

# MEDFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



## 2019 Annual Report



**Richard J. Meder**  
**Chief of Police**

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## Executive Summary

The following document provides an overview of the Police Department and its activities in 2019.

There were no additional hires in 2019, however, there were promotions and transfers within the department. Cpl. George Jackson was promoted to the rank of sergeant effective September of 2019. He was assigned as a primary supervisor in the Field Operations Bureau. This promotion was the result of the assignment and transfer of Sgt. Jeff Pultrone from Field Operations to the School Resource Unit serving as the unit's primary supervisor. Additionally, Officers William Webb and C.J. Walsh were appointed to the position of corporal and assigned as secondary supervisors within Field Operations. Moreover, Officer Kurt Denning was appointed to the traffic unit and received enhanced training in investigation of motor vehicle accidents. All of these personnel decisions are part of the planning process to address potential retirements in the near future.

In continuing our efforts to take advantage of technology, the Police Department upgraded our in car camera system (MVR). Our MVR program began over a decade ago, however, the system in use since its inception had become outdated and was not meeting our needs. The new AXON system is state of the art and will integrate with our current body worn cameras (BWC), as well as, our conductive energy devices (CED) commonly known as "Tasers." Furthermore, the Police Department worked with our school partners and an outside vendor to digitally map all schools within the municipality. These maps will aid and expedite law enforcement responses to emergencies at the schools. Perhaps the greatest change to police technology began in October when Burlington County transitioned to a new computer aided dispatch (CAD) system and new records management system (RMS). The upgrade changed a number of ways police activities are categorized and tracked. Unfortunately, the changeover to this new system has not been without issues. In fact, the changeover has created problems, not just in Medford, but throughout Burlington County. Since the changeover Medford together with a number of municipalities have been working with Burlington County and the vendor to correct the problems with the hope of obtaining a more user-friendly, properly functioning system.

Later in the report, you will see a list of training topics received by various members of the agency. I would like to bring attention to two specific training events. All personnel were again trained in active shooter response via a full scale exercise. This exercise was conducted with law enforcement and other emergency services at a local business. It was designed to train police response and the integration of our local rescue task force members. Additionally, the police department began training all officers in self-defense tactics. This is intended to give officers

another option to protect themselves and to minimize injury to both themselves and other persons. This training will be repeated on a biennial basis.

Additional details on police activities in 2019 can be found on the below pages

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

### **Mission Statement**

It is the Mission of the Medford Township Police Department to protect life and property, enforce the law, detect and deter crime, and preserve the peace through collaborative partnerships within the community.

### **Vision Statement**

It is the vision of the Medford Township Police Department to attract and retain highly competent and diverse employees in order to maintain the respect and confidence of the community. Utilizing our core values, the department will continue to adapt within an ever-changing environment, thereby achieving excellence in law enforcement.

### **Core Values**

The Medford Township Police Department strives for excellence in law enforcement based upon the following core values:

- Integrity
- Professionalism
- Pride
- Respect
- Teamwork
- Courage
- Loyalty

## PERSONNEL

### Additions

None

### Promotions

George Jackson from Corporal to Sergeant

### Separations

None

### Police Department Staff (As of 1/1/2020)

#### Command Staff Members

Chief Richard Meder  
Lt. Arthur Waterman  
Lt. William Dunleavy  
Lt. Jason Deroian

#### Patrol Division

SFC. Michael Seybold  
Sgt. Shawn McVeigh  
Cpl. Jeff Samalonis  
Cpl. William Webb  
P/O Troy Chenier  
P/O James Albertson  
P/O Robert Carbone  
P/O Kurt Denning  
P/O Amanda Mack  
P/O John DiBiase  
P/O Kendall Kiernan  
P/O Fred Scheer

SFC. James D'Averso  
Sgt. George Jackson  
Cpl. Joe Canuso (K9- Rio)  
Cpl. Christopher Walsh  
P/O Mark Hunsinger  
P/O Daniel Lund  
P/O Edwin McKemey (K9- Hugo)  
P/O Gregory Blash  
P/O Joshua Meeks  
P/O Christopher Sentell  
P/O Tim Shockley

#### Detectives

DSFC. Robert Zane  
Det. Patrick Robey

Det. William Knecht  
Det. Chris Matson

#### School Resource Officers

Sgt. Jeffrey Pultrone (Supervisor)  
P/O Justin Chase (Lenape H.S.)

P/O John Higgins (Shawnee H.S.)  
P/O John Sabados (Lenape H.S.)



P/O Nicole Fellona (Medford Schools)

P/O Andrew Haggerty (BCIT)

**Civilian Support Staff**

Executive Assistant to Chief of Police- Marguerite Lawrence

Administrative Assistant- Stacie Womack

Administrative Assistant- Susan Gardner

Administrative Assistant- Joanne O'Callahan

Part-time Administrative Assistant- Patricia Simalchik

Part-time Administrative Assistant- Sneha Karumsi

**Crossing Guard Posts**

Jeff Sims

Union St. and Allen Ave.

Annabelle Estacio-Touhey

Allen Ave. and Haines Ave.

Ted Laymen

Main St. and Mill St.

Steve Martin

Main St. and Union St.

