

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

"Supra Ultraque"



Annual Report

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

The men and women of the Stafford Township Police Department strive to provide quality services to our residents and visitors. We work tirelessly to reduce crime and have implemented programs to better connect with our community.

We strengthened our relationships with the community by implementing our Coffee with a Cop program, an Internet Safe Exchange Zone and our Special Needs Registry. We have made a concerted effort to better connect with our youth by resurrecting our Cops and Kids Program and improving our youth police academy.

2017 saw the police department implement our Master Police Officer program. The program's purpose is to acknowledge officers that consistently perform at an elevated level and who have successfully completed supervisory and leadership training. I am proud to announce that 24 officers have successfully attained the designation of Master Police Officer.

Our On-POINT program continues to improve the health and quality of life for our residents and visitors. Just recently, Congressman Tom MacArthur urged the federal government to recognize On-POINT as a national model for other police agencies to replicate to improve the mental health of their communities.

The police department maintains a robust presence on social media in order to better communicate timely, relevant information to our constituents. We maintain a presence on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, MyPD and most recently YouTube. Our YouTube channel contains several informative videos on topics ranging from what to do if you are stopped by the police; "pause before you post" which is an informative video encouraging our young adults to think about the consequences of threatening, disruptive or explicit posts to social media and an in-depth video highlighting our On-POINT program.

None of this would be possible without the hard working, dedicated men and women of the Stafford Township Police Department. I am grateful for their efforts and am grateful for our mayor and council and our community partners who support our initiatives. I look forward to collaborating for many years to come.

Thomas J. Dellane
Chief of Police



STAFFORD TOWNSHIP

Command Staff



Chief Thomas J. Dellane



Captain Herman O. Pharo



Lieutenant James Vaughn



Lieutenant Jeffrey Ross



Lieutenant Allen Halliday

MISSION, VISION & VALUES

MISSION

It is the mission of the Stafford Township Police Department, a local law enforcement agency in southern Ocean County to protect and serve the public, residents, and visitors alike. In addition to providing general police protection, the Stafford Township Police Department is committed to excellence, respect for persons, and service.

VISION

Using the mission statement, character, and values as our guide, the Stafford Township Police Department will employ our collective technical, economic, and human resources to be the most progressive and effective police department in the State of New Jersey. Our focus will include the expansion and integration of appropriate services designed to meet the needs of a changing society. In addition, we will develop and collaborate in new and integrated services designed to meet the special needs of the community.

VALUES

- **Excellence** – We remain committed to measuring and achieving the highest possible levels of performance from ourselves and our organization while adhering to our moto SUPRA ULTRAQUE “*above and beyond*”.
- **Respect for Persons** – We treat each individual with respect and dignity and every effort is made to uphold and protect the individual and the public’s rights and freedoms.
- **Service** – We strive to provide personalized and caring services to the public every day.
- **Efficiency** – We commit our limited resources prudently in order that we can continue to make investments in our people, police headquarters equipment, and future growth.
- **Teamwork** – As a family of dedicated sworn police officers and civilian employees, we work together to foster teamwork, creativity, individual growth and expertise.
- **Integrity** – We keep and protect confidential information as part of our commitment to the highest standards of ethical conduct

A LITTLE APPRECIATION GOES A LONG WAY

Here are samplings of the messages received by the police department that recognize the efforts of our officers.

"I was pulled over by Ptl. Stanziano for a traffic violation. I want you to know that I never, ever met a patrol officer who exhibited the professionalism, courtesy and humor that Officer Stanziano did. He is a credit to your department, and to police work in general."

"I would like to commend three officers who responded to my Uncle's house this afternoon. Unfortunately, my father located his brother deceased and called 911. The officers responded quickly. Once in the home they acted with nothing but compassion and professionalism. In a climate with so much negativity towards our wonderful police officers, I want to commend the selfless acts of your exceptional officers."

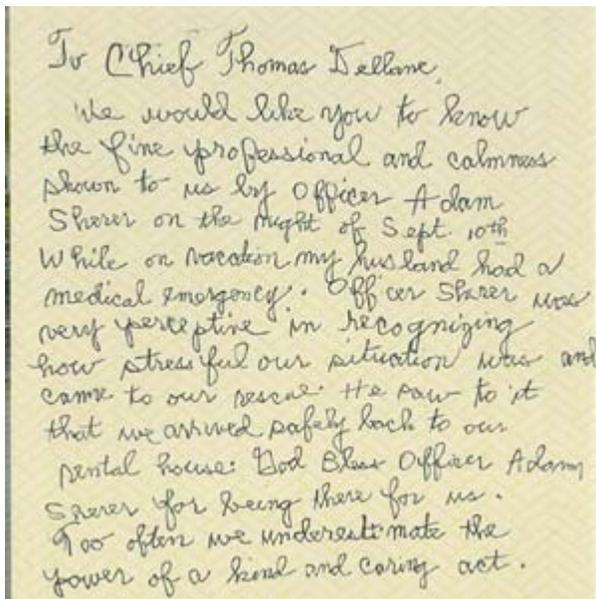
"Thank you to the Stafford Police Department for coming to Stafford Park for our annual BBQ. Your commitment to our residents is outstanding. We had many officers, too many to count, come and volunteer their time to play with the children of our community. Your devotion to developing lasting relationships with the people living in town is remarkable."

6/22/17
Dear Sir:
I would like to express my gratitude to Officer Vincent and the dispatcher on duty on June 15, 2017.
My husband who has dementia, left the house at 3pm and when it got dark, I realized there was a problem.
When I called the Stafford Police Dept, the dispatcher was insistent that I come in or have someone come to the house, to file a report, and she was able to convince me to do so.
I thank Officer Vincent for going above and beyond.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

"On June 5, 2017 my husband passed away. I called 911 and the first arrivals to my home were Officers Griffin and Smithman and they were wonderful. EMS and other officers also arrived. I can't say enough about the kindness and compassion that Officers Griffin and Smithman displayed during this emotional time for our family."

"April 14, I had an accident in the K-Mart parking lot. I hit the gas instead of the Brake. Officer Kunder responded – he was most courteous, professional, and very calm toward me, which helped the nervousness ease. It was a pleasure meeting him, a fine perfect gentleman & a police officer. He made Stafford Police Dept. proud."



