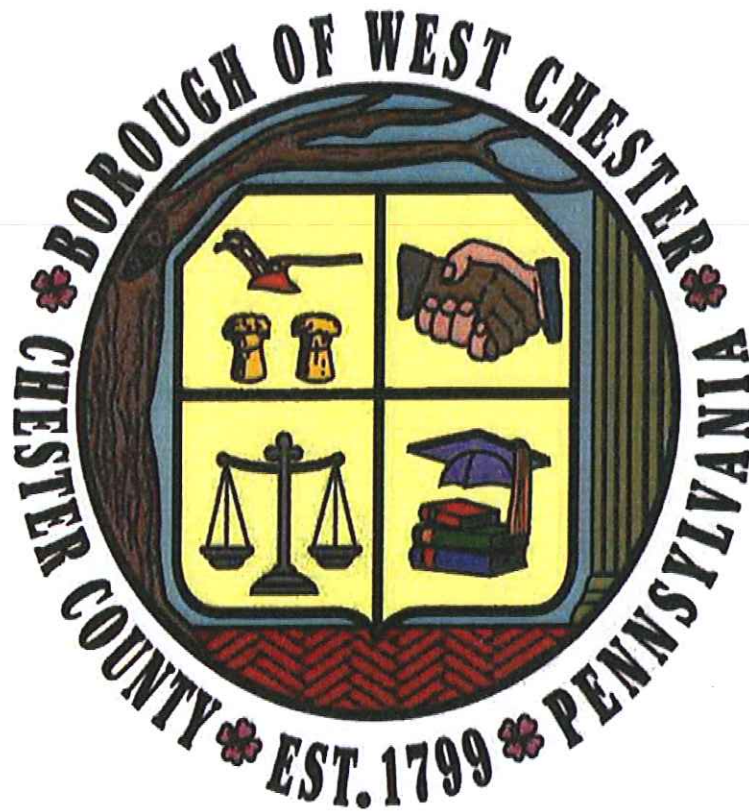


# WEST CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT  
2016



SCOTT L. BOHN  
CHIEF OF POLICE




# West Chester Police Department

## MEMORANDUM

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TO: West Chester Borough Council

THRU: Michael A. Cotter, Borough Manager

FROM: Scott L. Bohn, Chief of Police 

DATE: February 13, 2017

SUBJECT: Police Department Annual Report

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On behalf of the West Chester Police Department, it is my privilege to present our Department's 2016 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 2016 calendar year.

This document consists of three distinct parts:

- **SYNOPSIS** of the Police Department's annual report.
- **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** of the Police Department's annual report.
- **ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2016** for the West Chester Police Department.

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 2016 as is appropriate for the respective document. Complete copies of this document have been distributed to the Mayor, 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 2016 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 2017.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Chief of Police of the West Chester Police Department during calendar year 2016. 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 of our citizens.

Respectfully Submitted



# West Chester Police Department

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# WEST CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT



## 2016 ANNUAL REPORT SYNOPSIS

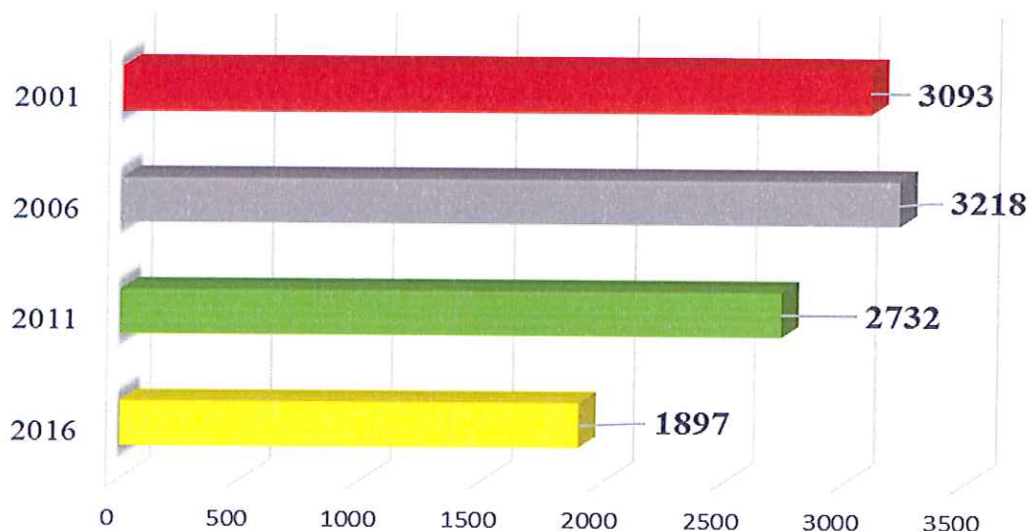
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Chief of Police

# WEST CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

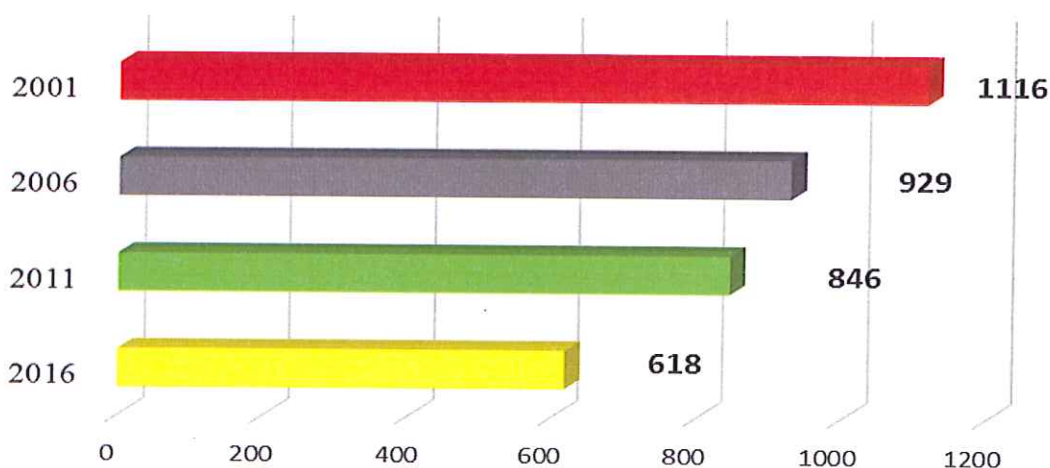
### SYNOPSIS

The total amount of crime reported to the West Chester Police Department decreased 5 % in 2016. This is the lowest total of reported crime in twenty-one (21) years.



Part I (serious) crimes increased approximately 5% overall during calendar year 2016 from 590 such crimes reported in 2015 to 618 such crimes reported during 2016. The 2014 total was the lowest reported total of serious crime in the last twenty (20) years (automated records). The 2016 total is the third lowest total in twenty-one (21) years. **Serious crime has been effectively reduced 46% since the year 2000.**

## Part I Crime



This statistic 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 similar size and demographics. It is a statistic that is easily accessible by those seeking information in their decision-making process.

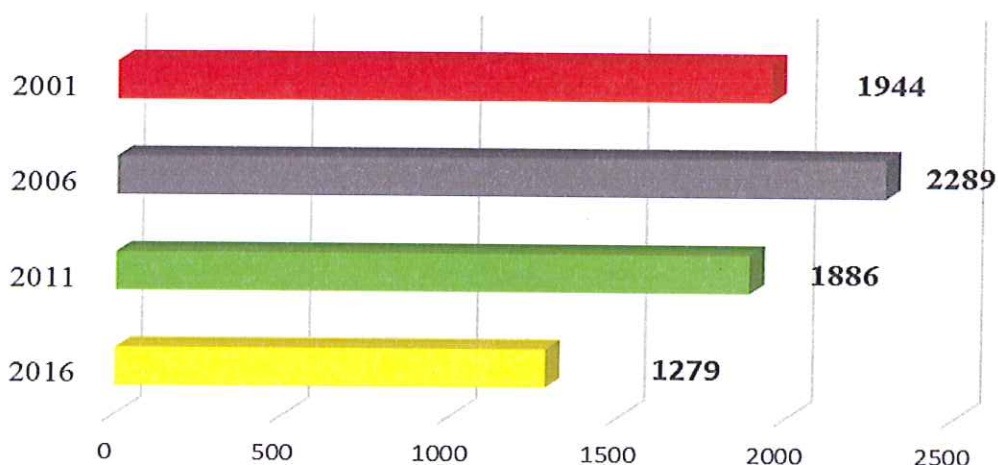
There were decreases in the reported crimes of Homicide, Robbery and Assault (crimes against person). There were incremental increases in the number of reported Rape and Motor Vehicle Thefts. The number of reported Burglaries and Thefts increased approximately 18%.

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.

In 2016, the West Chester Police Department documented a 10% decrease in Part II crimes. During the calendar year 2016, the Department reported 1,279 Part II crimes in comparison to the 1,401 reported in 2015. The 2016 documentation of Part II crimes is the lowest documented total in the last twenty-one (21) 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 10% decrease in reported Part II crimes can realistically be viewed another way, and one could say that there were 122 fewer victims of nuisance crimes during 2016. Aggressive enforcement of nuisance crimes coupled with proactive patrol allocations, education and continued community sensitivity(s) resulted in an increase in effective enforcement of Liquor Law Violations, Public Drunkenness, Open Bottle Ordinance and Disorderly Conduct and Noise Ordinance violations.

### 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 3% in 2016 compared to 2015. 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 2016. 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 aforementioned 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 staff and meet the increased demands of its citizenry will represent our continued challenge(s) as we move into 2017. 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 2016.

Traffic accidents reported to and investigated by the West Chester Police Department (with the subcategories of reportable accidents and non-reportable accidents) increased by approximately 2 % in 2016. There was one (1) motor vehicle fatality in 2016.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the Mayor of West Chester Carolyn T. Comitta, the members of the West Chester Borough Council, 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 2016. 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**



**2016  
ANNUAL REPORT  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Scott L. Bohn  
Chief of Police**

## 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

### Executive Summary

#### General Statistics:

	% Change from 2015	Total - 2016
Calls for Service	+3%	24,373
Reported Crime	-5%	1,897
Criminal Arrests	-9%	295
Criminal Summonses	-6%	1,102
Traffic Arrests	-3%	2,498
Traffic Warnings	-3%	858

#### Crime Statistics:

Overall Reported Crime	-5%	Down 93 crimes from 1,990 reported in 2015 to 1,897 in 2016.
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<b>Part I Crimes - Total:</b>	+5%	Up 28 crimes from 590 reported in 2015.
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#### Part I Crimes Defined as:

Murder	-100%	0 homicides in 2016.
Rape	+31%	Up 4 from 13 reported in 2015.
Robbery	-21%	Down 5 from 24 reported in 2015.
Assault	-27%	Down 57 from 214 in 2016 from 157 in 2015.

	<b>% Change from 2015</b>	<b>Total - 2016</b>
Burglary	+44%	Up 21 from 48 to 69 in 2016.
Theft	+18%	Up 48 from 274 to 322 in 2016.
MV Theft	+7%	Up 1 from 15 to 16 in 2016.
Arson	+1800%	Up 17 to 18 in 2016.
<b>Part II Crimes - Total:</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>Down 122 crimes in 2016. From 1,401 to 1,279.</b>
Part II Crimes Defined as: All other crimes		
<b>Criminal Summonses</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>Down 65 from 1,167 to 1,102</b>
Liquor Law	*-20%	Down 31 from 156 to 125.
Public Drunkenness	*-13%	Down 48 from 362 to 314.
Disorderly Conduct	*-4%	Down 6 from 134 to 128.
Noise Ordinance	*+21%	Up 27 from 128 to 155.
Open Bottle	*+27%	Up 23 from 84 to 107.
All Other	+14%	Up 43 from 316 to 359.

**\*See combined West Chester Police - West Chester University Public Safety chart for additional Borough enforcement figures.**

**% Change from 2015****Total - 2016****Accident Statistics:**

Overall Accidents	+2%	Up 18 from 766 to 784.
Non-Reportable	+3%	Up 14 from 538 to 552.
Reportable	+13%	Up 7 from 56 to 63.
Hit and Run	-2%	Down 4 from 172 to 168.
Fatal	+100%	0 fatalities in 2015 - 1 fatality in 2016.

**Traffic Statistics:**

Traffic Arrests	-3%	Down 82 from 2,580 to 2,498
Traffic Warnings	-5 %	Down 43 from 888 to 845.
Traffic Details	-5%	Down 34 from 892 to 858.
DUI	-34%	Down 40 from 119 to 79.

**Personnel Assignments**

	% of sworn staff	% of all staff
Patrol	77%	62%
Administration	7%	5%
Criminal Investigation	16%	13%
Support Staff	—	20%

### **Retirements during 2016**

Ptl. John DiBattista	10 Years	September, 2016
Ptl. Pam McClaren	28 Years	March, 2016
Lt. William Morris	34 Years	July, 2015

### **New Hires during 2016**

Ptl. Nicholas Graham  
Ptl. Daniel Quinn

Juris No. 15414  
 NCIC Code PA 0151300

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MONTHLY COUNT OF OFFENSES  
 KNOWN TO POLICE

1 CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES PART I OFFENSES	2 OFFENSES REPORTED	3 UNFOUNDED COMPLAINTS	4 ACTUAL OFFENSES	(a) TOTAL CLEARED	(b) JUVENILE CLEARED
1. HOMICIDE	0				
A. MURDER	0				
B. MANSLAUGHTER	0				
2. RAPE TOTAL	17				
A. RAPE	12				
B. ATTEMPTED RAPE	5				
3. ROBBERY TOTAL	19				
A. FIREARM	5				
B. KNIFE OR CUTTING INST.	1				
C. OTHER DANGEROUS WEAPON	2				
D. STRONG ARM (HANDS,ETC.)	11				
4. ASSAULT TOTAL	157				
A. FIREARM	0				
B. KNIFE OR CUTTING INST.	5				
C. OTHER DANGEROUS WEAPON	0				
D. AGGRAVATED (HANDS,ETC.)	19				
E. SIMPLE (HANDS, ETC.)	133				
5. BURGLARY TOTAL	69				
A. FORCIBLE ENTRY	40				
B. UNLAWFUL ENTRY	23				
C. ATTEMPTED FORCIBLE	6				
6. LARCENY THEFT TOTAL	322				
7. MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT TOTAL	16				
A. AUTOS	14				
B. TRUCKS AND BUSES	1				
C. OTHER VEHICLES	1				
9. ARSON TOTAL	18				
<b>TOTAL PART 1 OFFENSES</b>	<b>618</b>				

\* EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCES INCLUDED

@ INCLUDES OFFENSE(S) REPORTED IN PREVIOUS MONTHS

NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICERS	
KILLED	ASSAULTED
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MONTHLY COUNT OF OFFENSES  
 KNOWN TO POLICE

1 CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES PART II OFFENSES		2 OFFENSES REPORTED	3 UNFOUND COMPLAINTS	4 ACTUAL OFFENSES	(a) TOTAL CLEARED	(b) JUVENILE CLEARED
100. FORGERY & COUNTERFEIT	TOTAL	11				
110. FRAUD	TOTAL	94				
120. EMBEZZLEMENT	TOTAL	0				
130. STOLEN PROP-REC, POSSES	TOTAL	6				
140. VANDALISM	TOTAL	245				
150. WEAPONS-CARRYING, POSSES	TOTAL	3				
160. PROSTITUTION, COMM VICE	TOTAL	0				
170. SEX OFFENSES (EX 02,160)	TOTAL	24				
180. DRUG ABUSE VIOL	TOTAL	46				
SALE	A. OPIUM-COCAINE	8				
	B. MARIJUANA	4				
	C. SYNTHETIC	1				
	D. OTHER					
POSSESSION	A. OPIUM-COCAINE	12				
	B. MARIJUANA	16				
	C. SYNTHETIC	2				
	D. OTHER	3				
190. GAMBLING	TOTAL	0				
	A. BOOKMAKING					
	B. NUMBERS, ETC.					
	C. OTHER					
200. OFF AGAINST FAMILY & CHILD	TOTAL	2				
210. DRIVING UNDER UNFLUENCE	TOTAL	79				
220. LIQUOR LAWS	TOTAL	94				
230. DRUNKENNESS	TOTAL	255				
240. DISORDERLY CONDUCT	TOTAL	72				
250. VAGRANCY	TOTAL	5				
260. ALL OTHER OFFENSES	TOTAL	343				
<b>TOTAL PART II OFFENSES</b>		1279				

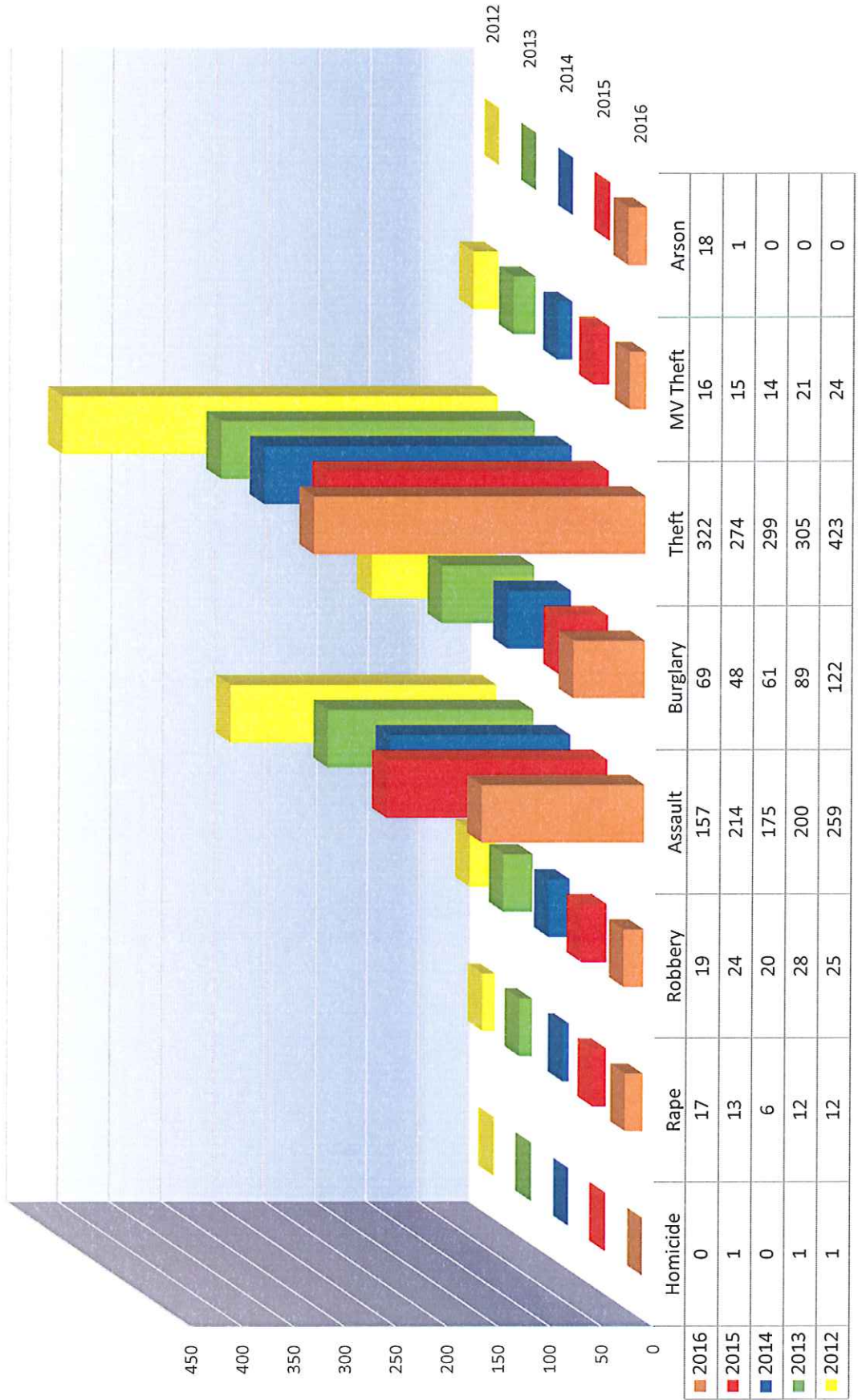


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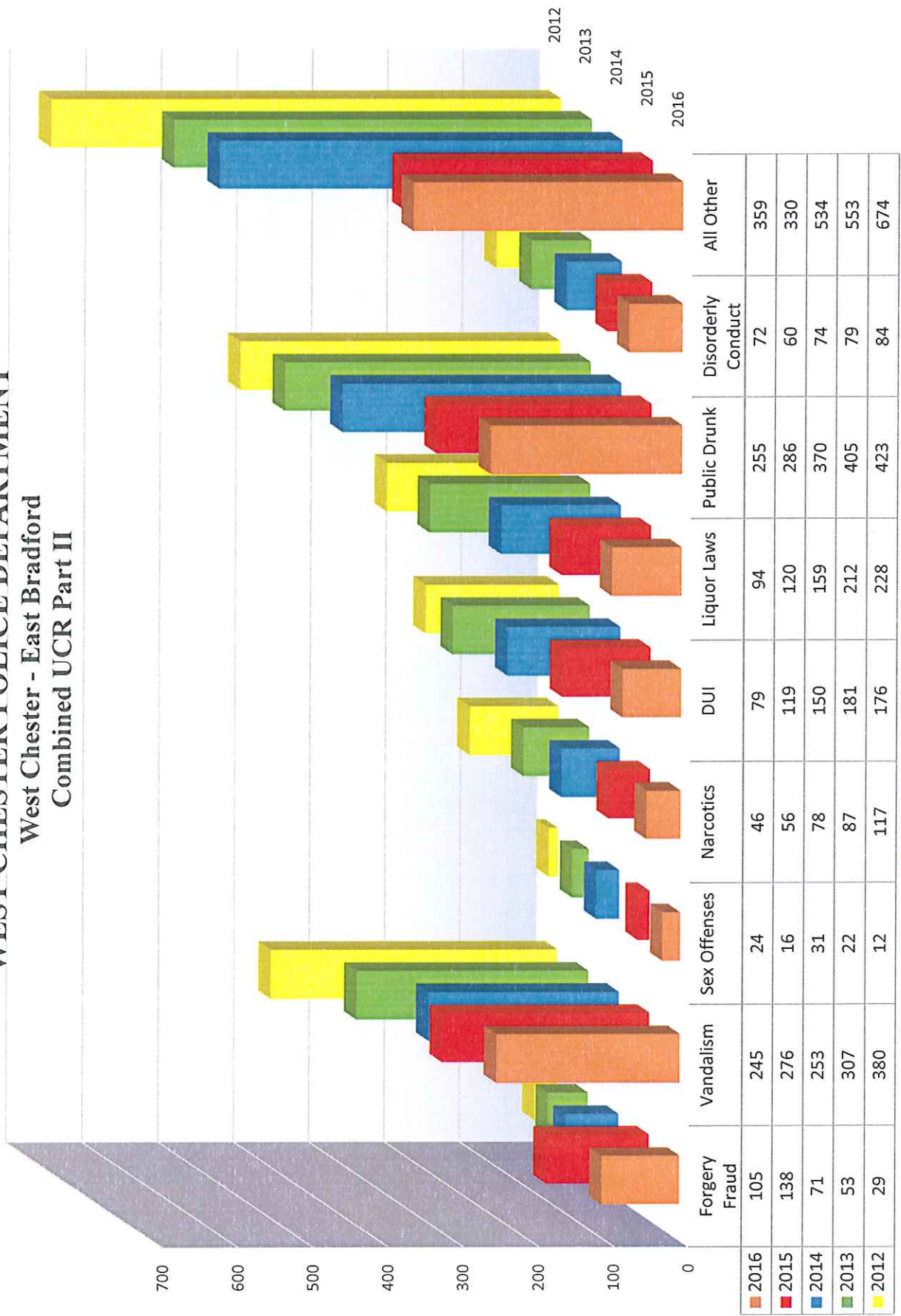
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Combined UCR Data



