

WEST CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT
2020



James L. Morehead
Chief of Police



West Chester Police Department

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dianne Herrin, Mayor

FROM: James Morehead, Chief of Police

DATE: February 5, 2021

SUBJECT: Police Department Annual Report

On behalf of the West Chester Police Department, it is my privilege to present our Department's 2020 Annual Report. The following pages will reflect the activity and services the Police Department has rendered to the citizens of our community(s) during the 2020 calendar year.

This document consists of two distinct parts this year:

- **SYNOPSIS** of the Police Department's annual report.
- **STATISTICAL SUMMARY** of the Police Department's annual report.

Each individual document is intended to be increasingly more detailed, providing as much specificity regarding the activities of the West Chester Police Department during the calendar year 2020 as is appropriate for the respective document. Complete copies of this document have been distributed to the Borough Manager, as well as the East Bradford Township Manager and may be viewed by citizens of West Chester Borough and East Bradford Township at the following locations:

West Chester Police Department 2020 Annual Report

- **Police Department**—Copies of the complete document are available for public inspection and review at the Administrative Office(s) of the West Chester Police Department during regular business hours.
- **Internet**—This document will be available on the Borough's web site at <http://www.west-chester.com>.

I truly hope you find this information in a format that is both useful to you and informative to the citizens of West Chester Borough.

I am confident and pleased with the professionalism, dedication, and accomplishments of our personnel. I believe they realize the work they do can at times be difficult, yet they remain constantly vigilant in their duties and responsibilities to serve this community. We are pleased with the accomplishments of our Department over the past year and we look forward to another productive year in 2021.

It is my pleasure to serve as the Chief of Police of the West Chester Police Department during calendar year 2020. On behalf of the men and women of the West Chester Police Department, I would like to extend our most sincere thanks for your collective and individual confidence in our ability to serve our community(s). With your continued support and assistance, we look forward to continuing to improve the quality of life for all our citizens.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Morehead

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2020 ANNUAL REPORT SYNOPSIS

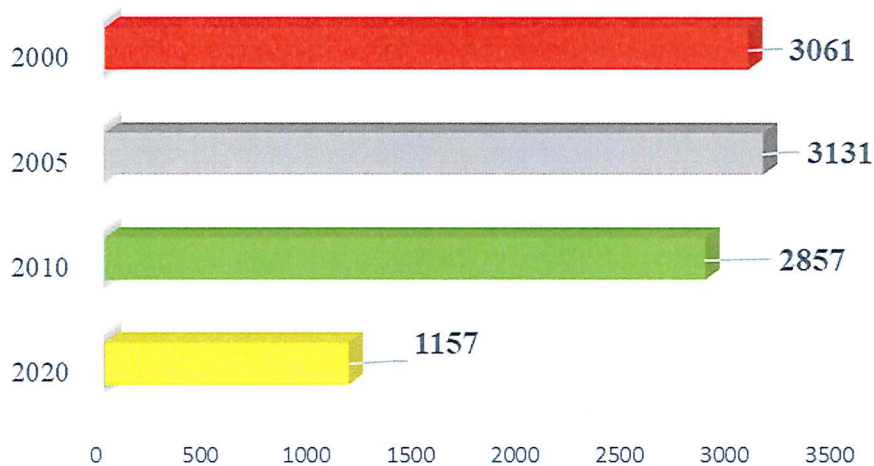
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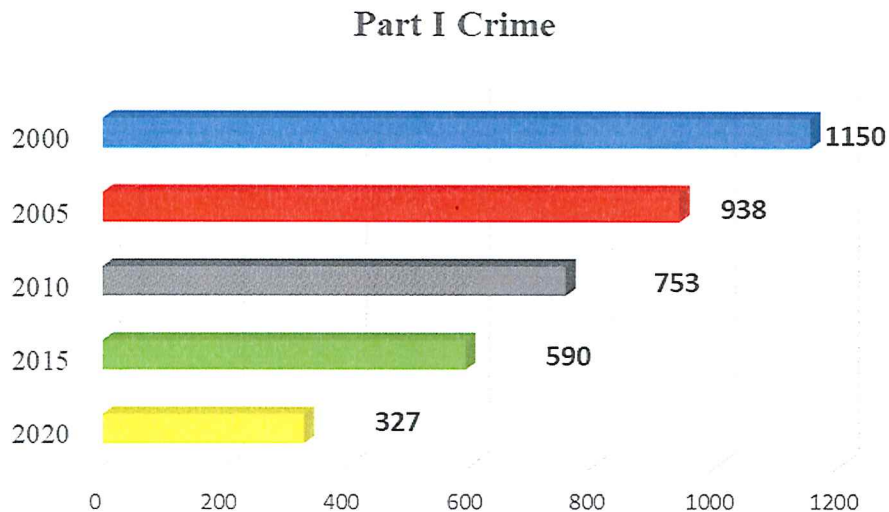
SYNOPSIS

