FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL POLICE REPORT 2009

Communications	18,082
Complaints Investigated	3,141
Complaints Closed/Cleared	3,055
Complaints Closed by Arrest	72
Complaints Still Open	86

Classification of Complaints Investigated

Property Complaints

Arson	1
Burglary	14
Criminal Mischief	57
Found/Recovered Property	26
Lost/Missing Property	16
Open Building/Building Checks	32
Theft of Property	108
Trespassing	10

Personal Complaints

Assault - Aggravated	2
Assault - Sexual	1
Assault - Simple	7
Death Investigation	4
Disorderly Conduct	32
Disturbances-Domestic	82
Disturbances-Juvenile	16
Disturbances-Other	36
Domestic Standby	8
Drug Act Violations	59
Fraud/Forgery	38
Harassment	42
Liquor Law Violation	16
Lost/Missing Persons	12
Mental Health	22
Protection From Abuse Order Violations	5
Public Drunkenness	15
Rape	2
Runaway/Truancy	12
Sexual Offense	2
Suicide Attempts	1
Threats	8

Motor Vehicle Complaints

Assist Motorist	148
Driving While Under the Influence	104
Hit and Run Accident Reports	10
Hit and Run Accident- With Injury	2
Hit and Run Accident-Property Damage	17
Repossession	3
Traffic Complaints	78
Traffic Offenses	14
Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle	2
Vehicle Accident- Involving Injury	55
Vehicle Accident- Involving Non-Injury	64
Vehicle Accident- Non-Reportable	153
Vehicle Accident- With Property Damage	23
Vehicle Theft	3

Miscellaneous

9-1-1 Hang Up	129
Administrative Report/training	8
Accident - Other	2
Animal Complaints	98
Assist Emergency Medical Services	375
Assist Fire Department	85
Assist Homeowner	31
Assist Other Agency	68
Car Seat Checks	8
Code Red Drills	2
Departmental Services/Processing/Records	88
Embezzlement/Counterfeiting	1
Game Laws	4
Immigration Violations	1
Littering	1
Mobil Speed Sign Use	1
Other Crimes Code Violations	1
Pedestrian Contact - Non Criminal	16
Police Information Received	176
Pornography/Obscene Materials	1
Public Service Requests	26
Suspicious Person, Auto, Activity	315
Vacation Notices	52
Warrants	17
Weapons Violations	4

Township Ordinances

Abandoned Vehicles	17
Alarms	159
Building Violation	2
Burning	7
Noise Complaint	25
Other Twp. Ordinances	6
Park Violations	40
Soliciting	13

Arrests

Total Adults Arrested	65
Total Juveniles Arrested	7

Arrest Descriptions

Assault - Atrocious		1
Assault - Simple		3
Driving Under Influence/Alcohol		46
Drug Laws		11
Fraud		4
Invasion of Privacy		1
Theft		2
Threats		1
Warrants		2
Weapons Violations		1
	Total	72

Citation Dispositions

Charges Reduced		353
Charges Withdrawn		243
Dismissed		20
Found Not Guilty		50
Plead Guilty/Paid Fine		1,123
	Total	1,789

Police Services Provided

Motor Vehicle Courtesy Warnings	2,019
Motor Vehicle Written Courtesy Warnings	400
Motor Vehicle Citations	1,858
Non-Traffic Citations	202
Selective Enforcements	1,522
Truck Enforcements	123
Assistance to Other Police Departments	335
Assistance From Other Police Departments	108
Assistance to Ambulances	598
Assistance to Fire Departments	107
Alarm Responses	159
Warning Notices Sent to Subscriber	105
Violation Notice – Fee Assessed	18

Vehicle Accident Investigations

Reportable	131
Non-Reportable	153
Persons Injured	72
Fatalities	0

Court Appearances

District Court	264
County Court of Common Pleas	21
Juvenile Court	4
Other Court	7

Non-Traffic Citations

Criminal Mischief	1
Disorderly Conduct	141
False ID	1
Harassment	3
Other Crimes Codes	2
Public Drunkenness	17
Restrictions on Alcoholic Beverages	30
Use of Tobacco in Schools	7
Total	202

Assistance To Other Police Departments

Hatfield Township Police Department	56
Hilltown Township Police Department	16
Lower Salford Township Police Department	79
Marlborough Township Police Department	3
Pennridge Regional Police Department	1
Pennsylvania State Police - Skippack	9
Souderton Borough Police Department	73
Telford Borough Police Department	89
Towamencin Township Police Department	6
Upper Perkiomen Police District	3
Total	**335**

Assistance From Other Departments

Abington Township Police Department	1
Bridgeport Borough Police Department	1
Cheltenham Township Police Department	1
Drug Enforcement Agency	1
Hatfield Twp. Police Department	12
Hilltown Township Police Department	2
Horsham Township Police Department	2
Lansdale Borough Police Department	1
Lower Providence Township Police Dept.	1
Lower Salford Twp. Police Department	32
Marlborough Township Police Department	2
Montgomery Township Police Department	1
Plymouth Township Police Department	1
Pennsylvania State Police - Skippack	1
Quakertown Borough Police Department	1
Souderton Police Department	27
Telford Police Department	18
Towamencin Twp. Police Department	2
Upper Perkiomen Police District	1
Total	**108**

