

DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP
POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2025

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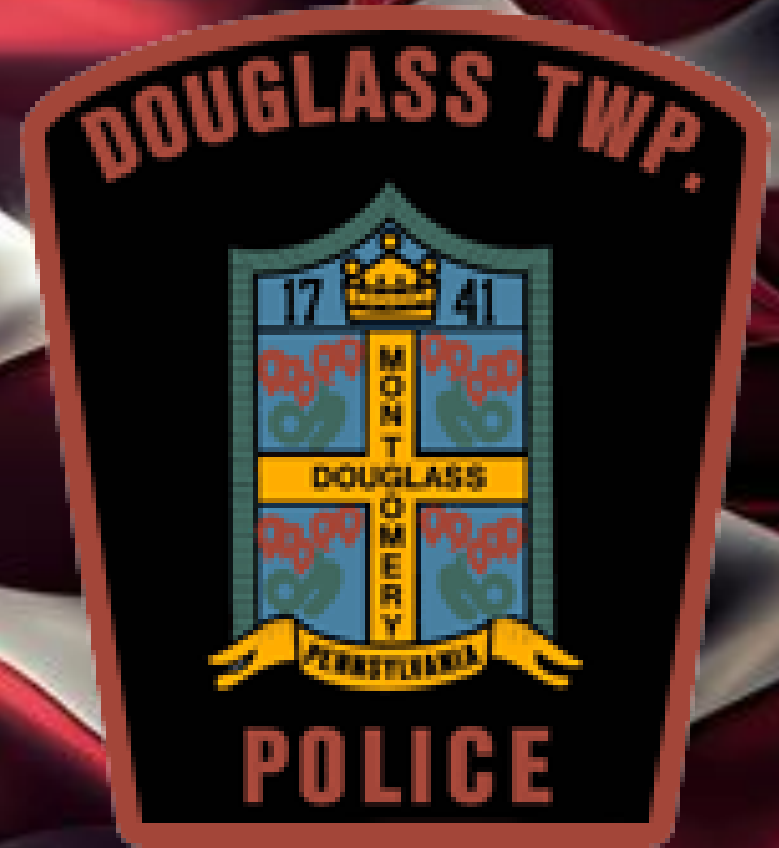