The total amount of crime **decreased** approximately 38% overall during calendar year 2020 from 1,868 such crimes reported in 2019 to 1,157 such crimes reported during 2020. This is the lowest total reported crime in twenty (20) years.



Crime is classified, counted, and reported in two distinctly different categories. Statisticians and researchers know these categories as Part I crime and Part II crime. Part I crimes consist of those crimes that one may consider to be the most serious crimes affecting society and are comprised of a very specific subset of crimes that are routinely reported to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for comparison with other municipalities of similar size and demographics. Part II crimes, on the other hand, are defined as any crime other than Part I crimes and are generally considered being less serious crimes (a secondary level of crime). These "nuisance crimes" impact our quality of life.

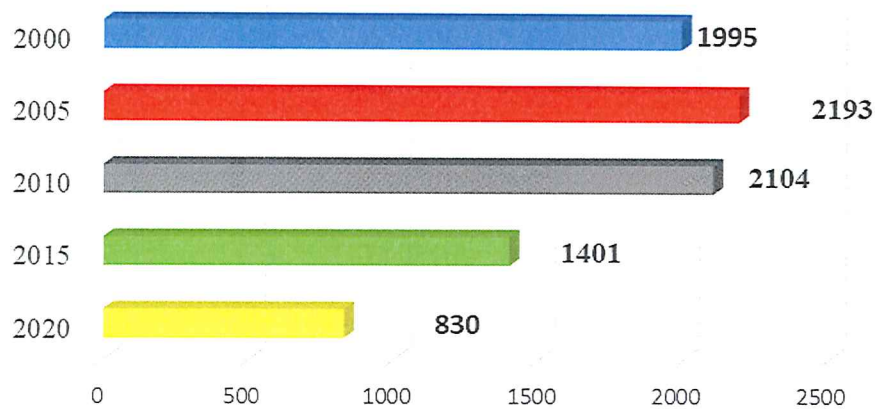
Part I (serious) crimes **decreased** approximately 36.5% overall during calendar year 2020 from 515 such crimes reported in 2019 to 327 such crimes reported during 2020. **Serious crime has been reduced 71% since the year 2000, but I must point out that this number would remain around a 55% decrease if it were not for the pandemic.** This crime reduction should be significant to our varied citizenry. This is an important statistic for individuals considering moving their families and/or businesses into our community(s) as it is a statistic that can be compared nationwide against other municipalities of comparable size and demographics.



There were decreases in the each of the reported Part 1 crimes of Rape (-75%), Robbery (-62%), Assault (-48%), Burglary (-24%), and Theft (-16%). There were no reported Homicides or Arsons. There were, however, increases in the reported Part 1 crimes of Motor Vehicle Theft (6%).

