



Abington Township Police Department

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A Message from the Chief...

Each year, I take great pride in the many accomplishments and achievements of our dedicated officers and staff, and 2013 was no exception. I am pleased to present this 2013 Annual Report where you can review the many highlights of our year and celebrate some very special awards and honors.



The Abington Township Police Department received a most prestigious Community Policing Award from the International Association of Chiefs of Police and CISCO. We were recognized for our Youth Deterrence Program and the community partnerships we have built to accomplish outstanding results. We have the honor of being the only law enforcement agency in the State to have won this award in its 15-year history.

Twenty-six officers—more than a quarter of the Department—received written commendations for outstanding performance in 2013. In a number of cases, routine traffic stops and keen observation led to discoveries of drug possession and wanted felons. Our Tactical Team once again distinguished themselves by placing as the overall winner for the fifth consecutive year in the DA's Cup SWAT Challenge. Our team notably excelled in the Killer, a low-light, live-fire competition.

Abington was proud to promote one of our outstanding Sergeants to the rank of Lieutenant. This is our first woman Lieutenant! We were also pleased to welcome three new officers in 2013. We said good-bye to 60 years of dedicated service when two of our long-time officers retired.

All of us had to face the tragedy of the Sandy Hook school shooting that occurred at the end of 2012. I was extremely proud of our officers who took the lead and put together a School Safety Initiative for Abington Township. Although officers had previously prepared for such an incident, this new initiative raised the bar in our coordination with and training of school district personnel in order to ensure that everyone would be ready to act together. A week of tabletop exercises and hands-on training was provided to Abington School District administrators, faculty, and staff. We then responded to requests for additional safety reviews at private schools in the Township.

I congratulate the men and women of the Abington Police Department for another fine year of outstanding service to the community.

William J. Kelly
Chief of Police



Crime Statistics & Trends

**In 2013,
Major Crimes Are Down .02% from 2012
Major Crimes Are Down 4.8% from 2011!
Major Crimes Are Down 10.8% from 2010!
Major Crimes Are Down 18.5% from 2009!**

Part 1 Crimes (Including Murder, Rape, Robbery, Assault, Burglary, Theft, Auto Theft, & Arson)	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
	1,213	1,215	1,274	1,360	1,488
Total Part II Offenses (Including all of the other less serious crimes)	1,999	2,098	2,033	1,831	1,747
Total Calls for Service	42,949	48,802	49,625	43,919	39,892
Total Number of Arrests	1,722	1,767	1,657	1,753	1,734

Animal Control In 2013, there were 1,348 calls for service related to animals, only nine fewer from the previous year. Of that number, 81 were deer-related accidents, down by 28 from 2012, thus mitigating the previous upward trend. Despite a decrease in incidents, Valley Road continued to produce a high number of deer-related accidents. There were 18 deer-related accidents reported on that roadway and an additional three in the surrounding area. However, it is believed that the Deer Management Program at Carebrook is producing some of these positive results. In total, the Animal Control Officer removed 48 deer carcasses from Abington Township roadways last year.



There were 170 wildlife complaints in 2013, down by 17 from 2012. The Animal Control Officer received an additional 58 complaints about sick or injured wildlife, up by 12 from the 46 reported the previous year. These animals were either relocated, removed for rehabilitation, or dispatched. There were 24 calls related to feral cats, exactly the same as in 2012. Abington's active trap, neuter, and release program continues to keep the feral cat numbers manageable. There were 18 animal attacks (up by seven from 2012) and 20 animal bites (down by six from 2012). The Animal Control Officer continues to issue citations and literature to keep these numbers manageable. In addition, there were 44 Pitbull-related calls, down from 65 in 2012. The Animal Control Officer issued 39 citations for violations ranging from Dangerous Dog to Running at Large, Howling, and Nuisance. This number was up from 33 the previous year.

Citizen Complaints Abington Police Department's procedures for handling citizen complaints are consistent with national standards to assure prompt investigation and response to all allegations. This process ensures that these issues are brought to the proper level of Department management and appropriately addressed to maintain a high level of integrity and instill public confidence. In 2013, the Department processed 10 complaints. Five of the complaints were exonerated, two complaints were unfounded after investigation, one was not sustained, one was sustained and led to appropriate action, and one was reclassified to an Inquiry.

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Under the leadership of Deputy Chiefs John Livingood and Mike Webb, Abington Police officers in the Detective and Patrol Divisions, respectively, responded to a broad spectrum of crimes throughout 2013. Highlighted here are some of the many cases that demonstrate the excellent police work by Abington officers.

Repeating Female Thief

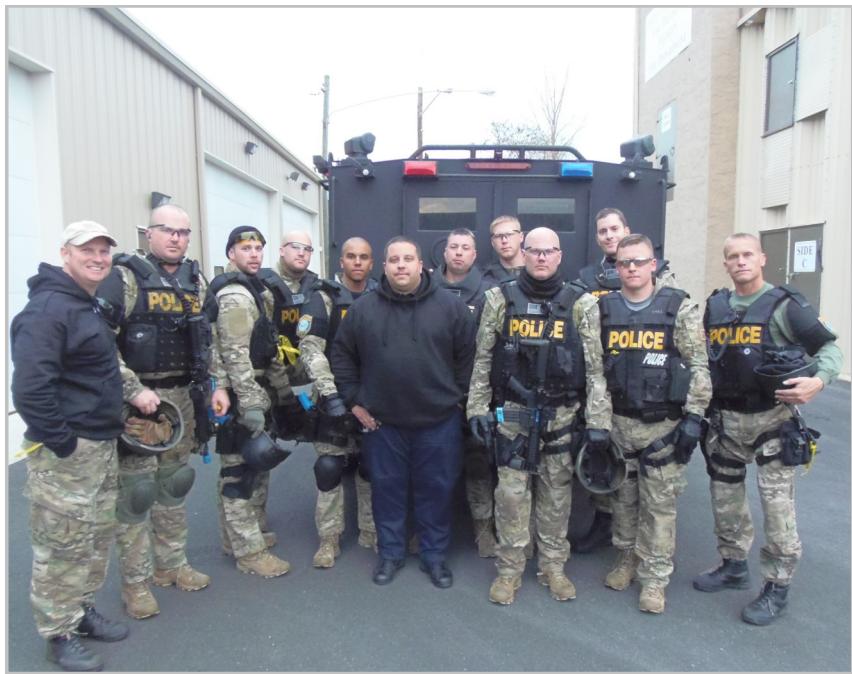
In late December of 2012, a Citizens Bank in a Cheltenham Township mall was robbed by a middle-aged female. On February 6 of 2013, that same bank was again robbed by the same female suspect. A Cheltenham detective disseminated the information on both of these robberies through the Eastern Montgomery County/Philadelphia County Crimes Conference email list. On February 7, Ofc. Gibbs arrested a female for retail theft at Macy's in the Willow Grove Park Mall. He observed the suspect to have a strong resemblance to the suspect from the Cheltenham robberies and emailed the Cheltenham detective, advising him of the possibility that the suspect in the retail theft was also the bank robber. Cheltenham detectives contacted Ofc. Gibbs for more intelligence, along with the arrest photos. This information helped Cheltenham secure a search warrant for the suspect's home which led to the collection of physical evidence used in the robberies. They also obtained a full statement from the suspect admitting she committed both robberies. This situation illustrates the reward (the arrest of a felony suspect who was on a crime spree) from Ofc. Gibbs' routinely viewing the crime emails with keen observation skills.

