

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



ANNUAL POLICE REPORT 2007

Communications	20,355
Complaints Investigated	2,823
Complaints Closed/Cleared	2,771
Complaints Closed by Arrest	91
Complaints Still Open	52

Classification of Complaints Investigated

Property Complaints

Burglary	12
Criminal Mischief	75
Found/Recovered Property	33
Lost/Missing Property	21
Open Building	75
Theft of Property	86
Trespassing	15

Personal Complaints

Assault - Aggravated	1
Assault - Sexual	3
Assault - Simple	1
Assault - Other	7
Attempted Suicide	1
Death Investigation	6
Disorderly Conduct	31
Disturbances-Domestic	66
Disturbances-Juvenile	17
Disturbances-Other	45
Domestic Standby	8
Drug Act Violations	74
Harassment	43
Liquor Law Violation	33
Lost/Missing Person	15
Mental Health	13
Protection From Abuse Orders	11
Public Drunkenness	15
Rape	1
Runaway/Truancy	12
Threats	5

Motor Vehicle Complaints

Assist Motorist	92
Driving While Under the Influence	76
Hit and Run Accident	15
Hit and Run Accident- With Injury	1
Hit and Run Accident-Property Damage	12
Motor Vehicle Theft	2
Repossession	8
Traffic Complaints	57
Traffic Offenses	23
Vehicle Accident- Involving Injury	57
Vehicle Accident- Involving Non-Injury	77
Vehicle Accident- Non-Reportable	151
Vehicle Accident- With Property Damage	22

Miscellaneous

9-1-1 Hang Up	134
Administrative Training	1
Accident - Other	3
Air/Pellet Gun Violation	1
Animal Complaints	107
Assist Emergency Medical Services	281
Assist Fire Department	62
Assist Homeowner	23
Assist Other Agency	29
Car Seat Checks	9
Departmental Services/Processing/Records	48
Dog Law Violations	1
EPA Violations	2
False Reports to Law Enforcement	1
Fraud/Forgery	24
Game Laws	3
Immigration Violation	1
Littering	6
Loitering & Prowling	2
Mobile Speed Sign Use	7
Other Crimes Code Violations	4
Pedestrian Contact - Non Criminal	22
Police Information	114
Public Service Requests	14
Suspicious Person, Auto, Activity	296
Vacation Notices	38
Warrants	12
Weapons Violations	1

Township Ordinances

Abandoned Vehicles	10
Alarms	160
Burning	5
Fireworks	9
Noise Complaint	20
Other Twp. Ordinances	10
Park Violations	37
Soliciting	8

Arrests

Total Adults Arrested	80
Total Juveniles Arrested	11

Arrest Descriptions

Burglary	1
Assault - Atrocious	3
Assault - Simple	1
Assist Outside Agency	1
Disorderly Conduct	1
Driving Under Influence/Alcohol	43
Drug Laws	25
False Reports to Law Enforcement	1
Fraud	1
Loitering & Prowling	2
Theft	6
Protection From Abuse Order Violations	1
Threats	1
Trespassing	1
Warrants	2
Weapons Violations	1
Total	91

Citation Dispositions

Total Reported Dispositions	1,277
Charges Reduced	145
Charges Withdrawn	52
Dismissed	43
Found Guilty at Hearing	54
Found Not Guilty	161
Plead Guilty/Paid Fine	819
Referred to Juvenile Court	3

Police Services Provided

Motor Vehicle Courtesy Warnings	1,871
Motor Vehicle Written Courtesy Warnings	737
Motor Vehicle Citations	1,328
Non-Traffic Citations	266
Selective Enforcements	1,646
Truck Enforcements	26
Assistance to Other Police Departments	233
Assistance From Other Police Departments	96
Assistance to Ambulances	464
Assistance to Fire Departments	113
Alarm Responses	160
Warning Notices Sent to Subscriber	116
Violation Notice – Fee Assessed	23

Vehicle Accident Investigations

Reportable	142
Non-Reportable	151
Persons Injured	91
Fatalities	0

Assistance To Other Police Departments

	Total	233
Hatfield Township Police Department		39
Hilltown Township Police Department		2
Lower Salford Township Police Department		70
Marlborough Township Police Department		4
Pennridge Regional Police Department		8
Pennsylvania State Police - Skippack		4
Souderton Borough Police Department		55
Telford Borough Police Department		47
Towamencin Township Police Department		4

Assistance From Other Departments

	Total	96
Hatfield Twp. Police Department		9
Hilltown Twp. Police Department		3
Lower Salford Twp. Police Department		32
Pennridge Regional Police Department		1
Souderton Police Department		27
Telford Police Department		23
Towamencin Twp. Police Department		1

