

# UPPER DARBY

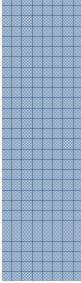
## Police Department



Two Thousand Fourteen Annual Report

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Embracing Challenges \* Affecting Change



# ***Upper Darby Police Department***

## **SERVING WITH HONOR AND INTEGRITY**



Upper Darby Police Honor Guard

Left to Right: Officer Lance Simpson, Officer Tom Hald, Officer Mike Scott, Sergeant Scott Lewis, Lieutenant James Reif

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Upper Darby Police Department 7236 West Chester Pike Upper Darby, PA 19082

Pictured on front cover Left to Right: Officer Laina Stevens, Officer Sean Webb, Sergeant Steve Oreskovich  
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## A message from the Superintendent...



As Superintendent of Police, it is my pleasure to present the Upper Darby Police Department 2014 Annual Report. This report provides information and statistics on reported offenses, our staffing and on the department budget. In addition to the facts and figures, the report provides highlights of the important work our men and women in blue do every day to serve and protect. I am honored to share the accomplishments of the Upper Darby Police Department with you.

Crime is a community problem and the challenges the law enforcement community faces are many. But challenges create opportunities. In 2014, the incidents in Ferguson, Missouri and New York City gave us pause; made us evaluate. As law enforcement professionals, we cannot be complacent in our endeavor to create opportunity from challenges such as these. Are we doing enough to promote understanding in the community we serve? Can we do more? It is our duty to find new and better ways to connect with our community, to improve the cultural competency of every staff member of our organization, to sharpen our negotiating skills and to enhance training in crisis intervention. The Upper Darby Police Department is committed to evaluating these issues and formulating action plans that will affect positive outcomes in 2015 and beyond.

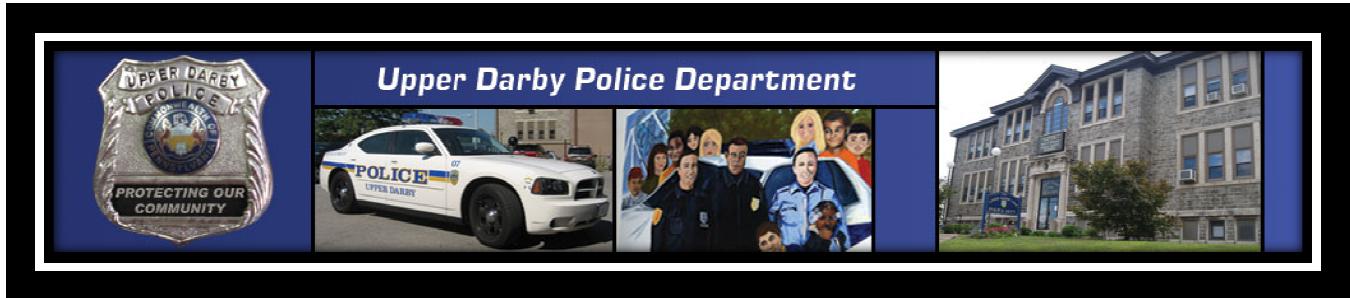
The Upper Darby Police Department has one focus, YOU- the citizens, business owners, government officials, students and children who make up this diverse place we call home, the Township of Upper Darby. Making our community safe for you is our highest priority. To that end, we supplement our police presence on the street with robust community programs like Breaking the Cycle - a program that provides victims assistance services, the Citizen's Police Academy, the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mentoring Program, and the department's social media campaign. In 2014, we added two community touch programs, Coffee with a Cop and Community Outreach calls. Coffee with a Cop is an informal but effective way to facilitate communication and understanding between our officers and the community we serve. As a way to follow up on service calls in the community, in November of 2014, our Department launched an outreach call program and to date, we have initiated over 150 follow up calls.

We want to hear from you. We welcome your feedback and we are open to your suggestions about how we can continue to build our community partnerships. You can call my office, stop by the station, send a tweet @UDPolice or friend us on Facebook and share your thoughts.

