

Warrington Township Police Department  
End of Year Report 2020

**State of the Art new police facility-** Police moved in their new state of the art 18,500 square foot facility located at 2330 Lower Barness Road in the newly named Warrington Township Municipal complex.

**50 Years of Service** – Police are celebrating our 50th Anniversary of distinguished service to the Warrington Community.

**COVID Pandemic** – Police remained healthy during the entire 2020 year. No COVID cases, loss of work or any claims related to COVID 19. Police established health and safety protocols early on and had a detailed contingency operations plan and reorganization of patrol operations.

**County Wide Police COVID-19 Taskforce** - All police chiefs worked together and signed a mutual aid agreement for legal purposes based on the recommendation of the District Attorney for the duration of this pandemic. If Warrington Police were hit with the Coronavirus, then officers from anywhere in the county can come in Warrington and take over. This also allows Warrington officers to enforce the law anywhere in the county should the request for assistance be made.

**Police Contacts and Incidents Reports** – Just under 15,000 reports. Police have documented contacts via citation or warning with around 4000 citizens.

**Criminal Incidents and Arrests** – 553 criminal incidents and 471 arrests.

**Major Crimes** – In 2020, Detectives investigated 9 reported ChildLine incidents (child abuse or neglect cases), 14 Sex crimes, 9 major felony crimes (Robbery, Drug Delivery, Firearms, Elder Abuse, Animal Abuse, Arson, Reckless Endangerment, Bank Wire Fraud,) not categorized as (Sexual Assaults). Detectives executed 28 search warrants as a result of their investigations and sent in 68 DNA submissions, assisted 8 outside agencies with major crimes investigations.

**Detective Division continued** - assisted the patrol division on 60 part II crime investigations, conducted 9 background investigations, solved 3 missing person cases where persons were located safely, 2 Megan's Law community nominations, 4 cybercrime investigations, and destroyed approx. 90 firearms through the legal process.

**Accident Investigations** - police investigated 595 accidents in 2020. The total number of accidents dropped significantly from 2019.

**Court Cases** – Police officers either came in off duty and were called off the street to respond to court for hearings on 1430 cases in 2020.

**Overdose incidents:** police administered opioid reversal medication called Narcan on 5 people in 2020. 5 lives were saved.

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**Mental health / Well Being / Crisis Responses-** police handled a record 312 incidents for 2020 which had been a challenging year for everyone. Just under a one a day average.

**2020 Police Department Goals-**

- Bring police department to peak efficiency - Two new police officers hired, one more budgeted for in the spring of 2021
- Three new community programs establishes - Autism event, K9 Story time, Swim Club passes – (Rotary Club partnership) Community Advisory Team, Online reporting.
- Obtain Police Department Accreditation – February of 2021 completion date
- Plan for and move Police Department to the new Police Station – completed 12/2020

**K9 Activity** - participated in 4 community service details. They have been called out on 22 outside assists and 10 Warrington Township assists. Completed 28 searches which include Warrington Township. There were no accidental contacts or Use of Force incidents.

**Police K9 updates** - K9 Jolie obtained her National Odor Recognition Testing (NORT) in explosive detection. K9 Murphy obtained his North American Police Work Dog Assoc. (NAPWDA) certification in Narcotics Detection. Both K9's have dual certifications in their trained scents.

**K9 FACEBOOK** –now has about 3500 likes and 3700 followers. Many Recommendations for this page!

**New Programs**

- 1) ***The Autism Event*** - is a series of autism events. There are some useful resources provided, for both those with Autism and for Law Enforcement responding to someone with autism.
- 2) **Online Police reporting** – One of the first municipalities to launch this program in Bucks County early on during the pandemic.
- 3) **Social Media outreach** - Police have been expanding their social media outreach. Now requests can be made for assistance for the Community Advisory Team through CRIMEWATCH. We also have a Camera registry, Commend an Officer, Premise Notifications and Right to know requests all through our webpage. Check us out on CRIMEWATCH!
- 4) **K9 Community Service** – Officer Plum and K9 Murphy did several storybook reading time recordings that were posted on our social media during the pandemic. Officer Blanchard and K9 Jolie worked on several mazes and puzzles for the children. They were posted on social media.
- 5) **Rotary Club Partnership** – Free swim club passes handed out to residents and people in need by police. Paid for, by the Rotary Club to help improved Police Community Relationships. Program was well received.
- 6) **Community Advisory Team (CAT)** - Chief Friel has established a select group of officers to respond to community events, public speaking engagements, tours, and other activities. Many of our officers have already been engaged with community groups, so it

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was decided to streamline requests. To request a team member, go to our CRIMEWATCH page, navigate to “FORMS”, and go to “C.A.T. Request Form”.