**WEST CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
 West Chester - East Bradford  
 Combined UCR Part I



**WEST CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**West Chester - East Bradford**  
**Combined UCR Part II**



**West Chester Borough - East Bradford Township  
Combined UCR Data  
2016**

Part I	2016 Offenses (Includes Attempts)	2016 Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	% Cleared
Homicide	0	0	100
Rape	17	3	18
Robbery	19	13	68
Assault	157	54	34
Burglary	69	9	13
Theft	322	41	13
MV Theft	16	3	19
Arson	18	5	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>21</b>
Part II	2016 Offenses (Includes Attempts)	2016 Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	% Cleared
Forgery	11	4	36
Fraud	94	7	7
Embezzlement	0	0	100
Vandalism	245	6	2
Stolen Property	6	6	100
Weapons	3	3	100
Sex Offenses	24	3	13
Narcotics	46	38	83
Offenses -Family/Children	2	1	50
DUI	79	77	97
Liquor Laws	94	92	98
Drunkness	255	255	100
Disorderly Conduct	72	68	94
Vagrancy	5	5	100
All Other Offenses	343	332	97
<b>Total</b>	<b>1279</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>70</b>



**West Chester Borough  
UCR Data  
2016**

Part I	2016 Offenses (Includes Attempts)	2016 Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	% Cleared
Homicide	0	0	100
Rape	15	3	20
Robbery	19	13	68
Assault	141	49	35
Burglary	56	7	13
Theft	277	33	12
MV Theft	14	3	21
Arson	15	5	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>21</b>
Part II	2016 Offenses (Includes Attempts)	2016 Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	
Forgery	9	2	22
Fraud	53	3	6
Embezzlement	0	0	100
Vandalism	227	4	2
Stolen Property	6	6	100
Weapons	1	1	100
Sex Offenses	22	3	14
Narcotics	42	35	83
Offenses - Family/Children	2	1	50
DUI	66	64	97
Liquor Laws	92	90	98
Public Drunkenness	245	245	100
Disorderly Conduct	64	60	94
Vagrancy	4	4	100
All Other	320	310	97
<b>Total</b>	<b>1153</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>72</b>



**East Bradford Township  
UCR Data  
2016**

Part I	2016 Offenses (Includes Attempts)	2016 Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	% Cleared
Homicide	0	0	100
Rape	2	0	0
Robbery	0	0	100
Assault	16	5	31
Burglary	13	2	15
Theft	45	9	20
MV Theft	2	0	0
Arson	3	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>
Part II	2016 Offenses (Includes Attempts)	2016 Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	% Cleared
Forgery	2	2	100
Fraud	41	4	10
Vandalism	18	2	11
Stolen Property	0	0	100
Weapons	2	2	100
Sex Offenses	2	0	0
Narcotics	4	3	75
Offenses -Family/Children	0	0	100
DUI	13	13	100
Liquor Laws	2	2	100
Drunkness	10	10	100
Disorderly Conduct	8	8	100
Vagrancy	1	1	100
All Other	23	22	96
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>55</b>



# East Bradford Township Calls for Service



# WEST CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT



## 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Scott L. Bohn  
Chief of Police



## GENERAL STATISTICS 2016



The General Statistics for the West Chester Police Department during 2016 reflect an approximate 3% increase in the number of calls-for-service over the past year. General Statistics also reflect that crime reported to the West Chester Police Department (combined Part I and Part II) decreased 5% overall, with a 5% increase in Part I crimes and an approximate 9% decrease in Part II and/or secondary crime.

The number of Part I crimes known to our Police Department is the third lowest total of Part I crimes reported in the last twenty-one (21) years. The serious crime trends continue a positive outlook for the community with respect to providing a safe environment for our citizenry and our business community.

The current volume of calls-for-service, the number of reported Part II crimes (quality of life crimes), personnel staffing and a challenging economic climate is a challenge for our Police Department and our community. Environmental conditions and demographics have and will continue to impact crime (victims and offenders). The Police Department is proud of our public safety service and law enforcement activities in our community. The elected officials and appointed leaders in our community(s) are encouraged to share our collective accomplishments and continue our work in a shared vision and goal for a safer community and better quality of life.

### **Social Media**

In January of 2015 the West Chester Police Department joined the Social Media Era with creating a Facebook Page (West Chester Borough Police Department) and a Twitter Account (W.C. Borough Police). The Social Media Sites are used to keep our residents and visitors informed of happenings in the Borough and East Bradford Township.

As of December 31, 2016, our FACEBOOK page has 6,224 followers and our twitter account has three hundred (300) followers. The sites have also assisted officers in locating wanted subjects, subjects wanted in questioning of a crime and other police related information. The department also posts weather related emergencies, as in Snow Emergencies, to alert the public of procedures during such events.

In October 2016 INSTAGRAM was created as another Social Media Site to inform residents of information. As of December 31, 2016 seventy-four (74) people follow our INSTAGRAM Account.

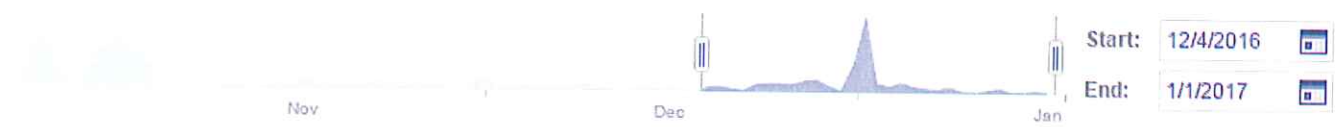
**WCPD Facebook**



*This image shows our total WCPD Facebook Page followers as 12.31.2016*

Daily data is recorded in the Pacific time zone.

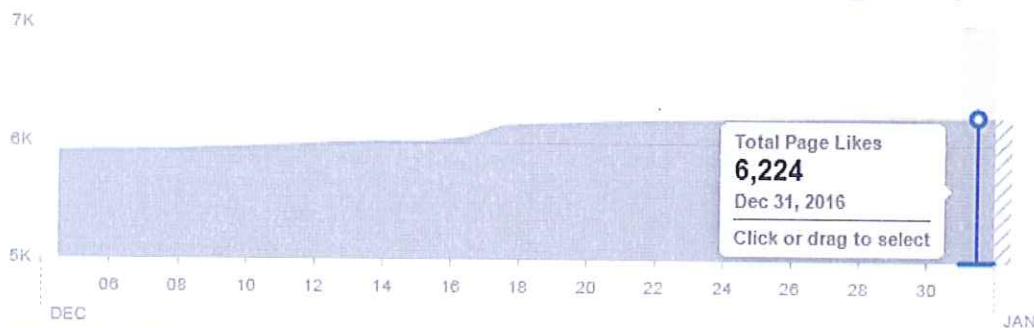
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Total Page Likes as of Today: 6,228

Total Page Likes

**BENCHMARK**  
Compare your average performance over time.



















***This image shows the West Chester Police Facebook page ranking with other Chester County Police Departments***

**Pages to Watch**

Compare the performance of your Page and posts with similar Pages on Facebook.

Add Pages
■ Reactions, Comments & Shares

Page	Total Page Likes	From Last Week	Posts This Week	Engagement This Week
<b>YOU</b> <b>1</b>  <b>West Chester Borough P...</b>	6.2K 	▲ 0.3%	6	310 
<b>2</b>  <b>City of Coatesville Police...</b>	5K 	▲ 0.2%	7	778 
<b>3</b>  <b>West Whiteland Townshi...</b>	3.6K 	▲ 0.1%	0	0
<b>4</b>  <b>Caln Township Police De...</b>	3.4K 	0%	0	0
<b>5</b>  <b>West Goshen Township ...</b>	3.4K 	▲ 0.4%	1	101 
<b>6</b>  <b>Phoenixville Police</b>	2.6K 	▲ 0.4%	3	92 

See More Pages

**Twitter**

Also in January of 2015 a West Chester Police Twitter account was created to shadow the Department’s Facebook Page. After doing research it was found that twitter is used by a large number of college students and a younger demographic. To this date our Twitter Account has one hundred seventy-three (173) followers.



### Instagram

Instagram was activated in November of 2016. Instagram is used by a younger demographic and audience than Facebook and Twitter.



# westchesterpolice



32 posts

76 followers

26 following

Edit Profile

## West Chester Borough Police

Serving West Chester Borough and East Bradford Township, Chester County PA



Happy New Year 2017!!

We wish all our Residents, Visitors, Business Owners, Facebook Friends, Twitter Friends, and Instagram Friends a very SAFE and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We sincerely THANK YOU for all the conti... See More





## ACCIDENT ANALYSIS



Overall, vehicle crashes reported to and investigated by the West Chester Police Department increased 2% from 2015 to 2016, with a total of eighteen (18) more accidents during 2016. However, the raw numbers do not reflect the entire picture. Vehicle accidents, more aptly described as “vehicle crashes” as most accidents are not quite as “accidental” as the name suggests, are divided into four categories: Reportable Crashes, Non-Reportable Crashes, Fatalities, and Hit and Runs.

### **REPORTABLE CRASHES:**

Reportable crashes are defined as those crashes in which the driver, vehicle occupant, pedestrian, or bicyclist is injured, or the damage to any vehicle is so severe as to render the vehicle inoperable. During the calendar year 2016, the number of reportable crashes increased approximately 13%; there were fifty-six (56) during 2015 and sixty-three (63) during 2016.

### **NON-REPORTABLE CRASHES:**

Non-reportable crashes are defined as the converse of reportable crashes. Stated another way, non-reportable crashes are those crashes where no one was injured and the vehicle could be removed from the crash scene under its own power. Although Commonwealth Law does not require one to report these crashes to the police, some individuals and, more particularly, their insurance companies, request a police investigation. As such, the Police Department can count those non-reportable crashes that are actually reported to the police, but there is no way to know what percent of these type crashes is reported or actually occur in the Borough or the Township. Non-reportable crashes reported to the police department increased by 3% from five hundred thirty-eight (538) during 2015 to five hundred fifty-two (552) during 2016.

### **FATALITIES:**

There was one (1) fatal accident in 2016. There were no fatal crashes in 2015.

## **HIT AND RUNS**

As a general rule, the driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in damage to a vehicle or other property shall immediately stop the vehicle at the scene of the accident or as close thereto as possible and shall remain at the scene of the accident until he has fulfilled the requirements as promulgated in the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code, Title 75, relating to the duty to give/provide information and render aid if necessary. In too many instances, individuals involved in motor vehicle crashes ignore their obligation and leave the scene of the "accident". Those hit and run crashes reported to the police department decreased by approximately 2% from one hundred seventy-two (172) during 2015 to one hundred sixty-eight (168) in 2016.

## **ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS**

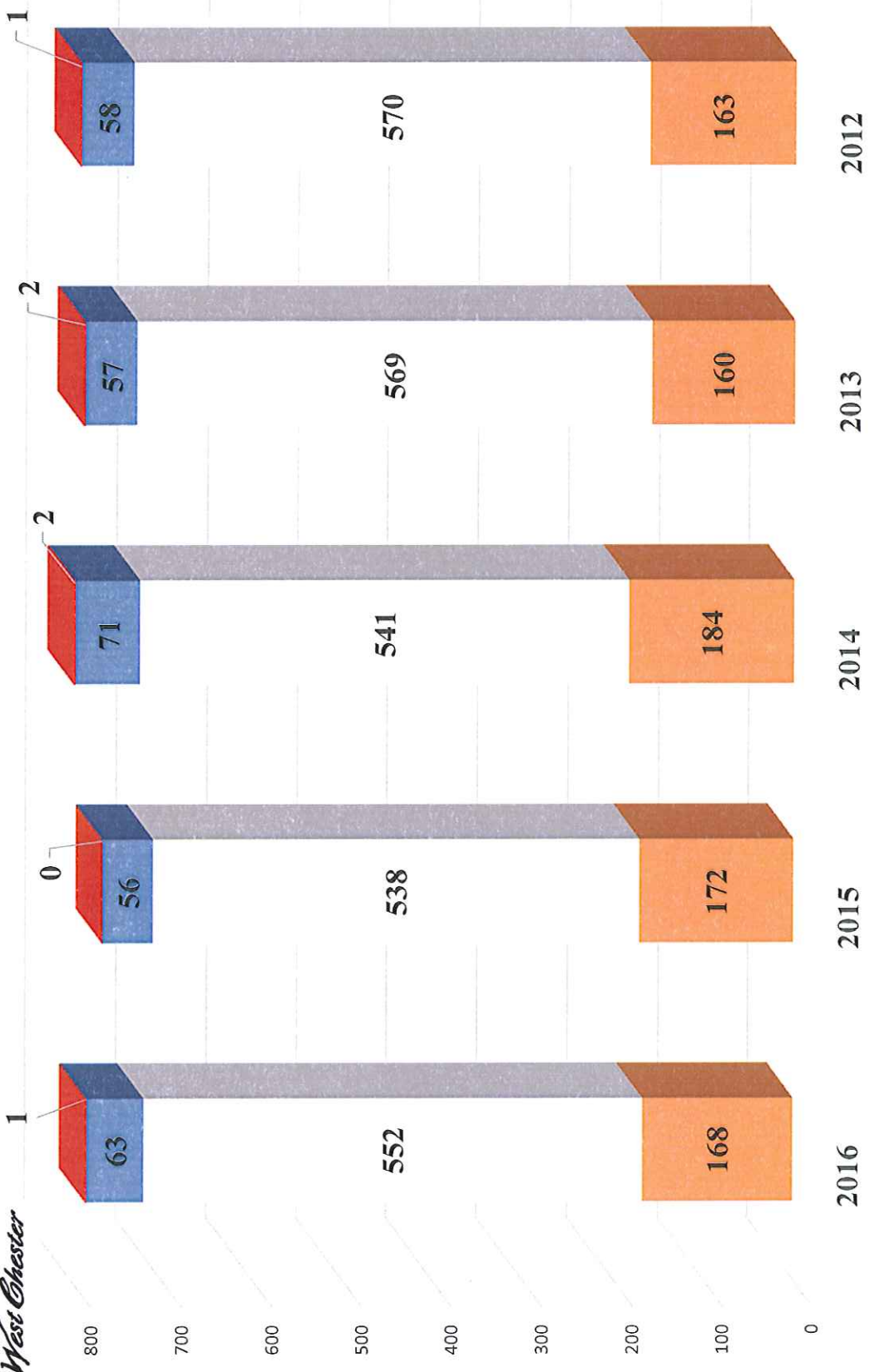
### **Fatal Accidents**

2016: One (1) East Bradford Township- Rte. 162 (nearest cross road, Creek).

### **SCAT Team Investigations:**

In 2016, the member of the Chester County Serious Crash Accident Team (SCAT) responded to seven calls. One (1) in East Bradford Township - Rte. 162 (nearest cross road, Creek).

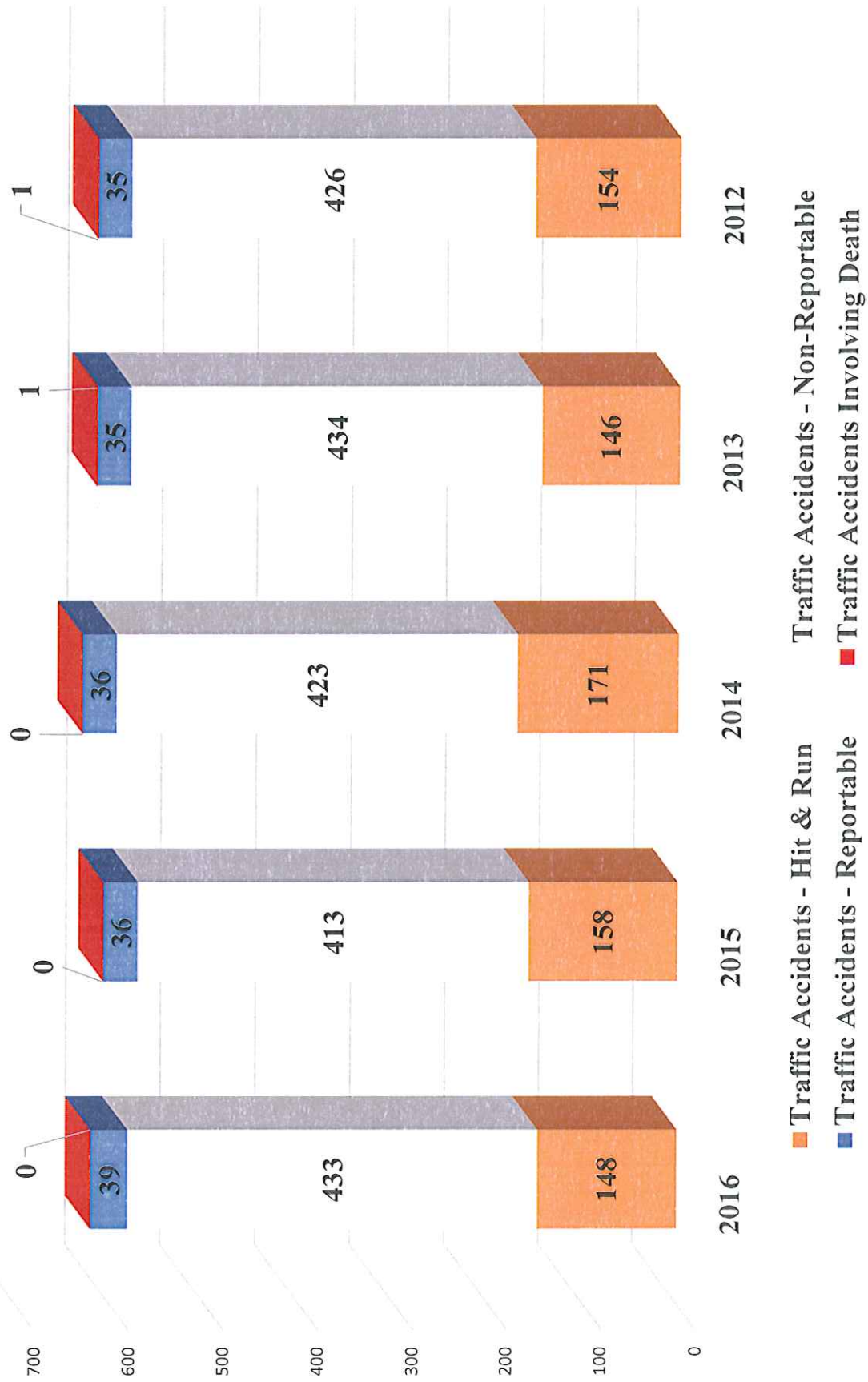
# WEST CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT Crash Investigations



■ Traffic Accidents - Hit & Run  
■ Traffic Accidents - Reportable  
■ Traffic Accidents - Non-Reportable  
■ Traffic Accidents Involving Death