Stokes Rd. and Hampshire Way

Richard Harvey

Substitute

Substitute

Vacant

**Police Chaplains**

Pastor Doug Bazigian

Fellowship Alliance Chapel

Father Dan Swift

St. Mary of the Lakes

Father John Bishara

St. Anthony's Orthodox Coptic Church

Rabbi Yitzchock Kahan

Chabad of Medford

Pastor Joe Monahan

Medford United Methodist Church

Father John Shimchik

Holy Cross Orthodox Church

Pastor Rebecca Gresham-Kesner

Faith Presbyterian



## **COMMAND STAFF**

### **Chief Richard J. Meder**

Chief Richard J. Meder began his career with the Medford Township Police Department in 1996 and attended the Burlington County Police Academy. Upon graduation he was assigned to the patrol bureau until being transferred to the criminal investigative bureau as a Detective in 1998. In 2004, Chief Meder was assigned as a corporal in the patrol bureau and later that year was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He continued supervising in the patrol bureau until 2005 when he was transferred back to the criminal investigative bureau as Detective Sergeant. There, he supervised both the detective unit and the school resource unit. In 2008, Chief Meder was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and assigned as the Commander of the Criminal Investigative Bureau. In May of 2011, Chief Meder was sworn in as Medford Township's Chief of Police.

During the course of his career, Chief Meder has served as a certified crisis negotiator with the Burlington County Crisis Negotiation Team, as a Megan's Law officer and as a bias crime officer. He also currently serves as a deputy emergency management coordinator for the Township. Chief Meder has been recognized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Drug Enforcement Administration, ASIS International, and the Medford Township Police Department for outstanding police work.

Chief Meder earned a bachelor degree in law and justice from Rowan University in 1995. He is a 2009 graduate of the FBI National Academy's 239th session and a 2011 graduate of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Command and Leadership program where he earned the Chief Harry Wilde Academic Achievement Award.



### Lt. Arthur Waterman

Lt. Arthur Waterman joined the Medford Township Police on June 6, 1998 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. In January 2002, Lt. Waterman was appointed a Detective and was assigned to the Criminal Investigation Bureau. In January 2003, Lt. Waterman was assigned as a Corporal, and served in the Patrol Division as a secondary supervisor of a patrol squad. In August 2006, Lt. Waterman was promoted to Sergeant and was assigned to the direct supervision of day to day operations of a patrol squad; he also managed the Firearms Unit as the Supervising Firearms Instructor and was appointed Assistant Team Leader of the Special Response Team. In March 2009, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and assigned to command the day to day operations of the Field Operations Bureau which consists of the Patrol, Traffic, Canine, and Firearms Units. In August 2015, Lt. Waterman assumed command of the Criminal Investigations Bureau which consists of Detectives and School Resource Officers as well as the Office of Professional Responsibility and the Administrative Bureau.

Throughout his career, Lt. Waterman has participated in several specialized units. He was a veteran member of the Firearms Unit, Medford Township Special Response Team, and Honor Guard. Lt. Waterman has received several Awards and Commendations throughout his career. Lt. Waterman currently possesses a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Thomas A. Edison State College and an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Gloucester County College. He is a 2015 graduate of the FBI National Academy's 262nd session and a 2010 graduate of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Command and Leadership program.





### **Lt. William Dunleavy**

Lt. William Dunleavy is a lifelong resident of Medford Township and graduated from Lenape High School in 1991, he then went on to attend college at West Chester University and graduated in 1995 with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

Lt. William Dunleavy joined the Medford Township Police Department on August 12, 1996 and served as a Patrolman until January 2001 when he was appointed to the position of Corporal in the Patrol Bureau. Lt. Dunleavy served the Patrol Bureau in the capacity of Corporal until September of 2004 when he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. From September 2004 until August 2015 Lt. Dunleavy served as a Sergeant in the Patrol Bureau, Administrative Bureau, and in the Criminal Investigative Bureau, the majority of this time he served in the Patrol Bureau as a street supervisor. Lt. Dunleavy was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in August of 2015 and serves the department as the Field Operations Bureau Commander overseeing day to day operations of Patrol, Traffic and Canine.

During his career, Lt. Dunleavy has participated in several specialized units. He was both an operator and team leader with the Medford Township Special Response Team; he was a member of the Burlington County Joint Tactical Team and an Operator, Platoon Leader, and Training Coordinator for the Burlington County Southern Regional Special Response Team. Lt. Dunleavy is a Field Training Officer and has served as the Unit supervisor since 2000. Lt. Dunleavy also serves as the Departmental Training Officer and Accreditation Manager. Lt. Dunleavy is a deputy coordinator for the Medford Township's Office of Emergency Management, and a charter member of the Departmental Honor Guard.

