

**UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP**  
**Committees Meeting Agenda**  
**September 28, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

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**Public Health & Safety Committee Members:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Charles M. Whiting, Commissioner R. Samuel Valenza, Commissioner Nicholas O. Scull; Township Staff Members/Representatives: Police Chief Andrew Block, Captain John Fugelo and Assistant Chief Ken Davidson, Second Alarmers Association & Rescue Squad and Fire Chief Chuck Jones, Jr. of the Willow Grove Volunteer Fire Company

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Approval of Minutes – July 20, 2020 (attachment)**

**IV. Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports for July and August 2020:**

- A. Police Department Memorandum and Monthly Report by Chief Andy Block (attachment)
- B. Department of Emergency Services by Captain John Fugelo/Chris Strange (attachment)
- C. Second Alarmers Association & Rescue Squad by Assistant Chief Ken Davidson
- D. Willow Grove Volunteer Fire Company by Chief Chuck Jones, Jr.

**V. Old Business**

**VI. New Business:**

- A. Discussion led by Chief Block on considering amending Upper Moreland Township’s Towing Ordinance

**VII. Other Items:**

- A. COVID-19 Update

**VIII. Visitor Comments**

**IX. Commissioner Comments**

**X. Adjournment**

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**Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting**

**Public Health & Safety Committee Members:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Charles M. Whiting, Commissioner R. Samuel Valenza, Commissioner Nicolas O. Scull, Andy Block, Chief of Police, John Fugelo, Captain/Emergency Services/Fire Marshall, Kenneth E. Davidson, Assistant Chief of Operations & Administration at Second Alarmer's Rescue Squad

- I. **Call to order:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Whiting called the meeting to order via audio conference call following adjournment of the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Whiting, Commissioners Valenza and Scull; Also present: Chief Block, Chief Davidson, Fire Chief Chuck Jones, Jr. Absent: Captain Fugelo. Also present: Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager, and Alex Baumler, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Approval of Minutes - June 22, 2020 -** The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.
- IV. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports:**
  - A. Police Department – Memorandum and Monthly Report - Chief Block reviewed statistics and discussed reminders.
    - Commissioner Whiting announced that there will be a ceremonial swearing in of Chief Block to his position at the August 3, 2020 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting.
  - B. Department of Emergency Services - Nothing to report.
  - C. Second Alarmer's Association and Rescue Squad - Chief Davidson provided the following updates:
    - Calls resumed close to the normal volume prior to the COVID-19 crisis.
    - The Montgomery County Grant is adding \$2,000 to their initial allocation.
    - The Association was awarded the FEMA Assistance for Fire Fighters Grant Supplement in the amount of \$35,000 that will be used to purchase three AeroClave cleaning systems with hookups for all the vehicles.
    - Applications were submitted to PA Department of Community & Economic Development for select essential workers who will receive hazard pay.
    - Local officials and the public's support continue to be corresponded for House Bill 1347.
    - Rapid testing for healthcare providers is being established.
  - D. Willow Grove Volunteer Fire Company by Chief Chuck Jones, Jr.:
    - Volunteers are essential and anyone interested in dedicating their time can send an email to: [becomeamember@wgvfc.org](mailto:becomeamember@wgvfc.org).
    - Candle safety tips include:
      - Blow out candles before leaving a room or going to bed; keep one foot away from anything that can burn; use sturdy holders that won't tip over; place on uncluttered surface areas; keep away from hair and clothing; blow out candles before they get close to the bottom; never burn around oxygen tanks being used in the house; use battery operated lighting whenever there is a power outage.

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V. **Old Business:**

A. **Upper Moreland Township's Municipal and Police Building Assessment Report:**

- Mr. Candland stated that a capital plan will be prepared with recommendations, which will be discussed in an Executive Session by the Board of Commissioners prior to approval.

VI. **New Business:**

A. **Discussion on Upper Moreland Township's Fireworks Ordinance:**

- Chief Block discussed reasons to create the ordinance and Mr. Baumler explained language in the in the draft.
- The Committee directed the Township Solicitor to draft an ordinance (based on the West Norriton Township model) and advertise as required, for action by the Board of Commissioners at the September 14, 2020 Regular Meeting.

VII. **Other Items** - Nothing to report.

VIII. **Visitor Comments** - Nothing to report.

IX. **Commissioner Comments:**

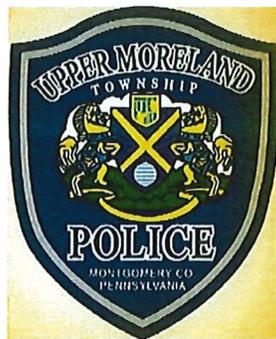
- Chief Block wished Commissioner Whiting a happy birthday.
- Commissioner Whiting reminded everyone to stay safe by wearing seatbelts and face masks.
- Commissioner Whiting stated that the August 17, 2020 Public Health & Safety Committee meeting is canceled.

