

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP

POLICE DEPARTMENT



2009 ANNUAL REPORT

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Mission Statement

The Upper Merion Township Police Department is pledged to engage in a cooperative effort with our citizens to achieve and maintain a superior quality of life within our community. To the greatest extent possible, our actions will reflect the priorities of our citizens. Remaining committed to the principles of honesty, integrity, and professional ethics, we will work diligently to reduce the incidence and fear of crime and promote an atmosphere of well being. Our efforts are aimed at helping Upper Merion Township continue to be a good place to live, visit, work and worship.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Upper Merion Township is 17 square miles containing 130 miles of highways, patrolled by the Upper Merion Township Police Department. We have a 4.4 mile section of Route 76 (the Schuylkill Expressway), a 5.2 mile section of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, and a 2.2 mile section of the County Line Expressway (Route 422), which are all patrolled by the Pennsylvania State Police. Our residential population is 26,863 (based on 2000 Census), but that figure can easily double during a typical business day due to the number of workers, shoppers and travelers.

The Upper Merion Township Police Department provides a full range of police services on a 24 hour a day basis to both residents and our many visitors. We have one of the largest shopping complexes in the country. The King of Prussia Plaza and the Court at King of Prussia house over 400 stores anchored by Neiman Marcus, Lord & Taylor, Nordstrom, Sears, J C Penney, Macy's and Bloomingdales. Parking capacity exceeds 13,200 spaces.

Upper Merion Township has a diversity of industry and businesses employing thousands. The Valley Forge Convention Center attracts large consumer and trade shows. Valley Forge National Historic Park, primarily in Upper Merion Township, brings prestige and national recognition to the area.

The Upper Merion Township Police Department is proud to provide our residents, visitors, shoppers and workers with quality police services. We are truly a modern, dynamic community and the Police Department reflects this personality.

In 2009, the Upper Merion Township total real estate tax millage was:

	Millage	Percentage
School	14.640	75%
County	2.695	14%
Township	<u>2.086</u>	<u>11%</u>
	19.421	100%

The Upper Merion Township Operating Budget for 2009 was \$28,099,062 and the Police Department Operating Budget was \$11,312,005 or 41% of the Township budget.

**2009
POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION**

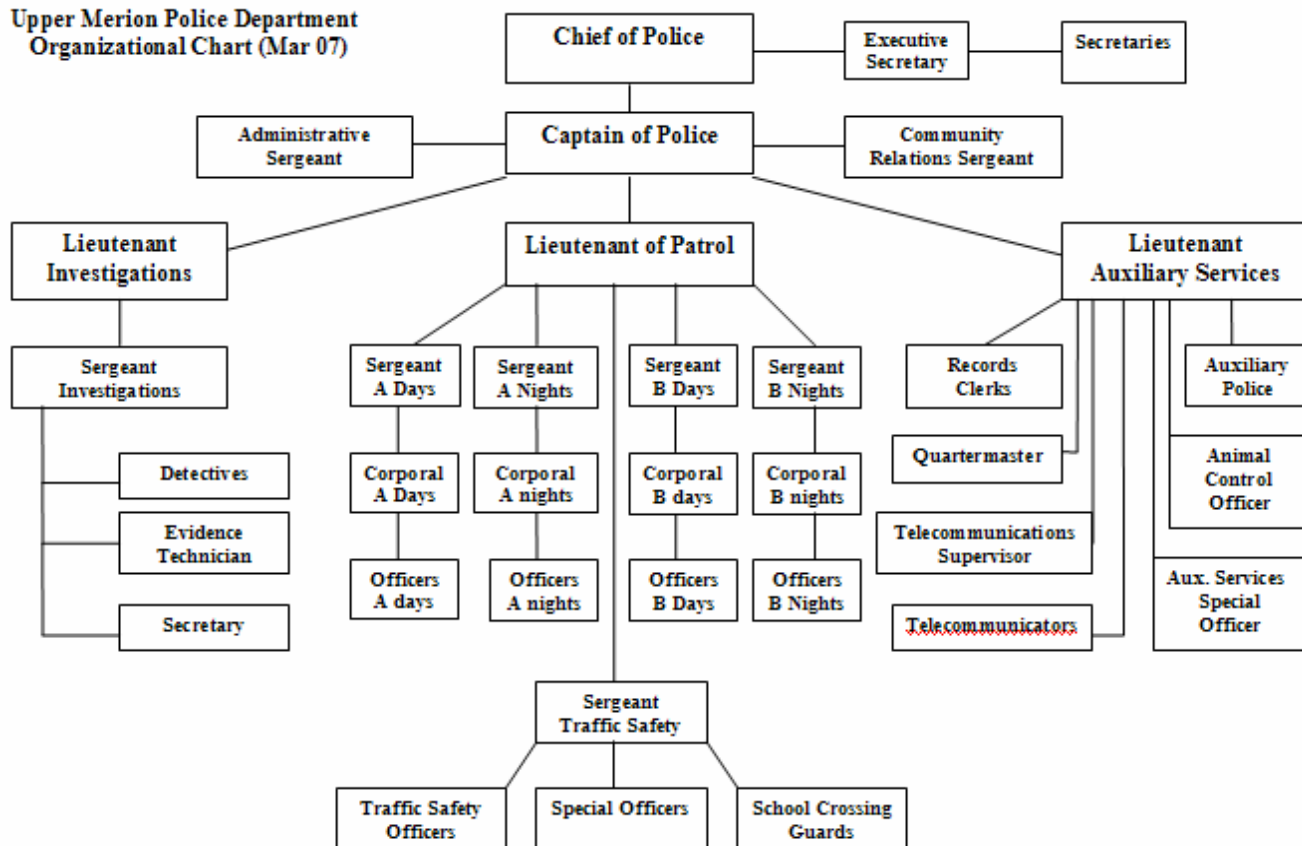
SWORN OFFICERS:

