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A Message from the Chief

On behalf of all members of the State College Police Department, it is my pleasure to present our 2014 State College Police Department Annual Report. Whether you are a resident, business owner, or a visitor to the State College area, I trust you will find something of interest in this report.

It is my honor to be in my 33rd year of serving the community, the past 22 years as the Chief of Police. I am truly privileged to work with all of the 76 men and women of our state-accredited police department. Through the accomplishments and fine work of these police officers and support personnel, we continue to provide quality police service to the State College area each and every day.

We deeply value the responsibility of providing full police services to not only the Borough of State College, but also to both College Township and Harris Township as well. To provide an exemplary level of police service to all of our jurisdictions, the State College Police Department is comprised of dedicated professionals enthusiastically working with citizens to foster the safe, vibrant and pleasant environment that makes the State College area a very special place. We could not begin to accomplish all that is necessary from a crime and safety standpoint without the involvement and ongoing support from the citizens of these communities.

Engaging and collaborating with all facets of our community are at the core of our policing philosophy. Partnerships with student and non-student residents, Penn State University, State College Area School District, local businesses, social and human service agencies, faith-based communities and others enable us to identify, prioritize and address community concerns, effectively impacting the fear and incidence of crime and disorder as well as improving the quality of life in our community. We recognize that these successes are community achievements and would not be possible without meaningful interaction between the Police Department and the citizens we serve.

Along with all the members of the State College Police Department, I take our role very seriously. We will continue to work diligently at fostering a safe community for all who live, work, and visit the State College area. We will always strive to provide exceptional, ethical and professional customer service to all with whom we interact.

We are sincerely thankful and appreciative for the ongoing support of our police department. It is an honor to serve the community.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. King
Chief of Police

Chief King is a 1980 graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Criminology. He began his career with the State College Police Department in 1981. During his career, he held several assignments and promotions and in 1993 was appointed to his current position as chief of police.

In 2007 Chief King was appointed by Governor Rendell to serve as a commission member on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) representing the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association. This appointment continues under current Governor Wolf. He also serves on PCCD's Child Advocacy Center Advisory Committee, served as chair of PCCD's Victim's Rights Subcommittee, served on the STOP Violence against Women Training Task Force, and served on the STOP Violence against Women Planning Subcommittee.

Chief King is the Chairman of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association. He is also a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, past president and past chair of the Central Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, and a member of the University Park Campus Community Partnership, which deals with issues related to dangerous drinking.

Locally, Chief King is an advisory board member of the Child Advocacy Center of Centre County, a member of State College Area School District Citizens Advisory Committee on School Safety, a member of the State College Food Bank, and an elder with the State College Presbyterian Church.



Mission

We, the members of the State College Police Department, are committed to being responsive to our community in the delivery of quality police services. Recognizing our responsibility to maintain order, while affording dignity and respect to every individual, our mission is to improve the quality of life in our jurisdiction through a community partnership which promotes safe and secure neighborhoods and business districts.

We will enforce the laws of this Commonwealth and of the communities we serve and will endeavor to identify and reduce citizens' concerns regarding criminal activity, neighborhood deterioration, and continual nuisances. We will closely interact with the community and local government agencies, and engage in crime prevention, criminal apprehension, and other activities which might reduce concerns in the community.

Philosophy and Values

The philosophy of an organization embodies the guiding principles and beliefs under which the members of the organization strive to achieve their mission, goals, and objectives. The philosophy of the men and women of the State College Police Department may be summarized as follows:

We believe the men and women of the State College Police Department are its most valuable asset and the essential ingredient to effectively and efficiently accomplish the police mission.

We believe in the equitable, fair and impartial application of laws and ordinances without regard to race, color, creed, sex, or station in life, and in treating all individuals with tolerance, compassion and the dignity we would expect if found in similar circumstances.

We believe in the preservation of basic human rights and the maintenance of individual human dignity under the rule and spirit of law, which dictates that the ends do not always justify the means and that punishment is not the function of the police.

We believe in providing quality, empathetic, responsive and professional service to the citizens and visitors of our community. Additionally, we believe the citizens of State College have endowed us with a public trust. We will honor that trust by holding ourselves to the highest standards of professional police conduct, wholly subscribing to the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics established by the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

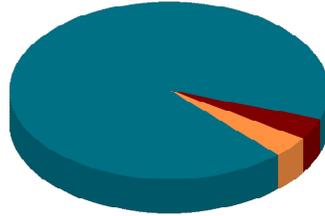
We believe in the decentralization of authority downward within the organization of the State College Police Department concomitant with accountability and responsibility for actions taken or omitted.

We believe that proactive team management, open communication and employee input, prior to policy and procedure implementation, are the norm in the State College Police Department. Once decisions are made, we realize it is critical that everyone (including dissenters) work together toward achieving Department goals.

We believe a written Policy, Rules and Regulations Manual is necessary to guide each member of this Department in the performance of their duties. However, rules cannot be written to cover all contingencies. Therefore, we believe all actions taken by Department personnel must be legal, professional, reasonable and consistent with the spirit and intent of this philosophy statement, the Constitution of the United States, the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the ordinances of the jurisdictions in which we serve.

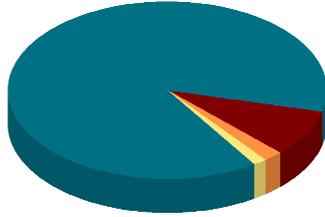
Notable Events and Incidents

- **Burglaries**— Andrew Ronczka and Jesse Hribar were identified and charged with their involvement in a spree of Burglaries and Criminal Trespass incidents in two downtown apartment buildings over State Patty's Day weekend. Each defendant pled guilty to multiple counts of Burglary, Criminal Trespass, Theft, Receiving Stolen Property, Criminal Mischief and Conspiracy and is serving a year jail sentence at the Beaver County Correctional Facility.
- **Arson**— Timothy Penrod of State College was charged and plead guilty to two Arsons which occurred in May 2014. He received 7 to 20 years in prison.
- **Sexual Assault Arrests**-
 - ◊ Rape - 20-year-old Justin Blake from Maryland was charged with Rape, IDSI, Aggravated Indecent Assault, Burglary and Criminal Trespass. after he entered a female's apartment over State Patty's Day weekend.
 - ◊ A State College High School teacher was charged with Unlawful Contact with Minors
 - ◊ Assisted the PA Attorney General in the investigation of a State College psychologist, Scott Lenhart . Charges filed on 8/23/2014 for Aggravated Indecent Assault, Sexual Assault and Insurance Fraud Lenhart with be a life time Megan's Law registrant.
 - ◊ Assisted the FBI in the investigation into Christopher Lee of Boalsburg. Arrest made on 10/1/2014 for Transportation of Minor and Production and Possession of Child Pornography. Lee was placed in jail with no bail, the case is pending trial and Lee is facing a minimum of 15 years.



