



# Abington Township Police Department

## ANNUAL REPORT 2015

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### *A Message from the Chief*

I am delighted to present the 2015 Annual Report of the Abington Township Police Department. It represents another outstanding year of highly dedicated police work and achievement in serving the community in many noteworthy ways.

I am especially pleased not only with the continued downturn in major crimes in recent years, but also the hugely significant drop that occurred in 2015. While a number of factors play into this result, one key contributor is the excellent police work on the part of our officers. They do not just handle calls for service but take initiative in uncovering crime, as reflected in our list of commendations on page 9.

We undertook our fourth international reaccreditation. However, what set this assessment apart was our opportunity to go for the Gold Standard Assessment. While we continued to provide proofs of meeting standards, this reaccreditation centered on processes and outcomes, allowing us to delve deeply into specific areas of our operations to determine how we can continue to make improvements.

Of course, our largest mission in 2015 was participating in providing security and logistics for the historic visit of Pope Francis in September. We were honored to be called upon to serve alongside officers from other jurisdictions. Our Emergency Management personnel coordinated with county and municipal officials to help manage an expected two million people coming to see the Pope.

Abington Officers and Detectives, working in tandem with the DEA and Montgomery County Detectives, made major drug arrests that included a methamphetamine supplier, a heroine supplier, and a marijuana operation. Also, working with other agencies, Det. Beaghey tracked a computer that was transmitting child pornography images. Search warrants were executed, and a large number of computers and video tapes containing thousands of files of child pornography were seized.

We were pleased to continue making improvements both to our website and to our patrol car technology to enable citizens to have more access to crime trends and other helpful data and our officers to provide service more effectively and efficiently.

I want all to know how much it meant to me and all of the members of this great Department to experience an amazing show of support from our community during a very cold evening in January. A local citizen took the initiative and mobilized hundreds of citizens who turned out along York Road to express their support for the Abington Police. Topping off this display, our outstanding Township Fire Department surprised us with a salute from their parade of firetrucks.

I invite you now to read through the pages of this report and learn more about the efforts that our officers, civilians, and volunteers put forth on behalf of this Department.

William J. Kelly  
Chief of Police



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## Crime Statistics & Trends

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**In 2015,  
Major Crimes Are Down 18.3% from 2014  
Major Crimes Are Down 19.6% from 2013!  
Major Crimes Are Down 19.8% from 2012!  
Major Crimes Are Down 23.5% from 2011!**

<b>Part 1 Crimes</b> (Including Murder, Rape, Robbery, Assault, Burglary, Theft, Auto Theft, & Arson)	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	975	1,193	1,213	1,215	1,274
<b>Total Part II Offenses</b>	2,408	2,223	1,999	2,098	2,033
(Including all of the other less serious crimes)					
<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	47,341	48,131	42,949	48,802	49,625
<b>Total Number of Arrests</b>	1,681	1,986	1,722	1,767	1,657

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**Animal Control** In 2015, there were 1,438 calls for service related to animals, 60 over the previous year. Of that number, 89 were deer-related accidents, up by 54 from 2014, a concerning trend. There were 10 deer-related accidents reported on Valley Road, the same as the previous year. In total, the Animal Control Officer removed 62 deer carcasses from Abington Township roadways last year, up by 17 from 2014. It can be concluded that the Deer Management Program at Carebrook continues to be needed in trying to reduce deer-related incidents on area roadways.

There were 252 wildlife complaints in 2015, up 50 from 2014. The Animal Control Officer received an additional 37 complaints about sick or injured wildlife, down by seven from the 44 reported the previous year. These animals were either relocated, removed for rehabilitation, or dispatched. There were 18 calls related to feral cats, up by one from 2014. Abington's active trap, neuter, and release program continues to keep the feral cat numbers manageable. There were 16 animal attacks (down by two from 2014) and 31 animal bites (up by 12 from 2014). The Animal Control Officer continues to issue citations and literature to keep these numbers manageable. He issued 47 citations for violations ranging from Dangerous Dog to Running at Large, Howling, and Nuisance. This number was up by three from the previous year.



**Animal Control Officer Ron Griffith  
talks with a citizen at Pre Night Out.**

**Citizen Complaints** Abington Police Department's procedures for handling citizen complaints are consistent with national standards to assure prompt investigation and response to all allegations. This process ensures that these issues are brought to the proper level of Department management and appropriately addressed to maintain a high level of integrity and instill public confidence. In 2015, the Department processed 10 complaints. Four of the complaints were Exonerated, four were Not Sustained, and two were Unfounded after investigation,

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## Major Crimes/Events

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Men and women of the Abington Township Police Department (the Patrol Division led by Lt. Pat Molloy and the Detective Division led by Deputy Chief John Livingood) are dedicated to helping those in need and to arresting and removing from the community streets dangerous criminals and others committing crimes against those who live and work in Abington Township. Here are some of the highlights of their intense efforts to protect and serve throughout 2015.

### Task Force Succeeds in Arresting Repeat Burglar

Beginning in early February, Eastern Montgomery County began experiencing a rash of residential burglaries with similar methods. They happened within the first few hours of darkness. The suspects would force entry into a home, and if an alarm was activated, would go immediately to the master bedroom, steal jewelry, and flee before police arrived. If no alarm sounded, there would also be heavy ransacking. This M.O. matched that of a career burglar who had ravaged the community with burglaries in the early 2000's, was arrested by Abington Police in 2004, and was released from prison in 2014.

Abington Township experienced several of these burglaries in February and March with suspects ransacking homes and taking thousands of dollars-worth of sentimental jewelry. As a result, a task force was set up under the direction of Det. Sgt. Fink to gather intelligence; officers were deployed nightly in the affected areas. On March 21, Ofc. Bullock was on undercover surveillance in one of the areas in question when he observed a white SUV that appeared to be occupied by only the driver. It drove past a home that had been burglarized by two suspects 11 days earlier and one block away from a March 7 burglary. The vehicle then drove slowly around a cul-de-sac with high-end homes. A check of the registration revealed that there was no record found for that tag. Ofc. Bullock followed the SUV until it stopped at a traffic light where he pulled up next to the car and could still see only a driver.

Officers assigned to the task force followed the vehicle and observed it traveling into Lower Moreland Township. They saw one of the occupants get out, walk around a darkened house, and peer into the windows. The vehicle was stopped and the career burglar was lying down in the front passenger seat. The burglar and the driver were arrested and charged with conspiring to commit burglary. Task force officers later executed search warrants on the vehicle and the burglar's residence. Recovered from the vehicle were two pairs of gloves, screwdrivers, cell phones, a ski mask, flashlight, dog mace, and a ladder that had been confirmed as being used in a second-floor-entry burglary in early February. Jewelry and a handgun stolen from the February burglary were recovered.