X. **Adjournment:** There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.

**UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Monthly Report



August 2020

Andrew J. Block  
Chief of Police

**Upper Moreland Police  
August 2020 Monthly Report**

The Upper Moreland Police Department responded to 1,247 call for service for the month of August 2020. The total calls for service for the year as of August 31, 2020 is 9,191.

While the COVID-19 restrictions remain in place the police department's calls for service continue to rise. The police department's call volume is down 1% when compared to August of 2019. Total call volume, compared year-to-date with August 2019, remains down at 7.5%. We believe that we will see a significant increase in the month of September with vacations completed and some schools returning to in-class instruction.

The following Part-One Crimes were reported and investigated by Upper Moreland Police in August;

- Two Burglaries
- 28 Theft Investigations with five cleared by arrest
- One reported theft of an automobile.

The following Part-Two crimes were reported to Upper Moreland Police in August;

- 12 narcotics incidents cleared by arrest
- One Public Intoxication cleared by arrest
- 37 other crimes committed with clearance by arrest
- Six DUI Investigations

The Patrol Division conducted the following traffic activity and enforcement;

- 397 Vehicle Investigations
- 104 Hazardous Traffic Violations
- 88 Non-Hazardous Traffic Violations

The Traffic Unit conducted the following investigations, activities, and studies;

- 78 Calls for Service
- 14 Traffic and Parking Problems
- Six Citizen Concerns
- One Traffic Studies
- One Directed Patrols
- 59 Traffic Stops
- 51 Warnings Issued
- Five Hazardous Moving Violations Issued
- 22 Non-Hazardous Moving Violations Issued
- Zero Parking Tickets Issued
- Zero Parking Warnings Issued
- Six Arrests
- Five MCSAP Inspections

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Detective Bureau/CID

The Detective Bureau opened 32 new cases in the month of August investigating the following crimes:

- Two Sexual Assaults
- One Robbery
- Two Aggravated Assault
- Two Burglaries
- One Auto Theft
- 18 Theft Investigations
- Seven Narcotics Investigations

There is a rise in some of Part One Crimes. This is due in part to COVID-19 and related stay-at-home orders during the first and second quarters of 2020. We have seen a rise in the follow Part One Crimes from August 2019 to August 2020:

- Auto Theft; Five (5) reported YTD in 2019 versus eight (8) reported YTD in 2020.

There is a reduction in the below listed crimes:

- Burglaries have decreased by 37% between August 2019 and August 2020 YTD.
- Thefts have decreased by 11% between August 2019 and August 2020 YTD.



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**Andrew J. Block**  
Chief of Police

**August 2020**

Major Service Areas	This Month – 8/2020		Last Month – 7/2020		Last Year – 8/2019		Year to Date 2020		Year to Date 2019	
	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests
Calls for Service	1247		1242		1262		9,191		9,824	
Average Response Time	3.630		3.480		3.942		3.699		4.079	
Reportable Vehicle Crashes	15		15		10		117		143	
Non-Reportable Vehicle Crashes	48		46		56		373		530	
Part One Crime	This Month – 8/2020		Last Month – 7/2020		Last Year – 8/2019		Year to Date 2020		Year to Date 2019	
Category	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	2	3	0
Robbery	0	0	1	1	1	0	7	6	5	5
Aggravated Assault	0	0	1	1	2	2	6	3	7	9
Burglary	2	0	2	0	2	0	9	0	13	2
Theft	28	5	23	2	36	13	208	71	230	79
Auto Theft	1	0	1	0	1	0	8	1	5	1
Order Maintenance	This Month – 8/2020		Last Month – 7/2020		Last Year – 8/2019		Year to Date 2020		Year to Date 2019	
Category	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests
Narcotics	12		8		7		53		55	
Public Intoxication	1		2		1		15		23	
Disorderly Conduct	0		0		1		10		7	
Other	37		26		34		144		209	
Proactive Measures	This Month – 8/2020		Last Month – 7/2020		Last Year – 8/2019		Year to Date 2020		Year to Date 2019	
Vehicle Investigations	397		277		432		2,099		3,271	
Hazardous Traffic Violations	104		22		83		390		593	
DUI Violations	6		2		11		33		43	
Non-Hazardous Traffic Violations	88		38		241		504		1,417	
Parking Violations Citations/Warnings	2/0		3/0		13/2		23/4		58/14	
									Warnings as of July 2016	

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## Community Oriented Policing Activities

The Upper Moreland Police Department participated in the following Community Oriented Policing Activities in the month of August 2020.

