2015 Annual Report

Lawrence Township Police Department

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INTRODUCTION

The Lawrence Township Police Department is committed to providing exceptional police service to all members and visitors of the Lawrence Township community. The department strives to provide appropriate services, referrals and active enforcement of New Jersey state laws, as well as all Township ordinances. Our goal is to serve our community in a manner that helps improve the quality of life for all.

Nationwide we are at a time of great distress amongst the law enforcement profession as agencies struggle to build strong community support and standing amidst high profile incidents drawing public scrutiny. In 2015 the Lawrence Township Police Department continued on a strong path of embracing all members of our community, working effectively to complete our mission, with the support of our citizens. This is only possible with all members of our department acting as the true professionals that they are.

The command staff of the department collaborates to review our policies and procedures to ensure the best possible services are provided to the community we serve. Each year, it is the goal of the department to improve all facets of police operations. There are many areas of importance, including reviewing calls for service, analyzing past critical incidents and keeping abreast of developing criminal trends both locally and nationally that help our department remain on the cutting edge in the field of law enforcement.

The report contained on the following pages represents a summary of the department's activities during the calendar year of 2015. The entire staff of the Lawrence Township Police Department wants the public to know we promote a professional, dedicated and knowledgeable approach to help solve the problems that face our town. This summary of operations is only a small portion of each officer's commitment to the overall service to the community.

Additionally, the department acknowledges the continued appreciation and support of the Mayor, Township Council, Township Manager, and community in our efforts to provide the best possible services to all persons. A police agency cannot maximize its efforts without the support of the community and governing body. In Lawrence Township, our job is made much easier by having such support.

If anyone has any questions regarding the material presented in this report, please feel free to contact Chief Mark Ubry with your inquiries.

Thank you.

Our Mission

The mission of the Lawrence Township Police Department is to improve the community by practicing problem solving strategies against crime and quality of life issues. We are committed to conducting pro-active policing strategies to reduce crime and the fear of crime in our town. We believe in, and are committed to, developing partnerships within the community to improve the quality of life within Lawrence Township.

Our Vision

The vision of the Lawrence Township Police Department is to work in partnership with the citizens and businesses of our community to uphold the Constitution of the United States, the State of New Jersey and the ordinances of Lawrence Township.

We will be pro-active in addressing quality of life issues by utilizing innovative problem solving techniques. We will solicit input from our residents, and businesses alike, to address all concerns that may arise.

We are committed to providing the utmost professionalism and integrity in the services that we provide.

Our Values

Honor-Integrity-Knowledge

Honor: We will honor our police powers. We understand that our police powers are derived from the community in which we serve.

Integrity: We are committed to the highest standards of honesty and ethical conduct, which are the cornerstones of our profession. We are dedicated to upholding the highest moral and ethical standards.

Knowledge: We will continually strive to maintain a high level of professional development through continuous learning and specialized in-service training.

OVERVIEW

The year 2015 continued to be a year of many changes within the Lawrence Township Police Department. There were five promotions, eleven newly trained officers began to patrol the community and three more officers began their training at the police academy. Despite the new faces of the Police Department, all of the members of the Lawrence Township Police Department worked together as one unified team of dedicated professionals remaining ever vigilant and visible in 2015.

Throughout 2015, the Lawrence Township Police Department initiated or responded to 31,326 calls for service. This is a 2% decrease in the number of calls for service compared to 2014 when 31,916 calls for service were answered.

Every law enforcement agency in the State of New Jersey is required to submit monthly crime statistics to the New Jersey State Police Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. The crimes reported to the New Jersey State Police UCR are: Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Burglary, Assault, Larceny/Theft, Motor Vehicle Thefts and Arson. During 2015, overall reported UCR crimes in Lawrence Township went down for the fourth year in a row. There were 832 reported UCR crimes in 2014 compared to 830 reported crimes in 2015. The 830 reported crimes is the lowest level in over 25 years. Since 2011, when the reported crimes were 1,253, reported crime is down approximately 34%.

The complete statistics on crime in Lawrence Township for the year 2015 can be reviewed in the Uniform Crime Report section of this report.

In 2015, the Lawrence Township Police Department continued our efforts in deploying our officers to locations where crime and traffic incidents most frequently occur. Our proactive policing initiatives have led to significant decreases in crimes and substantial increases in patrol activities, including more DWI arrests and traffic stops. During this calendar year, we experienced the following:

18% Decrease in Burglaries
20% Decrease in Robberies
17% Decrease in Motor Vehicle Thefts
33% Increase in Traffic Stops
16% Increase in DWI Arrests

The police department strongly believes crime in our town can be reduced by arresting potential criminals wanted on outstanding warrants before they have an opportunity to commit a new crime. During the course of 2015, Lawrence Township Police Officers arrested persons wanted on warrants a total of 966 times, 502 of these warrant arrests resulted from traffic stops and suspicious person investigations initiated by our officers.

Another result of the Department's proactive policing was the increase in seizures of vehicles, cash and other property utilized by criminals when they've committed a crime within Lawrence Township. During 2015, Lawrence Township police officers seized 90 motor

vehicles and over $31,000.00 in cash, which were sent to the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office for civil forfeiture proceedings. In 2015, over $59,000 of funds received from forfeiture was utilized by the police department to purchase the following equipment: surveillance cameras, lapel microphones with ear pieces for each officer, gun cabinets and gun cases, flash lights, fencing for an impound lot and a radar unit. All of these purchases were made without any cost to the Lawrence Township taxpayer.

Domestic Violence can happen to anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion and gender. It occurs in couples who are married, dating and living together. It affects people of all socioeconomic and education levels. In 2015 the Lawrence Township Police Department investigated 201 cases of domestic violence, which is a 68% increase from the 120 domestic violence cases investigated in 2014. In an effort to assist victims of domestic violence the police department has partnered with Womanspace, who oversees the department's Domestic Violence Victim Response Team (DVVRT). The DVVRT provided informal counselling and referrals to 72 victims of Domestic Violence in 2015.

A service the police department provides to the community is Project Medicine Drop. Project Medicine Drop is a program offered in conjunction with the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs that allows citizens to dispose of unused, expired or unwanted medications 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Lawrence Township Police Department has conveniently installed a drop box in the lobby of the Police and Courts Building. Citizens are urged to dispose of their unwanted medication in the drop box to prevent them from falling into the hands of those who might make them available for abuse, and to prevent them from being flushed into the water supply or thrown into the trash where they could contaminate the environment. In 2015 the Lawrence Township Police Department collected 652 pounds of medications in our drop box. This amount exceeded 2014's total of 551 pounds of medications. The program is ongoing and citizens are urged to clean out their medicine cabinets and dispose of their unwanted medications in our drop box.

The Lawrence Township Police Department provided assistance to the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office and the Trenton Police Department in 2015 by providing officers and detectives to the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force and the Mercer County Shooting Response Team. By contributing manpower to these initiatives the Lawrence Township Police Department was able to partner with these larger agencies and in turn have issues that surfaced in Lawrence Township quickly addressed. Our officers also gained valuable experience by handling a variety of crimes not often encountered in Lawrence Township.
2015 proved to be a year of change regarding equipment and technology in the department as well. The mobile computers, desktop computers and 9-1-1 phone system have all been replaced with current technology. The security system and video surveillance systems in the police building have all been replaced. Newly installed E-ticketing and WatchGuard cameras have enabled officers to perform their duties more efficiently providing a level of transparency for the community.

The police department continues to work with our community organizations taking an active approach to solving problems that affect us all. Additionally, the officers of the Lawrence Township Police Department are committed to reducing not only crime, but the fear of crime

through active enforcement of our laws, as well as ensuring any issue that comes to the department's attention is handled promptly and professionally.

Throughout 2015, the police department worked tirelessly to ensure quality service to our citizens regardless of the nature of the problem, time of day, weather conditions or other factors uniquely present in each citizen's need for police service.

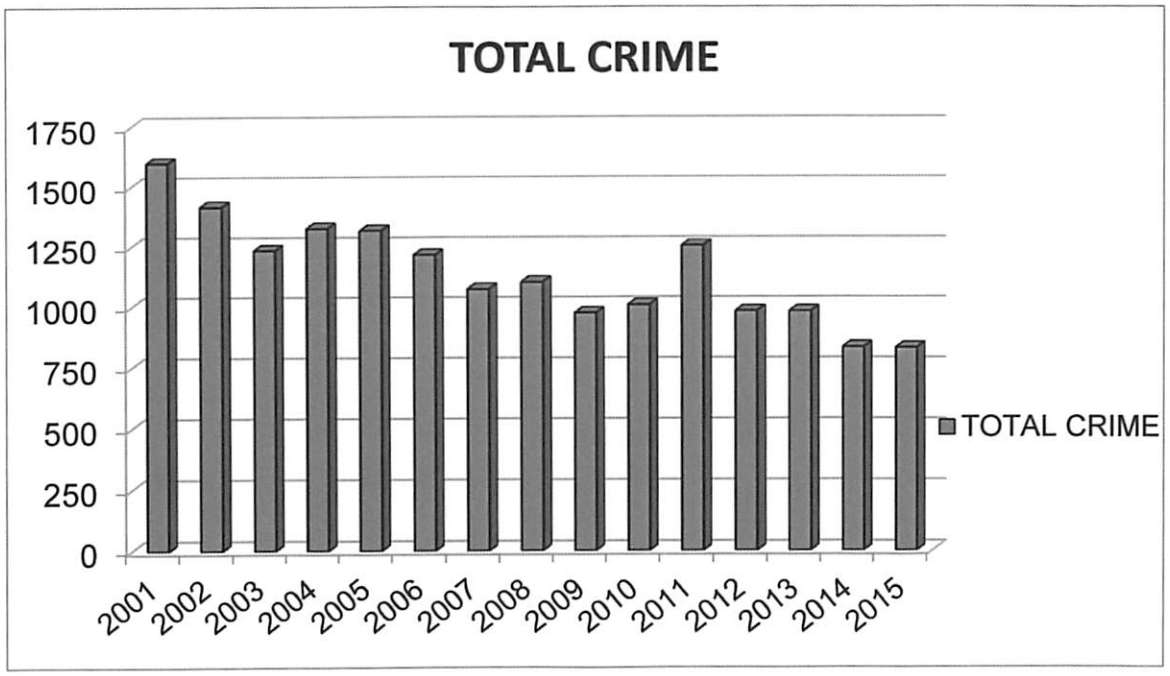
Moving into 2016, the police department is confident we will continue our track record of providing excellent police service. Achieving Law Enforcement Accreditation, building stronger community ties and improvement in all areas of operation is the goal for the upcoming year.

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIME STATISTICS

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES (UCR)	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	% CHANGE
HOMICIDE	0	0	0%
RAPE	2	3	50%
ROBBERY	20	16	-20%
ASSAULT	125	112	-10%
BURGLARY	74	61	-18%
LARCENY-THEFT	586	618	5%
MV THEFTS	24	20	-17%
ARSON	1	0	-100%
TOTAL	**832**	**830**	**0%**
CALLS FOR SERVICE			
Accidental Injury (On Duty)	13	14	8%
Accidental Injury	6	4	-33%
Alarms	2276	2193	-4%
All Other Offenses	103	80	-22%
Criminal Mischief	60	83	38%
Disorderly Conduct	7	6	-14%
Disturbances- Domestic	34	60	76%
Disturbances	255	168	-34%
Domestic Violence	120	201	68%
DWI	79	92	16%
DV Response Team Assignment	45	72	60%
Escorts- Prisoner	236	250	6%
Escorts- Other	8	15	88%
Fixed Posts	530	378	-29%
Forgery and Counterfeiting	36	22	-39%
Fraud	61	77	26%
Harassments	115	117	2%
Hazards (Total)	657	606	-8%
Health (Total)	201	273	36%
Internal Investigations	43	34	-21%
Investigations	302	523	73%
Liquor Laws	1	0	-100%
Mischievous Children	61	32	-48%
Missing Persons	41	30	-27%
Narcotic Drug Laws	125	140	12%
Noise Abated (Total)	236	218	-8%
Prisoner Detention - III	57	78	37%
Property Damage (Total)	66	60	-9%
Receiving Stolen Property	28	24	-14%
Recovered Property	116	108	-7%
School Posts	469	302	-36%
Sex Offenses	9	3	-67%
Shoplifting	231	281	22%
Suspicious Persons	576	639	11%
Traffic Enforcement	175	376	115%
Traffic Stops-Commercial Vehicles	483	172	-64%
Traffic Stops	6067	8048	33%
Trespassing	30	30	0%
Violation of Twp. Ordinance	150	266	77%
Warrant Arrest	864	966	12%

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIME STATISTICS

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES (UCR)	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
HOMICIDE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RAPE	5	7	6	6	1	3	13	9	10	3	3	5	0	2	3
ROBBERY	41	33	27	18	17	27	19	19	19	19	23	19	28	20	16
ASSAULT	221	248	208	200	235	161	159	175	148	151	192	169	148	125	112
BURGLARY	257	157	135	137	118	127	96	110	96	93	131	95	94	74	61
LARCENY-THEFT	881	865	774	883	885	843	730	735	656	717	874	668	673	586	618
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS	185	102	82	77	57	47	52	46	31	16	28	23	36	24	20
ARSON	8	4	2	5	3	7	4	8	14	9	2	3	1	1	0
TOTAL	**1599**	**1416**	**1234**	**1326**	**1316**	**1215**	**1073**	**1102**	**974**	**1008**	**1253**	**982**	**980**	**832**	**830**



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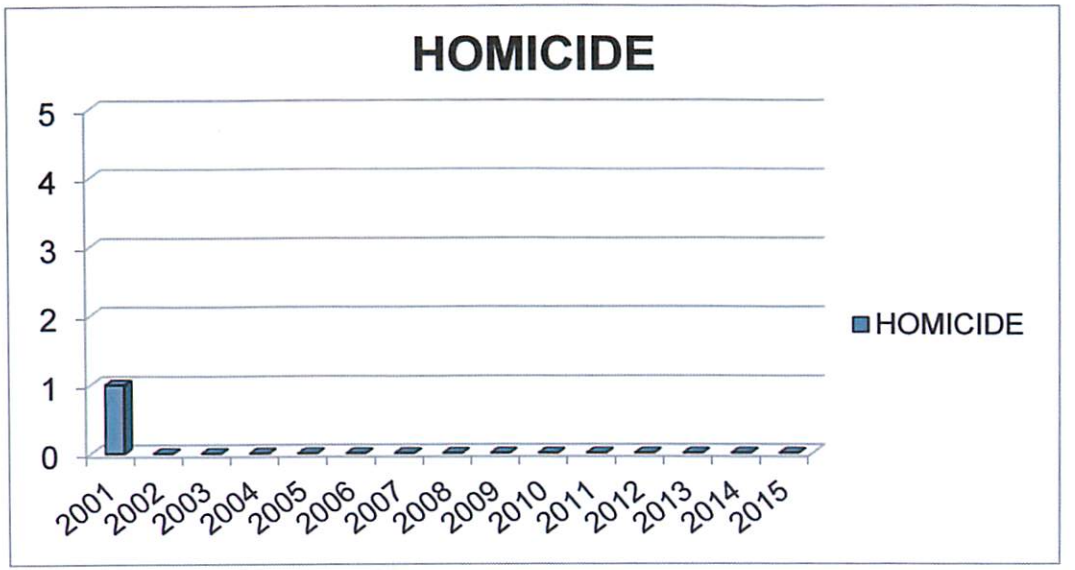
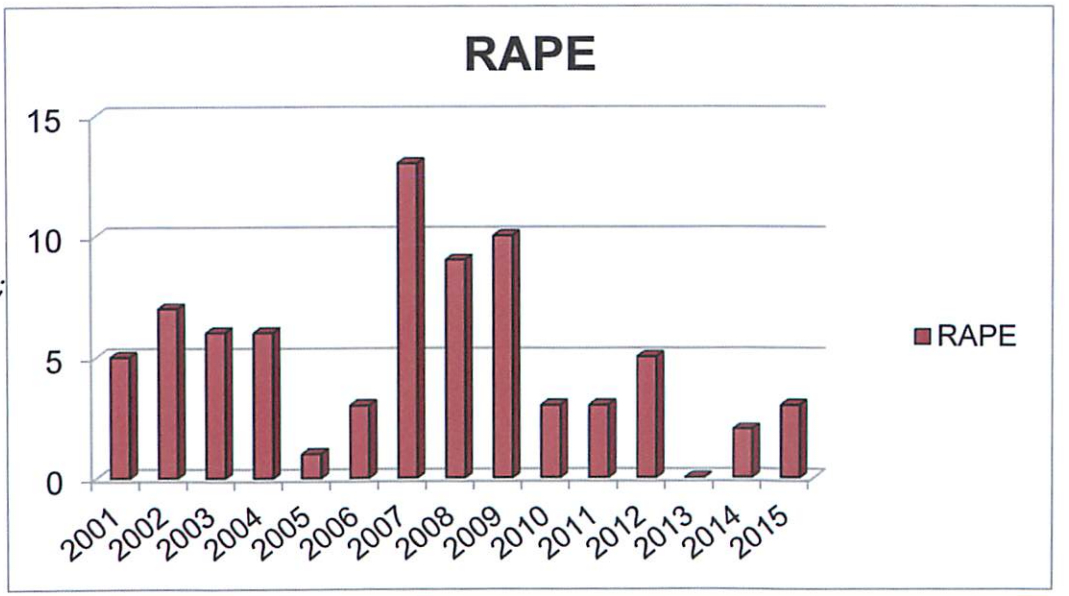
Definition: The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program defines murder and non negligent manslaughter as the willful (non negligent) killing of one human being by another. The classification of this offense is based solely on police investigation as opposed to the determination of a court, medical examiner, coroner, jury, or other judicial body. The UCR Program does not include the following situations in this offense classification: deaths caused by negligence, suicide, or accident; justifiable homicides; and attempts to murder or assaults to murder, which are scored as aggravated assaults.



