

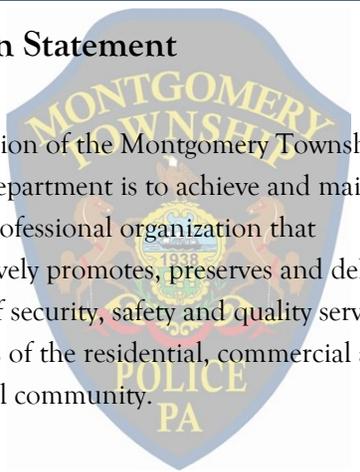
# MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

# 2018

## ANNUAL REPORT

### Mission Statement

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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### Message from the Chief

On behalf of the men and women of the Montgomery Township Police Department, it is my honor to present our 2018 Annual Report. The Montgomery Township Police Department is a full time, accredited law enforcement agency, dedicated to providing progressive and professional police services to our community. This annual report has been composed to provide you with a general overview of the Police Department's activities in 2018. This report includes information on units within the department, crime statistics, vehicle crash data, as well as information regarding the diversified community services provided by the department. In this annual report, you will find a snapshot of some of the events, activities, and changes that have occurred in the department over the past year. In addition, we have also included some valuable resources for parents on teen driving, e-cigarette use, and social media. Please be sure to check us out on social media for the most up-to-date resources and programs as we proceed through the year.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our department, and hope you find this Annual Report both informative and interesting. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,  
J. Scott Bendig  
Chief of Police

## Department News

### Congratulations to Lt. Peoples



Lt. William Peoples graduated from the 271st Session of the FBI's National Academy on March 16, 2018. The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for law enforcement leaders who are nominated by department heads for their leadership qualities.

### New Recruits

Montgomery Township Police welcomed Recruit Police Officers Connor Kreston and Nicholas Eufrazio. The new police recruits were sworn in at the Board of Supervisors meeting on May 29, 2018. Congratulations and welcome to the department!



Officer Nicholas Eufrazio



Officer Connor Kreston

### Sergeant Promotions



Sgt. Lee Wagner

We are proud to announce the promotions of Corporal Lee Wagner and Corporal Thomas Ward to the rank of Sergeant. Both were promoted at the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 11, 2018.

Throughout their careers, Sergeants Ward and Wagner have shown dedication and professionalism in the execution of their duties within the department.



Sgt. Thomas Ward

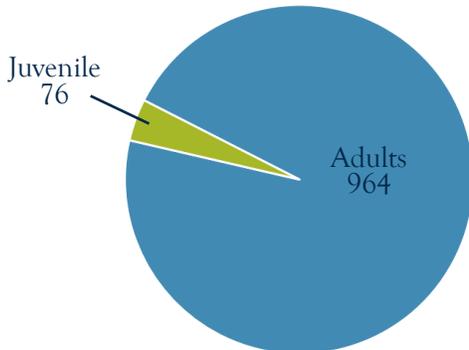
### SWAT Officer of the Year

Officer John Rushin was selected as the 2018 Montgomery County SWAT-Central Region Officer of the year! Officer Rushin was recognized for this achievement at the Board of Supervisors meeting on January 28, 2019. Officer Rushin is the fourth officer from Montgomery Township to receive this recognition.

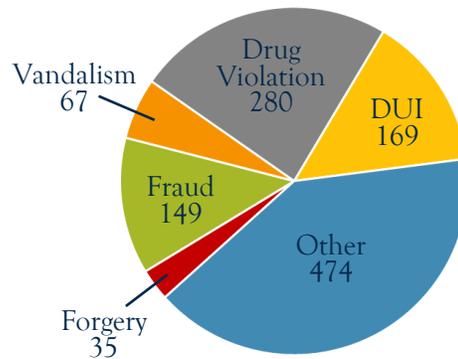


## 2018 Statistics

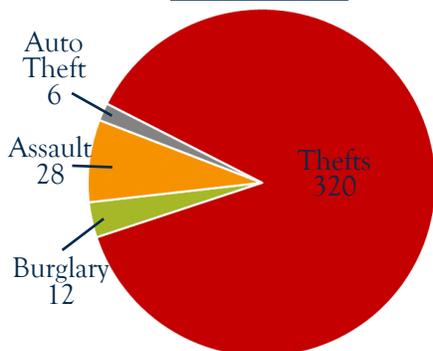
### Arrests



### Part II Offenses



### Part I Offenses



### 2018 Grant Money

In 2018, the Montgomery Township Police Department received \$72,521.43 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.

# TEEN CORNER

## Teen Driving Guide for Parents

It's time for your teen to drive, are you prepared? As a parent, it is important for us to set an example and know the rules of the road. Allow your teen to practice in various situations, during different times of the day and in all weather types. Set a good example and talk to your teen about your expectations and limitations. Research has shown parental involvement and monitoring helps teens make safe choices.

### Be Aware of the Eight Danger Zones

#### Driver Inexperience

Most crashes happen during the first year a teen has his or her license.

