

FALLS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

2022 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 23, 2023



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GOALS OF CHANGE

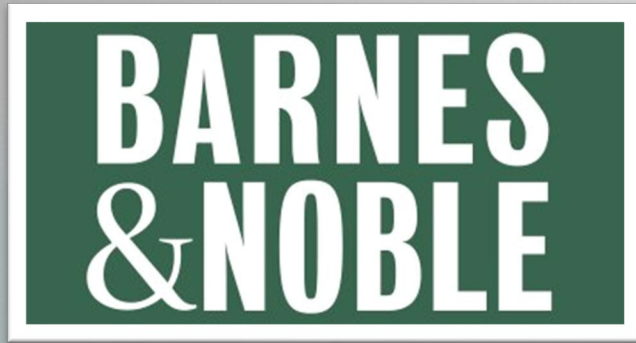
To improve the work environment for all officers and to increase the quality of the service provided to the citizens of Falls Township.



YEAR REVIEW

EVENTS

COFFEE WITH A COP



Barns & Noble

October 21, 2022



Keystone Bagel

December 2, 2022



Falls Senior Center

January 13, 2023

FALLS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



SHREDDING EVENT

FALLS TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY, NO BUSINESSES



SAVE *the* DATE



DRUG TAKE BACK SHREDDER EVENT

On April 30th and October 29th, we held our shredding and drug take back events.

DRIVE SAFELY

In line with the township's memorial marker program launched in Fall 2021, to honor victims of fatal crashes, two families joined Chief Nelson Whitney, representatives from Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Nova and the Bucks County District Attorney's Office to place memorial markers at the places where their loved ones died.

Louis DeMartino lost his son, Joseph Michael DeMartino, on June 27, 2019, to a DUI-impaired driver, at North Oxford Valley Road and Devon Road, in Fairless Hills. Robert Bissinger lost his brother, Steven C. Bissinger, on August 14, 1982, to a DUI-impaired driver, in the area of 323 Lincoln Highway, in Fairless Hills.

Families interested in having a memorial marker placed to recognize a loved one should contact Sgt. Christopher Clark at c.clark@fallstwppd.com or stop by the police department's records department.



OPERATION HIGH-FIVE OPERATION HANDSHAKE

In 2022 Chief Whitney launched Operation High-Five and Operation Handshake where he and other Falls Township officers greet local school students and businesses with high fives and words of encouragement.





HAAS SAFETY ALERT SYSTEM AWARD

On February 25th, Falls Township Police Department received a Recognition Award for implementing innovative technology to help improve the safety and risk to employees and help optimize the operations with the implementation of the HAAS Safety Alert System.

Chief Whitney, along with members of Falls Finest were presented the award and luncheon by Mike Pacana from Delaware Valley Trust. This program was funded by Waste Management who was also on hand to present the Chief with their donation.

FAMILY SERVICE EMERGENCY HOMELESS SHELTER BENEFIT

In April Chief Whitney attended the Family Service Emergency Homeless Shelter Benefit at the River House at Odette's. The event raised upwards of \$250,000, which is among the highest totals in history.





CONGRESSMAN BRIAN FITZPATRICK

On April 14th, we were incredibly humbled to have had Chief Nelson Whitney, II, Sergeant Christopher Clark, Police Officer Dean Stecklair, and the Falls Township Police Department honored by US 1st District Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick, with US Flags flown over the United States Capitol in recognition of our commitment to helping the people of Ukraine through Operation Urgent Aid.



YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

Detective Sergeant Michael Callahan and Officer Brian Fisher directed the 2022 Falls Township Youth Police Academy, along with instructors Sergeant Timothy Reeves, Officer Jonathan Caesar, Officer Francisco Olmeda and Officer Dan Matkowski. The Academy was brought together with help from many other Falls Township officers and detectives, other local law enforcement and medical agencies, military branches and businesses.

WALKING WHILE BLACK

We were honored to be a part of the Walking While Black, Love is the Answer mural located at the Falls Township Community Park!

This collaboration brought forth the creative energy and ideas from talented artists, Pennsbury School District High School students, and members and stakeholders of the Township and County.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication and coordination provided by The Bucks County Peace Center, the Falls Township Board of Supervisors, Falls Township Parks & Recreation, the Bucks County Commissioners, and Bucks County District Attorney, Matthew Weintraub.

We look forward to the coming years where our mural, with the pledge, "LEARN about people in your community, OPEN your heart to their needs, VOLUNTEER yourself to be part of the solution in their life, EMPOWER others to do the same," will inspire change and stimulate thought and conversation resulting in a better, more inclusive tomorrow for all.



