

# FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



# ANNUAL POLICE REPORT 2011

Communications	16,300
Complaints Investigated	2,678
Complaints Closed/Cleared	2,633
Complaints Closed by Arrest	120
Complaints Still Open	45

### **Classification of Complaints Investigated**

#### **Property Complaints**

Burglary	12
Criminal Mischief	50
Found/Recovered Property	25
Lost/Missing Property	22
Open Building/Building Checks	25
Theft of Property	75
Trespassing	15

#### **Personal Complaints**

Assault - Aggravated	1
Assault - Sexual	6
Assault - Simple	12
Death Investigation	8
Disorderly Conduct	16
Disturbances-Domestic	67
Disturbances-Juvenile	7
Disturbances-Other	48
Domestic Standby	4
Drug Act Violations	42
Fraud/Forgery	44
Harassment	43
Immigration Violation	1
Liquor Law Violation	17
Lost/Missing Persons	7
Mental Health	18
Probation Violation	1
Protection From Abuse Order Violations	13
Public Drunkenness	12
Runaway/Truancy	2
Suicide Attempts	2
Threats	5

## Motor Vehicle Complaints

Assist Motorist	115
Driving While Under the Influence	63
Hit and Run Accident	17
Hit and Run Accident-Property Damage	12
Repossession	8
Traffic Complaints	41
Traffic Offenses	21
Vehicle Accident- Involving Death	1
Vehicle Accident- Involving Injury	46
Vehicle Accident- Involving Non-Injury	74
Vehicle Accident- Non-Reportable	129
Vehicle Accident- With Property Damage	13
Vehicle Theft	1

## Miscellaneous

9-1-1 Hang Up	104
Accident - Other	3
Animal Complaints	104
Assist Emergency Medical Services	321
Assist Fire Department	86
Assist Homeowner	24
Assist Other Agency	43
Code Red Drills	3
Departmental Services/Processing/Records	102
False Reports	1
Game Laws	2
Littering	6
Mobil Speed Sign Use	2
Other Crimes Code Violations	8
Pedestrian Contact - Non Criminal	19
Police Information Received	122
Pornography/Obscene Materials	1
Public Service Requests	21
Suspicious Person, Auto, Activity	274
Vacation Notices	35
Warrants	14
Weapons Violations	5

## Township Ordinances

Abandoned Vehicles	13
Alarms	163
Burning	1
Noise Complaint	20
Park Violations	25
Soliciting	15

## Arrests

Total Adults Arrested	104
Total Juveniles Arrested	19

## Arrest Descriptions

Assault - Aggravated	1
Assault - Simple	9
Driving Under Influence/Alcohol	58
Drug Laws	32
Ethnic Intimidation	4
Fleeing and Eluding	1
Liquor Law Violations	1
Theft	12
Warrants	2
Weapons Violations	3
Total	123

## Citation Dispositions

Charges Reduced	292
Charges Withdrawn	277
Dismissed	27
Found Not Guilty	54
Plead Guilty/Paid Fine	1,025
Total	1,675

## **Police Services Provided**

Motor Patrol	803
Motor Vehicle Courtesy (Verbal) Warnings	1,540
Motor Vehicle Courtesy (Written) Warnings	169
Motor Vehicle Citations	1,650
Non-Traffic Citations	143
Selective Enforcements	1,414
Truck Enforcements/Details	18
Assistance to Other Police Departments	341
Assistance From Other Police Departments	109
Alarm Responses	163
Warning Notices Sent to Subscriber	110
Violation Notice – Fee Assessed	19

## **Vehicle Accident Investigations**

Reportable	117
Non-Reportable	129
Persons Injured	57
Fatalities	1

## **Court Appearances**

District Court	261
County Court of Common Pleas	5
Juvenile Court	7
Other Court	2

## **Non-Traffic Citations**

Criminal Trespass	2
Disorderly Conduct	66
Harassment	3
Littering/Dumping	1
Public Drunkenness	31
Restrictions on Alcoholic Beverages	29
Retail Theft	1
Use of Tobacco in Schools	10
Total	143

## Assistance To Other Police Departments

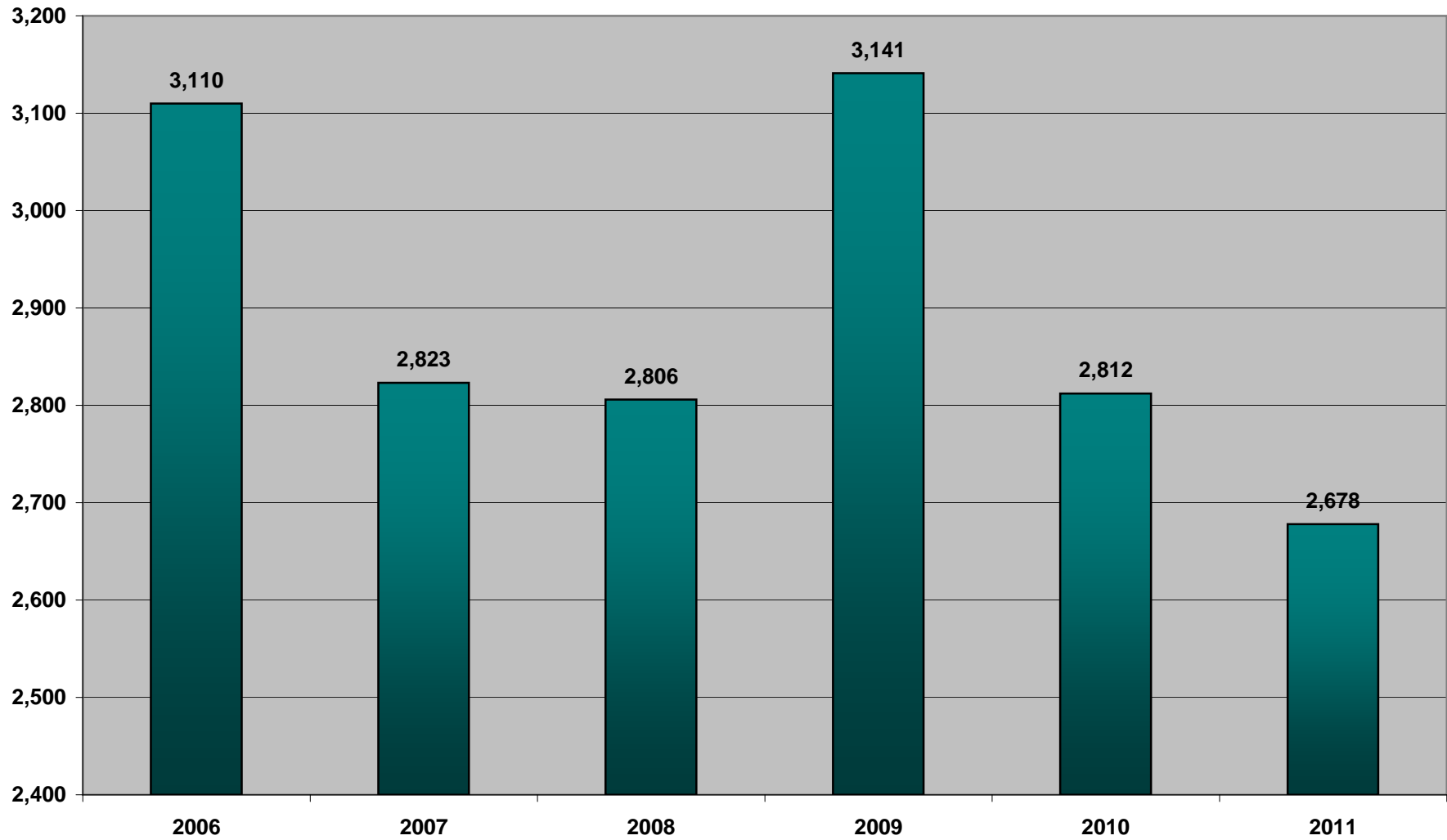
Hatfield Township Police Department	42
Hilltown Township Police Department	8
Lower Salford Township Police Department	66
Pennridge Regional Police Department	2
Pennsylvania State Police - Skippack	1
Souderton Borough Police Department	94
Telford Borough Police Department	118
Towamencin Township Police Department	6
Upper Perkiomen Police District	4
Total	341

