

2014 ANNUAL REPORT



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

YEAR IN REVIEW

On behalf of all members of the Borough of Berwick Police Department, I am pleased to present our 2014 Annual Report to the community. First and foremost, I am very proud to report that the police department was significantly under budget in 2014. Since 2012, we have been relentlessly pursuing narcotics traffickers and have been very fortunate, each year, to have received substantial reimbursements from multiple task forces to help offset our expenditures, for overtime hours spent, during narcotics investigations. Another focus last year was, once again, to acquire specialized training to improve our abilities and better serve our community. Overall, officers received over 1,000 hours in specialized training, not including the mandatory yearly training for certification with the "Municipal Police Officers' Education & Training Commission". The amount of hours and the significant and specialized training received last year is unprecedented and something I am very proud to report. An itemized list of the training received in 2014 follows on the next page of this report.



GRANTS

The Borough of Berwick Police Department received two significant grant awards from the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation's "Health & Wellness Fund" in 2014. We received \$5,000 a year for five (5) years, to fund our "Community Policing Program" as well as a \$6,000 grant award to purchase specialized equipment. Also in 2014, the Borough of Berwick Police Department was awarded \$11,450 from the "Baker Group - International" for "Digital Voice Stress Analysis" software and training.

PARTNERSHIPS

The Borough of Berwick Police Department is very fortunate to be a part of the "Columbia - Montour County S.W.A.T. Team" and the United States Marshals Service's "Fugitive Task Force". We are also very fortunate to have a strong partnership with the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General, as we have worked collaboratively on multiple OCDETF Task Forces.

AWARDS

On June 20, 2014 Berwick Fire Chief, William Coolbaugh, presented Sergeant Michael Monico, Officer Michael Klinetob and Officer James Shaw with the "2014 Fire Safety Award" at the 6th Annual American Red Cross Heroes Breakfast.

LOOKING AHEAD

As always, we shall continue to work together with our citizens and law enforcement partners to do everything possible to make our community a safe and comfortable place to live and work.

Sincerely,
Kenneth J. Strish



2014 SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Each year the Borough of Berwick Police Department enrolls officers in a variety of specialized training. This list itemizes the training attended by officers of the Borough of Berwick Police Department in 2014. It is the goal of the Chief of Police to provide officers with the best training opportunities. A progressive approach with training officers will consistently produce a more capable police force.

TRAINING	OFFICERS	HOURS
Police Executive Development Program	1	60
Advanced Practical Homicide Investigation	2	80
Homicide by Bullet	2	16
FBI Basic Crisis Negotiation Course	1	40
Methamphetamine Clandestine Laboratory Safety	2	80
Tactical Entry to Methamphetamine Laboratories	1	32
"MACTC" Law Enforcement response to Terrorist Events	1	24
Digital Voice Stress Analysis	1	40
Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement	2	32
The Police Supervisory In-Service Training	1	30
Accreditation Manager Class	2	16
Commercial Motor Vehicle Criminal Interdiction	1	24
Field Training Officer	1	24
Technical Collision Investigation	1	80
On Scene Collision Investigation - Level II	1	80
SWAT Tactical Refresher	3	120
Basic Tactics for Warrants	3	96
Building Searches	2	32
Taser	7	24
Drug Identification	1	16
Field Sobriety Testing	1	24
Sobriety Checkpoint	1	8
Sobriety Checkpoint Refresher	1	8
Testifying In Court	1	8
Tactical Communication	1	8
Vehicle Search and Seizure	1	8
Vehicle Stop Tactics	2	32
Vehicle Equipment	2	16



2014 ANNUAL STATISTICS

Total Calls Received

(6,506)

Criminal Offenses

Overall – (335) persons were arrested for (820) criminal charges

Homicide/Attempted – (2) arrests

Rape - reports of (5), arrests for (1)

Sex Offenses (other than Rape) - reports of (13), arrests for (39)

Kidnapping - reports of (0), arrests for (0)

Robbery - reports of (6), arrests for (12)

Aggravated Assault - (30) arrests

Burglary - reports of (67), arrests for (9)

Trespass - reports of (68), arrests for (9)

Forgery reports of (4), arrests for (23)

Arson – reports of (1), arrests for (3)

Disorderly Conduct –reports of (146), arrests for (77)

Harassment – reports of (143), arrests for (69)

Simple Assault – reports of (12), arrests for (39)

