



Dedicated to Excellence in Policing

Central Bucks REGIONAL POLICE

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

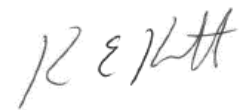
MESSAGE from the Chief

I am pleased to present you with Central Bucks Regional Police Department's 2021 Annual Report. We have successfully navigated a second year of the COVID pandemic with no interruption in police services. While we experienced challenges, like most police departments across the nation, I am proud to say it's also been a year of continued success in delivering innovative and responsive initiatives. The Victim Services Unit, K9 Expansion, and the LiveScan Booking Center had a successful full year in 2021. This report highlights those efforts and provides a sneak peak of a new initiative we have planned for 2022.

The year 2021 was also a year of transformation for this Department! After many years in the making, the Central Bucks Regional Police Department moved into its new Police Headquarters at 229 N. Broad Street in Doylestown Borough. This was a major effort involving a lot of people from the respective Borough Managers, Borough Councils, Police Commission, members of this Department, and the tremendous public support. The new facility has provided much needed security updates and space to conduct police operations in a manner that will allow for Accreditation in 2022.

As life returned to normal in our community, serious crimes have slowly climbed but have not exceeded pre-pandemic levels. In contrast, quality of life crimes has exceeded the 2019 statistics. This is largely due to reports of fraud and we continue to caution the public to not fall victim to scam artists.

I continue to be grateful to the dedicated staff at the Central Bucks Regional Police Department. Every day, the members of this Department come to work to serve this great community in a professional way with focus on a community-oriented approach.



Karl Knott
Chief of Police



Everything We Do Matters!

OUR Mission

The Central Bucks Regional Police Department's Mission is committed to providing the **highest quality** of police services through collaborative approaches of **problem solving** and **empowering** our members and the community to work in **partnership** with the goal of improving the quality of life at the same time maintaining **respect** for individual rights.



Professional Responsibilities

- Equal protection and service to all
- Individual and team effectiveness
- Exceptional response to community needs
- Innovation, creativity, reasoned risk-taking
- Methodical approach to problem solving
- Responsible and creative management of resources

Individual Responsibilities

- Integrity and ethical behavior
- Respect for the rule of law and dignity of all
- Acceptance of responsibility and accountability
- Empathy and compassion for others
- Direct communications that encourage healthy disagreement
- Resolving differences in a mutually supportive and positive way



We serve and live with honor!

STRATEGIC Plan

CBRPD embraces the community policing philosophy. Community policing is comprised of three components:

- Problem Solving
- Organizational Transformation
- Community Partnerships.

This Department utilizes a performance-based strategy to measure its progress in accomplishing its goals. Goals are outlined under each component.



**Building
upon
Excellence**

Problem Solving

Improve quality of life through crime prevention and enforcement

Recognize need for long-term planning



Organizational Transformation

Increase decision making ability through training

Value superior leadership

Cultivate safe and healthy working environment



Community Partnerships

Engage our citizens and visitors through community policing

Reach out to the community



COMMAND Staff

Command Staff represent the three highest ranking sworn personnel.

Collectively, they oversee the planning, administration and operation of the Central Bucks Regional Police.



Karl Knott
Chief of Police

Chief Knott has overall responsibility for the entire Department to accomplish the CBRPD mission and goals.

The administrative division includes development of initiatives, community policing, coordinating with other agencies, logistics, budget, communications, fleet, and records management.



Lance Carlen
Captain of Patrol

Captain Carlen is responsible for the Patrol Division and the overall protection of lives and property maintaining law and order and responding to requests for service.

Patrol enforces all criminal laws that are mandated by Federal, State, and Municipal governments.



Robert Milligan
Captain of Professional Standards

Captain Milligan is responsible for the Professional Standards of the Department, Policies, Training, Internal Investigations, Accreditation, and the Detective Unit.

Oversight of the Detective Unit includes crime scene investigation and background/internal investigations.



80+ years collective law enforcement experience

OUR Organization



Police Commission

The Police Commission is the responsible governing authority for the CBRPD.

The joint board is appointed by the respective municipalities.

The sworn officers and professional staff are under the direct supervision of the Chief of Police.

