

# WEST CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT  
2014



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February 2, 2015

The Honorable Carolyn T. Comitta, Mayor  
Borough of West Chester  
401 East Gay Street  
West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380

Dear Mayor Comitta:

On behalf of the West Chester Police Department, it is my great privilege to present our Department's 2014 Annual Report. The following pages will reflect the activity and services the Police Department has rendered to the citizens of our community(s) during the 2014 calendar year.

This document consists of three distinct parts:

- **SYNOPSIS** of the Police Department's annual report.
- **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** of the Police Department's annual report.
- **ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2014** for the West Chester Police Department.

Each individual document is intended to be increasingly more detailed, providing as much specificity as to the activities of the West Chester Police Department during calendar year 2014 as is appropriate for the respective document. Complete copies of this document have been distributed to the Borough and Township Managers and may be viewed by citizens of West Chester Borough and East Bradford Township at the following locations:

## West Chester Police Department 2014 Annual Report

- **Police Department**—Copies of the complete document are available for public inspection and review at the Administrative Office(s) of the West Chester Police Department during regular business hours.
- **Internet**—This document will be available on the Borough's web site at <http://www.west-chester.com/>

I truly hope you find this information in a format that is both useful to you and informative to the citizens of West Chester Borough.

I am confident and pleased with the professionalism and dedication of our personnel. I believe they realize the work they do is at times difficult and unappreciated, yet they remain constantly vigilant in their duties and responsibilities to serve this community. We are pleased with the accomplishments of our department over the past year and we look forward to another productive year in 2015.

On behalf of the men and women of the West Chester Police Department, I would like to extend our most sincere thanks for your confidence in our ability to serve our community(s). With your continued support and assistance, we look forward to continuing to improve the quality of life for all of our citizens.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Bohn', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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## 2014 ANNUAL REPORT SYNOPSIS

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## 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

### SYNOPSIS

Part I (serious) crimes decreased approximately 12% overall during calendar year 2014 from 656 such crimes reported in 2013 to 575 such crimes reported during 2014. This is the lowest reported total of serious crime in the last seventeen years (17) years (automated records). **Serious crime has been effectively reduced 50% since the year 2000.**

This statistic should be significant to our varied citizenry. This is an important statistic for individuals considering moving their families and/or businesses into our community(s) as it is a statistic that can be compared nationwide against other municipalities of similar size and demographics. It is a statistic that is easily accessible by those seeking information in their decision-making process.

There were decreases in the reported crimes of Rape, Robbery, Assault, Burglary, Theft, and Motor Vehicle Theft. There were no increases in any Part I crime. The Department had no reported Homicides or Arsons.

Crime is classified, counted, and reported in two distinctly different categories. Statisticians and researchers know these categories as Part I crime and Part II crime. Part I crimes consist of those crimes that one may consider to be the most serious crimes affecting society and are comprised of a very specific subset of crimes that are routinely reported to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for comparison with other municipalities of similar size and demographics. Part II crimes, on the other hand, are defined as any crime other than Part I crime and are generally considered being less serious crimes (a secondary level of crime). These "nuisance crimes" impact our quality of life.

In 2014, the West Chester Police Department documented a 9% decrease in Part II crimes. During the calendar year 2014, the Department reported 1,720 Part II crimes in comparison to the 1,899 reported in 2013. The 2014 documentation of Part II crimes is the second lowest documented total in the last ten (10) years. Although this figure is not reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for comparison purposes, it is a statistic that affects the overall quality of life for those of us living and/or working in West Chester. This 9% decrease in reported Part II crimes can realistically be viewed another way, and one could say that there were 179 fewer victims of nuisance crime during 2014. Aggressive enforcement of nuisance crimes coupled with proactive patrol allocations, education and community sensitivity(s) resulted in an increase in effective enforcement of Liquor Law Violations, Public Drunkenness, Open Bottle Ordinance and Disorderly Conduct and Noise Ordinance violations.

With the continuing success and popularity of our Business District, there continues to be a significant demand for police services. Overall, the Police Department documented an increase in calls for service of approximately 8% in 2014 compared to 2013. As we have reported in the past; while there is a minimal amount of Part I crime in our Business District, there is an identifiable and significant demand for police services. With the popularity of our business establishments and the influx of patrons from throughout the tri-state area as well as West Chester University, the demands continue to increase. These aforementioned issues, coupled with varying and often related neighborhood issues, presented the largest challenge to our Department and community over this period. As in prior years, alcohol consumption, pedestrian traffic and corridors, the density of residential properties as well as the current environmental conditions, community and neighborhood demographics and the institutional capacity of the Police Department to staff and meet the increased demands of its citizenry will represent our continued challenge(s) as we move into 2015. The community should be as pleased as I am with the enforcement efforts and activity of its Police Department in meeting this complex challenge in 2014.

Traffic accidents reported to and investigated by the West Chester Police Department (with the subcategories of reportable accidents and non-reportable accidents) increased by approximately one (1) % in 2014. There were two (2) motor vehicle fatalities in 2014.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the Mayor of West Chester Carolyn T. Comitta, the members of the West Chester Borough Council and the Board of Supervisors in East Bradford Township for their support of the Police Department.

It is my privilege to present this synopsis of the West Chester Police Department's Annual Report for the calendar year 2014. It is my sincere hope that this synopsis is both informative to you and useful to the various constituencies and individuals we are sworn and privileged to serve.

# WEST CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT



## 2014 ANNUAL REPORT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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	<b>% Change from 2013</b>	<b>Total - 2014</b>
Burglary	-31%	Down 28 from 89 to 61 in 2014.
Theft	-2%	Down 6 from 305 to 299 in 2014.
MV Theft	-33%	Down 7 from 21 to 14 in 2014.
Arson	0%	0 in 2013 - 0 in 2014.
<b>Part II Crimes - Total:</b>	-9%	Down 179 crimes in 2014 from 1,899 to 1,720.
Part II Crimes Defined as: All other crimes		
<b>Criminal Summonses</b>	-8%	Down 140 from 1,841 to 1,701
Liquor Law	*-15%	Down 44 from 287 to 243.
Public Drunkenness	*-4%	Down 19 from 496 to 477.
Disorderly Conduct	*-14%	Down from 197 to 169.
Noise Ordinance	*-9%	Down 14 from 154 to 140.
Open Bottle	*-46%	Down 128 from 280 to 152.
All Other	+58%	Up 135 from 232 to 367.

**\*See combined West Chester Police - West Chester University Public Safety chart for additional Borough enforcement figures.**

	<b>% Change from 2013</b>	<b>Total - 2014</b>
<b>Property Loss:</b>	-44%	Down \$313,877 from \$714,130 to \$400,253
Robbery	-46%	Down \$6,301 to \$7,446.
Burglary	-77%	Down \$177,254 from \$230,730 to \$53,476.
Theft	+3%	Up \$8,348 from \$268,119 to \$277,200.
Motor Vehicle Theft	-69%	Down \$138,670 from \$200,801 to \$62,131.
<b>Accident Statistics:</b>		
Overall Accidents	+1%	Up 10 from 788 to 798.
Non-Reportable	-5%	Down 28 from 569 to 541.
Reportable	+20%	Up 14 from 57 in 2013 to 71 in 2014.
Hit and Run	+13%	Up from 160 to 184.
Fatal	+0%	2 fatalities in 2013 - 2 fatalities in 2014.
<b>Traffic Statistics:</b>		
Traffic Arrests	-1%	Down from 3,597 to 3,559.
Traffic Warnings	-1 %	Down 9 from 1,160 to 1,151.
Traffic Details	-5%	Down 33 601 to 568.

**% Change from 2013**

**Total - 2014**

DUI

-17%

Down 31 from 181 to 150.

**Personnel Assignments**

% of sworn staff

% of all staff

Patrol

77%

62%

Administration

7%

5%

Criminal Investigation

16%

13%

Support Staff

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20%

**Retirements during 2014**

None

**New Hires during 2014**

Ptl. Jerry Ferriola

April 14, 2014

Juris No. 15414  
 NCIC Code PA0151300

**RETURN A MONTHLY COUNT OF OFFENSES  
 KNOWN TO POLICE**

1 CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES PART I OFFENSES	2 OFFENSES REPORTED	3 UNFOUND COMPLAINTS	4 ACTUAL OFFENSES	(a) TOTAL CLEARED	(b) JUVENILE CLEARED
1. HOMICIDE A. MURDER B. MANSLAUGHTER					
2. RAPE TOTAL	6		6	1	
A. RAPE B. ATTEMPTED RAPE	6		6	1	
3. ROBBERY TOTAL	20		20	6	
A. FIREARM B. KNIFE OR CUTTING INST. C. OTHER DANGEROUS WEAPON D. STRONG ARM (HANDS, ETC)	8 2 10		8 2 10	3 3	
4. ASSAULT TOTAL	175		175	147	
A. FIREARM B. KNIFE OR CUTTING INST. C. OTHER DANGEROUS WEAPON D. AGGRAVATED (HANDS, ETC) E. SIMPLE (HANDS, ETC)	3 2 1 12 157		3 2 1 12 157	3 2 2 10 130	3
5. BURGLARY TOTAL	61		61	14	
A. FORCIBLE ENTRY B. UNLAWFUL ENTRY C. ATTEMPTED FORCIBLE	26 29 6		26 29 6	4 10	
6. LARCENY THEFT TOTAL	301	2	299	73	1
7. MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT TOTAL	14		14	4	1
A. AUTOS B. TRUCKS AND BUSES C. OTHER VEHICLES	13 1		13 1	4	1
9. ARSON TOTAL					
<b>TOTAL PART I OFFENSES</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>5</b>

\* EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCES INCLUDED

@ INCLUDES OFFENSE(S) REPORTED IN PREVIOUS MONTHS

NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICERS KILLED		ASSAULTED
FELON	NEGLIG	7

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Department Reporting

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County

Report for the month of January 2014 - December 2014

Date of Report: January 2015

Prepared by \_\_\_\_\_

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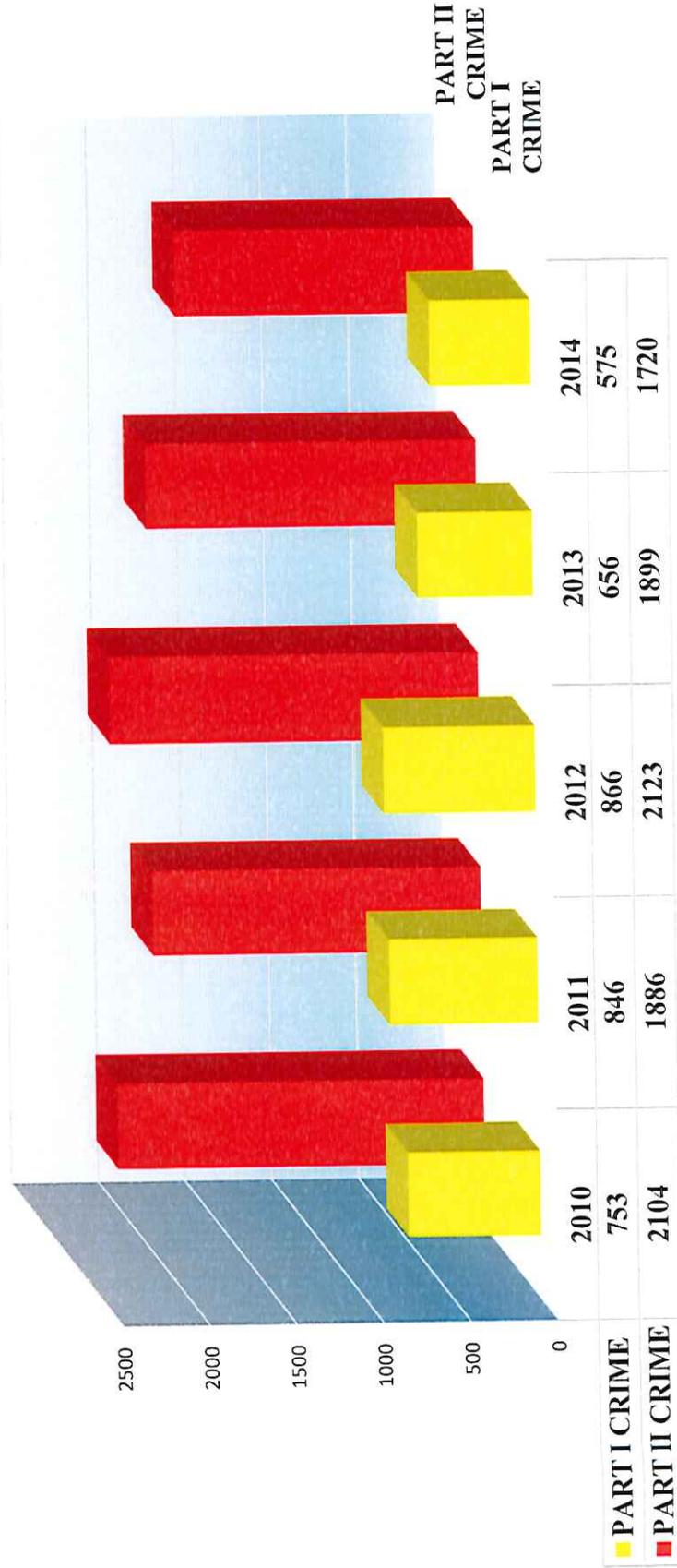
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100. FORGERY & COUNTERFEIT.		2		2	1	
110. FRAUD		68		68	11	
120. EMBEZZLEMENT		1		1		
130. STOLEN PROP-REC,POSSES		2		2	1	
140. VANDALISM		253		253	43	1
150. WEAPONS-CARRYING, POSSES		6		6	6	2
160. PROSTITUTION, COMM VICE						
170. SEX OFFENSES (EX 02,160)		32	1	31	9	1
180. DRUG ABUSE VIOL TOTAL		78		78	65	
SALE	A. OPIUM-COCAINE	16		16	10...	
	B. MARIJUANA	9		9	7	
	C. SYNTHETIC	3		3	4	
	D. OTHER	1		1	1	
POSSESSION	A. OPIUM-COCAINE	14		14	14	
	B. MARIJUANA	26		26	21	1
	C. SYNTHETIC	5		5	4	
	D. OTHER	4		4	4	
190. GAMBLING TOTAL						
A. BOOK MAKING B. NUMBERS, ETC. C. OTHER						
200.OFF AGAINST FAMILY & CHILD.						
210. DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE		150		150	144	
220. LIQUOR LAWS		159		159	155	7
230. DRUNKENNESS		370		370	364	2
240. DISORDERLY CONDUCT		74		74	71	4
250. VAGRANCY		2		2	1	
260. ALL OTHER OFFENSES		524		524	500	1
TOTAL PART II OFFENSES TOTAL		1721	1	1720	1371	19