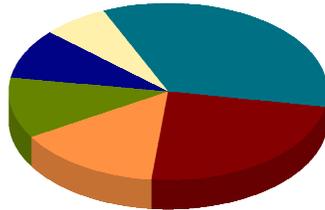
Crime Type	Count	Percentage
Assault	140	92.1%
Rape	6	3.9%
Robbery	6	3.9%

2014 Reported = 152



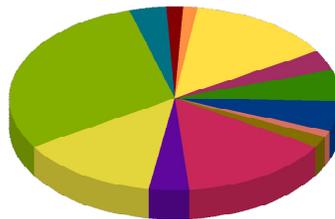
Crime Type	Count	Percentage
Theft	597	87.3%
Burglary	63	9.2%
Auto Theft	14	2.0%
Arson	10	1.5%

2014 Reported = 684



Crime Type	Count	Percentage
Disorderly Conduct	872	30.9%
Alcohol Crimes	856	30.3%
Criminal Mischief	534	18.9%
Fraud	295	10.4%
Other Crimes	189	6.7%
Drug Crimes	80	2.8%

2014 Reported = 2,826



Service Type	Count	Percentage
Alarms	729	3.6%
Animals	326	1.6%
Community Relations	270	1.3%
Health & Safety	2853	14.3%
Lost & Found Property	714	3.4%
Miscellaneous	1224	5.6%
Ordinances	1116	5.3%
Parking Violations	144	1.2%
Person Stops	453	1.9%
Request for Assistance	2853	14.8%
Suspicious Activity	771	3.9%
Vehicle Incidents	2709	13.5%
Vehicle Stops	4959	29.5%

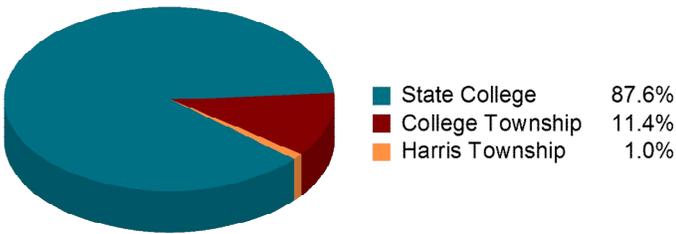
2014 Reported = 20,138

Other Calls for Service



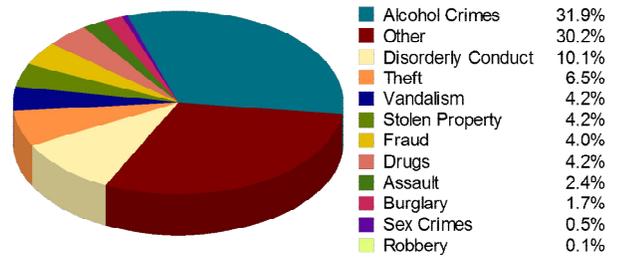
Arrests by Municipality

2014 Reported = 2,229



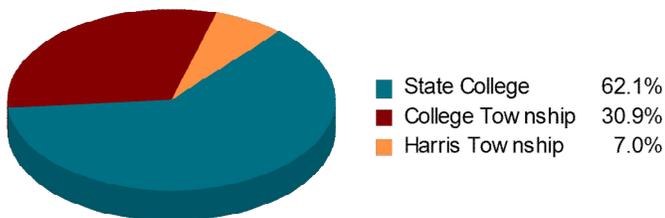
Arrest Types

2014 Reported = 2,229



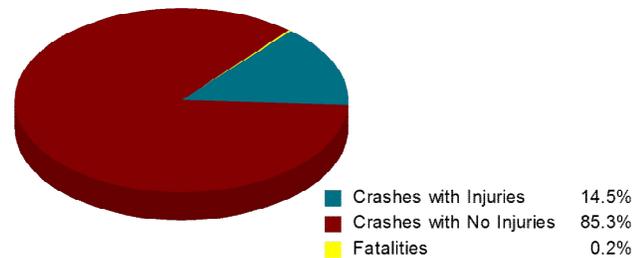
Crashes by Municipality

2014 Reported = 1,246



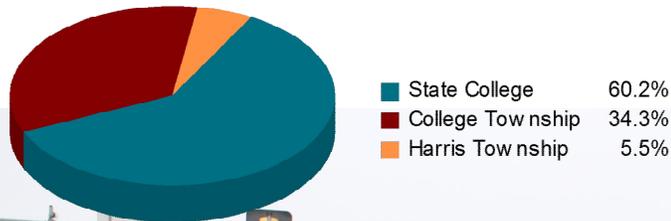
Crash Types

2014 Reported = 1,246



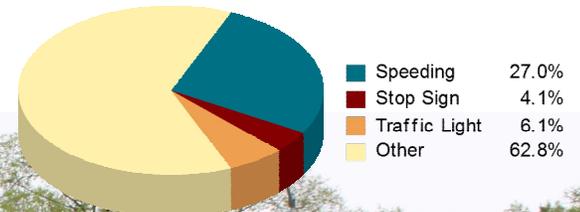
Traffic Violations Issued

2014 Reported = 3,019



Traffic Violation Types

2014 Reported = 3,019



2014 Facts

based on 2014 estimated population data² from the Census Bureau

State College metropolitan area was ranked as:
 safest city in the United States in 2009
 third safest city in 2010
 second safest city in 2011
 fifth safest city in 2012
 third safest city in 2013¹

Penn State University was ranked as:
 # 1 party school in the United States for 2009-2010 school year²
 # 3 party school for 2010-2011³
 # 2 party school (*Playboy*)⁴ for 2011-2012
 # 7 party school (*Princeton Review*)⁵ for 2011-2012
 # 11 party school (*Princeton Review*)⁵ for 2012-2013
 # 9 party school (*Princeton Review*)⁵ for 2013-2014
 # 7 party school (*Princeton Review*)⁵ for 2014-2015

State College was ranked as the fifth best college town under 250,000 residents by the American Institute for Economic Research for 2014-2015.⁶

Pennsylvania	283.9
Centre County	138.87
Harris Township	159.0
College Township	520.1
State College Borough	9,224.1

Population density in persons per square mile:⁷

Pennsylvania	40.1
Centre County	28.7
Harris Township	44.8
College Township	38.7
State College Borough	21.5

Median age from 2010 census:⁸

State College Borough, College Township and Harris Township host **1½ to 2 million** visitors each year.

State College Police Department serves **884 citizens per officer** with the full, authorized complement of 64 sworn personnel.

State College Police Department's actual gross expenditure were **\$9,540,040**, resulting in a cost of **\$168.63 per capita**.

State College Police Department's total revenue was **\$3,030,745** from police service contracts with College and Harris Townships, state and federal grants, special event policing reimbursement, fines and costs.

State College Police responded to or initiated **24,955** calls for service and other activities.

State College Detectives investigated **438 criminal cases** and **211 non-criminal incidents**.