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INTRODUCTION



ACCREDITATION



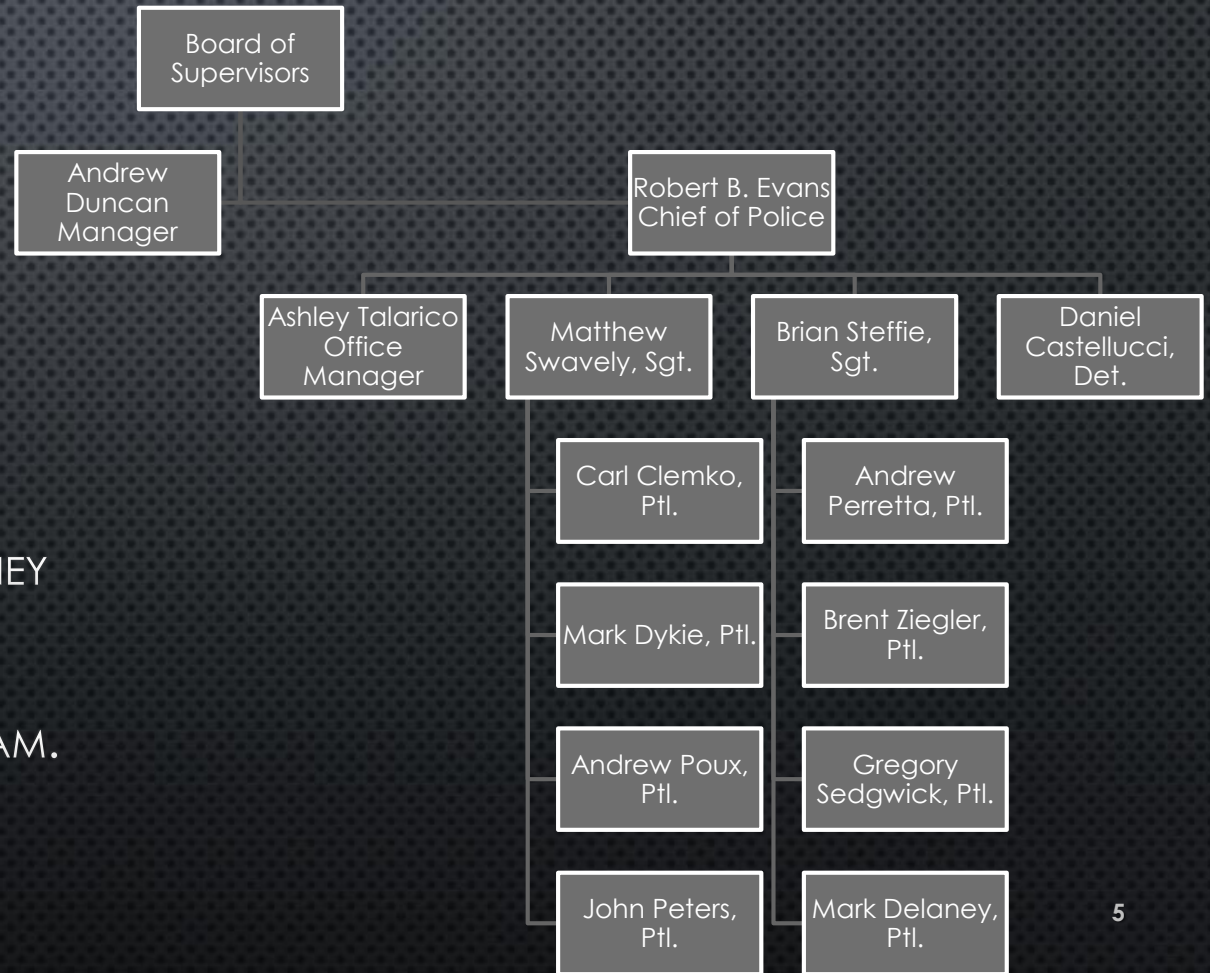
- ACCREDITATION IS A PROGRESSIVE AND TIME-PROVEN WAY OF HELPING INSTITUTIONS EVALUATE AND IMPROVE THEIR OVERALL PERFORMANCE. PARTICIPATING ADMINISTRATORS CONDUCT A THOROUGH ANALYSIS TO DETERMINE HOW EXISTING OPERATIONS CAN BE ADAPTED TO MEET THE PROMULGATION OF STANDARDS CONTAINING THE CLEAR STATEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVES. ONCE THESE PROCEDURES ARE IN PLACE, A TEAM OF INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONALS IS ASSIGNED TO VERIFY THAT ALL APPLICABLE STANDARDS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED. THE PROCESS CULMINATES WITH A DECISION BY AN AUTHORITATIVE BODY THAT THE INSTITUTION IS WORTHY OF ACCREDITATION.
- SINCE THE PENNSYLVANIA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION PROGRAM WAS INTRODUCED IN 2001, OVER 375 AGENCIES HAVE ENROLLED AND CURRENTLY 177 AGENCIES HAVE ATTAINED ACCREDITED STATUS
- WE HAVE BEEN AN ACCREDITED POLICE DEPARTMENT SINCE FEBRUARY 2003
- ON FEBRUARY 5TH, 2024, WE WERE RE-ACCREDITED FOR THE 7TH TIME, AND WILL BE DUE AGAIN IN FEBRUARY 2027 FOR THE YEARS 2024-2026

POLICE FORCE

- POLICE PERSONNEL – 12
 - (1) CHIEF OF POLICE
 - (1) DETECTIVE
 - (2) SERGEANTS
 - (8) FULL-TIME PATROLMEN

IN JULY OF 2024, WE WELCOMED MARK DELANEY AS A NEW PATROLMAN. HE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE FTO PROGRAM AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING HIM AS A PART OF THE TEAM.

- CIVILIAN PERSONNEL – 1
 - (1) OFFICE MANAGER



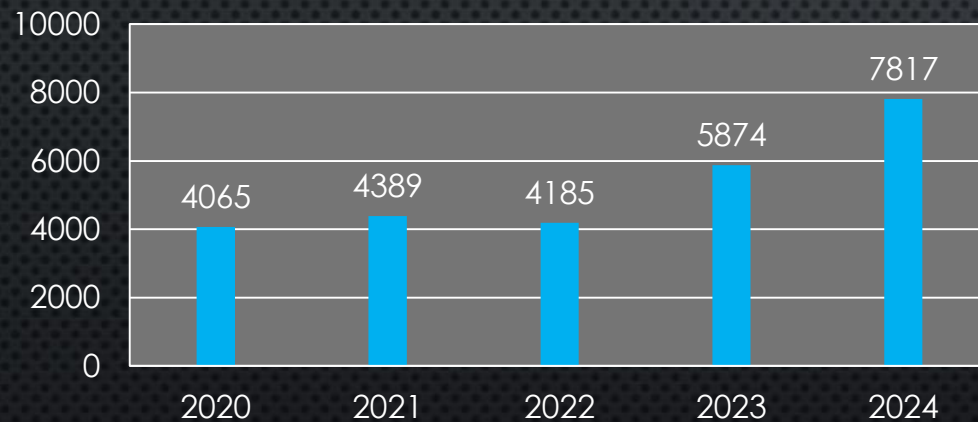
CALLS FOR SERVICE

- TOTAL # OF CALLS FOR SERVICE IN 2024: **7,817**
- THESE INCLUDE: CRIMES, DOG AND ANIMAL COMPLAINTS, NEIGHBOR DISPUTES, DOMESTIC COMPLAINTS, ASSISTS TO AMBULANCES AND OTHER POLICE DEPARTMENTS, ALARM CALLS, SELF-DISPATCH, AND MANY OTHER TYPES OF CALLS
- THESE DO NOT INCLUDE: TRAFFIC STOPS/WARNINGS, ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS, AND COURT HEARINGS
- BASED ON ALL THE ABOVE INFORMATION, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF POLICE REPORTS COMPLETED FOR 2024 WAS 9,016 REPORTS