In 2020, the West Chester Police Department documented a 38% decrease in Part II crimes. During the calendar year 2020, the Department reported 830 Part II crimes in comparison to the 1,356 reported in 2019. The 2020 documentation of Part II crimes is the lowest documented total in the last twenty-two (22) years. Although this figure is not reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for comparison purposes, it is a statistic that affects the overall quality of life for those of us living and/or working in West Chester. This decrease is attributed to uniform staffing complements, and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Part II Crime



With the continuing success and popularity of our Business District, there continues to be a significant demand for police services. Overall, the Police Department documented an increase in calls for service of approximately 5% in 2020 compared to 2019, (excluding vehicle stops). As we have reported in the past, while there is a minimal amount of Part I crime in our Business District, there is an identifiable and significant demand for police services. There are reports of assaults and/or combative behavior in the early morning hours in the Central Business District. These behaviors and the associated crimes are directly attributed to alcohol consumption and the number of assaults reported to the Department in 2020. With the popularity of our business establishments and the influx of patrons from throughout the tri-state area as well as West Chester University, the demands continue to increase. These issues, coupled with varying and often related neighborhood issues, presented the largest challenge to our Department and community over this period. As in prior years, alcohol consumption, pedestrian traffic and corridors, the density of residential properties as well as the current environmental conditions, community and neighborhood demographics and the institutional capacity of the Police Department to meet the increased demands of its citizenry will represent our continued challenge(s) as we move into 2021. The community should be as pleased as I am with the enforcement efforts and activity of its Police Department in meeting this complex challenge in 2021.

Traffic accidents reported to and investigated by the West Chester Police Department (with the subcategories of reportable accidents and non-reportable accidents) decreased by approximately 29% in 2020. There was 1 motor vehicle fatality in 2020.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge Mayor Dianne Herrin of West Chester, the members of the West Chester Borough Council, and the Board of Supervisors and the Staff in East Bradford Township for their support of the Police Department. It is my privilege to present this synopsis of the West Chester Police Department's Annual Report for the calendar year 2020. I am sure everyone realizes that 2020 was no typical year, and that the borough and township activity is reflective of everything our officers were given to deal with. It is my sincere hope that this synopsis is both informative to you and useful to the various constituencies and individuals we are sworn and privileged to serve.



West Chester Police Department



2020 Personnel Assignments

TITLE	PERSONNEL
Administration	4
Chief of Police	1 (1)
Lieutenants	3 (3)
Patrol Division	34
Sergeants	5 (5)
Corporals	5 (5)
Patrolman	24 (17)
Detective Division	6
Detective Sergeant	1 (1)
Detective Corporal	1 (1)
Detectives	1 (1)
Narcotics Investigators	2 (2)
Juvenile Officer	1 (1)
Support Staff	11
Civilian Dispatchers	7 (7)
Civilian Records Clerks	2 (2)
Civilian Secretaries	2 (2)

Key: # = Positions budgeted
(#) = Positions filled



PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS

The 2020 personnel allotment for the West Chester Police Department was fifty-five (55) individuals. Of those, forty-four (44) are sworn personnel (Police Officers) and eleven (11) are support staff (non-sworn personnel). With respect to the sworn personnel, seventy-seven percent (77%) are assigned to the patrol function to respond to calls-for-service. Of the remaining twenty-three percent (23%), sixteen percent (16%) are assigned to the criminal investigative function and conduct follow-up investigations for those assigned to the patrol function to allow additional time to perform proactive patrols. Seven (7%) are the administrative staff of the Police Department, including the Chief of Police and three (3) Lieutenants, all of whom will, from time to time, respond to calls-for-service and/or provide assistance to those assigned to the criminal and patrol functions. The following is a statistical analysis of personnel assignments in the Police Department:

<u>Function</u>	<u>% of Sworn Staff</u>	<u>% of All Staff</u>
Patrol	77%	61%
Criminal Investigation	16%	13%
Administration	7%	6%
Support Staff	N/A	20%

When reviewing personnel assignments and distribution within the West Chester Police Department, it is important to consider the information in context. Several officers missed a major and/or significant amount of duty-time due to injury, leave, training or retirement. In 2020 The West Chester Police Department operated with as many as eleven (11) officers absent from duty. The Department anticipates that it will be operating with at least two officers down for 2021.