Unexpected Drug Purchase Leads to Arrest

In early February, Ofcs. Fallon and Fulginiti were assigned to a plain clothes detail in the area of the Keswick Theater in Glenside. Near 8:00 p.m., Ofc. Fallon was approached by a male who asked if he wanted to purchase marijuana. He accepted the offer and agreed on a price of \$60 for the purchase of 1/8 ounce, for which he used his own money. After purchasing the drugs, the officers identified themselves as Abington Police officers and displayed their badges. The suspect resisted arrest but was eventually taken into custody. A search of the suspect revealed additional marijuana, illegal prescription pills, and cash. The suspect was charged with felony drug charges and resisting arrest. This is an example of excellent police work in which two officers were put into a fast moving situation that required solid decision making, initiative, and teamwork.

Traffic Stop Yields Thieves and Drug Dealers

A week later, Ofc. Dinsmore was on patrol in the Roslyn section of Abington Township. The temperature was in the low twenties with wind chills in the single digits. He observed a vehicle completing a right turn on red in a posted "No Turn on Red" intersection. He stopped the vehicle and observed the occupants to be visibly nervous. In plain view in the rear passenger area of the vehicle were several power tools and other electronic items which, from their snowy conditions, appeared to have just been removed. The driver stated that they were coming from their home in Philadelphia but had gotten lost. He and the passenger had visible snow on their shoes and pants. The tools and electronics were seized as possible stolen property with no objection by the suspects. A search of the prior addresses in one of the seized GPS devices determined that it had been taken from the 1400 block of High Avenue. Responding officers found that several unlocked vehicles in that section had



Abington SWAT members were engaged in training with Montgomery County's armored rescue vehicle known as the Bearcat.

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been entered, and other electronic devices and currency had been removed from them. Based on this information, Ofc. Dinsmore obtained arrest warrants for the suspects while working to identify the owners of the power tools.

In mid-February while working in the Willow Grove section of the Township, Ofc. Fulginitti observed a Chevrolet with a faulty brake light, travelling in the area of Easton and Davisville Roads. He stopped the vehicle and observed the operator making furtive movements near the center console. After backup officers arrived, Ofc. Fulginitti asked the male to exit the vehicle and received consent to conduct a search. He discovered marijuana in the center console and a black bag in the rear seat containing additional marijuana, two scales, a grinder, a pipe, and \$128. Approximately 1½ pounds of marijuana was packaged in zip-lock bags. Ofc. Fulginitti arrested the male and developed a rapport with him. He was able to obtain a written statement in which the male admitted to selling marijuana. He was charged with felony and misdemeanor drug charges.

Smash and Grabbers Caught

On March 9, Abington Police responded to the 2900 block of Kanes Road in reference to a theft from vehicle. The complainant left her handbag in her unlocked vehicle overnight and learned from her bank that her credit cards had been used. Sgt. (then Det.) Quinn obtained surveillance video from several establishments and learned that the actors were a male and a female. He prepared an Intelligence Bulletin and posted it on the Eastern Montgomery County/Philadelphia County Crimes Conference email list. This action led to him being contacted by numerous surrounding police departments who were experiencing similar thefts with possibly the same actors. Using a variety of investigative techniques, Det. Quinn was able to identify and eventually interview both suspects. Not only did they admit to the theft in Abington, but also they admitted to thefts in Warminster, Upper Moreland, Upper Dublin, Lower Moreland, Lansdale, East Norriton, and Philadelphia. Det. Quinn coordinated with the Montgomery County DA's Office and prepared one Criminal Complaint and one Probable Cause Affidavit for both, charging all of the counts from the surrounding jurisdictions. His tenacious investigation and interrogation skills led to procuring full confessions and stopped a crime wave that had plagued numerous jurisdictions for several months.

Burglar Caught

On March 27, PSC Mancini took the initiative to broadcast notes on APD Blue Band regarding a possible burglary. Ofc. Fulginitti received the notification and rebroadcast the information to all officers in the area. When he arrived on the scene of the house in question, he found the front door ajar and held the perimeter until backup arrived.

Off. Posey took a position on the east side of the residence where he immediately observed a male matching the description of the suspect. He gave the description and direction of travel as Ofc. Fulginitti began to pursue on foot. The suspect fled into a wooded area, requiring Ofc. Fulginitti to scale a rusted, six-foot cyclone fence in order to keep sight of him. The male was taken into custody at gunpoint with the assistance of arriving officers. Upon securing the home, officers found that the front door had been pried open, and a backpack was left next to the door. It contained jewelry boxes and a large amount of jewelry and electronics belonging to the homeowner.



These tactical officers are preparing to participate in vehicle assault training exercises.

School Crisis Averted

Also at the end of March, Abington Senior High School administrators contacted their School Resource Officer Det. Allmond to report threats received from a former

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Abington student. The 16-year-old suspect, a Philadelphia resident, was involved in a dispute with two female Abington students. The suspect, who had a history of mental illness and aggressive confrontations with police, had sent text and Facebook messages to the girls. He said he was “ready to die,” that he was going to come up with a gun and kill people, and that he was going to slit the throats of the females with a hunting knife. The threats caused great alarm in the school as the safety of students was at stake.

The suspect’s whereabouts were not known at the time of the report. School administrators were conferring with police supervisors on whether or not to put the school in a lockdown. Det. Allmond was able to make phone contact with the suspect and establish a rapport. The suspect agreed to meet in Philadelphia. As it was close to school dismissal time, and the suspect still posed a credible threat to the students, a perimeter of patrol officers was placed around the school and dismissal was delayed.

Det. Allmond quickly arrived at the Philadelphia location where the suspect was waiting and took him into custody without incident. The suspect was armed with a large knife. Once the suspect was in custody, the Senior High was dismissed safely, after only a five-minute delay.

