

Tredyffrin Township
Police Department

Annual Report
2011



By Acting Superintendent Anthony Giaimo

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Mission Statement



We, the members of Tredyffrin Township Police Department, are committed to the prevention of crime and the protection of life and property, the preservation of peace, order, and safety, the enforcement of laws and ordinances, and the safeguarding of constitutional guarantees.

We exist to serve all people within our jurisdiction with respect, fairness, and compassion.

We nurture public trust by holding ourselves to the highest standards of performance and ethics.

With community service as our foundation, we are driven by goals to enhance the 'quality of life', investigating problems, as well as incidents, seeking solutions and fostering a sense of security in communities and individuals.

To fulfill this mission, the Tredyffrin Township Police Department is dedicated to providing a quality work environment and the development of its members through effective training and leadership.

Introduction and Overview

By **Acting Superintendent Anthony Giaimo**

As Acting Superintendent of Police, I am pleased to present the 2011 Tredyffrin Township Police Department Annual Report. The report contains a number of statistical representations and data analysis tables that you will find beneficial to review. We utilize and routinely analyze statistics to assist us with crime suppression, resource allocation and quality review.



In the field of law enforcement, recognizing crime trends and developing plans for immediate action are critical steps in successfully resolving criminal matters. Obviously, statistics are commonly based on a number of factors or variables that influence these trends. Global and national events can have profound effects on our local community and crime here in Tredyffrin. But what remains constant year after year is the excellent service, dedication and professionalism of our police department. We are committed to continue serving Tredyffrin in a variety of ways. We are fortunate to have an extremely supportive community, as well as excellent working relationships with our township staff, school district, surrounding police and fire departments.

In the coming year, we will embark on a number of community-based programs designed to build upon this community partnership. Programs such as monthly learning series, summer youth programs, school presentations and an enhanced Citizen Police Academy are scheduled for 2012. We pledge to continue to improve our outstanding service to the citizens of Tredyffrin. We welcome community input and invite all to join our community partnership association.

Respectfully,

Anthony Giaimo
Acting Superintendent of Police

Statistics & Analysis

Township at a Glance...

The 47 officers and six civilian staff members of the Tredyffrin Police Department are honored to serve our residents, those who travel through, and the thousands who work within the Township.

Our general population and Township statistics have remained relatively static over time. An accurate daytime population is determined by combining the number of people working in the Township with those who don't leave during the day and factoring in a number for visitors. [Table 1](#) shows some general statistics about Tredyffrin Township.

Table 1: Township Statistics

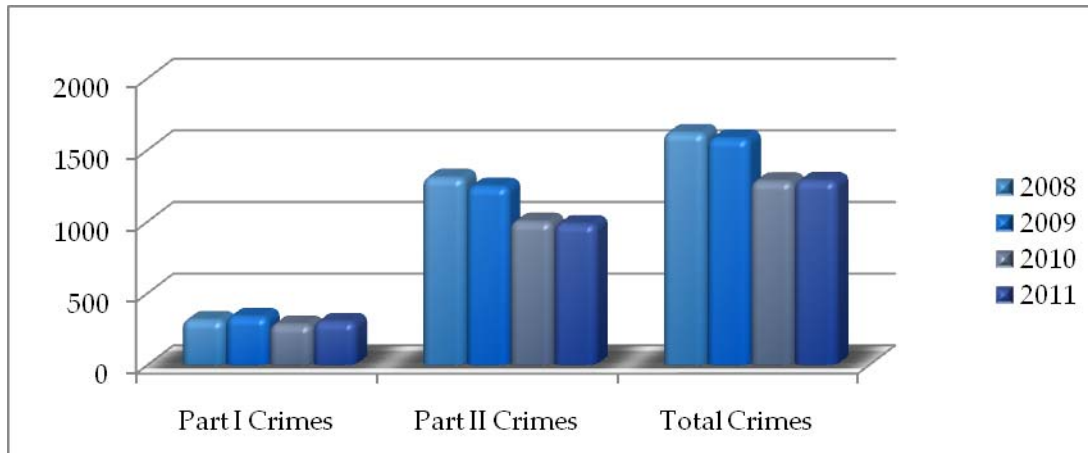
Population	
Residential	29,332
Working in the Township	38,600
Area/Square Miles	19.8
Total Highway Miles	150
Township Highway Miles	107
State Highway Miles	43
Schools	13
Parks	15

Crime Trends and Analysis

Crime statistics are broken down into two parts; Part I and Part II. Part I Crimes are generally more serious in nature and include murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, arson, theft and motor vehicle theft. Part II Crimes are considered to be less serious and include all other crime such as fraud, criminal mischief, and harassment. These crimes are often considered “quality of life” crimes and tend to lead to more serious Part I Crimes. All crimes are uniformly tracked (*Uniform Crime Report*) across the United States and are compared against crime in other locations of similar size and demographics.

