

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



ANNUAL POLICE REPORT 2008

Communications	17,289
Complaints Investigated	2,806
Complaints Closed/Cleared	2,742
Complaints Closed by Arrest	83
Complaints Still Open	64

Classification of Complaints Investigated

Property Complaints

Burglary	7
Criminal Mischief	76
Found/Recovered Property	32
Lost/Missing Property	21
Open Building	31
Theft of Property	78
Trespassing	10

Personal Complaints

Assault - Aggravated	6
Assault - Sexual	2
Assault - Simple	6
Death Investigation	4
Disorderly Conduct	23
Disturbances-Domestic	70
Disturbances-Juvenile	13
Disturbances-Other	32
Domestic Standby	5
Drug Act Violations	41
Harassment	66
Liquor Law Violation	26
Lost/Missing Persons	15
Mental Health	25
Protection From Abuse Orders	6
Public Drunkenness	14
Rape	1
Runaway/Truancy	6
Suicide	2
Threats	4

Motor Vehicle Complaints

Assist Motorist	147
Driving While Under the Influence	93
Hit and Run Accident	12
Hit and Run Accident- With Injury	1
Hit and Run Accident-Property Damage	10
Repossession	5
Traffic Complaints	55
Traffic Offenses	29
Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle	1
Vehicle Accident- Involving Injury	53
Vehicle Accident- Involving Non-Injury	59
Vehicle Accident- Non-Reportable	125
Vehicle Accident- With Property Damage	22

Miscellaneous

9-1-1 Hang Up	119
Administrative Report	1
Administrative Training	1
Accident - Other	4
Animal Complaints	112
Assist Emergency Medical Services	372
Assist Fire Department	77
Assist Homeowner	21
Assist Other Agency	39
Car Seat Checks	25
Contempt of Court	2
Departmental Services/Processing/Records	65
Dog Law Violations	4
Embezzlement/Counterfeiting	2
EPA Violations	1
Fraud/Forgery	36
Game Laws	4
Littering	4
Mobil Speed Sign Use	2
Other Crimes Code Violations	1
Pedestrian Contact - Non Criminal	14
Police Information	113
Public Service Requests	16
Suspicious Person, Auto, Activity	263
Vacation Notices	42
Warrants	11
Weapons Violations	4

Township Ordinances

Abandoned Vehicles	7
Alarms	121
Burning	5
Fireworks	4
Noise Complaint	19
Other Twp. Ordinances	5
Park Violations	43
Soliciting	13

Arrests

Total Adults Arrested	79
Total Juveniles Arrested	4

Arrest Descriptions

Assault - Atrocious	1
Assault - Simple	3
Driving Under Influence/Alcohol	60
Drug Laws	7
Embezzlement	1
Fraud	1
Theft	5
Warrants	1
Total	79

Assistance To Other Police Departments

	Total	240
Hatfield Township Police Department		29
Hilltown Township Police Department		7
Lower Salford Township Police Department		72
Marlborough Township Police Department		2
Pennridge Regional Police Department		5
Pennsylvania State Police - Skippack		3
Souderton Borough Police Department		51
Telford Borough Police Department		66
Towamencin Township Police Department		5

Assistance From Other Departments

	Total	74
Hatfield Twp. Police Department		6
Lower Salford Twp. Police Department		23
Pennridge Regional Police Department		1
Pennsylvania State Police - Skippack		4
Souderton Police Department		22
Telford Police Department		12
Towamencin Twp. Police Department		5
Upper Gwynedd Twp. Police		1

Court Appearances

District Court	230
County Court of Common Pleas	8
Juvenile Court	6
Other Court	4

Non-Traffic Citations

Disorderly Conduct	125
Harassment	4
Other Crimes Codes	7
Public Drunkenness	21
Restrictions on Alcoholic Beverages	33

Citation Dispositions

Total Reported Dispositions	1,287
Charges Reduced	253
Charges Withdrawn	62
Dismissed	17
Found Guilty at Hearing	5
Found Not Guilty	172
Plead Guilty/Paid Fine	777
Referred to Juvenile Court	1