CHIEF OF POLICE	1	
CAPTAIN OF POLICE	1	
LIEUTENANTS	3	
SERGEANTS	8	
CORPORALS	4	
PATROL OFFICERS	37	
DETECTIVES	8	
JUVENILE DETECTIVES	2	
	64	

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES:

TELECOMMUNICATORS	9	
SECRETARIES	4	
RECORDS DIVISION CLERKS	2	
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	1	Retired 9/1/09
QUARTERMASTER	1	
SPECIAL OFFICERS	3	
CROSSING GUARDS	9	
EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN	1	
	30	

Upper Merion Police Department
Organizational Chart (Mar 07)



2009 PERSONNEL CHANGES

Civilian Employees Hired:

Matthew Glidden	05/20/09
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Civilian Employees Left Service:

Roberto Rodriguez	02/11/09
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Civilians Employees Retired:

William Goetz	09/01/09
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Crossing Guards Resigned:

Claire Chuse	04/22/09
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Organizational Promotions

2009 Promotions

There were no promotions in 2009.

2009 COMMUNITY RELATIONS UNIT

Since the implementation of a full-time Community Relations Unit in March 1997, the department has established a variety of programs to educate the residents and the business community with regard to crime, drug prevention, anti-terrorism and safety.

Community Policing remains active throughout the Township with Town Watch groups in Abrams Run, Hughes Road, Henderson Square, Belmont Hills, Swedeland and Prussian Woods. The department continues to utilize a digital fingerprinting and photograph system to provide child identification packets.

D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)

D.A.R.E. is a collaborative program in which local law enforcement and schools join together to educate students about the personal and social consequences of substance abuse. The program is a 10 week series of classroom lessons instructed by police officers to 5th & 6th grade students.

The program focuses on providing the students with the skills to recognize and resist the pressures that cause them to experiment with alcohol, tobacco or other dangerous drugs.

D.A.R.E. instructors include Sgt. Charles Zadroga, Officer Brandy Faherty, Officer Patrick Krouse & Officer Andrew Rathfon.

COPS & KIDS OFFICERS

This program includes visits to elementary schools by officers who interact with the students and also review "safe school" issues.

Caley Road Elementary	Sgt. Charles Zadroga
Candlebrook Elementary	Officer Robert Smull
Roberts Elementary	Sgt. Charles Zadroga
Mother of Divine Providence	Officer Michael Ballman
Upper Merion Middle School Gr.5	Officer Constance Marinello
Students Grades 5 & 6	D.A.R.E. Program
Upper Merion Middle School Gr. 7	Officer Drew Miller
Upper Merion Middle School Gr.8	Detective Les Glauner