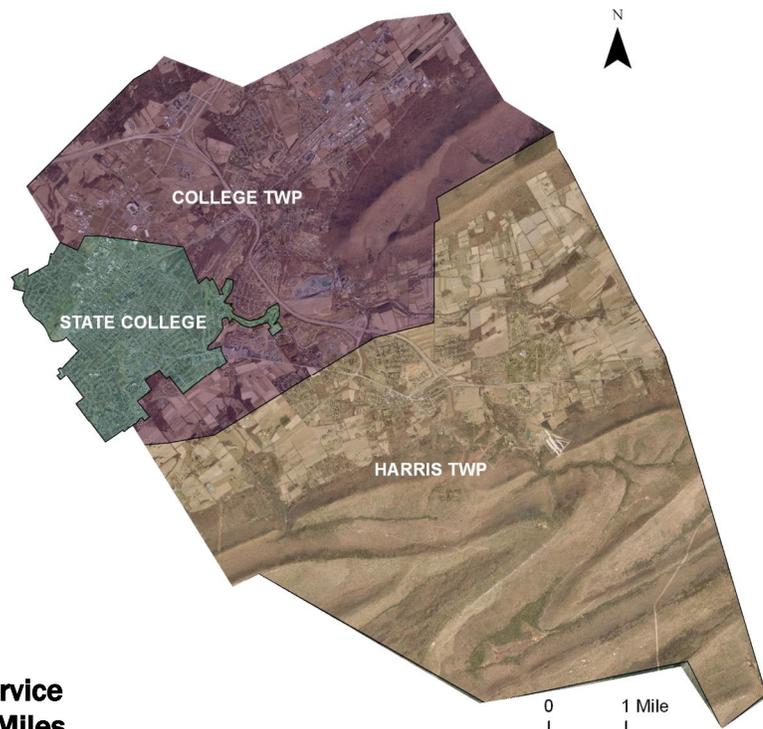
Across the nation, communities are struggling to balance quality of life issues and rising crime rates. Quality of life issues such as street crime, substance abuse problems, traffic violations, mental health issues, noise and zoning regulations present big problems in larger communities. While State College and surrounding communities deal with some of the same issues, we are fortunate to experience crime rates going down and other issues are on a much smaller scale.

Through directed patrol efforts, community partnerships, and specialization skills found within the State College Police Department, police officers remain dedicated to curtailing crime and addressing quality of life issues.

One of the issues facing the State College community, like most other university communities is alcohol related crimes. Alcohol is linked to over 2/3 of all State College crime. The State College Police Department has embraced both a problem and community oriented policing approach to alcohol.

To prevent and control alcohol-related crime, the State College Police Department has initiated several programs and projects, in addition to forming partnerships with community groups, faith-based organizations, and Penn State University. Every fall semester a range of agencies and services within the community focus on addressing offenses and problems to provide help and set expectations upon student return.

The State College Police Department is always encouraged by the response of Borough citizens and Penn State University. In combining efforts, our goal is to provide the best quality of life to all in the community.



Area of Service in Square Miles



College Township	18.3
Harris Township	31.9
State College Borough	4.5
Total:	54.7

The State College Police Department is committed to ensuring the highest level of police service for residents. The Police Department engages in a variety of community oriented programs to provide preventative policing, as well as provides services, for business, homeowner and child safety.

Services

Car Seat Safety Checks

- The State College Police Department has 7 certified car seat technicians that can assist you or double check your work. You are welcome to schedule an installation or we host several community car seat inspections each year at convenient locations throughout State College.
- The State College Police Department also assists in the areas car seat loaning program. This provides 5 varieties of car seats ranging from infants to older children to area families in need.



Vacation Home Checks

- The State College Police Department offers a service for added piece of mind if you are leaving town for vacation, a weekend or seasonally. Police will conduct perimeter checks of your residence to assure it remains secure. This can help to prevent burglary, theft, vandalism, and suspicious activity as well as detect unusual circumstances on your property (ex. a water main break) and make the appropriate contacts to prevent further issues.

Business Surveys

- The State College Police Department recommends that all businesses within its jurisdiction complete a business survey form and update it annually. This form takes a few minutes to complete, and provides vital information to police, fire, and ambulance personnel in the event of an emergency, especially after business hours. New business owners are recommended to complete a form immediately upon opening for business.

School Checks

- The State College Police Department regularly conducts school checks during the school year. School checks consist of a walk-through of the school checking to make sure doors are secured, checking in with office staff, addressing any concerns and interacting with students. Students get used to seeing the officers at their school and feel more comfortable asking for assistance, if needed. In 2014, the SCPD conducted xxx school checks in the State College Area.

Community Policing

Downtown Safety Enhancement Program (DSEP)

- Penn State auxiliary officers patrol neighborhoods and crime-prone areas and report offenses to State College patrol officers. In this partnership, the auxiliary officers provide additional, trained personnel where and when they are needed most. Since 2004, this program continues to be an effective partnership between the Downtown Improvement District, Penn State University and the State College Police Department. It provides visibility, functions as a crime deterrent and officers are a on-site resource for community members.

Neighborhood Enforcement Alcohol Team (NEAT)

- The NEAT program involves two State College police officers partnered two Penn State Police Officers assigned to patrol the Highlands and Holmes-Foster neighborhood on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights to focus on nuisance crimes.

Pre-Party Contacts

- Started in 2007, the pre-party contacts program involves State College police officers patrolling neighborhoods to look for indications of large gatherings that are being planned for a residence. Once identified, officers contact party hosts and provide them with suggestions to keep the party safe, explain community expectations, and encourage them to call the police if they need assistance. This program has shown positive results by low need for police return to locations where pre-party visits have been made, within a 24 hour period.

Source Investigation Project (SIP)

- A two year grant, starting in 2014 provides \$50,000 to fund a program that focuses enforcement and education of alcohol-related crimes. The goal of the project is to identify the source of alcohol provided to minors, reduce the harm of underage and drinking and improve the quality of life in State College neighborhoods.

Living in One Neighborhood Walk (LION Walk)

- Conducted on an annual basis since 2008, the LION Walk involves participation by the State College Borough elected officials and employees, State College police officers, Penn State University police officers, administration and students organizations, Penn State Office of Student Affairs and others. When the Fall semester begins, representatives are assigned blocks in the neighborhood to go door-to-door, personally contacting residents with an informational packet encouraging all residents to get to know their neighbors.



Local officers, the Nittany Lion and the Mayor join the LION Walk

Prevention Programs

The following is a list of some of the programs and services provided by the Community Relations Section of the State College Police Department.

- Active Shooter/Dangerous Intruder
- Child Safety/Stranger Danger
- Cyberbullying and Internet Safety
- Drug Abuse/Addiction
- Scams, Fraud & Identity Theft
- School Safety
- Sexual Assault
- Youthful Offender Program



The Community Relations and Crime Prevention (CRCP) specialist, Officer Kelly Aston, focuses on police public relations and crime prevention through a variety of programs and projects.

The CRCP officer offers health and safety/crime prevention programming to the community on a variety of topics including dangerous intruder/active shooter response, cyber bullying, scam awareness, identity theft, bicycle safety, DUI's, dangerous drinking, stranger danger, drug recognition and awareness and personal safety. The CRCP officer participates on committees for the LION Walk, TRIAD, Centre Region Care Partnership/Communities that Care and co-chairs the F8 committee.

The CRCP officer is charged with the implementation and management of the internship program, scheduling and supervising the 4-6 full time interns assigned to the police department each year. The CRCP Officer also manages grants focusing on dangerous/underage drinking and DUI's, assists with accreditation standards, and assists in the recruiting/testing process for the hiring of new police officers.

The CRCP officer is a Certified Car Seat Technician and organizes car seat safety events for the public. The CRCP officer is the vice president of the Centre County Law Enforcement Camp Cadet Executive Board and is the officer in charge of girl's week for the camp each year.