Ron Strouse, Chairman
Brian Wallace, Vice Chairman
Robyne Kelemen, Treasurer/Secy
Jack O'Brien
Marilyn Jacobson
Peter LaMontagne
Elnora West
David Holewinski



Chief of Police

Karl Knott

Exec Asst

D. Spence

Captain of Patrol

Lance Carlen

Captain of Professional Standards

Robert Milligan

| Squad 1 | Squad 2 | Squad 3 | Squad 4 | Traffic Unit | Detective Unit | Victim Services | Professional Staff | Crossing Guards |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Sergeant W. Jones | Sergeant D. Derstine | Sergeant K. Dietz | Sergeant M. Bolender | Corporal E. Hilton | Det Sgt P. Kreuter | Supervisor L. Leone | Ofc Mgr D. Brobst | -H. Gersteimeier |
| Corporal J. Albillar | Corporal TBD | Corporal D. Interrante | Corporal D. Carlen | | Detective J. Lubold | Specialist K. Edwards | Clerk J. Bush | -L. Schneer |
| Officer B. Hamer | Officer M. Frugoli | Officer J. Hannahoe | Officer B. Pullar | | | | Clerk J. Bodder | -M. Wright |
| Officer K9 A. Hochmuth | Officer K9 G. Kutys | Officer S. Tropiano | Officer T. Conboy | | | | | -H. Dick |
| K9 Baron | K9 Odie | Officer K. Maloney | Officer J. DiBenedetto | | | | | -J. Fowkes |
| Officer J. Watson | Officer M. Peppelman | | | | | | | -C. Carlen |

Part-Time Officers
D. Politsky, TBD (2)

Our New Headquarters

In December, 2021, CBRPD moved to the new Police Headquarters facility located at 229 N. Broad Street in Doylestown Borough.

The new facility has provided necessary safety and security measures and updated work spaces for all members of the Department.

CBRPD thanks the Boroughs of Chalfont, Doylestown, and New Britain for their generosity in time, effort and funding to make this project a reality.



**Accreditation
Ready**



CRIME Stats



370
Arrests

Part I Crimes, more serious crimes, for 2021 has returned to pre-pandemic levels.

Part II Crimes, considered Quality of Life Crimes, have surpassed 2019 stats and is largely attributed to the 180% increase in reports of Fraud (e-mail, phone, banking).



Part I Crimes

101

90

108

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| Homicide | 0 |
| Rape | 1 |
| Robbery | 1 |
| Assault | 24 |
| Burglary | 6 |
| Larceny | 65 |
| MV Theft | 3 |
| Arson | 1 |



Part II Crimes

676

386

585

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| Forgery | 11 |
| Fraud | 170 |
| Embezzlement | 0 |
| Stolen Prop-Rec | 0 |
| Vandalism | 36 |
| Weapons | 12 |
| Prostitution | 0 |
| Sex Offenses | 7 |
| Drug Violation | 34 |
| Gambling | 0 |
| Offense Agnst Family | 0 |
| DUI | 44 |
| Liquor Laws | 14 |
| Public Drunkenness | 53 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 143 |
| Vagrancy | 63 |
| All Other Offenses | 89 |

2021

2020 (Lockdown)

2019

CALLS for Service

Calls for Service statistics are used to indicate the level of police activity.

There are two types of calls:

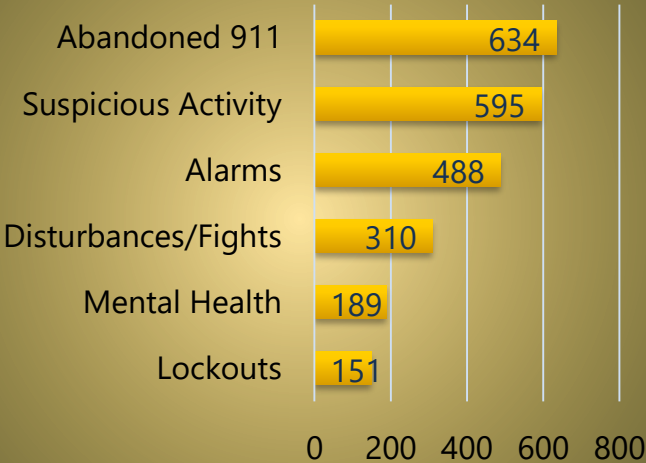
Citizen-initiated calls - an Officer responds to a citizen request for assistance – dispatched through the Radio Room or called into Police HQ

Officer-initiated calls – Officer initiates an activity to pro-actively address a community issue.