Definition: Forcible rape, as defined in the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, is the Penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim. Assaults and attempts to commit rape by force or threat of force are also included; however,statutory rape (without force) and other sex offenses are excluded



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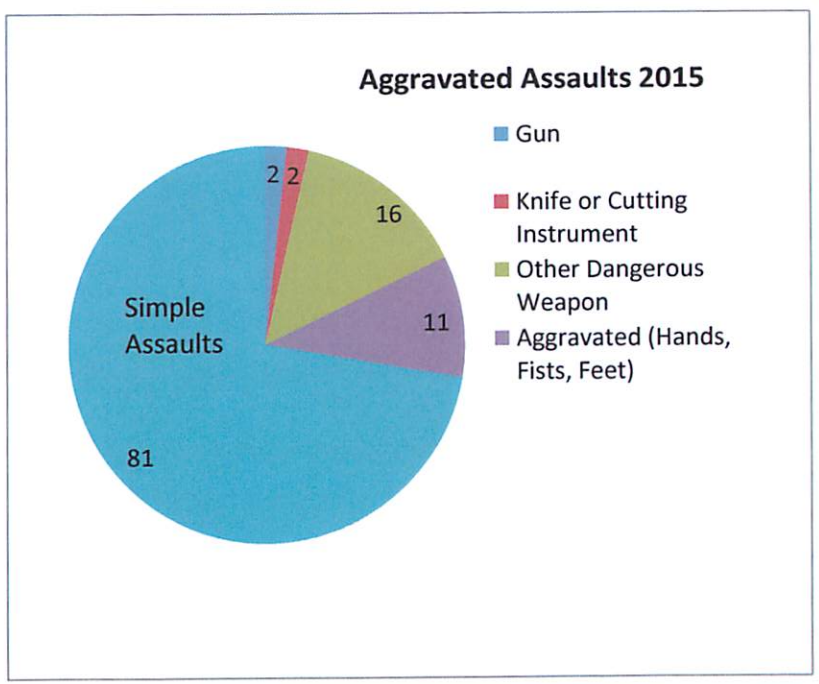
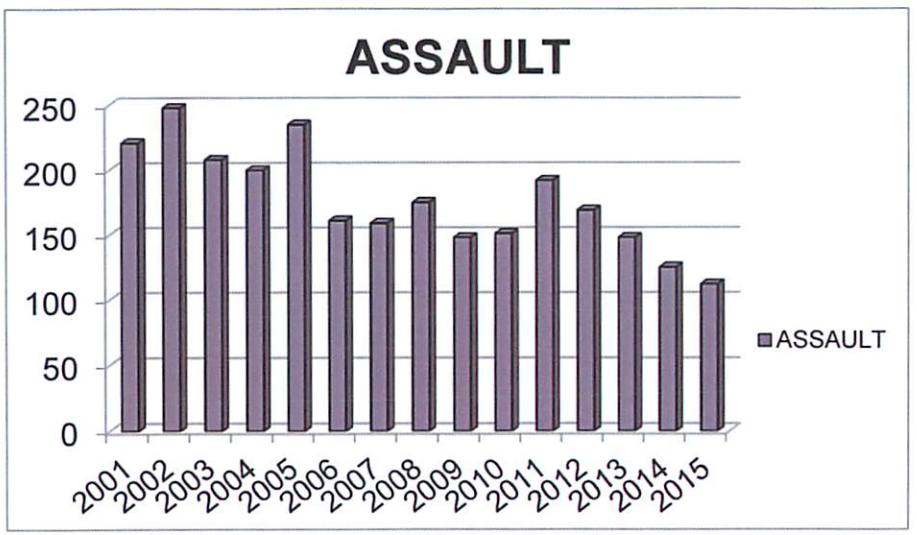
Definition: The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program defines ***aggravated assault*** *as an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. The Program further specifies that this type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by other means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. Attempted aggravated assault that involves the display of—or threat to use—a gun, knife, or other weapon is included in this crime category because serious personal injury would likely result if the assault were completed. When aggravated assault and larceny-theft occur together, the offense falls under the category of robbery.*



Definition: The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program defines ***simple assault*** *as all assaults which do not involve the use of a firearm, knife, cutting instrument or other dangerous weapon and in which the victim did not sustain serious or aggravated injuries. Simple assault includes such offenses as assault and battery, injury causes by culpable negligence, intimidation, coercion, and all attempts to commit these offenses. Under certain circumstances, offenses of disorderly conduct, domestic violence or affray must be classified as simple assault.*



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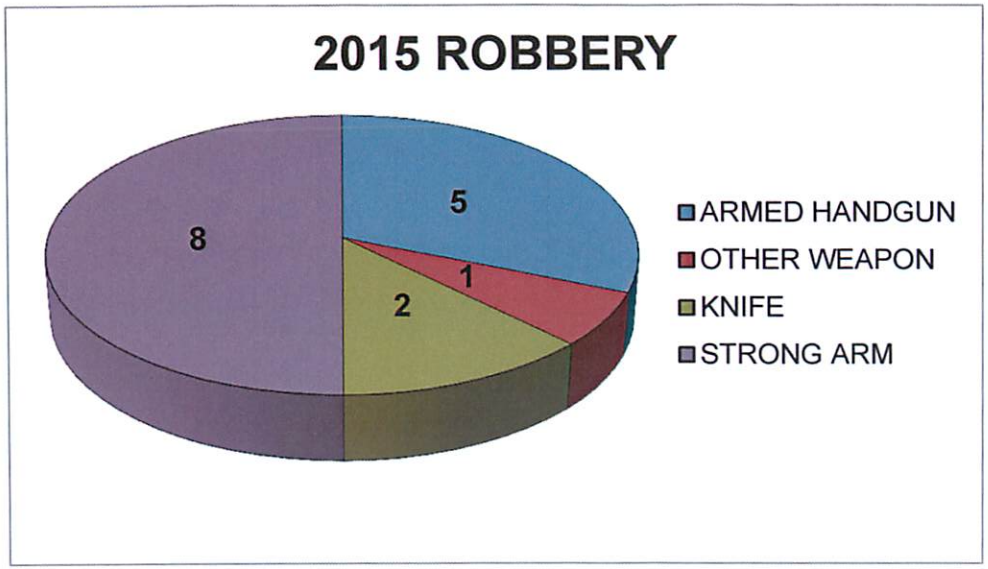
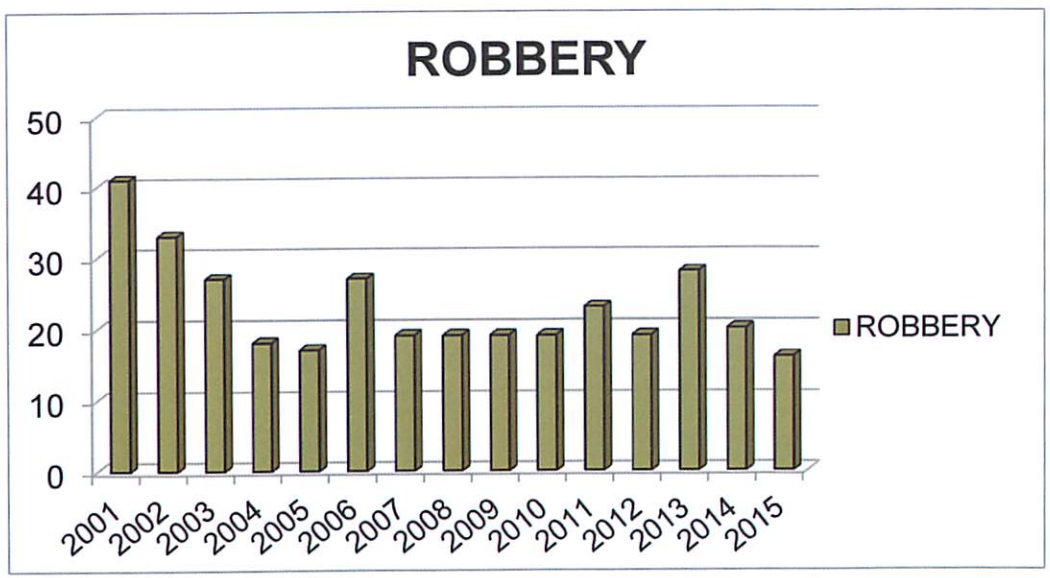
Definition: The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program defines robbery as the taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.





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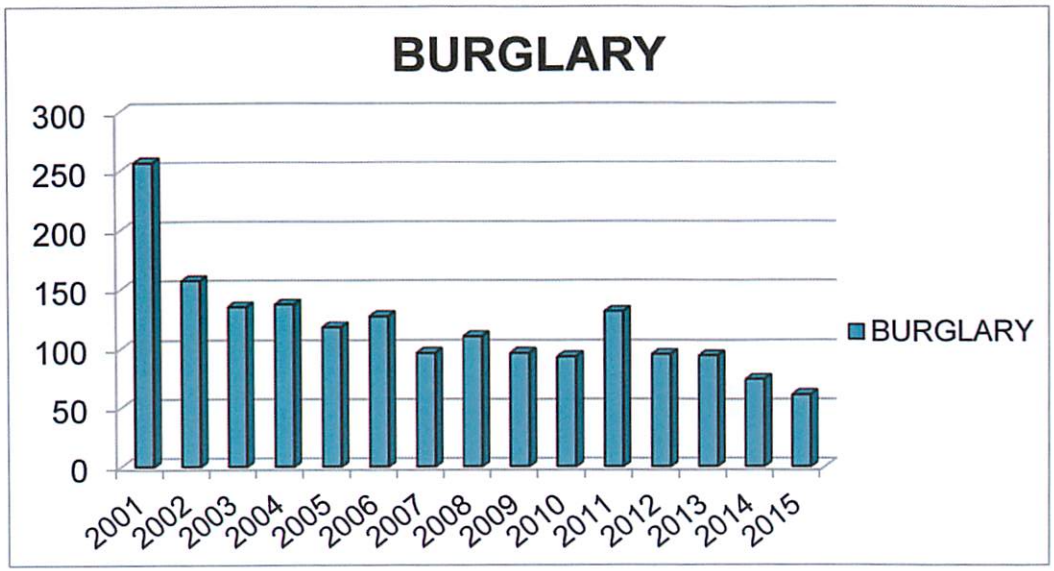
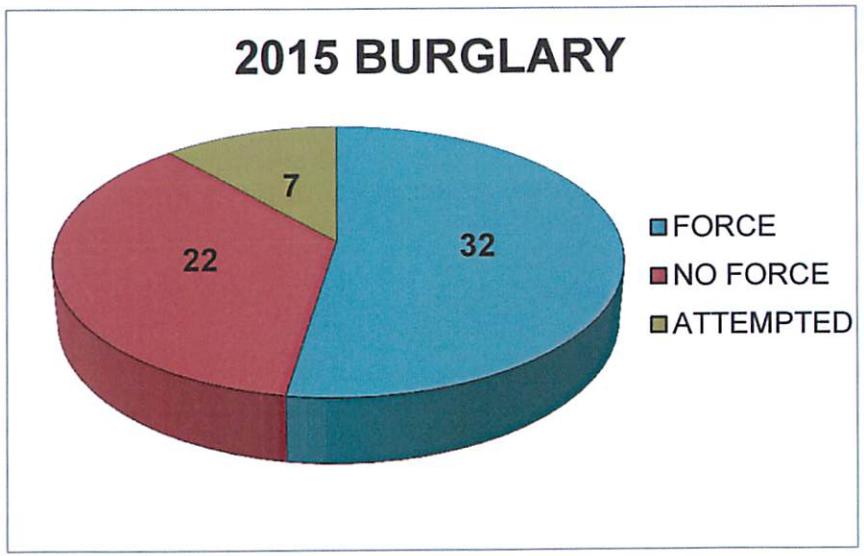
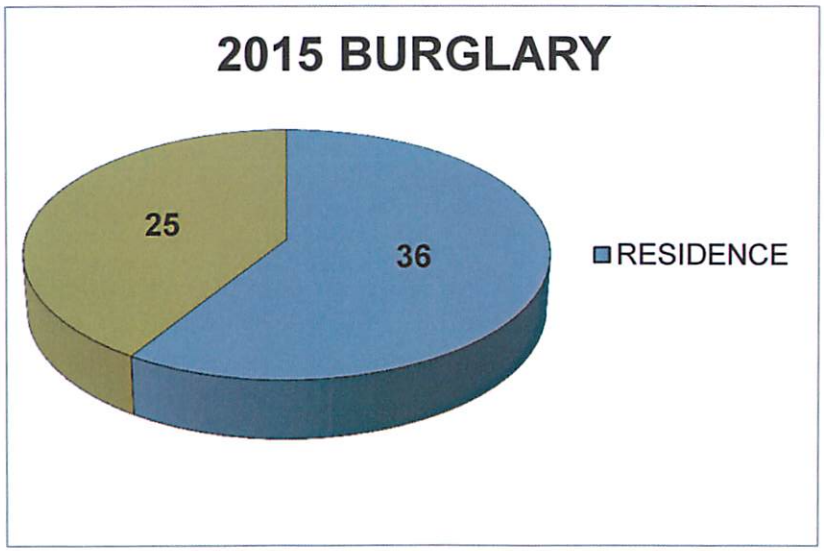
Definition: The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program defines burglary as the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft. To classify an offense as a burglary, the use of force to gain entry need not have occurred. The Program has three sub classifications for burglary: forcible entry, unlawful entry where no force is used, and attempted forcible entry. The UCR definition of "structure" includes, for example, apartment, barn, house trailer or houseboat when used as a permanent dwelling, office, railroad car (but not automobile), stable, and vessel (i.e., ship)