To Chief Thomas Bellone,
We would like you to know the fine professional and calmness shown to us by Officer Adam Sporer on the night of Sept. 10th while on vacation my husband had a medical emergency. Officer Sporer was very perceptive in recognizing how stressful our situation was and came to our rescue. He saw to it that we arrived safely back to our rental house. God bless Officer Adam Sporer for being there for us. Too often we underestimate the power of a kind and caring act.



"Your Officer, Chis Smith, deserves credit. My wife had her tire destroyed while crossing the Manahawkin Bridge. She knew she shouldn't stop on the bridge so she managed to make it over the main span. Chris Smith stopped to see if she was ok. He helped me change the tire. As I was on the ground jacking the car, he moved his squad car behind us to protect us from oncoming traffic. Though my wife was pretty rattled over the whole thing he helped to calm her down and made sure she was safe. A big thanks to your guys and Chris Smith."

On August 3, 2017 my son, Jason had a horrific incident of hallucinations because he was without his medication for 2 weeks. At the time, my husband and I were unaware that he was without his meds so we didn't understand what was happening. He began talking fast and not making any sense at all. It wasn't until he became physically out of control that we realized we needed to call the police for assistance to get him to the hospital for help.

There were five officers that showed up that morning at about 9am to my home, no flashing lights or sirens which we were forever grateful for this kindness. I was in tears over the gentle and kind way that your five officers handled him. My son is a very large and tall man in his 30's and because of the crazy way he was acting from his condition they could very well have thrown him to the ground and handcuffed him. But instead they all talked him very calmly into letting them put handcuffs on him by explaining that was their sergeants rule that anyone who rides in their cars must wear them. They then calmly walked him to the car and brought him to the hospital. Where I hear they had quite a struggle with him.

I was amazed how very well trained our Stafford police department is. I would like to thank you and the five officers, as well as their sergeant, who came to my house for all their help and the kindness that they showed. I wish I knew their names because they should be commended for their great service.

Please let them and all the officers on the Stafford Police force know how much the people of our community appreciate them putting themselves in harm's way and all that they do to protect us.

Great Job Chief Dellane.



Stafford Police Department

2017 Service Awards



Police Officer of the Year:

Awarded to an officer who demonstrates a quality work ethic, high degree of professionalism, motivation, dedication, and integrity thus enhancing the police image and who distinguishes themselves within the law enforcement community.



(Patrolman Marc Poulosky)



(Patrolman Joseph Luna)

Rick Drappi Award:

Presented to a sworn police officer who has shown unselfish dedication, pride, and concern for others. The award is named in honor of Patrolman Henry (Rick) Drappi who lost his life in a motor vehicle accident in 1978.

Life Saving Award:

Presented to sworn and/or non-sworn individuals for performing an act, through prompt and decisive action, under extraordinary circumstances, that saves or significantly prolongs the life of another.



(Patrolman Adam Sherer)

Police Excellence Award:

Presented to employees who demonstrate valuable police service or accomplishment demonstrating special initiative, faithfulness, perseverance, skill, or capability.



(Captain Herman Pharo)

Medal of Good Conduct:

Presented to employees that have unblemished police service. These medals are awarded incrementally for consecutive five-year periods without a serious disciplinary infraction.

Officer	Years of Unblemished Service
Chief Dellane	30 Years
Clerk Crapanzano	20 Years
Lt. Ross	15 Years
Sgt. Allikmaa	15 Years
Clerk DeMarco	15 Years
Clerk Ollwerther	10 years
Dispatcher Henderson	10 Years
Dispatcher Dunfee	10 Years
Chaplain Davis	5 Years
Chaplain Schafer	5 Years
Patrolman Kunder	5 Years
Patrolman Oler	5 Years
Patrolman Griffin	5 Years

PATROL DIVISION



The Patrol Division encompasses the majority of the sworn personnel employed by the Stafford Township Police Department. These officers are the first responders to all emergencies and calls for service. Additionally, they conduct initial investigations into all criminal activity, provide patrol services that address quality of life issues, handle traffic related activities including selective enforcement, and security checks of commercial and residential properties. The Patrol Division uses vehicle stops proactively, conducting numerous vehicle contacts for motorist safety, suspicious circumstances, and traffic violations. These stops led to warnings, citations, arrests, seizures of illegal drugs, recovery of stolen property, interruption of crimes, and apprehension of wanted individuals. Every traffic stop increases the Patrol Division's visibility and serves to deter aggressive driving and criminal activity. When the citizens of Stafford Township require assistance, the Patrol Divisions is focused on service with compassion, integrity, and professionalism.

The Patrol Division is headed by a Lieutenant who oversees all patrol officers, the traffic unit, and the K-9 unit.

Patrol Statistics:

Patrol	2017
Calls for service	31,858
Traffic Stops	14,300
Motor Vehicle Summonses	4,908
Arrests	857
DWI Arrests	81

K-9 UNIT

The Stafford Township Police Department K9 unit consists of two K9 teams. K9 Ollie, a 7-year-old Belgian Malinois and is partnered with Patrolman Christopher Smith and K9 Raven, a 3-year-old Dutch Shepherd who is partnered with Patrolman Donald Haines. Our K9 teams are primarily responsible for assisting the patrol unit with narcotics searches, tracking suspects who commit criminal acts, and locating missing persons. Additionally, our K9 teams actively train with and support the Ocean County Regional Swat Team during the execution of search warrants.



(Patrolman Chris Smith and Ollie)

Notable finds:

5/3/17 K9 Ollie indicated to narcotic odor from the trunk of a vehicle which led to the driver's arrest for distribution of marijuana.

7/9/17 K9 Ollie located 30 bags of heroin hidden in a door speaker of a vehicle while assisting the narcotics unit.

10/7/17 K9 Ollie located a watch of significant value that was lost by a resident.

Throughout the year, the K9 unit actively promotes community policing. They provide K9 demonstrations for DARE day, citizen's police academy, youth police academy, and other demonstrations. The unit also assists surrounding agencies in presenting K-9 demonstrations. Our K9's are social and enjoy interacting with community members.