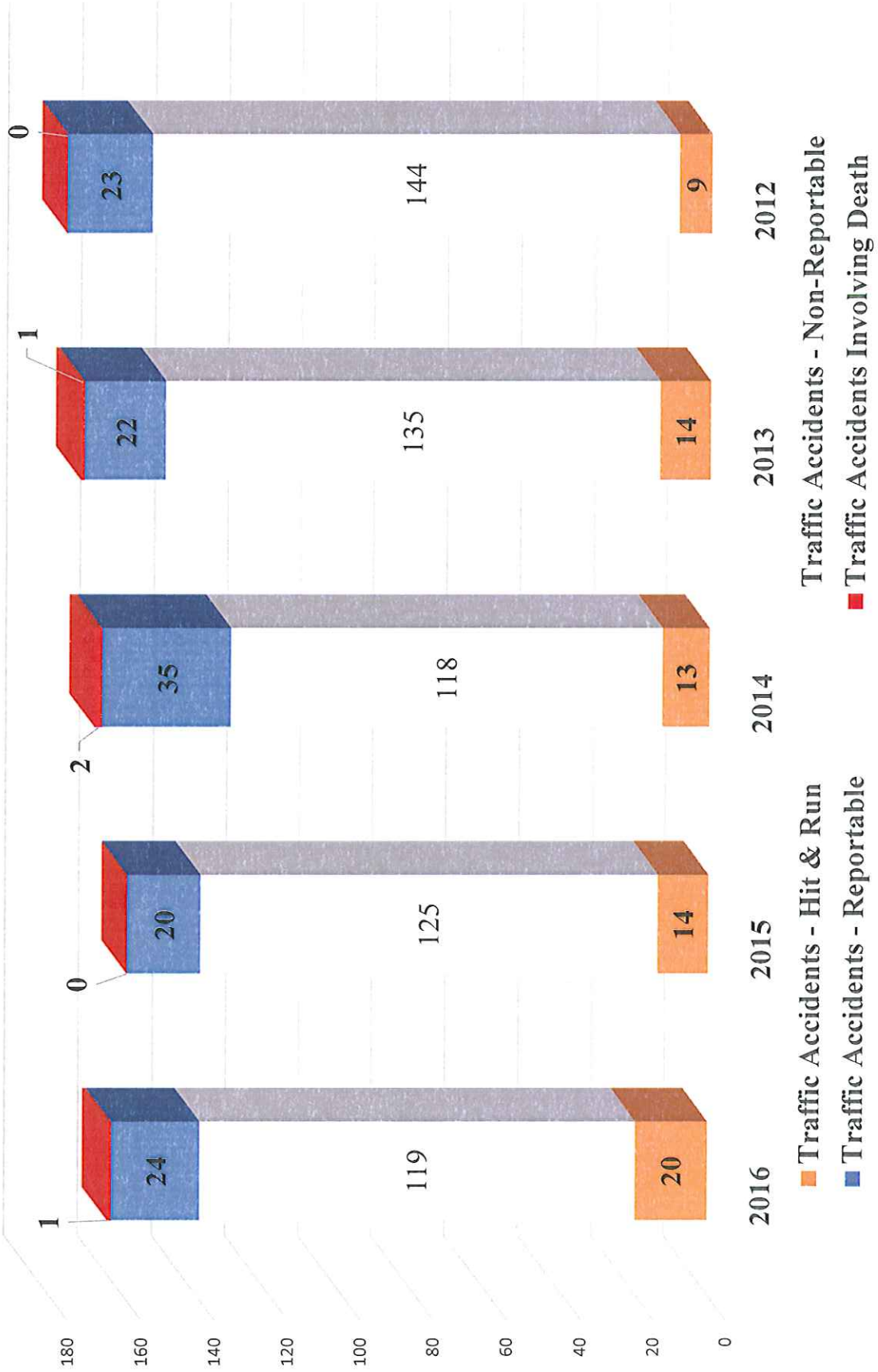


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Crash Investigations  
West Chester Borough





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East Bradford Township





## DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE



The West Chester Police Department places high emphasis on searching for DUI drivers in an attempt to lower fatalities due to alcohol and/or drug related vehicle crashes and to lessen the overall personal injury and property loss due to vehicle crashes in our service communities. In 2016, the West Chester Police Department made seventy-nine (79) DUI arrests. In 2015, the Department made one hundred nineteen (119) DUI arrests. The Department has recorded over two hundred (200) arrests in each year between 2006 through 2009.

DUI checkpoints are conducted in association with the Chester County Highway Safety Project. There were no DUI checkpoints conducted during the calendar year 2016. The first was postponed due to manpower issues. The second was cancelled by the Chester County Highway Safety Project coordinator due to weather concerns.

The Department's achievements continue to be recognized by the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) organization. The increased success and number of restaurants and liquor establishments in our community increases the probability and likelihood that a larger number of individuals will attempt to drive while intoxicated.

Drunk driving is the largest cause of traffic fatalities, claiming more 10,000 lives a year, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). "Ride-sharing" services may be impacting the number of DUI arrests. While there is not statistical support for this suggestion, services like *Uber* can provide an alternative to drunk driving and help people make more responsible choices.





## TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS



Each year, emphasis is placed on traffic safety and enforcement. In 2016, the Department was again significantly impacted by reductions in Commonwealth funding for target traffic enforcement details. The enforcement of our state vehicular laws is an essential and important service to the residents of, and visitors to, our communities. Traffic arrests/citations issued by the West Chester Police Department decreased approximately 3% in 2016. The issuance of “written traffic warnings” decreased approximately 5% in 2016. In 2016, the Department’s total number of “traffic details” in our service communities decreased by approximately 5%. In 2016, the Department continued to utilize computer hardware and software technology that will continue to benefit our communities in assessing current vehicular traffic. The technology has and will continue to aid in future traffic planning in our community and the surrounding municipalities.

A continued emphasis during 2016 on the Department’s traffic safety goals and objectives is a double-edged sword. A special cautionary note was noted in the 2006 and each subsequent Annual Report. It should be recalled in this and future reports when presented. The note, specifically, relates to the number of calls-for-service reported each year. Vehicle stops for traffic violations are not counted as a call-for-service. The Department’s calls-for-service volume, patrol and the allocation of personnel impact traffic enforcement figures. The officers are required to satisfy daily court obligations at four (4) separate locations: two (2) District Courts, Common Pleas Court, and Juvenile Court, and the number and/or issuance of criminal arrests and non-traffic citations have remained consistently high. The above stated factors, in addition to the Department’s level of staffing and staffing requirements, significantly impact our traffic enforcement statistics.

### **Traffic Studies:**

A total of four (4) traffic studies were performed throughout East Bradford Township and the Borough of West Chester for 2016.

## **Traffic Analysis:**

### Borough of West Chester:

- The intersection of High and Washington St. saw only two accidents in 2016. The increased volume of traffic through the intersection of High St. has contributed to the decrease in accidents overall.
- While the number of pedestrian involved accidents decreased in 2016, the safety of pedestrians remains a priority of the department.

### East Bradford Township:

- The majority of focus has fallen to the neighborhoods. Many traffic details have been conducted as a result of citizen complaints of localized speeding and disregarding of stop signs. The Department will be completing studies in many neighborhoods in the coming year. The Department will also continue to direct patrols based on specific complaints.
- The number of traffic studies completed is steadily increasing.

## **Intersections and Roadways under Evaluation:**

### Borough of West Chester

- Crosswalks – West Chester University (Borough Roadways)
- High and Rosedale Avenues.

### East Bradford Township

The Department will continue to aggressively enforce the speed limits on the above roadways in East Bradford Township and continue to aggressively enforce traffic signals and devices in our service community.

## **Traffic Details:**

### Speed Details

A total of six (6) speed details were performed in East Bradford Twp. during 2016. The number of details was greatly decreased due to the large number of injured officers during the year.

#### 2016 EnRadd Report

	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b># CITS</b>	<b># WAR</b>
5/20/2016	900 blk. Tigue Rd.	0600-1200	29	2
6/21/2016	700 blk. Downingtown Pk.	0600-1000	18	0
8/10/2016	1100 blk. Skelp Level Rd.	1600-2000	14	2
9/3/2016	900 blk. Sconnelltown Rd.	0600-1000	6	1
9/28/2016	700 blk. Downingtown Pk.	0600-1000	12	7
10/6/2016	900 blk. Tigue Rd.	0600-1000	5	1

These details resulted in 84 speeding citation and 13 warnings.

A total of eight hundred fifty-eight (858) traffic details were performed throughout West Chester and East Bradford Township in 2016. The details were performed by officers during normal patrol without over-time.

### **Buckle-Up-Pa Grant**

In 2016, two (2) waves of seat belt concentrated traffic details were funded buy BUPA.

- The first wave was scheduled from May 16 through June 5. These details culminated in forty-eight (48) contacts, fifty (50) citations (none for seat belts).
- During the second wave, November 22 through December 4, two (2) details were performed at various times. From these details, officers contacted seventeen (17) drivers and issued ten (10) citations (none for seat belts).

## **Aggressive Driving Enforcement**

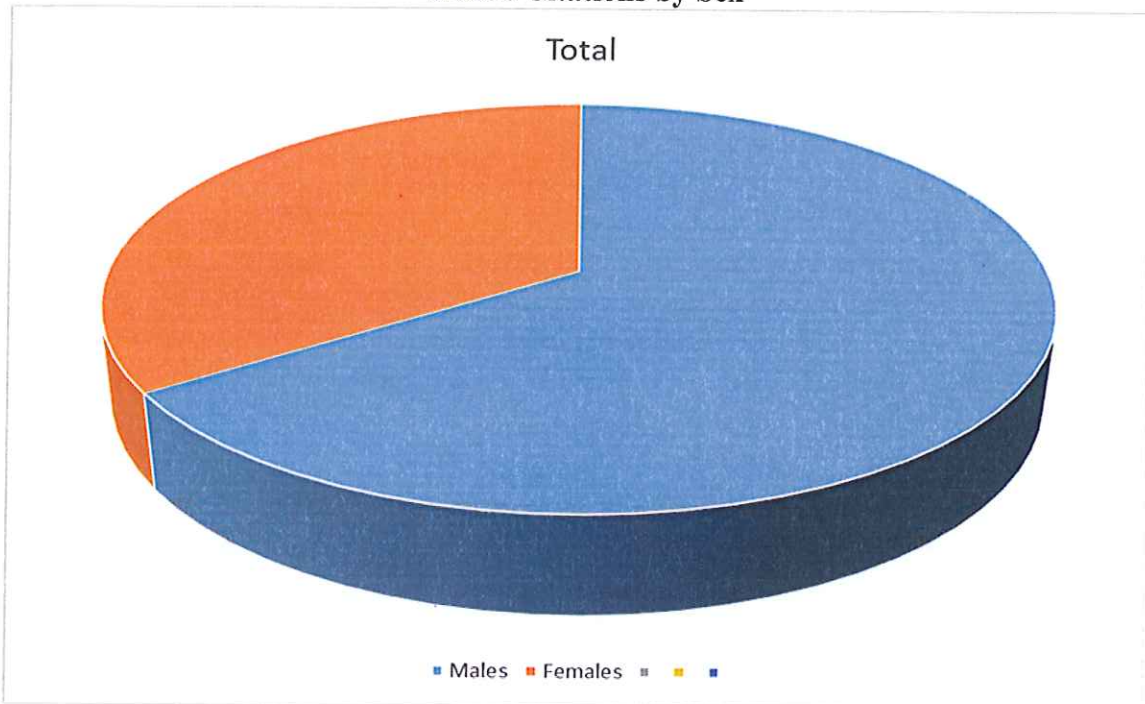
Three (3) waves were funded in 2016.

- The first wave, from March 21 through May 1, had seven (7) details. These resulted in fifty three (53) citations: nineteen (19) for Traffic Control Signals, four for Obedience to Traffic Control Signals violations, eleven (11) for Speeding, one (1) Suspended License violation, and sixteen (16) for other traffic violations.
- The second wave, from July 6 through August 28, had seven (7) details. These resulted in fifty eight (58) citations: Seventeen (17) for Traffic Control Signals, one (1) for Obedience to Traffic Control Devices, and thirteen (13) for other violations.
- The third wave, from October 24 through November 20, had three (3) details which resulted in thirty-two (32) citations: Sixteen (16) were for red light violations, one (1) for seat belt violation, and the remaining fifteen (15) were for other violations.

**Traffic Citation Data**

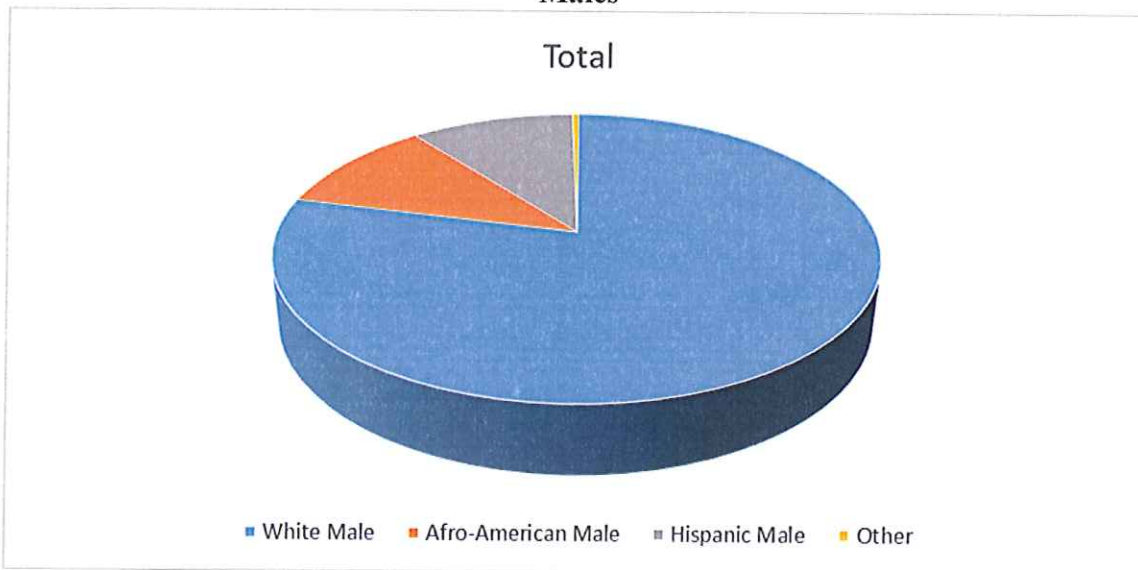
April 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

**Traffic Citations by Sex**



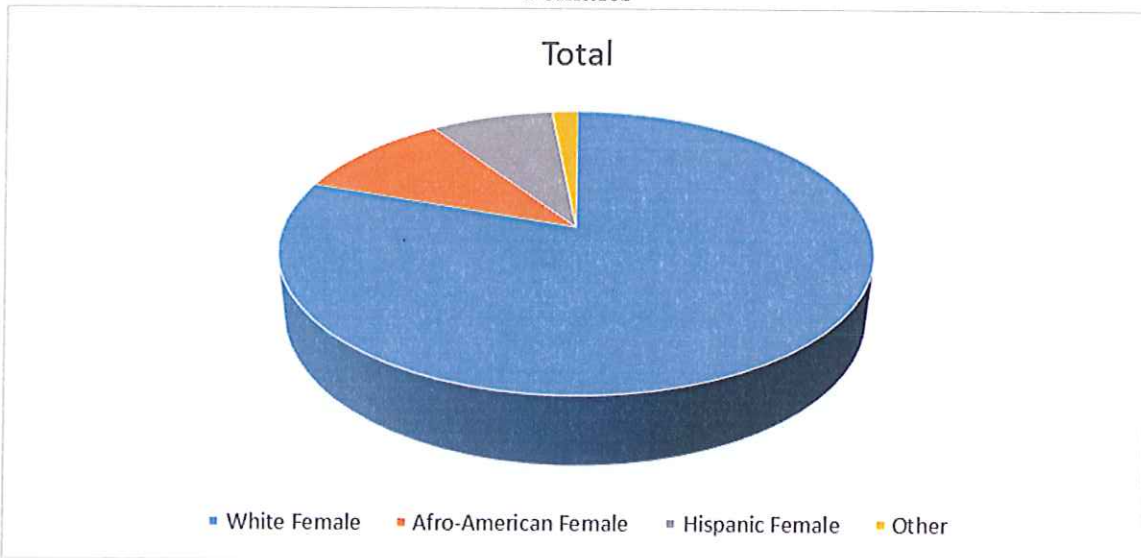
**Males = 810    Female = 428**

**Traffic Citations by Sex and Race**  
**Males**



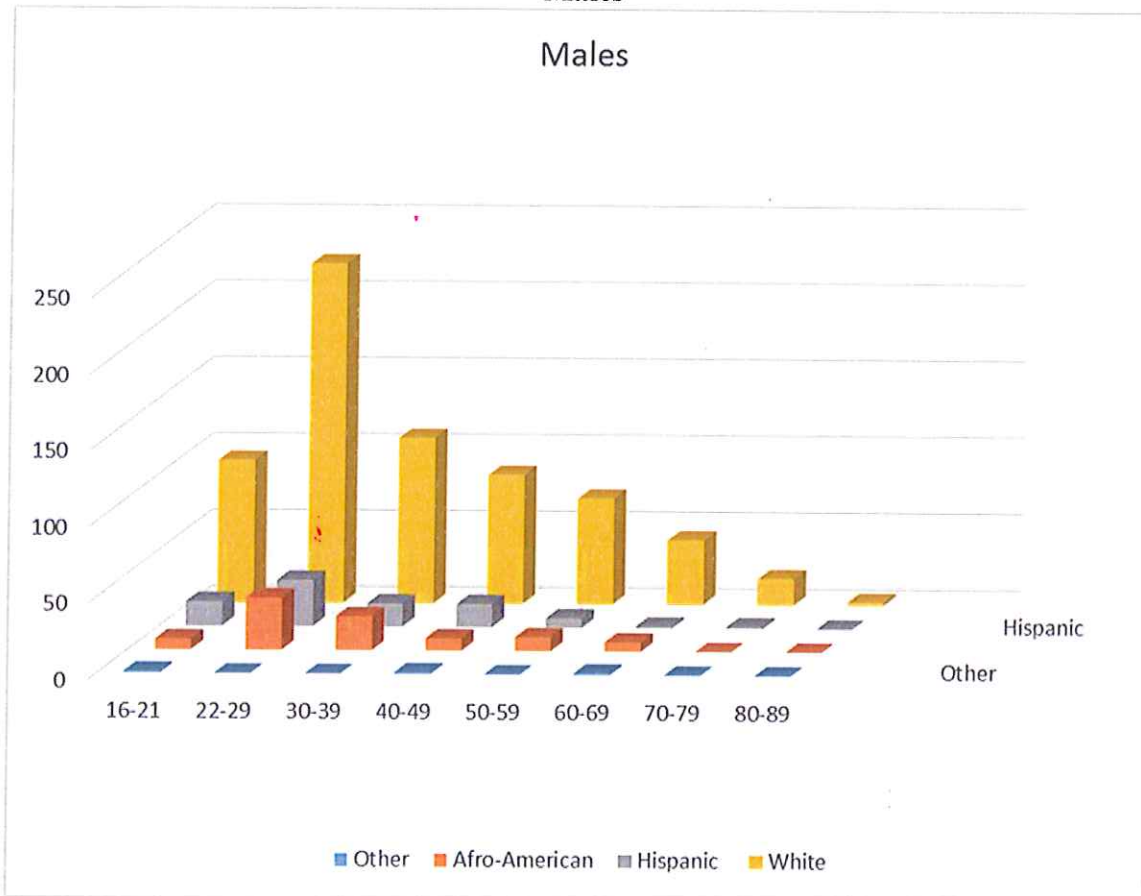
**White Males = 637; Afro-American Males = 86; Hispanic Males = 84; Other = 3**