On behalf of the Upper Darby Police Department, I thank you for the opportunity to serve you and to uphold our mission of partnering with you to increase the quality of life for all citizens in the Township. We are committed to providing high quality services with honor and integrity.

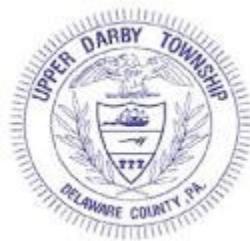
***Michael J. Chitwood***  
Superintendent of Police

# Mission Statement

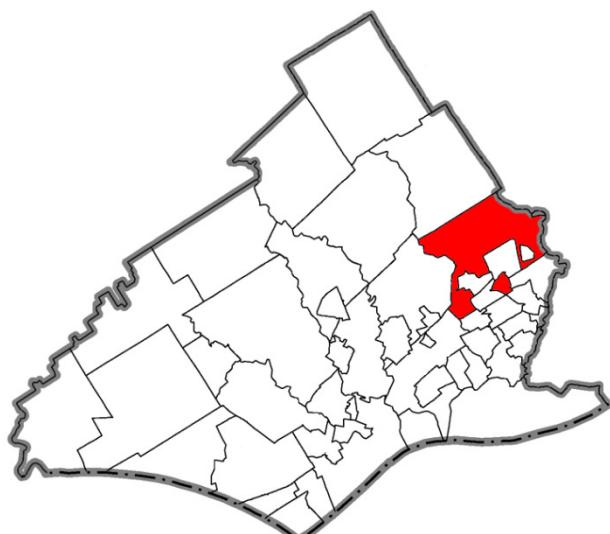


The mission of the Upper Darby Township Police Department is to partner with community members to increase the quality of life for all citizens in the Township. Through law enforcement, we will increase public safety thereby reducing the fear and incidence of crime. We will commit to providing high quality services with honor and integrity.

# Demographics



The Township of Upper Darby, located in Delaware County, Pennsylvania is the largest municipality in the County. Bordering on West Philadelphia, the Township is located approximately 3 miles from Center City, Philadelphia. It is 7.62 square miles and has a population of over 82,000. It is the sixth most densely populated municipality in Pennsylvania. Over 100 different ethnic cultures are represented in this ethnically diverse community.



## Upper Darby Township

Incorporated: 1736

Government: Mayor and Township Council

Mayor: Thomas N. Micozzie

# Mayor and Township Council



As a lifelong resident and Mayor of Upper Darby Township, I am committed to the community I so proudly call home and to the residents I serve. The safety of this community is one of my key priorities. The Upper Darby Police Department and I are partners in our shared vision of keeping Upper Darby a safe and vibrant community.

The men and women in blue that serve and protect the Township of Upper Darby are dedicated professionals who serve with honesty and integrity. The members of the Township Council and I commend each and every member of the Upper Darby Police Department for their professional service to the community.

***Mayor Thomas N. Micozzie***

## **Chief Administrative Officer**

Thomas Judge Jr.

## **Township Council**

Donald P. Bonnett

John B. Rankin, Jr.