## Assistance From Other Departments

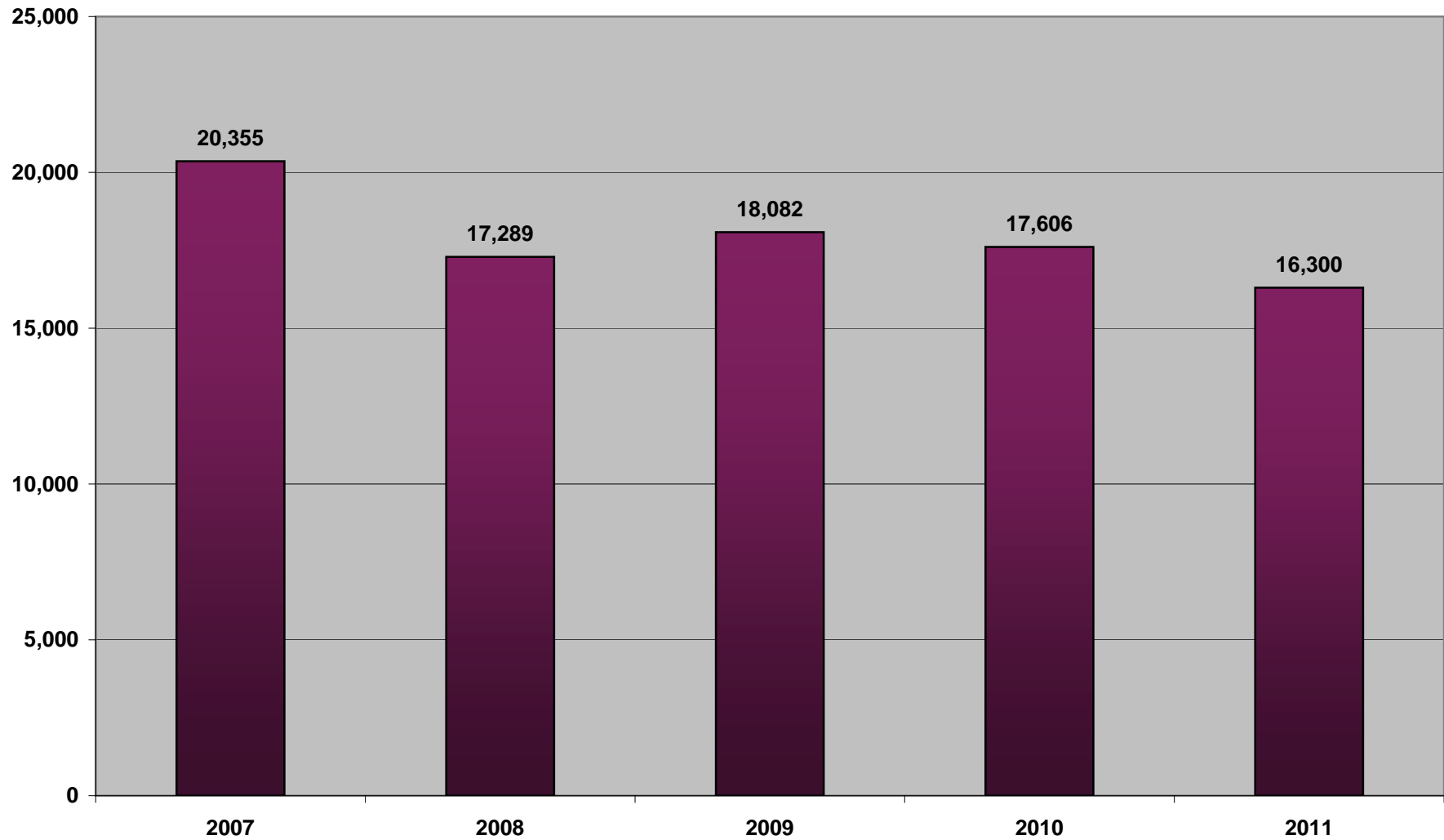
Drug Enforcement Agency	1
Hatfield Twp. Police Department	14
Hilltown Township Police Department	7
Lower Salford Twp. Police Department	21
New Brittan Twp. Police Department	1
Montgomery Co. Sheriff's Department	1
Pennridge Regional Police Department	1
Souderton Police Department	27
Telford Police Department	30
Towamencin Twp. Police Department	5
Upper Perkiomen Police District	1
Total	109