(DARE Day demonstration 2017)



(K-9 Ollie)

TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT



INTRODUCTION

The following is a compilation of activities and services of the Traffic Safety Unit for the calendar year of 2017. This report will involve a detailed comparison regarding motor vehicle crashes and various factors for 2017 in comparison with the prior three years.

MEMBERS

The Traffic Unit presently is assigned one primary Officer and one backup officer. The primary officer manages the daily operation of the Unit and is the primary investigator for serious collisions. The backup officer assists as needed. The traffic safety officers have extensive training in the field of crash investigation, work zone safety, traffic engineering, and are members of the Ocean County Fatal Accident Support Team.

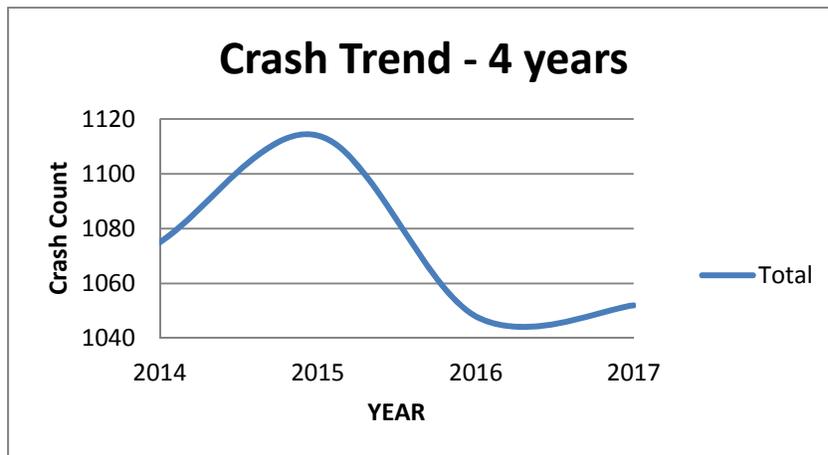
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS

In the 2017 calendar year, the reportable collisions taken by this agency totaled 1,052 crashes.

Out of the 1,052 collisions reported, the breakdown of type is as follows:

CRASH TYPE	
Non-Injury	788
Hit & Run	153
Fatal	1
Injury	110

Comparing the crash trend over the past several years is a standard measure when evaluating certain roadway factors or possible engineering changes. A look of the crash trend between 2014 – 2017 shows a decline and is most likely attributed to aggressive traffic enforcement, training, and participating in funded grant periods.



DISTRACTED DRIVING

This grant opportunity was the first time Stafford Township has been selected to participate as a funded agency. The results are as follows from a period between April 1 – 21:

You Text, You Drive, You Pay	
Cell Phone	31
Other	54
Arrests	2
Total Stops	210
Total Hours	56

DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER – LABOR DAY CRACKDOWN

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over - Labor Day Crackdown	
DUI	3
Other	40
Arrests	1
Total Stops	155
Total Hours	72

DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER – END OF YEAR (NON-FUNDED)

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over – End of year	
DUI	8
Other	159

ENGINEERING / CITIZEN REQUESTS

ENGINEERING

Throughout the year, several agencies, including but not limited to, Ocean County Department of Engineering and NJ Department of Transportation request information from the Traffic Unit in determining roadway changes or speed reductions.

The Traffic Unit assists with data information, crash statistics, and speed surveys in requested areas.

PLANNING BOARD

Communication between the Traffic Unit and the Planning Board is maintained. The purpose is to review upcoming projects specific to traffic control and provide any input regarding traffic flow or safety.

CITIZEN REQUESTS

All traffic related issues come through the Traffic Bureau and are reviewed and followed up. A variety of items are utilized to address complaints by conducting traffic surveys, targeted enforcement details and the use of digital signboards equipped with radar and data gathering capabilities.

In the calendar year 2017, the Traffic Safety Unit received over 200 requests for speed reductions, surveys, sign requests, and engineering changes.

The Stafford Township Police Department has three certified child passenger safety technicians. Stafford Township Police assisted with several Child Safety Events teaching parents and caregivers

proper seat installation and best practices. Each event can range from 20 – 50 families contacted. Additionally, the unit conducts car seat inspections on an as requested basis.

MOTORCYCLE UNIT

The Traffic Unit also supervises the Motorcycle Unit. Presently there are five full time members assigned. The responsibilities range from patrol, parades, escorts, funerals and community policing activities.

TRAINING AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

In order to maintain required certifications and expertise the Traffic Safety Unit attended several conferences sponsored by the NJ Highway Traffic Safety Administration, NJ Association of Accredited Accident Reconstructionists and the National Association of Accident Reconstructionists.

Each seminar focuses on a variety of topics ranging from live collision demonstrations to better understand dynamics in high-speed collisions, occupant kinematics, aerial photography and many other methodologies utilized in crash reconstruction.

This year the Traffic Bureau researched and deployed the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) by obtaining Certificates of Authorization from the FAA.

As of this report, we are the only agency to utilize UAV technology for collision mapping in the Ocean County area.

In closing, the Traffic Bureau continues to be an extremely busy portion of the Police Department and will continue to thrive by continued development and training.

TRAINING UNIT

The mission of the Training Unit is to ensure all members of this agency receive the highest level of training and professional development. Proper training provides the members of this agency the skills to be properly prepared to provide exceptional police service to our community.

The Training Bureau scheduled 12,372 hours of training and instruction for the calendar year of 2017. 10,465 hours of training was provided and 1,907 hours of instruction was administered within the agency, to our schools, community organizations, and the Ocean County Police Academy.

The Training Bureau coordinates various types of training for the agency, which include mandatory, recommended, command, and discretionary training. Mandated training includes firearms requalification (handgun & patrol rifle), vehicular pursuit, use of force, sexual harassment, domestic violence, mental health, active shooter, K-9, SWAT, and Sniper.

Our Command Staff received 1,792 hours of specialized command and leadership training. This included Captain Herman Pharo graduating from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Lieutenant James Vaughn and Sergeant Olev Allikmaa completed the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) Command and Leadership Academy. Eighteen of our senior patrol officers successfully completed the NJSACOP Frontline Supervisor Program.