On August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Upper Moreland Police Officers were asked to provide a welcome home escort with the Willow Grove Fire Company for Army Specialist Veteran Tom Brown. Tom returned home on August 4<sup>th</sup> after serving overseas. Sergeant Pam Cordura's coordinated this escort. The following Upper Moreland Officers participated in this event, Sgt. Cordura, Ofc. Dickerson, Ofc. Staufenberg, Ofc. Kidd, Ofc. Davido Ofc. Magovern, Ofc. Kidd, Traffic Officer Misner, Lt. Troxel and Chief Block. Tom was escorted to his Upper Moreland residence by the police and fire department. We thank Tom Brown for his service to our community and country through his commitment with the United States Army.

On August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Sgt. Pete Ruddell's Squad conducted a drive by birthday parade for Mrs. Mueller's son who turned 5 years old. Mrs. Mueller was very appreciative of the police department providing the drive-by as COVID-19 prohibited her son from having an in-person birthday party.

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**Commendatory Letters**

The following commendatory letters and emails were received during the month of August:

Received on August 5, 2020 a thank you from Mrs. Mira Augustinov commending Officer Amanda Rossetti for her assistance.

## NOTES

Hi!

Thank you so very much!

Officer Amanda Rossetti

is caring, very kind beautiful lady. Take care of me in dark night for my emergency alarm, call my daughter how never came, ignore officer call, she left to others to help me.

"I wish officer Amanda is my daughter."

She came two times to check on me, give me my alarm she recharge for me, give me flashlight and make sure I am safe.

I love this "Lady"! God bless her and her family, they must be very proud of her. Upper Merrieland Police is always "First and the Best"!!!

Thank you officer Amanda so much!!!

I love you Mira Augustinos

## Commendatory Letters

Received on August 21, 2020 from Jack O'Neill General Council for IBEW Local 98 commending Detective Sergeant Kelly, Detective Gallagher, Officer Magovern, and Officer Bald in the recovery of a stolen iPad.

*Dear Detective Gallagher and Officer Magovern,*

*On behalf of the IBEW Local 98 family I wanted to extend our sincerest thanks for your excellent police work in the theft of Mark Lynch's iPad and other items.*

*As a prosecutor in Philadelphia for over ten years I recognize and greatly appreciate the dedication and professionalism you demonstrated this week in helping recover Mr. Lynch's property.*

*As you may know, Mr. Lynch is our safety manager and his ability to do his job is absolutely essential, not only to the over 4,000 members of IBEW Local 98, but also for the more than 42,000 members of the Philadelphia Building Trades Council who rely on him daily to stay safe on the job. Your great work will ensure that he will be able to continue to do so uninterrupted.*

*If there is any way that we can further assist in your investigation and prosecution of the matter or if there are any philanthropic efforts that you might want us involved in the future, please do not hesitate to tell us.*

*Thank you again!*

*Stay safe*

*Jack O'Neill*

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Received on August 23, 2020 from Kim Whiteman a thank you card recognizing Sergeant Pete Ruddell and Detective Vince Small for assisting Ms. Whiteman and her family with her disabled vehicle.

Aug. 9, 2020

In a year that just keeps bringing the hits, it was nice to have my faith in humanity renewed because of the generosity of spirit and caring acts of two officers.

Sgt. Ruddell and Officer Small gave up time and used

resources to assist stranded travelers having a really hard time getting back to NC.

The Pandemic (and the fact that we had 4 children with us) and our placement on the Side of I-95 conspired to



limit our transportation options, and after almost 2 hours in a 100' car, Sgt. Ruddell saved the day! Thank you for your diligence, your kindness, and for going the extra mile last week. We will always

remember you.

Kim Whitman  
Roxboro, NC



You have 2 bags of delicious nuts on the way from Great Nuts!



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On August 14<sup>th</sup> I sent the follow commendatory email to the police department recognizing the officers from Sergeant Pam Cordura's squad, traffic safety and detectives in a recent arrest.

