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2019 was a year of change in the Buckingham Township Police Department. Buckingham Township added four new police officers to its ranks. Officers Davis and Weber were added in February. Officer Davis was a veteran of Temple University Police Department while Officer Weber got his start at Las Vegas Metro Police Department. Both officers came to Buckingham with vastly different backgrounds. Officer Davis is a resident of Philadelphia where he and his family have deep roots. Mike’s caring demeanor has allowed him to fit in with our residents seamlessly. Our citizens identify him by the smile that is always present. Officer Weber was raised in Wycombe and is a volunteer with Lingo hocken Fire Company. He went to Las Vegas to get his start in policing, but quickly came home to pursue his dream of being a Buckingham Township Police Officer. Tim is a quick learner that has gotten increasingly more responsibility in his first year in Buckingham.

In June of 2019 Officer Jessica Hannah was hired after spending over five years with the Philadelphia Police Department. Jess still lives in Philadelphia but has quickly bonded with life in Bucks County. Jess has a knack of finding complex cases to work on and has proven to be very thorough. Officer Hannah is working with our Youth Aid Panel and has brought about positive change.

Our last hire came in December of 2019 also from the Philadelphia Police Department. Officer Jim Crusemire lives in Warrington with his family. Jim has instantly bonded with the officers, employees, and residents of Buckingham Township.

These four officers were needed after several retirements. Officer Bob Moller and Officer John Lehnen recently retired after a combined 80 years of service to Buckingham. These two officers will not be easily replaced. Not only did they put maximum effort into their vocation but they also brought referent knowledge that all of us leaned on. Constantly they were the experts depended on by their fellow officers. Both of these men loved their jobs and left a legacy that will be forever remembered by our citizens and their coworkers. Thank you both for your dedication to this great profession!

Because of this unprecedented change within the police department, planned training had to become a priority. In January Buckingham Police planned an entire day of training for all officers. Officer Skillman brought his SWAT experience to train all 21 members of our department. Officer Forbes assisted in a day of tactical development. These officers were assisted by Officer Snyder from Plumstead Township. Officers were trained on building search techniques, active shooter, and scenario-based building entry. The day culminated with scenario based simunition training where officers engaged suspects and rescued hostages.
By the days end officers felt very confident in their ability to negotiate hallways, enter rooms, and safely resolving all sorts of situations that officers are exposed to in the performance of their duties.

This time was also used to qualify with duty weapons in low lighting. Officers were expected to operate in little to no lighting and utilize their flashlights to successfully engage the targets. This type of training is very important since many police involved shootings take place in low light. Officers were also trained in baton, pepper spray, and pepper ball.

In 2019 there were also four promotions. Two officers were promoted to corporal and two were promoted to sergeant. Sgt. Moffett went to a two-week Leadership School hosted by the Pennsylvania State Police. He was trained in various theories of leadership that were inspired by the West Point Leadership Model. Sergeant Bailey, Corporal Thomas, and Corporal Hazelett all attended the FBI LEEDA Training. LEEDA stands for Law Enforcement Executive Development Association. LEEDA uses the best instructors and experts in their field on everything related to police supervision. The trilogy of classes offered for supervisors are the Supervisor Leadership Institute, Command Leadership Institute, and Executive Leadership Institute. All of these classes are a week long and prepare leaders for all stages of their development. These newly trained and promoted supervisors will lead our officers into the future and will be equipped to anticipate changes in the Law Enforcement environment.

Our theme of training continued in 2019 in preparation of new officers and the loss of institutional knowledge that retirements have brought. Officers were trained to instruct their fellow officers in: De-escalation techniques, Under 100 Survival Training, Field Training Officer, Rife certification, Handgun & Shotgun qualification, and Handcuffing. Other officers were trained in Field Sobriety Testing, Drug identification and interdiction, Drug Awareness Resistance Education, Constitutional Search & Seizure, and Crime Scene Processing. Training should be continuous in order for police officers to remain educated and relevant.