Thomas P. Wagner

Mary Ann Crawford

Robert Gwin

Marah Manners

Sekela Coles

## **Council at Large**

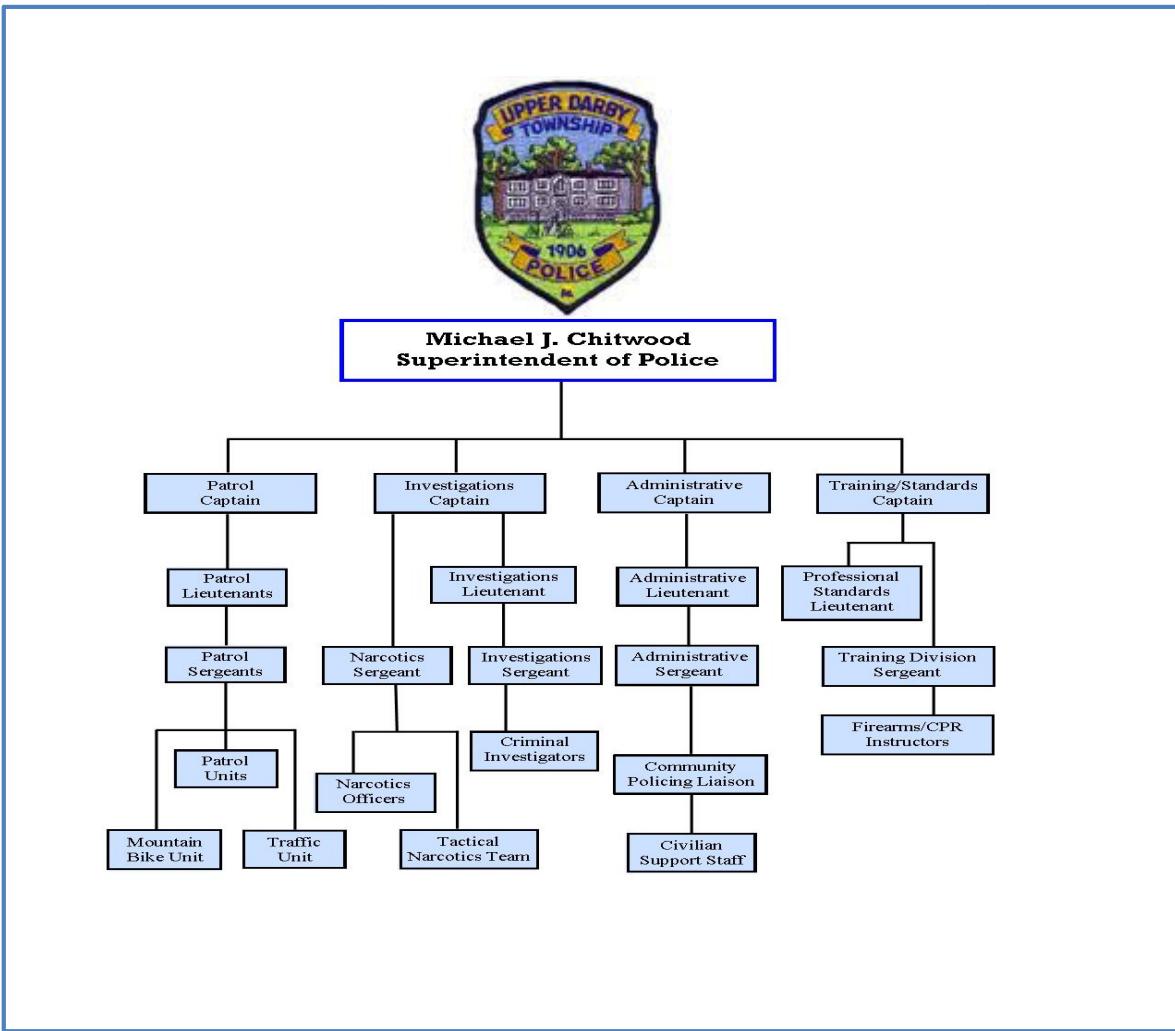
Jacob A Bierling Jr.

Barbarann Keffer

Edward E. Monaghan

James Santora

# Organizational Chart



## Staff:

- 133 Sworn Officers to include:
  - 1 Superintendent
  - 4 Captains
  - 7 Lieutenants
  - 11 Sergeants
  - 17 Criminal Investigators
  - 93 Uniform Patrol Officer
- 23 Civilian Employees to include administrative staff, maintenance, jailers

# Budget

The total budget for the Upper Darby Police Department for 2014 was \$26,566,067 which represents a 3.1% increase over the 2013 budget. Salaries, the largest component of the budget, represent 45% of the overall budget. Upper Darby Police Department utilizes state of the art technology. The department upgraded the computer systems and installed a new server during 2014. Capital improvements were also made to the police station during 2014.