ALEX MANN



On October 1st, we had the pleasure of meeting with Alex Mann, a 22-year-old adult diagnosed with autism. Alex has spent the past 3.5 years traveling to police departments to not only show his support, but also to teach officers and support staff how to better interact with people on the Autism spectrum, just like Alex. We were humbled and honored to be the 241st police department Alex has visited.



PENNSBURY HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA NIGHT

In October, Chief Whitney presented information on topics of, To Post or Not to Post, Social Media & the Law, texting lingo parents need to know, how to talk to your kids about technology and keep them safe online, and helpful tools on how to monitor your child's social networks at Pennsbury's Social Media Awareness Night.



Color Me Mine

On Saturday, September 9th, Chief Whitney, along with Officers, Tomcho, Szamboti and Matkowski, joined local citizens at Color Me Mine in the Oxford Valley Mall to paint pumpkins.





NAACP

On Saturday, October 29th, Chief Whitney attended the 71st Annual Freedom Fund Banquet held by the Bucks County NAACP Branch 2253. During the event, NAACP Branch President Karen Downer invited Chief Whitney to introduce Shakima Landsmark, the recipient of a Falls Township Certificate of Recognition for her perseverance in the pursuit of justice and an outstanding example of self-advocacy.

Shakima went on to tell the audience her remarkable story which illustrated how very meaningful the concept of justice delayed is justice denied.

DONATIONS TO UKRAINE

The Falls Township Police Department is serving as a 24/7 donation drop-off site for much-needed supplies to Ukraine. Police officer Dean Steckclair, who has family in Ukraine, was the driving force behind the effort, which includes loading a plane with donated goods and sending it to the war-stricken country.

During an event, Chief Nelson Whitney said his department collected ballistic vests, boots, clothing and medical supplies.

Donations from multiple states, agencies, counties and citizens brought in:

- 250 vests
- 75 Helmets
- thousands and thousands of medical aid and humanitarian supplies



WASTE MANAGEMENT DONATION

On Friday, October 14, Chief Whitney met with Waste Management Director of Public Affairs, Judy Archibald and District Manager, Bob Jones, as he received an incredible donation of fifty thousand dollars, earmarked for The Bullet Bunker, a powerful containment system that not only stops bullets but keeps shooters, and the environment around them, safe from ricochet and debris.



PCCD GRANT

In December we were awarded a PCCD Grant for retention and recruitment efforts. As a result, eligible officers will receive a one-time retention bonus of \$1,200.00 and we will hire a consultant to assist with recruiting focusing on diversity.



EMPLOYEE UPDATES

FAREWELLS, PROMOTIONS AND RETIREMENTS



FAREWELL!

In March, Administrative Assistant Gina Seiler left to take a similar position with the Malvern Borough Police Department.

In November, CRS Laura Craig left Family Service Association to take a similar position in Philadelphia.

PROMOTION

On August 16th Officer Ronald MacPherson was promoted to Detective. Congratulations Detective MacPherson!