VISUAL CHARTS TO DISPLAY YEAR TO YEAR STATISTICS FOR POLICE CALLS

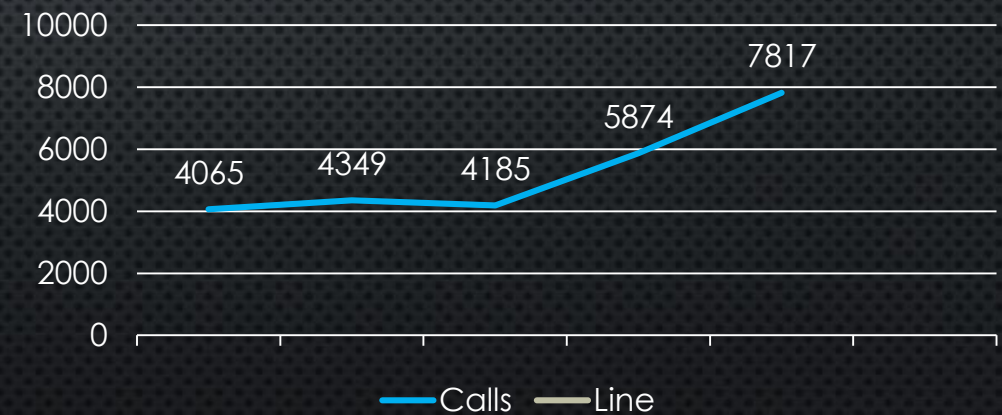
COMPARISON CHART

Year to Year



LINE GRAPH

2020-2024



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

OUR DETECTIVE IS ASSIGNED TO INVESTIGATE THE MORE SERIOUS TYPES OF CRIMES THAT REQUIRE MORE EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATIONS. HIS FUNCTION IS TO PROCESS THE CRIME SCENES FOR ANY EVIDENCE THAT WILL BRING THE CASE TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. THIS INCLUDES: PROCESSING AND LIFTING LATENT FINGERPRINTS, PHOTOGRAPHING THE SCENE, INTERVIEWING WITNESSES, INTERROGATING SUSPECTS, FILING NECESSARY REPORTS, OBTAINING AND SERVING ARREST WARRANTS AND SEARCH WARRANTS, AND MAINTAINING ALL EQUIPMENT USED IN THIS PROCESS.

- 42 SEARCH WARRANTS COMPLETED
- 111 NEW CRIMINAL CASES IN 2024
- OF THE 111 CASES, 42 CASES HAVE BEEN CLEARED BY ARREST
- 38% CLEARANCE RATE
- SEE BREAKDOWN ON THE FOLLOWING SLIDES FOR INVESTIGATIONS AND ARRESTS

<u>PART A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS</u>	TOTAL
Arson	1
Assault	7
Burglary	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	2
Theft	17
	28

PART B CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

	TOTAL
Access Device Has Been Revoked/Cancelled	1
ADF	5
Child Exploitation	1
Child Line	1
Criminal Mischief	2
Criminal Trespass	3
Cruelty to Animals	1
Defiant Trespass	2
Deliver/Intent to Deliver Drug Paraphernalia	1
DUI	8
False Statement	1
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident	1
Fraud	4
Harassment	3
ICC	5
Incest of Minor	1
Indecent Assault	4
Intentional Possession of Controlled Substance	1
Internet Child Pornography	1
Manufacture/Deliver/Possess w/ Intent to Manufacture or Deliver	2
Missing Persons	4
Neglect of Care - Dependent Person	1
Propel Missile Into Occupied Vehicle(s)	1
Receiving Stolen Property	2
Retail Theft	15
Scatter Rubbish Upon Land/Stream	1
Sexual Abuse of Children	2
Sexual Exploitation of Children	3
Suicide	2
Terroristic Threats	1
Unattended Death	1
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	1
Unsworn Falsification to Authorities	1
	83

