

# UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP

## POLICE DEPARTMENT



## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Upper Merion Township Police Department is pledged to engage in a cooperative effort with our citizens to achieve and maintain a superior quality of life within our community. To the greatest extent possible, our actions will reflect the priorities of our citizens. Remaining committed to the principles of honesty, integrity, and professional ethics, we will work diligently to reduce the incidence and fear of crime and promote an atmosphere of well being. Our efforts are aimed at helping Upper Merion Township continue to be a good place to live, visit, work and worship.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Upper Merion Township is 17 square miles containing 130 miles of highways, patrolled by the Upper Merion Township Police Department. We have a 4.4 mile section of Route 76 (the Schuylkill Expressway), a 5.2 mile section of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, and a 2.2 mile section of the County Line Expressway (Route 422), which are all patrolled by the Pennsylvania State Police. Our residential population is 28,395 (based on 2010 Census), but that figure can easily double during a typical business day due to the number of workers, shoppers and travelers.

The Upper Merion Township Police Department provides a full range of police services on a 24 hour a day basis to both residents and our many visitors. We have one of the largest shopping complexes in the country. The King of Prussia Plaza and the Court at King of Prussia house over 400 stores anchored by Neiman Marcus, Lord & Taylor, Nordstrom, Sears, J C Penney, Macy's and Bloomingdales. Parking capacity exceeds 13,200 spaces.

Upper Merion Township has a diversity of industry and businesses employing thousands. The Valley Forge Convention Center attracts large consumer and trade shows. Valley Forge National Historic Park, primarily in Upper Merion Township, brings prestige and national recognition to the area.

The Upper Merion Township Police Department is proud to provide our residents, visitors, shoppers and workers with quality police services. We are truly a modern, dynamic community and the Police Department reflects this personality.

On the Township's web-site ([www.umtownship.org](http://www.umtownship.org)) various types of information can be accessed concerning the department's activities; including Crime Alerts, Weekly Crime Bulletins, Safety Tips, Community Relations, and Community Concerns.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

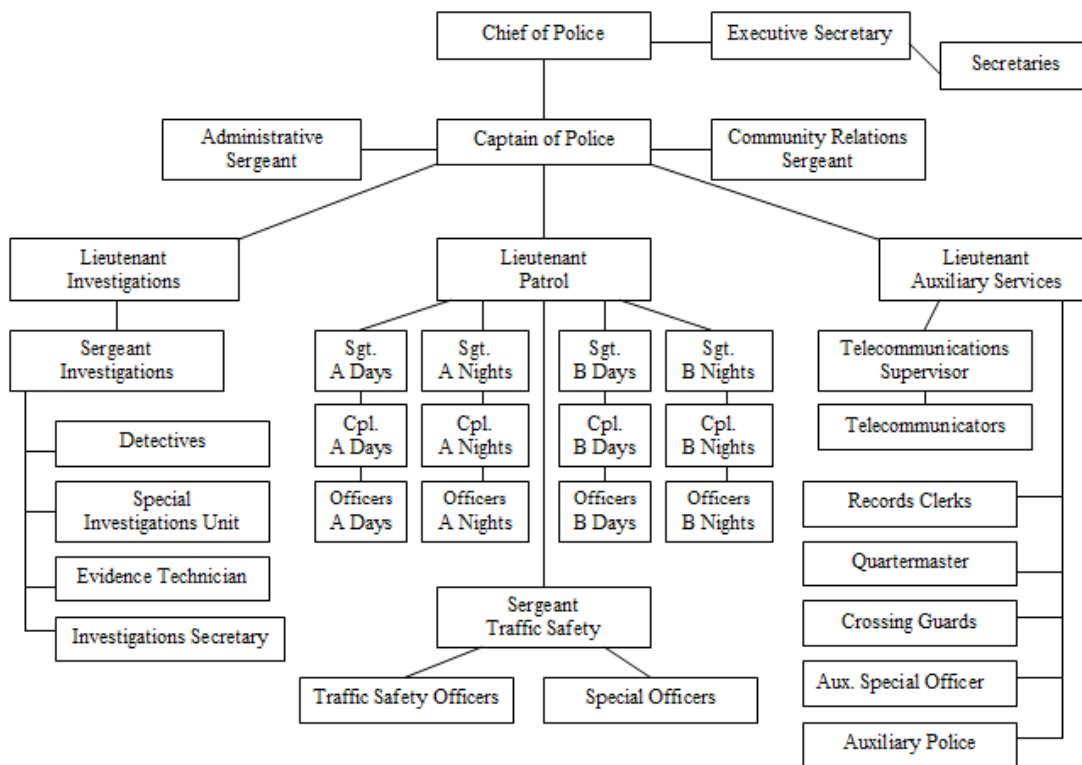
SWORN OFFICERS:

