery Township Police Department is pleased to announce our partner ship with Ring. Subscribers of Ring have an app known as the Neighbors App. This app is a digital neighborhood watch that both law enforcement and the public can access free of charge. As part of our partnership, Montgomery Township Police can send a message to Ring subscribers through the Neighbors App to request video from their camera when investigating an active incident in the area. The subscriber can then voluntarily chose to share video with the department. This partnership also increases communication with the community to alert of any incidents in the area. Montgomery Township Police can post information in the app to keep Ring subscribers informed of any incidents, crime, or issues in neighborhoods. If you would like more information, please feel free to email us at police@montgomerytwp.org.

DARE

Shop with a Cop

National Night Out

Memorial Day Event

First Pitch at Opening Day

Drug Take Back

Special Needs Halloween Bash

Montgomery Elementary Field Day

Montgomery County Health and Human Services

BASIC NEEDS | **CHILDREN AND FAMILIES** | **TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS** | **ADULTS AND SENIORS** | **INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES/ AUTISM** | **VETERANS** | **BUSINESS/ NON-PROFIT** | **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services provides a variety of resources that fosters, supports and enhances the health and well-being of residents in Montgomery County. If you are a resident of Montgomery Township, you can utilize any of these programs the County Health and Human Services provide. There is a wide range of assistance to include mental health, drug and alcohol assistance, educational programs and senior citizen programs, just to name a few.

Montgomery County
Department of
Health and Human Services

For more information on Montgomery County Health and Human Services, visit www.montcopa.org/2783/Health-and-Human-Services

WHOLE PERSON. WHOLE FAMILY. WHOLE COMMUNITY.

Reminder!

Montgomery Township Police Department has a MedReturn Drug Collection Unit in the police lobby. You can bring in your unused prescription medications to properly dispose of them. All medications being disposed must be sealed in the original container or a zip-lock bag. Make sure to remove all personal information!

The 2020 Census is underway! The Census is an important means to gather population count in the United States. Montgomery Township Police would like to remind you that the Census Bureau will NEVER ask for your social security number, your bank account information or solicit for money or donations. The Census Bureau will also not send emails to request your participation. If someone visits your home, you can ask to verify their identity. For more information or questions, visit 2020census.gov.
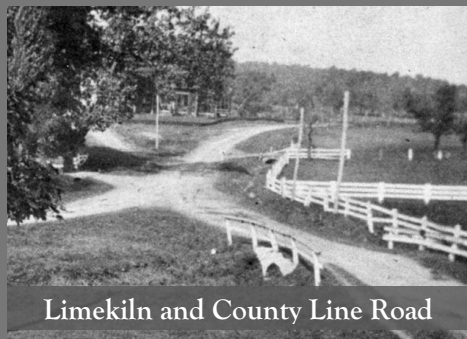
Don't Fall Victim to Purse Theft

In 2019, Montgomery Township Police saw an increase in thefts from purses. You can protect yourself from this type of theft by practicing these simple suggestions:

- Do not leave your purse in a shopping cart unattended.

- Do not hang your purse over a chair where it is out of view.

- Avoid carrying all your valuables in your purse such as your passport or social security card.

- Hold your purse close to you when in crowds.

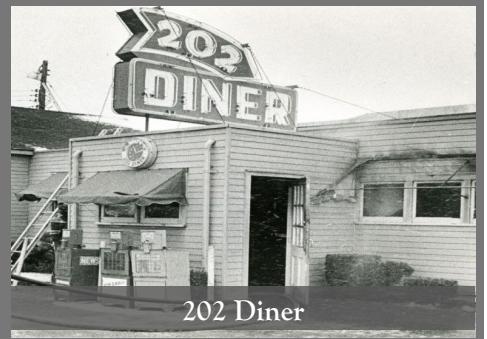- When travelling, use anti-theft products such as a bra pouch or money belt.

Like our Facebook page or visit www.montgomerytownship.org for community events and programs! For more information on anything contained in this report, please contact us at 215-362-2301 or email: police@montgomerytwp.org.

Former Police Station

Limekiln and County Line Road

202 Diner

2019 GENERAL POLICE ACTIVITY

CALLS FOR SERVICE	Total Calls for Service	32393
	Building Alarms	1331
	Directed Patrols	3345
	Vehicle Lockouts	241
CRIMINAL OFFENSES	Part I Offenses	304
	Part II Offenses	1418
	Total Criminal Offenses Reported	1722
	Part I Offense Arrests	146
	Part II Offense Arrests	778
	Total Arrests	924
VEHICLE CRASHES	Reportable Vehicle Crashes	250
	Non-Reportable Vehicle Crashes	885
	Total Vehicle Crashes	1135
	Injuries Resulting from Vehicle Crashes	133
	Fatalities Resulting from Vehicle Crashes	2
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	Selective Traffic Enforcement Details	1587
	Traffic Stops	10494
	Traffic Citations Issued	4911
	Police Warning Notices	346
	Field Contact Cards	6628

2019 FBI UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING

	Type of Offense	Total Cases	Total Arrests
PART I OFFENSES	Murder	1	0
	Manslaughter	0	0
	Rape	0	0
	Robbery	3	2
	Assault (Aggravated)	6	6
	Assault (Non-Aggravated)	19	15
	Burglary & Unlawful Entry	13	3
	Theft (Excluding Auto Theft)	258	120
	Auto Theft	4	0
	Arson	0	0
	Total Part I Offenses	304	146
PART II OFFENSES	Forgery & Counterfeiting	27	16
	Fraud	193	17
	Stolen Property	9	2
	Vandalism	54	6
	Weapons Offenses	4	6
	Vice & Prostitution	4	4
	Sex Offenses	8	4
	Drug Law Violation	282	338
	Gambling	0	0
	Offense Against Family	185	0
	Driving Under the Influence	132	131
	Liquor Law Violation	6	14
	Public Drunkenness	33	34
	Disorderly Conduct	23	14
	All Other Offenses	458	192
	Total Part II Offenses	1418	778
	TOTAL OFFENSES	1722	924