

Lawrence Township Police Department

ANNUAL REPORT 2016



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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 2016 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 2016. 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

After many high profile incidents occurred throughout the Country involving police-citizen interactions, the Lawrence Township Police Department set as one of our goals for 2016 to improve the manner in which we interact with those we police. This was accomplished by officers conducting non-enforcement activities in our community. Our efforts consisted of encouraging officers to get out of their patrol cars and meet with citizens and business owners and to hold several community events to engage the Community. Those events were:

- A Community Egg Hunt in March at Lawrence Township Central Park where over 2,000 eggs were spread out in the fields. The event was well attended with gifts for all that participated.
- A Youth Police Academy was held in July. The academy was geared towards High School aged students in an effort to provide its participants with firsthand knowledge of the duties and responsibilities that are required of a Police Officer. The Academy involved classroom activities, hands on techniques and police demonstrations. The Academy also helped to build self-confidence and discipline in its participants as well as prepare them for a career in law enforcement.
- National Night Out-“Americas Night Out against Crime” was held in August at the Municipal Building. The annual event provided food, music, children’s activities and a resource for community partners to provide information to our residents.
- Trunk or Treat was held at Lawrence High School in October. The successful event was held indoors due to inclement weather but it did not stop the parents and children in our community from coming out and filling their bags with their favorite sweets.
- Our officers made 1,558 documented citizen and business contacts throughout the year. During these contacts the resident or business owner could share any concerns with the officers. These positive contacts result in the officers and the public getting to know each other better.

The police department remained at 58 sworn officers which was the same level as 2015. There was one promotion and four newly trained officers began to patrol the community. Bringing a total of 16 new officers hired and trained in the previous 28 months and 10 newly promoted officers in the past 36 months. 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 2016.

Throughout 2016, the Lawrence Township Police Department initiated or responded to 34,916 calls for service. This is an 11% increase in the number of calls for service compared to 2015 when 31,326 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 2016, there was relatively no change in reported UCR crimes in Lawrence Township. There were 834 reported UCR crimes in 2016 compared to 830 reported crimes in 2015.

In 2016, 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 narcotics arrests and traffic enforcement posts being conducted. During this calendar year, we experienced the following:

- 60 reported Burglaries are the lowest in over 30 years
- 14 reported Motor Vehicle Thefts are the lowest in over 30 years
- 108% increase in Traffic Enforcement of Commercial and Passenger Vehicles
- 39% Increase in Speeding Summonses

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 2016, Lawrence Township Police Officers arrested persons wanted on warrants a total of 841 times, 354 of these warrant arrests resulted from traffic stops and suspicious person investigations initiated by our officers. The total number of arrests made by our officers in 2016 was 1,439; this is approximately 25% less than the 1,913 arrests made in 2015, which indicates our crime reduction strategies are working.

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 2016, Lawrence Township police officers seized over 260 motor vehicles and over \$99,000.00 in cash. All of these vehicles were impounded at the Police Department, inventoried and investigated whether they should be forfeited pursuant to law. All of the cash and several of the vehicles were sent to the Mercer County Prosecutors Office for civil forfeiture proceedings. Those vehicles that were not forfeited were returned to their owners after an administrative fee was received pursuant to Lawrence Township ordinance. In 2016, over \$92,000 of funds received from forfeiture and the administrative fees were utilized by the police department to purchase the following equipment: police vehicles and equipment, weapons and accessories, law enforcement accreditation and Leads on Line (an on-line investigation system). All of these purchases were made without any cost to the Lawrence Township taxpayer.

Despite the low crime rate, Lawrence Township experienced an increase in motor vehicle crashes. In 2016 officers investigated 1,438 crashes which is a 9% increase in the number of motor vehicle crashes in 2015 which was 1,314. This marks a second straight year that motor vehicle crashes increased in the Township. In 2015 there was a 5% increase in crashes compared to the 1,254 crashes that occurred in 2014. Brunswick Pike (Route 1) continues to be the street with the highest number of motor vehicle crashes.

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 2016 the Lawrence Township Police Department investigated 177 cases of domestic violence, which is a 12% decrease from the 201 domestic violence cases investigated in 2015. 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 49 victims of Domestic Violence in 2016.

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 2016 the Lawrence Township Police Department collected 876 pounds of medications in our drop box. This amount exceeded 2015's total of 652 pounds and 2014's total of 551 pounds of medications. In the three years the program has existed, over one ton of medications have been collected and properly destroyed.

The Lawrence Township Police Department provided assistance to the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office and the Trenton Police Department in 2016 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.

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.

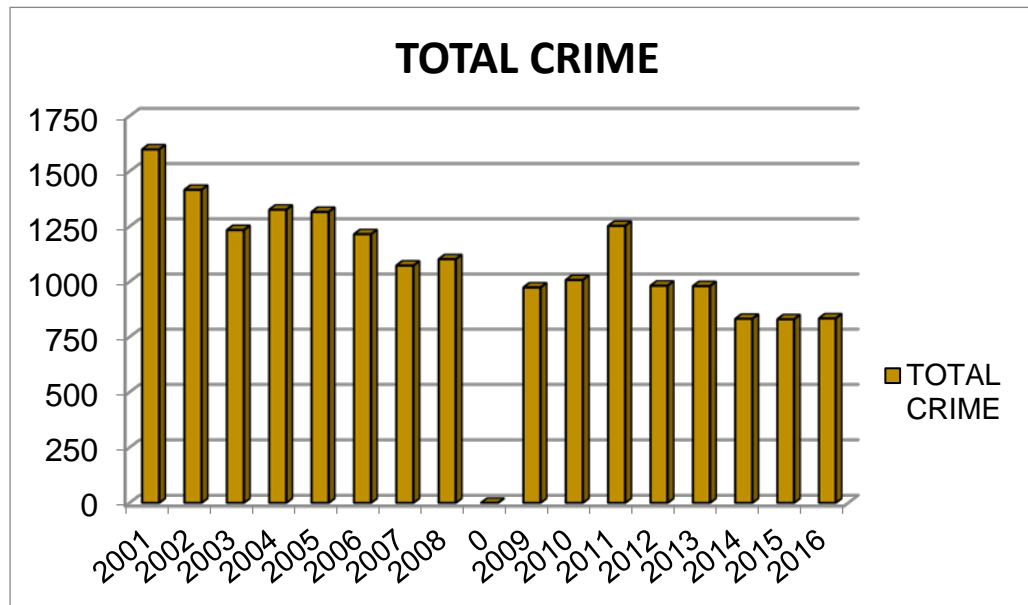
Throughout 2016, the police department worked tirelessly to ensure quality service to our citizens regardless of the nature of the problem, time of day, weather conditions or other factors uniquely present in each citizen's need for police service.

Moving into 2017, the police department is confident we will continue our track record of providing excellent police service. Achieving Law Enforcement Accreditation, reducing motor vehicle crashes, building stronger community ties and improvement in all areas of operation is the goal for the upcoming year. The Police Department's progress in receiving accredited status is outlined in the Accreditation section of this report.

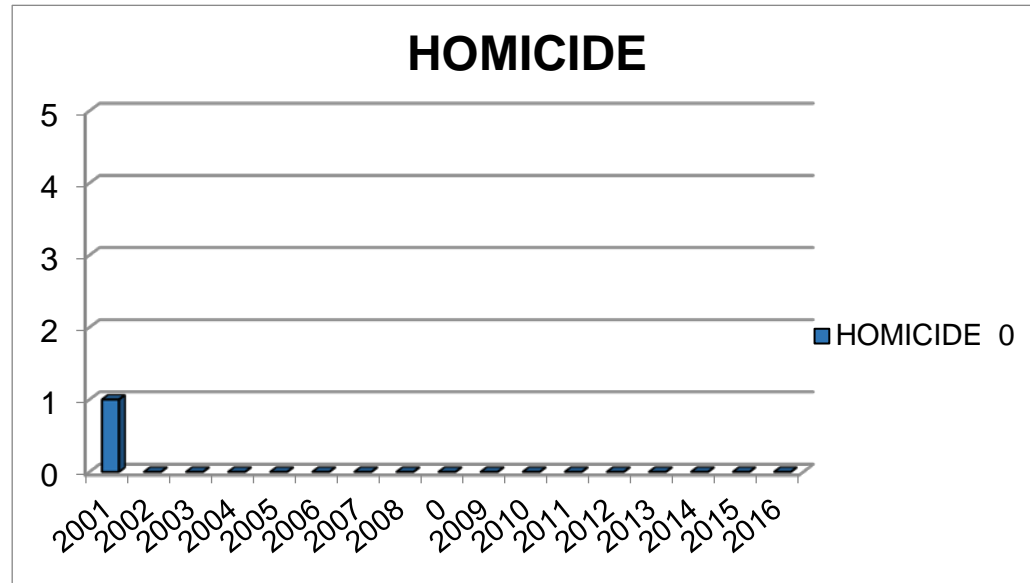
LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME STATISTICS

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES (UCR)	YTD	YTD	% CHANGE
	2015	2016	
HOMICIDE	0	0	0%
RAPE	3	5	67%
ROBBERY	16	17	6%
ASSAULT	112	146	30%
BURGLARY	61	60	-2%
LARCENY-THEFT	618	592	-4%
MV THEFTS	20	14	-30%
ARSON	0	0	0%
TOTAL	830	834	0%
CALLS FOR SERVICE			
Accidental Injury (On Duty)	14	15	7%
Accidental Injury	4	6	50%
Alarms	2193	1994	-9%
All Other Offenses	80	112	40%
Criminal Mischief	83	68	-18%
Disorderly Conduct	6	4	-33%
Disturbances- Domestic	60	60	0%
Disturbances	168	176	5%
Domestic Violence	201	177	-12%
DWI	92	85	-8%
DV Response Team Assignment	72	49	-32%
Escorts- Prisoner	250	222	-11%
Escorts- Other	15	44	193%
Fixed Posts	378	759	101%
Forgery and Counterfeiting	22	30	36%
Fraud	77	66	-14%
Harassments	117	150	28%
Hazards (Total)	606	711	17%
Health (Total)	273	265	-3%
Internal Investigations	34	47	38%
Investigations	523	479	-8%
Liquor Laws	0	16	****
Mischievous Children	32	23	-28%
Missing Persons	30	44	47%
Narcotic Drug Laws	140	214	53%
Noise Abated (Total)	218	210	-4%
Prisoner Detention - Ill	78	88	13%
Property Damage (Total)	60	83	38%
Receiving Stolen Property	28	19	-32%
Recovered Property	108	154	43%
School Posts	302	93	-69%
Sex Offenses	3	7	133%
Shoplifting	281	257	-9%
Suspicious Persons	639	595	-7%
Traffic Enforcement	376	648	72%
Traffic Stops-Commercial Vehicles	172	497	189%
Traffic Stops	8048	7731	-4%
Trespassing	30	25	-17%
Violation of Twp. Ordinance	266	137	-48%
Warrant Arrest	966	841	-13%