### Complaints 5 Year Comparison

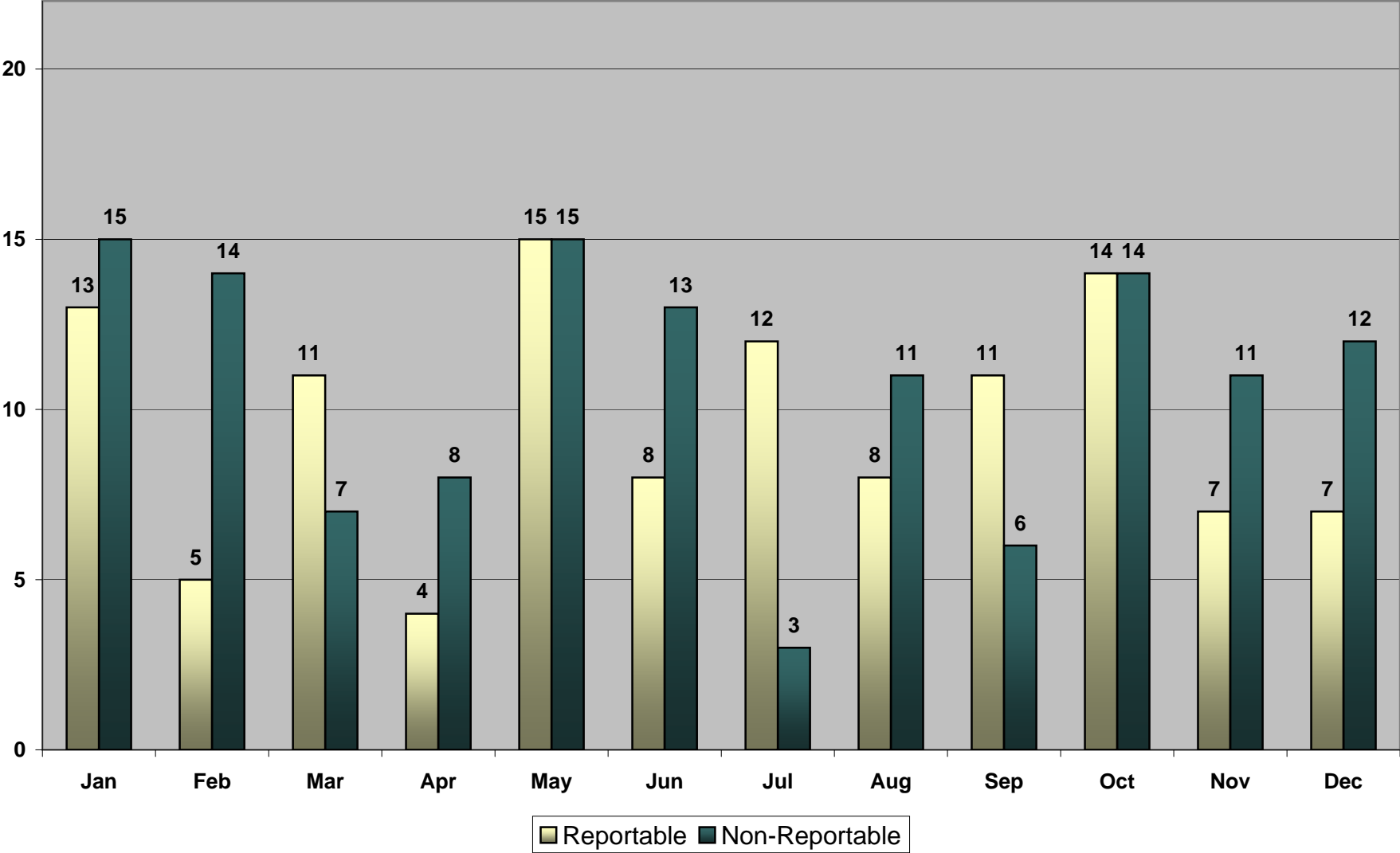


### Communications 5 Year Comparison

