# FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



# ANNUAL POLICE REPORT 2010

Communications	17,606
Complaints Investigated	2,812
Complaints Closed/Cleared	2,775
Complaints Closed by Arrest	96
Complaints Still Open	37

# **Classification of Complaints Investigated**

## **Property Complaints**

Arson	2
Burglary	9
Criminal Mischief	59
Found/Recovered Property	18
Lost/Missing Property	19
Open Building/Building Checks	22
Theft of Property	133
Trespassing	11

# **Personal Complaints**

5
5
20
1
15
16
88
9
38
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31
48
47
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# **Motor Vehicle Complaints**

Assist Motorist Driving While Under the Influence Hit and Run Accident Reports Hit and Run Accident-Property Damage MCSAP Inspections Repossession Traffic Complaints Traffic Offenses Vehicle Accident- Involving Injury Vehicle Accident- Involving Non-Injury Vehicle Accident- Non-Reportable Vehicle Accident- With Property Damage Vehicle Theft	117 60 14 9 7 4 43 19 49 57 130 23 1
Miscellaneous	
9-1-1 Hang Up Accident Investigation Accident - Other Animal Complaints Assist Emergency Medical Services Assist Fire Department Assist Homeowner Assist Other Agency Code Red Drills Departmental Services/Processing/Records False Reports Game Laws Littering Mobil Speed Sign Use Other Crimes Code Violations Pedestrian Contact - Non Criminal Police Information Received Pornography/Obscene Materials Public Service Requests Suspicious Person, Auto, Activity Vacation Notices Warrants Weapons Violations	124 2 5 87 322 76 16 51 5 79 1 3 2 1 5 145 145 145 145 145 145 14

# **Township Ordinances**

Abandoned Vehicles Alarms Burning Noise Complaint Other Twp. Ordinances Park Violations Soliciting		26 186 1 28 6 27 7
Arrests		
Total Adults Arrested Total Juveniles Arrested		81 15
Arrest Descriptions		
Assault - Aggravated Assault - Simple Burglary Child Abuse Driving Under Influence/Alcohol Drug Laws Fleeing and Eluding Kidnaping/Abduction Liquor Law Violations Protection from Abuse Order Violations Theft Warrants Weapons Violations	Total	5 7 2 1 41 17 1 2 1 1 13 4 1 96
Citation Dispositions		
Charges Reduced Charges Withdrawn Dismissed Found Not Guilty Plead Guilty/Paid Fine	Total	357 293 171 55 1,119 1,995

## **Police Services Provided**

Motor Patrol		289
Motor Vehicle Courtesy Warnings		1,873
Motor Vehicle Written Courtesy Warning	S	316
Motor Vehicle Citations		1,564
Non-Traffic Citations		128
Selective Enforcements		1,627
Truck Enforcements		123
Assistance to Other Police Departments		364
Assistance From Other Police Departme	nts	106
Alarm Responses		186
Warning Notices Sent to Subse	criber	127
Violation Notice – Fee Asse	essed	24
Vehicle Accident Investigat	tions	
Reportable		115
Non-Reportable		130
Persons Injured		75
Fatalities		0
Court Appearances		
District Court		271
County Court of Common Pleas		9
Juvenile Court		10
Non-Traffic Citations		
Confinement of Dogs		1
Criminal Mischief		1
Criminal Trespasss		1
Disorderly Conduct		84
Harassment		5
Littering/Dumping		1
Other Crimes Codes		1
Public Drunkenness		8
Restrictions on Alcoholic Beverages		16
Retail Theft		3
Use of Tobacco in Schools	_	7
	Total	128