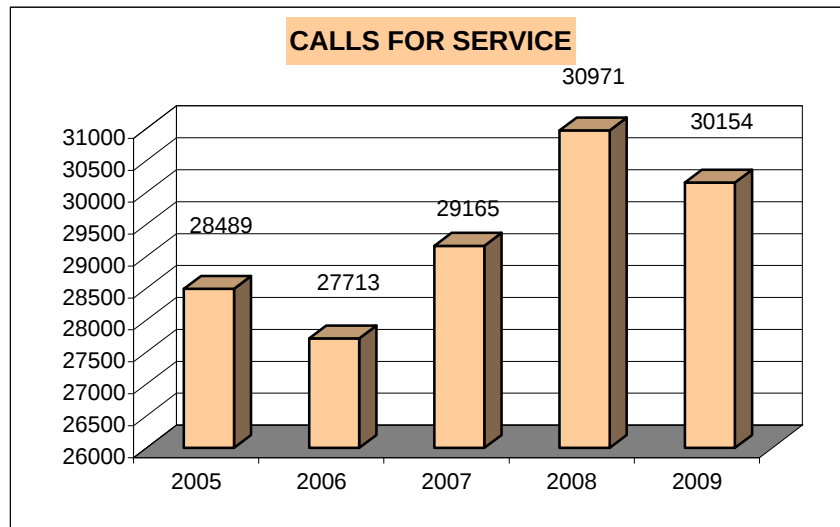
SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES IN 2009

D.A.R.E. Classes, Crime Prevention, Internet Safety Program, Substance Abuse/ D.U.I. Presentations, Tours of Police Headquarters, Instruction at Boy Scout Merit Badge College, Bullying Education. Township's Adventure Day Camp, numerous child fingerprinting sessions, Community Anti-terrorism presentations, Town Watch meetings, Salvation Army Food Drive, Toys for Tots motorcycle run, Crawford Memorial Toy Drive, Police Week Display at the King of Prussia Plaza, Safety Seminar at the King of Prussia Court, the Upper Merion Community Fair, Citizen's Advisory Board and C.A.S.T. (Community Alliance for a Safer Tomorrow).

2009

CALLS FOR SERVICE

2005	28489
2006	27713
2007	29165
2008	30971
2009	30154

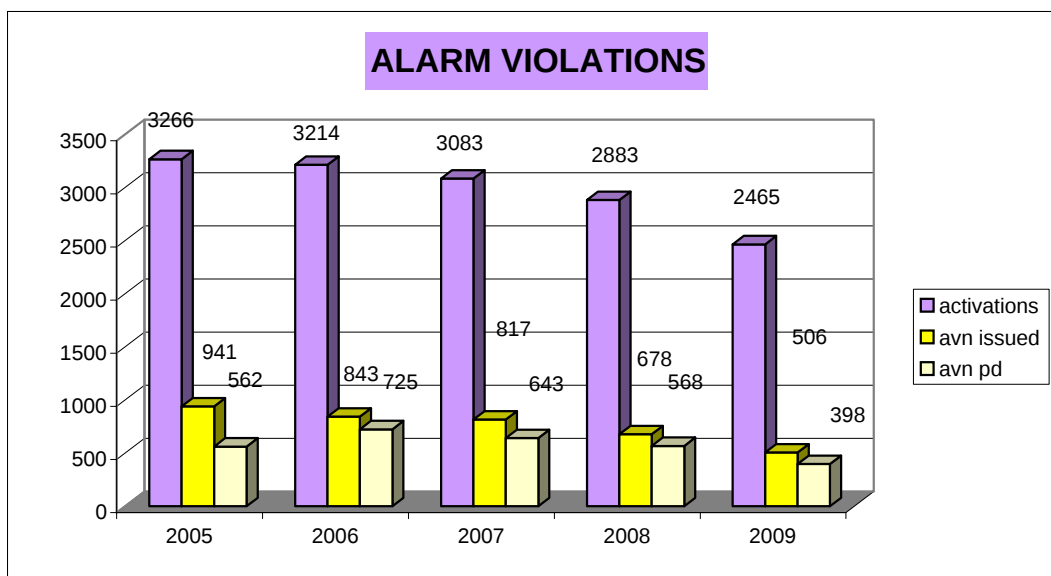


ALARMS

In 2009 Patrol Officers responded to 2465 alarms which was a decrease of 418 from 2008. Alarm Violation notices issued were 506 in 2009 which was a decrease of 172 from 2008.

