

LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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2022 Annual Report

Message from the Chief of Police:

On behalf of the men and women of the Lower Providence Township Police Department, it is my privilege to present the 2022 Annual Report. I want to personally thank you for taking the time to learn more about your police department. Transparency is a key component of establishing and maintaining a strong relationship with the community. Our annual report is one of the ways we like to share information with the public. Within this year's report, you will find information about our community involvement, training, new equipment, crime statistics, accomplishments, and much more.

Police Mission

The Lower Providence Township Police Department is a professional, progressive, community-oriented law enforcement organization committed to making the Township a great place to live, work and play.



Michael Jackson
Chief of Police

William Hopkins
Lieutenant

Special points of interest

- RETIREMENTS
- NEW HIRES
- COMMENDATIONS
- COMMUNITY POLICING
- NEW EQUIPMENT
- TRAINING

INTEGRITY - HONOR - RESPECT - COURAGE

DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE

CHIEF OF POLICE



MICHAEL JACKSON

LIEUTENANT



WILLIAM HOPKINS

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Patrol Division - is the largest division and is responsible for the primary police services provided to the Township. The Patrol Division is composed of four platoons that are each supervised by a Sergeant. Patrol cars are equipped with Mobile Data Computers (MDC) which are computer terminals that provide officers with instantaneous information on driver's license information, vehicle registration information, stolen vehicle information, wanted person information and confidential messaging between vehicles and the Police Dispatch Center. Officers can prepare accident reports and incident reports in their vehicles and transmit them electronically to the records management system server in the police station. All the patrol cars are equipped with Mobile Video and Audio Recorders (MVAR) that are utilized to digitally record vehicle stops, DUI enforcement, suspicious activity, and crime scenes. Within the Patrol Division, specialized units include officers assigned to the Traffic Safety Unit, with responsibility for coordinating traffic enforcement/safety, and the Bicycle Patrol Unit.



DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE

Detective Division - is responsible for the investigation of all criminal offenses that occur within the Township. Detective Sergeant Michael Higgins is responsible for this division and supervises Detective Scott Dreibelbis, Detective Michael Nastasi, and Detective Charles King who are all trained and experienced investigators.



In 2022, the Lower Providence Detectives investigated 534 criminal cases. These cases fluctuated in gravity from misdemeanor-level crimes to major felony crimes.



DETECTIVE SERGEANT MICHAEL HIGGINS



DETECTIVE CHARLES KING



DETECTIVE MICHAEL NASTASI



DETECTIVE SCOTT DREIBELBIS

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DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE

Administrative Sergeant / Traffic Safety Coordinator – is assigned to Sergeant Mark Stead. Sergeant Stead is responsible for traffic studies and details, community policing and special events, Youth Aid Panel, BusPatrol, and several other administrative duties. Sergeant Stead is well known throughout our community and the schools and always puts the community's well-being at the very top of his priority list.



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Civilian Employees – are responsible for monitoring the police radio, accepting incoming emergency and non-emergency phone calls, case folder preparation, evidence maintenance, fingerprinting, accreditation, grant-writing, social media accounts, and numerous other administrative duties. Civilian Staff from left to right are: Daniel McCabe, Jill Sauermelch, and Jason Connelly.



