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Police K9 Unit Initiative: Warrington Police started a community partnership project and raised over \$55,000 in a few short months to fund a new division for police. Two police canines, brother and sister were purchased from Penn Vet Working Dog Center. Two handlers, Officer Blanchard (Jolie) and Officer Plum (Murphy) were selected through an intensive selection process. The officers and Canines completed 10 weeks of training in the fall and are currently working. Special thanks to our businesses and residents for all of their support.

Warrington K9 Unit FACEBOOK page - Check out the NEW Warrington Police K9 Unit Facebook page to watch K9 Murphy and K9 Jolie grow as the newest officers with the Warrington Police Department. It is becoming quite popular in the community!

<http://m.facebook.com/Warrington-Police-K9-Unit-1603916079915953/>

Police Contacts and Incidents Reports – Police experienced another record year in calls for service and documented contacts with the public. Police have documented contact either by complaint report, citation, or warning with over 18,000 citizens in 2018. This includes traffic stops, but does not include the routine everyday encounters police have with people while patrolling.

Criminal Arrests – 580 criminal arrests in 2018.

Accident Investigations - investigated 816 accidents. The total number of accidents dropped slightly from 2017; however more serious bodily injury and fatal accidents have increased. There were 5 fatal accidents investigated.

Court Cases – Police officers either came in off duty and were called off the street to respond to court for hearings on 2396 cases. This can tie up officers for hours since most traffic hearings are during their work tour.

Major Crimes –In 2018, Detectives made 15 arrests and completed 5 background investigations for employment. They investigated 15 reported ChildLine incidents (child abuse or neglect cases), 14 Sex crimes, 11 Narcotics Delivery cases, 12 major felony crimes (Robbery, Homicide by Vehicle, Drug Delivery in Death,) not categorized as (Sexual Assaults). Detectives executed 11 search warrants as a result of their investigations and sent in 130 DNA submissions Bucks County's BODE DNA database.

Commendations –

- Officer Sanford was commended for his action which led to the arrest of a bank robbery suspect.
- Officers Moore, Moldavskiy and Kozuch were recognized for saving the life of Warrington Resident who suffered a cardiac episode.
- Sergeant Gottenberg was recognized for his actions in handling a distraught subject who just committed a residential burglary
- Officer Plum was recognized for his prompt and alert actions in recognizing a person was suffering from a medical emergency causing him to be combative.

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- Twelve officers were recognized for the application of naloxone which led to the successful reversal during an opioid overdose event.

Officer Retirement: Detective Sergeant Kenderdine retired after 31 years of service.

New Officer's Sworn In – Ryan Crescenzo, the department's 33rd officer was hired in February of 2018. Officer Joe Carcaci was hired in June of 2018 to fill in the retired officer's position.

Promotion of Officer Daniel DeBrigida to Sergeant – Chief Friel promoted Officer Daniel DeBrigida to the rank of Sergeant after qualifying and ranking for the position through a testing process.

Overdose incidents: police administered opioid reversal medication called Narcan on 14 people in 2018. 13 lives were saved.

CRIMEWATCH Social Media Platform- CRIMEWATCH empowers individuals, families and organizations to keep their communities safe; uniting the efforts of law enforcement, children's advocacy groups, concerned citizens and the business community. Go to the web link <https://www.crimewatchpa.com> look under the menu tab for the police department directory and find Warrington Township Police Department. You can click on our page to subscribe and follow our group along with other areas in Bucks County.

New policy and accreditation management software: Power DMS – Police are getting away from paper processes and going digital for policy management and accreditation management. The new software package called Power DMS was approved through the budget process this year. This will help reduce risk with employee assessments of our important policies and procedures. It will create, revise, store and send all of our policies and other crucial documents in the cloud and set notifications so everything is 100% accounted for. This software will also set up review and approval processes and collect signatures electronically. Going digital and achieving accreditation status has been in the works for a long time and will help us become more efficient and achieve our goals sooner.

Internet Purchase Exchange Location - Are you buying or exchanging something from the Internet? Make the seller meet you at a Safe Spot! Warrington Township Police Department now has 2 locations available. The police department parking lot is available 24 hours a day. The inside of the police lobby is open to the public weekdays from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. New signs were recently posted. There is live camera footage in the lobby and the front parking lot.

Mass Incident Response Team – Truck and Trailer: we now have one of the Bucks County Mass Incident Response (MIRT) Vehicles. The county chiefs were looking for a centralized location to house one of MIRT Vehicles. All of the vehicles were stationed in the lower end of the county.

Eagle's parade: provided mutual aid assistance for Philadelphia Police for the Eagles Super Bowl Champions Parade. Four officers including the chief worked the event with Philadelphia

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police. The officers that were there have specialized training in Mass Incidents, crowd and riot control and are part of the Bucks County Mass Incident Response Team. In recent years, Warrington Police has established a good working relationship with Philadelphia Police. We have assisted them at recent events like the DNC, NFL Draft, Papal visit, and now the Eagles parade. Philadelphia Emergency Management reimbursed us for these events.

