

# FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



## ANNUAL POLICE REPORT 2012

Communications	15,059
Complaints Investigated	2,752
Complaints Closed/Cleared	2,660
Complaints Closed by Arrest	82
Complaints Still Open	92

### **Classification of Complaints Investigated**

#### **Property Complaints**

Arson	2
Burglary	10
Criminal Mischief	43
Found/Recovered Property	15
Lost/Missing Property	19
Open Building/Building Checks	25
Theft of Property	100
Trespassing	11

#### **Personal Complaints**

Assault - Aggravated	2
Assault - Sexual	4
Assault - Simple	15
Death Investigation	7
Disorderly Conduct	8
Disturbances-Domestic	69
Disturbances-Juvenile	13
Disturbances-Other	39
Domestic Standby	8
Drug Act Violations	33
Fraud/Forgery	57
Harassment	56
Liquor Law Violation	12
Lost/Missing/Located Persons	14
Mental Health	16
Probation Violation	1
Protection From Abuse Order Violations	10
Public Drunkenness	16
Runaway/Truancy	4
Suicide Attempts	1
Threats	1

## Motor Vehicle Complaints

Assist Motorist	95
Driving While Under the Influence	43
Hit and Run Accident	11
Hit and Run Accident-Property Damage	8
Repossession	3
Traffic Complaints	87
Traffic Offenses	25
Vehicle Accident- Involving Death	0
Vehicle Accident- Involving Injury	66
Vehicle Accident- Involving Non-Injury	61
Vehicle Accident- Non-Reportable	126
Vehicle Accident- With Property Damage	20
Vehicle Theft	3

## Miscellaneous

9-1-1 Hang Up	98
Accident - Other	3
Administration/Investigative Reports	5
Animal Complaints	93
Assist Emergency Medical Services	337
Assist Fire Department	73
Assist Homeowner	27
Assist Other Agency	63
Bike Patrol Detail	1
Code Red Drills	4
Departmental Services/Processing/Records	121
Littering	3
Other Crimes Code Violations	8
Pedestrian Contact - Non Criminal	9
Police Information Received	134
Pornography/Obscene Materials	1
Public Service Requests	16
Suspicious Person, Auto, Activity	279
Vacation Notices	58
Warrants	10
Weapons Violations	1

## Township Ordinances

Abandoned Vehicles	13
Alarms	166
Burning	8
Noise Complaint	22
Park Violations	27
Soliciting	10
Other	3

## Arrests

Total Adults Arrested	64
Total Juveniles Arrested	18

## Arrest Descriptions

Assault - Aggravated	1
Assault - Sexual	6
Assault - Simple	1
Burglary	2
Driving Under Influence/Alcohol	31
Drug Laws	23
Harassment	1
Fleeing & eluding	1
Forgery/Fraud	1
Public Drunkenness	3
Theft	10
Warrants	2
Total	82

## Citation Dispositions

Charges Reduced	351
Charges Withdrawn	342
Dismissed	18
Found Not Guilty	48
Plead Guilty/Paid Fine	714
Total	1,473

## **Police Services Provided**

Motor Patrol	871
Motor Vehicle Courtesy (Verbal) Warnings	1,350
Motor Vehicle Courtesy (Written) Warnings	211
Motor Vehicle Citations	1,265
Non-Traffic Citations	99
Selective Enforcements	1,509
Truck Enforcements/Details	5
Assistance to Other Police Departments	265
Assistance From Other Police Departments	134
Alarm Responses	166
Warning Notices Sent to Subscriber	119
Violation Notice – Fee Assessed	22

## **Vehicle Accident Investigations**

Reportable	136
Non-Reportable	126
Persons Injured	97
Fatalities	0

## **Court Appearances**

District Court	262
County Court of Common Pleas	3
Juvenile Court	2
Other Court	1

## **Non-Traffic Citations**

Disorderly Conduct	45
Confinement of Dogs	2
Harassment	6
Other Crimes Code Viol.	3
Public Drunkenness	18
Restrictions on Alcoholic Beverages	19
Use of Tobacco in Schools	6
Total	99