Complaints
5 Year Comparison
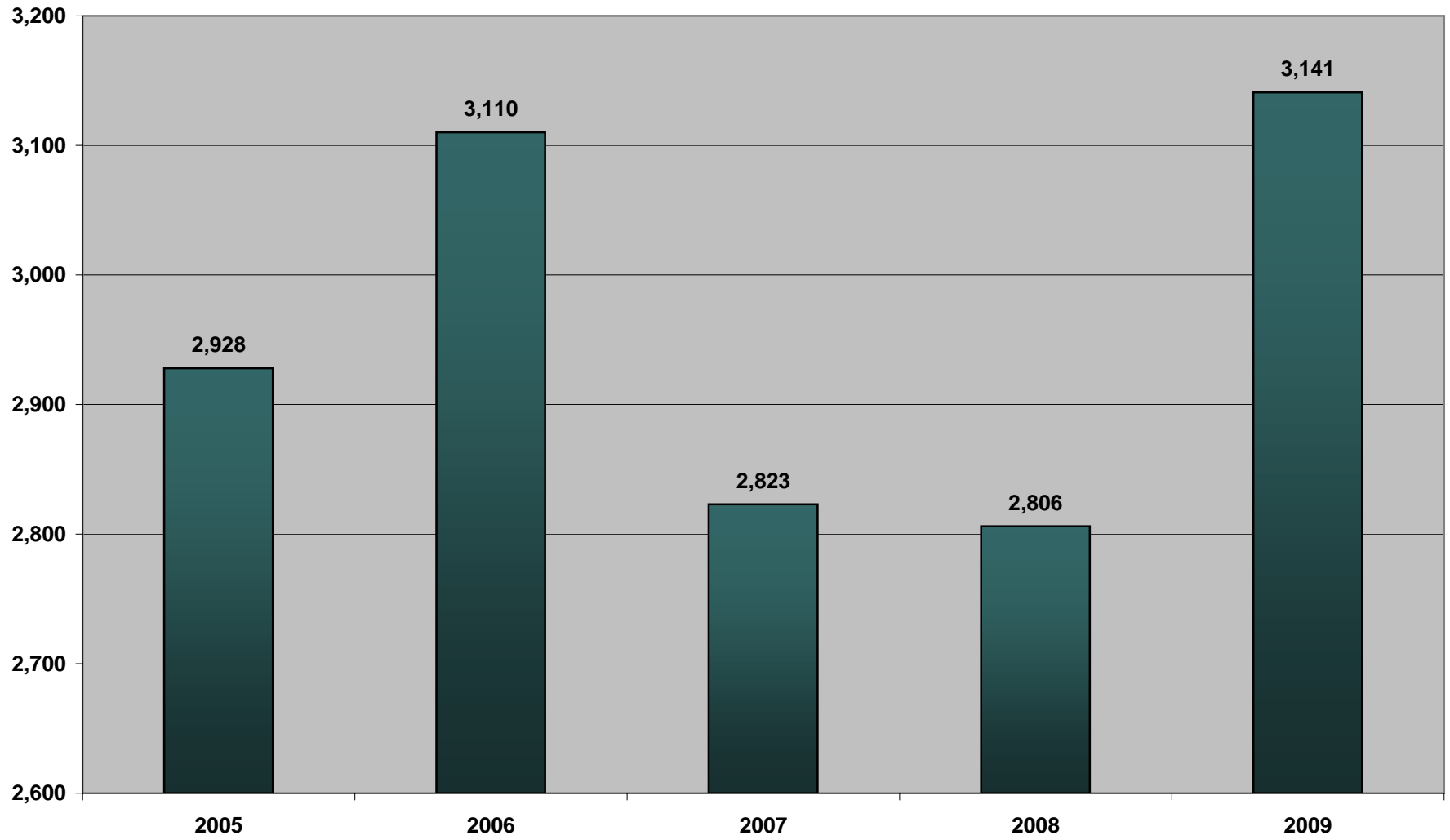
Communications
5 Year Comparison