The CRCP officer works closely with a number of local businesses, agencies, community groups, schools, and the media to actively work towards an overall safer community.

Community Relations and Crime Prevention Activities

- CAC Safe School Committee
- Career Days
- Centre County Drug Task Force
- Centre County Law Enforcement Camp Cadet
- Child Safety Seat Technician/Child Safety Seat Events
- Health and Safety Events
- Internship Program
- Media Briefings
- National Drug Take Back Initiatives
- Office of Student Conduct Liaison
- OLV School Safety Committee
- Property Report Review, Rental Suspension
- Source Investigation Project (SIP) Grant
- Station Tours
- Student Interviews
- TRIAD and Citizens Police Academy
- Accreditation Team
- Recruiting - hiring process for new officers and background checks
- Wellness Committee

Committees and Organizations

- Children and Youth Services - Placement Review Team
- Communities that Care/Care Partnership-Key Leaders
- Community Help Center Board of Directors
- Crime Prevention Association of PA
- F8 Co-Chair
- Leadership Centre County Class 2014-2015
- National Crime Prevention Association
- Neighborhood Services Team
- PACCT Planning Committee
- Student - Borough Advisory Committee
- TRIAD
- Wellness Committee

Internship Program

Community Relations and Crime Prevention Officer Kelly Aston is also the administrator for the State College Police Department internship program. The program allows college students who are interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement to gain firsthand experience in all aspects of municipal police work while earning three to six academic credits from their college or university. Full time internships, 30-40 hours per week, and part time internships, 10 to 30 hours per week, are available for eligible students. Generally student placements span 12 weeks.

Interns are assigned to ride along with patrol, shadow detectives, assist with criminal investigations, process evidence, participate with the tactical response team during training sessions, and interact with the community at the police department's front desk.

Our 2014 interns:

- Chanse Davy**, South Hills - full time
- Jackie Jackowski**, PSU - full time
- Haley Lopinsky**, John Jay College of Criminal Justice - part-time
- Patrick Sensenig**, PSU - full time
- Cheri Sparacino**, PSU - part-time
- Hunter Steele**, PSU Altoona - full time
- Regan Swisher**, University of Tennessee - part time

Centre County Law Enforcement Camp Cadet

The year 2014 celebrated the 31st anniversary of Centre County Law Enforcement Camp Cadet (CCLECC) with over 2,300 young people having participated in our summer program!

Camp Cadet provides a week-long experience for boys and girls ages 12 through 15. They are exposed to law enforcement activities and are given an opportunity to know police officers on a personal basis. All cadets will develop new friendships and share experiences that will last a lifetime.

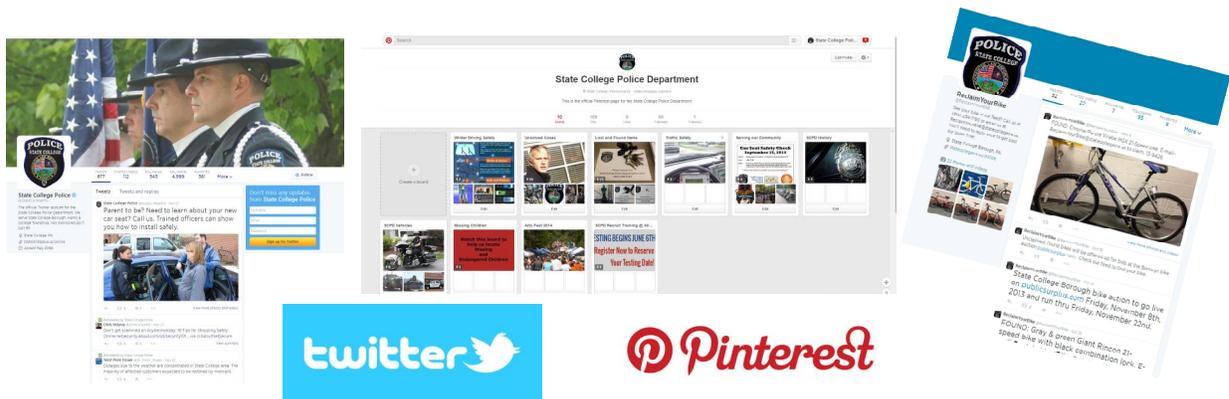
Camp Cadet provides an atmosphere of a police academy. Emphasis is placed on leadership skills, team work and building self-esteem and self confidence in the cadets. Camp Cadet is staffed with local and state law enforcement officers, EMT's, fire personnel, magisterial district judges, members of the District Attorneys office and others involved in emergency services or the justice system. In addition to staffing, many community groups, businesses and individuals partner to help make Camp Cadet possible through donations of time, money and/or equipment.

In 2014, campers enjoyed many camp-sponsored events including swimming, fishing, shooting rifles, archery, self defense and of course a nightly camp fire. Cadets also got a good look at life as a police officer learning how to process crime scenes and investigate a bank robbery. Camp Cadet comes to a close at the end of the week with a formal graduation ceremony and distribution of awards.



In 2014 we continued to engage with our community through the use of our Twitter social media feeds. We focus on reaching local, yearlong residents, the Penn State student population as well as visitors to our area with timely, useful information while fostering a more informal interaction. Our main feed @StateCollegePD had expanded to reach over 5600 followers by the end of 2014 (up from 2600 followers in 2013) . We provided timely information on a wide variety of topics to include wanted persons, arrests, community events, traffic safety and weather alerts, Town and Gown work, departmental history, Camp Cadet, recruitment and many more. Our other Twitter feed @ReclaimYourBike helps to return recovered bicycles to their owners. We also promoted the Borough bicycle auction and pointed out bicycle safety tips and raised awareness of bicycle theft prevention strategies.

We've also worked at updating our Police Department webpage to ease navigation and assist with quickly finding useful information. The distribution of information was streamlined for press releases and alerts sent by creating an easy way to sign up for emails and/or SMS (text) messages.



Website and Crime Reports®

On our Police Department webpage we focused on keeping the public informed with continuous updates to our Crime Reports® mapping interface. Using the Crime Reports® software, anyone can search the last 6-months of data to see what had happened in their neighborhood or other areas in the Borough by date and type of incident.

Not only can this program provide updated information about crime in the area but it can be utilized as a tool to map related crimes and pin point trends. This tool can be utilized in briefings to discuss crime details, as well as to generate reports to show how to best use our resources. Crime Reports® is continuing to expand on the core product, including trend casting and analytics to target areas for crime and traffic violations based on the previous 6 months of data.



The website also made it possible to provide anonymous tips, access press releases, public records information and Departmental information.

Public Cameras

In 2014 the State College Borough installed 71 new cameras in 14 areas located in the municipal building, parking garages and select downtown areas. In the past, there were 3 public areas where borough-owned cameras were installed. The new camera system provides a wireless installation as well as higher quality video. The public camera feeds are accessible by police and are used for solving crime, rather than crime prevention. The building and parking garage cameras can monitor revenue systems, gates and public lobbies. There is a provision in this project to consider a test with public cameras in the Highlands neighborhood, which will be researched in 2015.