## Assistance To Other Police Departments

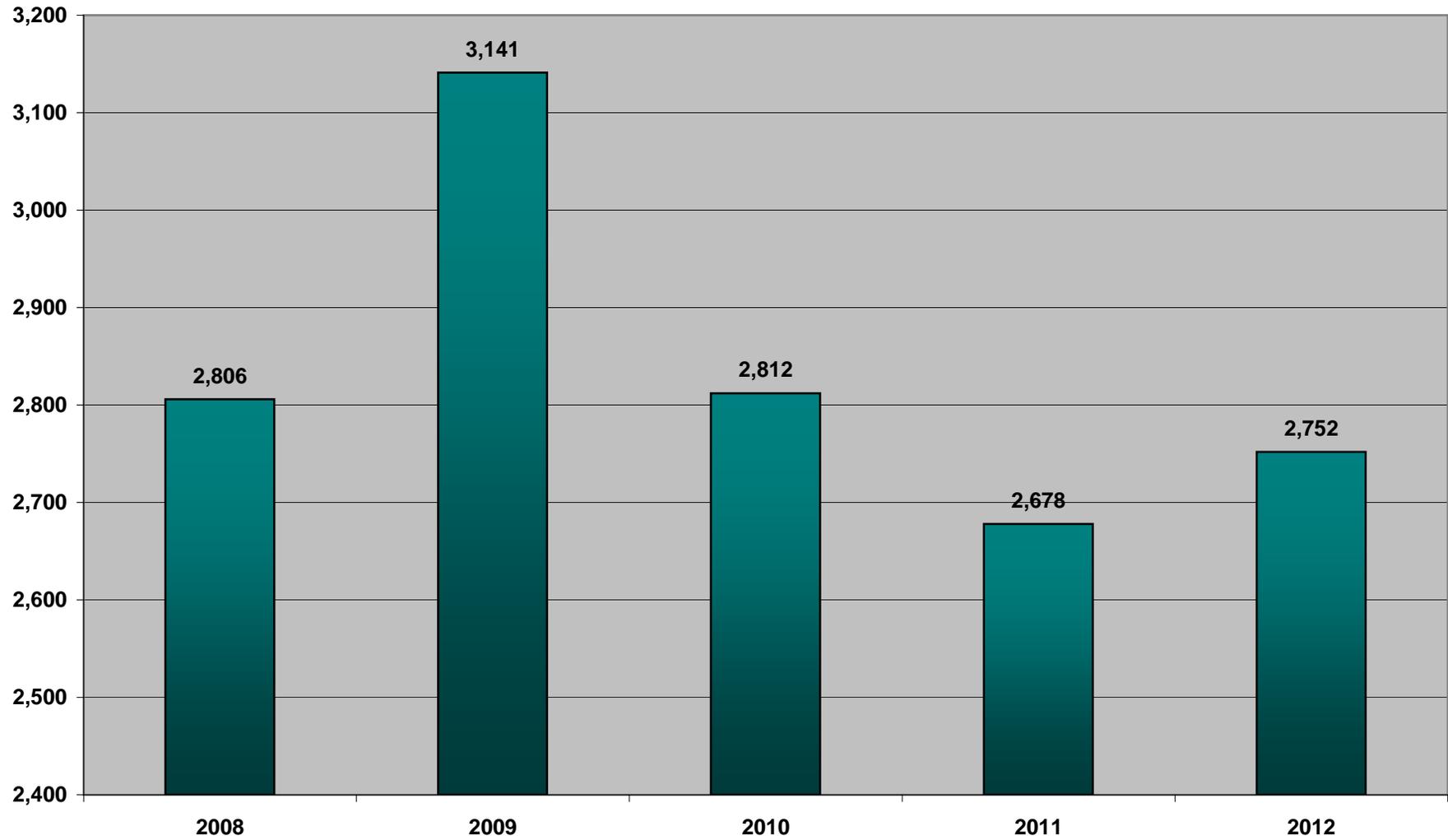
Hatfield Township Police Department	25
Hilltown Township Police Department	14
Lower Salford Township Police Department	58
Marlborough Township Police Department	6
Penridge Regional Police Department	4
Pennsylvania State Police - Skippack	3
Souderton Borough Police Department	67
Telford Borough Police Department	79
Towamencin Township Police Department	8
Upper Perkiomen Police District	1
Total	265

## Assistance From Other Departments

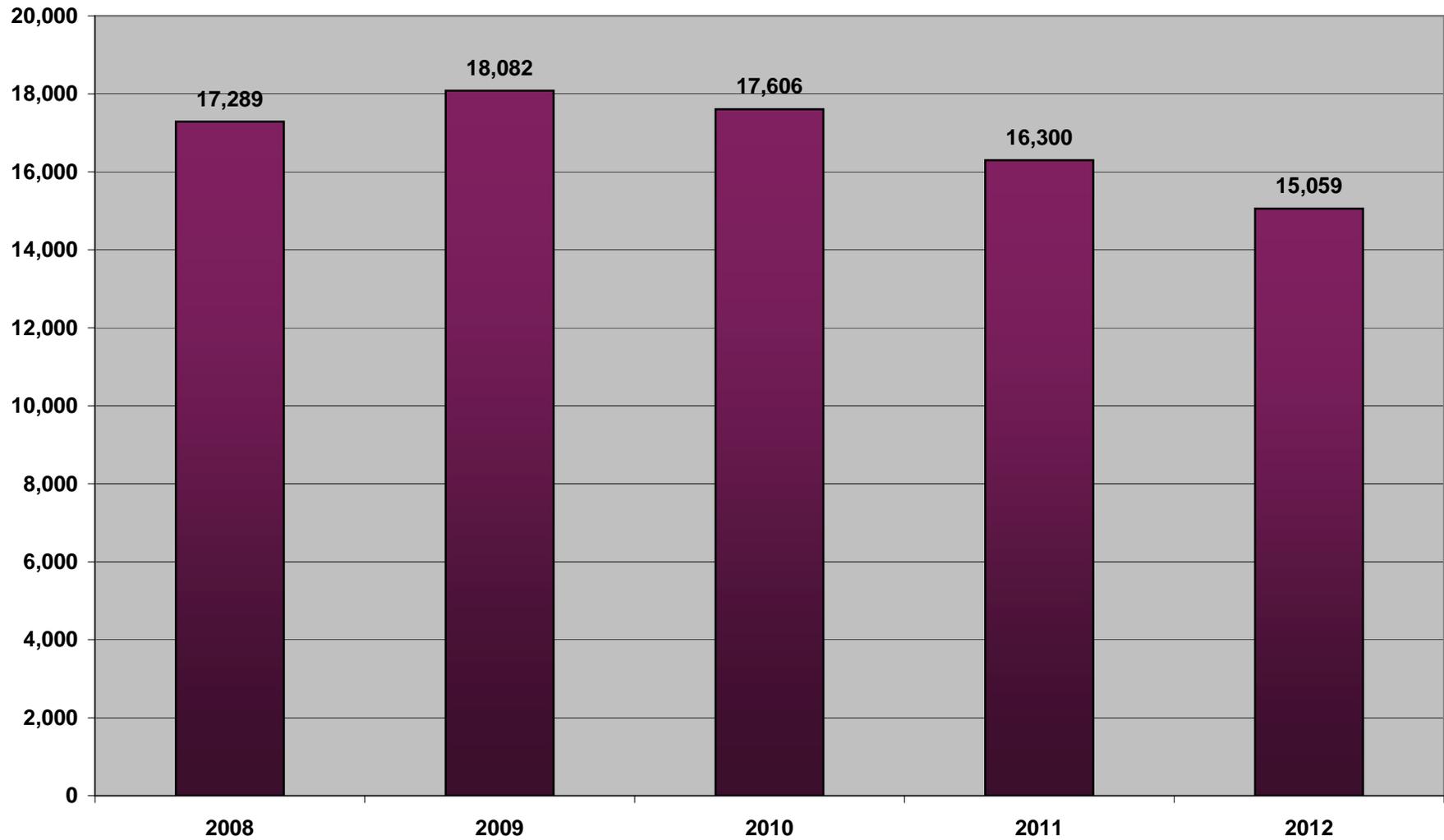
Hatfield Twp. Police Department	4
Hilltown Township Police Department	4
Limerick Township Police Department	2
Lower Salford Twp. Police Department	37
Marlborough Township Police Department	1
Montgomery Township Police Department	1
Montgomery Co. Sheriff's Department	1
Souderton Police Department	39
Telford Police Department	39
Towamencin Twp. Police Department	6
Total	134



