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2016 ANNUAL REPORT

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MISSION

The mission of the Towamencin Township Police Department is to enhance the quality of life through the protection of life and property, resolution of conflicts, and by providing a feeling of safety and security within the community.

Through a partnership with the community the police department endeavors to reduce the opportunity for crime, preserve the peace, and promote a safe environment through prevention strategies, problem solving, and the identification, apprehension and prosecution of offenders.

VALUES

As members of the Towamencin Township Police Department we pledge to:

- Do our best to protect the lives and property of our citizens and impartially enforce the law.

- Display pride in the performance of our duty and in our service to the public.

- Maintain integrity in our duties and with the people we protect and serve.

- Have the courage to act in an unbiased, unprejudiced, fair, and equal manner to all...even in the face of adversity.
Code of Ethics

As a LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional Rights of all persons to liberty, equality and justice.

I WILL keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept secret, unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I WILL never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime, and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence, and never accepting gratuities.

I RECOGNIZE the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession...LAW ENFORCEMENT.
TOWAMENCIN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
ORGANIZATION CHART 2016

CHIEF OF POLICE

LIEUTENANT OPERATIONS COMMANDER

SERGEANT PATROL SQUAD #1

SERGEANT PATROL SQUAD #2

SERGEANT PATROL SQUAD #3

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SERGEANT C.I. / SPECIAL SERVICES

PATROL SQUAD #1

PATROL SQUAD #2

PATROL SQUAD #3

PATROL SQUAD #4

HIGHWAY SAFETY UNIT

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

NORTH PENN REGIONAL CRIMINAL PROCESSING CENTER

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION UNIT

DRUG TASK FORCE
ADMINISTRATION

Paul T. (Tim) Dickinson, Chief of Police
Sandra Schwenk, Administrative Assistant

OPERATIONS

Lieutenant Jeffrey Kratz, Operations Commander

Uniform Patrol Services

Sergeant John Cutrone
Sergeant Geoffrey Wainwright
Officer James Bonner
Officer Christopher Check
Officer Amber Doherty
Officer Andrew Danks
Officer Meghan Donlen
Officer James Gibbas
Sergeant Daniel Jusko
Sergeant Paul Wiechec
Officer James Hanrahan
Officer Edmund Howarth
Officer Kenneth Meyer
Officer Steven Miller
Officer Jamie Pierluisse
Officer Michael Seider

Highway Safety

Officer Gregory Wert
Officer Travis Wood
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Officer Travis Wood
Crossing Guard Deborah Korner
Crossing Guard Richard Foote

Criminal Investigations

Sergeant Gary Wacker
Detective Michael Paul
Detective Patrick Horne
Police Specialist Heather Dyson

North Penn Regional Booking Center

Kelly Palermo, Booking Center Manager
Peter Harubin, Booking Technician/Clerk
Michael Parnes, Booking Technician/Clerk
Matthew Shade, Booking Technician/Clerk
Joshua Varady, Booking Technician/Clerk
SPECIAL UNITS AND ASSIGNMENTS

HIGHWAY SAFETY UNIT

Highway Safety Officers are primarily responsible for specialized traffic enforcement, traffic related education programs, traffic studies and surveys, special enforcement details, accident investigation, school zone safety, and motor carrier/commercial vehicle enforcement.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Criminal Investigation Unit is responsible for major criminal investigations, crime scene processing, criminal intelligence, applicant background investigations, administrative/internal investigations, liaison and emergency planning with our schools, and the investigation of juvenile crime. Under the supervision of the unit supervisor, civilian personnel also manage the evidence and warrant administration functions of the police department.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE

The Towamencin Township Police Department actively participates in the Montgomery County Drug Task Force, sponsored and funded by the Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office. Specially trained Towamencin Police Officers are sworn as Special County Detectives allowing them to conduct drug investigations across individual municipal boundary lines to maximize resources and to decrease the availability of drugs in the community.

BICYCLE PATROL

Some of our police officers are specially trained in police bicycle operations. Bicycles are especially useful for patrolling special events, walking paths, parks, and secluded areas. Our bicycle patrol officers are routinely deployed to problem areas during regular patrol shifts both day and night. Bicycle patrol is a valuable tool in addressing disturbance type behaviors and targeted crime reduction.
COMMUNITY RELATIONS/Crime Prevention

Many of our police officers have received specialized training in public speaking, crime prevention techniques and programs, as well as problem solving and community oriented policing initiatives. These officers are called upon to provide and assist other officers with the provision of crime prevention presentations and programs.

Firearms/Field Training

The Towamencin Township Police Department maintains a group of officers that are specially trained and have received certification as instructors in weapons, defensive tactics, CPR/first aid, recruit field training, and other disciplines related to police operations. By maintaining in-house trained and certified instructors, the cost to train our police personnel is reduced.

