

2021

ANNUAL REPORT



MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



On behalf of the men and women of the Montgomery Township Police Department, it is my honor and privilege to present to you our 2021 Annual Report. 2021 proved to be another difficult year. The COVID-19 Pandemic has challenged society to change our traditional ways of navigating many aspects of life, some of which have not been pleasant. Automated customer service has become more commonplace. Respect and the sanctity of life have waned. Thankfully, such is not the case in your police department. I am proud to say that excellence, honor, and integrity are and continue to serve as the cornerstones of the service we provide to the Montgomery Township Community.

2021 saw several concerning call-for-service trends within our department. Fraud increased by nearly 67%, many cases resulting from deceptive online transactions and other identity theft-related scams. Our department works with other local, state, and federal officials to investigate these crimes, but they stretch beyond our borders in many cases. Remember, if the opportunity seems too good to be true, it probably is!

Another alarming increase was noted in calls-for-service involving individuals dealing with mental health issues. Our department continues to work with mental health professionals to provide those in our community with the resources needed to navigate these issues. Our department's efforts surrounding these calls-for-service are further highlighted in this Annual Report.

In closing, we would like to thank you for your continuous support and hope you find this Annual Report informative and interesting. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,
J. Scott Bendig
Chief of Police

Welcome New Recruits

Officer Michael Rardin and Officer Eric Hernandez were sworn in as Recruit Police Officers at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday, August 23, 2021. Congratulations and welcome to Montgomery Township Police!

Officer Michael Rardin



Officer Eric Hernandez

Planning a trip?

The Montgomery Township Police Department conducts vacation checks to ensure your property is safe while you are away. If you would like to schedule vacation checks for your property, please call the department at 215-362-2301.



2021 Grant Money

In 2021, the Montgomery Township Police Department received \$93,083.77 in county, state, and federal funding. This funding was used to conduct seat belt, impaired driving, and other enforcement details, as well as purchase equipment.

ONE MIND CAMPAIGN

In 2021 the department completed a pledge they took to improve their response to those suffering from mental illness in their community. The pledge is part of an initiative called the One Mind Campaign started by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP).

In completing the One Mind Pledge, the Montgomery Township Police Department established a sustainable partnership with a local mental health organization, developed and implemented a model policy to address officers' interactions with those affected by mental illness, and ensured that all of their officers received mental health awareness training. Over 40 percent of the department has completed more intensive Crisis Intervention Specialist training.

The most significant benefit in adopting all of the strategies of the One Mind Campaign pledge has been an increased overall awareness in understanding how to better navigate with and help those suffering from mental illness within our community.

With the completion of this pledge, the Montgomery Township Police Department becomes only the fourth (and the largest) agency in the Commonwealth to complete this initiative, and the first in Montgomery County.

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

Sensory Toolkits

Recently, our department was fortunate enough to receive sensory toolkits through the gracious donations of our Bridle Path and Montgomery Elementary school communities. These toolkits will be provided to each officer to utilize in helping calm or stimulate a child's nervous system if ever needed during an interaction with our officers.

These toolkits were given to the department after recent training completed by our officers with Bridle Path Elementary's Board Certified Behavior Analyst Jess Klein and Occupational Therapist Dr. Kristen Posner in de-escalation strategies and sensory processing.

Thank you to Ms. Klein, Dr. Posner, and the North Penn School District community!



ICAT Training

In 2021, our officers completed departmental in-service training. Officers received instruction in mental health awareness, crime scene investigation, and ICAT Training.

ICAT, Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics, is a training program that provides officers with the tools, skills, and options they need to successfully and safely defuse a range of critical incidents. ICAT takes the essential building blocks of critical thinking, crisis intervention, communications, and tactics, and puts them together in an integrated approach to training.

ICAT is designed especially for situations involving persons who are unarmed or armed, and who may be experiencing a mental health crisis. The training program helps officers assess the situations and make safe, effective decisions.