Year	Value
2005	20,623
2006	20,987
2007	20,355
2008	17,289
2009	18,082
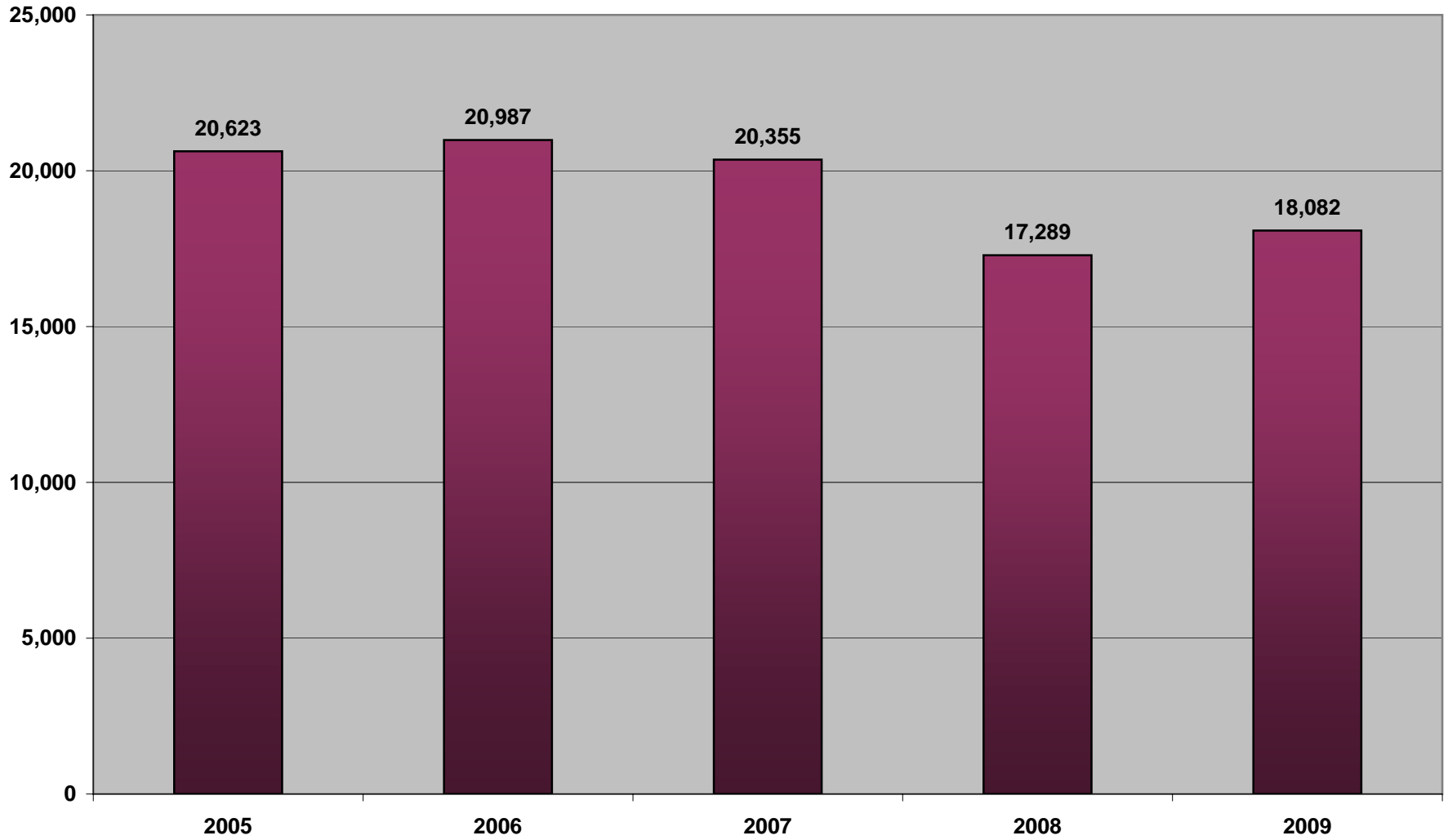
Vehicle Crashes Comparisons by Month

Legend: ☐ Reportable ■ Non-Reportable

Month	Reportable	Non-Reportable
Jan	14	13
Feb	12	12
Mar	12	16
Apr	6	8
May	7	14
Jun	15	8
Jul	11	12
Aug	7	12
Sep	9	9
Oct	12	15
Nov	13	13
Dec	13	21
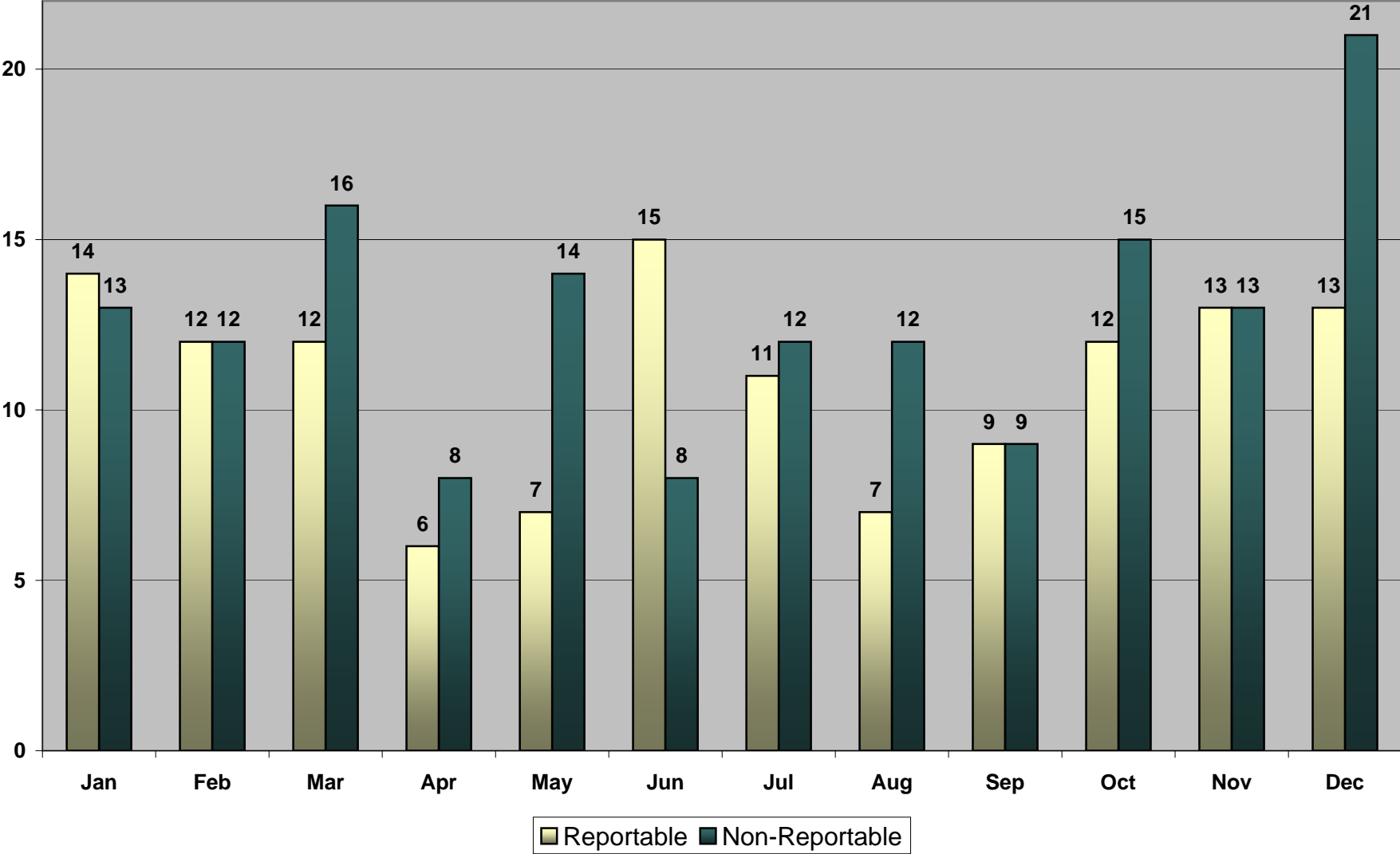
Vehicle Crash Injuries & Fatalities 5 Year Comparison