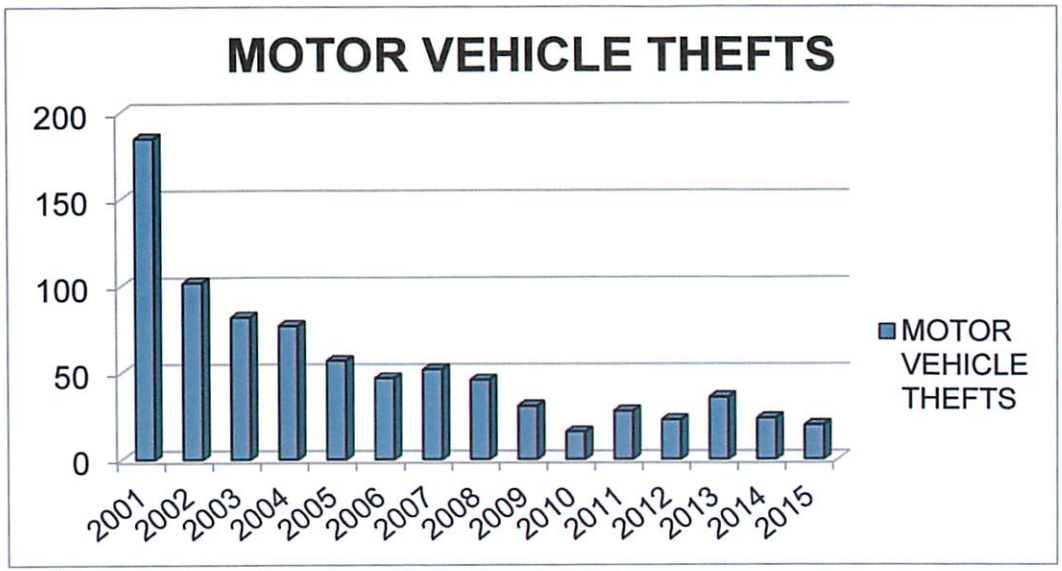


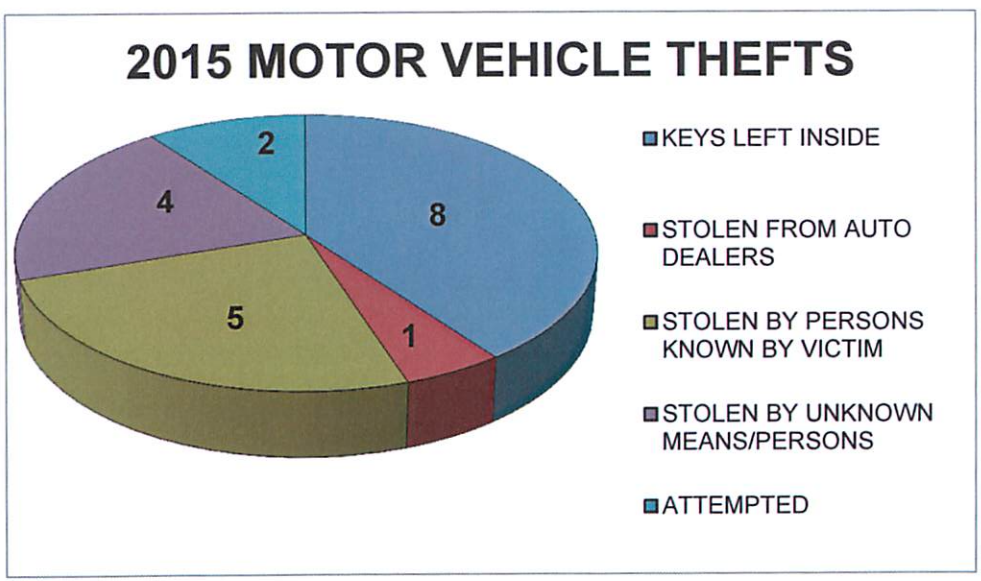




LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIME STATISTICS

Definition: The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program defines motor vehicle theft as the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. In the UCR Program, a motor vehicle is a self-propelled vehicle which runs on land surfaces and not on rails. Examples of motor vehicles include sport utility vehicles, automobiles, trucks, buses, motorcycles, motor scooters, all-terrain vehicles, and snowmobiles. Motor vehicle theft does not include farm equipment, bulldozers, airplanes, construction equipment or water craft such as motorboats, sailboats, houseboats, or jet skis. The taking of a motor vehicle for temporary use by persons having lawful access is excluded from this definition.





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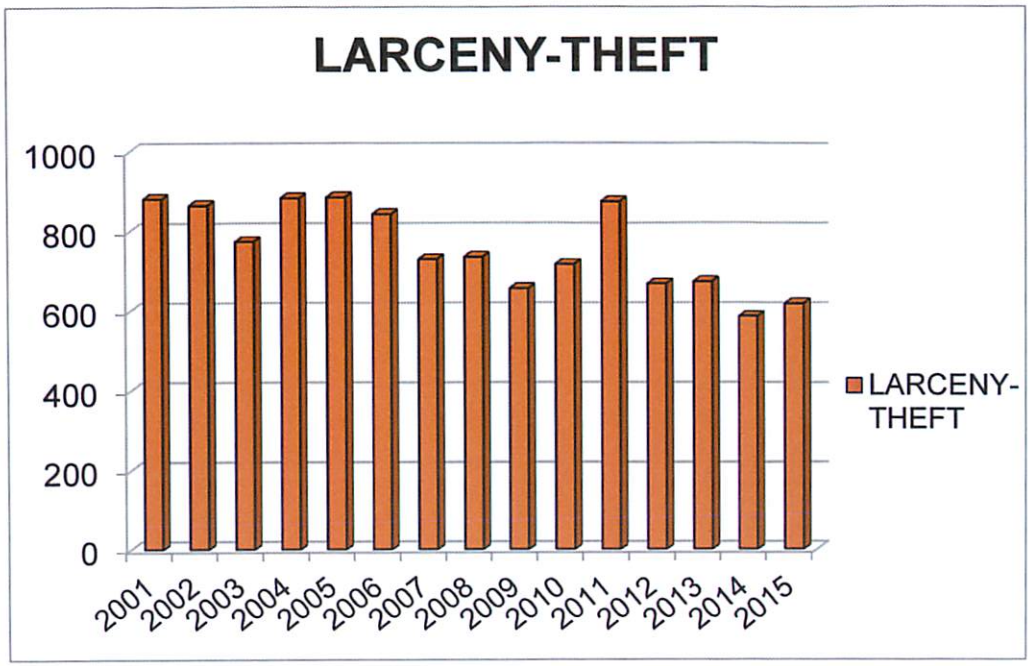
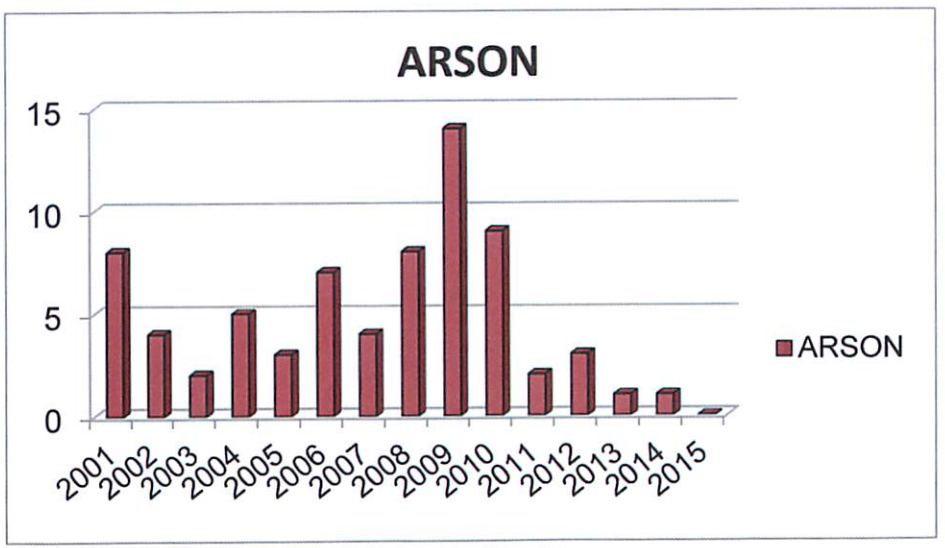
CRIME STATISTICS

Definition: The UCR Program defines larceny-theft as the unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. Examples are thefts of bicycles, motor vehicle parts and accessories, shoplifting, pocket-picking, or the stealing of any property or article that is not taken by force and violence or by fraud. Attempted larcenies are included. Embezzlement, confidence games, forgery, checks fraud, etc., are excluded.





Definition: The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program defines arson as any willful or malicious burning or attempting to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

PERSONNEL

As of December 31, 2015, the Lawrence Township Police Department employed fifty-eight (58) sworn Police Officers, one armed court attendant who is an hourly employee, one (1) Administrative Secretary, one (1) Records Administrative Clerk and two (2) Clerk Transcribers one of which is also a part time employee. The Department has eighteen (18) Crossing Guards and three (3) reserve guards. The reserve guards are utilized when a full time crossing guard is unable to make their assigned post.

The Township's decision to contract with the iXP Corporation for the police department's dispatching services has proven to be beneficial to the community. The privatization of the communications center has allowed police officers, who were previously used in the communications center to fill in for communications operators, to return to patrol duties and other necessary police functions.

In January of 2015, Sergeant Timothy Drew was promoted to Lieutenant to fill a vacancy. Lieutenant Drew was assigned to the Patrol Division as a Squad Commander. Also in January, Police Officer Richard Laird and Detective James Smith were promoted to Sergeants. Sergeant Laird was promoted to fill a vacancy created when Lt. Drew was promoted. Sergeant Smith was promoted to fill a vacancy created when Lt. Brian Caloiaro was promoted in June of 2014. Sergeant Laird and Sergeant Smith were both assigned to the Patrol Division. In October of 2015, Sergeant Joseph Caloiaro was assigned as an Acting Lieutenant due to the vacancy created by Lieutenant Charles Edgar's retirement. He was assigned to the Patrol Division as a Squad Commander. Police Officer Scott Stein was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to the Patrol Division.

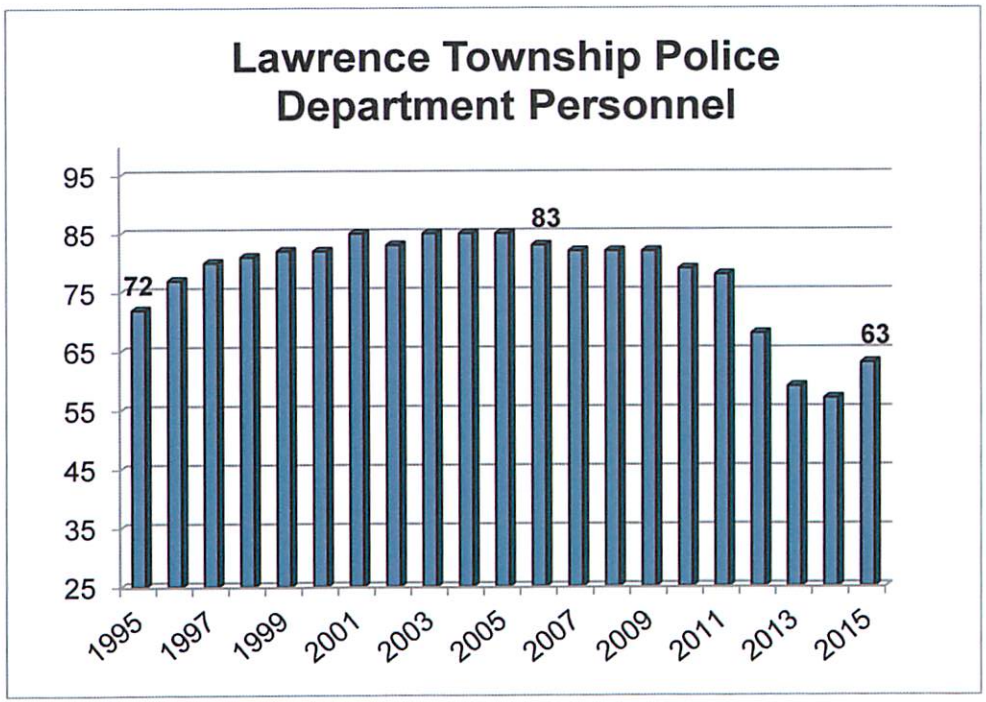
Five (5) officers chose to retire in 2015. These officers were: Lieutenant Charles Edgar, Police Officer Robert Loveless, Police Officer Michael Smith, Police Officer James Larkin and Police Officer Todd Sparks.

Two (2) new police officers were hired in March of 2015 to fill the vacancies created by retirements. Those officers are: Police Officer James Gorski and Police Officer Robert Janoski. Three additional officers were hired in September of 2015. Those officers are: Police Officer Shane Hickey, Piotr Bystrek and Richard Lamont. These officers are currently attending the Mercer County Police Academy. They are scheduled to graduate the academy on April 22, 2016.

One additional veteran officer of the department will reach 25 years of service in 2016. This officer has announced his retirement and will complete his police career on May 31, 2016. Looking beyond 2016, the trend of numerous officers being eligible to retire from the police department will be steady and continue over the next several years.

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Classification	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Sworn Officers	61	64	66	66	67	68	70	70	70	70	70	68	68	69	69	67	65	58	55	53	58
Armed Court Attendant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Dispatchers	7	7	8	9	9	8	9	7	9	9	9	9	9	8	8	8	9	6	0	0	0
Civilians (Full Time)	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	4	3	3	3	2	3
Civilians (Part Time)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	1
TOTAL	72	77	80	81	82	82	85	83	85	85	85	83	82	82	82	79	78	68	59	57	63



