Mendham Township Police Town Hall

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MONDAY, JUNE 10TH, 2019
Agenda

- Department Overview
- Annual Responses & Activity
- Community Policing
- School Safety Initiative
- Resident Services
- MTPD Headquarters
Mendham Township Police Department Overview

Chief
Lieutenant
4 Patrol Sergeants
1 Detective
8 Patrol Officers
1 Office Manager/Records Clerk
Total= 15 Officers*
1 Non-sworn Personnel

*Same Staffing Level since early 1990’s
Given the shape of the Township, Mendham Township Police have a West and East Patrol District divided by Calais Road.

At any given time we have a minimum of 2 officers on the road one in each Patrol District unless they both respond to a call.

Over 90 Miles of roadways in the Township; officers are required to drive a minimum of 85 miles in their 12 Hour Shift
Mendham Township Police Coverage

- Average Response Times:
  - 2018 MTPD Responded to 208 Medical Emergencies with an average response time of 3 Minutes 35 Seconds
  - Average Response times for any “hot” call such as a burglary, fire, domestic violence, etc. in 2018 was approx. 3 Minutes 40 Seconds
  - Officers conduct property checks of over 17 buildings and properties across the Township every shift
MTPD Calls For Service

- 2016 = 3,185
- 2017 = 3,331
- 2018 = 3,589

These are calls that are initiated by the public and not by our officers. These calls for service include burglaries, assaults, property crimes, walk in reports to our HQ, domestic violence and TRO issues, municipal offenses, suspicious persons, storm responses, missing persons, MV accidents, fire and EMS calls, residential alarms and more.
MTPD Activity

- 2018 = 20,043 Total Police Events Logged – this includes all calls for service as well as all officer and administration generated events including property checks, motor vehicle stops, arrests, follow ups, administration details, training details, community policing details, school details, etc.

- 2018 Total of 145 Arrests including 35 DWI’s, 8 Indictable Drug Arrests, and 30 for Assault, Burglary/Theft, Disorderly Conduct or Active Warrants

- Motor Vehicle Enforcement:
  - 2018 = 5,842 Motor Vehicle Stops
    - 1,834 Summons issued

- MTPD has been the recipient of numerous awards over the past 6 years including those from AAA, MADD, NJ and Federal Divisions of Highway Safety for our proactive enforcement & safe roadways
Detective Arnesen is our officer assigned full time to the Detective Bureau since 2013 and is assisted by Detective Sergeant Taquinto & overseen by Lieutenant Bittman.

Over 700 hours a year in Evidence Management as mandated by NJSP & MCPO.

Detective Bureau has been a full time assignment since late 1990’s.

In the past 3 years, here are some of the cases the Detective Bureau have handled:

- **Background Investigations**: 173
- **Firearms Applicant Investigations**: 182
- **Theft Cases**: 22
- **Stolen Vehicle Cases**: 4
- **Juvenile Arrest & Cases**: 35
- **Identity Theft/Scam Investigations**: 29
- **Missing Person Cases**: 8
- **Narcotics Investigations**: 8
- **Arson Investigations**: 3
- **Burglary Cases**: 22
Training

- Training by the Hours:
  - 2016 = 850 Hours
  - 2017 = 1061 Hours
  - 2018 = 1147 Hours

- Training is High Priority in MTPD; we provide more training per officer than most any other Police Department in Morris County.

- A higher standard of training enables our officers to better respond and assist residents in the handling of calls as well as protects the agency and the township from a liability standpoint.

- Portions of this training is paid for through annual donations from local foundations costing no money to the taxpayers.
Community Policing Initiatives

- Social Media Program started in 2015; work on having a constant presence on social media across Facebook, Twitter and most recently Instagram

- **Community Programs**;
  - Cops, Kids, Cones
  - DEA Drug Take Back
  - Annual Fishing Derby
  - Middle School Volley Ball Against the Students
Community Policing Initiatives

- Elementary School Staff Volleyball Tournament for Cancer Awareness
- 6th Grade LEAD BBQ
- Halloween Safety Presentation to the Elementary School
- Social Media Safety Discussions w/Elementary and Middle School Classes
- Toys for Tots
- Work closely with teachers in our schools visiting classrooms for special reading days, surprise birthday visits for students who want to be police officers
- Library read along programs
School Security Initiative

For Calendar Year 2018 MTPD conducted the following:

- **585 Security Details or Walk Thru’s at the Mendham Twp Elementary School**
- **380 Security Details or Walk Thru’s at the Mendham Twp Middle School**
- **Conducted and Supervised 15 Security Drills across the two schools including Lock Downs, Active Shooter, Bomb Response and Evacuations with students and staff**

Logged a Total of 321.5 Hours in School Security Details, Walk Thru’s and Drills alone
School Security Initiative

- 4 Certified Active Shooter Instructors
- All Vehicles and Officers equipped with proper tactical gear for active shooter response including tactical shotguns
- We conduct a minimum of 4 tactical drills a year addressing active shooter response
- 12 Officers Carry Patrol Rifles on Duty and 3 of our officers are Certified Rifle Instructors
- Conduct regular walk thru’s of HS
- Conduct regular joint drills with MBPD
School Security Initiative