19,731
Incidents

Citizen-Initiated Top Calls for Service



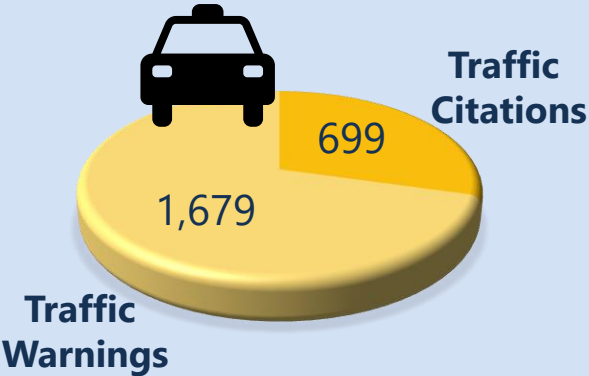
Officer-Initiated Top Calls for Service



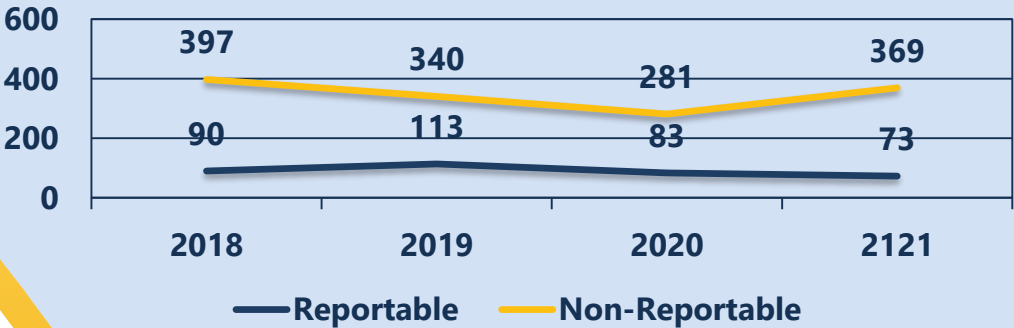
TRAFFIC Unit

The Traffic Unit's primary objective is to reduce traffic accidents causing injury and property damage. This is accomplished through pro-active enforcements and details.

The Unit routinely analyzes traffic activity and patterns through targeted traffic studies.



Traffic Accidents



Reportable accidents are the more serious accidents involving injury or damage to the vehicle making it impossible to operate safely.



5,059
Traffic Enforcement
& Speed Details

DETECTIVE Unit

The primary function of the Detective Unit is to identify, target, arrest, and successfully prosecute individuals involved in criminal activity as well as recover any stolen property. Detectives investigate all felony crimes as well as cases beyond the resources of the Patrol Division.

Detectives work closely with the Bucks County District Attorney's Office, Department of Children & Youth, Network for Victims Assistance and Federal law enforcement agencies such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, and Department of Homeland Security.

The Detective Unit has an exemplary reputation and have participated in numerous multi-jurisdictional investigations.

Detectives are trained in Criminal Investigation and many specialty areas:

- **Crime Scene Processing**
- **Evidence Handling**
- **Interview and Interrogation**
- **Surveillance**
- **Search Warrant Preparation/Execution**
- **Trauma-Informed Interviewing**



169
Cases
Investigated

158
Cases
Cleared

93.49%
Clearance
Rate

238
Evidence
Processed

55
Court
Appearances

66
Search
Warrants

K9 Unit

The K9 Unit consists of two teams:

K9-1 Baron
Handler Officer Hochmuth

K9-2 Odie
Handler Officer Kutys

The K9 Unit responds to in-progress calls that meet the criteria for requesting K9 assistance on incidents within CBRPD jurisdiction as well as throughout Bucks and Montgomery Counties, as needed.

K9 Baron and Odie live with their Handlers. When off duty, they enjoy all the same things a family dog would; but, when it's time to work, these dynamic K9's get serious quickly and seek the praise of the Handlers for a job well done.



**Highly
Trained**



369
Training
Hours

52
Foot
Patrols

36
Searches

17
Assist
Other Agency

Victim Services Unit

In 2021, the VSU welcomed Doylestown Township PD to this grant-funded collaborative effort.

With CBRPD as Lead Agency, the VSU also serves victims of crime in: Buckingham Township, Doylestown Township, and Plumstead Township

Victim Specialists are law enforcement employees who provide the following services:

- Advocacy/Support
- Safety Planning
- Emotional Support
- Crisis Intervention
- Community Resources
- Investigation Updates
- Criminal Justice Process
- Application to Victims Compensation
- Notification of Victim's Rights
- External Partner Referrals



Trauma-Informed Approach



A new "Comfort Lounge" was installed at CBRPD HQ. This space provides a comfortable and warm setting for victims of crime. Generously funded by Byers Foundation.