The career burglar was remanded to Montgomery County Prison on \$100,000 cash bail and a state parole detainer. In June 2016, the career burglar was convicted by a Montgomery County jury of most of the charges and currently awaits sentencing. His co-conspirator was arrested by Federal authorities and will be prosecuted by them.

### Child Predator Located

Beginning in May, Det. Beaghley, who is a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC), was conducting an online internet investigation to identify those sharing child pornography. During this time, he tracked a computer that transmitted several images depicting child pornography. Utilizing search warrants and subpoenas, Det. Beaghley was able to track down the computer to a residence located in the Glenside section of nearby Springfield Township. After identifying the address, he obtained a search warrant for the home. On July 15, Det. Beaghley and other members of the Montgomery County Detective Bureau and the Pennsylvania ICAC Task Force executed a search



**Det. Ryan Duntzee (left) and Ofcs. Ryan Brown and Fran Junod serve and protect during Pope Francis' visit as part of the Montgomery County Public Safety Mutual Aid Team.**



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warrant. Once inside, they found the 51-year-old homeowner and a large number of computers and video tapes. The evidence which was seized contained thousands of files and various footage of child pornography. Due to the quantity and disturbing nature of the files, the case was forwarded to the US Department of Justice, Homeland Security, for prosecution. Det. Beaghley's efforts helped to remove a dangerous child predator from the community.

### Armed Robbers Caught

On a Sunday morning in late June, police received a report of a robbery at gunpoint at the CVS Pharmacy in the North Hills section of Abington Township. Two suspects entered the store, one armed with a silver handgun, and ordered the clerk to lie on the floor and the manager to open the safe. The manager and clerk were ordered to hide under the counter while the suspects fled. The two suspects escaped with more than \$7,000 in cash and the manager's and clerk's cell phones.

This robbery was the first of several that occurred at CVS Pharmacies in various jurisdictions and states involving the same two actors using a common scheme. At each robbery the actors stole more than \$5,000. The investigation became a joint effort with the FBI as well as the other involved jurisdictions. Det. Lindenmuth coordinated a meeting of the involved agencies, leading to developing several suspects. The clerks were able to identify two male actors from photo arrays as the males responsible for all the pharmacy robberies. As a result both suspects were arrested by the FBI without incident and charged. Det. Lindenmuth's coordination of agencies led to clearing both a local armed robbery as well as many others that had occurred across the region.

### Arrest of Repeat Offender

At the beginning of July, Ofcs. Howley and Prior, who were aware of current crime trends, conducted extra patrol on the backstreets of their beat, including the seldom traveled, one-block street Cherry Lane. They spied and attempted to investigate a suspicious vehicle. The driver fled the area at a high rate of speed, and the vehicle was observed entering the back of the Rydal Park Retirement Community. Attempting to contain the vehicle, Ofcs. Howley and Prior proceeded to the front of Rydal Park where the vehicle was located, unoccupied. As several other officers checked the area, a male was observed jogging through the Rydal Park property in his socks while carrying a pair of boots. The subject was taken into custody for loitering and prowling. He was searched and found in possession of two sets of car keys.

After being placed in the back of the police car, the suspect was observed attempting to conceal a blank check and some money. Upper Dublin Police were sent to the address on the check and made contact with the owner who stated that the check and a key to a Lincoln were missing from his vehicle. A check of the area along Rydal Road revealed credit and gift cards in the roadway. It was learned that those items were taken from a vehicle in Upper Moreland Township. The suspect was found to be on parole, and a search of his vehicle revealed additional stolen property, including a GPS and a cell phone. This excellent police work resulted in an arrest that removed a repeat offender from the street.

### Money Stolen

On August 30, a female victim reported that her estranged husband's attorney had stolen all of the funds from the sale of their home from an escrow account during divorce proceedings. Det. Hill investigated and found that between 2009 and 2013, the attorney had stolen more than \$290,000 from the escrow account, more than \$40,000 from



Officers take time to speak with students about issues of concern on campus: (bottom, left) Ofc. Roger Gillispie and Lt. Kelley Warner at Penn State University, Abington; ACO Ron Griffith with PSU student.

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the savings accounts of two minor children of a woman killed in a car accident in Abington in 2008, and nearly \$80,000 from 13 beneficiaries of the estate account of a female who passed away in 2010. The victims discovered during this investigation were unaware of the suspect's actions until Ofc. Hill notified them. The suspect's bank documents indicated that during that same timeframe, he issued checks from his accounts to six Atlantic City casinos totaling in excess of \$1.2 million. He pled guilty to the charges and was awaiting sentencing.

In early August, officers responded to a report of a domestic dispute. Ofc. Fisicaro arrived on the scene and was met outside by two sisters who said that the one sister's son had become enraged and first barricaded his aunt inside the house, then let her leave due to his mother's intervention and barricaded himself inside the house. He even went so far as to remove a window air conditioner and push a couch in front of the front door. According to his mother, the man suffers from anxiety and refuses to take his medication. The mother and aunt told Ofc. Fisicaro that the man had recently stated that he just wanted to die. After several attempts, Ofc. Fisicaro was able to make contact, but the man refused to come outside. Ofc. Fisicaro persisted and was ultimately able to convince him to surrender himself to police by peacefully coming out of the front door. He was taken into custody without incident and transported to Abington Memorial Hospital.

Ofc. Fisicaro successfully deescalated a volatile situation and stayed to help the patient understand why he was in the hospital and what needed to be done, which the Physician's Assistant on duty found highly commendable.

### **Traffic Stop Becomes Felony Arrest**

In early October, Ofc. Mahaffey stopped a vehicle at Old York and Old Welsh Roads for a brake light violation. Ofc. Mahaffey observed a large piece of marijuana on the center counsel. He requested and received consent to search the vehicle. He found two bags of marijuana in the center counsel and additional marijuana in the driver side door, as well as a loaded .32 caliber chrome revolver in the trunk. Investigation revealed that the operator had produced a false driver's license and did not have a valid license to carry a concealed firearm. The man was charged with several criminal and vehicle violations. Through solid police work, Ofc. Mahaffey's initial minor traffic violation turned into a felony gun arrest.

### **Homicide**

In late December, officers were dispatched to a home for reported shots fired. While checking the area, a call came in for a hysterical female at a nearby home. Officers proceeded to that location as County dispatch reported that a male had been shot. Ofc. Gibbs arrived first at the scene and confirmed that a male had been shot and was lying on the front porch of the nearby home. Ofc. Gibbs was able to obtain the shooter's name and his last direction of travel.

The suspect's vehicle was observed travelling south on a nearby street, the vehicle was stopped, and the suspect was ordered not to move. Ofc. Senne stopped the vehicle and ordered the driver not to move while the vehicle was blocked to prevent it from fleeing. He and Ofcs. Kent and Mahaffey positioned themselves behind a van parked in the street where they were able to see into the driver's window. Ofc. Senne instructed the driver to show his hands. A semi-automatic handgun was observed in the suspect's right hand. Sgt/ Porter gave commands to the suspect who remained noncompliant.