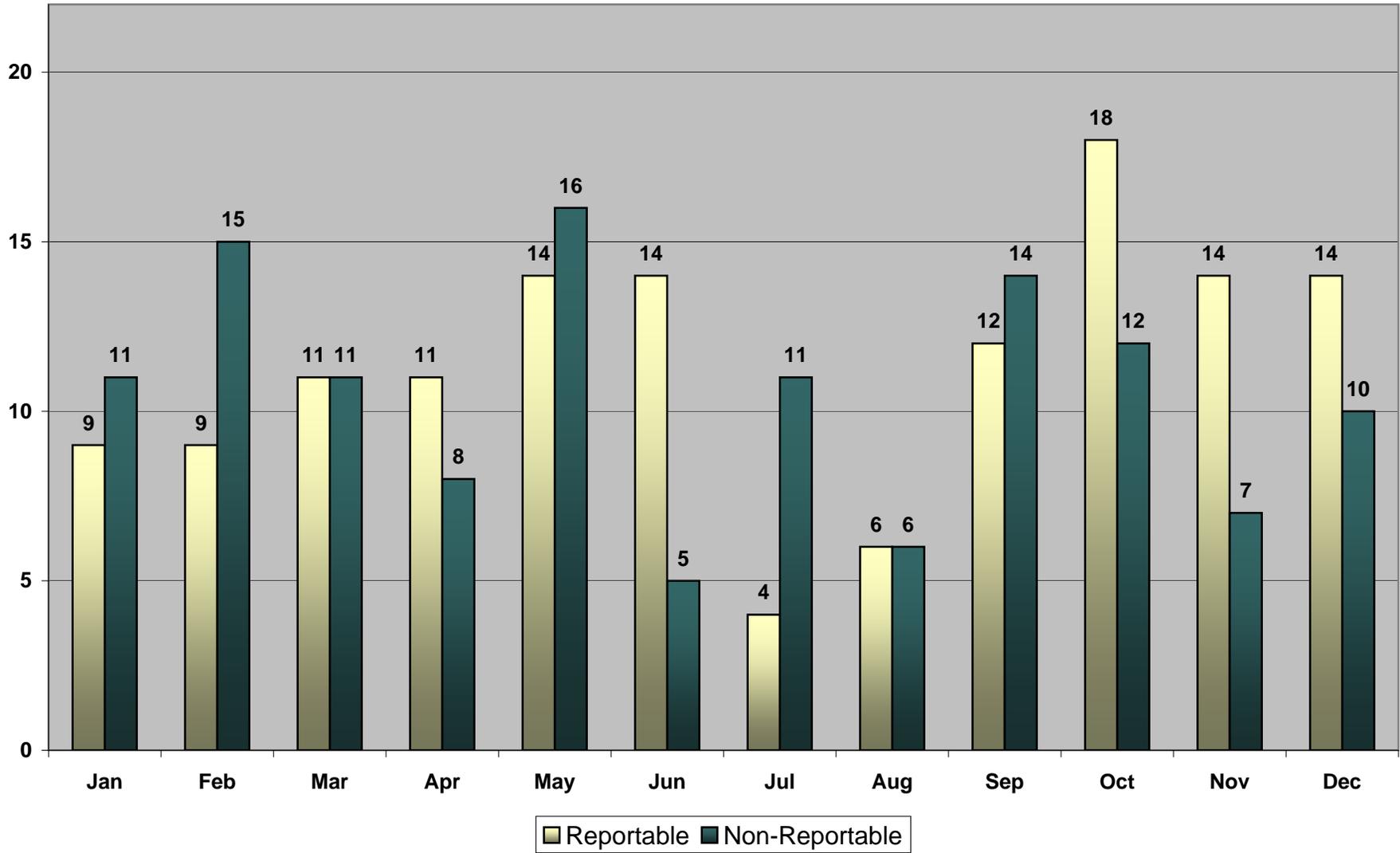
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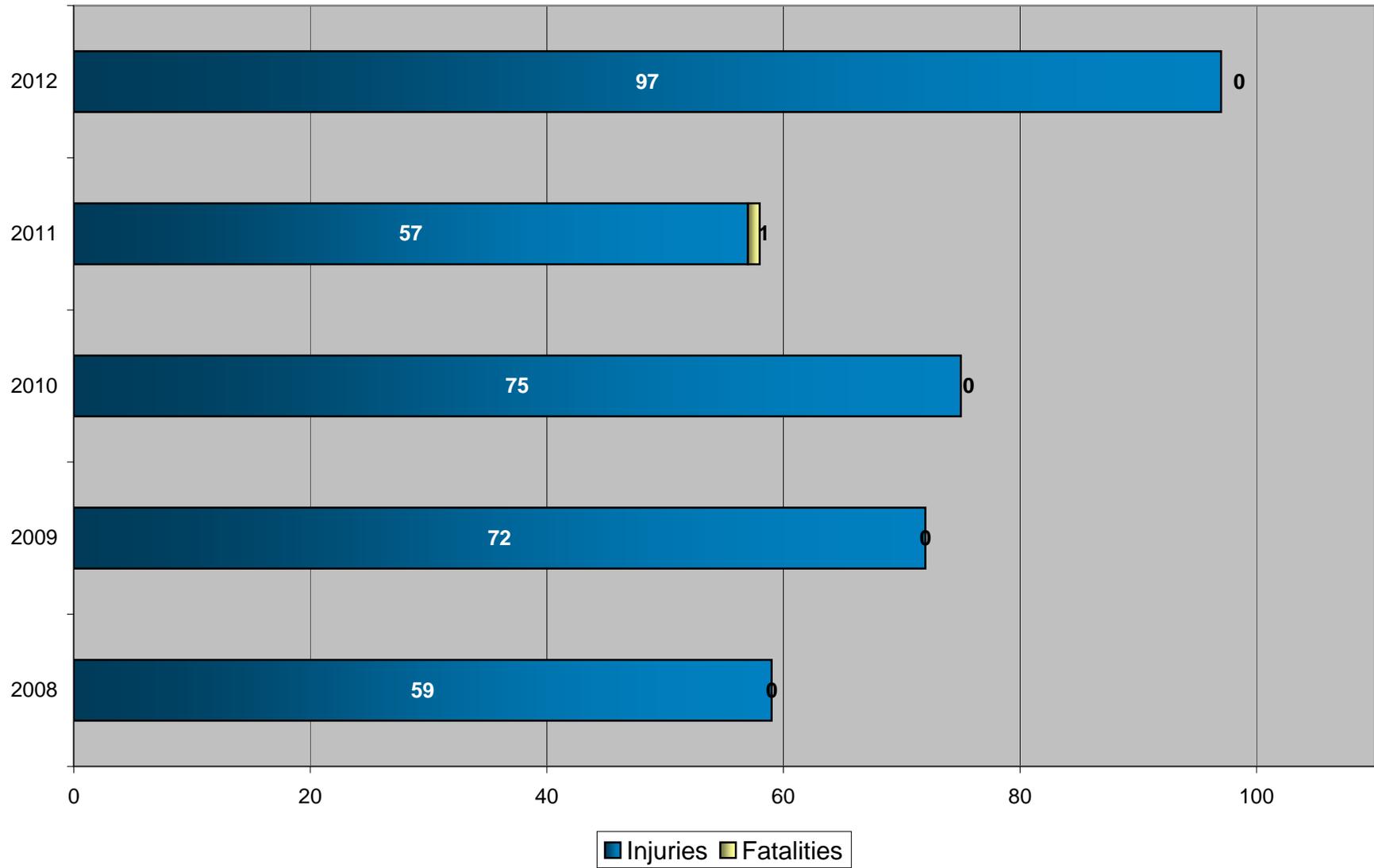