### Traffic Citations by Sex and Race Females



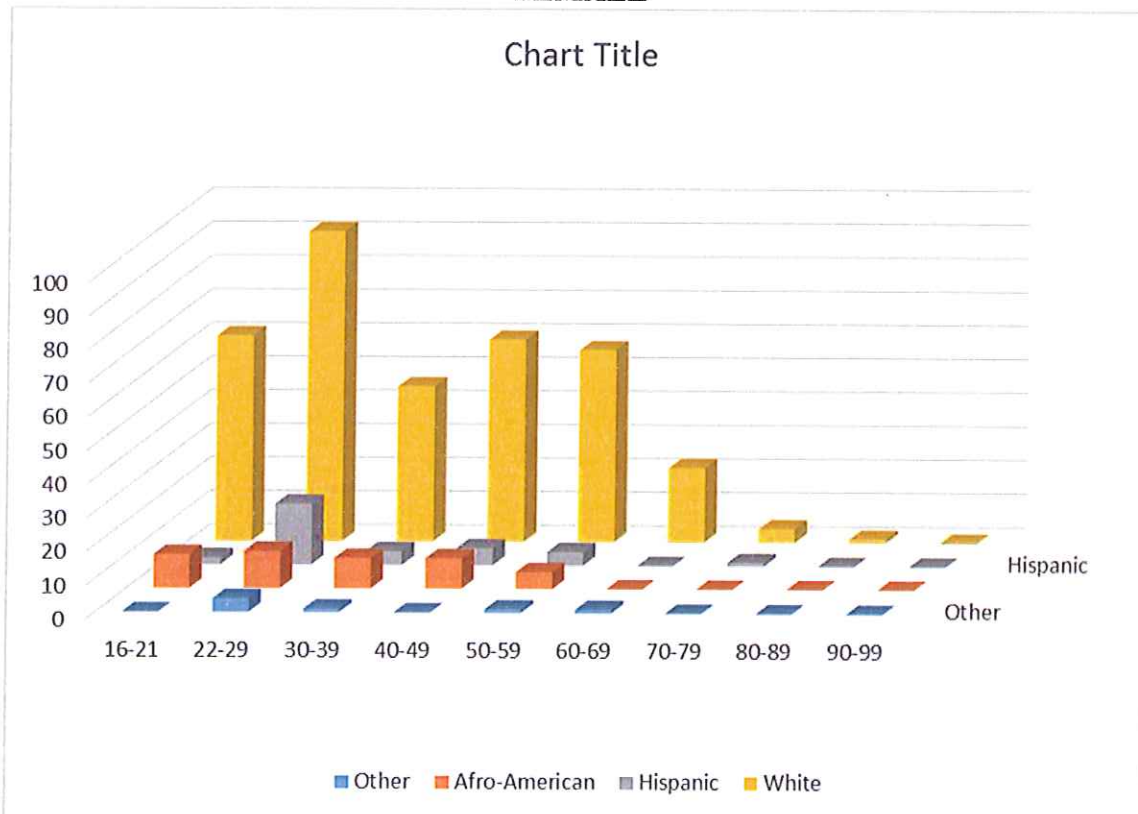
**White Females = 343; Afro-American Females = 44; Hispanic Females = 34; Other = 7**

### Traffic Citations by Sex, Race, and Age Males



	Other	Afro-American	Hispanic	White
16-21	1	7	16	93
22-29	0	34	30	222
30-39	0	22	15	108
40-49	1	8	15	84
50-59	0	9	6	69
60-69	1	6	1	42
70-79	0	0	1	17
80-89	0	0	0	2

**Traffic Citations by Sex, Race, and Age  
FEMALE**

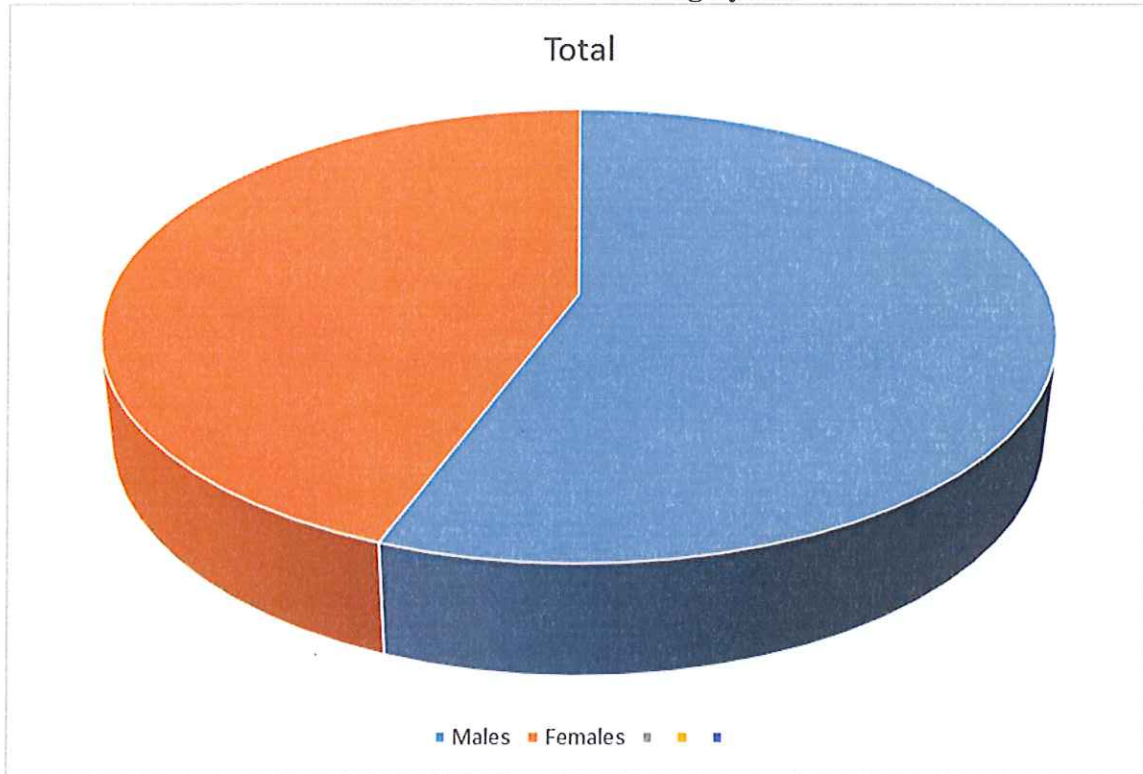


	Other	Afro-American	Hispanic	White
16-21	0	10	2	61
22-29	4	11	18	92
30-39	1	9	4	46
40-49	0	9	5	60
50-59	1	5	4	57
60-69	1	0	0	22
70-79	0	0	1	4
80-89	0	0	0	1

**Traffic Written Warning Report**

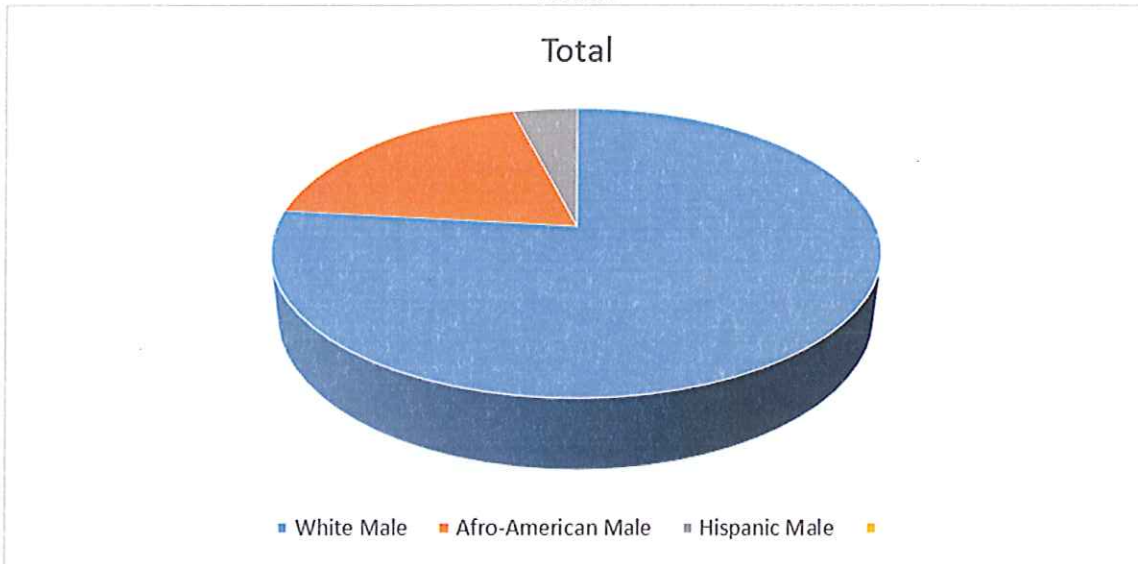
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**Traffic Written Warning by Sex**



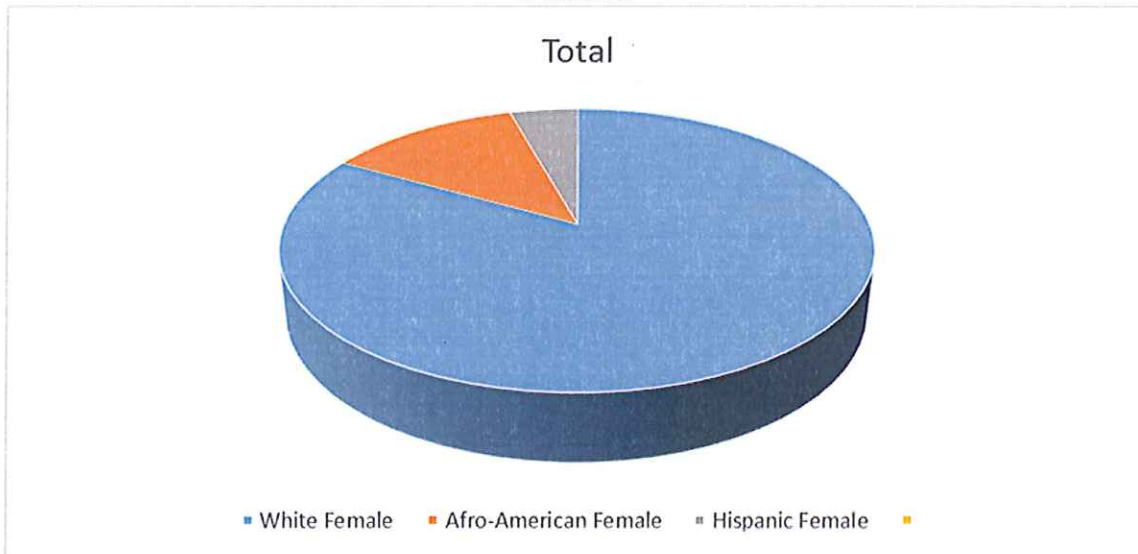
**Males = 283    Female = 225**

**Traffic Written Warning by Sex and Race  
Males**



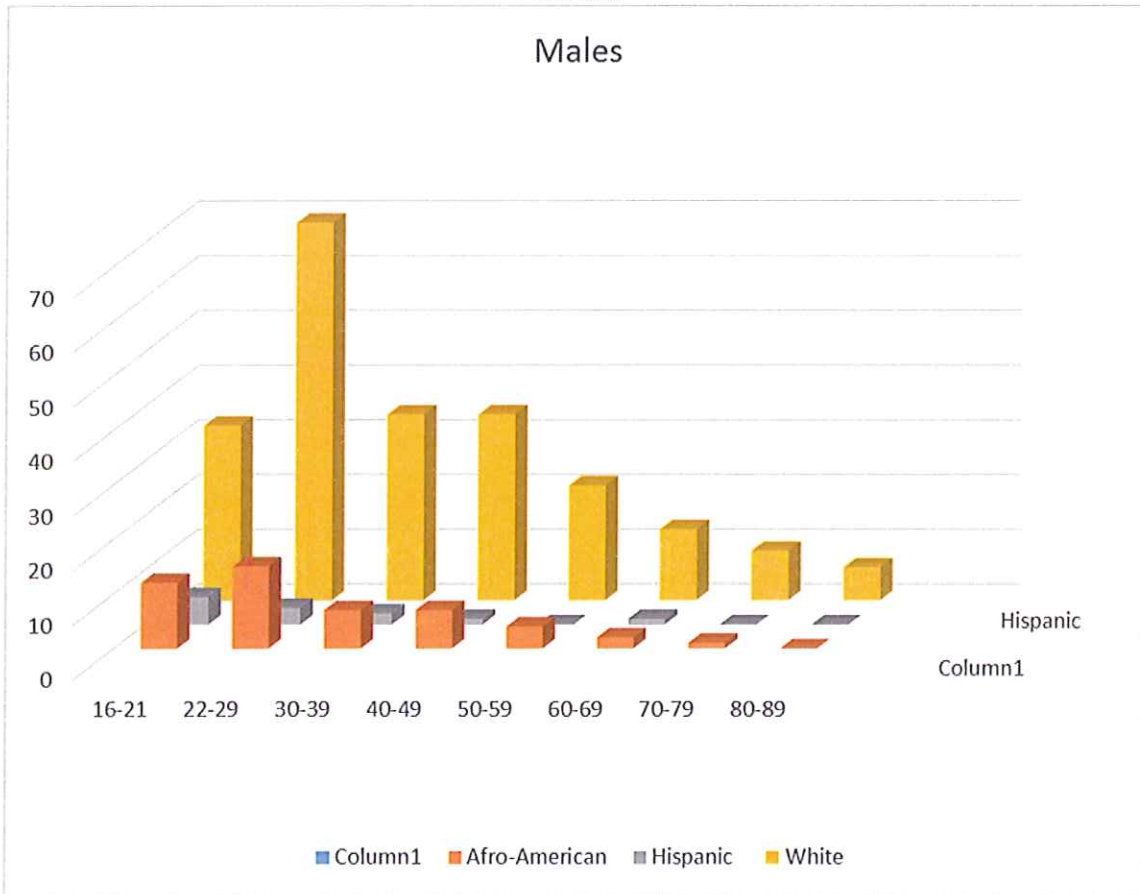
**White Males = 225; Afro-American Males = 56; Hispanic Males = 12**

**Traffic Written Warning by Sex and Race  
Females**



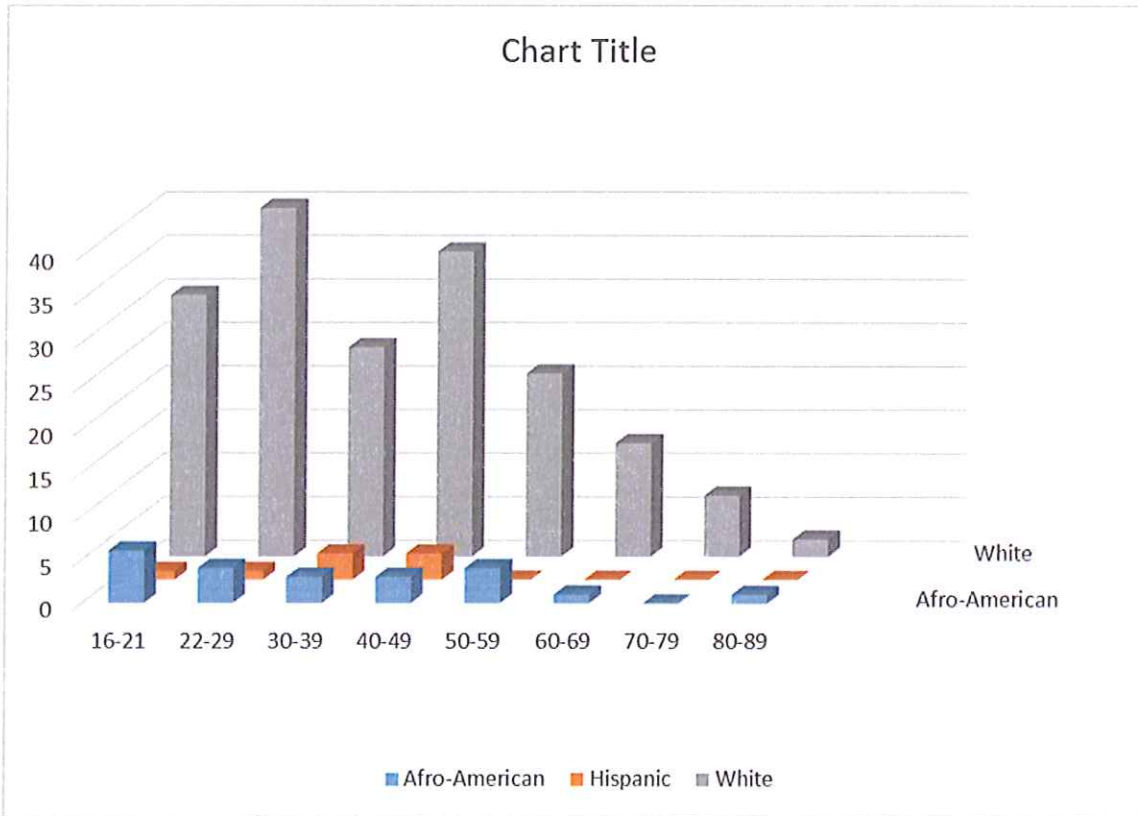
**White Females = 187; Afro-American Females = 28; Hispanic Females = 10**

### Traffic Written Warning by Sex, Race, and Age Males



	Other	Afro-American	Hispanic	White
16-21	0	12	5	32
22-29	0	15	3	69
30-39	0	7	2	34
40-49	0	7	1	34
50-59	0	4	0	21
60-69	0	2	1	13
70-79	0	1	0	9
80-89	0	0	0	6

**Traffic Written Warning by Sex, Race, and Age**  
**FEMALE**

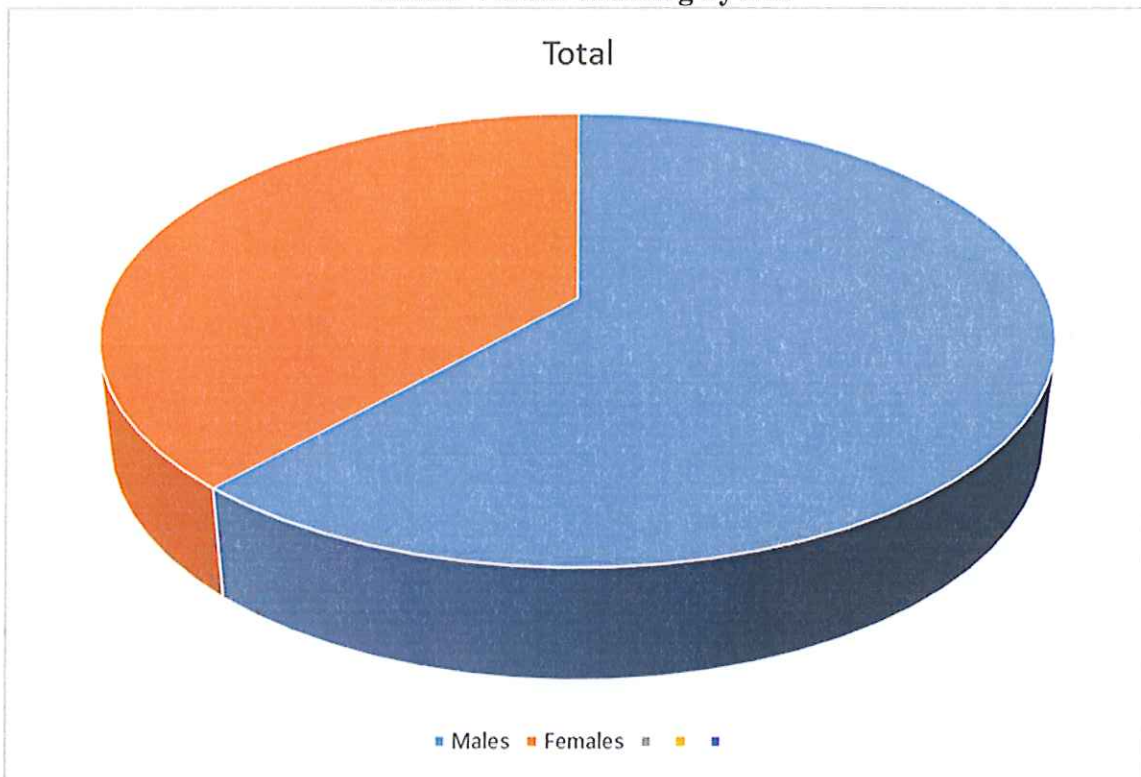


	Other	Afro-American	Hispanic	White
16-21	0	6	1	30
22-29	0	4	1	40
30-39	0	3	3	24
40-49	0	3	3	35
50-59	0	4	0	21
60-69	0	1	0	13
70-79	0	0	0	7

**Traffic Verbal Warning Report**

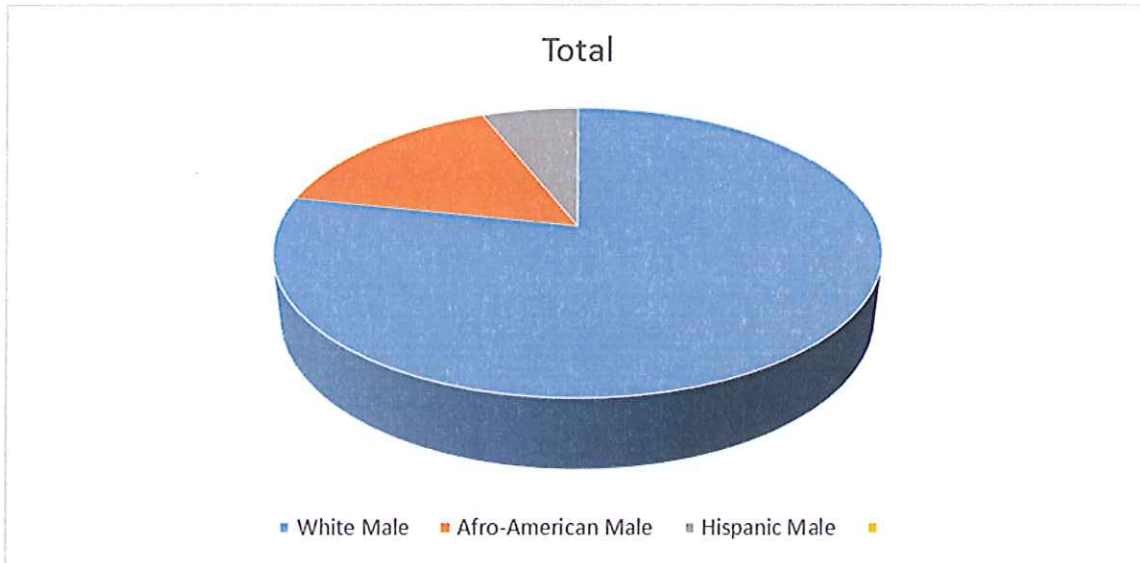
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**Traffic Verbal Warning by Sex**