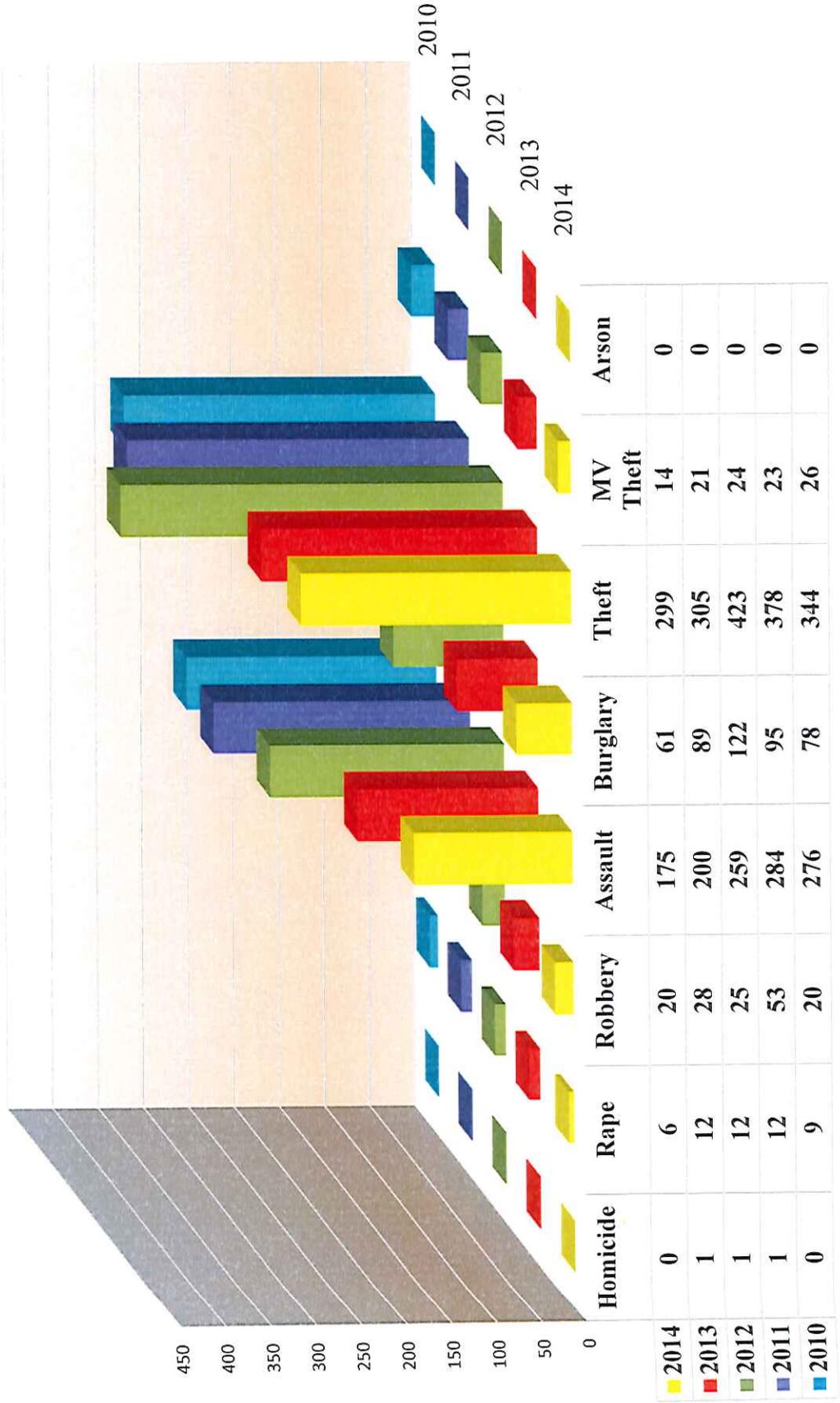
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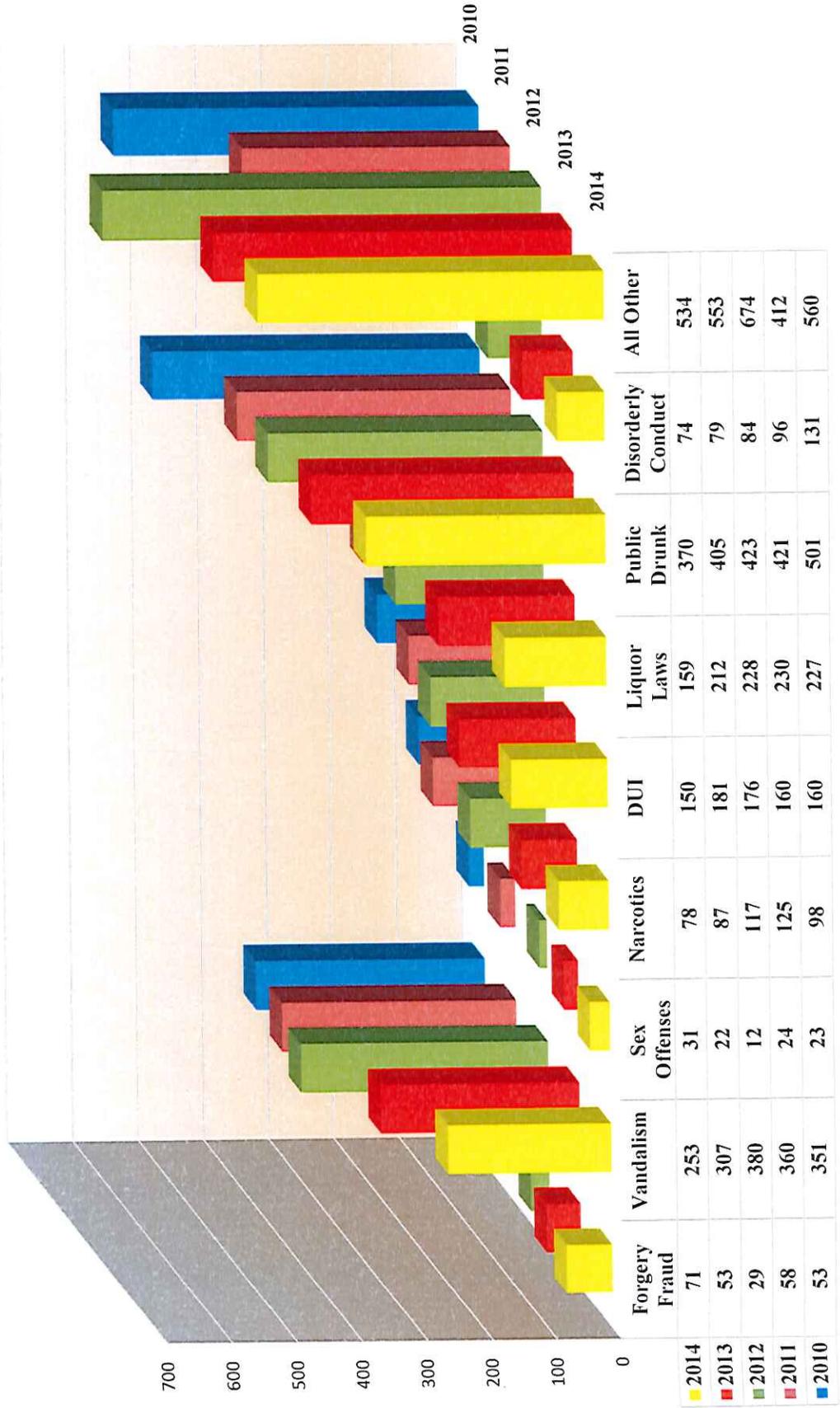
Combined UCR Data



**WEST CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
 West Chester - East Bradford  
 Combined UCR Part I



**WEST CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
 West Chester - East Bradford  
 Combined UCR Part II



**West Chester Borough - East Bradford Township  
Combined UCR Data  
2014**

Part I	2014 Offenses (Includes Attempts)	2014 Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	% Cleared
Homicide	0	0	100
Rape	6	1	17
Robbery	20	6	30
Assault	175	147	84
Burglary	61	14	23
Theft	299	73	24
MV Theft	14	4	29
Arson	0	0	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>43</b>
Part II	2014 Offenses (Includes Attempts)	2014 Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	% Cleared
Forgery	2	1	50
Fraud	68	11	16
Embezzlement	1	0	0
Vandalism	253	43	17
Stolen Property	2	1	50
Weapons	6	6	100
Sex Offenses	31	9	29
Narcotics	78	65	83
Offenses - Family/Children	0	0	100
DUI	150	144	96
Liquor Laws	159	155	97
Drunkness	370	364	98
Disorderly Conduct	74	71	96
Vagrancy	2	1	50
All Other Offenses	524	500	95
<b>Total</b>	<b>1720</b>	<b>1371</b>	<b>80</b>

**West Chester Borough  
UCR Data  
2014**

Part I	2014 Offenses (Includes Attempts)	2014 Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	% Cleared
Homicide	0	0	100
Rape	5	1	20
Robbery	17	5	29
Assault	157	121	77
Burglary	55	12	22
Theft	234	54	23
MV Theft	12	3	25
Arson	0	0	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>41</b>
Part II	2014 Offenses (Includes Attempts)	2014 Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	
Forgery	2	1	50
Fraud	44	9	20
Embezzlement	1	0	0
Vandalism	228	38	17
Stolen Property	1	1	100
Weapons	6	6	100
Sex Offenses	27	8	30
Narcotics	76	62	82
Offenses - Family/Children	0	0	100
DUI	131	126	96
Liquor Laws	154	150	97
Public Drunkenness	359	356	99
Disorderly Conduct	65	64	99
Vagrancy	2	1	50
All Other	477	459	96
<b>Total</b>	<b>1573</b>	<b>1281</b>	<b>81</b>

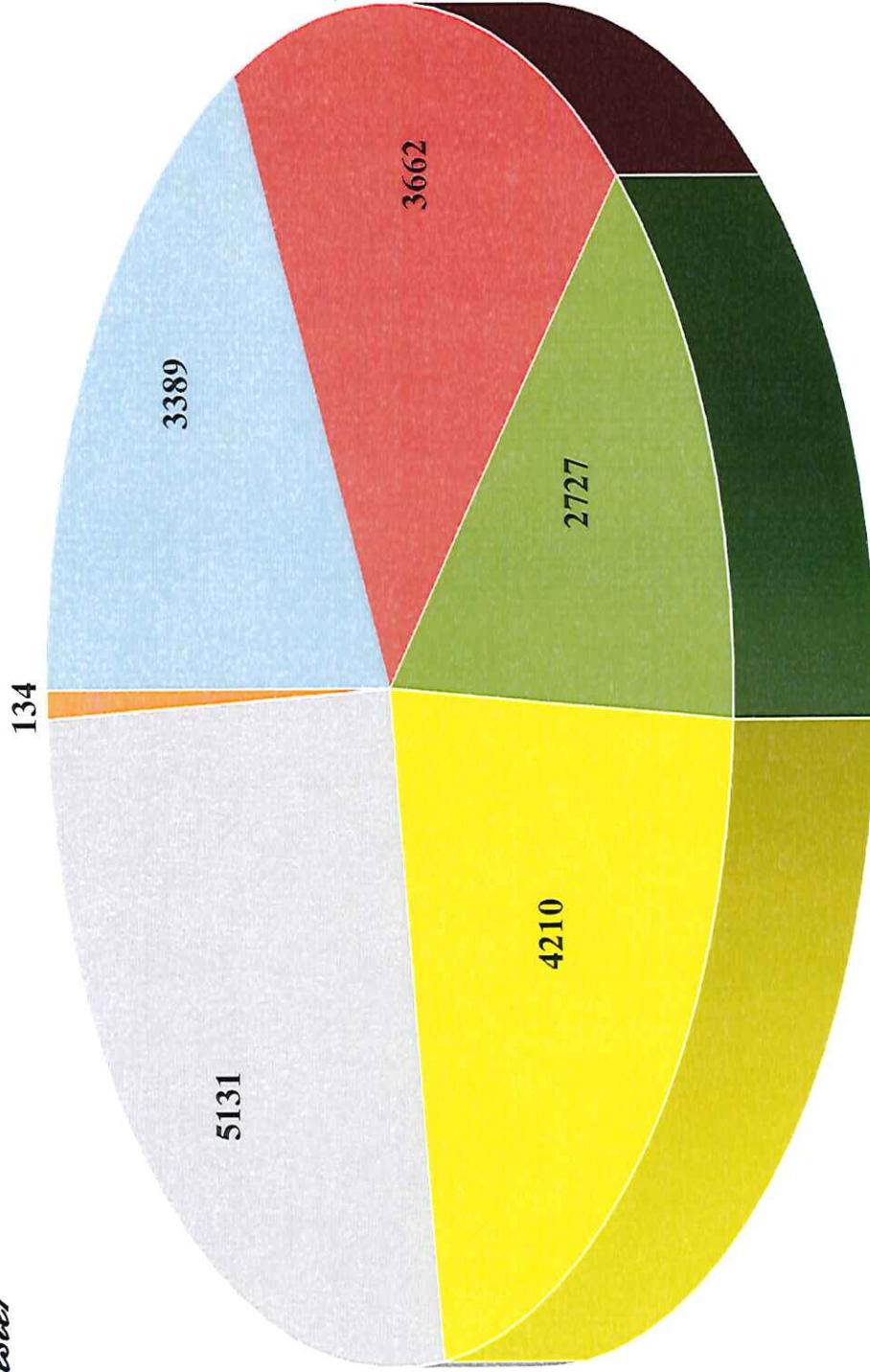
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UCR Data  
2014**

Part I	2014 Offenses (Includes Attempts)	2014 Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	% Cleared
Homicide	0	0	100
Rape	1	0	0
Robbery	2	1	50
Assault	18	16	89
Burglary	8	2	25
Theft	66	19	29
MV Theft	2	1	50
Arson	0	0	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>
Part II	2014 Offenses (Includes Attempts)	2014 Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	% Cleared
Forgery	0	0	100
Fraud	25	2	8
Vandalism	25	5	20
Stolen Property	0	0	100
Weapons	0	0	100
Sex Offenses	5	1	20
Narcotics	3	3	100
Offenses -Family/Children	0	0	100
DUI	19	18	95
Liquor Laws	5	5	100
Drunkenness	11	8	73
Disorderly Conduct	8	7	88
Vagrancy	0	0	100
All Other	46	41	89
<b>Total</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>61</b>