Figure 1 shows the yearly totals for each crime type. Aggregately, Part I and Part II crimes have dropped steadily since 2008 for a total of 21%. Individually, Part I crimes have increased by 5.9% and Part II Crimes decreased by 1.6%.

Figure 1: Part I & II Crime Totals



	2008	2009	2010	2011
Part I Crimes	313	336	284	301
Part II Crimes	1,307	1,244	1,000	984
Total	1,620	1,580	1,282	1,285

Table 2 shows detailed crime statistics for Part I Crimes for the period of 2008 – 2011. Compared to 2010, Part I crimes have shown a 5.9% increase overall. Specifically, however, Burglary increased significantly by 123%. Montgomery, Delaware and Philadelphia counties have all shown a significant increase in burglary which can be attributed to the economic downturn, as well as, being a direct correlation to drug dependency.

Overall Part I Crimes show a downward trend; clearly an indication that Tredyffrin Township is a safe and stable community. The Police Department is committed to maintaining this secure ‘quality of life’ that has been a tradition in the Township over the years.

Table 2: Part I Crimes 2008 - 2011

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Rape	2	3	0	1
Robbery	5	4	2	2
Assault	30	24	27	33
Burglary	43	40	26	58
Theft	225	258	225	192
Motor Vehicle Theft	8	5	4	1
Arson	0	2	0	1
Total Part I Crimes	313	336	284	301

Table 3 shows detailed statistics for Part II Crimes which clearly show a decrease of over 25% during the period of 2008 – 2011.

Police have put a tremendous amount of pressure on reducing crime overall by implementing our *Anti Drug/Anti Crime Program*. Combining active uniform anti-crime patrol with plain clothes and undercover criminal investigations allows a strategically layered approach for effectively combating street level crime. We also maintain a highly visible patrol force that by its presence discourages criminal activity.

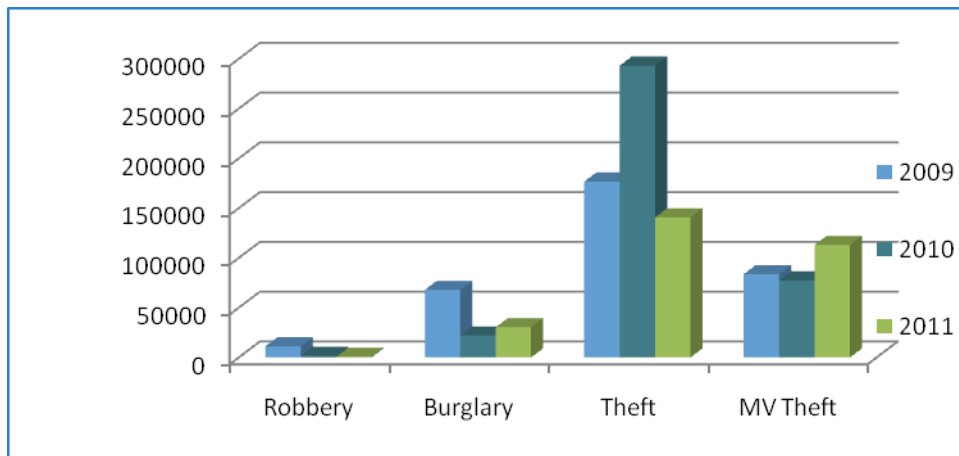
Table 3: Part II Crimes 2008 – 2011

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Fraud	114	94	122	110
Bad Checks	27	34	22	12
Embezzlement	0	1	0	1
Stolen Property	5	4	1	4
Criminal Mischief	174	164	127	108
Weapons	4	1	3	3
Sex Offenses	5	7	5	2
Indecent Exposure	7	3	1	0
Narcotics	61	58	77	98
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Domestic	232	234	193	206
DUI	158	109	115	108
Liquor Laws	48	39	44	64
Public Drunkenness	31	18	36	28
DC/Harassment	291	351	194	198
All Other Crimes	150	127	60	42
Total Part II Crimes	1,307	1,244	1,000	984

Property Loss

Figure 2 below shows property loss in dollars for Township residents. Interestingly, property loss “value” has decreased from 2010 to 2011 by 28%. This reduction is a direct result of the decrease in Robberies and Theft. Thieves are spending less time in homes preferring a quick “in and out”. With larger TV’s, GPS-enabled phones and computers and remotely ‘wipeable’ devices, thieves tend to steer clear of these items.

Figure 2: Property Loss 2009 - 2011



	Robbery	Burglary	Theft	MV Theft	TOTAL
2009	\$11,157	\$67,857	\$176,683	\$83,600	\$339,297
2010	\$1,720	\$21,935	\$293,136	\$77,299	\$394,090
2011	\$720	\$30,313	\$140,760	\$112,995	\$284,788

General Statistics...