CHIEF OF POLICE	1
CAPTAIN OF POLICE	1
LIEUTENANTS	3
SERGEANTS	8
CORPORALS	4
PATROL OFFICERS	37
DETECTIVES	8
JUVENILE DETECTIVES	<u>2</u>
	64

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES:

TELECOMMUNICATORS	9
SECRETARIES	4
RECORDS DIVISION CLERKS	2
QUARTERMASTER	1
SPECIAL OFFICERS	3
CROSSING GUARDS	8
EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN	<u>1</u>
	28

Upper Merion Township Police Department  
Organizational Chart



## 2010 COMMUNITY RELATIONS UNIT

Since the implementation of a full-time Community Relations Unit in March 1997, the department has established a variety of programs to educate the residents and the business community with regard to crime, drug prevention, anti-terrorism and safety.

Community Policing remains active throughout the Township. The department continues to utilize a digital fingerprinting and photograph system to provide child identification packets.

### D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)

D.A.R.E. is a collaborative program in which local law enforcement and schools join together to educate students about the personal and social consequences of substance abuse. The program is a 10 week series of classroom lessons instructed by police officers to 5th & 6th grade students.

The program focuses on providing the students with the skills to recognize and resist the pressures that cause them to experiment with alcohol, tobacco or other dangerous drugs.

D.A.R.E. instructors include Sgt. Charles Zadroga, Officer Brandy Faherty, Officer Patrick Krouse & Officer Andrew Rathfon.

### COPS & KIDS OFFICERS

This program includes visits to elementary schools by officers who interact with the students and also review "safe school" issues.

Caley Road Elementary	Officer Robert Smull
Candlebrook Elementary	Sgt. Charles Zadroga
Roberts Elementary	Sgt. Charles Zadroga
Mother of Divine Providence	Officer Michael Ballman
Upper Merion Middle School Gr.5	Officer Constance Marinello
Students Grade 6	D.A.R.E. Program
Upper Merion Middle School Gr. 7	Officer Drew Miller
Upper Merion Middle School Gr.8	Detective Les Glauner

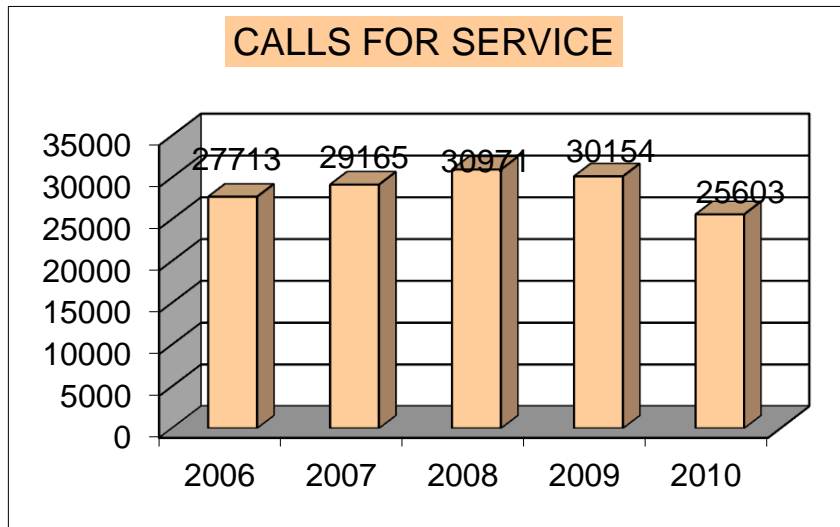
### SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES IN 2010