In addition to the supervision training that our senior patrol officers attended, the Stafford Township Police Department implemented a program designed to provide the non-supervisory officer with a voluntary and challenging career development plan through which he or she can obtain professional distinction. Officers that meet the necessary requirements are designated Master Police Officers and permitted to wear the corporal insignia on their uniforms. This program's purpose is to acknowledge the officers that consistently perform at an elevated level. Master Police Officers are expected to demonstrate exceptional job knowledge, emotional control, cultural and community sensitivity, and a willingness to accept responsibility for their own actions and the actions of those under their guidance. Twenty-four officers have achieved the distinction of Master Police Officer.

We provided over 3,500 hours of mandated training which included the following: firearms, use of force, vehicle pursuit, domestic violence, sexual harassment, first aid/CPR, blood borne pathogens, active shooter, On-Point/mental health, K-9, and SWAT/sniper. Mandatory training is governed by the State of New Jersey Attorney General in conjunction with Division of Criminal Justice and the Ocean County Prosecutors Office.

One of our Agency's primary objectives is to be one of the best-prepared and trained police departments in the state and this flourishes through our continual commitment to recommended and discretionary training. Over fifty different advanced specialized police training courses were attended in 2017.

COMMUNITY POLICING

The Stafford Township Police Department Community Policing Unit consists of all Community Relations, Crime Prevention, School Safety, and Youth programs. The goal of the Community Policing Unit is to proactively address the needs and concerns of Stafford residents, businesses, schools, religious organizations and civic/homeowner's associations. Through planning, facilitation and implementation of programs and initiatives that reach out to all of these facets of our community, we enable the ability to reduce crime and the fear of crime as we work together in our shared goal of enhancing the quality of life in Stafford Township.



Our Community Policing Unit strives to maintain a high level of involvement in our community, assisting with many community programs throughout the year such as large competitive endurance events (5ks, Triathlons, etc.), recreational sports leagues (youth sports), fundraising events, and community gatherings.

Community Policing programs in 2017 included our Youth Police Academy, National Night Out, On-POINT, Blue HART, Special Needs Registry, Cops & Kids, DARE, #NotEvenOnce, presentations to schools grades K-12, presentations to community groups, and Bike Patrols.

Youth Police Academy

The 2017 Youth Police Academy was held the week of July 26- July 30. Twenty-five Cadets attended from Stafford Intermediate and Southern Regional Middle School. Our Youth Police Academy continues to draw out the best of the best from our school districts and continues to be a huge success with families and our school administrators. A key to our success is the excellent working relationship we have with our township's recreation department, who do much of the preparation leading up to that week and during the class. Topics of instruction included military drill, physical training, SWAT, K9, investigations, traffic, DWI enforcement, RADAR, and a visit to the N.J.S.P. Marine Unit as well as the US Coast Guard Station on LBI.



Blue HART – A law enforcement initiative to save lives

The Blue Hart (Heroin, Addiction, Recovery, and Treatment) program is a cooperative Law Enforcement Initiative to assist individuals with a substance abuse disorder. This program works directly with municipal police departments and treatment providers to assist Ocean County residents into treatment. Any person who voluntarily requests help with their addiction will receive screening to participate in the program.



Blue HART was implemented with the Stafford Police Department on May 23, 2017 and is available to the public on Tuesdays. Thirteen applicants were processed into treatment facilities in 2017 in Stafford.

On POINT

The On P.O.I.N.T. (Proactive Outreach In Needs and Treatment) program is a partnership between the police department and Ocean Mental Health Services to provide on-site social workers in the police department two days per week. The program was developed to address the high volume of mental health, substance abuse and social service related calls and incidents that utilize a considerable volume of police and emergency resources. Current research indicates police officers respond to calls for service from the same individual/family on multiple occasions. Police officers restore peace, but they are not sufficiently trained to address the underlying cause of behavioral and mental health issues, therefore, are often forced to respond multiple times to the same address for crisis incidents. On P.O.I.N.T. is an innovative program and assists in providing early intervention to individuals who may otherwise engage in the criminal justice system, and/or become consumers of acute and emergency services. The police department has access to social workers from the On P.O.I.N.T program two days per week, with clinical oversight and supervision. The On P.O.I.N.T. program's impact reduces the use of acute and emergency services through the implementation of police-initiated social work intervention, in turn creating a new community culture of health and well-being.

In 2017, there were 84 referrals made by patrol officers to On POINT. Program Objectives include:

- Ongoing Collaboration, training, education as well as needed support for police
- Reduction in the use of acute and emergency services
- Reduction in psychiatric and emergency room screenings via police transport
- Reduction in recurring crises that repeatedly absorb police and emergency resources
- On-going development of early intervention, pre-arrest and jail diversion programs
- Engaging community members to achieve stability and wellness

Special Needs Registry



The Stafford Township Special Needs Registry, a new program introduced in 2017, is for residents with special needs. This program was modeled after Monmouth County's Special Needs Registry. Stafford Township was the first municipality in Ocean County to implement this program. The registry is voluntary and free of charge. It is available to any resident with a special need that emergency responders should be aware of, including but not limited to, wheelchair-bound elderly residents; young children with autism; military veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD); insulin dependent diabetics or persons with severe allergies to bee stings.

The program is simple and easy to use. Once a resident completes the special needs questionnaire, the Police Department will flag the registrant's name and address in our Computer Aided Dispatch system. When a call is received from the address, police dispatchers will receive notification that a special needs person may be present at the home. The dispatchers will then inform the officer of special needs that may be present. Special Needs registrants are also provided with decals to affix to their homes and vehicles if they so desire. The presence of a decal on a vehicle will alert the police officer to the possible presence of a special needs registrant in the vehicle or in the home upon arriving at a scene.

The program is completely confidential, and residents can opt out at any time. The information provided to the Special Needs Registry is restricted to first responders with a need to be aware of the information.

Cops & Kids

In a partnership with Stafford Recreations' Municipal Alliance, Wal-Mart of Manahawkin, and the Walters Group, the Cops & Kids program was reinstated in 2017. This program focuses on developing a mentorship with our youth through encouraging recreational outside activities with members of our police department. Events were held at the Stafford Park Apartment Complex on 4/5/17, 6/14/17, and 9/27/17 this year. There were 50-100 children in attendance at each event.

National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.