Table 4 shows general police activity for 2011 as compared to 2010. Although Criminal Arrests have shown a slight increase of 5%, traffic arrests were down 27% from 2010. Interestingly, Calls for Service have decreased by almost 9% over 2010. Although Tredyffrin is well within the range for the number of Calls for Service, the widening of Rt. 202 has most likely contributed to the decreased call volume.

Table 4: General Police Activity

	2010	2011	% Change
Accident Investigations	951	948	-.3%
Calls for Service	26,920	24,567	-8.7%
Criminal Arrests	694	729	5%
Traffic Arrests	4951	3604	-27%
Non-Traffic Citations	326	334	2.5%
Warnings Issued	1573	1239	-21%

Accidents, Citations Trends and Analysis...

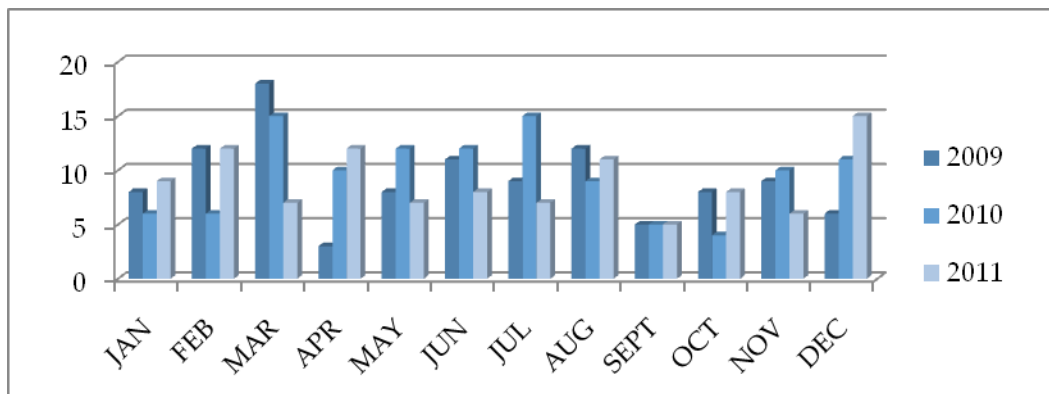
Driving Under the Influence

Driving under the influence (DUI) is a crime that is taken extremely seriously by the Tredyffrin Township Police Department and people driving while impaired are prosecuted aggressively. **Figure 3** shows monthly DUI arrests for the last three years. In 2010 there were 115 DUI arrests which is a slight increase of 6% compared to 2009. However, 2011 DUI arrests were down 8% compared to 2009 DUI arrests.

The Department continues to credit local residents and those traveling through the Township being well informed that Tredyffrin Police aggressively enforce DUI laws. Having fewer drivers under the influence obviously means fewer fatalities and injuries. It also means our streets are safer. Overall, we are down 2% in traffic accidents in Tredyffrin Township which is consistent with the overall decreased number of DUI arrests. Fewer drunk drivers mean fewer crashes. It also lessens the personal injury and economic loss associated with crashes.

The Department has been commended several times by *Mothers Against Drunk Driving* for aggressively pursuing individuals who drive under the influence.

Figure 3: DUI Arrests 2009 - 2011



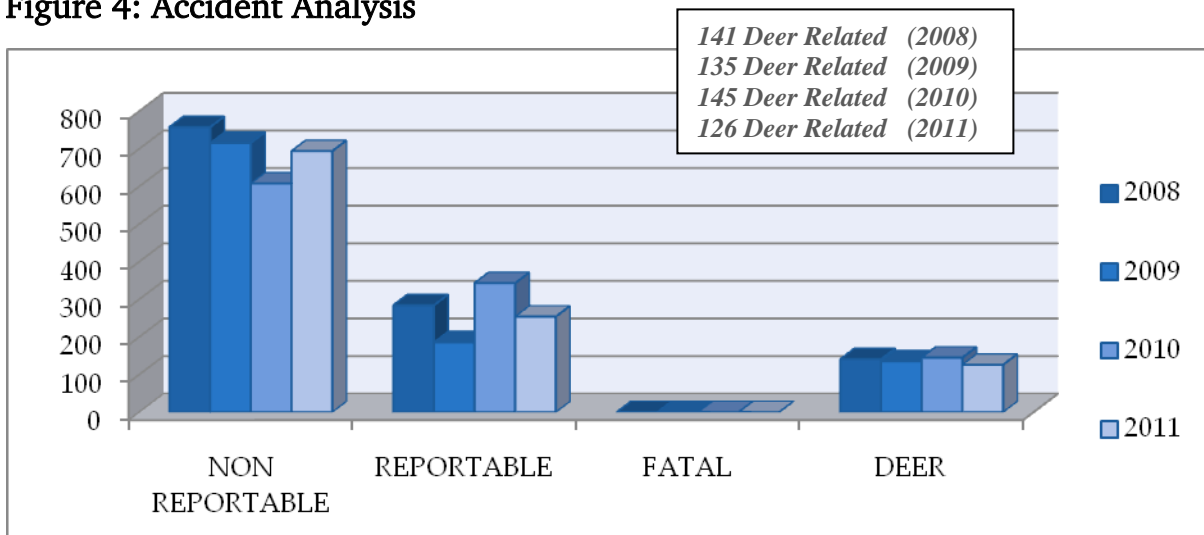
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2009	8	12	18	3	8	11	9	12	5	8	9	6	109
2010	6	6	15	10	12	12	15	9	5	4	10	11	115
2011	9	12	7	12	7	8	7	11	5	8	6	15	107