Ofc. Gibbs then observed the suspect turn the gun on himself and, with his left arm raised to obstruct police view, he fired a round, shattering the driver's window. The suspect then fired a second round. Sgt. Porter immediately communicated that the suspect had shot himself. Officers extracted him from the vehicle where he was searched and provided emergency first aid prior to his transport to the hospital. Abington officers' persistence and courage enabled them to capture a dangerous felon who had just murdered his friend and fellow Marine.

### **Special Investigations Unit (SIU)**

In 2015, Unit detectives participated in numerous drug trafficking investigations in Abington and surrounding communities. In one case, Abington detectives, working in conjunction with the DEA, arrested a methamphetamine dealer with ties to an outlaw motorcycle gang. In another case, Abington detectives, working with DEA and Montgomery County detectives, arrested a major heroin supplier who had been delivering heroin to Abington residents for several months. In May, the Abington Police Officer assigned to the DEA Task Force headed an investigation of a major heroin trafficking organization, which resulted in a large cash seizure. In July, Abington SIU detectives investigated a major marijuana operation extending into Abington. The investigation culminated in the arrest of two

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Bucks County men and the seizure of \$15,000, seven firearms, a BMW, and two jet skis, which had been purchased with drug money.

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## Accreditation

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In 2015, the Abington Police Department underwent its fourth reaccreditation with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The Department was awarded initial CALEA accreditation in 2004 and has successfully undergone reaccreditation every three years since then. While the Department applied for and was designated as a Flagship Agency in 2010 and 2013, it was qualified to go for the Gold Standard Assessment (GSA) in 2015. This differs from previous assessments as it focuses on processes and outcomes through interviews and observations as opposed to the traditional intensive review of files.

In view of four previous in-depth reviews, CALEA trusts that a law enforcement agency's file proofs are both in order and in compliance with more than 450 standards. However, they do conduct some checks and noted that the Abington Police Department's files were "spot on."

As part of the GSA, assessors and agency members engage in evaluations to determine how to enhance and improve specific areas of operation. Some of these areas included clarifying goals for employees to work toward opportunities for advancement and exploring new ways to expand recruitment to seek a broader range of candidates. Assessors commended the Department for outstanding controls on its Evidence Room, for its training of new officers who not only know what to do but also understand why they do it, and for the ways in which the philosophy of community policing has become ingrained in the Department.

During the Public Information Session, assessors took calls and heard in-person comments from 28 citizens. They were impressed with the fact that many Abington citizens not only know their chief but also members of the Department's command staff.



**CALEA Assessors Phillip Crowell, Chief, Auburn, Maine Police Department, and Dan Isgett, Inspector, Berkeley County, South Carolina Sheriff's Office ((left, back); Lts. Pat Molloy and Tom McNamara; Chief Bill Kelly; and Lts. Steve Hochwind, Mike Gallagher, and Kelley Warner.**

They further observed that many people showed notable enthusiasm for their police department. They praised the Abington Police for reaching out to young people in the community in positive ways through the Abington Police Athletic League, the Police Explorers Program, and the Youth Aid Panel.

Members of the Department's accreditation team include Accreditation Manager Lt. Kelley Warner, Executive Assistant Liz Webb, and Accreditation Coordinator Kathleen Przybylowski, augmented by a cadre of additional Department members. The Abington Police Department expects to have the Gold Standard conferred at CALEA's July 2016 Conference.



## Emergency Management

In February, a revised Emergency Operations Plan with updated procedures was presented to the Township Board of Commissioners for their approval. This plan defines the roles and responsibilities of all agencies that respond to emergency incidents in the Township and includes a detailed Notifications & Resource Manual which contains 24-hour contact information for officials and key personnel from Township institutions, such as schools and hospitals.

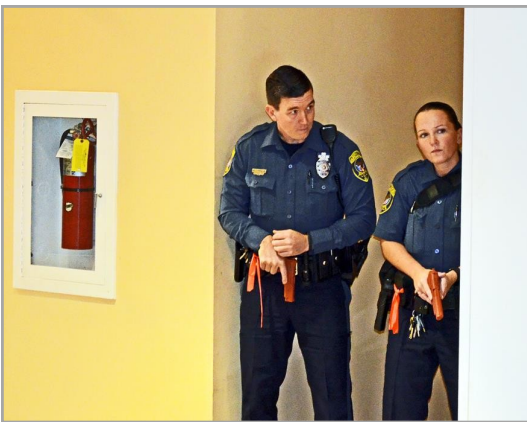
In March, Emergency Management began researching an updated mass notification system in order to keep pace with technology. Everbridge was identified as the leader in this field. Montgomery County was equally impressed with the capability and contracted this company to provide all County municipalities with their services. On July 1, the new ReadyMontco mass notification system went live, and during Pre National Night Out in early August, police department members registered residents and provided information to encourage hundreds of others to register. Two weeks later, ReadyMontco was used to seek help in locating an elderly dementia patient who had walked away from his care facility.

Lt. Tom McNamara, Sgt. Tom Scott, and Emergency Management Administrator Tom McAneney served on the planning committee for the 7<sup>th</sup> EDITS (Emergency Disaster Incident Training Symposium) Conference in mid-April. This two-day event brought together regional emergency management and public safety officials to hear from nationally recognized speakers and incident commanders to learn how they managed recent critical incidents.

Beginning in May, EMAP personnel began attending meetings with surrounding county and municipal officials to prepare for the Papal visit to Philadelphia in September. Abington personnel coordinated with the Transportation Planning Committee in anticipation of two million people coming to the area. In particular, Abington prepared for increased traffic and calls for services.



**B Platoon participating in Active Shooter Drill at Willow Grove Park Mall.**



**Ofcs. Scott Scholl and Alison Delaney responding to Active Shooter drill at Willow Grove Park Mall.**

Early on a Sunday morning in mid-October before the Willow Grove Park Mall opened to the public, B Platoon, EMAP staff, and mall security and administration staff conducted an active shooter drill to test the effectiveness of the ongoing active shooter training for officers. The scenario entailed a shooting following a domestic incident outside the mall during an Apple iPhone release event. This drill proved to be both a learning and validating experience.

In early November, Lt. Earl Saurman, Det. Sgt. Steve Fink, Sgt. Tom Scott, and Tom McAneney presented a program to the faculty and staff at Abington Junior and Senior High Schools as a direct follow-up to the initial 2013 Safe Schools Initiative. They reviewed emergency procedures in the event of a violent intruder at one of the schools and provided updates on emerging trends that have been studied since 2013.