DANIEL MCCABE
POLICE SPECIALIST



JILL SAUERMELOCH
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT



JASON CONNELLY
POLICE DISPATCHER

DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE

PATROL SERGEANTS



SERGEANT JAMES CRAWFORD



SERGEANT MATTHEW KUHNERT



SERGEANT ZACHARY WISE



SERGEANT RYAN SINGLETON

DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE

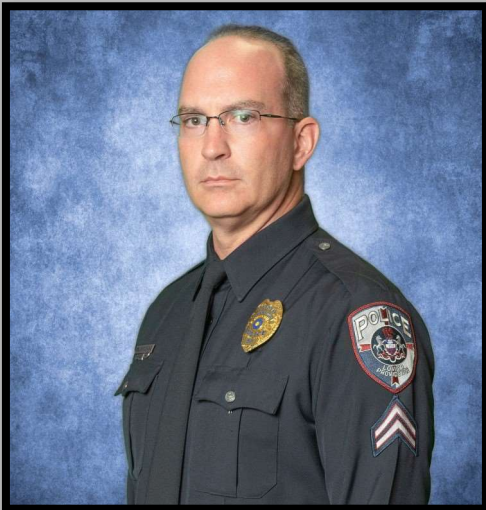
PATROL CORPORALS



CORPORAL MICHAEL SLATTERY



CORPORAL JUSTIN HUBERT



CORPORAL PETER FLEMING



CORPORAL ROBERT HEIM

PATROL OFFICERS



Officer Arthur



Officer Auge



Officer Barber



Officer Bonner



Officer Cannon



Officer Cutting



Officer Faddis



Officer Foy



Officer Gill

PATROL OFFICERS



Officer Glenn



Officer Hirsch



Officer Honick



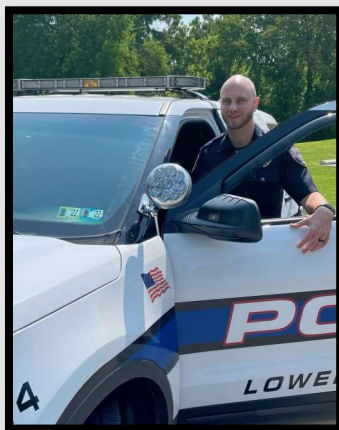
Officer Luong



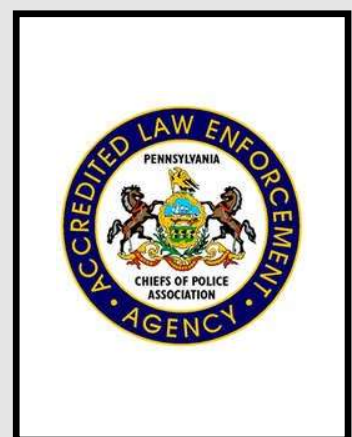
Officer Millard



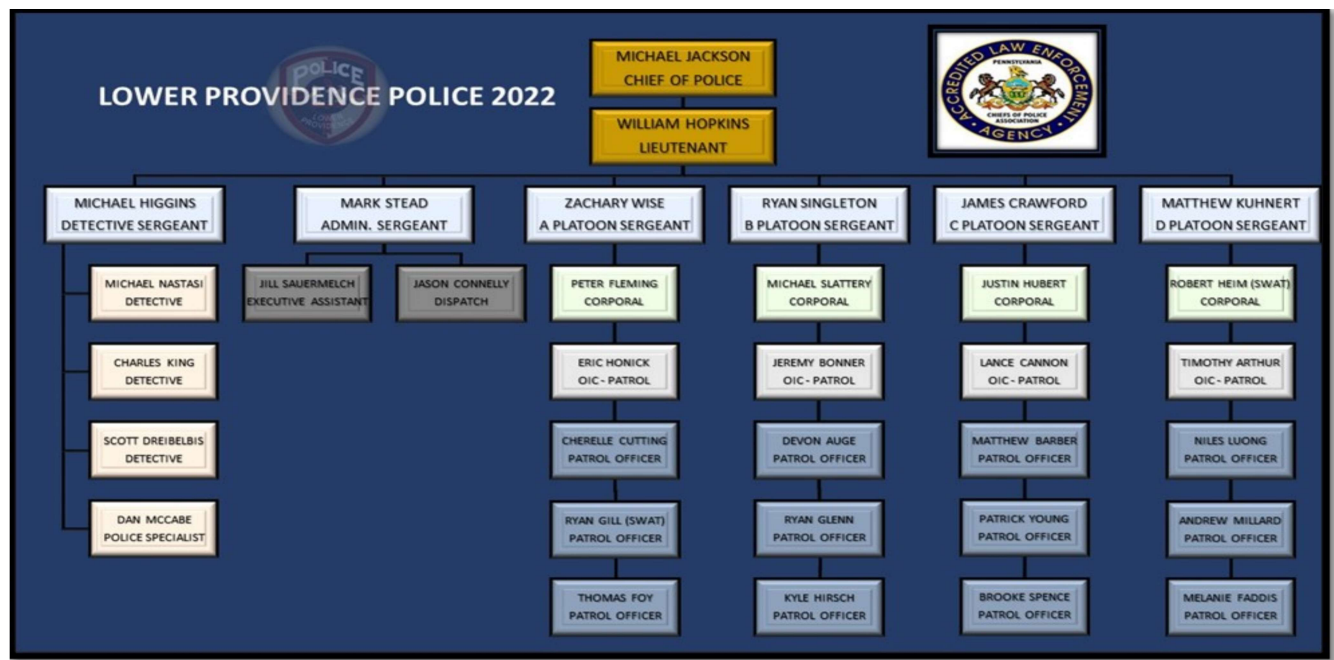
Officer Spence



Officer Young



2022 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Professional Standards



The Lower Providence Township Police Department was accredited by the PA Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission in 2006 and has received reaccreditation every three years since that time. Accredited status has been awarded to less than 10% of the 1200 law enforcement agencies in the commonwealth.



Officer Robert Cable

RETIREMENT

After almost thirty-five years of dedicated service, **Officer Robert (Bob) Cable** retired from the Lower Providence Township Police Department.

Bob graduated from Pottstown High School in 1979, where he wrestled and played football. He received his Associates Degree in Police Science from the Montgomery County Community College in 1983. He continued his education and obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from West Chester University in 1985. Immediately following his graduation, he attended the Montgomery County Police Academy and graduated from their program in December of 1985.

Prior to starting his career with the Lower Providence Township Police Department, Bob began his law enforcement journey in 1985 when he served as a seasonal patrol officer with the Wildwood Crest, New Jersey Police Department. A short time later, he was hired by the Schuylkill Township Police Department, where he stayed until being hired with the Lower Providence Township Police Department in June of 1987. For thirteen years, Bob distinguished himself as a tactical sniper, first for the Lower Providence Township Police Special Operations Unit and then with the consolidated regional tactical team, the Central Montgomery County Emergency Response Team.