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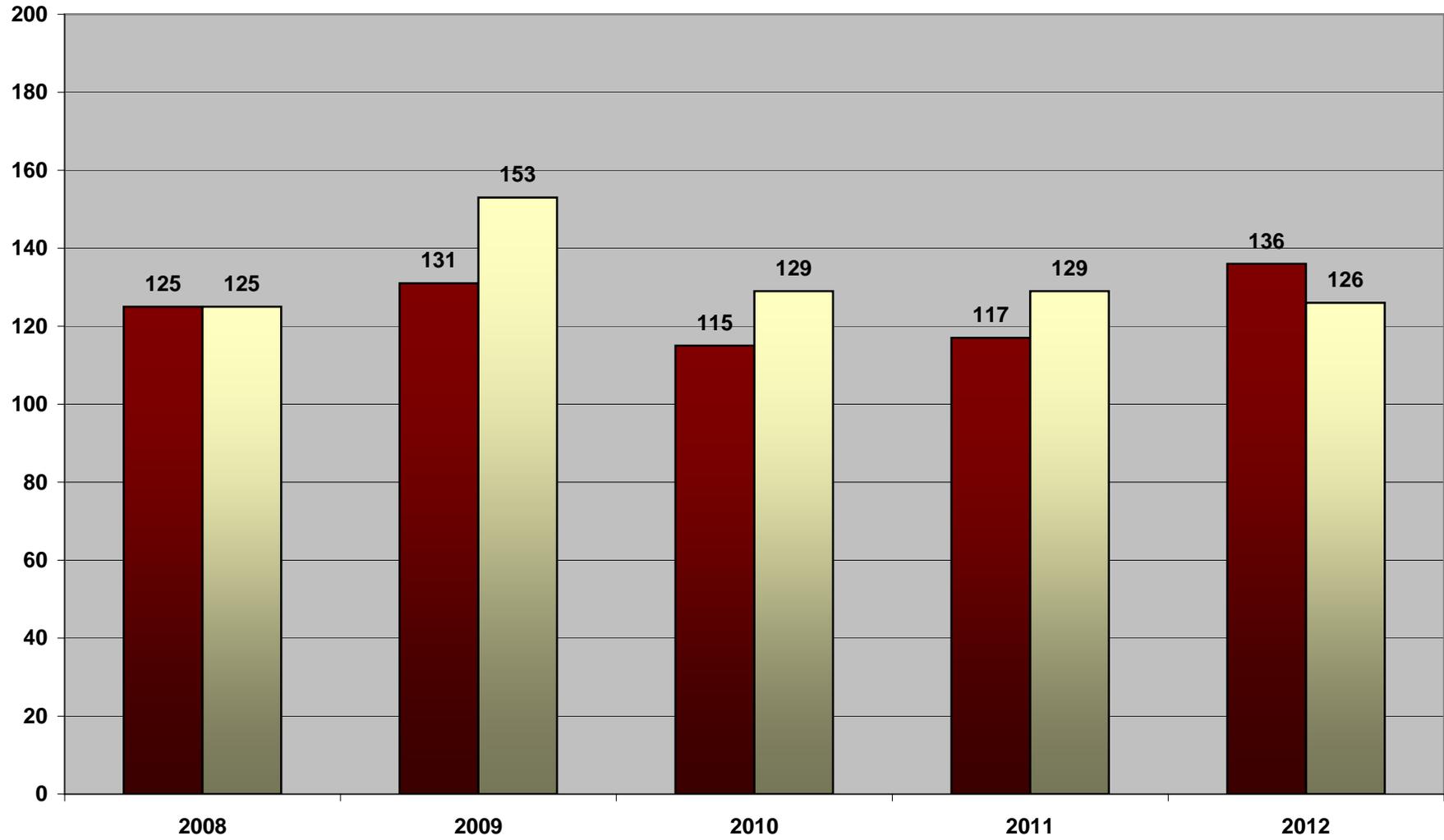
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