Throughout 2015, Emergency Management staff worked with Penn State Abington on an integrated safety plan for the campus. They trained in emergency management for the special needs population and attended Homeland Security Exercise classes. They assisted the Abington Police with a bomb threat at Macy's department store in the summer and presented on Active Shooter/Safe Schools at the Abington YMCA and A Step Up Academy.

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## *Commendations & Recognition*

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2015 was another year of notable proactive policing by officers of the Abington Township Police Department. Forty-one officers were recognized for their outstanding police work. Their efforts included the arrests of suspects for drugs, thefts, and a variety of other offenses. Especially important was the arrest of a career criminal, a burglar who has been victimizing Abington Township and Montgomery County for more than 20 years. Abington Police, along with officers from other jurisdictions, worked together on a task force to arrest the career criminal and other defendants for burglaries in Eastern Montgomery County.

Early in the year, Abington experienced a rash of residential burglaries, all having similar methods and traits. A task force was set up to gather intelligence, and successful surveillance led to the arrest of two violent career criminals who were considered responsible for multiple home invasion and commercial robberies. These crimes had involved tortures and shootings in Philadelphia and Montgomery County.

**Det. Richard Beaghley**, Class IV,  
Arrest of Child Pornography  
Predator

**Ofc. Daniel Bullock**, Class III,  
Undercover Surveillance Leading  
to Arrest; Class VI, Drug Arrest  
Leading to additional Arrests  
involving major drug distribution  
organizations

**Det. Lisa Burton**, Class V, Jewelry  
Theft

**Ofc. Steven Catherman**, Class IV,  
Arrest of Heroine Dealer

**Ofc. Patrick Corbett**, Class VI,  
Resuscitating Collapsed Male

**Ofc. Scott Dinsmore**, Class V, Arrest  
of Graffiti Spray Painters

**Ofc. Joseph Fallon**, 2 Class V's, Drug  
Arrest, Traffic Stop Leading to  
Arrest for Cocaine/Prescription  
Pills; Class VI, Surveillance of  
Copper Theft Suspect

**Ofc. Michael Farley**, Class V,  
Lifesaving CPR

**Ofc. Matthew Farris**, Class VI, DUI  
Arrest Leading to Burglary Arrest

**Det. Sgt. Steve Fink**, Class III, Task  
Force Head and Primary Investigator  
in Arrest of Burglary Suspect

**Ofc. Dan Fisicaro**, Class V, Deescalating  
Volatile Mental Subject in  
ER

**Ofc. Matthew Fulginiti**, Class V,  
Traffic Stop Leading to Arrest for  
Cocaine/Prescription Pills, 2 Class  
Vis, Drug/Illegal Ammunition and  
Arrest and Surveillance of Copper  
Theft Suspect

**Ofc. Phillip Geliebter**, Class V,  
Burglary Investigation

**Ofc. Andrew Gibbs**, 2 Class VI's,  
Apprehending Drive with Stolen  
License and Arrest Leading to  
Drug Trafficking Organization

**Ofc. Edward Hawley**, Class VI,  
Resuscitating Collapsed Male

**Ofc. John Landes**, Class V, Rescue of  
Victim in Building Fire

**Ofc. Francis Junod**, Class V, Locating  
Missing Down Syndrome  
Adult; Class VI, Calming Aggressive  
Patient for Treatment

**Sgt. Kevin Magee**, Class V, Arrest of  
Heroine Dealer

**Ofc. Matthew Mahaffey**, Class V,  
Traffic Stop Leading to Arrest for  
Drugs and Ammunition

**Ofc. Gary Martinez**, Class V,  
Lifesaving CPR

**Ofc. Rick Ottenbreit**, Class V, Stolen  
Auto Pursuit Arrest

**Det. Cindy Pettinato**, Class IV, Arrest  
of Sexual Assault Suspect

**Ofc. Bryan Rickards**, Class V,  
Lifesaving CPR

**Sgt. Thomas Scott**, Class VI, Resuscitating  
Collapsed Male

**Ofc. Troy Senne**, Class V, Lifesaving  
CPR and AED

**Ofc. Paul Welsh**, Class V, Traffic  
Stop Leading to Drug Arrest;  
Class VI, Resuscitating Collapsed  
Male

**Ofc. David Wiley**, Class V, Rescue of  
Victim in Building Fire

**Sgt. Shawn Williams**, Class IV,  
Traffic Stop Leading to Drug  
Arrest; Class VI, Restaurant Cash  
Register Burglary

**Ofc. Zach Zeoli**, 2 Class V's, Stolen  
Auto Pursuit Arrest, Traffic Stop  
Leading to Drug Arrest; Class VI,  
Traffic Stop of Driver with Stolen  
License

**Unit Citation:** A Platoon - Dets. Lisa  
Burton, Phillip Geliebter, Steven  
Henze, Donald Lindenmuth, and  
Shawn Nisbet; and Ofcs. Michael  
Coughlin, Matthew Farris, Daniel  
Fisicaro, Drew Kent, Troy Senne,  
Robert St. Ledger, Dustin Whitmer,  
and Anne Whitney; House  
Burglary

**Unit Citation:** Ofcs. Andrew  
Ammaturo, Alison Delaney, James  
Ficzko; Administering Lifesaving  
Narcan & CPR

**Unit Citation:** Sgt. Shawn Nisbet,  
Dets. Richard Beaghley, Lisa  
Burton, and Robert Wilsbach; and  
Ofc. Zach Zeoli; Arrest Detail of  
Burglary Suspect

**Unit Citation:** Ofcs. Elizabeth  
Cartwright, Michael Coughlin, and  
Daniel Fisicaro; Lifesaving  
Administering of Narcan, CPR, &  
AED



## Staff Changes

The Abington Police Department was pleased to present two new assignments for its lieutenants. **Lt. Pat Molloy** was named Commander of Patrol, and **Lt. Kelley Warner** was named Commander of Community Policing in early 2015. A 21-year veteran of the Department at the time, Lt. Molloy has been a member and team leader of the Tactical Team, served in the Honor Guard, and has been a DARE Officer as well as the Department's DARE program coordinator. He attained the rank of Sergeant in 2000 and Lieutenant in 2011 when he was made Commander of Community Policing. Lt. Warner, a 26-year veteran at the time, has been a member of the Tactical Team, a DARE instructor, and a Juvenile Detective. She was promoted to the rank of



**Lt. Pat Molloy**



**Lt. Kelley Warner**



**New Sgt. Shawn Nisbet congratulated by Chief Bill Kelly.**

2013. Last year, two new officers joined the force and were sworn in at the September Board of Commissioners meeting. **Ofc. Dan Prior** is a graduate of Springfield High School

Sergeant in 2000 and the rank of Lieutenant in 2013, giving her the distinction of being the Department's first woman Lieutenant.