In 2019 the Buckingham Advisory Network (BAN) achieved Non-Profit Status thanks to the tireless efforts of Robert Whitley Esq. Mr. Whitley practices law in Pennsylvania and his office is located in Doylestown. Robert volunteered his valuable time to transform BAN into a 501c3. It is my hope that BAN will have an increasingly positive influence within Buckingham Township by reinforcing the relationship between citizens and the police. Please visit us on Facebook. [https://www.facebook.com/BuckinghamAdvisoryNetwork](https://www.facebook.com/BuckinghamAdvisoryNetwork)

2019 was a successful year for the Buckingham Township Police Department. We have succeeded in adhering to our vision statement: **Buckingham Township Police Department is in pursuit of excellence in every aspect of our police service.** We will continue to improve our officers through constant evaluation and training. In 2019 we took one step closer to excellence!
Chief Michael Gallagher has been a police officer since 1990 and Chief of Buckingham Township Police since 2017. He is a graduate of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Command and Leadership Program, the DEA Drug Unit Commanders Academy and the FBI National Academy. He holds a certificate from Penn State in Municipal Leadership and has been certified as an Accreditation Manager with The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Chief Gallagher holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Temple University; and a Master’s Degree in Public Safety Management from Saint Joseph’s University. Prior to his tenure in Buckingham he was a police officer in Abington Township. He received over 25 letters of commendation from the Board of Commissioners for Meritorious Service while employed by Abington. He has held the rank of Detective, Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, and Lieutenant before coming to Buckingham Township.
The Buckingham Township Police Department’s mission statement, vision statement, and core values were developed by the men and women of BTPD. These statements incorporate a collaborative effort to define what is important to our agency. This is used as a guide to constantly strive to reach our goals.

**Our Mission Statement**

We, the officers and staff of the Buckingham Township Police Department, commit to being responsive to our community’s needs and concerns. We will treat all people as we would want our loved ones treated. Our patrols and investigations will begin and end with the knowledge that we have done all we can do to make Buckingham Township safe for all.

**Our Vision Statement**

Buckingham Township Police Department is in pursuit of excellence in every aspect of our police service.
Lieutenant John Landis

In 2019 the patrol division continued to focus on our department’s community policing mission, with the goal of keeping Buckingham Township a safe place to live, work and travel. As a department, our officers handled 17,525 incidents last year, a 33% increase from 2018. The bulk of this increase can be broken-down into three categories: (1) Calls for Service, (2) Officer Initiated Activities, and (3) Criminal Investigations.

**Calls for service**: Service calls represent the greatest percentage of incidents investigated by the Patrol Division. 9-11 calls, Suspicious Person/vehicles, Traffic complaints, Domestic Disturbances, Traffic Accidents, and Alarm Calls keep us busy throughout our shifts.

**Officer Initiated Activates**: Our patrol officers actively interact with our community as part of our community policing mission on a daily basis. Officers conduct daily foot patrols in the five schools within our jurisdiction, check in with local businesses, pharmacies, day care centers, and banks. Officers conduct daily traffic enforcement details targeting high accident and complaint areas. While conducting these details our officer made over 3500 traffic stops in 2019. In 65% of these stops the motorist was issued a written warning, as traffic safety education is our primary goal. Our patrol officers take pride in their community policing efforts as they know it’s where they make a difference.

**Criminal Investigations**: The majority of criminal investigations handled by patrol officers are in progress crimes. Examples of these crimes would be stopping drivers who are impaired, narcotics possession, wanted persons, thefts, and assaults. Overall, these types of arrests remained consistent with the last several years.
**Training:** In our effort to provide professional police services to the community, our officers undergo continuous training and education. In 2019 this training included: Advanced Firearms Training, Force on Force Training, Active Shooter Training, Advanced Field Sobriety Testing, De-Escalation Training, Search and Seizure Training, and Daily Roll-Call Training.

**Equipment Updates:** As with training, our department also looks to provide our officers with the best updated equipment, allowing them to better serve the community. Last year we added: Rifle Resistant Body Armor, Ten Replacement Shotguns, a Pursuit Rated Ford F-150 Patrol Vehicle, Updated and Redesigned the Weapons Storage Area, and Installed a Firearms Unloading Station. We also received two License Plate Readers and purchased two In-Car-Camera Systems. All of our patrol units will have in-car-cameras installed in 2020.