Year	Injuries	Fatalities
2009	72	0
2008	59	0
2007	91	0
2006	101	2
2005	106	0

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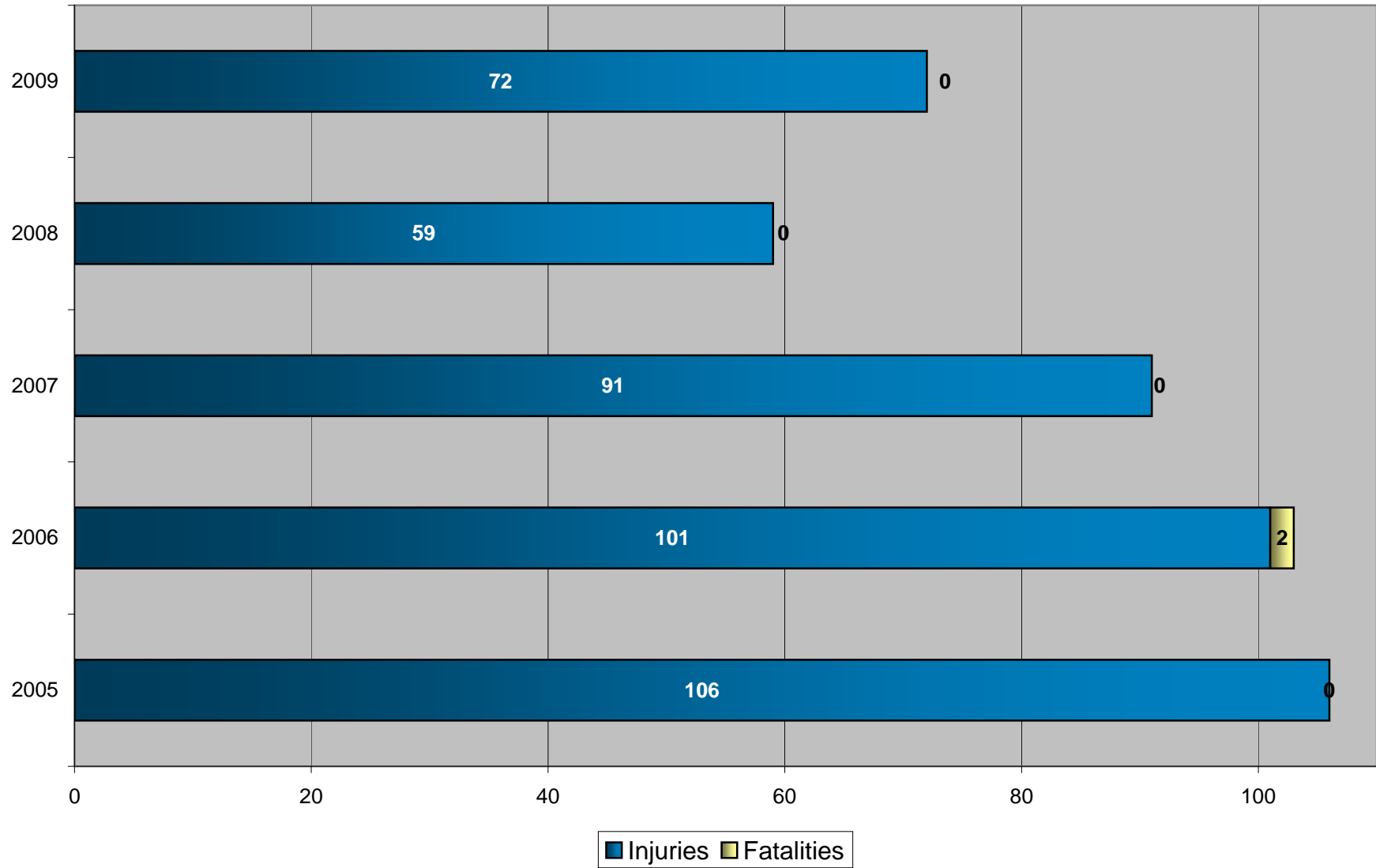
Vehicle Crashes
5 Year Comparison