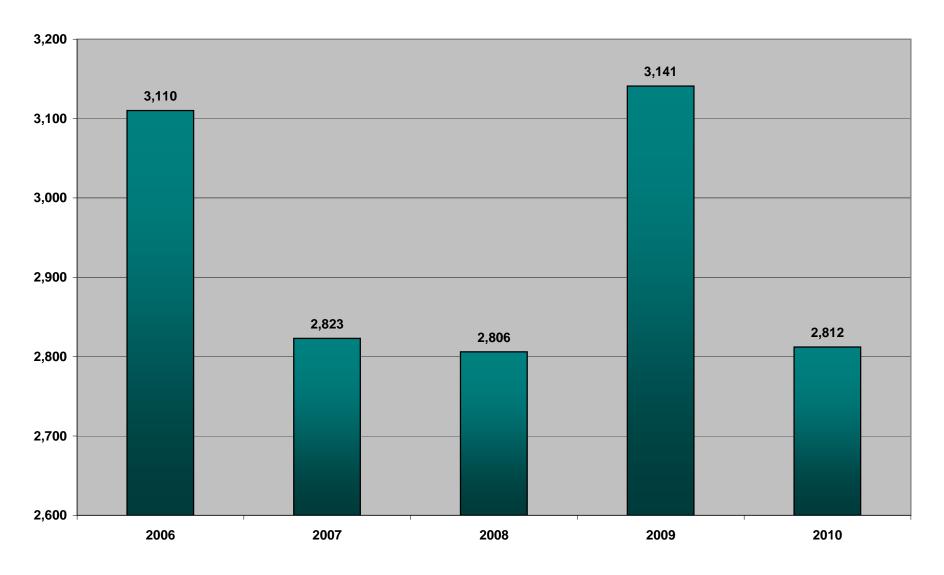
# **Assistance To Other Police Departments**

Hatfield Township Police Department	44
Hilltown Township Police Department	11
Lower Salford Township Police Department	75
Marlborough Township Police Department	2
Pennridge Regional Police Department	6
Pennsylvania State Police - Skippack	2
Souderton Borough Police Department	84
Telford Borough Police Department	127
Towamencin Township Police Department	10
Upper Perkiomen Police District	3
Total	364

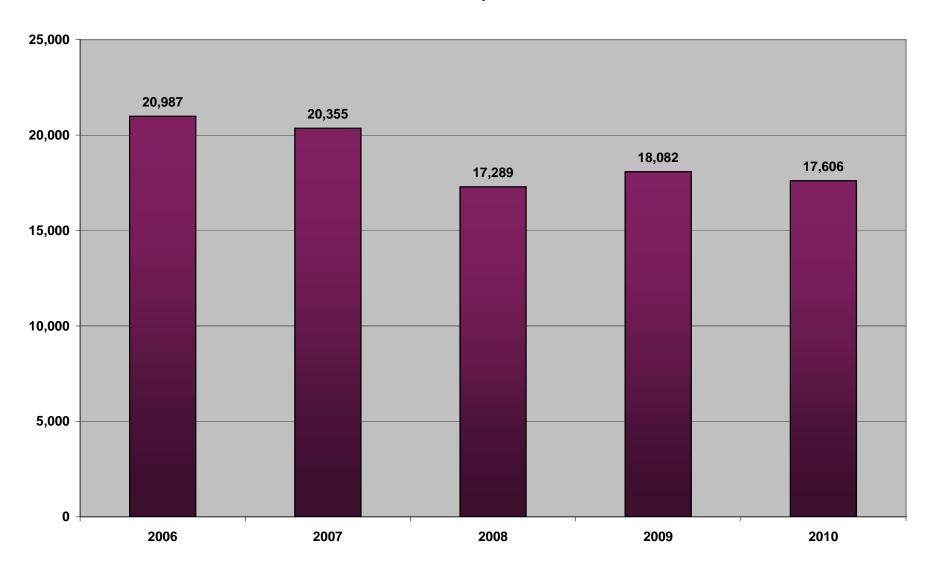
## **Assistance From Other Departments**

Hatfield Twp. Police Department	3
Hilltown Township Police Department	1
Lower Salford Twp. Police Department	38
Marlborough Township Police Department	1
Montgomery Co. Sheriff's Department	1
North Penn Tactical Response Team	1
Perkasie Boro Police Department	1
Pennridge Regional Police Department	1
Souderton Police Department	27
Telford Police Department	30
Towamencin Twp. Police Department	1
Upper Perkiomen Police District	1
Total	106