MENTAL HEALTH HOTLINE NUMBERS

Mobile Crisis: 1-855-634- HOPE (4673)

Teen Talk: 1-866-825-5856 TEXT: 215-703-8411

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health): 215-362-7784

National Suicide Prevention: 1-800-273-8255

Montgomery County Emergency Services: 844-455-7455

Highway Safety

The objective of the Montgomery Township Police Highway Safety Unit (HSU) is to reduce traffic crashes and improve highway safety for both township residents and commuters.

The MTPD HSU is committed to reducing the number of crashes involving large trucks and buses through the enforcement of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. Highway Safety Officers Dunlap and Jenkins are certified in the enforcement of these regulations and carry out regular enforcement details and traffic stops. During these enforcement details/traffic stops, motor carrier vehicles and the drivers are thoroughly inspected for safety and qualification violations.

MTPD has also partnered with at least nine other local police departments creating the Montgomery/Bucks Motor Carrier Enforcement Team. Together, the team stopped over 230 motor carrier vehicles in 2021 and identified over 380 violations. Of those stopped, 48 vehicles/drivers were found to have serious violations and were placed out-of-service.



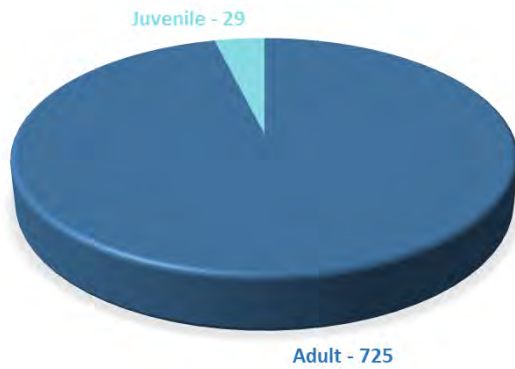
Region 6 Police Dog-1 Field Trials



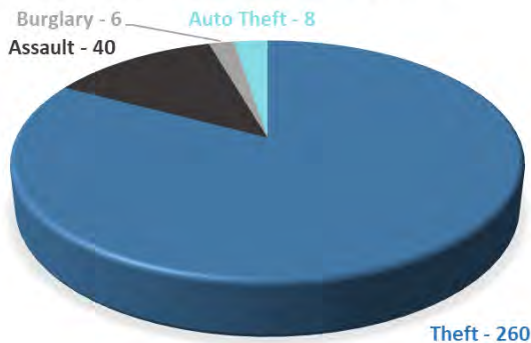
The participating teams were judged in agility, obedience, scent work, article search and apprehension work. The Montgomery Township Police Department would like to congratulate our Canine Unit for placing second overall as a team! Great job to everyone who participated.



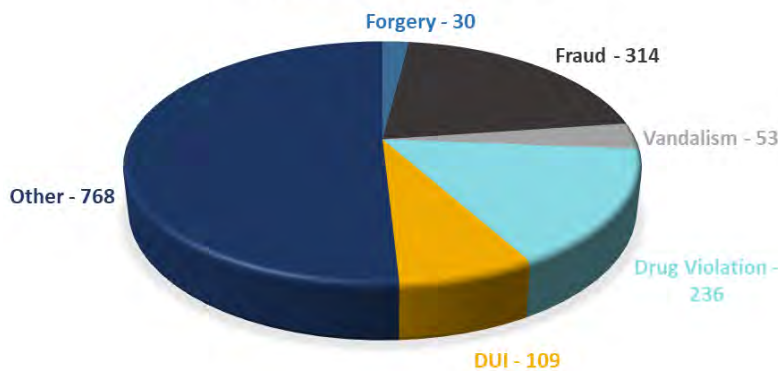
2021 ARRESTS (754)



2021 PART I OFFENSES (318)



2021 PART II OFFENSES (1510)



Need help?