Bar chart comparing Vehicle Crashes Reportable and Non-Reportable over 5 years:

Year	Vehicle Crashes Reportable	Vehicle Crashes Non-Reportable
2005	175	159
2006	165	137
2007	142	151
2008	125	125
2009	131	153

Legend: ■ Vehicle Crashes Reportable ■ Vehicle Crashes Non-Reportable

Arrests
5 Year Comparison

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Juveniles	8	8	11	4	7
Adults	78	78	81	79	65

■ Adults ■ Juveniles
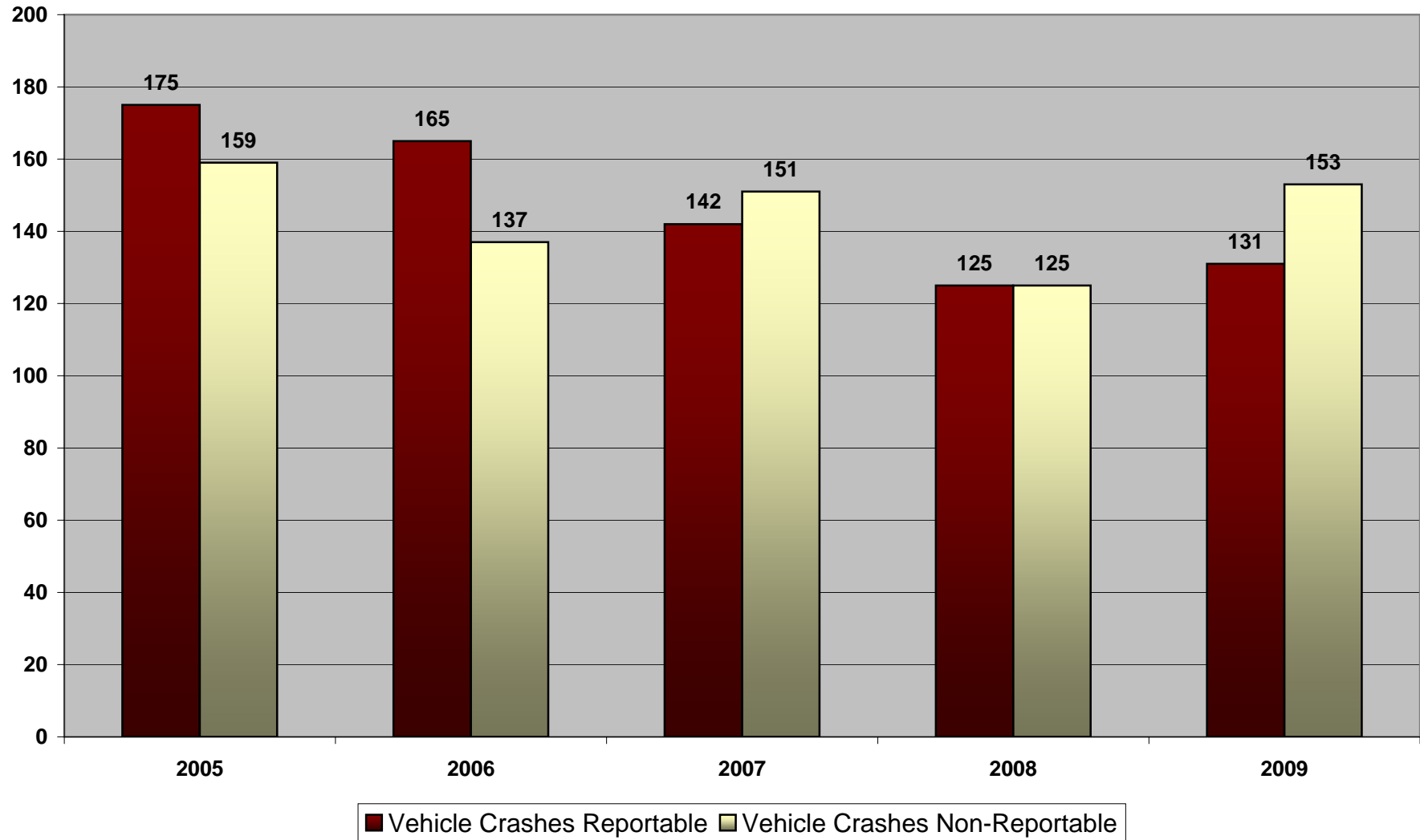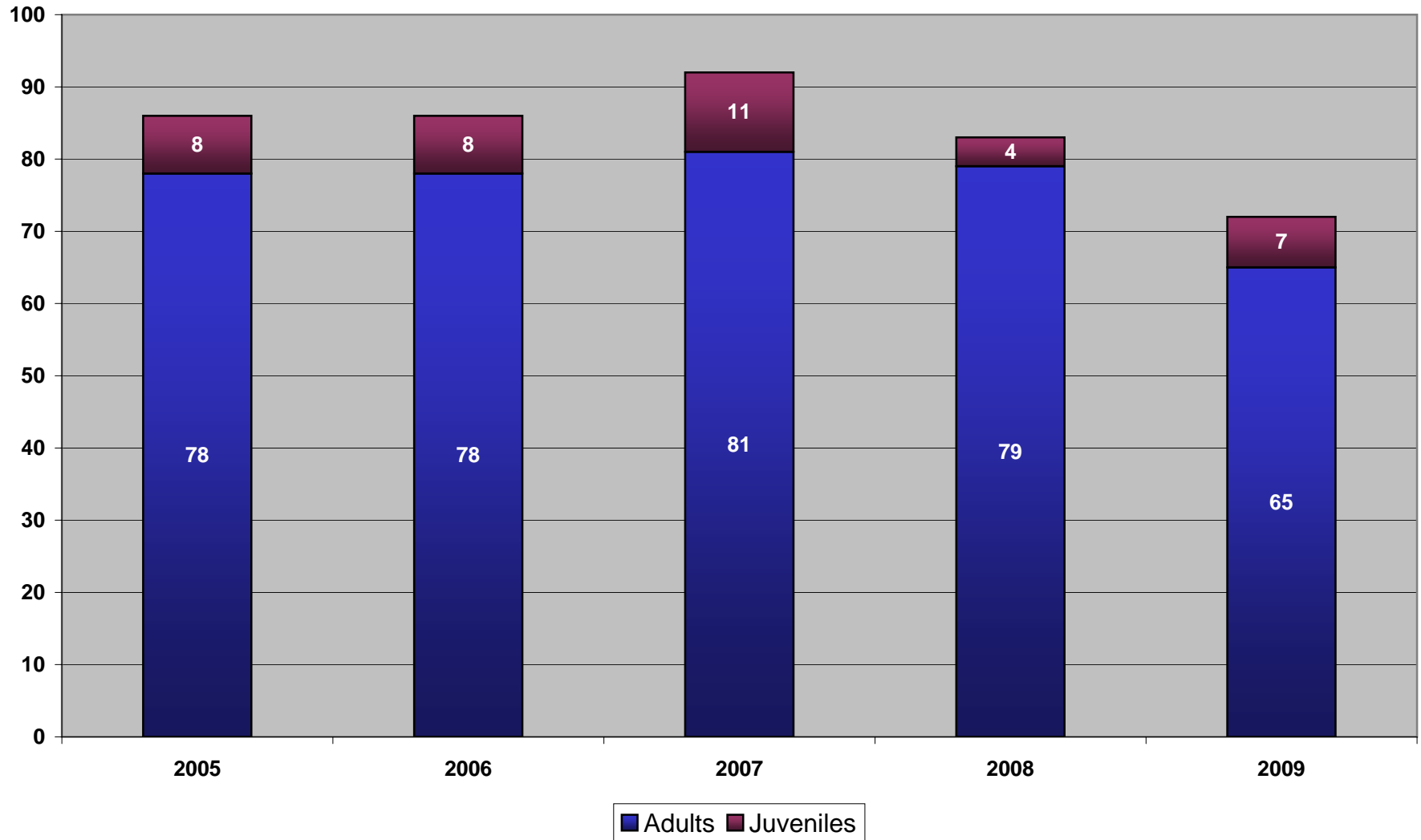
Montgomery County District Attorney's Drug Task Force
2009 Activity Report

