

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP

POLICE DEPARTMENT



2013 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

The Upper Merion Township Police Department provides a full range of police services on a 24-hour-a-day basis. The Department services a geographical area of 16.7 square miles and is located in Montgomery County which is approximately 20 miles northwest of Philadelphia.

The Township is bordered by a 4.4 mile section of Route 76 (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.

Historic Valley Forge National Park, being mainly in Upper Merion Township, brings prestige and national recognition to the area. Also located in the Township is a large industrial area and the King of Prussia Plaza which is one of the largest shopping complexes in the country. In addition to the industrial and business aspect of our community, we also host three elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. Although the resident population is 28,395 (2010 census) the commercial/transit/industrial composition invites an estimated daytime population of over 200,000 people.

On March 31, 2012 Valley Forge Casino Resort became the 11th casino to operate in Pennsylvania. The casino consists of 600 slot machines and 50 table games. The casino has two hotels: The Casino Tower and a Radisson Hotel, which is attached to the property, together offering 486 hotel rooms and suites. The Valley Forge Casino Resort has over 100,000 sq. ft. of meeting, convention and exhibit space including the Valley Forge Convention Center. The complex also includes a spa, fitness center, seven (7) restaurants and two stores. The parking lot can accommodate 3,000 vehicles and has free valet parking everyday.

The Upper Merion Police Department continually seeks to partner with our culturally diverse community to maintain a safe environment for our residents and the township's many visitors.

On the Township's web-site (www.umtownship.org) various types of information can be accessed concerning the department's activities; including Crime Alerts, Weekly Crime Bulletins, Safety Tips, Community Response Unit, and community concerns.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

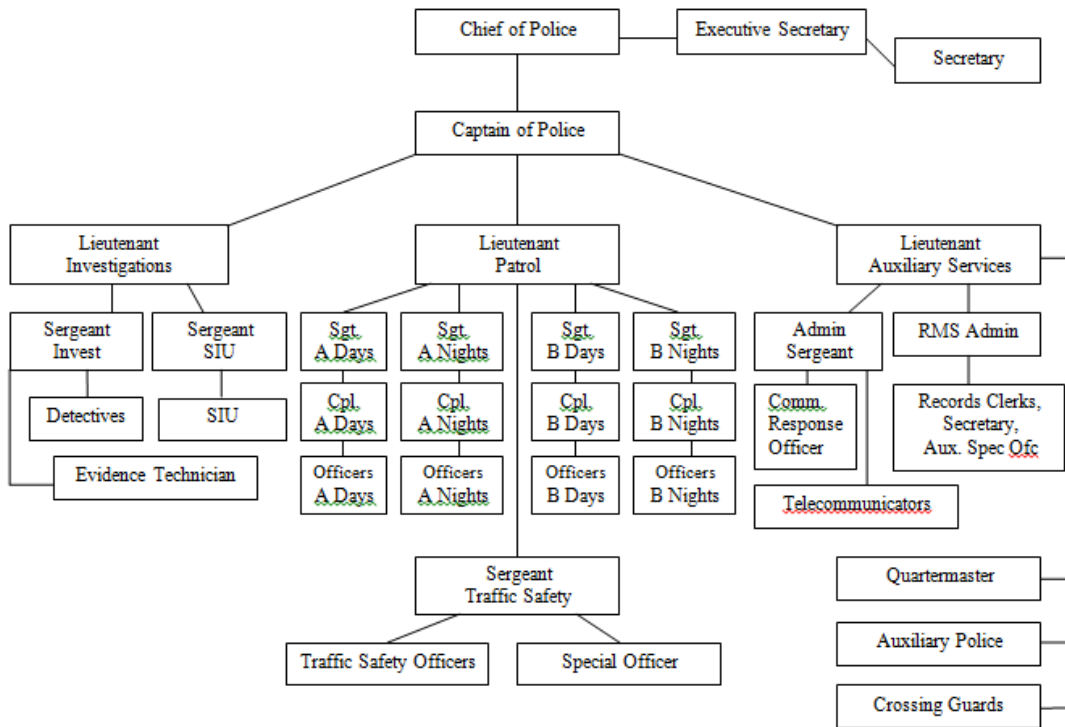
SWORN OFFICERS:

CHIEF OF POLICE	1
CAPTAIN OF POLICE	1
LIEUTENANTS	3
SERGEANTS	8
CORPORALS	4
PATROL OFFICERS	34
DETECTIVES	11
JUVENILE DETECTIVES	<u>2</u>
	64

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES:

RMS Administrator	1
TELECOMMUNICATORS	6 F/T & 3 P/T
SECRETARIES	3
RECORDS DIVISION CLERKS	2
QUARTERMASTER	1
SPECIAL OFFICERS	2
CROSSING GUARDS	7 & 2 Subs
EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN	<u>1</u>
	28

Upper Merion Township Police Department
Organizational Chart
2013



2013 COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT

In March of 1997 the Upper Merion Police Department established a full time Community Relations Unit which has established a variety of programs to educate our residents and business community. In January of 2013 the Police Department changed the name to the Community Response Unit, along with the structure to better respond to the needs of the Community, while keeping the integrity of the programs that were started and to add new programs with the intent of expanding services to the community. The change was also intended to highlight the fact that the entire department is community relations oriented and that community policing will remain very active throughout the Township.

POLICE CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

In 2013 the Police Department established a Police Chaplain Program in an effort to aid the Department in its efforts to advance the Community Policing Concept. The program is a voluntary partnership between the Clergy and the Police Department to help improve the quality of life for residents and the Police Department. The partnership will endeavor to help maintain strong community relations through the exchange of vital information that will help residents better understand police activity and procedures. The Chaplain Program will make counseling and pastoral services available to our Community, and the members and families of the Police Department, whenever such services are requested. The Police Chaplain, who has training in pastoral care in the the world of law enforcement, will offer counseling and spiritual care during times of crisis, emergencies or turmoil, and the aftermath. There are currently five clergy from different denominations who volunteered for this program, and are "on call" whenever their services are requested. We also anticipate having more clergy added to this program in the future. In 2013 this program was put to use for a highly emotional incident where the Police were perceived to be the adversary, and due to the assistance of the Chaplain this incident was resolved with dignity, respect and understanding to all parties involved.

COP CAMP

In 2013 the Police Department in cooperation with Upper Merion Park and Rec Department sponsored the first annual Cop Camp at Heuser Park. The objective of the Camp was to encourage better understanding between the Police and area youth. The Cop Camp "Cadets" were taught teamwork, lessons in personal safety, respect for themselves and respect for others, as they participated in exciting well organized police activities. The camp was open to well-disciplined boys and girls who were township residents and who provided a good conduct letter from their school. The Cadets participated in physical activities and regimented police training. Some of the exciting sessions included Accident Investigation, Traffic stops with the Traffic Safety Unit, Hostage Rescue with the SWAT Team, K-9, Bicycle Unit, and Crime Scene Investigations with Upper Merion Detectives along with other aspects of police work. Teamwork and physical conditioning were accomplished by using games like tug of war, kickball, and an obstacle course along with running and other competitive physical activity. The Cadets also met Firefighters, Paramedics and numerous Police Officers. The Camp concluded the week with a graduation ceremony and a pizza party. The Police Department will continue with this successful program in 2014.

MED RX RETURN

In 2013 the Police Department joined with the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office to provide a method where people can safely dispose of unused prescription and over the counter medications. A Med Rx Return box was placed in the police lobby where it is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Prescription medication, patches, pet medication, over the counter medications, and vitamins are just a few examples of the medications that can be collected. No needles, liquids or inhalers can be collected at this site. These returned medications will then be turned over to the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) on the National Drug Take Back Initiative that they sponsor twice a year in October and in April, to be properly disposed of where the effects of these drugs do not end up in the rivers, streams and ground water.