Heroin Dealer Removed from Abington Streets

In early May, Ofcs. Kent and Welsh were on patrol in the area of Old York and Moreland Roads when Ofc. Kent observed an occupied vehicle in the lot of Blinds to Go after the business was closed. He made contact with the occupant who was nervous and evasive when asked questions. A knife was visible inside the vehicle. Ofc. Kent conducted a pat down of the suspect and obtained consent to search the vehicle where he located several used syringes and a packet of heroin. The male stated he was waiting for his supplier who he described, along with the maroon Honda SUV he was driving. While Ofc. Kent was still speaking with the suspect, a maroon Honda drove by the lot. The vehicle was stopped and the driver identified. He gave officers consent to search his vehicle where they retrieved a bag containing a plastic container holding 21 packets of suspected heroin, along with a glass jar containing a small amount of crystal-like pieces. The driver was taken into custody for Possession with Intent to Deliver Controlled Substances. He waived his Constitutional Rights and provided a statement admitting to using and selling heroin. He also stated that the crystal substance was methamphetamine. The vehicle and \$705 were seized for forfeiture.

Detective Work Leads to Arrest of Major Scammers

Later in May, the owner of a restaurant in the Keswick Village section of the Township reported that he had paid a roofing contractor \$5,250 by check as a down payment to replace a roof on a property he owned. The check was cashed but the contractor never showed up to do any work. Repeated attempts to contact him were met with negative results, so Det. Sgt. Urban looked into the case and discovered that the check had been cashed at a check cashing agency in Delaware. He enlisted the aid of the Wilmington Police to get a search warrant to obtain the necessary information from the check cashing store. Det. Sgt. Urban obtained a subpoena from the Delaware Attorney General’s Office and identified two suspects. By following up on other checks they had cashed, he was able to conclusively link these suspects along with another to this case. He helped get the trio identified and charged with similar thefts from businesses in Berks County and Philadelphia as well as from an elderly homeowner in Northampton County. He then convinced the Montgomery County District Attorney to consolidate and prosecute all of these cases in Montgomery County. He obtained arrest warrants for the three suspects and, with assistance from the U.S. Marshalls, was able to arrest all three without incident. In addition, Det. Sgt. Urban seized a new Mercedes Benz and a new pickup truck that they were driving. Following their arrest, numerous other cases were developed on these suspects, including major cases from three separate counties in New Jersey that involved the theft of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Speeder Is Drug-Dealing Felon

In the early evening of June 20, Ofc. Posey was handling a Traffic Enforcement Detail at Moreland Road and Coolidge Avenue when he observed a dark gray Chevrolet Camaro travelling at 52 MPH in a 35 MPH speed zone. He stopped the Camaro and during the subsequent investigation, he determined that the operator had an outstanding probation violation from New Jersey. He also detected an odor of raw marijuana coming from the vehicle and observed an unusual number of air fresheners hanging from the rearview mirror. Ofc. Posey requested consent to

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search the vehicle and found money in the center console and \$8,500 in a bag in the rear seat. Ofc. Fulginitti assisted in the search and found more cash in the passenger side map pocket. A search of the trunk revealed a blue plastic bag containing several bags of suspected marijuana, a loaded S&W .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol, several bags of pills, and an unknown amount of pink crystallized methamphetamine. As the contraband was discovered, the suspect fled on foot. After a brief foot chase, Ofcs. Fulginitti and Dinsmore were able to apprehend him. Ultimately, this investigation yielded nearly \$16,000, more than 100 assorted pills, and approximately one pound of marijuana and methamphetamine. The suspect had a 28-page rap sheet with previous charges for manufacturing and selling narcotics as well as committing firearms offenses and various violent felonies.

Movie Counterfeiter Caught

At the beginning of August, Ofcs. Fallon and Fulginiti made a car stop on two subjects. During their investigation they learned that one of the subjects had just purchased a counterfeit DVD movie from a male who resides above a local beer distributor. During the early evening of the following day, Ofc. Fallon conducted surveillance at the distributor and observed a male selling DVD's to random subjects who walked up to him. On three occasions, Ofc. Fallon witnessed the suspect talking with the buyer, then going into his apartment and exiting with DVD's in hand and receiving cash from the buyer. A plan was then devised in which Ofc. Fulginiti, in plain clothes, approached the suspect and purchased three counterfeit DVD's with his own money while Ofc. Fallon observed the transaction from across the street and called it out. Ofc. Catherman, who was close by in his vehicle, arrested the suspect. The suspect gave written consent to search his apartment where approximately 600 counterfeit DVD movies, two computers, and cash were recovered. The suspect was charged with numerous felony violations.

Car Stop Leads to Drug Arrest

In September, officers stopped a car for motor vehicle violations. The officers approached and smelled the odor of marijuana. They also observed a pill bottle with the label torn off. In the process of removing the suspects from the vehicle so it could be impounded, officers recovered a large amount of cocaine and U.S. currency from both suspects. When the passenger stepped out, officers observed that he had been sitting on 17 bags of crack cocaine. The suspects were also in possession of \$900 cash. Both suspects were arrested and the following day a search warrant was executed on the vehicle. Sgt. Fink recovered nine additional bags of cocaine along with marijuana and prescription pills. The weight of the cocaine exceeded one ounce and was packaged for sale. An additional \$300 was also seized.

Firearms Trafficking Organization Infiltrated

On September 5, then Ofc. Toledo was detailed to a DEA Task Force for which he was helping to investigate a firearms trafficking organization operating out of North Philadelphia. He was tasked with infiltrating the organization and making an undercover purchase of firearms. Ofc. Toledo made arrangements to purchase a .40 caliber Glock handgun and an assault rifle. He went to a home in North Philadelphia and met with two suspects. The deal was successful, and he safely departed the area. Follow-up investigation revealed at least one of the guns was stolen from another state. Several members of the organization were identified and determined to be convicted felons with violent criminal histories. In September, the DEA and Philadelphia SWAT executed search warrants on two homes which were associated with the undercover sale of the firearms. Agents arrested four suspects and seized three additional firearms and a ballistic vest.

Shed Burglar Nabbed

In mid-September toward 10:00 p.m., a homeowner on Old Huntingdon Pike called police after hearing a noise in his backyard. He stated that he saw a male in the rear of the property. Ofc. Whitney arrived and observed the homeowner's shed door open with a snow blower moved outside in the grass. As she approached the shed, a male emerged and hit her in the forearm, knocking her to the ground. Ofc. Whitney gave chase while providing a description of the male. The following evening, Ofcs. Junod and Welsh responded to the next block of Old Huntingdon Pike for a report of a male breaking into a garage. The suspect matched the description provided the night before by Ofc. Whitney. Officer Welsh observed a male on a bike matching the description. The male was ordered to stop but fled on his bicycle. Ofc. Welsh then observed the male up against the side of a house, attempting

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to hide. The male was again ordered to the ground but fled. Ofc. Junod used his police vehicle to cut off the path of the suspect and together with Ofc. Welsh, attempted to place handcuffs on the male. Although he continued to resist, the officers gained control and the male was taken into custody and charged with aggravated assault, two counts of burglary, and various other charges. This police work enabled a fast apprehension by establishing a good perimeter and cutting off the suspect's avenues of escape.