Also in 2015, Abington promoted 16-year Department veteran **Det. Shawn Nisbet** to the rank of Sergeant. Among his many duties, Sgt. Nisbet has been a Power Shift Officer, Firearms Instructor, and Range Officer, as well as an active member of the Honor Guard, Crisis Negotiation Team, and the Isaac Unit. He serves as a Precision Marksman on the Tactical Team. Abington additionally had two officers graduate from training to become the Department's newest DARE Officers.

**Ofc. Anderson** came to the Department in 2011 with a background in working with autistic children. **Ofc. Welsh** joined the Department in



**New DARE Ofcs. Anderson and Welsh (center) are congratulated by Lts. Hochwind and Molloy.**

(Montco) and earned his B.S. in Administration of Justice from Penn State University. He has been a member of the Army National Guard where he holds the rank of Sergeant and serves as a Cavalry Scout (reconnaissance specialist). **Ofc. Nathan Walters** is a graduate of Conrad Weiser High School and attended Kutztown University where he studied Accounting. From 2006 until his Honorable Discharge in 2012, he served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve where he held the rank of Senior Airman E-4. He was previously employed as a police officer with the Warrenton Township Police Department.

The Department said good-bye to three long-time members in 2015. **Det. John Lyon** joined the Department in 1986. He was in the first group of officers in the early 1990s to train for Abington's new DARE program and went on to teach DARE at both the elementary and secondary levels. He also served in the Bike Patrol Unit, as a Mall Officer at the Willow Grove Park Mall, and for BNI (Bureau of Narcotics Investigation) for the State Attorney



**Ofcs. Dan Prior and Nathan Walters**

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## Staff Changes

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General's taskforce. In 2000, John was promoted to the rank of Detective and became one of Abington's Juvenile Detectives, serving as a Youth Aid Panel Liaison Officer. **Det. Tony Ammaturo** joined the Department in 1987. He served as a member of the Tactical Team, becoming a precision marksman and chemical munitions instructor. He also served as a Mall Officer for the Willow Grove Park Mall and a Youth Aid Panel Liaison Officer. He advanced to the rank of Detective in 1997 and became a certified polygraph examiner. He was in charge of maintaining the Evidence Room, involving quality control for thousands of pieces of evidence. **Det Sgt. Tony DiSandro** joined the Department in 1986, serving in Patrol, the Special Investigations Unit, and Detectives. He was advanced to the rank of Detective in 1993 and to Sergeant in 2000. He would ultimately be put in charge of one of the two Detective Division squads. Det. Sgt. DiSandro was recognized as an Expert Witness in the drug field. He was a member of the Tactical Team for 17 years and served as a member and head of the Crisis Negotiation Unit



**Det. Tony Ammaturo   Det. Sgt. Tony DiSandro   Det. John Lyon**

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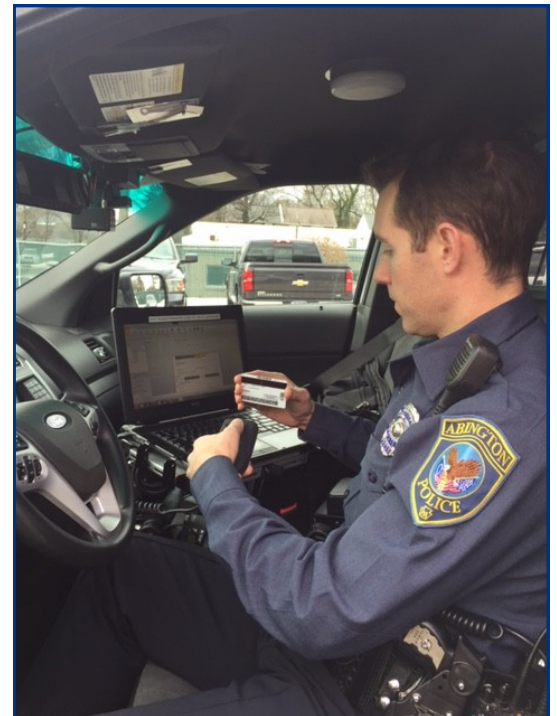
## Technology

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The Abington Police took a significant step forward in 2015 with the purchase of TraCS (Traffic and Criminal Software) that was installed in half of their patrol vehicles (the other half to be completed in 2016). TraCS is a data collection, records management, and reporting system designed specifically for public safety professionals. It allows officers to record, retrieve, and manage traffic citation and crash information on the spot, from their vehicles. Officers on patrol can issue e-citations, e-warnings, e-accident reports, and e-crash reports from their car where they have printer and scanner capabilities. The TraCS system allows officers to print crash receipts rather than hand-write them for drivers. Another convenience, when warnings are issued for such situations as the need for a current vehicle inspection, the issuing officer will receive a follow-up reminder in 10 days to check if the inspection has been completed.

TraCS interfaces with the Department's internal CODY system and the administrative officer for the state courts so that all information can be stored and transferred electronically as needed or required. TraCS has proven to be highly user friendly, reducing the amount of time officers would otherwise spend in hand writing citations and reports. Being able to scan drivers licenses and registrations reduces possible data entry errors as well as misreading handwriting.

Working to make interactions easier for citizens, the Department created a link on its website for citizens to pay their parking tickets and obtain crash reports. Additionally, the updating of crime maps was advanced to twice weekly, enabling citizens to search for crime trends and types of crimes being committed in specific areas of Abington Township. The website was further improved with the addition of more photos and information for the media, all part of an effort to promote better communication with the public.



**Ofc. Robert St. Ledger uses a card e-reader to scan information from a driver's license.**

**Registrations and drivers licenses are scanned for creating police reports of traffic stops as well as for reportable and non-reportable accidents.**



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## Special Units

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In addition to the Patrol and Detective Divisions, Abington Officers can serve in a variety of specialized positions. Each of these assignments requires additional time, training, and dedication. These assignments include:

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| • Accident Investigations | • Firearms Range Officer    | Response Team)           |
| • Bike Patrol             | • Honor Guard               | • PAL Program            |
| • Crisis Negotiation Unit | • Internet Crime Task Force | • Patrol Rifle Program   |
| • DARE Program            | • K-9 Unit                  | School Resource Officers |
| • Drug Task Force         | • Mall Unit                 | • Tactical Unit          |
| • Field Training Officer  | • M.I.R.T. (Major Incident  | • Truck Enforcement      |
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**K-9 Unit:** Abington's four officer/K-9 teams, headed by Sgt. Kevin Magee, kept current with standards by participating in several events that certified their level of performance. In March, Ofcs. Bryan Rickards and K-9 Ivan, Jennifer Doyle and K-9 Bella, and Scott Dinsmore and K-9 Jaso earned tracking certification from the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA). K-9s have only one

chance to score the necessary number of points at each event. In April, Ofcs./K-9s Fiscaro and Mathews, Dinsmore and Jaso, and Richards and Ivan all earned USPCA certification in narcotics detection, while Ofc. Doyle and Bella earned explosives detection certification. This even required a full day of testing.