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2020 ANNUAL REPORT STATISTICAL SUMMARY

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Executive Summary

General Statistics:

	% Change from 2019	Total - 2020
Calls for Service	+5%	32,669
Reported Crime	-38%	1,157
Criminal Arrests	-30%	185
Criminal Summonses	-52%	645
Traffic Arrests	-68%	704
Traffic Warnings	+23%	1,247

Crime Statistics:

Overall Reported Crime	-38%	Down 711 crimes from 1,868 reported in 2019 to 1,157 in 2020.
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Part I Crimes - Total:

-28%	Down 188 crimes from 515 reported in 2019.
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Part I Crimes Defined as:

Murder	-	0 homicides in 2020.
Rape	-75%	Down 6 from 8 reported in 2019.
Robbery	-62%	Down 5 from 8 reported in 2019.
Assault	-48%	Down 92 from 191 in 2019.

	% Change from 2019	Total - 2020
Burglary	-24%	Down 7 from 29 to 22 in 2020.
Theft	-16%	Down 35 from 220 to 185 in 2020.
MV Theft	+6%	Up 1 from 15 to 16 in 2020.
Arson	-	0 Arsons in 2020.
Part II Crimes - Total:	-38%	Down 523 crimes in 2020. From 1,353 to 830.
Part II Crimes Defined as: All other crimes		
Criminal Summonses	-66%	Down 447 from 1,352 to 450
Liquor Law	-64%	Down 112 from 175 to 63.
Public Drunkenness	-62%	Down 194 from 315 to 121.
Disorderly Conduct	-69%	Down 84 from 122 to 38.
Noise Ordinance	-44%	Down 83 from 186 to 103.
Open Bottle	-71%	Down 128 from 179 to 51.
Public Indecency	-75%	Down 118 from 157 to 39.
All Other	-84%	Down 183 from 218 to 35.

% Change from 2019**Total - 2020****Accident Statistics:**

Overall Accidents	-29%	Down 232 from 791 to 559.
Non-Reportable	-15%	Down 65 from 439 to 374.
Reportable	-79%	Down 135 from 171 to 36.
Hit and Run	-18%	Down 33 from 181 to 148.
Fatal	+100%	1 fatality in 2020 - 0 fatalities in 2019.

Traffic Statistics:

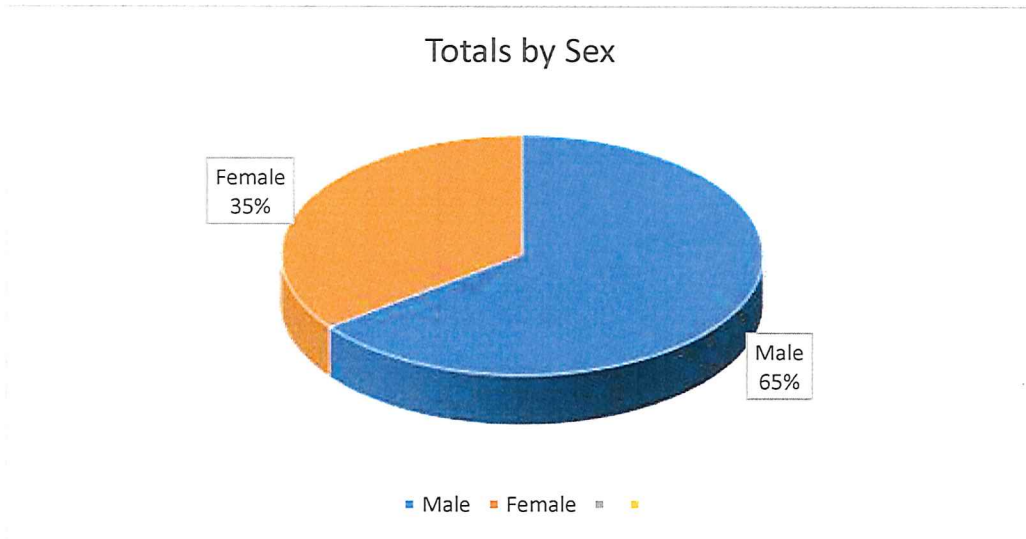
Traffic Arrests	-68%	Down 1,524 from 2,228 to 704
Traffic Warnings	+23%	Up 231 from 1,016 to 1,247
Traffic Details	+9%	Up 79 from 861 to 940.
DUI	-34%	Down 16 from 47 to 31.