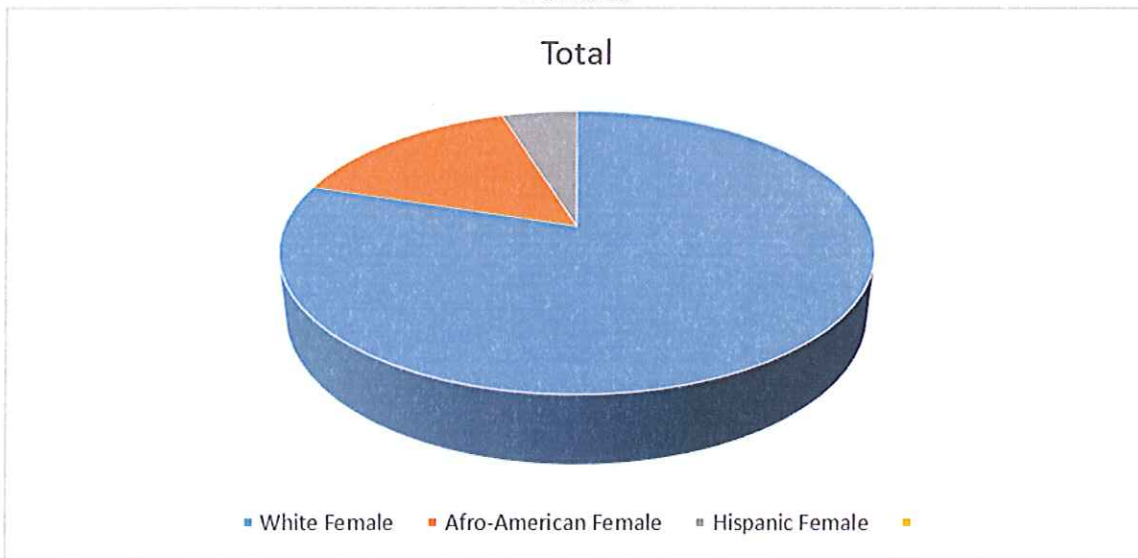
**Males = 295    Female = 184**

**Traffic Verbal Warning by Sex and Race  
Males**



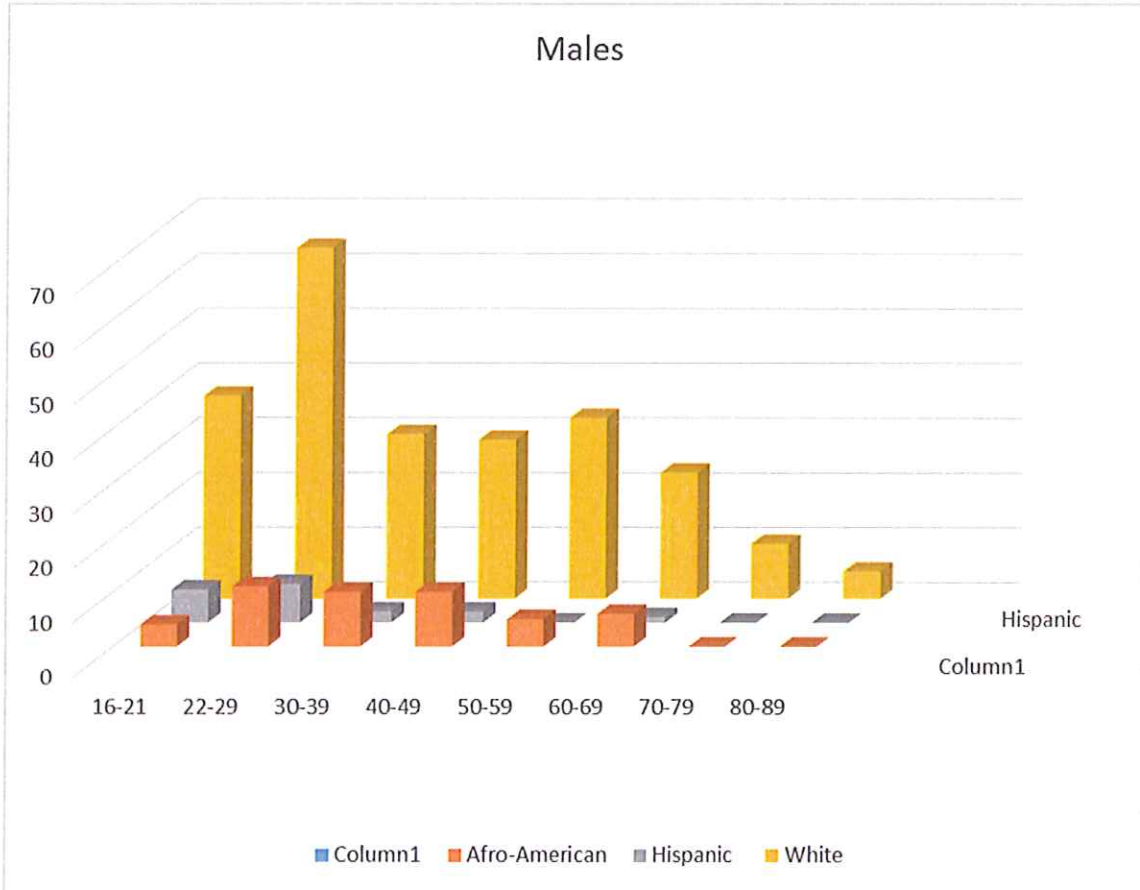
**White Males = 231; Afro-American Males = 46; Hispanic Males = 18**

**Traffic Written Warning by Sex and Race  
Females**



**White Females = 147; Afro-American Females = 28; Hispanic Females = 9**

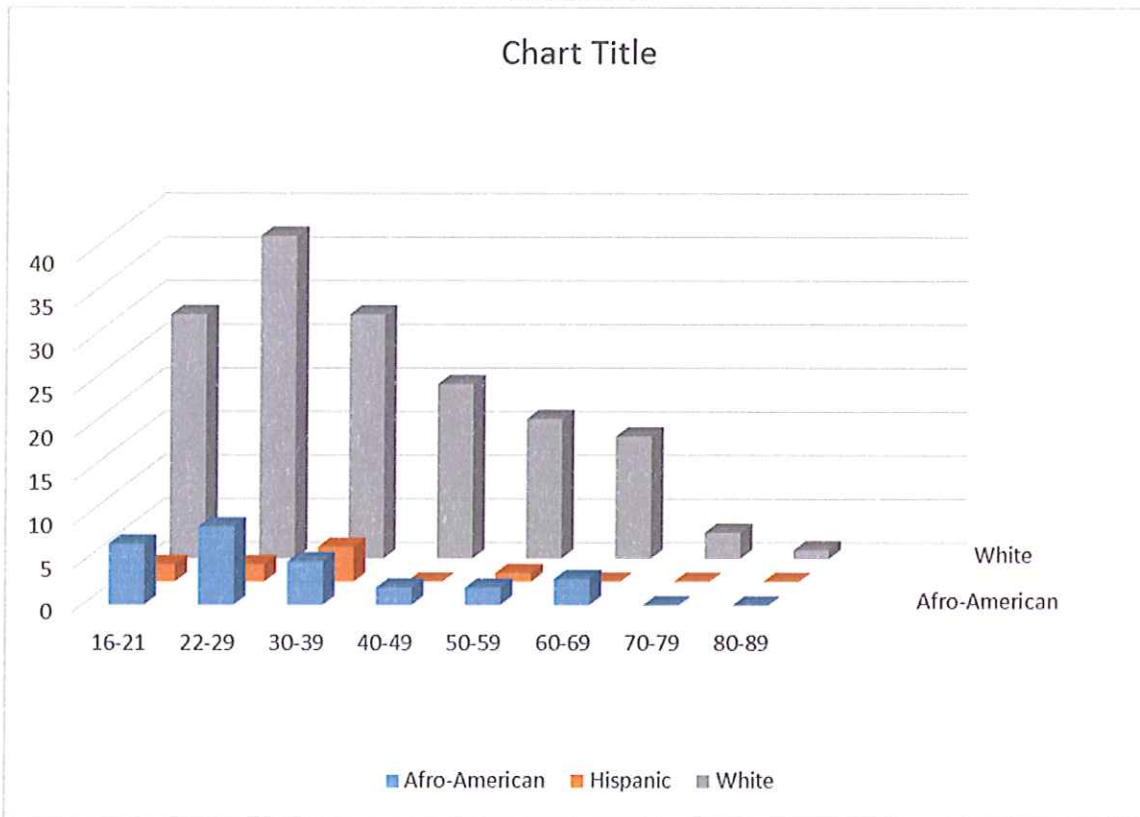
### Traffic Written Warning by Sex, Race, and Age Males



	Other	Afro-American	Hispanic	White
16-21	0	4	6	37
22-29	0	11	7	64
30-39	0	10	2	30
40-49	0	10	2	29
50-59	0	5	0	33
60-69	0	6	1	23
70-79	0	0	0	10
80-89	0	0	0	5

**Traffic Written Warning by Sex, Race, and Age**  
**FEMALE**

Chart Title



	Other	Afro-American	Hispanic	White
16-21	0	7	2	28
22-29	0	9	2	37
30-39	0	5	4	28
40-49	0	2	0	20
50-59	0	2	1	16
60-69	0	3	0	14
70-79	0	0	0	3
80-89	0	0	0	1

## Abandoned Vehicles

We carried over all of the changes from our process changes in 2015. Most vehicles stickered in 2016 were promptly removed at the seven-day mark required by state statute or very shortly thereafter. Eight (8) vehicles were not moved in the required time and had to be towed. A total of forty (40) vehicles were stickered and upwards of fifty (50) vehicles were processed for the towing company(s),

- Step 1: Vehicle is stickered abandoned by either a citizen complaint or self-initiated activity by an Officer.
- Step 2: Officers send a letter via certified mail to the last registered owner of the vehicle informing them of the abandoned status of the vehicle as well as their requirements in the matter.
- Step 3: If the vehicle is not removed or returned to a legal status in the required seven (7) days it is towed.

### 2016

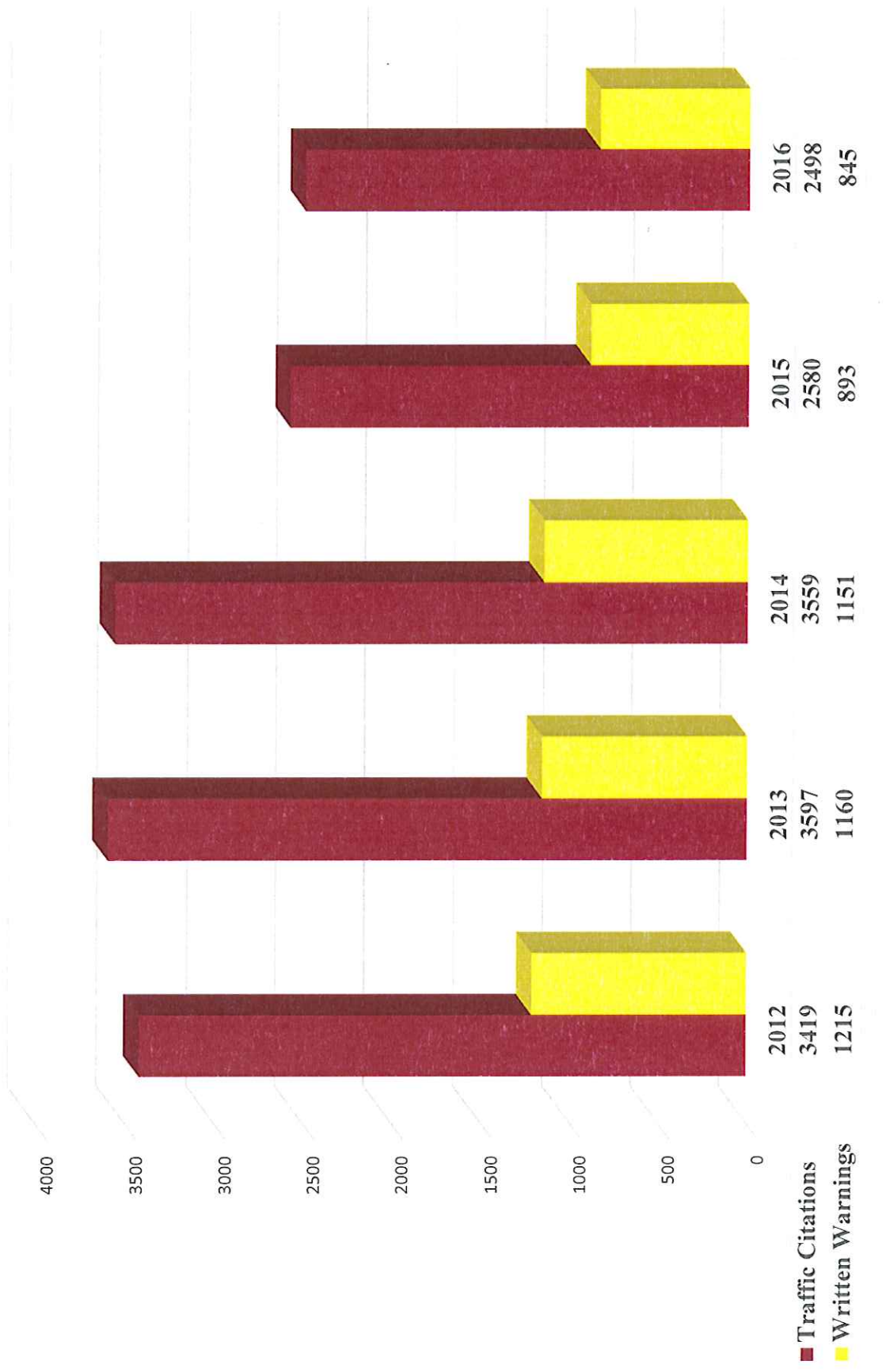
<b>Total number of vehicles processed:</b>	40
Number of vehicles towed:	8
Number of vehicles removed by owners:	32
Number of vehicles brought in to compliance with registration/inspection:	0

### 2015

<b>Total number of vehicles processed:</b>	51
Number of vehicles towed:	11
Number of vehicles removed by owners:	36
Number of vehicles brought in to compliance with registration/inspection:	4

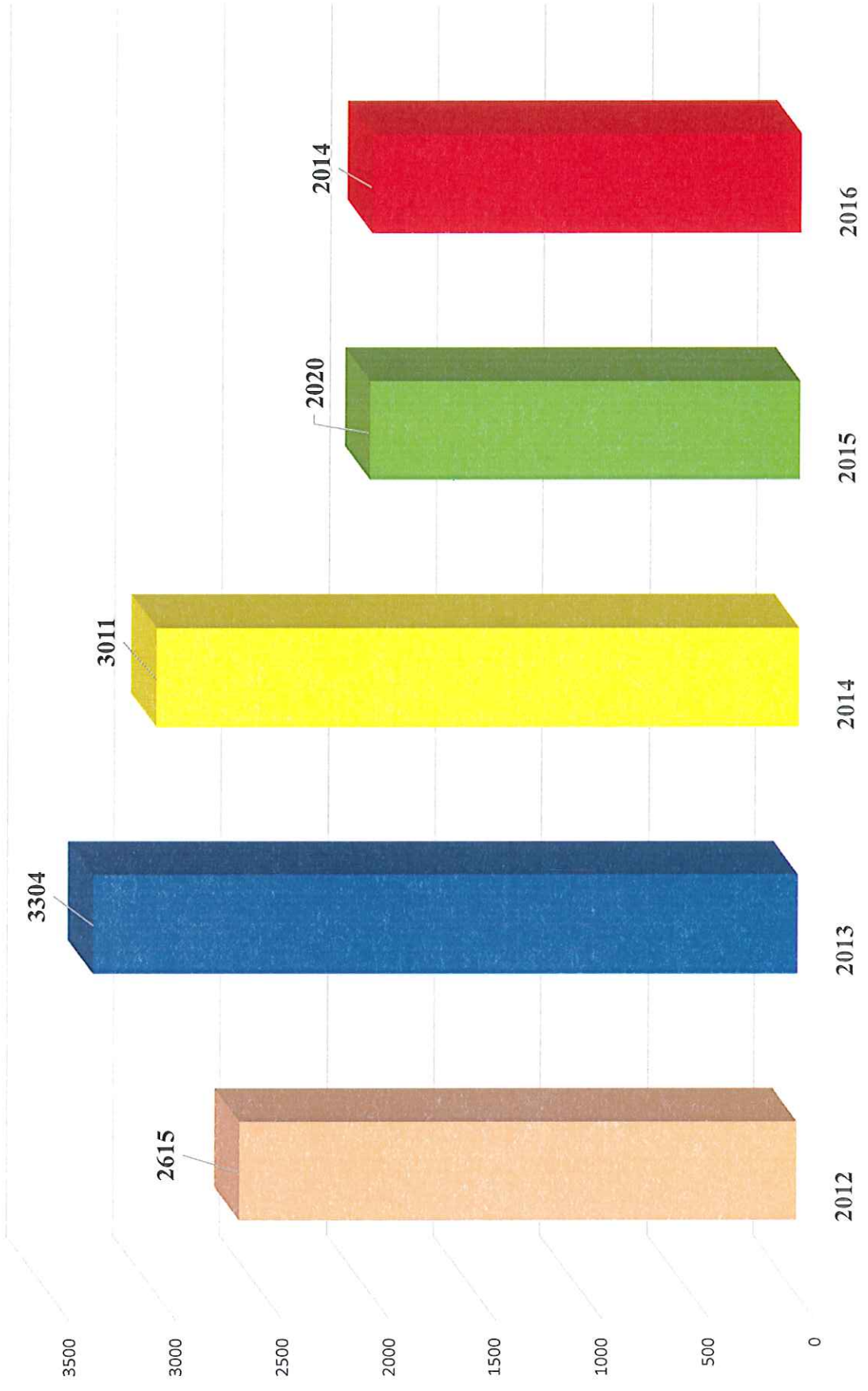


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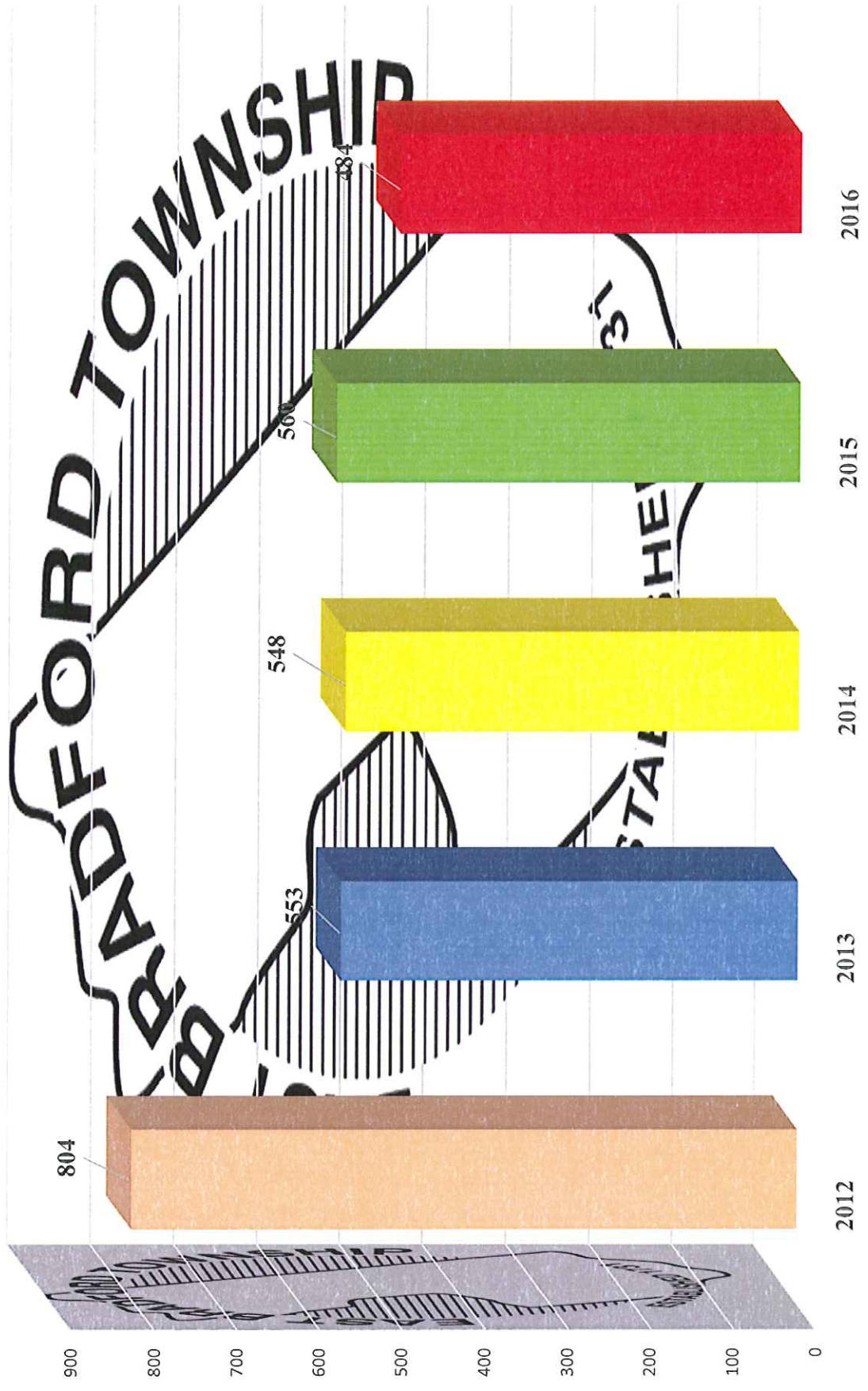