652
Victims
Served

\$20K
Victim
Compensation

FUNDING Streams

CBRPD actively pursues funding for innovative and responsive initiatives that meet the needs of the communities we serve.

Federal Grants

State Grants

Police Foundation

Corporate Grants

Municipal Budgets



COPS



2021 Funding received for:

Victim Services Unit

K-9 Unit

Underage/Dangerous Drinking Project

New Police HQ



2022 Funding for New Projects:

Virtual Reality De-Escalation Trainings

Body-Worn Camera Upgrades

Evidence Impound Yard

VSU Research Project
(Delaware Valley University)

Sneak Peak at our latest initiative being launched in 2022:



Collaborative Effort

CBRPD – Lead Agency
Buckingham Township Police
Doylestown Township Police
Plumstead Township Police

Five officers from the collaborative departments will be certified as De-Escalation Instructors. Monthly classes will be offered to over 60 officers. Trainings will take place at CBRPD HQ utilizing the latest Virtual Reality Simulator.

Funded by a grant from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).

OTHER Shared Services

The Central Bucks Regional Police Department shares services with other departments in the area. Collaboration is a key contributor to the success of many programs due to the efficiency and effective responses offered.

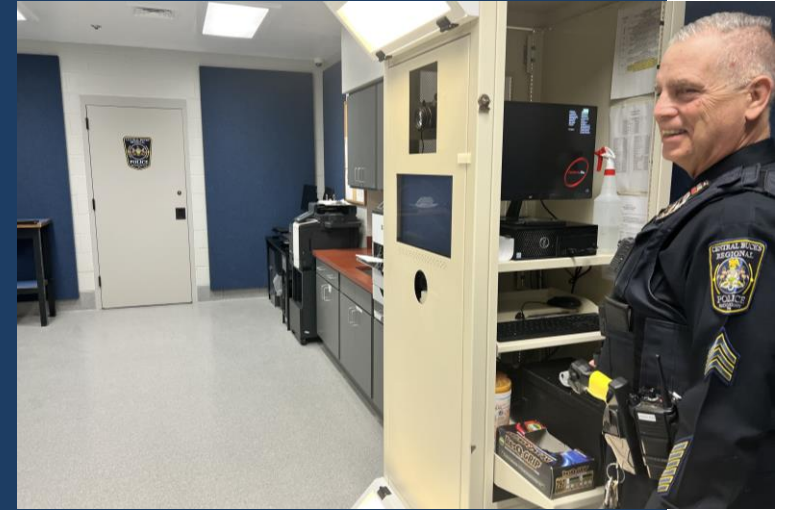


LiveScan Booking Center

In 2021, CBRPD operated its second year as a LiveScan Booking Center. This service is utilized on a regular basis by other law enforcement agencies to process arrestees. Processing includes electronic fingerprinting and video arraignment.



469
Arrestees



BPAIR

Bucks County Assisting in Recovery



CBRPD is proud to participate in the BPAIR program along with 18 Bucks County police departments. This is a citizen-initiated program that connects individuals to resources and support services for those addicted to illegal substances and/or alcohol. This program supported by the Bucks County District Attorney's Office and the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission.

STAR Program

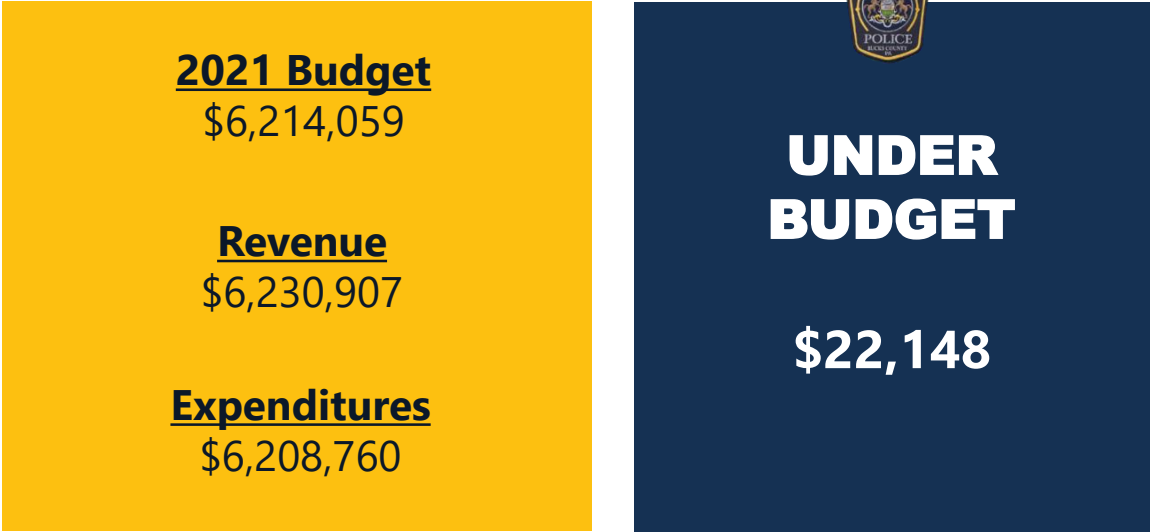
Supporting Treatment and Recovery Program