Call the 24-hour Hotline:

1-800-642-3150 or

Text "HOPE" to 85511

Laurel House is dedicated to the vision of ending domestic violence in each life, home, and community.

The mission of Laurel House is to:

- Advocate for and empower those impacted by domestic violence by providing crisis intervention, safe haven, supportive programs and resources
- Advance social change through preventative education, community training, and collaboration to foster a coordinated response to domestic abuse

To learn more or for ways to get involved, visit laurel-house.org.

2021 EVENTS





Protect Yourself from Gift Card Scams

Scammers Are Very Convincing!

Scammers will pretend to be someone they are not to fool you into paying them with gift cards. They will pressure you or scare you into acting quickly.

Common Gift Card Scams

- The caller says they are from the government, such as the IRS or Social Security
- Someone calls from Tech Support saying something is wrong with your computer
- You won a prize but first you must pay fees
- Utility Company who threatens to cut off your service
- Someone calls with a pretend emergency and asks to send money right away

These scammers will ask for gift cards as payment. Gift cards are for GIFTS not for payment! If someone calls you and demands that you pay them in gift cards, they are more than likely a scammer.

If someone asks you to pay them with gift cards, report it to the Federal Trade Commission at ReportFraud.ftc.gov. If you lost money, report it to your local law enforcement.

For more information, visit <http://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/gift-card-scams>

Did you see Tinsel around town? If not, no worries! Tinsel will be back from the North Pole during the Holiday Season to help collect Santa Mail. Be on the look out for Tinsel in 2022!



Montgomery Township Police participates in numerous food drives throughout the year. Check our Facebook page for more information regarding collections for 2022.



Police Athletic League

The North Penn Police Athletic League is a youth crime prevention program that utilizes educational, athletic and recreational activities to create trust and understanding between police officers and youth. All kids ages 8 to 18 are invited to join this free program!



For more information on activities in 2022, check our Facebook page!

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2021 GENERAL POLICE ACTIVITY		
CALLS FOR SERVICE	Total Calls for Service	29899
	Building Alarms	1228
	Directed Patrols	4226
	Vehicle Lockouts	205
CRIMINAL OFFENSES	Part I Offenses	318
	Part II Offenses	1510
	Total Criminal Offenses Reported	1828
	Part I Offense Arrests	108
	Part II Offense Arrests	646
	Total Arrests	754
VEHICLE CRASHES	Reportable Vehicle Crashes	220
	Non-Reportable Vehicle Crashes	682
	Total Vehicle Crashes	902
	Injuries Resulting from Vehicle Crashes	132
	Fatalities Resulting from Vehicle Crashes	0
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	Selective Traffic Enforcement Details	1583
	Traffic Stops	9031
	Traffic Citations Issued	4426
	Police Warning Notices	89
	Field Contact Cards	5932

2021 FBI UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING			
PART I OFFENSES	Type of Offense	Total Cases	Total Arrests
	Murder	0	0
	Manslaughter	0	0
	Rape	1	0
	Robbery	3	1
	Assault (Aggravated)	4	5
	Assault (Non-Aggravated)	36	30
	Burglary & Unlawful Entry	6	0
	Theft (Excluding Auto Theft)	260	72
	Auto Theft	8	0
	Arson	0	0
	Total Part I Offenses	318	108
PART II OFFENSES	Forgery & Counterfeiting	30	10
	Fraud	314	12
	Stolen Property	26	13
	Vandalism	53	1
	Weapons Offenses	5	6
	Vice & Prostitution	0	0
	Sex Offenses	13	2
	Drug Law Violation	236	274
	Gambling	0	0
	Offense Against Family	178	3
	Driving Under the Influence	109	108
	Liquor Law Violation	7	14
	Public Drunkenness	34	31
	Disorderly Conduct	33	16
	All Other Offenses	472	156
	Total Part II Offenses	1510	646
	TOTAL OFFENSES	1828	754