<u>CRIMINAL ARRESTS - 2024</u>	Total
Accident Involving Death or Injury While Not Licensed	1
Accident/Serious Bodily Injury or Death	1
ADF	2
Assault	6
Criminal Mischief	1
Criminal Trespass	3
DUI	7
Harassment	1
ICC	3
Murder of the First Degree	2
Other Reason Access Device Unauthorized by Issuer	1
Possession of Firearm Prohibited	1
Recklessly Endangering Another Person	1
Retail Theft	6
Robbery	1
Terroristic Threats	1
Theft	1
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	1
Unsworn Falsification to Authorities	2
	42

PATROL DIVISION

MAIN FUNCTION IS TO MAINTAIN THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC BOTH ON THE HIGHWAYS AND IN ALL OTHER AREAS OF THE TOWNSHIP

WORKS TOWARD THE REMOVAL OF DRUNK DRIVERS, AGGRESSIVE DRIVERS, AND SPEEDING DRIVERS TO MAKE THE HIGHWAYS SAFER FOR THE PUBLIC

RESPONSIBLE FOR ANSWERING CALLS FOR SERVICE AND CONDUCTING SECURITY CHECKS ON BUSINESS AND RESIDENCES WHILE HOMEOWNERS ARE ON VACATION

TOTAL BUSINESS CHECKS IN 2024: **44,900**

TOTAL VACATION HOME CHECKS IN 2024: **19**

TOTAL ASSISTS TO OTHER POLICE DEPARTMENTS: **116**

PATROL DIVISION – SPECIALIZED CERTIFICATIONS

- (2) OFFICERS ARE CERTIFIED ACCIDENT RE-CONSTRUCTIONISTS
- (2) OFFICERS ARE MEMBERS OF THE MSWAT-W TEAM. THE PURPOSE OF THE MSWAT-W TEAM IS TO PROVIDE EACH PARTICIPATING POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH THE CAPABILITY OF HAVING A SPECIALLY TRAINED AND EQUIPPED TEAM OF OFFICERS TO RESPOND AND ASSIST EXISTING PERSONNEL IN ANY “HIGH RISK” SITUATION. THESE INCLUDE BARRICADED PERSON(S), CIVIL DISORDERS, DISASTER SECURITY DETAILS, FUGITIVE SEARCHES, HIGH RISK ARRESTS, HIGH RISK PRISONER TRANSPORTS, HIGH RISK SEARCH WARRANTS, HIGH RISK SURVEILLANCE DETAILS, AND HOSTAGE NEGOTIATIONS.



PATROL DIVISION – SPECIALIZED CERTIFICATIONS

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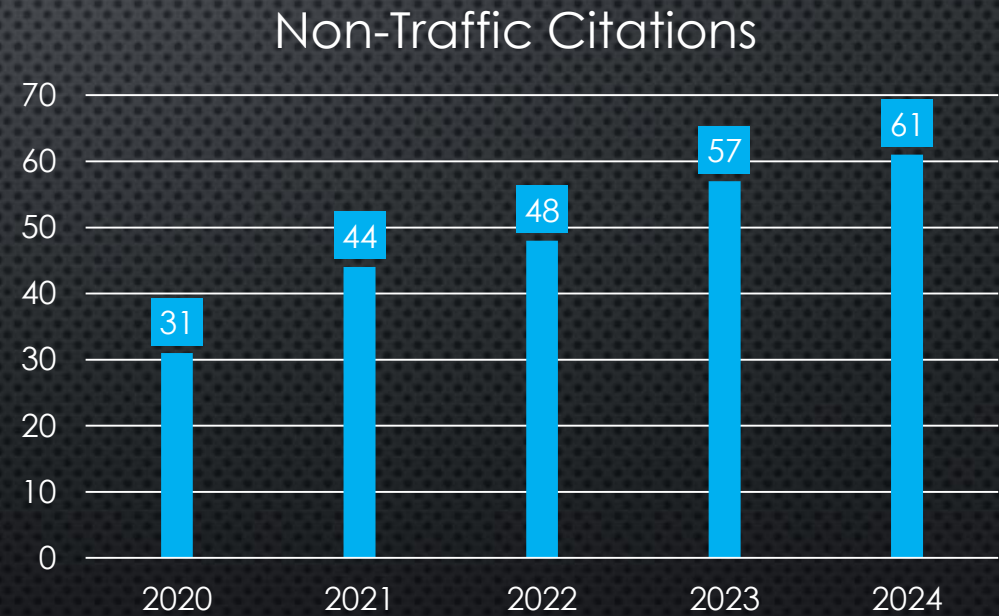
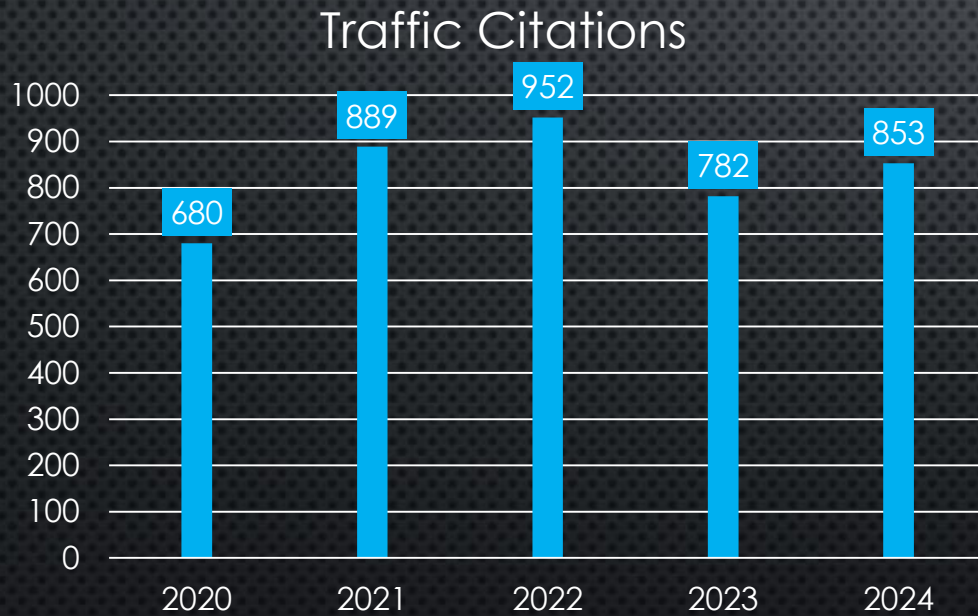
- (1) OFFICER IS A CERTIFIED INSPECTION MECHANIC AND A CERTIFIED PENNSYLVANIA NORTH AMERICAN LEVEL I INSPECTOR. THIS OFFICER PERFORMS SAFETY INSPECTIONS ON LARGER TRUCK TRAFFIC THAT TRAVEL OUR ROADS IN THE TOWNSHIP.
- (2) OFFICERS ARE CERTIFIED FIREARMS INSTRUCTORS. THESE (2) OFFICERS ARE IN CHARGE OF OUR ANNUAL FIREARMS QUALIFICATIONS THAT ARE REQUIRED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION (MPOETC)
- (5) OFFICERS ARE ON THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE PROGRAM. MANY ARRESTS HAVE RESULTED FROM THE DRUG TASK FORCE THAT HAVE INCLUDED WORK IN DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP.