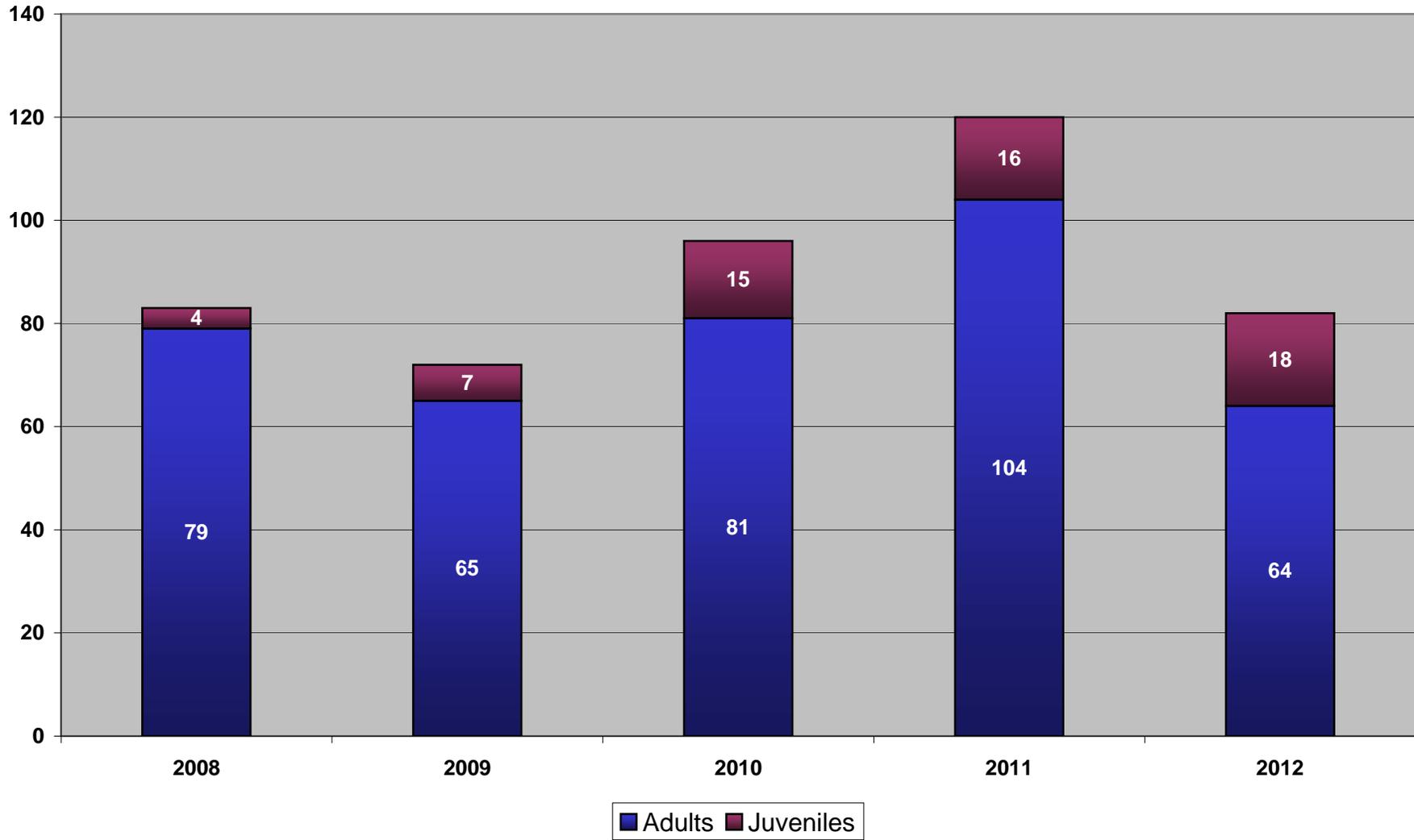
### Vehicle Crash Injuries & Fatalities 5 Year Comparison