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Calls for Service - Sectors

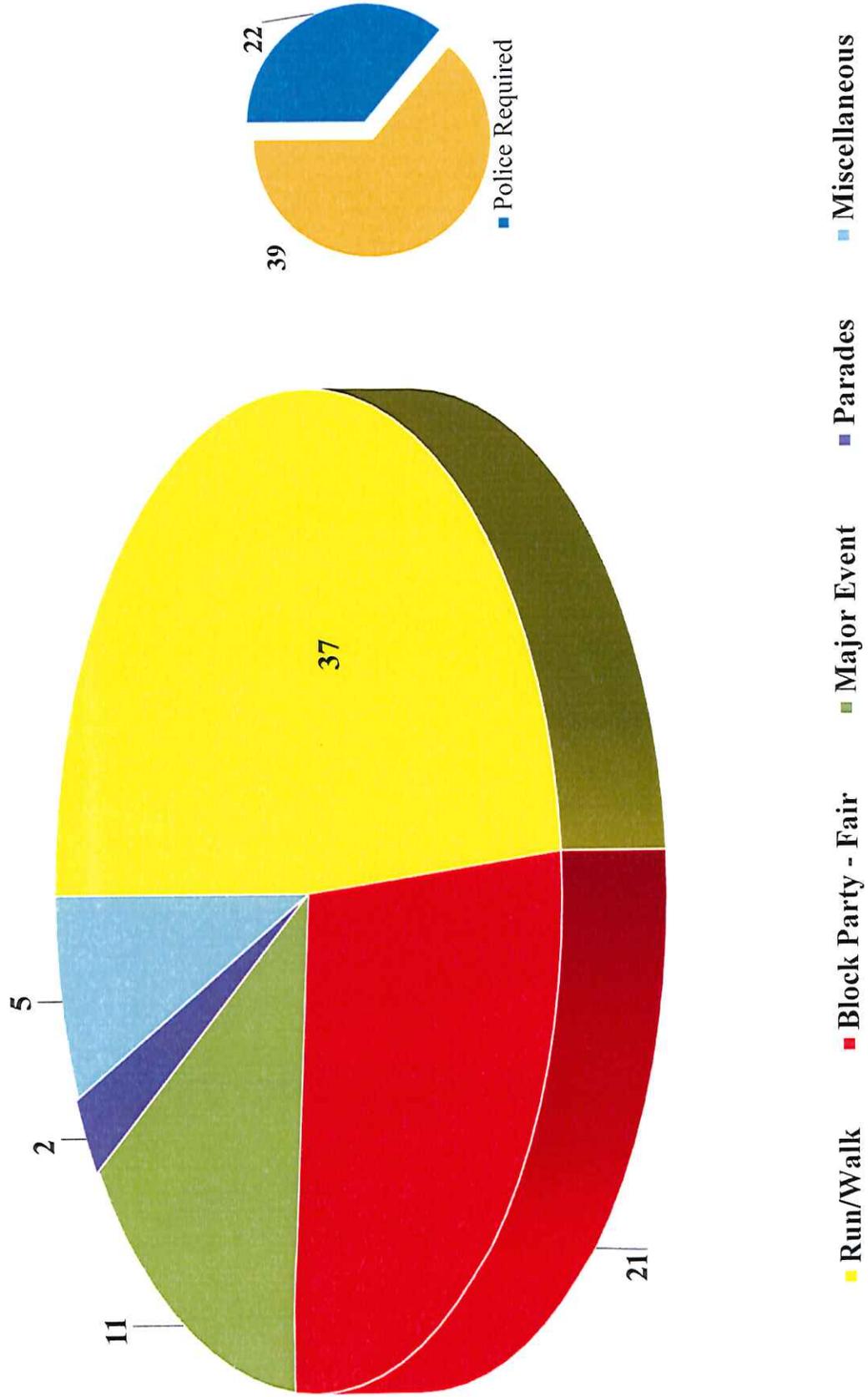


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# East Bradford Township Calls for Service



# WEST CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT Special Event Permits



# WEST CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT



## 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

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## GENERAL STATISTICS 2014



The General Statistics for the West Chester Police Department during 2014 indicate an approximate 8% increase in the number of calls-for-service over the past year. General Statistics also reflect that crime reported to the West Chester Police Department (combined Part I and Part II) decreased 10% overall, with a 12% decrease in Part I crimes and an approximate 9% decrease in Part II and/or secondary crime.

The number of Part I crimes known to our Police Department is the lowest total of Part I crimes reported in the last seventeen (17) years. The serious crime trends continue a positive outlook for the community with respect to providing a safe environment for our citizenry and our business community.

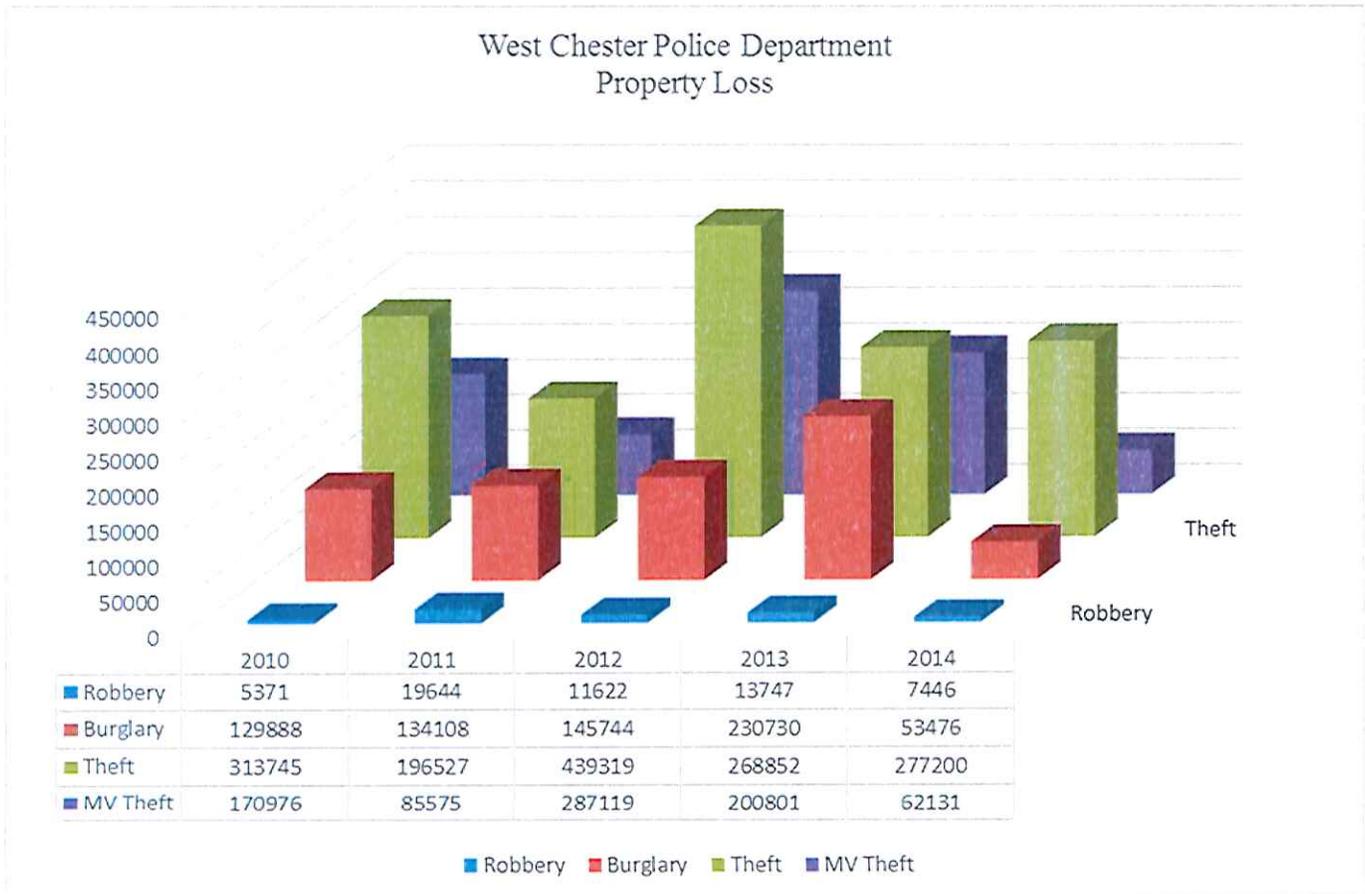
The current volume of calls-for-service, the number of reported Part II crimes (quality of life crimes), personnel staffing and a challenging economic climate is a challenge for our police department and our community. Environmental conditions and demographics have and will continue to impact crime (victims and offenders). The Police Department is proud of our public safety service and law enforcement activities in our community. The elected officials and appointed leaders in our community(s) are encouraged to share our collective accomplishments and continue our work in a shared vision and goal for a safer community and better quality of life.



## PROPERTY LOSS

The property loss to residents and visitors of the Department's service community as a result of Part I crime decreased by approximately 44% during the calendar year 2014 from \$714,1304 to \$400,253 (a decrease of \$313,877). During 2014, there was an overall 46% decrease in Part I crime against persons, (property loss) and a 44% increase in the value of property loss from Part I property crime. The Department recovered approximately \$251,129 in stolen property.

Robbery:	-46%	down \$6,301 from \$13,747 to \$7,446
Burglary:	-77%	down \$177,254 from \$230,730 to \$53,476
Theft:	+3%	up \$8,348 from \$268,119 to \$277,200
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## ACCIDENT ANALYSIS



Overall, vehicle crashes reported to and investigated by the West Chester Police Department increased 1% from 2013 to 2014, with a total of 10 more accidents that occurred during 2014. However, the raw numbers do not reflect the entire picture. Vehicle accidents, more aptly described as “vehicle crashes” as most accidents are not quite as “accidental” as the name suggests, are divided into four categories: Reportable Crashes, Non-Reportable Crashes, Fatalities, and Hit and Runs.

### **REPORTABLE CRASHES:**

Reportable crashes are defined as those crashes in which the driver, vehicle occupant, pedestrian, or bicyclist is injured, or the damage to any vehicle is so severe as to render the vehicle inoperable. During the calendar year 2014, the number of reportable crashes increased approximately 20%; there were 57 during 2013 and 71 during 2014.

### **NON-REPORTABLE CRASHES:**

Non-reportable crashes are defined as the converse of reportable crashes. Stated another way, non-reportable crashes are those crashes where no one was injured and the vehicle could be removed from the crash scene under its own power. Although Commonwealth Law does not require one to report these crashes to the police, some individuals and, more particularly, their insurance companies, request a police investigation. As such, the police department can count those non-reportable crashes that are actually reported to the police, but there is no way to know what percent of these type crashes is reported or actually occur in the Borough or the Township. Non-reportable crashes reported to the police department decreased by 5% from 569 during 2013 to 541 during 2014.

### **FATALITIES:**

Fatal crashes remained the same. There were two (2) fatal crashes in 2013 and 2014.

## **HIT AND RUNS**

As a general rule, the driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in damage to a vehicle or other property shall immediately stop the vehicle at the scene of the accident or as close thereto as possible and shall remain at the scene of the accident until he has fulfilled the requirements as promulgated in the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code, Title 75, relating to the duty to give/provide information and render aid if necessary. In too many instances, individuals involved in motor vehicle crashes ignore their obligation and leave the scene of the “accident”. Those hit and run crashes reported to the police department increased by approximately 13% from 160 during 2013 to 184 in 2014.

## **ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS**

### **Fatal Accidents**

2012: Two (2) fatal accidents in East Bradford Township

- 1100 Block Allerton Rd. July 19, 2014
- 900 Block Strasburg Rd. October 11, 2014

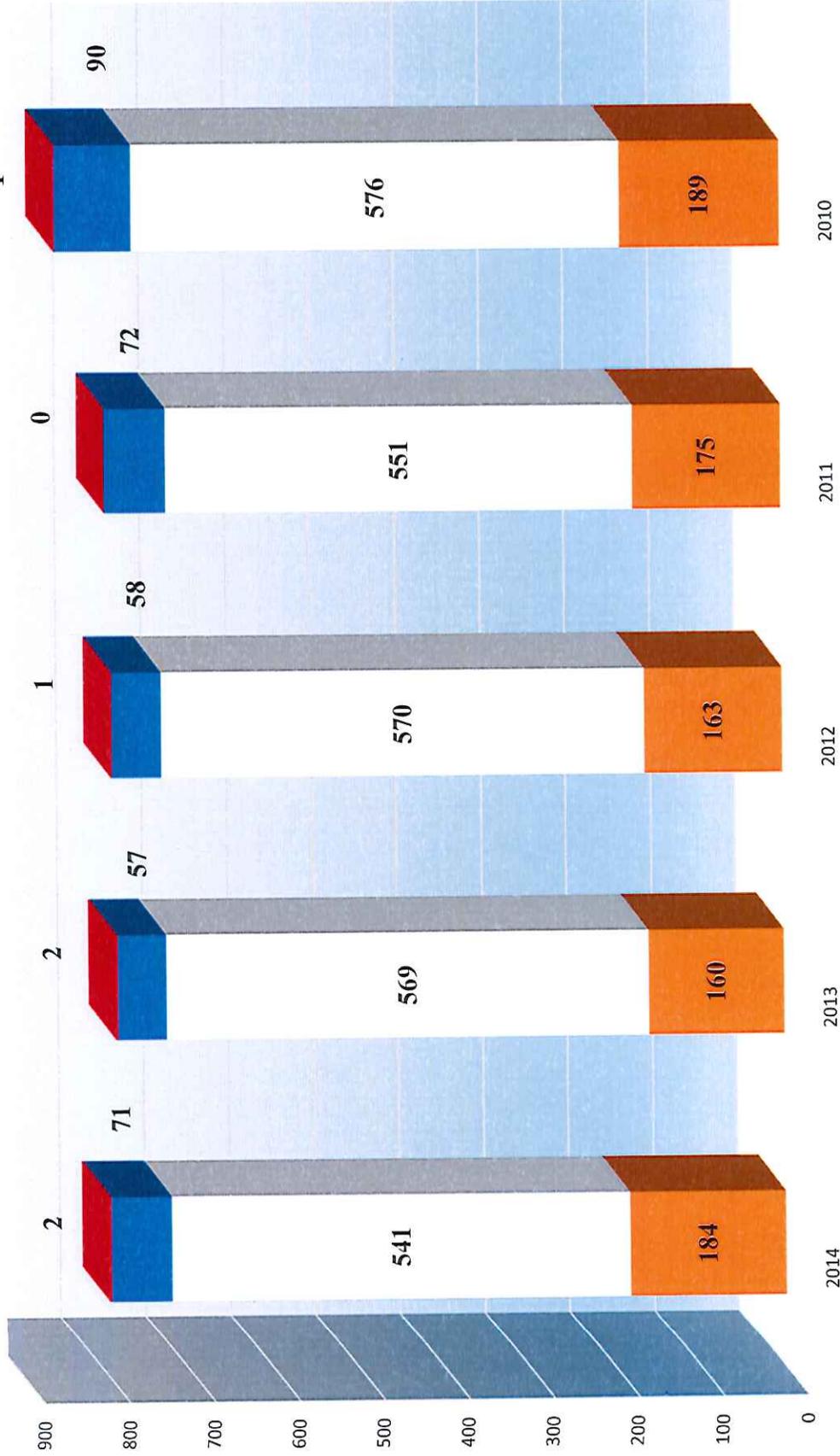
### **SCAT Team Investigations:**

In 2014 the members of the Chester County Serious Crash Accident Team (SCAT) were called out to assist with two (2) investigations:

- October 21, 2014, 3111 Compass Rd., West Caln Township. Assisted with evidence documentation and crash reconstruction.
- December 4, 2014, 3400 Block Lincoln Highway, Caln Township. Assisted with evidence documentation and crash reconstruction.