ALARM VIOLATION NOTICES

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
ACTIVATIONS	3266	3214	3083	2883	2465
AVN ISSUED	941	843	817	678	506
AVN PAID	562	725	643	568	398

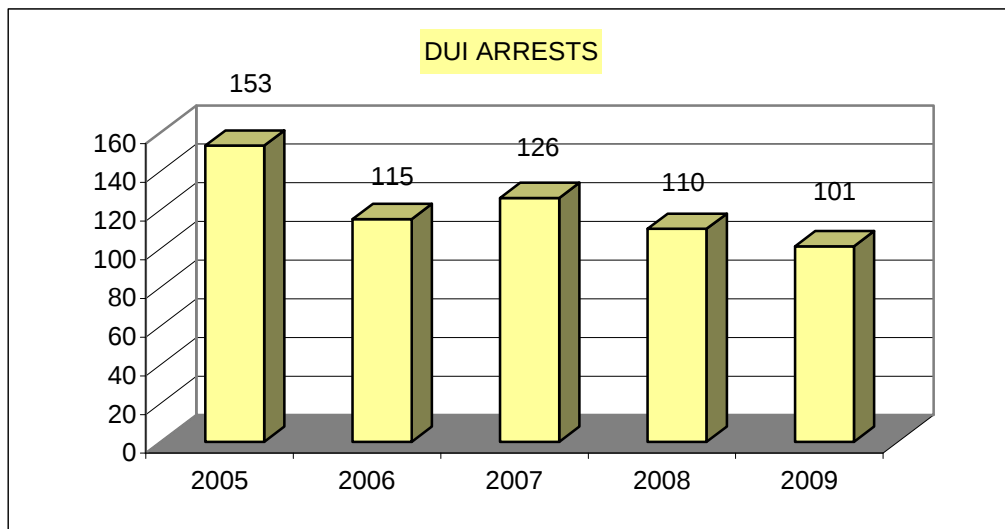


2009

DUI ARRESTS

(Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs)

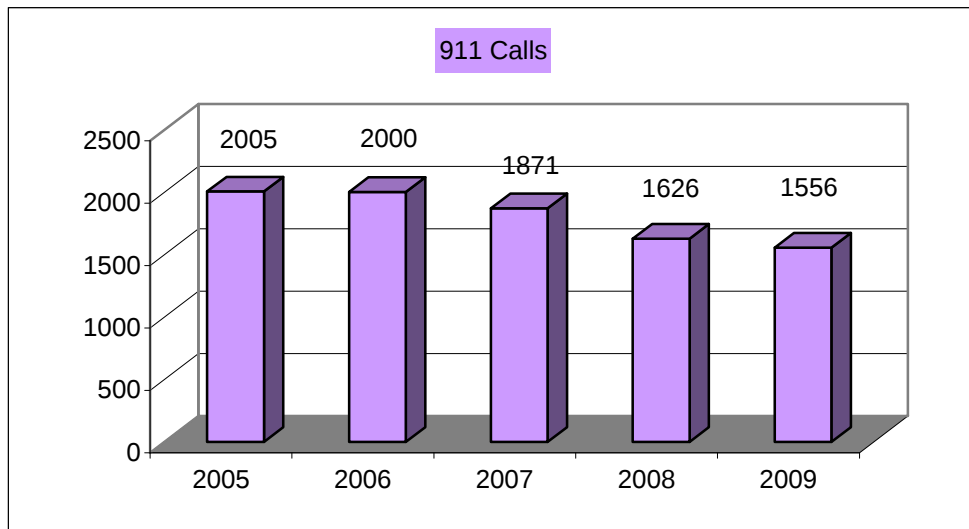
The patrol division arrested 101 drivers for driving under the influence in 2009, 9 less than were arrested in 2008. Several members of the department also participated in the Valley Forge Area DUI Enforcement Team checkpoints throughout the year.