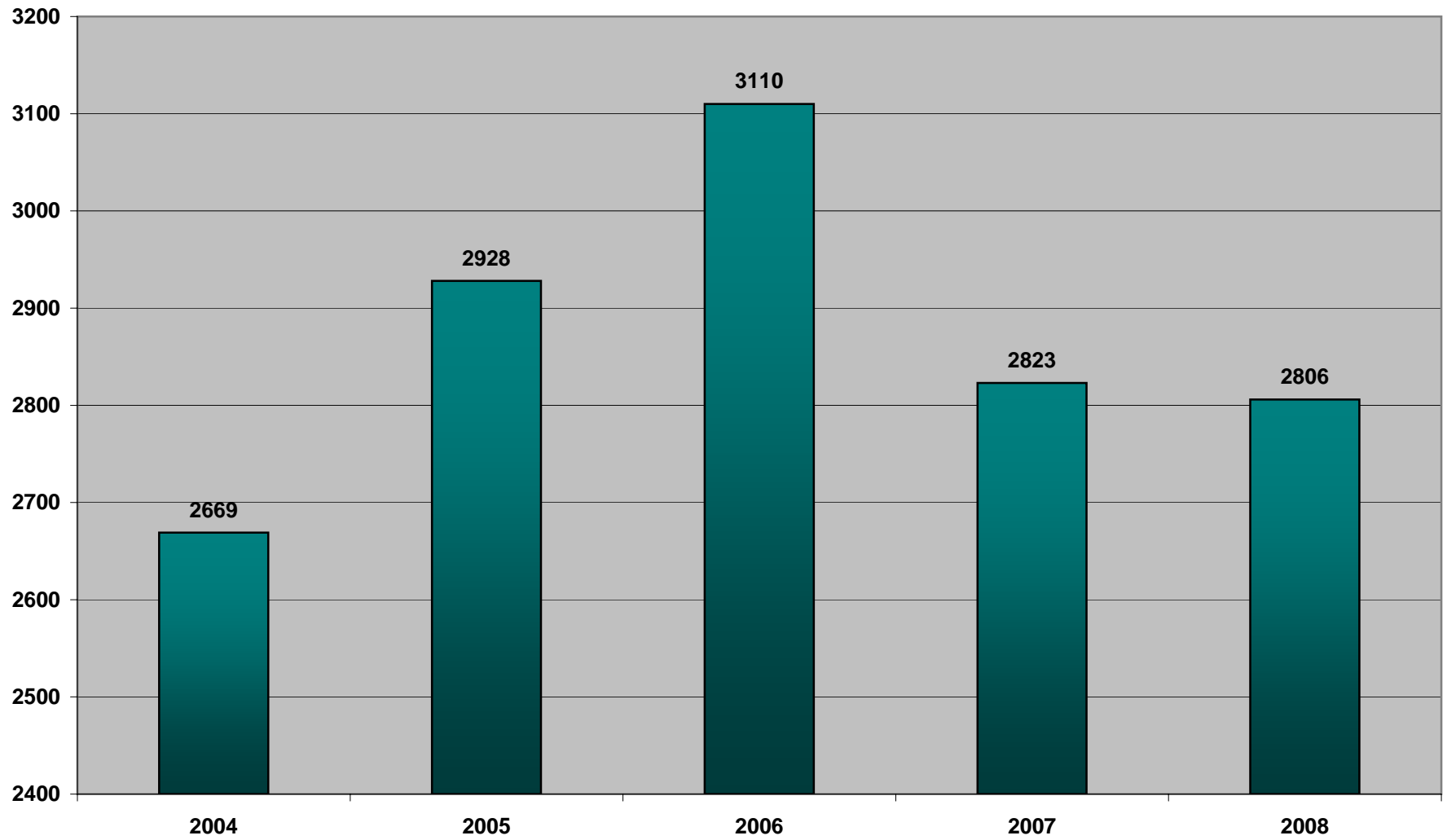
Police Services Provided

Motor Vehicle Courtesy Warnings	1,700
Motor Vehicle Written Courtesy Warnings	408
Motor Vehicle Citations	1,148
Non-Traffic Citations	190
Selective Enforcements	1,478
Truck Enforcements	24
Assistance to Other Police Departments	240
Assistance From Other Police Departments	74
Assistance to Ambulances	577
Assistance to Fire Departments	126
Alarm Responses	121
Warning Notices Sent to Subscriber	74
Violation Notice – Fee Assessed	4