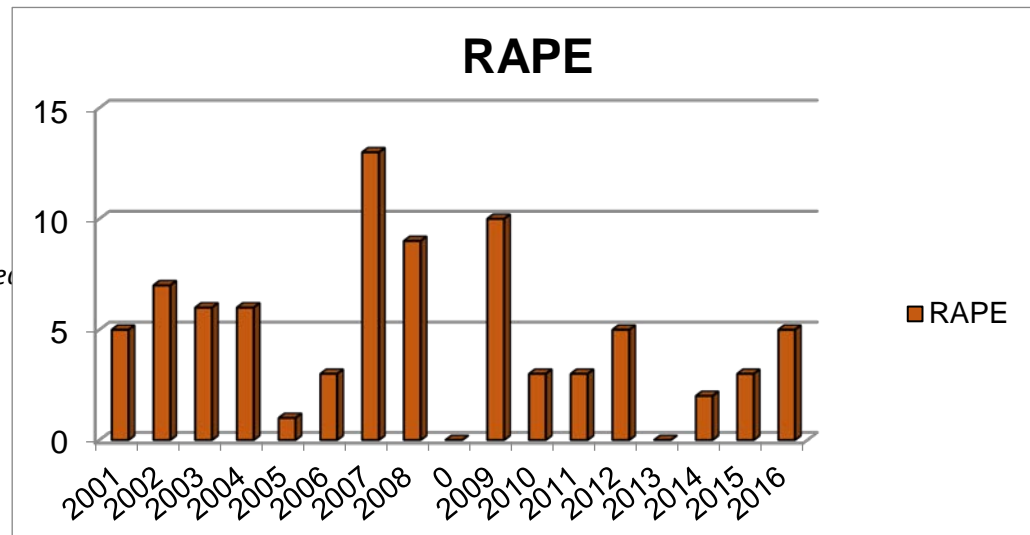
CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES (UCR)	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
HOMICIDE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RAPE	5	7	6	6	1	3	13	9	10	3	3	5	0	2	3	5
ROBBERY	41	33	27	18	17	27	19	19	19	19	23	19	28	20	16	17
ASSAULT	221	248	208	200	235	161	159	175	148	151	192	169	148	125	112	146
BURGLARY	257	157	135	137	118	127	96	110	96	93	131	95	94	74	61	60
LARCENY-THEFT	881	865	774	883	885	843	730	735	656	717	874	668	673	586	618	592
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS	185	102	82	77	57	47	52	46	31	16	28	23	36	24	20	14
ARSON	8	4	2	5	3	7	4	8	14	9	2	3	1	1	0	0
TOTAL	1599	1416	1234	1326	1316	1215	1073	1102	974	1008	1253	982	980	832	830	834



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.

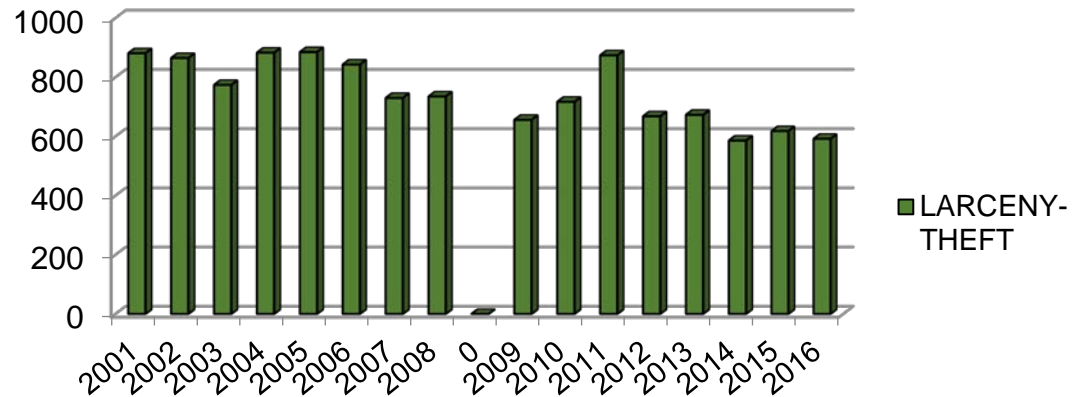


Definition: Forcible rape, as defined in the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, is the Penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim. Assaults and attempts to commit rape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

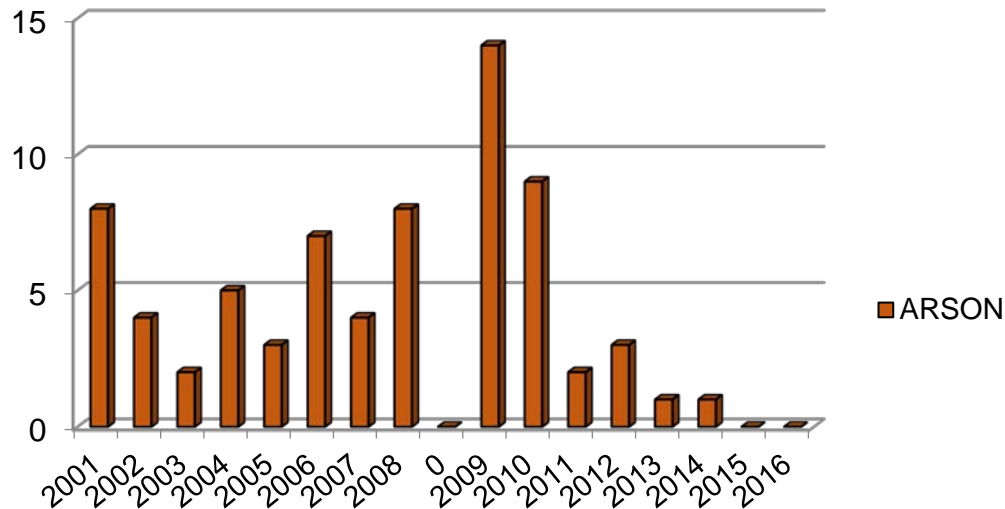


Definition: The UCR Program defines larceny-theft as the unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. Examples are thefts of bicycles, motor vehicle parts and accessories, shoplifting, pocket-picking, or the stealing of any 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.

LARCENY-THEFT



ARSON



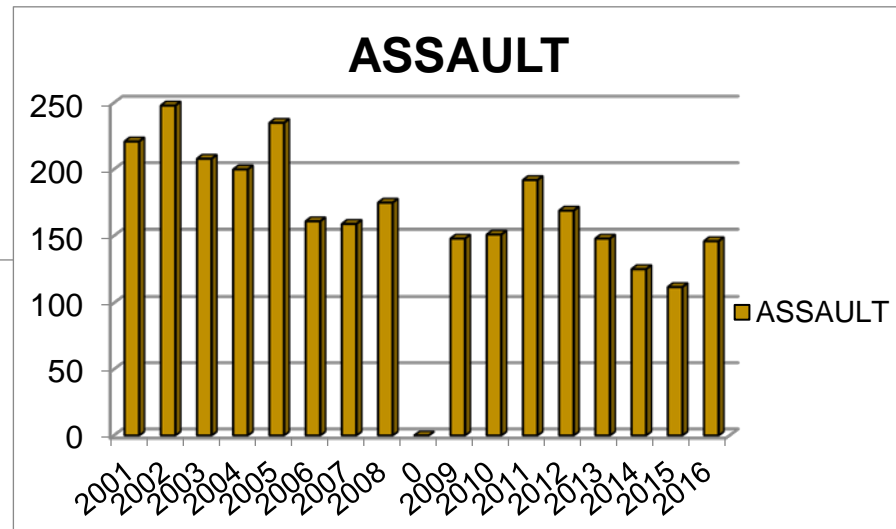
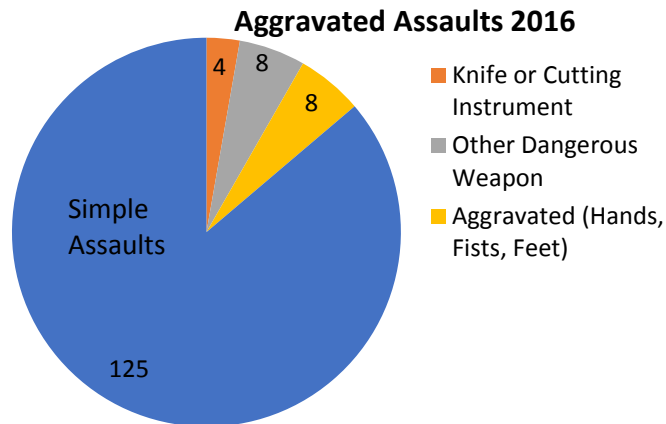
Definition: The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program defines arson as any willful or malicious burning or attempting to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

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.

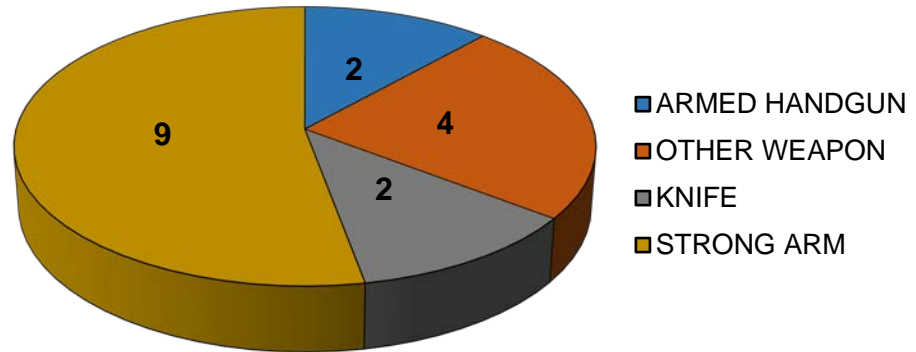
Definition: The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)

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.

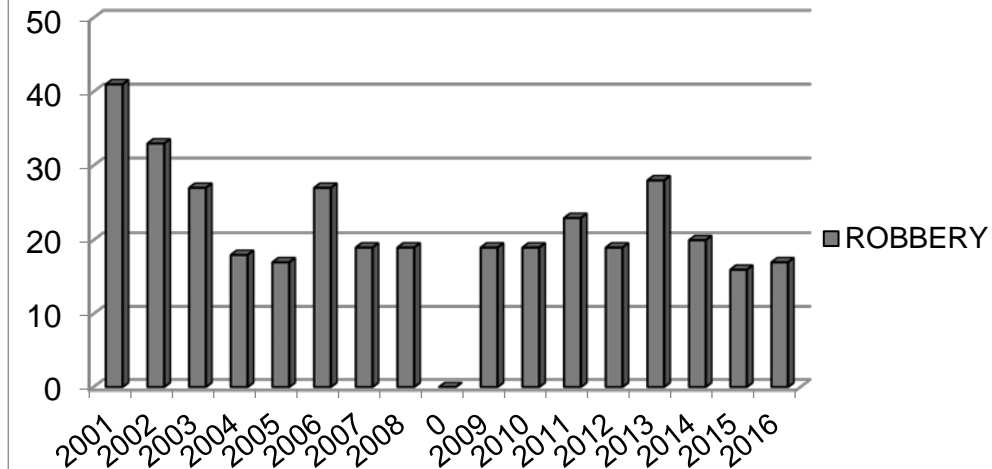


Definition: The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program defines robbery as the taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