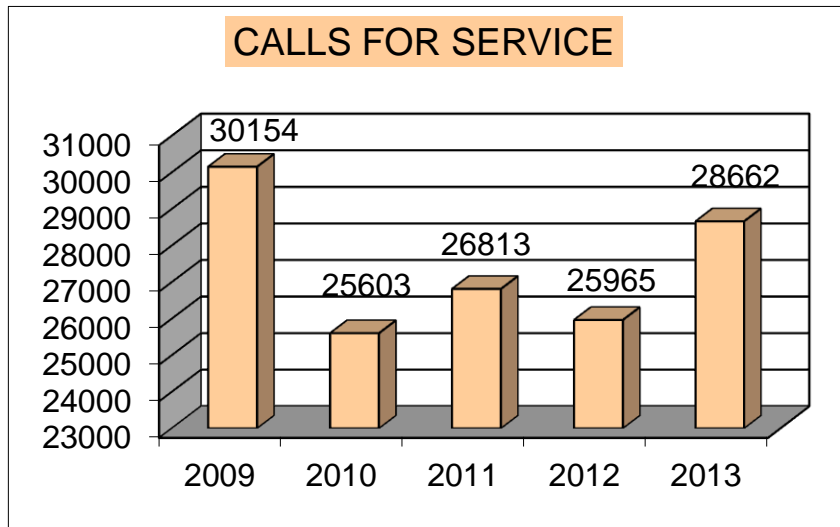
COMMUNITY RESPONSE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS IN 2013

D.A.R.E. , Internet Safety, DEA National Drug Take Back Initiative, Tours of Police Headquarters, Bullying Education, Township Adventure Day Camp, Child Fingerprinting, Town Watch National Night Out, Salvation Army Food Drive, Upper Merion Farmers Market, Police Chaplain Program, Tricentennial parade and Upper Merion Community Fair, Citizens Advisory Board, School Walk Through Program, C.A.S.T. (Community Alliance for a Safer Tomorrow), presentation to Upper Merion School District Staff on Police Response to an Active Shooter, Cop Camp, Senior Scam Programs, Lock for Life Program, Coffee with the Cops, Police Week Demonstration, Scout Fingerprinting Merit Badge, Career Days, Survival 101, Med RX Return, Seat Belt Safety and Alcohol Impaired Awareness in cooperation with the Montgomery County Health Department.

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CALLS FOR SERVICE

2009	30154
2010	25603
2011	26813
2012	25965
2013	28662

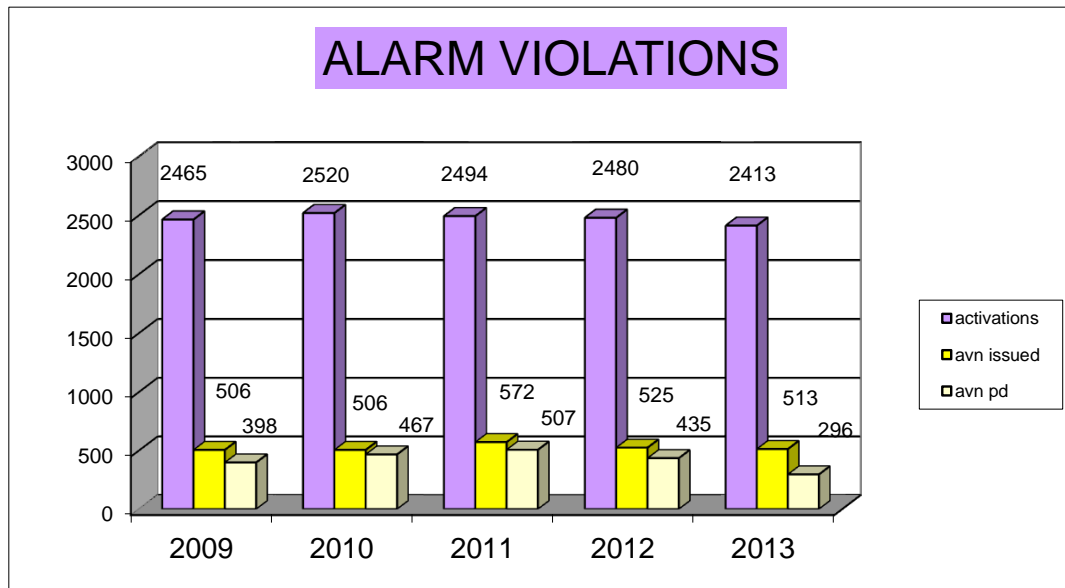


ALARMS

In 2013 Patrol Officers responded to 2413 alarms which was a decrease of 67 from 2012. Alarm Violation notices issued were 513 in 2013 which was a decrease of 12 from 2012.