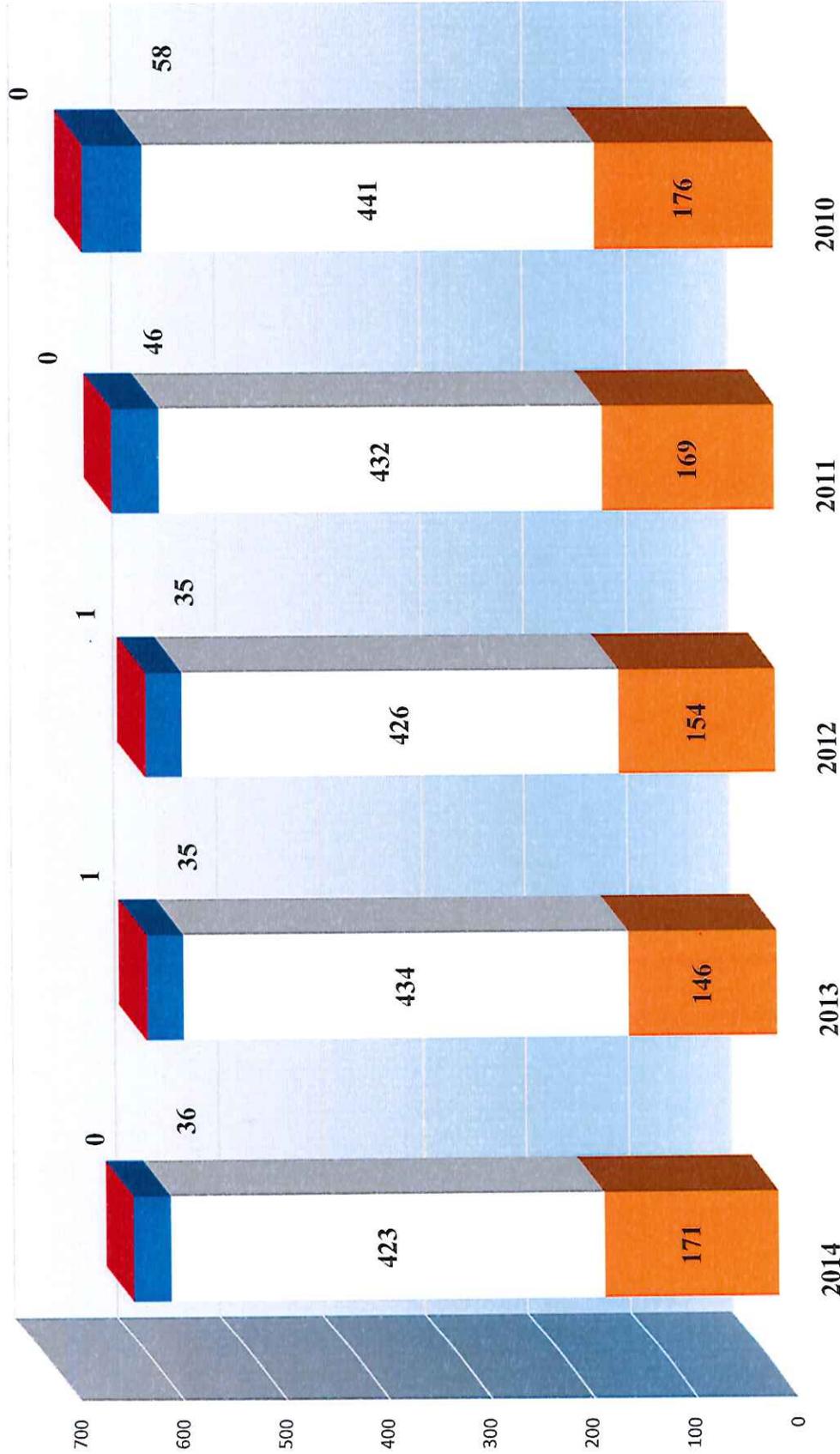
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## Crash Investigations



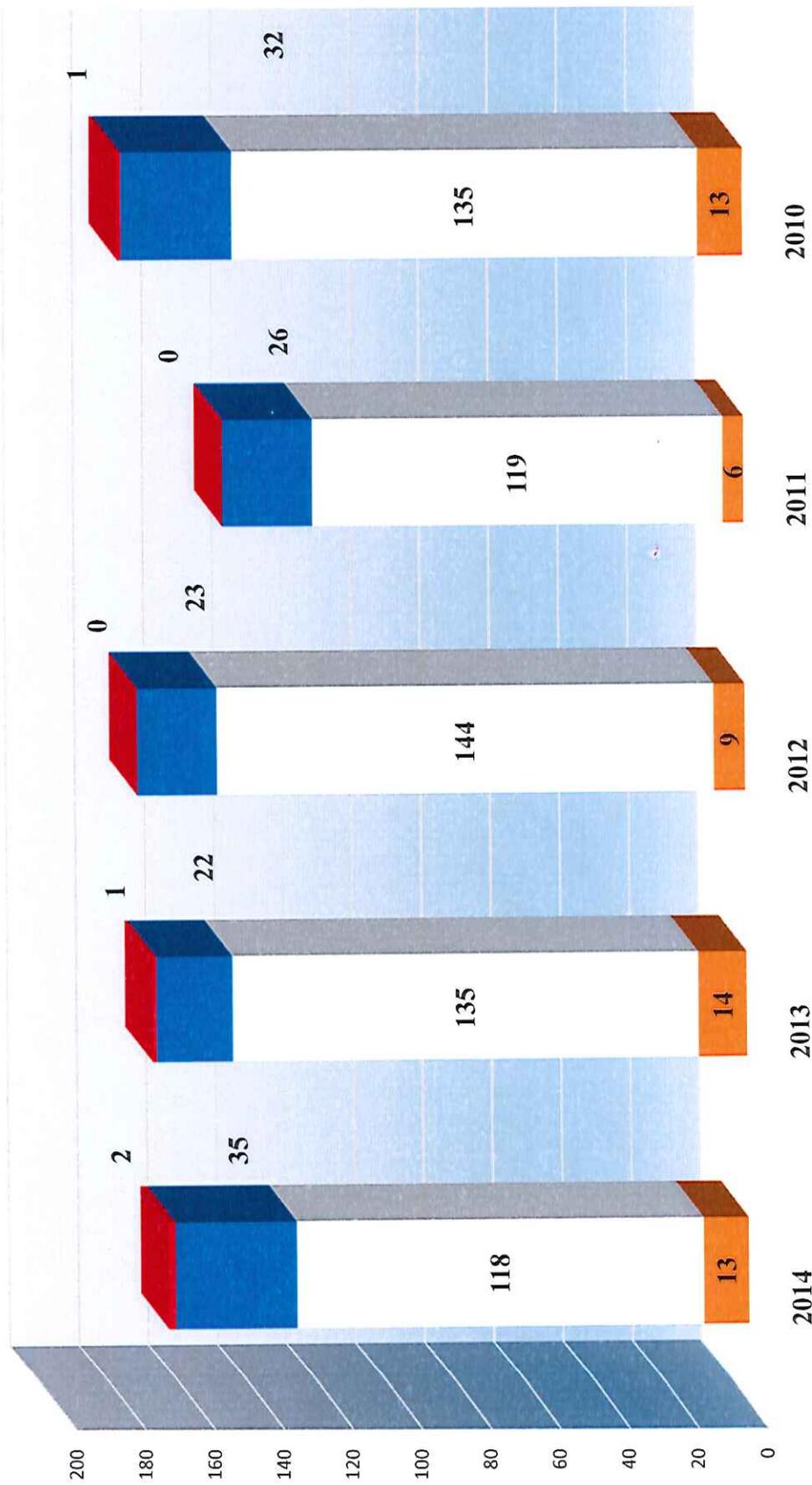
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**Crash Investigations**  
**West Chester Borough**



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**Crash Investigations**  
**East Bradford Township**



■ Traffic Accidents - Hit & Run    
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■ Traffic Accidents - Reportable    
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## DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE



The West Chester Police Department places high emphasis on searching for DUI drivers in an attempt to lower fatalities due to alcohol and/or drug related vehicle crashes and to lessen the overall personal injury and property loss due to vehicle crashes in our service communities. In 2014, the West Chester Police Department made 150 DUI arrests. In 2013, the Department made 181 DUI arrests. The Department has recorded over 200 arrests in each year between 2006 through 2009. The 2006 Total of 238 arrests was the highest in the past seventeen (17) years.

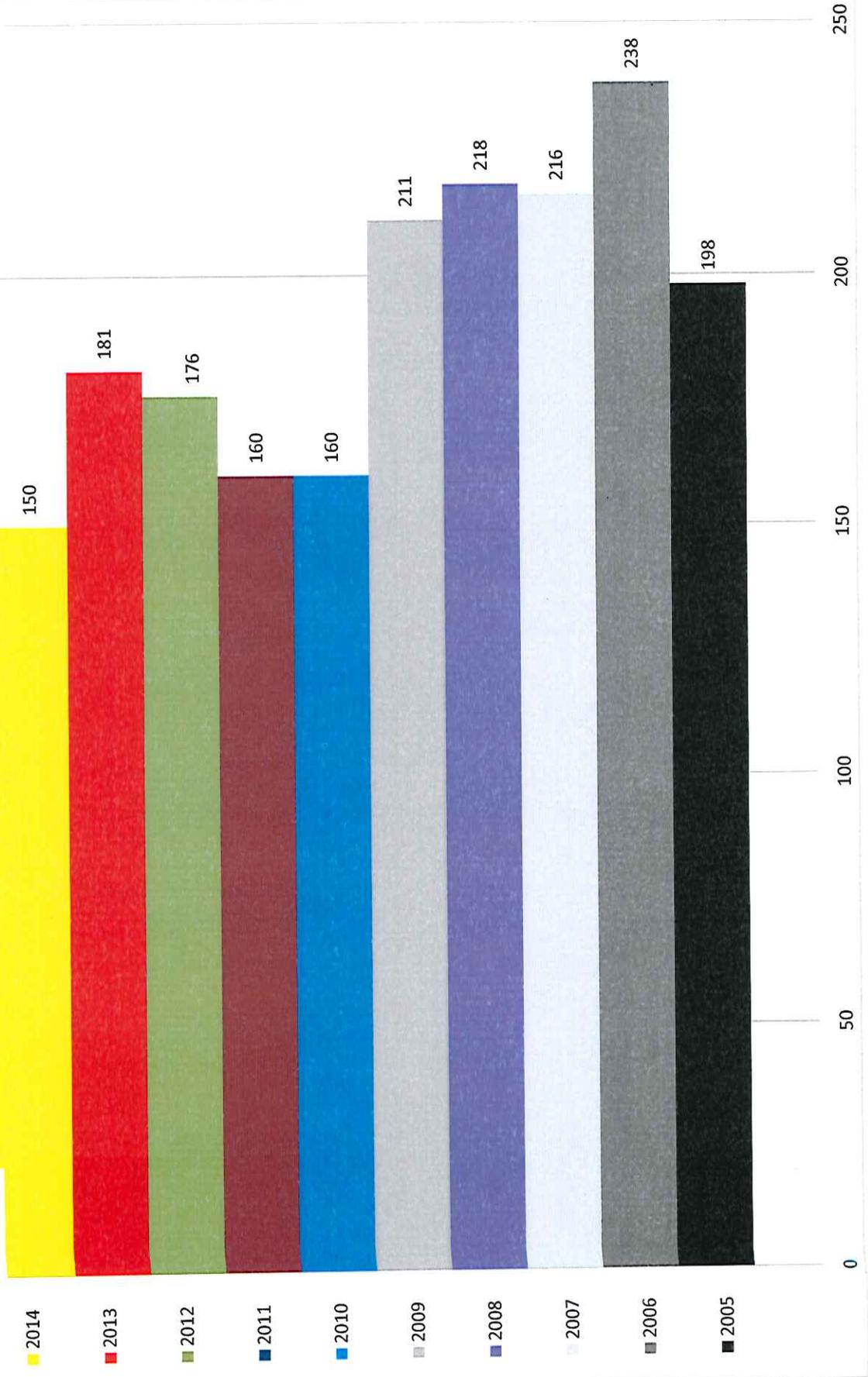
### DUI Checkpoints

In association with the Chester County Highway Safety Project, two (2) DUI Checkpoints were conducted in 2014. Both were conducted in the 600 Block of East Market Street.

- 1) May 23, 2014 - Nine (9) DUI arrests
- 2) September 12, 2014 - Twelve (12) DUI arrests.

The Department's achievements continue to be recognized by the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) organization. The increased success and number of restaurants and liquor establishments in our community increases the probability and likelihood that a larger number of individuals will attempt to drive while intoxicated. While statistics are not yet available from other Chester County law enforcement agencies, I suggest that our figures in this category are again among the highest in Chester County.

# WEST CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT DUI ENFORCEMENT





## TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS



Each year, emphasis is placed on traffic safety and enforcement. In 2014, the Department was again significantly impacted by reductions in Commonwealth funding for target traffic enforcement details. The enforcement of our state vehicular laws is an essential and important service to the residents of and visitors to our communities' high expectations for specific results. Traffic arrests/citations issued by the West Chester Police Department decreased approximately 1% in 2014. The issuance of "written traffic warnings" decreased approximately 1% in 2014. In 2014, the Department's total number of "traffic details" in our service communities decreased by approximately 5%. In 2014, the Department continued to utilize computer hardware and software technology that will continue to benefit our communities in assessing current vehicular traffic. The technology has and will continue to aid in future traffic planning in our community and the surrounding municipalities.