2015 Personnel

Lawrence Township Police Department Roster as of December 31, 2015

Chief of Police

Mark Ubry

Lieutenants

Joseph Amodio

Brian Caloiaro

Timothy Drew

Joseph Caloiaro-*Acting*

Sergeants

Christopher Longo

Joseph Lech

Michael Whitmore

Steven Simon

Richard Laird

James Smith

Scott Stein

Detectives

David Burns

Scott Caloiaro

David Dalle Pazze

Mark Harmon

Joseph Radlinsky

Robert Potter

Todd Caruso

Sean Kerins

Detectives

Kevin Reading

Matthew Grossi

Daniel Gladney

Police Officers

James Vardanega

Bruce Miller

Ronald Buchanan

Edwin Podbielski

Christopher DiMeglio

Shawn Carroll

Thomas Everist

Robert Wagner

Shawn Sudol

Hector Nieves

Kelly Longo

Suzanne Girard

Marc Caponi

Marc Poveromo

Lauren Laux

Andrew Lee

Andres Mejia

Shaun Sexton

Ryan Dunn

Police Officers

James Steimle

Jose Corado

Dylan McClister

Dean Sawasky

John Stever

Bartosz Chojnowski

Paulina Halat

Alicja Tara

Marcin Piegza

Matthew Ubry

Mark Eggert

James Gorski

Robert Janoski

Shane Hickey

Piotr Bystrek

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Civilians

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Carrie Brehm

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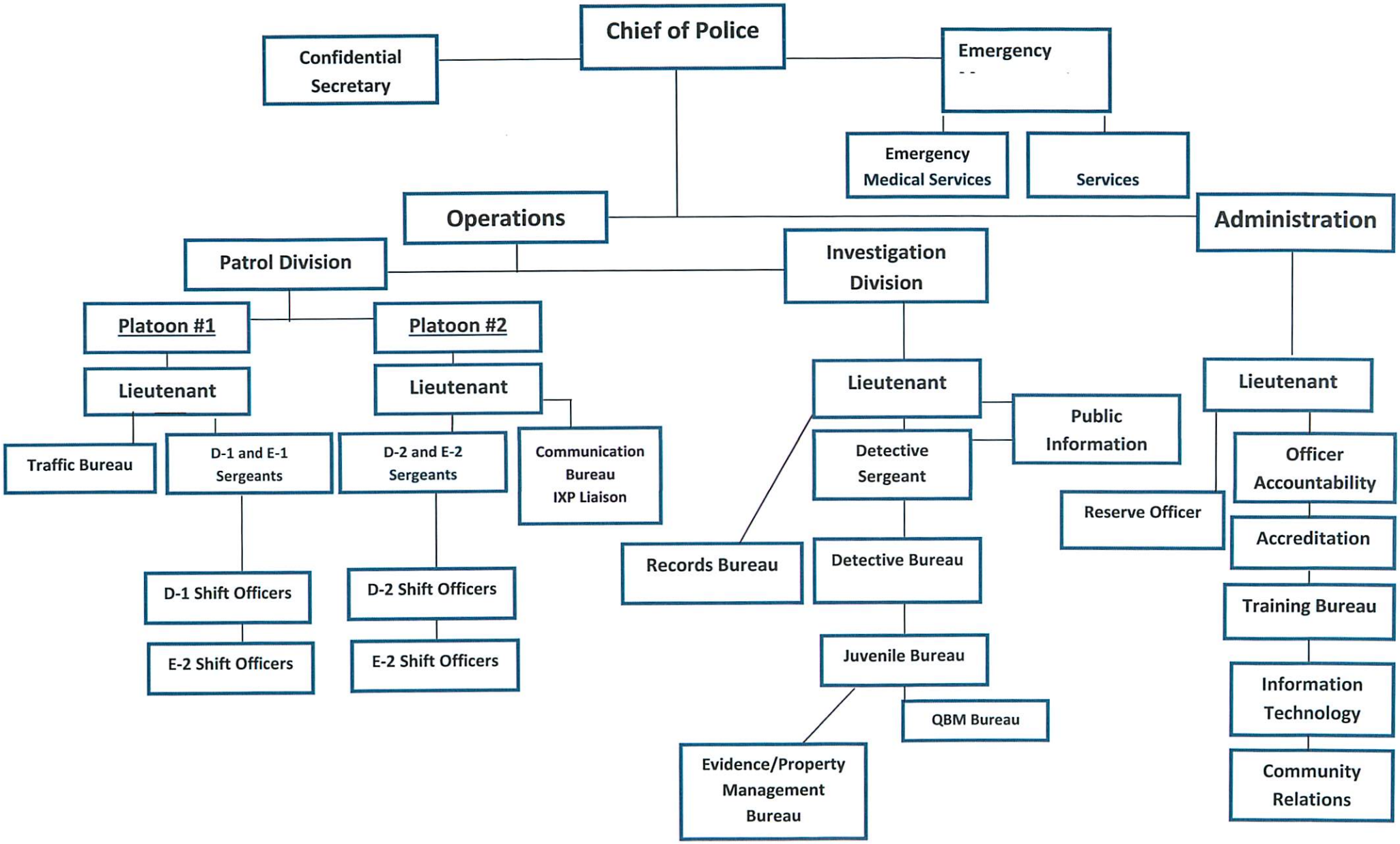
Armed Court Attendant

Mark Boyd

Lawrence Township Police Department Organization Chart



PATROL DIVISION

In 2015, the Patrol Division was commanded by Lieutenant Charles Edgar and Lieutenant Timothy Drew. On August 31, 2015, Lieutenant Edgar chose to retire after 25 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Lawrence Township. Sergeant Joseph Caloiaro was appointed Acting Lieutenant upon the retirement of Lieutenant Edgar. Each Lieutenant commands a patrol platoon and report directly to the Chief of Police. In 2015, the Patrol Division was comprised of six sergeants and 28 patrol officers. During 2015, eleven new police officers completed the Field Training Program. The Field Training Program is the formal field training new officers receive after the police academy and before they work as single officer units.

The Patrol Division continued to work a compressed work week schedule. On this schedule, officers worked seven 12-hour days in a fourteen day period. With this schedule, there are two day squads with eight officers on each squad and two evening squads with officers on each squad. Each squad has a sergeant assigned to it. There are two relief sergeants who assist the squad sergeants and cover their leave periods. Each squad has officers specifically trained as advanced accident investigators, Alcotest operators, evidence technicians, field training officers, and patrol rifle operators. The Patrol Division will continue to work this schedule in 2016.

Lawrence Township has continued its agreement with iXP Corporation to provide dispatching services for the Police Department. This agreement has been successful and has allowed the Police Department to not have to assign sworn police officers to dispatch duty, effectively giving the Police Department more sworn officers to patrol the Township of Lawrence.

The Patrol Division continues to use a civilian Armed Court Attendant to handle municipal court security. The Armed Court Attendant is responsible for security inside the court room and assists civilian attendants with exterior security issues when necessary. The Armed Court Attendant helps court staff, the municipal prosecutor and police officers in the preparation of cases for court, which is generally held three to four days a week. The creation of this position has proven to be a great asset to the Patrol Division. It enables supervisors to reassign officers who previously had to handle court room security to street patrol and other assignments that better serve the public.

The Patrol Division handled the vast majority of the 31,326 calls for service received or initiated by the Police Department in 2015. The decrease of 590 calls for service represents a decrease of approximately 2% as compared to 2014.

The Patrol Division continued to assign officers to a specific zone for an entire year. This is done so officers will become familiar with a particular area of the Township, as well as problems specific to certain neighborhoods. The assigning of officers to the same zone for a year holds officers more accountable to that area and provides officers with a sense of ownership of that area.

Officers continued to investigate many violations of Township Ordinance and Land Use Ordinance violations. The Director of Emergency Management provides assistance to the Patrol Division, following up on many of these violations and freeing patrol officers for other assignments. There were 266 investigations of ordinance violations in 2015, including illegal dumping, underage consumption of alcohol, noise violations, false alarm activations and unregistered vehicles on private property. This was a 77% increase from 2014.

The Patrol Division utilized many resources in solving quality of life issues. Police officers often interact with other Township departments in the interest of providing the best possible service to the residents and merchants of Lawrence Township. The Lawrence Township Health Department, Recreation Department, Code Enforcement, Public Works, Engineering and Planning Department, Tax Office, and Municipal Court have all provided support, cooperation and assistance in the efforts of our department. Federal, state and county agencies have also been utilized by the Police Department to provide service to residents.

The Patrol Division continued to utilize the Domestic Violence Victim Response Team (DVVRT) to assist domestic violence victims in 2015. After completion of training, each DVVRT member is able to provide informal counseling to victims of domestic violence. The DVVRT member informs victims as to what services are available to them and makes the appropriate referrals. The volunteers respond on a rotating basis to domestic violence incidents that occur in the Township. The response teams in Mercer County were consolidated into regional teams and the volunteers that respond to Lawrence Township are part of the Central Regional Domestic Violence Victim Response Team. The Central Regional Team includes members from Lawrence and Princeton Townships. The team members, along with a law enforcement liaison from each municipality, meet on a regular basis to discuss team issues and receive in-service training. In 2015, the Central Region DVVRT responded to 72 calls for their services in Lawrence Township.

In 2015, patrol officers took part in numerous hours of mandatory training in firearms, domestic violence, hazardous materials, pursuits and use of force. During these training days officers also received case law updates, diversity training, and information on subjects important to law enforcement. Throughout the year, officers attended training on such subjects as K-9 narcotics detection, drug interdiction, active shooter, human trafficking, terrorism awareness, radar instructor re-certification, fraudulent document identification, intoxicated driver detection, traffic incident management, work zone safety, internal affairs, police supervision, field training officer, prescription drug awareness, firearms and rifle instructor certification.

As in previous years, patrol officers handled traffic control for several township events including the Memorial Day parade, the 4th of July fireworks and the Red, White and Bang Kids Triathlon. Officers also assisted the Lawrence Township Public Schools and

Notre Dame High School with active shooter and shelter in place drills throughout the school year.

Below are some examples of the excellent police work done by members of the Patrol Division:

On January 23, 2015, at 8:58 AM an alert was received from the Princeton Police Department relating that a vehicle had just been stolen as it was warming up in the driveway of a residence on Rosedale Road in their jurisdiction. The vehicle was last seen heading toward Province Line Road. Officer Vardanega immediately began checking Route 206 and quickly located the vehicle entering I95. An attempt to stop the vehicle was ignored by the driver, who then accelerated and began to elude the officer. Due to the reckless driving of the car thief, the vehicle went out of control and ran off the roadway into a heavily treed area. The suspect then fled on foot. Surrounding jurisdictions were contacted and a perimeter was set up and coordinated by the Lawrence Township Police Department. Within a short amount of time the suspect was arrested in the Brandon Farms section of Hopewell Township. Further investigation revealed that the suspect was part of a multi-state auto theft ring that patrolled the neighborhoods looking for unattended vehicles that their owners left running to warm up on cold mornings.

On February 3, 2015, Officer Everist was performing patrol duties in the area of Colonial Heights. Officer Everist observed a vehicle being driven in violation of the motor vehicle code. A stop was conducted on the vehicle. The vehicle was occupied by three people and the smell of marijuana was detected in the vehicle. Initial investigation revealed that one of the occupants had active warrants for his arrest. Further investigation revealed the occupants possessed marijuana, heroin, and illegal prescription pills. A search incidental to the arrest of one of the occupants revealed $2,500 hidden in their clothing. It was learned that the trio was in route to purchase a large quantity of illegal drugs with the money. The money was seized for forfeiture proceedings. Through diligent police work a large drug sale was foiled.

On June 23, 2015, Officer Corado conducted a stop on a vehicle for a minor infraction. During the course of the stop Officer Corado detected the odor of marijuana and had the three occupants exit the vehicle to conduct an investigation. While conducting a frisk on one of the occupants Officer Corado located a loaded semi-automatic handgun in his pants. The handgun was loaded with illegal hollow point ammunition. A further search revealed a quantity of marijuana. The discovery and confiscation of an illegal firearm on a "routine" traffic stop likely prevented future acts of crime and violence.

On June 26, 2015, Officer Loveless and Officer Laux responded to a residence on a report that the male resident was not breathing and possibly suffered a stroke. Officers arrived quickly and deployed their self-automated external defibrillator (SAED) and began CPR. Using their first responder training the officers immediately began treating the patient. After arrival of EMS and paramedics the patient was transported to the hospital for further care. It was later determined by the medical staff that the patient

would not have survived or made a recovery had it not been for the quick response and fast action of the responding police officers.

During the late summer and into the fall of 2015 there was as rash of burglaries and thefts from cars throughout the southwest section of Mercer County, including Lawrence Township. On September 25, 2015, at 9:22 AM a call was received from a person working at a business on Cherry Tree Lane. The caller had witnessed four males smash his car window and attempt to steal property from inside. Once the suspects saw the caller approaching the car they fled on foot and on bikes. Officers quickly converged on the area and set up a perimeter around the Delaware and Raritan canal path, Colonial Heights and into the City of Trenton. One suspect was apprehended fleeing on the canal path. The other three males were able to elude capture. While officers continued searching the area Officer Chojnowski, who was off- duty at a family member's house in Trenton, observed the Lawrence police cars in the area and believed there must be a police incident occurring in the area. Officer Chojnowski kept a watchful eye and observed three males attempting to shield themselves from passing police vehicles. Based on his observations Officer Chojnowski called police dispatch, relayed what he observed and followed the males until on-duty officers were able to identify and capture the suspects. The males were later linked to numerous thefts from vehicles and previous auto thefts in the area.

In conclusion, the Patrol Division of the Lawrence Township Police Department is dedicated to working together with the community to provide effective and efficient services to the citizens and businesses in our community. Pro-active patrols, traffic enforcement and high visibility provide the citizens with safe neighborhoods to live and work in. Efficient and active patro-410l not only reduces criminal activity but also reduces the fear of crime. Lastly, we will continue to provide excellent services to the citizens by utilizing our core values: Honor, Integrity and Knowledge.

QUAKER BRIDGE MALL SUBSTATION

In February 1993, the Township of Lawrence and management team of the Quaker Bridge Mall signed an agreement to provide a permanent police presence at the Quaker Bridge Mall. Mall management agreed to reimburse the Township for the cost of a full time police sergeant at the mall. This agreement has remained in effect since its inception.

In 2015, the Quaker Bridge Mall continued its contractual agreement with the police department and funded a position dedicated solely to the Quaker Bridge Mall. In the past this position used to be a sergeant. In 2013, the police department began permanently assigning police officers from the Patrol Division to the mall. This agreement continued in 2015. The two police officers, who work opposite shifts, provide the mall with at least 40 hours of coverage weekly.

In 2015, Lawrence Township Police Officers Marc Poveromo and Andrew F. Lee were assigned to the Quaker Bridge Mall Bureau as Officers in Charge. While acting as the officer in charge of the substation, Officers Poveromo and Lee are responsible for handling calls for service, investigating criminal activity and preparing criminal complaints. They also respond to motor vehicle accidents, medical calls, disturbances and handle other miscellaneous requests.

In October 2015 the position of Quaker Bridge Mall Officer was transferred to the Investigation Division. This transition enabled the department to schedule the mall officers on alternating weeks. This allows the mall officer a week in between shifts at the mall to follow up their own investigations, including the more complex investigations, such as frauds and forgery. The mall officer can also be more proactive and share information from surrounding retail stores. During this transition Officer Shaun Sexton replaced Officer Poveromo as the mall officer.

Quaker Bridge Mall management requested and paid for additional supplemental patrol officers on a regular basis. These officers are paid a Special Duty Rate, which is set by Township Ordinance. The officers generally work Friday and Saturday evenings to provide additional security at the mall during peak shopping hours. Officers worked the mall Special Duty Assignment for a total of 416 hours during the 2015 year.

The Quaker Bridge Mall renovation is now complete, with a complete makeover for the interior and part of the exterior of the mall premises. Several new stores and restaurants have made the mall a premier shopping destination. The mall continues to draw a significant crowd of patrons on a daily basis, adding to its on-site population.

In 2015, there were a total of 1,377 calls for service at the Quaker Bridge Mall, as compared to 1,323 calls for service in 2014. This constitutes an approximate 4% increase in calls for service between 2015 and 2014. The police department has continued to maintain a strong presence at the mall, conducting fixed posts in and

around the mall due to domestic preparedness initiatives and terrorism prevention, as well as crime prevention.

A total of 347 criminal offenses were reported in 2015. This number represents an approximate 22% increase in reported crime at the mall, when compared to 284 criminal offenses reported in 2014. In addition, 251 adults and 72 juveniles were arrested at the mall for various criminal offenses in 2015. Officers Poveromo, Lee and Sexton as well as other officers assisted mall security in enforcing code of conduct violations, as well as trespassing violations on mall property. These combined efforts have resulted in a significant increase in safety for patrons and employees.

In 2015, there were no auto thefts or attempted auto thefts at Quaker Bridge Mall. This is the third consecutive year that there have been no auto thefts or attempted auto thefts at the mall.

One of the mall officers' responsibilities is to conduct periodic crime prevention seminars with mall merchants. The purpose of the seminars is to inform merchants within the mall of the latest crime prevention techniques, with the goal of reducing overall crime within the mall. The seminars also provide the mall officers with an excellent way to meet the merchants and develop a working relationship towards the ultimate goal of making Quaker Bridge Mall a safe environment for citizens to shop. Throughout 2015, crime prevention programs were presented to mall merchants and management. These informative programs focused on active shooter protocols, counterfeit currency identification, and initiatives to increase shoplifting awareness.

The Quaker Bridge Mall Bureau officers work closely with mall management and their security representatives. Monthly meetings are normally held with mall management and security. The meetings allow us to review past practices, brainstorm new ideas and implement new security measures to make the mall a safer place. In addition, Officers Poveromo, Lee and Sexton have a working relationship with the loss prevention officers employed by the mall's four major department stores.