***I want to recognize and commend SGT. Cordura and B-Squad along with TSO Sokolois, Detectives Smith and Small on the arrest of Kelsey Yarter and Shad Jimenez. It appears that Yarter is suspected of committing multiple thefts from Planet Fitness locker rooms and other fitness clubs throughout the region.***

***We see these types of thefts throughout the year on the crime sharing networks and they can be difficult to solve as the actors are elusive for law enforcement to identify. SGT. Cordura's squad with Officer John Magovern as the lead remained vigilant with this investigation in locating and identifying Yarter and Jimenez at our Best Buy after receiving information from Abington PD.***

***This is a significant investigation and arrest all due in part to your teamwork from patrol, to traffic, and detectives. A great example of everyone's efforts coming together and attaining tremendous results. I am sure that several other departments will now have the ability to clear some of their jobs and provide some closure for other victims all due to your great work! Thank you and have a great weekend.***

***Andrew J. Block  
Chief of Police  
Upper Moreland Police Department  
117 Park Avenue  
Willow Grove, PA 19090***

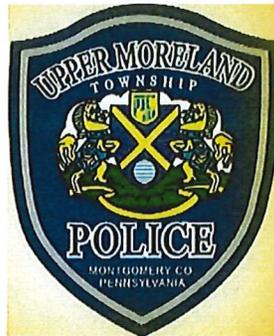
Respectfully Submitted,

***Andy Block***

Chief Andy Block

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POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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July 2020

Andrew J. Block  
Chief of Police

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The Upper Moreland Police Department responded to 1,242 call for service for the month of July 2020. The total calls for service for the year as of July 31, 2020 is 7,944.

While the COVID-19 restrictions remain in place the police department's calls for service continue rise. The police department's call volume is down 4% when compared to July of 2019. Total call volume, year-to-date, is down 7% again due to COVID-19.

The following Part-One Crimes were reported and investigated by Upper Moreland Police in July;

- One Sexual Assault
- One Robbery
- One Aggravated Assault which was cleared by arrest
- Two Burglaries
- 23 Theft Investigations with two cleared by arrest
- One reported theft of an automobile.

The following Part-Two crimes were reported to Upper Moreland Police in July;

- Eight narcotics incidents with five cleared by arrest
- Two Public Intoxications with one clearance
- 26 other crimes committed with 13 clearances
- Two DUI Investigations

The Patrol Division conducted the following traffic activity and enforcement;

- 277 vehicle investigations
- 22 Hazardous Traffic Violations
- 38 Non-Hazardous Traffic Violations

The Traffic Unit conducted the follow investigations, activities, and studies;

- 27 Calls for Service
- 21 Traffic and Parking Problems
- Five Citizen Concerns
- One Traffic Studies
- Two Directed Patrols
- 131 Traffic Stops
- 126 Warnings Issued
- Seven Hazardous Moving Violations Issued
- Eight Non-Hazardous Moving Violations Issued
- Zero Parking Tickets Issued
- Zero Parking Warnings Issued
- Two Arrests
- One MCSAP Inspection

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**Detective Bureau/CID**

The Detective Bureau open 28 new cases in the month of July investigating the following crimes:

- One Sexual Assault
- One Robbery
- One Aggravated Assault
- Two Burglaries
- One Auto Theft
- 14 Theft Investigations
- Eight Narcotics Investigations

There is a rise in some of Part One Crimes. This is due in part to COVID-19 and related stay-at-home orders during the first and second quarters of 2020. We have seen a rise in the follow Part One Crimes from July 2019 to July 2020:

- Sexual Assaults; Three (3) reported YTD in 2019 versus six (6) reported YTD in 2020.
- Robbery; Four (4) reported YTD in 2019 versus seven (7) reported YTD in 2020.
- Aggravated Assaults; Five (5) reported YTD in 2019 versus six (6) reported in 2020.
- Auto Theft; Four (4) reported YTD in 2019 versus seven (7) reported YTD in 2020.

There is a reduction in the below listed crimes:

- Burglaries have decreased by 36% between 2019 and 2020 YTD.
- Thefts have decreased by 7% between 2019 and 2020 YTD.



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**Andrew J. Block**  
Chief of Police