**Our Officers:** Throughout the year, Chief Gallagher received dozens of letters of appreciation, for the services our officers provided. When people take the time to send a letter or an email it goes a long way in letting us know we are reaching our goal of providing outstanding police service. To highlight a few of these outstanding efforts our officers were responsible for last year: Corporal Thomas administered Narcan to a female resident who overdosed, saving her life. Officer Butler intervened with a female DUI suspect who was armed with a handgun and suicidal. During this arrest, Officer Butler discovered a suicide note in the suspect’s car along with a loaded handgun. While at the hospital for the blood test, Officer Butler contacted Crisis Intervention ensuring this person got the mental health treatment she needed. Lieutenant Landis and Officer Forbes responded to the report of a 19-year-old suicidal male who was armed with 2-knifes in the parking lot of a local restaurant. When officers made contact with him, he became aggressive and threatened to use the knife if officers came any closer. Lieutenant Landis and Officer Forbes were able to talk the suspect down and disarm him without anyone being injured. Sergeant Moffett was recognized by the Central Bucks Police Department for his efforts in bringing an active shooter incident to a successful conclusion in Doylestown Borough. Sergeant Moffett was among the first group of responding officers to arrive on scene. The suspect was actively shooting a rifle out of a house into cars and other homes. The sergeant was part of the perimeter containment team and assisted in directing incoming officers while under fire from a barricaded shooter.

**Our Commitment:** As a police department we are thankful for the opportunity to protect and serve this community. Each of us understands the legitimacy of the authority we derive is granted to us by those we serve. The Patrol Division is the face of every police department and we are proud to be the first ones in and the last ones out. Patrol Leads the Way.
Total of 17,535 incident reports were generated for 2019.
Breakdown of Part I Crimes and the Part II Crimes

Total of 72 Part I Crimes reported with 15 arrests

**Part I Crimes**

- Burglary: 2
- Assaults: 3
- Thefts: 10
- Auto Theft: 14
- Arson: 13

Total of 241 Part II Crimes reported with 89 arrests

**Part II Crimes**

- Fraud/Bad Checks: 2
- Criminal Mischief: 38
- Weapons: 37
- Sex Offense: 6
- Criminal Mischief: 32
- Narcotics: 18
- DUI: 6
- Liquor Law: 3
- Public Drunkeness: 23
- Disorderly Conduct / Harrasment: 76
- Other Misc Part II Crimes: 0
Officers and Staff

Sergeants

William Moffett

John Bailey

Detectives

Robert Logan

Timothy Johnson
Corporals

Robert McLeod

Robert Foltz

Stephen Thomas

Rick Hazelett

Traffic Safety Officer

Christopher Forbes
Patrol Officers

Dean Johnson

Charles Snyder

Stanley MacMoran

Eric Skillman

Samantha Butler

Michael Davis
Patrol Officers

Timothy Weber

Jessica Hannah

James Crusemire

Administrative Staff

Jennifer Cottrell

Tia DeCesare
This year brought the retirements of four of our family members

Robert Moller

Charles Wurst

John Lehnen

Timothy Phillips

We wish you all the best in your retirement!

Corporal Robert Moller, Corporal Charles Wurst, Officer John Lehnen and Officer Timothy Phillips.
The Buckingham Township Criminal Investigation Division is comprised of two specially trained Detectives who handle criminal cases including those that are more serious in nature. Our Criminal Investigators are devoted to spending a great deal of time assisting both residents and business owners who fall victim to fraud, burglary and theft. Frauds continue year after year to be the highest number of incidents.

Detectives are called for suspicious deaths, overdoses, reported sexual assaults, and all other criminal activity. Our Detectives respond and use their extensive training in evidence collection to ensure the crime scene evidence is collected, secured and stored in inventory at headquarters.