In September 2015, a joint active shooter drill was conducted with Quaker Bridge Mall Security. The mock training allowed responding police officers and security officers to work together to establish communication, practice protocol and become comfortable working with each other while responding to incidents of a serious nature in a real-time environment.

The police department looks forward to continuing our customer service oriented policing style of law enforcement at the Quaker Bridge Mall in 2016 and for many years to come.

CANINE UNIT

The Lawrence Township Police Department has maintained a Canine Unit since September of 2004, when the department received a Homeland Security grant to purchase an explosive detection canine. Since that time the Canine Program has expanded to include canines certified in narcotics detection and patrol duty (building searches, missing person and article searches etc.) Officer Ronald Buchanan has been the designated canine handler and trainer since the Program's inception.

In 2015, "Ty" and "Jaxson", both Belgium Malinois, were certified after attending the New Jersey State Police Canine Academy from March 16 until June 19. During this class, "Jaxson" was certified as a narcotics detection canine while "Ty" was certified as an explosive detection canine. "Ty" went on to continue his education by attending patrol school with Ewing Township's Class Number Three (July 13 – December 16). Officer Buchanan who is also a certified trainer, assisted in training "Ty" along with Canine dogs from the following agencies: Ewing, Trenton, Ocean County, Manchester and Manalapan.

Upon returning to patrol in the Township, both dogs were placed in service. In 2015, twenty-two (22) searches were conducted for explosives, missing persons and narcotics. In addition to the actions taken for our department, "Jaxson" assisted the Mercer County Prosecutor's Special Investigation Unit and additional outside agencies alerting to the odor of narcotics, which led to the recovery of drugs and affecting arrests. One example of "Jaxson's" work, the team assisted the East Windsor PD on a search warrant. "Jaxson" alerted to a wall in the garage where a backpack containing cocaine, marijuana, OxyContin pills and paraphernalia was seized as evidence.

"Ty" has been used in response to several bomb threats received by the department in 2015. In this time of heightened alert to terrorist activity, the canines helped to safeguard our community through proactive patrols in and around the Township. The canine team frequently patrols the Quakerbridge Mall, Mercer Mall, other corporate entities in our jurisdiction and numerous self-storage facilities.

In addition to the many responsibilities held by Officer Buchanan, he is also part of the New Jersey "Render Safe" Task Force. The task force is made up of numerous canine teams from throughout the State. The primary goal of the task force is to provide security and explosive detection/protection to large public areas such as malls, schools, and other venues that could be possible terrorist targets.

Aside from enforcement, the canines play an intricate role in community policing. By attending functions that range from Community Day to school demonstrations as well as foot patrols through neighborhoods.

INVESTIGATION DIVISION

The Investigation Division is comprised of the Detective Bureau, Juvenile Bureau, Property and Evidence Bureau, Records Bureau and the Quaker Bridge Mall Bureau. A Lieutenant is the commander of the division.

The Detective Bureau is comprised of a Detective Sergeant, one part-time clerk transcriber and four general assignment detectives. The Juvenile Bureau is comprised of two juvenile detectives. The Property and Evidence Bureau is comprised of two property/evidence detectives. The Quaker Bridge Mall Bureau is comprised of two police officers.

Due to numerous retirements in 2015 and replacement officers being in the field training program, the manpower in the Patrol Division dropped to below minimal staffing levels. Because of this, the two juvenile detectives and the two property/evidence detectives were assigned to the 12 hour patrol schedule to assist in patrol duties. These dedicated detectives supplemented the Patrol Division as well as completing their assigned duties in the Investigation Division.

ADMINISTRATION

In 2015, the Investigation Division Commander was Lieutenant Joseph Amodio. In addition to supervision of all investigation division employees, he served as the Drug Task Force Coordinator, Megan's Law Coordinator, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Officer, Public Information Officer and Supervisor of the Evidence/Property Management Bureau. Lieutenant Amodio also ensured the annual investigation of alcohol beverage licenses and towing license applicants. Throughout the year, inspections are performed on establishments that serve alcoholic beverages to ensure compliance with the law and Township ordinance. Towing inspections are conducted annually on businesses that apply each September to become an authorized towing agency for the police department the following calendar year.

In 2015, Sergeant Joseph Lech was the Detective Sergeant in the Investigation Division. Sergeant Lech covers as Investigation Division commander in the Lieutenant's absence. Sergeant Lech supervises the Investigative Division personnel to ensure that cases are properly investigated and all leads are exhausted. Sergeant Lech utilizes his vast knowledge of criminal investigations to assists detectives during interviews and interrogations. In 2015, Sergeant Lech also assisted the investigation division by covering one week in a five week rotation as the detective on-call to ensure proper staffing levels.

The part-time clerk transcriber assigned to the Detective Bureau is Monica Seabridge. Ms. Seabridge performs tasks such as preparation of criminal cases for the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office, entering case management, vehicle auction and inventory control. In 2014, Ms. Seabridge prepared 280 criminal cases that were presented to the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office. A total of 934 vehicles were towed by Lawrence Township Police Officers due to motor vehicle accidents, disabled vehicles, traffic and criminal offenses. Of these 934 vehicles, 18 were not claimed by their owners and had to be investigated against

liens, re-titled and then exposed for sale at auction. These duties and other clerical tasks were performed in the past by detectives. The Detective Bureau clerk transcriber position has allowed more time for division officers to conduct their assigned investigations.

GENERAL ASSIGNMENT DETECTIVES

The general assignment detectives in 2015 were Robert Potter, Todd Caruso, Kevin Reading Jr. and Daniel Gladney. In June 2015, Joseph Radlinsky was assigned to the Investigation Division and Detective Reading was detailed to the Mercer County Shooting Response Team.

Each detective handles a variety of offenses and serves as on-call detective every fifth week. Each detective also has specialized training to develop further expertise in areas such as arson, sex crimes, computerized voice stress analysis, counter-terrorism, homicide investigation, fraud, financial crimes, interviewing, interrogation and hostage negotiations. Throughout 2015, the general assignment detectives handled 295 cases.

The clearance rate of cases for the general assignment detectives in 2015 was 51%. Cases are considered cleared when they have been solved. To be considered cleared the cases can be categorized as Cleared which is when the suspect has been identified and complaints have been signed; Exceptionally Cleared which is when the suspect has been identified but for some reason no complaint has been signed by an officer (such as the offender committed suicide, victim declines prosecution, etc.); Unfounded which is when it is discovered that no crime occurred; and Closed which is when a case that is not a crime is solved (such as a missing person is located). The 49% of the cases that were not cleared remain Open and currently under investigation or they are classified as Inactive. A case remains Inactive until further information, leads, witnesses and/or evidence is located.

During 2015, the detectives also conducted extensive background investigations to hire 5 new police officers to replace those that had retired. The investigations included interviews with family, friends, neighbors, previous employers, law enforcement contacts and credit checks. Each detective worked diligently to complete the backgrounds to recommend only the most qualified applicants for the position of police officer with Lawrence Township.

TASK FORCE PARTICIPATION

Violent Crime and illegal drugs are a major problem in our society. These types of crimes and the criminals that commit them don't know a City or a Township border. The Mercer County Prosecutor's Office, who is the head law enforcement agency in Mercer County, has spearheaded several task forces to address crime issues within the County. The Lawrence Township Police Department firmly believes that participating in regional task forces is beneficial in combatting crime where it is occurring in an effort to keep our town and its citizens safe. Our participation in these task forces in 2015 was as follows:

The Mercer County Narcotics Task Force which is responsible for the investigation, arrest and prosecution of persons involved in the sale of controlled dangerous substances and other illegal activity. Narcotics Task Force detectives engage in undercover police work, courier interdictions and highly sophisticated wiretap investigations. The scope of these investigations may focus on specific individuals, residences or areas within the county that have been identified through the collection of intelligence information. Detective Sean Kerins of the Lawrence Township Police Department was assigned to the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force in 2015. Detective Kerins also serves as the police department's Intelligence Officer. Some of the outstanding investigations Detective Kerins conducted within Lawrence Township in 2015 were:

- Detective Kerins was instrumental in assisting Plainsboro Police in a prostitution organization which concluded with the execution of a search warrant in Plainsboro and Lawrence Township along with the cash seizure of $15,000.00 and criminal charges against the defendants.

- Detective Kerins investigated or assisted in a narcotics investigation which led to the seizure of 20 pounds of marijuana, 5 pounds of edible narcotics and the seizure of $99,000.00 in cash and $35,000.00 in forfeited funds. The source town of the narcotics was West Windsor but the distribution network was tied to all towns in Mercer County.

Due to an increase in the number of shootings occurring in and around the City of Trenton during the summer months, the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office also formed the Mercer County Shooting Response Team in July of 2014. The Shooting Response Team's goal was to respond to reported shootings and interview witnesses, collect evidence and arrest violators. Law enforcement officers from within Mercer County, as well as New Jersey State Police, became part of the Shooting Response Team. Lawrence Township Detective Kevin Reading is currently assigned to the Shooting Response Team. During his time with the Shooting Response Team Detective Reading gained valuable experience, training and made contacts with many other investigators that will later benefit him as a general assignment detective for Lawrence Township.

Some of the outstanding investigations Detective Reading conducted with the Mercer County Shooting Response Team were:

- Detective Kevin Reading was the lead investigator in a shooting investigation on September 3, 2015 on East State Street in the City of Trenton where a male shot at a victim twice that shattered a bone in his leg. Detective Reading investigated the shooting and identified a suspect that was arrested and charged with Aggravated Assault and Weapons Offenses.

- Detective Kevin Reading was the lead investigator in a shooting investigation that occurred on November 22, 2015 on South Broad Street in the City of Trenton where a fight ensued. One of the assailants pulled out a handgun shooting one of the victims in the abdomen. Det. Reading continued the investigation and identified two suspects who were taken into custody and charged with two counts of Attempted Homicide, Aggravated Assault and Weapons Offenses.

- Detective Reading was the lead investigator in a shooting investigation that occurred on December 21, 2015 where two men exited a vehicle on Hancock St. in the City of Trenton fired several rounds from a handgun and struck a victim in the stomach and lower back. Det. Reading and members of the Mercer County Shooting Response Team worked diligently to identify two suspects who were taken into custody and charged with Aggravated Assault and Weapons Offenses.

It should be noted that any overtime incurred for the Mercer County Shooting Response Team was reimbursed to Lawrence Township by the County of Mercer.

PROPERTY & EVIDENCE OFFICER

The property and evidence officers are Detectives David Dalle Pazze and Mark Harmon. They are responsible for the maintenance and legal disposal of all property and evidence received by the department. Detectives Dalle Pazze and Harmon are responsible for evidence processing at major crime scenes, as well as evidence brought to headquarters. Evidence sent out to other laboratories must be documented and transported by the property officer. Detectives Dalle Pazze and Harmon also provide in-service training to evidence technicians in the Patrol Division to handle crime scene processing.

Using the B.E.A.S.T (Bar-coded Evidence, Analysis, Statistics and Tracking) computer system, Detectives DallePazze and Harmon were able to take in and properly catalog 3,865 pieces of evidence during 2015. Of the total amount of evidence taken in, 474 pieces involved narcotics or narcotics paraphernalia. A total of 784 pieces of evidence were destroyed or returned to owners during 2015. A total of 238 pieces of evidence were submitted to the New Jersey State Police laboratory for analysis. Utilizing this property management system ensures evidence integrity and control is maintained, which is essential in law enforcement. It allows for orderly tracking of evidence when it is needed for court, if it is being returned to the owner, being destroyed or sold at auction.

JUVENILE OFFICERS

Juvenile Officers are assigned all crimes and investigations committed by and against juveniles that occur within Lawrence Township. During 2015, the juvenile detectives worked the 12-hour patrol schedule on separate shifts to assist in patrol duties. This was beneficial for the department as it maintained staffing levels and allowed the juvenile detectives to investigate cases at times when juveniles and parents would be accessible. The two Juvenile

Officers investigated 142 cases in 2015. The clearance rate of cases handled by the Juvenile Officers was 88% in 2015. Juvenile detectives also handled 150 reports while working in the patrol division that would have normally been handled by police officers.

Currently, the Juvenile Officers are Detective Scott Caloiaro and Detective David Burns. These officers also participate in numerous proactive activities, conduct investigations originating in the public and private schools located within Lawrence and other youth related activities in the Township.

Both Detectives Caloiaro and Burns assisted with the Lawrence Township Safety Town which is a one-week program held during the summer recess for pre-kindergarten children. The Lawrence Township Recreation Department coordinates the program. The children are taught safety lessons with positive results.

Detective David Burns is assigned as the Megan's Law officer. In this assignment, all sex offenders required to register by law must report to Detective Burns, who also coordinates notification and exchange of information with the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office. During 2015, Detective Burns monitored ten sex offenders in Lawrence Township. Detective Burns conducts periodic inspections to ensure sex offender compliance with Megan's Law.

Detective Burns and Detective Matthew Grossi, who is assigned to the Administrative Division, conduct investigations on citizens requesting permits to purchase and carry firearms. As required by state law, all applicants that wish to purchase firearms must have a thorough background check performed prior to the issuance of the permit by the Chief of Police.

Detective Scott Caloiaro is assigned to handle the department's licensed alcoholic beverage inspections to ensure each establishment in the Township is in compliance with Township ordinance, as well as Alcoholic Beverage Commission laws. Detective Caloiaro conducts investigations throughout the year for violations of the ABC laws and the illegal selling of tobacco products to underage persons.

Detective Caloiaro also conducts annual investigations into each towing agency that applies to become an authorized tow company for the police department. Detective Caloiaro monitors the towing agencies throughout the year to ensure towers are in compliance of the towing ordinance. Any complaint made regarding a licensed towing agency is also investigated by Detective Caloiaro.

INVESTIGATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

The following incidents are examples of some investigations conducted by the division throughout 2015:

- In February 2015, Detective Kevin Reading initiated an investigation at the First Choice Bank where a suspect attempted to defraud the bank of $33,000.00 dollars by check fraud. Detective Reading was able to identify the suspect charging him Theft by Deception and Forgery in Lawrence Township. Detective Reading's investigation and information sharing uncovered that the suspect was involved in a $9,000,000.00 fraud scheme in Princeton, New Jersey and a $1,000,000.00 fraud scheme in Florida. The case is pending in Superior Court.

- In 2015, Lawrence Township as well as other jurisdictions across the country has seen an increase in Identity Thefts by suspects presenting fraudulent identification to buy new Apple IPhones using a victim's identity. The suspects pay only the sales tax and a small fee to receive the phone (valued at $800.00) while the balance is placed on the victim's account for monthly payments. In one instance of this type of crime four individuals entered the Apple Store at Quaker Bridge Mall and fraudulently obtained numerous IPhones. The Quaker Bridge Mall officer investigated and all four were charged with Conspiracy to commit Theft by Deception, Identity Theft and Trafficking in Personal Information. A total of $7,917.00 in cash was seized for forfeiture. The Quaker Bridge Mall Officers Andrew Lee and Shawn Sexton work diligently to combat crime at the mall and to adjust to new crime trends that are occurring in Lawrence Township.

- In May 2015, Detective David Burns investigated a suspicious fire that started in the Lawrence Intermediate School. Detective Burns identified a juvenile suspect who ignited the fire. Detective Burns charged the juvenile involved and the matter is being heard in Mercer County Family Court.

- In June 2015, Lawrence Township had two victims who had their purses taken while putting groceries into their vehicles. Other local jurisdictions also saw an increase in the same crimes. Detective Joseph Radlinsky was assigned to investigate the cases to identify a suspect. Detective Radlinsky identified a common scheme of the suspect's movements after the thefts and conducted extensive surveillance to catch the suspect in the act. Detective Radlinsky identified the suspect and signed criminal complaints for Theft from Person (3rd Degree Crime), Credit Card Theft and Receiving Stolen Property. The suspect avoided capture.