D.A.R.E Classes, Crime Prevention, Internet Safety Program, Substance Abuse/ D.U.I. Presentations, Tours of Police Headquarters, "Safety Kids" Presentation to all Elementary Schools, Pre-School Safety Visits, Bullying Education. Township's Adventure Day Camp, numerous child fingerprinting sessions, Community Anti-terrorism presentations, Town Watch meetings, Salvation Army Food Drive, Upper Merion Farmer's Market the Upper Merion Community Fair, Citizen's Advisory Board and C.A.S.T. (Community Alliance for a Safer Tomorrow).

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CALLS FOR SERVICE

2006	27713
2007	29165
2008	30971
2009	30154
2010	25603

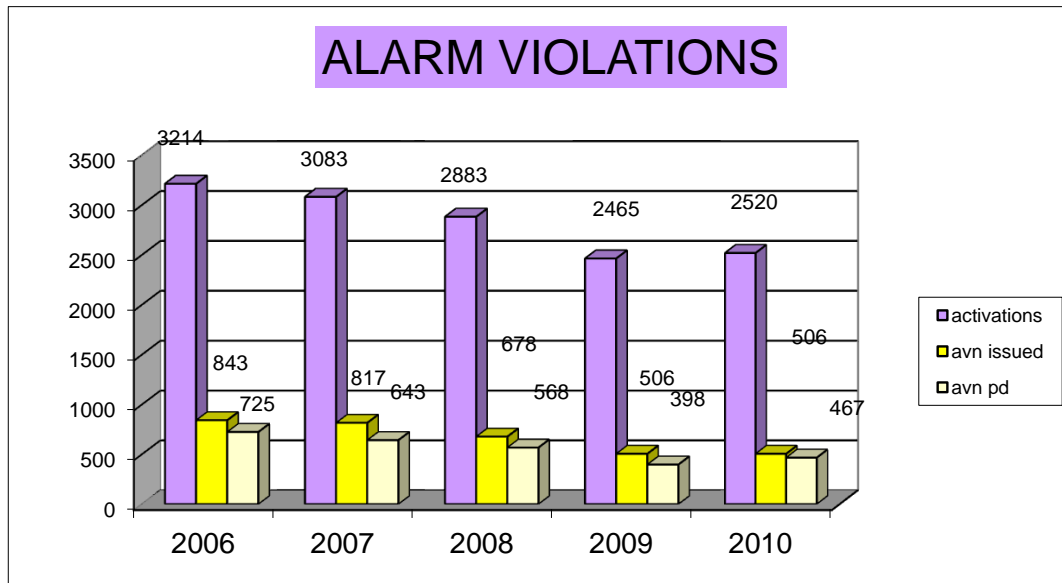


# ALARMS

In 2010 Patrol Officers responded to 2520 alarms which was an increase of 55 from 2009. Alarm Violation notices issued were 506 in 2010 which was the same as 2009.

## ALARM VIOLATION NOTICES

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
ACTIVATIONS	3214	3083	2883	2465	2520
AVN ISSUED	843	817	678	506	506
AVN PAID	725	643	568	398	467