Grant and Revenue Sources

The State College Police Department participates in many programs at the federal, state and local levels to obtain funding. There are grant and other revenue sources available to allow the department to provide overtime, pay salaried employees and update equipment. We work with surrounding departments at Penn State, Ferguson and Patton Township and the Pennsylvania State Police. Programs include:

Federal

- STOP Violence Against Women
- Recovery Act—Justice Assistance Grant (Motorcycle)
- Bullet Proof Vests

State

- DUI Sobriety Checkpoints
- PA Liquor Control Board—Parents Are The Solution (PATS)
- PA Drug Task Force
- Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE)
- School Resource Officers (SRO)

- Source Investigation Project (SIP)
- Substance Abuse Education Demand Reduction Fund—Life Skills Training (LST)
- Traffic Enforcement Safety Grants

Local

- SAMHSA’s Drug-Free Community Program—Centre County Coalition and Care Partnership—Centre Region Communities that Care (CTC)

- SAMHSA’s Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking (STOP) Program
- Centre County Youth Aid Panel (YAP)
- Centre County Youthful Offender Program (YOP)
- Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws—Source Investigation Project (SIP)
- Safe Havens—Centre County Child Access Center



Assistant Chief John Gardner is a 25-year veteran of the State College Police Department. In 2014 he oversaw the Detective and Records Division.

The Detective Section, consists of a Lieutenant and (8) Detectives. The Detective Unit's primary responsibilities include most drug, sexual assault and domestic violence investigations. The unit is also responsible for: major case investigation, development and management and crime scene processing.

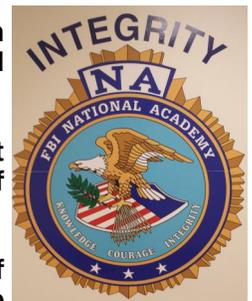
Assistant Chief Gardner also has direct oversight of the Records Section that consists of a Records Supervisor, (4) Records Technicians and (1) Administrative Staff Assistant. In addition to managing all police records, the section is responsible for processing all: right to know law requests, records checks, dissemination of police records, records expungements, record destruction, and uniform crime reporting.

Over the course of his career, Assistant Chief Gardner has served as a field training officer, regional drug task force member, background investigator and coordinator, and Detective. Assistant Chief Gardner was an inaugural member of the Police Department's bicycle unit. As an officer and supervisor, Assistant Chief Gardner obtained advanced training in community oriented policing strategies and problem-solving strategies.

Assistant Chief Gardner has held the ranks of: Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain in the patrol division. He served as the Detective Sergeant in the Detective Unit from 2004 until his promotion to Patrol Division commander in 2006.

As a Captain, he has been instrumental in the development of performance measurement standards, special event planning, critical incident management, as well as staff management and development.

Assistant Chief Gardner serves as chairperson for the department's internal affairs board of conduct review and chairs the police applicant oral boards. He represents the Police Department on State College Borough's Sustainability Committee and Workplace Safety Committee.



Assistant Chief Gardner was selected to attend the FBI National Academy (Session 255) from April 6, 2014 through June 13, 2014 at the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA. The class consisted of (227) members and was represented by individuals from (46) States and (21) International Countries. During his time at the National Academy, Assistant Chief Gardner took classes on such topics as: Managing Organizational Change, Executive Leadership, The Role of Spiritual Leadership in Law Enforcement Operations, Managing and Planning for Major Special Events, Constitutional Law, Research Methods and Physical Fitness. During this (10) week session, the members of the class visited the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. and attended the National Law Enforcement Memorial Service in Washington, D.C. where Attorney General Eric Holder was the keynote speaker. Each Wednesday afternoon, the class attended an enrichment speaker's series which included some of the following individuals: Kirk Lippold, Captain of the USS Cole, Michael Durant, helicopter pilot of "Black Hawk Down" fame, Charles Ramsey, Philadelphia Police Commissioner, and former Louisiana State Trooper Bobby Smith who survived a shotgun blast to the face that blinded him. The commencement speaker for the class was FBI Director James Comey.



Assistant Chief Gardner holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Penn State University and a Master of Science degree from Shippensburg University.

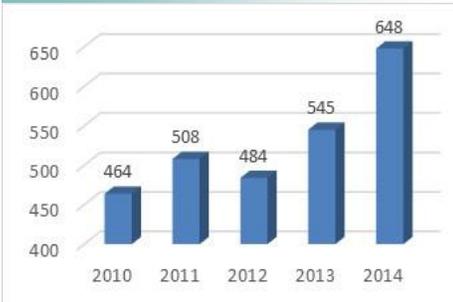
He and his wife Jody and their two children reside in State College.

In 2014 the Detective Division was headed by Lieutenant Keith C. Robb. The Detective Division consists of seven full time detectives and one fixed term detective. The division handled follow-up investigative responsibilities on 649 cases in 2014: 211 non-criminal and 438 criminal cases. The Division also consists of a School Resource Officer at State College High School and a School Resource Officer at Mount Nittany Middle School. All detectives have received training in both initial and advanced crime scene processing. In 2014, detectives received 1,073 hours of training in a variety of specializations including:

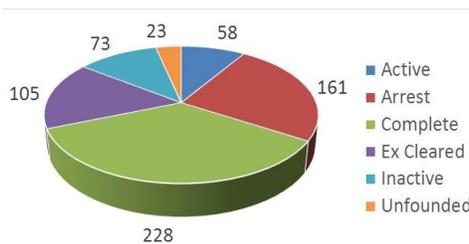
- Crisis Negotiation
- Crash Reconstruction
- Advanced Surveillance and Photography
- Crisis Intervention
- Cell Phone Forensics
- Polygraph
- Wire Tap

A detective is on call at all times - 24 hours per day, 365 days per year - to assist and investigate serious cases. Some detectives specialize in investigating certain types of crime related to: finance, computer, narcotics, juvenile, sex and domestic violence.

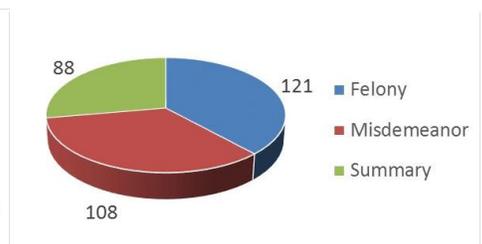
Cases Assigned



2014 Criminal Case Status



2014 Arrests



Drug Enforcement Unit

The Drug Enforcement Unit is a specialty unit within the Detective Division. The unit is charged with investigating violations of the Drug Act.

In addition, the State College Police Department is a member of the Centre County Drug Task Force. Twenty-three (23) State College officers are members of the task force. They, along with task force officers from Patton Township Police Department, Ferguson Township Police Department, Spring Township Police Department and Bellefonte Borough Police Department, have jurisdiction in all of Centre County to investigate and make arrests for drug law violations.

Officers are responsible for coordinating controlled purchases of illegal drugs, conducting surveillance, executing search warrants, seizing illegal drugs and arresting those persons who violate state law. The Drug Enforcement Unit also acts as a clearing house for tips and other investigative information supplied by the public.

