

**UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP
POLICE DEPARTMENT**



2018 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, the King of Prussia Town Center, and the expanded King of Prussia Mall, 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 four 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.

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, the Lock for Life Program and a Special Needs Registry. Like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @UMerionPD.

**2018
POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION**

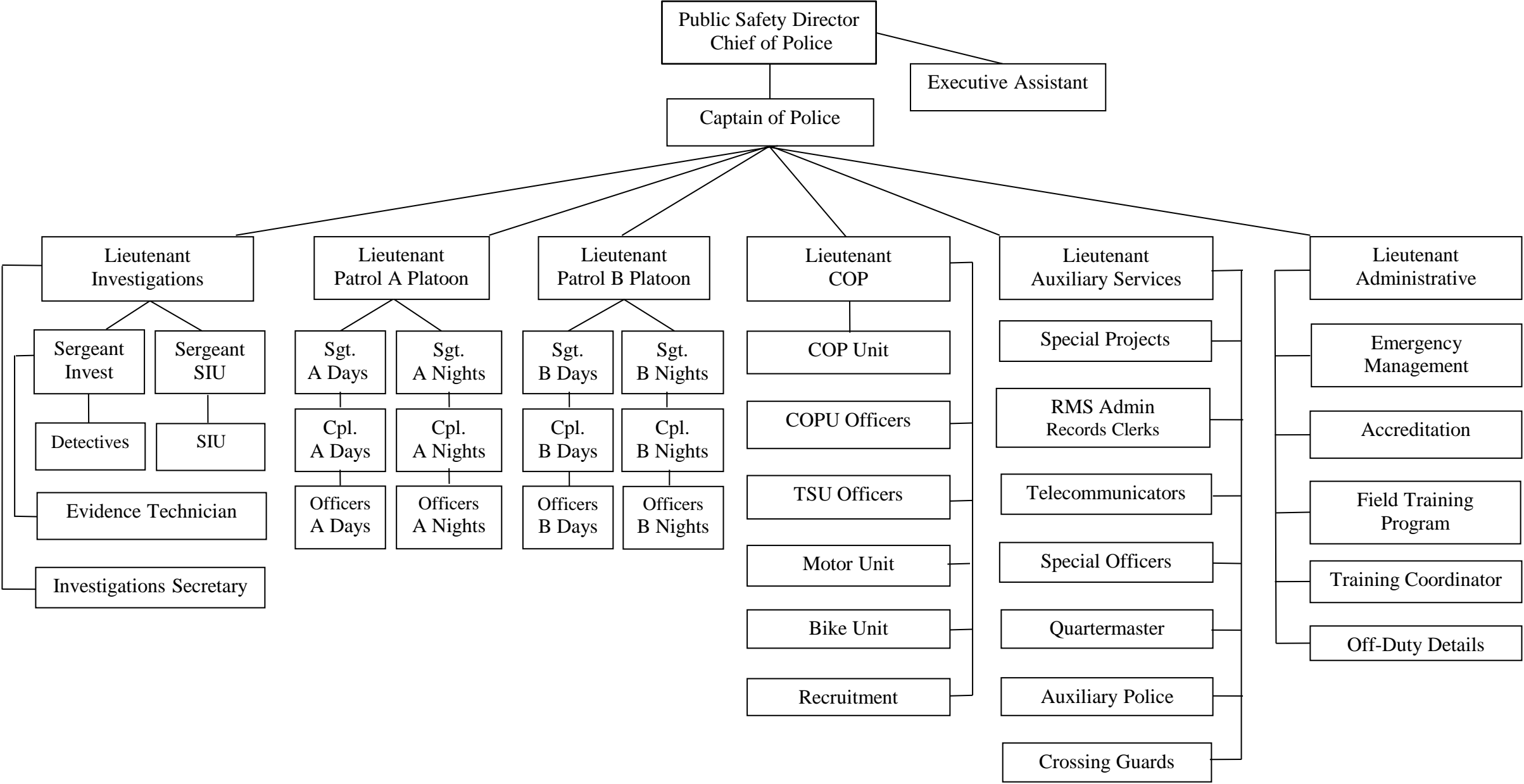
SWORN OFFICERS:

CHIEF OF POLICE	1
CAPTAIN OF POLICE	1
LIEUTENANTS	6
SERGEANTS	6
CORPORALS	4
PATROL OFFICERS	38
DETECTIVES	12
JUVENILE DETECTIVES	2
TOTAL:	<u>70</u>

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES:

RMS ADMINISTRATOR	1
RECORDS DIVISION PERSONNEL	3
SECRETARIES	2
QUARTERMASTER	1
SPECIAL OFFICERS	2
EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN	1
TELECOMMUNICATORS: FULL-TIME	7
TELECOMMUNICATORS: PART-TIME	2
CROSSING GUARDS	7
CROSSING GUARDS: SUBSTITUTE	2
TOTAL:	<u>28</u>

**Upper Merion Township Police Department
Organizational Chart
2018**



2018 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

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.

COP CAMP

The Police Department in cooperation with Upper Merion Park and Rec Department sponsored the 1st Annual Cop Camp at Heuser Park in 2013. 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 reside in the school district 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 with the 7th Annual Cop Camp in 2019.

MED Rx RETURN

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 District Attorney's Office 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. In 2018 we collected 423 lbs. of prescription medication.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS IN 2018

Internet Safety, DA National Drug Take Back Initiative, Tours of Police Headquarters, Bullying Education, Township Adventure Day Camp, Child Fingerprinting, Salvation Army Food Drive, Water Ice Coupon Program, Upper Merion Farmers Market, Police Chaplain Program, Citizens Advisory Board, School Walk Through Program, C.A.S.T. (Community Alliance for a Safer Tomorrow), presentation to Upper Merion Area 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 Awareness in cooperation with the Montgomery County Health Department and PennDOT.

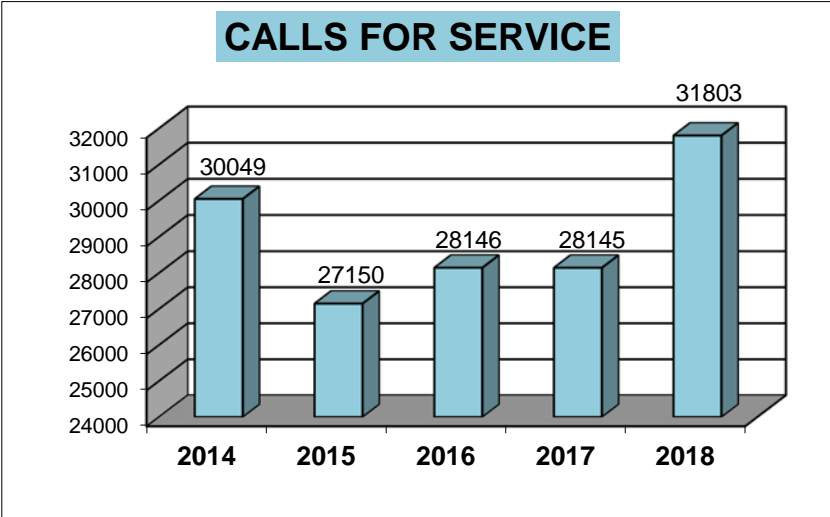
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

In August, the COP Division planned their largest event yet, Upper Merion's very first National Night C. They teamed up with other local police agencies to bring a night of entertainment, information, and fun to our community. Over 2,500 residents from Upper Merion and surrounding communities came out to meet multiple police departments, enjoy music, eat local food, play games, and more. Attendees were also able to learn about local resources and programs made available to them through organizations like the Upper Merion Senior Services Center, The Center for Autism, Meals on Wheels, Montco Family Services, Women's Center of Montco, and more.