Robbery Leads to Arrest of Violent Offender

In October in the early evening hours, police were called to a Getty Mart in the Township for a report of a robbery. At least five males had robbed three males on the west side of the Mart. One of the victims was choked until he relinquished his smart phone. The males fled on foot into Upper Dublin Township. Ofc. Bullock responded to the housing authority area where he observed three males matching the description of the suspects. Ofc. Bullock stopped the males and was joined by Upper Dublin and other Abington officers. All of the suspects denied any involvement in the robbery.

Being cognizant that the victims would be brought to the area to provide identification, Ofc. Bullock had the males sit on the curb instead of handcuffing them, allowing for a less suggestive identification. The first victim immediately identified all three males as the suspects who had assaulted him and added that the one male had changed his jacket. Ofc. Bullock next cleared excess officers from the scene so that the second identification would not be overly suggestive. A second victim also identified the three individuals as being involved in the robbery. The main actor was a known violent offender who was on probation for robbery and assault.

Special School Safety Project

On December 14, 2012, the unthinkable happened at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. Small children were gunned down in what should have been a safe haven. Police agencies across the country began considering how to react. Lt. Saurman, SWAT Team Commander, had been preparing Abington officers for such an event for years. So he was appointed to lead a special School Safety Project team being assembled to ensure that Abington and its schools were prepared for such an incident. Sgt. Porter focused on training, while Sgt. Scott, an Emergency Medical Technician and Assistant Coordinator with EMAP, was responsible for the school resource plans, interfacing with MAGLOCLEN, and planning the physical changes made to school buildings.

Abington officers conducted eight days of training to include all Abington Police officers, Second Alarmers representatives, Abington School District administrators, all principals, and a broad sampling of other Abington School District employees. Training for each group took place in two half-day sessions. The mornings entailed classroom tabletop exercises that involved presenting scenarios in which someone would force his/her way into a school. The



Sgt. Scott leads School Safety tabletop exercises and discussion.



Ofc. Townsend shows a teacher a weapon that could appear in an active shooter situation.

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session also covered such topics as how to treat wounded and administer first aid. The afternoon session simulated an active shooter situation at the former Glenside Weldon Elementary School. School staff portrayed teachers and students, some responding and some needing to be rescued.

Prior to these training events, the Abington Police had visited each public school in the district to evaluate buildings for security. They checked locks and alarms, then noted and had corrected any areas that were not properly secured.

Special Investigations Unit

In 2013, Unit detectives launched more than 25 investigations of drug dealers in Abington Township alone, resulting in numerous felony arrests and seizures of marijuana, cocaine, heroin, and prescription pills. In addition to removing these dangerous drugs from local streets, the Unit seized two vehicles, including a newer BMW which was turned over to the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office.

Det. Beaghley continued to be heavily involved in child abuse cases throughout Abington and Montgomery County. These cases involved individuals who possess and trade child pornography. In 2013, 11 child sexual predators were arrested, including three who were ultimately charged federally for distribution of child pornography.



Top: Officers clear the halls and classrooms. **Bottom:** Ofc. Costello aims his gun and Ofc. Farley points to bad guy Animal Control Ofc. Ron Griffith just off camera while a school district employee simulates injury.

Accreditation

In March, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) officially conferred the Abington Police Department's third reaccreditation at its annual conference in Charleston, South Carolina. The Department received accreditation in 2004 and reaccreditation in 2007 and 2010.

Under the leadership of Accreditation Manager Lt. Mike Gallagher, and Executive Assistant Liz Webb, the Abington Township Police Department spent 2013 preparing for its fourth State reaccreditation with the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (PLEAC). They also began working toward its next (fourth) international reaccreditation with CALEA.

Department members place a high value on attaining reaccreditation at both the state and national levels as it reflects their willingness and ability to comply with the highest standards of operation and be a leader in law enforcement practices. Although the final decision for State reaccreditation will not be rendered until mid-2014, the Department received an excellent onsite exit report of recommendation from the PLEAC assessors. Team leader Sgt. Tom Rudzinski stated, "Accreditation is about how we in law enforcement can continue to do our jobs better and make changes where needed. This is a stellar department of people who want to address and correct any issues."



Emergency Management

On March 18, 2013, Tom McAneney began serving as Abington's Emergency Management Administrator. During the Police Department's spring training for all officers and civilians, EMAP made specific presentations on hazardous materials awareness and chemical suicide awareness. This would be reinforced and expanded upon in September following a two-alarm fire at SPS Technologies, a manufacturer located in the Glenside section of Abington Township. This company stores large quantities of hazardous chemical solvents on its premises. As a result, EMAP was asked to come to roll calls and provide a brief refresher about potential safety hazards officers may encounter when responding to emergencies at that location. Also addressed was which SPS personnel officers they should make contact with and the types of critical information they will be able to pass on to the Fire Department and Hazardous Materials Teams before their arrival.

Dominating Emergency Management in 2013 was the Police Department's Safe Schools Initiative developed after the Sandy Hook tragedy. EMAP staff was involved in numerous presentations and tabletop exercises for Abington School District administrators, faculty, and staff on how to handle an active shooter situation. In May and June, EMAP staff and police officers observed lockdown drills at all Abington public schools, tweaking plans where necessary. They also began conducting safety and security surveys of buildings at Penn State Abington that included identifying and recommending corrections for potential hazards.

Prior to the fall semester at Penn State Abington, EMAP staff and police officers gave a presentation to faculty and staff on basic safety procedures, situational awareness, and response to active shooter situations on campus. Quick reference charts with bullet-pointed emergency procedures were distributed. Next, presentations were made to faculty and staff at three local private or parochial schools. These sessions focused on situational awareness, crisis thinking, and active shooter training for faculty and staff.

In view of tragic events at the Boston Marathon, EMAP staff worked closely with the Police Department and Second Alarmers Rescue Squad to prepare detailed mass casualty incident plans for both the Glenside July 4th parade and the Abington fireworks display. In response to an August railroad tracks suicide, EMAP staff briefed officers on how to ensure that the electric power to a rail car is terminated before operating underneath as well as response considerations for stopping all rail traffic when responders are operating in close proximity to railroad tracks.