### Vehicle Crashes 5 Year Comparison



### Arrests 5 Year Comparison



**Franconia Township Police Department's D.A.R.E. Unit**  
**2012 Activity Report**

Total hours worked per month by Officer Klepfer teaching the D.A.R.E. Program to the two 7<sup>th</sup> grade teams at Indian Crest Middle School.

**Total Hours by Month**

September	10
October	23
November	15
December	16
Total	64

**Special D.A.R.E. Activities**

**June 02** – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at the Caring Community Fair in the Souderton Community Park.

**June 21** – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at the Indian Valley Boys & Girls Club for summer camp kids.

**August 7** – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at our annual “National Night Out” event at the Franconia Community Park.

Respectfully submitted,



Officer David A. Klepfer  
D.A.R.E. Officer



**Franconia Township Police Department's School Resource Officer (S.R.O.)  
2012 Activity Report**

**Monthly Hours S.R.O. Worked at  
Middle & High School**

January	62
February	62
March	67
April	29
May	65
June	21
July	4
August	7
September	22
October	25
November	27
December	15
Total	406

**Arrests/Citations Issued by S.R.O.**

Juvenile Arrests	7
Adult Arrests	0
Non-Traffic Citations	15
Disorderly Conduct	7
Tobacco Violations	7
Alcohol Violations	2
Harassment	1

**Total Reported Incidents**

Souderton Area High School	94
Indian Crest Middle School	46
Franconia Elem. School	6
West Broad Elem. School	17
Vernfield Elem. School	8

**Total Hours Spent on Other S.R.O.  
Duties & Assignments**

Juvenile Court	6
District Court	24
Interviews	13
Phone Calls	28
Meetings	46
Training	53

**Drills Conducted at Schools**

Intruder/Lockdown Drills	4
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**Training**

**January 6** – Reviewed a few articles and training video on Policeone.com

**January 25** – Attended a training on Accident & Seatbelt Safety at the Lower Frederick Twp. Municipal Building

**February 8** – Reviewed a presentation on Haz-Mat & Suicide Bombs

**February 29** – Attended a seminar on Child Sexual offenders at the Montgomery County Public Safety Building

**April 24** – Firearms training and qualification

**May 21** – Attended a refresher training class on the DUI Standardized Field Sobriety Testing

**May 23** – Reviewed the departmental Taser policy

**May 29** – Taser training and certification

**May 31** – Attended a training on Understanding & Responding to School Bullying & Cyber Bullying

**August 28** – Attended a training on the new police radios for the countywide 800 MHz re-banding

**October 17th & 18th** – Attended the annual Mandatory In-Service Training at the Bucks County Training Center

**Other S.R.O. Activities**

**February 21** - Guest speaker in Mrs. Gale's Practical Law class at the Souderton Area High School to discuss law enforcement

**March 20** – Participated in a presentation at the Souderton Area High School by the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office on the Juvenile Justice System

**May 8** – Participated in the 5th grade Colonial Days at Vernfield Elementary School

**May 25** – Participated in the Special Olympics that were hosted at the Souderton Area High School

**June 14** – I assisted with the Souderton Area High School graduation

**July 23** – Conducted a Danger & Stranger presentation for the summer camp kids at Franconia Elementary School & Oak Ridge Elementary School

**August 6** – I presented a Danger-Stranger Presentation to the Harleysville Mom's Club.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Klepfer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'D'.

Officer David A. Klepfer  
School Resource Officer

**Montgomery County District Attorney's Drug Task Force**  
**2012 Activity Report**

- Total number of Franconia Officers on the Drug Task Force:
  - 6
- Total Hours worked by Franconia Officers:
  - 8 hours
- Total number of Drug Task Force related arrests:
  - 3
- Items confiscated during Task Force investigations:
  - Heroin -15 baggies valued at \$15.00 each

**Franconia Township Police Department's Bike Patrol Unit**  
**2012 Activity Report**

- Members of the unit:
  - Officer Wayne Pursell (Supervisor)
  - Officer Christopher Hinnershitz
  - Officer Timothy Boyle
  - Officer Shawn Stiver
- Hours spent on the Bike Patrol in the Township:
  - 52.59 hours
- Special Events
  - National Night Out Kick-Off 5K, Franconia Park
  - National Night Out, Franconia Park
  - Souderton Area High School football games
  - Assisted other departments with searches for missing persons.
  - Patrolled the developments, township parks, walking paths, and businesses.
- Expenditures
  - There were no costs for maintenance of the bikes this year. Bike Works in Harleysville provides free yearly service since the bikes were purchased there.
  - Total Expenditures- \$1,387.58
    - Equipment - \$828.37
    - Uniforms - \$157.96
    - Radio Maintenance - \$401.25



# North Penn Tactical Response Team

1090 Troxel Road, PO Box 303, Kulpsville, PA 19443

## 2012 Activity Report

- TRAINING

- Team practices are held on the third Wednesday of each month.
- Practices are performed during a twelve-hour day.
- Practices consist of the following:
  - Building checks
  - Weapons qualification
  - Hostage situations
  - Approaches to buildings and motor vehicles
  - Barricaded subjects
  - Crowd control
  - Less Lethal qualification
  - Officer down & civilian rescue
  - Fitness agility
  - Stress course shooting
- An extended two-day practice in April and an extended three-day practice in October were provided for additional training. Both practices were held at Fort Indiantown Gap.
- Total Training Hours: 190 hours

- CALLOUTS

- **January 10th** – Activated for active shooter in Telford Borough. Actor surrendered.
- **May 5th** – Activated for Mental Health warrant in Hatfield Township. Actor taken into custody.
- **May 14th** – Activated for a barricaded/parole violator in Telford Borough. Actor was taken into custody without incident.
- **July 20th** – Activated to assist with a “High Risk” drug warrant in Lansdale Borough. This actor was also taken into custody.
- **September 16<sup>th</sup>** – Activated for an armed suicidal subject in Hatfield Township. Actor taken into custody without incident.
- **October 1<sup>st</sup>** – Activated to assist Montgomery County Detectives with a High Risk drug warrant in Marlborough Township.
- **November 30<sup>th</sup>** – Activated to assist the United States Secret Service with President Obama’s visit to a business in Hatfield Township.
- **November 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Activated for a barricaded subject in Pennsburg. Assisted the Upper Perk Police District with taking the Actor into custody.
- **December 7<sup>th</sup>** – Activated for High Risk drug warrant in Hatfield Township. Actor taken into custody without incident.

- ACTIVITIES

- May 5th - May 3rd: Officer Hinnershitz and Officer Kranich attended the New York Tactical Officers Association Conference. They attended several leadership courses.
- Throughout the year, Officer Hinnershitz and Officer Kranich volunteered their time with assisting participating departments of the North Penn Tactical Response Team with demonstrations on team movement and equipment use. These were presented to Junior Police Academies, National Night Out events, and other community events.
- In November, Franconia Officer Eric Frary was assigned to the North Penn Tactical Response Team as an operator.

