

# Whitemarsh Township Police Department



## 2013 Annual Report

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# Introduction by Chief of Police

## T. Michael Beaty

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It is with great satisfaction and pleasure that I present the Whitemarsh Township Police Department's 2013 Annual Report to the citizens of Whitemarsh Township. The 2013 Annual Report offers a snapshot of the services that our personnel have provided to the community during the past year. This report attests to the hard work and dedication our officers and support staff invested in our community throughout the year.

As you read our annual report you will find a compilation of interesting statistics and information about the services provided by the members of the Whitemarsh Township Police Department. It is important to recognize the efforts of all of our Police Department members: sworn, professional staff and volunteers, who are committed to making a difference and keeping Whitemarsh a safe and prosperous community. This comprehensive report is a written reflection of the integrity, quality and dedication of our members and serves as a reminder of how valuable our relationship is with our community. It is this relationship that will allow us to continue our vision of building the bridge within our community to improve our quality of life.

Throughout the year, the members of the Police Department have sought to provide quality law enforcement services to the citizens of our community. We adhere to the highest ethical and professional standards and we are committed to continuing our tradition of excellence.

As we welcome 2014, the Police Department will continue to work diligently and conscientiously to ensure that Whitemarsh Township remains a thriving community with safe neighborhoods and a flourishing business community. As we look ahead, I am confident that the partnerships we have developed with our residents and businesses in the community will continue to grow and thrive. The success of our organization is dependent upon our community-oriented policing philosophy in conjunction with the collaborative partnerships we have grown to depend upon. This engagement with our community members and the professionalism exhibited in the delivery of these services are the two core values that the men and women of the police department strive to achieve daily. Our number one goal is to provide top quality public safety services to our residents and businesses.

In closing, to the citizens of Whitemarsh Township, we thank you for providing the Whitemarsh Township Police Department the opportunity to uphold its mission of ensuring outstanding police services in our community. With your continued support, we will work tirelessly to ensure that the Whitemarsh Township Police Department continues to be a shining example of outstanding law enforcement services.

Sincerely,  
*T. Michael Beaty*

# Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (PLEAC)

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The Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association introduced the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Program to the Commonwealth in July 2001. Since then, over 300 agencies have enrolled and approximately 83 agencies have attained an accredited status.

On July 12, 2008 the Whitemarsh Township Police Department received initial status as an accredited law enforcement agency; and on July 13, 2011, the Whitemarsh Township Police Department was re-accredited by the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. The members of the Whitemarsh Township Police Department are proud to have attained this distinguished status.

Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of helping institutions evaluate and improve their overall performance. The cornerstone of this strategy lies in the promulgation of standards containing a clear statement of professional objectives. Participating administrators then conduct a thorough analysis to determine how existing operations adapt to meet these objectives. When the procedures are in place, a team of independent professionals are assigned to verify that all applicable standards have been successfully implemented. The process culminates with a decision by an authoritative body that the institution is worthy of accreditation.



# Mission Statement

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The mission of the Whitemarsh Township Police Department is to tirelessly protect the citizens of our great community, to serve those citizens without prejudice, and to defend our community under any circumstance. The unmitigated commitment of each member of this department reflects the true nature of the men and women who demonstrate exemplary conduct on and off duty. Through our service to the community we promote the quality of life and ensure justice. The men and women of the Whitemarsh Township Police Department strive to make Whitemarsh Township a great place to live and work. This goal shall be accomplished each and every day with honesty, respect and integrity.



# Personnel Information

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## Police Personnel

Chief of Police	1
Lieutenants	2
Sergeants	7
Corporals	4
Detectives	3
Officers	16
Traffic Safety Officers	3
<b>TOTAL POLICE PERSONNEL</b>	<b>36</b>

## Civilian Personnel

Full Time Dispatchers	5
Part Time Dispatchers	8
School Crossing Guards	4
Clerical- Full/Part Time	4
<b>TOTAL CIVILIAN PERSONNEL</b>	<b>21</b>

**2013 TOTAL PERSONNEL                      57**

# Personnel Assignments

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## Chief of Police

T. Michael Beaty

### Lieutenant

Christopher Ward  
Francis Wheatley

### Sergeants

Sgt. Jeffrey Nowak- Community Policing  
Sgt. Gregory Keenan  
Sgt. Chuck Swan  
Sgt. Brian Mack  
Sgt. Samuel Ditzler

### Corporals

Cpl. Christopher Wilhelm  
Cpl. Howard Laskey  
Cpl. Michael Kolar  
Cpl. Amanda O'Neill

### Detective Division

Det. Sgt. James Cotter  
Det. Craig Cubbin  
Det. Gregory Lattanze  
Det. Richard Zadroga

### Traffic Safety Unit

Sgt. Michael O'Doherty  
Off. Richard Stemple  
Off. John Hartman  
VACANT

### Administrative Staff

Heather Chiarlanza  
Sarah Goldbloom  
Lori Fair- Part Time Clerical  
Kenneth Stout- Part Time Evid. Tech.