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CALLS FOR SERVICE

2018	31803
2017	28145
2016	28146
2015	27150
2014	30049



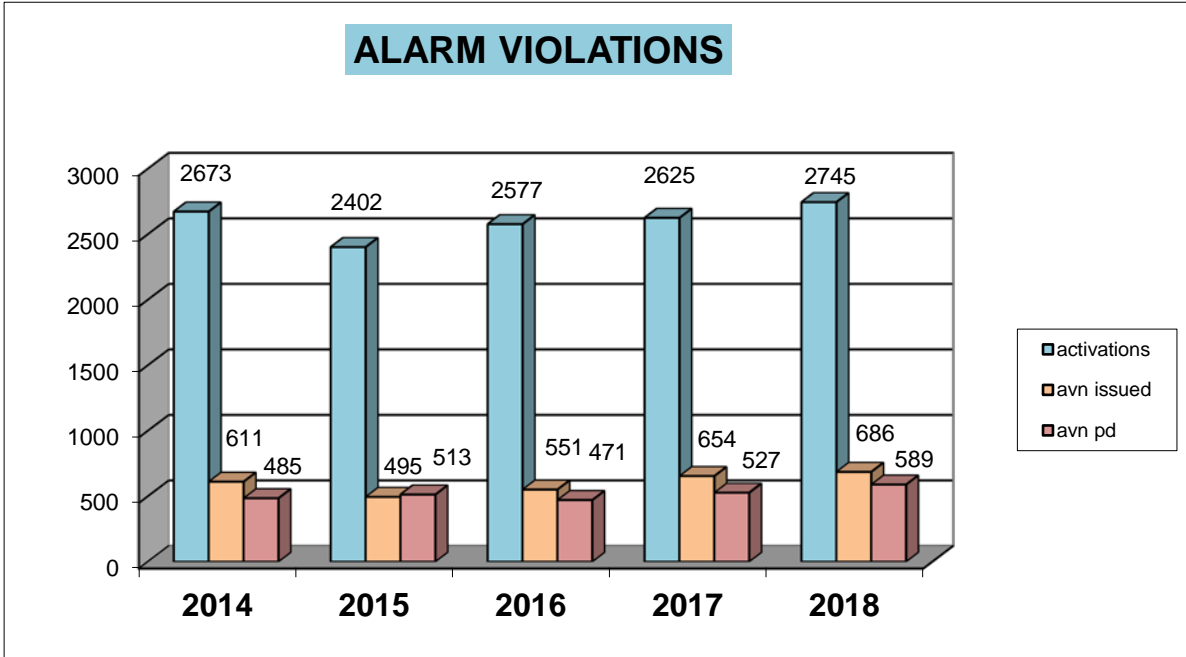
In 2018 UMPD had 31,803 Calls for Service which was an increase of 3,658 over 2017.

2018 ALARMS

In 2018 Patrol Officers responded to 2745 alarms, which was an increase of 120 over 2017. Alarm Violation notices issued were 686 in 2018, which was an increase of 32 over 2017.

ALARM VIOLATION NOTICES

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
ACTIVATIONS	2673	2402	2577	2625	2745
AVN ISSUED	611	495	551	654	686
AVN PAID	485	513	471	527	589

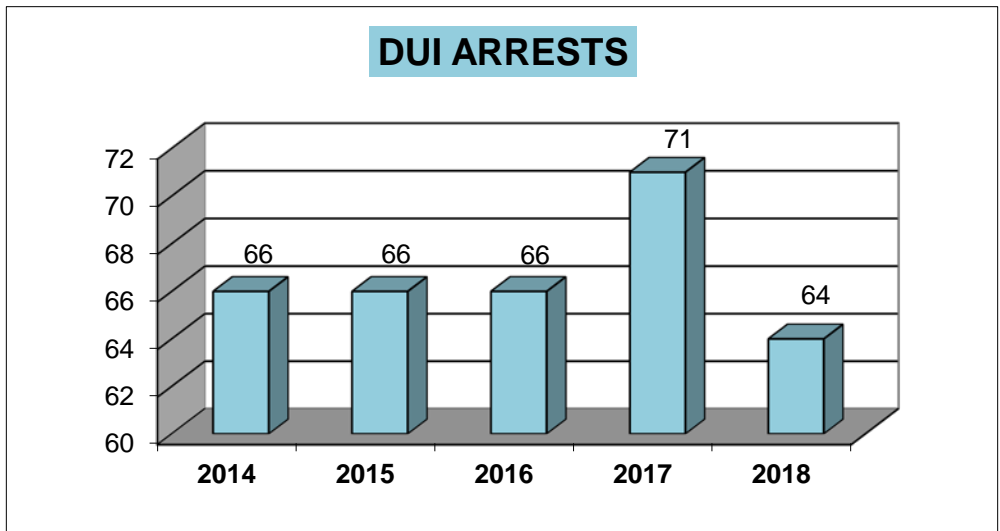


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DUI ARRESTS

(Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs)