- Franconia Township Police Department Team Members

- Officer Glenn Kranich – Assistant Team Leader/Sniper
- Officer Chris Hinnershitz – Team Leader
- Officer Eric Frary – Team Member



Franconia • Hatfield • Lansdale • Lower Salford • Marlborough • North Wales • Souderton  
• Telford • Towamencin • Upper Gwynedd • Upper Perk

# National Night Out Against Crime

Tuesday, August 7, 2012 - Franconia Township Community Park - Allentown Road

## 2012 Activity Report

- Over 50 Pubic Safety Displays, Including:
  - Montg. Co. Detective Bureau
  - Montg. Co. Sheriff's Dept.
  - Montg. Co. Victim Services
  - One Life One Chance
  - Mothers Against Drunk Driving
  - Pennsylvania Game Commission
  - Numerous Local Fire and EMS squads
  - SCI Graterford Mounted Unit
- Participating Dignitaries:
  - State Senator Stewart Greenleaf
  - State Rep. Robert Godshall
  - Montg. Co. DA Risa Ferman
  - Commissioner Bruce Castor
  - Commissioner Josh Shapiro
- Main Event Highlights:
  - Public Safety Bike Race
  - Kids Fun Zone, featuring the *NEW* North Penn Tactical Response Team's Tiny Tots Obstacle Course
  - Model Airplane Show & Custom Car Show
  - Fireworks to celebrate our department's 50th anniversary, sponsored by Bergey's Auto Dealerships
- Other National Night Out Related Activities:
  - Food Drive:
    - During the month of July, at the 5K, and during the event itself, we collected non-perishable donations for five local food banks. In total, we collected:
      - 1,500 pounds of food
      - \$1,115 in cash donations
      - \$150 in Landis Gift Cards
  - NNO Kick-Off 5K Run
    - Monday, August 6, 2012 – sponsored by Univest and coordinated by Dan Bedell, Souderton Area High School Senior.
      - 90 Registered Runners
      - \$960 in registration fees donated to local food banks
      - 500 pounds of non-perishable food collected
  - National Award Winner
    - November 21 – Selected as a National Award Winner in Category 5 – Under 15,000 population. (note – this is our 4th concurrent year receiving this award)



Respectfully submitted,

Janice Frary  
National Night Out Coordinator



## BACKGROUND

The Franconia Township Highway Safety Unit (HSU) was created in 2006. The officers who make up this unit specialize in the areas of traffic enforcement, motor carrier safety, and accident investigation/reconstruction. Along with the other members of the police department, the officers on the HSU strive to ensure safety on the township's roadways. For 2012, the Franconia Township Police Department had over 2,900 traffic-related public contacts.

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## STATISTICS

### ENFORCEMENT

- **1,265** Traffic Citations were issued.
- **58** Faulty Equipment Notices were issued.
- **1,561** Verbal or Written Warnings were issued.

### OTHER STATISTICS

- Officers assisted **43** disabled motorists over the course of the year.
  - The JAMAR<sup>®</sup> traffic counter was utilized in March prior to the new road construction on Erie Avenue. The information provided us with a baseline traffic and speed count which will be compared with data that will be obtained upon completion of the project.
  - Officers removed **17** hazardous road obstructions from the roadways.
  - The speed display unit was utilized at **15** different locations in 2012.
  - Officers conducted **1,509** traffic enforcement details throughout the township.
  - **5** Roving DUI Details were conducted.
  - Officers assisted **52** motorists with vehicle lock-outs.
  - Traffic control was conducted **173** times in the township. This includes accident scenes, funerals, and special events/details.
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## ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS

Officers responded to a total of **262** traffic accidents in 2012. Of those accidents:

- **136** were classified as **REPORTABLE** where at least one vehicle had to be towed and/or injuries were reported.
  1. In 2012, **66** of these crashes involved injury to at least one person.
  2. There were **no** fatal accidents in 2012
- **126** were classified as **NON-REPORTABLE** where no injuries were reported and no towing of vehicles was involved.

## MOTOR CARRIER VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTIONS (MCSAP)



- In 2009, the Franconia Township Police Department joined the Montgomery-Bucks Motor Carrier Enforcement Team (MCET). This unit operates in both counties and is made up of specially trained officers from Hatfield Township, Montgomery Township, Cheltenham Township, Abington Township, Horsham Township, Warrington Township, Whitemarsh Township, and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency. Occasionally, officers from other jurisdictions also assist on truck details.
- For the entire year, the township's motor carrier officers conducted the following:
  - **2** Level 1 Inspections (Some of these inspections were conducted outside Franconia Township.)
  - **9** Violations were discovered.
  - **2** Vehicles or drivers were placed Out-Of-Service for major safety violations.
  - No Trucks were weighed.

## HIGHWAY SAFETY UNIT TRAINING

- Officer Brian Kelly attended and completed the MCSAP training this summer.
- Sergeant Rinker has resigned from the MCSAP Unit due to his promotion and increased duties with that new role.
- There has been a significant decrease in MCSAP activity this year due to the gap between Sergeant Rinker's promotion and the training & certification of Officer Kelly. We anticipate a correction of these numbers in 2013

Respectfully Submitted,

F. Travis Bivighouse

Highway Safety Unit Member

## DISPOSITION OF 2012 INCOME

### A. District Court Fines

Total Funds to the Township for Vehicle and Non-Traffic Violations: **\$42,504**

Montgomery County Clerk of Courts – Defendant restitution for prosecution costs:  
**\$6,599.64**

### B. Other Income

Dog Impound Fees	<b>\$65</b>
Copies of Reports Sold to Insurance and Others	<b>\$3,127</b>
False Alarm Notice Fees	<b>\$1,200</b>
Reimbursement for DUI Task Force overtime details	<b>\$3,971</b>
Reimbursement for Drug Task Force overtime	<b>\$337</b>
Defendant fees recovered for lodging at Lansdale PD	<b>\$950</b>
Souderton Area School District Reimbursements:	
▪ police presence at sports events & graduation	<b>\$4,380</b>
▪ School crossing guard	<b>\$7,533</b>
Solicitors fees	<b>\$205</b>
Major Incident Response Team (MIRT) training	<b>\$899</b>
Other miscellaneous income	<b>\$515</b>

### C. Gasoline

Total Miles Traveled	<b>144,725</b>
Total Gallons of Gasoline	<b>14,522</b>

## HIGHLIGHTS OF DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES FOR 2012

### Personnel

- Sergeant Jeffery Gower retired on December 30<sup>th</sup> after twenty-seven years of service to the township. He was honored for his accomplishments by his peers, family, and friends at a dinner in January 2013.
- Corporal Stephen Rinker was promoted to Sergeant on June 1, 2012. He will take the position that is being vacated by Sergeant Gower's retirement.
- Detective George Moyer was elected to the position of President of the Pennsylvania Juvenile Officers Association.
- Officer Chris Hinnershitz earned his Bachelor's degree from DeSales University.
- Officer Kurt DeForrest was awarded an Associates degree from Kaplan University.

