

West Manchester Township

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Police Chief's Report for April 2021

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Dear Board of Supervisors, Manager and staff,

The month of March was a busy month for the department. The officers handled 310 incidents as well as 51 vehicle crashes. Officers conducted over 603 traffic stops and issued 275 traffic citations. Our patrol and detective divisions remain very busy with department business and I will detail later in this report a number of significant criminal incidents that we investigated.

Homicide- There is a news release attached to this report that details the homicide we investigated this month. The department's personnel did an outstanding job investigating this crime and had the suspect in custody less than three hours after it was reported to us. The initial officers on scene did an outstanding job and that was followed by our detectives coming in and clearing this case with great police work. I am extremely proud of the work that was done in this investigation. We did everything we could to bring this suspect to justice and to ensure the public's safety.

West York School Threat - This is another example of great police work and having very capable police officers. Our SRO officers did an outstanding job to determine the source of a shooting threat at the high school. Officer Brad Cleck was able to determine a suspect who posted threats online and he was able to interview and clear this case within hours. The high school was evacuated and we were assisted by several other law enforcement agencies during this event. Great work by our agency and the assistance from other neighboring departments was greatly appreciated.

We are currently interviewing candidates to fill an upcoming retirement position. We are in the beginning stages of evaluating candidates now.

The entire department will be receiving biased based training this year. We will be sending the entire department to view a film titled, "Walking While Black" in cooperation with the York County District Attorney's Office and a number of other agencies in York County. The film is highly recognized for its productive and progressive viewpoints on police/minority relations. I personally viewed it and felt that it a great opportunity to let our officers watch it and receive the training. It was impactful for me and I feel it will be a benefit to our department and personnel. I continue to work closely with the Black Ministers of York county and my affiliation with that group has fostered a productive working relationship.

CI Division Report for April 2021 Board Meeting

3/16/2021 through 4/15/2021

Since March 16, 2021 WMTPD Criminal Investigations has taken on 8 new case assignments: 1 PICS case, a high dollar theft of electronics from a distribution warehouse in the Township, a theft of a U-Haul trailer, a check case that was referred from the DA's Office, a cyber tip for possession and/or sharing of child pornography, a ChildLine referral for possible sexual solicitation of a minor through an on-line gaming site, a strongarm robbery of a juvenile, and, most notably, a homicide by stabbing.

During the same time frame, our office has formally closed out 8 investigations: the aforementioned PICS case, an additional PICS case from last month, and multiple ChildLine Referral cases. In addition to these, there are a number of other cases of varying types that are finalized and simply awaiting approval from the DA's Office in order to be formally closed or are awaiting receipt of information from outside sources in order to be closed. Also, CI has been providing ongoing assistance with an investigation into an arson that caused over a million dollars in property damage.

Finally, I want to make it a special point to address the homicide listed above, which was of course the most important and most high-profile of the cases handled by this office during this time frame. I must commend the outstanding work done by my Detectives, as well as all uniform patrol officers involved in the incident, as the suspect was located and apprehended in under 3 hours and gave a full confession later the same day. He currently remains incarcerated in Hanover County, VA and is awaiting a decision by a judge in that jurisdiction to determine extradition either back here or to Florida, where he is also wanted for murder.

Respectfully Submitted,

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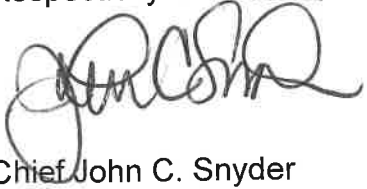
Det Sgt Sean J. Conway

The following officers received training over the last month:

Sgt. Lance Krout PSP Instructor Development March 1-March 5

Officer Adam Esteves and Officer Eric Rush CIT March 15-March 19

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Chief John C. Snyder

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 West Manchester Township Statistics
 March 2021

	Quantity
Part I & II Offenses	84
Incidents (excluding crashes)	226
TOTAL	310
Felony Arrests	6
Misdemeanor Arrests	24
Juvenile Arrests	0
Summary Arrests	11
Traffic Citations	275
Warning / PT-10's	328
Parking Tickets	0
Reportable Crashes	16
Non-Reportable Crashes	35
TOTAL CRASHES	51
Injury Crashes	9
Total Injuries	13