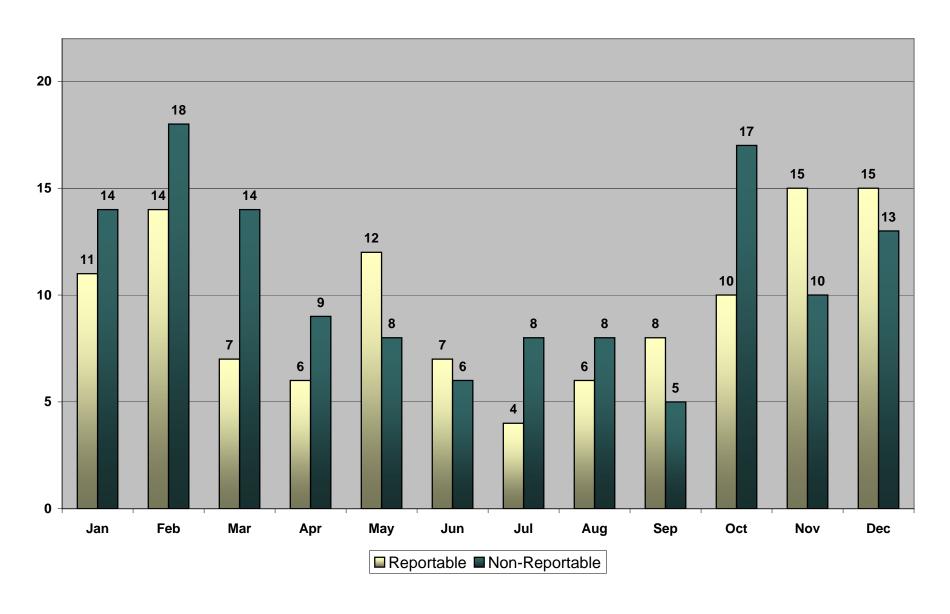
# Complaints 5 Year Comparison



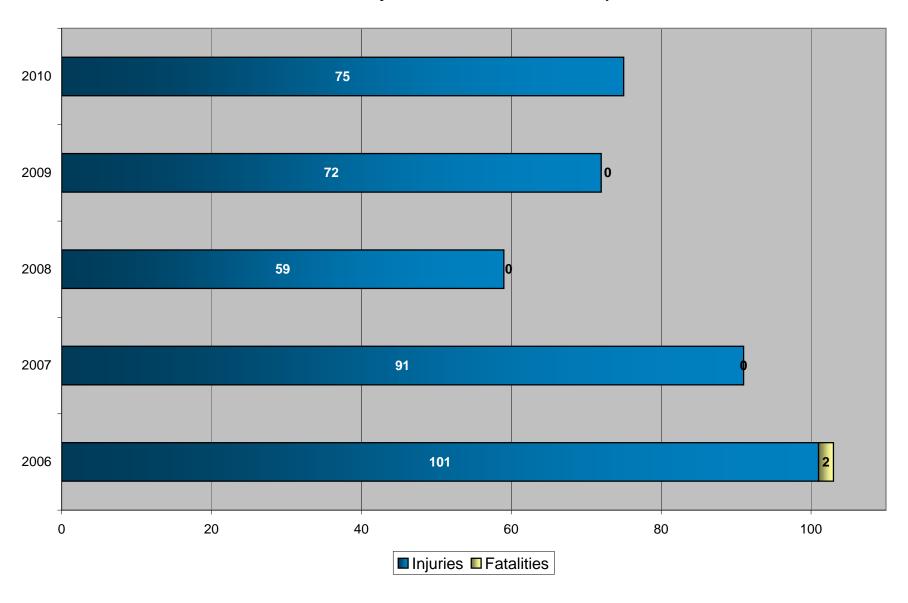
# Communications 5 Year Comparison



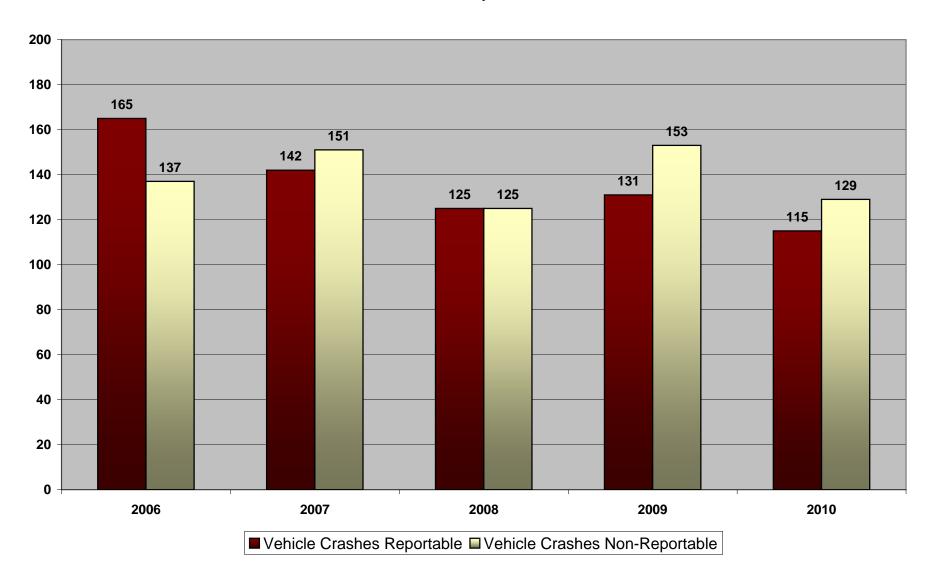
## **Vehicle Crashes Comparisons by Month**



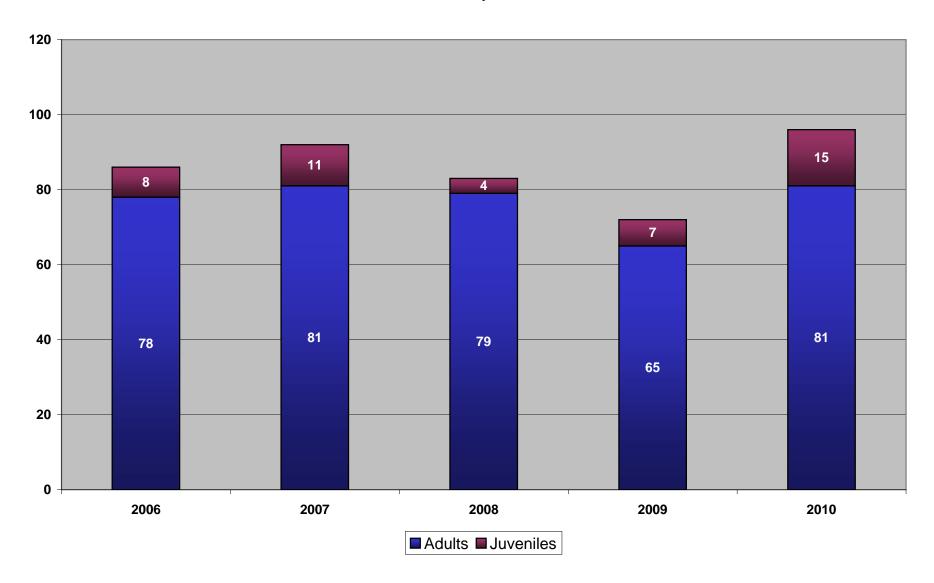
# **Vehicle Crash Injuries & Fatalities 5 Year Comparison**



# **Vehicle Crashes 5 Year Comparison**



Arrests
5 Year Comparison



#### **Montgomery County District Attorney's Drug Task Force**

2010 Activity Report

- Total Hours worked by Franconia Officers:
  - o 10 hours
- Total number of Drug Task Force related arrests:
  - 0 1
- Controlled substances confiscated during Task Force investigations:
  - Marijuana ¼ pound street value of \$40,000

#### Franconia Township Police Department's Bike Patrol Unit

2010 Activity Report

- Members of the unit:
  - Officer Wayne Pursell (supervisor)
  - o Corporal Stephen Rinker
  - o Officer Steven Cronin
  - Officer Christopher Hinnershitz
- Hours spent on the Bike Patrol in the Township:
  - o 29.25 hours
- Special Events
  - National Night Out
  - Mango Men concert
  - Souderton Area High School football games
  - Requested by neighboring departments to assist with looking for subjects that ran or were missing.
  - 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 cost for the purchase of a new bike and additional uniform gear was \$1,056.73.

