

West Manchester Township

Police Department



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Police Chief's Report for July 2022

July 28, 2022

Dear Board of Supervisors, Manager and staff,

For the month of June, the officers handled 399 incidents as well as 60 vehicle crashes. Officers conducted 527 traffic stops and issued 201 traffic citations. The department made 11 felony arrests, 33 misdemeanor arrests, 20 summary non-traffic arrest and 3 juvenile petitions were also filed.

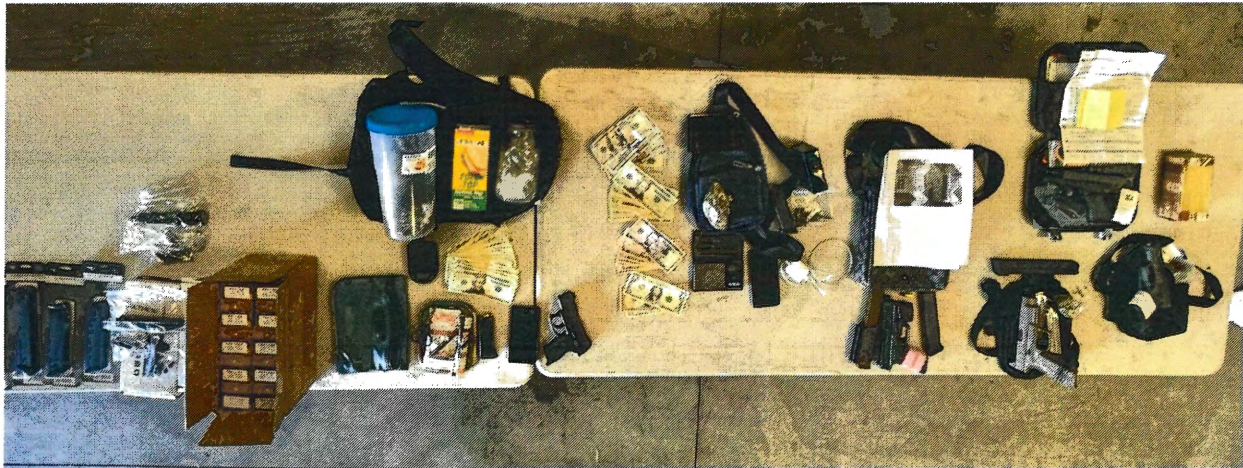
My involvement with the York County Safety Collab has started to see some results. We have had progress after a luncheon where donors were invited to meet and greet some of the people we have involved in the group. The meeting yielded a lot of positive input and interest. The most current project is that they are trying to obtain grant funding for de-escalation training for the majority of the departments in York County. Hopefully this will be successful and we can start to branch out to other projects.

Lt. Hanuska and Lt. Emig have taken command of the York Fair. Each one of them will be present on every night of the Fair as an incident commander. I am away for the beginning of the Fair due to an unforeseen travel issue but I will be there starting on Sunday, July 24. They have done an outstanding job preparing and organizing all the staffing and personnel. We should be properly staffed with law enforcement professionals and this year's Fair will be hopefully a safe and positive experience for everyone.

The two license plate readers for the new patrol cars will be installed shortly. This technology will be a huge advantage for our patrol division, and will hopefully help us during criminal investigations. I really anticipate this technology will be a game changer for our patrol and traffic enforcement efforts. The advancement in this technology is extremely impressive and will yield so much more information for the officers to efficiently do their jobs and will enhance our safety levels for the officers and the public.

On June 25 and June 26, 2022, the Tri-County Gun Show was held at the York Expo Center. The Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General (PA-OAG) gun violence unit set up a detail targeting illegal firearms purchases at the event, and requested support in the form of plain clothes officers from the Department. Several officers participated. On June 25, Officers Engle and Harner initiated an investigation based on observations they made at the event, and eventually stopped five individuals in a vehicle outside the Expo Center. From that stop they seized at least five firearms, two of which had been illegally converted to fire fully automatic. They also seized a number of 80% firearms receivers, which are designed to be readily converted to firearms with a minimal amount of work. In addition to the firearms, they seized a quantity of suspected marijuana and cocaine, cash, and over 1000 rounds of ammunition. The investigation is ongoing, and is expected to lead to a number of arrests.

Through the arrangement, the PA-OAG funded the overtime for the officers who participated, and will provide investigatory assistance to see the case through to prosecution. It is clear that the actions of these officers had an impact on ongoing violence in the Township and surrounding communities. The types of weapons seized in this investigation are being used in a significant number of shootings in and around the metropolitan York area.



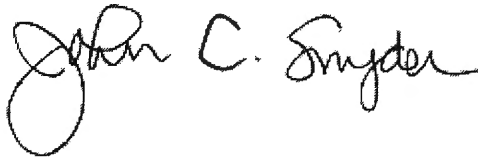
Evidence seized as a result of the PA-OAG detail

The Department took delivery of three new 2022 Ford Police Interceptor SUVs in June. They will be marked, upfitted with police equipment, and placed in service in the patrol fleet. Unit 2 was placed in service on June 23, and replaces a 2018 Ford Police Interceptor SUV with 105,000 miles on it. Thanks to the support of the BOS, township manager, and staff, the Department has made great strides in modernizing its fleet. We seek to continue to effectively manage this important resource.

Training:

Ofc Brad Cleck	School Threat Assessment	June 8-9
Lt Emig	Active Shooter training	June 10
Ofc Martz and Engle	Managing Narco. Informants	June 13-16
Ofc Jordan and Rush	Street Cop Interdiction Mastermind	June 14
Sgt Bruckhard/Ofc Rush	EVOC	June 20-22

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Snyder". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

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CI Division Report for July 2022 Board Meeting

06/16/2022 through 07/20/2022

Since June 16, 2022, WMTPD Criminal Investigations has taken on 12 new case assignments: 7 PICS cases, 3 Child Line Referrals for abuse of children (1 physical in nature, 2 sexual in nature), a robbery of a convenience store, and a residential burglary.

During the same time frame, our office has formally closed out 9 investigations: 3 PICS cases, 4 child abuse (Child Line Referral) cases (both physical and sexual in nature), and 2 investigations into the possession and/or distribution of child pornography. Active investigation continues into the shooting at the car wash, as well as renewed investigation into a 2017 shooting homicide in the area of the intersection of Hokes Mill Rd and Old Salem Rd, due to a recent break and new evidence. Additionally, trial preparation continues for the 2019 homicide at Regal Cinemas and the 2021 homicide in a residence in the first block of N Gotwalt St.

Respectfully Submitted,

Det Sgt Sean J. Conway

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West Manchester Township Statistics
June 2022

	Quantity
Part I & II Offenses	126
Incidents (excluding crashes)	273
TOTAL	399
Felony Arrests	11
Misdemeanor Arrests	33
Juvenile Arrests	3
Summary Arrests	20
Traffic Citations	201
Warning / PT-10's	326
Parking Tickets	0
Reportable Crashes	12
Non-Reportable Crashes	48
TOTAL CRASHES	60
Injury Crashes	2
Total Injuries	4