### Lt. Jason Deroian



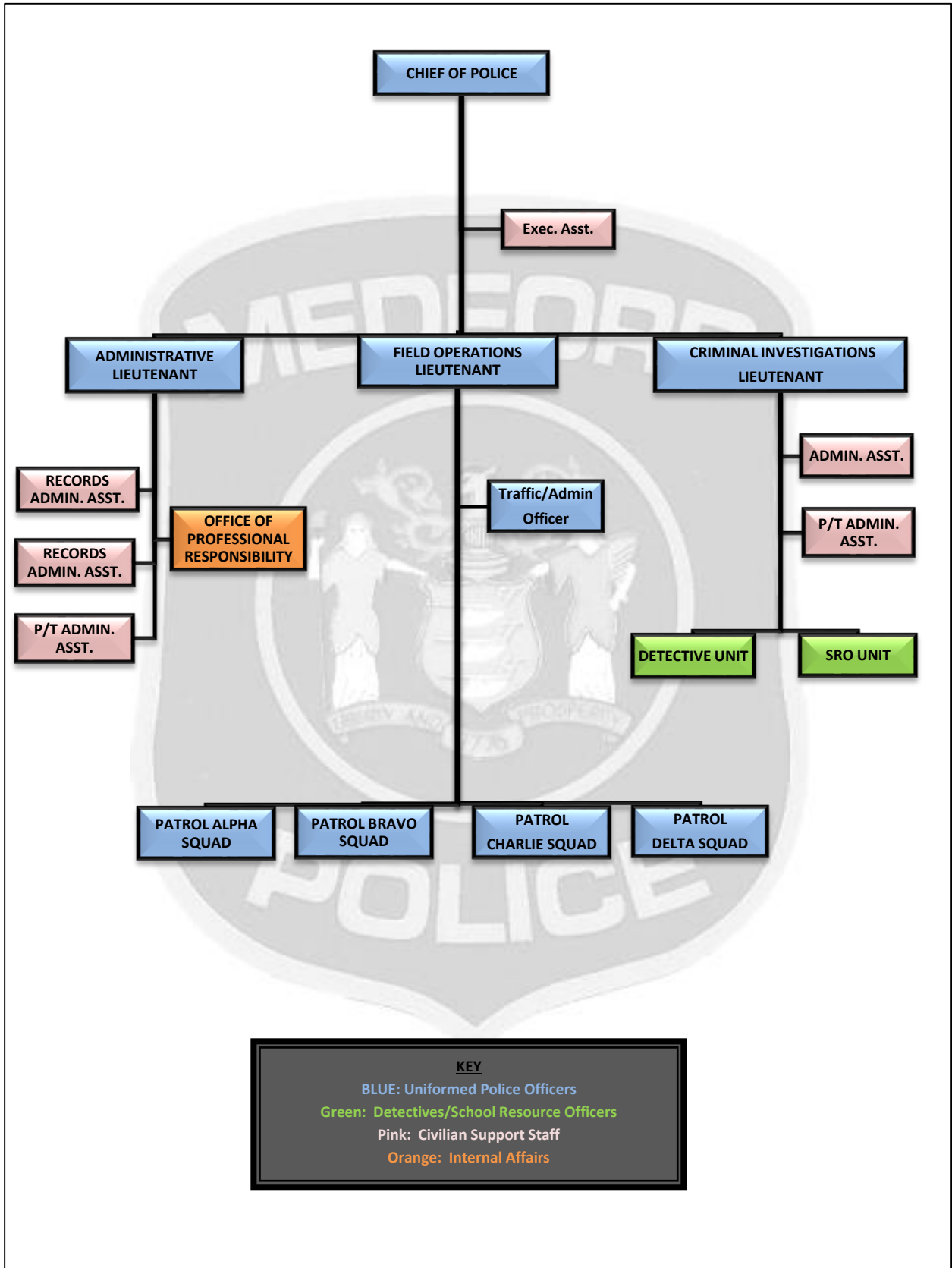
Lt. Jason A. Deroian graduated Dumont High School and attended Rowan University before attending the Gloucester County Police Academy Alternate Route Basic Class #15 in December 1998. He briefly worked as a Class II Officer in Glassboro and a full time officer with the Gibbsboro Police Department before joining the Medford Township Police Department on August 21, 2001. Lt. Deroian was one of five Medford Officers who responded to Ground Zero on 9-11.

Lt. Deroian was appointed to the Criminal Investigative Bureau in 2002 where he remained until returning to Field Operations as a Corporal in 2009. Deroian has been a certified Emergency Medical Technician since 1992 and was a Police EMT, a member of the Bicycle Unit and a tactical operator with the Special Response Team and the Burlington County Southern Regional Special Response Team. He was reassigned to the Criminal Investigative Bureau in 2010 as the Unit Supervisor, overseeing Detectives and School Resource Officers. In 2015, Deroian was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and remained as the officer in charge of Detectives and the School Resource Officers.

Lt. Deroian has been an active member of the Community Relations Unit, a Unit formed in 2015 to foster stronger partnerships with the community. He has been involved in Operation Santa, Coffee with a Cop, DARE (now the S.T.R.O.N.G. program), the Junior Police Academy, Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge / Law Enforcement Torch Run, the South Jersey Law Enforcement Outdoor Challenge and the Police Unity Tour.

Deroian was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in May 2018 and is the Commander of the Criminal Investigations Bureau, School Resource Officer Unit and Community Relations Unit. He is a certified Police Commission Physical Training Instructor with the Camden County Police Academy, an A.L.I.C.E and Active Shooter Instructor along with over 40 specialized training courses in various aspects of police work.

## ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



**KEY**

BLUE: Uniformed Police Officers

Green: Detectives/School Resource Officers

Pink: Civilian Support Staff

Orange: Internal Affairs

## Budgetary Analysis

The Police Department's budget is comprised of two separate areas; salary and wage (S&W) and operating expenses (O&E). The salary and wage budget includes police officers, civilian support staff, and crossing guards. The operating budget consists of equipment, supplies, training, computer/technology support, and other day to day expenses. The following are the expenditures over the last two years.