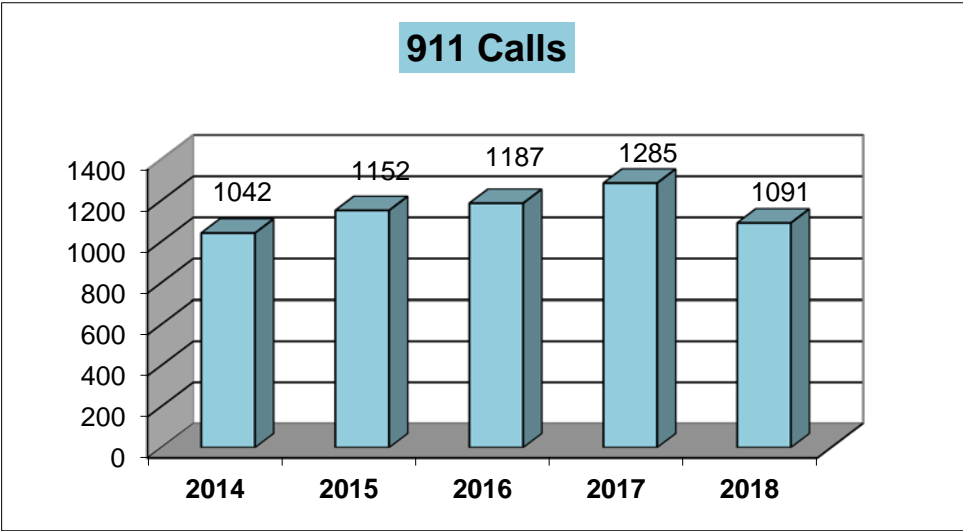
The patrol division arrested 64 drivers for driving under the influence in 2018 which was a decrease of 7 from 2017. Several members of the department also participated in the Valley Forge Area DUI Enforcement Team checkpoints throughout the year.



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911 HANG-UP RESPONSES

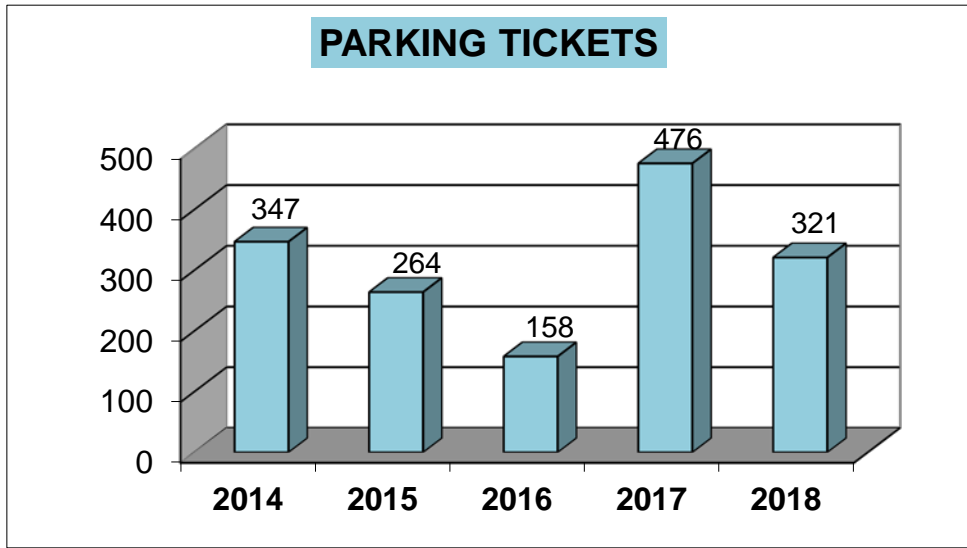
911 hang up responses occur when a caller contacts the Montgomery County 911 Center and hangs up before providing any information. The caller's phone number and address are automatically displayed on the County computer screen. If a County Dispatcher is unable to get an answer on call back, then the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

321 parking tickets were issued in 2018 which was a decrease of 155 from 2017.