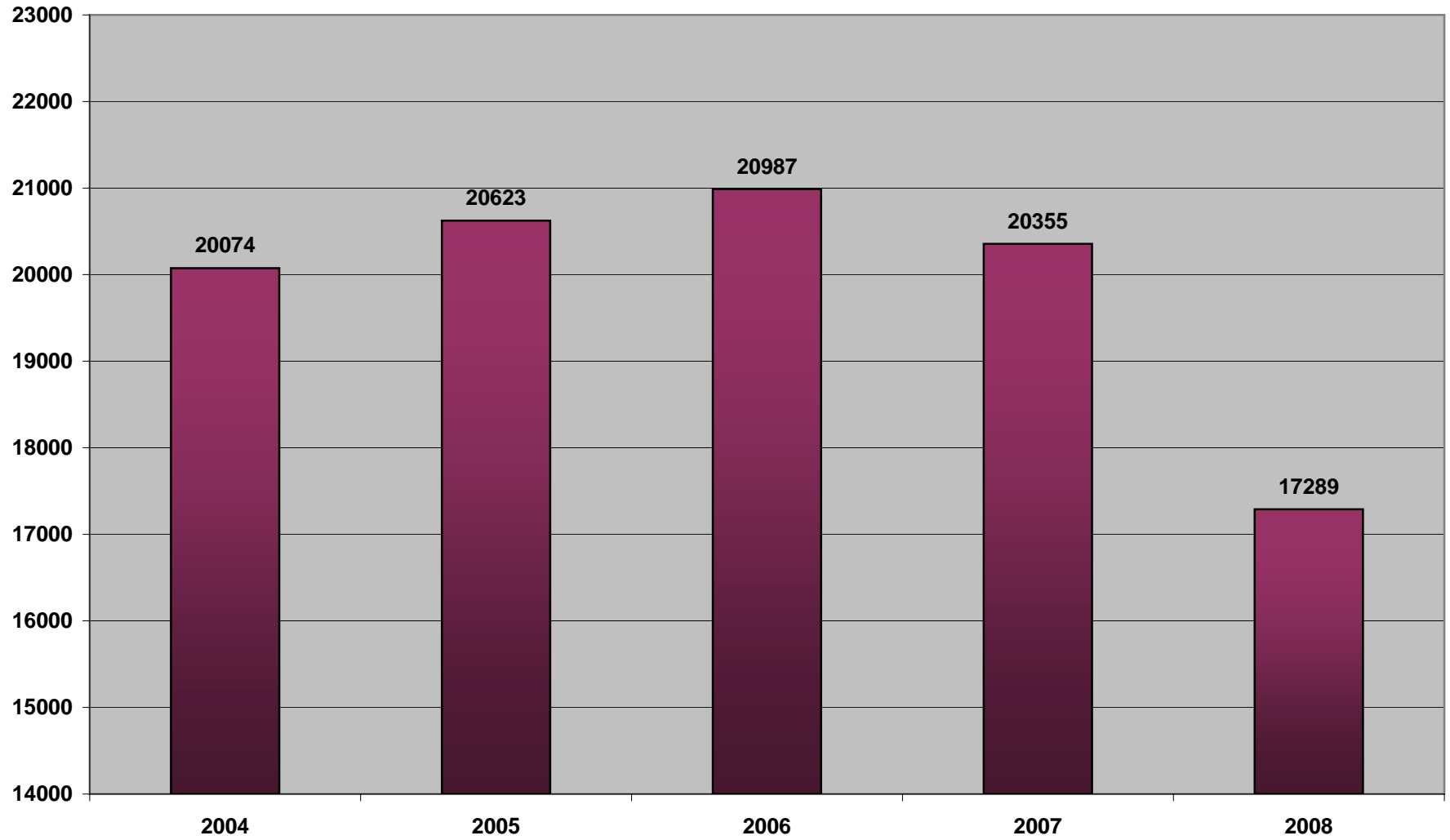
Vehicle Accident Investigations

Reportable	125
Non-Reportable	125
Persons Injured	59