July 2020

Major Service Areas	This Month - 7/2020		Last Month - 6/2020		Last Year - 7/2019		Year to Date 2020		Year to Date 2019	
	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests
Calls for Service	1242		1182		1295		7,944		8,562	
Average Response Time	3,480		4,655		4,117		3,710		4,099	
Reportable Vehicle Crashes	15		21		17		102		133	
Non-Reportable Vehicle Crashes	46		49		77		325		474	
Part One Crime	This Month - 7/2020		Last Month - 6/2020		Last Year - 7/2019		Year to Date 2020		Year to Date 2019	
Category	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests	Reported	Arrests
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	3	0
Robbery	1	1	1	0	1	1	7	6	4	5
Aggravated Assault	1	1	0	0	1	1	6	3	5	7
Burglary	2	0	0	0	3	0	7	0	11	2
Theft	23	2	34	16	46	14	180	66	194	66
Auto Theft	1	0	0	0	1	0	7	1	4	1
Order Maintenance	This Month - 7/2020		Last Month - 6/2020		Last Year - 7/2019		Year to Date 2020		Year to Date 2019	
Category	Arrests		Arrests		Arrests		Arrests		Arrests	
Narcotics	8		5		2		41		48	
Public Intoxication	2		1		1		14		22	
Disorderly Conduct	0		1		1		10		6	
Other	26		13		23		107		175	
Proactive Measures	This Month - 7/2020		Last Month - 6/2020		Last Year - 7/2019		Year to Date 2020		Year to Date 2019	
Vehicle Investigations	277		63		409		1,702		2,839	
Hazardous Traffic Violations	22		9		72		286		510	
DUI Violations	2		5		4		27		32	
Non-Hazardous Traffic Violations	38		8		146		416		1,176	
Parking Violations Citations/Warnings	3/0		2/0		1/0		21/4		45/12	
									Warnings as of July 2016	

## Community Oriented Policing Activities

The Upper Moreland Police Department participated in the following Community Oriented Policing Activities in the month of July 2020.

On July 1, 2020 Upper Moreland Police Officers were asked to provide a welcome home escort with the Willow Grove Fire Company for Air Force Veteran Kevin Bleim. Kevin returned home on July 1<sup>st</sup> after serving overseas. Sergeant Pam Cordura's squad coordinated the escort. The following Upper Moreland Officers participated in this event, Sgt. Cordura, Ofc. Leahy, Ofc. Gershanick, Ofc. Magovern, Ofc. Kidd, Traffic Officer Misner, Det. Gallagher and Chief Block. Kevin was escorted to his Upper Moreland residence by the police and fire department. We thank Kevin Bleim for his service to our community and country through his commitment with the United States Air Force.

On July 8, 2020 members of Sgt. Peter Ruddell's squad participated in "Superheroes" week at the Willow Grove YMCA Camp. The officers conducted an Officer Friendly presentation to the campers. The officers displayed the police vehicles and SWAT equipment to 65 campers while social distancing and wearing the appropriate PPE. The presentation was well received by the campers. Officers Dickerson, Metheny, and Traffic Officer Misner provided the display and demonstrations with the equipment and vehicles.

On July 11, 2020 Officers John Magovern and Bill Gershanick participated in a drive-by-celebration for Commissioner Charles Whiting along with the Willow Grove Fire Company. This was in honor of Commissioner Whiting's birthday.

On July 28, 2020 Officer Layla Cruz, Traffic Officer Andrew Misner, and Chief Andy Block attended the Race for Peace Meet and Greet Event at the King of Prussia Mall in Upper Merion Township. The Race for Peace is a grass-roots not for profit organization of citizens and police departments throughout the 5-county region promoting the following:

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- Ending violence and bringing peace to all communities in our region and our country.
- Bringing peace and harmonious relations between Police and members of communities.
- Promoting excellence in training police officers.



Pictured above L to R; Officer Layla Cruz, Officer Andrew Misner, Chief Andy Block and Andrew Howell, Founder and CEO of Race for Peace attending the summer meet and greet promoting awareness to stop the violence at the King of Prussia Mall.

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Thank You Letters

The follow letters and emails were received by the Upper Moreland Police Department recognizing, thanking and commending officers for their response and service.

Received on July 1, 2020 Commending Officer Layla Cruz:

***Good Evening,***

***My name is Johanna Moreno and I reside on Fitzwatertown Road Willow Grove.***

***Last night at approximately 9:30 PM during the thunder storm a car accident occurred on our street where a man hit the electric pole and his car with him in it landed in the corner houses yard. My neighbor who is a firefighter and myself were the first on the scene to attend to the man. A female police officer was 3rd. Everything happened so quickly that before I could talk to her she was gone. I stood directly behind her as she comforted the young man. She was so tender, loving and gentle. I pray you are able to find out who she was and let her know I saw her and she is a HERO!!***

***Thank you to all of the UM Police Officers for all you do to keep us as safe as possible. You are loved and supported by many even if in today's world it doesn't seem so. You are brave and we see YOU!!***

Received on July 12, 2020 from township resident Shannon Geld;

***Good morning. I would just like to take a moment to pass along some positive feedback to you in regards to some recent interactions that we have had with some officers in your department. We have been getting harassed by our neighbors and both Officers Christopher Hens and Officer William Gershanick have been most helpful to us. Officer Hens has been available to speak with us and help to guide us through this unfortunate situation. His advice, and overall welcoming and considerate demeanor, has been greatly appreciated. Not long-ago Officer Gershanick had an extremely pleasant conversation with my husband, Lou, who then commented to me how impressed he was with the Upper Moreland police officer.***