Monthly Meetings with the Superintendent – Similar to a taskforce - all Central Bucks police chiefs have been invited by Central Bucks Superintendent John Kopicki to participate in ongoing discussions for future school security and the possibility of getting SRO's in all of the high schools to start. The Warrington Police model currently in place is looking like a good start for the other two high schools. Funding this program is going to be a key issue for the School board.

First Responder Night - About half the police force along with firefighters and ambulance personnel attended the CB South Football homecoming game. It was First Responders recognition night. SRO Bob Bell was named the "Honorary Titan". It was obvious to us all that Officer Bell's hard work and partnership at CB South is truly appreciated by your students, parents, and staff. He received a standing ovation from the stadium crowd.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Task Force – Officer Richard Hackman has joined the Bucks County Multi-jurisdictional Crisis Intervention Team Task Force as a trainer. Officers are now been specially trained in dealing with persons having behavioral issues and are Bucks County CIT officers.

Click it or Ticket / Aggressive Driver Campaign's - participated in several Penn DOT Grants for seatbelts and Aggressive Driving.

Bucks County DUI Taskforce: participated in numerous DUI patrols and checkpoints.

Warrington Police Appreciation Night: Bill and Nancy Steinke owners/operators of Rita's Warrington held their 3rd Warrington Police Appreciation night.

Fugitive from Justice Captured - One of Warrington Police's most wanted person was captured in Pottstown. He has been on the run since 2013. He was wanted in connection was a large scale theft by deception / corruption case at the Doylestown Health and Wellness Center. The investigation began in 2009 and a warrant was issued in 2013.

Motorcycle Detail - Warrington Motorcycle Officers participated in Mutual Aid Assistance with Radnor Township Police at Villanova University for the NCAA Championship Basketball Game. Villanova University is paying for the police overtime for all involved.

Active Shooter Training – Sgt. Fuller provided Active Shooter training to The Board of Supervisors. "Run, hide, fight" was the take-away from this training.

Fatal Hit & Run Crash - Warrington police have made an arrest in this fatal hit and run crash. Arturo Guzman-Jimenez 31, of Danboro, PA was located at his residence. He displayed signs of impairment and was charged with suspicion of DUI, Homicide by Vehicle while DUI

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and related charges. Police were able to locate a Vehicle Identification Number off a car part that was left at the scene which enabled investigators to locate the vehicle so quickly. The vehicle was located a little over an hour after the crash occurred. The Chief said that it was good police work all around and he is proud of the work his team of officers did last night to solve this incident.

No Shave November - For the first time, you saw some Warrington officer's with a mustache, goatee, or even a beard. It's for a good cause! Chief Friel is allowed those officers interested to participate in an awareness and fundraising campaign for cancer.

Family Service of Bucks County Annual Meeting - Chief Friel, Deputy Chief Bradbury, Lieutenant Meditz, and Executive Assistant Char-Lynn Corscadden attended the 65th years of service luncheon meeting at Spring Mill Country Club as invited guests. Family Service is a social service organization improving the lives of children, families, and communities. They are licensed mental health and drug and alcohol assessment and treatment center.

Coffee with a Cop - A few dozen people and about 6 officers attended our first Coffee with a Cop event at Village Bagel. Chief Friel said: *"We received a lot of positive feedback today from the community and you will see it continue in Warrington"*.

Coffee with a COP: CB South High School: SRO Bob Bell held a Coffee with Cop event at CB South before school. It was well received. About 40 students came to school early to attend this event along with 4 other officers. Officer Bell received a letter of recognition from Central Bucks School District for all efforts.

National Drug Take Back event – participated in the National Drug Take back events in the spring and fall. Two locations were set up in Warrington at the Township Building and Wegmans.

Holiday Party for Children: Partnered with the Rotary club to host a holiday party for children at Giuseppe's Restaurant. Officers met with children and helped Santa hand out presents.

Shop with a Cop: 6 police officers volunteered their time for the third annual Shop with a Cop event. This year it was held at Walmart. This was a great example of a community program that has really blossomed here in Warrington.

New Police Facility: Warrington Township continues planning on building a new police facility to keep up with the current demands. Police outgrew their current facility shortly after moving in around 1993. The department was half its current size back then. The first new police building concept was brought forth in 1999. Their existing facility is now 25 years old. It is shared with the Township Administration.

Threats to Houses of Worship Informational Workshop - Police hosted additional informational workshops - the first of its kind in Warrington. Follow up visits to these establishments were made to do Security Assessments.

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Fatal Accident -investigated another tragic fatal accident that occurred on Lower State Road. That was the second fatal in two weeks involving young males. A 14 year old boy from Chalfont was riding bikes with 3 other friends from Warrington along Lower State Road between Bradley and County Line when he was struck by an SUV traveling south on Lower State. The driver stayed at the scene and rendered first aid to the boy. Police attempted to revive the boy as well. He did not survive.