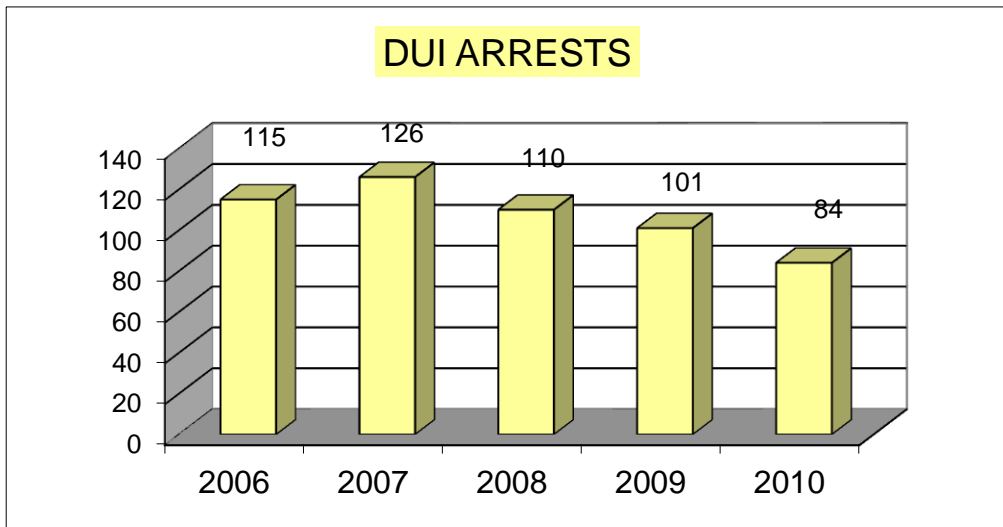


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**DUI ARRESTS**

(Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs)

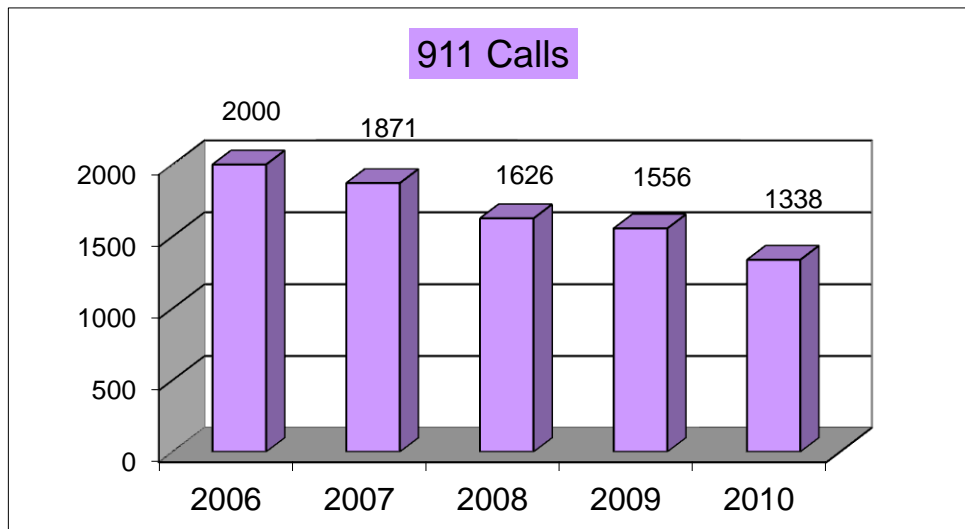
The patrol division arrested 84 drivers for driving under the influence in 2010, 17 less than were arrested in 2009. Several members of the department also participated in the Valley Forge Area DUI Enforcement Team checkpoints throughout the year.



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## 911 HANG UP RESPONSES

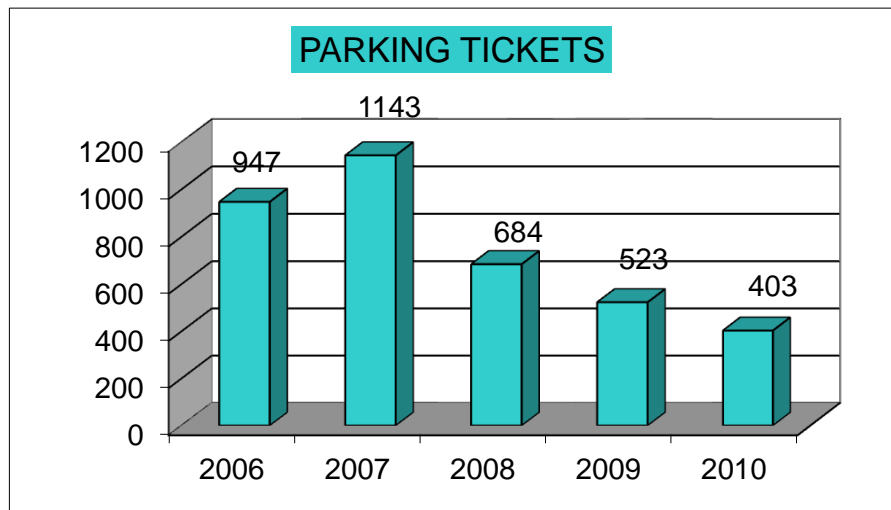
911 hang up responses occur when a caller contacts the Montgomery County 911 center and hangs up before providing any information. The caller's phone number and address are automatically displayed on the County computer screen. If a County dispatcher is unable to get an answer on call back, then the location data is transferred to our department. Two officers are dispatched to the location to check on the situation. The vast majority of 911 hang-up calls turn out to be caused by accident, yet each one must be treated as a potential emergency. The Police Department continues their efforts to reduce nuisance locations for 911 hang up calls.