A renewed emphasis during 2014 on the Department's traffic safety goals and objectives is a double edged sword. We emphasized a special cautionary note in the 2004 and each subsequent Annual Report. The note should be recalled in this and future reports when presented. The cautionary note, specifically, relates to the number of calls-for-service reported each year. Vehicle stops for traffic violations are not counted as a call-for-service. The Department's calls-for-service volume, patrol and the allocation of personnel impact traffic enforcement figures. The officers are required to satisfy daily court obligations at four (4) separate locations: two (2) District Courts, Common Pleas Court, and Juvenile Court, and the number and/or issuance of criminal arrests and non-traffic citations have remained consistently high. The above stated factors, in addition to the Department's level of staffing and staffing requirements, significantly impact our traffic enforcement statistics.

### **Traffic Studies:**

A total of six (6) traffic studies were performed throughout East Bradford Township and the Borough of West Chester for 2014.

## **Construction:**

There were several major construction projects in the Borough of West Chester that affected the traffic flow in all four (4) quadrants of West Chester Borough. The majority of these projects will continue into 2015. The former Courthouse Annex and F&M building projects may be starting sometime this year 2015; these projects may affect traffic flow in the CBD and surrounding traffic-ways.

There are no major construction projects scheduled at this time for East Bradford Twp. for 2015. The Rosedale Corridor project and study will be monitored for the impact on traffic.

## **Traffic Analysis:**

The following roadways and or/intersections are only a few of the more serious ones in the Borough of West Chester and East Bradford Township. This list has not changed from 2014. The Department's total list is will require additional time and personnel to evaluate as traffic patterns change. The Department has prioritized locations and has and will investigate each and follow through towards solutions prior to moving onto another less problematic location(s). The Department has initiated and is collating traffic studies on a number of intersections prior to submitting recommendations for Borough Council and the Board of Supervisors for approval.

### Borough of West Chester:

The most problematic intersection in the Borough of West Chester still is High and Washington Sts. This intersection became more problematic as the growth of West Chester continued. This has been a high volume accident area for over 13 years.

- In 2014 there was a marked drop in accidents. This may be due to increased traffic volume slowing or stopping traffic immediately at the intersection. The area will be monitored to determine if further remediation is necessary.

East Bradford Township:

- The most problematic intersection in East Bradford Township is Highland Rd. and Rt-162. This intersection has experienced an increase in traffic volume and number of accidents over the past five (5) years and an increased traffic from the shopping center on Rt-322 and an increased populace to the west. The Board of Supervisors submitted a report to PennDOT regarding the intersection. Landscaping was done at the sight and several State recommendations are under review.

**Intersections and Roadways under Evaluation:**

Borough of West Chester

- Crosswalks – West Chester University (Borough Roadways)

East Bradford Township

- Rt-162 from the bridge to Highland Rd.
- Rt-52 & Rosedale Ave.

The Department will continue to aggressively enforce the speed limits on the above roadways in East Bradford Township and continue to aggressively enforce traffic signals and stop signs on the above stated intersections in the Borough of West Chester.

**Traffic Details:**

Speed Details

A total of twelve (12) speed details were performed in East Bradford Township during 2014.

Total Speeding Citations	155
Total Warnings given	21
Other Arrest/warrants	0

EnRadd Details - East Bradford Township: Twelve (12)

A total one hundred fifty-five (155) citations and twenty-one (21) warnings issued.

➤	Downingtown Pike	2
➤	Tigue Rd.	1
➤	W. Miner St.	1
➤	Strasburg Rd Rt-162	1
➤	Scnelltown Rd.	4
➤	Copeland School	1
➤	Skelp Level Rd.	2

A total of four hundred ninety-six (496) one officer traffic details were performed thru-out West Chester and East Bradford Township in 2014. The details were performed by officers during normal patrol without over-time.

**Buckle-Up-Pa Grant**

Funding for the Buckle-Up-Pa Grant has been cut substantially since 2012. A total of Three (3) traffic details were performed in West Chester Borough during 2014 using Grant Money from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for traffic and seat belt enforcement.

(02/1//2014 through 03/28/2015) and (10/20/2014 through 10/24/2014)

Henderson High School – Transportation routes from facility

▪	Seat Belt Citations	04
▪	Other Moving Violations	65
▪	Total Contacts	81

(05/19/2014 through 06/18/2014)

Roving Details – 14 (separate enforcements)

▪ Seat Belt Citations	10
▪ Other Moving Violations	109
▪ Suspended Licenses	03

### **Aggressive Driving Enforcement**

Three (3) waves of enforcement were conducted in 2014 in both the Borough of West Chester and East Bradford Township through the PA Aggressive Driving Enforcement Grant. The locations of the enforcement and waves are predetermined by The North Central Highway Safety Network through Data collected from Penn Dot.

Wave One (1) 03/24/14 thru 05/4/14

Eight (8) details

▪ Total Citations	72
▪ Traffic Control Signals	38
▪ Traffic Signs	04
▪ Other Violations	25
▪ Suspended Citations	01
▪ Seat Belt Citations	04
▪ Arrest	01

Wave Two (2) 07/07/14 thru 08/31/14

Twelve (12) details

▪ Total Citations	107
▪ Other Citations	51
▪ Traffic Control	32
▪ Seat Belts	04
▪ Traffic Signs	16
▪ Suspended Licenses	04

Wave Three (3) (Special Funding – Red Light Enforcement)

Fourteen (14) details

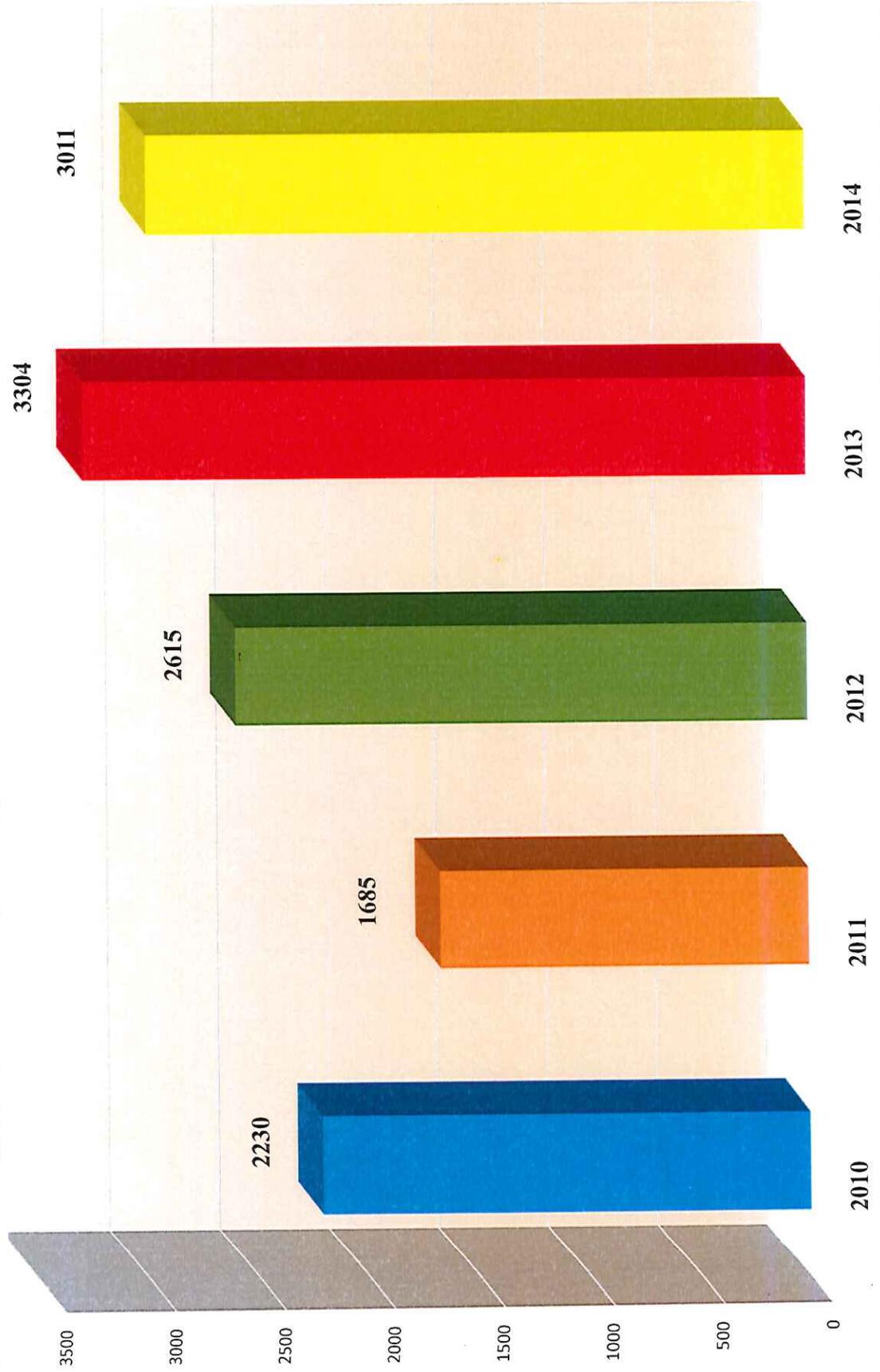
▪ Total Citations	125
▪ Traffic Control	63

# TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

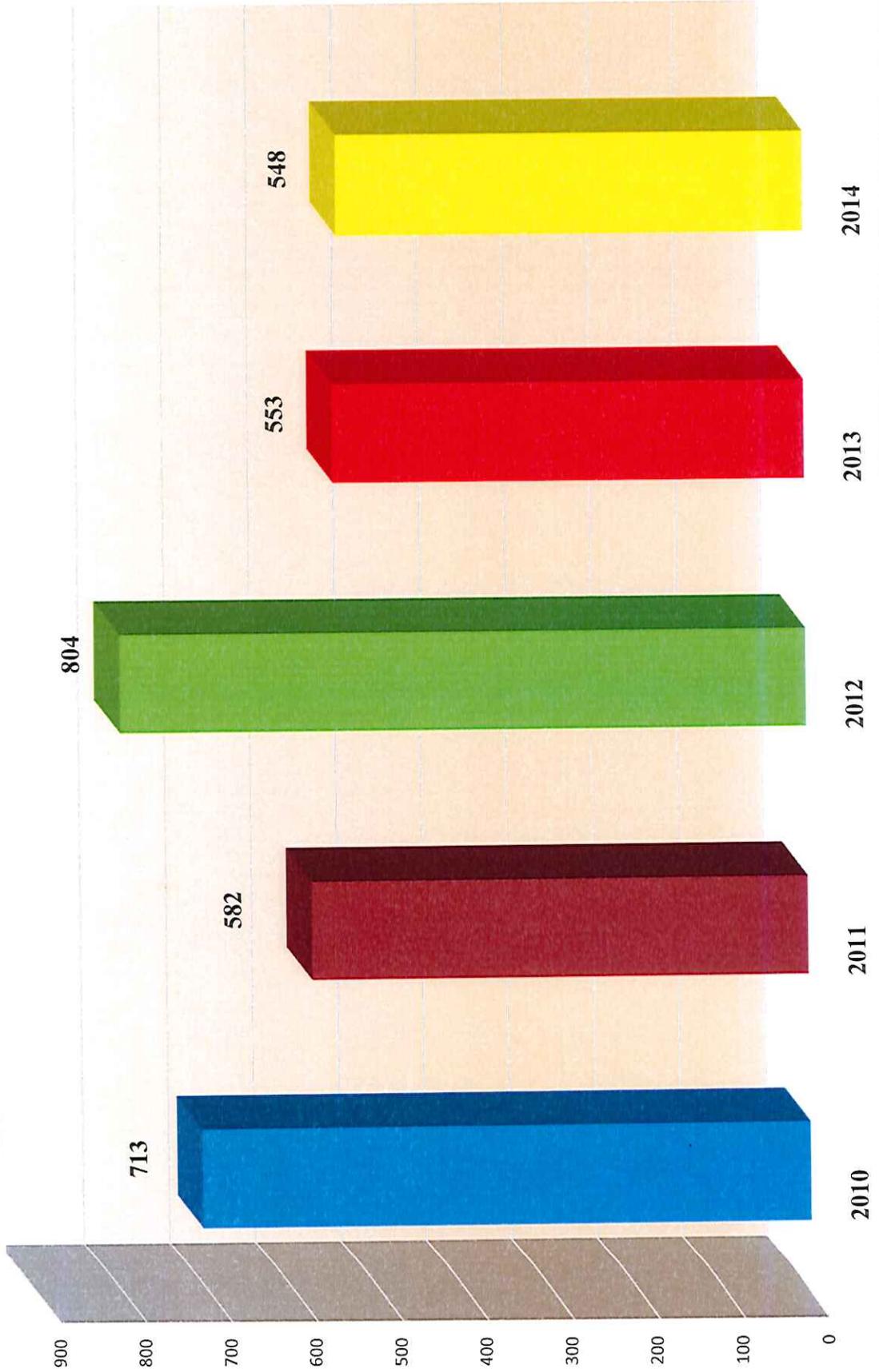
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West Chester Borough  
Traffic Citations**