# West Chester Police Department West Chester Borough Traffic Citations



West Chester Police Department  
East Bradford Township  
Traffic Citations

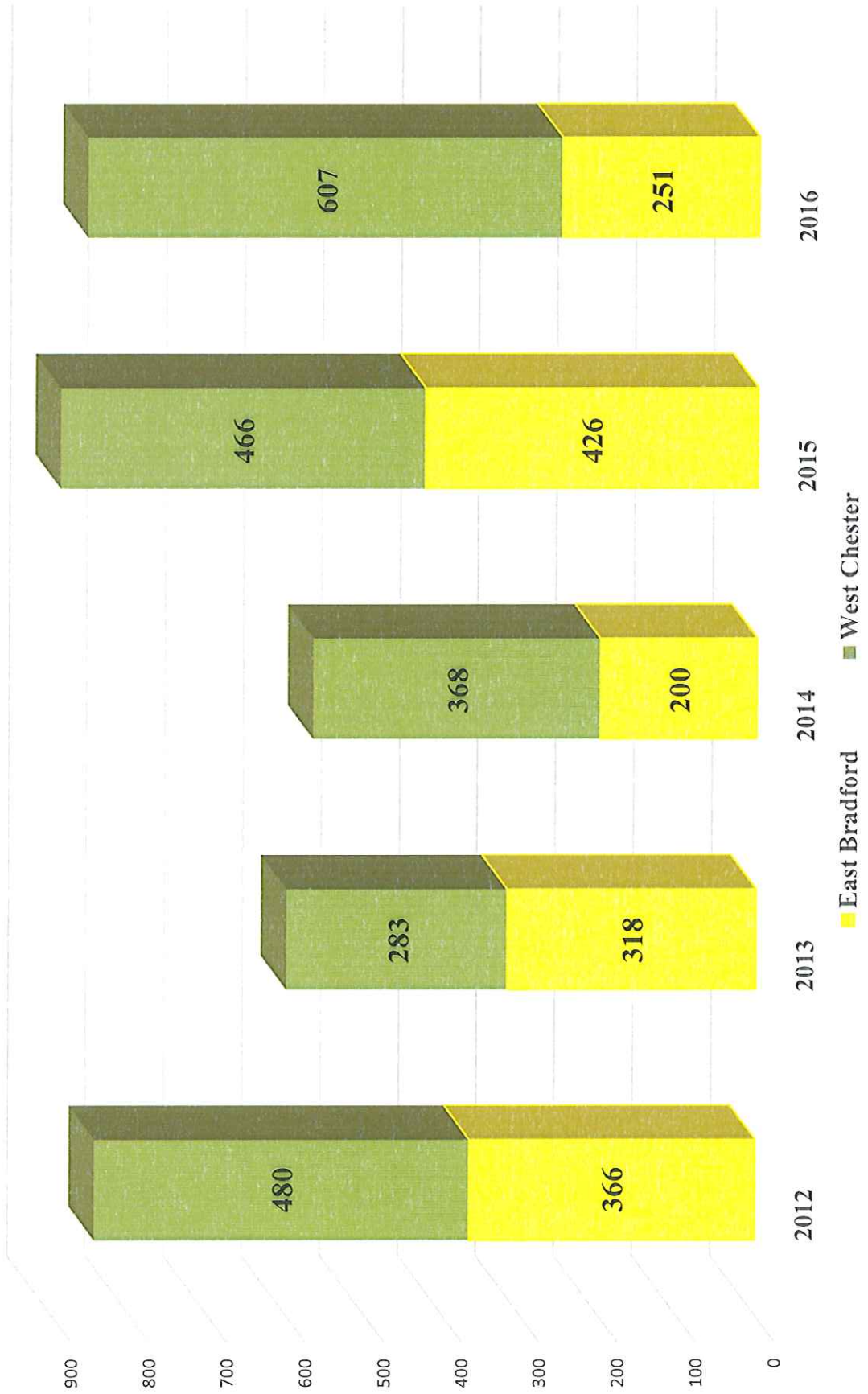




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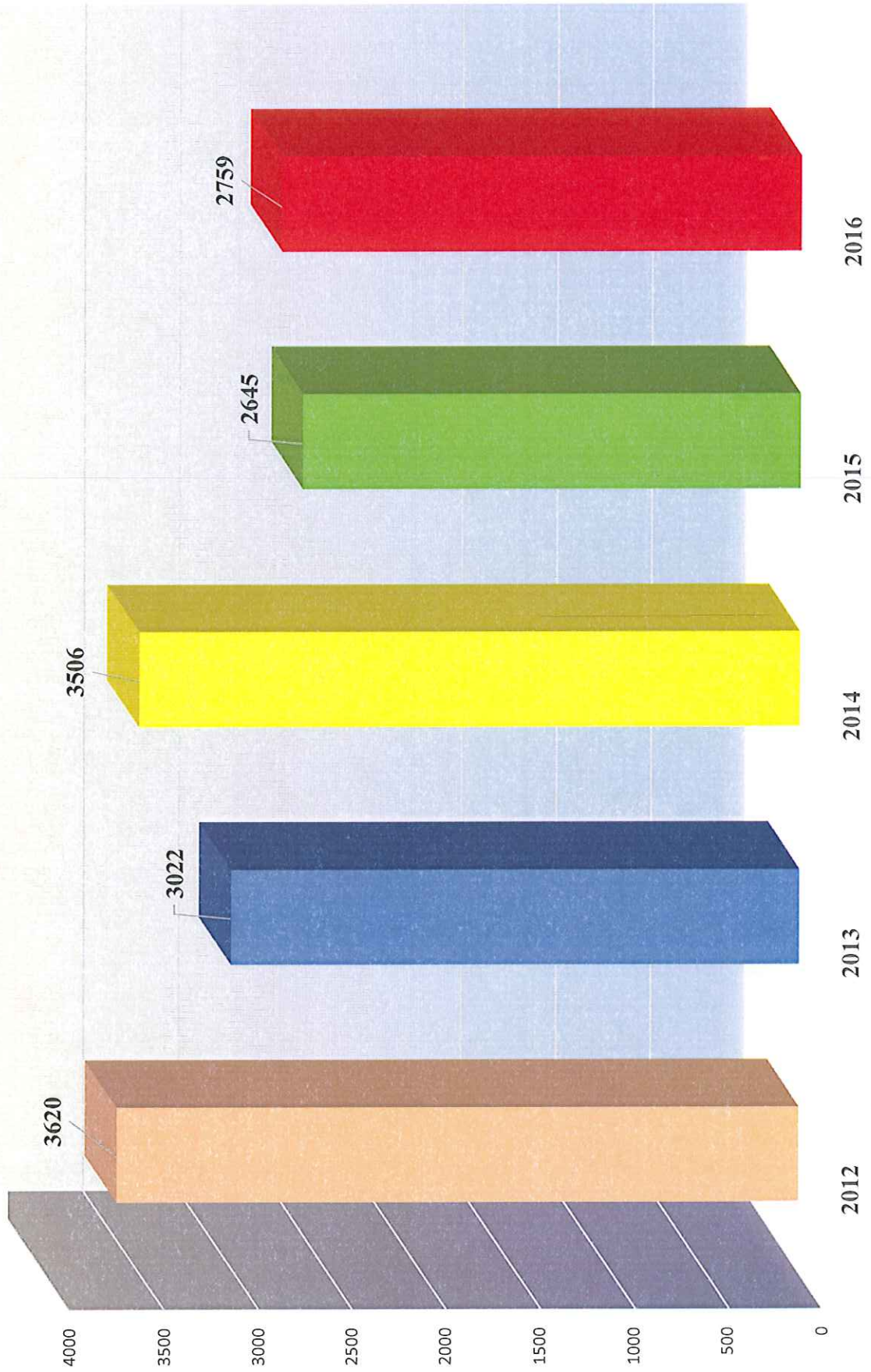
## Traffic Details

### West Chester - East Bradford Combined Totals





# West Chester Police Department Parking Enforcement





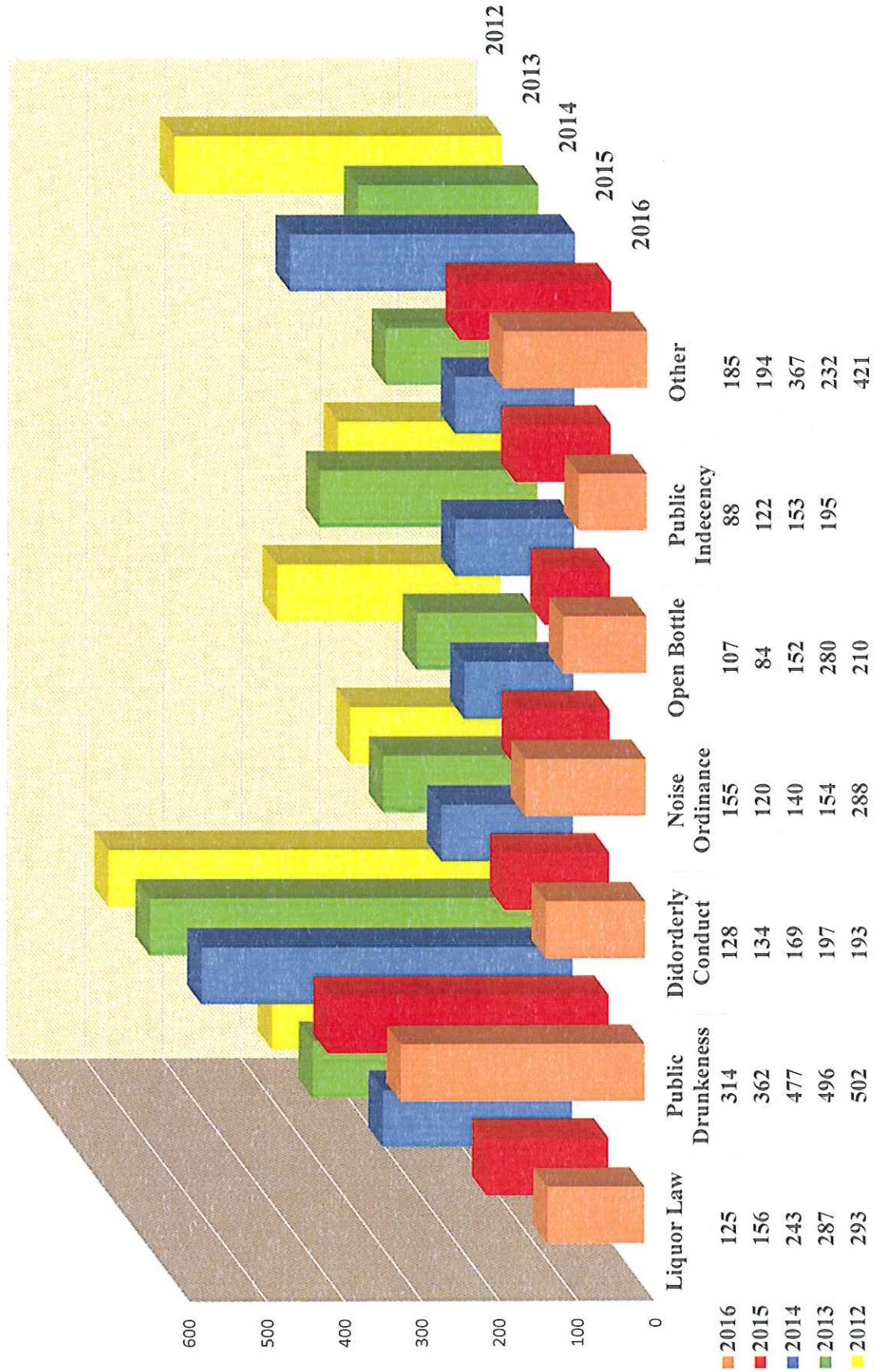
## NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS

“Non-Traffic Citation” is the official name in Pennsylvania for the issuance of a criminal summons for the violation of a summary criminal offense, the lowest grade of all criminal offenses in the Commonwealth. More specifically, it is similar to a traffic ticket in that a Police Officer may stop an individual and issue a summons on a minor criminal offense, such as a quality of life violation, or mail the summons to the offender’s residence at a later date.

During 2016, the West Chester Police Department issued one thousand, one hundred two (1,102) such criminal summonses for minor quality of life violations, such as Disorderly Conduct and similar offenses. This represents a 6% decrease in the issuance of summons from 2015. During the calendar year 2016 the Department documented a 20% decrease in arrests for Liquor Law violations, a 13% decrease in Public Drunkenness arrests, a 4% decrease in Disorderly Conduct arrests, a 27% increase in Open Container arrests and a 21% increase in Noise Ordinance violations. In 2016, the Department documented a 14% increase in “other” non-traffic arrests.

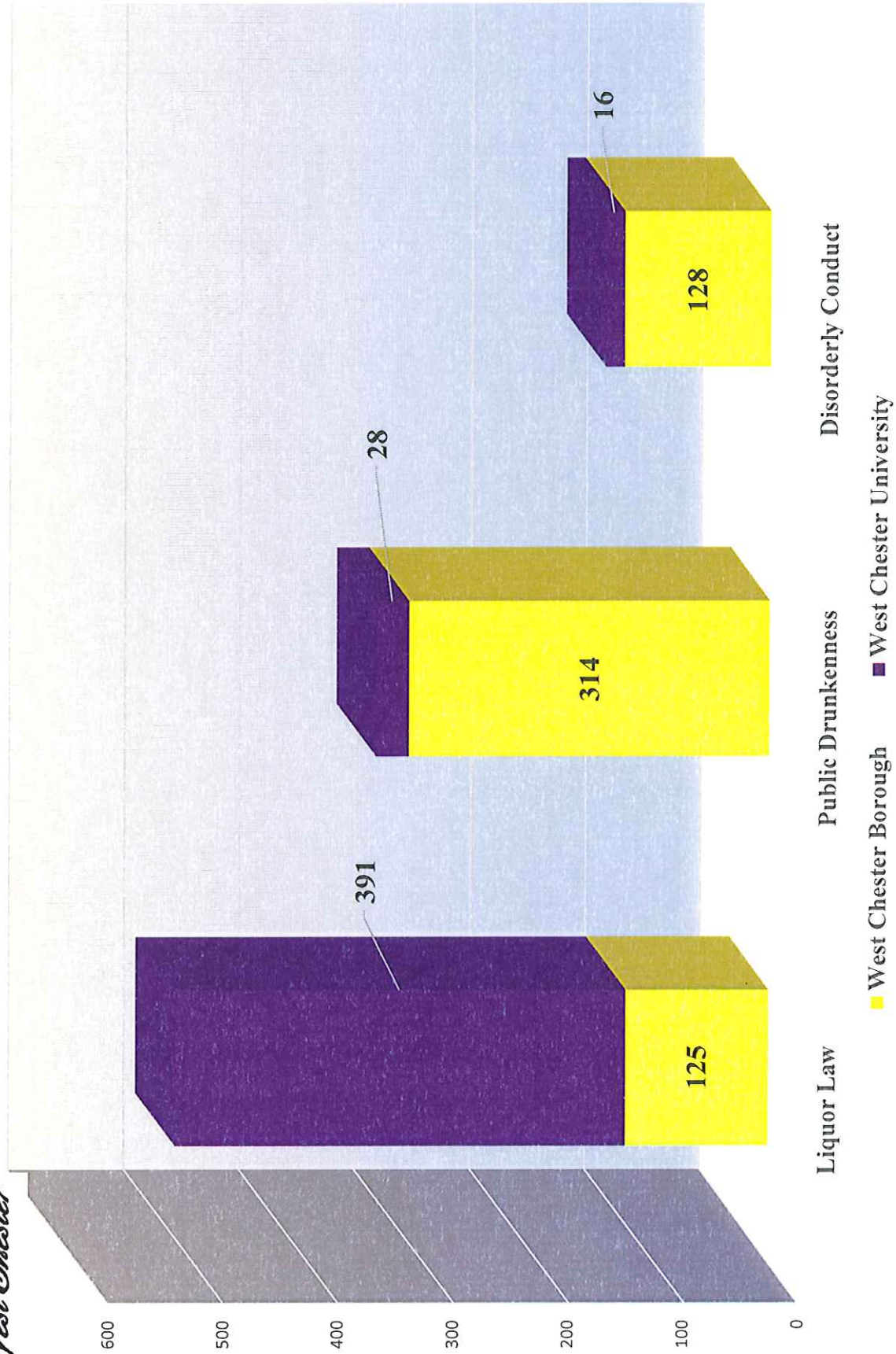
# WEST CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Criminal Citations





# WEST CHESTER - WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY CRIMINAL CITATIONS





# West Chester Police Department

## UNIT REPORTS

2016

### Alarm Enforcement Management

#### Alarm Enforcement – Citation Issuance

In 2016, no citations for alarm ordinance violations were issued. In addition to burglar alarm fines we also assisted the Building and Housing Department with the issuance of non-traffic citations for fire alarm violations. In 2016 no such citations were issued. In 2016 the Department, on behalf of the Township, issued one (X) citation for sewage.

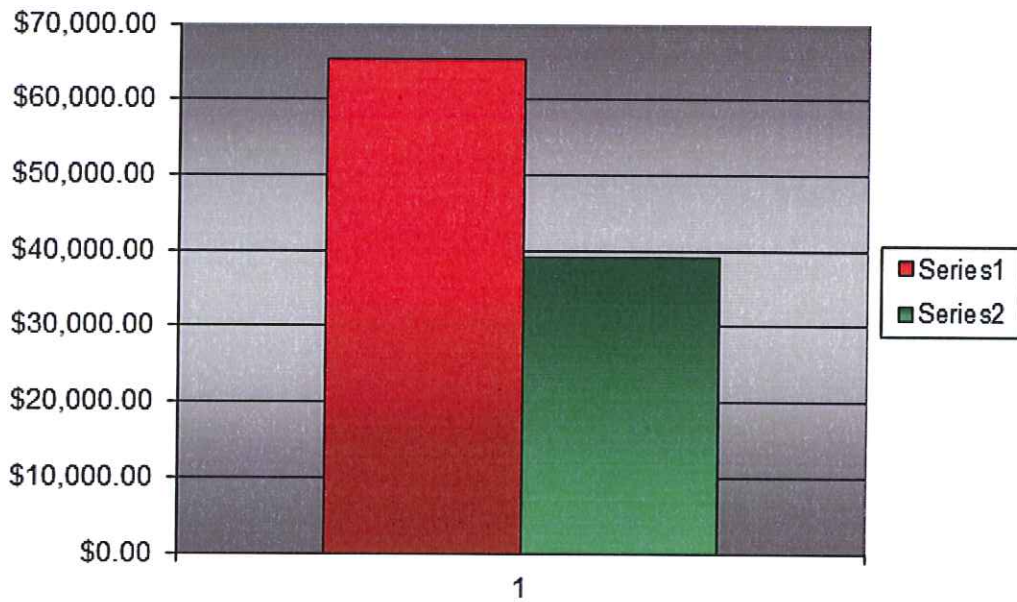
#### Borough of West Chester – Alarm Fines Report

	FALSE	VALID	POWER	MONTHLY TOTAL	TOTAL FINES	FINES COLLECTED	FINES UN-PAID
January	53	0	0	53	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
February	38	0	0	38	\$1,100.00	\$900.00	\$200.00
March	31	0	0	31	\$1,400.00	\$950.00	\$450.00
April	46	0	0	46	\$3,350.00	\$3,200.00	\$150.00
May	59	0	0	59	\$4,050.00	\$1,750.00	\$2,300.00
June	46	0	0	46	\$29,000.00	\$16,700.00	\$12,300.00
July	48	0	0	48	\$4,450.00	\$3,900.00	\$550.00
August	45	0	0	45	\$5,050.00	\$4,750.00	\$300.00
September	45	0	0	45	\$4,650.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,150.00
October	24	0	0	24	\$2,850.00	\$1,850.00	\$1,000.00
November		0	0	0	\$4,900.00	\$1,800.00	\$3,100.00
December		0	0	0	\$3,800.00	\$100.00	\$3,700.00

TO DATE	435	0	0	435.00	\$65,350.00	\$39,150.00	\$26,200.00
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UN-PAID	-
FINES =	\$26,200.00

FINES	
Collected=	\$39,150.00



At year end, \$39,150 had successfully been collected in alarm fines in the Borough of West Chester. The Department will begin the process of issuing citations for the remaining unpaid fines pending from 2016.