#### North Penn Area Driving Under The Influence Task Force

2010 Activity Report

The Franconia Township Police Department has been a member of the North Penn DUI Task Force since the inception of the unit. The team is made up of officers from the surrounding municipalities and is directed by Officer Thomas Starner from the Hatfield Township Police Department. The team is funded by grant monies from the PA DUI Association. The aim of the program is to present awareness and the dangers of DUI. The goal is to reduce the numbers of suspected impaired drivers on the highways in our area and across the state.

Officers from Franconia Township take part in the program by conducting roving patrols and standard checkpoint details. The following information is a breakdown of the details in which our department participated:

#### Roving Patrols:

- Eight details were conducted, each for a minimum time of four hours, during the late evening hours.
  - Driver Contacts 100
  - DUI Arrests 2
  - Traffic citations 5
  - Warning notices 50
- A number of verbal warnings were also handed out to drivers. Two (2) of these details were "Free Roving Patrols". The officers were not working on the grant; they conduct these as part of their routine traffic duties during their assigned shift. These patrol logs are submitted back to Officer Starner as part of our participation in the DUI Team.

#### Standard Checkpoints:

- On August 27, 2010 the officers from Franconia Township and other members from the North Penn DUI team conducted a standard checkpoint on Harleysville Pike near the Williams, Bergey and Koffel Funeral Home in the township.
  - Driver Contacts 500+
  - DUI Arrests 6
  - Signs of impairment but not arrested 6 (These drivers were tested and had alcohol levels that were below .08%.)

#### Training:

- Each participating officer attended a four hour refresher and certification course on the set-up and implementation of the standard checkpoint.
   This is a requirement for the grant.
- Total of hours of Task Force participation by Franconia officers: 109

#### • Reimbursement:

Each municipality is reimbursed financially for the officers' participation.
 Franconia Township is expected to receive a total sum of \$7,586.79 in reimbursements from the DUI grant.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffery C. Gower Administrative Sergeant

#### **North Penn Tactical Response Team**

2010 Activity Report

#### Training:

- o Team practices are held on the third Wednesday of each Month.
- o Practices are performed in a 12-hour day.
- o Practices consist of the following:
  - Building checks
  - Hostage situations
  - Barricaded subjects
  - Crowd control
  - Officer down & civilian rescue
- Weapons qualification
- Approaches to buildings
- and motor vehicles
- Less Lethal qualification
- Fitness agility
- Stress course shooting
- For additional training, an extended 3-day practice in October was held.

#### • Total training hours:

0 144

#### Callouts:

- February 4<sup>th</sup>- Activated for barricaded subject in Franconia Township.
   The actor was taken into custody without further incident.
- April 2<sup>nd</sup>- Activated for a "High Risk" warrant service in Lansdale Borough. Warrant service was successful and several actors were taken into custody and evidence was preserved.
- May 5<sup>th</sup>- Activated for a barricaded subject in Upper Perk Police District. The actor was taken into custody without further incident.
- May 15<sup>th</sup>- Activated for "High Risk" warrant in Souderton Borough. Warrant service was successful. Numerous subjects were taken into custody and evidence was preserved.
- June 22<sup>nd</sup>- Activated for "High Risk" warrant service in Towamencin Township for two subjects involved in a violent home invasion in New York. Both subjects were taken into custody.
- August 25<sup>th</sup>- Activated for armed barricaded subjects in Hatfield Township. Later it was determined to be a hoax.