On September 28, EMAP staff participated in a county-wide Hazardous Materials Tabletop Exercise at the Montgomery County Public Safety Training Center. The exercise simulated EOC operations in response to a large-scale commercial rail accident involving tanker cars carrying hazardous materials. This intense and realistic exercise allowed participants to practice working under stress in a complex emergency incident.

In November, EMAP and APD staff worked with Abington School District administrators to begin a full study and revision of the district-wide emergency operations plan that has been in effect since 2006. It is intended that the new plan be in place for the 2014-2015 school year. EMAP provided guidance to Center School administrators as they began to develop the school's emergency management plan and observed and provided feedback for the first lockdown drill at Abington Friends School. EMAP continued its coordination efforts to recover a total of \$246,039.75 in disaster funding from FEMA and PEMA for funds expended preparing for, responding to, and cleaning up after Hurricane Sandy in October, 2012. Additional funding is expected to be recovered in 2014.



Management, and the county HazMat Team responded to the two-alarm fire at SPS Technologies which is a SARA Title III (Superfund) site due to the types and quantities of extremely hazardous chemicals stored and used. The fire was quickly contained to an outside storage facility.

Special Units

In addition to the Patrol and Detective Divisions, officers can serve in a variety of specialized positions. Each of these assignments requires additional time, training, and dedication. These assignments include:

- Accident Investigations
- Bike Patrol
- Crisis Response Team
- DARE Program
- Drug Task Force
- Field Training Officer
- Firearms Range Officer
- Honor Guard
- Internet Crime Task Force
- K-9 Unit
- Mall Unit
- M.I.R.T. (Major Incident Response Team)
- PAL Program
- Tactical Unit

Tactical Unit Members of this unit headed by Lt. Earl Saurman trained monthly throughout 2013. For the fifth consecutive year, Abington's Tactical Team took first place in the November Montgomery County SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) Challenge. For this achievement, District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman presented the team with the 2013 DA's Cup. This was one of the closest competitions with Abington being one of the smallest and youngest (time serving in unit) teams. They took first place in the critical incident low-light emergency response category.



K-9 Unit Sgt. Tom Scott headed this unit throughout 2013. In February, Ofc. Doyle and K-9 Bella were certified as a "Canine Patrol, Response Team" following 18 weeks of patrol school. They went on to Explosives Detection School, a 14-week course, and graduated in June. In May, K-9 Jaso joined the Dinsmore family and in November, he and Ofc. Dinsmore were certified as a "Canine Patrol Response Team" and as a "Narcotics Detection Team." This dual certification followed an intense three months of all-day training to accomplish both certifications simultaneously. In addition, Ofc. Fisicaro and K-9 Mathews and Ofc. Rickards and K-9 Ivan competed and successfully certified in the annual regional PD1 (Police Dog 1) certification. Ofc. Fisicaro and Mathews took first place overall, having attained first place in obedience and apprehension, second in search, and third in agility.



Top: Ofc. Fisicaro's K-9 Mathews with his PD1 trophies.

Right: Ofc. Doyle with K-9 Bella.

Center: Ofc. Dinsmore with Jaso, Abington's newest K-9.

Special Units



DARE Unit DARE officers held both public and private/parochial school graduations for hundreds of DARE stu-

dents in 2013. While many departments no longer offer DARE due to lack of grants, Abington gratefully receives funding largely through its CAPT organization.



Honor Guard 2013 Abington unit members served the community at numerous functions.

Training

The Abington Police Department understands the value and importance of regular training to keep officers' knowledge and skills at their sharpest. They conduct a variety of seminars and workshops throughout the year, with some that are specific to the Department and many others that include the wider law enforcement community.

All Supervisors training was held in the spring and fall as was mandatory department-wide training.

Abington continued to host training for officers to meet MPOETC (Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission) certification requirements. SWAT training was conducted twice a month throughout the year.

During 2013, the Abington Police held numerous specialty training seminars for several thousand participants, both from Abington and area police departments and public safety groups. These programs covered a wide variety of topics to continue on-the-job training in specific areas of law enforcement.

Technology

The Abington Police Department continues to keep pace with the latest technology. In 2013, it began replacing its Data 9-1-1 in-car computers with Dell Rugged laptops. These laptops are not only a third of the cost of the previous computers that were becoming outdated, but also they offer the newest technology. The Department purchased seven laptops in 2013 and will continue to upgrade with more purchases in 2014.



Since the Smith & Wesson handguns that Abington officers have been carrying are no longer available, the Department began purchasing Sig Sauer .40 caliber handguns. With the average service life of officers' handguns being 7-10 years, the department is cycling out the older guns and bought 25 new handguns in 2013. This upgrade will continue over the next several years. Similarly, the Department began upgrading their Tasers to the Taser X2 that is a multi-shot device. Six of these models were purchased in 2013.

The Abington Police continue to put money into a Radio Transition Fund in order to be ready at a future date to replace all portable radios with digital models. Digital radios, along with the county system upgrade, will provide encryption and improved clarity and coverage for officers.

Ofc. Corbett shows off Abington's new Taser X2 and Sig Sauer .40 caliber handgun.

Commendations & Recognition

2013 was another tremendous year for police work in Abington Township, indicated not only by the number of commendations that the Department presented, but also and more importantly by the quality of the arrests. Outstanding police work spanned the spectrum from solving some major crimes trends, such as the pursuit and arrest of a bank robbery suspect to the tracking and apprehension of a gypsy roofer gang, which was alarming the community, especially the elderly. Also, numerous officer-initiated traffic stops led to the arrest of individuals for drugs and weapon offenses.



Ofc. Toledo (center) receives high-level Class III commendation and is congratulated by Det. Sgt. Fink and Deputy Chief Livingood.

- Det. Bob Allmond**, Class VI, Taking potentially dangerous suspect into custody without backup
Det. Tony Ammaturo, Class V, Pursuit and arrest of bank robber
Ofc. Alicia Armstrong, 2 Class IVs, Pursuit and arrest of bank robber and Discovering weapons in vehicle
Ofc. LeVar Baxter, Class IV, Pursuit and arrest of bank robber
Det. Rick Beaghley, Class IV, Investigation resulting in large drug and money seizure and Class V, Investigation leading to arrest of dangerous sexual predator
Ofc. Dan Bullock, Class IV, Pursuit and arrest of bank robber
Ofc. Steve Catherman, 2 Class IVs, Vehicle stop for minor infraction turned into two felony arrests and Observation and initiative leading to arrest of two career criminals
Ofc. Scott Dinsmore, Class IV, Pursuit and arrest of bank robber and Class V, Assisting in search and arrest of drug dealer
Ofc. Joe Fallon, 3 Class IVs, Observation and initiative leading to arrest of two career criminals, Vehicle stop for minor infraction turned into two

felony arrests, and Vehicle stop leading to discovery of theft of copper wire; Class V, Traffic stop resulting in felony drug arrest