  On June 23, 2015, Hamilton Township put out a crime alert on a robbery suspect from a supermarket in their jurisdiction. Detective Radlinsky was in the area of Ewing Township when he observed the suspect vehicle and attempted to initiate a traffic stop. Detective Radlinsky pursued the vehicle into Pennsylvania and with

the assistance of several Pennsylvania police agencies; the suspect was taken into custody. The suspect was additionally charged with multiple counts of the following crimes: eluding, robbery, carjacking, theft from person, receiving stolen property and credit card fraud. Detective Radlinsky's relentless follow up contributed to the apprehension of this extremely dangerous suspect.

- In August 2015, Detective Daniel Gladney investigated an armed robbery and burglary that occurred in the Avalon Run Apartment complex. One suspect was armed with a knife while the second suspect ransacked the victim's residence. Both suspects ordered the victim at knife point to go to victim's friend's residence that the victim was housesitting for, that residence was also burglarized. The two suspects made the victim go to an ATM machine where the victim was forced to withdrawal money from his account. The suspects forced the victim to drive them to the City of Trenton and released him with no injury.

  Detective Gladney worked tirelessly following leads and all sources of information to develop suspects. Detective Gladney broadcast a composite sketch and surveillance photos and was able to identify one of the suspects. Detective Gladney took the defendant into custody and charged him with Kidnapping, Armed Robbery, Carjacking, Burglary, Theft by Extortion, Criminal Restraint, Terroristic Threats, Possession of a Weapon, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, Theft and Credit card theft. Detective Gladney continued to work to identity the second suspect.

- In September 9, 2015 and September 14, 2015, two more armed robberies occurred in the Avalon Run Apartment complex. Detective Todd Caruso was the lead investigator. In the first robbery, the suspect knocked on the door of the victim then forced entry as the suspect displayed a handgun. The suspect forced the victim to cash a check to withdrawal $2,000.00 from his bank account. The suspect forced the victim to take him to the City of Trenton where the suspect fled the scene. As this investigation continued, a second armed robbery occurred. The suspect knocked on the door and forced entry displaying a handgun. The suspect demanded money from the victims' but fled after being told by the victims that they had no money.

  Detective Caruso with fellow detectives and patrol officers conducted surveillance and followed up leads which led to the identity of a suspect. On October 2, 2015, Detective Caruso arrested and charged the suspect with two counts of Kidnapping, three counts of Armed Robbery, two counts of Carjacking, three counts of Burglary, three counts of Terroristic Threats, three counts of Possession of a Weapon, three counts of Possession of a Weapon for Unlawful Purpose, three counts of Criminal Restraint, three counts of Theft by Extortion and two counts of Theft. This defendant was identified as the second robbery suspect from Detective Gladney's investigation which was mentioned previously.

- On September 27, 2015, Lawrence Township Police Department responded to Rider University on a report that an unknown white male entered an unlocked dorm room and grabbed a female student's chest while she was sleeping. The female (age 21) woke up and screamed at the suspect and swung her arm at the suspect as the suspect fled from the dorm room leaving the dorm building in an unknown direction. The suspect was described as a white male, thin build, dark hair, and dark clothing. Detective Radlinsky investigated the case.

  While investigating this incident, the Lawrence Township Police Department was alerted of a similar incident that occurred on September 11, 2015, where an unidentified white male entered a dorm building and entered an unlocked dorm room then touched a female (age22) on the shoulder while she was sleeping. The female woke up and the white male suspect fled the dorm room. The suspect was described as a white male, thin build, dark hair, and dark clothing.

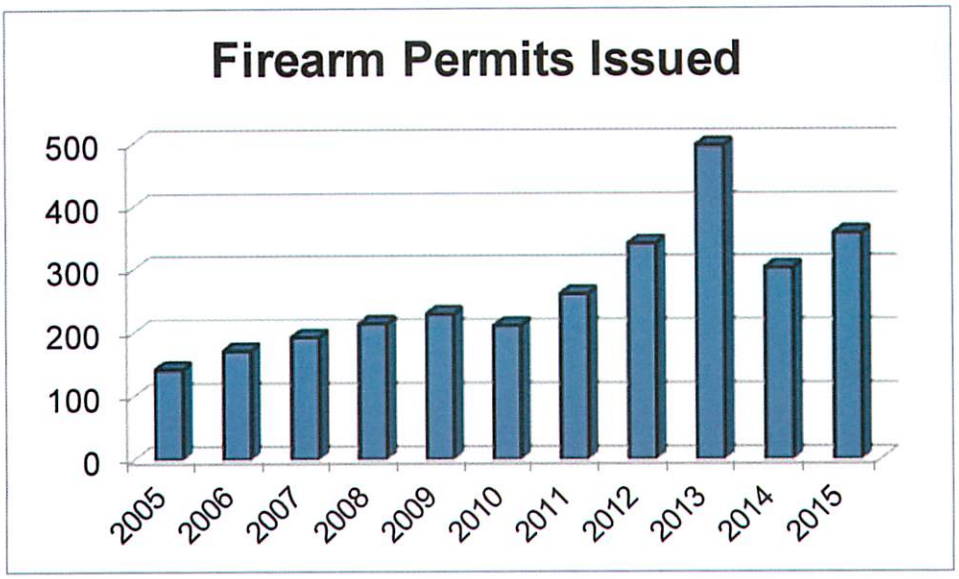
  A separate incident occurred at a sorority house on September 26, 2015, where an unidentified white male was observed walking in the hallway. A female alerted a male friend who scared the unidentified white male. A Trespassing report was taken. Detective Radlinsky worked tirelessly to identify the suspect and took him into custody on October 2, 2015. The suspect was charged two counts of Criminal Sexual Contact, one count of Burglary, one count of Harassment and one count of Trespassing. This case is pending in court.

These cases highlight just a portion of the work completed by the Investigation Division. The Investigation Division continues to analyze crime trends and use intelligence-led and pro-active policing strategies to solve crimes.

FIREARMS APPLICATIONS

Throughout 2015, there was an overall 18% increase in firearms related applications/investigations. The Investigation Division performed a background check on every applicant before issuing or denying a firearms permit. The background investigation included state and federal background checks, as well as a departmental check on the individual. Upon completion of the background checks, a report was written and forwarded to the Chief of Police for final approval. In accordance with state guidelines, every effort was made to complete an applicant's request within 30 days from receiving the completed application. The 30 day period was adhered to unless there was a need for further background investigation, which causes a delay in the application process. Below is a summary of applications for the year 2015:

APPLICATION	2014	2015	% CHANGE
Firearms Identification	52	86	65%
Permit to Purchase a Handgun	185	204	10%
Retired Officer Permit to Carry	27	38	40%
Duplicate Firearms Identification Card	33	23	-30%
Permit to Carry	2	1	-50%
Other	2	4	100%
Total	**301**	**356**	**18%**



MEGAN'S LAW

Offender Registration

Megan's Law provides for a central registry of sex offenders and a community notification procedure that requires county prosecutors to place offenders into one of three categories based on the risk of re-offense by the offender. Those categories are as follows:

Tier 1 is used when determined that the risk of re-offense is low. Notification is to law enforcement personnel only.

Tier 2 is used when determined that the risk of re-offense is moderate. Notification is to law enforcement agencies, community organizations, agencies and groups that have registered with the county prosecutor's office. All local educational institutions, licensed day care centers and summer camps that are likely to encounter the offender are notified.

Tier 3 is used when determined that the risk of re-offense is high. In addition to the notifications in Tier 2, members of the public who are likely to encounter the offender are also notified.

In accordance with the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office, the Investigation Division of the Lawrence Township Police Department follows the firm guidelines for registration of Megan's Law violators. It is the Investigation Division's obligation to fingerprint, photograph, track, and maintain meticulous files on these offenders. The Investigation Division conducts random inspections on Megan's Law offenders to ensure no violations are being committed. This information is regularly reported to the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office. The Investigation Division also maintains a master registration book that includes documentation of offenders from other municipalities in addition to offenders in our town.

The Investigation Division of the Lawrence Township Police Department processed registrations for 33 sex offenders in 2015. Over the course of the year, the actual number of registrants being tracked fluctuates. This is due to sex offenders moving, committing a criminal offense, being incarcerated or dying. As of December 31, 2015, there are currently 10 sex offenders being tracked by the Lawrence Township Police Department. Of the registrants being tracked at the end of 2015, seven are Tier 1, and one is Tier 2. Two registrants are in the process of being classified by the Mercer County Prosecutors Office.

OFFICER ACCOUNTABILITY BUREAU

The goal of the Lawrence Township Police Department is to provide the most professional police services possible to the citizens of Lawrence Township and the State of New Jersey. Honesty and integrity are paramount to this goal. The mission of the Officer Accountability Bureau is to fully and impartially investigate all complaints about police officer conduct. Lieutenant Brian Caloiaro staffed the Officer Accountability Bureau as the Internal Affairs Officer. Lieutenant Caloiaro received specialized instruction on internal affairs investigation through the Mercer County Prosecutors Office and conducted the majority of the complaint investigations. Under the direction of the Officer Accountability Bureau, an officer's direct supervisor investigates occasional complaints.

Police procedure mandates that complaints about police officer conduct be accepted 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Complaints are accepted from all persons regardless of race, color, creed, sex or handicap. Complaints are also accepted from juveniles and arrested persons, as well as other law enforcement organizations. In addition, complaints can be received in person, by telephone, mail, email or anonymously.

Complaints received about police officer conduct are generally broken down into nine categories. These categories include allegations of committing a crime, excessive use of force, improper arrest, improper entry and improper search. They also include differential treatment and demeanor complaints, as well as serious and minor rule infractions. All complaints are investigated fully using a variety of investigative techniques. During 2015, the Officer Accountability Bureau received 34 complaints about officer conduct. Those complaints are broken down into the following categories: 2 complaints alleging excessive force, 9 complaints for demeanor, 19 for other rule violations, and 4 alleging differential treatment. The results of these 34 complaints are: 4 were sustained, 9 were exonerated, 5 were not sustained and 7 cases were administratively closed (this occurs when the complainant voluntarily requests that the complaint be withdrawn). As of the end of 2015, 9 cases are still under investigation.

2015 Internal Affairs Dispositions

Type of Complaint	Sustained	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Admin. Closed	Total Dispositions
Excessive Force		2				2
Improper Arrest						
Improper Entry						
Improper Search						
Other Criminal Violation						
Differential Treatment		1	1			2
Demeanor		3	3		2	8
Domestic Violence						
Other Rule Infraction	4	3	1	5		13
TOTAL	**4**	**9**	**5**	**5**	**2**	**34**

Sustained: The investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to prove the allegation against the officer by a preponderance of the evidence.

Exonerated: The alleged incident occurred, but the were justified, legal and proper.

Not Sustained: The investigation failed to disclose sufficient evidence to clearly prove or disprove the allegation

Unfounded: The alleged incident did not occur.

Administratively Closed: Examples include situations withdraws the complaint or the subject officer terminates his or her employment prior to disposition of the complaint.

In accordance with the New Jersey Attorney Generals Guidelines on Internal Affairs, police agencies are required to publicly report when an officer has received a fine or suspension of 10 days or more. During 2015, no Lawrence Township officer received a suspension of 10 days or more.

The Officer Accountability Bureau reviews each Use of Force incident that occurs to ensure proper levels of force were utilized by the officers. In 2015, Lawrence Township police officers arrested 1,913 individuals for various crimes and offenses. An additional 29 citizens were taken into protective custody for the safety of themselves or the involved officers. Of these 1,942 arrests, officers had to use force on 40 occasions. Thirty-five of the incidents required the officers to use only physical force. Physical force involves contact with a subject beyond that which is generally utilized to effect an arrest. Examples include wrestling a resisting subject to the ground, using wrist locks or arm locks, striking with the hands or feet, or other similar methods of hand-to-hand confrontation. Five of the incidents required the officers to use mechanical force. Mechanical force involves the use of some device or substance, other than a firearm, to overcome a subject's resistance. Examples include the use of a baton or other object, canine physical contact with a subject, or chemical or natural agent. All of the 2015 Mechanical Force incidents utilized by Lawrence officers were by the use of a chemical agent (O.C. Spray/mace). None of the incidents required the use of deadly force. Deadly force is force which a law enforcement officer uses with the purpose of causing, or creates a substantial risk of causing, death or serious bodily harm.

2015 Use of Force Report

Total Number of incidents necessitating the use of Force	**40**
Total number of persons against whom force was used	40
Total number of incidents involving officer use of Physical Force	35
Total number of incidents involving officer use of Mechanical Force	5
Total number of incidents involving office use of Deadly Force	0

Another function of the Officer Accountability Bureau is to conduct random drug testing of sworn police personnel at least twice in a calendar year. The first random test took place on February 9, 2015. The second took place on August 31, 2015. During these drug tests, officer names are randomly selected and an impromptu drug test is conducted. During this year, all officers tested were negative for any use of illegal drugs. No officers were tested under the suspicion of using illegal drugs.

In conclusion, the bureau strives to ensure all complaints brought to the attention of the department will be investigated fully and impartially. The utilization of the newly installed WatchGuard in-car video cameras have assisted in the investigation of the majority of the complaints. Information gained from complaints and investigations is used to train officers, review procedures and plan for the future. Although 34 complaints were received during this past year, a review of the sustained dispositions revealed the overwhelming majority of the complaints were the result of minor rule violations addressed internally by departmental supervisors. The positive discipline brought forth from the sustained dispositions ultimately results in employees that are better able to serve the community.

RECORDS BUREAU

During 2015, the Records Bureau was staffed by one civilian supervisor and one civilian clerk. Lieutenant Joseph Amodio commanded the bureau. The Records Bureau is responsible for the storage and appropriate dissemination of the public documents generated by the police department. These include investigation reports, operations reports, traffic accident reports and traffic summonses.

The Open Public Records Act (OPRA) allows the public to obtain records to which they are entitled. As a result of this legislation, the personal information of victims and others is also protected against improper use. The Records Bureau ensures the police department is in compliance with the act.

Many duties fall under the control of the Records Bureau. One records clerk handles proper filing of investigation, operations, arrests, juvenile custody, and vehicle reports. The data developed from the investigation, arrest and juvenile custody reports are compiled to ensure proper Uniform Crime Reporting.

In 2015, 4,104 reports (investigation, operation, accident, arrest, DWI, vehicle, etc.) were filed by police officers. In addition to these reports, 369 reports were submitted by citizens via the Citizens Online Police Reporting System or Coplogic for short. Coplogic is accessed from the Lawrence Township website and is available for citizens to report incidents that are non-emergent in nature. Once the online report is submitted, a police officer reviews it and determines what additional action is necessary.

The part-time Investigation Division clerk assists the Records Bureau and handles the majority of the motor vehicle accident review, filing and court preparation. The Records Bureau clerks handle the majority of the criminal, operational and arrest reports for filing and court preparation. Each clerk assists the other with their primary responsibilities during absences. The Records Bureau handles the proper filing for each of the summonses issued by township officers in 2015.

Each day the Records Bureau clerks handle numerous requests for reports. Requests generally consist of citizens asking for a motor vehicle accident report or investigation report. During 2015, the Records Bureau handled 2,461 requests for motor vehicle accidents and investigation reports. These requests include persons walking up to the Records window, requests by phone, fax, email and those handled by mail. 634 of these requests were processed by email.

Another significant portion of the records clerks' daily assignment consists of processing attorney discovery requests. In 2015, the Records Bureau handled discovery requests on 354 traffic cases. They also handled discovery requests for 312 Lawrence Police criminal cases.

Part of the Records Bureau's duties include handling requests for fingerprinting. Citizens, most of whom work or live in the Township, come to the Police Department to be fingerprinted for a variety of reasons. In 2015, the Records Bureau handled 112 requests to be fingerprinted.