Drug Enforcement in 2014

Task Force Activity:

- 85 controlled buys
- \$15,365 buy funds expended
- 598 grams marijuana purchased
- 25 grams cocaine purchased
- 16 grams heroin purchased
- 11.5 gram MDMA purchased
- 90 dosage units LSD purchased
- 22 dosage units of Alprazolam purchased
- 37 search warrants conducted
- \$63,758 cash seized
- 16.6 pounds marijuana seized
- 128.9 grams Marijuana/BHO seized
- 230.3 grams cocaine seized
- 32.4 grams heroin seized
- 21.2 grams MDMA seized
- 17.9 grams Psilocybin Mushrooms seized
- 55 dosage units LSD seized
- 389 Aprazolam/Xanax pills seized
- 88 Oxycontin pills seized
- 8 Amphetamine Salt pills seized
- 18 Vicodin pills seized
- 12 Clonazepam pills seized
- 5 doses of Suboxone seized

Total Number Task Force Overtime Hours 649
 Total Submitted to BNI for Reimbursement \$38,392.44

Victim-Centered Intensive Care Management (VCICM)

The Victim-Centered Intensive Case Management (VCICM) unit is a unique system originated within the State College Police Department. The unit coordinates and centralizes the response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking throughout Centre County.

The unit consists of a detective with the State College Police Department, a legal/field advocate (employed by the Centre County Women's Resource Center), and a Unit Coordinator. This unit works to tie and strengthen partnerships across the criminal justice system and ensure that victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking receive appropriate services. The VCICM Unit was created in 2006 under a VAWA grant and has maintained full federal funding since its inception in 2006. The co-location of law enforcement and community-based advocacy within a police department is unique to the field, and the VCICM Unit is the only one in Pennsylvania to employ this concept. The unit has become a national model for meeting the needs of victims of intimate partner violence in an empathic, respectful and competent manner.

In 2014 the unit handled referrals of 492 incidents from the 5 municipal departments and 2 PSP barracks in Centre County. These incidents involved 397 individual victims. The unit also issued a total of 430 Protection from Abuse orders, 251 temporary and 179 final, filed in Centre County in 2014. Every Temp and Final PFA issued in the county is reviewed by the VCICM Unit and referred for further follow-up by law enforcement and/or advocacy as needed.

VCICM Unit Coordinator



The VCICM Unit Coordinator, Cindy Shelow, conducts a daily review of all domestic violence and stalking cases, as well as all Protection from Abuse (PFA) orders issued in the county. The three-member unit works on a daily basis with system professionals to provide victims immediate access to services and to hold offenders accountable. The Unit Coordinator identifies potential high lethality cases and triages the response by the Advocate and Detective.

School Resource Officer (SRO)

The School Resource Officer (SRO) program was established in January of 1999 with one SRO assigned to the State College Area High School. The program expanded to include a full-time SRO at the middle school and another part-time SRO at the district's alternative education program.

The SRO provides a safe and secure environment for students and staff and acts as a liaison between the police department and the school district. The SRO works closely with school administrators, school security officers, juvenile probation, and other agencies such as Children and Youth Services and the Youth Service Bureau.

In addition to school security and law enforcement duties, the SRO speaks to classes on such topics as drug and alcohol abuse, date rape, sexual assault, internet safety, driver's safety, and juvenile justice. The SRO also provides presentations to faculty and staff during high school in-service training, and to parents attending back-to-school events. The police department's juvenile detective works very closely with the SRO.



Officers Robert Keen, Terry Stec and Craig Bernier are assigned to the SRO program.



Captain Matthew Wilson has been a resident of the State College area since childhood. He graduated from the State College Area High School in 1991. Captain Wilson attended Penn State and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Administration of Justice in 1995. Captain Wilson was hired by the State College Police Department in May of 1996 and attended the Pennsylvania Police Academy at the Harrisburg Area Community College Public Safety Center. Captain Wilson graduated from the Police Academy in August of 1996 and was assigned to the Department's Field Training Program.

Captain Wilson has served the State College Police Department for over 18 years. He was primarily assigned to the Patrol Division and worked most of his years on the Department's night shift. Captain Wilson served as a Bicycle Officer and was appointed as a Field Training Officer. Once promoted to Sergeant and eventually Lieutenant, Captain Wilson was responsible for a night patrol shift. Captain Wilson was also responsible for leadership of the Bicycle Unit and was appointed Field Training Unit Coordinator. Captain Wilson supervised the development of several partnership programs to include NEAT, NSEP and DSEP as well as the SIP initiative. He received training in Verbal Judo and served as an instructor for several years. In 2011 Captain Wilson attended the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command.

Captain Wilson was promoted to the rank of Captain in January of 2013. He was subsequently assigned the Uniformed Patrol Division in early 2013, which consists of patrol and traffic sections. As the Patrol Division Commander, Captain Wilson is responsible for all special events, emergency planning as well as training and scheduling matters relating to Patrol and Traffic operations. Captain Wilson still remains active with the Bicycle and Field Training Unit as well as continues to liaison with Penn State Police on special projects to include NEAT, NSEP and DSEP programs.

Captain Wilson still resides within the State College community with his family. He enjoys spending time with his family, is an avid sports fan and is often seen mountain biking around State College.

Patrol

The Patrol Division is the foundation of the State College Police Department. A majority of emergency calls for service and criminal investigations are initiated at the patrol level. However, patrol officers engage in more than handling calls for service. Guided with the principles and concepts of community oriented policing and problem oriented policing, patrol officers work with community members, residents, visitors, and students to solve both criminal and civil problems that arise on a daily basis. Officers also conduct preventative policing through regular vacation home checks, visit schools and proactively patrol locations cited in citizen complaints.

Officers enforce criminal and traffic laws in accordance with Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, Commonwealth, and Supreme Court rulings. Through enforcing laws of the state, officers help deter, detect, and suppress criminal activity. Patrol officers are also tasked with the diversion of offenders from entering the criminal justice system when intermediate punishments and civil processes assist with meeting community needs in dealing with non-violent offenders. Furthermore, officers use specialized training and skills to serve the community's needs.

Traffic and Warrant Unit

The Traffic and Warrant Unit serves many roles involving community awareness, special event planning, criminal apprehension, quality of life issues, and aggressive driving enforcement. Traffic unit officers arrange for the removal of abandoned vehicles, maintain the police vehicle fleet maintenance, and ensure accuracy of speed timing devices. Officers also prepare and disseminate crash data for the townships and Penn State.

In an effort to keep communities safe, Traffic and Warrant Unit officers teach traffic laws to State College Area High School Driver's education classes, investigate traffic complaints, oversee traffic and aggressive driving details, use speed sentry systems to collect and analyze vehicle speed and volume data, install child safety seats, attend monthly Traffic Safety Commission meetings, and arrange for criminal warrant service.

Our People

Motorcycle Patrol Program

In May 2014, the Police Department added a second Harley-Davidson police motorcycle to the patrol program and trained an additional officer. Since 2010, Officers are assigned to the motorcycle on a part-time basis with an emphasis on traffic-related issues and policing special events.

The motorcycle enhances the ability to enforce red light, stop sign and speeding violations by its capability to park in locations inaccessible by a patrol car. Officers maneuver through heavy traffic to respond to emergency calls and save fuel cost, since the motorcycle uses about 1.5 gallons per eight-hour shift compared to 7.5 gallons in a patrol car. In addition, officers have increased positive personal contact with the public. Lieutenant Barrett Smith, Officer Joseph Zaffuto and Officer Michael McDannel are assigned to motorcycle patrol.