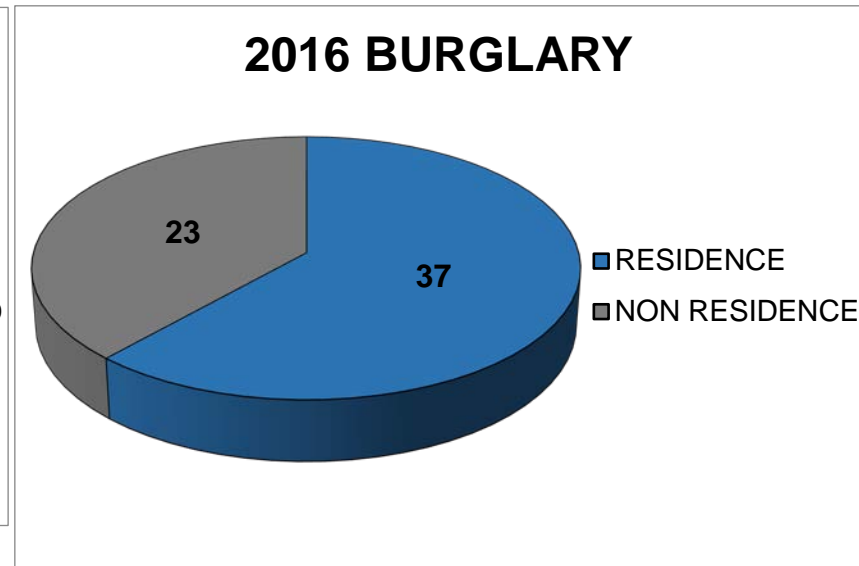
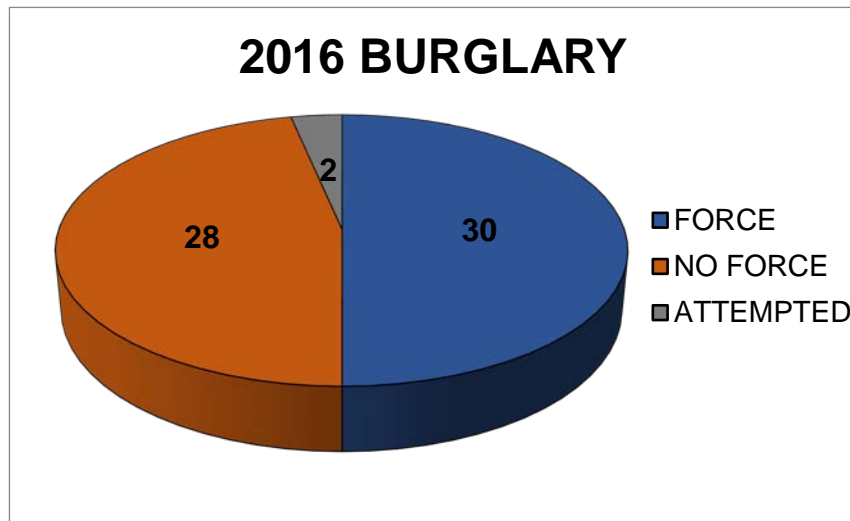
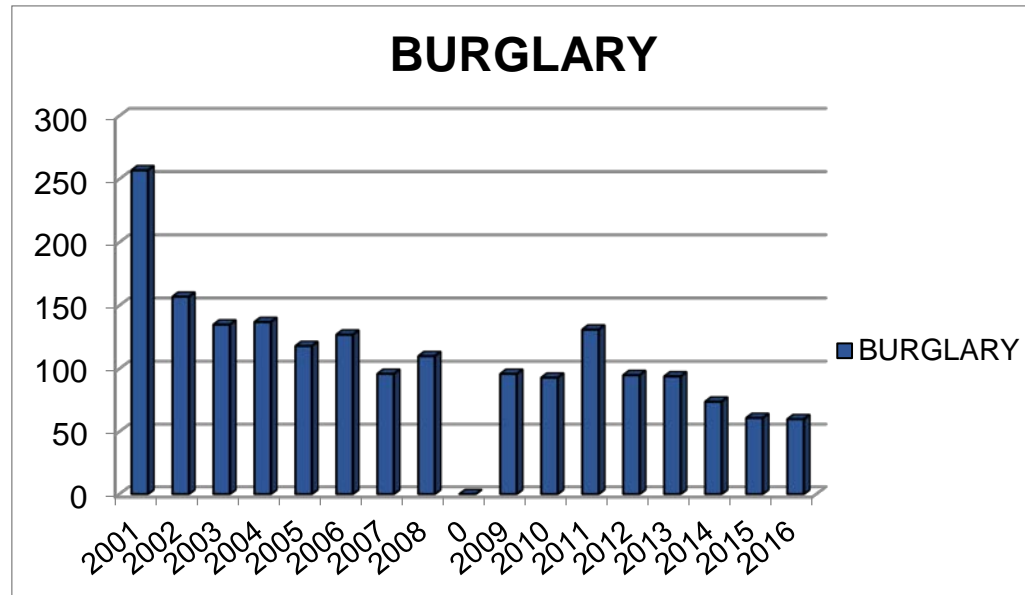
2016 ROBBERY



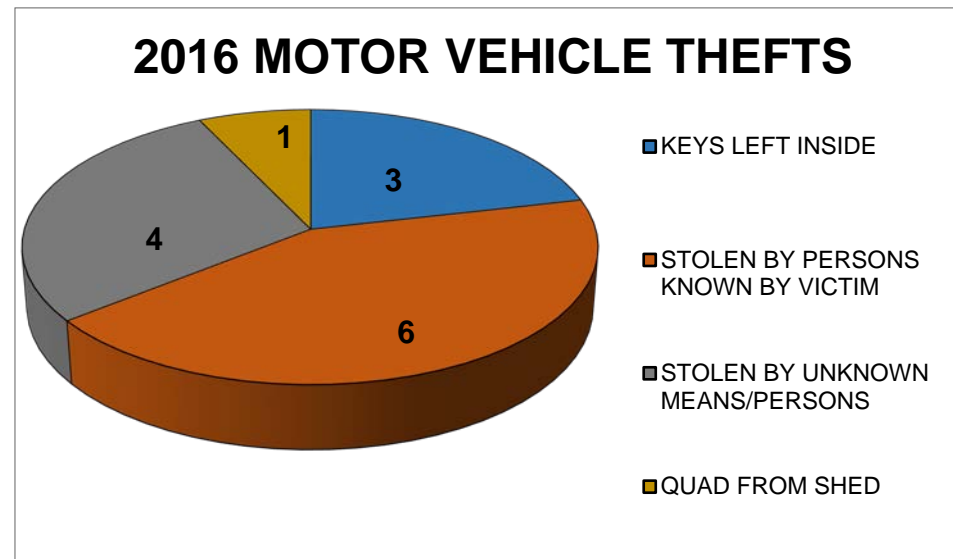
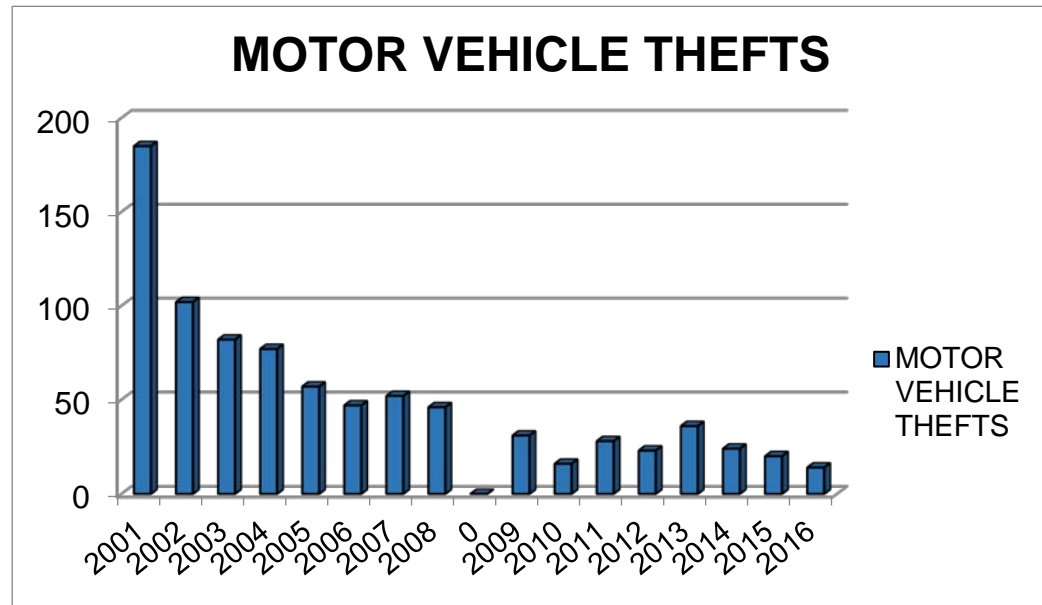
ROBBERY



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)



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.



PERSONNEL

As of December 31, 2016, the Lawrence Township Police Department employed fifty-eight (58) sworn Police Officers, one armed court attendant who is an hourly employee, one (1) Secretary, one (1) Administrative Clerk and two (2) Account Clerks one of which is a part time employee. The Department has eighteen (18) Crossing Guards and two (2) 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 July of 2016, Sergeant Joseph Caloiaro was promoted to Lieutenant. Lieutenant Caloiaro had been serving as an Acting Lieutenant since the retirement of Lieutenant Charles Edgar in September of 2015.

The Department had two retirements in 2016, Police Officer James Vardanega chose to retire in May and Records Bureau Clerk Carolyn Brehm retired in June.

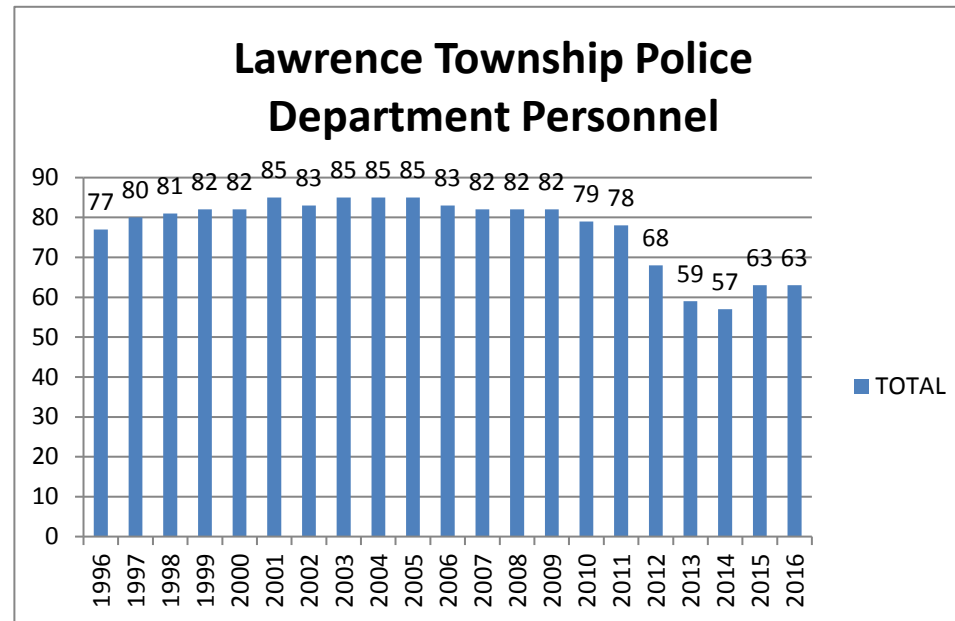
Police Officer Steven Austin was hired to replace Officer Vardanega. Officer Austin transferred to the Lawrence Township Police Department from the City of Trenton Police Department. Officer Austin is assigned to the Patrol Division. Mary Martinette was hired in October of 2016 to replace the vacancy when Ms. Brehm retired. Ms. Martinette is assigned to the Records Bureau.

Police Officers Shane Hickey, Piotr Bystrek and Richard Lamont graduated from the Mercer County Police Academy in April of 2016. They were hired at the end of 2015 to fill vacancies created by 2015 retirements. Officers Hickey, Bystrek and Lamont are currently assigned to the Patrol Division.

No Police Department employee has announced any plans to retire in 2017. Looking beyond 2017, the Department will have several officers eligible to retire and the trend will continue over the next several years.