Accident Analysis

There are three types of accidents that are reported in police statistics. 1) fatal crashes, 2) reportable crashes and, 3) non-reportable crashes. Reportable crashes are crashes in which the driver, vehicle occupant, pedestrian, or bicyclist is injured, or the damage to the vehicle is so severe as to render it inoperable. During 2011 there were 1,074 total crashes which is a decrease of 2% over 2010 levels.

Non-reportable crashes are those where no one is injured and the vehicle can operate under its own power. Although Pennsylvania law does not require a report for these minor crashes, the Tredyffrin Township Police Department will respond, investigate, document, determine causation and issue citations when needed. This gives the Department a more accurate picture of motor vehicle crashes occurring in the Township. While there is no way to determine the actual number of non-reportable crashes, non-reportable crashes in 2011 were up slightly from 2010. There were 1,074 accidents investigated in the Township in 2011 as seen in [Figure 4](#).

Figure 4: Accident Analysis



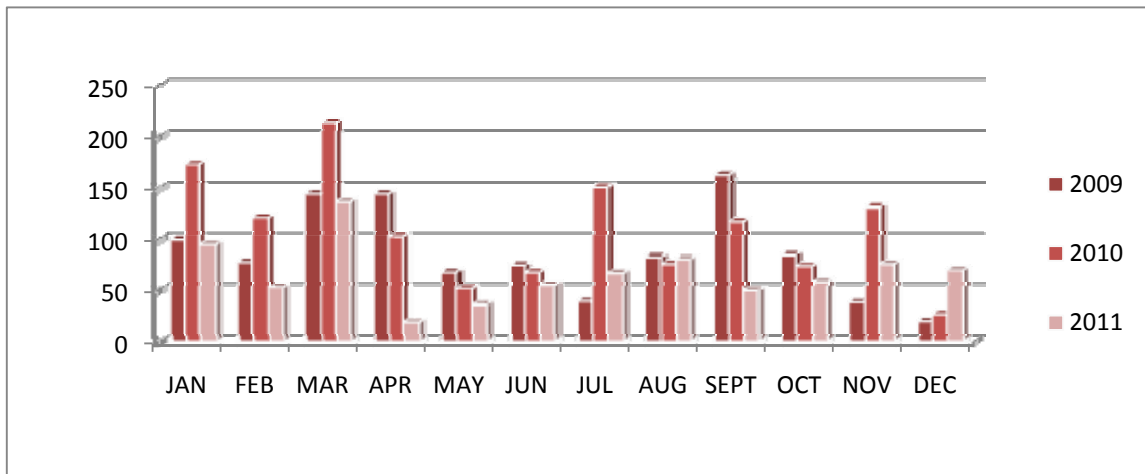
	Totals	%
2008	1,042	-7%
2009	902	-13%
2010	1,096	22%
2011	1,074	-2%

Citations and Warnings

This section describes citations and warnings written by officers. Traffic citations include items such as tickets for speeding or going through a stop sign. Non-traffic citations include criminal activities such as disorderly conduct or harassment.

Figure 5 shows the number of citations and warnings issued by the *Traffic Safety Unit* only. This is a stand-alone unit within the Department focusing almost exclusively on traffic. The *Patrol Division* also enforces traffic violations but has a variety of other responsibilities. In 2011, 796 citations and warnings were issued by the Traffic Safety Unit - a reduction of nearly 40% over 2010. The Department's ongoing policy of targeting known trouble spots and issuing many citations and warnings has been tremendously successful.