Court Appearances

District Court	217
County Court of Common Pleas	15
Juvenile Court	5
Other Court	10

Non-Traffic Citations

Criminal Mischief	2
Disorderly Conduct	186
False Identification	1
Furnishing Cigarettes	2
Harassment	8
Other Crimes Codes	1
Public Drunkenness	20
Restrictions on Alcoholic Beverages	42
Scattering Rubbish	2
Tobacco in Schools	2

Franconia Township Police Department D.A.R.E. Unit

Year End Activity Report for 2007

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

Total Hours By Month

January	49
February	37
March	55
April	16
May	9
October	12
November	46
December	<u>39</u>

Total hours: 263 hours

Special D.A.R.E. Activities

- **March 29** - Officer Klepfer and Officer Boyle hosted the "Retro Bill Safety & Self-Esteem" assemblies at West Broad Street Elementary and Franconia Elementary School.
- **March 29** - Officer Klepfer and Officer Boyle held the 4th grade D.A.R.E graduation for Franconia Elementary School, Vernfield Elementary School, and West Broad Street Elementary School at the Indian Crest Junior High School.
- **March 30** - Officer Klepfer and Officer Boyle hosted the "Retro Bill Safety & Self-Esteem" assemblies at E. Merton Elementary School and Vernfield Elementary School.
- **April 1** - Officer Klepfer and Officer Boyle held the 1st Annual D.A.R.E. Bowling Tournament at Earl Bowl Lanes for the 4th grade D.A.R.E. Classes.
- **April 2** - Officer Klepfer and Officer Boyle hosted the "Retro Bill Safety & Self-Esteem" assemblies at Oak Ridge Elementary School and Salford Hills Elementary School.
- **April 3** - Officer Klepfer and Officer Boyle hosted the "Retro Bill Safety & Self-Esteem" assembly at Lower Salford Elementary School.
- **December 14** - Officer Boyle hosted a D.A.R.E. Holiday Movie Night at West Broad Street Elementary School watching the movie "The Polar Express".

D.A.R.E. Training

- **July 16th - 19th** - Officer Klepfer and Officer Boyle attended the 20th Annual D.A.R.E. Training Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.
- **September 24 - October 5** - Officer Klepfer and Officer Boyle mentored for the Fall D.A.R.E. Officer's Training class at the Pennsylvania D.A.R.E. Training Center in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

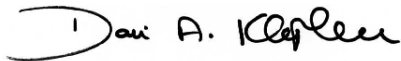
D.A.R.E. Car Appearances

- **March 29** - Displayed the car at the 4th grade D.A.R.E. Graduation at Indian Crest Junior High School
- **March 30** - Displayed the car at the D.A.R.E. Essay Winner's Dinner at Caruso's in Souderton.
- **April 14** - Displayed the car at the Indian Valley YMCA for Healthy Kids Day.
- **May 3** - Displayed the car at the annual "Bike Rodeo" at Franconia Elementary School.
- **June 4 - July 14** - The D.A.R.E. car had major interior renovations done at Bergey's Accessories that included a new interior look as well as a new state of the art sound system.
- **July 16 - 19** - The D.A.R.E. car was displayed at the 20th Annual D.A.R.E. International Conference Car Show in Nashville, Tennessee. The car one 1st place for the 4-Door D.A.R.E. Patrol Car category.
- **August 11** - Displayed the car at the Franconia Township "National Nigh Out" event in the community park.
- **August 25 - 26** - Displayed the car at the Franconia Mennonite Church for their community festival event.
- **August 29** - Displayed the car at Senator Greenleaf's Community Event at Lukens Park in Horsham Township.
- **September 15** - Displayed the car at the Hatfield Township Police Department's "Crime Night Out" event at the School Road Park.
- **September 16** - Displayed the car at the Souderton Charter School 3rd Annual Car Show at the Franconia Community Park.
- **October 7** - Displayed the car at the Harleysville Community Fire Company's Open House.

- **October 11** - Displayed the car at the Perseverance Fire Company for fire prevention week.
- **October 20** - Displayed the car the Harleysville Halloween Parade.
- **November 12** - Displayed the car at West Broad Street Elementary School.
- **December 1** - Displayed the car in the annual Souderton Christmas Parade.
- **December 6** - The Chief used the car to pick up the kids for the annual Rotary Christmas Dinner at the Indian Valley Country Club.
- **December 14** - Displayed the car at West Broad Street Elementary School for the holiday movie night.
- **December 16**- Displayed the car and escorted a group of neighbor's from the Banbury Crossing Development with a caroling event.
- **December 17** - Displayed the car at West Broad Street Elementary School.
- **December 20** - Displayed the car at West Broad Street Elementary School for the holiday lunch and relay race event.