### Enforcement Activities

Two weather-related events impacted upon the department in 2012.

- A winter storm on February 25<sup>th</sup> caused a significant interruption of electrical power to portions of the township. High winds that followed the storm were responsible for felling many trees as well as several utility pole on Keller's Creamery Road.
- On October 29<sup>th</sup>, Hurricane Sandy struck the Northeastern seaboard and caused similar, but more extensive damage like the February storm. Numerous township homes were without power for up to one week after the storm. Several roads remained closed as trees brought down power lines. Due to the volume of repair calls, the power utilities were hampered in quickly opening the roads. The police department assigned extra officers to patrol during the height of the storms. Several residents were evacuated by officers. The officers also were involved in barricading roads and identifying other hazards.

### School Resource Officer/Drug Abuse Resistance Education

- School Resource Officer David Klepfer continued to be a presence on a regular basis at the Indian Crest Junior High School and the Souderton Area High School. He was able to intervene when problems with students arose as well as being an invaluable resource for personnel at the schools.
- Officer Klepfer also introduced the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program at the Indian Crest Junior High School. With concurrence from the Souderton Are School District officials, the curriculum was moved from the elementary to the junior high school level.

## National Night Out Against Crime

- The department hosted its sixteenth annual National Night Out celebration on August 7th. The event was attended by over 3,000 visitors as new attractions were included this year. Our coordinator, Janice Frary, did an outstanding job in organizing the activities and those who helped to make the evening a success. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the creation of the police department was a highlight of the evening, which was capped by a fireworks display.

## Community Activities

- An activity that is an outgrowth of the National Night Out is the annual Food Drive. Several businesses in the township acted as drop-off points for donated food. The food was then transported to several local food banks by several members of the department.
- Fifteen children from the Ukraine were hosted to a cook-out and tour of the police department on July 22nd. The children were in the country for four weeks to view American life.
- The second edition of the Citizens' Police Academy was held during the Fall of 2012. Sergeant Rinker again coordinated eight nights of classroom and practical exercises for the thirteen participants.
- Chief Kozeniewski, Sergeant Jeff Gower, and Officer Dave Klepfer participated in the biennial Law Enforcement Career Day at the Montgomery County Community College in March.
- Dan O'Hara, a student at Souderton Area High School, involved the police department with his senior project requirement. He was able to secure funds to purchase a prescription drug drop-off box which is now located in the police department lobby. Over twenty pounds of expired and unused prescription medicines were collected during the National Take-Back Day on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Training

- All sworn members of the department completed their annual in-service update classes during the year. The sixteen hours of instruction focuses on new laws, current court rulings, and officer safety tactics. The training is mandated by the Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission.
- Sergeant Steve Rinker attended the FBI's Mid-Atlantic Law Enforcement Executive Development training in Princeton, New Jersey in June.
- Several officers attended Crisis Intervention training that was presented by the Montgomery County Emergency Services. The remaining officers will receive this training in 2013.
- Officers Tim Boyle and Shawn Stiver were certified as police bicyclists during week-long training that was conducted by the International Police Mountain Bike Association.

- Extensive firearm trainings were conducted several times throughout the year. Range Officer Chris Hinnershitz provided classroom and range activities that included realistic scenarios involving high-risk felony car stops, low-light situations, as well as confronting armed combatants.

## **Commendations - 2012**

Several officers were recognized for their accomplishments during the year. Commendations were presented at the department dinner in December. The following officers were honored:

- Years-of-Service Awards
  - Sergeant Steve Rinker 10 years
  - Officer Travis Bivighouse 15 years
  - Sergeant Jeffery Gower 25 years
- Community Service Awards
  - These members of the department were honored for their continuing contributions to the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run program. Each has volunteered their time during the past four years to plan, organize, and conduct the Polar Plunge into the Delaware River each January. This is one of the top fundraisers for Special Olympics.
    - Detective George Moyer
    - Sergeant Jeffery Gower
    - Officer Glenn Kranich
    - Officer Tim Boyle
    - Janice Frary
    - Pam Paraskewik
- Citations of Merit
  - On July 8<sup>th</sup>, Officer Eric Frary assisted a Telford officer in apprehending two intoxicated men who had fled from a hit and run accident. Frary noticed that one of the men kept reaching into his pants pocket. Acting quickly, he removed a loaded .25 caliber handgun from the pocket, thus avoiding a possible shooting situation.
  - Officer Steve Cronin investigated the theft of a large amount of jewelry from a home in the township. He tirelessly made calls to numerous pawn shops and jewelers until he found the location where the stolen items had been sold. As a result of video and paper evidence, he was able to arrest the subject who committed the thief.

- Distinguished Unit Citation
  - On October 19<sup>th</sup>, Officers Kurt DeForrest and Steve Cronin responded to the rear of a business in Elroy where they surprised two men who were committing thefts from the company service vehicles. After a foot chase, they tackled one suspect and placed him under arrest. Several hours later, the second suspect turned himself in at the police department. Both men were charged with the thefts. All of the stolen items were recovered.
  
- Letter of Commendation
  - Officer Shawn Stiver was the recipient of a letter commending him for his extraordinary efforts with the preparations and flow of the Citizens' Police Academy each night. Sergeant Steve Rinker made the recommendation that Officer Stiver should receive this letter.
  
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award
  - Officer Tim Boyle was commended by the MADD organization for his continuing efforts in the enforcement of Driving While Under the Influence laws.