**Ofcs. Bryan Rickards, Jennifer Doyle, and Scott Dinsmore and their K-9 partners certified in Tracking with the U.S. Police K-9 Association.**



**Ofc. Jennifer Doyle and K-9 Bella earned trophies in the Brad Fox Memorial Iron Dog Challenge.**

In March, Ofc. Doyle and K-9 Bella represented Montgomery County at a regional K-9 Veterans Day ceremony. They were presented with a State Citation from Representative Madeleine Dean, and, along with other invited teams, were honored for their service, training, certifications, and deployments. In August, they competed successfully for the PD1 (Police Dog 1) certification in the USPCA Region #6 competition, earning trophies in all six categories. In October, they took 2nd place in their age division in the Brad Fox Memorial Iron Dog Challenge, hosted by SEPTA's K-9 Unit.

The Abington K-9 Unit conducts numerous K-9 demonstrations throughout the county: Ofc. Dinsmore and K-9 Jaso at the Roslyn Pet Fair, Ofc. Doyle and Bella at Pre Night Out, Ofc. Fiscaro and Mathews at the PAL Food Festival, and Ofc. Rickards and Ivan at WMGK's De Bella Dog Walk.

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**Tactical Unit:** In 2015, Lt. Pat Molloy became Unit Commander, and longtime Commander Lt. Earl Saurman stepped into a senior advisory role. The team trains monthly, while marksmen train an additional day. The entire team also underwent special training at Fort Dix in the spring and Fort Indiantown Gap in the fall. Additionally, the team trained with both the Eastern Montgomery County regional team and Cheltenham's team to remain ready to coordinate their efforts as needed. The team added new members Ofcs. Martinez, Senne, and Space and marksman Ofc Phau.

Abington's SWAT played a critical role in the security detail surrounding the Pope's visit, being designated a Rapid Response team around St. Charles Borromeo Seminary where the Pope stayed. They were coordinated with the FBI, Secret Service, and State Department. Under the team leadership of Det. Sgts. Fink and Kondan and Sgt. Porter (team training coordinator), the tactical team served warrants for Abington and assisted other agencies. One warrant involved a barricaded individual in Abington and was peacefully resolved.



## Special Units



**DARE:** Abington's Police Department is proud of its extensive DARE program that sends 10 DARE Officers into Abington public, private, and parochial schools each year to present valuable drug resistance education as well



as important components of equipping young people to stand up to peer pressure situations. More than 700 sixth graders graduate from this program last year.



**Honor Guard:** Abington's Honor Guard Officers are called to serve during both joyful and somber occasions. In early 2015, they represented the Department at the fu-



nerals of slain New York City police officers, and they are seen by the community in Memorial Day and Fourth of July parades.



### Traffic Safety:

In October Abington Officers participated in Operation Safe Stop, a PennDOT-sponsored school bus safety public awareness and enforcement campaign.



**Bike Patrol:**  
2015 July 4  
Parade.



## Notable Moments



On an extremely cold National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (evening of January 9), citizens lined Route 611 to show their support for the Abington Police. Supporters wore blue and/or made signs to express their sentiments. Chief Kelly, Command Staff members, and other Abington Officers came to extend personal appreciation to citizens.



Ofc. Andy Gibbs (center) was honored by the Abington Community Taskforce at their annual Citizens That Care Recognition Reception for his volunteer work with children in the community, including his many efforts for Abington PAL. Celebrating with him are (left) Chief Bill Kelly, Lt. Kelley Warner, Commissioner Peggy Myers, Sgt. Shawn Williams, Director of Youth Programs Melissa Gargan, and Ofc. Roger Gillispie.



**Serving Their Community:** Ofc. Sean Gargan (left), Community Policing Director of Youth Programs Melissa Gargan, and Ofc. Chris Posey were recognized by the Commanding Officer at the North Penn VFW Post's Veteran's Day ceremony for their supportive fundraising efforts for this post. They were also thanked for their community work above and beyond their jobs.



Eric Sussman, President, Sussman Automotive, presents Chief Bill Kelly with the Eastern Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce's prestigious Leadership Award for his outstanding leadership and vision in both the Abington Police Department and the community.

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## Training

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**Chief Bill Kelly speaks to 2015 Citizens Police Academy attendees.**

Continuing training is necessary for any professionals who want to remain sharp in their skills and highly informed in their field. To maintain the highest level of professionalism, the Abington Police Department runs a variety of seminars and training sessions, both mandatory and optional, to enhance on-the-job performance. Some training is Department-specific, while other opportunities are offered both to Abington and the wider law enforcement community. In 2015, the Department hosted 52 specialty training seminars that totaled 110 classroom days for 1,844 participants.

All Supervisors training was held in March and September of 2015. The spring session covered a wide variety of topics including policies and procedures for body cameras, license plate readers, and DUI videos; strategies for social media, especially live chats; and a discussion of rising heroin deaths and the use of Narcan. They also began a preliminary discussion of preparations for security for Pope Francis' visit. Fall training fine-tuned preparations for the papal visit, including MIRT and SWAT, and provided training in PA TraCS, the statewide computer system that, among other capabilities, provides background information on persons involved in traffic stops and allows officers to produce computer-generated tickets with complete information, at the scene of an incident.

Mandatory Department-wide training took place in April and October. The spring sessions were devoted to recertification in handcuffing, baton and Taser, and pepper spray use. They also covered suicide prevention for first responders. Fall training presented a session on inter-personal harassment training, ethical decision making, dangers in dealing with hazardous material spills, and a debriefing on ice storms and power outages, as well as the Pope's visit.

For the second year, Abington enabled officers to meet mandatory MPOETC (Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission) certification requirements online instead of in-class time. Topics covered included legal updates, civil law, human trafficking, and domestic violence. SWAT training was conducted regularly throughout the year.

Some of the newest classes involved the use of Narcan and tourniquets in saving lives. Other offerings included Homicide Investigation, Crime Scene Investigation, Investigation of Child Deaths, Basic SWAT, and Collecting and Processing of Evidence. Additionally, there were seminars on Social Media and Supervising the Toxic Employee as well as Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (state-required for conducting DUI Check-points), Police Officer Supervisor Training, (a scenario-based, stress-inducing decision-making police encounter training), and Federal Retired Police Firearms Training.

In 2015, the Department's critical incident support service grew to 13 members, comprising police officers and civilians who are dedicated to helping fellow employees deal with a variety of sensitive life situations, both on the job and in their personal lives. Either as a small group or individually, these employees provided care, support, and resources in close to a dozen situations last year.