PARKING TICKETS

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
347	264	158	476	321

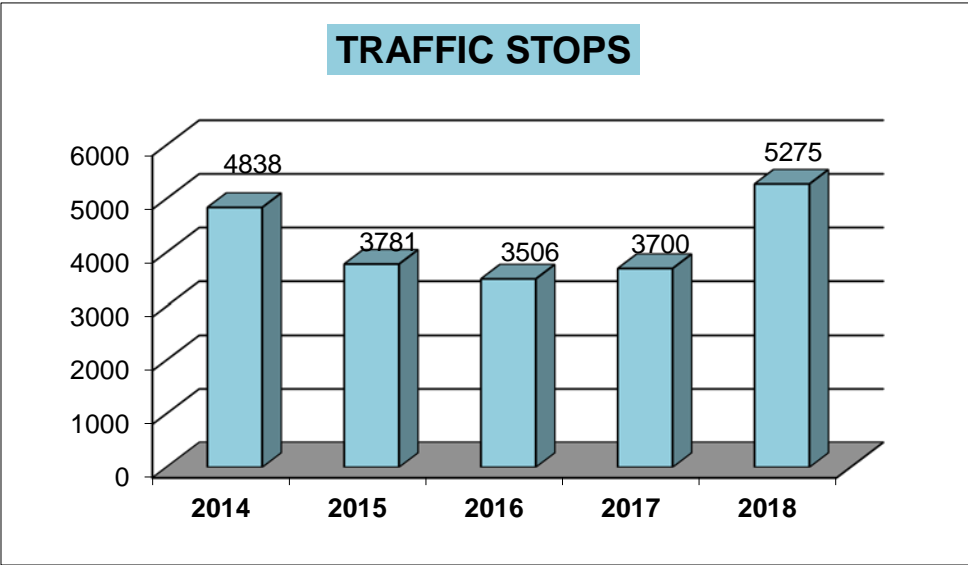
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TRAFFIC STOPS

In 2018 a total of 5275 traffic stops were initiated by the Patrol Division. The 2018 total represents an increase of 1575 traffic stops over the 2017 total.

TRAFFIC STOPS

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
TOTAL	4838	3781	3506	3700	5275



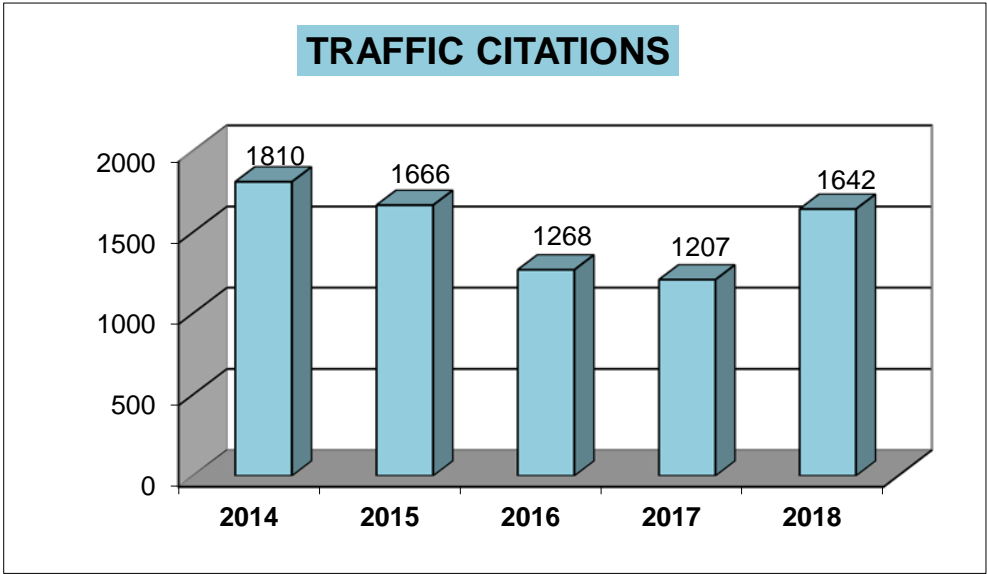
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TRAFFIC CITATIONS

In 2018 a total of 1642 traffic citations were issued by the Patrol Division. The 2018 total represents an increase of 435 citations over the 2017 total.