As more senior officers retire the Detectives continue to assist with the hiring of new Police Officers. Candidates must go through a vigorous interview process and thorough background check. This is such an important role, as these are going to be Buckingham Township Police Department’s Officers of the future.

Providing a safe place for our residence to live, learn, work and worship is the Buckingham Township Police Departments priority. While uniformed officers make regular visits to the schools in our jurisdiction, the Detectives work closely with School Administrators to investigate all reported incidents. Recently the Pennsylvania Attorney General’s Office introduced “Safe to Say Something”. This platform was designed to provide students, parents, and staff with the opportunity to anonymously report information regarding the well-being of students or potential crimes. These reports come in 24 hours a day. This is a valuable tool, however when there is very little information provided, it can make investigations difficult. Those who do make an anonymous report are asked to include as much information as possible.

The Buckingham Detectives continue to work closely with the Bucks County District Attorney’s Office Special Victims Unit in conjunction with the Children’s Advocacy Center. Detectives collaborate to resolve cases where children have been victimized. Incidents of child abuse and sexual assaults that are received through the mandatory reporting network, CHILDLINE, are investigated.
Buckingham Detectives strive to stay ahead of current crime trends by attending the most up-to-date trainings. In 2019, Detective Robert Logan attended multiple training courses on topics such as using social media to assist in police investigations, crimes that target the elderly and doing extensive background checks of new hires. Detective Timothy Johnson received additional training in crime scene investigations as well as suspect interview techniques.

In 2019, Buckingham Criminal Investigations conducted seventy-five fraud investigations, forty-two property thefts, thirteen burglaries, three automobile thefts, and two arsons. Detectives investigated one suicide, officers responded to three drug overdoses that were non-fatal, received six reports of sexual offenses, and thirteen assaults, which resulted in a number of arrests.

The Buckingham Criminal Investigation Units remains committed to helping the residents in Buckingham Township stay safe as we look forward to a happy and healthy new year.

As we look forward to 2020, the Buckingham Township Criminal Investigations unit remains committed to helping the residents of Buckingham remain safe and avoid monetary loss.
In October, Detective Johnson conducted an in-depth security assessment of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. The information obtained was documented and provided a detailed presentation to the church security committee for review.
Much excitement within the department with new hires and promotions

At the Board of Supervisors Meeting on 02/27/19 two new officers were hired and two well deserved promotions. Officer Michael Davis and Officer Tim Weber were sworn in. Officer Steve Thomas was sworn in as a new Corporal and Will Moffett was promoted from Corporal to Sergeant.

Left to right:
Officer Michael Davis, Corporal Stephen Thomas, Lieutenant John Landis, Chief Michael Gallagher, Officer Timothy Weber Sergeant William Moffett

Congratulations to the following officers on their recent promotions at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Wednesday October 23rd: John Bailey promoted from Corporal to Sergeant, Rick Hazelett promoted to Corporal and Tim Johnson appointed to Detective.
Swearing in the departments 2nd female officer

Jessica Hannah was sworn in during the Board of Supervisors Meeting June 26, 2019
Last Hire for 2020

Officer James Crusemire Jr, was sworn into office at the Board of Supervisor’s meeting on December 11, 2019
2019 was a very eventful year for the Buckingham Township Police Department Firearms Program. There was more departmental firearms training for officers as well as upgrades to our infrastructure then probably any other year in our history. We started out the year with mandatory Departmental training at the Guardian Training Center for all officers. In August we conducted active shooter training in a school setting. At the end of September and early October we conducted mandatory firearms qualifications paired with additional training on all duty firearms at the Bucks County Police Association range in Bedminster, PA. Infrastructure upgrades included an unloading station, a completely refurbished armory, 10 new Remington 870 shotguns, and single point slings added to all patrol rifles.

2019 Departmental Training:
Since Chief Gallagher’s arrival in Buckingham, we have been conducting departmental training every January. For 2019 this training focused on firearms, less lethal weapons, and building entry/search tactics. This training was held at the Guardian Training Center in Jamison, PA. This training was separated into four main portions; building entry/search, low light firearms qualification, pepper ball launcher training, baton and OC spray recertification, and taser recertification.

