

Warrington Township Police Department
End of Year Report 2019

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 around 18,000 citizens in 2019. This includes traffic stops, but does not include the routine everyday encounters police have with people while patrolling.

Criminal Incidents and Arrests – 604 criminal incidents and 542 arrests.

Accident Investigations - police investigated 785 accidents in 2019. The total number of accidents dropped slightly from 2018; however more serious accidents have increased. Police experienced an all-time record of 6 fatal accidents in 2019.

Court Cases – Police officers either came in off duty and were called off the street to respond to court for hearings on 2262 cases in 2019.

K9 Activity - participated in 29 community service details. They have been called out on 45 assists and completed 58 searches which include Warrington Township. There were no accidental contacts or Use of Force incidents.

K9 FACEBOOK –now has about 2800 likes and followers. Bucks County News Feed recommended our K9 FACEBOOK to all their followers.

K9 Unit Agility and Training Course - Officer Blanchard presented a plan to the Park and Recreation Board to assemble a canine agility and training course at John Paul Park @ Lower Nike. This was no cost to the taxpayers. This location is used for Canine demonstrations, i.e., Warrington Community Day. The course opened on Warrington Day.

Pasta with Paws - The Police K9 team hosted a fundraiser. Between this event and what merchandise was sold on Warrington Community Day, we raised \$4,300. In 2019 we have received over \$30,000 in donations and continue to fund the program mostly through donations.

Missing Person Cold Case Homicide Solved: Warrington Police solved a missing person case dating back to 1981. The Warrington Township Police Department recognizes Warrington Detective Bernard Schaffer, Bucks County Detective Dave Hanks, Bucks County Chief Deputy District Attorney Jen Schorn, and Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Jakeman for helping to bring justice for Gloria Korzon and her family thirty-nine years after her death. This was the biggest unsolved cold case in our police history.

Major Crimes –In 2019, Detectives investigated 17 reported ChildLine incidents (child abuse or neglect cases), 8 Sex crimes, 11 major felony crimes (Robbery, Homicide by Vehicle, Drug Delivery in Death,) not categorized as (Sexual Assaults). Detectives executed 20 search warrants as a result of their investigations and sent in 68 DNA submissions,

Deputy Chief Bradbury retirement: Deputy Chief Richard Bradbury retired after 42 years on the police force.

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Five New Police Officer's hired – Police experienced a record year under Chief Friel's command. The department continues to grow. Please welcome Officer Corey Fox, Officer Tim Rihl, Officer Adrienne Rodriguez, Officer Nate Coia, and Officer Taylor Ostrich. There are now 34 sworn police officers.

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.

Promotion of Sergeant Glen Gottenberg to Lieutenant – Chief Friel promoted Sergeant Glen Gottenberg to the rank of Lieutenant in charge of police operations.

Overdose incidents: police administered opioid reversal medication called Narcan on 7 people in 2019. 7 lives were saved.

Phase III BPAIR Program – Narcan giveaway - The latest phase in the Police Assisting in Recovery Program is doing well. Police trained and issues Narcan doses to 9 citizens in the first week of the program.

Save a Life – Get Narcan! - Warrington Police Assisting in Recovery (BPAIR) sponsored their 3rd event at the Township Building. Twenty people attended a free community session to learn about signs and symptoms of an overdose, how to use NARCAN, and to learn about community resources. The event was well received and each participant was issued a dose of Narcan.

Safest Cities to Live in PA - Multiple sources have Warrington Township ranked in the top 100 safest cities to live in PA once again for the second straight year. This year, according to one source we ranked 68th out of 2929 Cities and Townships scored with a population over 10,000.

Bucks County Chiefs of Police Association - Chief Friel was elected 2nd Vice President and will hold a two year term on the Executive Board.

Delaware Valley Association of Professional Police Officials (DVAPPO) - Chief Friel was elected 3rd Vice President of this professional organization for 2019. This organization was founded in the 1960's and encompasses police executives from the 5 county region including Philadelphia.