### Patrol Officers

Off. Michael Burton  
Off. Todd Burton  
Off. Stephen Cline  
Off. Jonathan Cooney  
Off. Kevin Galie  
Off. Michael Hannon  
Off. Emily Hopkins  
Off. Eric Householder  
Off. Christopher Hunsberger  
Off. Stephen Kerns  
Off. Vincent Mundy  
Off. Matthew Stadulis  
Off. Adrian Stead  
Off. James Sweeney  
Off. Mark Williams  
VACANT

### Communications- Full Time

Supervisor Siobhan Klinger  
Raymond Bowman  
Donna McCloskey  
Kenneth White  
VACANT

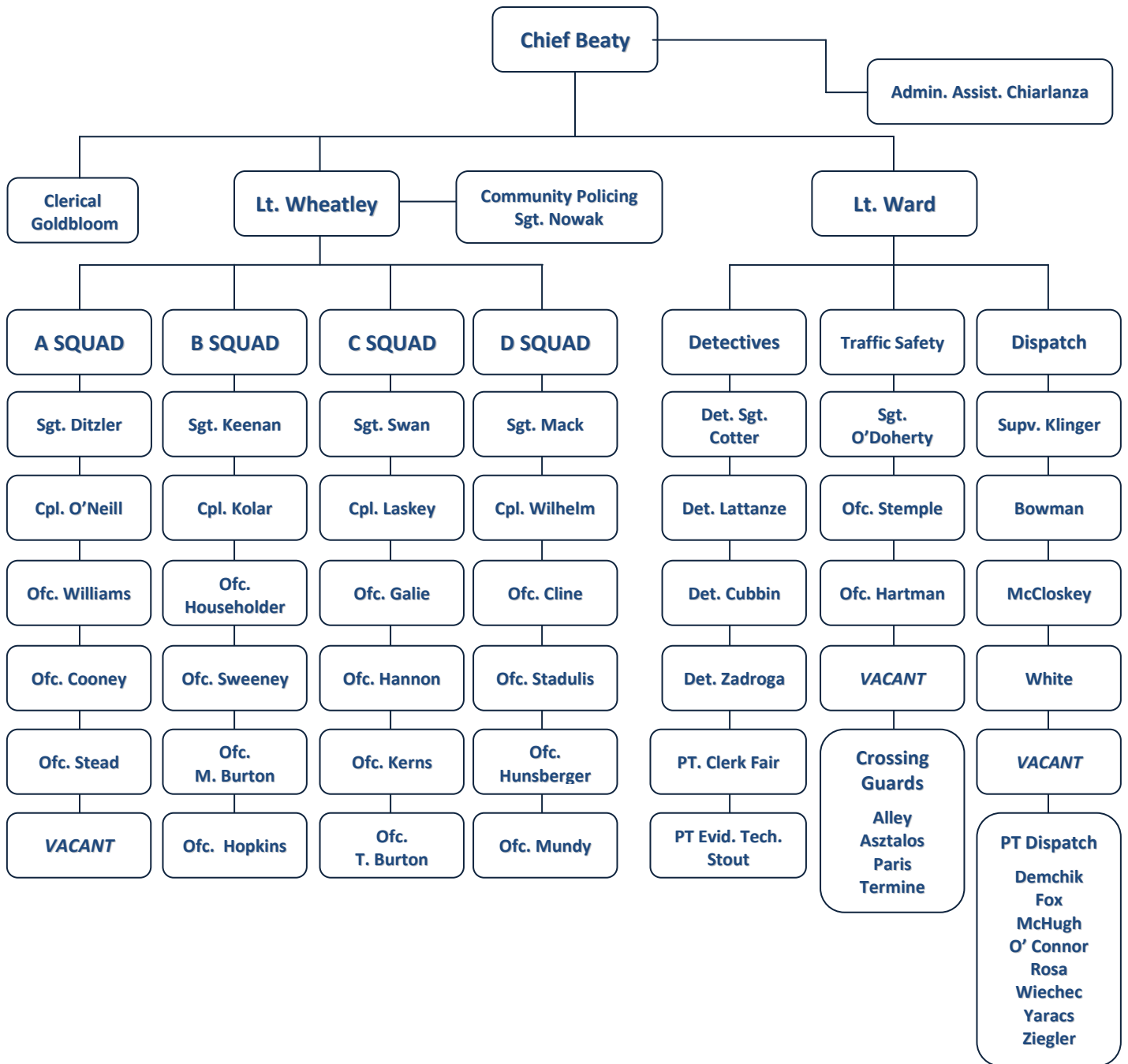
### Communications- Part Time

Melissa Demchik  
Daniel Fox  
J.P. McHugh  
Nick O'Connor  
Michael Rosa  
Shannon Wiechec  
Chris Yaracs  
Dave Ziegler

