



UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

ONE WITH OUR COMMUNITY



2016 Annual Report

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

On behalf of the Upper Darby Police Department, it is my pleasure to present the 2016 Annual Report which highlights the work our department does every day to serve and protect. We are proud of our accomplishments and I am honored to share them with you.

Our commitment is to you, our community. The Upper Darby Police Department consist of 133 sworn Officers and 25 civilian staff who manage the daily operations, patrol the streets, take part in activities with the school community, visit township businesses and connect with you on social media.

We are educating you about the work we do through programs that include our 5th Grade Mentoring Program and our Citizen’s Police Academy. These programs help bridge the gap and create a better understanding between police and community.

We are listening to you and learning from you. Our touchpoints with the community are many and varied: town halls, community meetings, Coffee with a Cop and social media.

We are making changes that matter to you. During 2016, we embarked on a township-wide Cultural Awareness training program. Instituted by Mayor Tom Micozzie, this program is helping facilitate dialogue that paves the way for meaningful change in bridging cultural divides.

Upper Darby Township, we are proud to be one with you!

Michael J. Chitwood
Superintendent of Police



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- UDPD Welcomes four new Officers
- Cultural Awareness Training completed in 2016
- Change is Possible program launched in 2016



DEMOGRAPHICS

Incorporated: 1736

Government: Mayor and Township Council

Mayor: Thomas N. Micozzie

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.

“The Upper Darby Police Department and I are partners in our shared vision of keeping Upper Darby a safe and vibrant community” ~ Thomas Micozzie



Mayor

Thomas N. Micozzie

Chief Administrative Officer

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MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

A message from the Mayor



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.

“We are a community of neighborhoods, each different, each diverse, but all committed to making Upper Darby Township a great place to raise our families.”

Thomas N. Micozzie

Mayor, Upper Darby Township



Upper Darby Police Department Celebrates Diversity!

CULTURAL AWARENESS TRAINING

“Cultural Awareness is the foundation of communication and it involves the ability of standing back from ourselves and becoming aware of our cultural values, beliefs and perceptions. Why do we do things in that way? How do we see the world? Why do we react in that particular way?”*

Increasing the level of cultural awareness and embracing cultural diversity has never been more important than in recent years, especially for the law enforcement community. In 2016, Upper Darby Township under the direction of Mayor Thomas Micozzie, initiated a township-wide endeavor to have employees of the Township participate in Cultural Awareness Training. All Sworn Officers of the Upper Darby Police Department completed this training during 2016.

The goal of the program was to foster a deeper understanding of similarities and difference in culture and to explore methods to bridge cultures. The cornerstones of cultural diversity awareness include:

- Admit that you don't know
- Suspend judgments
- Empathize
- Check your assumptions
- Be comfortable with ambiguity
- Celebrate diversity

The training was well-received by Officers in the Department. According to Officer Michael DeHoratius, *“The diversity seminar allowed police to share their own experiences working in a diverse, multi-cultural neighborhood with the leaders of the seminar which created an opportunity for conversation. It also reminded police that the overwhelming majority of the community supports the Upper Darby Police and recognizes the difficult job they have to do on a daily basis. It was a positive experience for all of the Police Officers and community members involved.”*

* <http://www.culturocity.com/articles/whatis-cultural-awareness.htm>

UDPD Celebrates Diversity



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Aspiring UDPD Officers!



Detective
Christopher Karr Jr.



Officer
James Taylor II

CONNECT WITH UDPD

The role of social media in law enforcement is significant and constantly evolving. The Upper Darby Police Department was an early adopter of social media as a method of communication with its constituents and as a mainstay in criminal investigative work. We formally defined a social media strategy in 2013, leading the way for other police departments in the area to follow.

The Department utilizes Twitter, Facebook and other social media platforms to highlight its daily activities while giving the community a forum to interact with police over a myriad of issues. Moreover, Officers are using social media to gather evidence in the investigative process and to help solve crimes.

The Department's following on social media platforms has swelled to over 30,000 followers by including stories that impact and engage the community as well as those that shine a humorous light on our humanity. Thanks to the sizeable following, the Department has captured dozens of wanted persons, located missing people, identified potential problems, and engaged with hundreds of citizens who are looking for assistance and support.

Stay connected to the Upper Darby Police Department. Follow us on Twitter, like us on Facebook.