***We have lived in the township for 20 years now and any time that we needed the assistance of the police department, they have always been there to give us such***

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***a high level of professionalism and customer service. We are so thankful that we have access to such a terrific organization and feel comforted knowing that our community is being protected by them. We send along a thank you to the officers, department as a whole, and to you for your leadership.***

***We would love to donate to the police department. Are you able to tell me how we go about doing this?***

***I look forward to hearing back. Thank you for your time and have a lovely day.***

***Shannon Geld***

Received on July 13, 2020 from Mrs. Patrice Gyza DeCesare thanking Officer Moffett for assisting her son who was involved in a motor vehicle crash.

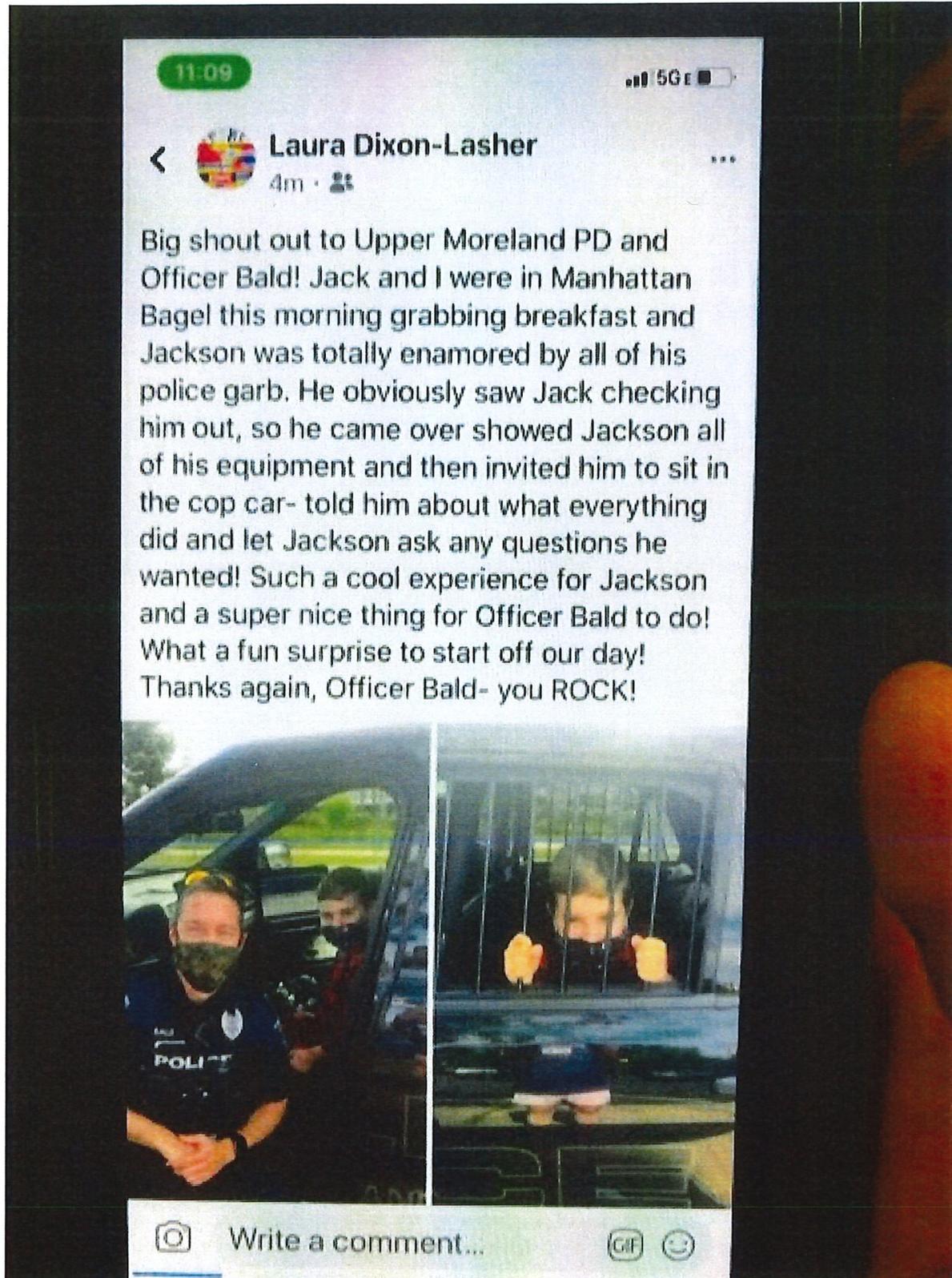
***To the Officer who helped my son tonight on Mason Mill Road (he has a daughter at Wood),***