Theft – reports of (243), arrests for (57)

Fraud – reports of (34), arrests for (11)

Criminal Mischief – reports of (182), arrests for (15)

Public Drunkenness – reports of (30), arrests for (31)

Receiving Stolen Property – (30) arrests

Resisting Arrest – (14) arrests

Persons not to Possess Firearms – (8) arrests

Domestic Related

Domestic Violence calls – (256)

PFA Violations – reports of (30), arrests for (15)

Traffic Related

Accidents – (236) (includes both reportable and non-reportable accidents)

DUI Arrests – (47)

Traffic Citations – (836)

Parking Tickets – (657) parking tickets – written by officers of the police department

Warning Notices – (330) warnings notices were written by officers of the police department

Warrants

The Borough of Berwick Police Department served (299) arrest warrants in 2014

***Crime statistics do not reflect investigations which did not produce enough sufficient evidence to pursue the case in court, where the victim/witness refused to cooperate with the investigation and/or when the investigation produced sufficient evidence to arrest a suspect for a different criminal act other than what was initially reported. ***



2014 ANNUAL STATISTICS CONTINUED

Narcotics Arrests

*Overall – (87) Persons were arrested for (227) narcotics related charges

Methamphetamine

(21) Persons were arrested for (110) Methamphetamine related charges

Heroin

(27) Persons were arrested for (58) Heroin related charges

Marijuana

(24) Persons were arrested for (36) Marijuana related charges

Illegal Prescription

(8) Persons were arrested for (9) illegal prescription related charges

Synthetic Marijuana

(6) Persons were arrested for synthetic (13) Marijuana related charges

Cocaine

(1) Person was arrested for (1) Cocaine related charge

Financial

<u>Fines</u>	<u>DJ (Criminal)</u>	<u>DJ (Traffic)</u>	<u>Columbia County</u>
Jan	\$888.60	\$1,151.93	\$592.23
Feb	\$1,506.03	\$1,851.96	\$436.12
Mar	\$2,824.07	\$1,322.72	\$219.23
Apr	\$843.97	\$1,005.40	\$91.80
May	\$2,048.41	\$719.60	\$266.30
Jun	\$1,142.27	\$859.59	\$105.21
Jul	\$1,133.49	\$1,810.32	\$469.83
Aug	\$769.74	\$1,101.83	\$109.98
Sep	\$1,283.28	\$1,064.17	\$827.14
Oct	\$1,121.17	\$983.31	\$1,035.17
Nov	\$772.45	\$759.77	\$76.54
Dec	\$827.52	\$664.15	\$168.31

Fines – (\$32,853.61)

(These are the fines that have actually been paid, not the total owed)

Parking Tickets – (\$5,405) paid parking tickets – written by police officers

Accident Reports – (\$2,400) was paid for copies of accident reports

Total Revenue Received in 2014 – (\$40,658.61)



2014 MONTHLY STATISTICS

January

509 total calls received, 83 criminal arrests, 15 warrants served, 11 traffic accidents, 45 traffic arrests and 24 warnings issued.

February

412 total calls received, 61 criminal arrests, 15 warrants served, 19 traffic accidents, 63 traffic arrests and 24 warnings issued.

March

541 total calls received, 101 criminal arrests, 24 warrants served, 21 traffic accidents, 88 traffic arrests and 27 warnings issued.

April

578 total calls received, 65 criminal arrests, 27 warrants served, 16 traffic accidents, 94 traffic arrests and 46 warnings issued.

May

630 total calls received, 104 criminal arrests, 16 warrants served, 17 traffic accidents, 72 traffic arrests and 51 warnings issued.

June

607 total calls received, 77 criminal arrests, 31 warrants served, 29 traffic accidents, 77 traffic arrests and 32 warnings issued.

July

676 total calls received, 45 criminal arrests, 69 warrants served, 15 traffic accidents, 111 traffic arrests and 39 warnings issued.

August

578 total calls received, 55 criminal arrests, 18 warrants served, 20 traffic accidents, 44 traffic arrests and 36 warnings issued.

September

585 total calls received, 68 criminal arrests, 34 warrants served, 14 traffic accidents, 87 traffic arrests and 15 warnings issued.

October

516 total calls received, 62 criminal arrests, 18 warrants served, 16 traffic accidents, 23 traffic arrests and 17 warnings issued.