Active Shooter Training in Cold Spring Elementary:
This training was conducted during both August and September at Cold Spring Elementary School. Officers were taken off the street during their regular patrol shift for approximately 1 hour each. Each officer was supplied with an AirSoft gun and safety glasses. The officer was then provided with a scenario regarding an armed subject on the second floor of the school, with innocents’ present, and instructed to enter the building and handle the situation. They were observed and later critiqued while handling the scenario.
2019 Firearms Qualification and Training:
This qualification and training included qualification on duty handguns, new duty shotguns, patrol rifles, less lethal, and off duty firearms. The training portion consisted of additional training with duty handguns and patrol rifles including malfunction drills, transitioning from rifle to handgun, moving and shooting, etc.

Infrastructure Upgrades:
Unloading station: The reason is to provide officers with a safe location for the loading and unloading of firearms in the event of an accidental discharge. All officers were instructed in the proper use of this area and instructions were posted above the station.

Armory: The armory was completely gutted and refurbished. Weapons and ammunition are now separately secured behind locked cages. There is also a dedicated weapon cleaning area and useable storage space. This all affords better security, accountability, and safety.

New Remington 870 Shotguns The department had an assortment of 5 different makes and models of duty shotguns. Each functioned differently and many were in poor condition. These weapons were traded in on 10 new Remington 870 Police shotguns. This provides uniformity and much better quality.

Single Point Slings Departmental patrol rifles had a variety of different types of slings. All patrol rifles were upgraded to single point slings. This provided uniformity, safety, and ease of use.
The Buckingham Township Police Department has one Officer on the Central Bucks Response Team (SRT). The team has 22 members comprised of specially selected and highly trained Officers from Police Departments in the northern and central parts of Bucks County. The team members are sent to specialized training to effectively construct peaceful resolutions to each critical incident. The team has monthly trainings and have quarterly firearm and physical qualifications. The team responded to two critical calls in 2019, which ended peacefully. CBSRT is prepared for hostage situations, barricaded person calls, high risk warrant service, active shootings, and hazard/chemical incidents. We strive to improve our abilities and skills to protect and ensure the welfare of the residents of Buckingham Township.
2019 saw major changes to the Buckingham Police Department’s Highway Unit. Since its inception, the Highway Unit had consisted of three officers, Cpl. Moller, Ofc. Lehnen, and Ofc. Forbes, with their primary focus being crash investigations. In 2019, Ofc. Forbes was off the street for 9 months due to major surgery. Cpl. Moller and Ofc. Lehnen also both retired during that period. Upon Ofc. Forbes’ return to full duty he became the departments’ Highway Safety Officer. Along with the obvious change from 3 officers to 1, this also involved a reorientation of duties. The Highway Safety Officer is now primarily responsible for the safety of the roadways and vehicular traffic throughout the township. He works with homeowners to correct hazards that affect traffic on the roadways, such as foliage that impedes the line of sight for drivers.

Education is the primary way of changing driver’s behavior. Education is achieved in a variety of ways. Speed and message boards are used to pass on information to motorists. They are put in areas that have a high amount of accidents or have generated complaints. Traffic studies are also used to verify complaints. The studies record the number of vehicles passing a location, the speeds of the vehicles along with the direction of travel, and calculates the average speeds. This information is used to further educate our public and for enforcement activities. When areas are showing that the average speeds are in excess of the posted speed limits, enforcement activities are planned. There are also times when the Highway Safety Officer works with Penndot when State Road signage needs to be changed or enhanced. He will also work with Township Roads Department to address safety issues. An example of this was the restriping and additional warnings (posted and painted) placed by Penndot at Rt.202/Mill Rd. and the repainting of roadway markings at Route 202/Route 413.