**WEST CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
East Bradford Township  
Traffic Citations

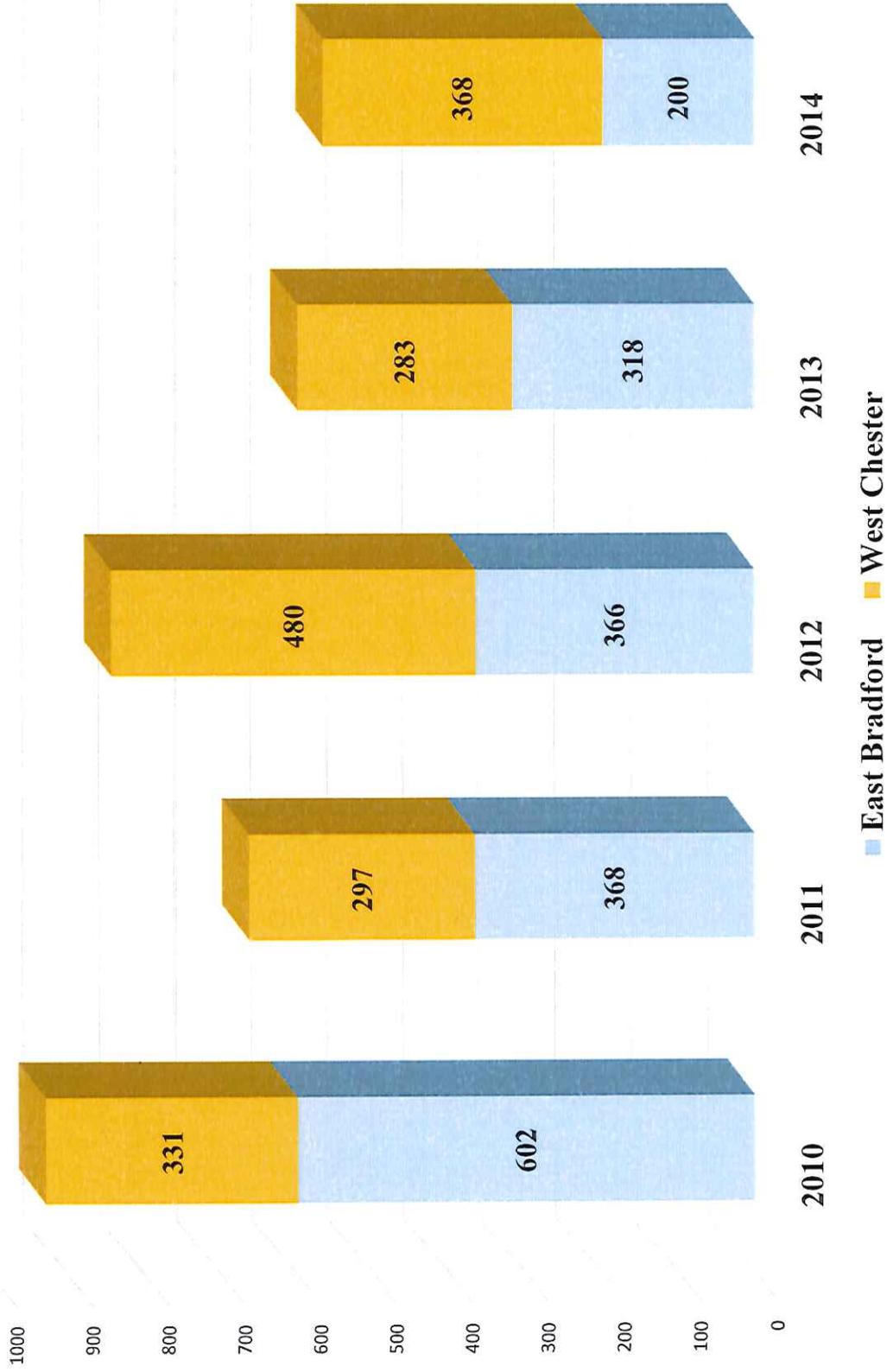




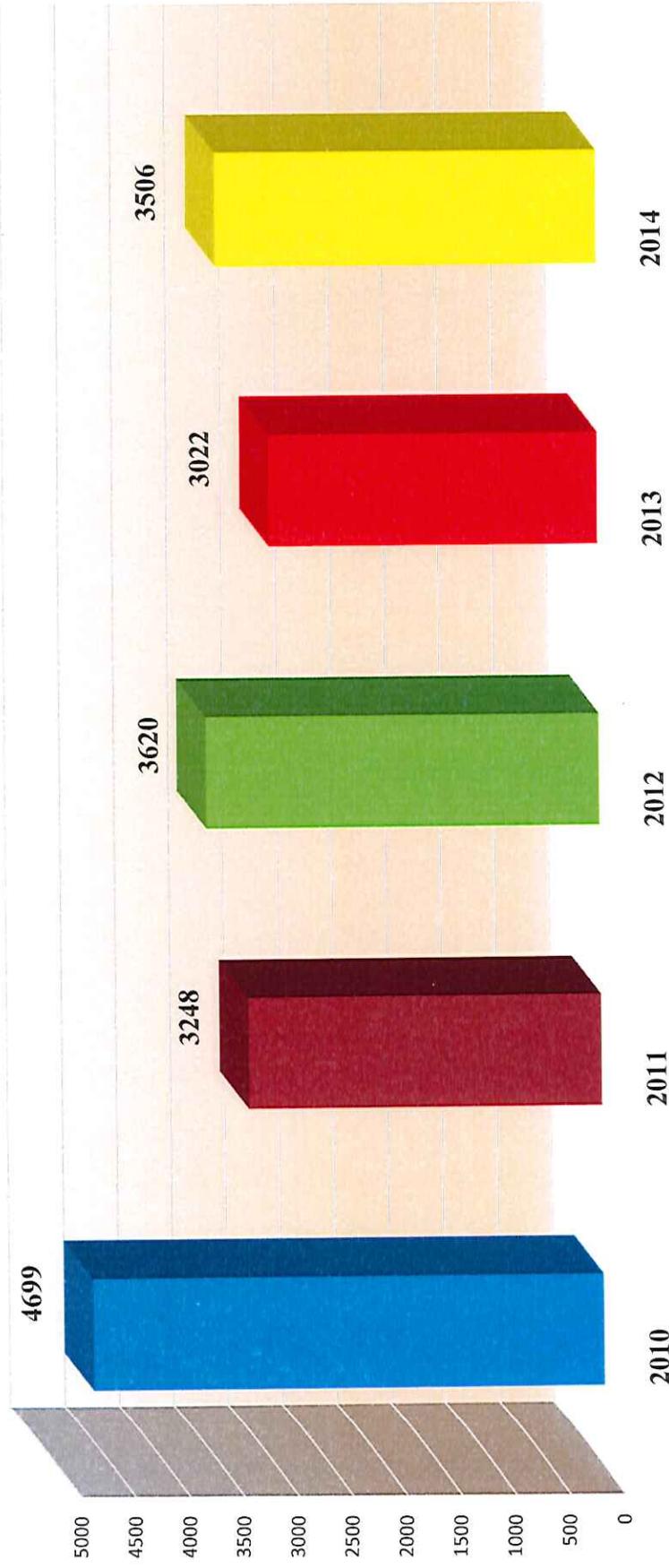
# WEST CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Traffic Details

### West Chester - East Bradford Combined Totals



# WEST CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT Parking Enforcement





## NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS

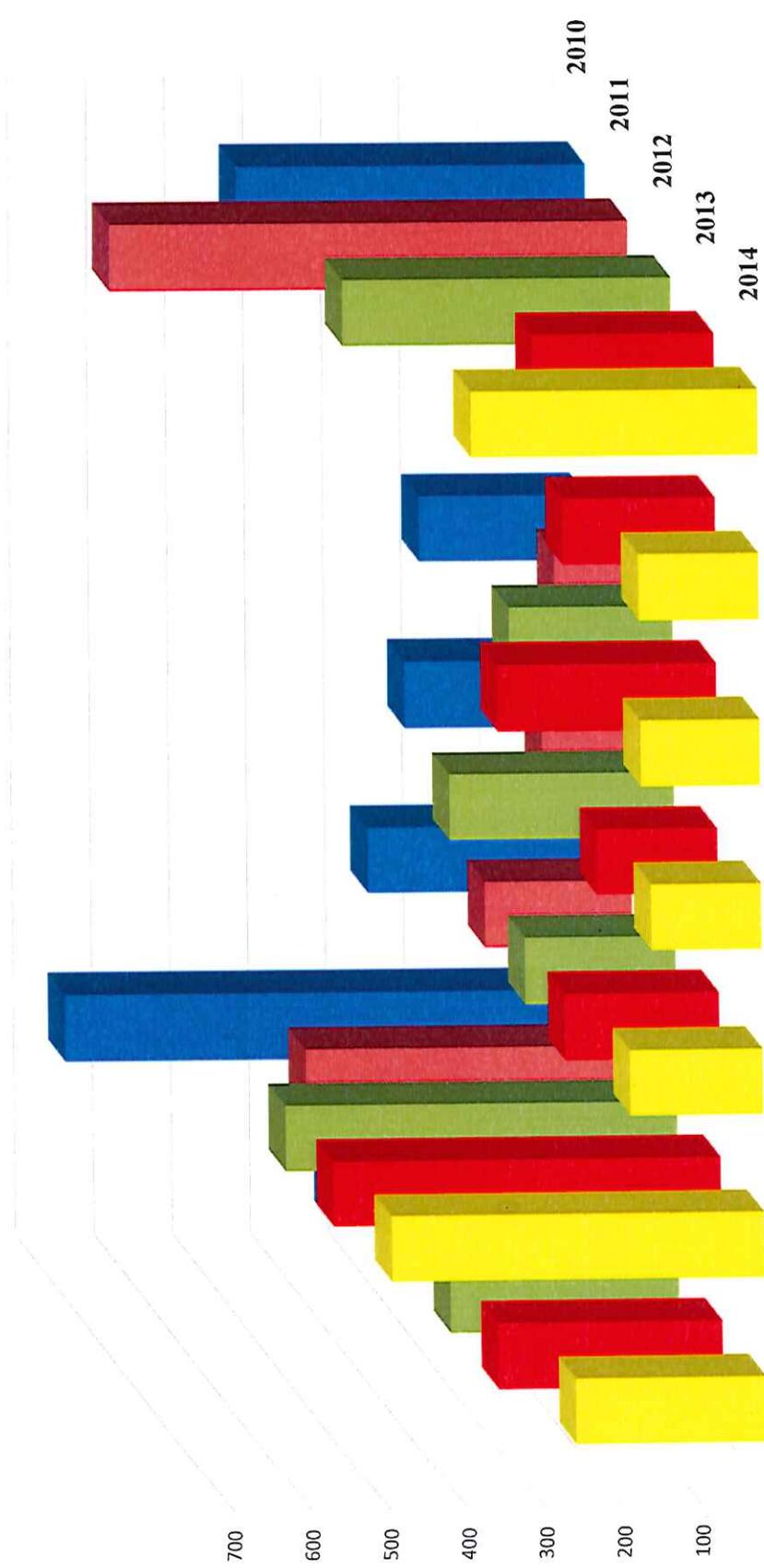


“Non-Traffic Citation” is the official name in Pennsylvania for the issuance of a criminal summons for the violation of a summary criminal offense, the lowest grade of all criminal offenses in the Commonwealth. More specifically, it is similar to a traffic ticket in that a Police Officer may stop an individual and issue a summons on a minor criminal offense, such as a quality of life violation, or mail the summons to the offender’s residence at a later date.

During 2014, the West Chester Police Department issued 1,701 such criminal summonses for minor quality of life violations such as Disorderly Conduct and similar offenses. This represents an 8% decrease in the issuance of summons from 2013. During the calendar year, 2014 the Department documented a 15% decrease in arrests for Liquor Law violations, a 4% decrease in Public Drunkenness arrests, a 14% decrease in Disorderly Conduct arrests, a 46% decrease in Open Container arrests and a 9% decrease in Noise Ordinance violations. In 2014, the Department documented a 58% increase in “other” non-traffic arrests. This is largely due to the increased number of public urination citations.

# WEST CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Criminal Citations



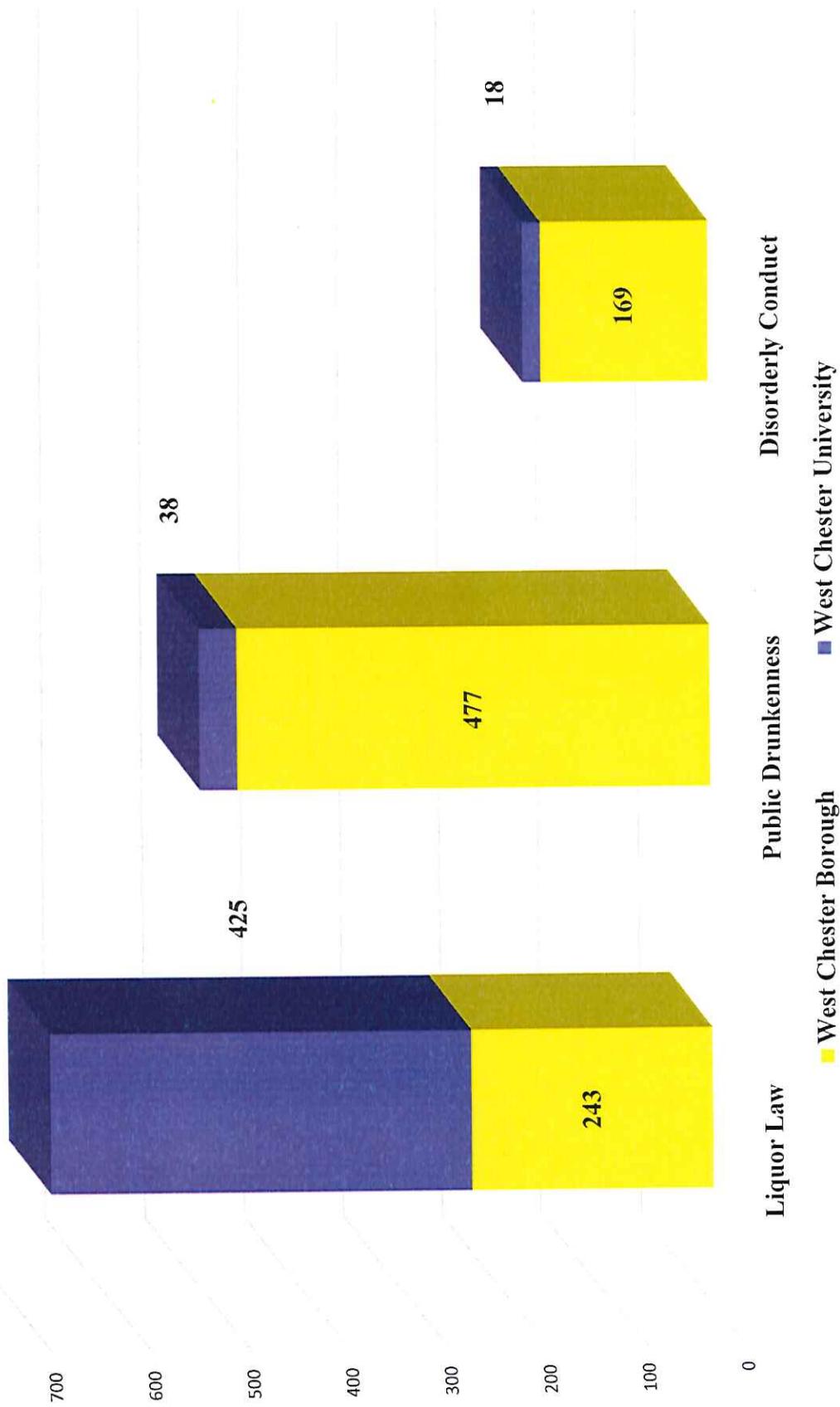
	Liquor Law	Public Drunkenness	Disorderly Conduct	Noise Ordinance	Open Bottle	Public Indecency	Other
2014	243	477	169	140	152	153	367
2013	287	496	197	154	280	195	232
2012	293	502	193	288	210		421
2011	259	421	189	114	97		664
2010	335	673	284	235	215		447



# WEST CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

## West Chester - West Chester University

### Criminal Citations





# West Chester Police Department

## UNIT REPORTS 2014

### Alarm Enforcement Management

#### Alarm Enforcement – Citation Issuance

In 2014, 60 non-traffic citations for alarm ordinance violations were issued, each of which resulted in guilty dispositions and the collection of fines. In addition to burglar alarms fines we also assisted the Building and Housing Department with the issuance of non-traffic citations for fire alarm violations, {twelve (12)}.