Montgomery County SWAT-Central Region

The Towamencin Township Police Department is one of 26 area police agencies participating in the Montgomery County SWAT-Central Region Tactical Response Team. The North Penn Tactical Response Team and the Central Montgomery SWAT merged to form Montgomery County SWAT-Central Region. The merger spread personnel needs and costs over a larger group, thus enhancing efficiency. The tactical response team responds to many types of high-risk situations that require a specialized response. Team members receive training focusing upon physical fitness, special weapons and proficiency, entry and arrest techniques, crisis negotiations, and other specialties. Tactical medical personnel also participate on the team.
MONTGOMERY COUNTY MAJOR INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM

The Montgomery County Major Incident Response Team (MIRT) is comprised of specially trained police officers from throughout the county to respond to major incidents such as civil disturbances, natural disasters, and large events requiring a major amount of police resources. Members of MIRT are trained in special crowd control techniques, as well as techniques needed to operate in hazardous environments.

The Towamencin Township Police Department had four police officers trained and assigned to MIRT in 2016, two of which are assigned to the Bicycle Response Team (BRT). The majority of MIRT training, equipment and deployments are funded by the Department of Homeland Security.

NORTH PENN REGIONAL BOOKING CENTER

The North Penn Area Regional Processing Center is housed at the Towamencin Township Police Headquarters. Fourteen police agencies use the center to electronically fingerprint (live scan), digitally photograph (CPIN), and conduct video court appearances as part of the Montgomery County Centralized Booking Center Network.

In a partnership with the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Department, the police department hosts a “Fast Track” DUI Center staffed by deputy sheriffs on Friday and Saturday nights. Specially trained Sheriff’s Deputies process and administer breath testing and book all prisoners brought into the North Penn Area Regional Processing Center during “Fast Track” operations.

North Penn Regional Processing Center Member Agencies

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<th>Franconia Township</th>
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<tr>
<td>Lansdale Borough</td>
<td>Lower Frederick Township</td>
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<td>Lower Salford Township</td>
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<td>North Wales Borough</td>
<td>Pennsylvania State Police</td>
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<td>Souderton Borough</td>
<td>Telford Borough</td>
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<td>Towamencin Township</td>
<td>Upper Gwynedd Township</td>
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<td>Upper Perk Police District</td>
<td>Whitpain Township</td>
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ACCOUNTABLE POLICING

Zone Assignments

Police officers are assigned primary zone assignments. Officers are responsible to know their assigned areas and conduct problem oriented policing strategies to address crime issues, neighborhood concerns, and minimize community risk factors.

Towamencin Township Police Officers respond to calls for service throughout the township when necessary. However, by focusing upon their primary assigned geographic zones patrol visibility is increased, response times are stabilized, and directed patrols and enforcement activities are better balanced.

Patrol officers are encouraged to seek assistance from their supervisors, specialists, and investigators to enhance their effectiveness in addressing the needs of the community.
**District Assignments**

The township is divided into four geographical districts. Our four patrol sergeants are each assigned a district. Patrol sergeants are responsible for insuring problem oriented policing strategies are practiced to address crime issues and quality of life issues within their assigned areas. Of course, when sergeants are working as shift supervisors they are responsible for the delivery of police services for the entire township. However, by focusing upon their assigned districts and using available resources to solve problems, better accountability is achieved.

Patrol sergeants are encouraged to seek the assistance of the command staff, other sergeants, specialists, and investigators to enhance their effectiveness in addressing the needs of the community. For every problem area there is a district sergeant and four primary zone officers identified to work as a team to address the issue at hand.

**Southwest District**  
Sergeant Daniel Jusko

**Northwest District**  
Sergeant Paul Wiechec

**Southeast District**  
Sergeant Geoffrey Wainwright

**Northeast District**  
Sergeant John Cutrone
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<tr>
<td>REPORTED INCIDENTS</td>
<td>7,292</td>
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<td>ACTIVITY AT NORTH PENN HIGH SCHOOL</td>
<td>617</td>
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<td>ACTIVITY AT NORTH MONTCO TCC</td>
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<td>NON-CRIMINAL INCIDENTS</td>
<td>6,700</td>
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<td>CRIMINAL INCIDENTS</td>
<td>592</td>
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<td>CRIMINAL ARRESTS – ADULTS</td>
<td>238</td>
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<td>CRIMINAL ARRESTS – JUVENILES</td>
<td>86</td>
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<td>TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS</td>
<td>427</td>
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<td>TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS</td>
<td>3,374</td>
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<td>TRAFFIC CITATIONS</td>
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<td>DIRECTED PATROL ACTIVITIES</td>
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<td>SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES</td>
<td>2,434</td>
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<td>PARK &amp; WALKS</td>
<td>1,573</td>
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**TOTAL POLICE INCIDENTS & ACTIVITY** 18,356
POLICE ACTIVITY BY DAY OF WEEK 2016