ALARM VIOLATION NOTICES

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
ACTIVATIONS	2465	2520	2494	2480	2413
AVN ISSUED	506	506	572	525	513
AVN PAID	398	467	507	435	296



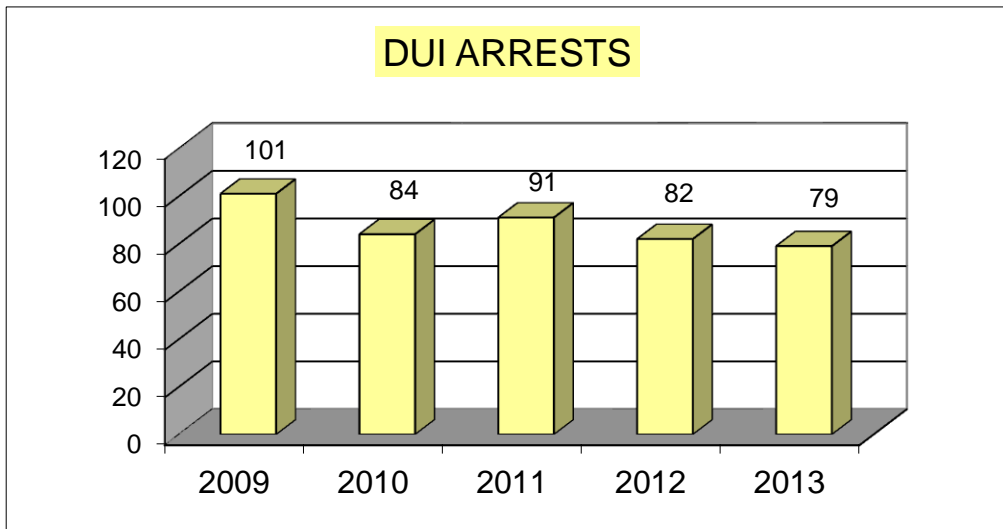
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DUI ARRESTS

(Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs)

The patrol division arrested 79 drivers for driving under the influence in 2013, 3 less than were arrested in 2012.

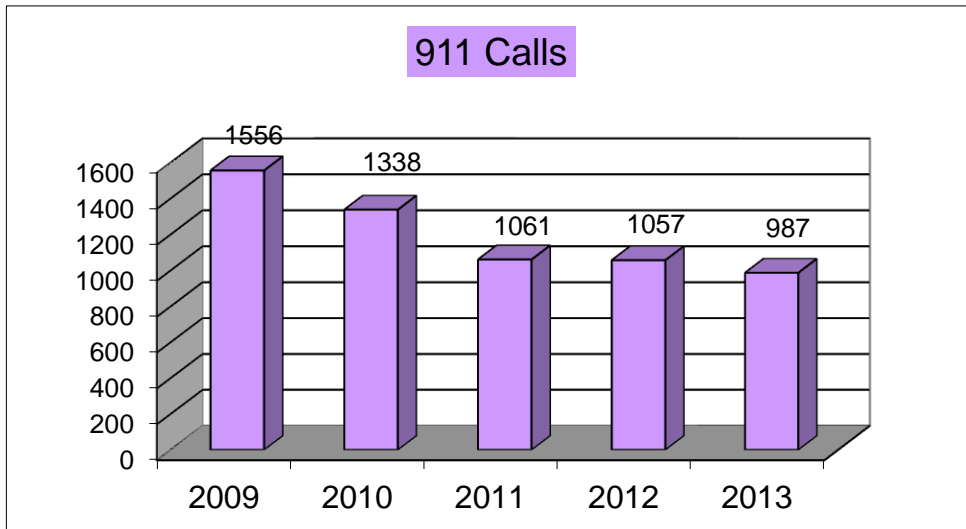
Several members of the department also participated in the Valley Forge Area DUI Enforcement Team checkpoints throughout the year.