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Classification	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Sworn Officers	64	66	66	67	68	70	70	70	70	70	68	68	69	69	67	65	58	55	53	58	58
Dispatchers	7	8	9	9	8	9	7	9	9	9	9	9	8	8	8	9	6	0	0	0	0
Armed Court Attendant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Civilians (Full Time)	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	4	3	3	3	2	3	3
Civilians (Part Time)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	1
TOTAL	77	80	81	82	82	85	83	85	85	85	83	82	82	82	79	78	69	60	58	63	63



2016 Personnel

Lawrence Township Police Department Roster as of December 31, 2016

Chief of Police

Mark Ubry

Lieutenants

Joseph Amodio

Brian Caloiaro

Timothy Drew

Joseph Caloiaro

Sergeants

Christopher Longo

Joseph Lech

Michael Whitmore

Steven Simon

Richard Laird

James Smith

Scott Stein

Detectives

David Burns

Scott Caloiaro

David Dalle Pазze

Mark Harmon

Joseph Radlinsky

Robert Potter

Todd Caruso

Sean Kerins

Detectives

Kevin Reading

Matthew Grossi

Daniel Gladney

Police Officers

Bruce Miller

Ronald Buchanan

Edwin Podbielski

Christopher DiMeglio

Shawn Carroll

Thomas Everist

Robert Wagner

Shawn Sudol

Hector Nieves

Kelly St. Clair

Suzanne Girard

Marc Caponi

Marc Poveromo

Lauren Laux

Andrew Lee

Andres Mejia

Shaun Sexton

Ryan Dunn

James Steimle

Police Officers

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

Richard Lamont

Steven Austin

Civilians

Kathy Catogge

Monica Seabridge

Jennifer Thomas

Mary Martinette

Armed Court Attendant

Mark Boyd

PATROL DIVISION

In 2016, the Patrol Division was commanded by Lieutenant Timothy Drew and Lieutenant Joseph Caloiaro. Each Lieutenant commands a patrol platoon and reports directly to the Chief of Police. In 2016, the Patrol Division was comprised of six sergeants and 30 patrol officers. During 2016, four 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 new officers were hired to replace officers who retired.

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 7 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 platoon 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 2017.

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 34,916 calls for service received or initiated by the Police Department in 2016. The increase of 3,590 calls for service represents an increase of approximately 11% as compared to 2015.

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 137 investigations of ordinance violations in 2016, including illegal dumping, underage consumption of alcohol, noise violations, false alarm activations and unregistered vehicles on private property.

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.

In an effort to further engage the community, the police department began an initiative for officers to make citizen and business contacts while on patrol. The contacts provide an opportunity for the officers to share information and work to build trust and legitimacy with the public. During the contacts the public has the opportunity to share concerns with the officers. Ultimately, the contacts result in the officers and the public getting to know each other better. The officers conducted 1,558 documented self-initiated contacts during 2016.

The Patrol Division continued to utilize the Domestic Violence Victim Response Team (DVVRT) to assist domestic violence victims in 2016. 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 2016, the Central Region DVVRT responded to 49 calls for their services in Lawrence Township.

In 2016, 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 work zone safety, internal affairs, police supervision, field training officer, cyber security, citizens with special needs/mental health issues, missing children with special needs, commercial vehicle enforcement, report writing, intoxicated driver detection, Taser operator, rifle instructor certification, evidence collection and processing, crossing guard train the trainer, LIDAR operator, and crash investigation.

As in previous years, patrol officers handled traffic control for several township events including the Colonel Hand March, 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 October 14, 2016, at approximately 10:45 pm, Officer Bartosz Chojnowski was on patrol in the area of Franklin Corner Road and Brunswick Pike. Officer Chojnowski observed a vehicle enter the Brunswick Pike jug handle going the wrong direction. Concerned about the safety of the occupants of the vehicle and other motorists, Officer Chojnowski quickly stopped the vehicle. During the stop, Officer Chojnowski and his back up officer, Officer Jose Corado, observed evidence of drug possession. Based on their observations, the officers conducted a roadside search of the vehicle. The officers located a handgun loaded with hollow point bullets, crack cocaine and marijuana. The three occupants were arrested. The quick action and keen observations of the officers enabled them to take a dangerous weapon off the street and possibly prevent a future violent crime.

On April 11, 2016, at approximately 10:00 am, the Lawrence Township Police Department received an emergency 9-1-1 call. The caller related that while stopped in his vehicle at a traffic light on Carter Road he was threatened with a knife by another motorist. An alert regarding the suspect vehicle was broadcast to the officers working. About thirty minutes later, while patrolling in the area of Lawrence Road and Lawn Park Avenue, Officer Suzanne Girard observed a vehicle matching the suspect vehicle description. Officer Girard conducted a stop on the vehicle. Officer Girard and assisting officers located the dangerous knife, illegally possessed narcotics, and drug paraphernalia. Further investigation revealed that the three occupants of the vehicle had just stolen the narcotics from a township residence. All three occupants were also wanted fugitives from other jurisdictions. Officer Girard's attention resulted in the apprehension of three people and solved two crimes.

On February 4, 2016, at approximately 10:45 pm, while patrolling the Eldridge Park neighborhood, Sgt. Richard Laird observed a suspicious occupied vehicle on Meadowbrook Avenue. Sgt. Laird quickly found that the three occupants of the vehicle were using illegal drugs. Along with his back up officer, Officer James Steimle, a search of the vehicle was conducted. Inside the vehicle was a loaded handgun and marijuana. The occupants were placed under arrest and another dangerous weapon was taken off the street.

On March 23, 2016, PO Dylan McClister was on routine patrol. He stopped a vehicle with multiple occupants for traffic code violations. PO McClister began questioning the occupants of the vehicle to find out what they were doing and ensure that there were no

illicit activities taking place. Through his questioning, PO McClister developed probable cause to believe that one of the occupants was being held against her will. An extensive investigation was conducted involving Detective Kerins and several Lawrence Township Police Department detectives in conjunction with the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office. This was the first Human Trafficking investigation and ultimately the first Human Trafficking prosecution in Mercer County. Through this investigation it was learned that there were two additional victims being held in servitude, against their will by a career criminal. The suspect was arrested and charged with first degree Human Trafficking, Promoting Prostitution, and several narcotics related charges. The case is still pending in court.

On August 18, 2016, Sgt. Scott Stein, Det. David Dalle Pazzi, Ptl. Mark Eggert, EMT David Zavacky and EMT Duncan Williams were dispatched to a residence in Lawrence Township for a 70 year old woman who was passed out on the floor, breathing but not conscious. On arrival, they determined that she had no pulse and began CPR. She was transported to Capital Health Systems where she was treated and made a full recovery. Due to the efforts of our officers and emergency medical technicians, she is alive, well and living a full life to this date.

On December 7, 2016, the First Choice Bank on Whitehead Rd. in Lawrence Twp. was robbed. Det. David Burns located the suspect on Whitehead Rd. near the Delaware and Raritan Canal. He gave chase north along the canal, in and out of the surrounding areas, maintaining visual contact with the suspect and keeping responding units advised of the suspect's location. The suspect continued northbound on the canal path and along the Trenton Freeway. He crossed a swampy brush area and the four-lane Trenton Freeway. He was heading toward Glenview Ave. As additional officers began arriving, PO Buchanan was the first unit to confront the suspect. Upon seeing PO Buchanan's marked canine patrol unit, and hearing the barking of the dogs, the suspect immediately dropped to the ground and surrendered, ending the chase without injury to the suspect, the public or any responding police officers. He was taken into custody and charged with second degree Robbery, Theft and related charges. The case remains pending in court.

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 patrol 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 2016, 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 to the mall. The two police officers are assigned to the Investigation Division, and rotate weekly providing the mall with at least 40 hours of coverage each week.

The Quaker Bridge Mall has ninety plus stores and is considered one of the largest malls in New Jersey. The Quaker Bridge Mall is considered a premier shopping destination and continues to draw a significant crowd of patrons on a daily basis, adding to its on-site population.

In 2016, Lawrence Township Police Officers Andrew F. Lee and Shaun Sexton were assigned to the Quaker Bridge Mall Bureau as Officers in Charge. While acting as the officer in charge of the substation, Officers Lee and Sexton 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. Officers Lee and Sexton handle all investigations that occur at the mall and follow them through to prosecution. The incidents that occur at the mall while the officers are not on duty are assigned to them for follow up.

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 2016 year.

In 2016, there were a total of 1,315 calls for service at the Quaker Bridge Mall, as compared to 1,377 calls for service in 2015. This constitutes an approximate 4% decrease in calls for service between 2016 and 2015. 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 305 criminal offenses were reported in 2016. This number represents an approximate 14% decrease in reported crime at the mall, when compared to 347 criminal offenses reported in 2015. In addition, 222 adults and 59 juveniles were arrested at the mall for various criminal offenses in 2016. Officers 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 2016, there was one reported auto theft at the Quaker Bridge Mall. There were no motor vehicle thefts reported between the years of 2013-2015 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 2016, 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 Lee and Sexton have a working relationship with the loss prevention officers employed by the mall's four major department stores.

In September 2016, 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 2017 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 2016, "Ty" and "Jaxson", both Belgian Malinois, continued their certifications. Canine "Jaxson" maintained his certification as a narcotics detection canine through December 21, 2016 when he was decommissioned. Canine "Ty" remained certified as an explosive detection and patrol canine. Officer Buchanan maintained his certification as a Canine Trainer.

Over the course of 2016, seventy-one (71) searches were conducted for explosives, missing persons and narcotics. Canine "Jaxson" conducted a search pursuant to a warrant within our township. In the course of this search, "Jaxson" located a significant quantity of different types of controlled dangerous substances and paraphernalia that included supplies to package drugs for resale. This search resulted in eight (8) counts of criminal narcotics and paraphernalia charges being filed against the defendant and the seizure of the drugs, preventing them from being sold on the street.

On December 7, 2016, the First Choice Bank on Whitehead Rd. in Lawrence Twp. was robbed. Ptl. Buchanan was the first unit to confront the suspect who was actively fleeing the scene. Upon seeing Buchanan's marked canine patrol unit, and hearing the barking of the dogs, the suspect immediately dropped to the ground and surrendered, ending the chase immediately without injury to the suspect, the public or any responding police officers.

Canine "Ty" was used proactively throughout 2016. In this time of heightened alert to terrorist activity, he helped to safeguard our community through proactive patrols in and around the Township. The canine team frequently patrols the Quakerbridge Mall, Mercer Mall, Rider University, 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 account clerk, four general assignment detectives and an Intelligence Officer. 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. The records bureau is comprised of an Administrative Clerk and an Account Clerk.

ADMINISTRATION

In 2016, 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 new 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 on approved towing agencies throughout the year to ensure proper compliance. A complete background for new towing applicants to become an authorized towing agency for the police department is conducted.

In 2016, 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.

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 2016, Ms. Seabridge prepared 202 criminal cases that were presented to the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office. A total of 1,731 vehicles were towed by Lawrence Township Police Officers due to motor vehicle accidents, disabled vehicles, traffic and criminal offenses in 2016 as compared to 934 vehicles in 2015. This 85 % increase is the direct result of proactive traffic enforcement and criminal investigations. Of these 1,731 vehicles, 15 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 2016 were Joseph Radlinsky, Robert Potter, Todd Caruso, Kevin Reading Jr., Daniel Gladney and Sean Kerins. During 2016, 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, human trafficking and hostage negotiations. Throughout 2016, the general assignment detectives handled 313 cases, this is a 6% increase over the 295 cases they handled in 2015.

The clearance rate of cases for the general assignment detectives in 2016 was 56%. 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 44% 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.