#### Driving with Teen Passengers

Crash risk increases when teens drive with other teens in the car. Limit the number of passengers.

#### Nighttime Driving

Fatal crashes are more likely to occur at night.

#### Not Using Seat Belts

Seat belts save lives. Make sure your teen buckles up every ride.

#### Distracted Driving

Don't allow your teen to partake activities that may take his/her attention away from driving.

#### Drowsy Driving

Teens are most tired and at risk when driving during the early morning or late at night. Be sure your teen is fully rested.

#### Reckless Driving

Have your teen avoid unsafe behaviors such as speeding and tailgating.

#### Impaired Driving

Be a good role model and don't drink and drive. Reinforce this with your teen.

To get more information, or to obtain your Safe Driving Guide visit [pakidstravelsafe.org](http://pakidstravelsafe.org)  
Information source: [www.teendriversource.org](http://www.teendriversource.org) and [www.cdc.gov/parentsarethekey/danger/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/parentsarethekey/danger/index.html)

## Electronic Cigarettes

### Tips for Parents

E-Cigarettes are battery operated devices that deliver nicotine and flavorings to the user in the form of an aerosol.



E-Cigarettes have many different names such as "e-cigs," "e-hookahs," "mods," "vape pens," "vapes," just to name a few.

Most e-cigarettes contain **nicotine**, which is highly addictive and can **harm brain development**. They also contain cancer-causing chemicals and flavoring linked to a serious lung disease.

Before the talk know the facts. Be patient and ready to listen. Set a positive example and be tobacco-free. Answer their questions and keep the conversation going. Share facts and resources with your teenager.



An increasingly popular e-cigarette, called JUUL, is shaped like a USB flash drive.

For more information or to obtain your vaping toolkit visit [www.montcopa.org/1339/Drug-Alcohol](http://www.montcopa.org/1339/Drug-Alcohol)

## Negative Effects of Social Media for Teens



Ninety-one percent of 16-24 year olds use the internet for social networking. Social media is described as being more addictive than cigarettes and alcohol.

### Negative Effects

- ◆ Increased rates of anxiety and depression
- ◆ Linked to poor sleep quality
- ◆ Body image concerns
- ◆ Cyberbullying

Instagram and Snapchat are considered the worst apps.

### What Can Parents Do?

Talk openly to your teen about the negative effects of social media. Advise them of the consequences for posting inappropriate pictures, posts or tweets. Set limits on social media and create ground rules. Urge your child to set privacy settings and to never give out personal information.

Information source: [www.smartsocial.com](http://www.smartsocial.com)

C O M M U N I T Y

**Citizen's Police Academy**

From March 6, 2018 to May 8, 2018, Montgomery Township citizens were provided with an in-depth look at the operation of the Montgomery Township Police Department. Participants learned about the different units in the department, and discussed various topics with officers such as financial crimes, the criminal justice system, crime scenes, and more.



**Emergency Services Day**



**National Night Out**



**Junior Police Academy**



**Autumn Festival**



**Coffee with a Cop**

Montgomery Township Police hosts and participates in multiple Coffee with a Cop events throughout the year. This is a great opportunity to meet officers in a casual environment to discuss issues, ideas or to ask questions. Look for our next Coffee with a Cop event!



For more information on our community events and programs, follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MontPolice](http://www.facebook.com/MontPolice).



Above: Officer Haber visiting the MMR Pre-K class to talk to the children about police work and answer questions. Right: Officer English attending the International Spring Festival.



**Halloween Bash & Trick or Treating**

Montgomery Township Police Officers handed out over 1400 bags of candy to boys and girls trick-or-treating for the 2018 Halloween holiday. Officers also attended the Pritchard Bieler Gruver & Wilson Halloween Bash for those with special needs. This event is held at the Montgomery Township Community and Recreation Center, and provides children with special needs the opportunity to trick-or-treat in a fun, yet safe environment.



Montgomery Township Police, along with several other agencies and volunteers, participated in the 23rd Annual Lieutenant Patty Simons Law Enforcement Food Drive. Over 27 tons of food were collected and donated. Thank you to the many residents and community members who donated!





## School Bus Safety

### Tips for Parents, Students and Drivers

The greatest risk to children is not riding a bus, but approaching or leaving one. For drivers, it is essential to understand and follow the Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law. Know your responsibilities as a driver. Every year children are injured or killed by drivers passing stopped school buses. Caregivers should take an active role in promoting school bus safety with children. In October, Montgomery Township Police participated in Operation Safe Stop. Operation Safe Stop is a proactive way to educate, monitor and enforce school bus safety. On this day, officers monitor numerous school bus stops throughout the township. Everyone plays an important role in keeping our children safe on or around the school bus.

#### Tips for Drivers

- When backing out of your driveway, watch for children walking to bus stops.
- Be alert. Children who are late getting to the bus stop may dart into the street without looking.
- Slow down! Watch for children walking in the street and playing at the bus stop.
- Learn and obey the school bus safety laws.