November

484 total calls received, 25 criminal arrests, 22 warrants served, 29 traffic accidents, 59 traffic arrests and 11 warnings issued.

December

390 total calls received, 74 criminal arrests, 10 warrants served, 24 traffic accidents, 73 traffic arrests and 16 warnings issued.



ANNUAL CRIME STUDY

Serious Crime	2014		2013		2012		2011		2010	
	Reports	Arrests								
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attempted Homicide	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Rape	5	1	4	2	8	1	6	1	9	50
Sex Offenses	13	39	20	15	19	3	11	12	3	59
Kidnapping	0	0	2	3	0	0	2	0	1	0
Robbery	6	12	7	23	6	13	3	11	5	3
Aggravated Assault	3	30	25	17	1	19	3	17	0	10
Burglary	67	9	116	54	60	25	50	35	28	5
Trespass	68	9	55	41	55	35	35	20	42	38
Forgery	4	23	7	6	5	3	6	2	9	7
Arson	1	3	1	0	4	5	0	0	3	6



ANNUAL CRIME STUDY

Other Crime	2014		2013		2012		2011		2010	
	Reports	Arrests								
Disorderly Conduct	146	77	118	105	113	82	142	92	123	132
Harassment	143	69	178	99	124	82	124	90	169	76
Simple Assault	12	39	13	42	18	43	15	49	10	39
Theft	243	57	316	114	353	81	315	72	353	41
Public Drunkenness	30	31	29	39	24	36	12	17	9	23
Criminal Mischief	182	15	197	25	190	34	260	20	229	21
PFA Violations	30	15	33	19	25	9	15	6	29	14



ANNUAL CRIME STUDY**2014**

- Total Calls for Service **(6,506)**
- Total Criminal Arrests **(818)**
- Total Traffic Arrests **(836)**
- Domestic Violence Calls **(256)**
- Arrest Warrants Served **(299)**

2013

- Total Calls for Service **(6,581)**
- Total Criminal Arrests **(1,137)**
- Total Traffic Arrests **(1,123)**
- Domestic Violence Calls **(256)**
- Arrest Warrants Served **(303)**

2012

- Total Calls for Service **(6,410)**
- Total Criminal Arrests **(896)**
- Total Traffic Arrests **(624)**
- Domestic Violence Calls **(249)**
- Arrest Warrants Served **(201)**

2011

- Total Calls for Service **(6,316)**
- Total Criminal Arrests **(714)**
- Total Traffic Arrests **(551)**
- Domestic Violence Calls **(286)**
- Arrest Warrants Served **(222)**

2010

- Total Calls for Service **(5,212)**
- Total Criminal Arrests **(796)**
- Total Traffic Arrests **(382)**
- Domestic Violence calls **(237)**
- Arrest Warrants Served **(152)**



SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS

January

On January 31, 2014 the Borough of Berwick Police Department working in conjunction with the Columbia County Drug Task Force, concluded a month long investigation regarding the distribution of Heroin and Cocaine from 139 West 2nd Street (Apartment C) in Berwick Borough. Officers executed a search warrant at that residence and seized \$319.95 in US currency, 31 bags of Heroin and drug paraphernalia.

February

On February 24, 2014 the Borough of Berwick Police Department working in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General, Pennsylvania State Police and Columbia County Drug Task Force, concluded a month long investigation regarding the distribution of Methamphetamine from 1240 Orange Street in Berwick Borough. Officers executed a search warrant at that residence and arrested five persons in connection with manufacturing and selling Methamphetamine. Also in February, a person was found to be in possession of Methamphetamine and was arrested. Overall in February, six (6) persons were arrested and charged with twenty-seven (27) Methamphetamine related offenses.

March

On March 20, 2014 the Borough of Berwick Police Department played an integral part in a collaborative effort with the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General and the Pennsylvania State Police to dismantle yet another Methamphetamine laboratory in the area. The latest raid occurred at 1 Lark Drive at Berlin's Trailer Court in Briar Creek Borough. Two (2) individuals were arrested on scene and charged with twenty (20) Methamphetamine related charges. The search warrant and arrest paperwork was co-authored by the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General and the Borough of Berwick Police Department.

May

On May 2, 2014 the Borough of Berwick Police Department played an integral role in a collaborative effort to dismantle yet another Methamphetamine laboratory in the area. The raid occurred at 0620hrs at 719 East 2nd Street in Salem Township. Five individuals were arrested at the scene and Methamphetamine related evidence was discovered inside the residence.