Respectfully submitted,

Officer David A. Klepfer



School Resource Officer /D.A.R.E.

Officer Timothy P. Boyle



Patrolman / D.A.R.E. Officer

North Penn Area Tactical Response Team
2007 Activity Report for Officer Glenn H. Kranich

TRAINING

Team practices are held on the third Thursday of each month. Practices are performed during an 8-hour or 12-hour day. Practices consist of the following:

- Building checks
- Hostage situations
- Barricaded subjects
- Approaches to buildings and motor vehicles
- Officer down and civilian rescue
- Crowd control
- Weapons qualification
- Less Lethal qualification
- Fitness agility
- Stress course shooting

Total of 88 hours

Extended May training with Trident Concepts

- Scenario and entry training

Total of 45 hours

TOTAL TRAINING HOURS - 123

CALLOUTS

1. January 6th - activated to serve a "High Risk" drug warrant on a subject in Lansdale Borough. The warrant service was successful and a large amount of drugs were seized.

ACTIVITIES DURING 2007

1. During the month of May, the team trained with representatives from Trident Concepts of Texas. The team learned new methods on entries, room clearing, and stress shooting.
2. On November 11th, the team participated in the 1st annual Montgomery County S.W.A.T. Challenge that was sponsored by the District Attorney's Office. It was held at the new Montgomery County Tactical Response Training Center in Plymouth Township. The team tied for third place out of the eleven teams that participated. The events included two obstacle courses, hostage rescue (a live fire exercise), and a sniper course. Officer Kranich participated in the sniper course. He and his partner finished the sniper course with the best overall time.
3. From December 3rd thru December 6th, Officer Kranich attended a Less Lethal training school in Manheim, PA. The school was hosted by Combined Tactical Systems. Officer Kranich was certified as an instructor in the use of distraction devices, 40mm launcher, and in pepper spray.

Montgomery County District Attorney's Drug Task Force
2007 Activity Report

- Total Hours worked by Franconia Officers:
 - 13.0 hours
- Total number of Drug Task Force related arrests:
 - 8
- Controlled Substances confiscated during Task Force investigations:
 - Marijuana 14.5 Pounds Street Value \$40,000
 - Cocaine 2.72 Ounces Street Value \$45,000
- Total Cash Seized during Task Force Investigations:
 - \$17,407

Bike Patrol Unit
2007 Activity Report

- Members of the unit:
 - Officer Wayne Pursell (Supervisor)
 - Officer Steve Cronin
 - Cpl. Steve Rinker
- Total hours spent on Bike Patrol in the township:
 - 50 hours
- Special events:
 - Assisted with the bike rodeo at West Broad Street Elementary School
 - Patrolled a few large sporting events at the Franconia Park
 - National Night Out Against Crime
 - Bike safety presentation at the Y.M.C.A.
 - Mango Men concert
 - Patrolled several of the township developments for both mischief night and Halloween night
 - Most hours were spent in the developments and bike trails meeting guests and residents of the township
- Expenditures:
 - Bike #12 & Bike #14 were in for service this year at Bike Works.

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The Highway Safety Unit (HSU) was created in 2006. The officers of this unit specialize in the areas of traffic enforcement, motor carrier safety, and traffic accident reconstruction. Along with the other members of the police department, the officers of the HSU strive to ensure safety on the township's roadways. For 2007, the Franconia Township Police Department had over 3000 traffic related public contacts.

TRAFFIC SAFETY ENFORCEMENT

- **1,326** Traffic Citations were issued
- **206** Faulty Equipment Notices were issued
- **1,665** Traffic Warnings were issued

MOTOR CARRIER VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTIONS

- For 2007, there were 36 Motor Carrier Vehicle Safety Inspections consisting of:
 - 32** North American Standard Safety Inspections (*Level 1*)*
 - 4** "Walk-around" Safety Inspections (*Level 2*)
- Of the **36** that were inspected:
 - 10** Motor Carrier Vehicles were placed Out-Of-Service per the criteria established by the *Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance*. These vehicles were too hazardous to be driven and were removed from the roadway.
 - 1** Driver was placed Out-Of-Service for operating a Commercial Vehicle without a driver's license.
- Total Number of Violations of the *Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations*:
 - Of the 36 inspections conducted in 2007, there were a total of **124** violations reported.

* A Level 1 inspection includes brake measurements and an inspection of components underneath the vehicle.

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS

Officers of the police department responded to a total of **293** traffic accidents for 2007. Of those accidents:

- **142** were **REPORTABLE ACCIDENTS** where one or more vehicles needed to be towed, or injury was involved.
- **151** were **NON-REPORTABLE ACCIDENTS** where there were no injuries and the vehicles did not have damage to the extent towing was necessary.