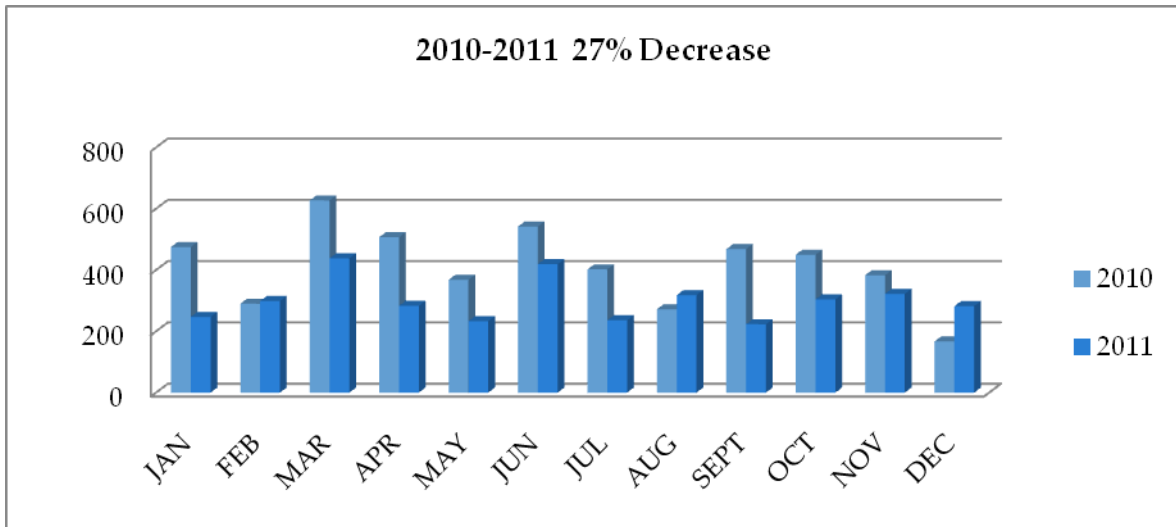
Figure 5: Traffic Squad Citations / Warnings Issued



	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	<u>TOTAL</u>
2009	100	78	144	144	68	75	39	83	162	85	38	20	1036
2010	173	121	214	103	52	68	151	76	117	74	131	27	1307
2011	95	53	136	19	36	55	67	81	50	58	76	70	796

Figure 6 shows the total number of citations issued by both the Traffic Safety Unit and the Patrol Division. There were a total of 3,604 citations issued in 2011 down 27% in total citations over 2010.

Figure 6: Total Traffic Citations Issued 2010 – 2011



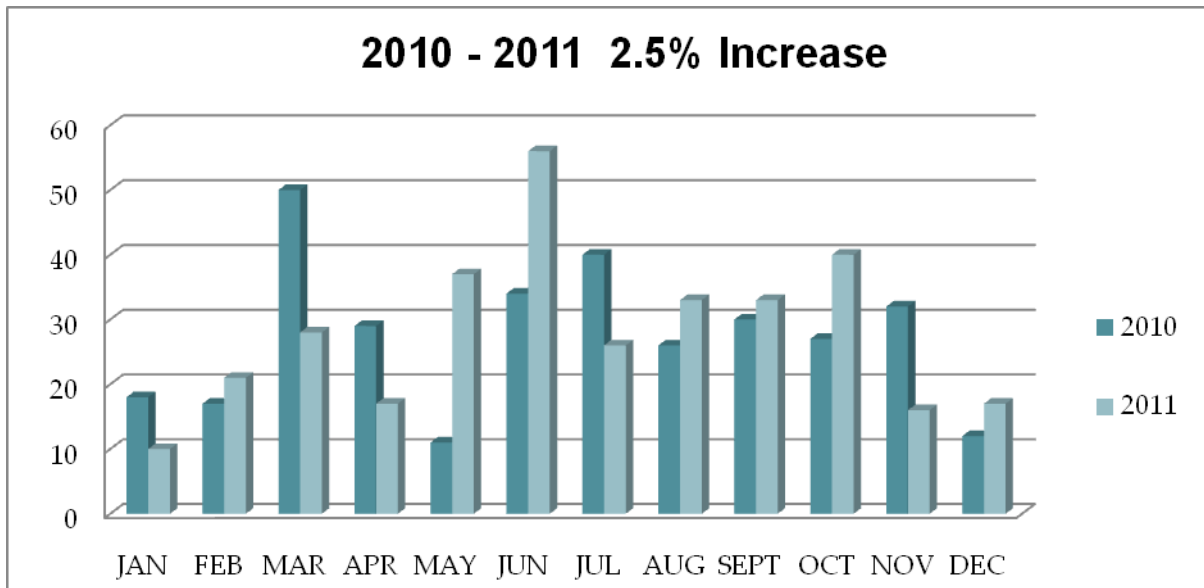
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2010	475	290	627	507	368	542	402	272	468	450	383	167	4951
2011	247	299	438	283	233	419	236	318	223	304	322	282	3604

“Non-traffic” citation is the official name in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the issuance of a criminal summons for the violation of a summary criminal offense. Non-traffic citations are similar to a traffic summons in that they allow a police officer to stop and cite someone for minor criminal behavior that results in a summons to appear in court. These non-traffic citations are typically used in ‘quality of life’ violations such as disorderly conduct, underage drinking, harassment, loud noise and other nuisances.

Non-traffic citations increased only slightly in 2011 compared to those in 2010. This 2.5% increase in non-traffic citations could signal the increased pressure we are putting on these “quality of life” violations and this pressure is probably why these crimes are down in Tredyffrin Township.

Figure 7 shows a 2.5% increase in non-traffic citations issued in 2011 compared to 2010. The total number of non-traffic citations issued was 334.