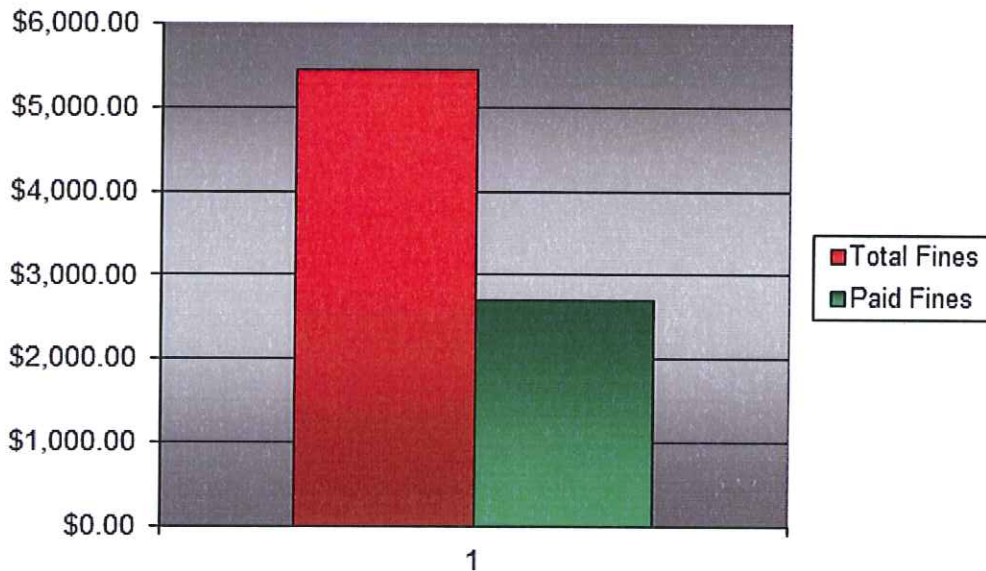
**Township of East Bradford – Alarm Fines Report**

2016

	FALSE	VALID	STORM	MONTHLY TOTAL	TOTAL FINES	FINES COLLECTED	FINES UN-PAID
January	25	0	0	25	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
February	22	0	0	22	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$50.00
March	20	0	0	20	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
April	17	0	0	17	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
May	19	0	0	19	\$350.00	\$50.00	\$300.00
June	24	0	0	24	\$1,600.00	\$300.00	\$1,300.00
July	14	0	0	14	\$600.00	\$350.00	\$250.00
August	19	0	0	19	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$50.00
September	18	0	0	18	\$800.00	\$700.00	\$100.00
October	11	0	0	11	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$50.00
November		0	0	0	\$650.00	\$400.00	\$250.00
December		0	0	0	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
<b>TO DATE</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>\$5,450.00</b>	<b>\$2,700.00</b>	<b>\$2,750.00</b>

UN-PAID  
FINES = **\$2,750.00**

FINES  
Collected= **\$2,700.00**



To date, \$2,700 has been successfully collected in alarm fines in the Township of East Bradford. The Department will begin the process of issuing citations for the remaining unpaid fines pending from 2016.

## **POLICE COMMUNICATIONS**

The mission of the West Chester Communication Center is to provide the highest level of public safety communication services for the protection of the public. The Communication Unit ensures fair, impartial and courteous treatment toward employees, citizens, public safety agencies and personnel. The Communication Unit receives emergency and non-emergency calls for help and dispatches appropriate resources in a timely manner. The Unit monitors police officer activities and provided excellent support for our public safety personnel. The Unit trains in new technologies, and accepts the challenges associated with continuing change. Customer service is essential to their success. Each caller is treated with empathy and respect. As a Unit they maintain the level of professionalism expected of, and associated with, the West Chester Police Department.

### **Staffing:**

In 2016, the Communication Unit was staffed by seven (7) communication officers. Four (4) communication officers are assigned to Police Squads and three (3) communication officers are assigned rotating shifts to supplement time off and duty assignments to assist the communication officers assigned to permanent squads.

### **Chief Communication Officer**

The Chief Communication Officer remains assigned to a patrol shift and has the same duties as a communication officer, as well as the following daily duties for the department:

- Daily operation of the Communication Division.
- National Crime Information Center (NCIC) TAC Officer.
- Pennsylvania Justice Network (JNET) JTAC Officer.
- Scheduling, Staffing/New Hires.

- Quality Assurance Reviews.
- Communication Division Policy and Procedures.
- Communication Officer Training.
- Assists Administration with Audio and Video retrieval.
- West Chester Borough Website/Facebook Team.
- Police Department Social Media Accounts (Facebook and Twitter).
- Child Safety Seat program offered at the Department.
- WCPD National Night Out Against Crime Event (yearly).

**Projects that are completed and ongoing for 2016-2017**

- Chester County New CAD Project
- Chester County Harris Radio Testing

**Communication Officers**

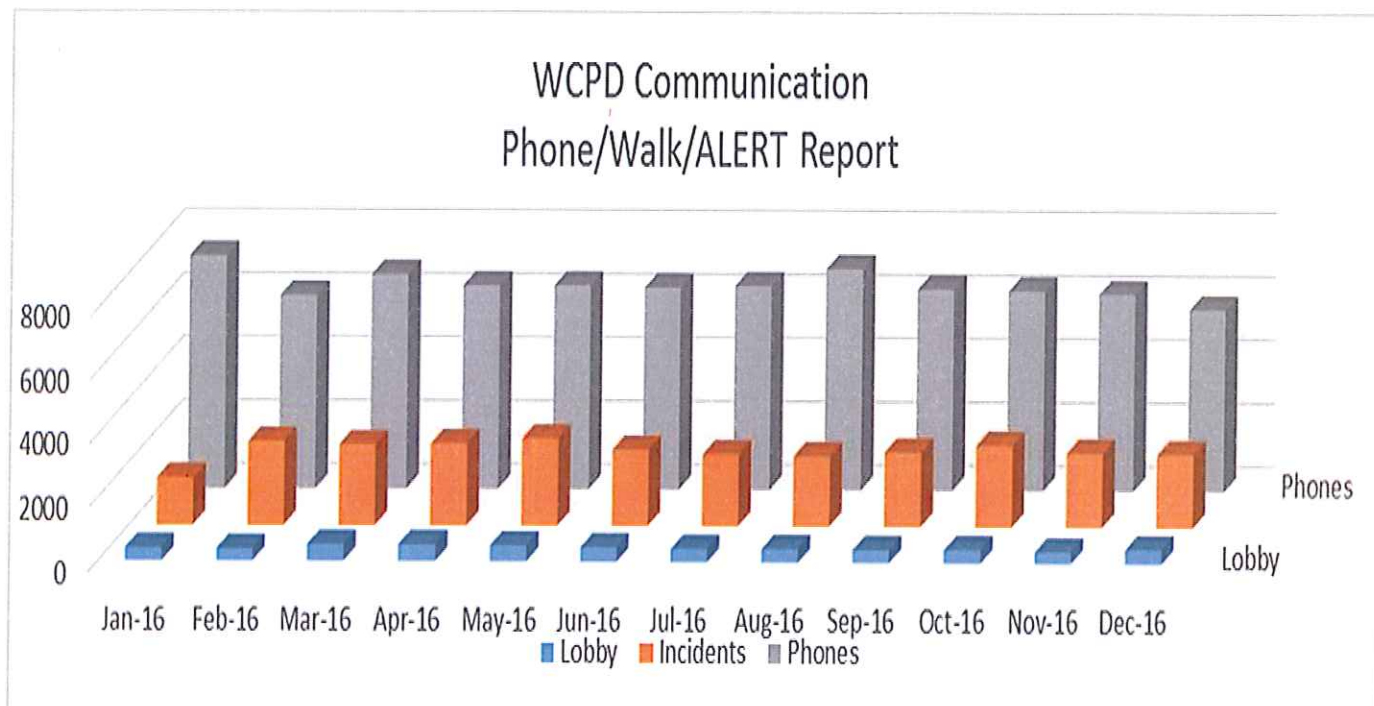
The police communication position is skilled emergency service work that involves receiving emergency 911 and non-emergency requests for police assistance, determining nature/urgency of calls, initiating police or other emergency personnel action and maintaining close contact with field units to monitor response and needed support requirements.

It demands a considerable degree of initiative and independent judgment within procedural boundaries in responding to emotional and sometimes distressed persons in a variety of situations.

The police communication officer position requires rotating shift assignments and overtime in accordance with maintaining a fully operational twenty-four (24) hour facility. They monitor prisoners detained in the holding facility (video), as well as video of two (2) local parking garages (Chestnut Street Garage and Bicentennial Garage) and local housing complex.

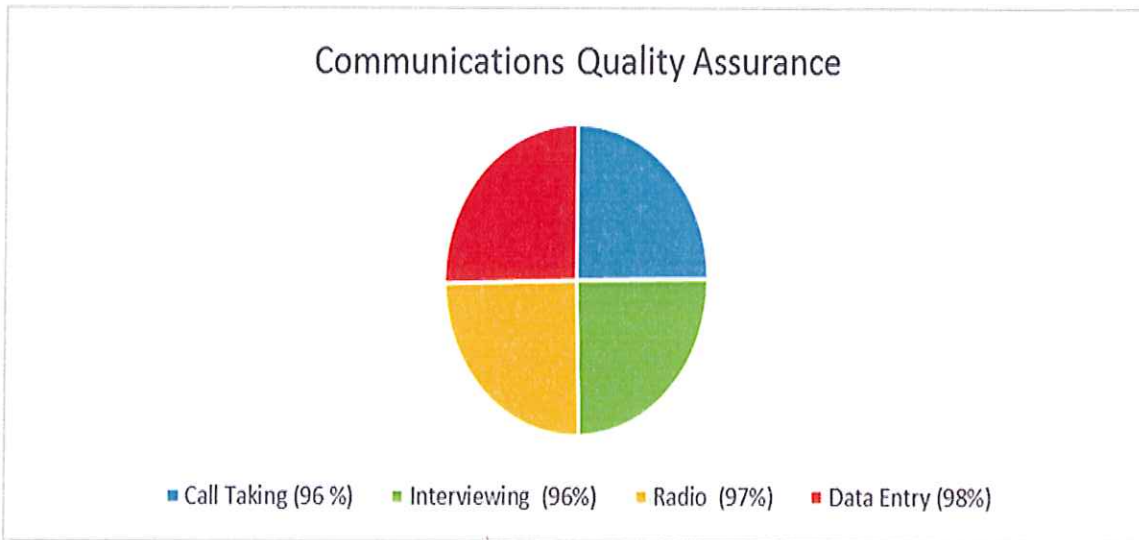
## Communications Overview

The Communication Officers answered seventy-seven thousand, one hundred seventy-seven (77,177) calls to the Communication Center in 2016. These calls included both emergencies and non-emergencies from residents, business owners and visitors to our community. The Communication Staff assisted five thousand, two hundred sixty-one (5,261) people at the walk-up window in the first floor lobby of the facility and documented twenty-nine thousand, two hundred twenty-seven (29,227) incidents into the Department's RMS.



## Communication Division Quality Assurance

Weekly Quality Assurance reports were conducted with the Communication Staff. The reports audit call-taking skills, interviewing skills, radio communication (dispatching) skills and data entry skills. The QA System interprets data and issues a quantitative score for the report. If a score is below 80% the Chief Communication Officer meets with the employee to discuss deficiencies.



#### **Chester County Computer-Aided Dispatch Upgrade**

In August of 2016, Chester County Department of Emergency Services placed a new Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD) into service. Communication Staff from the Department attended at least 12 hours of training for the new system.

#### **Mobile for Public Safety (MPS)**

All Department patrol vehicles Mobile Data Computers (MDC) were upgraded to the new Mobile Public Safety System (MPS). The new system includes numerous new and updated functions which include a GPS system to track location of our patrol fleet in the event of an emergency.

#### **WCPD Radio Communication System - Harris Radio Communication System**

The current WCPD system (500 MHz) continues to operate without issue in all areas of West Chester Borough and East Bradford Township. We continue to work with Chester County on the current Harris System.

## **Communications Operation Center Emergency Management**

In October 2016, in conjunction with the West Chester University Homecoming Event, municipal space was converted into an Emergency Operations Center. With the assistance of the Borough's Information Technology Department, the following communications and technology equipment was installed:

- Seven Computers
- Phone access via SKYPE
- Radio Communication
  - WCPD
  - West Goshen Police
  - WCUPD
  - State Police
  - Good Fellowship Ambulance/Chester County Hospital Medics
  - West Chester Fire Department
  - West Chester Public Works Department
- Access to Mobil Cameras at High and Market Street
  - Septa provided cameras to view intersection
- Access to ALERT for call documentation
- Mobile Radios and Charging Stations
- Tables for Administration for all involved agencies

Placing the space in-service as an Emergency Operations Center was a successful exercise. The Department is now capable of establishing operations for future large scale exercises and events.

## **Communications – Community Outreach**

### **Night Out Against Crime Event**

On August 3, 2016 WCPD held its annual “Night Out Against Crime Event”. The event is celebrated annually throughout the United States during the first week of August. The event brings the local community together with emergency responders in a positive manner to enhance positive police-community contact. This is the Department’s fourth year in participating in the national event.

The event is solely financed by sponsorship of local West Chester businesses. All staff working the event volunteer their time to make the event a success.

### **Child Safety Seat Program**

The program is designed to assist the public in proper child safety car seat installation. Our technicians review each car seat with the owner to be certain they are familiar with the operation of the seat, safety rules, placement of the seat in the vehicle, placement of the child in the seat, and registration of the seat. The technicians also review vehicle safety, such as airbags and use of seat belts for all passengers.

The program is free to the public. In 2016, thirty (30) child safety seats have been inspected and or installed by our technicians.

## **CRIMINAL DIVISION**

In 2016, the West Chester Criminal Division was staffed and divided into three (3) sections; Major Crimes, Vice, and Juvenile. The Sergeant, Corporal, and two Detectives are assigned to investigate all Major crimes. One (1) detective was assigned to the Vice unit, primarily investigating narcotics and organized crime, such as gangs and prostitution. One (1) detective is assigned to crimes involving juveniles as victims and offenders in assaults, child molestation, missing and runaway cases.

In March 2016 a Vice-Detective was transferred to the patrol division (manpower issues). In October 2016 the remaining vice detective separated from the Police Department for a position with the Chester County Detectives.

During 2016 the Criminal Division continued to notice a steady trade of heroin and opium based pills, such as Percocet and Oxycodone. Most of the Narcotic unit's investigations targeted the pill and heroin trade. Case detectives investigated property crimes and drug overdoses which are indicative to opium users (addiction).

Internet fraud and phone scams continued to increase during 2016 and continue to be a major international concern. Unfortunately, most of these frauds and scams cannot be investigated due to the geographic locations of the offenders. Most can be avoided by not responding to unsolicited emails and phone calls. Citizens are encouraged to be cognitive in attempt to prevent from being a victim.

In 2016 Detectives saw an increase in burglaries, including a series of nighttime burglaries when residents were home. These types of burglaries received the highest priority and attention by our Detectives. One (1) related arrest was made in the nighttime burglaries and the burglary spree stopped. Residents are reminded to be vigil in securing their homes and vehicles. Any suspicious activity should be reported to the West Chester Police without delay.

Aggravated Assault cases decreased slightly but continue to be concerning. Most were related to intoxicated offenders and victims leaving the nighttime establishments in the business district.

The criminal investigation division participated in three hundred sixteen (316) incidents. They conducted investigations, interviews, interrogations, processed crime scenes and individual items of evidence, including fingerprints, photographs, DNA, blood, hair, and other trace evidence. The division processed items from two hundred twenty-six (226) of the three hundred sixteen (316) incidents. The major crimes and juvenile detectives made fifty-four (54) arrests during 2016.

<u>Crime Type</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Offenders arrested</u>
Homicide	0	0
Robbery	16	9
Rape	20	2
Sexual Assault	22	1
Assault	43	7
Burglary	44	8
Theft	30	2
Forgery/Fraud-Credit Card	19	6

The following are some of the high profile incidents investigated by the division during 2016:

- January 2016, Diane Denise Grove, a fifty-three (53) year old female with a schizoaffective disorder living in a group home became upset with other residents and counselors. She then set the second floor bathroom on fire and walked out of the residence past two (2) patients and a staff member inside the residence on the first floor. Grove then called 911 to report the fire. Grove stated her intention was to burn the house down without hurting anyone. She stated she wanted to go back to prison.
  
- February 2016, a twenty-one (21) year old female bar patron was hit in the face with a glass following a dispute with another female patron. The offender fled the bar immediately after striking the victim with the glass. Bar officials worked with police in identifying a suspect. A witness identified Samantha Spicer, a twenty-three (23) year old female from Norristown, PA from a police photographic display as the female who struck the victim with the glass. The victim suffered eight (8) lacerations to her facial area, requiring over sixty (60) stitches to close the wounds. Additionally the victim received a bruised retina and subconjunctival hemorrhages in her eye. Samantha Spicer was arrested and later plead open on assault charges in Chester County Court of Common Pleas.
  - February 2016, Kim Fountain, a forty (40) year old West Chester resident with an extensive criminal background was arrested for entering a home of several college girls. He was charged with criminal trespass and was shortly released on bail. In March 2016, Kim Fountain turned himself in on an arrest warrant for burglary. Fountain was charged with committing a forced entry nighttime

burglary of the residence of several college females. Fingerprints were matched on the second floor window where one of the residents observed the burglar fleeing the scene. Fountain was held over to stand trial in Chester County Common Pleas Court following his preliminary hearings on both arrests.

March 2016, the West Chester Police Department had seven (7) forced entry burglaries between March 7, 2016 and May 7, 2016. All of the burglaries occurred between the hours of 11pm and 7am. None of the victims saw the suspect or suspects, although several heard the suspect or suspects. In four (4) of the burglaries a vehicle belonging to the victim was stolen. All of the vehicles were recovered outside of the West Chester Area. Four (4) of the burglaries were in the southwest sector of the Borough, two (2) in the northwest sector, and one (1) in the northeast sector.

Beatrice Lowe a thirty-nine (39) year old female from Philadelphia has been arrested for forgery and related charges after she deposited a stolen check from one of the burglaries. She deposited the stolen check within 12 hours of the burglary. She is currently awaiting trial. DNA testing is pending from two (2) of the seven (7) burglaries.

- In March 2016, a twenty-two (22) year old female West Chester University Student was sexually and physically assaulted by her twenty-six (26) year old boyfriend. Detectives were able to corroborate the victim's account of the incident. As a result of the investigation the offender plead guilty to rape and related charges. He was sentenced 5 ½ to 12 years in state prison. He will be required to comply with a lifetime Megan's law registration.
- In March 2016, Tyler Lampe a nineteen (19) year old Military Academy Cadet, was charged with rape. The victim was a twenty (20) year old female college student. Following a preliminary hearing, charges against Tyler Lampe for rape and sexual assault were held over to the Court of Common Pleas. Lampe is free on bail, suspended from the academy with his trial pending.
- April 2016, the sixth racial note posted at John O'Green Park between May 2015 and April 2016 was discovered. Detectives followed up many leads which failed to identify an offender or suspect. Detectives continue to investigate the incidents.

- In April 2016, Elliot Knight a twenty-four (24) year old male from Coatesville, PA and Ruben Pagan a twenty-three (23) year old male from Modena, PA allegedly forced their way into an off-campus apartment occupied by three college students. Knight and Pagan allegedly threatened the three (3) victims with handguns before fleeing with marijuana and a handgun which belonged to one of the victims. Following several interviews one (1) of the victims admitted to selling marijuana in the past to Elliot Knight. Elliot Knight and Ruben Pagan are incarcerated awaiting trial on armed robbery and related charges.
  
- May 2016, Kim Fountain was arrested by the West Chester University for theft and receiving stolen property. Fountain was charged for stealing from the purse of a university student. He was committed to the Chester County Prison. In October 2016, Kim Fountain plead guilty to all three cases and was sentenced 3 ½ to 7 years in state prison.
  
- May 2016 Frederick Townsend Ray III, a fifty-one (51) year old from West Chester went into the Lukoil convenience store implying he had a handgun in the pocket of his hooded sweatshirt (used to hide his identity). Ray threatened to shoot the fifty-four (54) year old night shift clerk while robbing him of the money in the cash register. Detectives reviewed the video system and identified Ray in the store without his hood up several hours prior to the robbery. Frederick Ray was apprehended in the City of Coatesville six (6) days after the robbery. Frederick Ray plead guilty to robbery and related charges. He immediately began a 4 to 8 years in state prison.
  
- July 2016 Christopher Blundi a twenty-seven (27) year old East Bradford resident allegedly took his girlfriend hostage and threatened to kill her and then kill himself. As officers arrived at the residence, they observed Blundi's hostage flee to safety from the residence. After an hour stand-off with police, Blundi surrendered to police without any injuries to himself or others. A search of the residence revealed several homemade improvised explosive devices containing metal fragmentation. The Montgomery Bomb Squad responded and safely disposed of the EIDs by exploding them in a hole in a nearby field. Christopher Blundi is incarcerated awaiting trial on assault and weapons of mass destruction charges.