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911 HANG UP RESPONSES

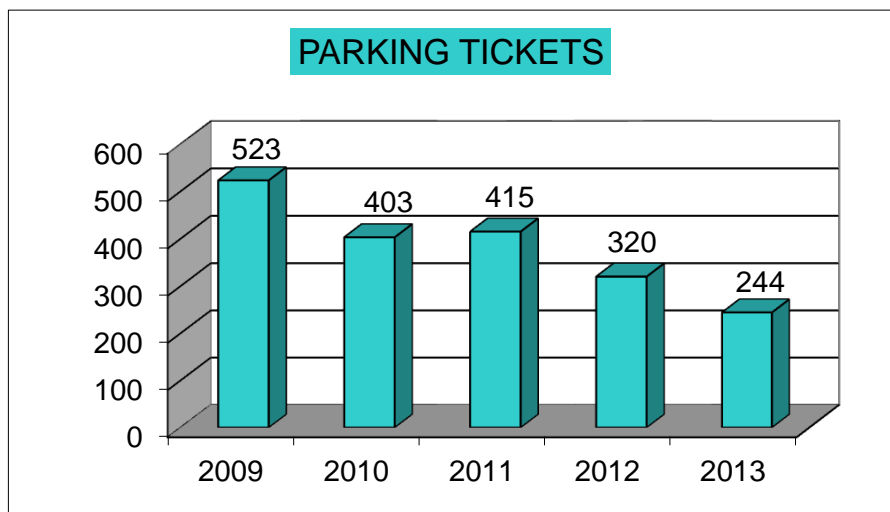
911 hang up responses occur when a caller contacts the Montgomery County 911 Center and hangs up before providing any information. The caller's phone number and address are automatically displayed on the County computer screen. If a County dispatcher is unable to get an answer on call back, then the 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.



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PARKING TICKETS

244 parking tickets were issued in 2013 which was a decrease of 76 from 2012.



PARKING TICKETS

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
TICKETS	523	403	415	320	244

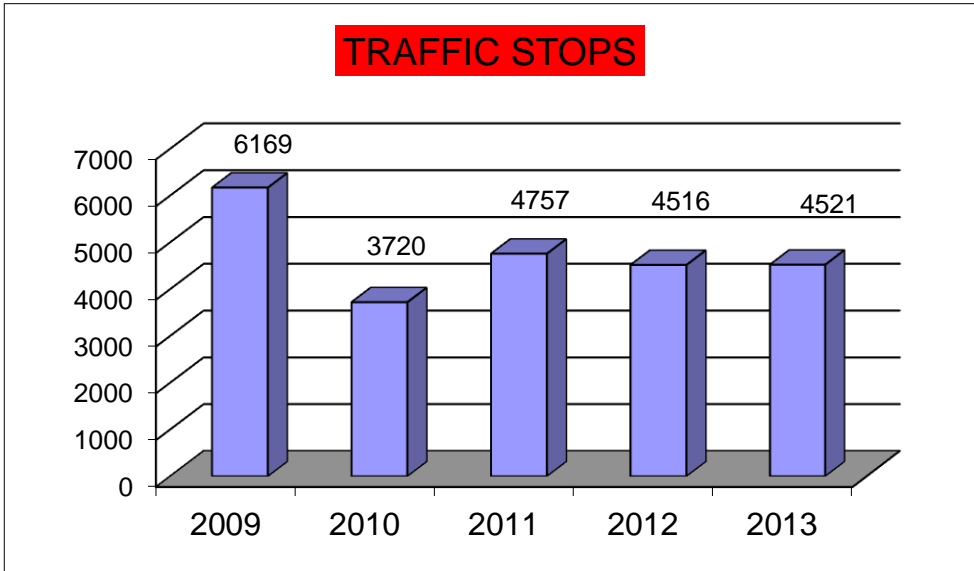
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TRAFFIC STOPS

In 2013 a total of 4521 traffic stops were initiated by the patrol division. The 2013 total represents an increase of 5 traffic stops over the 2012 total.