CBRPD partners with Aldie Counseling Center and other area law enforcement agencies to provide an Officer-Initiated Program. Officers provide a connection to Aldie for individuals after incidents involving persons who may benefit from outreach. This includes cases involving opioid or other controlled substances, DUI, overdoses and arrestees of illegal drug possession. Program originally launched by Plumstead Twp PD.



CBRPD is committed to collaborative efforts

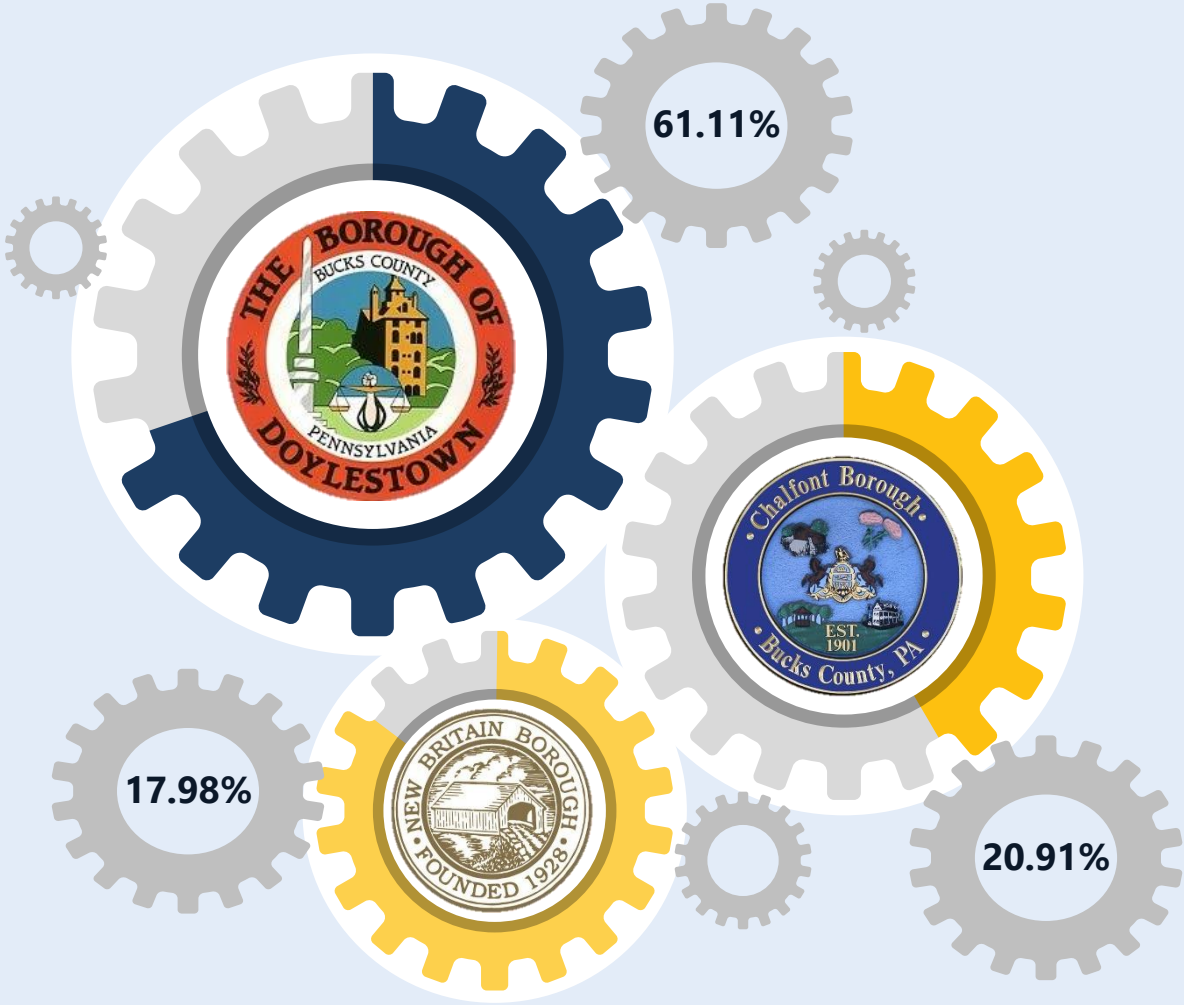
THE Budget



90% Contractual

10% Discretionary

The budget consists of 90% contractual obligations per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The remaining 10% of the budget is discretionary for public safety initiatives and capital expenses.



2021 Cost Distribution

CBRPD utilizes a formula of cost distribution that is applied to each participating municipality of the regional police department. The system uses the following criteria to determine a fair and equitable distribution: average of population, calls for service, crimes and road miles over the previous three-year period.

Although cost distribution varies among the municipalities, each member jurisdiction has equal voting rights on the Police Commission.

NOTABLE Recognition

In June, 2021, CBRPD held a Recognition Ceremony to honor Officers who were hired, received Commendations, and graduated from leadership programs. Also recognized were the events of 2020 which had been postponed due to COVID restrictions.



New Hire

Officer Kyle Maloney was hired as a Part-Time Police Officer in February 2021 and sworn in as a Full-Time Police Officer in June 2021.



Commendations

Life Saving Commendations
Corporal Officer Tim Conboy
Officer James DiBenedetto
Officer Mike Frugoli

Merit Commendation
Officer Bryan Pullar



Graduations

Sergeant Keith Dietz graduated from the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety's School of Police Staff and Command in April 2021.