Ofc. Forbes also continues to maintain his training and certification as one of only two ACTAR accredited crash reconstructionist police officers in the county. As such, he is called to respond to any fatal or serious injury crashes within Buckingham Township. He is also a member of the Bucks County District Attorney’s Office Homicide by Vehicle Task Force.
Field Training Officer (FTO)

We at the Buckingham Township Police Department recognize that the Field Training Officer (FTO) program is one of the most critical aspects of this department. This is where newly hired officers are paired with experienced and specially trained, veteran officers for the first three-months of their probation period. The first two weeks are dedicated to a variety of topics which include: specific equipment qualifications, fundamentals of police work, tactics, policy and procedures. The trainee is also assigned a checklist of numerous topics and issues that they will experience throughout their careers. The assigned FTO works with the trainee on preforming the task or at least instructing or demonstrating the task. With each new hire, we continue to adjust the program to make it better.

After being promoted in February 2019, Corporal Thomas assumed the full responsibility of FTO Coordinator from Lieutenant Landis. Due to his promotion and the promotion of Corporal Hazelett, they spent less time doing actual ride along training with the new officers to handle their new responsibilities. As a result, Officer MacMoran was sent to training and certified by Penn State University as the departments newest FTO. He now assists Officer Skillman as the two main field training officers for the department.

In February 2019, the Buckingham Township Police Department hired Officer Michael Davis and Officer Timothy Weber. Officer Davis came to our department after serving six years with Temple University Police Department (Philadelphia, PA). Officer Weber joined this department after 18 months of service with Las Vegas Metro Police Department (Las Vegas, NV).

In June 2019, the Buckingham Township Police Department hired Officer Jessica Hannah. She is now our departments second female officer. Officer Hannah came to us after serving for six years with the Philadelphia Police Department, leaving as a member of the bike patrol unit.

After completing a full year of service with the Buckingham Township Police Department, Officer Samantha Butler was released from “probationary officer” status to that of “permanent officer” in October 2019. Officer Butler is the departments first female police officer.

Finally, our most recent hire was Officer James Crusemire in December 2019. Officer Crusemire served as an officer with the Philadelphia Police Department for the past six years. He will continue his FTO training into the new year.

Some of these officers have already begun to accept special responsibilities within the department such as: DARE officer, Youth Aid Program (YAP) coordinator, medical supply officer, and speed board operator. The FTO program is preparing for several new hires for 2020 in anticipation of more planned retirements!
The Buckingham Township Police Department has been diligent in presenting the DARE program to the sixth-grade students of Buckingham Elementary, Cold Spring Elementary, and Gayman Elementary (Plumstead Township). DARE stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. It teaches students about wise decision-making skills, risks and consequence, as well as, the dangers and health effects of drugs. DARE also teaches confident communication skills and how to be an effective listener. Finally, it assists young people in how to handle peer pressure, stress, bullying situations and how to help others struggling through these situations. Each of our departments DARE officers are assigned their own school, which the kids accept as their own special officer. This relationship closes the gap between police and the community. The DARE program revolves around the interworking of the police, school and parents. Together, we strive to make a difference with each and every student, knowing the impact we can have with the future of our community. Corporal Thomas is known as “Officer Steve” to Buckingham Elementary students. Corporal McLeod is better known to the students of Gayman Elementary as “Officer Rob”. And finally, “Officer Eric” Skillman taught DARE for the last time to the students at Cold Spring Elementary. Due to this vacancy, “Officer Sam” Butler was sent to an intense two-week DARE officers training in November to prepare her for teaching at Cold Spring Elementary in 2020.
November 4th, 2019 to November 15th, 2019 Officer Butler completed a two weeklong training to become Buckingham Township Police Departments newest D.A.R.E Officer. This training was held in Bridge Water, New Jersey and hosted by D.A.R.E America. Through the course of two weeks, Samantha had classroom instruction, which included; public speaking, lesson planning, time management and was even afforded the opportunity to teach a live 6th grade D.A.R.E class at a nearby elementary school.