Bicycle Patrol Program



The bicycle patrol originated in 1993. The police department currently has 9 police bikes and 20 trained bike patrol officers. Officers assigned to bike patrol duties undergo a rigorous 40-hour training course and upon successful completion are certified by the International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA). Bike officers attend yearly in-service training that focuses on riding skills, safety and other bicycling issues that affect the community.

Officers are assigned to the bike unit patrol as weather and staffing permits. Bike officers are just as approachable as officers on foot patrol; however on bike, officers have the added advantage of being able to quickly respond to calls for service. Members of the community can easily approach bike officers to ask questions, engage in conversations, report crimes, or have their concerns addressed about quality of life issues. In addition, bicycle patrol officers assist in special events such as parades, community festivals, celebrations, and sporting events. The bicycle patrol enforces bicycle laws downtown, and focus on proactive enforcement of quality of life issues in the downtown and surrounding neighborhoods.

In 2013 the bike unit supervisor, Sgt. Hamilton, attended and successfully completed the IPMBA Instructors Course in Indianapolis Indiana. Having an in-house instructor allows the department to certify newly assigned bike officers and provides the opportunity to keep up with current issues and trends that affect public safety cycling. In-Service training in 2014 focused on bicycle laws and the importance of enforcement in the downtown area.

Field Officer Training Program

The State College Police Department currently has 15 Field Training Officers (FTO) and 2 Field Training Coordinators. FTOs train new probationary officers in the field by providing guidance and direct supervision, as probationers learn how to be State College police officers.

In this capacity, FTOs serve as department role models, mentors, trainers and evaluators. All FTOs are trained by Field Training Associates, a nationally recognized field training program.

Probationers complete a minimum of 17 weeks of intensive training that consists of 3 - 5 to 6 week steps and a fourth evaluation step of 2 weeks. The recruits are trained by a minimum of 3 different FTOs and are rotated through different shifts during the process.

A probationer must demonstrate competency as a State College police officer before release to solo patrol. In 2014 FTOs trained two probationary officers.



The Professional Standards and Training Division, commanded by Lieutenant Chris Fishel, ensures outstanding department quality through professional police standards and skilled personnel. In addition, the division coordinates, records, and maintains all training for departmental personnel.

The division oversees the following programs and units within the Police Department:

- Active Shooter and Mobile Field Force
- Canvassing and soliciting applications
- Ceremonial Honor Guard
- Community Relations
- Crime Prevention
- Information requests
- Internal and external training
- Judicial Affairs requests
- Master Police Officer program

- Media briefings
- Multi-Assault Counter-Terrorism Action Capabilities (MACTAC) Training
- Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation
- Police Officer Recommendation Program
- School Safety
- Tactical Response Team

Professional Training

- Cell Phone Forensics
- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) - 2 classes and CIT refreshers
- Emergency Vehicle Operators Course (EVOC)
- Firearms Instructor Recertification Course
- Fire Arms Instructor
- Initial Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC) and Standard Field Sobriety Test (SFST) training for new hires
- International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA) - Bike Training for 3 officers
- M4 patrol Rifle with new Red Dot Sights
- Moving Target Firearms Course
- Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP)
- Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) Courses

- Post Blast Investigations Training
- School Safety Seminar
- Taser Instructor
- Sniper Instructor
- Less-Lethal Pepperball Instructor
- Advanced Tactical Operations Course
- Patrol Rifle Instructor
- Basic Police Motorcycle Operator



Conferences and Seminars

- Accreditation Conference
- Active Shooter / School Safety
- Advanced SRO
- Arson Investigations Conference
- Child Advocacy Conference
- Domestic Violence Conference
- PA Conference on Child Abuse

Centre County Tactical Response Team (CCTRT)

The Centre County Tactical Response Team (CCTRT) currently consists of 13 officers from 6 participating agencies in Centre County: Bellefonte Police Department (1), Ferguson Township Police Department (2), Patton Township Police Department (2), Penn State University Police Department (3), Spring Township Police Department (1), and State College Police Department (4). Several events took place involving team members in part or as a whole in 2014, including a kidnapping (hoax), multiple barricaded subjects, high risk warrants, 21 possession with intent to deliver warrants with 2 or more TRT members participating in the warrant service and over-watch for PSU football home games.

The CCTRT completed 19 training days in 2014 . Each training day was designed to emphasize the 3 main areas of proficiency when trained individually or whole to form the foundation for a comprehensive tactical team training program.

Team members completed an annual readiness exercise at the SCI Rockview Penitentiary Grounds in 2014 involving area command officers, CCTRT members, TEMS, Crisis Negotiators, CCECC and Mobile Command Post, Containment Officers, and role players. Other training activities included the Bearcat Armored Rescue Vehicle (ARV), Sniper Instruction and Advanced Tactical Operations Training.

In June of 2014, CCTRT operators participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run that started in Pittsburgh and ended at Medlar Field. The team had 3 mile leg up Skytop Mountain.



Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

In 2010, a county-wide grant was obtained to form and train a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT). The State College Police Department, in conjunction with all county police departments, the 911 center, and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel, comprise the CIT. The main focus of the CIT is to provide a safe manner for the officer and the consumer in dealing with mental health issues and crisis.



A CIT officer de-escalates unstable situations, affording a diversion to incarceration when an individual's behavior has not caused physical harm to another. The CIT program bridges the gap between law enforcement and those suffering from mental illness or emotional crisis.

CIT officers are specially trained, not only in dealing with mental health consumers but also citizens with substance abuse problems, aggressive juveniles, veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder, suicidal individuals, and elderly citizens suffering from dementia.

The first CIT group graduated from CIT training in January 2011. As of 2014, 21 State College Police Officers have graduated from CIT training.

Bomb Squad

The Bomb Squad currently consists of one certified Hazardous Devices Technicians and K9 handler, serving on a part-time (as needed) basis as well as an additional K9 handler. Squad Commanders must complete the FBI's six week Hazardous Devices School and have complete Recertification Classes every 3 years. There are two additional officers entering this program in 2015.

During 2014 the joint Penn State/State College Hazardous Devices Team responded to at least 35 incidents, with several requiring multiple response/operations in Centre, Blair, Elk, Huntingdon, Perry, Lycoming, and Luzerne counties. Calls for service included but were not limited to:

- **Community education/outreach:** assisted with FBI Post Blast training, conducted presentations at Camp Cadet sessions, K9 and robot demonstrations at area schools, conducted IED awareness for the Attorney General's New Agent Academy and HME recognition training for the Centre County LE Agencies
- **K-9/Bomb Squad Counter IED Coverage:** conducted 21 "sweeps" of home PSU and Blue/White football games, a bomb threat at the University Park Airport, Little League World Series, NCAA Gymnastics Championships, and the PSU Board of Trustees Meeting. The K9 squad has also maintained their presence at the University Park Airport (UNV), increased high visibility patrols and conducted training at the facility
- **Explosive/ Fireworks Disposals:** disposed of blasting caps, explosives and pyrotechnics
- **Military Ordnance Analysis/Disposal:** retrieved and disposed of ordinance and an artillery shell
- **Suspicious Packages/Devices:** responded to numerous suspicious packages during PSU football games and also assisted with multiple suspicious packages to a PSU faculty member
- **Render safe procedures on IEDs:** responded to assist with an IED (RCIED) located in a vehicle, which was rendered safe on scene and technical guidance was provided to detectives



New Faces on the Force



Officer Michael Croyle joined us from the Lewistown Borough Police Department in Mifflin County. He grew up in Petersburg, PA (Huntingdon County) and graduated from Shippensburg University with a degree in Criminal Justice. Officer Croyle has also previously worked for the Chesapeake, VA Police Department for over 8 years where he held various assignments including the Street Crimes Unit and the Vice and Narcotics Division. Mike received several awards during his employment with this department. Officer Croyle enjoys running, softball and participating in the Law Enforcement United Bike Ride.