POLICE ACTIVITY BY HOUR 2016

Crimes are categorized as Part 1 Crimes, the most serious types of offenses, and Part 2 Crimes. There were a total of 592 crimes reported in Towamencin Township in 2016. 147 crimes were classified as Part 1 Crimes and 445 were classified as Part 2 Crimes. *There was an overall 9% decrease in reported crime in 2016.*
### REPORTED PART 1 CRIME 2016

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<th>Crime</th>
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<tr>
<td>Murder</td>
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<td>Rape</td>
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<td>Robbery</td>
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<td>Aggravated Assault</td>
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<td>Burglary</td>
<td>18</td>
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<td>Theft</td>
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<td>Motor Vehicle Theft</td>
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<td>Arson</td>
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**Total Part 1 Crimes**: 147

### REPORTED PART 2 CRIME 2016

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<td>Assaults (non-aggravated)</td>
<td>22</td>
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<tr>
<td>Forgery &amp; Counterfeiting</td>
<td>3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fraud</td>
<td>62</td>
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<td>Embezzlement</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Receiving Stolen Property</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Vandalism</td>
<td>31</td>
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<td>Weapons Possession</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>Sex Offenses (Except Rape)</td>
<td>5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Drug Law</td>
<td>120</td>
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<td>Offenses Against the Family &amp; Children</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>Driving Under the Influence</td>
<td>67</td>
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<td>Liquor Law</td>
<td>11</td>
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<td>Public Drunkenness</td>
<td>22</td>
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<tr>
<td>Disorderly Conduct</td>
<td>52</td>
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<tr>
<td>All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)</td>
<td>42</td>
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**Total Part 2 Crimes**: 445

**TOTAL REPORTED CRIME 2016**: 592
**CRIME CLEARANCE 2016**

Crimes are cleared when either an arrest is made or when an offender can be identified but a prosecution cannot proceed. Overall, the Towamencin Township Police Department cleared 60% of all reported crime in 2016. The overall Montgomery County crime clearance rate in 2016 was 50%. **Therefore, in comparison to Montgomery County figures, the Towamencin Township Police Department continues to have a slightly higher rate of total crime clearance.**

**PART 1 CRIME CLEARANCE RATES 2010-2016**

**PA UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS**

Note: 2016 Figures are based upon PA State Police Uniform Crime Report statistics as of May 2016.
### Traffic Accidents 2010-2016

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Total Accidents</th>
<th>Injury Accidents</th>
<th>Fatal Accidents</th>
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<tr>
<td>2016</td>
<td>427</td>
<td>63</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>486</td>
<td>71</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>447</td>
<td>65</td>
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<td>2013</td>
<td>465</td>
<td>68</td>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>483</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>503</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>468</td>
<td>94</td>
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![Graph showing traffic accidents 2010-2016](image-url)

- **Total**
- **Injury Accidents**
- **Fatal Accidents**
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS BY MONTH 2016

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK 2016
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS BY HOUR 2016

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS BY TYPE 2016

- Non-reportable: 67.9%
- Reportable: 32.1%
POLICE TRAINING 2016

Policing is a rapidly changing and evolving profession. Police personnel require on-going in-service training to maintain their skills and to be proficient in new techniques and technology. Training is not only provided to sworn police officers, but training is also important for our civilian staff as well.

Minimal training requirements to maintain police officer certification are specified and regulated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission (MPOETC). While weapons use is low frequency, the high risk involved dictates intensive hours of training to maintain proficiency and enhance decision making ability.

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<th>TRAINING CATEGORY</th>
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<tr>
<td>PA MPOETC Mandatory In-service Training (MIST)</td>
<td>336</td>
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<td>General Police Procedures</td>
<td>296</td>
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<td>Criminal Investigations</td>
<td>111</td>
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<td>Traffic Accident &amp; Enforcement</td>
<td>238</td>
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<td>Special Tactics/Operations (includes SWAT &amp; MIRT)</td>
<td>144</td>
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<tr>
<td>Weapons Training (includes firearms, defensive tactics, and less lethal)</td>
<td>699</td>
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<td>Supervision and Management</td>
<td>129</td>
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<td>Administrative Services</td>
<td>48</td>
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*Total Police Department Training Hours* 2,001
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY & ASSESSMENT

PA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION

The Towamencin Township Police Department first received Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation status in 2012. Reaccreditation status is required every three years. The police department completed the reaccreditation process in 2015. The police department is due for its next reaccreditation in 2018. Throughout each year the police department must meet and prove compliance to all the applicable standards set by the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission for the entire three-year period.