OTHER TRAFFIC SAFETY INFORMATION

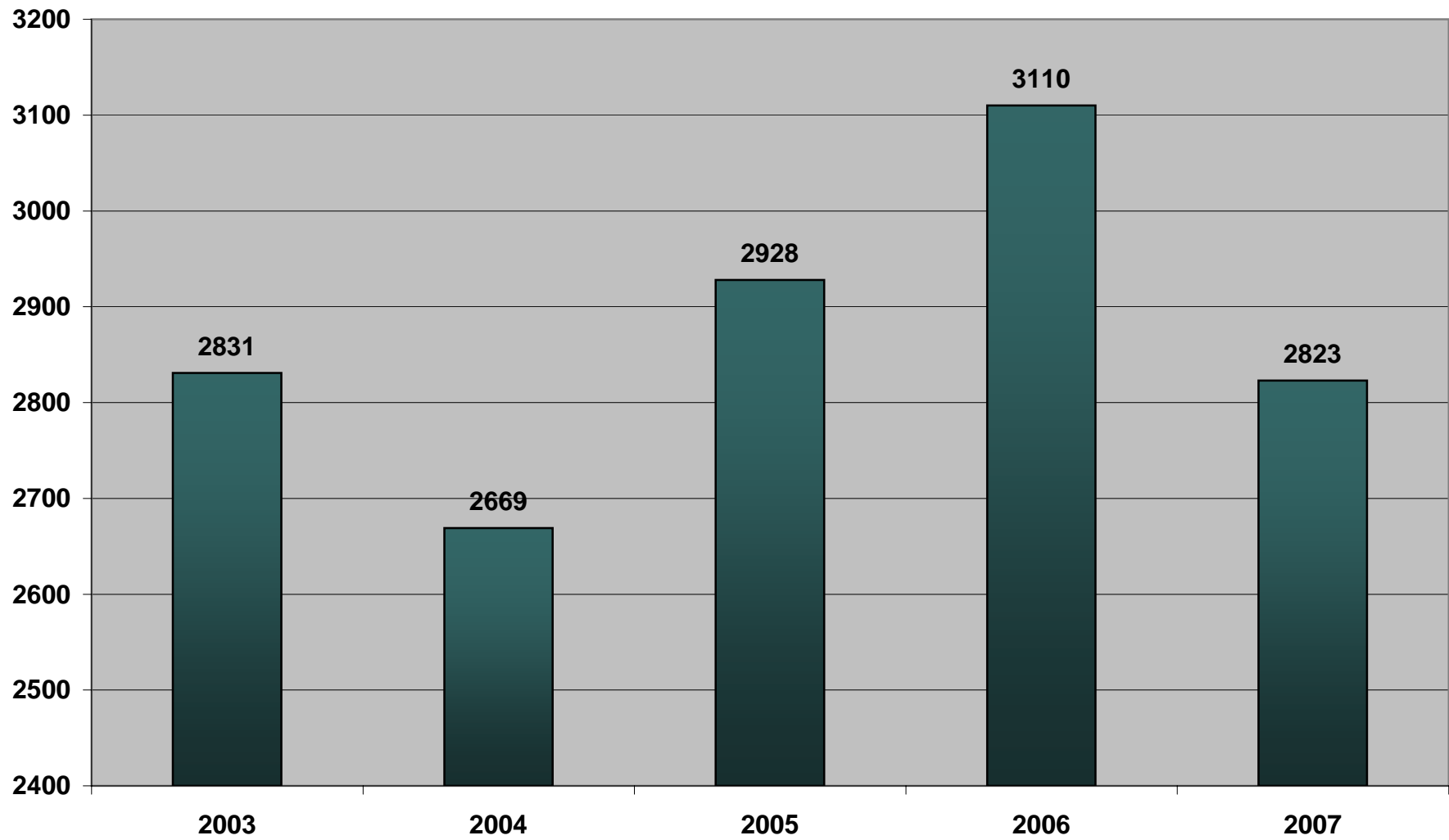
- Officer Al Gesullo attended an accident reconstruction refresher course.
- In June, the police department held a DUI checkpoint on Harleysville Pike where **9** drivers were arrested.
- Corporal Stephen Rinker was re-certified as a *Qualified Commonwealth Employee* by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.
- Officers assisted **78** disabled motorists within the township in 2007.
- Police removed **48** obstructions (debris, waste, etc.) from township roadways.
- The mobile speed trailer was utilized in **36** different locations during the four months it is in use within the township.
- Officers conducted **1,646** traffic safety, inspection and speeding details.