**Total Budget: \$26,566,067**

Expenditures include:

- Salaries
- Overtime
- Drug enforcement
- Bullet proof vests
- Police equipment
- Computer maintenance & consulting
- Training
- Police vehicle purchases

The Upper Darby Police Department would like to thank the Upper Darby Township Council and the taxpayers for the financial support that allows us to serve and protect our community.

# Crime Statistics

Reducing crime is primary goal of the Upper Darby Police Department and represents a daily challenge. Over the last several years, we have made great strides in some key areas. According to the Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Reporting System, violent offenses reported to the Upper Darby Township Police Department decreased 29% from 2007 to 2014. Additionally, the percent of crimes cleared has also dramatically improved over the last three years.

## Key crime statistics for period of 2012 - 2014

### Homicide Investigations:

- 12 homicides investigated
- cleared over 83% of homicides versus national average of 65.2%

### Rape Investigations:

- 51 rapes investigated
- cleared 96% versus national average of 40.6%

### Robbery Investigations:

- 659 robberies investigated
- cleared 48.3% versus national average of 29.4%

### Burglary Investigations:

- 744 burglaries investigated
- cleared 29% versus national average of 13.1%

# UDPD @ Work



# Community Connections

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mentoring Program** is designed to foster a better understanding among students of the nature of police work, to encourage an open line of communication with the police department and to build a relationship of mutual trust and respect. The program helps establish a personal relationship with officers so that the students view police officers as a friend and a resource. The mentoring program is designed to foster decision-making skills so that students can deal with issues that arise with peers in and out of the classroom.



**Community Outreach Calls** were implemented in December 2014 to help the department assess community response to our calls for service. UDPD made over 100 calls within the first month of the pilot program. Feedback from Community members was positive and the pilot program will continue to expand during 2015.



**Coffee with a Cop**, a nationally recognized community outreach program started by Hawthorne Police Department, Hawthorne, CA, was launched in Upper Darby in March 2014. This is an informal way of gathering with community members to build relationships and fosters understanding between our officers and the community we serve.



**Citizen's Police Academy** is a seven week program designed to allow community members an opportunity to develop a better understanding of law enforcement. The course includes an overview of the criminal justice system, patrol tactics, crime scene investigation and a K-9 demonstration. To date, over 160 residents have completed the program.

## BUILDING TRUST WITH OUR COMMUNITY ONE CUP AT A TIME



# Social Media

The Upper Darby Police Department began utilizing social media as an information sharing tool in 2012. Social media creates a forum for increased communication between community and law enforcement. UDPD has over 8,000 followers on Twitter and 13,000 likes on Facebook.

Posts on Twitter and Facebook include:

- community events
- news and traffic alerts
- crime alerts
- missing person alerts

Stay connected with the Upper Darby Police Department. Follow us on Twitter and find us on Facebook.



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**twitter**

@UDPolice



Find us on:  
**facebook.**®

[www.facebook.com/Upper-Darby -Police-Department](http://www.facebook.com/Upper-Darby -Police-Department)

Pls RT! Looking to track down the owner(s) of these stolen items. Call Det Ray Blohm at 610-734-7693 if u have info

Reply to Upper Darby Police

Timelines Notifications Messages Me

Ofs Colella & Donohue collaborating on an investigation w/ Dets Bennett and Silberstein

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Officer Brian Geider with his 5th Grade mentoring class at

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# 2014 Commendations

## Bravery

Captain Anthony Paparo  
Officer Joseph Mazzone  
Officer John Millison  
Officer Michael Scott  
Officer Lance Simpson

## Lifesaving

Officer James Taylor

## Commendations of Merit

Lieutenant Thomas Sharp - Officer Christopher Karr - Officer Michael Taylor  
Criminal Investigator Dustin Clark  
Criminal Investigator Leo Hanshaw - Criminal Investigator Phillip Lydon  
Criminal Investigator Matthew Rowles - Criminal Investigator William Sminkey  
Officer Steven Russo and K-9 Nick  
Officer William Campbell  
Officer Michael Crispin  
Officer Stephen Cristinzio  
Officer William Cuddhy  
Officer Michael DeHoratius  
Officer Randy Desrosiers - Officer Francis Devine  
Officer James Fagan - Officer Charles Peterson  
Officer James Fiore  
Officer Brian Gieder - Officer James Hoback - Officer Andrew Morris - Officer Laina Stevens  
Officer Matthew Martino  
Officer Joseph Mazzone  
Officer Kevin O'Gara - Officer Samuel Ziviello  
Officer David Ostien  
Officer Samuel Sproull