#### Borough of West Chester – Alarm Fines Report

	FALSE	VALID	POWER	MONTHLY TOTAL	TOTAL FINES	FINES COLLECTED	FINES UN-PAID
January	39	0	0	39	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
February	25	0	0	25	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
March	40	0	0	40	\$2,050.00	\$1,800.00	\$250.00
April	20	0	0	20	\$1,300.00	\$1,200.00	\$100.00
May	37	0	1	38	\$2,000.00	\$1,700.00	\$300.00
June	37	0	0	37	\$2,500.00	\$1,800.00	\$700.00
July	30	0	0	30	\$1,650.00	\$1,150.00	\$500.00
August	32	0	0	32	\$4,100.00	\$3,250.00	\$850.00
September	35	0	0	35	\$2,600.00	\$2,400.00	\$200.00
October	43	0	0	43	\$4,050.00	\$3,100.00	\$950.00
November	26	0	0	26	\$3,400.00	\$0.00	\$3,400.00
December	32	0	0	32	\$3,450.00	\$0.00	\$3,450.00
<b>TO DATE</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>397.00</b>	<b>\$28,200.00</b>	<b>\$17,500.00</b>	<b>\$10,700.00</b>

At year end, \$17,500.00 had successfully been collected in alarm fines in the Borough of West Chester. The Department will begin the process of issuing citations for the remaining unpaid fines pending from 2014.

**Township of East Bradford – Alarm Fines Report**

	FALSE	VALID	STORM	MONTHLY TOTAL	TOTAL FINES	FINES COLLECTED	FINES UN-PAID
January	18	0	0	18	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
February	22	0	0	22	\$250.00	\$225.00	\$25.00
March	15	0	0	15	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
April	30	0	0	30	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$0.00
May	10	0	0	10	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$0.00
June	20	0	0	20	\$325.00	\$325.00	\$0.00
July	19	0	3	22	\$250.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
August	18	0	0	18	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$25.00
September	12	0	0	12	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$25.00
October	11	0	0	11	\$325.00	\$125.00	\$200.00
November	19	0	0	19	\$475.00	\$0.00	\$475.00
December	15	0	0	15	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$325.00
<b>TO DATE</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>\$2,600.00</b>	<b>\$1,400.00</b>	<b>\$1,200.00</b>

To date, \$1,400.00 has been successfully collected in alarm fines in the Township of East Bradford. The Department will begin the process of issuing citations for the remaining unpaid fines pending from 2014.

**POLICE COMMUNICATIONS**

**Mission:**

The mission of the West Chester Communication Center is to provide the highest level of public safety communication service for the protection of the public in need of help. The Communication Unit will ensure fair, impartial and courteous treatment toward all employees, citizens, and public safety agencies and personnel. The Communication Unit will receive emergency and non-emergency calls for help, and dispatch appropriate resources in a timely manner. The Communication Unit will monitor activities and provide the best support possible for maintaining the safety of our public safety personnel. The Communication Unit will train and learn new technology and updated training, accept challenges and necessary changes with a willingness to

learn. The Communication Unit accepts that Customer service is essential to our success, so we treat each caller with empathy and respect. We strive to maintain the professionalism required by the West Chester Police Department Code of Ethics.

**Staffing:**

In 2014, the Communication Unit was staffed by seven (7) Communication Officers. Four (4) Communication Officers are assigned to Police Squads. Three (3) Communications are assigned rotating shifts to supplement time off and duty assignments to assist the Communication Officers assigned to permanent squads.

In 2014, a change of assignment was initiated after CIO/CCO William Mann relinquished his position with the West Chester Police Department.

The Position of Crew Leader/Chief Communication Officer was adopted after being approved by the Borough Manager. An interview process was conducted and CCO Dave March was selected and approved in 2014 to replace CIO William Mann.

In April 2014, after an extensive interviewing process, Communication Officer Joseph Miles was hired to fill the vacancy left when Communication Officer Jerry Ferriola was hired as a police officer for West Chester Borough Police Department.

The Police Communication position is a skilled emergency service work that involves receiving emergency 911 and non-emergency requests for police assistance, determining nature/urgency of calls, initiating police or other emergency personnel action and maintaining close contact with field units to monitor response and needed support requirements.

It requires a considerable degree of initiative and independent judgment within procedural boundaries in responding to emotional, disturbed and sometimes abusive people in a variety of situations. Work may be done separately or in conjunction with other dispatchers and dispatchers may assist in training, teaching and basic operational equipment management.

The West Chester Police Department Communications operation requires rotating shift assignments to maintaining twenty-four hour operational capability. The Unit:

- Received and responded to emergency and non-emergency calls including enhanced 911, and non-emergency calls from the public, dispatchers, and law enforcement agencies via telephone and radio systems and computer-aided dispatch (CAD) systems;
- Processed and evaluated information received, prioritizes calls and dispatches required units and/or agencies;
- Monitored and coordinated police unit activity and assignments via police radio frequencies;
- Maintained status and locations of public safety personnel;
- Utilized technology such as computers, radio systems, telephones, fax machines and other communication equipment;
- Created and maintained automated or manual logs of public safety communications activity;
- Accessed and entered sensitive data in local/state/national databases as necessary for investigative purposes;
- Entered and maintained files for persons or property pending apprehension/recovery;
- Maintained appropriate security and confidentiality of information created or encountered in the performance of assigned duties;
- Kept informed of departmental regulations, policies and procedures;
- Assisted in providing on-the-job training for Police Communication Officers and submitted progress reports and evaluations on trainees.

### **2015 Goals and Objectives**

- Communication Division combined Quality Assurance year end percentage of 97.5 % (**96.5% in 2014**)
- Complete Core Training and monthly CON-ED for each communication officer.

## CRIMINAL DIVISION

In 2014 the West Chester Criminal Division was staffed and divided into three (3) sections; major crimes, vice, and juvenile. The sergeant, corporal, and two (s) detectives are assigned to investigate all major crimes. Two (2) detectives are assigned to the vice-unit, primarily investigating narcotics, organized crime (gangs) and prostitution. One (1) detective is assigned to crimes involving juveniles as victims and offenders in assaults, child molestation, missing and runaway cases.

In 2014, the Criminal Division continued to observe a steady trade of heroin and opium based pills, such as Percocet and Oxycodone. Most of the narcotic unit's investigations targeted the pill and heroin trade. Case detectives investigated property crimes and drug overdoses which are often related to opium use and addiction.

Internet fraud and phone scams increased in 2014 and continue to be a major national and international concern. Citizens are encouraged to be mindful in attempt to prevent from being a victim.

The criminal investigation division participated in 284 crime incidents. The investigations conducted included interviews and interrogations. They processed crime scenes and individual items of evidence including fingerprints, photographs, DNA, blood, hair, and other trace evidence. The division processed items from 157 of the 284 incidents. The major crimes and juvenile detectives made 47 criminal arrests during 2014.

<u>Crime Type</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Offenders arrested</u>
Homicide	0	0
Robbery	19	4
Rape	5	1
Sexual Assault	27	3
Assault	13	6
Burglary	25	10
Theft	30	7
Forgery/Fraud-Credit Card	12	2

The following are some of the high profile incidents investigated by the division during 2014:

- January 2014, two subjects from New Castle, DE were arrested for a commercial burglary committed in December 2013 (Borough), involving the theft of a safe and firearm. A warrant was issued for a third subject who remains at large. The two subjects arrested pled guilty to state prison sentences.
- February 2014, a Mexican male was arrested for the indecent sexual assault of a twenty-four (24) year old female who was walking in the 100 block of Middle Alley. The subject pled guilty and will be deported to Mexico following his sentence.
- March 2014, an alert patrol officer stopped two nineteen (19) year old males from out of town for pulling on door handles of parked vehicles. The pedestrian stop sparked an investigation which lead to the offenders arrests on burglary and theft charges from several college residences. The crime route of the offenders were tracked by detectives through use of private surveillance video.
- March 2014, a twenty-eight (28) year old female walked out of the Walgreens Pharmacy in East Bradford Township when a male subject grabbed her purse. The victim held onto her purse and a violent struggle occurred between the victim and offender. The victim and offender fell several times to the concrete sidewalk before the offender overpowered the victim and ran off with her purse. The victim received minor injuries with the entire incident being captured on video surveillance. Despite broadcasting the crime and video in the television media and following several leads, the investigation went cold. Then in June of 2014, detectives were provided with a lead which lead them to a thirty-three (33) year old male from Harrisburg, PA who had ties to West Chester. Detectives went to Harrisburg where they uncovered information which lead to the arrest of a male subject. Following the arrest detectives obtained a confession from the actor who is currently being held in Chester County Prison pending a disposition in Common Pleas Court.
- April 2014, two (2) nineteen (19) year old males from the West Chester Area burglarized the off campus apartment of a twenty (20) year old male West Chester University student. The two offenders were arrested by officers and detectives who responded to the daytime burglary. The two offenders stated they were looking to “lick” (rob) the twenty year old male of marijuana as the offenders had

purchased marijuana from the twenty (20) year old male in the past months. Disposition of the arrest is pending in the Chester County Court of Common Pleas.

- April 2014, two (2) men armed with handguns entered a residence of a known drug dealer, assaulted and robbed several individuals in the residence and fled with money, drugs, and cell phones. Detectives quickly execute a search warrant at the home of a nineteen (19) year old Borough resident. Property taken in the robbery: two (2) handguns and bloody clothing were seized. The actor is being held in the Chester County Prison awaiting trial. The second gunman has not been arrested at this time.
- May 2014, a witness observed a male subject punch an intoxicated thirty-one (31) year old male as he walked in the 200 block of E. Chestnut St after leaving a local bar. The witness stated the assault which left the victim with a serious brain injury was unprovoked. The case remains unsolved.
- May 2014, a twenty-five (25) year old male from West Chester robbed a (twenty-one) 21 year old male at gun point of his backpack in the parking lot of 420 N. Everhart St. The actor threatened to shoot the victim if he did not give up the backpack. The actor is being held in the Chester County Prison awaiting trial.
- June 2014, an eighteen (18) year old male and a twenty-one (21) year old male from the West Chester Area burglarized an apartment in the southeast portion of the Borough. Surveillance video of the two pawning the stolen items at a local retail store led to their arrest. One of the offenders pled guilty to burglary and related charges while the other is awaiting trial in the Court of Common Pleas of Chester County.
- July 2014, a male actor from Coatesville, PA was arrested for exposing his genitals to a twenty-nine (29) year old female who was walking in the 50 block of E. Barnard St. The subject pulled his vehicle to the curb and asked the female where Chestnut St was located. The female documented the registration of the vehicle as the actor fled the area. Disposition of the arrest is pending in the Chester County Court of Common Pleas. If convicted, the subject faces deportation to Mexico.

- August 2014, four male subjects were robbed at gun point of their cell phones and personal belongings in the 800 block of W. Market St as they were walking from the center of town after the bars had closed. During the robbery one of the victims struggled with the offenders, the offender fired one shot that did not strike anyone. The investigation remains unresolved.
- August 2014, a nineteen (19) year old male was arrested on rape and false imprisonment charges. An eighteen (18) year old acquaintance of the actor reported the assault after she fled his residence. The actor is currently being held in Chester County Prison awaiting trial for this arrest as well as two (2) other criminal arrest for crimes which occurred in the Borough during 2014.
- October 2014, a nineteen (19) year old Borough resident plead guilty to 5 to 10 years in state prison for shooting his eighteen (18) year old cousin multiple times at the intersection of Chestnut and New Sts. Patrol officers arrested the actor at the scene along with another eighteen (18) year old Borough resident who assisted the actor during the shooting incident. The victim was shot in his abdomen and suffered a graze wound to his head.
- December 2014, a male actor was found guilty of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, aggravated indecent sexual assault, and corruption of minors by a Chester County Common Pleas jury. The subject was arrested for the September 2013 assault of a four (4) year old child while the child slept in a Borough rooming home. He is awaiting a state prison sentence which could incarcerate him for more than twenty years. The actor is a second time offender for abusing children.

The Criminal Sergeant and Corporal serve as the evidence custodians for the police department. Officers from the department submitted 2,114 items into evidence. 1,184 items were disposed of. The police department turned over \$5,159 in currency to the Chester County District Attorney (forfeiture).

The Sergeant and Corporal for the Criminal Division are responsible for the packaging, transportation, testing, storage, and disposal of evidence obtained by the police department. Evidence from 194 cases was submitted to the Pennsylvania State Police Laboratory in Lima, PA and items from 19 cases were submitted to a private laboratory for analysis.

## **Vice Unit**

In 2014, The West Chester Vice unit conducted a total of 26 drug investigations, resulting in 33 arrests. The Vice unit has 9 narcotic investigations which started in 2014 and will conclude during the beginning of 2015.

The following are some of the notable investigations during 2014:

- Male subject from New Jersey was arrested for selling MDMA in the bars in the downtown business district. His arrest lead detectives to other investigations involving the sale and use of MDMA throughout southeast Pennsylvania.
- Three Borough residents were arrested for selling illegal narcotics on the streets of West Chester in separate investigations. These subjects are all local lifelong residents who have been associated with the drug trade, violence and have had numerous police contacts.
- A male subject from Philadelphia was arrested for selling crack cocaine from a home in the 100 block of E. Union St. The home in which he sold his drugs from was the target of two home invasion armed robberies during 2014. During these robberies other individuals inside the home were assaulted and threaten to be killed by the offenders over the sale of crack and powder cocaine.

The West Chester Police Department continues to pursue drug offenders in attempt to make the Borough a safer place and avoid the ill effects of the violent drug trade.

In 2014, the West Chester Vice unit continued to worked jointly with federal, state, and local law enforcement in conducting illegal narcotic investigations. The West Chester Vice unit purchased \$19,180 worth of illegal narcotics during their investigations in 2014.

## **Current Trends and Developments**

There is still a fair presence of cocaine and crack in West Chester; however opium-based pharmaceutical drugs and heroin are in very high demand and readily available throughout Chester County. Investigators have seen the price of heroin drop (though the demand is high). Heroin remains cheaper than the opium-based pills. Detectives responded to several heroin overdoses, three which resulted in death. There is no current

information indicating that the availability of heroin, its use, and crimes associated with the highly addictive drug will dissipate.