PATROL DIVISION – TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

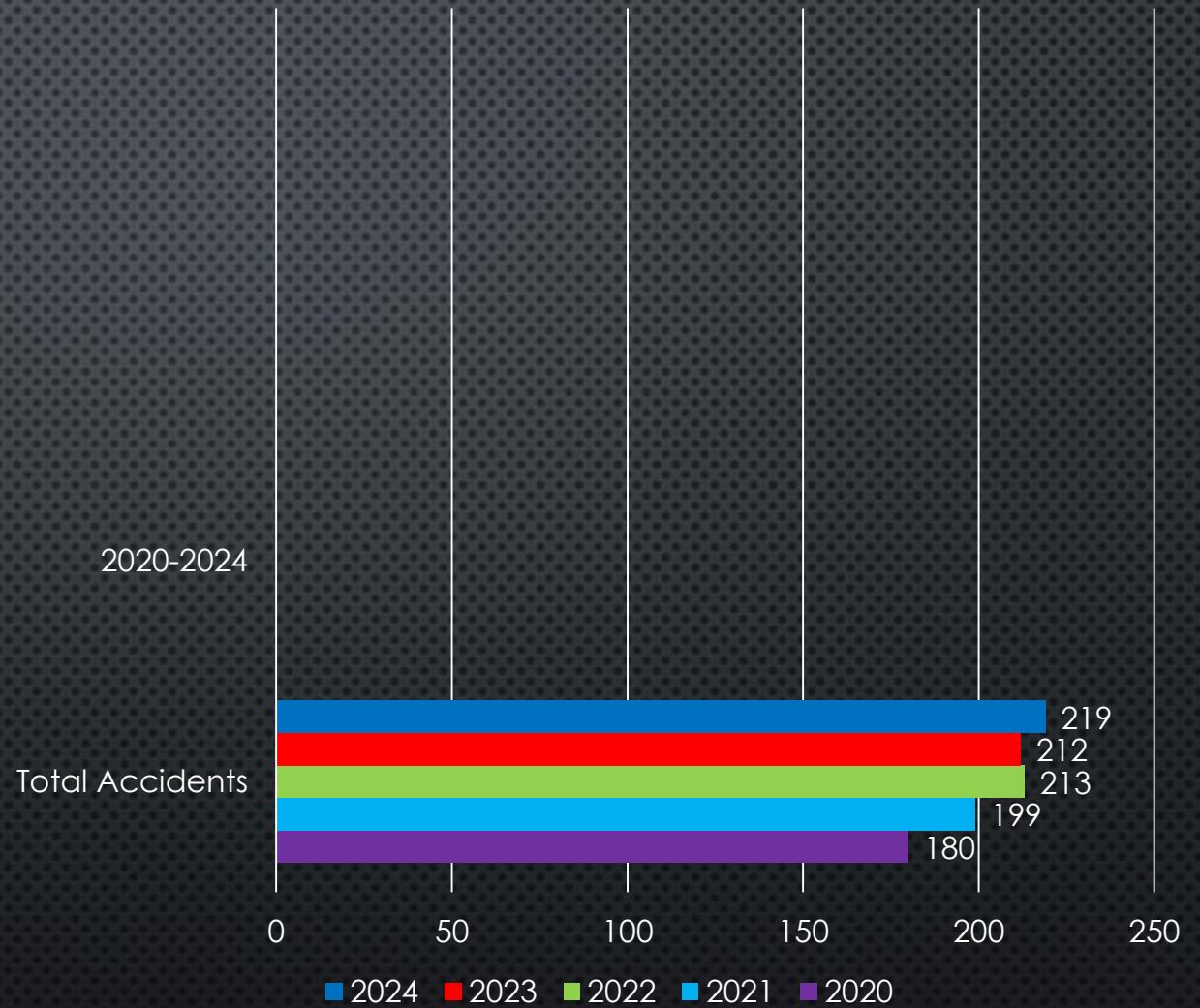
- 76 REPORTABLE ACCIDENTS
- 143 NON-REPORTABLE ACCIDENTS
- 32 INJURIES
- 386 VEHICLES
- 4 DUI RELATED ACCIDENTS
- 1 ACCIDENT RESULTING IN 1 FATALITY
- 2 ACCIDENTS INVOLVING A PEDESTRIAN
- 853 TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED
- SEE BREAKDOWN ON THE FOLLOWING SLIDES FOR TRAFFIC CITATIONS