2009

911 HANG UP RESPONSES

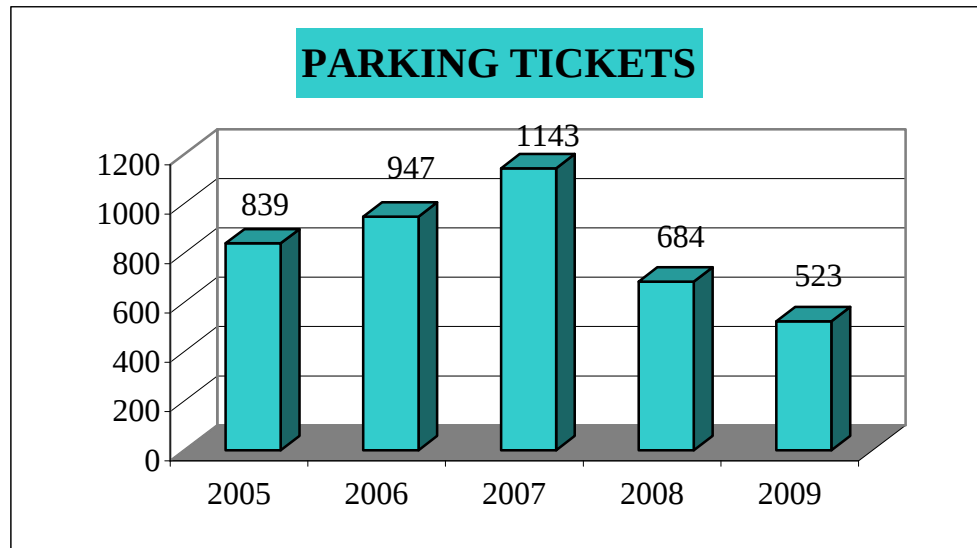
911 hang up responses occur when a caller contacts the Montgomery County 911 center and hangs up before providing any information. The caller's phone number and address are automatically displayed on the County computer screen. If a County dispatcher is unable to get an answer on call back, then the location data is transferred to our department. Two officers are dispatched to the location to check on the situation. The vast majority of 911 hang-up calls turn out to be caused by accident, yet each one must be treated as a potential emergency. The Police Department continues their efforts to reduce nuisance locations for 911 hang up calls.



2009

PARKING TICKETS

523 parking tickets were issued in 2009 which was 161 less than were issued in 2008.



PARKING TICKETS

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
TICKETS	839	947	1143	684	523

2009 Annual Report Police Canine Unit

In 2009 the Upper Merion Township Police department's K-9 unit consisted of two officers and two dogs.

Officer Richard Hiller was the handler of K-9 "Bo", a ten year old Dutch Sheppard. Bo had to be euthanized early in 2009 due to illness. Officer Richard Hiller started a Basic Patrol Class with K-9 "RJ", a three year old Belgian Malinois in September of 2009.

Officer Glenn Muntzer is the handler of K-9 "Jake", an eight year old German Sheppard.

The K-9 unit serves Upper Merion Township on a daily basis and conducts public demonstrations at many area schools. The unit has been a valuable asset to our police department and has assisted neighboring police departments as well.

Patrol/Criminal Activity Responses	83
Explosives Searches	0
Narcotic Searches	25
Community Events / Contacts	55
Backup other agencies	7
Training Days	98 *Includes K-9 Basic Class

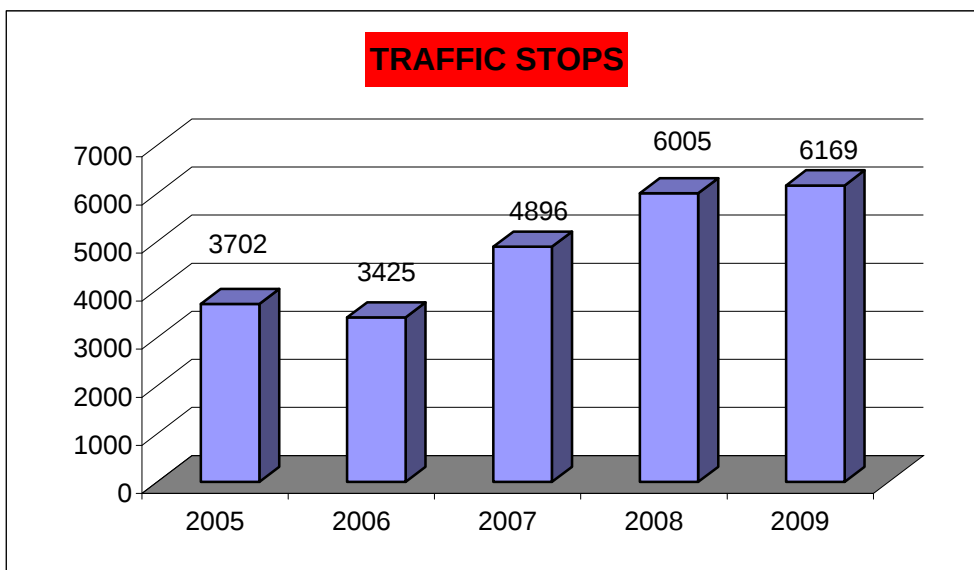
TRAFFIC STOPS

In 2009 a total of 6169 traffic stops were initiated by the patrol division. The 2009 total represents an increase of 164 traffic stops from the 2008 total.