Corporal Gerard Piasecki
38 Years of Service



Officer Bruce Rhodunda
34 Years of Service



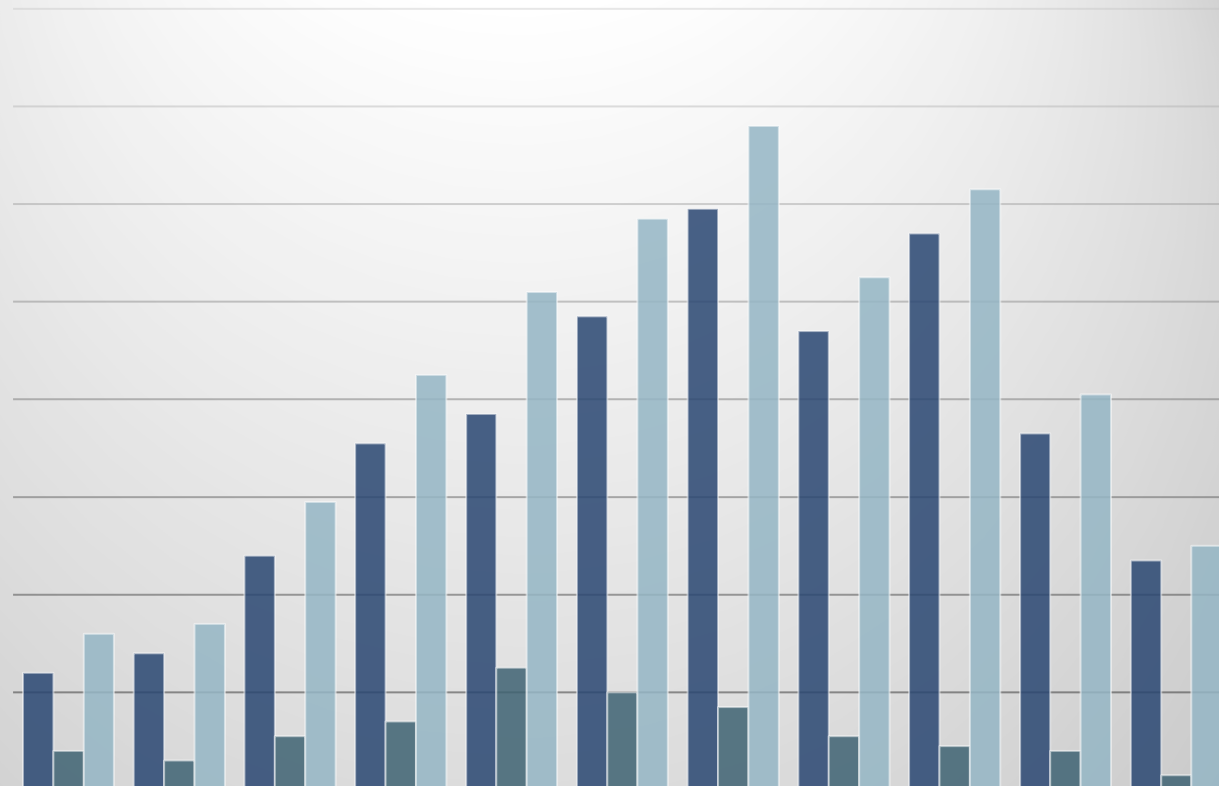
Corporal Victoria Crosier
25 Years of Service

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT!

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

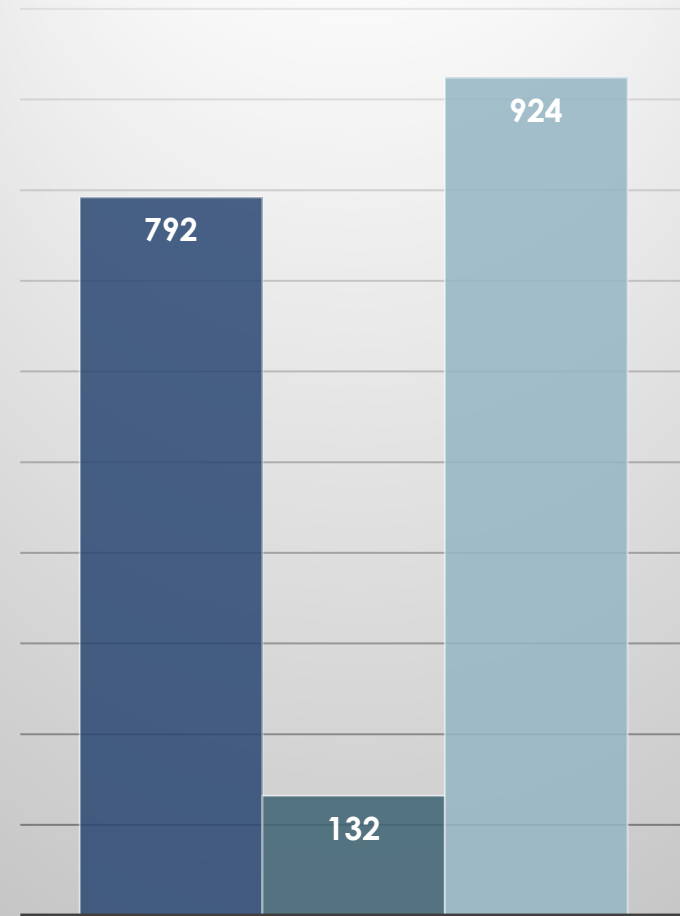
YEAR END STATS

DRUG OVERDOSES



	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
■ Non-Fatal	24	28	48	71	77	97	119	94	114	73	47
■ Fatal	8	6	11	14	25	20	17	11	9	8	3
■ Total	32	34	59	85	102	117	136	105	123	81	50

■ Non-Fatal ■ Fatal ■ Total



OVER ALL TOTALS

■ Non-Fatal ■ Fatal ■ Total

YEAR END STATS