2010

### PARKING TICKETS

403 parking tickets were issued in 2010 which was 120 less than were issued in 2009.



### PARKING TICKETS

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
TICKETS	947	1143	684	523	403

2010 Annual Report  
Police Canine Unit

In 2010 the Upper Merion Township Police department's K-9 unit consisted of two officers and two dogs.

Officer Richard Hiller is the handler of K-9 "RJ", a four year old Belgian Malinois in September of 2009. Officer Glenn Muntzer is the handler of K-9 "Jake", a nine year old German Sheppard.

The K-9 unit serves Upper Merion Township on a daily basis and conducts public demonstrations at many area schools. The unit has been a valuable asset to our police department and has assisted neighboring police departments as well.

Patrol/Criminal Activity Responses	80
Explosives Searches	4 * Did Not Receive Explosive Certification Until July.
Narcotic Searches	33
Community Events / Contacts	30
Backup other agencies	10
Training Days	103 * Includes Initial K-9 Explosive Training.

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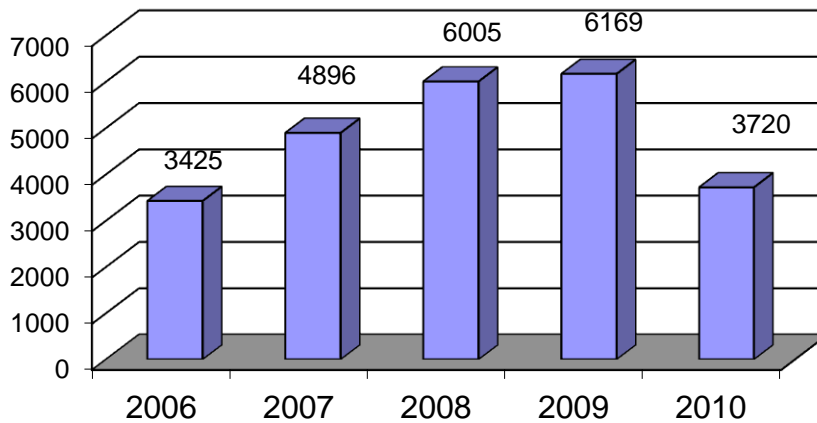
### TRAFFIC STOPS

In 2010 a total of 3720 traffic stops were initiated by the patrol division. The 2010 total represents a decrease of 2449 traffic stops from the 2009 total.

### TRAFFIC STOPS

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
TOTAL	3425	4896	6005	6169	3720