	<b>2018 Approved</b>	<b>2018 Expended</b>	<b>2019 Approved</b>	<b>2019 Expended</b>
<b>Police Supervision</b>	\$493,174.00	\$492,785.24	\$570,771.00	\$570,539.36
<b>Uniformed Officers</b>	\$2,465,919.00 (\$200,000 transfer out)	\$2,351,676.70	\$2,519,525.00	\$2,486,858.54
<b>Clerical Support</b>	\$188,788.00	\$177,333.99	\$192,576.00	\$181,252.98
<b>Crossing Guards</b>	\$33,700.00	\$28,021.75	\$35,100.00	\$29,227.38
<b>Police Overtime</b>	\$272,500.00	\$190,043.32	\$279,500.00	\$135,335.18
<b>Civilian Overtime</b>	\$2,000.00	\$373.84	\$2,000.00	\$240.14
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	\$360,750.00 (\$68,000 transfer in)	\$346,162.48	\$339,800.00 (\$35,000 transfer in)	\$328,616.28
<b>Total</b>	\$3,706,831.00 (After \$132,000 transfer to other departments)	\$3,665,584.94	\$4,029,272.00 (Includes \$35,000 transfer)	\$3,817,214.91

### Grants/Shared Services

The Police Department receives grant funding for various projects or operations throughout the year. Additionally, we are currently engaged in several shared services agreements that provide for a reimbursement to the Township. A breakdown of that funding follows. Beginning on July 1, 2019, the N.J. Motor Vehicle Commission (NJMVC) terminated the agreement with most municipalities throughout the state. This program was in place for well over a decade and provided funding for a uniformed officer to be posted for security in the NJMVC during the majority of their operating hours. As such, you will note a significant decrease in the funding received. You should note that no grant funding was received for either of the drive sober campaigns for the past two years, however, was received in previous years. Although no additional funding was received for these important traffic safety initiatives, the Police Department did take part.

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
School Resource Officer Funding	\$526,256.51	\$653,404.95
NJ. Motor Vehicle Commission	\$99,962.00	\$58,311.45
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	\$5,196.58	\$4,930.18
Body Armor Replacement- State	\$0.00	\$3,866.95
Body Armor Replacement- Federal	\$2,325.00	\$3,577.69
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over- Labor Day	\$0.00	\$0.00
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over- Year End	\$0.00	\$0.00

### **Forfeiture**

Two separate forfeiture accounts are maintained by the Police Division; a federal account and a state account. Statutes allow law enforcement to seize currency, property, or other assets if they were utilized in the commission of a crime or if they were acquired as a result of criminal activity. This funding may only be utilized for law enforcement purposes. The expenditure of these funds is strictly monitored and requires the approval of the Burlington County Prosecutor. State forfeiture funds were approved and utilized this year to assist in the overhaul and purge of our evidence/property room, as well as, specialized training in evidence management. No state forfeiture funds were received last year; however, federal funding was received following seizures associated with a federal controlled dangerous substance case.

	<u>2018 Federal Account</u>	<u>2018 State Account</u>
Beginning Balance- Jan 1, 2018	\$15.34	\$32,374.10
Funding Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Funding Expended	\$0.00	\$4,183.00
Interest Gained	\$0.14	\$299.18
Ending Balance- Dec. 31, 2018	\$15.48	\$28,490.28

	<u>2019 Federal Account</u>	<u>2019 State Account</u>
Beginning Balance- Jan. 1, 2019	\$15.48	\$28,490.28
Funding Received	\$1,590.83	\$0.00
Funding Expended	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Interest Gained	\$4.40	\$344.99
Ending Balance- Dec. 31, 2019	\$1,610.71	\$24,835.27



## **FIELD OPERATIONS BUREAU**

The Field Operations Bureau, commanded by Lt. William Dunleavy, is comprised of the uniformed patrol officers who staff the Township 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Furthermore, there are several specialized units that fall within this bureau. The officers assigned to these units carry additional responsibilities over their normal patrol duties. They include the K9 unit and the traffic safety unit. Officers are assigned to patrol squads under the supervision of a sergeant and will remain on that squad for a minimum of one year. The squads rotate between day and night on 28 day cycles. Their shifts are 12 hours and 20 minutes in length from 6:40 am until 7:00 pm or 6:40 pm until 7:00 am. Additionally, two “power shifts” are operated each day to ensure our highest staffing levels during our busiest times. One such “power shift” operates from 10:40 am until 11:00 pm while the other operates each day from 2:40 pm until 3:00 am. The additional 20 minutes at the beginning of each shift allows for Officers to secure equipment at the end of their shift and to obtain equipment prior to their shift, thereby ensuring there is no break in operational readiness. The Field Operations Bureau is responsible to patrol all areas of the Township while responding to both emergency and non-emergency calls for service. Furthermore, these Officers are also tasked with maintaining a proactive presence in the community thereby detecting and preventing criminal activity. As stated previously, there are specializations within this bureau. The traffic safety unit responds to and investigates all major motor vehicle accidents occurring within the Township. They also are responsible for conducting traffic engineering studies throughout Medford to address speeding and other vehicular safety issues. In addition, this unit works with the Department of Neighborhood Services on roadway issues, including signage, road striping, and other safety matters. Furthermore, the traffic unit assists the Field Operations Commander in the management, training, and oversight of the Township’s crossing guards. The K9 unit currently consists of two Officers and their partners. Officer Joe Canuso and K-9 Rio are cross trained in both patrol and explosives while Officer Edwin McKemey and K-9 Hugo are cross trained in patrol and narcotics.

Moreover, the training function of the Police Department is accomplished within Field Operations. The Medford Police Department is committed to providing our community with well-trained, progressive Police Officers. Training within the Police Department is accomplished in various ways, including roll call training, distance learning, on-line learning, and by attendance at outside training sessions. Officers attended training in the below subject areas last year. This list does not include mandatory in-service and roll call training.