## Law Enforcement

Sergeant Justin DiMedio – West Goshen Police Department  
Detective David McDonald – Delaware County Criminal Investigations Division

## Administrative Award

Sergeant Louie Panagoplos  
Officer Shannon Duke

## Citizen Award

Brian Gallagher  
Joe Perezi  
David Serratore  
Raymond Desameau and Dr. George Rodriguez

# 2014 Commendations

## Unit Citations

**La Catina:** Sergeant Daniel Lanni, Sergeant Anthony Vaughn, Criminal Investigator Raymond Blohm, Criminal Investigator Francis George, Criminal Investigator Michael Pecko, Criminal Investigator Matthew Rowles, Officer Michael DeHoratius, Officer Randy Desrosiers, Officer Joseph Dougherty, Officer Michael Givens, Officer Frank Guille, Officer Matthew Martino, Officer Jonathan Resinski

**Coverly & Marshall Roads:** Captain Anthony Paparo, Captain Thomas Johnson, Sergeant Amanda Pombo, Criminal Investigator Thomas Fitzpatrick, Criminal Investigator William Sminkey, Officer Anthony Capodanno, Officer Francis Devine, Officer John Donohue, Officer Craig Harlow, Officer Christopher Karr, Officer Matthew Lynch, Officer Lance Simpson, Officer Samuel Sproull, Officer Jeffrey Thrash

**Clover Lane:** Lieutenant Louis Tomasetti, Sergeant Stephen Oreskovich, Criminal Investigator Kevin Dinan, Criminal Investigator Francis George, Criminal Investigator Michael Pecko, Officer Eric Colella, Officer Michael Dockery, Officer Kevin Donohue, Officer Brian Gieder, Officer William Gottsch, Officer Steven Russo, Officer Michael Scott, Officer Robert Wheatley

**Church Lane:** Captain Thomas Johnson, Captain David Madonna, Captain Anthony Paparo, Lieutenant James Reif, Officer Eric Colella, Officer Frank Guille, Officer Christopher Karr, Officer Kevin O'Gara, Officer William Sides

**Radbourne Road:** Lieutenant Thomas Sharp, Sergeant Anthony Vaughn, Criminal Investigator Raymond Blohm, Criminal Investigator Francis George, Criminal Investigator Matthew Rowles, Officer Michael Begany, Officer Michael Crispin, Officer Joseph DiFrancesco, Officer Michael Givens, Officer Frank Guille and his K-9 partner Ness, Officer Amanda Klingensmith, Officer Jonathan Resinski, Officer Michael Taylor

**Glendale Road:** Lieutenant Thomas Sharp, Sergeant Anthony Vaughn, Criminal Investigator Dustin Clark, Criminal Investigator Brad Ross, Officer Michael Begany, Officer Michael Crispin, Officer Randy Desrosiers, Officer Francis Devine, Officer Joseph DiFrancesco, Officer Stephen Ford, Officer Robert Marvil, Jr., Officer Charles Peterson, Officer James Taylor, Officer Michael Taylor

**Lansdowne Towers:** Captain Thomas Johnson, Lieutenant Michael Kehrle, Sergeant Daniel Lanni, Sergeant Scott Lewis, Sergeant Amanda Pombo, Criminal Investigator Philip Lydon, Officer Anthony Bateman, Officer Eric Colella, Officer William Cuddhy, Officer Arthur Erle, Officer Sean Kenny, Officer Nicholas Lanzetta, Officer Michael Monaghan, Officer John Redheffer, Officer Riocard Russel, Officer Kelly Seace, Officer Stephen Tarozzi, Officer Robert Wheatley



# Marine Corps League Officer of the Year Award

Detective Sergeant Louie Panagoplos has been with the Upper Darby Police Department for over 23 years. Prior to joining the department, Sergeant Panagoplos was a Military Police Officer in the United States Army where he served both on active duty and as a reservist. While in the Army he completed both the Airborne and Sniper schools and received the Army Service Ribbon, the Parachutist Badge, the Army Achievement Medal and proficiency awards in various firearms.