## **Goals**

- The West Chester Vice unit will continue to target larger quantity, source drug dealers, when they become viable targets. This will be conducted with a balance of interdiction techniques which target the nuisance drug houses in the neighborhoods of the Borough. The unit's efforts will focus on seizures of assets, vehicles and money in attempt to strip drug dealers of their proceeds. Technology plays a major role in the unit's investigations which are time consuming, but the results are stronger convictions and longer sentences for repeat offenders.
- The Vice unit will continue to diligently retrieve accurate intelligence as to ongoing and changing trends in the local drug market. The accurate analysis of this intelligence will allow the unit to prioritize targeted investigations into large source dealers who are viable targets of the unit.
- The unit will continue to coordinate with other agencies including DEA and the Chester County HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) unit. This coordination allows the unit to provide the borough with a keen response to a violent and troubling drug trade.

## **JUVENILE DETECTIVE**

A Detective is currently assigned to juvenile cases in the Borough of West Chester and East Bradford Township. The Detective is the Life Skills coordinator, Believe and Achieve Board Member and the coordinator of several special events throughout the year. This would include the CTDI Christmas party for underprivileged children, Believe and Achieve fundraisers and other special events. The Detective meets with the Chester County's Safe Schools Planning Coordinator, as well as other officials once a month to discuss school safety.

The Detective handles the child abuse cases and missing juvenile cases that are referred to this department. The Detective is the contact person with Juvenile Probation, Children, Youth and Families, the DA's Child Abuse Unit, private, public and charter schools in the Borough of West Chester and East Bradford Township.

The West Chester Police Department filed seven (7) Allegation Forms for juveniles in the year of 2014.

The Criminal Division handled seventeen (17) cases that were related to physical/sexual assault of children.

### **Juvenile Allegations**

Simple Assault	1
Criminal Conspiracy (Simple Assault)	1
Terroristic Threats	2
Indecent Assault	1
Possession of Weapon on School Property	1
Possession of Marijuana	1
Theft by Unlawful Taking	1
Receiving Stolen Property	1
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	1
Fleeing and Attempting to Eluding a Police Officer	1
Prohibited Offensive Weapon	1

### **PAL**

The Juvenile Detective is a member of the Board of Directors of PAL. PAL is located at 1 E. Chestnut St in the Borough of West Chester (YMCA Facility).

## ERT

The objective of the West Chester Regional Emergency Response Team (ERT) and its primary responsibility is to provide and maintain a specially trained unit to resolve those incidents generally beyond the normal scope of regular patrol personnel and equipment.

### Personnel:

In 2014, the West Chester Regional ERT was comprised of thirty-two (32) well-trained Police Officers from eight (8) separate jurisdictions: West Chester (9), West Goshen (4), Westtown-East Goshen (6), Uwchlan (3), West Whiteland (2), Willistown (4), West Chester University (3), Chester County (1) and a seven (7) member Board of Chiefs. The compliment of officers includes seven (7) highly trained negotiators, four (4) highly trained snipers, and two (2) law enforcement technicians.

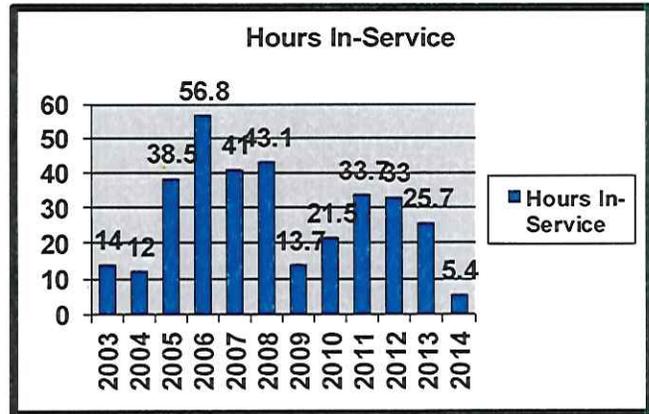
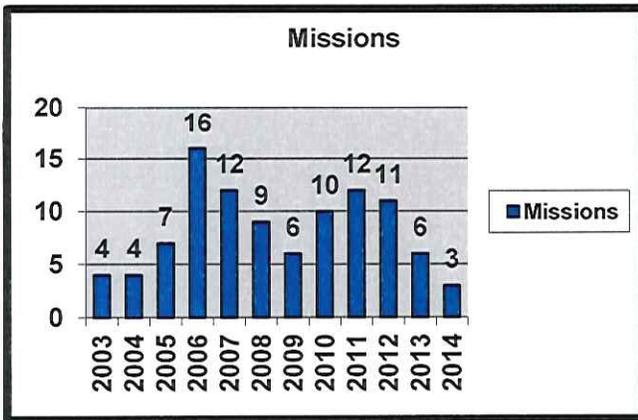


Calls for Service:

The West Chester Regional ERT was activated and responded to three (3) incidents in the calendar year 2014. Each call for service and/or operation was successful in its planning, implementation and execution. Each resulted in a successful outcome.

Calls for Service:

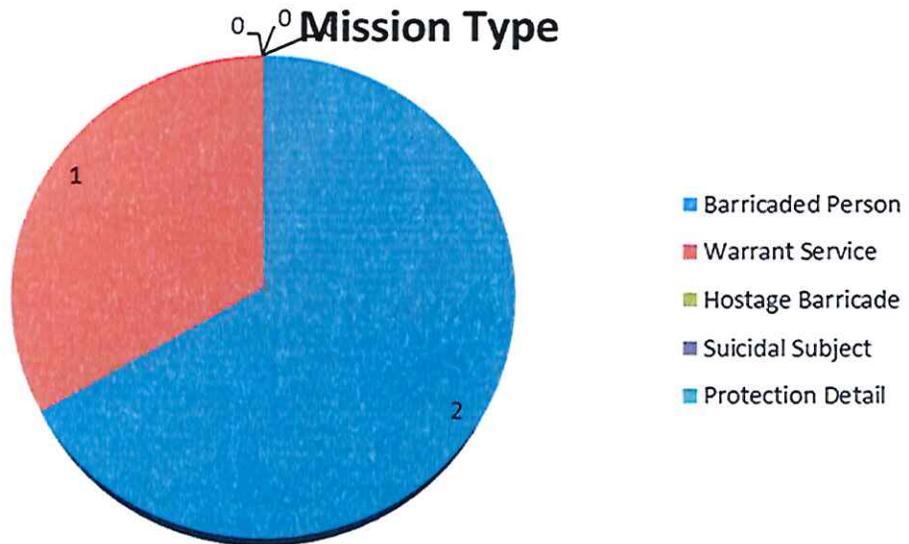
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3/22/2014	2014-01	Barricaded Person	West Chester P.D.	14 S. Matlack St.
4/10/2014	2014-02	Barricaded Person	West Chester P.D.	302 E. Barnard St.
4/24/2014	2014-03	Warrant Service	WEGO P.D.	928 S. Concord Rd.



## Jurisdictional Usage



## Mission Type



## **Training**

In the calendar year 2014, the West Chester Regional ERT continued to focus on the three fundamentals of our team: Physical Training, Tactical Training, and Shooting. Training was designed and recorded by the Team Leader. Additionally, the entire team was involved in intensive tactical training, a 16-hour intense tactical training in New Jersey, and mock call-outs to test preparation and readiness. The monthly training exercises include physical training. This training included, but was not limited, to rugged cross country running, hill training, obstacle courses including an officer down rescue, aerobic and anaerobic training. The ERT engages in range training. This training included the following in 2014; combat course(s), qualifications with all weapons systems, weapons nomenclature classes on all tactical weapons, pistol shooting on obstacle course(s) and surgical drills. Individual officers attended a number of specialized schools. All elements of the team were assessed in 2014 - command, tactical, negotiator, sniper, medical, technical and equipment.

## **Special Details**

A number of team members participated in school career days, township community days, training center ceremonies, Faulkner and A. Duie Pyle crime prevention events. Twelve (12) details were attended in 2014.

## **Goals and Objectives for 2015**

- Fill operations vacancies.
- Vehicle retrofitting and uniformity.
- Revise Policy and Procedure Manual.
- Pursuit of grant sources and funding.
- Command Seminar for police administration.

## RECORDS DIVISION

The West Chester Police Department Records Unit was staffed with two (2) full-time Records Clerks in December of 2014. The Records Clerks continue to be trained in the daily operations and regulatory responsibilities of the West Chester Police Department, the Borough, State, and Federal governments.

### Activity

- The West Chester Police Department Records Unit handled over 29,100 documented incidents including non-reportable and reportable accidents. This documentation includes the handling and filing of lab reports, evidence reports, prisoner logs and various other reports submitted to the Records Unit. The Records Unit interacts daily with the District Attorney's Office, military services, insurance companies, public and private investigators/citizens and housing authorities. These contacts were in compliance with the Attorney General's Municipal Records and Retention Act, also the Commonwealth mandated Right to Know Laws.
- The West Chester Records Unit expunged over 148 criminal history files per court order.
- The West Chester Police Department Records Unit collected \$9,441.00 in fees for reports in 2014.
- The West Chester Police Department Records Unit assisted the Chester County District Attorney's office by processing in excess of 1,458 requested files and assisted the Chester County Sheriff Department with 110 background gun check requests.
- The West Chester Police Department Records Unit collated all use-of-force documentation for administrative review.
- The West Chester Police Department Records Unit handles all requests for background investigations for the Chester County Housing Unit and background investigations requested by Federal, State, and Local Authorities. The Records Department also processes criminal history requests for the federal government, United States Army, and civilian investigators assigned by the government to complete background checks.

- The West Chester Police Department Records Unit processed approximately 1,700 non-traffic citations, 3,400 traffic citations and 1,122 written warnings. The Unit also processed over 379 criminal warrants submitted through the office.
- The West Chester Police Department Records Unit continues to provide information to the Borough Housing Division on all criminal activity in compliance with the Borough Rental Ordinance.

**Records Unit 2015 goals:**

- Continue a monthly assessment of function and efficiencies (Federal/State/Local mandates). The West Chester Records Unit audits reports on a monthly basis to assess outstanding reports. The Records Unit will also complete a monthly audit to determine problems associated with reports submitted to the unit for processing. These reports will be submitted to the administrative staff for review and processing.
- The West Chester Police Department Records Unit is a critical function within the Police Department. The responsibilities of the West Chester Police Records Division continue to evolve as requirements, process and responsibilities change. The employees assigned to the West Chester Police Records Unit will be constantly provided continuing education and training to perform these duties and responsibilities.

## FLEET MANAGEMENT

The 2014 West Chester Police Department fleet management report contains a yearly summary and list of vehicles currently maintained by the department.

Vehicle	Year/Make	2013 Total Miles	2014 Ending Mileage	Purpose/Usage
01-13	2009 Ford	57,499	59,417	Patrol
01-14	2013 Ford	0	19,468	Patrol
01-15	2011 Ford	42,763	58,491	Patrol
01-16	2010 Ford	55,041	68,152	Patrol
01-17	2009 Ford	71,119	80,921	Patrol
01-18	2014 Ford	0	7,009	Patrol
01-19	2008 Ford	72,529	80,657	Patrol
01-20	2014 Ford	0	6,118	Patrol
01-21	2013 Ford	0	14,919	Patrol
01-22	2010 Ford	0	6,348	Patrol
01-23	2013 Ford	50,821	64,819	Patrol
01-24	2013 Ford	16,626	33,097	Patrol
01-25	2013 Ford	20,350	35,532	
01-A1	2014 Ford	0	6,006	Administration
01-A2	2013 Ford	15,197	37,536	Administration
01-A3	2013 Ford	9,841	21,736	Administration
01-D1	2005 Ford	71,298	74,782	Detectives
01-D2	2006 Ford	79,948	92,057	Detectives
01-D3	2005 Ford	118,781	126,074	Detectives
01-D4	2007 Ford	91,714	95,135	Detectives

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	West Chester Borough	East Bradford Township		Vehicle Fleet
Population	*17,861	*9,405	Marked Cars	10
Area/Square Miles	1.8	15.37	Unmarked Cars	2
Total Highway Miles	33.44	70.52	Detectives	4
Municipal Highway Miles	27.34	47.26	Administrative	3
State Highway Miles	6.09	23.26	Special Purpose	3
			<b>Total Vehicles</b>	<b>22</b>

\*Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2010



## PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS

The 2014 personnel allotment for the West Chester Police Department was fifty-five (55) individuals. Of those, forty-four (44) are sworn personnel (Police Officers) and eleven (11) are support staff (non-sworn personnel). With respect to the sworn personnel, seventy-eight percent (78%) are assigned to the patrol function to respond to calls-for-service. Of the remaining twenty-two percent (22%), fifteen percent (15%) are assigned to the criminal investigative function and conduct follow-up investigations for those assigned to the patrol function to allow additional time to perform proactive patrols. Seven (7%) are the administrative staff of the Police Department, including the Chief of Police and two (2) Lieutenants, all of whom will, from time to time, respond to calls-for-service and/or provide assistance to those assigned to the criminal and patrol functions. The following is a statistical analysis of personnel assignments in the Police Department:

<u>Function</u>	<u>% of Sworn Staff</u>	<u>% of All Staff</u>
Patrol	78%	64%
Criminal Investigation	15%	13%
Administration	7%	5%
Support Staff	N/A	18%

When reviewing personnel assignments and distribution within the West Chester Police Department, it is important to consider the information in context. Several officers missed a major and/or significant amount of duty-time due to injury/leave/training. The West Chester Police Department will begin the 2015 calendar with a compliment of forty-four (44) sworn officers.



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## 2014 Personnel Assignments

TITLE	PERSONNEL
<b>Administration</b>	<b>3</b>
Chief of Police	1
Lieutenants	2
<b>Patrol Division</b>	<b>34</b>
Sergeants	5
Corporals	5
Patrolman	24
<b>Detective Division</b>	<b>7</b>
Sergeant	1
Corporal	1
Detectives	2
Narcotics Investigators	2
Juvenile Officer	1
<b>Support Staff</b>	<b>11</b>
Civilian Dispatchers	7
Civilian Records Clerks	2
Civilian Secretaries	2



# West Chester Police Department



## RETIREMENTS

The following Officers are to be recognized for their many years of service to the citizens West Chester.

Years of Service

Years Served

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None

## NEW OFFICERS

The following officers are welcomed as newly hired police officers in our community.

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Ptl. Jerry Ferriola

April 14, 2014



# Perfect Attendance



The following Officers are to be congratulated:

Bergey, Brad  
Billie, Stanley  
Bohn, Scott  
Collins, Ryan  
Davis, Aaron  
DeShullo, Louis  
DiNunzio, Gerald  
Ditz, Jeffrey  
Ferriola, Jerry  
Francart, Jason  
Gallo, Jeffrey  
Iacono, Samuel  
McFarlane, Andrew  
Morehead, James  
Morris, William  
Simcox, Matthew

**The following civilian employees are to be congratulated:**

Jones, Christopher  
Kochka, Kevin