### TRAFFIC STOPS



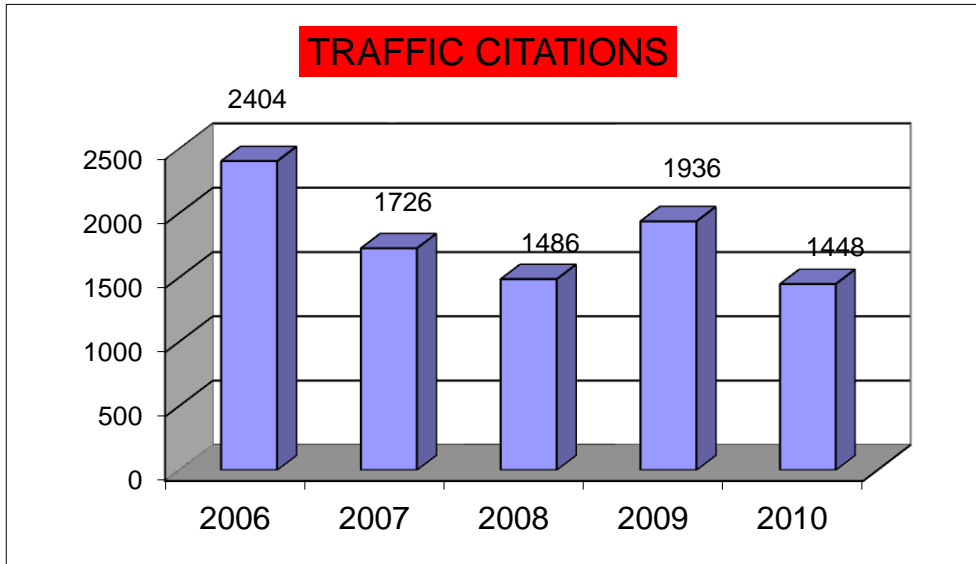
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**TRAFFIC CITATIONS**

In 2010 a total of 1448 traffic citations were issued by the patrol division. The 2010 total represents an decrease of 488 citations over the 2009 total.

**TRAFFIC CITATIONS**

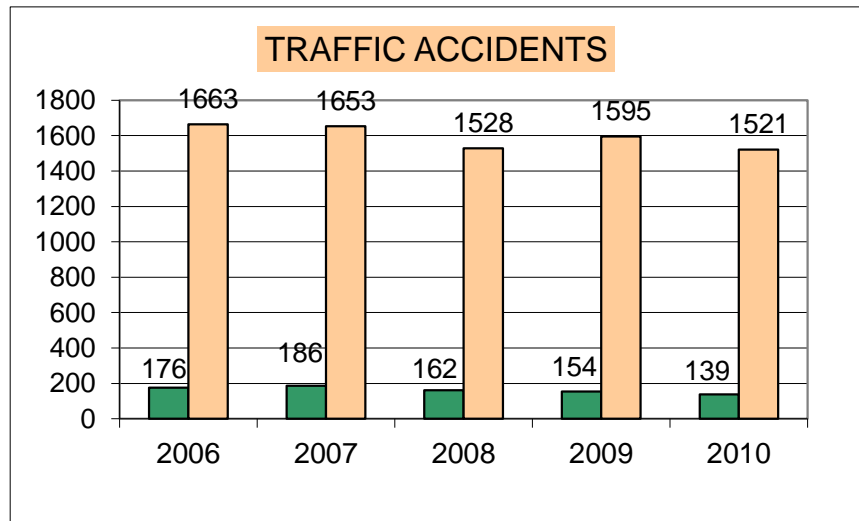
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
TOTAL	2404	1726	1486	1936	1448



## TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

2010

The police department investigated 1660 auto accidents in 2010. When compared with 2009, there was an decrease of 89 accidents in 2010.



## TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
REPORTABLE*	176	186	162	154	139
NON-REPT.	1663	1653	1528	1595	1521
TOTAL	1839	1839	1690	1749	1660

\* A reportable accident requires death, injury or vehicle towing

**2010  
PART 1 CRIMES / CLEARED**

Serious Crime as classified by the FBI

	CRIMES	CLEARED	% CLEARED
HOMICIDE	2	2	100%
RAPE	1	0	0%
ROBBERY	18	3	17%
ASSAULT	8	6	75%
BURGLARY	81	9	11%
THEFT**	1379	603	44%
AUTO THEFT	44	4	9%
ARSON	1	1	100%
TOTAL	1534	628	41%

**2010  
PART 2 CRIMES / CLEARED**

Less Serious Crime as classified by the FBI

	CRIMES	CLEARED	% CLEARED
FORGERY & FRAUD	275	64	23%
OTHER ASSAULTS	42	27	64%
RECEIVING STOLEN PROP.	0	0	n/a
DRUGS	86	69	80%
SEX CRIMES	12	3	25%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	77	76	99%
LIQUOR LAWS	23	21	91%
VANDALISM	206	13	6%
ALL OTHERS *	409	190	46%
TOTAL	1130	463	41%

\* All others includes crimes that are not listed above. (Weapons Offenses, Prostitution, Public Drunkenness & all c

\*\*Theft includes "retail theft" which is by far the most frequent crime committed in Upper Merion Township due to the large number of retail businesses.