### Crossing Guards

Genevieve Alley  
Barbara Asztalos  
Joe Paris  
Jeanne Termine

# Organizational Chart- 2013



# Specialized Units

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## **CANINES**

2013 marked Whitemarsh Township Police's 4<sup>th</sup> year in operation of the K-9 Unit. The K-9 Unit not only assists the Whitemarsh community but they also respond to surrounding jurisdictions in and outside of Montgomery County, as well as working with state and federal agencies. The K-9 Unit has continued to serve Montgomery County successfully, which is documented by the calls for service.

Both K-9 teams, explosives and narcotics, have attended their monthly update training and they have completed all required yearly certifications.

### Patrol:

The Whitemarsh Township Police Department K-9 Unit responded to 70 calls for service. These calls were in Whitemarsh Township, the surrounding communities in Montgomery County and other counties. Of those calls for service, 8 were building searches, 40 were tracks of criminals and/or lost persons, and during those tracks 12 different crucial articles of evidence were located.

The K-9 Unit was able to apprehend a total of 11 different suspects associated with committing crimes or having dangerous outstanding criminal warrants. A total of 5 adults and children were located by the K-9 Unit after being reported missing.

### Narcotics:

Police K-9 Hugo #32-199 and K-9 Officer James Sweeney Badge #3262 continued to assist many different agencies with narcotic searches. Police K-9 Hugo and K-9 Officer James Sweeney continued to work closely assisting The Montgomery County Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET), Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General Narcotics Investigation Division, local municipalities in Montgomery County, Bucks County and Philadelphia. The K-9 team has also established a crucial role in the fight against illegal narcotics by assisting the Department of Homeland Security and US Customs. The Unit has helped greatly and has been requested to provide further assistance to the Federal Government and will be pursuing enhanced federal training and the opportunity for the K-9 Unit to be cross designated with federal enforcement power.

The 2013 statistics are as follows:

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|---|--------------|
| • Narcotic searches:                                    | 11           |
| • Assisting Montgomery County Truck Enforcement Detail: | 1            |
| • Marijuana Recovered:                                  | 8 LBS        |
| • "Molly" Pills Recovered:                              | 6            |
| • Cocaine Recovered:                                    | ½ oz         |
| • Total US currency seized from narcotic searches:      | \$156,607.00 |

*Numerous amounts of Heroin, Hallucinogenic and drug paraphernalia were found.*

Explosives:

Police K-9 Brock Badge 32-299 and K-9 Officer Matthew Stadulis Badge #3268 continued to assist many different agencies with explosive searches. Police K-9 Brock and K-9 Officer Matthew Stadulis worked closely assisting The United Secret Service, FBI, ATF, the Pennsylvania State Police, The Montgomery County Sheriff's Department Bomb Unit, local municipalities in Montgomery County and Delaware County.

The K-9 Unit conducted dignitary details with President George W. Bush and provided numerous different dignitary sweeps for the US Open. The K-9 team was chosen and assigned to the Department of Homeland Security to provide explosive searches for the spectators, players, and vendors for the US Open in Haverford Township, Delaware County.

The K-9 team continues to respond to many different explosive calls and threats to ensure the safety of the public.

The 2013 statistics are as follows:

- Building searches: 36
- Dignitary Searches: 3
- School searches: 2
- Suspicious packages and vehicles: 10
- Crowd Control: 2
- Montgomery County Explosive drills: 2

**TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT**

Traffic Studies/Speed Surveys

Traffic studies are a review of applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, geography, traffic conditions and traffic restrictions used to improve traffic safety and traffic conditions in a designated area. Speed surveys are actual reports generated from a classifier. A classifier is a device that counts volumes, speed and classifications of vehicles. In 2013, studies/surveys were conducted at the following locations:

- 3000 block of Edmonds Road
- Kerper Road
- Wagner Road
- W. Valley Green at the Iron Bridge

Accident Statistic Requests

Review of the accident history of a particular location for the past three years. This is usually initiated by the Chief of Police or the Township to first determine if there are any accidents on the roadway and if there are, what factors caused the accidents and if there are ways to minimize accidents in these locations.