Temple University Police Academy - Chief Friel was asked to be on the Chief's Executive panel for the Temple University Police Academy for the third straight year.

Bucks County Mass Incident Response Team (MIRT) - Officer Alex Moldavskiy was selected to be on the MIRT team.

PA Drug Recognition Expert - Congratulations to Officer Aaron Menzies whose application to attend the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP) has been reviewed by a committee of twelve members and accepted. The selection committee ranked each applicant based on experience, and qualifications. Officer Menzies became the first Warrington Officer to

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achieve this status. There are only around 80 DRE's in the entire state and about 65 of them are PA State Troopers.

2019 PA DUI Top Gun Awards- Officer Aaron Menzies was a 2016, 2017 and now a 2019 PA DUI Association "TOP GUN" award winner for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Officer Ryan Crescenzo is a 2019 award winner on second year on the police force. Both were honored at an awards banquet in Pittsburgh, PA in October.

New Programs - the Warrington Township Police and Community (PAC) Partnership:

- 1) ***The Autism Event*** - the first part of the department's PAC is a series of autism events. There are some useful resources provided, for both those with Autism and for Law Enforcement responding to someone with autism. The second event in the fall will be geared towards both the families and the people with autism. During this event there will be interaction between officers and those with autism.
- 2) ***Together, we can make the difference***.....when it comes time for emergency responders to answer your 9-1-1 call to help your loved one. Do you have a loved one with a medical diagnosis or special circumstance and believe that important information about them may be helpful to Police, Fire, and/or EMS responding to emergency calls to their residence? If so, please check out our webpage. It describes what a premise notification is, why one can be helpful to you, your loved one, and emergency responders, and provides you the ability to submit an entry directly to the Police Department. If you do not feel comfortable submitting this information online you can pick up a paper form at the Police Department.
- 3) **Community Advisory Team-** Warrington Township Police Department established a Community Advisory Team (CAT) to assist residents, community groups, business owners and others. The goal of the CAT is to provide to groups in the Township a select group of officers that facilitate speaking engagements, training, tours, and assessments.

Crisis Intervention Training - Warrington Township Police Officers receive Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), and work closely with Lenape Valley Foundation and other mental health providers to help those in need. Chief Friel received a letter from Senator Collett thanking him and his department for this recent intervention.

CIT Graduation - Officer Corey Fox attended and completed the Bucks County Crisis Intervention Team Training and now a certified CIT officer. Warrington Police now have all but the 3 newest officers certified. Congratulation Officer Fox.

National School Shield Training - Two Warrington Officers completed the National School Shield Training Course. This brings our total to 4 officers certified. SRO Bell was asked to help instruct this course.

Grant received – Police Station – We received a \$1 million RCAP grant towards the construction of the Police Station. This will allow, with BOS approval, to construct alternate #1, the garage building, and also allow the Township to pay for approximately half of the costs of furniture, fixtures, and equipment.

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Police Memorial Week - Chief Friel hosted the 4th annual awards ceremony at the May 28th Board of Supervisors meeting. Several commendations, awards, and personal achievements were handed out.

Coffee with a Cop - Coffee with Cop events continue at Village Bagel, along with a Bucks County one at Delaware Valley University.

National Drug Take Back event – Warrington Police participated in the National Drug Take back event in April and October. We also partnered with Wegman’s to have two locations set up during the events.

No Shave November – For the second year officers participated in “No Shave November” to raise money for cancer awareness. The campaign raised over \$900.00

Shop with a Cop: 11 police officers volunteered their time for the third annual Shop with a Cop event. Police and Walmart helped make a special Holiday season for 26 children from Barclay Elementary School. This is a great example of a community program that has really blossomed here in Warrington.

New Police Facility: Is underway and expected to be completed in August of this year.

Threats to Houses of Worship Informational Workshop – Police continue to host informational workshops. Police offer follow up visits to these establishments to do Security Assessments through their CAP program.

Accreditation update - Police are working with Law Enforcement Accreditation Services LLC on policy and procedure updates. The goal is to get the police department fully accredited by spring of 2021.