



ANNUAL REPORT

2022



Message from the Chief



Dear Community Members,

On behalf of the men and women of the Montgomery Township Police Department, it is my honor to present our 2022 Annual Report. Included in this report, you will find information regarding our community activities over this past year, department happenings, statistical data, and other helpful information surrounding law enforcement-related issues and concerns specific to our community.

2022 was another busy year! Traffic in our municipality has returned to pre-pandemic levels. With this upsurge in traffic, our department saw a 16% increase in traffic crashes. A great majority of these crashes were attributed to inattentive or distracted driving. While our department continues to strive for a reduction in these crashes through education, and enforcement, we can all play a part in the fight to save lives by ending distracted driving.

Our department also saw several changes to our staff and leadership team this past year. With change comes growth. Your department continues to hold its officers and staff to the highest standards. The dedicated professionals that make up the Montgomery Township Police Department will continue to provide the level of service that those in our community have grown accustomed to that keeps our community safe.

In closing, the members of our department appreciate and thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
J. Scott Bendig
Chief of Police

2022 Grant Money

In 2022, the Montgomery Township Police Department received \$47,315 in county, state, and federal funding. This funding is used to conduct seat belt, impaired driving, and other enforcement details, well as purchase equipment.

Congratulations

Lieutenant Gerry Dougherty graduated from the 509th Class of the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command.

Officer Matthew Seydel received the DUI Top Gun Award. This award was presented to Officer Seydel by the Pennsylvania DUI Association.

On November 17th, Officer Robert Johnson was presented with the Hometown Hero Award for his service to the community and township.



Welcome

On May 9, 2022, Officer Hannah Moran and Officer Sean Orrison were sworn in at the Board of Supervisors meeting.



Promotion

On September 1, 2022, Officer Joseph Schott was promoted to Sergeant. Congratulations Sergeant Schott!



Saying Goodbye

On August 31, 2022, Sergeant Robert Hart retired after 35 years of service with Montgomery Township Police. On September 12, 2022, Officer Brian Gerrard retired after 25 years of service with the department. Congratulations and thank you for your service!



Canine News

On January 11, 2022, Canine Cody passed away suddenly. Cody was the faithful partner of Officer McGuigan.



Welcome Canine Dante and Canine Riggs!



After eight years of service, Canine Major has retired! Canine Major started with the department in 2015 specializing in patrol work and drug detection. Major worked alongside Officer Woch and responded to over 800 calls for service.



Pedestrian Safety Tips



UNPLUG

Don't be a distracted walker. Put electronic devices away.

MAKE EYE CONTACT

Don't walk until traffic stops. Never assume a driver sees you.

BE BRIGHT

Wear brightly colored clothing or reflective gear at night.

NEVER JAYWALK

Use crosswalks and intersections.

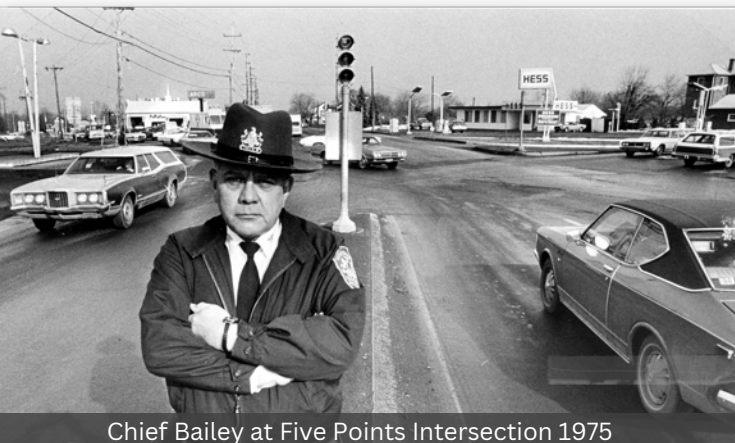
WATCH FOR TURNING

Keep an eye out for turning vehicles.

▶ Always be alert. Use sidewalks when available and avoid alcohol. ◀

For more information, visit penndot.gov

Blast from the Past



Chief Bailey at Five Points Intersection 1975



Training

Officer from our department completed Active Shooter training, concentrating on those critical police actions in the first few minutes of an incident.