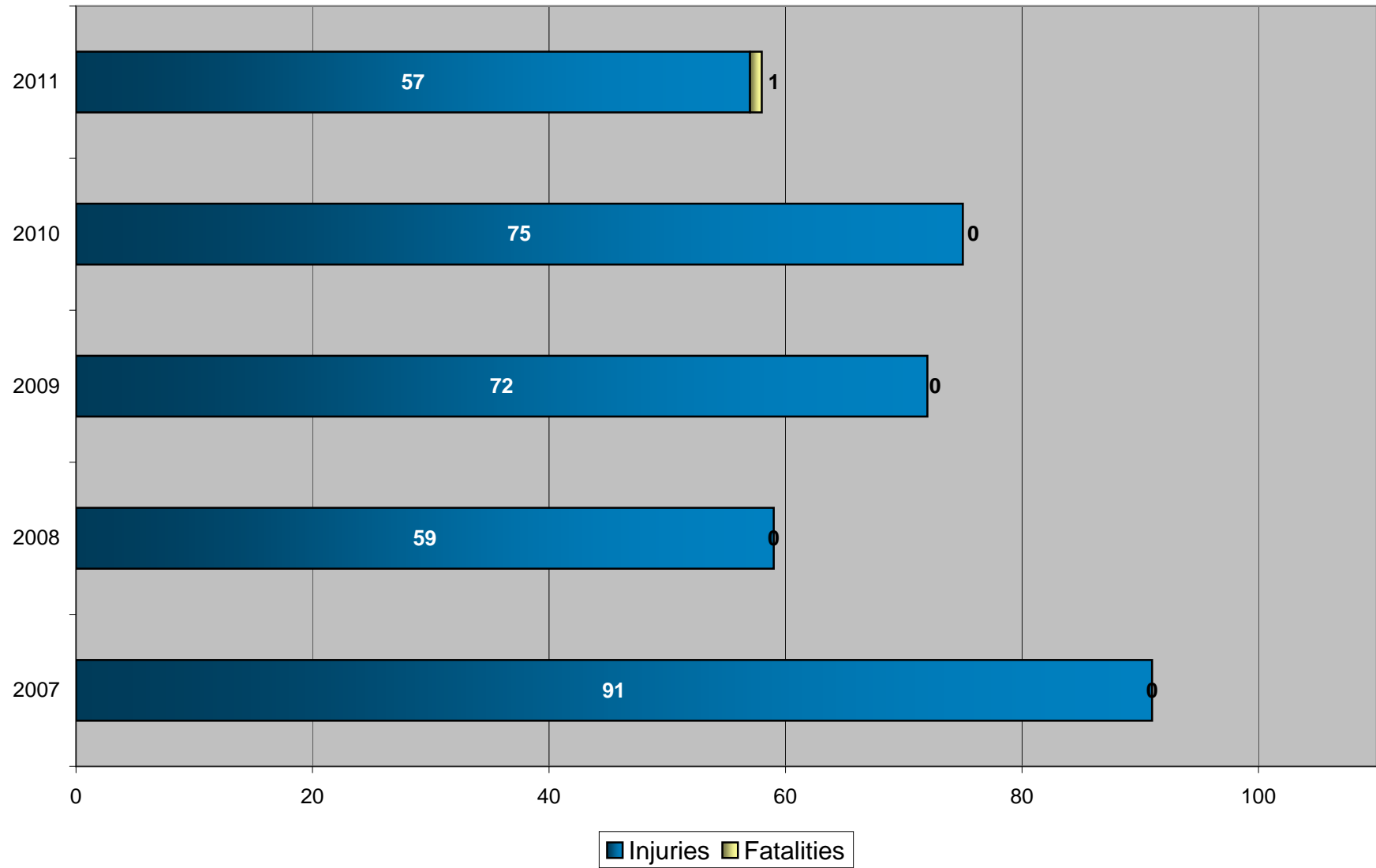




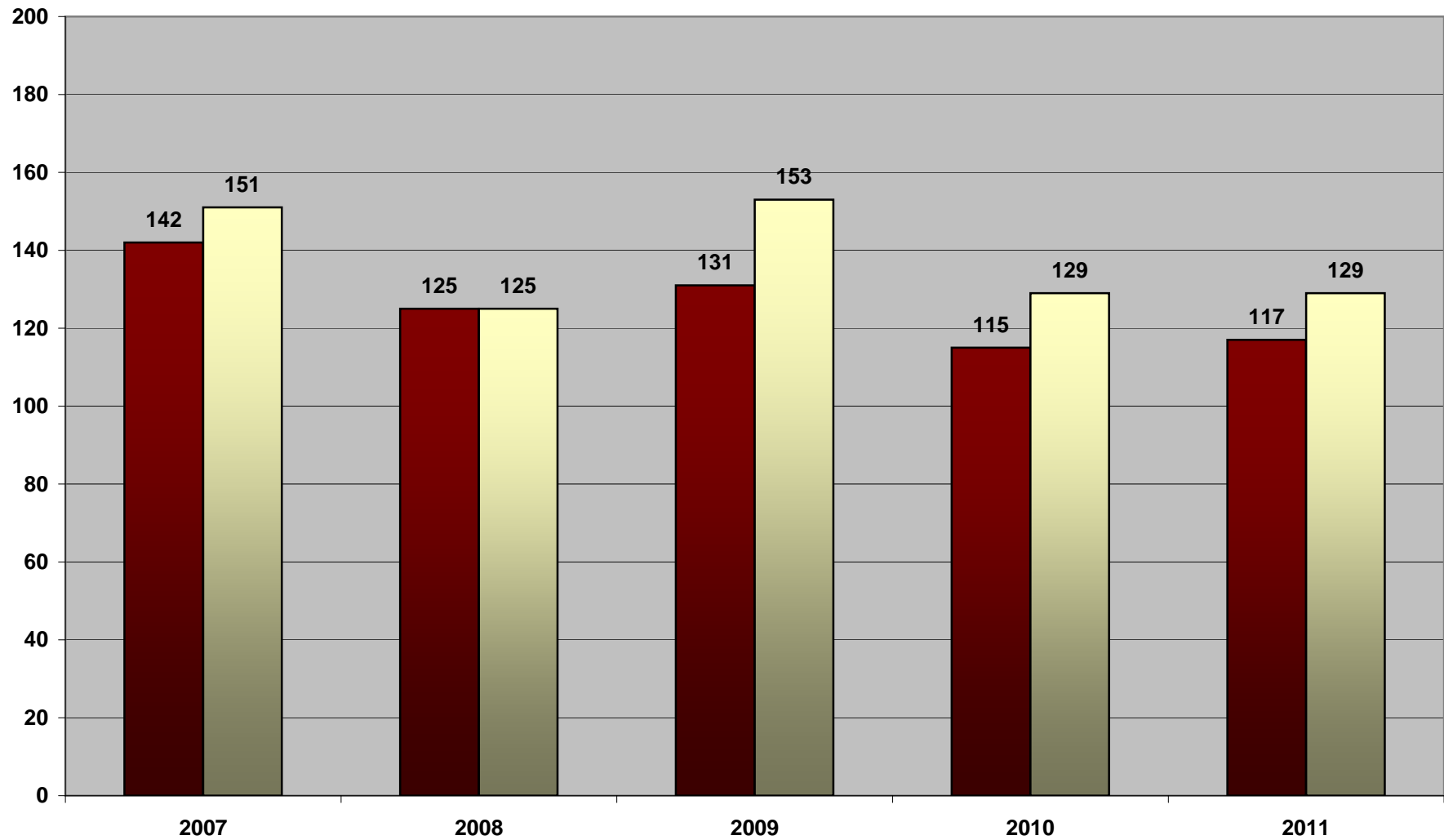
### Vehicle Crashes Comparisons by Month