Bob has been awarded six Distinguished Unit Citations for the performance of his duties, along with several Letters of Commendation and numerous letters of appreciation from citizens throughout his career.



OFFICER REGINALD NEALY



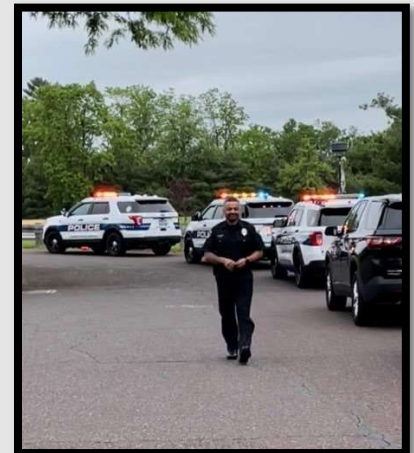
RETIREMENT

After 31 years of dedicated service, Officer Reginald (Reggie) Nealy retired from the Lower Providence Township Police Department. Officer Nealy was sworn in as a police officer with the Lower Providence Township Police Department on April 8, 1991. He graduated from Daniel Boone High School and attended West Chester University where he obtained his degree. He went onto become a graduate of the Pennsylvania State Police Academy, where he served as Vice-President of his class. Prior to Lower Providence Township Police Department, Officer Nealy was employed with the West Chester University Department of Public Safety.



Over the years Officer Nealy served in the Patrol Division, the Traffic Safety Unit, and the Detective Division. He was a founding member of the department's Motorcycle Unit and served several years on the Central Montgomery Special Weapons and Tactics Team as an Element Leader and range instructor. Additionally, he served as a firearms instructor, taser instructor, CPR/First Aid instructor, and was a certified Active Shooter Response Instructor.

During the last 31 years, Officer Nealy received numerous letters of commendation, Distinguished Unit Citations, and a Commendation of Merit.



NEW POLICE OFFICERS



Thomas Foy

Thomas M. Foy was born and raised in the Conshohocken section of Upper Merion Township. He graduated from Upper Merion High School and attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated in 2014 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geography. After college, Tom worked as a Process Control Engineer with Johnson Matthey Catalyst until being accepted into the Philadelphia Police Academy. In December 2017, he graduated from the police academy and was assigned as a patrol officer in the 25th District. Tom is married to his wife, Brenna, and they have a one-year-old daughter. In his spare time, he enjoys golf, spending time with his family, and working out.