Officer Butler learned the curriculum and earned the certification to instruct D.A.R.E to grades K-12 along with enhancement lessons. The focus of the training was to teach D.A.R.E to 5th and 6th grade students, as this is the grade level, she will be instructing in Buckingham Township at Cold Spring Elementary. The 5th and 6th grade curriculum is focused on providing adolescent students the tools they will need to help them make safe and responsible decisions to become the best citizens they can be. D.A.R.E is taught as “Keepin’ It REAL” it is centered around students and their real stories to help connect with the material and facilitate conversations. Through the lesson’s students will learn and use the “DDMM” (DARE Decisions Making Model) to complete workbook activities and become familiar with the “DDMM”. This model will help students Define- the problem or situation they are being faced with. Assess- decide what their choices are. Respond- make a choice, using facts and information gathered. Evaluate- review their decision and decide “did I make the best choice?”.

D.A.R.E’s lessons include the topics of “Introduction to D.A.R.E” “Drug and Alcohol Facts”, “Risk and Consequences”, “Peer Pressure”, “Stress”, “Communication”, “Non-verbal Communication and Listening”, “Bullying”, “Helping others” and “Getting help from other’s and Review”. Each lesson is structured to a 45-minute class. This is a ten-week program to be concluded with a D.A.R.E graduation. At the conclusion of the program students will be asked to write an essay of their ten weeks in D.A.R.E.

This training provided Officer Butler the tools and confidence to teach D.A.R.E at its highest level. Officer Butler found this training highly vital and took away many teaching moments, that will not only help her in the classroom as a D.A.R.E officer but also in the field doing my daily patrol duties.
Community Service at its’ best

April 6, 2019 CB Cares hosted the Harlem Wizards at West's gym. A huge crowd was there to support the CB Cares fundraiser. Chief Gallagher and DA Matt Weintraub were guest referees for the event. The Buckingham Advisory Network supports CB Cares and the great work they do in the community.

In April 2019, Officers Butler and Skillman were honored to participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics!
Buckingham Police Officers were at Saint Andrew’s Church in Newtown on May 15, 2019 to honor the fallen Bucks County Police Officers and their families.

Corporal "Cookie Monster" McLeod graciously accepted cookies donated by some of the Girl Scouts of Buckingham Elementary (who are also recent DARE graduates of "Officer Steve")
National Police Week Open House Event May 11, 2019

Everyone coming together to make this day successful

The following departments for participating in this event:

~ Pennsylvania Attorney General’s Office
~ Network of Victim Assistance
~ Wawa

~ Temple Medflight Helicopter
~ Flight Division
~ Central Bucks Rescue Squad
~ Midway Volunteer Fire Company
~ Lingohocken Volunteer Fire Company
~ New Hope Eagle Volunteer Fire Company
~ Bucks County Communications

~ Lower Makefield Township Police
~ Newtown Township Police Department
~ Central Bucks Regional Police Department
Lord Stanley visits Lookaway

August 2019

Detective Logan with Trick or Treaters on Halloween Night
Officer Butler and Officer Hazelett are enjoying the last few “official” hours of summer with some new friends!
September 2019

Officer Weber doing his part to support the fundraising efforts on Charter Club Drive for Gayman Elementary and Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia September 2019
Buckingham Township Police coordinated a Drug Take Back event with the residents of Buckingham Springs on December 4, 2019.

Detective Johnson, Detective Logan and Corporal Thomas hand delivered their lists to Santa and Mrs. Claus at Peddlers Village!
**Female Police Officer Roll Models**

Buckingham Officers along with Officers from neighboring departments took part in National Coffee with a Cop at Delaware Valley University on Wednesday. October 2, 2019

Officer Butler gave a station tour and spent some time discussing the dangers and impact of social media with some members of the National Charity League. October 2019

Officer Hannah spent some time at Cold Spring Elementary School talking with the fifth and sixth graders at Career Day...who knows maybe with a future police officer at Buckingham Township. November 12 2019
In December of 2019 officers from Buckingham Township Police Department assisted with the annual Shop with a Cop. Officers from surrounding departments went shopping with a special group of kids. Officers were paired with children from their townships for a holiday shopping event. The holiday spirit was alive and well in all who participated. It was truly amazing to see these kids selflessly buying presents for their family before ever thinking of themselves. Thanks to all the donations to this worthy cause.