Corporals David Interrante, Josh Albillar, and Dave Carlen received the FBI Trilogy Award for successful completion of the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy programs.



Agency Recognition

CBRPD received the rare and prestigious Agency FBI/LEEDA Trilogy Award in June 2021. This Department is the first law enforcement agency in Pennsylvania to accomplish this honor, as well as the 23th law enforcement agency nationwide to receive the award.



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BEYOND the Badge



Community events slowly began again in 2021. Our Officers and Professional Staff participated whenever possible. We look forward to more opportunities in 2022 with COVID restrictions being lifted.

Parade



Bunny with a Cop



Honor 911 Heroes



Zumba with a Cop



Victim Rights Event



Charity Events



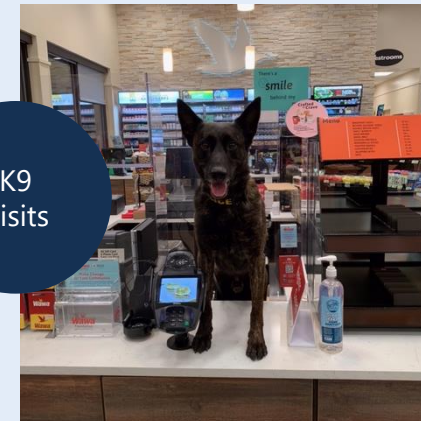
Grand Opening



Arts Festival

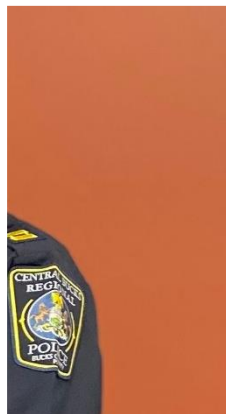


K9 Visits



Special Events





OATH OF A CBRPD POLICE OFFICER

I do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States; the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; the ordinances of the Boroughs of Chalfont, Doylestown, and New Britain; and, the Rules and Regulations of the Central Bucks Regional Police Department.

I also swear that I will uphold, obey and enforce the laws without consideration of a person's race, color, sex, religious creed, sexual orientation, age, national origin, ancestry, handicap or disability.

I will perform my duties with fidelity and honor to the best of my abilities, so help me God.



Continue to partner with us!
You make the difference... by taking pride in your community,
watching out for your neighbors, reporting suspicious activity
and keeping your belongings safe.

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