TASK FORCE PARTICIPATION

Violent Crime is 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. In 2016, the Lawrence Township Police Department participated in the Mercer County Shooting Response Team with Mercer County. Our participation in the task force in 2016 is as follows:

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 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 in 2016 were:

- Detective Reading was the lead investigator in a shooting investigation on Passaic Street on May 3, 2016. The victim suffered five life threatening gunshot wounds. The investigation resulted in two (2) Trenton men being arrested and charged with attempted homicide and weapons offenses.
- Detective Reading was the lead investigator in a shooting investigation on Winder Avenue on June 25, 2016 where three victim suffered life threatening gunshot wounds resulted in one Trenton man being arrested and charged with six counts of attempted homicide and three counts of weapons offenses and another Trenton man arrested and charged with three counts of weapons offenses. Subsequent search warrant resulted in the confiscation of three handguns in which 2 were used in the shooting incident.
- Detective Reading was the lead investigator in a shooting investigation on Phillips Avenue on July 25, 2016 where a victim suffered a non-life threatening gunshot wound. The investigation resulted in a Trenton man being arrested and charged with two counts of aggravated assault and one count weapons offenses.
- Detective Reading was the lead investigator in a shooting investigation on Walnut Avenue on November 18, 2016 where six individuals were fired upon by a moving vehicle. None of the individuals were struck by the gunfire. The investigation resulted in a Trenton man being arrested and charged with six counts of aggravated assault and one count 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.

INTELLIGENCE / NARCOTICS OFFICER

There has been an increase in Opioid deaths in New Jersey due to the high potency of Heroin. Lawrence Township works hard to fight the war on drugs. This includes working with local, county, state and federal agencies to eradicate drugs in our communities. All Lawrence Township Police vehicles are equipped with Narcan to help save lives in the fight against heroin overdoses. In 2016, our department utilized Narcan 7 times to revive patients from heroin drug overdoses as compared to 6 Narcan saves in 2015. In 2016, two deaths were associated with drug overdoses. Narcotics addiction touches families in many communities. Narcotics addiction has no boundaries and affects many different cultures. Lawmakers enacted the Overdose Protection Act to help individuals with narcotics addictions to get medical treatment when an overdose occurs. The Overdose Protection Act protects the

patient from being charged criminally and allows them to get medical help and treatment services.

Detective Sean Kerins is the intelligence/narcotics detective currently assigned to the Investigation Division. Det. Kerins previously was assigned as a task force officer with the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force for the past three years. Det. Kerins gathers intelligence throughout many sources and investigates narcotics activity throughout Lawrence Township. As narcotics distribution may involve several jurisdictions, Det. Kerins shares information with the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force to de-conflict cases and utilize their assistance on larger scale investigations. This positive working relationship between Lawrence Township and the Mercer County Prosecutors office continues to combat narcotics activity in Lawrence Township.

Some of the outstanding investigations Detective Kerins conducted in 2016 were:

- In February 2016, Det. Kerins was the lead investigator in a Human Trafficking case at the Red Roof Inn involving Asian female being trafficked to commit Prostitution in Lawrence Township. During this three month investigation, Det. Kerins conducted surveillance to identify the suspects involved. This investigation included numerous communication data warrants and search warrants to gather evidence after the arrest of the two suspects. The two suspects were charged with Human Trafficking 1st degree and three counts of Promoting Prostitution 4th degree. A vehicle and \$18,657 in cash was seized for forfeiture. This case is pending Superior Court.
- In July, 2016, Det. Kerins was the lead investigator in a narcotics distribution operation in the township. The investigation involved surveillance and the execution of search warrants. The investigation involved the seizure of 22 pounds of high grade marijuana along with 300 edible THC products. Two vehicles and \$57,000 in cash was seized for forfeiture. This case is pending Superior Court.

This is just two of the numerous investigations that Det. Kerins has worked on. Det. Kerins was assisted by the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force and Immigration and Customs Enforcement just to name a few.

PROPERTY & EVIDENCE OFFICER

The property and evidence officers are Detectives David Dalle Pazzo and Mark Harmon. They are responsible for the maintenance and legal disposal of all property and evidence received by the department. Detectives Dalle Pazzo 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 Pazzo 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 DallePazzo and Harmon were able to take in and properly catalog 4,723

pieces of evidence during 2016. Of the total amount of evidence taken in, 819 pieces involved narcotics or narcotics paraphernalia. A total of 1,209 pieces of evidence were destroyed or returned to owners during 2016. A total of 430 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.

In the middle of 2017, the department will be hiring a civilian property custodian. This will allow the department to run more efficiently by having the civilian property custodian to prepare evidence for discovery requests, court cases and purging evidence. Det. Mark Harmon will be the property officer to oversee the property room. Det. David Dalle Pazzi will return to the patrol division to increase manpower once the property custodian is trained.

JUVENILE OFFICERS

The Juvenile Officers are assigned crimes and investigations committed by and against juveniles that occur within Lawrence Township. During 2016, one detective worked the 10-hour schedule rotating schedule with the general assignment detectives to cover on call. The second juvenile detective worked an 8-hour schedule from 0900-1700 hours during the week. The two Juvenile Officers investigated 197 cases in 2016 which is a 39% increase over the 142 cases handled in 2015. The clearance rate of cases handled by the Juvenile Officers was 70% in 2016.

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. Since there are no school resource officers in the Lawrence Township Public schools, Detective Caloiaro ensures he visits the Lawrence Township Middle and High Schools on a regular basis to engage with students during the school day. Our presence in the schools has established a positive working relationship with the administrators and faculty members to ensure a safe learning environment for the children of Lawrence 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. Detective Burns also 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. (See Megan's Law and Firearms sections of this report for further details.)

Detective Burns also handles on call coverage for the general assignment detectives. This entails working one week of nights every fifth week and investigating crimes during his on call coverage.

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 New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Commission laws. Detective Caloiaro also conducts background investigations on licensed liquor establishments when licensees have a change in their corporate structure or sale of a liquor license. Detective Caloiaro conducts investigations throughout the year for violations of the ABC laws and the illegal selling of tobacco products to underage persons. During 2016, Detective Caloiaro issued 8 township ordinance violations to employees serving alcohol to individuals under the age of 21. The department will continue to be proactive throughout the year to enforce the ABC laws.

Detective Caloiaro also conducts an initial inspection and background investigation on a 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 2016:

- In February 2016, Det. Daniel Gladney investigated an embezzlement case from Precision Acura totaling \$303,000.00 over a two year period. Det. Gladney analyzed large amounts of computer and bank records to identify and recover the evidence. The suspect was charged with Theft 2nd degree. This matter is pending in Superior Court.
- In March 2016, Detective Joseph Radlinsky investigated an armed robbery at the Quick Mart Food store where a suspect jumped over the counter striking the victim with a blunt object. The suspect demanded money and grabbed \$700.00 in cash then fled the scene. Detective Radlinsky developed a suspect and surveillance of the suspect was initiated. Detective Radlinsky arrested the suspect charging him with Robbery 1st degree, Theft 4th degree, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon 3rd degree, Possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose 4th degree, Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance (Heroin) 3rd degree, Possession of a Hypodermic Needle and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia both Disorderly Persons offenses. During a lawful search of the suspect's vehicle, a 22 caliber revolver was recovered. The matter is pending in Superior Court.
- In April, 2016, Detective Robert Potter investigated a Carjacking in front of the Acme Supermarket in the Lawrence Shopping Center that occurred to a 77 year old victim.

The victim was entering her vehicle after putting groceries into her trunk when the suspect demanded her car keys. The victim refused and the suspect grabbed the keys pulling the victim out of her car and she fell to the ground. The suspect fled the area with the victim's vehicle, purse and groceries. The victim sustained minor injuries. A possible suspect was identified. The suspect was arrested the following day as he was attempting to get into the victim's stolen vehicle and the suspect was found in possession of the victim's personal property. The suspect was charged with Carjacking 1st degree, Motor vehicle theft 3rd degree, Theft of credit cards 3rd degree, Receiving Stolen Property 3rd degree and Possession of Marijuana Disorderly Persons offense. This matter is pending in Superior Court.

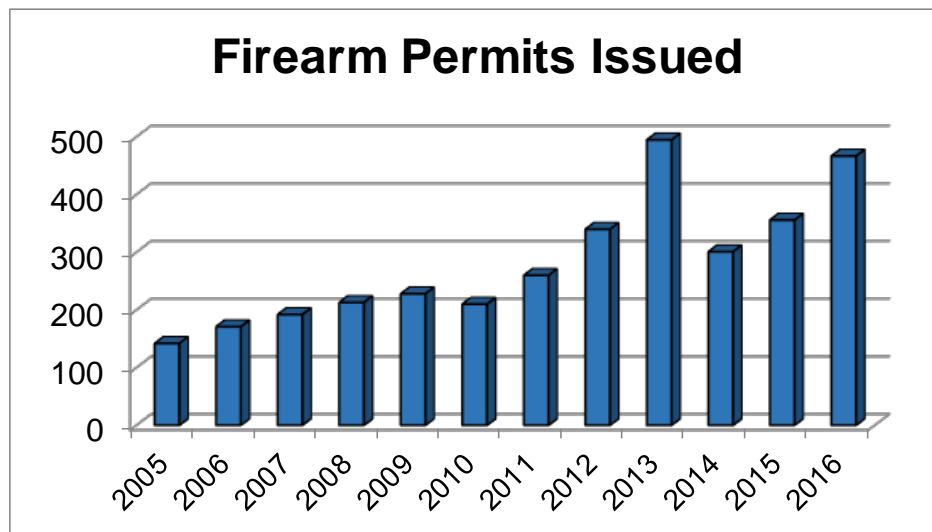
- In April 2016, Detective Todd Caruso investigated a case involving a teacher and student conducting inappropriate behavior at Notre Dame High School. The suspect would have female students send him photographs through cell phones to earn extra credit. The suspect also touched female students under their clothing for extra credit. Det. Caruso took several statements from victims and witnesses to charge the high school teacher with Sexual Assault 2nd degree and Endangering the Welfare of Children 2nd degree. The suspect was found guilty in January 2017 pending sentencing.
- In August 2016, Detectives Daniel Gladney and Joseph Radlinsky were the lead investigators in a bank robbery at Santander Bank in Lawrence Township. The suspect wore a disguise during the robbery. Detectives and officers canvassed the area developing information related to the suspect's vehicle and recovering evidence left at the scene. Approximately one week later, a bank robbery occurred at the Bank of America in Trenton where the suspect wore a disguise and fit the physical description of the Santander bank robbery suspect. Detectives Gladney and Radlinsky developed a possible suspect. During the investigation, the suspect committed a third bank robbery at the PNC bank in Lawrence and fled the scene. Detectives were able to track the suspect to a residence in Lawrence where he was taken into custody. A second suspect was taken into custody for being involved in the bank robberies. During the interview process, information was received that the suspect attempted to rob another bank in Lawrence. The suspect was charged with 2 bank robberies and 1 attempt in Lawrence. This matter is pending in Superior 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 proactive policing strategies to solve crimes.

FIREARMS APPLICATIONS

Throughout 2016, there was an overall 31% 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 2016:

APPLICATION	2015	2016	% CHANGE
Firearms Identification	86	99	15%
Permit to Purchase a Handgun	204	293	44%
Retired Officer Permit to Carry	38	35	-8%
Duplicate Firearms Identification Card	23	35	52%
Permit to Carry	1	3	200%
Other	4	2	-50%
Total	356	467	31%



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 34 sex offenders in 2016. 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, 2016, there are currently 13 sex offenders being tracked by the Lawrence Township Police Department. Of the registrants being tracked at the end of 2016, nine are Tier 1, and three are Tier 2. One registrant is 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.

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 2016, the Officer Accountability Bureau received 47 complaints about officer conduct. Those complaints are broken down into the following categories: 2 complaints alleging excessive force, 1 complaint of unlawful entry, 16 complaints for demeanor, 23 for other rule violations, and 5 alleging differential treatment. The results of these 47 complaints are: 1 was sustained, 22 were exonerated, 8 were not sustained, 1 was unfounded and 3 cases were administratively closed (this occurs when the complainant voluntarily requests that the complaint be withdrawn). As of the end of 2016, 12 cases are still under investigation.