- Strong and Present Relationships with our Schools
- Provide Staff Training Yearly and upon request when certain needs arise
- Have Constant Communication Both Ways in Regards to Threats or any Other Pertinent Issues Involving School Security or Student Welfare
Law Enforcement Against Drugs Program for the 6th Grade

- Formerly the DARE Program - New Jersey vacated the DARE program and created their own more modern and relevant program in 2016.
- MTPD’s Ptl. Wilce and Ulversoy are certified instructors of the program
- They spend approximately 35-40 Hours throughout the school year administering the program to the 6th Graders
Resident Services Provided

- In 2018 alone, we performed over 2000 Private Residence checks to several hundred Township properties that were registered with us when residents were away or not in residence
- Motor Vehicle and Residential Lockouts (many agencies no longer respond to these unless there is an emergency)
- Response to almost any type of call including animal problems, utility issues and do our best to remediate the problem or assist the resident in finding a service that can
Resident Services Provided

- Conduct checks of elderly or at risk population during severe or prolonged weather events (storms, severe hot or cold temperatures etc.)

- Firearms Applications:
  - 2018 = 54 Firearms Applications
  - 2019 = 20 Firearms Applications as of May 15th
  - Average turnaround time for issuing a permit from receipt of all proper documentation is 5 Business Days

- We conducted over 4700 property checks of Township facilities 24 hours a day including regular walk thrus at the library during business hours as well as sporting events at township fields
Putting Mendham Township First
Mendham Township Police Headquarters
Mendham Township Police Headquarters Overview

- Currently operating out of 4 buildings as our Police headquarters
  - Main Building is a 1950’s converted split level residence
  - 2 Trailers in rear lot of building serve as breakroom and storage area
  - Working in cooperation with Brookside Engine Company and the Mendham Twp First Aid Squad, we were able to repurpose their meeting room in the Emergency Services building as our new locker room after the locker room trailer had to be vacated
Main Building

- Serves as our main offices and processing area as well as evidence storage
- Currently houses one secretary, offices for Chief, Lieutenant, Detective and Sergeants as well as work stations for officers to do reports
- All arrest are processed in this building and all interviews are conducted here
Main Building Continued
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Trailers

- 1 Single Trailer purchased new in 2005 as Temporary Solution
  - Currently serves as our breakroom trailer
  - Floor has been compromised numerous times and had to be replaced
  - No running water
Trailers

- 1 Double Wide Trailer
- Purchased Used in 2007 - it is over 20 years old as a temporary solution
- Was repurposed as our locker room in 2008 and moved to its current location
- Had to be vacated in November 2018 due to an infestation of rodents
Trailers
Building Deficiencies

- In 2016 we had our periodic inspection by the NJ State Department of Corrections as all agencies are required to have and we were found to be Non-Compliant in the following areas:
  - NJAC 5:70 – No Valid Certificate Available for NJ Uniform Fire Code Compliance
  - NJAC 10A:34-2.9(a) - No Sally Port provided for safe transfer of defendants to and from the Municipal Police Facility
  - NJAC 10A-34-4.2 - Violation of Housing of Detainees which requires a separate secure area for male and female defendants that has sight and sound separation. Currently we have to use our secretaries’ desks downstairs to achieve this
- This report also resulted in a “Important Need for Improvement” mark on our JIF Evaluation conducted by JA Montgomery Risk Management in June of 2018 for our processing room and area
August of 2018 we were audited by the Juvenile Justice Commission from the state and our building was not in compliance in the following areas:

- Status Juvenile Offenders (juveniles who are charged with an offense non-applicable to adults such as runaways, alcohol violations, etc.) cannot be held in an area where adults would normally be processed. We do not have an alternate interview or holding room as previously mentioned.

- JCC also mandates Status Offenders cannot be viewed from outside the facility which we have no rooms currently that fall into compliance that cannot be seen from outside the facility.

- If an Adult and Juvenile are arrested at the same time, they cannot be held in the same area and they cannot be placed in an area where they can see or hear each other. As previously stated, this is currently not possible in our building.
Police Department
Financial Analysis
EXPENSES: $2,542,550
- EMPLOYMENT COSTS: $2,321,995
  - Salary & Wages: $1,599,310
  - Benefits (Health, Dental, FICA, Pension): $722,685
- OPERATING EXPENSES: $95,555
  - Budgeted Operating Expenses: $71,500
  - Additional Expenses (IT, Internet, Phones, Utilities): $24,055
- DISPATCH FEES (PD Portion): $75,000
- CAPITAL EXPENSES: $50,000

REVENUES - FEES & PERMITS $43,480
- Discovery Fee, Accident Reports, Hunting Permits, Pistol Permits, Firearm ID, Alarm Fee, Road Detail Admin Fee
TAX IMPACT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

NET COST OF POLICE DEPARTMENT: $2,499,070
  ▶ (Expenses minus Revenues)

TAX IMPACT:
  ▶ 6.16% of Total Tax Bill  (30.65% of Municipal Portion of Tax Bill)
  ▶ $.133 per $100 of Assessed Value
  ▶ For a $900,000 Assessed Value Home– The Police Department represents $1,199 of the Total Tax Bill (Total Bill = $19,450).