We are connecting with you, keeping you informed, listening to you and solving crime, one tweet at a time!

CONNECT WITH UDPD

The Department welcomed the following Officers in 2016:

Kevin Finnegan: Kevin is a US Army veteran of the Global War on Terrorism and a former Police Officer at Pennsylvania State University and the University of Pennsylvania.

William Redheffer: William is a US Army veteran of the Global War on Terrorism. He is a graduate of the Temple University Municipal Police Academy.

David Cullen: David is a US Army veteran. He is a graduate of the Temple University Municipal Police Academy.

Kalle Blindenbacher: Kalle is a US Army veteran. He is a graduate of the Temple University Municipal Police Academy.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

The Upper Darby Police Department recognized citizens and Officers at the Upper Darby Police Department Annual Commendation Ceremony. Police Officers were awarded commendation certificates for Bravery, Valor, Merit, Law Enforcement and Life Saving. Several Units were awarded Unit Citations for their collective efforts in preventing or solving crime. Visit www.udpd.org for a complete list of awards recipients.

Recipients of the Dennis J. McNamara Award and the Marine Corp League Officer of the Year Award were recognized at the ceremony.

2016 Dennis J. McNamara Memorial Award

Detective Christopher Karr Jr.

2016 Marine Corp League Officer of the Year Award

Officer James Taylor II

CRIME STATS 2012—2016

Reducing crime is the 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.

Homicide Investigations:

√ 19 homicides investigated

√ cleared over 78.9% of homicides versus national average of 64.5%

Rape Investigations:

√ 72 rapes investigated

√ cleared 95.8% versus national average of 38.5%

Robbery Investigations:

√ 1,068 robberies investigated

√ cleared 31% versus national average of 13.6%

Burglary Investigations:

√ 744 burglaries investigated

√ cleared 29% versus national average of 13.1%

UDP D NARCAN INITIATIVE

On September 30, 2014, “David’s Law” was adopted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Less than two months later, the law that emerged from the tragic death of a Delaware County resident, led to significant collaborative efforts among the Delaware County Law Enforcement community. The goal was to save more lives from the rising tide of the national opioid epidemic. David’s Law authorized Police Officers to carry and administer Narcan. Narcan was supplied to Police Officers in the form of an easy to administer nasal spray. The Upper Darby Police Department deployed the medicine to Officers by December 2014 and made its first save just two days before Christmas.

Opioid drugs, in all forms, suppress the body’s ability to breathe when consumed in high doses. The resulting lack of oxygen quickly leads to the loss of consciousness, coma and eventually death if left untreated. Police protocol is that a standard dose of Narcan is

administered to an opioid overdose victim who still has a heartbeat. In most cases, the drug blocks the effects of the opioid drug and normal breathing is restored.

The Narcan effort has been very successful in Upper Darby Township. The drug is carried by both Upper Darby and Septa Police Officers. The agencies have reported impressive results. In 2015, Narcan was administered 66 times resulting in 56 lives saved. In 2016, as the opioid crisis expanded, the incidence of Narcan administration rose to 103 times with 88 saved lives. Many of the Upper Darby Police Officers have administered Narcan on more than one occasion. K-9 Officer Thomas Hald leads the department with 10 administrations since the program’s inception. The Upper Darby Police Department’s Narcan Initiative continues to prove effective in saving lives but is only one facet of the overall approach to the addiction problem in the community.



Detective Thomas Fitzpatrick
Investigating a crime scene

CHANGE IS POSSIBLE

Opiate overdose is the leading cause of preventable death in Upper Darby Township. To help reduce the number of fatal and nonfatal overdoses in Upper Darby, we launched a new initiative to assist individuals who request help with an addiction to opiates such as morphine, heroin, fentanyl, oxycodone as found in OxyContin®, Percocet® and Percodan®, and hydrocodone as found in Vicodin®.

There are many resources available in the Township of Upper Darby to help with this disease, but many people do not know how to access these services. With strong community support, the Upper Darby Police Department instituted the Change is Possible Program on February 1, 2016 to address the needs of any person who comes into the station requesting help with an opiate addiction.

To learn more, contact Upper Darby Police at 610-734-7693.



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*The mission of the Upper Darby Township Police Department is 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.*



MISSION



*Serving with
Honor
and
Integrity*