- In August 2016, Toan Tran, a thirty-seven (37) year old male from West Chester was arrested for allegedly sexually assaulting a twenty-two (22) year old victim who was asleep in a bedroom. Tran is currently awaiting trial on aggravated indecent assault, burglary, and related chargers.
- In August 2016, a sixteen (16) year old was robbed at gun point as he walked in the 600 block of Downingtown Pike (noon). Kyree Newton, a nineteen (19) year old male from the Borough of West Chester allegedly followed the victim who had cashed his pay check in the business district. Upon approaching the victim Newton pointed a handgun at the chest of the victim and demanded his wallet. The victim complied and immediately reported the incident after the robbery. Detectives were able to obtain video showing Newton inside the check cashing store where the victim had cashed his check. A search warrant was executed on the residence of Newton. Detectives recovered a black airsoft handgun in a back pack worn by Newton during the robbery. Newton is incarcerated, awaiting trial on robbery charges and terroristic threats.
- In September 2016, an East Bradford Township resident reported her credit card account being compromised and fraudulent charges in Delaware, New Jersey, and New York. Detectives retrieved video from the transactions in Delaware and then were able to identify Jonathan Brown, a twenty-four (24) year old male from Jamaica, NY. A criminal history check revealed Jonathan Brown previously plead guilty to credit card fraud in Virginia. Jonathan Brown was arrested with the assistance of New York City Police Department. He is awaiting trial in the Chester County Court of Common Pleas.
- In September 2016, a plastic pipe bomb was detonated along a wood line in a residential neighborhood in East Bradford Township. Residents in the area reported that their house windows lite up and shook from the explosion. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms are assisting detectives in the investigation which is ongoing. No injuries or property damage occurred.
- In October 2016, an intoxicated twenty-seven (27) year old male who was walking out of the 7-11 and punched by Geovoni Cruz, a twenty-three (23) year old male from Lincoln University, PA. Geovoni Cruz and his cousin Eugenio Perez, a 28 year old male from Nottingham, PA then struck and kicked the victim while he is on the ground. Other individuals, associated with the victim, attempted to break up the fight. The victim reportedly got up and struck a third party, who then punches the victim once

knocking him unconscious. As a result of getting and striking his head on the victim suffered a traumatic brain injury. The entire fight was captured on video permitting detectives to define the roles of those involved. Geovoni Cruz and Eugenio Perez were arrested on assault charges and they are awaiting trial. The victim is recovering from his injuries.

- In October 2016, someone spray painted “you were a bully John” on the driveway of a residence in East Bradford Township. They then set the outside of the house on fire causing extensive fire and water damage. The investigation remains active. A plausible theory could be that whoever committed the crime had targeted an innocent victim.
- November 2016, the following offenders plead guilty to third degree murder for their actions in the 2015 robbery and murder of a seventeen (17) year old victim who thought he was selling a small amount of marijuana:

Onray Winfield a nineteen (19) year old West Chester man plead guilty to 10-20 years for luring the victim to a false drug deal. Collesha Miller, an eighteen (18) year old female from West Chester, plead guilty to 12 ½ to 25 years for setting up the false drug deal involving marijuana. Byron Stevens, a twenty (20) year old male from Coatesville, plead guilty to 10 to 20 years for driving the vehicle used in the robbery and murder. Gerald Myers, a nineteen (19) year old male from West Chester, will stand trial in February 2017 on first degree murder charges as the organizer of the robbery and murder. Darrell Woodward, a 19 year old male from Coatesville, will stand trial in April 2017 on first degree murder charges as the trigger man.

- In November 2016, three (3) masked offenders entered an occupied off-campus college apartment. The three (3) offenders, one (1) with a handgun, one (1) with a bat, and one (1) with an unknown weapon, ordered two (2) victims down on the floor and then tied the victims up. The offenders then ransacked the apartment asking where the “marijuana” and money were located. The offenders then fled with unknown items. Two (2) of the four (4) residents were not home at the time of the robbery.
- In December 2016, Kevin Johnson, a twenty-one (21) year old male from Easton, PA, Candido Young a twenty-one (21) year old male from Allentown, PA, and Ezra Gaines a twenty-one (21) year old male

from Easton, PA, entered an off-campus college apartment. In the apartment the offenders allegedly targeted a twenty-one (21) year old male from Downingtown, PA who was tied and robbed. Offenders took marijuana and money from the victim. As the offenders were fleeing the apartment, they were apprehended by patrol officers who were alerted to the robbery by other occupants in the apartment at the time of the robbery. Officers recovered the marijuana, money, and a handgun from the offenders. All three offenders remain in custody awaiting trial.

- In December 2016, Felix Garcia a twenty-eight (28) year old male was convicted by a jury of Robbery (with injury or threat of) and related charges. In September 2015, Garcia jumped the counter and threatened to use deadly force against the pharmacist(s) if she did not comply (Walgreen's Pharmacy in the East Bradford Shopping Plaza). He was taken into custody upon being convicted. He is awaiting sentencing and will be deported to Ecuador following the service of his prison sentence.
- In December 2016 Kendel Butler pled guilty to robbery and related charges stemming from a March 2014 incident where a thirty-two (32) year old female reported that a male subject entered her vehicle as she pulled to the side of the 400 block of W Gay St to use her cell phone. The victim reported the male actor pointed a gun at her and stole her wallet and other belongings. A pellet handgun and property taken in the robbery were recovered as the suspect fled the victim's car. In addition to the DNA match, detectives matched a latent finger print from the victim's car to Butler. He was sentenced to 4-8 years plus two (2) years of probation per agreement.

The Unit processed one thousand, two hundred seventy-eight (1,278) items of evidence and disposed of one thousand two hundred eighty-three (1,283) items. The Police Department turned over \$3,582 in currency and one (1) vehicle to the Chester County District Attorney's Office (forfeiture). \$50,144.73 was turned over to the Pennsylvania Treasury Department. Evidence from seventy-one (71) cases was submitted to the Pennsylvania State Police Laboratory in Lima, PA for analysis and items from fifteen (15) cases were submitted to a private laboratory for analysis.

## Vice Unit

In 2016 the West Chester Vice unit was comprised of two (2) Detectives for three (3) months and one (1) Detective for ten (10) months (departmental manpower issues). During this period, seventeen (17) drug investigations were conducted; resulting in twenty-two (22) arrests. Members of the Criminal Division have several open narcotic investigations and will continue to investigate the sale of illegal narcotics until the lost positions are filled.

- In 2016, the Criminal Division shut down a crack house in the 100 block of E Union St. David Richardson Sr. and David Richardson Jr., both of West Chester, were arrested for selling crack cocaine. A handgun was recovered when a search warrant was executed at the crack house. This handgun was linked through ballistics to a prior shooting in the City of Coatesville, PA.
- Detectives investigated five (5) deaths related to illegal drug use. Toxicology reports from three (3) of the five (5) deaths revealed the presence of fentanyl, a potent synthetic opioid pain medication. The other two (2) deaths were a result of heroin use. Patrol officers administered ten (10) doses of Narcan to heroin overdoses.
- Bryant Roberts, a twenty-two (22) year old male from Wyncote, PA was arrested for delivering fourteen (14) packets of heroin to detectives who utilized the cell phone of an overdose victim to order the heroin from Roberts.
- Other arrests lead to the seizure of four (4) additional handguns, opium pills, cocaine, heroin, marijuana, and \$28,000 in currency.
- In 2016, the West Chester Vice unit again fulfilled several requests by outside agencies for assistance. The agencies included DEA, ATF, PA State Police Vice Unit, Chester County Detectives, the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office, The Chester County Municipal Drug Task Force (CCMDTF). The Vice unit also assisted several local departments at their request, to include West Goshen Police, Coatesville Police, Westtown East Goshen.

## **Current Trends and Developments**

There is still a very high presence and demand for opium-based pharmaceutical drugs and heroin. Heroin producers are using fentanyl in their product, as well as adding it to cocaine and other substances being sold as heroin. This deadly combination has sparked a nationwide epidemic. The illegal drug trade continues to contribute property crimes and violence in the area. Marijuana still remains the most desired drug sought in home invasion robberies.

## **Goals**

The Criminal Division will continue to coordinate with other agencies including, DEA and the Chester County HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) unit. This coordination allows the Criminal Division to provide the Borough with a keen response to a violent and troubling drug trade.

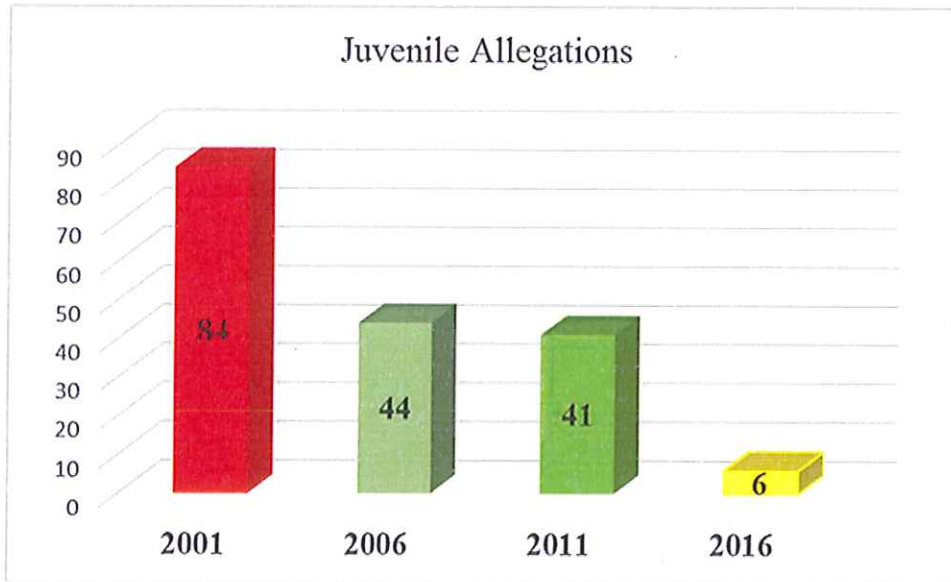
## **Juvenile**

The Detective is assigned to juvenile cases in the Borough of West Chester and East Bradford Township. The Detective is a school district Life Skills coordinator and coordinated several special events throughout 2016. The Detective coordinates with Chester County's Safe Schools Planning Coordinator as other law officials once a month to discuss school safety issues.

The Detective handles the child abuse cases and missing juvenile cases that are referred to this department. The Detective is the contact person with Juvenile Probation, Children, Youth and Families, the DA's Child Abuse Unit and private, public and charter schools in the Borough of West Chester and East Bradford Township.

## **Juvenile Arrests**

The West Chester Police Officers filed six (6) Allegation Forms for juveniles in the year 2016. The detective received and investigated (43) DPW-47 reports and (14) Cy-104 reports from the county.



## ERT

The objective of the West Chester Regional Emergency Response Team (ERT) and its primary responsibility is to provide and maintain a specially trained unit to resolve those incidents generally beyond the normal scope of regular patrol personnel and equipment.

### **Personnel:**

In 2016, the West Chester Regional ERT was comprised of thirty-two (32) well-trained Police Officers from eight (8) separate jurisdictions: West Chester (9), West Goshen (5), Westtown-East Goshen (4), Uwchlan (3), West Whiteland (2), Willistown (4), West Chester University (3), Chester County (1) and a seven (7) member Board of Chiefs. The compliment of officers includes nine (9) highly trained negotiators, four (4) highly trained snipers, and two (2) law enforcement technicians.



**Calls for Service:**

The West Chester Regional ERT was activated and responded to thirteen (13) incidents in the calendar year 2016. Each call for service and/or operation was successful in its planning, implementation and execution. Each resulted in a successful outcome.

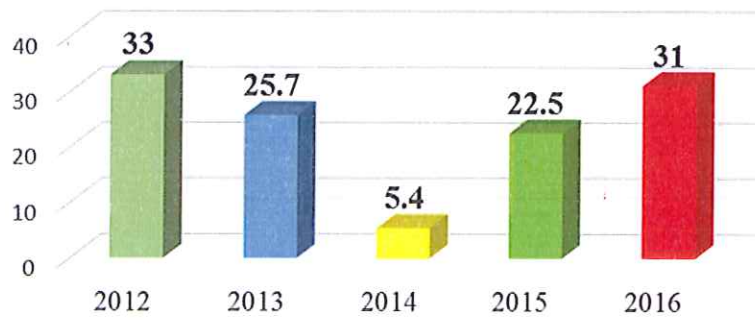
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1/08/2016	2016-01	High Risk Vehicle	West Chester P.D.	300 S. High St.
1/20/2016	2016-02	High Risk Vehicle	W. Whiteland P.D.	116 Pottstown Pk.
2/11/2016	2016-03	Missing Person Search	W. Whiteland P.D.	Deveraux
2/21/2016	2016-04	High Risk Arrest	Uwchlan P.D.	717 N. Ship Rd.
3/15/2016	2016-05	Barricaded Person	Uwchlan P.D.	717 N. Ship Rd.
3/18/2016	2016-06	Search Warrant	West Chester P.D.	100BL E. Union St.
5/07/2016	2016-07	Protection Detail	W. Chester University	Ferrell Stadium
5/08/2016	2016-08	Protection Detail	W. Chester University	Ferrell Stadium
7/06/2016	2015-09	Barricaded Person	West Chester P.D.	558 River Bend Ln.
7/22/2016	2016-10	Search Warrant	West Chester P.D.	403 S. Walnut St.
7/26/2016	2016-11	High Risk Arrest	W. Whiteland P.D.	Main Street Exton
8/15/2016	2016-12	High Risk Arrest	West Chester P.D.	River Bend Ln.
12/20/2016	2016-13	High Risk Arrest	WEGO P.D.	701 E. Market St.

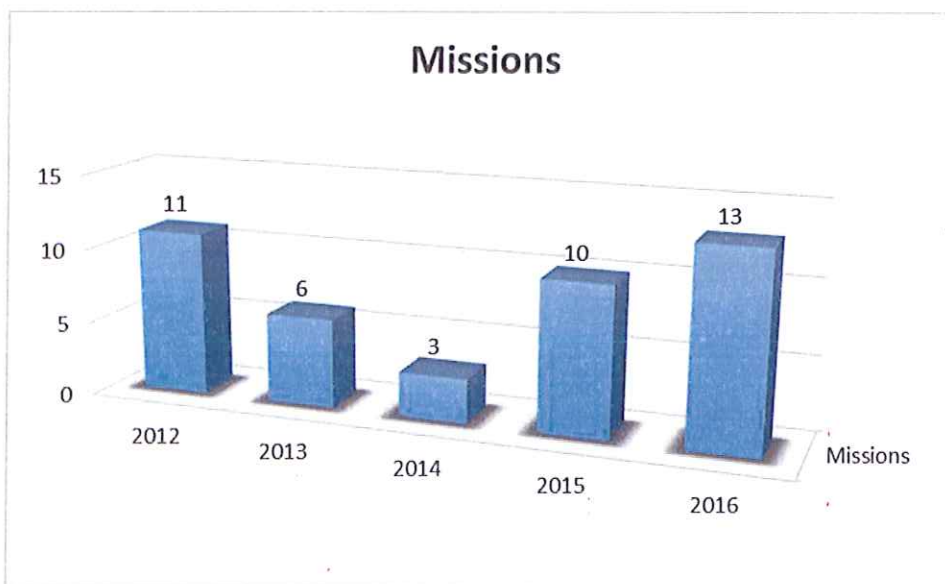
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- Search Detail 1
- Warrant Service 2
- High Risk Arrest 3
- Barricade 2
- Protection Detail 2
- High Risk Vehicle 3

### Service Hours





#### **Special Details:**

A number of team members participated in school career days, township community days, training center mock scenarios, A. Duie Pyle Day, and crime prevention events. Eleven (11) details were attended in 2016.

#### **Goals and Objectives for 2016**

- Fill operations vacancies.
- Vehicle retrofitting and uniformity.
- Revise Policy and Procedure Manual.
- Pursuit of grant sources and funding.
- Command Seminar for police administration.

## RECORDS DIVISION

The West Chester Police Department Records Unit was staffed with two (2) full-time records clerks in December of 2016. The clerks continue to be trained in the daily operations and regulatory responsibilities of the West Chester Police Department, the borough, state, and federal governments.

### Activity

- The West Chester Police Department Records Unit handled over fifteen thousand (15,000) documented incidents. This documentation includes the handling and filing of lab reports, evidence reports, prisoner logs, Right-to-Know requests and various other reports. Each clerk is tasked to review the information submitted and to submit any incorrect information to the Administrative Lieutenant for review/correction. The unit works directly with the District Attorney's Office, military services, insurance companies, public and private investigators/citizens and housing authorities. These contacts are in compliance with the Attorney General's Municipal Records and Retention Act and the State mandated Right-to-Know Law.
- The unit expunged eighty-one (81) criminal history files (court ordered).
- The unit collected \$9,423.25 dollars in fees for reports during the year of 2016. The unit complied with the state and borough mandated Right- to-Know Act. All requests were completed and submitted to the Administrative Lieutenant for approval. The Department processed one thousand, one hundred thirteen (1,113) RTK requests.
- The unit assisted the Chester County District Attorney's Office by faxing and submitting vital information on court cases. The unit processed approximately one hundred forty (140) file requests by their office. The unit assisted the Chester County Sheriff Department with two hundred twenty-seven (227) background gun check requests.
- The West Chester Police Department Records Unit continues to separately document and collate use of force incidents for administrative review. The unit collates prisoner logs and arrests.
- The West Chester Police Department Records Unit processes all background investigations for the Chester County Housing Unit, as well as federal, state, local authorities, the federal government, the

United States Army, and civilian investigators assigned by the government to complete background checks.

- The unit provides information to the Borough Housing Division on all criminal activity/dispositions (Borough Rental Ordinance) received from the Court of Common Pleas. The information is shared with Housing Department.

### **Records Unit 2017 Goals**

- A monthly performance review will be continued to determine how effective the Records Division is functioning regarding to mandated state, federal, and local laws. Continue to train and evaluate the records clerks to make sure they're adequately trained in the state, federal, and local laws. Seek a training class in the federal UCR standards.
- Unit audit reports on a monthly basis to identify outstanding reports. The unit will also complete a monthly audit to determine problems associated with reports submitted to the unit for processing.

The West Chester Police Department records unit is a critical function in the Police Department. The responsibilities of the unit continue to evolve as they are required to assume more responsibilities based on the needs of the West Chester Police Department. The employees assigned will be continuously provided with training to enhance performance of their duties and responsibilities.

## FLEET MANAGEMENT

The 2016 West Chester Police Department Fleet Management Report contains a yearly summary and list of vehicles currently maintained by the department.

Vehicle	Year/Make	2016 Beginning Miles	2016 Ending Mileage	Purpose/Usage
01-13	NEW	NEW	NEW	Patrol
01-14	2013 Ford	35,916	47,015	Patrol
01-15	2017 Ford	0	1,059	Patrol
01-16	2017 Ford	0	1,261	Patrol
01-17	2015 Ford	4,121	20,174	Patrol
01-18	2014 Ford	25,703	37,025	Patrol
01-19	2015 Ford	5,302	26,502	Patrol
01-20	2014 Ford	27,955	43,971	Patrol
01-21	2013 Ford	26,099	36,339	Patrol
01-22	2013 Ford	-	49,361	Patrol
01-23	2015 Ford	1,967	12,405	Patrol
01-24	2013 Ford	40,314	44,254	Patrol
01-25	2013 Ford	46,881	53,950	
01-A1	2014 Ford	15,459	25,316	Administration
01-A2	2013 Ford	55,523	73,285	Administration
01-A3	2013 Ford	Out of Service	Out of Service	Administration
01-D1	2010 Ford	-	-	Detectives
01-D2	2005 Ford	-	80,391	Detectives
01-D3	2009 Ford	-	101,937	Detectives
01-D4	2006 Ford	-	-	Detectives

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 Fleet Management - General Statistics  
 2016

	West Chester Borough	East Bradford Township		Vehicle Fleet
Population	*17,861	*9,405	Marked Cars	10
Area/Square Miles	1.8	15.37	Unmarked Cars	2
Total Highway Miles	33.44	70.52	Detectives	4
Municipal Highway Miles	27.34	47.26	Administrative	3
State Highway Miles	6.09	23.26	Special Purpose	3
			<b>Total Vehicles</b>	<b>22</b>

\*Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2010



## PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS

The 2016 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 two (2) 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. The West Chester Police Department was down as many as twelve police officers at one time in 2016 and operating with the absence of an administrator (retirement).



# West Chester Police Department



## 2016 Personnel Assignments

TITLE	PERSONNEL
<b>Administration</b>	<b>3</b>
Chief of Police	1
Lieutenants	2
<b>Patrol Division</b>	<b>34</b>
Sergeants	5
Corporals	5
Patrolman	24
<b>Detective Division</b>	<b>7</b>
Sergeant	1
Corporal	1
Detectives	2
Narcotics Investigators	2
Juvenile Officer	1
<b>Support Staff</b>	<b>11</b>
Civilian Dispatchers	7
Civilian Records Clerks	2
Civilian Secretaries	2



# West Chester Police Department



## RETIREMENTS

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

	Years of Service	Years Served
Ptl. Pamela McClaren	28	1987-2016
Lt. William A. Morris	34	1981-2016
Ptl. John DiBattista	10	2005-2016

## NEW OFFICERS

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

Ptl. Nicholas Graham

Ptl. Daniel Quinn



## Perfect Attendance

The following Officers are to be congratulated:

Bergey, Brad  
Billie, Stanley  
Bohn, Scott  
Davis, Aaron  
DeShullo, Louis  
DiNunzio, Gerald  
Ditz, Jeffrey  
Ferriola, Jerry  
Francart, Jason  
Graham, Nicholas  
Iacono, Samuel  
O'Hare, John  
Quinn, Daniel

The following civilian employees are to be congratulated:

Cook, Chad  
Jones, Christopher  
King, Staci  
March, David  
Miles, Joseph