#### Activities:

- September 20<sup>th</sup> thru September 24<sup>th</sup>: Officers Hinnershitz and Kranich attended the National Tactical Officers Association Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Officer Hinnershitz was awarded a scholarship by the Association.
  - During the 5-day conference, the officers attended various training sessions, including:
    - certification course in the use of the Less Lethal munitions
    - distraction devices
    - O.C. spray
    - Shooting through mediums designed for snipers.
    - Armored Vehicles and Shield Movements.
  - The Association and the North Penn Tactical Response Team provided the registration and lodging costs for the attendees.
- November 6<sup>th</sup>: The entire team participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> annual: S.W.A.T. Challenge that was held at the Montgomery County Tactical Response Training Center in Conshohocken. The events included obstacle courses, hostage rescue (live fire exercise), low light shooting, and a sniper course. This year the team was awarded first place in the hostage rescue event. Overall, the team finished tied for third in the S.W.A.T. challenge.

#### Franconia Township Police Department's School Resource Officer

2010 Activity Report

Total hours worked by month by Officer Klepfer as the School Resource Officer working at the Souderton Area High School and Indian Crest Middle School.

#### **Monthly Hours**

January	39
February	51
March	54
April	55
May	61
June	44
September	80
October	36
November	56
December	51

**Total Hours - 527** 

#### **Total Hours Spent on Other Assignments:**

Juvenile Court	6
District Court	9
Interviews	4
Phone Calls	19
Meetings	47
Training	67

#### **Arrests/Citations**

Juvenile Arrests	10
Adult Arrests	3
Non-Traffic Citations	12
Disorderly Conduct	4
Criminal Mischief	1
Tobacco Violations	7

#### **Drills**

Fire /Evacuation Drills	4
Intruder/Lockdown Drills	3

#### **Training**

May 3 – 5 - Attended the annual Safe Schools Conference in Harrisburg

**June 8 –** Received training and recertification on the Taser.

**June 25** – Firearms training and qualification

**August 24** – Received recertification on First Aid and CPR

**September 29 – 30** – Attended the MPOETC Legal Updates training

**November 23 –** Firearms training and qualification

**December 8 – A**ttended a training on Building Effective School Safety Drills and Exercises at the Montgomery County Public Safety Campus

#### **Other SRO Activities**

May 7 - Held the annual Bike Rodeo Assembly at Franconia Elementary School.

May 17 – Held the annual Bike Rodeo at the Franconia Elementary School.

**June 10** – Chaperoned the Vernfield Elementary School 4<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to the Davinci Science Center in Allentown.

**November 8** – Guest speaker in Mrs. Gale's Practical Law class at the Souderton Area High School to discuss law enforcement.

**December 6** – Assisted with and evaluated a crime scene investigation project in Mrs. Gale's Practical Law class at the Souderton Area High School.

Respectfully submitted,

Officer David A. Klepfer School Resource Officer

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#### Franconia Township Police Department's D.A.R.E. Unit

2010 Activity Report

Total hours worked by month by Officer Klepfer teaching the D.A.R.E. Program to the 12 fourth grade classes at Franconia Elementary School, Vernfield Elementary School, and West Broad Street Elementary School.

#### **Monthly Hours**

January	29
February	20
March	30
April	15
May	7
June	16
September	4
October	18
November	24
December	25

**Total Hours - 188** 

#### Special D.A.R.E. Activities

**March 24** - Officer Klepfer held the 4<sup>th</sup> grade D.A.R.E. Graduation for Vernfield Elementary School for approximately 65 D.A.R.E. Graduates who were presented with their certificates and gift bags for successfully completing the program, with the assistance of Vernfield Elementary School Principal, Sharon Fuhrman.

**April 29 -** Officer Klepfer held the 4<sup>th</sup> grade D.A.R.E. Graduation for Franconia Elementary School for approximately 80 D.A.R.E. Graduates who were presented with their certificates and gift bags for successfully completing the program.

**June 16** – Officer Klepfer held the 4<sup>th</sup> grade D.A.R.E. Graduation for West Broad Street Elementary School for approximately 85 D.A.R.E. Graduates who were presented with their certificates and gift bags, with the assistance of West Broad Street Elementary School Principal, Maryann Boyd.

#### D.A.R.E. Car Appearances

**May 15** – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at Mark Cashatt's Taekwondo School on Forman Road for their first annual Spring Festival.

**June 5** – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at the Indian Valley YMCA "Caring Community Carnival" in the Souderton Park.

**June 12** – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at the BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir for their "Caring for Kids – Kids Health & Safety Day".