- Total Hours worked by Franconia Officers:
    - 6 hours

- Total number of Drug Task Force related arrests:
    - 2

- Controlled substances confiscated during Task Force investigations:
    - Marijuana   1 ounce
    - Cocaine   1 ounce
    - Oxycontin   22 Pills

- Seized during Task Force investigations:
    - $15,000 Nissan Maxima

Bike Patrol Unit
2009 Activity Report

- Members of the unit:
    - Officer Wayne Pursell (Supervisor)
    - Officer Steve Cronin
    - Officer Christopher Hinnershitz
    - Cpl. Steve Rinker

- Total hours spent on Bike Patrol in the township:
    - 64 hours

- Special events:
    - National Night Out
    - Mango Men concert
    - Bike rodeo at the Franconia Elementary School
    - Souderton Area High School football games
    - Bike safety demonstration at the Little Zion Church presented by Officer Cronin
    - Patrolled the developments, township parks, and walking paths.

- Expenditures:
    - $229.97 for parts and labor at Bike Works. Bike Works covers Yearly servicing labor at no additional charge.
    - $1000 to outfit Officer Hinnershitz with uniforms and equipment
    - $440 for four pair of Shimano bike patrol shoes to outfit all BPU officers

Franconia Township Police Department D.A.R.E. Unit
2009 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.

Monthly Hours

January	38
February	43
March	4
April	13
October	18
November	24
December	17

Total hours for 2009 - 157 hours

Special D.A.R.E. Activities

April 2 – Officer Klepfer held the 4th grade D.A.R.E. Graduation for Vernfield Elementary School for approximately 80 D.A.R.E. Graduates who were presented with their certificates and gift bags with the assistance of Chief Kozeniewski and Vernfield Elementary School Principal, Sharon Fuhrman.

April 9 – Officer Klepfer held the 4th grade D.A.R.E. Graduation for Franconia Elementary School for approximately 80 D.A.R.E. Graduates who were presented with their certificates and gift bags for successfully completing the program.

April 22 – Officer Klepfer held the 4th grade D.A.R.E. Graduation for West Broad Street Elementary School for approximately 80 D.A.R.E. Graduates who were presented with their certificates and gift bags with the assistance of Chief Kozeniewski and West Broad Street Elementary School Principal, Maryann Boyd.