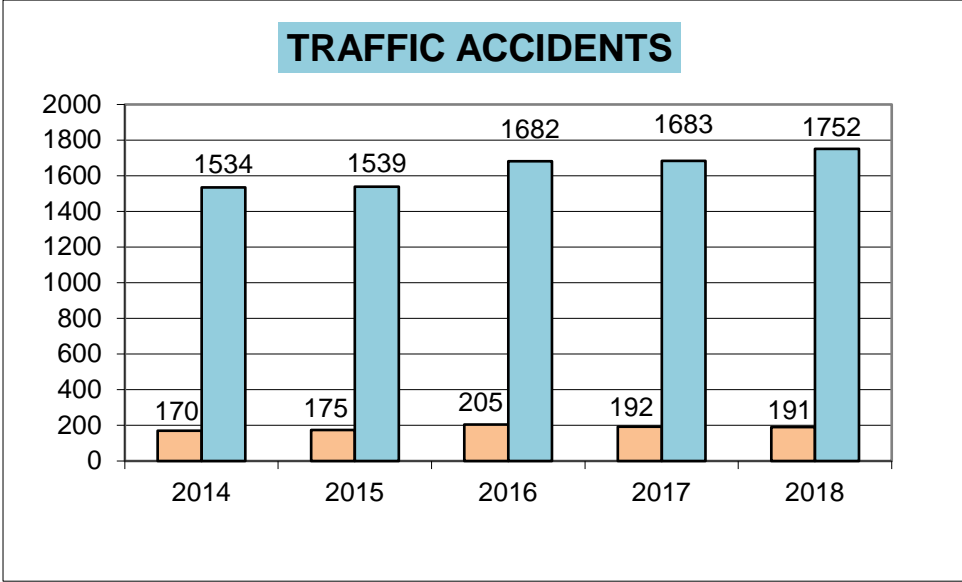
TRAFFIC CITATIONS

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
TOTAL	1810	1666	1268	1207	1642



TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

The police department investigated 1943 auto accidents in 2018. When compared with 2017, there was an increase of 68 accidents in 2018.



TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
REPORTABLE*	170	175	205	192	191
NON-REPT.	1534	1539	1682	1683	1752
TOTAL	1704	1714	1887	1875	1943

* A reportable accident requires death, injury or vehicle towing

**2018
PART 1 CRIMES / CLEARED**

Serious Crime as classified by the FBI

	CRIMES	CLEARED	% CLEARED
HOMICIDE	0	0	0%
RAPE	4	0	0%
ROBBERY	10	5	50%
ASSAULT	9	8	89%
BURGLARY	30	15	50%
THEFT**	1055	441	42%
AUTO THEFT	19	3	16%
ARSON	5	0	0%
TOTAL	1132	472	42%

**2018
PART 2 CRIMES / CLEARED**

Less Serious Crime as classified by the FBI

	CRIMES	CLEARED	% CLEARED
FORGERY & FRAUD	279	76	27%
OTHER ASSAULTS	42	38	90%
RECEIVING STOLEN PROP.	1	0	0%
DRUGS	79	75	95%
SEX CRIMES	25	11	44%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	24	24	100%
LIQUOR LAWS	2	2	100%
VANDALISM	110	28	25%
ALL OTHERS *	386	317	82%
TOTAL	948	571	60%

*All others includes crimes that are not listed above. (Weapons Offenses, Prostitution, Public Drunkenness, DUI, 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.