Officer Nicole Foley first joined the State College Police Department as an intern. While attending Penn State for Crime, Law and Justice and a minor in Sociology, she worked as a Student Auxiliary Officer with Penn State Police. She is originally from Philadelphia, where her father was a police officer in the Neighborhood Services Unit of the Philadelphia Police Department. In high school, Officer Foley was involved in numerous organizations and leadership groups such as captain of the volleyball team, varsity softball, student government and National Honor Society and graduated with a 4.0 GPA, ranked ninth in her class.



Officer Foley, Officer Gibson and Officer Croyle

Officer Jeremy Gibson began with the State College Police Department in 2014. He has a background in computers and the technology field, which brought him to SCPD. After some exposure to computer forensics and assisting with a case, he pursued further education. Eventually, he decided to join the department as an officer. Officer Gibson is originally from Rochester, NY and is nearing a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Forensics and Homeland Security from the State University of New York (SUNY). Officer Gibson was most recently employed by Verizon Wireless and has been a volunteer with the Alpha Fire Company. He and his wife are raising a family in Bellefonte. He enjoys hiking, camping, golf and baseball.



Life Flight Training at the Academy



Police Recruitment Testing

Community Service Representatives (CSR)



When entering the lobby of the State College Police Department, the public is provided with quality service from one of two Community Service Representatives (CSR).

The CSRs complete a variety of tasks on a daily basis. The CSRs serve as a telephone switchboard for the entire Borough, handle and direct citizens who walk in to the lobby, tabulate statistics, enter data, monitor Megan's Law notifications, provide directions (for fingerprinting, district magistrates, etc.), process vacation home checks, provide copies of accident reports for insurance companies and involved parties, assist patrol in taking reports such as lost property or complaints, register bikes and monitor State Probation/Parole notices.

Police Staff Assistants



Two Police Staff Assistants perform a wide variety of tasks. They enter police officers' daily activity reports, prepare time and activity reports, provide information to Penn State's Office of Judicial Affairs, provide clerical support to the accreditation team, transcribe taped interviews and 911 recordings, process expungements, prepare misdemeanor and felony cases for court, prepare all duty schedules, process warrants, and provide clerical and informational support to the Detective and Patrol Divisions.

Records

The Records Section, comprised of four civilian records technicians and one civilian supervisor, performs a wide variety of general and specialized support for the police department.

Staff verifies and maintains data for over 20,000 calls for service each year, processes dissemination requests, ensures compliance and reporting for the Uniform Crime Reports, and provides statistical information for internal and external requests.



Records Activity

- 10,072 Incidents
- 5,024 Supplements
- 4,597 Disposition Inquiries
- 2,942 Traffic Citations
- 2,227 Arrests
- 2,442 Hearing Notices
- 2,654 Disseminations
- 2,124 Records Checks
- 1,724 Non-Traffic Citations
- 1,563 Closed Jackets
- 1,562 Follow-Ups
- 1,382 Judicial Affairs Referrals
- 1,245 Crashes
- 703 Expungements
- 581 Misdemeanors
- 131 NCIC Validations
- 13 Right-to-Know Requests

Volunteers



Barry Fisher and Ed Adams continued their dedicated volunteer service to the State College Police Department in 2014.

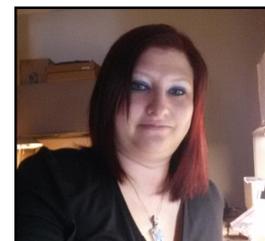
Administrative Assistant



The Administrative Assistant, Christina Welch, provides direct clerical support for the Chief of Police and performs complex and confidential duties as well as serves as the receptionist for Police Department administration.

Christina manages the office, maintains personnel records, schedules appointments for the Chief of Police, schedules officer training and routinely works on projects and assignments as directed by the Chief of Police.

Data and Communications Specialist



Kristy Cyone was brought on board as the new Police Data and Communications Specialist in 2014, a position created from the Police Applications Specialist position but taking on more of an IT support role. This position also works extensively with the new camera system installed throughout downtown State College.

Not only does Kristy work directly with the officers to aid with multiple computer applications, she also works behind the scenes compiling statistics, generating reports, updating department web information, supporting databases and software applications, as well as assisting with hardware problems.



Life Saving Award:
Officer Dave Scicchitano



Commendation for Total Vehicle Stops:
Officer Amanda Estep
Officer Mike Mamolen
Officer Bill Muse
Officer Jordan Pieniasek



Commendation for Traffic Citations:
Officer Amanda Estep
Officer James Loesch
Officer Mike Mamolen
Officer Dave Scicchitano



Life Saving Award:
Officer Amanda Estep
Officer Jordan Pieniasek
(pictured with survivor)



Certificate of Commendation:
Lieutenant Chris Fishel
Lieutenant Brad Small
Officer Kelly Aston
Officer Amanda Estep



Commendation for DUI Arrests:
Officer Bill Muse



Certificate of Appreciation:
Officer Kelly Aston
Officer Heather Royer
Susan White



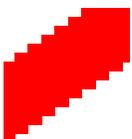
Commendation for Criminal Arrests:
Officer Martin Hanes



Certificate of Appreciation:
Alecia Schaeffer
Janelle Rojik
John Aston



Commendation for School Checks:
Officer Amanda Estep
Officer Mike Mamolen
Officer Dave Scicchitano



Retirement
Janice Hess
Officer Bill Muse
Cheryl Viedorfer



Certificate of Achievement:
Assistant Chief
John Gardner



2014 Advancement
Detective Dave Scicchitano



Master Police Officer (MPO) Program 2014
Recipient:
Detective John Aston

Professional Partnerships

Penn State University Police
Ferguson Township Police
Patton Township Police
Bellefonte Borough Police
Spring Township Police
Pennsylvania State Police
Alpha Fire Company
Alpha Fire Police
Boalsburg Fire Company
Boalsburg Fire Police
Centre Life Link EMS
Mount Nittany Medical Center
Centre County Criminal Justice Advisory Board

Community Partnerships

State College Area School District
Centre County Women's Resource Center
CARE Partnership – Communities That Care
Centre County Mental Health/Mental Retardation
Community Help Center
Centre County Youth Service Bureau
Downtown Improvement District
State College Tavern Association
Center for Alternatives in Community Justice
Centre County United Way

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