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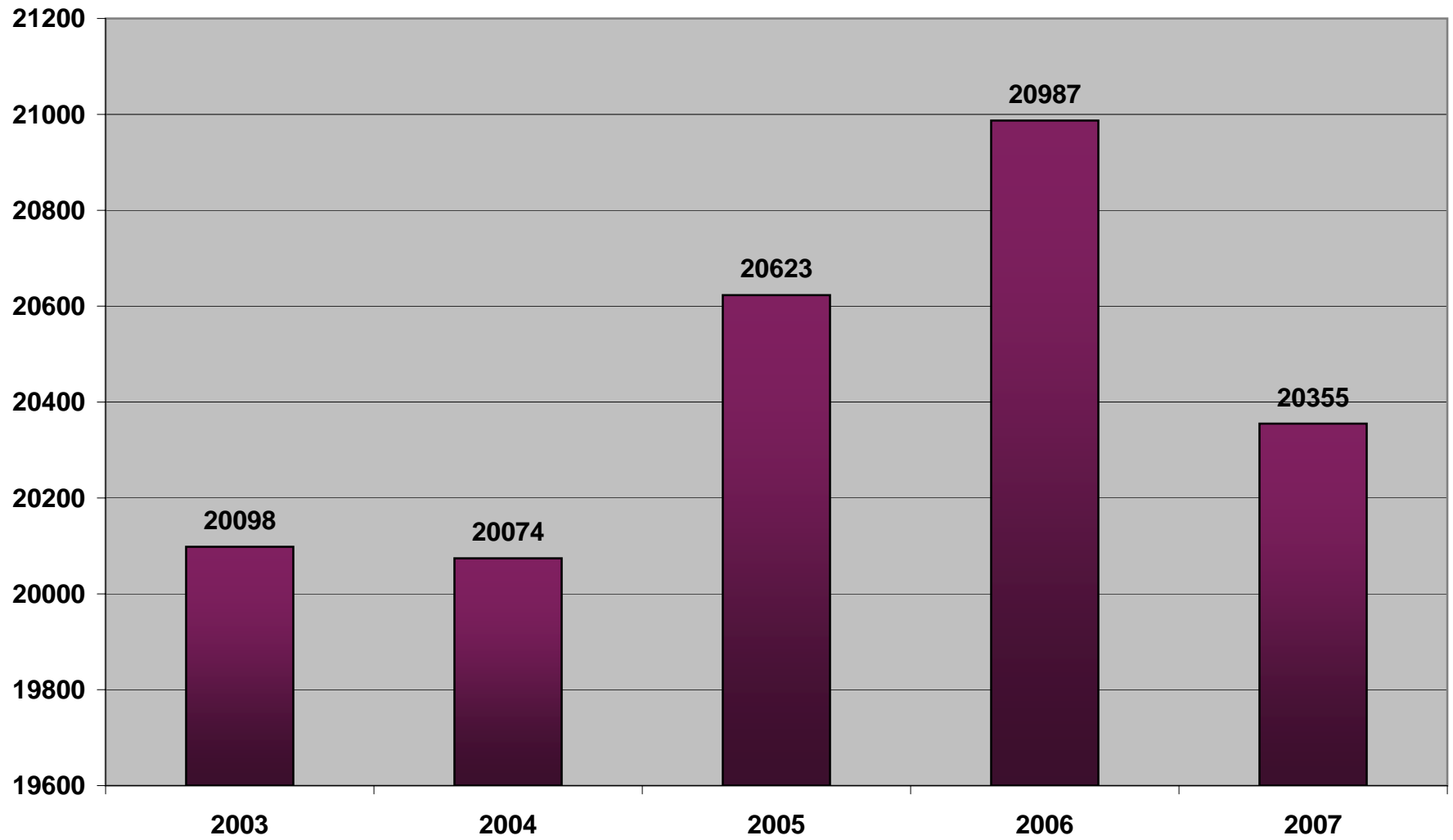