Det. Sgt. Steve Fink, Class III, Innovative investigation to capture and arrest dangerous criminals in residential burglaries and Class V, Creating rapport to obtain information from agitated bank robber
Ofc. Matt Fulginiti, 2 Class IVs, Tackling bank robber for arrest and Successful foot pursuit of burglary suspect; Class V, Assisting in search and arrest of drug dealer; Class VI, Traffic stop leading to arrest of drug dealer

Lt. Michael Gallagher, Class IV, Pursuit and arrest of bank robber

Det. Steve Henze, Class IV, Successful surveillance to catch tire thief and Class V, Identifying suspects in thefts from Abington Memorial Hospital

Ofc. Ed Howley, 2 Class IVs, Blocking bank robber for arrest and Traffic stop leading to custody of suspects in criminal attempt theft

Ofc. Troy Hummel, Class IV, Tackling bank robber for arrest

Ofc. Fran Junod, Class V, Enabling quick apprehension of burglary suspect

Ofc. Drew Kent, 3 Class IVs, Tackling bank robber for arrest, Identifying career criminal possessing cocaine, and Arrest of drug dealer

Ofc. Don Lindenmuth, Class IV, Recognition and arrest of bank robbery suspect

Deputy Chief John Livingood, Class III, Establishing regional task force leading to capture and arrest of burglar on 33 jobs

Ofc. Jim Pfau, Class V, Medical emergency—successfully administering CPR

Ofc. Chris Posey, 2 Class IVs, Traffic stop leading to drug dealer arrest and providing description and direction of travel of burglary suspect

Ofc. Anthony Space, 2 Class IVs, Discovering weapons in vehicle and Identifying career criminal possessing cocaine

Ofc. Ozzie Toledo Class III, Arms Trafficking

Det. Sgt. Greg Urban, Class IV, Tracking and arrest of gypsy roofers

Ofc. Paul Welsh, Class IV, Arrest of drug dealer and Class V, Chasing and apprehending burglary suspect

Ofc. Anne Whitney, Class V, Enabling identification of burglary suspect

Unit Citations

Unit C: Lt. Tom McNamara, Sgt. Chris Porter, and Ofcs. Drew Kent and Dustin Wittmer; Recognition and arrest of bank robbery suspect

Unit D: Sgt. Kelley Warner; Det. Sgt. Tony DiSandro; Dets. Ed Quinn and Robert Wilsbach; and Ofcs. LeVar Baxter, Dan Bullock, Steve Catherman, Scott Dinsmore, Al Freed, Andy Gibbs, Ed Howley, Troy Hummel, Drew Kent, Brian Palmero, Chris Posey, Scott Scholl, Anthony Space, and Anne Whitney; Successful surrender of suicidal barricaded gunman

Unit Citation ACT: Ofcs. Steve Catherman, Joe Fallon, Matt Fulginiti; Counterfeit DVD movie seller

Unit Citation SIU: Det. Sgt. Steve Fink; Ofcs. Steve Catherman, Dan Fisicaro, Matt Fulginiti, and Troy Senne; Drug arrest leading to Confidential Informant leading to arrest of drug dealer

Unit Citation SIU: Lt. Earl Saurman, Sgts. Tom Scott and Chris Porter; Det. John Lyon, and Ofcs. Steve Catherman and Bill Shroeder; Taking initiative and leadership in a School Safety Project in Abington in response to Sandy Hook shooting

PSC Jesse Mancini, Class IV, Early broadcast on APD Blue Band of burglary in progress



Notable Achievements

Master Police Officers In 2013, the Abington Police Department established its first Master Police Officer designation and conferred this honor in November on two veteran officers: Ofc. Al Freed (25 years) and Ofc. Fran Junod (27 years). This program is designed to recognize the expertise of experienced officers. Qualifying officers must demonstrate dedication to duty, integrity, and a commitment to the highest standards of professional police service.

Ofc. Junod (left) and Ofc. Freed recognized by Board of Commissioners as Master Police Officers..



Abington Receives Prestigious International Community Policing Award

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and business leader CISCO named the Abington Township Police Department one of only four winners in 2013 of their prestigious international Community Policing Award. This award is given annually to no more than five police departments in the world to recognize innovative programs that use the power of community collaboration and partnerships to make communities safe from crime and terrorism.

Abington was selected as the winner in the 50,000-100,000 population category for its ongoing success with its community-wide Youth Deterrence and Development Project. This multi-faceted approach to youth delinquency deterrence included a dynamic partnership with

the award-winning Abington School District and the development and facilitation of three community-wide, youth-related nonprofit organizations: the Abington Police Athletic League (PAL), the Abington Community Taskforce (ACT), and the Citizens And Police Together (CAPT) organizations.

In the 15-year history of this prestigious award, Abington is the only Pennsylvania police department ever to win.

Chief Kelly seated center with department members and community partners.



Ofc. Roger Gillispie (far left) was honored with the Policing and Community Service Award from the Willow Grove Branch—NAACP for helping to organize “Bridging the Communities,” a grassroots initiative directed at easing tensions between two largely African-American communities within the Township following a fatal shooting incident. Lt. Pat Molloy (right) was presented with the Human Rights Award in Law Enforcement for his work for equal opportunity for all in the county.



Staff Changes

Lt. Kelley Warner, a 24-year veteran of the Abington Township Police Department, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 2013. This was an historic promotion as Lt. Warner became the Department's first woman lieutenant. She began her Abington career by serving as a Patrol Officer. She became a member of the Tactical Team as well as a DARE instructor. In 1996, she advanced to Juvenile Detective and four years later, she was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. During that time, she was a Field Training Officer and led the Crisis Negotiation Unit.



Tom McAneney

In March, Abington hired **Thomas McAneney** as its Emergency Management Administrator, reporting to Chief Kelly who is the Township's Emergency Management Coordinator. Tom has responsibility to develop and maintain a comprehensive plan in order to prepare for, respond to, and recover from all types of major Township emergencies or disasters.

The Abington Township Police Department swore in three new Patrol Officers in 2013: Ofc. Matthew Mahaffey, Ofc. Paul Welsh, and Ofc. Zach Zeoli. **Ofc. Mahaffey** graduated from Pennridge High School and Penn State University where he earned his B.S. in Criminal Justice.

He is pursuing his Masters Degree from St. Joseph's University. Prior to joining the Abington Police Department, Matt served for five years with the Towamencin Township Police Department where he was one of their most decorated officers. **Ofc. Welsh** is a graduate of Bishop McDevitt High School and LaSalle University where he earned a B.A. in History. He served as a Dispatcher with the Department from 2009 through 2012. He is currently a firefighter with the Roslyn Fire Company, one of Abington Township's five companies. **Ofc. Zeoli** graduated from Upper Merion High School and earned his B.S. in Criminal Justice from West Chester University. Prior to coming to Abington, he was a Deputy Sheriff with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.