National Night Out was held at the Manahawkin Lake Park on Tuesday August 1, 2017. This year was by far our most successful, with over 3500 attendees. Activities included live music, face painting, police demonstrations by K9 and SWAT, Stafford Police, Stafford Fire and Stafford EMS static vehicle displays, bounce houses, food trucks and

vendors. This was the first NNO that we collaborated with Stafford Recreation to assist in the logistics, and the partnership once again proved to be successful!

DARE

The Community Policing Unit is very proactive in all of our school districts, both public and private. The Stafford Township Police Department is proud to continue our partnership with DARE, which is an international leader in Drug Prevention School Based Programs for over four decades. The bulk of our DARE instruction is made to Grade 5 (400 students) at Stafford Intermediate, where DARE is embedded in the school's master scheduling as a Special (like music, art, etc.) each marking period. We are present at Stafford Intermediate every Tuesday and Thursday morning, from the first week of school to the last. We also bring DARE to the All Saints Regional Catholic School (45 students). The ten-week block of instruction focuses on decision making, which is a recurring aspect of each of the 10 lessons. The culmination of the DARE program is DARE Day, a celebration of the students' graduation from DARE and a day to consider positive role models in their lives, their schools, and their community.



In addition to the 5th grade DARE curriculum, presentations were made to grades K-12 on Halloween Safety, Bicycle Safety (including a Bike Rodeo at Ocean Acres Elementary for grades 1 & 2), Social Media & Internet Safety, Drug Prevention to Grades 7 & 8, DWI at SRHS, and Stranger Danger.

Project AWARE

Project Aware, a New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) State recognized award winning drug prevention program, is a collaborative effort by many in the Stafford Community. This not only includes the school staff and students, but community organizations and businesses. The community involvement includes Southern Ocean Medical Center, the emergency room staff at Southern Ocean Medical Center, the Stafford Municipal Alliance, Stafford Township First Aid Squad, and the Stafford Township Police Department. The students portray a story that can play out in today's world involving peer pressure, social media, drugs, alcohol, and death. Through role-play, a hospital field trip, and follow-up debriefing, the students experience the consequences of making bad choices and discover their power to make good choices.

Project Aware is presented in the spring to all sixth graders at Stafford Intermediate School and All Saints Regional Catholic School – approximately 400 students total. It is presented in small groups over several days and is then followed by an assembly with a presentation by Trish Horner. Ms. Horner shares her story of her son, Christopher, who was the typical active high school student and how he became an opiate addict and ultimately lost his battle with addiction.

Through the years, the party scene has been updated to include prescription drugs and most recently, the social media factor has been added to show how fast word can quickly spread and turn into a disaster. When writing the script for the party scene, the staff and students discuss what would be relevant to them. Students are surveyed after the Project Aware culminating assembly and the results are used to adjust the program for the following year.

Project Crash

The collaborative efforts here are comparative to those of Project AWARE, however this program involves the Southern Regional School District and targets grades 11 & 12. It is also held every other year. In 2017, the program was presented to approximately 800 students. The presentation sets the scene of Prom Night, DWI, and a traffic crash involving a fatality with students after the Prom. Students witness a dramatization conducted by the SRHS drama department and witness first-hand the devastation of a DWI related traffic crash, loss of life, and the subsequent fall-out.

#NotEvenOnce

In response to the growing opiate epidemic, the Stafford Township Police Department has successfully implemented a new interactive high school opiate awareness program entitled #NotEvenOnce. Instructed by police officers, this interactive course is a collaborative effort between law enforcement and educators with the goal of informing students about the dangers of opiates before they leave for college or enter the work force. This program, which meets all of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for health classes, is taught to students during their senior year of high school. The ultimate goal behind this program is to educate students about opiate abuse and give them the tools they need to make better decisions.



In 2017, #NotEvenOnce was instructed to half of the SRHS 12th grade – approximately 200 students.

School Resource Officer Program

Our SRO is responsible for the planning, facilitation and implementation of programs and initiatives that reach out to school administration, faculty, students, staff, parents, and community members. Our SROs' purpose is to reduce crime and the fear of crime in the school environment, investigate all crimes and police matters on school grounds, provide guidance, instruction, and response within and around the schools, and assisting school staff with maintaining a safe environment. Through long-term partnerships, we have successfully created a relationship with our school populations that is unrivaled by neighboring communities. Our SRO continues to work closely with school administrators during monthly security drills to ensure our school's staff, faculty, and students are prepared for emergency crises.

Bike Patrol

In 2017, our Bike Unit was reinstated as a functioning unit of Community Policing and Patrol. With the training of five new Bike Officers, patrols were assigned every weekend throughout the summer as well as to all large community gatherings and events. The unit's increased presence in our residential communities and at events was met with much community praise.

RECORDS BUREAU

The records bureau maintains records of all incidents and arrests documented by the Stafford Township Police Department. The unit is comprised of dedicated civilian employees who consistently maintain a high level of service to our internal and external customers and produce a high-quality product.

Records Bureau Responsibilities:

- Processing police-related data requests
- Processing employee and volunteer background checks
- Processing all criminal and civil discovery requests
- Gather all relevant reports and data for Open Public Records Act (OPRA) requests.
- Compiling monthly Statistics
- Document and submit all Uniform Crime Reports (UCR)

Stafford Township Police Department Crime Statistics (UCR)

Part 1 Crimes	2016	2017
Homicide	0	0
Rape	2	1
Robbery	2	2
Assault	56	64
Burglary	15	15
Larceny - Theft	174	192
MV Thefts	7	9
Arson	1	4
TOTAL	257	287

Calls for Service	2016	2017
Accidents - Traffic	1,202	1,177
Alarms	1,563	1,499
Criminal Mischief	173	154
Criminal Sexual Contact	5	5
Disorderly Conduct	325	370
Drug Incidents	174	195
Domestic Violence	262	282
DWI	106	81
Escorts	369	348
Forgery	4	4
Fraud	157	139
Harassment	185	215
Liquor Laws	2	0
Medical Assistance	2,012	2,041
Fire Calls	475	463
Missing Persons	38	46
Municipal Ordinance	23	25
School Crossing	18	11
Shoplifting	70	72
Stolen Property	4	5
Suspicious Auto	585	487
Suspicion Persons	470	429
Traffic Stops	16,139	14,300
Trespassing	70	65
Warrant Arrests	439	402

INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT

The Stafford Township Police Department Internal Affairs Unit accepts, reviews, and responds to all complaints against police officers received from the public or from within the organization. Citizen complaints may be made in person, by telephone, fax, internet, or through the mail. These include anonymous complaints, complaints from third party witnesses, juveniles and complaints from parties not directly involved in the incident from which an allegation arises. All allegations are carried to their logical conclusion by experienced and trained investigators.