July

On July 19, 2014 the Borough of Berwick Police Department was dispatched to 139 West 2nd Street for a report of a violent domestic involving a knife. Upon arrival at the scene, officers observed two males actively fighting in the living room. Once officers separated the males from each other, a female was discovered laying on her back; her shirt was covered with blood. One male was arrested and charged with two counts of "*Aggravated Assault*" and two counts of "*Simple Assault*".



SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS

August

On August 18, 2014 the Borough of Berwick Police Department was dispatched to the intersection of Susquehanna Avenue and Ida Street for a report of a pedestrian intentionally struck by a motor vehicle. The victim sustained severe injuries and was transported to the "Geisinger Medical Center" via "LifeFlight". Witnesses to the incident positively identified the operator of the involved vehicle. That male was subsequently charged with "*Criminal Attempt to Commit Homicide*" and "*Aggravated Assault*".

September

On September 30, 2014 the Borough of Berwick Police Department was dispatched to 1331(B) Fairview Avenue for a report of a violent domestic dispute in progress. While on scene, one male suspect resisted arrest, attempted to assault officers, grabbed one officer's baton and attempted to disarm another officer. Officers were eventually able to gain control of the male and secured him into custody. The male was arrested and charged with three (3) counts of "*Aggravated Assault*", "*Attempting to Disarm a Law Enforcement Officer*", "*Simple Assault*" and "*Resisting Arrest*".

November

On November 24, 2014 the Borough of Berwick Police Department was dispatched to "Sub City" to speak with the victim of a robbery. The victim, a physically challenged white male who walks with forearm crutches, was walking home with groceries near the intersection of Grant and 3rd Streets when two male individuals approached him from the rear. The victim stopped in an effort to allow both male individuals to pass in front of him. Then one of the males pushed the victim into a telephone pole, which caused the victim to fall to the ground. One of the males held the victim down on the ground as the other male, the one who pushed the victim into the telephone pole, forcibly removed the victim's wallet, jewelry and "iPhone". The next day the Borough of Berwick Police Department positively identified the suspects and charged them with "*Robbery*", "*Theft*" and "*Simple Assault*".

December

On December 20, 2014 the police department received a report of an individual possessing child pornography. Upon completion of the investigation, one male was charged with thirty (30) counts of "*Sexual Abuse of Children*" and two (2) counts of "*Indecent Assault*".

On December 24, 2014 the police department was dispatched to 300 Summerhill Avenue for a report of a victim with a laceration to the chest. Upon completion of the investigation, one female was charged with "*Criminal Attempt to Commit Criminal Homicide*" and "*Aggravated Assault*" and "*Simple Assault*".



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On August 5, 2014 the Borough of Berwick Police Department hosted its first ever "*National Night Out*" celebration. The celebration, held in the borough building parking lot, included free food and drinks, games, tours of emergency vehicles, a tour of police headquarters and educational information regarding safety was distributed. There was more than three hundred (300) people in attendance at the celebration.



The Chief of Police would like to thank Berwick Fire Chief, Bill Coolbaugh, and his family, Reliance Fire Company, Defender Fire Company, Ranger Hose Company, West Berwick Hose Company, Berwick Area Ambulance, Berwick Area Community Watch Group, Berwick Area United Way, Beyond Violence, Geisinger's Life Flight, Pennsylvania Game Commission, Columbia-Montour SWAT Team, Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Columbia County Prison, Columbia County Adult and Juvenile Probation Offices and the Salem Township Police Department for all their support in making the celebration a monumental success.



BERWICK AREA COMMUNITY WATCH GROUP

The Borough of Berwick Police Department and the Berwick Area United Way have teamed up to start a Community Watch Program. In order to understand how to properly observe people, vehicles and incidents that may affect us, we should begin by learning what types of things to observe and report. Please join us for a monthly meeting. All residents of Berwick, Nescopeck, Salem, and Briar Creek are invited to attend.

Monthly meeting are held at Berwick Borough City Hall every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMUNITY WATCH GROUP

- ❖ Develop an awareness program to heighten the community's power of observation and improve neighborhood security.
- ❖ Increase citizens' awareness of criminal behavior.
- ❖ Encouraging all citizens to cooperate with police in reporting crime.

Help become the extra "eyes and ears" of your local law enforcement.

Check out their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/BerwickAreaCommunityWatch> to learn more.



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