TRAINING



Sergeant Matthew Kuhnert graduated from The Northwestern School of Police Staff & Command (SPSC) on Friday, February 11, 2022 and we are extremely proud of his commendable achievement. The Northwestern School of Police Staff & Command is an intensive leadership and management education program that helps prepare experienced law enforcement professionals for success in senior command positions. Sergeant Kuhnert began his training on September 27, 2021 and was selected as The Northwestern School of Police Staff & Command Vice President for the Class of 509.

Since its inception in 1983, law enforcement agencies throughout the U.S. and around the globe have recognized the important impact a SPSC education makes on their leadership and management teams. Through an innovative combination of academic principles with practical applications, the 10-week SPSC curriculum zeroes in on such critical command-level content as planning and policies, media relations, organizational behavior, budgeting and resource allocation, human resources, contemporary policing, and more.

The SPSC class of 509 also raised money that they donated in Memory of Eric, Liam, and Patrick King, who tragically lost their lives in a devastating fire that started on Christmas morning, 2021. Accepting the donation on behalf of the family was Eric's brother, Detective Charles King.

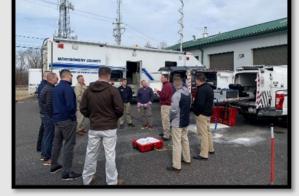




Detective Michael Nastasi partnered up with the United States Secret Service and developed an educational presentation that focused on financial crime awareness. The presentation was delivered to the residents of Shannondell at Valley Forge.

In February, we held our annual supervisor's in-service training which consisted of four vital organizations, Mission Kids, Montgomery County Department of Public Safety, Chris Boyle Law Enforcement Consulting, and James McGowan with Strategic Investigative Resources. Each organization provided us with valuable knowledge and resources.

Mission Kids Child Advocacy Center provided us with a tour of their facility and gave us an overview of everything they do. Mont-



gomery County Department of Public Safety invited us to their center and provided us with a tour of their Field Command & Communications vehicle. They also provided us



with a plethora of knowledge on emergency response assets that are available to emergency responders throughout the county. Chris Boyle, who serves as a law enforcement specialist, instructor, and consultant, spoke to us about legal updates and police liability. Finally, James McGowan with Strategic Investigative Resources provided us with an excellent training on leadership and communication.



Several officers from our department who are assigned to the Traffic Safety Unit received their annual training in

May. The Traffic Safety Unit's goal is to provide a safe environment on all roadways for the citizens in Lower Providence, as well as all citizens traveling through Lower Providence. As part of the training and in collaboration with the National Highway Traffic



Safety Administration, our department participated in the Click it or Ticket Seatbelt Enforcement campaign that several states across the country participated in. This detail aims to increase public awareness that law

enforcement officers will be issuing citations for seatbelt violations to hopefully save lives.

Lieutenant William Hopkins attended the Mid-Atlantic Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (MALEEDS), which is a week-long training conference that takes place at Princeton University. The training experience is designed to provide leadership training for police chiefs and law enforcement executives who lead agencies with 75 sworn police officers or fewer.





Corporal Justin Hubert completed specialized training specific to serving veterans in crisis and he officially became a member of the Montgomery County Veterans Response Team (VRT). This team is a specialized collaborative response team, created to assist agencies better support veter-

ans in need, or who may be experiencing a crisis. The Veterans Response Team is made up of several partnerships between law enforcement officers with military service experience, the Coatesville VA, local veteran's



service organizations, mental health crisis responders, Montgomery County Veterans Treatment Court, and social service groups.

We encourage veterans in crisis, or those referring a veteran in crisis to call the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 (Option 1).

In July, the LPPD Command Staff met with Methacton School District administrators, members of the Pennsylvania State Police, and Cardinal Point Security Group to collaborate and develop an active shooter response/critical incident management guide. This guide will be used as a tool for increased preparation and preparedness, should such an unfortunate event ever take place.



In June, 2022, the entire police department completed essential training in de-escalation techniques and law enforcement response to an active shooter.

In October, 2022, Chief Jackson was presented with an award by Michelle Monzo, of Montgomery County Emergency Services and Anna Trout, of the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services / Office of Mental Health. The award was presented to the Lower Providence Township Police Department for our dedicated commitment to sending all police officers to the Montgomery County Emergency Services 3-day Basic Crisis Intervention Specialist class that is offered annually. This training educates and prepares officers to deescalate and interact with individuals who are experiencing a mental health or behavioral crisis.















VETERAN'S WALL OF HONOR

On September 30, 2020, a veteran's wall of honor was originated to honor those from the LPPD who have served in the military. We honor you and thank you for your sacrifices.



NEW EQUIPMENT



Officers received new Glock 17 (9 MM) handguns with a mounted flashlight and Holosun red dot sight to be used for patrol, while detectives were issued Glock 45 (9 MM) handguns. The department also purchased Geissele Automatic, Super Duty, M4 Platform, .233 caliber SWAT rifles that replaced the older MP-5 rifles. In addition to firearms, the Lower Providence Township Police Department also purchased two stationary License Plate Readers and

Body Cameras for each officer.









COMMUNITY POLICING

We have partnered up with the Methacton School District to award a student who demonstrates good behavior, works hard, and displays good citizenship by escorting them to school in a police car. During 2022, four kids were provided with a police escort and rewarded for going above and beyond!