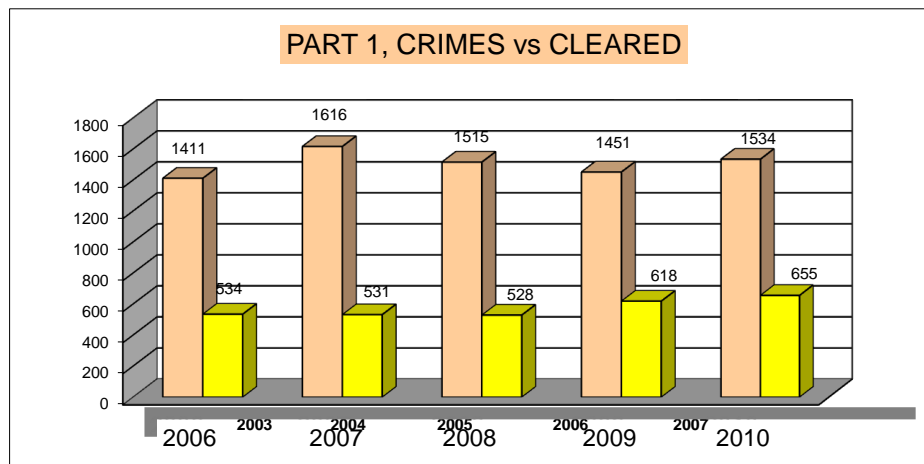
## Uniform Crime Report (UCR)

### PART 1 CRIMES 5 YEARS

YEAR	Criminal		Forcible					Auto		Total Part		% Change
	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Theft	Theft	Arson	Crimes			
2006	2	1	6	8	79	1257	58	0	1411	-3%		
2007	0	2	10	12	104	1432	55	1	1616	14.5%		
2008	0	1	15	19	88	1350	42	0	1515	-6.3%		
2009	0	3	14	7	58	1324	45	0	1451	-4.2%		
2010	2	1	18	8	81	1379	44	1	1534	5.7%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>6742</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7527</b>			

### PART I CRIMES CLEARED 5 YEARS

YEAR	Criminal		Forcible					Auto		Total Part		% Cleared
	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Theft	Theft	Arson	Cleared			
2006	1	1	3	5	11	509	4	0	534	38%		
2007	1	2	2	4	7	514	1	0	531	33%		
2008	0	1	5	3	7	512	0	0	528	35%		
2009	0	2	6	4	3	600	3	0	618	43%		
2010	2	0	3	6	9	603	4	1	655	43%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>2738</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2866</b>	<b>38%</b>		



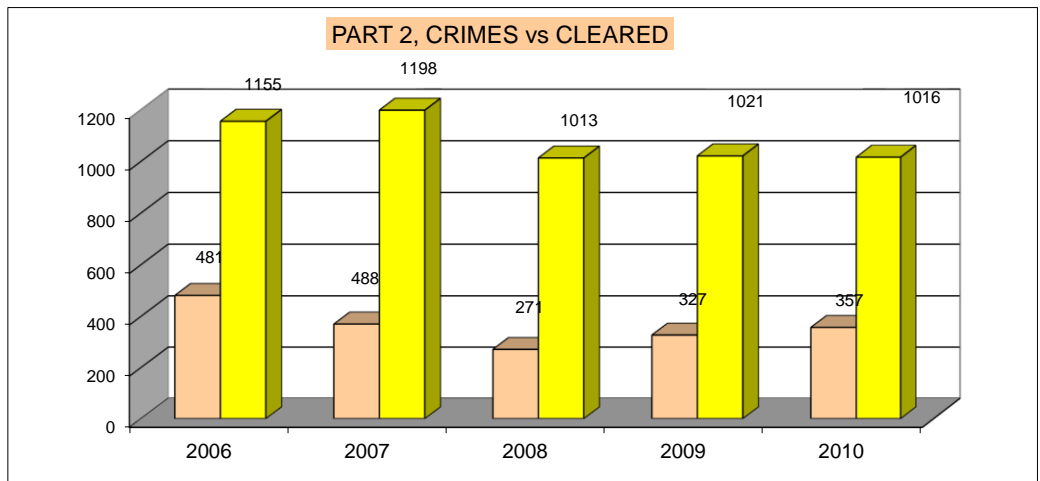
Uniform Crime Report (UCR)