TRAFFIC STOPS

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
TOTAL	6169	3720	4757	4516	4521



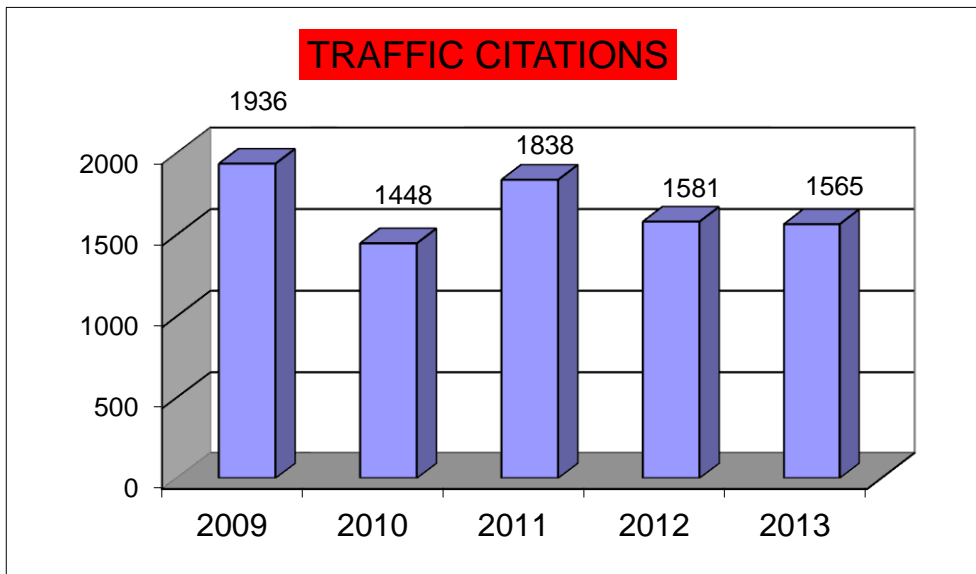
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TRAFFIC CITATIONS

In 2013 a total of 1565 traffic citations were issued by the patrol division. The 2013 total represents a decrease of 16 citations over the 2012 total.

TRAFFIC CITATIONS

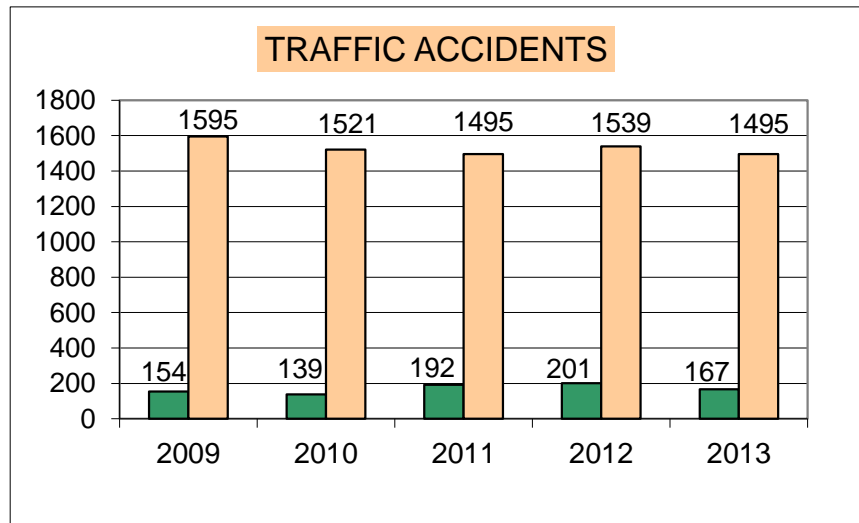
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
TOTAL	1936	1448	1838	1581	1565



TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

2013

The police department investigated 1662 auto accidents in 2013. When compared with 2012, there was a decrease of 78 accidents in 2013.



TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
REPORTABLE*	154	139	192	201	167
NON-REPT.	1595	1521	1495	1539	1495
TOTAL	1749	1660	1687	1740	1662

* A reportable accident requires death, injury or vehicle towing

**2013
PART 1 CRIMES / CLEARED**

Serious Crime as classified by the FBI

	CRIMES	CLEARED	% CLEARED
HOMICIDE	0	0	0%
RAPE	2	0	0%
ROBBERY	14	14	100%
ASSAULT	5	2	40%
BURGLARY	69	14	20%
THEFT**	1073	477	44%
AUTO THEFT	25	5	20%
ARSON	1	1	100%
TOTAL	1189	513	43%

**2013
PART 2 CRIMES / CLEARED**

Less Serious Crime as classified by the FBI

	CRIMES	CLEARED	% CLEARED
FORGERY & FRAUD	197	79	40%
OTHER ASSAULTS	57	45	79%
RECEIVING STOLEN PROP.	0	0	0%
DRUGS	89	79	89%
SEX CRIMES	18	15	83%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	63	63	100%
LIQUOR LAWS	18	18	100%
VANDALISM	117	11	9%
ALL OTHERS *	450	303	67%
TOTAL	1009	613	61%

* All others includes crimes that are not listed above. (Weapons Offenses, Prostitution, Public Drunkenness and all other offenses).