After his discharge from active duty, Sergeant Panagoplos earned an associate degree in Administration of Justice from Delaware County Community College. He began his tenure as a Patrolman in the Upper Darby Police Department in 1991 after completing the Philadelphia Police Academy. During his time in the Patrol Division he served both as a Mountain Bike Officer and a Highway Patrol Officer. He has also served as a member of the Honor Guard, as a Field Training Officer and in a tactical role attached to the SWAT team.

Sergeant Panagoplos was transferred to the Investigations Division in 2005 and soon became known for his interview and interrogation skills as well as his analytical ability related to complicated white collar crimes. He attained his current rank while a member of the Investigations Division and can still be routinely found filling key roles in major case investigations. Upon his promotion to Sergeant, Louie attended special training in the supervision of criminal investigations and assumed the liaison role with Delaware County Office of Senior Victim Services. He continues to receive training in the various aspects of police work and has been routinely nominated to receive special recognition for his work.

During his career as an Upper Darby Police Officer, Sergeant Panagopulos has often put his personal safety at risk in the line of duty but his understanding of the human element in police work is what sets him apart from others. In a recent letter to the department, a township resident thanked Louie for his compassionate approach to her family following her son's arrest for a commercial burglary. She was taken off guard by the amount of time Sergeant Panagoplos took to help her understand why her son was in trouble and how she could best support him through his criminal case.

Sergeant Panagoplos exemplifies the qualities required to be the recipient of the prestigious 2014 Marine Corps League Officer of the Year Award.



# Dennis McNamara Memorial Award

The Upper Darby Police Department recognizes Lieutenant James Reif as the 2014 recipient of the Dennis McNamara Memorial Award, Officer of the Year.

Jim Reif is a 27 year veteran of the Upper Darby Police Department and is recognized for his exemplary police work and his service. During his career with the Upper Darby Police Department, Lieutenant Reif has worked in several divisions of the Department including Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Narcotics, SWAT and the Juvenile Unit. He has been an integral part of the Anti-Graffiti Task Force. Dedicated to innovation in the organization, he initiated the Mountain Bike Unit, the Upper Darby Police Honor Guard and the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mentoring program.

In his current role, Jim supervises the Traffic Unit, the Honor Guard, Upper Darby Police Department off duty detail assignments and he serves as the Upper Darby Township Safe Schools Coordinator. He also serves as a Police Cyclist Instructor for the International Police Mountain Bike Association where he has trained over 400 police bicycle officers.

Lieutenant Reif has an associate degree in Emergency Management and Planning from Delaware County Community College and he is currently pursuing a degree in Public Safety Administration at Neumann University.

He is respected and recognized in the community for his dedication to the Upper Darby Police Department, the Upper Darby Township, and most especially for his service to the youth in the community. He is committed to and passionate about his work in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mentoring Program and he is an excellent role model for students in this program.

Outside of his work in law enforcement, Jim Reif is a Division 1 College Football Official and a Coach for the Upper Darby High School Varsity Baseball team. Jim is a dedicated family man. He is married to Florence, his wife of 24 years. They have three children, Dominic, Elizabeth and Thomas. As a family, they are active in their community and proud to be longtime residents of Upper Darby Township.

The Dennis McNamara Memorial Award is given to Officers who distinguishes themselves in the course of duty, who exhibit intelligence and creativity in the department and a commitment to public safety. Lieutenant Reif's outstanding 27 year service to the Upper Darby Police Department along with his innovative programs makes James Reif an ideal candidate for the Dennis McNamara Memorial Award.



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