PATROL DIVISION YEAR TO YEAR STATISTICS INVOLVING TRAFFIC AND NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED



MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

REPORTABLE AND NON-REPORTABLE
ACCIDENT YEAR TO YEAR



<u>TRAFFIC CITATIONS PART 1 - 2024</u>	CODE	TOTAL
Driving Unregistered Vehicle	1301	188
Fail to Carry Registration	1311	3
Vehicle Registration Suspended	1371	16
Display Plate/Card in Improper Vehicle	1372	3
Driving Without a License	1501	11
Failure to Carry License	1511	2
License Expired	1514	3
Driving While Op. Priv Suspended or Revoked	1543	33
Permitting Violation of Title	1575	3
Proof of Financial Responsibility Following Violation	1784	1
Required Financial Responsibility	1786	22
Obedience to Traffic Control Devices	3111	68
Failure to Stop at Red Signal	3112	10
Fail to Keep Right	3301	2
Improper Pass on Right	3304	1
Disregard Traffic Lane (Single)	3309	7
Following Too Closely	3310	11
Vehicle Turning Left	3322	2
Duties at Stop Sign	3323	23
Not Yield at Roadway	3324	3
Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicle	3325	1
Improper Right Turn	3331	1
		414

<u>TRAFFIC CITATIONS PART 2 - 2024</u>	CODE	TOTAL
Turning Movements and Required Signals	3334	1
Driving at Safe Speed	3361	14
Max. Speed Limits	3362	92
Back Up Vehicle Improperly	3702	1
Careless Driving	3714	26
Reckless Driving	3736	1
Fail to Stop and Give Info/Render Aid	3744	3
Accident/Damage to Unattended Veh. Or Prop.	3745	1
Fail to Notify Police Dept. of Accident	3746	1
Give False Information	3748	2
Operating with Unsafe Equipment	4107	34
No Head or Rear Lights/Turn Signal	4303	2
Violate Brake Regulation	4502	1
Obstructed Window	4524	1
Failure to Use Safety Belt	4581	4
Emission Inspection	4702	14
Op. Vehicle without Valid Inspection	4703	172
Notice of Violation/Required Corrections	4704	1
Violation of Emissions	4706	52
Inspection Sticker Violation	4730	1
Drive w/ Unsecured Load	4903	3
Investigation by Officer/Duty of Operator	6308	12
		439

PATROL DIVISION – NON-TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

- 61 NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED
- NON-TRAFFIC CITATION IS ISSUED FOR A SUMMARY VIOLATION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CRIMES CODE
- THESE INCLUDE: DISORDERLY CONDUCT, PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS, UNDERAGE DRINKING, ETC.
- SEE BREAKDOWN ON THE FOLLOWING SLIDE FOR NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS

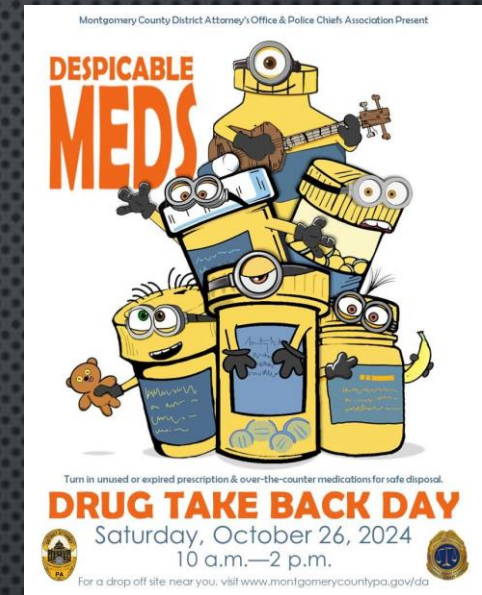
<u>NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS - 2024</u>	CODE	TOTAL
Criminal Mischief	3304	2
Defiant Trespass	3503	4
Disorderly Conduct	5503	19
Harassment	2709	24
Public Drunkenness	5505	7
Purchase Etc. Alcholic Beverage By a Minor	6308	1
Retail Theft	3929	4
		61

DUI CHECKPOINTS

- IN 2024, WE PARTICIPATED IN 2 ROVING DUI PATROL AND STATIONARY CHECKPOINT DETAILS
- IN CONJUNCTION WITH POTTSTOWN AREA DUI SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT PROGRAM
- MONEY USED TO FUND THESE OPERATIONS WAS RECEIVED THROUGH STATE GRANT FUNDS



DRUG TAKE BACK



- ALONG WITH THE DEA, WE PARTICIPATE IN DRUG TAKE BACK INITIATIVE PROGRAM, NOW RUN BY MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION AND THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
- RESIDENTS TURN THEM IN AT THESE EVENTS OR BY DROPPING THEM OFF AT OUR MEDICATION COLLECTION BOX LOCATED IN THE LOBBY OF THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
- DRUG TAKE BACK WAS HELD IN APRIL AND OCTOBER
- A TOTAL OF 146 LBS. OF UNWANTED, UNUSED AND EXPIRED DRUGS WERE COLLECTED AND PROPERLY DISPOSED OF
- SINCE 2013, WE HAVE TURNED OVER 1,967 LBS. OF OUTDATED/UNUSED MEDICATIONS

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER



- THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (ACO) HANDLES ALL THE CALLS THAT POLICE WOULD PREVIOUSLY HAVE HANDLED INVOLVING ANIMALS
- POLICE RESPOND TO THE INITIAL CALL, BUT ACO WILL HANDLE THE FOLLOW UP FOR THAT PARTICULAR CALL
- TOTAL # OF CALLS ACO ASSISTED US WITH IN 2024: **28**

COURT APPEARANCES

COURT APPEARANCES ARE A NECESSARY PART OF ANY POLICE OFFICER'S JOB. THE OFFICER MUST BE COMPLETELY PREPARED TO TESTIFY TO THE FACTS OF THE CASE AS HE KNOWS THEM AND BE PREPARED TO PUT ON ANY WITNESSES THAT ARE NECESSARY. THIS CAN BE VERY TIME CONSUMING AND DOES TAKE THE OFFICER OFF THE STREET OR REQUIRE THEM TO APPEAR ON THEIR DAYS OFF.

- 480 COURT APPEARANCES AT DISTRICT COURT
- 28 COURT APPEARANCES AT THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
- TOTAL # OF COURT APPEARANCES FOR 2024: **508**



GRANTS



- BERKS COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTED US \$2,439.00 TO PURCHASE NEW MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND BAGS. THESE WILL ALLOW US TO BETTER SERVICE THE COMMUNITY IN TIMES OF MEDICAL NEED.
- DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DCED) GRANTED US \$30,200 TO PURCHASE MORE TASERS AND 2 NEW MOBILE RADIOS.