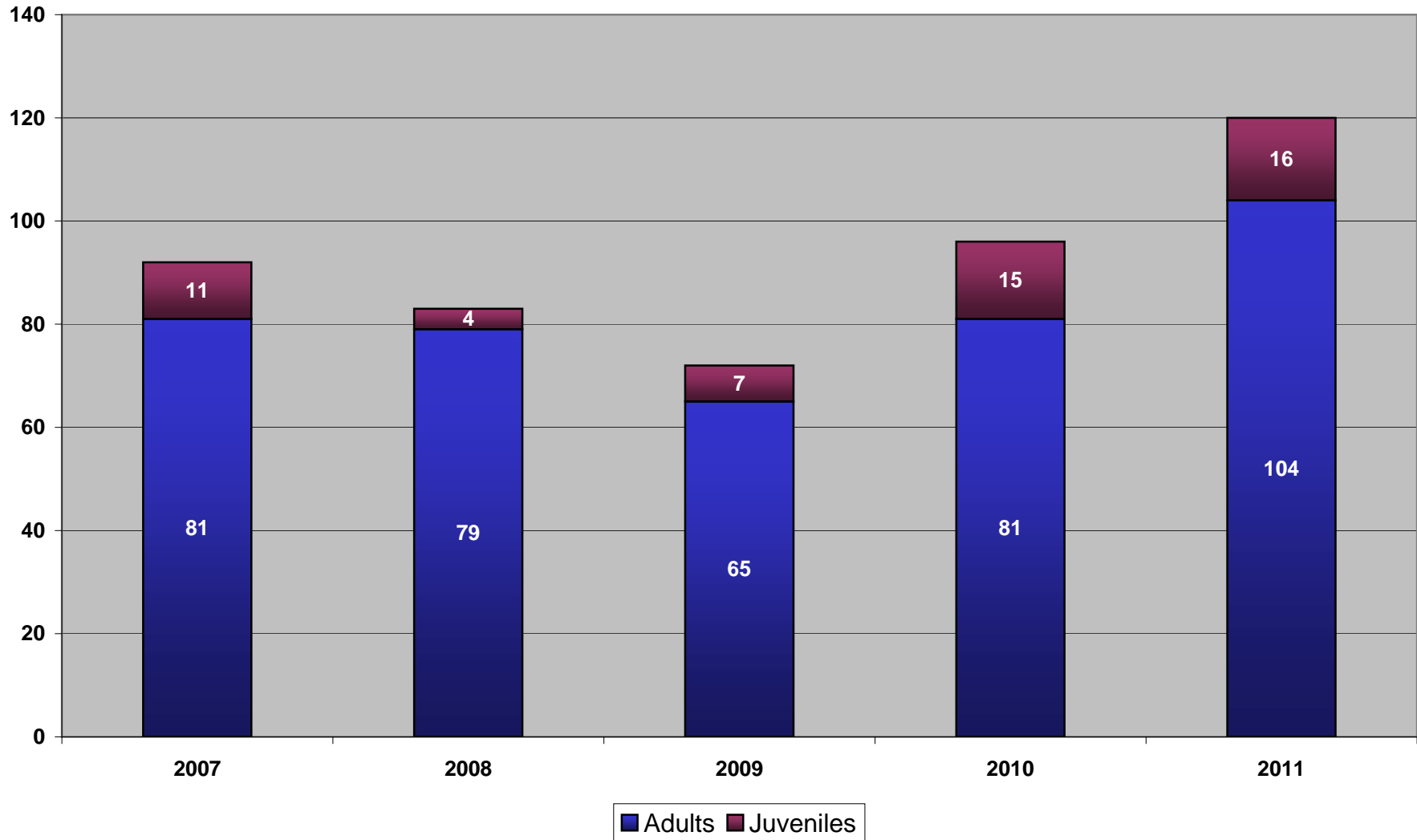
### Vehicle Crash Injuries & Fatalities 5 Year Comparison



### Vehicle Crashes 5 Year Comparison



### Arrests 5 Year Comparison



**Franconia Township Police Department's D.A.R.E. Unit**  
**2011 Activity Report**

Total hours worked by month by Officer Klepfer 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	12
February	14
March	6
April	40
May	17
June	6
September	0
October	0
November	0
December	0
Total	95

**Special D.A.R.E. Activities**

**April 19** – Officer Klepfer held the 4<sup>th</sup> grade D.A.R.E. Graduation for Vernfield Elementary School for approximately 65 D.A.R.E. Graduates who were presented with their certificates and gift bags for successfully completing the program, with the assistance of Vernfield Elementary School Principal, Sharon Fuhrman.

**April 28** – Officer Klepfer held the 4<sup>th</sup> grade D.A.R.E. Graduation for Franconia Elementary School for approximately 85 D.A.R.E. Graduates who were presented with their certificates and gift bags for successfully completing the program.

**June 10** – Officer Klepfer held the 4<sup>th</sup> grade D.A.R.E. Graduation for West Broad Street Elementary School for approximately 88 D.A.R.E. Graduates who were presented with their certificates and gift bags, with the assistance of West Broad Street Elementary School Principal, Maryann Boyd.



## D.A.R.E. Car Appearances

**April 19** – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at Vernfield Elementary School for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade D.A.R.E. Graduation.

**April 28** – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at the Franconia Elementary School for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade D.A.R.E. Graduation.

**June 10** – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at the West Broad Street Elementary School for the 4<sup>h</sup> grade D.A.R.E. Graduation.

**August 2** – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at our annual “National Night Out” event at the Franconia Community Park.

**August 18** – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at Senator Greenleaf’s “Night Out” event at Lukens Park in Horsham Township.

Respectfully submitted,



Officer David A. Klepfer  
School Resource Officer



**Franconia Township Police Department's School Resource Officer (S.R.O.)  
2011 Activity Report**

**Monthly Hours S.R.O. Worked at  
Middle & High School**

January	37
February	51
March	72
April	10
May	28
June	51
July	1
August	10
September	54
October	85
November	48
December	33
Total	480

**Arrests/Citations Issued by S.R.O.**

Juvenile Arrests	16
Adult Arrests	3
Non-Traffic Citations	26
Disorderly Conduct	11
Tobacco Violations	10
Alcohol Violations	4
Harassment	1

**Total Reported Incidents**

Souderton Area High School	77
Indian Crest Middle School	29
Franconia Elem. School	13
West Broad Elem. School	12
Vernfield Elem. School	9

**Total Hours Spent on Other S.R.O.  
Duties & Assignments**

Juvenile Court	0
District Court	12
Interviews	10
Phone Calls	31
Meetings	67
Training	20

**Drills Conducted at Schools**

C.L.A.S.S. Panic Button	7
Severe Weather Drill	1
Fire /Evacuation Drills	2
Intruder/Lockdown Drills	3

**Training**

**January 26** – Completed the Montgomery County Communications Radio Procedure update training

**May 4 & 5** – Attended the MPOETC Legal Updates training

**May 18** – Attended a refresher training on the DUI Standardized Field Sobriety Testing

**August 9** – Reviewed the departmental Taser policy

**August 28** – Received recertification on First Aid and CPR

**November 11** – Firearms training and qualification

**December 8** – Firearms training and qualification

### Other S.R.O. Activities

**February 4** – Participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade Living History Museum at Vernfield Elementary School.

**March 31** – Sergeant Gower and I presented a Danger-Stranger Presentation to the Harleysville Mom's Club.

**April 4** – I assisted with conducting an Internet Safety Presentation along with school staff at West Broad Street Elementary School

**June 14** – I assisted with chaperoning the Vernfield Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Philadelphia for "Colonial Days"

**June 17** – I assisted with the Souderton Area High School graduation

**October 4** - Guest speaker in Mrs. Gale's Practical Law class at the Souderton Area High School to discuss law enforcement.

**October 17** – Assisted with and evaluated a crime scene investigation project in Mrs. Gale's Practical Law class at the Souderton Area High School.

**October 21** – Assisted the Pennsylvania State Police K-9 Unit with a search of the Souderton Area High School and Indian Crest Middle School for drugs. No drugs were located as a result of the search.