Figure 7: Non-Traffic Citations Issued 2009 – 2011



	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2010	18	17	50	29	11	34	40	26	30	27	32	12	326
2011	10	21	28	17	37	56	26	33	33	40	16	17	334

Animal Control

Animal Control handled over 1,019, calls for service in 2011 which is actually down slightly from the previous year by 7%. Call activity is detailed below in [Table 5](#).

Table 5: Animal Control Activities

TYPE OF CALL	# OF CALLS
Lost and Found Animals	91
Barking Dogs	43
Dog Bites	12
Other Animal Bites	0
Animals at Large	115
Cruelty Investigations	11
Sick/Injured Animals*	49
Misc. Animal Complaints	159
Telephone Contacts	423
Deer Complaints	116
2011 TOTAL RESPONSES	1,019

* Deer excluded

Department Information

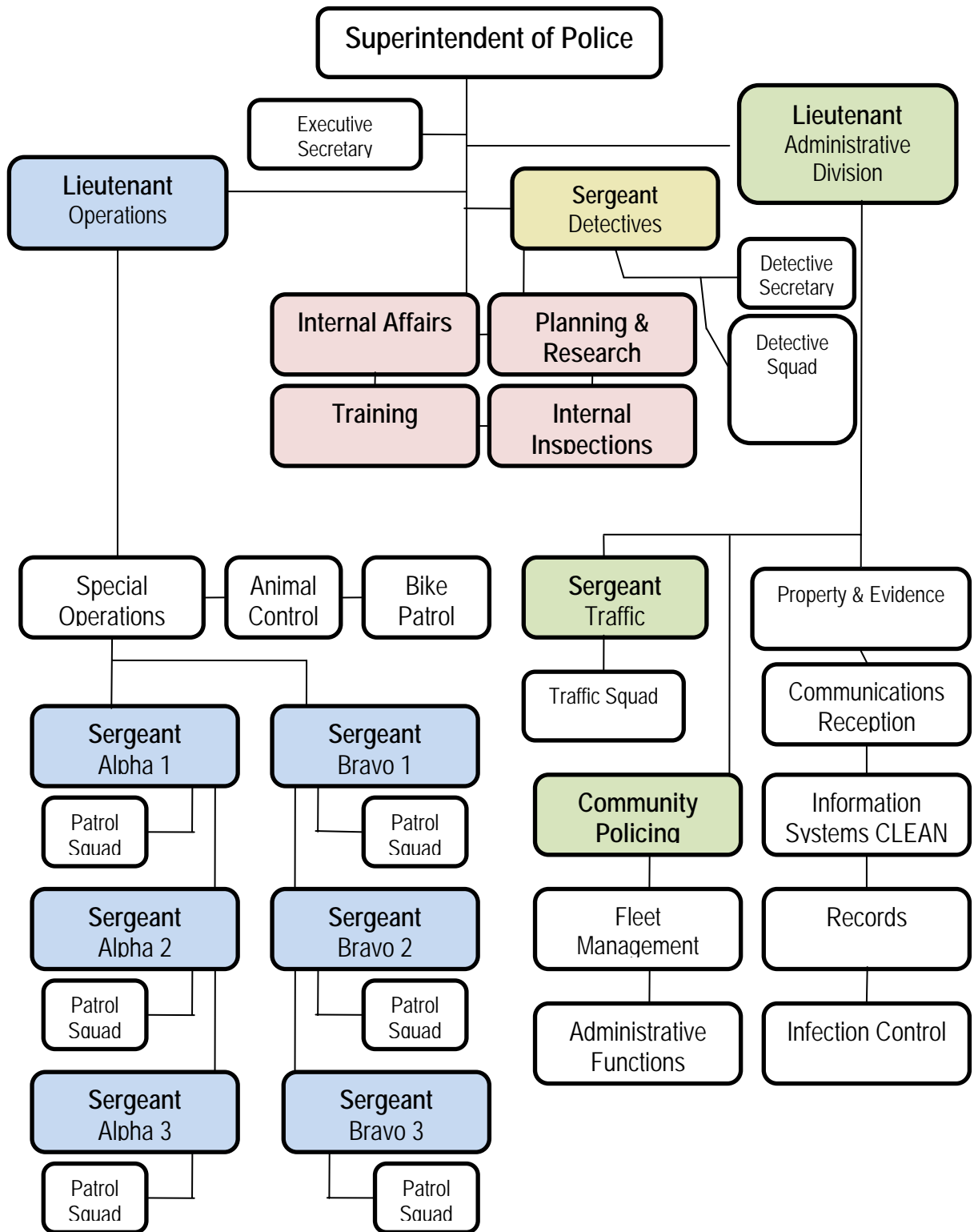
The Tredyffrin Township Police Department is comprised of both non-sworn and sworn positions. Currently, there are 53 dedicated personnel in the Police Department whose assignments are detailed below in [Table 6](#). Eighty-five percent of the Department (47 officers) are sworn police personnel with the remainder being non-sworn support staff.