**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.

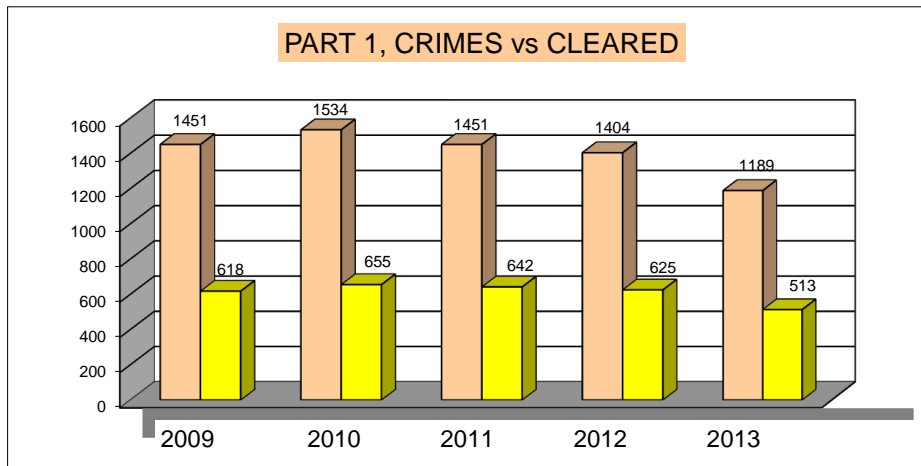
Uniform Crime Report (UCR)

PART 1 CRIMES 5 YEARS

	Criminal	Forcible					Auto	Total Part		%
YEAR	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Theft	Theft	Arson	Crimes	Change
2009	0	3	14	7	58	1324	45	0	1451	N/A
2010	2	1	18	8	81	1379	44	1	1534	5.7%
2011	3	0	13	8	66	1330	30	1	1451	-5.4%
2012	2	1	11	7	65	1287	25	6	1404	-3.2%
2013	0	2	14	5	69	1073	25	1	1189	-15.3%
TOTAL	7	7	70	35	339	6393	169	9	7029	

PART I CRIMES CLEARED 5 YEARS

	Criminal	Forcible					Auto	Total Part		%
YEAR	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Theft	Theft	Arson	Cleared	Cleared
2009	0	2	6	4	3	600	3	0	618	N/A
2010	2	0	3	6	9	603	4	1	655	43%
2011	3	0	6	5	14	608	6	0	642	44%
2012	2	1	5	6	6	599	1	5	625	45%
2013	0	0	14	2	14	477	5	1	513	43%
TOTAL	7	3	34	23	46	2887	19	7	3053	



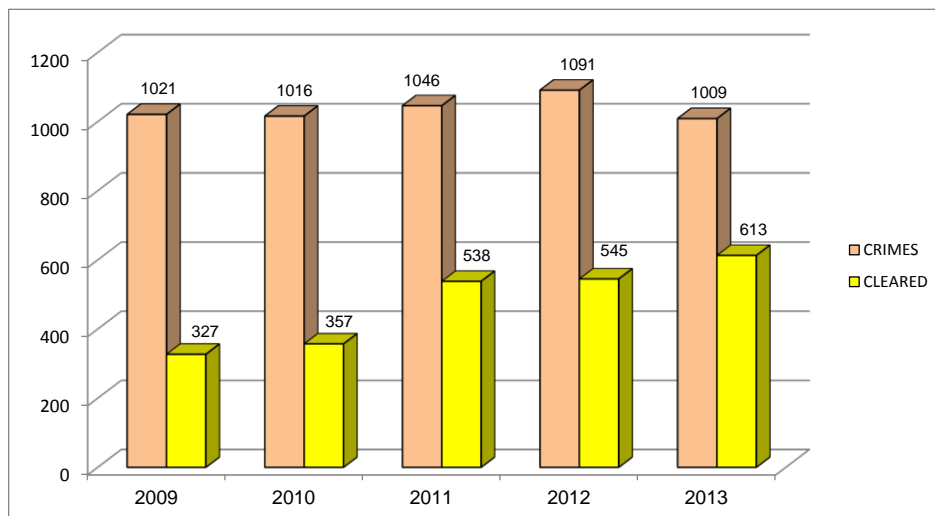
Uniform Crime Report (UCR)