2009

TRAFFIC STOPS

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
TOTAL	3702	3425	4896	6005	6169



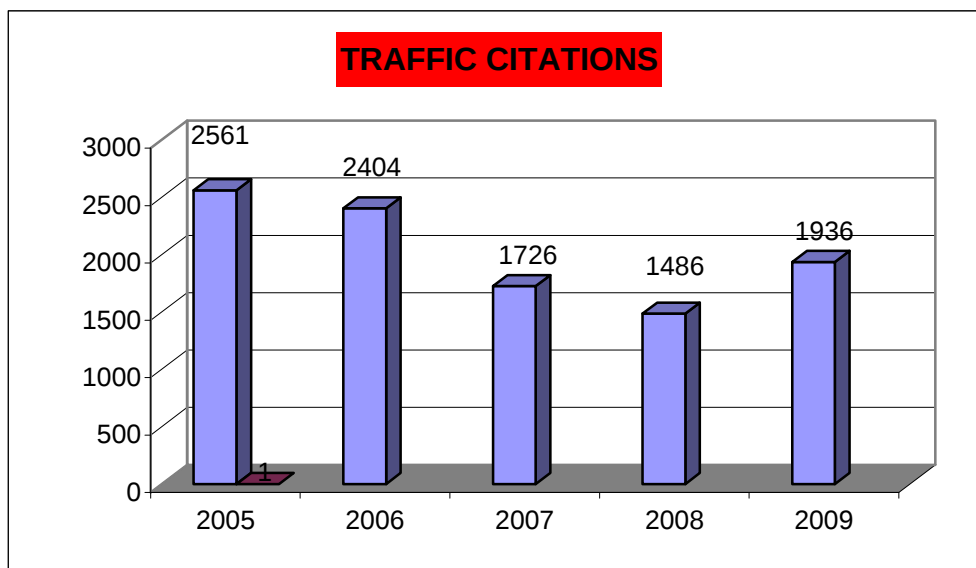
TRAFFIC CITATIONS

In 2009 a total of 1936 traffic citations were issued by the patrol division. The 2009 total represents an increase of 450 citations over the 2008 total.

2009

TRAFFIC CITATIONS

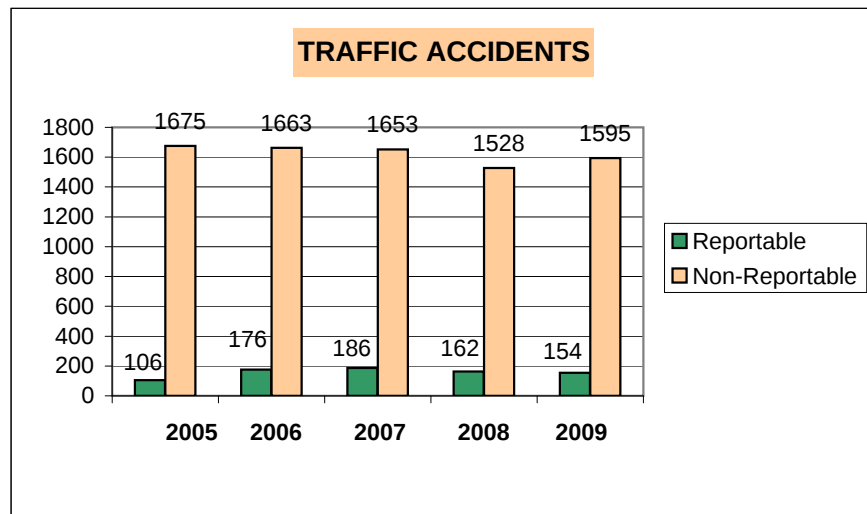
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
TOTAL	2561	2404	1726	1486	1936



TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

2009

The police department investigated 1749 auto accidents in 2009. When compared with 2008, there was an increase of 59 accidents in 2009.



TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
REPORTABLE*	106	176	186	162	154
NON-REPT.	1675	1663	1653	1528	1595
TOTAL	1781	1839	1839	1690	1749

* A reportable accident requires death, injury or vehicle towing

2009
PART 1 CRIMES / CLEARED

Serious Crime as classified by the FBI

	CRIMES	CLEARED	% CLEARED
HOMICIDE	0	0	n/a
RAPE	3	2	67%
ROBBERY	14	6	43%
ASSAULT	7	4	57%
BURGLARY	58	3	5%
THEFT**	1324	600	45%
AUTO THEFT	45	3	7%
ARSON	0	0	n/a
TOTAL	1451	618	43%

2009
PART 2 CRIMES / CLEARED

Less Serious Crime as classified by the FBI

	CRIMES	CLEARED	% CLEARED
FORGERY & FRAUD	295	41	14%
OTHER ASSAULTS	35	19	54%
RECEIVING STOLEN PROP.	0	0	n/a
DRUGS	83	68	82%
SEX CRIMES	22	9	41%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	85	83	98%
LIQUOR LAWS	37	36	97%
VANDALISM	211	10	5%
ALL OTHERS *	495	295	60%
TOTAL	1263	561	44%

* All others includes crimes that are not listed above.

**Theft includes "retail theft" which is by far the most frequent crime committed in Upper Merion Township due to the large number of retail businesses.

Uniform Crime Report (UCR)

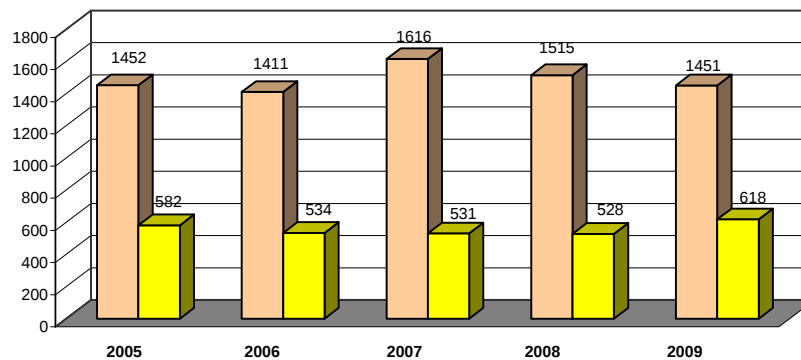
PART 1 CRIMES 5 YEARS

	Criminal	Forcible					Auto		Total Part 1	%
YEAR	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Theft	Theft	Arson	Crimes	Change
2005	4	0	18	25	82	1261	61	1	1452	13%
2006	2	1	6	8	79	1257	58	0	1411	-2.8%
2007	0	2	10	12	104	1432	55	1	1616	14.5%
2008	0	1	15	19	88	1350	42	0	1515	-6.3%
2009	0	3	14	7	58	1324	45	0	1451	-4.2%
TOTAL	6	7	63	71	411	6624	261	2	7445	

PART I CRIMES CLEARED 5 YEARS

	Criminal	Forcible					Auto		Total Part 1	%
YEAR	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Theft	Theft	Arson	Cleared	Cleared
2005	4	1	5	18	7	540	5	2	582	41%
2006	1	1	3	5	11	509	4	0	534	33%
2007	1	2	2	4	7	514	1	0	531	35%
2008	0	1	5	3	7	512	0	0	528	35%
2009	0	2	6	4	3	600	3	0	618	43%
TOTAL	6	7	21	34	35	2675	13	2	2793	38%

PART 1, CRIMES vs CLEARED



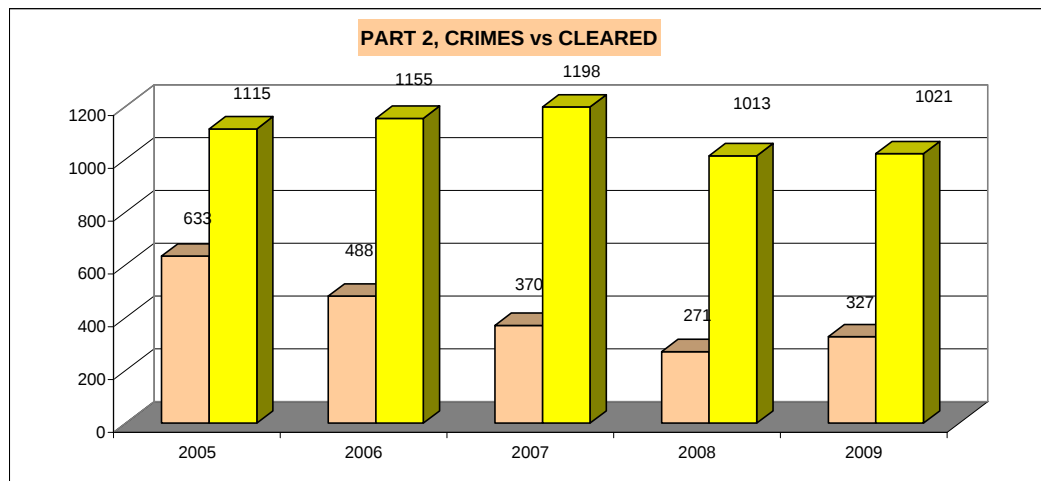
Uniform Crime Report (UCR)