Personnel Assignments

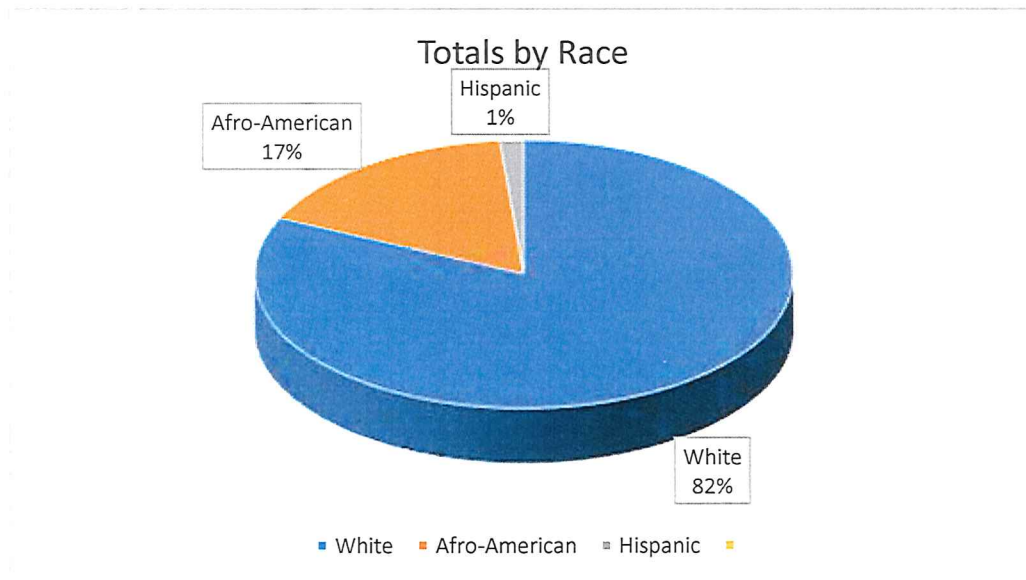
	% of sworn staff	% of all staff
Patrol	77%	62%
Administration	9%	7%
Criminal Investigation	14%	11%
Support Staff	—	20%