Spot the Scam



Phishing is a type of online scam that targets consumers by sending them an email that appears to be from a well-known source. It asks the consumer to provide personal identifying information that can be used to open new accounts. *For more information, visit <https://consumer.ftc.gov/>*

Generic Greetings

Phishing messages often begin with impersonal greetings.

Attachments

Attachments can contain malware, so do not open unless you know its legitimate.

Fake URL

If the web address looks suspicious, don't click on anything.

Asks for Sensitive Information

Never provide personal, credit card, or account info via email, text, or phone.

Poorly Written

Typos, misspellings, and incorrect grammar are common in phishing messages.

Sense of Urgency

Advise you to take immediate action and warn you of problems that will compromise your account if you don't.

Drug Take Back

The department is proud to share that 106 pounds of expired and unused medication was collected for safe disposal during Drug Take Back Day on April 30th. A reminder that over-the-counter and prescription medications are collected year round at the department for safe disposal.



Distracted Driving

IT CAN WAIT

What is Distracted Driving?

Distracted driving is any activity that takes your attention away from driving. This includes talking and texting on the phone, eating, talking to people in the car, changing the radio, using navigation, personal grooming, etc.

TEXTING is the most alarming distraction. Sending or reading a text can take your eyes off the road for 5 seconds. At 55mph that's like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed.

You cannot drive safely unless the task of driving is your **FULL ATTENTION**. Any activity you engage in while driving increases your risk of crashing. Don't be the cause of harm to yourself or anyone else.

For more information, visit <http://www.nhtsa.gov>

Communications

Communication Specialists are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at the Montgomery Township Police Department. The primary role of a Communication Specialist at the police department is to effectively and efficiently perform communication activities that assist in police services for the public, members of the township, and sworn personnel. The daily job requirements of a Communications Specialist include:

- Directing calls that come into the non-emergency line
- Operating a multitude of databases such as the National Crime Information Center, Montgomery Township Records Management System, and the Montgomery County CAD system
- Monitoring the cell block through CCTV
- Communicating on a township monitored radio as well as county monitored radio
- Performing clerical duties
- Assisting sworn personnel and the public

Communication Specialists work in a fast-paced environment and multi-task throughout their day to ensure the safety of our officers and community.



Events



2022 GENERAL POLICE ACTIVITY		
CALLS FOR SERVICE	Total Calls for Service	31063
	Building Alarms	1399
	Directed Patrols	4726
	Vehicle Lockouts	191
CRIMINAL OFFENSES	Part I Offenses	404
	Part II Offenses	1304
	Total Criminal Offenses Reported	1708
	Part I Offense Arrests	171
	Part II Offense Arrests	539
	Total Arrests	710
VEHICLE CRASHES	Reportable Vehicle Crashes	298
	Non-Reportable Vehicle Crashes	747
	Total Vehicle Crashes	1045
	Injuries Resulting from Vehicle Crashes	164
	Fatalities Resulting from Vehicle Crashes	1
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	Selective Traffic Enforcement Details	1795
	Traffic Stops	8331
	Traffic Citations Issued	4290
	Police Warning Notices	89
	Field Contact Cards	5559

2022 FBI UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING			
PART I OFFENSES	Type of Offense	Total Cases	Total Arrests
	Murder	0	0
	Manslaughter	0	0
	Rape	1	2
	Robbery	3	4
	Assault (Aggravated)	10	8
	Assault (Non-Aggravated)	19	20
	Burglary & Unlawful Entry	15	6
	Theft (Excluding Auto Theft)	345	129
	Auto Theft	10	1
	Arson	1	1
	Total Part I Offenses	404	171
PART II OFFENSES	Forgery & Counterfeiting	28	17
	Fraud	219	12
	Stolen Property	32	8
	Vandalism	47	5
	Weapons Offenses	8	6
	Vice & Prostitution	1	0
	Sex Offenses	9	3
	Drug Law Violation	165	194
	Gambling	0	0
	Offense Against Family	170	0
	Driving Under the Influence	107	106
	Liquor Law Violation	7	10
	Public Drunkenness	33	34
	Disorderly Conduct	21	3
	All Other Offenses	457	141
	Total Part II Offenses	1304	539
	TOTAL OFFENSES	1708	710