## Community Policing

Under the command of Lt. Kelley Warner, the Community Policing Division continued its strong partnership role with the Patrol Division. When officers have recurring problems, Community Policing staff work with them on solutions to maintain safety and quality of life for residents, business people, and those passing through Abington Township. Division members also work to build and maintain strong relationships with Abington Commissioners and other elected officials so that they know the many ways in which Community Policing can provide support and helpful resources on behalf of their efforts for citizens. With a “Community First” approach, Division members managed a wide range of programs and activities in 2015.

### Crime Fighting and Communications

The continued use of COPPStat (Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving through Statistics) ensured the seamless flow of information both up, down, and across ranks so that all officers had data at their fingertips as they worked to serve and protect. Ofc. Roger Gillispie kept the COPPStat website current with information about crime trends, scams, and alerts.

The Division worked to grow its social media presence, both seeking the public’s assistance in solving crimes and keeping the community informed about the many intervention and prevention programs that the Department offers its citizens. Social media also allows the Department to share with the public its many good-news stories. Through the Community Policing Division, the Department launched two opportunities for direct citizen interaction: live Facebook chats and Coffee with A Cop. Facebook chats give individuals a chance to hear clearly from the police and ask questions regarding such topics as IRS scams, Internet Safety, ATM skimmers, traffic and bike safety, and back-to-school safety tips. Coffee with A Cop events enable people to speak with officers about anything on their mind, in informal settings at cafes and restaurants throughout the Township. Ofc. Gillispie continued to address senior citizen groups and service organizations about ongoing fraud trends, primarily IRS and grandchild-in-distress scams. Division members followed up on incidents of graffiti to make sure that the graffiti was documented and removed or painted over.



Coffee with A Cop at Willow Grove Mall’s Bravo Cucina Italiana Restaurant

### PAL

The Abington Police Athletic League (PAL), in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, has a solid following of boys and girls who attend weekend activities year-round. In 2015, those interested in leadership were invited to serve on a newly forming PAL Council. This experience teaches boys and girls how to select, plan, and execute events of their choosing. It also encourages them to be leaders in gathering input about the activities members would like PAL to offer. PAL members continued to thrive on cops vs. kids sports tournaments, arts and crafts, cooking classes, and game nights as well as off-site trips. They delved into their annual project of painting and decorating their July 4 parade float, and in August, PAL members attended a week-long PAL Police Academy to learn more about police work. The fourth annual



The Abington Police Athletic League is presented with the Community Service Award by the Willow Grove Branch of the NAACP for outstanding programs for youth.

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“Give Kids A Smile” Dental Day provided free quality dental care for children and youth ages 6-18, who lack access.

Abington PAL offers all of its services free so that no child is ever left out due to inability to pay. To raise needed funding, it held a spring benefit comedy night and its major annual October fundraiser, the International Food Festival. At that event, PAL honored Pat Scott for her philanthropy and Patrol Commander Lt. Pat Molloy for dedicated mentoring of PAL boys and girls and encouraging fellow police officer involvement.

### Other Youth and Children Programs

Abington’s **Police Explorer Post #2900**, in its second full year, offers those ages 14-20 an opportunity to learn about a career in law enforcement. The group of more than a dozen members hosted a bowling fundraiser to pay for their uniforms and equipment. A highlight of their activity year was a trip to the Delaware Valley Intelligence Center in Philadelphia where they experienced a real-time crime center with cameras monitoring city crime hotspots. As part of their commitment, Explorers provide service assistance at numerous community events in which the Abington Police participate.

The Division oversaw the efforts of 10 **DARE** (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Officers in 11 Abington public, private, and parochial schools, reaching almost 750 children. The DARE curriculum includes lessons on prescription drug abuses, bullying, and internet safety in recognition of pressing issues facing young people.

The **Youth Aid Panel** program continued to serve juvenile offenders through three panels of trained citizen volunteers and liaison officers. This alternative to court involvement has young people perform community service, research and write essays, and, in cases of under-age drinking or drug use, attend substance abuse prevention programs offered through Aldersgate Youth Service Bureau. In 2015, panels heard 77 cases. Community Policing offered these young people weekend opportunities for community service, overseeing 1,882 service hours. Some of the services included cleaning the PAL site and PAL vans; helping at community events, such as the 24-Hour Relay, Rock-a-Thon, and CAPT (Citizens And Police Together) Bike Run; and putting up lights and serving cookies and hot chocolate at holiday tree lighting events. Their favorite projects were helping with Needy Families and Toys for Tots.

With an eye to the safety and wellbeing of the community’s youngest members, the Division’s certified members and volunteer technicians conducted 85 child safety seat checks in its **Kids In Safety Seats (KISS)** program.

### HUB

Early in 2015, under the leadership of Chief Bill Kelly, the Department helped form a community HUB, a model that centralizes services and prevents duplication of effort. The purpose of a HUB is to connect those at risk to care and support from the appropriate community agencies. Key members of the community, from health care and social services to education and law enforcement, meet monthly to review cases confidentially and acti-



**Private/Parochial school DARE graduation 2015: Ofc. with proud class winners of the DARE Lion.**



**In mid-summer when food donations drop at local food cupboards, the Abington Township Police Association sponsored a highly successful first annual food drive at a local Food Giant store.**



## Community Policing

vate interventional services. The goal is to take a comprehensive approach to reducing each person's risk factors and work toward restoring a healthy way of life. Lt. Kelley Warner, Ofc. Roger Gillispie, and Director of Youth Programs Melissa Gargan participate from the Police Department.

### Adult Programs

Ofc. Gillispie ran a spring **Citizens Police Academy** for 32 participants who enjoyed in-depth presentations and demonstrations from Detectives, the Tactical Team, the K-9 Unit, and other areas of police work. Ofc. Gillispie also supervises the Department's **Internship Program** in which college students majoring in some area of law enforcement may apply for an internship. In 2015, approximately 15 students, coming from Penn State Abington, Temple University, West Chester University, and others were able to benefit from this experience.

The Division runs a **Victim Services Unit** for which Community Service Officer Jan Harris trains and coordinates a group of volunteers who meet regularly to contact those who have been victims of crimes in Abington Township. The volunteers provide important follow-up to victims by making calls to offer a listening ear and support as well as information on how to avoid being a victim in the future. Victims of crime find these calls both comforting and helpful. In 2015, 760 victims were contacted through this program.

Another kind of victimization occurs when neighbors have unresolved disputes. Patrol Officers alert Community Policing to these recurring situations. As part of the **Neighborhood Conflict Resolution Program**, a specially trained Division member contacts the involved parties, sometimes bringing them together for mediation of their disputes. Last year, 33 neighborhood disputes were successfully mediated. Of that number, six groups came into the Department for a face-to-face mediation, while other issues were handled either over the phone or by on-site visits.