- Skippack Pike/Sheaff Lane
- Flourtown Road at Iron Bridge
- Cedar Grove Road – 2000/3000 Block
- Ridge Pike and Joshua Road
- Township Line and Butler Pike
- Flourtown Road and Joshua Road
- Camp Hill Road
- Ridge Pike and Manor Road

### Assist Other Law Enforcement Agencies

The Traffic Safety Unit at times is requested by other departments or agencies to assist with crime or accident scenes.

- Upper Dublin PD—Assisted with a CDR download.
- Springfield PD- Assisted with a CDR download and used the LTI laser to diagram the accident scene.
- Cheltenham PD-Assisted with a CDR download and used the LTI laser to diagram the accident scene.
- Springfield PD- Assisted with a CDR download and used the LTI laser to diagram the accident scene.

### Traffic Safety Unit Details

The Traffic Safety Unit conducts Motor Carrier Safety Enforcement Details throughout the Township and assists other departments in Montgomery County with their details. MCSAP details are conducted by certified officers who have successfully passed the Federal Regulations exams. At this time the Traffic Safety Unit has one officer who is trained to perform Level 1 safety inspections. The



The Traffic Safety Unit is also responsible for assisting with certain traffic related details which involve highways within Whitemarsh Township. In 2013 Sergeant O’Doherty conducted the following inspections with the following results:

- 87 Level 1 inspections
- 10 Level 2 inspections
- 67 Level 3 inspections
- 117 Out of Service violations
- 164 total citations issued for federal regulation violations

### Signage Requests

Requests are made by residents or initiated by the TSU to increase or improve signage at particular locations. The TSU reviews PennDOT warrants to determine if new signage will meet guidelines. If the roadway is a state road, information is gathered and a letter of request is forwarded to PennDOT.

- Sheaff Lane and Skippack Pike- Crash data was provided and the location was surveyed. PennDOT reduced the speed limit on Skippack Pike from 50 mph to 45 mph. New, larger signs were erected on approach of the intersection for indicating the cross street and to reduce speed to 35mph.
- Morris Road and Sheaff Lane- New stop sign was requested and new street sign was placed.
- Cedar Grove at Spring Mill Road- met with PennDOT regarding the current crosswalk signage that needed to be updated. PennDOT surveyed the location and provided locations for new signage on approach and at the crosswalk
- 200 and 300 block of Cedar Grove Road- met with PennDOT regarding adding 25 mph advisory speed signs for the curves and additional curve signage. PennDOT installed several of these signs along Cedar Grove Road to alert drivers of the curved roadway.
- Flourtown Road at the Norfolk Southern Railroad Bridge- Due to the increase in trucks striking the bridge overpass Sgt O’Doherty met with Township representatives and PennDOT in regards to adding more safety measures to warn vehicles over 11’9” of the bridge height. As a result large height restriction signs were added on approach of the bridge and additional

signage was placed on the bridge. PennDOT also approved pavement markings on the highway stating "Low Bridge Ahead".

- Germantown Pike at Marple Lane- met with PennDOT regarding a resident request for a "Do Not Block Intersection" sign. PennDOT approved the sign and advised they would install.
- Redwood Road and Twynwood Road- surveyed the intersection due to a complaint received from Colonial School District. The intersection did not have any stop restrictions. The location met the warrants for a stop sign for Twynwood Road.
- Butler Pike and Township Line Road- received a request by a resident for additional signage at the intersection to warn drivers on Township Line Road of the Butler Pike intersection. Location was surveyed and signage request for a large arrow sign was submitted to Montgomery County Roads and Bridges. Sign was approved and placed by Montgomery County.
- 732 Hector Street- Resident requested a dedicated handicapped parking space on Hector St in front of his residence. Resident is disabled and does not have a driveway. TSU surveyed and marked the location. Request and ordinance was forwarded to the Chief of Police and Township Manager. Ordinance was approved by Board of Supervisors and signs were placed by Township Highway.
- 3000 Block of Crescent Avenue- Resident requested handicapped warning signs for Crescent Ave due to his son being disabled and using his wheel chair in the roadway. Roadway was surveyed and locations were marked for township highway to install (2) signs.
- Holly at Ridge Pike- No Left Turn sign was replaced due to reflectivity wearing away.
- Thornhill Drive- Resident requested handicapped warning signs for Thornhill Drive due to their son being disabled and using a wheel chair in the roadway. Roadway was surveyed and location were marked for township highway to install (2) signs.
- Ridge and Holly- In response to a complaint request was sent to Township Highway to re-face the current No Left Turn sign on Holly at Ridge.