***I just wanted to thank you for how kind and helpful you were tonight with my son. I know our country is in a bad place, but know that our family does and will continue to support our officers. He never had any experience with accidents or police so I do not think he knew what to expect when police pulled up. I could tell he was upset, scared and just sad. You took the time to check in on him numerous times and let him know it was going to be ok and that accidents happen. You made him smile and even laugh a few times. You took the time to get to know him so that he could feel more comfortable in a completely new situation. Your calmness and kind personality really helped him and I thank you for making it the type of experience that proves what a vital role officers play in our day to day living.***

***So, I just wanted to thank you. He is my oldest of 5, but always my baby. Having a child that drives is a new journey for us and it was a rough lesson that I know he learned tonight. I'm sure if you see him driving around the neighborhood again he will be the one driving a block behind the person in front of him. Thank you again for taking such amazing care of our son. Maybe I will see you around UM, or at a Wood soccer game. Thanks again for being awesome!***

Received on July 16, 2020 from Mrs. Lasher thanking Officer Bald for providing her son a tour of his police vehicle.

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Received on July 30, 2020 Commending Sergeant Pam Cordura, Officer William Gershanick and Traffic Officer Thomas Sokolis:

*This morning, our computer was acting strange, so my husband and I hopped in the car to run it "just down the street" to Classic Computers. Because Damian Drive is just up Davisville from Classic Computers, neither of us took our cell phones and I didn't even take my purse. We were just going to drop it off for Joe at Classic Computers to fix.*

*But as we approached the intersection of Terwood/Fitzwatertown and Davisville, an "Engine Fail" light came on. We were going to take the car immediately to our mechanic, but once we came to a stop at light, our car would not come back on. So, there we were: stuck at the intersection of Davisville and Fitzwatertown. So, I stayed with the car while my husband began walking back to our home on Damian Drive where he intended to call AAA to come get our car.*

*To make a long story short, we were helped by 4 members of Upper Moreland Township. Sadly, I didn't think to get any of their names, but I suspect they will remember helping us. The first person to stop was a really nice man in an Upper Moreland Parks and Recreation vehicle. After making sure that I was not in distress, he volunteered to drive up Davisville, pick up my husband and take him home. Shortly after he left, a really nice, young police officer stopped, and pulled her car behind my car with her lights on. Then another really nice, young police officer stopped. By this point, the Parks and Recreation guy had come back to say he had dropped off my husband. But as time passed and my husband had not yet returned, yet a third really nice middle-aged officer who had stopped, went to my house to make sure that my husband was all right.*

*I am so sorry that I didn't get any of their names, but all this happened shortly before 10:00 this morning (July 30, 2020) and I am pretty sure that if you ask any of the police who were on duty this morning, they will remember us. They were wonderful, the parks and recreation guy were wonderful, and I just want to let you know how grateful I am. Thank you so much.*

Submitted by Mrs. Mandy Gimmer, Damien Drive Hatboro Pa.

Upper Moreland Police  
July 2020 Monthly Report

**Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Reform Actions**

On July 14, 2020 Governor Tom Wolf signed two law enforcement reform bills, House Bill 1841 (Act 57 of 2020) and House Bill 1910 (Act 59 of 2020) into law. Below are general summaries of some key provisions of these new laws, which will have significant implications for police departments throughout the Commonwealth.

**Act 57** requires a law enforcement agency to disclose employment information of an applicant who is the subject of a background check by a prospective employing law enforcement agency. It also provides a mechanism for the prospective employing law enforcement agency to compel the release of this employment information should a former law enforcement agency refuse the disclosure request. The legislation also requires law enforcement agencies to maintain specific types of separation records (e.g., reasons for an officer's separation, criminal charges filed against an officer, civil or ethical complaints made against an officer and disposition records of all such charges and complaints) and report these separation records into a statewide electronic database maintained by the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission ("MPOETC") that will be accessible to all of the Commonwealth's law enforcement agencies. Act 57 includes some immunity protection for law enforcement agencies that make the requisite disclosures.