Fatalities	0

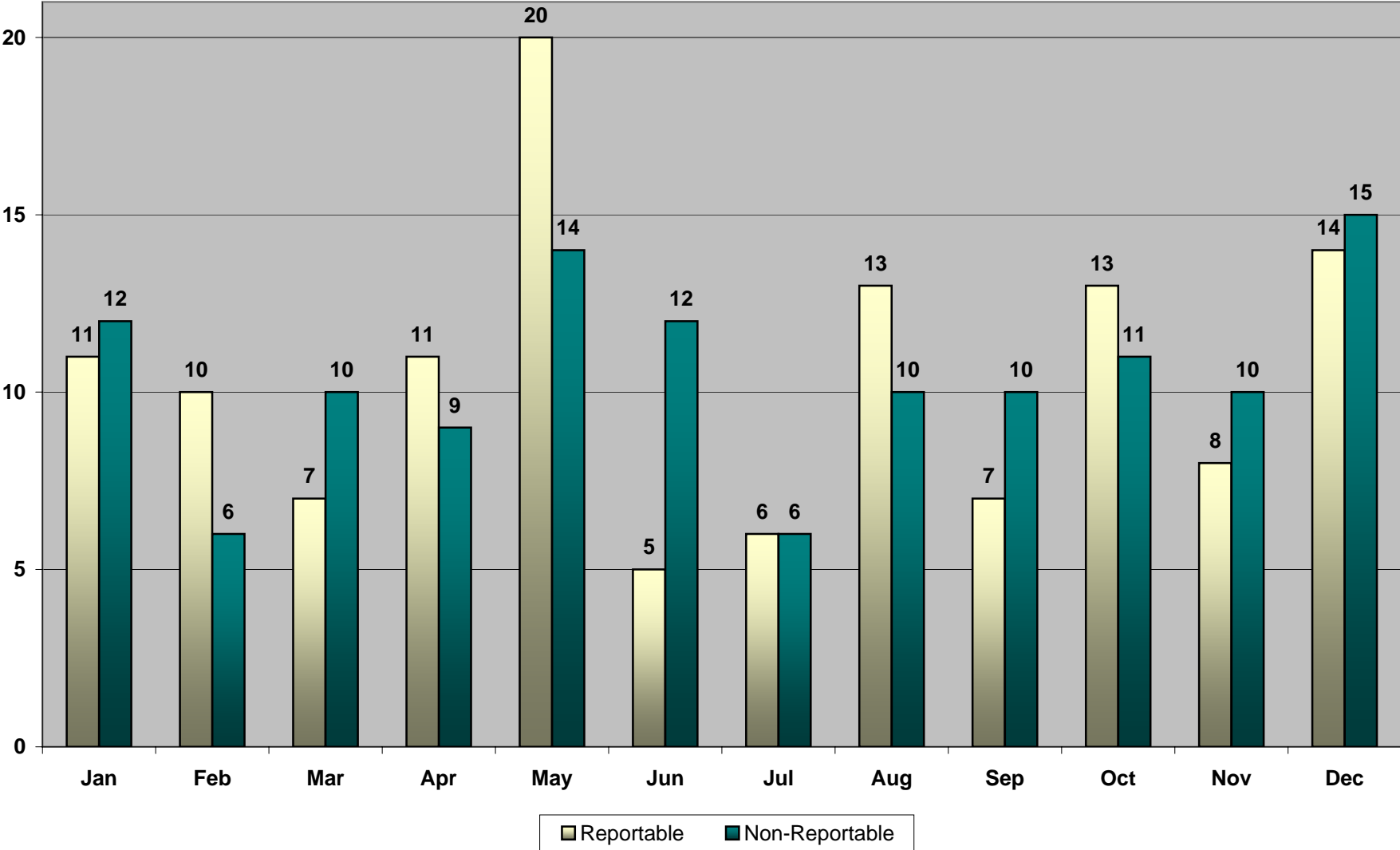
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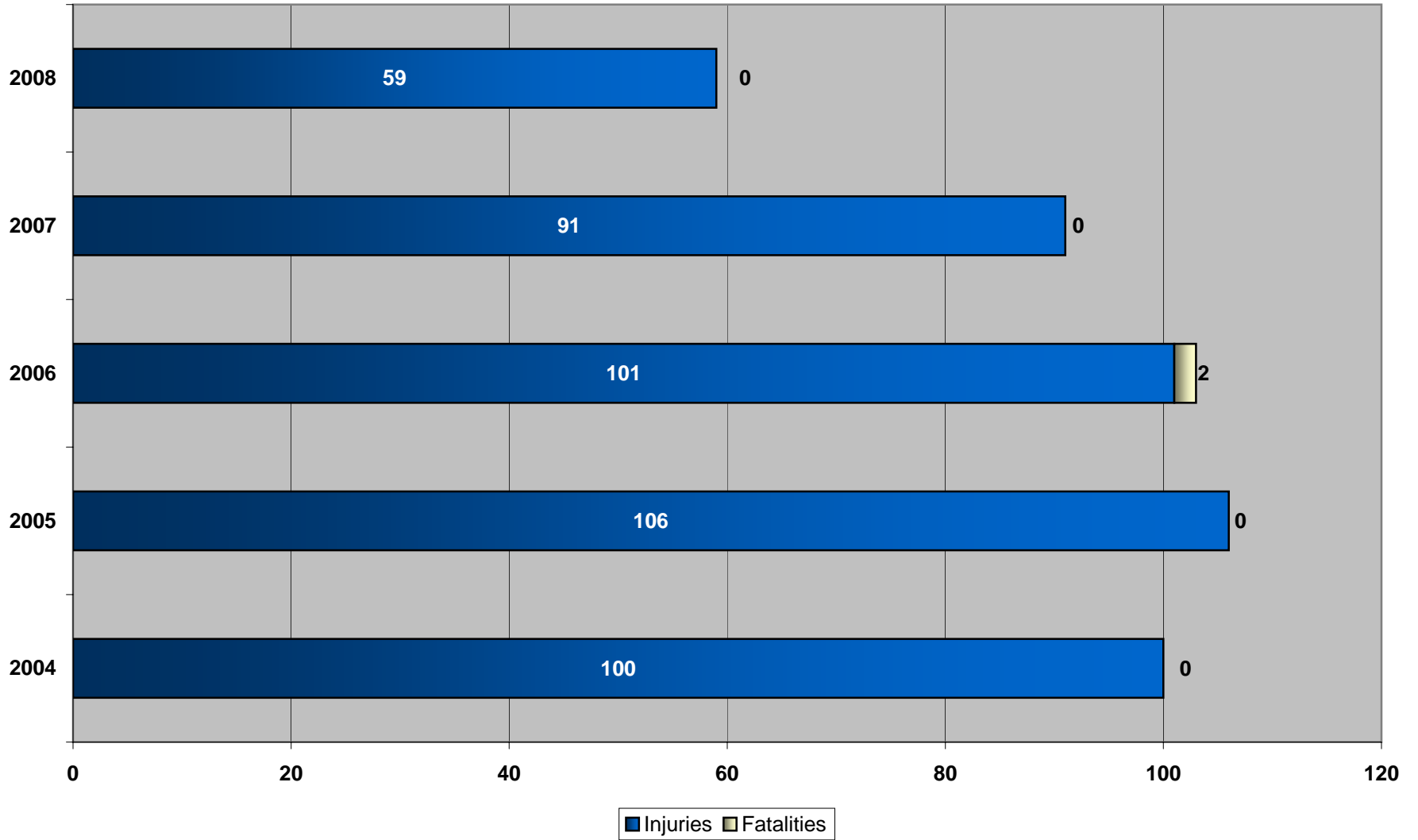