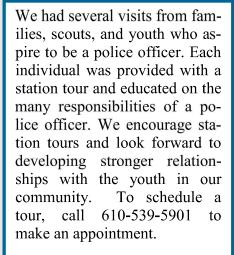
March 21st is considered World Down Syndrome
Day and a day to help raise public awareness about
Down Syndrome and inclusion. As a
way of showing support and doing our
part in raising awareness, we rocked
our crazy socks with Olivia Young.
Olivia is the daughter of Officer Pat
Young from our department. The idea behind rocking crazy socks is that, even though they may look

different, they still serve the same purpose.























Several officers participated in Read Across America at Eagleville Elementary School by reading their favorite book to a classroom of students. The officers and kids had a great time!













The Skyview Upper Elementary Home and School Association along with the students raised \$22,000 through various fundraisers that will directly benefit their school. As a reward to the students for all the hard work they put forward, a tricycle race was promised. The race participants included the principal of Skyview Upper Elementary School, teachers, administrative staff, the Lower Providence Township Police Department, and Bob Kelly from Fox 29 News. It goes without saying, Chief Jackson took the gold by coming in first place in the tricycle race.





Detective Charlie King and Officer Ryan Gill participated in the C.O.P.S. 5K benefit run, which was held at the Lower Perkiomen Valley Park Trail. C.O.P.S. stands for Concerns of Police Survivors and the organization works to assist the families of fallen police officers.

The inaugural Lower Providence Township Meet, Greet, and Eat event was held in June. Several Lower Providence police officers were onsite to meet some of our community members and share in friendly conversation with each other.







Throughout the year, several officers greeted and were greeted by residents of the Lower Providence community. We enjoy having kids and their families excited to start a conversation with us, offer us a cup of lemonade, stop by the station to say hello, or ask us to join in a friendly neighborhood game of ball.



























The Lower Providence Junior Police Academy was finally able to make a comeback this year and what a success it was! Over a two -day period, approximately fifty kids participated in the camp, which is designed to children give glimpse into what it's like to be a police officer, all while building positive relationships with first responders throughout the community. They participated in obstacle tug-of-war courses, competitions, and dodgeball games. Cadets observed demonstrations that were provided by patrol officdetectives. the ers. Bomb Unit for the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, the Montgomery County SWAT Central Region Team, PennSTAR, the Lower Providence Fire and EMS departments, and much more.



The Juneteenth event, hosted by the DEI Task Force, invited our department to attend. Lieutenant Hopkins and Detective Nastasi were both able to be present and had a great time getting to know more of our community members.





PIZZA & COFFEE WITH A COP















Several officers from the LPPD participated in The Ben to the Shore Bike Tour. This 65-mile charity bike ride raises money to provide necessary financial relief to the families of fallen or critically injured first responders and cultivates positive relationships and interactions between police officers and the children in the communities they serve.

Our department rode with the Wheels of Justice, Montgomery County District Attorney's team.





LPPD felt very thankful in November, when Arrowhead Elementary School provided our department with a delicious 1st Responders Appreciation Lunch. We had a great time mingling with students and staff.









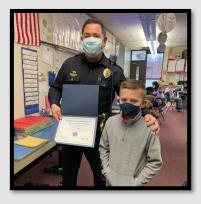






Several officers visited the schools within our township throughout the year. During our visits, officers read books to the kids, educated them on safety topics, and presented them with awards they earned for being good citizens.























A group of students from Woodland Elementary School were rewarded with ice cream on Friday for their outstanding fundraising efforts. They needed some professionals to help with the scooping and without hesitation, Chief Jackson and Lieutenant Hopkins volunteered.







Every year, officers from the Lower Providence Township Police Department can be found out and about on Halloween night, passing out goodie bags. After all the goodie bags are passed out, one lucky winner is awarded with a Golden Ticket. That Golden ticket rewards the winner with a courtesy ride to school in a police car.



















T R U N K





O R





T R E A T



NATIONAL "RIT-A" BOOK DAY WAS HELD AT THE LOWER PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY LIBRARY. CHIEF JACKSON AND SERGEANT STEAD TOOK TURNS READING TO THE KIDS AND CELEBRATED THE DAY WITH SOME WATER ICE FROM RITA'S.



















SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 – NEVER FORGET















GOALS FOR 2023

The Lower Providence Township Police Department will continue to strive to provide the citizens and visitors of Lower providence Township with the most community focused, efficient, and effective police services available.

The Lower Providence Township Department will attain its goal by completing the following objectives:

- We will have innovative, honest, responsive leadership. The staff should never be satisfied with the status quo, but always seek ways to improve all the department's operations. The staff will set the tone of professionalism, integrity, and hard work.
- Provide realistic departmental guidelines and policies.
- Recruit and retain the best possible police officers.
- Provide quality training and / or seek training opportunities for every level of the organization.
- Promote police conduct that is responsive and sensitive to the needs of the community.
- Require aggressive crime fighting to improve the utilization of patrol and investigative resources in the identification, arrest, and conviction of individuals committing criminal activity within our jurisdiction.
- Require a work ethic that promotes officers to engage in routine patrol duties, follow-up investigations, and leads to a professional work product.
- Recognize exceptional work by police employees.
- Stress to all employees that they need to be responsible and will be held accountable for their actions and how they represent Lower Providence Township Police Department and their community.