**August 3** – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at our annual "National Night Out" event at the Franconia Community Park.

**August 19** – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at Senator Greenleaf's "Night Out" event at Lukens Park in Horsham Township.

**August 21** – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at the "Save Our Children Poker Run Drug Awareness Ride & Picnic" at the Franconia Community Park.

**September 25** – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at the Franconia Mennonite Church Fall Festival.

**October 7** – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at the Souderton Fire Company "Open House and Fire Prevention Event".

**December 11** – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car and participated in the annual Banbury Crossing Christmas Caroling and Food Drive event.

Respectfully submitted,

Officer David A. Klepfer

Davi A. Klarlen

School Resource Officer



#### **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 2010, the Franconia Township Police Department had over 3,300 traffic-related public contacts.

#### **STATISTICS**

#### **ENFORCEMENT**

- 1.564 Traffic Citations were issued.
- 316 Faulty Equipment Notices were issued.
- 1,873 Verbal or Written Warnings were issued.

#### OTHER STATISTICS

- Officers assisted **113** disabled motorists over the course of the year.
- The JAMAR® traffic counter was not used during the year.
- Officers removed 41 hazardous road obstructions from the roadways.
- The speed display unit was utilized at 24 different locations in 2010.
- Officers conducted 1,627 traffic enforcement details throughout the township.
- 0 Child Safety Restraint checks were conducted.
- 21 Roving DUI Details were conducted.
- Officers assisted 59 motorists with vehicle lock-outs.
- Traffic control was conducted **151** times in the township. This includes accident scenes, funerals, and special events/details.

#### **ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS**

Officers responded to a total of 244 traffic accidents in 2010. Of those accidents:

• 115 were classified as **REPORTABLE** where at least one vehicle had to be towed and/or injuries were reported.

In 2010, **75** people were injured as a result of motor vehicle accidents in Franconia Township.

• 129 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 became a member of 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:
- o **88** Level 1 Inspections (Some of these inspections were conducted outside Franconia Township.)
- 457 Violations were discovered.
- o **67** Vehicles or drivers were placed Out-Of-Service for major safety violations.
- o **22** Trucks were weighed.

#### **HIGHWAY SAFETY UNIT TRAINING**

- Officer Albert Gesullo and Corporal Stephen Rinker attended MCSAP updates.
- Officer Steven Cronin completed extensive accident investigation training and became a Certified Accident Reconstructionist.
- Officer Travis Bivighouse attended a Collision Reconstruction Seminar at State College, PA. He also attended a class on Seat Belt Use and Occupant Kinematics.
- Officer James Throop attended training on vehicle equipment violations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cpl. Stephen Rinker, Patrol Supervisor

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Highway Safety Unit Coordinator

#### **DISPOSITION OF INCOME**

#### **A. District Court Fines**

Total Funds to the Township for Vehicle and Non-Traffic Violations: \$64,098

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

\$8,148

#### **B.** Other Income

Dog Impound Fees	\$100
Copies of Reports Sold to Insurance and Others	\$3,262
False Alarm Notice Fees	\$700
Reimbursement for DUI Task Force overtime details	\$9,774
Reimbursement for Drug Task Force overtime	\$487
Defendant fees recovered for lodging at Lansdale PD	\$850
Souderton Area School District Reimbursements:	
<ul> <li>School Resource Officer (approximately one-half the officer's salary)</li> </ul>	\$36,000
<ul> <li>police presence at sports events</li> </ul>	\$7,720
<ul> <li>School crossing guard</li> </ul>	\$7,163
Solicitors fees	\$32
Reimbursement from other details	\$1,575
Other miscellaneous income	\$290

#### C. Gasoline

Total Miles Traveled	165,730
Total Gallons of Gasoline	17,390

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES FOR 2010

#### **Certifications**

On June 14<sup>th</sup>, assessors from the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association conducted an on-site review of the department's policies and procedures. As a result, the police department has achieved status as an Accredited Department for law enforcement agencies. The goal of attaining accredited status has been an on-going project in the police department for the last five years. All of the men and women of the department worked tirelessly to incorporate the policies and procedures into their everyday work environment. Of the 1,200 police departments in the Commonwealth, Franconia Township is the 70<sup>th</sup> department to achieve this recognition.