**PART 2 CRIMES  
5 YEARS**

	FORGERY	OTHER	RECEIVING		SEX	DISORDERLY	LIQUOR		ALL		%
YEAR	COUNTERFEIT	ASSAULTS	STOLEN PROP	DRUGS	CRIMES	CONDUCT	LAWS	VANDALISM	MOTHERS	TOTAL	CHANGE
2006	272	42	3	43	14	97	26	344	314	1155	4%
2007	311	35	1	70	23	100	24	367	267	1198	4%
2008	325	45	0	78	16	67	23	221	238	1013	-15%
2009	295	35	0	83	22	85	37	211	253	1021	1%
2010	275	42	0	86	12	77	23	206	295	1016	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1478</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>1349</b>	<b>1367</b>	<b>5403</b>	

**PART 2 CRIMES/CLEARED  
5 YEARS**

	FORGERY	OTHER	RECEIVING		SEX	DISORDERLY	LIQUOR		ALL		%
YEAR	COUNTERFEIT	ASSAULTS	STOLEN PROP	DRUGS	CRIMES	CONDUCT	LAWS	VANDALISM	MOTHERS	TOTAL	CLEARED
2006	79	31	2	41	6	96	26	28	179	488	42%
2007	53	24	0	62	7	100	23	21	80	370	31%
2008	27	24	0	67	4	66	21	4	58	271	27%
2009	41	19	0	68	9	83	36	10	61	327	32%
2010	64	27	0	69	3	76	21	13	84	357	35%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>1813</b>	



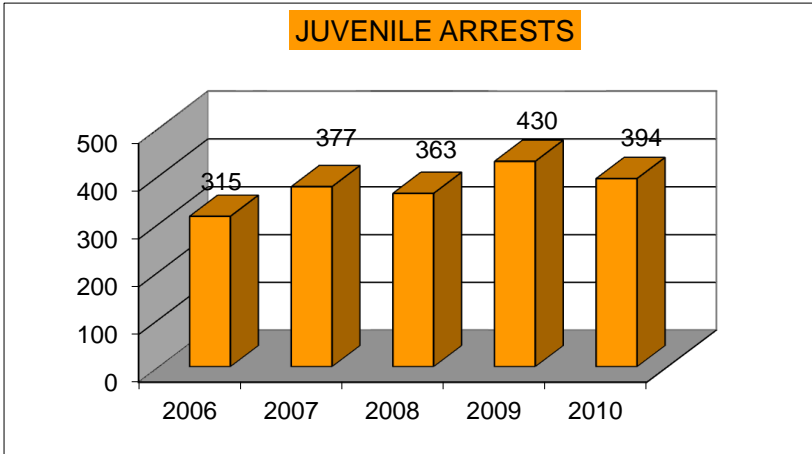
**2010 JUVENILE CRIME ARRESTS**

ROBBERY	1	
ASSAULT	5	
BURGLARY	3	
THEFT	287	
AUTO THEFT	1	
ARSON	0	
FORGERY	2	
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	2	
DRUGS	9	
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	18	
DUI	1	
LIQUOR LAWS	34	
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	3	
WEAPONS	1	
PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS	0	
ALL OTHER	11	
CURFEW	12	
TOTAL	390	

YOUTH AID PANELS			
REFERRED	COMPLETED	DROPPED	STILL ACTIVE
50	33	11	6

CURFEW VIOLATIONS		
WARNINGS	CITATIONS	TOTAL
4	12	16

JUVENILE ARRESTS					
YEAR	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
# OF ARRESTS	315	377	363	430	394



\* Juvenile crimes are not included in UCR part I or part II totals.