Corporal Stephen Rinker, Patrol Supervisor
HSU Coordinator

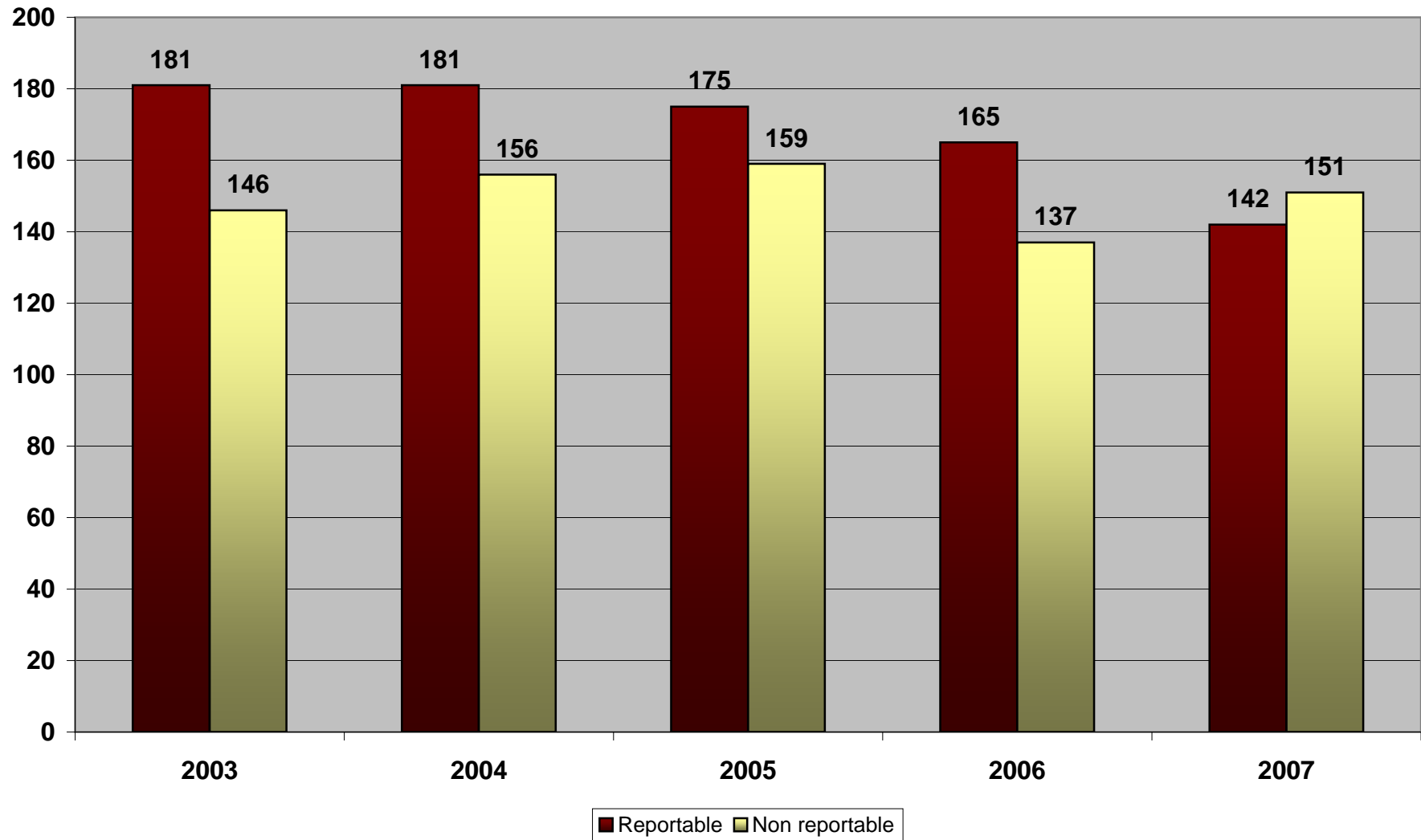
Complaints 5 Year Comparison