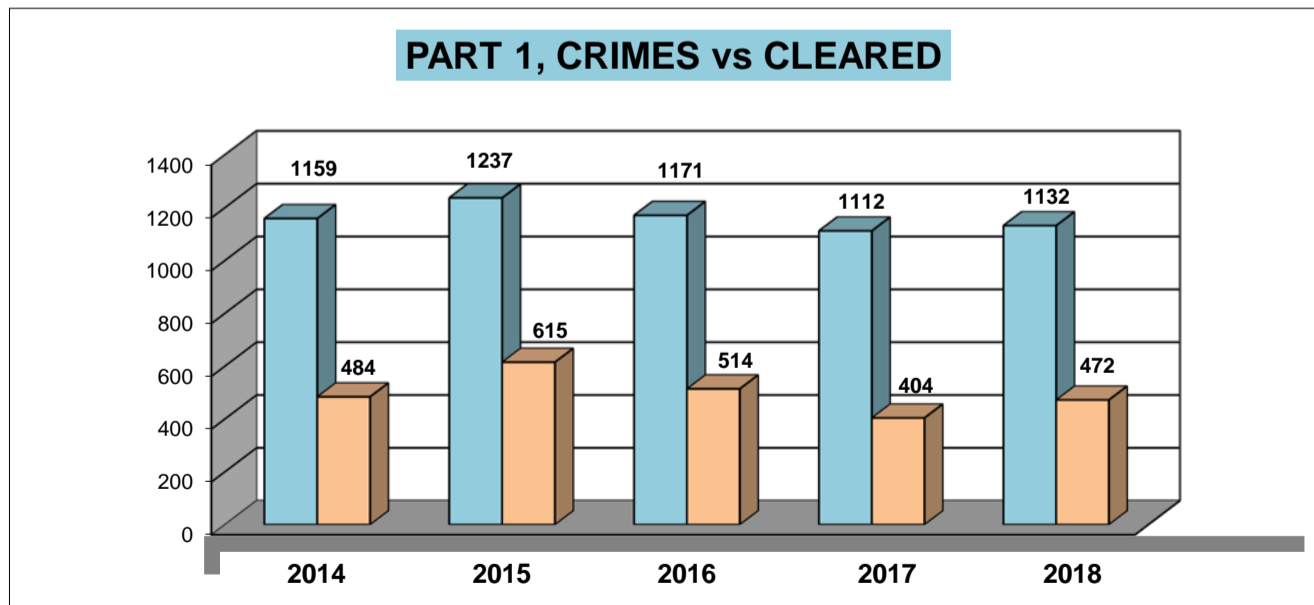
Uniform Crime Report (UCR)

PART 1 CRIMES 5 YEARS

	Criminal	Forcible					Auto	Total Part		%
YEAR	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Theft	Theft	Arson	Crimes	Change
2014	0	0	16	9	66	1043	24	1	1159	0.0%
2015	1	1	7	8	61	1137	22	0	1237	6.7%
2016	0	2	10	3	57	1079	20	0	1171	-5.3%
2017	0	3	12	3	30	1042	20	2	1112	-5.0%
2018	0	4	10	9	30	1055	19	5	1132	1.8%
TOTAL	1	10	55	32	244	5356	105	8	5811	

PART I CRIMES CLEARED 5 YEARS

	Criminal	Forcible					Auto	Total Part		%
YEAR	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Theft	Theft	Arson	Cleared	Cleared
2014	0	0	8	9	11	452	4	0	484	42%
2015	0	1	6	8	7	592	1	0	615	50%
2016	1	1	8	2	19	478	5	0	514	44%
2017	0	1	6	3	7	384	3	0	404	36%
2018	0	0	5	8	15	441	3	0	472	42%
TOTAL	1	3	33	30	59	2347	16	0	2489	43%