2016 Internal Affairs Dispositions

Type of Complaint	Sustained	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Admin. Closed	Total Dispositions
Excessive Force					1	1
Improper Arrest						
Improper Entry						
Improper Search						
Other Criminal Violation						
Differential Treatment		3				3
Demeanor		9	6			15
Domestic Violence						
Other Rule Infraction	1	10	2	1	2	16
TOTAL	1	22	8	1	3	35

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 actions of the officer 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 where a complainant 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 2016, 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 2016, Lawrence Township Police Officers arrested 1,439 individuals for various crimes and offenses. Of these 1,439 arrests, officers had to use force on 40 occasions. Thirty-seven 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 affect 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. Three 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 2016 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.

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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	37
Total number of incidents involving officer use of Mechanical Force	3
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 15, 2016. The second took place on October 24, 2016. 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 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.

Accreditation

During 2016 the Lawrence Township Police Department set a goal to become an accredited police department. In order to achieve this status, all aspects of the police department had to be examined. All policies and procedures had to be updated to be in accordance with accepted standards. Once updated the police department had to prove they were following the accepted standards. The reasons accreditation was set as a goal for the Lawrence Township Police Department is outlined in the following paragraphs.

An accreditation program has long been recognized as a means of maintaining the highest standards of professionalism. Accreditation is the certification by an independent reviewing authority that an entity has met specific requirements and prescribed standards. Schools, universities, and hospitals are some of the most well-known organizations that are required to maintain accreditation. Law enforcement agencies in New Jersey can now attain accredited status through the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. Accreditation is a progressive and time proven way of helping law enforcement agencies calculate and improve their overall performances. Participating agencies conduct a thorough self-analysis to determine how existing operations can be adapted to meet these objectives. When the procedures are in place, a team of trained assessors verifies that applicable standards have been successfully implemented. Accreditation status represents a significant professional achievement. Accreditation acknowledges the implementation of policies and procedures that are conceptually sound and operationally effective.

The benefits of accreditation are:

- Accreditation increases the law enforcement agency's ability to prevent and control crime through more effective and efficient delivery of law enforcement services to the community it serves.
- Accreditation enhances community understanding of the law enforcement agency and its role in the community, as well as its goals and objectives.
- Citizen confidence in the policies and practices of the agency is increased.
- Accreditation, in conjunction with the philosophy of community policing, commits the agency to a broad range of programs (such as crime prevention) that directly benefit the public.
- Accreditation creates a forum in which police and citizens work together to control and prevent crime. The partnership will help citizens to understand the challenges that confront law enforcement. Law enforcement will, in turn, receive clear direction from the community about its expectations. Thus, a common set of goals and objectives will be arrived at and implemented.

For the Chief, accreditation increases cooperation and coordination with other law enforcement agencies and other branches of the criminal justice system. The accreditation process requires an in depth review of every aspect of the agency's organization, management, operations, and administration to include:

- Establishment of agency goals and objectives with provisions for periodic updating;
- Re-evaluation of whether agency resources are being used in accord with agency goals, objectives, and mission;
- Re-evaluation of agency policies and procedures, especially as documented in the agency's written directive system;
- Correction of internal deficiencies and inefficiencies before they become public problems;

The accreditation standards provide norms against which agency performance can be measured and monitored over time. Accreditation provides the agency with a continuous flow of Commission distributed information about exemplary policies, procedures, and projects. Accreditation provides objective measures to justify decisions related to budget requests and personnel policies. Accreditation serves as a yardstick to measure the effectiveness of the agency's programs and services. The services provided are defined, and uniformity of service is assured. Accreditation streamlines operations, providing more consistency and more effective deployment of agency manpower.

Accreditation requires that agency policies and procedures are in written form and are available to all agency personnel at all times. Accreditation assures employees that every aspect of the agency's personnel system is in accord with professional standards, and that the system is both fair and equitable. The agency is compelled to operate within specific guidelines. It is accountable to the Commission. The agency must stay in compliance with the standards set forth by the Commission in order to retain its accreditation. The morale of the agency is enhanced by increasing the employees' confidence in the effectiveness and efficiency of their own agency. Operations become more streamlined and consistent.

Accreditation policies address officer safety issues and provide for adequate training and equipment of the officers. Accreditation is a coveted award that symbolizes professionalism, excellence and competence. Employees will take pride in their agency, knowing that it represents the very best in law enforcement.

The Lawrence Township Police Department's application to become an accredited police department was received by the NJSACOP Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. All standards and proofs were received and reviewed by the Commission. An on-site visit was conducted in October. We are currently awaiting our hearing before the Commission in March of 2017 to receive our Accredited Agency status. Anyone with questions regarding Accreditation should contact Lt. Brian Caloiaro, the Accreditation Manager.

RECORDS BUREAU

During 2016, 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 this 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, adult arrest and juvenile custody reports are compiled to ensure proper Uniform Crime Reporting.

In 2016, 4,442 reports (investigation, operation, accident, arrest, DWI, vehicle, etc.) were filed by police officers. In addition to these reports, 221 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.

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 2016, the Records Bureau handled 2,472 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. 948 of these requests were processed by email.

Another significant portion of the records clerks' daily assignment consists of processing attorney discovery requests. In 2016, the Records Bureau handled discovery requests on 383 traffic cases. They also handled discovery requests for 322 Lawrence Police criminal cases.

Part of the Records Bureau's duties includes handling requests for fingerprinting. Citizens, most that work or live in the Township, come to the Police Department to be fingerprinted for a variety of reasons. In 2016, the Records Bureau handled 91 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 2016, 366 subpoenas were reviewed and logged. They were then transferred to

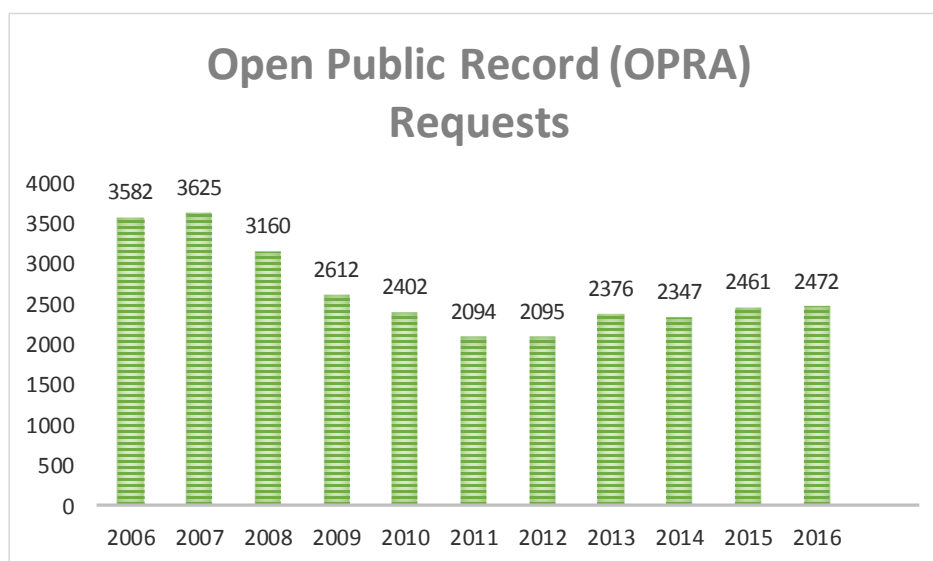
either the Patrol or Investigation Divisions to be served on officers for a variety of court cases.

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 2016, Records Bureau staff completed 24 letters of good conduct backgrounds and processed the expungement of 92 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 the 2017, the Records Bureau will be moving to a paperless records system. Records personnel will no longer print and file every report and store them on a shelf. All reports will be kept in our computerized records management system which will track and store records for court, O.P.R.A. and discovery requests.

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, 34,916 calls for service were generated in 2016, which represented an 11% increase from the 31,326 calls for service in 2015. Also during the course of 2016, there were 12,694 answered 9-1-1 calls (*this number doesn't include February, 2016 – KML, our 911 service provider had a computer failure and couldn't generate a report of calls processed.*) There was an average of 1,154 calls per month (*based on eleven months.*) This is an 11% decrease from the average monthly number of calls answered in 2015. There were 995 abandoned 9-1-1 calls in 2016, (*this number also doesn't include February, 2016 – due to the KML issue.*) There was an average of 91 calls per month (*based on eleven months.*) This is a 20% decrease from the average monthly number of abandoned 9-1-1 calls received in 2015. 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 1,994 calls reporting alarm activations in 2016, a decrease of 199 alarm activations as compared to 2015.

There were 215 NCIC entries made in 2016. This is an increase of 11 from the 204 NCIC entries made in 2015. Additionally, there were 18 NICB entries. An NICB computer entry is made when a vehicle is recovered and towed by the Police Department but the owner of the vehicle could not be notified.

2016 COMMUNICATIONS STATISTICS

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
CALLS FOR SERVICE	31,326	34,916	3590	11%
9-1-1 EMERGENCY CALLS	15,640	12,694	-2946	-19%*
9-1-1 ABANDONED CALLS	1,351	995	-356	-36%*
ALARMS (BURGLAR, FIRE, HOLDUP, ETC.)	2,193	1,994	-199	-9%
NCIC ALARM ENTRIES	204	215	11	5%

* This change is based on monthly averages

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 platoon 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 20 crossing guards. There are 18 school crossing posts in the Township. Each post is assigned to a Crossing Guard. Two 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 – 2016

Traffic crashes increased in volume from 1,314 in 2015 to 1,438 in 2016, an increase of 124 motor vehicle crashes or a 9% increase. 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 30% of all the traffic crashes. There were a total of 405 injuries reported in the 1,438 crashes in 2016. During 2016 there were sixteen accidents involving pedestrians and eight accidents involving bicyclists. In addition to the total 1,438 crashes investigated by officers, there were 183 “non-reportable” crashes on private property which officers responded to. An accident is considered “non-reportable” by New Jersey Department of Transportation if the crash results in minor damage and no injuries.

In 2016, there was one motor vehicle crash resulting in a fatality. This is a decrease from three fatalities in 2015 and five fatalities in 2014.

The 2016 fatality occurred on February 19, 2016, at approximately 11:00 pm on Princeton Pike in the area of Fackler Road. The crash occurred when a vehicle drove off the roadway into the wooded area and struck a tree. Investigation revealed that the vehicle was only occupied by the 58 year old female driver and she was not wearing her seatbelt at the time of the crash. The cause of the accident was undetermined.

The location with the single highest number of intersection crashes was Brunswick Pike at Franklin Corner Road/Bakers Basin Road, with 98 crashes. This is an increase of 30 accidents at this location from the prior year. The second highest intersection crash

location was Quakerbridge Road at Grover's Mill Road, with 35 crashes. There were 63 total crashes at the Brunswick Circle and its intersecting roadways in 2016.

The roadways with the highest total number of crashes were Brunswick Pike with 489 crashes and Lawrence Road with 172 crashes. Police officers are directed to conduct traffic enforcement activities in these areas to help prevent future crashes.

2016 Highest Motor Vehicle Crash Locations at Intersections

1. Brunswick Pike at Franklin Corner Road/Bakers Basin Road.....	98
2. Quakerbridge Road at Grovers Mill Road.....	35
3. Lawrence Road at Brunswick Circle.....	27
4. Princeton Pike at Province Line Road.....	24
5. Princeton Avenue at Spruce Street.....	21
5. Lawrence Road at Gainsboro Road.....	21
6. Brunswick Pike (Alt. Route 1) at Whitehead Road.....	19
7. Quakerbridge Road at Lawrence Square Village Road North.....	17
8. Brunswick Pike at Brunswick Circle.....	15
9. Lawrence Road at Darrah Lane.....	14
10. Lawrence Road at Vanderveer Drive.....	13

2016 Highest Motor Vehicle Crash Roadways

1. Brunswick Pike (North of Franklin Corner Road).....	356
2. Brunswick Pike (South of Franklin Corner Road).....	133
3. Lawrence Road (North of Eggerts Crossing Road).....	95
4. Quakerbridge Road.....	94
5. Lawrence Road (South of Eggerts Crossing Road).....	77
6. Franklin Corner Road.....	60
7. Princeton Pike (North of Franklin Corner Road).....	54
8. Trenton Freeway.....	45
9. Princeton Pike (South of Franklin Corner Road).....	32
10. Princeton Avenue	28

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

The total number of motor vehicle summonses issued by our officers in 2016 was 9,850, which was a slight decrease of approximately 7% from 2015, when 10,574 citations were issued.