#### **Personnel**

The department welcomed its newest part-time officer, Peter Sandor, on February 23, 2010. Officer Sandor has several years of prior police experience working for police departments in Schuylkill County.

#### **Enforcement Activities**

- On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, officers from the department responded to a report of an armed and barricaded subject on School House Road. The North Penn Tactical Response Team was activated to assist our officers. Unbeknownst to the officers, the male subject had left the house prior to the arrival of the police. However, the subject was taken into custody shortly thereafter when officers saw him in a nearby field.
- On Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> the department conducted a DUI Sobriety Checkpoint on Harleysville Pike along with other members of the North Penn DUI Task Force.
   Six persons were charged with driving while under the influence.
- Officers from the department provided traffic control a numerous intersections in the township on Saturday, September 11, 2010 for the annual Univest Grand Prix cycle race.

#### **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.
- Along with Sergeant Gower, he conducted emergency drills in all of the schools in the event of an intruder entering the buildings during school hours.
- Office Klepfer also conducted the Drug Abuse Resistance Education classes at the Vernfield Elementary, Franconia Elementary, and West Broad Street Elementary Schools. Over 200 fourth grade students received drug and alcohol use prevention training during a ten-week curriculum.

#### **National Night Out Against Crime**

- The department hosted its fourteenth annual National Night Out celebration on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The event was very well attended as new attractions were included this year. Our coordinator, Janice Froshour, did an outstanding job in organizing the activities and those who helped to make the evening a success.
- In November, the Police Department was selected by the National Association
  of Town Watch as a National Award Winner for our National Night Out Against
  Crime celebration. This is the second year in a row the department received this
  national award.

### **Community Activities**

- The managers and associates from the Harleysville Wal-mart store presented a check for \$1,000 to the police department from a company grant program.
   Chief Kozeniewski and Sgt. Jeff Gower accepted the check at the store staff meeting on January 29th
- Corporal Steve Rinker attended the first sessions of the Community Leadership Institute that is sponsored by the Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce.
- Officers assisted the members of the Franconia Mennonite Church with their Fall Festival in October.

#### **Training**

- On January 19<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Stephen Rinker, Officer Steven Cronin, and Officer Chris Hinnershitz attended the Street Survival Training Course in Atlantic City, NJ.
- Chief Kozeniewski attended the Mid-Atlantic Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar that was held at Princeton University in New Jersey during the first week of June.
- Officer Glenn Kranich conducted re-certification training during the month for all department officers in the use of the Taser device.
- All department members received their certification training in First Aid and CPR during August.
- 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.
- Detective George Moyer attended the annual conference of the Pennsylvania Juvenile Officers Association. He is a member of their executive board.
- All of the department's officers had their transition training for the Glock handguns. All officers qualified at the range with their weapons.
- Officers Tim Boyle and Wayne Pursell attended training for the Montgomery County Major Incident Response Team.
- Officers Glenn Kranich and Chris Hinnershitz continued with their regular training as members of the North Penn Tactical Response Team.
- Officer Steve Cronin attended training and received his certification as an Accident Reconstruction Specialist.

#### **Commendations**

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

#### **Unit Citation**

On February 2, 2010, officers were dispatched to a report of a barricaded subject in a home after he had threatened a female with a gun. The subject was taken into custody a short time later. Each of the officers had provided assistance in some manner during the episode and afterwards.

Sergeant Jeffery C. Gower

Corporal Stephen S. Rinker

Officer Eric Frary

Officer Albert Gesullo

Officer Glenn Kranich

Officer Chris Hinnershitz

Officer Steven Cronin

Detective George H. Moyer III

#### **Unit Citation**

Officers Peter Sandor and Glenn Kranich provided life-saving assistance to a man who had been shot. Their immediate response and handling of the incident was commendable.

#### **Attendance Certificate**

Officer Albert Gesullo attained perfect attendance for the year. He has not missed a day of work due to illness for eighty-eight consecutive months.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph S. Kozeniewski