Child Predator Arrest: On October 11, 2018 Warrington Township police detectives arrested 50 year old Philip Michael Plano who had traveled to a Warrington shopping center to meet with a 14 year old female that he met online, for a sexual encounter. The 14 year old female was actually Warrington Detective acting in an undercover capacity.

Technology Grant - Police are applying for a Federal safe schools technology grant. This grant is for a Radio booster to be placed in CB South; Millcreek, and possibly Tamanend (depending on Grant). This device will provide a booster to Police radios in the event of a crisis and/or routine patrol. It is small enough to be hidden in a closet, needs a power supply. Modem looking antenna would be in the hallways, on the ceilings.

Active Shooter Instructor Training - Sgt. Hawthorn and Sgt. DeBrigida attended ALICE ([Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate](#)) Instructor training at the Middle Bucks Institute of Technology. Warrington Township police now have 6 certified ALICE Active Shooter Instructors.

Female Enforcers training - Two female officers attended training in Atlantic City, NJ. Female Enforcers addresses the reality of working as a woman of law enforcement. The seminar aims to enhance the proficiency of female crime-fighters mentally, physically, and tactically.

The annual Wounded Hero 5K - Warrington & Warminster Police Officers escorted the wounded warriors that stayed overnight in Warrington for the annual Wounded Hero 5k held at memorial park in Warminster Township.

Northwestern University Traffic Institute / Harley Davidson Police Motorcycle Operation course - Chief Friel, Chief Daly from Horsham Township Police, and Lieutenant Don Bender from Quakertown Borough completed a 40 hour course on Police Motorcycle Operations. The course was held at IPW Park in Warrington. Corporal Michael Neipp was the Instructor and certified through Northwestern University and Harley Davidson. The 3 police commanders all have a motorcycle programs in their departments and felt that they should be certified operators along with their officers.

Kaitlyn Murphy Foundation (KMF) Fight Back against Addiction Benefit - Chief Friel, BPAIR coordinators Officer Kozuch and Char-Lynn Corscadden attended the first annual KMF Fight Back against Addiction Benefit at the German Club in Warminster Township Saturday night. KMF is a supporter and contributor to the BPAIR program. KMF are working with Chief Friel and the Bucks County Chiefs of Police Associations to help fund transportation services for

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all police who participate in BPAIR. Warrington Police were honorably mentioned several times throughout the event.

New Camera Registry- started an online registry to catalogue homes and businesses with security cameras that could assist us with criminal investigations. Warrington Township is the 3rd department in Bucks County with this new program.

Commend an Officer - Chief Friel wants to hear! With so much negativity in the world, it's always nice to hear something positive. Have you had a positive experience with a Warrington police officer? Please share. You can commend an officer using the link below.

<https://bucks.crimewatchpa.com/warringtonwppd/webforms/commend-officer-form-0>

Warrington Township is back in the top 100 safest cities in Pennsylvania 2018 - According to the National Council for Home Safety and Security report, Warrington Township came in 79th in the top 100 safest cities in PA with 7 violent crimes in 2017, and 275 property crimes based on an approximate population of 24,044. That equals 0.29 violent crimes per 1,000 residents and 11.44 property crimes per 1,000 residents.

Combat Application Tourniquet's (CAT) issued to all Officers - Chief Friel issued CAT to all police officers to have on their person in the event they are injured in the field and need to stop the bleeding. These tourniquets are designed for one or two hand self-application. Each officer will be officially trained by Officer Stephen Plum who is certified in Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC).

Meet and Greet with new canines - Police held several meet and greets. The public was invited and all township employees were welcome to stop by and say hello. Supervisor Eileen Albillar came by with her children and we got to meet our new State Senator Maria Collet.

Indecent Exposure arrest - Police arrested a 19 year local college student for summoning a 60 year old woman to his car soliciting a sex act in the Willow Knoll section of town. . Police credit the woman with her description and identification of this mail which led to his quick arrest.

New outreach program (Meet and Greet) - set up an informational table at the CB South Football games. Programs discussed were BPAIR, Act 53 and the K9 initiative. Brochures and Information were provided to people interested in hearing about our community outreach program. Officers reported a lot of positive feedback on the new K9 program.

Bucks County School Safety Leadership Discussion - Chief Friel joined other chiefs', school superintendents, county commissioners, juvenile probation, District Attorney and emergency services from Bucks County for our first executive level group discussion on school safety and security. About 100 executives were present. In particular we discussed the latest school safety threat assessment model and will work as a county to get every police department and school district on the same page with policy and procedures.

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Motorcycle Donation - Fred Beans Automotive Group purchased a brand new 2019 Harley Davidson Electra Glide police motorcycle for the Warrington Township Highway Patrol Motor Unit. The Warrington Police Highway Patrol Motor Unit was established in 2002. Police were able to replace an aging police motorcycle. The police believe this is the largest single donation that the Warrington Township Police have ever received. Chief Friel presented Mr. Beans with a special plaque from the police department as a small token of thanks for their donation.

Central Bucks Community Breakfast - Chief Friel and Chief Knott from Central Bucks Regional police attended the inaugural community breakfast at CB East High School. The event was hosted by Central Bucks School District.