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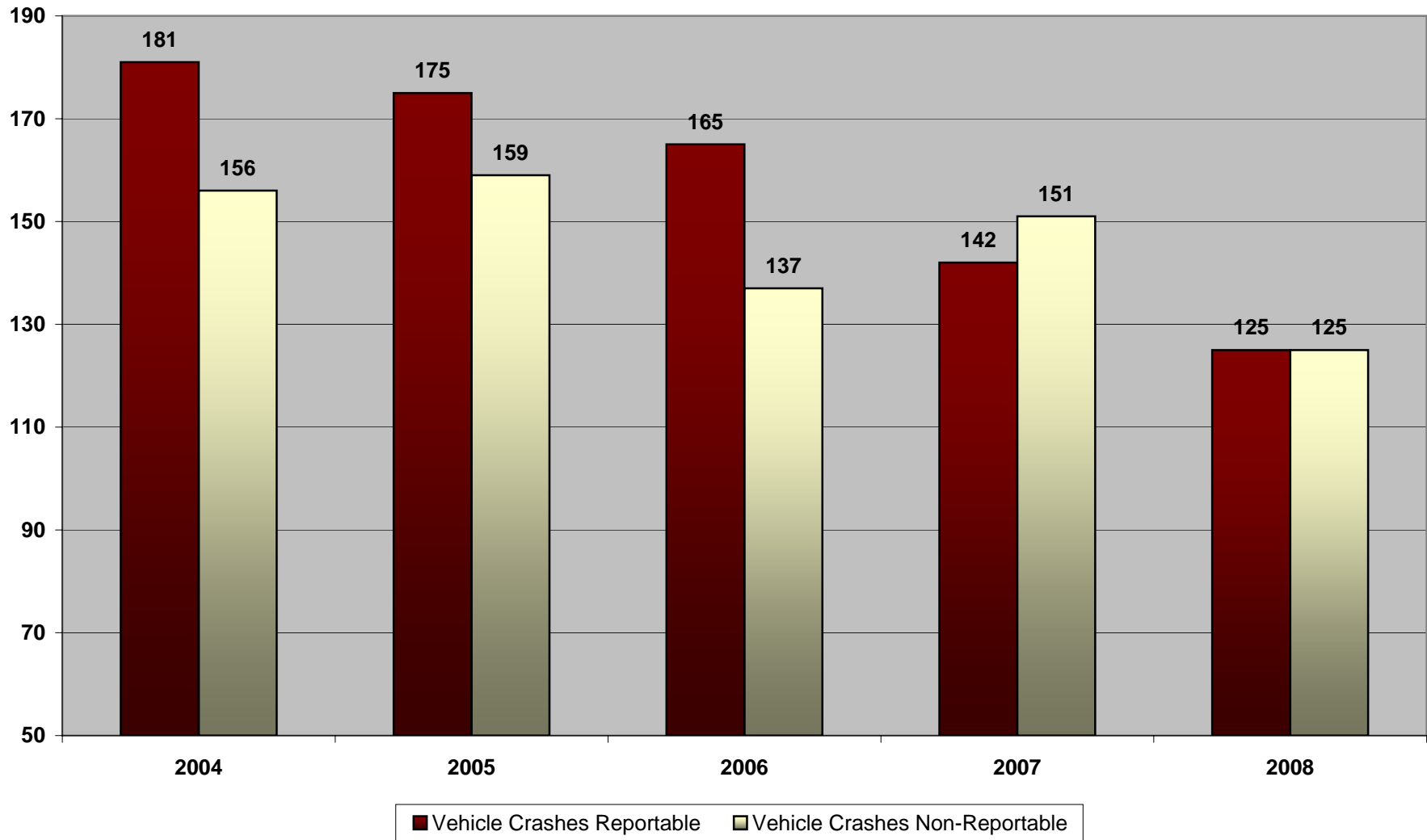