If you are interested in donating to the Shop with a Cop Program, please contact Corporal Johnson at mjohnson@plumstead.gov
Community Accountability Program (CAP)

CAP is a program designed to serve the needs of victims, first time selected offenders, and the entire community. It provides an alternative to criminal prosecution for select offenders and only for less serious offenses. Some of the goals of the program are to identify and rectify harm caused by criminal offenses, and to better include community members in the justice process. This program provides immediate consequences to offenders who have negatively impacted the community with their criminal behavior. The panel is comprised of six volunteer members of the community, including residents and business persons. If the offender fails to complete his obligations, the offender will be notified in writing of the violation of the contract and removal from the program. The charges will then be returned to the court system for full criminal prosecution. We had 8 defendants referred to the program All of the defendants were approved for participation by the District Attorney’s Office.

Youth Aid Program (YAP)

The Youth Aid Panel of Buckingham Township was formed in 2008. Currently, the panel is comprised of 4 community volunteers in addition to an officer from the department acting as a liaison. Youth Aid is a diversionary program that provides an alternative to arrest for select juveniles who have committed a first-time, non-violent criminal offense. Community volunteers and law enforcement make a considerable effort to ensure that the juvenile learns from this experience and has a second chance to maintain a “clean” record.

The main goal of the program is to identify and rectify the harm caused by the juvenile’s actions. The panel can recommend various remedies to the juvenile such as community service, letters of apology to potential victims and to attend classes or outside counseling.

Officer Jessica Hannah is the YAP Officer assigned to Buckingham’s Youth Aid Panel. Officer Hannah ensures that any eligible child has a chance to be diverted away from the criminal justice system. Officer Hannah clarifies any questions the Panel may have by speaking to the officers that were involved with the initial incident. Both parents and children have been pleasantly surprised of the positive effects of the YAP system here in Buckingham.

We have found this program to be extremely beneficial to the Juveniles, the Police Department and the entire community by including everyone in the justice process. For more information about the Youth Aid program, please visit www.bucksyouthaid.org
2019 was the year that Buckingham Advisory Network was incorporated as a non-profit! Thanks to the work of Robert Whitley Esq. BAN is now in the position to achieve great things. This non-profit was established as a crime prevention network that achieves goals through relationships. The Buckingham Police Department understands that it is our residents who grant us the authority and power to police the Buckingham Township Community. Further, all officers know that without the support of our citizens we would be much less effective. It is our hope that organized events, informational forums, and planned opportunities to establish relationships will solidify the model of the police and the public being interchangeable. Please visit our Facebook page and look for upcoming events. https://www.facebook.com/BuckinghamAdvisoryNetwork

MISSION STATEMENT
B.A.N. is dedicated to crime prevention. The test of police efficiency is the absence of crime and disorder. B.A.N. will seek to strengthen Buckingham through organized community events, educational programs, and the continuous effort to bolster the relationship between the police and the Buckingham community stakeholders.

VISION STATEMENT
B.A.N. is a Buckingham community based non-profit organization which facilitates a continuous partnership between the community and the Buckingham Township Police Department. B.A.N. will coordinate events and resources that will cement the Peelian Principle of “the police are the public and the public are the police”.

A Community awareness event was held at Central Bucks South High School. The event drew over 400 people in search of education on drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and vaping. Attorney General Shapiro and Bucks County District Attorney Matt Weintraub were keynote speakers. Pictured to the left is CB Superintendent Dr. Kopicki and three of the presenters: Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission’s Diane Rosati, Buckingham Township Police Chief Michael Gallagher (BAN) and Tucker Thompson from Advanced Health & Education.
Peace Valley Recovery opened its doors in the fall of 2019. The new facility is located at 5230 York Road in Buckingham.

Robert Whitley of Whitley Law Offices is pictured with Chief Gallagher and fellow BAN Board member Lynn Crawford. BAN was out to support Peace Valley Recovery at their Grand Opening. Looking forward to many success stories from Peace Valley!