D.A.R.E. Training

March 11 – Officer Klepfer was selected out of 5 candidates by D.A.R.E. America to represent Pennsylvania D.A.R.E. on the D.A.R.E. Instructor Advisory Committee (DIAC) for a term of two years, and to represent the Commonwealth at the annual D.A.R.E. International Training Conference.

July 21 – July 24 – Officer Klepfer attended the annual D.A.R.E. International Training Conference in Orlando, Florida.

October 21 – Officer Klepfer attended training on the new middle school D.A.R.E. curriculum at the First Presbyterian Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

D.A.R.E. Car Appearances

July 11 – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at the Crosspoint Baptist Church for their community block party.

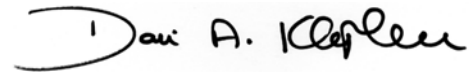**August 4 –** Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at our "National Night Out" event at the Franconia Community Park.

August 20 – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at Senator Greenleaf's "Night Out" event at Lukens Park in Horsham Township.

August 22 – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car at the Harleysville Savings Bank for their "Customer Appreciation Day" event. They also made a $200.00 donation to the Franconia Township Police Department D.A.R.E. Program.

December 5 – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car in the annual Souderton Holiday Christmas Parade.

December 12 – Displayed the D.A.R.E. Car and participated in the annual Banbury Crossing Christmas Caroling and Food Drive even**t.**

Respectfully submitted,

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

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 2009, the Franconia Township Police Department had over 4,000 traffic-related public contacts.

STATISTICS

ENFORCEMENT

- **1,858** Traffic Citations were issued.
- **129** Faulty Equipment Notices were issued.
- **2,019** Verbal or Written Warnings were issued.

OTHER STATISTICS

- Officers assisted **97** disabled motorists over the course of the year.
- The JAMAR® traffic counter was used once during the year.
- Officers removed **47** hazardous road obstructions from the roadways.
- The speed display unit was utilized at **18** different locations in 2009.
- Officers conducted **1,522** traffic enforcement details throughout the township.
- **8** Child Safety Restraint checks were conducted.
- **23** Roving DUI Details were conducted.
- Officers assisted **78** motorists with vehicle lock-outs.
- Traffic control was conducted **243** times in the township. This includes accident scenes, funerals, and special events/details.

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS

Officers responded to a total of **284** traffic accidents in 2009. Of those accidents:

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

  o In 2009, **72** people were injured as a result of motor vehicle accidents in Franconia Township.

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

MOTOR CARRIER VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTIONS (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, Whitemarsh Township, and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency.

  - Two MCET enforcement details were conducted in Franconia Township in 2009. The combined results of these details are as follows:

    - Officers made contact with **91** drivers.

    - **17** Level 1 Inspections were conducted. (A Level 1 Inspection is a thorough driver and vehicle inspection which includes all documents, equipment, and brakes. These guidelines are established by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance.)

    - **53** Violations were noted. As a result, warnings and/or citations were issued.

    - **3** Arrests were made.

    - **12** Vehicles were placed Out-Of-Service due to major safety violations.

- For the entire year, the township's motor carrier officers conducted the following:

  - **75** Level 1 Inspections (Some of these inspections were conducted outside Franconia Township.)

  - **242** Violations were discovered.

  - **50** Vehicles or drivers were placed Out-Of-Service for major safety violations.

- Some of the violations discovered during motor carrier enforcement details include:

  - Faulty brakes and air brake leaks.

  - Drivers with expired or no medical card (Driver's operating motor carrier vehicles must be cleared by a doctor every two years).

  - Unlicensed drivers operating commercial motor vehicles and driver's operating without the proper class of CDL.

  - Equipment violations including: faulty lighting, low tire tread, missing parts, and oil leaks. Non-equipment violations including unsecured loads and overweight.

HIGHWAY SAFETY UNIT TRAINING

- Officer Albert Gesullo and Corporal Stephen Rinker attended MCSAP updates.

- Officer Kurt DeForrest, Officer Steven Cronin, and Corporal Stephen Rinker attended the two-week On-Scene and Homicide-By-Vehicle Accident Investigation Course.

- Officer Derek Alspach and Officer James Throop attended a two-day course on DUI Testifying and DUI Enforcement.

- Officer Chris Hinnershitz, Officer Derek Alspach, and Officer James Throop attended On-Scene Collision Investigation, which was a four-day course.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cpl. Stephen Rinker, Patrol Supervisor

Highway Safety Unit Coordinator

DISPOSITION OF INCOME

A. District Court Fines

Total Funds to the Township for Vehicle and Non-Traffic Violations: **$65,337**

Montgomery County Clerk of Courts – Defendant restitution for prosecution costs:
$2,636

B. Other Income

Dog Impound Fees	**$105**
Copies of Reports Sold to Insurance and Others	**$3,114**
False Alarm Notice Fees	**$765**
Reimbursement for DUI Task Force overtime details	**$9,618**
Defendant fees recovered for lodging at Lansdale PD	**$900**
Souderton Area School District Reimbursements:	
▪ School Resource Officer (approximately one-half the officer's salary)	**$36,000**
▪ police presence at sports events	**$7,370**
▪ School crossing guard	**$6,483**
Solicitors fees	**$66**
Other miscellaneous income	**$3,211**

C. Grants

PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency DARE Grant	**$3,771**
D.A.R.E. Grant from Attorney General of Pennsylvania	**$5,851**
U.S. Dept. of Justice Bulletproof Vest Reimbursement	**$895**

D. Gasoline

Total Miles Traveled	**174,229**
Total Gallons of Gasoline	**15,461**

HIGHLIGHTS OF DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES FOR 2009

Personnel

- The department's fifteenth full time police officer received his oath of office at the Board of Supervisors meeting on January 19, 2009. Christopher Hinnershitz was sworn-in by Special Court Justice Kenneth Deatelhauser.
- Frank Del Vecchio, a student at the Penn State – Lehigh campus, completed his summer internship with the police department. He actively participated in the everyday activities of the police department and was especially helpful at events such as National Night Out and the DUI checkpoint in June.