The PA Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission standards are recognized as the best practices in Pennsylvania Law Enforcement. By meeting and proving compliance to each standard, our organization not only insures that our employees act professionally, but the accreditation process also provides a method for continual self-assessment of our performance as a law enforcement agency.

COMPLAINTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

It is the policy of the Towamencin Township Police Department to investigate all complaints against a member of the department, regardless of the source. This is important for the maintenance of professional conduct in a law enforcement agency. Administrative review and investigation of police action or inaction is not only initiated by complaint, but supervisory and management personnel routinely review police action and procedures.

The integrity of the department depends upon the personal integrity and discipline of each employee. The objectives of complaint investigation and administrative review are protection of the public, protection of the police department, protection of the employee, the removal of unfit personnel, and revision and correction of policies and police procedures.

During 2016 a total of eight (8) complaint investigations and administrative reviews were conducted. Five (5) were initiated from complaints and the other three (3) were identified through departmental inspection and control. In two of the eight cases the alleged conduct, or part of the conduct alleged, was sustained and formal discipline was issued. Another one of the cases remains open to date. In every case where administrative investigation and review is necessary, an assessment of the applicable policy and/or police department procedure is also conducted.
SPECIAL EVENTS & DETAILS

During 2016 the police department sponsored events or partnered with other agencies to improve our community contact and outreach. Partnership and trust between the police department and the people it serves is a major priority. We cannot effectively police and solve community problems without the direct assistance of the community.

Interaction and familiarity builds relationships between the police and community members that lead to mutual respect and trust. Our day to day contacts with the public are not enough. Community events, public appearances and special details help bridge the gap. The photos in this section represent some of the ways the police department increases positive interaction through community outreach initiatives.

2016 Towamencin Day

2016 General Nash Elementary School “Ride to School” Contest
2016 Christmas Drive

Calvary Baptist Honor Society 2016 First Responders' Banquet

Seventh Day Adventist Church Law Enforcement Honor Service
“Let it Grow for Easter Seals” 2016 Fundraiser

2016 North Penn High School DUI Accident Reenactment

2016 Santa Run
NORTH PENN AREA POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

The Towamencin Township Police Department is one of the founding members of the North Penn Area Police Athletic League. Through a partnership with the North Penn YMCA, PAL seeks to provide activities to promote a partnership between the participating North Penn Area Police Department members and the youth in the community.

2016 North Penn PAL Coffee with a Cop Event held at North Penn Commons and the North Penn PAL-YMCA Cops & Kids Reading Program
NEW POLICE OFFICERS

Officer Gabriel Wasserman (left) and Officer James Hagan

Officer Gabriel Wasserman and Officer James Hagan joined the Towamencin Township Police Department on April 18th, 2016.

RETIREMENT

Sergeant John Cutrone retired from the police department on October 5th, 2016 after over 25 years of service.
AWARDS CEREMONY SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2016

Heroism Awards

Sergeant Wiechec & Officer Check - Armed Subject on March 28, 2016

Officer Howarth - Rescue from Vehicle Crash and Fire – August 3, 2016

Unit Citation

Sergeant Wainwright, Officer Howarth, & Officer Hagan - Rescue from Vehicle Crash and Fire – August 3, 2016

Life Saving

Sergeant Wiechec - Naloxone Save on March 29, 2016

Sergeant Cutrone & Officer Check - Naloxone Save on April 21, 2016

Sergeant Jusko - Naloxone Save on June 8, 2016

Sergeant Cutrone & Officer Bonner - Naloxone Save on August 1, 2016

Special Recognition

Sergeant Wainwright - over 13 years of service on the tactical response team
Notable Performance

Sergeant Cutrone, Officer Hanrahan, Officer Miller, Officer Bonner, & Officer Wasserman - for the response to and the investigation of the North Penn High School arson fire on May 24, 2016

Officer Miller - apprehension of suspects attempting to install a skimming device at a Lower Salford Township gas station on July 3, 2016

Montgomery County District Attorney’s Commendation

Officer Hanrahan and Officer Seider, along with officers from Lansdale Borough and Upper Gwynedd Township received District Attorney’s Commendations for their actions and response to an armed subject in Lansdale Borough.

DEPARTMENT GOALS FOR 2017

Recruitment & Hiring - We will continue our efforts to recruit the best candidates possible to fill vacancies within the police department.

Leadership Development – We will focus our 2017 training efforts and funding upon providing leadership training and development opportunities to our existing and future leaders within the police department.

Community Outreach – We will strive during 2017 to take advantage of every opportunity to expand our community outreach and partnership by attending community events and providing programs that encourage participation and trust building with the public we serve.