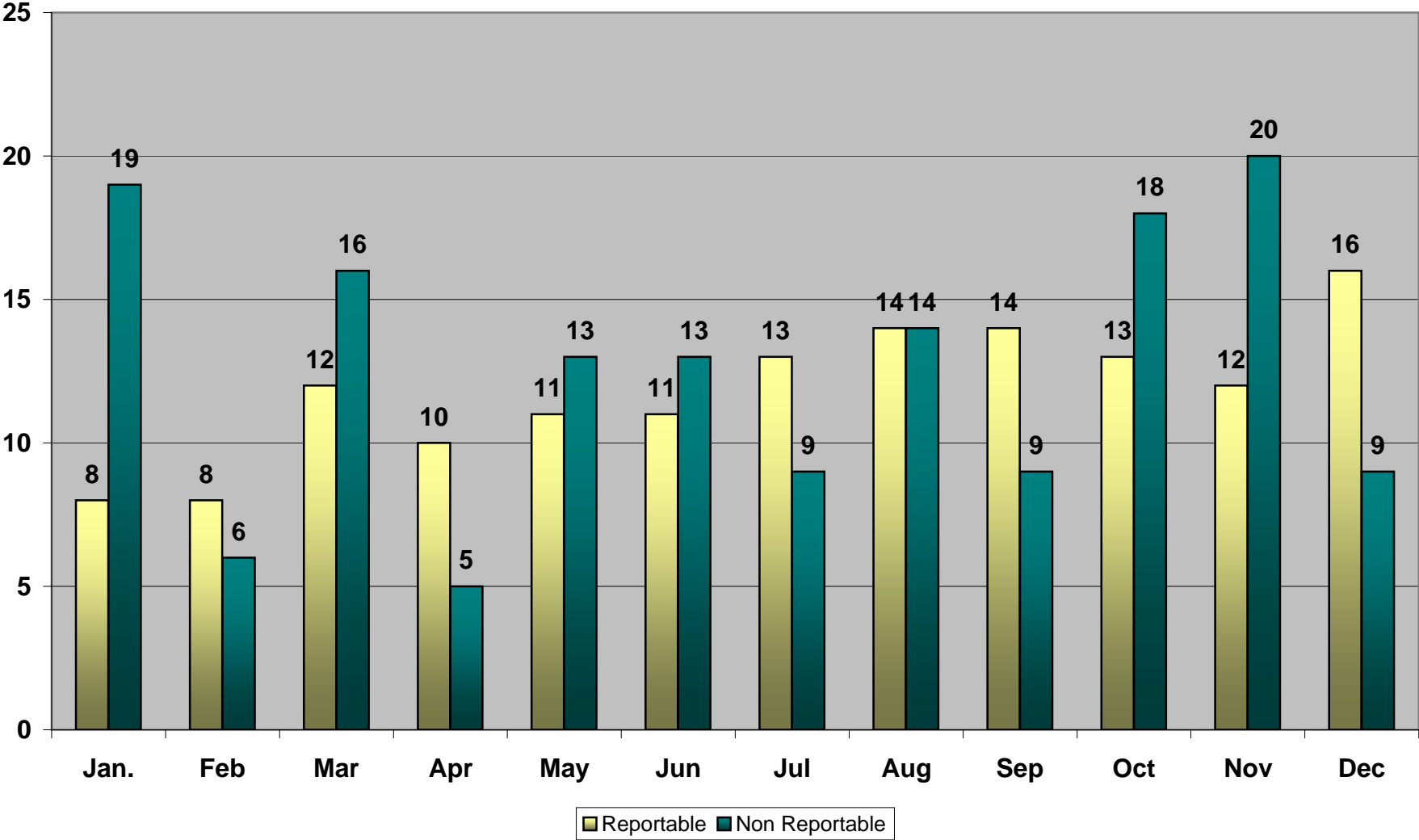
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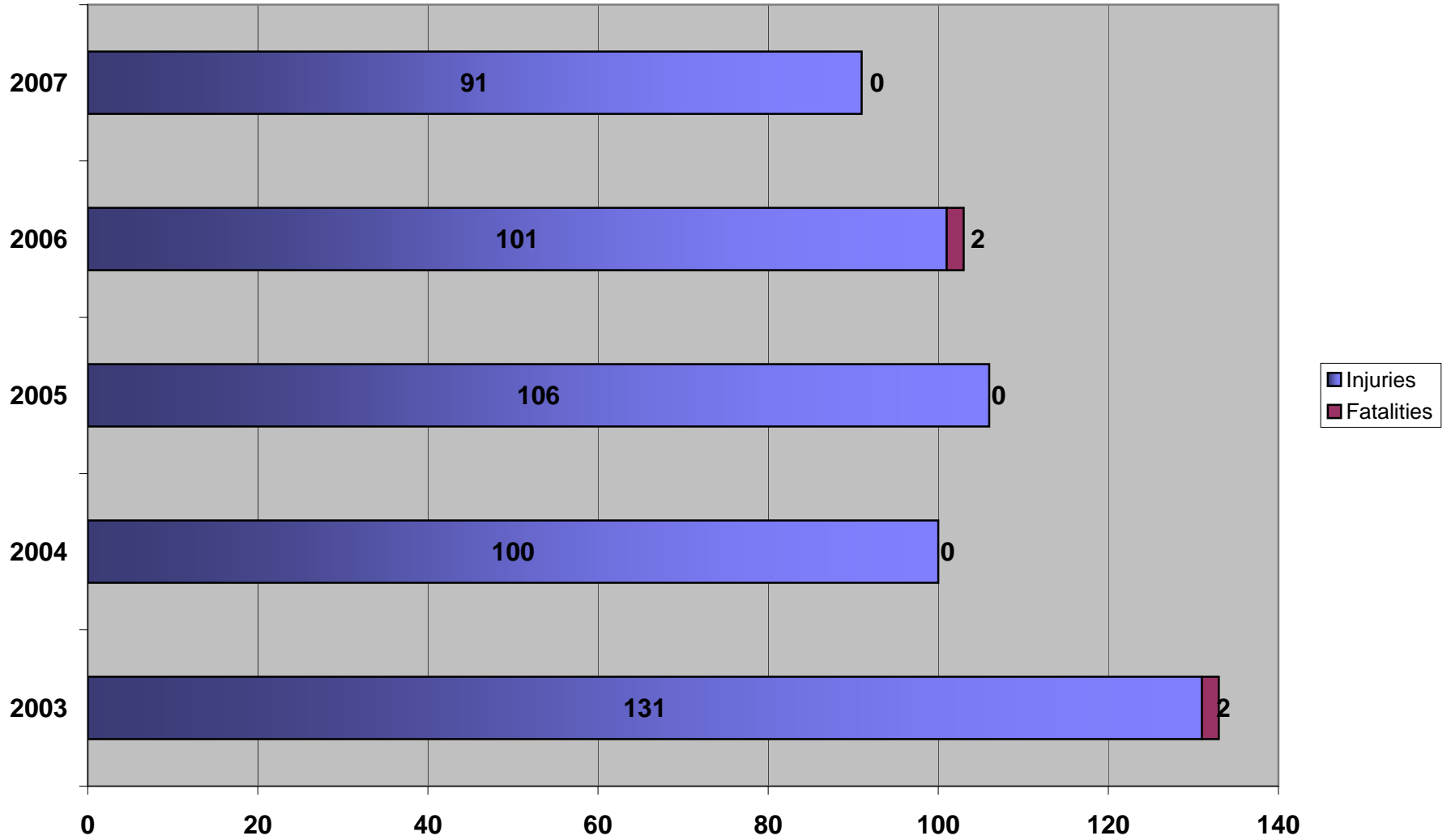
Vehicle Crashes 5 Year Comparison