Enforcement Activities

- On June 12th, members of the department conducted a DUI Enforcement Checkpoint on Harleysville Pike near Moyer Road. Officers arrested eight persons for driving under the influence and removed several other drivers who had been drinking. Officers from other neighboring departments also participated under the auspices of the North Penn DUI Task Force.
- Officer Travis Bivighouse, Cpl. Steve Rinker, and Off. Al Gesullo hosted the Montgomery-Bucks Carrier Enforcement Team on August 27th. The team conducted safety inspections on motor carriers travelling through the township.

D.A.R.E.

- Officer David Klepfer presented the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program to the fourth grade students at the Franconia, West Broad Street, and Vernfield Elementary Schools. The ten-week educational program ended with graduation ceremonies at each school.

- Officers attended the following functions with the department's D.A.R.E. vehicle:

  - The Crosspoints Baptist Church in Elroy on July 11th for their block party.
  - The Moyer & Son Health Fair at the Souderton Park on July 8th.
  - Officers also assisted with traffic control for the 5K race from that event.
  - Officer Klepfer drove the D.A.R.E. car in the Souderton Holiday Parade as well as the Banbury Crossing Caroling event.

National Night Out Against Crime

- The department hosted its annual National Night Out Against Crime celebration on Tuesday, August 4, 2009. The displays and activities drew large crowds from Franconia Township and nearby municipalities. Janice Froshour coordinated the entire event.
- In November, the Police Department was selected by the National Association of Town Watch as a National Award Winner for our National Night Out Against Crime celebration.

Community Activities

- On January 16th, Chief Kozeniewski and Sgt. Jeff Gower were the guests at a luncheon held by the new staff at the JBS Packerland plant (the former MOPAC.) The JBS staff used this opportunity for outreach to the local police, fire and EMS communities.
- Officers Klepfer and Wayne Pursell conducted the annual Bicycle Safety Rodeo at Franconia Elementary School.
- The department hosted a tour of the police facility for ten teen-aged exchange students from the Ukraine on July 14th.
- On September 8th, the new Souderton Area High School opened for over 2,000 students and staff. The police department worked with the school staff to coordinate a plan for traffic flow during the day.
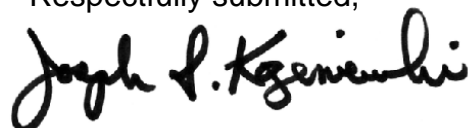
- Six officers provided traffic control for the annual Univest Grand Prix bike race that was held on September 12, 2009.
- Officers Jim Throop and Kurt DeForrest represented the police department at the Fire Prevention Month presentations held by the Telford Fire Company and the Souderton Fire Company, respectively.
- On December 17th, Chief Kozeniewski participated in the Souderton-Telford Rotary Club's Holiday Party for children.

Training

- Chief Kozeniewski received his certification for the National Incident Management System (NIMS), Level 300 in a training session at Abington.
- Officers Dave Klepfer, Derek Alspach, and James Throop attended the two-day Street Survival training school.
- Several members of the department staff attended a presentation on the new Open Records Law as it pertains to police departments. The presentation was made at the Whitemarsh Township Police Department.
- Officers Derek Alspach and James Throop attended a two day training class on DUI Enforcement and DUI Testimony in court. The class was held at the State Police Training Center in Skippack.
- The department hosted Rapid Response training sessions on June 16th and 17th at the new Souderton Area High School facility on Lower Road. Officers from Telford, Souderton, Lower Salford Township and Hatfield Township participated with all Franconia officers in the scenarios where an active shooter would be present in the school building or a business. Sergeant Jeffery Gower, Officer Glenn Kranich, and Officer Chris Hinnershitz coordinated the training.
- On July 21st, Sergeant Jeffery Gower attended a Leadership training class at the State Police Academy in Hershey.
- Officer David Klepfer attended the national D.A.R.E. conference during the week of July 20, 2009.

- Officer Travis Bivighouse renewed his firearms instructor's certification at a training session during the last week of July. He then conducted firearms training and qualifications for several officers at the County Public Safety Academy firearms range. Corporal Ed Hall conducted firearms qualifications for the remaining officers.

- Detective George Moyer participated in the Pennsylvania Juvenile Officers Association training conference. He is a member of the executive board of that organization.

- On November 19th, Chief Kozeniewski and Corporal Edward Hall attended a seminar on current police liability issues. It was held at the Montgomery County Public Safety Training Academy.

- All of the members of the department completed their annual mandatory legal update classes as authorized by the Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission.

- On November 23rd, Chief Kozeniewski, Detective George Moyer III, and Officer Steve Cronin participated in an orientation briefing for the new Mission Kids office in East Norriton Township. Mission Kids was created, in part, by District Attorney Risa Ferman to provide a single site in which to interview victims of child abuse and to coordinate the efforts of all investigating agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph S. Kozeniewski