The Patrol Division is responsible for responding to 911 calls and is typically the first police officer a citizen will meet upon requesting assistance. Detectives and other officers may also respond to certain 911 calls. Detectives provide assistance to the Patrol force and then conduct follow-up investigations. Approximately 75% of the staff is assigned to patrol and traffic safety.

Table 6: Personnel Assignments

TITLE	PERSONNEL
Administration	3
Superintendent	1
Lieutenants	2
Patrol Division	41
Sergeants	6
Corporals	6
Patrol Officers	25
Traffic Sergeant	1
Traffic Corporal	1
Traffic Squad Officers	1
Community Relations Officer	1
Detective Division	4
Detective Sergeant	1
Detectives (Persons and Property Crimes)	2
Detective (Juvenile Cases)	1
Support Staff	6
Police Civilian Quartermaster	1
Civilian Secretaries	2
Civilian Receptionist/Dispatcher	1
Civilian Records Clerk	1
Animal Control Officer	1

Figure 8: Police Department Table of Organization



Patrol Division...

The Patrol Division, the largest division within the Department, consists of exceptionally well-trained officers whose duty it is to patrol the Township and enforce the law. They are the most visible section within the police force, providing service 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Each officer is assigned to a specific region within the Township so he/she may become familiar with the people and activities within the area patrolled. They respond to all medical emergencies, assist citizens in need, and respond to a wide variety of calls. These responses include community service calls such as helping a stranded motorist, responding to domestic disturbances, burglaries, or any other requests for assistance. They maintain a strong presence within the community and receive regular training to further their skills and stay current with any new policing techniques, crime trends and new technologies.

The Patrol Division is the backbone of the Police Department and is responsible for protecting life and property, preventing crimes, and solving problems. They take great pride in serving the residents and visitors to Tredyffrin Township.

In 2010, there were over 24,000 calls for service – that's nearly 70 calls per day! The Patrol Division continually monitors the Township in order to enforce the law and keep citizens safe. Much of the data and statistics shown throughout this report reflect the effort and dedication of our highly qualified Patrol staff.



Detective Division...

While the Patrol Division is the backbone of the Police Department, the Detective Division is comprised of highly experienced investigators each bringing a unique investigative specialty; specialties such as identity theft, drug investigations, juvenile crimes or domestic abuse. Several are recognized regionally for their expertise.

In 2011, the Detective Division received 224 cases of which 56 were closed and 54 were closed with arrests. Open cases include cases where there is either an ongoing investigation or, more often, a lack of any physical evidence or description of the actor. These cases are given a substantial amount of effort by the detectives and may take several years to close due to the complexity. Some of the more time intensive detective investigations are detailed in [Table 7](#).



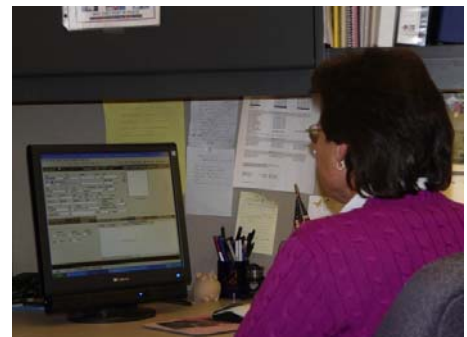
Table 7: Criminal Investigations

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Cases Received	16	15	23	24	16	17	25	20	20	13	20	15	224
Cases Closed	2	2	4	3	10	3	3	5	5	2	10	7	56
Cases Closed w/ Arrests	3	4	2	3	7	3	4	10	10	2	1	5	54

Detective Division (continued)

2011 Significant Incidents

- Michael Caulder Homicide - November 2007 - Active Investigation
- Numerous Child Abuse Cases, Investigations
- Narcotics Investigations - Local/State/Federal Joint Task Force Participation
- Stolen Vehicles from local car dealership-Open Investigation
- Road Rage w/display of handgun-Open Investigation
- Burglary at commercial business-Open Investigation
- Theft of Handguns-Case Turned Over to Other Authority
- Aggravated Assault in Wayne-Open Investigation
- Attempted Robbery in Paoli-Open Investigation
- Criminal Mischief at T/E School District/New Eagle Elementary School-Closed
- Pick-Pocket Investigations-Gateway Shopping Center-Open Investigation
- Stalking Case-Wayne-Open Investigation, suspects identified



Detective Division (continued)

High Profile Investigations Resulting in Arrests and/or Clearances:

- Computer Crime w/child pornography- (1) arrest made
- Narcotics Distribution of marijuana and ecstasy-(1) arrest by multi-jurisdictional task force
- Identity Theft in Paoli-(1) arrest
- Narcotics Distribution of marijuana-(1) arrest by multi-jurisdictional task force
- Check Fraud in Devon- (4) arrests
- Identity Theft/Account Take-over-(1) arrest
- Burglary in Wayne-(1) arrest
- Computer Crimes-(1) arrest
- Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotics Operations in June-July resulting in securing of \$83,000 in proceeds and (23) arrests in the Region including the Mount Pleasant section of Wayne
- Arson at Mazie B. Hall Park, Wayne-(2) arrests of juveniles
- Theft investigation-(1) arrest
- Child Abuse investigation, Devon-(1) arrest
- Multi-Burglary “spree” investigations in Valley Forge Estates-(4) arrests
- Armed Robbery Gateway Shopping Center-(1) arrest
- Embezzlement - (1) arrest
- Child Abuse investigation-(1) arrest
- Commercial burglary, Devon-(1) arrest
- Bad check investigation, Berwyn-(1) arrest
- Burglary Gateway Shopping Center- (4) arrests

Special Ops & Emergency Preparedness...

The Tredyffrin Township Police Department is responsible for responding to and successfully resolving high-risk police incidents that require the use of specialized equipment and the implementation of specialized police tactical training. For example, the team practices entering dangerous buildings, high-risk arrests, barricaded subjects, and hostage negotiations.



The Tredyffrin Police Department participates in a Multi-Jurisdictional High Risk Incident Team those partners with nine other local municipalities to bring specially trained officers to any incident that is considered high risk to our citizens or officers. Township residents should feel very safe and confident that the Police are ready and able to handle any emergency situation.



Revenue Generated...

The Tredyffrin Police Department generates revenue as a byproduct of the work performed by the officers. Within the Department, revenue is never considered anything but a byproduct of law enforcement work. The funds generated go directly back to the Township to be used as directed by the Board of Supervisors and Taxpayers of Tredyffrin. In 2011, the Police Department generated **\$191,938.13**.

Figure 9: 2011 Revenue

Source	Amount
Motor Vehicle Fines	\$120,173.24
Ordinances	\$26,643.89
Alarms (Permits/Fines)	\$ 30,060
Parking Tickets	\$ 1,395
Accident/Incident Reports	\$ 11,336
Solicitor's License	\$ 480
Civilian Fingerprinting	\$ 1,850
2011 Revenue Total	\$191,938.13



Police Traffic Safety Units



Police Dispatcher Cheryl Dobson receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from Chief Chambers.

Awards, Promotions, Retirements, Recruitments...

Awards

1. **Lifesaving Award:** Officer Michael DeHoratius for saving the life of a person who was in Cardiac Arrest at the Embassy Suites Hotel *(Photo right)*.
2. **Commendation of Merit:** Officer Daniel McFarland for his investigation and subsequent arrests in numerous thefts from motor vehicles cases on Hilltop Drive.
3. **Commendation of Merit:** Officer Stephanie Bills for her investigation and subsequent arrest for a Burglary on Woodmont Circle.
4. **Unit Citations:** Det. Brian Hughes, Officer Daniel McFarland and Officer Rhonda Carroll for their assistance in the investigation and subsequent arrest for a Burglary on Woodmont Circle.
5. **Commendation of Heroism:** Officer Michael DeHoratius and Officer Greaves of Radnor Police for their actions in saving the life of a victim involved in a motor vehicle accident on Old Eagle School Rd. and Homestead Rd. whereby the drive was trapped in a burning car.
6. **Commendation of Merit:** Officer Chris Fanizzi for his investigation and subsequent arrest of the actor in an attempted rape at the Strafford Station Apartments.
7. **Letter of Commendation:** Det. Brian Hughes for the assistance he provided during the investigation and subsequent arrest of the actor in an attempted rape at the Strafford Station Apartments.
8. **Commendation of Merit:** Officer James Konieczny for his investigation and subsequent arrests of two actors involved in a discharge of a firearm case on South Valley Road.
9. **Letter of Commendation:** Det. Sgt. John Bailey for his assistance during the investigation and subsequent arrests of two actors involved in a discharge of a firearm case on South Valley Road.



10. **Commendation of Merit:** Det. Todd Bereda for his intense investigative skills and subsequent arrest during a wire fraud case on Thomas Rd. *(Photo right)*
11. **Lifesaving Award:** Officer Rob Birney for saving the life of a resident on Lyndale Court whereby CPR and an AED were successfully utilized.
12. **Letter of Appreciation:** Cheryl Ann Dobson, Civilian Employee for her many years of dedicated service to the Officers and residents of Tredyffrin Township.
13. **Officer of the Year for 2011:** Officer James Slavin



Retirements

1. Superintendent Andrew Chambers
2. Lieutenant Steve Dintino
3. Detective Sergeant John Bailey
4. Corporal Chris Lovera
5. Corporal Frank Ruscio
6. Detective Polly Teti
7. Officer Rob Birney

Recruits

1. Officer Neil Jackson



2011 Citizens Police Academy Class

Tredyffrin Township Police Department

Officer of the Year

Awarded to



James Slavin

For exceptional loyalty, devotion and service toward
accomplishing the Police Mission.