**Training**

**Emergency management**

**Resiliency**

**Uniform Crime Reporting**

**Investigative & Police Psychology**

**Field Force Operations**

**Use of Force**

**Psychological Trauma**

**Unmasking Hidden Expressions**

**Bias Crimes**

**EMT**

**N.J. Command & Leadership**

**DWI and SFST**

**Project Live saver**

**NJTR-1 Refresher**

**Child Passenger Seat Tech.**

**Police Service Rifle Instructor**

**School Security Assessment**

**#Not Even Once**

**Internal Affairs**

**Active Shooter**

**ARIDE**

**Extreme Risk Prot. Orders**

**Bomb Threat Assessments**

**Conductive Energy Devices**

**Tactical Casualty Care**

**Search and Seizure**

**Simunitions**

**CODIS**

**Flooding Hazards**

**Intervention**

**Constitutional Use of Force**

**NJDHTS Crash Analysis**

**Crash Investigations**

**Sig-Sauer Armorer**

**Scene Mgmt. for Supervisors**

**ALICE Training**

**Leadership**

**Info Share**

**Incident Command**

**Defensive Tactics**

**Tyler Technology**

**Breach point**

**FBI Invest. School**

**Basic Homicide Invest.**

**Arson Investigations**

**OD Mapping**

**Homemade Explosives**

**Autism**

**Drug Interdiction**

**Interview and Interrogation**

**Traffic Crash Reconstruction**

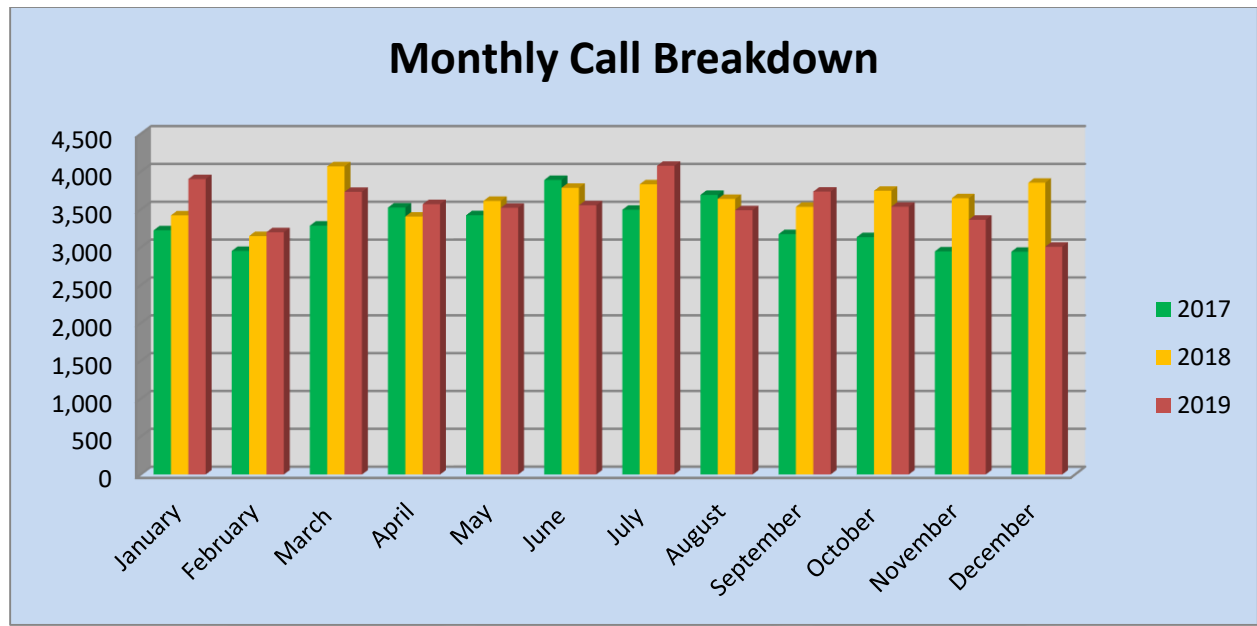
**Safe School Resource Officer**

**Microsoft Basics**

As mentioned previously, all municipal police agencies, including Medford Township transitioned to a new county-wide computer aided dispatch system and records management system. These services are provided and maintained by Burlington County. Previous to this transition police matter were classified as incidents and quick calls. Incident examples include but are not limited to calls for service and arrests. Quick call examples include but are not limited to motor vehicle stops, traffic enforcement posts, and property checks. Following the transition all police activity is now classified as incidents. For this reason, a number of the statistical information and comparisons reported in past years can now not be retrieved. Some statistical information that could be gleaned is reported below.

**Police Incidents**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Percent Diff.</b>
<b>Total</b>	43,725	42,714	1,011	-2.37%



## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE BUREAU

The criminal investigative bureau consists of two separate units; the detective unit and the school resource unit and is commanded by Lt. Jason Deroian.