**November 18** – Sergeant Gower and I attended an "All School Celebration" at Franconia Elementary School to honor those in public safety.

Respectfully submitted,



Officer David A. Klepfer  
School Resource Officer



**Montgomery County District Attorney's Drug Task Force**  
**2011 Activity Report**

- Total Hours worked by Franconia Officers:
  - 12 hours
- Total number of Drug Task Force related arrests:
  - 2
- Items confiscated during Task Force investigations:
  - 118 bags of Heroin – street value of \$1,770
  - \$2,166 in US Currency

**Franconia Township Police Department's Bike Patrol Unit**  
**2011 Activity Report**

- Members of the unit:
  - Officer Wayne Pursell (Supervisor)
  - Corporal Stephen Rinker
  - Officer Steven Cronin
  - Officer Christopher Hinnershitz
- Hours spent on the Bike Patrol in the Township:
  - 13.5 hours
- Special Events
  - National Night Out
  - Mango Men concert
  - Souderton Area High School football games
  - Patrolled the developments, township parks, walking paths, and businesses.
- Expenditures
  - There were no costs for maintenance of the bikes this year. Bike Works in Harleysville provides free yearly service since the bikes were purchased there.
  - Total cost for repairs was \$19.07



**North Penn Area Driving Under The Influence Task Force**  
2011 Activity Report

The Franconia Township Police Department has been a member of the North Penn DUI Task Force since the inception of the unit. The team is made up of officers from the surrounding municipalities, and is directed by Officer Thomas Starner from the Hatfield Township Police Department. The team is funded by grant monies from the PA DUI Association. For the fiscal year of 2011 there was \$70,000.00 allocated to the team. The primary factor of the program is to present awareness and the dangers of DUI. The goal is to reduce the numbers of suspected impaired drivers on the highways in our area and across the state.

Officers from Franconia Township Police take part in the program conducting roving patrols, and standard checkpoint details. The following information is a break down of the details which our department assisted with, the number of hours spent and what type details were conducted here in our township:

- Roving Patrols:
  - Two details were conducted, each for a minimum time of four hours, during the late evening hours.
    - Driver Contacts - 30
    - DUI Arrests - 1
    - Traffic citations - 5
    - Warning notices - 25
- Standard Checkpoints:
  - On July 10, 2011 the officers from Franconia Township and other members from the North Penn DUI team conducted a standard checkpoint on Harleysville Pike near the Williams, Bergey and Koffel Funeral Home in the township.
    - Driver Contacts - 400+
    - DUI Arrests - 9
    - Signs of impairment but not arrested – 5 (These drivers were tested and had alcohol levels that were below .08%.)
- Training:
  - Each participating officer attended a four hour refresher and certification course on the set-up and implementation of the standard checkpoint.
- Total of hours of Task Force participation by Franconia officers: 75

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffery C. Gower  
Administrative Sergeant

# North Penn Tactical Response Team

1090 Troxel Road, PO Box 303, Kulpsville, PA 19443

## 2011 Activity Report

- TRAINING

- Team practices are held on the third Wednesday of each month.
- Practices are performed during a twelve-hour day.
- Practices consist of the following:
  - Building checks
  - Weapons qualification
  - Hostage situations
  - Approaches to buildings and motor vehicles
  - Barricaded subjects
  - Crowd control
  - Less Lethal qualification
  - Officer down & civilian rescue
  - Fitness agility
  - Stress course shooting
- An extended three-day practice in November for additional training.
- Total Training Hours: 176 hours

- CALLOUTS

- June 6 - Activated to assist the Montgomery County Detective Bureau with a buy-bust of illegal gun sales in Hatfield Township. The actor taken into custody without incident. The evidence was recovered.
- July 3 - Activated to assist the Ches-Mont Emergency Response Team for a search of a homicide subject in Douglas Township.
- July 4 - Activated for a High Risk fugitive warrant service in Franconia Township. The subject named in the warrant was taken into custody.
- July 15 - Activated for a search warrant in Hatfield Township for an armed robbery investigation that stemmed from an incident in Towamencin Township. Evidence from the crime was preserved.
- September 24 - Activated for a buy-bust of counterfeit monies in Telford Borough. The suspect did not show up.
- December 16 - Activated for a barricaded subject in Hatfield Township. The actor was taken into custody without incident.
- December 17 - Activated for a High Risk search warrant for narcotics in Lansdale. Several suspects were taken into custody and evidence was preserved.

- ACTIVITIES

- April 12-14 - Officer Hinnershitz attended the New York Tactical Officers Association Conference. He attended several leadership courses during the conference.
- September 11 - Officer Hinnershitz and other members of the team participated in the 9/11 Heroes 5K Run in Lower Salford.
- November 5 - The entire team participated in the 5th annual S.W.A.T Challenge that was held at the Montgomery County Tactical Response Training Center in Conshohocken. The events included obstacle courses, hostage rescue (live fire exercise), low light shooting, and a sniper course. The event is sponsored annually by Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Ferman.
- November 21-23 - Officer Kranich attended an advanced sniper school that was held at Fort Indiantown Gap.
- December 21 - Officer Hinnershitz received the SWAT Officer of the Year Award. The award was based on his achievements and contributions to the North Penn Tactical Response Team.

- Franconia Township Police Department Team Members

- Officer Glenn Kranich – Assistant Team Leader/Sniper
- Officer Chris Hinnershitz – Team Leader