The investigative process assesses the propriety of all on or off duty conduct during the incident in which the alleged misconduct occurred. If during the course of an investigation there is an indication that misconduct occurred other than that alleged the investigator examines the additional potential misconduct to its logical conclusion.

Disciplinary Process

In any given year, officers of the Stafford Township Police Department are involved in thousands of citizen contacts. Many are routine and many involve critical situations. The Internal Affairs Unit is tasked with handling complaints from the public regarding officer conduct, as well as rare allegations of criminal conduct by department members.

During 2017, no criminal charges were filed against an officer of the agency.

Allegations and Outcomes

All complaints are categorized based on the alleged offense. Upon the completion of the investigation, it is reviewed by the Chief of Police and is designated with one of the following dispositions:

1. Exonerated: The alleged incident did occur, but the actions of the officer were justified, legal and proper.
2. Sustained: The investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to prove the allegation, and the actions of the officer violated a provision of the agency's rules and regulations or procedures.
3. Not sustained: The investigation failed to disclose sufficient evidence to clearly prove or disprove the allegation.
4. Unfounded: The alleged incident did not occur.

Internal Affairs Allegations/Dispositions (2016)

	Sustained	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Administratively Closed	Total
Excessive Force	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Entry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Criminal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Differential Treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Demeanor	0	2	1	0	2	5
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Rule Violation	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	0	3	1	0	2	6

Internal Affairs Allegations/Dispositions (2017)

	Sustained	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Administratively Closed	Total
Excessive Force	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Entry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Criminal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Differential Treatment	0	0	0	1	0	1
Demeanor	0	1	0	0	0	1
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Rule Violation	3	1	1	0	0	0
Total	3	2	1	1	0	7

SERVICES DIVISION

SERVICES/DETECTIVE BUREAU

The services division's primary function is to investigate crimes. The division investigates all adult, juvenile, and narcotic related crimes. In addition to general investigative detectives, the unit comprises two full-time, one part-time narcotics detectives, and one Identification Officer responsible for evidence collection and crime scene processing.

ADMINISTRATIVE

In 2017, the Division Commander in charge of the Services/Detective Bureau was Lieutenant James Vaughn. The Detective Sergeant was David Johnson. The general Detectives were Detective Levi McVey, Detective Drew Smith, and Detective Stephen Fessler. The property/evidence Detective was Chris Mulch and the clerk/typist was Linda Speck.

GENERAL

The general Detectives handle a variety of offenses. Each Detective also has specialized training to develop further expertise in the areas such as Arson, Sex Crimes, Computer Crimes, Fraud, Homicide, Financial Crimes, Interviewing, Crimes against Persons as well as Crimes against Property.

CASE ASSIGNMENTS/SOLVING RATE

Throughout 2017, the Detectives were assigned 155 cases in addition to the daily assistance provided to the Patrol Officers. Of the 155 cases, 146 cases were investigated. The clearance rate of cases for the general assignment Detectives in 2017 was 53%. Cases that are considered cleared are cases that were either solved or solved but no charges were issued.

FIREARMS

In addition to the aforementioned cases, the Detective Bureau also handles all of the firearms investigations. In 2017, the Firearms unit processed 867 firearms identification cards and permits to purchase. This is a slight decrease compared to 2016, when 1,178 firearms identification cards and permits to purchase were processed.

DETECTIVE BUREAU SECRETARY

The Detective Bureau secretary compiles all of the necessary paperwork and types all of the Juvenile Complaints. She assists Detectives by setting up appointments for Megan's law registrants. She is in charge of annual applications for all of the towing companies as well as all of the vendors and second hand dealers.

IDENTIFICATION OFFICER

Detective Mulch handled 640 cases or events where evidence or property was handled/processed/submitted/destroyed or returned. He also processed 915 pounds of unused medications that were collected and destroyed.

INVESTIGATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

April 2017 - Detectives investigated incidents involving theft from vehicles in the Ocean Acres section of the township. During the course of the investigation, three suspects were identified. A search warrant was served at a residence in the Ocean Acres section of town. Stolen property and two stolen firearms were located during the searches. All three suspects were charged with multiple offenses including possession of a weapon by a convicted felon, possession of Heroin and drug paraphernalia.

May 2017 - Detectives assisted the Patrol Division in a case where subjects were located at the Dicks Sporting Goods store shoplifting and returning other items stolen from other Dick's stores. Two subjects from Brooklyn, New York were detained and a search warrant was obtained for their vehicle. Upon execution of the search warrant, it was found that these individuals had defrauded the Dick's stores for approximately \$13, 000.00 worth of merchandise in the previous four days. The subjects were arrested, charged, and transported to the Ocean County Jail.

June 2017 - Detectives investigated an incident that was reported to the Patrol Division as a Robbery that occurred at the Home Depot. The victim advised patrol officers that she was counting money in her vehicle when a black male opened up her car door and snatched the cash out of her hand. The male entered a silver vehicle with Pennsylvania tags driven by a black female and they left the parking lot. The victim further advised that she followed the vehicle traveling east on Route 72 then made an illegal U-turn at Mill Creek road and then traveled westbound. She claimed she then called 911 at this point but by the time she was connected to Stafford Township, the vehicle had continued on Route 72 westbound and was out of our jurisdiction. During the course of our investigation, multiple video surveillance footages were obtained. The footage on the vehicle did not match with the victims statements. It was clear that the victim and the unknown black male were known to each other. They appeared to be conducting an illegal narcotics transaction while sitting in her vehicle. The victim/defendant refused to come to headquarters to assist during the entire investigation. After reviewing all of the surveillance footage, she was charged with false reports to Police, improper use of 911, and unsworn falsification.