Vehicle Accidents Comparisons by Month



Vehicle Accident Injuries & Fatalities 5 Year Comparison



DISPOSITION OF INCOME

A. District Court Fines

Total Funds to the Township for Vehicle and Non-Traffic Violations:
\$60,285.32

Montgomery County Clerk of Courts – Defendant restitution for prosecution costs:
\$6,539.19

B. Other Income

Dog Impound Fees	\$215
Copies of Reports Sold to Insurance and Others	\$3,395
False Alarm Notice Fees	\$1,300
Reimbursement for overtime details	
▪ DUI Task Force	\$2,312.82
▪ Drug Task Force	\$1,064.44
Defendant fees recovered for lodging at Lansdale PD	\$1,075
Solicitors fees	\$12
Other miscellaneous income	\$2,056

C. Grants

PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency DARE Grant	\$3,815
Bulletproof Vests Partnership reimbursement	\$1,500

D. Gasoline

Total Miles Traveled	152,716
Total Gallons of Gasoline	15,501

HIGHLIGHTS OF POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES FOR 2007

1. Chief Joseph Kozeniewski, Sergeant Jeffery Gower, and Detective George Moyer attended the three-day training on Street Survival. The course presents intense training on continuing officer safety practices.
2. Every sworn member of the department participated in a one-day Rapid Response training. The officers actively participated in confronting one or more armed subjects inside a school building with simulated ammunition. The purpose of this training is for first-responding officers to move towards stopping a shooter in a school or business due to the delayed time for a tactical team to respond.
3. In this light, we also conduct unannounced "lockdowns" of the four district schools in the township during school hours. This helps the students, teachers, and staff to practice moving to safety in the event that a dangerous intruder would enter the school.
4. The police department continues its relationship with the Souderton Area School District with regular meetings among the area Juvenile Officers. Additionally, quarterly meetings are held with the district staff on school safety.
5. Officers Dave Klepfer and Tim Boyle held their annual graduation exercise for over 200 elementary school students who graduated from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program.
6. Corporal Ed Hall provided continuing education on the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code for the school bus drivers at Transportation Services, Inc.
7. Officer Glenn Kranich continued his monthly training as a member of the North Penn Area Tactical Response Team. Officer Kranich was also certified as an instructor in the use of the Taser device.
8. All officers in the department participated in their semi-annual firearms qualifications during 2007. The second training was held at the new Montgomery County Tactical Response Center which is a state-of-the art indoor police firearms facility in Plymouth Township. Officer Travis Bivighouse and Corporal Hall are the department's firearms instructors.
9. The department took delivery of a new 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe for patrol use.
10. Officer Albert Gesullo renewed his certifications for On-Scene Crash Investigation and Reconstruction.
11. Corporal Steve Rinker, as head of the Traffic Safety Unit, initiated a motor vehicle carrier safety initiative during 2007.
12. The police department welcomed many residents and visitors to the Franconia Community Park on August 11th to meet their neighbors and the police for the eleventh annual National Night Out Against Crime Celebration. Officer Tim Boyle coordinates the programs for this night.
13. Every officer attended their annual Municipal Police Officers Training & Education Commission update classes during the year.

Respectfully submitted,



Chief Joseph S. Kozeniewski