Brooke Spence

Brooke L. Spence was born and raised in the Flourtown section of Montgomery County. She attended Upper Merion High School and graduated in 2011. Upon graduation, Brooke attended Lasalle University where she rowed all four years and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Sociology. After graduation, she accepted a position as a juvenile detention officer with the Montgomery County Youth Center. In 2016, Brooke was hired as a police officer with the City of Richmond in Virginia. She was assigned to the patrol division and worked in the 1st Police Precinct. During her time with Richmond PD, Brooke was a certified field training officer and trained in crisis intervention. In her free time, Brooke enjoys working out and spending time with her two-year-old son, Kemlow, and her German Shepherd.

Kyle Hirsch

Kyle T. Hirsch was born and raised in the northeast section of Philadelphia. He graduated Franklin Towne Charter High School in 2010 and continued his education at Lock Haven University. In 2015, Kyle graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. After graduation, Kyle worked as a National Accounts Manager with Univest Capital. After three years, Kyle left the private sector to pursue a career in law enforcement. In February 2020, he was hired as a police officer with the City of Philadelphia and assigned to the 35th District. In June 2021, Kyle left Philadelphia for a position with the Douglass Berks Police Department. During his time with both the Philadelphia Police and Douglass Berks Police, Kyle has distinguished himself and earned the praise of his colleagues and supervisors. Kyle is married to his wife Brittany, and they have two children.

Melanie Faddis

Melanie J. Faddis was born and raised in Coatesville. While in high school, she moved to Downingtown and graduated from Henderson High School in 2013. After high school, she attended West Chester University where she studied education. On June 8, 2016, Melanie graduated from the Delaware County Municipal Police Academy and took a position as a Correctional Officer with the Chester County Prison. In 2018, she was hired as a part time police officer with Valley Township. In 2019, Melanie was offered a full-time position as a patrol officer with West Vincent Township in Chester County. During her time with the West Vincent Township Police Department, Melanie was a use of force instructor and highly regarded by her peers and supervisors.



E.J Mentry Township Manager



E.J Mentry was hired and welcomed as the new Township Manager for Lower Providence Township on January 18, 2022. Prior to coming to Lower Providence, E.J was the Township Manager for Schuylkill Township.

***Lower Providence Township** is a township in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, United States. The township is located approximately 17 miles northwest of Philadelphia. The population was 25,625 at the 2020 census.*

Matthew Cerasuolo - Resignation

Officer Matthew Cerasuolo resigned from the Lower Providence Township Police Department on March 18, 2022. He moved back to the Pittsburgh area with his family, and we wish him nothing but the very best in all of his future endeavors.



ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION

Two members of the Lower Providence Township Police Department, Sergeant Ryan Singleton and Officer Timothy Arthur, are certified accident reconstructionist. Officer Arthur is certified as an Expert Reconstructionist. The reconstructionist is in charge of determining the causation of all serious and fatal automobile accidents. The Lower Providence Township Police Department investigated one fatal accident in 2022 where both Sergeant Singleton and Officer Arthur assisted in the reconstruction.

NEW IN 2022: A Regional Crash Reconstruction Team was initiated. The team consists of officers from four different police departments that cover Lower Providence Township, Upper Providence Township, Limerick Township, Lower Pottsgrove Township, Royersford Borough, and Collegeville Borough.



DUI ENFORCEMENT

The Lower Providence Township Police Department is a member of the Valley Forge Area DUI Task Force which is comprised of several area police departments that combine their efforts and resources in addressing the issue of Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Controlled Substances. The Task Force conducts sobriety checkpoints and specific patrol details for DUI offenders.

MCSAP CERTIFIED OFFICER

Throughout Pennsylvania, more than 700 specially trained state and local officers inspect commercial vehicles and their drivers for compliance with state and federal motor carrier safety regulations. Inspections are conducted along all roadways within the township. The goal of MCSAP is to reduce commercial motor-vehicle involved crashes, fatalities, and injuries through consistent, uniform, and effective commercial motor-vehicle programs. The department has one MCSAP certified police officer, Sergeant Ryan Singleton, who is required to complete 70 commercial vehicle stops a year to maintain his certification.