September 2017 - Detectives investigated an incident in which the McKinley Avenue Convenience store was burglarized. The investigation revealed that a male subject smashed the glass in the entrance door to gain access. Once inside, the subject stole a large quantity of items. The subject left the store and broke several windows in the Villaggio restaurant. He then attempted to start two fires on the side and rear of the restaurant. Upon reviewing the surveillance footage, the owner of the store recognized the actor from earlier in the day. He was seen in the company of another male that the owner recognized that lived in the Cedar Run Apartments. Upon arrival to the apartments, a male fitting the description of the actor was stopped and detained. After confirming the male was the same person in the surveillance, he was placed under arrest. The male was transported back to police headquarters

where he was charged and lodged in the Ocean County Jail.

September 2017 - Detectives investigated an incident that was reported to Patrol as a theft of clothing from multiple donation bins. The victim reported that multiple bins that he owns had the contents stolen on multiple occasions. On this particular night, the defendants stole items from one of the bins located in a different jurisdiction in which a tracking device had been placed.

The victim forewarned our agency that the defendants were most likely traveling to the bins located in Stafford Township. As the vehicle approached and started to remove the clothing, they were stopped and placed under arrest. Once back at headquarters, the defendants were interviewed using a language interpreter. Upon conclusion, they were both charged with possession of stolen property.

November 2017 - Detectives investigated an incident in which a vehicle was reported stolen from Causeway Ford. The vehicle in question was a used vehicle that was stolen from the detailing area and fictitious tags were placed on the SUV. During the investigation, Detectives learned that the vehicle was being used in the Atlantic City area. The vehicle was observed in the parking lot of the Golden Nugget. The vehicle was recovered and one male suspect was arrested and charged with theft.

November 2017 - Detectives investigated the theft of a boat, motor, and trailer stolen from the Hance and Smythe boat yard. The defendant hooked up to the boat trailer utilizing a pickup truck and stole the boat. The motor along with some of the electronics that were on the boat were located on a different boat in Little Egg Harbor. A suspect was arrested and interviewed, at which time he confessed to the crime.

MEGAN'S LAW

Offender Registration

Megan's law provides for a central registry of sex offenders and a community notification procedure that requires county prosecutors to place offenders into one of three categories based on the risk of re-offense by the offender. Those categories are as follows:

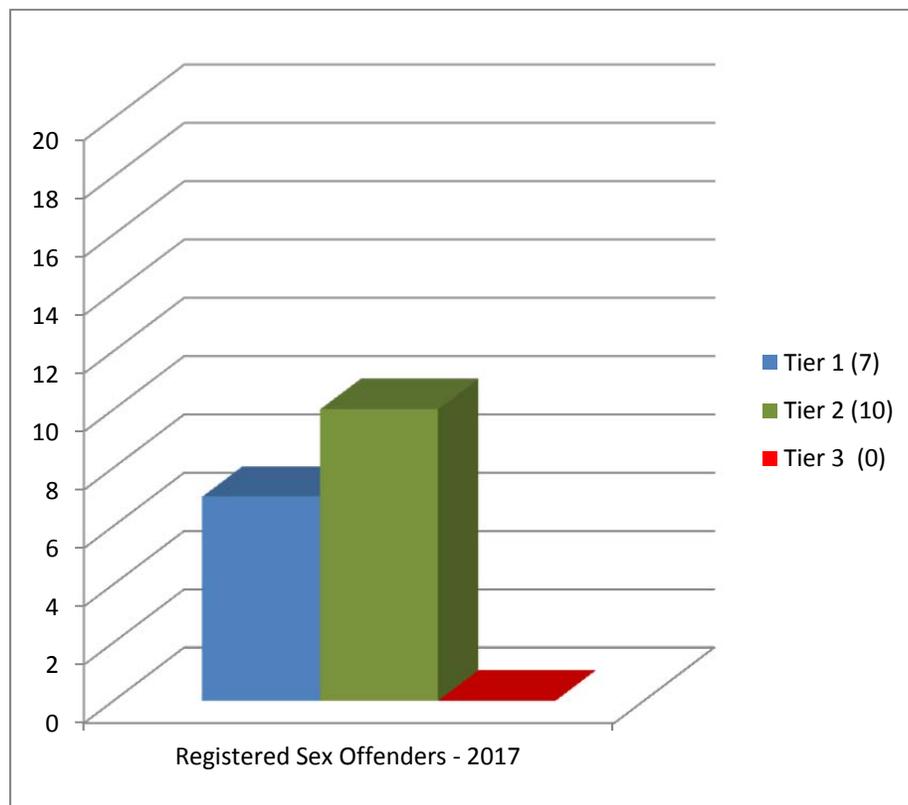
Tier 1 is used when determined that the risk of re-offense is low. Notification is to law enforcement personnel only.

Tier 2 is used when determined that the risk of re-offense is moderate. Notification is to law enforcement agencies, community organizations, agencies, and groups that have registered with the county prosecutor's office. All local educational institutions, licensed day care centers, and summer camps that are likely to encounter the offender are notified.

Tier 3 is used when determined that the risk of re-offense is high. In addition to the notifications in Tier 2, members of the public who are likely to encounter the offender are also notified.

In accordance with the ocean County Prosecutor’s Office, the Detective Bureau of the Stafford Township Police Department follows the firm guidelines for registration of Megan’s Law violators. It is the Detective Bureau’s obligation to fingerprint, photograph, track, and maintain meticulous files on these offenders. The Detective Bureau conducts random inspections on Megan’s Law offenders to ensure no violations are being committed. This information is regularly reported to the Ocean County Prosecutor’s Office. The Detective Bureau also utilizes the offender watch website that includes documentation of offenders from other municipalities in addition to offenders in our town.

The Detective Bureau of the Stafford Township Police Department processed registrations for thirty-one sex offenders in 2017. Over the course of the year, the actual number of registrants being tracked fluctuates. This is due to sex offenders moving, committing a criminal offense, being incarcerated or dying. As of December 31, 2017, there are seventeen sex offenders being tracked by the Stafford Township Police Department. Of the registrants being tracked at the end of 2017, seven are Tier 1, and ten are Tier 2. We do not currently have any registrants in Tier 3.



DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT

The Stafford Township Drug Enforcement Unit is comprised of experienced law enforcement professionals with expertise in narcotics investigations. The purpose of the Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) is to be a proactive narcotic detection unit with the specific goal of investigating and arresting individuals for the acts of possession and or distribution of Controlled Dangerous Substances in Stafford Township. The DEU is committed to reducing the flow of narcotics as well as arresting and successfully prosecuting violators using such methods as surveillance, concerned citizen complaints, anonymous tips, confidential informants, and undercover operations.

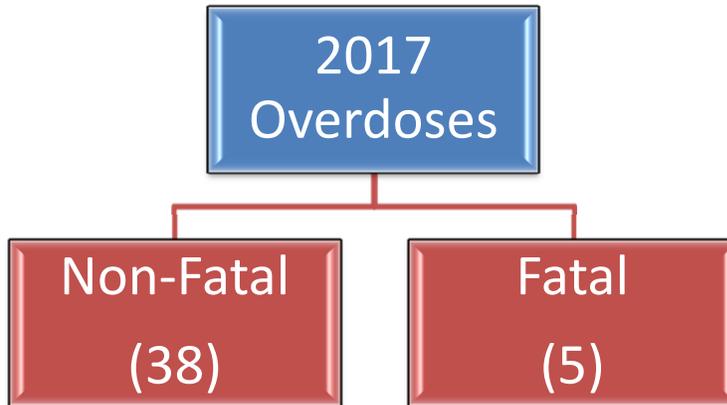
These Detectives have extensive specialized training and experience in all aspects of narcotic investigation. The duties of DEU investigators include advanced surveillances, investigative techniques, interview, and interrogation of suspects, affidavit and search warrant preparation as well as confidential informant development and usage.

The Stafford Township Drug Enforcement Unit responsibilities include:

- Narcotics related investigations.
- Preparation and execution of affidavits and search warrants
- The detection, identification, and arrest of person(s) involved in the use or sale of narcotics.
- Seizure and forfeiture of assets derived from illicit drug traffic.
- Develop and maintain an intelligence database of, but not limited to, narcotic information.
- Provide assistance to patrol on any investigative matters requiring specialized knowledge of narcotics
- Confidential Informant development and maintenance
- Investigation of all fatal and non-fatal drug overdoses
- Identification of gang members and their activity

CASE DEVELOPMENT

During the calendar year of 2017, the Drug Enforcement Unit developed over sixty cases. The cases were the result of anonymous tips, concerned citizen complaints, proactive surveillance, confidential informants, information gleaned from other cases, as well as information from other police agencies. The Patrol Division of the Stafford Township Police Department is essential in providing information and suspects to the Drug Unit. All the cases were investigated to their logical conclusion resulting in arrests, documentation of targets and furthering the database for information, which can be used later. Narcotic related investigations are extremely time consuming because of the complexity and the involvement of multiple suspects. Often times, these investigations involve multiple agencies because of the nature of narcotic distribution. It is common for investigations to last several months and require forty to fifty hours of investigation and surveillance.



<u>2017</u>	<u>Non-Fatal</u>	<u>Fatal</u>
January	4	0
February	2	0
March	4	0
April	4	0
May	3	0
June	2	0
July	3	1
August	3	1
September	3	0
October	3	0
November	3	0
December	4	3

The calendar year 2017 saw the Stafford Township Police Department respond to 43 reported drug overdoses. Through quick decisive action, the lives of 38 people were saved using Naloxone.

SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED IN 2017

The Drug Enforcement Unit conducted investigations that resulted in 71 narcotic related arrests and 143 narcotic related charges. The arrests and charges ranged from possession of narcotics to possession with intent to distribute narcotics. The severity of the charges ranged from first-degree crimes that are punishable by up to thirty years in prison to disorderly person's offenses, which most often are punishable by a fine.

SURVEILLANCE

Surveillance is a large part of the Drug Unit's function. Tips and anonymous information received cannot be relied upon on face value. The information must be corroborated in order to be substantiated and unbiased. Most investigations in their infancy start out as a tip or neighborhood complaint. Various surveillance techniques are often employed. In 2017, the Drug Enforcement Unit conducted several hundred hours of covert surveillance. These surveillances ranged from suspected drug deals to neighborhood vandalism. A typical surveillance can range anywhere from two hours to ten hours.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

Confidential informants are the lifeblood of any successful drug enforcement unit. At any given time, the drug unit is cultivating numerous informants. The informants are documented, debriefed, and utilized to gather additional intelligence pertaining to ongoing investigations. Concerned citizens frequently call the Drug Unit to provide valuable information on CDS related cases, thefts and anonymous tips. Many times tips from anonymous sources and concerned citizens contribute to the Drug Unit's overall success. The Drug Unit strives to follow up all information that pertains to CDS activity no matter how insignificant it may seem at the time and we view the trust and help of the public as an invaluable source of information. Confidential and anonymous tips can be made by calling (609)597-1189 ext. 8477

SEARCH WARRANTS

2017 saw the drug unit participate in the development and execution of twenty-six search warrants to seize narcotics and other illegal contraband. All search warrants were executed professionally and without incident and resulted in the seizure of several vehicles and over \$22,000 in currency.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

In addition to the previously mentioned activities, the Stafford Township Drug Enforcement Unit provided investigative assistance to the following agencies:

- The Ocean County Special Operations Group
- The Barnegat Township Police Department
- The Little Egg Harbor Township Police Department

- The Ocean Township Police Department
- The Toms River Police Department
- The Galloway Police Department
- The Pleasantville Police Department
- The Atlantic City Drug Task Force
- The Atlantic City Prosecutor's Office

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Stafford Township Drug Enforcement Unit will continue to be vigilant, effecting arrests, building cases and reducing the flow of drug traffic in our community.

It is our goal to eradicate narcotic activity in Stafford Township. Search and seizure case law is constantly changing and today's narcotics detectives must maintain a working knowledge of evolving case law and be able to quickly adapt to changing scenarios.

Drug dealers know no boundaries. The Drug Enforcement Unit recognizes this fact and frequently conducts cooperative investigations with surrounding police agencies.







S.T.P.D ANNUAL REPORT 2017

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- Facebook
- Nixle
- My PD
- Instagram