Ofc. Paul Welsh



Ofcs. Zach Zeeoli and Matthew Mahaffey

Abington said good-bye to 60 years of experience when two officers retired last year. **Ofc. John Matz** retired with 31 years of service, having served as a Patrol Officer from 1981 to 2013. During those years, he also served as a Field Training Officer and a Range Officer. He was a member of the Honor Guard for 30 years and was a SWAT officer for 26 years. **Det. Sydney Scarborough** retired with 29 years of service, having joined the department in 1984. In 1991, he was assigned as a Special Agent for a drug taskforce for the Bureau of Narcotics Investigation (BNI). He conducted surveillance, was involved in drug searches and arrests, and made undercover drug buys. During 1994, he also served as a Field Training Officer. In 1996, Det. Scarborough was assigned to a community policing initiative in the Crestmont section of the Township, and in the late 1990s, he began teaching DARE, focusing on the secondary level. His last and longest career assignment was serving as a School Resource Officer for Abington Senior High School and, in his last year, Abington Junior High School.

Following Det. Scarborough's retirement in the spring of 2013, **Ofc. Sean Gargan** was assigned to be Abington Junior High School's new School Resource Officer.



Lt. Kelley Warner



Ofc. John Matz



Det. Sydney Scarborough



Community Policing

Throughout 2013, Commander of the Community Policing Division Lt. Pat Molloy emphasized the importance of continually strengthening the relationship between the Abington Police Department and the community being served. To boost that effort, Division members assisted with the expansion of social media as a vital way to connect with people from all walks of the Township. Lt. Molloy also encouraged succession training to ensure that Division members can step into one another's roles when necessary.

COPPStat

Abington Police continue to utilize and refine COPPStat (Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving through Statistics). This program has been operational since 2005 and gives geographic ownership of beats to lieutenants, sergeants, and officers in a particular quadrant. It helps to ensure strong communication among those working opposite shifts as well as vertically in the Department. In 2013, command staff was focused on accountability, particularly quality-of-life issues. Crime trends were monitored, and the leadership looked for more ways to establish relationships with elected officials, civic leaders, merchants, and other groups as part of living the philosophy of community-oriented policing.

Crime Prevention

Ofc. Gillispie distributed numerous press releases throughout the year to publicize ongoing crime trends that included both driveway paving and phone scams targeting senior citizens as well as thefts from unlocked vehicles. These press releases were disseminated to the public through such channels as the APD web site and Facebook page, commissioners' emails, and local media. Ofc. Gillispie also addressed civic organizations, scouts, and senior citizen groups on crime prevention and personal safety.

Abington is one of the few local departments to offer a college internship program to criminal justice majors, so it draws from a wide variety of schools. In 2013, Ofc. Gillispie supervised 20 college interns from such schools as Arcadia University, Gwynedd Mercy College, Penn State Abington, Temple University, and West Chester University. They experienced the day-to-day work of the Department's Patrol, Detective, and Community Policing Divisions and

participated in ride-alongs. They assisted with clerical work and helped with community events such as the PAL Food Festival and the 24-Hour Relay Challenge.

In the spring, Ofc. Gillispie coordinated a Citizens Police Academy for a record 38 community members who wanted to become familiar with how Abington police officers perform their duties. Meeting once a week for eight weeks, citizens learned from Abington officers about such police functions as SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics), accident investigation, police K-9, use of force, and crime scene processing. A number of these citizens went on to become Department volunteers as a result of this Academy experience.

Volunteer Community Service Officer Hoffman continued to monitor reports of graffiti and ensure its removal in a timely and efficient manner.



Ofc. Gillispie and Det. Sgt. Fink focus in detail on drug awareness for attendees at the Citizens Police Academy.

Community Development

The after-school program at the Roslyn Boys and Girls Club provided educational and recreational opportunities for 34 children last year. This program was also available as a summer camp that offered 56 children an enriching experience. The Division oversaw the efforts of 12 DARE (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) Officers in 11



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Abington public, private, and parochial schools, reaching more than 700 children. The DARE curriculum includes lessons on prescription drug abuses, bullying, and internet safety in recognition of pressing issues facing young people.

Community Events

The Division oversees and/or supports a variety of key community events, especially those that provide drug-, alcohol-, and violence-free activities for youth. Division members directed the complex logistics and secured a cadre of citizen volunteers to run the 19th annual 24-Hour Relay Challenge. This major fundraiser enables Citizens And Police Together (CAPT), a unique citizen-police initiative since 1992, to provide mini grants up to \$500 to take a proactive approach to solving community problems and promoting positive activities. School Resource Officers Det. Allmond and Ofc. Gargan coordinated the 15th annual Rock-A-Thon for 6th-9th graders, raising money for CPYA (Community Partnership of Youth and Adults, a CAPT sub group)) to benefit their youth programs and projects. CPYA members ran the 4th annual Mini Rock-A-Thon for 3rd-5th graders who raised money for the DARE program. Under CAPT, the Division also ran the 8th annual CAPT Bike Day for which motorcyclists enjoy an escorted ride throughout Montgomery County.

The Division provided volunteers and support for the Roslyn and McKinley Memorial Day parades, the Glen-side July 4th parade and fireworks display, the Glenside and Roslyn Car Shows, the annual Halloween Safety Program in Keswick Village, and holiday celebrations in several areas of Abington Township.

Each May, Division members work with Abington Senior High School students to plan and carry out DUI-related safety events before the senior prom. A mock automobile crash is staged so that students can see firsthand

through student actors the horrific results of a drunk-driving accident. Students also have opportunities to “drive” in simulators to experience driving intoxicated.

In August, the Division coordinates the community block party Pre-Night Out to raise community awareness of crime prevention. Hundreds of citizens from Abington and beyond came to view police and fire safety equipment displays and collect community resource information from a variety of organization booths while enjoying food and entertainment. For some, the experience results in discovering volunteer opportunities or making helpful connections with community and/or county agencies.

PAL

The Abington Police Department moved into its 13th year of sponsoring the Abington Police Athletic League (PAL) with hundreds of



Five Abington officers paid tribute as they assisted with the Susan G. Komen 3-Day cancer walk that begins in Abington. They wore bright pink shirts and placed a pink ribbon on their patrol car.



Abington officers and Explorers, thank Target employees for their support of Abington's newly formed Police Explorer Post.