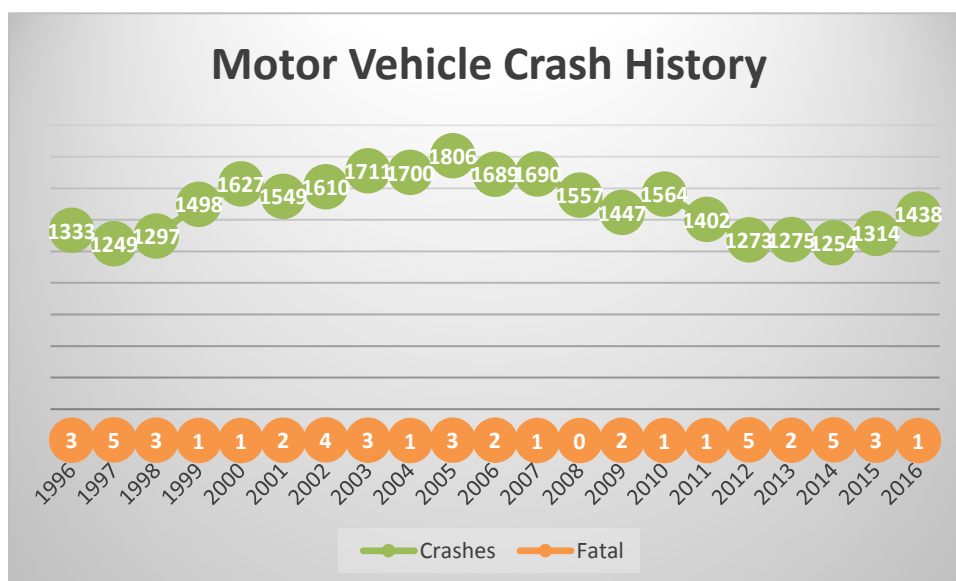
Additionally, during 2016, officers apprehended 85 intoxicated drivers traveling on the roadways of Lawrence Township. In 2015, officers arrested 92 intoxicated drivers. This represented a 8% decrease in 2016.

During 2016, the Traffic Bureau continued to have all patrol officers certified in the use of RADAR for speeding enforcement. Since receiving our first LIDAR unit in 2015, five officers have been trained to use the device to combat speeding violations. LIDAR is a speed monitoring device that works off of laser technology as opposed to traditional RADAR. In total, officers issued 971 speeding tickets in 2016, an increase of approximately 39% from 2015.

The Lawrence Township Police Department participated in “Click It or Ticket 2016” from May 23-June 5, 2016. “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 1,103 motor vehicle summonses, including 847 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.

The Traffic Bureau also conducted numerous traffic surveys in 2016. These surveys included the following streets within Lawrence Township: Eldridge Avenue, Nathan Hale Avenue, and Fairfield 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 2016: 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.



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 2016, the Office of Emergency Management had partial openings for weather events resulting from excessive snow accumulations due to Winter Storm Jonas on January 23, 2016. The blizzard dropped approximately 22.5 inches of snow on the area and required the mobilization of the emergency services to man the strategic relocation of equipment to better serve the residents. The incidents were limited and no substantial damage resulted from any of these events

In addition, a partial opening of the Emergency Management Office occurred as a response to a visit from Presidential Candidate Donald Trump at the New Jersey National Guard Armory on Eggert Crossing Road on May 19, 2016. The joint operation involving assets from Federal, State, County and Local law enforcement and emergency services agencies, worked cohesively to provide protection for the attendees. The event was attended by approximately 2,000 supporters and protesters. No significant incidents occurred during the rally.

The Emergency Management Director continues to maintain the responsibilities of the Division of Fire Administrator supervising the career firefighter and emergency medical services career staffs. 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. Annual testing of all of the apparatus pumps, ladders, hose and self-contained breathing units were completed during summer of 2016. The career and volunteer fire service responded to 1,200 incidents involving fires, motor vehicle accidents involving entrapment, electric/gas/water emergencies and medical assists.

The Lawrence Township Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) also falls under the supervision of the Director of Emergency Management. The Team was utilized during various Township events including the Fourth of July Fireworks, rabies clinics and the Red White and Blue Kids triathlon. Members are skilled in crowd and traffic control, as well as disaster assessment.

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

A prime example of the outstanding EMS work done by the members of the Lawrence Township EMS on a daily basis:

On the evening of August 18, 2016, Lawrence EMS was dispatched to an elderly female that had passed out. On their arrival they found the patient in cardiac arrest. CPR was immediately initiated by the crew and defibrillation was performed by an automatic external defibrillation device. After 15 minutes of resuscitative efforts pulses a stable blood pressure was regained. The patient was transported to Capital Health Regional ER where she received extensive cardiac care and was released to rehab and then to home several weeks later.

On the morning of April 3, 2016, EMS was dispatched to an elderly female with severe respiratory distress. On arrival the EMS crew recognized the signs and symptoms of this patient having a STEMI myocardial infarction and began immediate interventions for rapid treatment and transport to a level 1 cardiac cath lab for definitive care. While BLS and ALS interventions were being performed, the patient became unresponsive and went into cardiac arrest. The entire EMS team performed quick and aggressive CPR as well as defibrillation and medication administration and the patient regained strong, profusing pulses. The patient was transferred to St. Francis ER where she immediately went to cardiac cath. After a stay in ICU the patient was transferred to rehab and then to home.

On October 10, 2016, EMS was dispatched to a 58 year old female with a sudden onset of sharp excruciating pain in her head while at lunch. EMS arrived to find the patient screaming in pain and inconsolable. Upon exam the EMS crew recognized Cincinnati positive signs presenting with this patient and began rapid transport to a comprehensive stroke ER that specializes in multi-form strokes. The patient was diagnosed with a dissecting level 1 cranial aneurism and underwent immediate intervention and surgery. The patient then spent time in ICU before being sent to rehab where she regained full cognitive abilities with only minor physical deficits.

Experienced assessment skills and rapid critical thinking and decision making resulted in positive outcomes for all of these patients and many more.

The above is just a sample of the professional and dedicated service that the Lawrence Township Emergency Medical Service routinely provides the citizens and visitors of Lawrence Township.



FIRE DIVISION

Lawrence Township employs four career firefighters: a Lieutenant and three firefighters. One firefighter was hired in November 2016, to fill the vacancy created by a June 1st retirement. Collectively, they have over 85 years of firefighting experience in Lawrence Township.

The Township's first career firefighters were hired in the mid-1970s to support the three volunteer fire companies – Slackwood, Lawrence Road and Lawrenceville – primarily by driving 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, like other volunteer fire departments around the nation, the Township's volunteer ranks have declined over time for many reasons. To address concerns about adequate fire protection during the workweek, Lawrence Township in 2012 consolidated its career firefighters into one four-man crew to ensure a timely response to emergencies during the period when, statistically, the fewest number of volunteer firefighters are available to answer alarms.

Since Sept. 1, 2015, the career firefighters have been part of the Police Department under the supervision of 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 emergencies (fires, traffic accidents, rescues, hazardous materials spills, natural disasters, etc.) that require a fire department presence in the Township. Depending on the nature of each emergency, one or more of the volunteer fire companies is also alerted – just as they are dispatched during 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.

As evidenced by their response statistics for 2016 compared to previous years, the career firefighters also respond to an increasing number of medical emergencies in support of our EMS Division. Among these are immediate life-threatening emergencies such as cardiac arrests and respiratory issues, as well as emergencies that occur when our EMS staff is already committed to another assignment and a mutual aid ambulance from another town is sent to handle a call in Lawrence, or when our EMS staff has an extended response back to town after transporting a prior patient to one of the area hospitals.

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

Among the career firefighters' regular duties are daily running and inspecting fire apparatus, including exercising pumps and aerial ladders; running (and refueling as needed) powered equipment such as saws, fans, and rescue tools; checking all breathing apparatus components and oxygen cylinders and refilling any cylinders found to be low; washing apparatus as needed; repacking hose on apparatus; and making minor repairs to apparatus and equipment.

In 2014, two of the career firefighters completed the four-day National Highway Transportation Authority's Child Passenger Safety (CPS) training program to be certified as CPS technicians. In 2016, they completed the continuing education training required to renew their CPS technician certification. Working together with our EMS Chief (who is also a trained CPS technician) these firefighters in 2016 completed 19 child car seat installations and/or inspections for new parents, expectant parents, grandparents and other caregivers. They also distributed to parents in need two new car seats that had previously been donated to the Township's CPS program by Saint Lawrence Rehabilitation Center, and in June 2016 worked alongside CPS technicians from Mercer County Sheriff's Office to complete a total of 29 car seat checks during a CPS event hosted by Saint Lawrence Rehabilitation Center.

The career firefighters routinely assist residents with replacement of old batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, check the pressure and flow coming from fire hydrants around town, aid the Township Fire Marshal's Office with maintenance of Knox Boxes (secure key boxes) located on the exteriors of commercial properties in town, help other Township agencies such as Public Works and Animal Control with various matters, and participate in Township Safety Committee meetings.

In addition to completing mandatory refreshers on subjects like bloodborne pathogens, respiratory protection and workplace diversity in 2016, the career firefighters conducted in-house training and confidence building on various emergency medical skills, apparatus driving, pump operations, and fire behavior. They also participated in several larger-scale training activities, such as:

- an active shooter drill at the National Guard Armory with military, police and EMS personnel
- two hands-on rescue/extrication cross-training drills with Ewing Township's career firefighter
- several "live fire" training evolutions focused on fire attack at the Mercer County Fire Academy
- a class about fire department response to incidents involving natural gas fueled garbage trucks (this class came as a direct result of a fire in such a vehicle that occurred in Lawrence in 2016)

In 2016, the career firefighters worked with the Fire Marshal's Office to observe evacuation drills at Educational Testing Service and Princeton Pike Corporate Center, and conduct pre-fire planning tours and walkthroughs at newly-constructed locations such

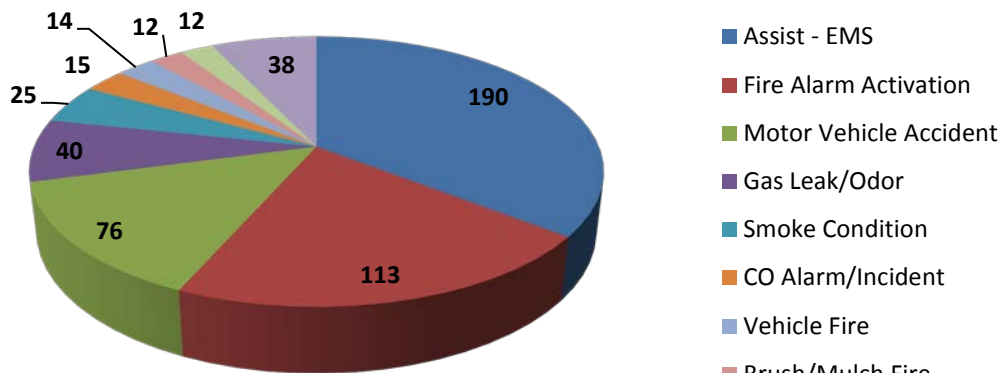
as Bristol-Myers Squibb's facility on Princeton Pike, Costco on Quakerbridge Road, and Auto Lenders on Brunswick Pike.