**Act 59** imposes some new training requirements on Municipal Police Officers MPOETC and law enforcement officers to maintain their MPOETC certifications. MPOETC's in-service training requirement will now include annual instruction in the use of force (including deadly force) and de-escalation and harm reduction techniques as well as biennial instruction in implicit bias, community and cultural awareness, and procedural justice and reconciliation techniques. MPOETC will also be required to provide police officers with training on child abuse recognition and the associated reporting obligations under Pennsylvania law as well as training in trauma informed care and how to recognize and interact with someone suffering from PTSD. Act 59 also requires law enforcement agencies to provide law enforcement officers with a mental health evaluation for PTSD from a licensed professional in certain situations as a condition of continued employment. If the evaluation concludes that symptoms of PTSD are present, the officer will be provided with treatment by a licensed physician. Act 59 also provides that an officer shall be assigned to administrative duty if he/she refuses a required PTSD evaluation or is diagnosed with experiencing symptoms of PTSD and hasn't been cleared for full duty by the treating physician.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Andy Block*

Chief Andy Block

# Department of Emergency Services

## August 2020 Report to the Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners

<b>Emergency Activity Summary</b>			
Response Summary			
	August	Year to Date	
Fire Related:	86	503	
In-Township:	68	333	
Assist Other Depts:	17	104	
Assist PA Turnpike:	1	20	
EMS Related:	0	162	
Total Responses:	86	665	
* Ignition Summary			
	August	Year to Date	
Non-Structure:	1	38	
Structure:	4	19	
Causes			
Accidental:	5	57	
Intentional:	0	0	
Natural:	0	0	
Under Investigation:	0	0	
* In Service Summary			
	August	Year to Date	
Fire:	5	57	
Rescue:	2	10	
Haz Mat:	1	1	
Structural Response Summary			
		6 a.m. - 6 p.m. Career	6 p.m. - 6 a.m. Vol.
Average Response Time:	4:29	4:44	9:01
Total Responses	44	222	42
		42	274

<b>Permit, Inspection, Fee &amp; Public Education Summary</b>			
Permit Summary			
	August	Year to Date	
Fire Code:	38	190	
Tank Removal:	0	11	
Tank Installation:	0	7	
Other:	1	7	
Inspection Summary			
	August	Year to Date	
Inspection Reports:	51	274	
Fire Marshal Investigations:	3	18	
Fee Summary			
	August	Year to Date	
Fees Collected:	\$2,480.00	\$14,360.00	
Public Education Summary			
	August	Year to Date	
Activities Conducted:	0	1	
Persons Attending:	0	130	
Safety Analysis			
	August	Year to Date	
Firefighter Injuries:	1	2	
Firefighter Deaths:	0	0	
Civilian Injuries:	0	0	
Civilian Deaths:	0	0	
Accidents Involving Vehicles:	0	0	

\* Includes Assist to Other Townships

# Department of Emergency Services

## July 2020 Report to the Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners

<b>Emergency Activity Summary</b>			
<b>Response Summary</b>			
	July	Year to Date	
Fire Related:	65	417	
In-Township:	45	265	
Assist Other Depts:	19	87	
Assist PA Turnpike:	1	19	
EMS Related:	0	162	
Total Responses:	65	579	
<b>* Ignition Summary</b>			
	July	Year to Date	
Non-Structure:	8	37	
Structure:	2	15	
<b>Causes</b>			
Accidental:	10	52	
Intentional:	0	0	
Natural:	0	0	
Under Investigation:	0	0	
<b>* In Service Summary</b>			
	July	Year to Date	
Fire:	10	52	
Rescue:	3	8	
Haz Mat:	0	0	
<b>Structural Response Summary</b>			
6 a.m. - 6 p.m. Career		6 p.m. - 6 a.m. Vol.	
	July	YTD	July YTD
Average Response Time:	4:33	4:46	8:34 9:34
Total Responses	27	178	31 232

<b>Permit, Inspection, Fee &amp; Public Education Summary</b>			
<b>Permit Summary</b>			
	July	Year to Date	
Fire Code:	16	152	
Tank Removal:	5	11	
Tank Installation:	4	7	
Other:	1	6	
<b>Inspection Summary</b>			
	July	Year to Date	
Inspection Reports:	70	223	
Fire Marshal Investigations:	0	15	
<b>Fee Summary</b>			
	July	Year to Date	
Fees Collected:	\$1,360.00	\$11,880.00	
<b>Public Education Summary</b>			
	July	Year to Date	
Activities Conducted:	1	1	
Persons Attending:	130	130	
<b>Safety Analysis</b>			
	July	Year to Date	
Firefighter Injuries:	0	1	
Firefighter Deaths:	0	0	
Civilian Injuries:	0	0	
Civilian Deaths:	0	0	
Accidents Involving Vehicles:	0	0	

\* Includes Assist to Other Townships