Medford Township is unique in that it is the home of three very large high schools servicing students from many different communities. Since the late 1990s, the Police Division has serviced our student population with school resource officers. This has been accomplished through collaborations and shared service agreements with the school districts. Currently, four (4) school resource officers (SROs) are assigned to the three high schools; Lenape, Shawnee, and the Burlington County Institute of Technology. Additionally, a fifth SRO serves the Medford School District. The SROs are assigned to the schools during the school day and are responsible for the safety and security of the facilities. They maintain order, respond to and investigate criminal activity occurring at the school. Additionally, they develop and conduct various presentations to both students and staff. Furthermore, the SROs work with school staff to create and maintain crisis manuals for each school. Lastly, the SROs service the juvenile community through an Attorney General mandated diversion program for minor criminal offenses, commonly referred to as station house adjustments. In 2019, 40 station house adjustments were conducted. As part of the agreement with the various school districts, Medford Township is reimbursed 10 months of salary and benefits for the school resource officers' services. This invaluable partnership would not be possible without the support of area school districts.

The school resource unit was overhauled and restructured in September of 2019. Sgt. Jeff Pultrone was transferred into the unit from Field Operations and was assigned as the supervisor of the SRO unit. Previously the SROs reported to the detective sergeant, however, with the increase of the workload and personnel in the unit, a second supervisor was deemed necessary. Over the final few months of the year, the additional supervisor had made the unit more efficient and has also decreased overtime expenditures. Other personnel changes in the unit, include Officers John Higgins and Andrew Haggerty being transferred into the unit from Field Operations; Officer Justin Chase being transferred from BCIT to Lenape High School; and Officers William Webb and Robert Carbone being transferred from the SRO unit to field operations.

The detective unit is responsible to investigate all significant criminal activity occurring in the Township, as well as, supporting other divisions within the Police Department. They are also responsible for a number of administrative assignments/investigations.

**2019 CIB Case Assignments**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Animal Abuse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Assault	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Assist Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accident-Fatal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accident-Injury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accidental Shooting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Admin Property Report	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Backgrounds/Liquor Lic	13	7	9	6	1	5	4	6	8	8	3	4	74
Bias	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	3	9
Burglary	4	4	1	3	0	6	2	1	3	0	0	1	25
Child Abuse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Endangerment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Criminal Mischief	0	0	0	1	1	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	12
Criminal Sexual Contact	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disorderly	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Domestic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DWI/DUI	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Eluding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Explosives	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
False Public Alarm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Family/Child	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Firearms Poss.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Fire	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Forgery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud	0	1	2	1	1	4	2	0	1	0	0	3	15
Harassment	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	4
Inv of Privacy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impersonate a LEO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Incident	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Larceny	8	1	0	1	1	3	1	3	1	0	1	4	24
Lewdness	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Liquor Laws	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lost/Stolen Guns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luring	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Maint A Nuisance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Megan's Law Violation/Registration	1	1	2	1	0	0	3	2	0	1	0	1	12
Missing Person	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MV Theft	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Narcotic	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Non-Criminal	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Obscenities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Obstruction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overdose	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	3
Police Info	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Pornography	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property Damage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape/Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
Robbery	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Sex Offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	5
Shoplifting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attempted Suicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Search Warrant	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Suspicious Inc/Person	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	6
Evid. Tampering	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Threats	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	8
Trespassing	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Unattended Death	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Unstable Person	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Use of Force	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Violation of RO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weapons	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>232</b>

## **ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU**

The Administrative Bureau is directly responsible for the records function and building maintenance. This bureau is also tasked with the IT and communication functions of the Police Department. Moreover, this bureau is home to the Office of Professional Responsibility also known as Internal Affairs. Lt. Arthur Waterman currently commands this bureau.

### **Annual Internal Affairs Report**

The internal affairs function of a Police Department is the mechanism to ensure accountability. In 2019, 27 internal affairs investigations were initiated. Thirteen (13) of the investigations involved complaints from citizens while thirteen (13) were generated internally. The department also investigated one (1) anonymous complaint. In addition, five (5) investigations carried over into 2019 from the previous year. The case dispositions for all investigations closed in 2019 are as follows:

- 13- Sustained
- 9- Exonerated
- 0- Not Sustained
- 7- Unfounded
- 3- Remain active and will carry over into 2020

### **Annual Use of Force Report**

New Jersey's Attorney General has established guidelines which require that Police report on all use of force incidents in which they were involved. Those incidents that are to be reported are defined within those guidelines. Based upon the criteria established by the Attorney General, Medford Police reported three (3) use of force incidents involving five (5) different officers. Two

(2) incidents resulted in minor injury to either the Officer or the suspect. All three incidents resulted in an arrest. By comparison, Medford Police were involved in five (5) use of force incident in 2017 and seven (7) incidents in 2016.

### **Annual Pursuit Report**

The Attorney General of the State of New Jersey has strict guidelines on the types of occurrences for which Police may pursue. It further mandates the tactics Police may utilize during those pursuits. The Police Department is required to report annually to the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office all pursuits involving members of this agency. The Police Department was not involved in any pursuits in 2019.

### **Firearms**

Under State statute, the Police Department is responsible to thoroughly investigate all applications for firearms identification cards and handgun permits. Below are the statistics compiled for the previous three years.

### **Firearms Application Statistics**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Firearm Applications Received	189	125	148
Firearm ID Cards Issued	120	111	75
Permits to Purchase Issued	337	279	298

### **Community Relation Initiatives**

The Medford Township Police Department has a long history of working with our community stakeholders in providing outstanding programs to educate our citizenry while enhancing our mission. As has been the case in years past, the Police Department and its personnel organized and took part in a number of community relations events. In 2019, we attempted to add yet another program to our repertoire; a citizen police academy. A curriculum was developed, a schedule was created, and our application process began. Unfortunately, we received limited interest from members of the community and we ultimately had to cancel. Another attempt at this beneficial program will be made in 2020. Below is just a sampling of some of the community policing initiatives from 2019.