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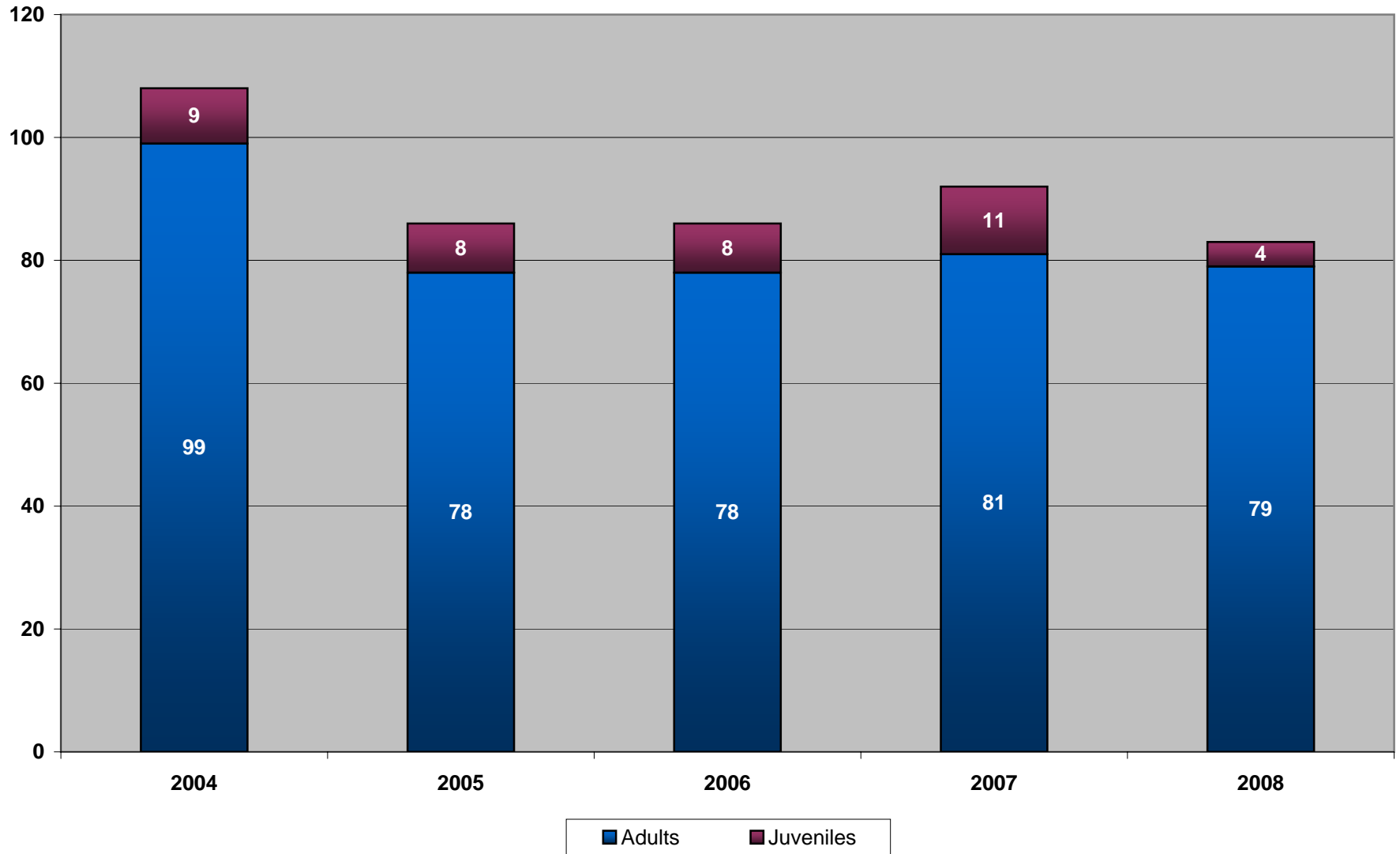
Vehicle Crash Injuries & Fatalities 5 Year Comparison