During 2016, the career firefighters were assigned to a total of 535 emergency incidents, a 12.9 percent increase over the 474 emergency assignments handled by the career staff during 2015, and a 56 percent increase over the 343 emergencies handled in 2014. Among the 2016 assignments were seven mutual aid responses for emergencies outside Lawrence Township: three in Ewing Township, one in each of the following: Hopewell Township, Pennington Borough, Princeton and Trenton. The breakdown of these emergency assignments by category is as follows:

Career Fire Division Assignments

ASSIGNMENT TYPE	2016	2015	2014
Assist - Animal Control	1	0	3
Assist - Citizen	4	3	5
Assist (EMS)	190	123	38
Assist - Police	6	4	5
Brush/Mulch Fire	12	10	6
CO Alarm/Incident	15	18	23
Domestic Entrapment	0	2	0
Dryer Fire	0	0	1
Elevator Rescue	5	3	1
Explosion (No Fire)	0	0	1
Explosion (Structure Fire)	0	0	1
Fire Alarm System Activation	113	127	123
Gas Leak/Odor	40	41	23
Hazardous Condition	12	13	31
HazMat Spill/Incident	4	4	8
Heater Fire	0	1	0
Industrial Rescue	0	1	0
Motor Vehicle Accident	76	52	21
Oven Fire	0	0	1
Propane Tank Fire	0	0	1
Rubbish Fire	7	6	1
Search	0	2	1
Smoke Condition	25	31	12
Structure Fire	6	8	5
Vehicle Fire	14	14	12
Water Leak/Dewatering	5	11	19
Water Rescue/Recovery	0	0	1
TOTAL	535	474	343

Lawrence Township Career Firefighters 2016 Emergency Responses By Incident Type (535 Total)



Among the career firefighters' many notable emergency responses during 2016 were:

- Feb. 26, 10:44 a.m. – Motor Vehicle Accident.** Career staff arrived first at the scene of a three-vehicle collision in the 3100 block of Princeton Pike and initiated efforts to extricate the trapped driver. Volunteers from all three fire companies assisted with the rescue operation. The patient was extricated within 17 minutes of the career staffs arrival and transported to the hospital by Lawrence EMS.
- March 2, 1:47 p.m. – Motor Vehicle Accident.** Career staff provided first responder medical care to a woman and infant twins after their car flipped onto its roof and came to rest in a swampy/wooded area alongside Interstate 95 North after being sideswiped by a tractor-trailer.
- March 11, 8:34 a.m. – Hazardous Materials Incident.** Career staff responded to Cherry Tree Lane to check D&R Canal after Trenton Fire Department reported finding birds coated in oil and a significant oil sheen floating downstream into Delaware River. U.S. Coast Guard responded to monitor oil in the river. Nothing was found in the canal, but oil was also spotted in Assunpink Creek. Investigation by career staff and Slackwood Fire Co. volunteers revealed illegally-dumped waste oil entering the creek via a drainage pipe at the rear of an old industrial park on Enterprise Avenue. Haz-Mat crews from Trenton and Hamilton helped erect containment booms to stop more oil from entering the water. A criminal investigation was launched by Township Police, Mercer County Prosecutor's Office, state Division of Criminal Justice, and the state Department of Environmental Protection.

- March 28, 8:30 a.m. – Motor Vehicle Accident:** Career staff responded first to a two-vehicle collision with one car ending up on its side with the female driver trapped. Firefighters' stabilized the vehicle using rescue struts and cut away the windshield to free the patient. The patient was extricated within 16 minutes of the career staff's dispatch. Career staff helped ambulance crew package patient for transport to hospital.
- June 14, 11:40 a.m. – Vehicle Fire.** Career staff arrived first to find a significant fire on Tiffany Woods Road involving a garbage truck fueled by compressed natural gas. The cab of the garbage truck was fully-engulfed in flames upon the firefighters' arrival, with CNG tanks already venting burning gas via relief valves. The tires exploded as firefighters' stretched hose line into position. Firefighters knocked down fire in the cab and worked to cool gas tanks, while still allowing venting gas to safely burn off. After on-board water tank of first apparatus was exhausted, firefighters backed away to safe distance until continuous water supply could be established from the hydrant by a mutual aid fire crew from Ewing. Volunteers from Slackwood and Lawrence Road fire companies helped overhaul and extinguish burning trash in the garbage truck. One nearby home was damaged by heat.
- Aug. 10, 10:27 a.m. – Structure Fire.** Career staff responded first to a working structure fire on Johnson Avenue. Fire originated in the kitchen at rear of the one-story house. There was smoke showing from all sides on arrival of police and firefighters. Prior to their arrival, a 27-year-old resident entered the burning home and rescued his 16-year-old autistic sister from the bedroom, then used the garden hose to hold fire in check from rear door. Career staff entered home with hose line and knocked down bulk of the fire. Volunteers from all three township fire companies then arrived and helped establish water supply, ventilate the home and overhaul the fire. Significant fire and heat damage was sustained throughout dwelling. Red Cross was requested for four displaced residents.



Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

The Lawrence Township Emergency Medical Services is a branch of the Lawrence Township Police Department. In 2016, Lawrence Township EMS was comprised of one supervisor, eight full-time employees and 25 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 paramedicine, firefighting, and rescue and disaster management.

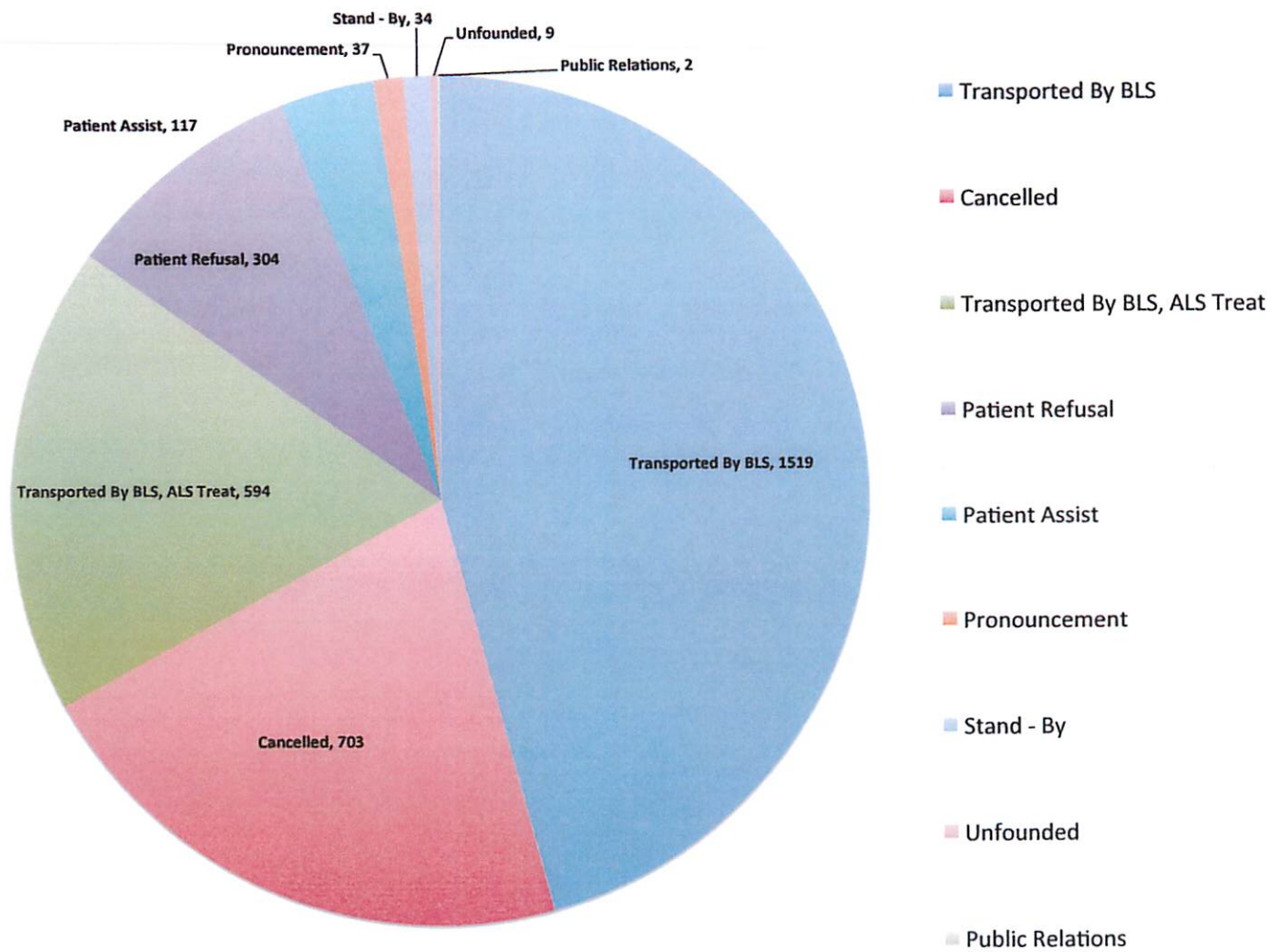
The Medical Division has a fleet of three basic life support ambulances and one first responder vehicle. Each ambulance is staffed with a two-person crew which holds a minimum certification level of EMT. Several of our staff have acquired the advanced level certification of Paramedic. The Lawrence Township 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 2016, Lawrence Township EMS answered 3,319 emergency dispatches 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 62 cardiac arrests, 854 medical calls (varying degrees and types of illness), 350 fall victims, 232 cardiac emergencies, 323 respiratory emergencies, 151 unconscious individuals, 54 strokes, 57 altered mental status, 104 seizures, 47 diabetic emergencies, 53 overdoses, 44 traumatic injuries including 5 gunshot victims, 318 motor vehicle crashes, 23 motor vehicle crashes with rescue of trapped victims, 13 maternity/child births, 16 allergic reactions, 73 psychiatric events, 114 patient assists, 69 fire standbys and 357 other emergencies. There were 1,016 calls that resulted in refusal of medical treatment, cancelled enroute to call and unfounded patients.

In 2016, Lawrence EMS logged over 200 hours of training and education which included recertification classes and review of the updated 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 certification the division has continued has been the 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 it installed by a certified technician to assure the highest safety standard for children during travel.

The Medical Division has handled several township events with standby 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 Bang! Kids 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.

Lawrence Township EMS Assignments 2016



2016 EMS ASSIGNMENTS BY CALL

Group	Count
Abdominal Pain	82
Allergies	16
Altered Mental Status / LOC	57
Animal Bite	2
Assault	34
Back Pain	36
Bleeding	82
Breathing Problems	3
Burns	1
CO Poisoning/ Hazmat	5
Cardiac	151
Cardiac - Suspected STEMI	2
Cardiac Arrest	62
Chest Pain	79
Choking	8
Convulsions/Seizure	104
Diabetic Emergency	47
Fall Victim	350
Fire Incident (Fire Based Agencies Only)	14
Headache	18
Heat/Cold Exposure	1
Hypertension	3
Hypotension	2
Intoxicated (ETOH)	19
Maternity	13
Medical Alarm	56
Medical Emergency	107
Motor Vehicle Accident	288
Motor Vehicle Accident Rescue Assignment	23
Other	245
Overdose	60
Patient Assist	114
Pedestrian Struck	16
Psychiatric Problems	73
Respiratory Emergency	320
Sick Person	524
Stab/Gunshot Wound	5
Stand By	54
Stroke/CVA	54
Suicide (Attempt)	1
Syncope	58
Transport/Transfer	1
Trauma	39
Unconscious / Fainting	90

Total

3319