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boys and girls attending weekend activities throughout the year. The PAL center was successfully moved to a new location when the former site became unavailable. In addition to the popular staples of spring and fall bowling and tennis and summer golf camp, PAL kids were treated to a raptor program coordinated by Abington's Animal Control Ofc. Griffith and rousing Cops vs. Kids basketball games. The second annual Dental Screening and Sealing Day provided quality dental care for children lacking access.

Abington PAL offers all of its services free so that no child is ever left out due to inability to pay. To that end, it held a March benefit concert featuring world-renowned Elvis tribute artists Doug Church and its major annual fundraiser, the International Food Festival in October when it honored ACO Griffith for his mentoring of PAL boys and girls and PAL Board member Eric Sussman, President, Sussman Automotive, for his extraordinary service and generosity.



PAL kids always catch the energy when cops and kids gather for competitive basketball games on Friday nights.

Police Explorers Launched



Members of the newly formed Abington Police Explorer Post #2900 serving their community.

In April, the APD introduced Police Explorers Post #2900, a program designed to allow youth ages 14-20 a chance to learn about a career in law enforcement. Specifically, interested young people learned how to march and follow commands as members of an Explorers Honor Guard, how car stops are conducted, and were taught about crimes and vehicle codes. Explorers are expected to perform monthly volunteer service, so they assisted with the Department's special events and charity functions. Currently, Abington is the only department in the area to offer this valuable program to teens. In 2013, it saw its post grow from an initial six members to 14 participants.

Other Youth Programs

The Youth Aid Panel program, begun in 1999, continued to serve juvenile offenders through three panels of trained citizen volunteers and liaison

officers. These panels give those under age 18 an opportunity to clear their record of misconduct and make appropriate reparations in the community. This alternative to court involvement has young people perform community service, research and write essays, and, in cases of under-age drinking or drug use, attend substance abuse prevention programs offered through Aldersgate Youth Service Bureau. In 2013, panels heard 72 cases, and Community Policing offered community service weekends twice a month, overseeing 2,006 community service hours.

With an eye to the safety and wellbeing of the community's youngest members, the Division's certified members and volunteer technicians conducted 52 child safety seat checks in its Kids In Safety Seats (KISS) program.



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Victim Assistance

The Division runs a Victim Services Unit for which Community Service Officer Harris trains and coordinates a group of volunteers who meet weekly to contact those who have been victims of crimes in Abington Township. The volunteers provide important follow-up to those who have been victims of crime in Abington Township by making calls to offer a listening ear and support as well as information on how to avoid being a victim in the future. Victims of crime find these calls very comforting and helpful. In 2013, 778 victims were contacted through this program.

Another kind of victimization occurs when neighbors have unresolved disputes. Patrol officers alert Community Policing to these recurring situations. As part of the Neighborhood Conflict Resolution program, a specially trained Division member contacts the involved parties, sometimes bringing them together for mediation of their disputes. Last year, 32 neighborhood disputes were successfully mediated. Of that number, two groups came into the Department for a face-to-face mediation, while other issues were handled either over the phone or by on-site visits.

Volunteers

In 2013, the Community Policing Division oversaw 9,140.5 hours of volunteer work from 251 community members willing to give their time to one or more of 20 programs. This gift of time and talent from dedicated community members represents the work of four to five paid, full-time employees. In particular, 18 volunteers earned the President's Bronze Award for giving 100-249 hours each, three volunteers served between 250 and 499 hours for the Silver Award, and two volunteers distinguished themselves by giving more than 500 hour of service each. In total, all 23 Presidential volunteers accounted for 5,398 hours of the total service to the Department in 2013. Some of the programs that volunteers staffed included the Special Police, Police Athletic League, Youth Aid Panel, Victim Services, the 24-Hour Relay Challenge, DUI Checkpoints, Town Watch, and Pre-Night Out. The Division is always looking to recruit and train additional volunteers as part of its Volunteers in Policing (VIP) program.



Members of local alumni Kappa Alpha Psi chapter joined with PAL for the 2013 Martin Luther King, Jr. day of service.

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Lt Molloy (left) and Ofc. Freed give Traffic SAFE-T signs to a family eager to assist with this effort.

Traffic

The Traffic Safety Unit staffed by Ofcs. Freed and Posey provides the Patrol Division with additional expertise to keep Abington streets safe. These officers handle traffic complaints, traffic surveys (84 in 2013), and traffic enforcement. Their largest undertaking to date that involved coordination with numerous department members, Abington Township commissioners, and PennDOT was the Red Light Camera initiative. Based on both crash analysis statistics and traffic enforcement limitations due to building configurations at certain locations, it was determined that Red Light Cameras could enhance traffic safety at three Township intersections. Gatso was selected as the camera vendor, and cameras were planned for installation in 2014.



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Each June and September, Traffic Safety Officers oversee SAFE-T (Safety in Abington through Focused Education and Traffic Enforcement) blitzes to heighten driver awareness of speeding and running lights and stop signs during months when traffic patterns change due to school closing and reopening. They also send Operation Stop letters to parents when a driver under the age of 18 is involved in an accident and receive feedback that parents appreciate this information. Further, Traffic Safety assisted with coordination and blocking of roads at the many 5K runs held throughout the year to benefit various community groups.

Unit officers participated in 55 truck enforcement details, hosting two of them in Abington. These details involve stopping and checking trucks for compliance with safety standards and taking appropriate action. In Abington, 19 trucks were taken out of service, and 13 truck drivers were taken off the road; 150 were issued citations, and four were specifically issued overweight citations. Truck fines amounted to \$41,799 (up more than \$3,500 over 2012), and overweight fines tallied \$2,555. In total in 2013, the unit issued 1,447 traffic citations and 276 warnings and made 32 arrests. They handled 71 abandoned vehicles and conducted 92 crash investigations.

Traffic Safety Unit Officers began their second year of teaching Survival 101, a State-prescribed course especially directed at young drivers to teach them the potential dire consequences of distracted driving, particularly due to texting. This course was not only a requirement for certain Youth Aid Panel young people but also was presented at Abington Senior High School and Penn State Abington.

The Division also provides a service to residents and business owners in monitoring parking meters and limited-time parking areas. Parking meter violations tallied 775 in 2013. The number of parking tickets that staff wrote in 2013 numbered 1,437. Citizens and businesses alike appreciate this attention to violations that create problems in their place of business or residence.

Grants

In the area of Financial Management, the Community Policing Division secured a number of grants and maintained a flow of financial support under existing grants. More than \$90,492 was obtained through grants in 2013. These dollars came from the following sources:

- PennDOT (Pennsylvania Department of Transportation) provided money to cover the costs associated with running sobriety checkpoints.
- The Police Athletic League (PAL) Board provided funds to cover expenses accrued at Abington centers.
- North Central Highway Safety Network funded a program for police to enforce seatbelt use and the Aggressive Driver Program.





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