Vehicle Crashes 5 Year Comparison



Arrests 5 Year Comparison



Montgomery County District Attorney's Drug Task Force
2008 Activity Report

- Total Hours worked by Franconia Officers:
 - 10 hours
- Total number of Drug Task Force related arrests:
 - 2 – one male, one female
- Controlled substances confiscated during Task Force investigations:
 - Marijuana 2 ¼ pounds
- Total cash seized during Task Force investigations:
 - \$2,925

Bike Patrol Unit
2008 Activity Report

- Members of the unit:
 - Officer Wayne Pursell (Supervisor)
 - Officer Steve Cronin
 - Cpl. Steve Rinker
- Total hours spent on Bike Patrol in the township:
 - 27.5 hours
- Special events:
 - National Night Out Against Crime
 - Mango Men concert
 - Assisted with the bike rodeo at Franconia Elementary School
 - Patrolled many of the developments and township parks as well as the walking paths of these parks, meeting residents and guests of the township.
- Expenditures:
 - Lilley's Electric ran power to the bike shed for approximately \$700.

Franconia Township Police Department D.A.R.E. Unit

Year End Activity Report for 2008

Officer David Klepfer and Officer Timothy Boyle taught the D.A.R.E. Program in twelve fourth grade classes at the Franconia Elementary School, Vernfield Elementary School, and West Broad Street Elementary School.

Monthly Hours

January	58
February	37
March	24
October	43
November	39
December	37

Total hours for 2008 238 hours

Special D.A.R.E. Activities

March 1 - Officer Klepfer and Officer Boyle hosted the 2nd annual D.A.R.E. Bowling Tournament at Earl Bowl Lanes for the 4th grade D.A.R.E. students from Franconia Elementary School, Vernfield Elementary School, and West Broad Street Elementary School.

March 3 - Officer Klepfer and Officer Boyle held the 4th grade D.A.R.E. Graduation for the combined elementary schools at the Indian Crest Junior High School. Approximately 250 students graduated from the program.

D.A.R.E. Training

May 7 & 8 – Officer Klepfer attended a two day training workshop at the Masonic Conference Center in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania for certification to teach the new prescription and over-the-counter drug classes in D.A.R.E. He also attended a mandatory mentor in-service training for all D.A.R.E. Mentors.

July 28 thru August 1 – Officer Klepfer attended the annual National Association of School Resource Officers Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

September 22 thru October 3 – Officer Klepfer mentored and trained at the Fall D.A.R.E. Officer Training Class in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

D.A.R.E. Car Appearances

April 25 – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at the Indian Valley Boys & Girls Club for National Child Abuse Awareness Week.

May 23 – Officer Klepfer gave 4th grade students Brendan Lynch and Daniel Salwen a ride to school in the D.A.R.E. Car. They had won this opportunity in a raffle at the D.A.R.E. Graduation.

May 27 – Fourth grade students Michael Detormosso and Jeff George were winners in the same raffle and were also given a ride to school in the D.A.R.E. Car.

August 5 – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at Franconia Township Police Department's National Night Out Against Crime celebration at the Franconia Community Park.

August 21 – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at Senator Stewart Greenleaf's Community Night event at Lukens Park in Horsham Township.

October 3 – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at the Pennsylvania D.A.R.E. Training Center in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania for the D.A.R.E. Officers' graduation ceremony.

October 5 – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at the Harleysville Community Fire Company's Open House & Fire Prevention Week event.

October 9 – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at the Perseverance Fire Company in Souderton for Fire Prevention Week.

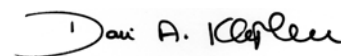
October 11 – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at the Franconia Mennonite Church for their annual Fall Festival and Car Show event.

October 12 – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at the Telford Volunteer Fire Company for their Open House & Fire Prevention Week event.

December 6 – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car in the annual Souderton Holiday Christmas Parade as well as at the Franconia Elementary School for their craft fair. I escorted Santa Claus to the craft fair in the D.A.R.E. car.

December 14- Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car and escorted a group of neighbors from the Banbury Crossing development with a Christmas Caroling event.

Respectfully submitted,



Officer David A. Klepfer
School Resource Officer /D.A.R.E.



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The Highway Safety Unit (HSU) was created in 2006. The officers of this unit specialize in the areas of traffic enforcement, motor carrier safety, and traffic accident reconstruction. Along with the other members of the police department, the officers of the HSU strive to ensure safety on the township's roadways. For 2008, the Franconia Township Police Department had over 3,000 traffic related public contacts.

TRAFFIC SAFETY ENFORCEMENT -----

- **1,148** Traffic Citations were issued
- **408** Faulty Equipment Notices were issued
- **1,700** Traffic Warnings were issued

MOTOR CARRIER VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTIONS-----

- For 2008, there were **8** Motor Carrier Vehicle Safety Inspections consisting of:
 - 5** North American Standard Safety Inspections (*Level 1*)*
 - 3** "Walk-around" Safety Inspections (*Level 2*)
- Of the **8** that were inspected:
 - 4** Motor Carrier Vehicles were placed Out-Of-Service per the criteria established by the *Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance*. These vehicles were too hazardous to be driven and were removed from the roadway.
 - 0** Drivers were placed Out-Of-Service for operating a Commercial Vehicle without a driver's license.
- Total Number of Violations of the *Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations*:
 - Of the **8** inspections conducted in 2008, there were a total of **39** violations reported.