**PART 2 CRIMES
5 YEARS**

YEAR	FORGERY COUNTERFEIT	OTHER ASSAULTS	RECEIVING STOLEN PROP	DRUGS	SEX CRIMES	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	LIQUOR LAWS	VANDALISM	MOTHERS	ALL TOTAL	% CHANGE
2009	295	35	0	83	22	85	37	211	253	1021	N/A
2010	275	42	0	86	12	77	23	206	295	1016	0%
2011	256	45	0	66	21	72	25	144	417	1046	3%
2012	261	35	2	92	24	65	13	154	445	1091	4%
2013	197	57	0	89	18	63	18	117	450	1009	-8%
TOTAL	1284	214	2	416	97	362	116	832	1860	5183	

**PART 2 CRIMES/CLEARED
5 YEARS**

YEAR	FORGERY COUNTERFEIT	OTHER ASSAULTS	RECEIVING STOLEN PROP	DRUGS	SEX CRIMES	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	LIQUOR LAWS	VANDALISM	MOTHERS	ALL TOTAL	% CLEARED
2009	41	19	0	68	9	83	36	10	61	327	N/A
2010	64	27	0	69	3	76	21	13	84	357	35%
2011	40	31	0	59	8	69	22	6	303	538	51%
2012	71	28	1	74	11	65	13	11	271	545	50%
2013	79	45	0	79	15	63	18	11	303	613	61%
TOTAL	295	150	1	349	46	356	110	51	1022	2380	



2013 JUVENILE CRIME ARRESTS

	2012	2013
ROBBERY	0	5
ASSAULT	4	5
BURGLARY	0	1
THEFT	140	147
AUTO THEFT	0	0
ARSON	5	2
FORGERY	3	0
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	1	3
DRUGS	14	14
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	3	19
DUI	0	1
LIQUOR LAWS	11	10
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	6	1
WEAPONS	2	0
PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS	0	1
ALL OTHER	12	12
CURFEW	19	8
TOTAL	220	229

YOUTH AID PANELS

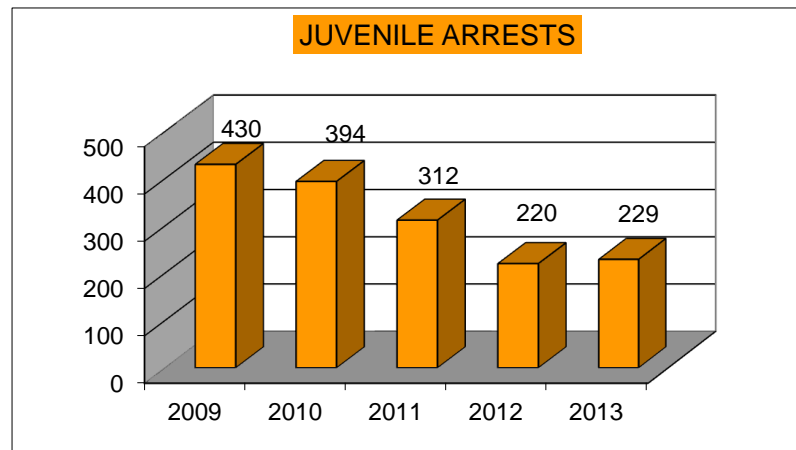
REFERRED	COMPLETED	DROPPED	STILL ACTIVE
42	23	19	0

CURFEW VIOLATIONS

WARNINGS	CITATIONS	TOTAL
6	2	8

JUVENILE ARRESTS

YEAR	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
# OF ARRESTS	430	394	312	220	229



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