**Junior Police Academy**



**COFFEE WITH A COP**



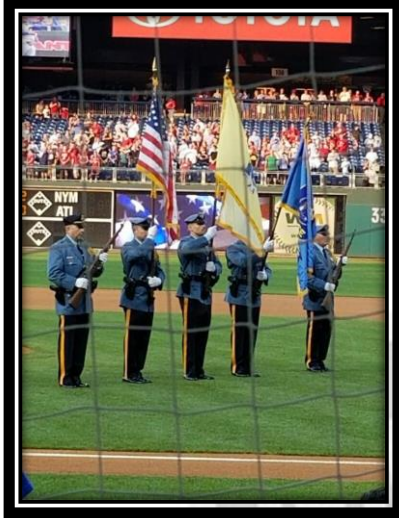


**FIRE PREVENTION NIGHT**



**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**





**MTPD IN THE COMMUNITY**

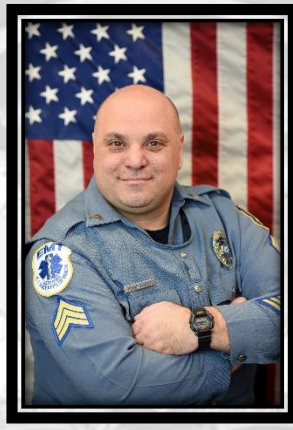
## POLICE OFFICER REGOGNITION

The Police Department appoints a committee each year to review exceptional work by its members. The committee consists of members from various ranks within the agency who, after review, determine the appropriate award based upon pre-determined criteria. Each year those awards are presented at ceremony and dinner. The following is a list of the awards for outstanding police work in 2019.

- Honorable Service Medal/Certificates of Merit
  - Awarded to P/O Josh Meeks for his discovery of a commercial burglary in progress and subsequent arrest of the suspect. Det. Chris Matson and P/O Kurt Denning were awarded certificates of merit for their assistance in the case.
- Meritorious Service Medal/Certificate of Merit
  - Awarded to Officer E. McKemey for successfully negotiating a peaceful surrender of an armed suicidal subject. Certificates of merit was awarded to SFC. J. D'Averso, Cpl. J. Canuso, Det. P. Robey, P/O J. Sabados, P/O K. Kiernan, Lt. W. Dunleavy and Lt. J. Deroian for their actions during the same incident.
- CPR Save Medal
  - Awarded to P/O T. Shockley and P/O K. Kiernan for their actions in saving a life with the use of CPR.
- Certificate of Merit
  - Awarded to Det. Chris Matson and P/O Josh Meeks for discovery and arrests for credit card fraud throughout the state.
- Certificate of Merit
  - Awarded to SFC. Jim D'Averso, Cpl. J. Canuso, K-9 Rio, P/O Lund, Det. Knecht, and Det. Robey for their cooperative investigation into the discovery of explosives and subsequent arrest of the responsible suspect.
- Letter of Commendation
  - Awarded to Dsgt. R. Zane, Det. W. Knecht, Det. P. Robey, and Det. C. Matson for their investigation and subsequent arrest of suspect connected to multiple burglaries.

- Letter of Commendation (Narcan Save)
  - Awarded to P/O A. Haggerty, P/O K. Denning (twice), P/O J. Sabados, P/O C. Sentell, Cpl. G. Jackson, P/O M. Hunsinger, P/O G. Blash, and P/O A. Mack for their successful revival of overdose victims through the use of Narcan.

The Police Officer of the Year award is presented to an Officer who has demonstrated dedication to the mission, goals, and objectives of the Medford Township Police Department, service to the Township, and an Officer who has demonstrated professionalism, ethics, initiative, outstanding job performance, and who has exemplified the professional ideals of the agency. Three Officers are nominated for the award by the Command Staff with the winner being elected by all members of the agency. The 2019 Police Officer of the year was awarded to:



**Sergeant Jeff Pultrone**

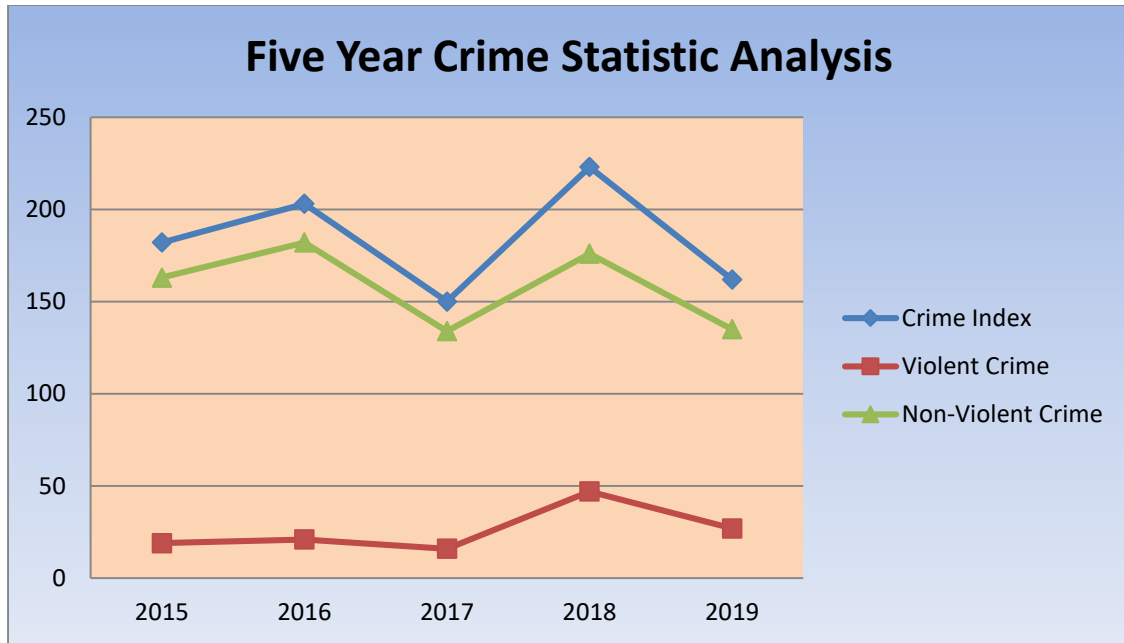
## **STATISTICAL DATA**

Federal and State regulations require that all Police Departments report certain criminal statistics. In New Jersey, this statistical information is reported monthly to the New Jersey State Police who, in turn, report to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The below table illustrates Medford Township's criminal data as reported to the NJSP.

**STATISTICS**

	2018	2019	DIFFERENCE
<b>Rape</b>			
Rape	2	4	100.00%
Attempted Rape	0	3	300.00%
Total	2	7	250.00%
<b>Robbery</b>			
Firearm	0	1	100.00%
Other Dangerous Weapon	0	0	N/A
Strong Arm (Hands, Fists, Etc.)	3	1	-66.67%
Total	3	2	-33.33%
<b>Assault</b>			
Firearm	1	3	200.00%
Other Dangerous Weapon	38	2	-94.00%
Aggravated (Hands, Fists, Etc.)	2	12	500.00%
Knife or Cutting Instrument	1	0	-100.00%
Total	42	17	-59.52%
<b>Assault- Simple</b>			
Simple (Hands, Fists, Feet, etc.)	35	38	8.57%
<b>Burglary</b>			
Forcible Burglary	10	14	-40.00%
Unlawful Entry	14	15	7.14%
Attempted Forcible Entry	1	1	0.00%
Total	25	30	20.00%
<b>Larceny- Theft</b>			
Larceny- Theft	146	102	-30.14%
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>			
Autos	5	3	-40.00%
Other Vehicle	0	0	0.00%
Total	5	3	-40.00%
<b>Arson</b>			
Arson	0	1	100%
<b>Medford Township Total</b>	258	200	-22.48%
<b>Crime Index</b>	223	162	-18.39%
<b>Violent Crime</b>	47	27	-42.55%
<b>Non Violent Crime</b>	176	135	-22.73%

Below is a five-year analysis of crime reporting.



The following charts illustrated depict our both our arrest and motor vehicle statistics for 2019.

#### **ARREST DATA**

	2018	2019	Difference
<b>Total Arrest:</b>	424	461	8.73%
<b>Adult:</b>	363	404	11.29%
<b>Criminal</b>	53	64	18.87%
<b>Disorderly</b>	51	46	-9.80%
<b>Narcotics</b>	67	54	-10.45%
<b>DWI</b>	34	54	58,82%
<b>Warrants</b>	121	133	9.92%
<b>Criminal Warrants</b>	37	53	43.24%
<b>Juvenile:</b>	61	57	-8.20%
<b>Criminal</b>	17	16	-5.88%
<b>Disorderly</b>	8	17	112.5%
<b>Narcotics</b>	17	18	5.88%



<b>Alcohol</b>	19	4	-78.95%
<b>DWI</b>	0	2	100%

**MOTOR VEHICLE DATA**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Stops</b>	7,837	8,652	10.40%
<b>Summonses</b>	3,547	4,049	14.15%
<b>Enforcement Details</b>	4,486	4,530	0.98%
<b>Motor Vehicle Accidents</b>	949	863	-9.06%
<b>Fatal Accidents</b>	0	0	0.00%
<b>Fatalities</b>	0	0	0.00%

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2020**

**I. Personnel**

- The Police Department will see two confirmed retirements in 2020 and potentially an additional five in 2021. As such, planning and coordination with Township officials will be required to develop a strategy and hiring processes to replace the retiring officers. This may require a change to our current hiring process and we will look into all available possibilities.

**II. Technology**

- As stated throughout this document, the county-wide computer aided dispatch system and records management system was overhauled in late 2019. In 2020 we will need to continue to learn, modify, and request necessary updates to ensure the system's functionality is equal to or better than its predecessor.
- Additionally, the aging county-wide radio system will be replaced with modern technology. This system will move all emergency services to new frequencies and will require the replacement of all radio systems throughout Burlington County. The goal is to ensure interoperability and uninterrupted communications between all emergency services.

### III. Miscellaneous

- Continue and build upon community engagement programs. We will again attempt to begin a citizen police academy, which was cancelled in the fall of 2019 because of a low number of applications. Furthermore, we will look for new and additional ways to engage our community to foster a better relationship with those we serve.
- Achieve our third re-accreditation from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. Our initial accreditation was earned in 2011 with reaccreditation earned in 2014 and 2017, respectively. The review from the evaluators is expected mid-year with a final reaccreditation expected in the fall.
- The Police Department in conjunction with the Township will work on upgrades to the Police Administration Building. Upgrades under consideration include the replacement of the generator, upgrades to the locker room, and upgrades to the records and previous dispatch center.
- Begin the process of digitizing and purging of the records archives.

Respectfully submitted,

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