**Bucks County Chiefs of Police Association** - Chief Friel was elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and will hold a two year term on the Executive Board.

**Promotion of Officer Daniel Sadowski to Sergeant** – Chief Friel promoted Officer Daniel Sadowski to the rank of Sergeant after qualifying and ranking for the position through a testing process.

**Northwestern Graduation** - Sergeant Quentin Fuller graduated from the 471<sup>st</sup> class of Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) on Friday. He is now one of six Warrington officers to complete this intensive program. Congratulations Sergeant Fuller!

**Two New Police Officer’s hired** – The department continues to grow even during a pandemic... Please welcome Officer Kimberly Errigo and Officer Joseph Triola, to the department. There are now 36 sworn police officers.

**Safest Cities to Live in PA** - Multiple sources have Warrington Township ranked in the top 100 safest cities to live in PA once again for the second straight year. This year, according to one source we ranked 45<sup>th</sup> out of 2929 Cities and Townships scored with a population over 10,000 linking Warrington Township significantly below national averages for recorded crime rates..

**Community Support** – Chief Friel received a request through the Warrington Community FACEBOOK for community support police signs. Just under 600 of them have been distributed. Many residents and businesses have them. All funded through donations. Police continued throughout the year to receive thank you cards, snacks, gifts, and lunches.

**National Drug Take Back event** – Warrington Police participated in the National Drug Take back event in October.

**No Shave November** – For the third year officers participated in “No Shave November” to raise money for cancer awareness. The campaign raised over \$800.00 for cancer research and related charities.

**BPAIR Series Expansion Initiative** - Chief Friel representing Warrington Police helped promote a countywide expansion of Bucks County Police Assisting in Recovery (BPAIR) program. Police Chief's along with the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, and several treatment and rehab facilities collaborated on this. The goal is to expand the police departments in Bucks County participating from five to twenty. Warrington Police were 2<sup>nd</sup> in Bucks County and have been running this program for 3 years now. We have helped three other agencies so far get up and running. The Warrington Township Police are taking an active role in helping people deal with opioid and other drug addictions.

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**Security Assessment** – Officers completed a security and vulnerability assessment with BAPS so they can apply for a State grant. This is the second one completed this year. Saint Roberts Church also applied for a grant.

**Staffing level increase** - For the first time in 22 years, we increased our minimum staffing level to keep up with the growing demands for service calls to our community. This has been long overdue and something Chief Friel has been working on since he became chief. He also worked with the Board of Supervisors on a 10 year hiring plan so we would not overwhelm the budget.

**Warrington Most Wanted Fugitive Captured** - The police departments most wanted fugitive from justice has been located in Delaware. Special thanks to the US Marshal's service for locating him. The fugitive has been on the run since 2018. His crimes are related to a sexual assault.

**Intergovernmental cooperation Act – County Line Road** – Chief Friel and Chief Bendig from Montgomery Township worked out an agreement to allow each department to enforce the traffic laws on either side of County Line Road. County Line Road between Lower State and Upper State has been area where police in both jurisdictions are receiving numerous traffic complaints.

**FBI – Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (FBI LEEDA):** Chief Friel, Lieutenant Gottenberg, Sergeant Stebner, and Sergeant Sadowski completed the FBI Command Leadership Institute. The FBI-LEEDA Command Leadership Institute is a dynamic, intensive and challenging program specifically and uniquely designed to prepare law enforcement leaders for command level positions.

**Racial Intelligence Leadership Training** - Chief Friel, Lieutenant Meditz, Lieutenant Gottenberg, and Sgt. Stebner completed this training. Warrington Township is one of the first departments in Bucks County to complete this training. Chief Friel reports that this Leadership Training is important and will help reinforce our values of having a professional bias-free workplace while continuing to build our community trust.

**Racial Intelligence Training and Engagement (RITE) Instructor Development** - Chief Friel selected School Resource Officer Robert Bell, a senior level officer, to obtain certification to become a RITE Instructor. This training will expand upon our already existing implicit bias and de-escalation training. This training included professional workplace behavior standards and cultural awareness.

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