* A Level 1 inspection includes brake measurements and an inspection of components underneath the vehicle.

- **9** Motor Carrier Vehicles were cited for Expired or No Inspection certificates and placed out of service without a Level 1 inspection being done.
- **12** vehicles were weighed and **6** were cited for being overweight.

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS

Officers of the police department responded to a total of **254** traffic accidents for 2008. Of those accidents:

- **125** were **REPORTABLE ACCIDENTS** where one or more vehicles needed to be towed, or injury was involved.
- **125** were **NON-REPORTABLE ACCIDENTS** where there were no injuries and the vehicles did not have damage to the extent towing was necessary.

OTHER TRAFFIC SAFETY INFORMATION

1. Officers assisted **147** disabled motorists over the course of the year.
2. The JAMAR traffic counter was utilized **7** times within the township.
3. Officers removed **55** hazardous road obstructions from township roadways.
4. The speed display unit was utilized **39** times within the township.
5. **1,478** traffic enforcement details were conducted in 2008.

TRAFFIC SAFETY CLASSES AND TRAINING

- Officer Al Gesullo attended the North American Standard Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspection Course in Harrisburg.
- Officer Stephen Cronin and Corporal Stephen Rinker attended a 3-day course on the Fundamentals of Traffic Accident Investigation.

Respectfully submitted,



Corporal Stephen Rinker
Patrol Supervisor & HSU Coordinator

DISPOSITION OF INCOME

A. District Court Fines

Total Funds to the Township for Vehicle and Non-Traffic Violations:
\$54,957.21

Montgomery County Clerk of Courts – Defendant restitution for prosecution costs:
\$4743.64

B. Other Income

Dog Impound Fees	\$75
Copies of Reports Sold to Insurance and Others	\$3,570
False Alarm Notice Fees	\$120
Reimbursement for overtime details	
▪ DUI Task Force	\$1,228.45
▪ Drug Task Force	\$503.58
Defendant fees recovered for lodging at Lansdale PD	\$575
Reimbursement from Souderton Area School District for School Resource Officer (approximately one-half the officer's salary)	\$36,000
Solicitors fees	\$12
Other miscellaneous income	\$876

C. Grants

PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency DARE Grant	\$1,629
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D. Gasoline

Total Miles Traveled	152,038
Total Gallons of Gasoline	15,301

HIGHLIGHTS OF POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES FOR 2008

1. The police department welcomed its thirteenth full-time officer in January. Steven Cronin had been a part-time officer with the department for nearly five years.
2. James Throop was also hired for the second part-time position.
3. Officers Albert Gesullo, Tim Boyle, Travis Bivighouse and Corporal Ed Hall attended the two-day training on Street Survival. The course presents intense training on continuing officer safety practices.
4. The police department continues its relationship with the Souderton Area School District with regular meetings among the area Juvenile Officers. Additionally, quarterly meetings are held with the district staff on school safety. There was increased involvement with building security measures as the new high school complex on Lower Road nears completion.
5. Officers Dave Klepfer and Tim Boyle held their annual graduation exercise for nearly 300 elementary school students who graduated from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program.
6. Officer Glenn Kranich continued his monthly training as a member of the North Penn Area Tactical Response Team. Officer Kranich was also certified as an instructor in the use of the Taser device.
7. All officers were certified again in First Aid and CPR. They also received their refresher training on the use of the department-issued less-than-lethal weapons (i.e. Tasers, batons, OC spray.)
8. All officers in the department participated in their semi-annual firearms qualifications during 2008. The second training was held at the new Montgomery County Tactical Response Center which is a state-of-the art indoor police firearms facility in Plymouth Township. Officer Travis Bivighouse and Corporal Hall are the department's firearms instructors.
9. There were numerous public presentations by members of the department during 2008. Our officers provided displays and informational materials at locations, including the Uninvest Bank Open House, the Franconia Mennonite Church Fall Festival, as well as the Fire Prevention Week programs at the Harleysville, Telford, and Souderton Fire Departments.
10. The police department took delivery of a new 2008 Dodge Charger sedan that is used for patrol duties.
11. In May welcomed our new full-time police secretary, Pamela Paraskewik. Our former full-time secretary, Janice Froshour, has moved to a part-time status.
12. Detective George Moyer became the second member of the police department to graduate from the Community Leadership Institute that is sponsored by the Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce.

13. The police department welcomed many residents and visitors to the Franconia Community Park on August 5th to meet their neighbors and the police for the twelfth annual National Night Out Against Crime Celebration. Janice Froshour coordinates the programs for this night.
14. Officers attended their annual Municipal Police Officers Training & Education Commission update classes during the year.
15. Kurt DeForrest was hired as the department's fourteenth full-time police officer in October.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph S. Kozeniewski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

Chief Joseph S. Kozeniewski