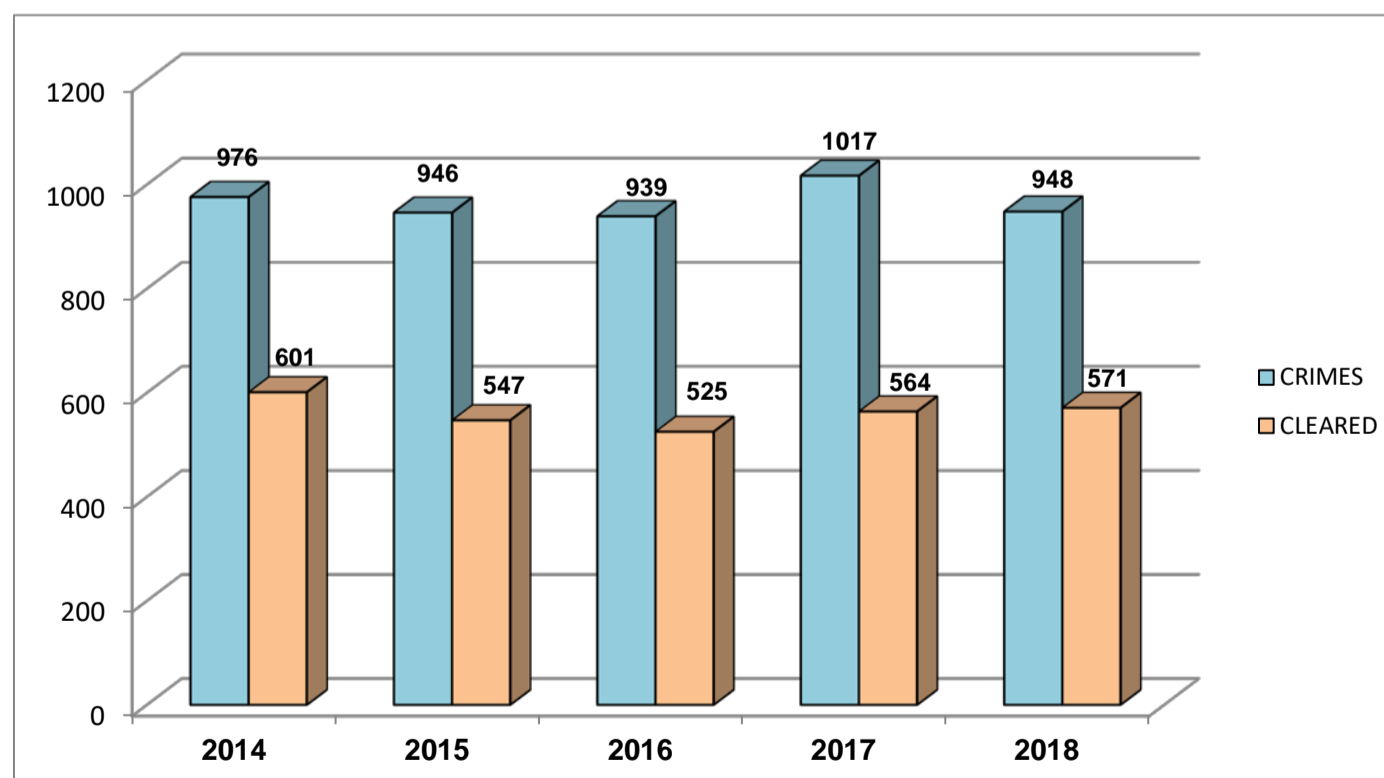
Uniform Crime Report (UCR)

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
2014	244	35	2	117	16	49	14	116	383	976	#VALUE!
2015	288	51	4	76	16	53	10	107	341	946	-3%
2016	278	60	1	71	27	33	4	104	361	939	-1%
2017	316	43	0	103	27	31	5	76	416	1017	8%
2018	279	42	1	79	25	24	2	110	386	948	-7%
TOTAL	1405	231	8	446	111	190	35	513	1887	4826	

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
2014	81	31	2	108	13	49	14	12	291	601	62%
2015	88	44	4	71	21	53	9	10	247	547	58%
2016	81	51	1	69	15	32	4	17	255	525	56%
2017	66	34	0	93	24	31	5	8	303	564	55%
2018	76	38	0	75	11	24	2	28	317	571	60%
TOTAL	392	198	7	416	84	189	34	75	1413	2808	



2018

JUVENILE ARRESTS

2018 NUMBER OF JUVENILES ARRESTED

Part I Crimes	Number of Arrests		Part II Crimes	Number of Arrests	
	2017	2018		2017	2018
Homicide	0	0	Forgery / Fraud	2	1
Rape	0	0	Other Assaults	9	3
Robbery	0	0	Embezzlement	0	0
Assault	1	0	RSP	0	0
Burglary	2	4	Vandalism	3	3
Theft	65	83	Weapons	2	1
MV Theft	0	0	Prostitution	0	0
Arson	0	0	Sex Offenses	0	0
			Drugs	9	6
			DUI	1	1
			Liquor Laws	5	0
			Drunkenness	0	0
			Disorderly Conduct	10	2
			All Others except Traffic	4	4
Total	68	87	Total	45	21
			Grand Total	113	108

2018 YOUTH AID PANELS				2018 CURFEW VIOLATIONS		
Referred	Completed	Dropped	Still Active	Citations Issued	Warnings	Total
28	15	8	5	0	2	2

JUVENILE ARRESTS					
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total Arrests	171	152	128	113	108