**Volunteers in Policing** enables community members to give of their time and talents to their Police Department in a variety of ways. In 2015, the Community Policing Division oversaw 9,194 hours of volunteer work from 225 community members willing to give their time to one or more of 20 programs. This gift of time and talent from dedicated community members represents the work of four to five paid, full-time employees. In particular, 19 volunteers earned the President's Bronze Award for giving 100-249 hours each, three volunteers served between 250 and 499 hours for the Silver Award, and two volunteers distinguished themselves by giving more than 500 hours of service each. In total, all 25 Presidential volunteers accounted for 6,410 hours of the total service to the Department in 2015. Some of the programs that volunteers staffed included the Special Police (under Lt. Steve Hochwind), Police Athletic League, Youth Aid Panel, Victim Services, the 24-Hour Relay Challenge, DUI Checkpoints, Town Watch and Dog Walk & Watch,



At a volunteers celebration dinner, Chief Bill Kelly thanks the hundreds of volunteers who give their time to the Abington Police Department each year.



Lt Steve Hochwind, Ofc. Al Freed, ACO Ron Griffith, and Lt. Kelley Warner represent the Department at the NAACP Unity Day booth.



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## Community Policing

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and Pre-Night Out. Toward year-end, the Division hosted a thank-you dinner for all their volunteers and conferred special awards on those who have shown longtime dedication.

### Community Events

The Division oversees and/or supports a variety of key community events, especially those that provide drug-, alcohol-, and violence-free activities for youth. It is noteworthy that Division members and citizen volunteers achieved the 21<sup>st</sup> year of running the **24-Hour Relay Challenge**, an event that has had a much shorter lifespan in other communities across the country. This major fundraiser enables CAPT, a unique citizen-police initiative since 1992, to provide mini grants up to \$500 to take a proactive approach to solving community problems and promoting positive activities. School Resource Officers Det. Allmond and Ofc. Gargan coordinated the 17th annual **Rock-A-Thon** for 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders, raising money for CPYA (Community Partnership of Youth and Adults, a CAPT sub group)) to benefit their youth programs and projects. Under CAPT, the Division also ran the 10<sup>th</sup> annual **CAPT Bike Day** for which motorcyclists enjoy an escorted ride throughout Montgomery County. With the disappearance of state grant money, CAPT provides significant funding for the Abington Police DARE program, a great accomplishment since many other departments have had to give up their program.

The Division provided volunteers and support for the Roslyn and McKinley Memorial Day parades, the Glenside July 4th parade and fireworks display, the Glenside and Roslyn Car Shows, the annual Halloween event in Keswick Village, and holiday celebrations in several areas of Abington Township.

Each May, Division members work with Abington Senior High School students to plan and carry out DUI-related safety events before the senior prom. A **Mock Crash** is staged so that students can see firsthand through student actors the horrific results of a drunk-driving accident. Students also have opportunities to “drive” in simulators to experience driving intoxicated.

In August, the Division coordinates the community block party **Pre Night Out** to raise community awareness of crime prevention. Hundreds of citizens from Abington and beyond come to view police and fire safety equipment displays and collect community resource information from a variety of organization booths while enjoying food and entertainment. For some, the experience results in discovering volunteer opportunities or making helpful connections with community and/or county agencies.

### Traffic

Abington’s Traffic Safety Unit is headed by Traffic Safety Manager Ofc. Al Freed and staffed by Red Light Camera Program Manager Ofc. Chris Posey. From October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015, there were 6,800 red-light running violations recorded on 10 cameras at three Township intersections. Seventy-nine percent of those violations were committed by non-residents. Red light camera violations at the end of 2015 were almost half of what they were when the initiative was launched. Further, the industry-predicted increase in rear-end crashes not only did not occur but also declined. This program was implemented and is run at no cost to the Township. People who receive violation notices have an opportunity to come to a hearing and review their infraction. The Division conducts 10-15 hearings a month. Those who can document emergency circumstances are considered for having their violation cancelled.

The Unit works to provide the Patrol Division with additional expertise to keep Abington streets safe. These officers handle traffic complaints, traffic surveys (102 in 2015), and traffic enforcement. Each June and September, Traffic Safety Officers oversee **SAFE-T** (Safety in Abington through Focused Education and Traffic Enforcement) blitzes to heighten driver awareness of speeding and running lights and stop signs during months when traffic patterns change due to school closing and reopening. They also send **Operation Stop** letters to parents when a driver under the age of 18 is involved in an accident and receive feedback that parents appreciate this information. Further, Traffic Safety assisted



**Traffic Safety Officer Al Freed congratulates a local junior high student for taking first place in a traffic safety initiative.**

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with coordination and blocking of roads at numerous 5K runs held throughout the year to benefit various community groups and organizations.

Unit Officers participated in 28 Montgomery/Bucks County **Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspection Details** last year, hosting four of them in Abington. These Details involve stopping and checking trucks for compliance with safety standards and taking appropriate action. In Abington, eight trucks were taken out of service and four truck drivers were taken off the road; 126 were issued citations, and two were specifically issued overweight citations. Truck fines amounted to \$34,553.50, and overweight fines tallied \$642.

In total in 2015, the Unit issued 1,142 traffic citations and 233 warnings and made 11 arrests. They handled 101 abandoned vehicles and conducted 100 crash investigations. Traffic Safety Unit Officers began their fourth year of teaching **Survival 101**, a State-prescribed course especially directed at young drivers to teach them the potential dire consequences of distracted driving, particularly due to texting. This course is a requirement for certain Youth Aid Panel young people.

The Division also provides a service to residents and business owners in monitoring parking meters and limited-time parking areas. **Parking Meter Violations** tallied 1,245 in 2015. The number of parking tickets that staff wrote in 2015 numbered 1,892. Citizens and businesses alike appreciate this attention to violations that create problems in their place of business or residence.

### Grants

In the area of Financial Management, the Community Policing Division secured a number of grants and maintained a flow of financial support under existing grants. More than \$63,000, was obtained through grants in 2015, up by \$13,600 from 2014. These dollars came from the following sources:

- PennDOT (Pennsylvania Department of Transportation) provided money to cover the costs associated with running sobriety checkpoints.
- North Central Highway Safety Network funded a program for police to enforce seatbelt use and the Aggressive Driver Program.



Abington Sgt. Shawn Williams and Lt. Steve Hochwind devote time to recruiting new officers as they reach into the surrounding communities for interested men and women who have a strong desire to serve.



Daisy troop members loved making faces with Firefighter Bell and Ofc. Delaney during a safety presentation.



The Abington Township Police Association and CAPT (Citizens and Police Together) provided gift cards to Five Below and Walmart to purchase school supplies for a backpack event at the First Baptist Church of Crestmont as children prepared for a new school year.





# Abington Police Department

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