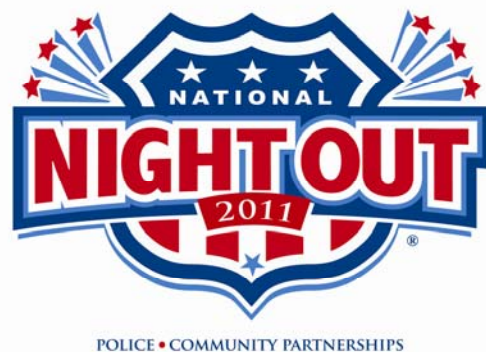


# National Night Out Against Crime

Tuesday, August 2, 2011 - Franconia Township Community Park - Allentown Road

## 2011 Activity Report

- Over 50 Public Safety Displays, Including:
  - Montg. Co. Detective Bureau
  - Montg. Co. Sheriff's Dept.
  - Montg. Co. Victim Services
  - One Life One Chance
  - Mothers Against Drunk Driving
  - Pennsylvania Game Commission
  - Numerous local fire and ambulance squads
  - SCI Graterford Mounted Unit
  - and many more...
- Participating Dignitaries:
  - State Senator Stewart Greenleaf
  - State Representative Robert Godshall
  - Montg. Co. District Attorney Risa Ferman
  - Montg. Co. Sheriff Eileen Behr
- Activities:
  - Public Safety Bike Race
  - Kids Fun Zone
  - Model Airplane Show
  - Custom Car Show with "Elvis" Performance
- Food Drive:
  - During the month of July and during the event itself, we collected non-perishable donations for two local food banks.
  - We collected:
    - 750 pounds of food
    - \$90 in cash donations
  - Donations were delivered to:
    - Manna on Main
    - The Shepherd's Shelf
- Other National Night Out Related Activities:
  - April 20 – Event presentation given during the Indian Valley Business Networking Group Meeting, held at Maplewood Estates
  - July 1 – Event presentation given during Indian Valley Character Counts Coalition Meeting, held at the Souderton Area School District Office
  - September 21 – Event presentation given during the Citizen's Police Academy class, Franconia Township Police Department
  - November 21 – Selected as a National Award Winner in Category 5 – Under 15,000 population. (note – this is our 3<sup>rd</sup> concurrent year receiving this award)



Respectfully submitted,

Janice Froshour  
NNO Coordinator



## BACKGROUND

The Franconia Township Highway Safety Unit (HSU) was created in 2006. The officers who make up this unit specialize in the areas of traffic enforcement, motor carrier safety, and accident investigation/reconstruction. Along with the other members of the police department, the officers on the HSU strive to ensure safety on the township's roadways. For 2011, the Franconia Township Police Department had over 4,900 traffic-related public contacts. This is an increase of **67%** compared to last year's traffic-related contacts.

## STATISTICS

### ENFORCEMENT

- **1,650** Traffic Citations were issued.
- **169** Faulty Equipment Notices / Written Warnings were issued.
- **1,540** Verbal or Written Warnings were issued.

### OTHER STATISTICS

- Officers assisted **124** disabled motorists over the course of the year.
- The JAMAR<sup>®</sup> traffic counter was used **2** times during the year.
- Officers removed **35** hazardous road obstructions from the roadways.
- The speed display unit was utilized at **22** different locations in 2011.
- Officers conducted **1,414** traffic enforcement details throughout the township.
- **13** Roving DUI Details were conducted.
- Officers assisted **66** motorists with vehicle lock-outs.
- Traffic control was conducted **207** times in the township. This includes accident scenes, funerals, and special events/details.

## ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS

Officers responded to a total of **246** traffic accidents in 2011. Of those accidents:

- 117 were classified as **REPORTABLE** where at least one vehicle had to be towed and/or injuries were reported.

In 2011, **57** people were injured as a result of motor vehicle accidents in Franconia Township.

The specially trained officers of the HSU investigated **1** fatal motor vehicle accident.

- **129** were classified as **NON-REPORTABLE** where no injuries were reported and no towing of vehicles was involved.



## MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MCSAP)



- In 2009, the Franconia Township Police Department became a member of the Montgomery-Bucks Motor Carrier Enforcement Team (MCET). This unit operates in both counties and is made up of specially trained officers from Hatfield Township, Montgomery Township, Cheltenham Township, Abington Township, Horsham Township, Warrington Township, Whitemarsh Township, the PA Department of Revenue, and the United States Drug Enforcement Agency. Occasionally, officers from other jurisdictions also assist on truck details.

- For 2011, the township’s motor carrier officers conducted the following in Franconia:
  - ~80 Level 1 Inspections.
  - ~350 Violations were discovered.
  - 32 Vehicles were placed Out-Of-Service for major safety violations.
  - 7 Drivers were placed out of service due to major violations.
  - 3 Trucks were weighed.
  - Some of the Motor Carrier Violations found within the township included:

Hazardous Materials Violations	Brakes Out of Adjustment	Unsecured Loads
Hours-of-Service Violations	No Medical Cards	Faulty Lighting
Tire Tread Below Allowed Levels	Air Leaks	No Seat Belt Usage
No/Faulty Emergency Brakes	Oil/Fluid Leaks	License Restrictions

## HIGHWAY SAFETY UNIT TRAINING

- Several officers received their update training in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST).
- Officer Kurt DeForrest and Officer Pete Sandor received their SFST certification.
- Officer Pete Sandor and Officer Al Gesullo attended a class on High-Risk Vehicle Stops.
- Officer Travis Bivighouse attended a course on Tire Forensics.
- Corporal Stephen Rinker attended MCSAP updates as required by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Section (CVSS) of the Pennsylvania State Police.

## OTHER HSU NEWS FOR 2011...

In response to several speeding complaints from residents in the area of the 600 and 700 Blocks of Morwood Road, Officer Pete Sandor and Officer Travis Bivighouse erected high-visibility TARGETED SPEED ENFORCEMENT ZONE signs. The posting of these signs, followed by aggressive speeding enforcement details, have had a major impact on the speeding problem on Morwood Road. Officers continue to monitor and enforce speeding in this area, along with the other locations that receive regular speeding enforcement.

This new project proved so successful, that this strategy may be implemented in other sections of the township in 2012.



Respectfully Submitted,

Handwritten signature of Stephen Rinker in blue ink.

Cpl. Stephen Rinker, Patrol Supervisor

Highway Safety Unit Coordinator



## DISPOSITION OF 2011 INCOME

### A. District Court Fines

Total Funds to the Township for Vehicle and Non-Traffic Violations: **\$42,907**

Montgomery County Clerk of Courts – Defendant restitution for prosecution costs:  
**\$5,600**

### B. Other Income

Dog Impound Fees	<b>\$45</b>
Copies of Reports Sold to Insurance and Others	<b>\$2,324</b>
False Alarm Notice Fees	<b>\$900</b>
Reimbursement for DUI Task Force overtime details	<b>Pending</b>
Reimbursement for Drug Task Force overtime	<b>\$1,439</b>
Defendant fees recovered for lodging at Lansdale PD	<b>\$750</b>
Souderton Area School District Reimbursements:	
▪ School Resource Officer (approximately one-half the officer's salary)	<b>\$44,438</b>
▪ police presence at sports events	<b>\$5,220</b>
▪ School crossing guard	<b>\$7,238</b>
Solicitors fees	<b>\$16</b>
Reimbursement from other details	<b>\$420</b>
Other miscellaneous income	<b>\$1,937</b>

### C. Gasoline

Total Miles Traveled	<b>121,871</b>
Total Gallons of Gasoline	<b>15,299</b>

## HIGHLIGHTS OF DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES FOR 2011

### Personnel

- The department welcomed two new part-time officers in May. Officers Shawn Stiver and Brian Kelly successfully completed their Field Training Program and are now working on scheduled shifts.
- Officer Albert Gesullo retired on December 31<sup>st</sup> after thirty years of service to the township. He was honored for his accomplishments by his peers, family, and friends at a dinner in November.