#### Tips for Parents and Students

- Be aware and cross with care! Wait until the school bus and all traffic has stopped before stepping out into the roadway.
- Always walk at least 10 feet in front of the bus.
- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic.
- Children should be supervised at the bus stop.
- Never cross the street behind the school bus.
- Get to the bus stop early so you won't have to run across the street.

*For more information on the school bus stopping law visit [www.dmv.state.pa.us](http://www.dmv.state.pa.us)  
Information Source [www.penndot.gov](http://www.penndot.gov) and [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)*

**DARE**  
TO RESIST DRUGS  
AND VIOLENCE.  
DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION



### Township Ordinances

A township ordinance is a law passed by a municipal government in matters of public safety, health, zone requirements, and general welfare. Montgomery Township ordinances are readily accessible to the public in an easy to search format via the Montgomery Township website under Planning and Zoning or via <https://www.ecode360.com/MO1293>.

### Police Athletic League



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

The program is now offered at the North Penn YMCA, Lansdale area branch. The Montgomery Township Police Department as well as Towamencin Township, Upper Gwynedd Township, Hatfield Township, Lansdale Borough, and North Wales Borough Police Departments make up the North Penn area PAL.



## If You See Something, Say Something Campaign

The Department of Homeland Security and its partners raise public awareness of the indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crime, as well as the importance of reporting suspicious activity, through the “If You See Something, Say Something” campaign. We can all keep our communities safe by paying attention to our surroundings and reporting all suspicious activity to local law enforcement.

### What is Suspicious Activity?

Suspicious activity is any observed behavior that could indicate terrorism or terrorism-related crime.

### Reporting Suspicious Activity

To report suspicious activity contact your local law enforcement. Describe what you observed including: who or what you saw, when you saw it, where it occurred, and why it was suspicious.



For more information visit the Homeland Security website at [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov)

## MTPD Patrol Vehicle Over the Years



## Detective Division

Montgomery Township Police has a Detective Division made up of four detectives and one detective sergeant. A Montgomery Township Police Detective works to gather evidence and facts for criminal cases. They compile evidence by observing suspects, interviewing witnesses and suspects, and examining physical evidence. Crimes are investigated by the Detective Division using such approaches as search warrants, DNA analysis, crime scene processing, fingerprint analysis, and facial recognition. Detectives receive specialized training to investigate crimes in an ever-changing world to include digital forensics, computer analysis, fraudulent credit cards, and identity theft. The Detective Division is in charge of the processing, labeling, and storage of all property in the department's evidence rooms.

## Accreditation Program

In 2001, the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association introduced the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Program to the Commonwealth as a means for the professionalization of law enforcement agencies. The cornerstone of this strategy lies in the 133 professional standards that accredited departments must successfully implement as a part of their policy manuals. Trained assessors conduct an on-site review of department's files, ensuring compliance with all professional standards. The Montgomery Township Police Department is one of only 116 law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth currently accredited, attaining our original accreditation in December 2004.



2018 GENERAL POLICE ACTIVITY		
CALLS FOR SERVICE	Total Calls for Service	32537
	Building Alarms	1494
	Directed Patrols	3244
	Vehicle Lockouts	277
CRIMINAL OFFENSES	Part I Offenses	366
	Part II Offenses	1174
	<b>Total Criminal Offenses Reported</b>	<b>1540</b>
	Part I Offense Arrests	141
	Part II Offense Arrests	862
	<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>1003</b>
VEHICLE CRASHES	Reportable Vehicle Crashes	224
	Non-Reportable Vehicle Crashes	940
	<b>Total Vehicle Crashes</b>	<b>1164</b>
	Injuries Resulting from Vehicle Crashes	143
	Fatalities Resulting from Vehicle Crashes	4
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	Selective Traffic Enforcement Details	1322
	Traffic Stops	10730
	Traffic Citations Issued	5037
	Police Warning Notices	348
	Field Contact Cards	6196

2018 FBI UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING				
PART I OFFENSES	Type of Offense	Total Cases	Total Arrests	
	Murder	0	0	
	Manslaughter	0	0	
	Rape	0	0	
	Robbery	0	2	
	Assault (Aggravated)	7	6	
	Assault (Non-Aggravated)	21	16	
	Burglary & Unlawful Entry	12	1	
	Theft (Excluding Auto Theft)	320	114	
	Auto Theft	6	2	
	Arson	0	0	
	<b>Total Part I Offenses</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>141</b>	
	PART II OFFENSES	Forgery & Counterfeiting	35	18
		Fraud	149	17
Stolen Property		4	5	
Vandalism		67	7	
Weapons Offenses		9	8	
Vice & Prostitution		1	0	
Sex Offenses		8	6	
Drug Law Violation		280	348	
Gambling		0	0	
Offense Against Family		126	0	
Driving Under the Influence		169	171	
Liquor Law Violation		11	33	
Public Drunkenness		36	36	
Disorderly Conduct		21	21	
All Other Offenses		258	192	
<b>Total Part II Offenses</b>	<b>1174</b>	<b>862</b>		
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