PART 2 CRIMES 5 YEARS

	FORGERY	OTHER	RECEIVING		SEX	DISORDERLY	LIQUOR		ALL		%
YEAR	COUNTERFEIT	ASSAULTS	STOLEN PROP	DRUGS	CRIMES	CONDUCT	LAWS	VANDALISM	MOTHERS	TOTAL	CHANGE
2005	229	35	1	53	15	121	24	244	393	1115	26%
2006	272	42	3	43	14	97	26	344	314	1155	4%
2007	311	35	1	70	23	100	24	367	267	1198	4%
2008	325	45	0	78	16	67	23	221	238	1013	-15%
2009	295	35	0	83	22	85	37	211	253	1021	1%
TOTAL	1432	192	5	327	90	470	134	1387	1465	5502	

PART 2 CRIMES/CLEARED 5 YEARS

	FORGERY	OTHER	RECEIVING		SEX	DISORDERLY	LIQUOR		ALL		%
YEAR	COUNTERFEIT	ASSAULTS	STOLEN PROP	DRUGS	CRIMES	CONDUCT	LAWS	VANDALISM	MOTHERS	TOTAL	CLEARED
2005	62	32	1	51	11	120	24	25	307	633	57%
2006	79	31	2	41	6	96	26	28	179	488	42%
2007	53	24	0	62	7	100	23	21	80	370	31%
2008	27	24	0	67	4	66	21	4	58	271	27%
2009	41	19	0	68	9	83	36	10	61	327	32%
TOTAL	262	130	3	289	37	465	130	88	685	2089	



2009 JUVENILE CRIME ARRESTS

ROBBERY	2	
ASSAULT	6	
BURGLARY	1	
THEFT	307	
AUTO THEFT	3	
ARSON	0	
FORGERY	2	
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	0	
DRUGS	21	
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	21	
DUI	0	
LIQUOR LAWS	30	
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	6	
WEAPONS	2	
PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS	0	
ALL OTHER	12	
CURFEW	17	
TOTAL	430	

YOUTH AID PANELS

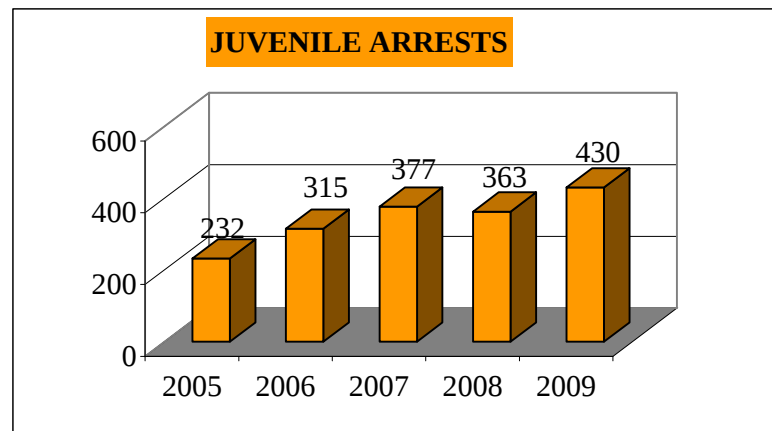
REFERRED	COMPLETED	DROPPED	STILL ACTIVE
95	55	8	32

CURFEW VIOLATIONS

WARNINGS	CITATIONS	TOTAL
42	17	59

JUVENILE ARRESTS

YEAR	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
# OF ARRESTS	232	315	377	363	430



*Juvenile crimes are not included in UCR part I or part II totals.