### Enforcement Activities

- Four teens were charged with hate crimes after they spray painted ethnic slurs on the car and home of a township resident.
- Franconia Township Police hosted a DUI Checkpoint on Harleysville Pike on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Eight persons were charged with Driving Under the Influence.
- On July 4<sup>th</sup>, officers from the department responded to a home in the township where a wanted man had barricaded himself with his female friend. After several hours of attempts to have the man come out of the house, members of the North Penn Tactical Response Team entered the home to remove an elderly woman and an infant from danger. Shortly thereafter, the man, who had fled to the basement, surrendered peacefully.
- Officers from the department provided traffic control at numerous intersections in the township on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> for the annual Univest Grand Prix cycle race.
- On October 5<sup>th</sup>, department officers, as well as those from Souderton and the Montgomery County Detective Bureau, served a high risk search warrant on a township home. A resident of the home had been operating a heroin dealing operation from the home. He was taken into custody at that time.

### School Resource Officer/Drug Abuse Resistance Education

- School Resource Officer David Klepfer continued to be a presence on a regular basis at the Indian Crest Junior High School and the Souderton Area High School. He was able to intervene when problems with students arose as well as being an invaluable resource for personnel at the schools.
- Unfortunately, the SRO program has been reduced in its responsibilities as budgetary issues have caused a reduction in funding for the program. Officer Klepfer will continue to be a presence in the schools but his focus will now be on handling everyday patrol duties.
- Officer Klepfer also conducted the Drug Abuse Resistance Education classes at Vernfield Elementary, Franconia Elementary, and West Broad Street Elementary Schools. Over 200 fourth grade students received drug and alcohol use prevention training during a ten-week curriculum.

## National Night Out Against Crime

- The department hosted its fifteenth annual National Night Out celebration on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The event was very well attended as new attractions were included this year. Our coordinator, Janice Froshour, did an outstanding job in organizing the activities. With the help of staff, volunteers, and local organizations, the evening a great success.

## Community Activities

- Corporal Steve Rinker completed his participation in the Community Leadership Institute that is sponsored by the Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce. He is the third member of the police department to attend the CLI.
- The CLI class chose to create the Citizen's Police Academy as their class project. Cpl. Rinker and his classmates presented a six-week program to interested members of the community on topics such as: criminal and vehicle laws, criminal investigations, and vehicle accident reconstruction.
- Another activity that is an outgrowth of the National Night Out is the annual Food Drive. Several businesses in the township acted as drop-off points for food donations during the month of July. The over 700 pounds of food collected was then transported to two local food banks by several members of the department.
- Fifteen children from the Ukraine were hosted to a cook-out and tour of the police department on July 29<sup>th</sup>. The children were in the country for four weeks to view American life.

## Training

- All sworn members of the department completed their annual in-service update classes during the year. The sixteen hours of instruction focuses on new laws, current court rulings, and officer safety tactics. The training is mandated by the Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission.
- Detective George Moyer attended the annual conference of the Pennsylvania Juvenile Officers Association. He is a member of their executive board.
- All of the department's officers had their transition training for the Glock handguns. All officers qualified at the range with their weapons.
- Officers Tim Boyle and Wayne Pursell attended training for the Montgomery County Major Incident Response Team.
- Officers Glenn Kranich and Chris Hinnershitz continued with their regular training as members of the North Penn Tactical Response Team.
- Officers Kurt DeForrest and Glenn Kranich attended the Fundamentals of Supervision training course that was presented by the Police Chiefs Association of Montgomery County.

## Commendations

Several officers were recognized for their accomplishments during the year. Commendations were presented at the department dinner in December. The following officers were honored:

- Unit Citations

- Sergeant Jeffery Gower, Cpl. Ed Hall, Officers Kurt DeForrest and Wayne Pursell were commended for their valuable assistance to the Souderton Police Department with the initial search and subsequent investigation of the murder of a 9-year old girl on May 9<sup>th</sup>.
- The following officers participated in successfully removing an armed man from a home on July 4<sup>th</sup> after he had barricaded himself:
  - Sergeant Jeffery Gower
  - Officer Chris Hinnershitz
  - Officer Eric Frary
  - Officer Albert Gesullo
- On Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, Officers Eric Frary and Glenn Kranich launched a day-long investigation that led to the arrest of a woman and man who were responsible for the theft of cash from the safe of a local business.
- Detective George Moyer and Officer Steve Cronin were commended for their persistence in solving two home burglaries that had occurred nearly one year prior in May of 2010. They worked with the Philadelphia Police Department in the apprehension of one of the three suspects in the burglaries.

- Certificates of Merit

- Three officers were honored for their great work in the arrest of four teens that had spray painted ethnic slurs on the home of a family in the township. Detective George Moyer, Officer Peter Sandor, and Officer Eric Frary led this investigation.
- Officer Travis Bivighouse went above and beyond what was required to solve a conflict of witness statements in a serious vehicle crash. He collected forensic evidence from the vehicles and sent them to a police laboratory for analysis. By taking the extra time, he was able to make the proper determination of what had actually occurred in the crash.

- Community Service Awards

- These members of the department were recognized for their team effort and hard work with the expansion of the Annual Franconia Police Food Drive in July:

- Janice Froshour
- Pam Paraskewik
- Sgt. Jeffery Gower
- Off. Dave Klepfer
- Off. Albert Gesullo
- Det. George Moyer

- Corporal Stephen Rinker was honored for his leadership efforts in the creation of the first Citizens Police Academy which was presented in the fall of 2011.

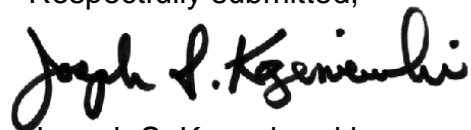
- Life Saving Award

Officers Tim Boyle and James Throop responded to a call from a man who had notified the 911 center that he was going to kill himself. They found him hanging from a tree along an embankment. They, along with Officer Joe Rudner from Souderton PD, were able to successfully revive the man with life saving methods just prior to the arrival of EMS.

- Tactical Team Award

Officer Chris Hinnershitz was honored by his peers on the North Penn Tactical Response Team when he received the Tactical Officer of the Year Award. Chris is the Team Leader for the NPTRT.

Respectfully submitted,



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