### Safety Initiatives

#### *PECO Project- Hector St.*

TSU met with representatives of Peco and the construction companies and assisted with the coordination of traffic related issues for the project. At this time PECO has decided to postpone the project until 2014.

#### *AQUA Project- Pennsylvania Avenue and Joshua Road*

TSU met with representatives of Aqua and the construction company regarding coordination of traffic related issues for the project.

#### *Speed Check Lines*

The TSU continues to conduct selective enforcements at locations in response to complaints received. Since the officers are not permitted to use RADAR, new speed timing lines needed to be painted to enforce speeding. These locations are marked by TSU and lines painted by the Township Highway Department.

#### *Variable Message Board and Speed Trailer*

The Traffic Safety Unit receives numerous requests for the variable message board and speed trailer. These tools are deployed at various locations throughout the Township for traffic complaints and special events.

## CENTRAL MONTGOMERY COUNTY SWAT TEAM

The Central Montgomery Special Weapons and Tactics team (CMSWAT) is a multi-jurisdiction tactical team comprised of officers from 14 police departments in the central portion of Montgomery County:

Ambler	Lower Providence	West Conshohocken
Bridgeport	Montgomery	West Norriton
Conshohocken	Plymouth	Whitemarsh
East Norriton	Royersford	Whitpain
Lower Gwynedd	Upper Merion	

This team is staffed, trained and equipped to handle high risk situations involving armed individuals that are beyond the capabilities of traditional law enforcement. CMSWAT is available for response 24/7, 365 days a year. The members of this team must meet rigorous entry standards to become a member of the team and must continuously exceed these standards to maintain their status on the team.

Members of this team must pass a physical fitness qualification twice a year and must pass monthly firearms qualifications to standards far above those set by most police departments. In 2013, the Whitemarsh Township Police Department had 4 officers assigned to CMSWAT. These officers maintained both their regular duties with the Whitemarsh Township Police Department and their collateral duties with CMSWAT.



- CMSWAT responded to 7 incidents in 2013. Out of the 7 incidents, 7 people were arrested.
- Five were high risk arrest or search warrant services.
- One was an armed barricaded subject.

This year CMSWAT traveled to the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JBMDL) on two separate occasions in order to utilize their training facilities. JBMDL affords us a larger live-shooting house facility along with a virtual town in which operators can perform various tactical training simultaneously in a very realistic environment. That facility incorporates a hotel, convenience store, house, office buildings, a gas station and even a train with a passenger platform. Operations were held in foul weather and at night in addition to normal daytime training. In addition to that facility, operators and snipers had use of interactive firearms ranges and confidence courses.

CMSWAT competed in the District Attorney's Swat Challenge again this year. The challenge consisted of five events, the Obstacle Course, The Three Gun Challenge, The Active Shooter event, the Sniper event, and the Hostage Rescue Course.

CMSWAT won the Obstacle Course and the Three Gun Competition and we're tied for first place with Abington PD Tactical Team in points at the end of the competition. The tie breaker was decided on overall time, unfortunately Abington edged out CMSWAT to win the competition.

# General Statistics

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## DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total Incidents	15,400	15,267	15,386	19,774	24,331
<i>Arrests</i>					
Total Arrests	2,433	2,094	2,046	2,149	3,010
Criminal Arrests	187	207	172	138	468
Non-Traffic Citations	251	233	326	325	236
D.U.I.	66	59	70	72	80
Traffic	1,931	1,595	1,479	1,601	2,326
<i>Accidents</i>					
Total Accidents	774	748	780	869	896
Reportable	211	174	191	175	210
Injuries	132	88	97	129	134
Fatalities	0	0	0	1	0
<i>Traffic</i>					
Parking Violations	132	184	172	93	382
Traffic Complaints	679	630	823	866	660
Selective Enforcement	425	364	372	377	536
Warnings	1,338	1,342	1,363	889	1,370
<i>Alarms</i>					
Total Alarms	957	915	982	797	776
<i>Juvenile Contacts</i>					
Total Contacts	57	115	76	100	66
Handled at Juvenile Court	16	32	24	23	23
Handled at District Court	21	19	25	38	34
Handled in house	23	64	27	9	9

**UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING SYSTEM- PART I OFFENSES**

Classification of Offenses	2012		2013*	
	Actual Offenses	Offenses Cleared	Actual Offenses	Offenses Cleared
<b>Criminal Homicide</b>				
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0
<i>Total Criminal Homicide</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<b>Sex Offenses</b>				
Rape	3	1	1	1
<i>Total Sex Offenses</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
<b>Robbery</b>				
Robbery by Firearm	0	1	0	0
Robbery by Knife or Cutting Instrument	1	1	0	0
Robbery by Other Dangerous Weapon	1	1	0	0
Robbery- Strong Arm	3	3	2	1
<i>Total Robbery</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>
<b>Assaults</b>				
Assault- Firearm	5	2	2	3
Assault- Knife or Cutting Instrument	5	3	1	1
Assault- Other Dangerous Weapon	0	0	0	0
Assault- Hands, Fist, Feet, Etc.	5	4	8	8
<i>Total Assaults</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>11</i>
<b>Burglary</b>				
Burglary- Forcible Entry	24	3	12	5
Burglary- Unlawful Entry- No Force	11	5	7	5
Burglary- Attempted Forcible Entry	4	3	6	0
<i>Total Burglary</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>10</i>
<b>Larceny</b>				
Larceny- Theft	166	34	159	22
<i>Total Larceny</i>	<i>166</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>159</i>	<i>22</i>
<b>Motor Vehicle</b>				
Motor Vehicle Theft- Autos	12	4	7	3
Motor Vehicle Theft- Other	3	0	0	0
<i>Total Motor Vehicle</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>3</i>
<b>Arson</b>				
Arson	0	0	1	1
<i>Total Arson</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
<b>Total Part I Offenses</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>49</b>

*\* Information from the Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Reporting System is subject to continual edit and should not be considered complete until the Annual Report is compiled.*

## UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING SYSTEM- PART II OFFENSES

Classification of Offenses	2012		2013*	
	Actual Offenses	Offenses Cleared	Actual Offenses	Offenses Cleared
<b>Other Assaults</b>				
Assaults- Not Aggravated	37	17	39	35
<i>Total Other Assaults</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>35</i>
<b>Alcohol Crimes</b>				
Driving Under the Influence	61	52	64	59
Liquor Law Violations	24	21	17	15
Drunkenness	25	16	34	28
<i>Total Alcohol Crimes</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>89</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>102</i>
<b>Drug Violations</b>				
Drugs- Sale/ Manufacture	6	5	4	2
Drugs- Possession	15	11	18	18
<i>Total Drug Violations</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>20</i>
<b>Property Offenses</b>				
Forgery and Counterfeiting	6	3	5	1
Fraud	73	13	63	12
Stolen Property	6	5	1	1
Vandalism	79	10	53	4
<i>Total Property Offenses</i>	<i>161</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>18</i>
<b>Other Offenses</b>				
Weapons- Carrying, Possession, Etc.	2	2	0	0
Sex Offenses- Adultery, Indecent Expos.	2	3	6	5
Offenses Against Family & Children	5	0	0	2
Disorderly Conduct	125	59	104	76
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	39	8	58	30
<i>Total Other Offenses</i>	<i>173</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>113</i>
<b>Total Part II Offenses</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>288</b>

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# Training Courses

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In addition to state mandated training programs the Whitmarsh Township Police Department continues to conduct relevant training for officers and staff. This is paramount to the security of the community and continues to promote the level of professionalism we encourage for our employees. During the past year we have provided training not only for officer's personal safety but a variety of other service trainings including emergency response, child advocacy services and implementing public relations' programs. We continue to provide specialized training for the Tactical team, Traffic Investigation Unit, and Criminal Investigation Unit.

<b>Training</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Motorcycle/ IPMBA Bicycle Trainings	<b>168</b>
Firearms/ Specialized Patrol Rifle Training	<b>244</b>
Collision Reconstruction/ Traffic Safety Training Courses	<b>272</b>
Investigative Trainings	<b>444</b>
Canine Narcotics & Explosives/ Patrol Training	<b>576</b>
Advanced Supervision Trainings/ Supervisor Trainings- FBI NA, Northwestern, POSIT, etc.	<b>608</b>
Tactical Team	<b>816</b>

**Total Training Hours: 3,128 hours**

# Community Relations Programs

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## COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROGRAMS

### R.E.A.C.H. (Elementary Education)

In 2013, the police department continued providing the R.E.A.C.H. (*Realistic Education to Avoid Crime and Harm*) program to the Colonial School District and St. Philip Neri School. This is a customized educational program to address the current issues affecting our children today. This new program provides twelve 45-60 minute lessons on personal safety topics ranging from, the effects of alcohol & drugs to internet safety. The program includes topics such as communication styles, decision making skills and positive alternatives. This new program has the flexibility to be presented to any grade level. The R.E.A.C.H. program was presented to six (6) classes throughout the school year.