Traffic Stop Report 2020

Total Traffic Stops

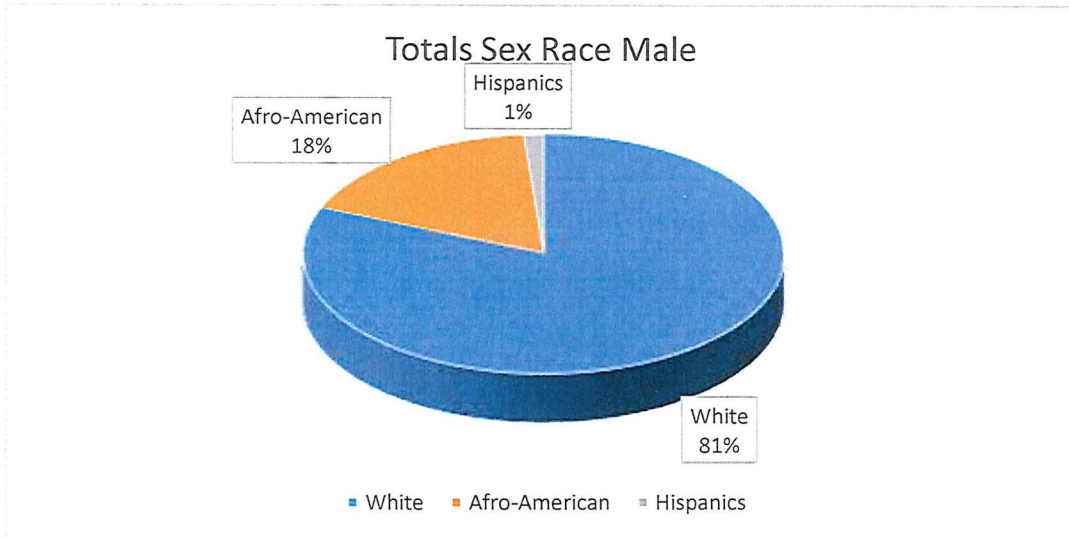


Traffic Stops by Race

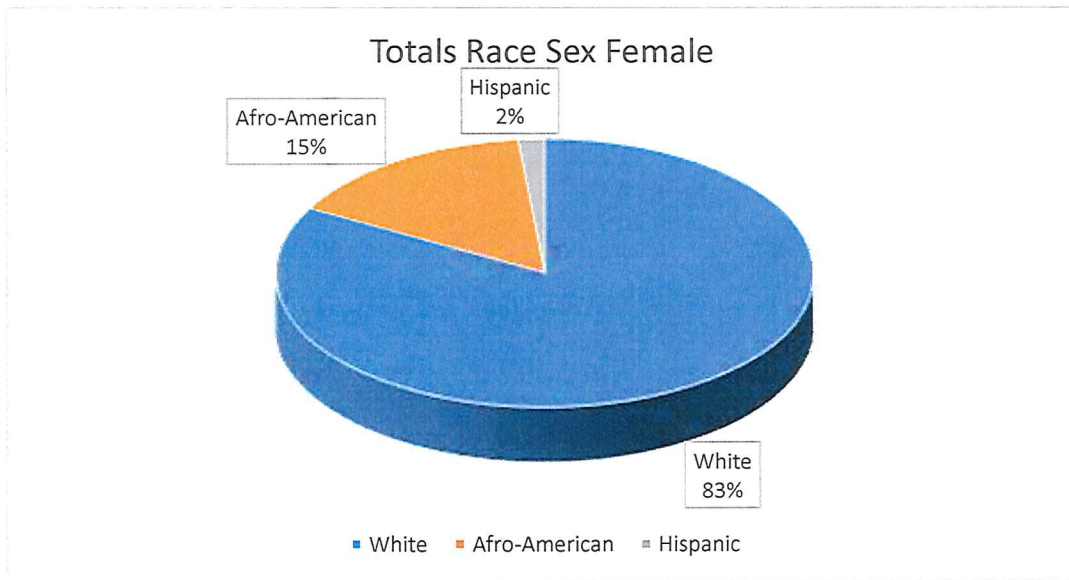


Traffic Stop Report 2020

Traffic Stops - Male / Race



Traffic Stops - Female / Race





Perfect Attendance

The following Officers are to be congratulated:

David Barnes
Brad Bergey
Stanley Billie
Ryan Collins
Christopher Craig
Christopher Daly
Martin Deighan
Aaron Diefenderfer
Gerald DiNunzio
Jerry Ferriola
Thomas Flick
Jeffrey Gallo
James Gorman
David Hammond
Andrew Hill
Joshua Lee
Samantha Long
Jason Malicki
Andrew McFarlane
Brendon McGeehan
James Morehead
John O'Hare
Harry O'Neill
Jason O'Neill
Matthew Simcox
Stuart Smith
Scott Whiteside
Micaela Winter

The following civilian employees are to be congratulated:

Tracy Gordon
Christopher Jones
David March
Paul Widmayer



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RETIREMENTS

The following Officers are to be recognized for their many years of service to the citizens West Chester.

	Years of Service	Years Served
Sgt. Henry Hague	29 Years	1991-2020
Ofc. David Stuart	25 Years	1995-2020
Ofc. David Frantz	25 Years	1995-2020
Ofc. Carl McIntyre	25 Years	1995-2020

NEW OFFICERS

The following officers are welcomed as newly hired police officers in our community.

N/A

OFFICER RESIGNATIONS

The following officers separated from the Police Department.

Bradley Lord	2/21/2020
Anthony Stabilo	12/28/2020