MCSAP



MONTGOMERY COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE

Montgomery County Drug Task Force - The Lower Providence Township Police Department participates in the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office Local Drug Task Force to investigate drug offenses within our own jurisdiction and throughout Montgomery County. We have several police officers who are assigned to the drug task force and have been sworn in as Special County Detectives for the purpose of investigating drug offenses throughout the County.

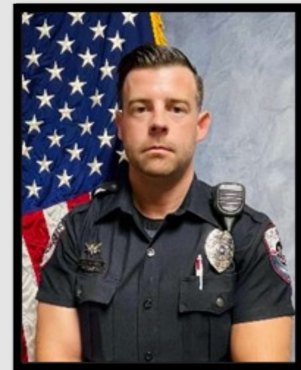


MONTGOMERY COUNTY SWAT CR TEAM

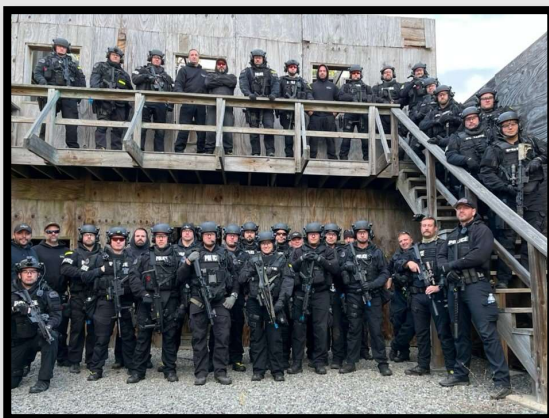
The Lower Providence Township Police Department is an active member of the Montgomery County SWAT Central Region Team. The MSWAT-CR team is a multi-jurisdictional, highly trained, and equipped group of officers that respond to high-risk situations involving armed individuals, barricaded individuals, and hostage situations. The team is available for response 24/7, 365 days a year and train rigorously on a monthly basis to keep their skill level sharp. Lower Providence Police have two officers assigned to the team, Corporal Robert Heim (Team Leader) and Officer Ryan Gill (Entry Element Team Member).



CORPORAL HEIM



OFFICER GILL



BICYCLE PATROL

Several members of the Lower Providence Township Police Department have become certified by the International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA) for police bicycle patrol. The department currently utilizes police bicycles at special events, shopping centers, apartment complexes and during neighborhood patrols. Officers complete specialized training regularly but are required to complete training at least once every three years.

Officer Matthew Barber completed the 5-day intense International Police Mountain Bike Association Instructor Course in June of 2022.



LPPD BIKE PATROL

- Lieutenant William Hopkins
- Corporal Justin Hubert
- Officer Eric Honick
- Officer Matthew Barber
- Officer Devon Auge



LP Optimist Club taught bicycle safety alongside Officer Barber during Camp Perkiomy in July.

BUS PATROL

In 2022, all Methacton School District buses were equipped with cameras capable of capturing the illegal passing of school buses, along with other violations. In September, the equipment went into effect and there were a total of **229 citations** issued between then and December.



YOUTH AID PANEL PROGRAM

The Lower Providence Township Police Department participates in Montgomery County's Youth Aid Panel and referred 20 juveniles to the program in 2022. The Youth Aid Panel (YAP) Program has been giving juveniles a second chance to have a clean criminal record since 2000. In its 20 + year history, the program has helped more than 10,000 juveniles, ages 10 to 17 (or age 18 if a current high school senior), avoid a criminal record by going before a panel of local, trained volunteers and taking responsibility for their actions. Through the involvement and support of local community volunteers and assigned interventions, the community Youth Aid Panel Program holds juveniles accountable for their actions with conditions that focus on community responsibility while facilitating positive outcomes.

The YAP Program is an alternative to having a juvenile charged with their criminal infraction and having the matter handled in Juvenile Court. Successfully completing YAP means the juvenile will not have a criminal record that can be found through background checks routinely done by colleges and employers. The program is also designed to help juvenile offenders avoid future contact with the juvenile justice system through the involvement and support of local community volunteers, who serve on the more than 40 active Youth Aid Panels across Montgomery County.