### Government/Constitutional Law/ Sociology Classes (High School/College)

As part of the department's public relations/educational agenda, Lt. Wheatley and Sgt. Nowak continue to give lectures at Plymouth Whitmarsh High School and Germantown Academy on the application of law and how it is directly related to the US Constitution, as well as the role of the police in our community and how crime, specifically juvenile crime has evolved over the years. These classes allow the students to understand, analyze and scrutinize everyday laws; and how and why they are proactively or reactively enforced. The importance of these classes allows the department to build rapport with the youth and dispel some of the stereotypical beliefs that are held against law enforcement by the teenage population.

### Alcohol Awareness / Social Media / Wellness Classes (Germantown Academy)

At the request of the Germantown Academy school counselors, Sgt. Nowak and Lt. Wheatley have conducted lectures to all of the freshman and sophomore classes at Germantown Academy as part of their wellness classes. These lectures focused on alcohol awareness and the potential legal ramifications of engaging in this high risk behavior. In the sophomore classes, the lectures also stressed the potential pitfalls of the use of Social Media, and how seemingly innocuous photos or blogs entries could eventually hinder college and job applications, and their general safety.

### Child Safety Programs

The Police Department offers a wealth of resources on child safety issues. Primary among them is the "SafetyKids Inc." program called **Charlie Check First**, which features a character named Charlie. What was once "Stranger Danger" has changed and evolved over the years and today features a wider range of safety information. Other programs include internet safety, home alone and bicycle safety. An important aspect of the Child Safety Programs is the **Home Alone Training** for children and parents. The goal of this program is to have the parents and child develop their home alone safety rules and procedures for when the child is home alone.



### PW/ GA Student Coalition



The Whitemarsh Township Police Department has developed a community coalition to aid in the prevention of hazardous decisions that are stereotypically made by an alarming number of teenagers, including but not limited to alcohol/drug related incidents and vehicle-operator distractions such as texting and driving. This program has created a partnership between students at Plymouth Whitemarsh High School and Germantown Academy in which an honest discussion about the prevalence of students' high risk behavior in the community and the consequences of such actions are talked about. The coalition's goals include creating a community based dialogue about the problems of hazardous decision making and its consequences, creating programming and literature for area students, developing a mentoring program between high school and middle school students where student concerns about destructive decision making can be addressed in a safe environment, and reaching out to local businesses and officials to disseminate information about the danger of high risk behavior amongst the teen demographic and the local community.

### Victims Assistance Liaison Unit/ Senior Assist Program

Whitemarsh Township Police Department's Victim Assistance Liaison Unit is a confidential system that allows victims of crime in Whitemarsh Township to receive important written information regarding their rights as a victim. Professional police staff in conjunction with trained volunteers will provide important follow-up services to all victims to provide support and direction to the residents of the community who have been victims of a crime. The continual partnership with Montgomery County Victims Services ensures that every victim is aware of the numerous resources and services available to them within Montgomery County.

The Whitemarsh Township Police Department's Senior Assist Program helps maintain the dignity and independence of seniors living in our community, by providing guidance to the respected senior population and acting as a bridge to the various programs offered by Montgomery County and Whitemarsh Township. These resources help fulfill the educational, health, recreational and social service needs of our senior or special needs residents.

### Cop Camp / Citizen Police Academy Programs



These two programs represent the corner stone of the Department's public relations agenda. The success of these two programs is directly related to the police personnel that take the time to participate in the programs. Once again the demand for the Cop Camp program continues to be extremely high, requiring the commitment of the entire police department as schedules are shifted to ensure proper manpower during the camp week. In 2013, the department had a total of 36 Cadets in the program and had over thirty kids on a waiting list for the 2014 program. Lt. Wheatley continues to ensure that

the goals of this program are achieved. Cop Camp Cadets are taught teamwork, lessons in personal safety, respect for themselves and respect for others, as they participate in exciting well-organized police activities. The result is solidarity and lasting friendships with their local police officers.

The 2013 Citizens Police Academy (C.P.A.) hosted thirteen citizens for ten classes from September to November. The main goal of the C.P.A. is to provide the residents of Whitemarsh Township with a higher level of knowledge and insight into the workings of their police department. The graduates of C.P.A. will have a deeper understanding of the men and women who are protecting their community. Sgt. Nowak took over hosting duties from Chef Beaty and Lt. Wheatley and helped direct the individual classes with support from members of the administrative staff, detectives, traffic safety unit personnel and the patrol division. At the completion of this program, the majority of the graduates continue to support the police department by becoming a member of the Department's Volunteers in Police Service (V.I.P.S.).