All subpoenas issued for officers through the Mercer County Superior Court, Lawrence Township Municipal Court or other jurisdictions are initially handled by Records Bureau staff. In

2015, 337 subpoenas were reviewed and logged. They were then transferred to either the Patrol or Investigation Divisions to be served on officers for a variety of court cases.

The Records Bureau staff continues to conduct general background investigations for other police departments, law enforcement agencies and the various branches of the United States military services. The Records Bureau conducts an estimated 10 to 15 background investigations per week. In 2015, Records Bureau staff completed 25 letters of good conduct backgrounds and processed the expungement of 102 records at the direction of the Mercer County Superior Court.

The clerks of the Lawrence Township Police Records Bureau are responsible for compiling the court agenda for each court session held in municipal court. This process includes obtaining offense reports, summonses and other data the municipal prosecutor will need for the preparation of each case. Court is held three days a week, with additional special sessions held on a regular basis. The majority of the court docket requires the services of the Records Bureau to "pull" the applicable records for each court case being heard. Once completed, the records must all be re-filed.

In conclusion, the Lawrence Township Police Records Bureau continues to provide the citizens of the Township, county and state with efficient record keeping and timely disbursement of all police related information.

COMMUNICATIONS REVIEW

CALLS FOR SERVICE

As mentioned earlier in this report, 31,326 calls for service were generated in 2015, which represented a 2% decrease from the 31,916 calls for service in 2014. Also during the course of 2015, there were 15,640 answered 9-1-1 calls, or an average of 1,303 calls per month. This is a 3% decrease from the number of calls answered in 2014. There were 1,351 abandoned 9-1-1 calls in 2015, a 3% increase from the number of abandoned 9-1-1 calls received in 2014. This type of call occurs when the caller hangs up prior to the communications operator answering. Each of these calls must be investigated, as some abandoned 9-1-1 calls are requests for service, but the caller had to hang up prior to speaking with the police department.

The Lawrence Township Police Department received 2,193 calls reporting alarm activations in 2015, a decrease of 83 alarm activations as compared to 2014.

There were 204 NCIC entries made in 2015. This is an increase of 40 from the 165 NCIC entries made in 2014. Additionally, there were 14 NICB entries. An NICB computer entry is made when a vehicle is recovered and towed by the Police Department and the owner of the vehicle could not be notified.

2015 COMMUNICATIONS STATISTICS

TYPE	2014	2015	DIFFERENCE	% CHANGE
CALLS FOR SERVICE	31,916	31,326	-590	-3%
9-1-1 EMERGENCY CALLS	16,066	15,640	-426	-3%
9-1-1 ABANDONED CALLS	1,317	1,351	34	3%
ALARMS (BURGLAR, FIRE, HOLDUP, ETC.)	2,276	2,193	-83	-3%
NCIC ALARM ENTRIES	164	204	40	24%

COMMUNICATIONS STAFFING

The Township of Lawrence studied the cost effectiveness of having a private company provide the dispatch services for the Police Department. As such, on April 1, 2013, iXP Corporation began providing dispatching services. This agreement has been a success; with the quality of dispatching the same or better than before and many administrative tasks no longer requiring work from a police employee. In addition, no police officers need to be assigned to work in the Communication Center as a dispatcher. For example, iXP appropriately staffs the communication center 24-hours a day. If one of their employees needs to take a day off, for any reason, iXP ensures the position is covered. iXP also has a communications supervisor working during peak times, something that could not be done with the previous dispatchers.

The on-duty Lawrence Township Police Department shift commander retains the day-to-day supervision of the communication center with the authority to direct the communication operators in their daily activities. Overall supervision for training and policy review is conducted by Detective Matthew Grossi, who is assigned as the department's NCIC/CJIS Officer, which assures the integrity of computer crime files as required by federal and state standards. Lieutenant Brian Caloiaro, the Officer in charge of the Information Technology Bureau, ensures that the radio and computer hardware are maintained.

The Lawrence Township Police Department has agreements with Mercer County regarding the dispatching of fire and emergency medical service calls. When calls for service regarding requests for fire or emergency medical services are received in the Lawrence Township Police Department Communication Center they are answered by iXP Corporation communication operators who then forward the calls to Mercer County Central Communications for the dispatching of fire and emergency medical services. The iXP Corporation communication operator then dispatches police personnel to the scene. These agreements allow for a more effective and efficient dispatching of police, fire and ambulance personnel. Mercer County Central Communications can coordinate fire and hazmat apparatus and mutual aid fire companies, as well as the response of emergency medical personnel, especially mutual aid resources, more effectively than Lawrence Township Police communications operators alone. These actions free the communications operator to direct the police response.

TRAFFIC SAFETY REVIEW

TRAFFIC BUREAU

The Traffic Bureau duties are under the direction of Lieutenant Timothy Drew, who is designated as the Traffic Safety Officer. Sergeant James Smith acts as the Assistant Traffic Safety Officer and assists in the coordination of Traffic Bureau activities. Each squad had at least one officer who is an advanced traffic specialist. This officer investigates motor vehicle accidents, conducts motor vehicle enforcement, and assists with other duties, as directed.

The supervision of the adult school crossing guards continues to be a priority for the Traffic Safety Officer. The Traffic Safety Officer conducts training for the crossing guards two times per school year, once just prior to school beginning in the fall and a refresher course conducted in January. At the present time, Lawrence Township employs 21 crossing guards. There are 18 school crossing posts in the Township. Each post is assigned to a Crossing Guard. 3 crossing guards serve as replacement guards and fill in when there are vacancies and other absences (sick, personal leave, etc.). When no crossing guard is available to man a post it is covered by a police officer.

MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH STATISTICS – 2015

Traffic crashes increased slightly in volume from 1,254 in 2014 to 1,314 in 2015, an increase of sixty motor vehicle crashes. The majority of collisions were same direction (rear end) crashes. The most common contributing factor causing the crashes was driver inattention, which was present in approximately 27% of all the traffic crashes. There were a total of 367 injuries reported in the 1,314 crashes in 2015.

In 2015, there were three motor vehicle crashes resulting in a fatality. This is a decrease from five fatalities in 2014. One crash occurred on Brunswick Pike, one occurred on Federal City Road, and one occurred on Quaker Bridge Road. Each crash and its apparent cause are as follows:

- On 3/14/15 at 10:05 PM, a 52 year old male pedestrian was improperly crossing Brunswick Pike in the area of Putnam Avenue. The pedestrian was wearing dark clothing and was struck and killed by a vehicle driving northbound on Brunswick Pike. The pedestrian's improper crossing and dark clothing were the apparent contributing factors in the crash.

- On 3/15/15 at 3:46 PM, an 87 year old male was driving north on Federal City Road in the area of Route I95. The driver lost control of his vehicle and struck three oncoming vehicles before overturning. The cause of the crash was determined to be a medical emergency experienced by the male while he was driving. This medical emergency was also determined to be the cause of his death.

- On 12/15/15 at 4:42 PM, a 54 year old male was operating a motorcycle southbound on Quaker Bridge Road in the area of Lawrence Station Road. A vehicle turning from

northbound Quaker Bridge Road onto Lawrence Station Road did not see the motorcycle. The vehicle turned in front of the motorcycle causing the collision and killing the motorcyclist.

The location with the single highest number of intersection crashes was Brunswick Pike at Franklin Corner Road/Bakers Basin Road, with 36 crashes. This is a slight increase of four accidents at this location from the prior year. The second highest intersection crash location was the Brunswick Circle at Lawrence Road, with 25 crashes. There were 56 total crashes on the Brunswick Circle and at its intersecting roadways in 2015.

The roadway with the single highest number of non-intersection crashes was Quaker Bridge Road with 38 crashes. Police officers are directed to conduct traffic enforcement activities in these areas to help prevent future crashes.

2015 Highest Motor Vehicle Crash Locations at Intersections

1. Brunswick Pike at Franklin Corner Road/Bakers Basin Road..... 36
2. Lawrence Road at Brunswick Circle..... 25
3. Brunswick Pike at Quaker Bridge Road..... 25
4. Quakerbridge Road at Grovers Mill Road..... 19
4. Trenton Freeway at Whitehead Road..... 19
5. Brunswick Pike at Brunswick Circle..... 13
6. Brunswick Circle at Brunswick Circle Extention..... 12
7. Brunswick Pike at Trenton Freeway..... 11
8. Brunswick Pike at Darrah Lane..... 10
9. Brunswick Pike at Whitehead Road..... 6
9. Lawrence Road at Gordon Avenue..... 6

2015 Highest Motor Vehicle Crashes at Non-Intersections

1. Quaker Bridge Road..... 38
2. Brunswick Pike in the area of Route 95..... 30
2. Franklin Corner Road..... 30
3. Brunswick Pike between Kelly Viaduct and Quaker Bridge Road..... 29
4. Princeton Ave..... 23
5. Trenton Freeway..... 20
6. Spruce Street..... 12
7. Carter Road..... 10
8. Lawrenceville-Pennington Road..... 8

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

The total number of motor vehicle summonses issued by our officers in 2015 was 10,574, which was an increase of approximately 9% from 2014, when 9,726 citations were issued.

Additionally, during 2015, officers apprehended 92 intoxicated drivers traveling on the roadways of Lawrence Township. In 2014, officers arrested 79 intoxicated drivers. This represented a 16% increase in 2015.

During 2015, the Traffic Bureau certified or recertified all patrol officers in the use of RADAR for speeding enforcement. Through forfeiture funding the police department was able to purchase our first LIDAR unit. LIDAR is a speed monitoring device that works off of laser technology as opposed to traditional RADAR. Four officers received training in LIDAR and are now certified in its use.

The Lawrence Township Police Department participated in "Click It or Ticket 2015" from May 18-31, 2015. "Click It or Ticket" is a campaign sponsored by the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety designed to promote and increase seatbelt usage. The Lawrence Township Police Department was selected to receive a grant to fund overtime enforcement efforts throughout the Township. During this campaign, the Lawrence Township Police Department issued 957 motor vehicle summonses, including 639 summonses for seatbelt violations. The efforts of our officers during this campaign ranked the Lawrence Township Police Department as the most productive municipal police agency in the State of New Jersey, and the third most productive agency of any type statewide.

Under the coordination of the Traffic Bureau, the Lawrence Township Police Department received funding from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety and took part in the 2015 "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign. The focus of the initiative is reducing the number of intoxicated drivers on the roadways. The campaign ran from August 21, 2015 through September 7, 2015. During the two week period officers apprehended 9 intoxicated drivers and issued 354 summonses.

The Traffic Bureau also conducted numerous traffic surveys in 2015. These surveys included the following streets within Lawrence Township: Darrah Lane, Hoover Avenue, Barnett Road, Bergen Street, Fackler Road, Lawrencia Drive, Albemarle Road, and Michigan Avenue. The results of the surveys are shared with the township engineer's office for needs evaluation for traffic calming devices or engineering changes. The results are also used to direct motor vehicle enforcement activities by the police officers.

The Traffic Bureau coordinated traffic control for the following community events in 2015: the Mercer County Fire Prevention Parade, the "Red, White and Bang" Annual Kids' Triathlon, the Colonel Hand March. The Traffic Bureau also coordinated traffic control for the Rider University graduation ceremonies, Lawrence Township Memorial Day Parade, the Princeton Health Care/ETS five mile race, and the Township's Fourth of July Fireworks.

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
Report of Accidents for 2015

Street	Total Accidents	% of Dept Total	# Killed	# Injured
BRUNSWICK PIKE	428	32.6%	1	129
LAWRENCE RD	195	14.8%	0	43
PRINCETON PIKE	71	5.4%	0	19
QUAKERBRIDGE RD	71	5.4%	1	18
FRANKLIN CORNER RD	53	4.0%	0	21
PRINCETON AVE	44	3.3%	0	14
TRENTON FRWY	43	3.3%	0	17
BRUNSWICK CIR	35	2.7%	0	14
SPRUCE ST	20	1.5%	0	4
BAKERS BASIN RD	19	1.4%	0	2
LAWRENCEVILLE-PENNINGTON RD	19	1.4%	0	3
PROVINCE LINE RD	19	1.4%	0	8
GROVERS MILL RD	16	1.2%	0	11
WHITEHEAD RD	16	1.2%	0	10
CARTER RD	15	1.1%	0	4
OUTER RING RD	15	1.1%	0	6
BRUNSWICK CIRCLE EXT	14	1.1%	0	3
ROSEDALE RD	10	0.8%	0	3
TEXAS AVE	9	0.7%	0	1
DARRAH LN	8	0.6%	0	5
EGGERT CROSSING RD	8	0.6%	0	3
LAWRENCE STATION RD	8	0.6%	0	1
BRUNSWICK AVE	7	0.5%	0	0
COLD SOIL RD	7	0.5%	0	1
KELLY VIA DUCT	7	0.5%	0	1
AVALON WAY	5	0.4%	0	1
FEDERAL CITY RD	5	0.4%	1	3
DAVE NEVIUS WAY	4	0.3%	0	0
GAINSBORO RD	4	0.3%	0	0
GREENBERG RD	4	0.3%	0	0
KEEFE RD	4	0.3%	0	2
TOWN COURT NORTH	4	0.3%	0	0
CARSON RD	3	0.2%	0	0
COLONIAL LAKE DR	3	0.2%	0	0
DENOW RD	3	0.2%	0	2

Street	Total Accidents	% of Dept Total	# Killed	# Injured
ELDRIDGE AVE	3	0.2%	0	0
LANNING AVE	3	0.2%	0	0
TOWN COURT SOUTH	3	0.2%	0	0
ALLEN LN	2	0.2%	0	0
CRAVEN LN	2	0.2%	0	0
EAST RUN DR	2	0.2%	0	0
FACKLER RD	2	0.2%	0	1
FORREST RIDGE DR	2	0.2%	0	0
FOUNTAYNE LN	2	0.2%	0	0
GORDON AVE	2	0.2%	0	0
I95	2	0.2%	0	2
JOHNSON AVE	2	0.2%	0	0
LAKE DR	2	0.2%	0	1
LAWRENCE SQUARE BLVD SOUT	2	0.2%	0	0
ONEILL CT	2	0.2%	0	0
ONTARIO WAY	2	0.2%	0	0
ORCHARD LN	2	0.2%	0	0
PEAR ST	2	0.2%	0	1
PILGRIM AVE	2	0.2%	0	0
PINE ST	2	0.2%	0	0
PUTNAM AVE	2	0.2%	0	0
SLACK AVE	2	0.2%	0	0
STRAWBERRY ST	2	0.2%	0	0
YOUNGS RD	2	0.2%	0	0
ACCESS RD (PRIVATE PROPER	1	0.1%	0	0
AMERICAN EAGLE CT	1	0.1%	0	0
BERGEN ST	1	0.1%	0	0
BONNIE CT	1	0.1%	0	0
BRIDGE DR	1	0.1%	0	0
BUNKER HILL RD	1	0.1%	0	0
CANAL VIEW DR	1	0.1%	0	0
CARNEGIE RD	1	0.1%	0	0
CARVER PL	1	0.1%	0	0
CHERRY TREE LN	1	0.1%	0	0
COLE LN	1	0.1%	0	0
DREWES CT	1	0.1%	0	0
DREXEL AVE	1	0.1%	0	0