SCHOOLS & TRAINING

- 2024 MANDATORY UPDATES: LEGAL UPDATES
- 2024 MANDATORY UPDATES: SUICIDE BY COP
- 2024 MANDATORY UPDATES: COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS
- 2024 MANDATORY UPDATES: LAW ENFORCEMENT ETHICS
- FIREARMS RE-CERTIFICATION
- CPR/AED/FIRST AID RE-CERTIFICATION
- OC/BATON RE-CERTIFICATION
- TASER RE-CERTIFICATION
- PENN STATE POLEX COMMAND STAFF CERTIFICATION
- DRUG TASK FORCE
- GLOCK ARMORER RE-CERTIFICATION
- TASER INSTRUCTOR RE-CERTIFICATION
- TAC
- PENNSYLVANIA NORTH AMERICAN LEVEL 1 INSPECTOR
- PROTECTING SCHOOL COMMUNITIES
- TDX OPERATOR
- CELLEBRITE CERTIFIED OPERATOR
- CELLEBRITE CERTIFIED PHYSICAL ANALYST
- MONTGOMERY COUNTY DETECTIVE TRAINING
- ACTIVE SHOOTER
- AUTHORITY AND CERTIFICATION
- DISTRACTED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT
- DUI CASE LAW
- SAFESPECT TRAINING
- VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION
- BASIC SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS TRAINING
- CLASS "A" WIRETAPPING AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE TRAINING & CERTIFICATION
- SOCIAL MEDIA INVESTIGATIONS
- CRYPTOCURRENCY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

COMMUNITY POLICING

- CONDUCT WALKING PATROLS IN THE SHOPPING CENTERS AND GILBERTSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- SAFETY WEEK THEME
- DUI SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT/ROVING PATROL PROGRAM
- FIRE PREVENTION (GILBERTSVILLE ELEMENTARY WITH GILBERTSVILLE FIRE & RESCUE)
- PROJECT SAFE HOUSE (FREE GUNLOCKS)
- SMOOTH OPERATOR CAMPAIGN
- CLICK IT OR TICKET CAMPAIGN
- COFFEE WITH A COP AT GIANT
- TRICK-OR-TREATING THROUGHOUT THE TOWNSHIP FOR HALLOWEEN
- NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM
- OPERATION CHRISTMAS KIDS (PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION)

DEPARTMENTAL PATROL VEHICLES



- **91-1 2016 FORD EXPLORER** – 14,398 MILES DRIVEN; ENDING MILEAGE OF 102,432
- **91-2 2019 FORD EXPLORER** – 11,081 MILES DRIVEN; ENDING MILEAGE OF 78,533
- **91-3 2020 CHEVY TAHOE** – 15,707 MILES DRIVEN; ENDING MILEAGE OF 66,834
- **91-4 2015 DODGE CHARGER** – 4,698 MILES DRIVEN; ENDING MILEAGE OF 65,662
- **91-5 2023 CHEVY TAHOE** – 14,787 MILES DRIVEN; ENDING MILEAGE OF 20,577
- **91-6 2020 FORD F-150** – 11,773 MILES DRIVEN; ENDING MILEAGE OF 53,107
- **91-7 2020 FORD EXPLORER** – 13,305 MILES DRIVEN; ENDING MILEAGE OF 61,095
- **TOTAL MILEAGE FOR 2024: 85,749**

REVENUE

3 YEAR DATA COMPARISON 2022-2024

SERVICE CALLS/COLLECTIVE DATA REVIEWED DURING THIS TIME PERIOD SHOW AN 86% INCREASE SINCE 2022. OUR DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATED A TOTAL OF 219 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WHICH IS A 2.8% INCREASE AND HIGHEST AMOUNT IN THIS TIME FRAME. THIS CAN BE CONTRIBUTED TO THE AMOUNT OF INCREASED TRAFFIC IN DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP DUE TO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROJECTS. OUR COMMUNITY HAS SEEN A DECREASE OF 14% IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS FROM 130 IN 2022 TO 111 IN 2024. PATROL DIVISION INCREASED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT BY ISSUING 9% MORE CITATIONS SINCE 2023 AND ISSUED 7% MORE NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS FROM PREVIOUS YEAR AS WELL. CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS RECEIVED 39 TOTAL CHILDLINE/CYS REPORTS IN 2024 WHICH IS A 4% DECREASE FROM STATISTICS IN 2022. DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY STANDS AT 1.1 OFFICER PER 1,000 RESIDENTS WITH 12 FULL-TIME OFFICERS. A RECENT SURVEY CONDUCTED IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY WITH 42 PARTICIPATING AGENCIES HAVE AN AVERAGE OF 1.8 OFFICERS PER 1,000 RESIDENTS WITH THE LOWEST BEING .9 OFFICERS PER 1,000. THIS MONTGOMERY COUNTY SURVEY IS ALSO CONSISTENT WITH STATE AND NATIONAL AVERAGES OF OFFICERS PER CAPITA. AS DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP CONTINUES TO GROW AND EVOLVE, OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO EVOLVE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP WHO REMAIN OUR PRIORITY.

The background of the slide is a close-up, slightly blurred image of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes in a diagonal perspective. The stars are white on a dark blue field, and the stripes are red and white.

THANK YOU

ONCE AGAIN, I LOOK FORWARD TO THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING THE CITIZENS OF DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THE DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT AND I ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO YOU AND THE PUBLIC SHOULD WE BE NEEDED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
ROBERT B. EVANS
CHIEF OF POLICE