#### V.I.P.S. Program- Volunteers in Police Services

The VIPS Program members have assisted the Police Department in its efforts to increase its activity with the community outreach programs in order to enhance the Departments capacity to respond better to situations that occur within the community. In 2013, activities that the VIPS members assisted the Department with include: Citizens' Police Academy, Cop Camp, Whitemarsh Day, Sobriety Check points, Pumpkin Festival, Victims Assistance Liaison Unit, PLCB Grant and the PW/GA S.A.F.E. Coalition.

#### School and Workplace Safety Programs

Whitemarsh Police Sergeant Jeff Nowak and our Command Staff are actively working with many of the local schools and businesses located in the township to address workplace safety. Working with the various facility administrators and safety staff we collaborate on a security assessment of the facility and assist with developing plans for addressing dangerous events. The Police Department continually trains and is prepared to address active events as they unfold, but as we have unfortunately seen across the country, individuals need to be cognizant of their surroundings and have a personal safety plan of their own. Nationally, there are revised personal safety concepts that all of our residents should be aware of. **Evacuate, Hide-Out, Take Action**, also known as **Run-Hide-Fight**, both serve as personal and group action plans to address active assaults. The basic concept is that individuals have three main thought options for their personal safety and should exercise the one or combination of those that best fits the situation and the location that they are in at the time of the evolving incident. For more information on these safety concepts please contact Sgt. Nowak at [jnowak@whitemarshpd.org](mailto:jnowak@whitemarshpd.org).

**PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM HOURS**

<u>Event</u>	<u>Hours of Work</u>
<i>Cop Camp Program</i>	280
<i>Citizens Police Academy</i>	108
<i>School Related Programs</i>	225
REACH Programs	36
Constitutional Law	46
Safety programs	87
All other school programs	56
<i>Community Outreach Programs</i>	150
Senior Assist Program	74
Victims Assist Liaison Unit	76
<i>Programs for Community Organizations</i>	255
Tours	38
Parades	63.5
Township Programs	76
Funeral Details- Police Officers	20
Educational Meetings/Events	57.5

# New Hires

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## **OFFICER EMILY HOPKINS**

On April 15, 2013, Officer Emily Hopkins was sworn in as a Whitmarsh Township Police Officer. Officer Hopkins grew up in and still resides in N.E. Philadelphia, graduating from St. Basils before attending Kutztown University. In 2009 she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Paralegal studies from Kutztown. She attended the Montgomery County Community College Police Academy session 1102 graduating in 2011.



# Recognitions & Awards

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- Detective Sergeant Cotter, Detectives Lattanze, Cubbin and Zadroga as well as Sergeant Ditzler and Officers Hannon and Cooney received a “Unit Citation” for their professionalism, teamwork and perseverance in investigating a shooting that occurred on August 21, 2012. Their initial response and investigation resulted in the arrest of a career criminal several months later. A “Commendation for Merit” was also awarded to Detective Zadroga, the lead investigator on the case. After months of investigation, in 2013, he secured an arrest of the primary suspect and continues to pursue a second, to date.
- Sergeant Ditzler, Corporal O’Neill and Officers Williams, Hartman and Cooney received a “Unit Citation” for assisting Whitpain Police in catching robbery suspects after a vehicle pursuit, crash and foot chase, January 14, 2013.
- Detective Lattanze was awarded a “Commendation for Merit” for his determination and perseverance in the investigation and subsequent arrest following a residential burglary, February 22, 2013.
- Detective Sergeant Cotter, Sergeant Swan and Officers Galie and Stead received a “Unit Citation” for their professional response and teamwork, which resulted in the arrest of a burglary suspect, caught during the attempt on Maple Drive, June 22, 2013.
- Two Whitemarsh residents, Mr. Louis Holod and Mr. Timothy Tygh, were awarded the “Citizen’s Commendation for a Heroic Act”, for prompt, decisive actions and bravery in assisting a school bus driver who lost control of his vehicle after suffering a major medical event. Their courage and actions were critical in stopping the bus and preventing additional damage or loss of life.
- Lieutenant Francis Wheatley was recognized for his graduation from the Federal Bureau of Investigations 254<sup>th</sup> National Academy Session. He successfully completed the ten (10) week National Academy program held in Quantico, VA from July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Two hundred sixty-four law enforcement officers from 48 states, the District of Columbia, 24 International countries, four military organizations, and five federal civilian organizations made up the 254<sup>th</sup> FBI NA Session. The majority of the costs for attendance are covered by the U.S. Department of Justice. Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy program offers ten weeks of advanced investigative, management and fitness training for selected officers having proven records as professionals within their agencies. Lieutenant Wheatley now joins 47,254 graduates that represent the NA program since its inception in 1935.