Street	Total Accidents	% of Dept Total	# Killed	# Injured
DRIFT AVE	1	0.1%	0	0
FAIRFIELD AVE	1	0.1%	0	0
FEDERAL CITY	1	0.1%	0	0
FEILER CT	1	0.1%	0	0
FIELDBORO DR	1	0.1%	0	0
FOCH AVE	1	0.1%	0	0
GILPIN CT PARKING LOT	1	0.1%	0	0
GRAF AVE	1	0.1%	0	0
HOOVER AVE	1	0.1%	0	1
JACKIE DR	1	0.1%	0	0
JUNIPER CT	1	0.1%	0	0
KITE CT	1	0.1%	0	0
LAWN PARK AVE	1	0.1%	0	0
LAWRENCE AVE	1	0.1%	0	0
LAWRENCE SQUARE BLVD NORT	1	0.1%	0	0
LAWRENCEVILLE CEMETERY	1	0.1%	0	0
LENOX DR	1	0.1%	0	0
LITHO RD	1	0.1%	0	1
MALL ACCESS RD	1	0.1%	0	1
MERCER MALL	1	0.1%	0	0
MICHIGAN AVE	1	0.1%	0	0
MILLBROOK LN	1	0.1%	0	0
MULBERRY ST	1	0.1%	0	0
NASSAU DR	1	0.1%	0	0
NATHAN HALE AVE	1	0.1%	0	0
NEW YORK AVE	1	0.1%	0	0
NORTHBROOK AVE	1	0.1%	0	0
OFFICE RD	1	0.1%	0	2
OHIO AVE	1	0.1%	0	1
ORCHARD AVE	1	0.1%	0	0
PEACHTREE CT	1	0.1%	0	0
PHILLIPS AVE	1	0.1%	0	0
PINE KNOLL DR	1	0.1%	0	0
PRINCESS RD	1	0.1%	0	0
PURITAN AVE	1	0.1%	0	0
RENAISSANCE BLVD	1	0.1%	0	0
ROSEDALE ROAD	1	0.1%	0	0

Street	Total Accidents	% of Dept Total	# Killed	# Injured
ROSSA AVE	1	0.1%	0	1
ROUNDTREE PL	1	0.1%	0	1
SCHERER CT	1	0.1%	0	0
SCHINDLER CT	1	0.1%	0	0
SIMONELLI CT	1	0.1%	0	0
STONICKER DR	1	0.1%	0	0
STURWOOD WAY	1	0.1%	0	0
TEAK LN	1	0.1%	0	1
TENNIS CT	1	0.1%	0	0
THERESA DR	1	0.1%	0	0
TOWN CT	1	0.1%	0	0
TULANE AVE	1	0.1%	0	0
VAN KIRK RD	1	0.1%	0	1
VILLAGE PARK YEGER P.LO	1	0.1%	0	2
WELLSLEY CT	1	0.1%	0	0
WHITE PINE CIR	1	0.1%	0	1
WOODMONT DR	1	0.1%	0	0

TOTAL ACCIDENTS: 1,314 TOTAL KILLED: 3 TOTAL INJURED: 367

Office of Emergency Management

The Lawrence Township Office of Emergency Management is a branch under the Division of Police. It is tasked with exercising, maintaining and implementing the Emergency Operations Plan in the event of a manmade or natural disaster. The Office is coordinated by the Emergency Management Director, who reports to the Chief of Police and the Township Manager.

In 2015, the Office of Emergency Management had partial openings for weather events resulting from excessive snow accumulations and flooding from torrential rains. The incidents were limited and no substantial damage resulted from any of these events.

In September of 2015, the Emergency Management Director assumed the responsibilities of the Division of Fire Administrator and annexed the career firefighter staff to the emergency medical services career staff, already under his supervision. In addition, the Emergency Management Director maintains a unilateral oversight, in conjunction with the volunteer fire chiefs, of the volunteer firefighting groups. These duties include the purchase and maintenance of equipment, training of personnel, response protocols and deployment of apparatus at emergency incidents.

The Emergency Management Director also assists the Chief of Police with ordinance issues involving the enforcement of the Land Use and Local Ordinances.

FIRE DIVISION

The Lawrence Township career firefighters are Lieutenant Robert Santello, Firefighter Bryan Gibbons, Firefighter Michael Ratcliffe and Firefighter Shaun Dlabik. Prior to being employed by the township, each of these four men served with one of our three volunteer fire companies. Collectively, they have over 88 years of firefighting experience in Lawrence Township.

To best understand the operations of the Fire Division, it is important to understand the history behind it. Lawrence Township's volunteer fire companies – Slackwood, Lawrence Road and Lawrenceville – date back more than a century. Like many other volunteer fire departments around the country, the Township's volunteer ranks have steadily declined over the years. With increasing economic demands being made on families, and with 911 responses and mandatory training requirements ever growing, the reality is fewer people today are able to make the commitments necessary to be active volunteers.

The Township's first career firefighters were hired in the mid-1970s, primarily to drive the fire engines during the workweek when qualified volunteer drivers were unavailable because of their full-time jobs. This system served the township well for many years but the decline in the volunteer ranks, particularly over the past decade, led to occasions where too few volunteers responded to properly staff apparatus driven by the career members. To address concerns about adequate staffing, the Township in 2012 decided to consolidate the career firefighters into one full four-man crew to ensure a timely response to emergencies during the period when, statistically, the fewest number of volunteer firefighters are available.

Upon the retirement of the Lawrence Township Fire Marshal Dale Robbins, on September 1, 2015, the career firefighters became part of the Police Department under the Direction of the Emergency Management Director Jack Oakley.

The career firefighters work a 40-hour week, being on-duty 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The career firefighters primary responsibility is to respond to all emergency assignments (fires, traffic accidents, rescues, hazardous materials spills, natural disasters, etc.) that require a fire department response in Lawrence Township. Depending on the nature of the emergency, one or more of the volunteer fire companies is also alerted to each incident – just as they are dispatched during the hours the career staff is off-duty – but, as always, their ability to respond is based on the availability of their volunteers. With the career staff riding together, the Township is able to guarantee a prompt response from the first fire apparatus.

The career firefighters also respond to a variety of medical emergencies in the township in support of our EMS Division. Among these are cardiac arrest emergencies, motor vehicle accidents with injuries, occasions when our ambulance might have an extended response time back to town after transporting a prior patient to one of the area hospitals, and those times when our EMS staff is already committed to an assignment and a mutual aid ambulance from another municipality is needed to handle the call within the Township.

The career firefighters work closely with the volunteer fire companies, both during emergency scene operations and routine operations and training. When vacancies arise among the career staff due to sickness or vacation leave, volunteer firefighters from the three township

fire companies are hired on a per diem basis to maintain a full daytime staffing.

The career regular duties include, among other tasks, running and checking fire apparatus, including exercising pumps and ladders; running (and refueling as needed) saws, fans, extrication equipment and other power tools; checking all breathing apparatus components and oxygen cylinders and refilling those cylinders found to be low; washing apparatus as needed; repacking hose on apparatus; and making minor repairs to apparatus and equipment, replacing faulty pump valves, etc. Reports on apparatus condition are regularly made to the Lawrence Township Department of Public Works, and all serious problems involving fire apparatus are handled by Public Works mechanics or outside repair facilities.

Two of the career firefighters completed the four-day National Highway Transportation Authority's standardized Child Passenger Safety (CPS) training program and possess valid certification as CPS technicians. Working together with our EMS Chief, who is also a trained CPS technician, these firefighters in 2015 completed 20 child car seat installations and/or inspections for parents, expectant parents, grandparents and other caregivers from throughout Lawrence Township. They also worked alongside CPS technicians from the Mercer County Sheriff's Office to complete a total of 26 car seat checks during a CPS event held at St. Lawrence Rehabilitation Center on Saturday, June 6, 2015.

During 2015, the career firefighters responded to a total of 474 emergency assignments, which was a 38-percent increase over the 343 emergency assignments handled by the career staff during 2014. The breakdown by category of 2015's emergency assignments was as follows:

127	**Fire Alarm Activation/Investigation**	**8**	**Structure Fire**
123	**Assist Emergency Medical Service**	**6**	**Rubbish Fire**
52	**Motor Vehicle Accident**	**4**	**Assist Police**
41	**Gas leak/Odor**	**4**	**Hazardous Materials Spill/Incident**
31	**Smoke Condition**	**3**	**Assist Citizen**
18	**Carbon Monoxide Incident**	**3**	**Elevator Rescue**
14	**Vehicle Fire**	**2**	**Domestic Entrapment**
13	**Hazardous Condition**	**2**	**Search**
11	**Water Leak Dewatering**	**1**	**Heater Fire**
10	**Brush/Mulch Fire**	**1**	**Industrial Rescue**

Included in the above statistics are 10 mutual aid assignments for emergencies outside Lawrence Township: three in Ewing Township, three in Hopewell Township, two in Hamilton Township, one in Trenton and one in Princeton.

Also during 2015, the career firefighters accomplished the following:

- made age-appropriate fire safety/prevention presentations to 704 preschool, and elementary aged children at elementary schools, preschools and daycare centers in town
- installed new batteries in 29 smoke/carbon monoxide detectors for elderly township residents
- participated in a variety of community events, including Project Prom Prom (the annual

drunk driving awareness/motor vehicle crash simulation staged for students on the morning of Lawrence High School's senior prom); Lawrence Middle School's Career Day; the Township's Take Your Child To Work Day; Safety Town; and the parade and open house held in honor of the 100th anniversary of Lawrenceville Volunteer Fire Co.

Among mandatory training refreshers completed by the career firefighters in 2015 were Bloodborne Pathogens, Hazard Communication (Right to Know), Respiratory Protection, Confined Space Awareness, Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), First Responder EMS, SCBA Fit Testing, and two live fire training exercises staged in the burn building at the Mercer County Fire Academy. Topics for other in-house training held during the year included wall breaching and forcible entry, drafting, ropes and knots, and the operation and maintenance of the newest piece in Lawrence Township's fleet of fire apparatus, a Seagrave ladder truck with 105-foot aerial purchased by the Township and housed at the Slackwood Volunteer Fire Company.

Career firefighters also attended educational classes/seminars on topics such as railroad derailments; tactics for fighting strip mall fires; fast food restaurant firefighting tactics; school bus motor vehicle accidents; fire detection and suppression systems. Pre-fire planning tours/walkthroughs were conducted at locations such as Bristol-Myers Squibb, Educational Testing Service, Lawrence Commons, Morris Hall Meadows, Chapin School, and the Boys & Girls Club of Mercer County.

Below are some examples illustrating the variety of tasks performed by the Fire Division:

- **April 17, 2015, 2 p.m. – Gas Leak.** Career staff evacuated Building 9 of Avalon Run Apartments and checked several units for natural gas after electrical contractors digging trench ruptured a two-inch gas pipeline. Firefighters helped three residents remove pets from effected apartments while PSE&G personnel worked to secure gas leak.
- **June 8, 2015, 8:30 a.m. – Structure Fire.** Career staff arrived first-due to home on Teak Lane to find smoke showing from garage. Fire had originated in ceiling of garage and spread into subfloor of second-floor bathroom. Career staff backed apparatus down driveway, raised aerial to roof, and stretched hoseline into home to attack fire. Township volunteer fire companies and crews from Ewing, Pennington and Princeton helped with operations.
- **July 6, 2015, 8:46 a.m. – Structure Fire**. Career staff arrived first-due to working fire in first-floor office suite of building in 3300 block of Brunswick Pike. Career firefighters advanced hoseline into structure and encountered heavy smoke in suite, with flames visible from ceiling. Supply hose laid to hydrant by mutual aid Hamilton fire crew. Fire extinguished, with damage limited to area of origin. Township volunteers assisted with smoke removal.
- **Aug. 25, 2015, 4:18 p.m. – MVA**. While returning from an earlier assignment (smoke in residence caused by unattended cooking), career staff came upon scene of motorcycle vs. tree accident. Career firefighters provided care and initiated cervical immobilization of 21-year-old motorcyclist who suffered spinal injuries and was left unconscious by crash. Career staff also helped township EMS crew prepare patient for transport to trauma center.

- **Oct. 23, 2015, 10:07 a.m. – Search**. Career staff, volunteer firefighters and state police helicopter helped township police with search for a 73-year-old blind Alzheimer's patient reported missing from his home in Lawrence Square Village since previous afternoon. Searches made of development, surrounding wooded areas, and nearby park. Career staff provided initial medical care after police officer found man found alive in woods near retention basin.
- **Nov. 18, 2015, 3:36 p.m. – MVA/Rescue.** Career staff extricated 74-year-old woman from wreckage after she accidentally drove her car through rear wall of her own garage. Vehicle passed through utility room and into living room, with rear wall of residence. Water heater, furnace, ceiling joists and other debris ended up atop car, trapping woman in car. Career staff managed to shift enough debris to safely remove woman from car.
- **Nov. 25, 2015, 9:20 a.m. – Structure Fire.** Career staff arrived as first-due crew to find smoke showing from basement of Eldridge Avenue home. Firefighters advanced hoseline into home and encountered heavy fire. Fire quickly extinguished, with damage contained to laundry area. One career firefighter suffered ankle injury when he fell into sump pump pit while maneuvering in zero-visibility environment to ventilate basement window.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

The Lawrence Township Emergency Medical Services is a branch of the Lawrence Township Police Department. In 2015, Lawrence Township EMS was comprised of one supervisor, eight fulltime and utilized twenty-five per-diem personnel to fill vacancies due to scheduled time-off, sickness and training. These individuals are highly skilled in patient care and have experience in various other disciplines such as paramedics, firefighting, and rescue and disaster management.

The medical division has a fleet of three basic life support ambulances and one first responder vehicle. Each ambulance is staffed with a two person crew which holds a minimum certification level of EMT. Several of our staff has acquired the advanced level certification of Paramedic. The Lawrence Township EMS maintains one ambulance in service on a 12 hour shift rotation, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

In 2015 Lawrence Township EMS answered 3,236 medical calls within Lawrence Township and surrounding communities under the Mercer County Mutual Aid Agreement. The nature of these calls ranged from stable to very severe and included over 169 cardiac arrests, 56 strokes, 60 altered mental status,79 seizures, 13 diabetic emergencies, 33 overdoses, 1 drowning, 37 traumatic injuries, 264 motor vehicle crashes, 16 motor vehicle crashes with rescue , 1 childbirth, 6 fires, 48 assists to the Lawrence Township Fire Departments and multiple stand-bys during Lawrence Township Police Department calls for service.

In 2015 Lawrence EMS logged over 200 hours of training and education which included, the new highway incident management safety course and the new spinal immobilization standards. The Division has also continued training in Epinephrine administration for severe, critical anaphylactic reactions, recognition of STEMI cardiac situations and new onset stroke symptoms with the Cincinnati stroke scale. The early recognition of these critical emergencies has resulted in these patients being transported to the most appropriate, definitive care facility to receive the highest quality care for their specific emergency. Another added training certification for the Division has been child safety/ car seat installation instruction for residents. This has allowed residents to have their child's car seat not only inspected for any problems or recalls, but also have installed by a certified technician to assure the highest safety standard for children during travel.

The Medical Division has handled several township events with stand -by ambulance crews for the possibility of needed medical care. These events have included the Memorial Day Parade, the 4th of July fireworks, the Red White and Blue kid's triathlon, National Night Out and the Township Open House. We have also been a part of Lawrence Township's Safety Town and the yearly Project Prom drill held at Lawrence High School.

Below are some examples of the outstanding EMS work done by the members of the Lawrence Township EMS:

- In the evening of July 4, 2015, an 8 year old boy suddenly sank to the bottom of the pool in cardiac arrest. The quick reactions of emergency services people attending the party and the rapid response of our EMS duty crew, provided early onset pre-hospital care which resulted in the child regaining pulses and spontaneous breathing. The child has recovered and has returned to school. Due to the professional and heroic actions of those involved in this potentially tragic incident, the child's life was saved.

- On the night of November 2, 2015, Lawrence EMS was summoned to an elderly female complaining only of feeling congested and only wishing to be "evaluated by EMS". It was only through the extensive assessment and questioning utilized by the experienced crew that it was determined that she was having a major cardiac event. The patient was rapidly treated and transported to a cardiac hospital where she ultimately received surgical procedures to correct her cardiac issues. The ability of the EMS crew to recognize and react to the patient's vague responses, resulted in her transport to the most appropriate medical facility for her to receive the best definitive care.

These are just limited examples of the professional and dedicated service that the Lawrence Township Emergency Medical Service provides the citizens and visitors of Lawrence Township on a daily basis.