

Cheers to the New Year and another chance to get it right.

In spite of the New Year our mission remains the same; to provide the community with the highest quality of law enforcement services in a community-orientated structure. The core of community policing is getting you our residents fully involved and partnering with you to solve community problems.

In addition to the services provided to our community, the police department participates in the Allegheny County District Attorneys Narcotic Task Force, PADOT Aggressive Driving Program and the West Hills DUI Task Force.

More recently several officers have received specialized training in the areas of Accident Reconstruction, Commercial Vehicle Inspection, and Child Safety Seat Belt Certification as well as developing a Police Chaplain Service in a better effort to serve our communities needs.

After hearing your concerns involving speeding vehicles throughout our residential streets, we initiated a pro-active approach focusing on Traffic Enforcement throughout our community. Traffic enforcement is more than just writing tickets. In 2009 we implemented the use of a radar trailer, moving throughout the community on a weekly basis. For 2010 we will purchase an additional smaller unit to be used in our residential areas. This pro-active enforcement program will announce our intent to target certain high accident roads by posting the road with a highly visible "target enforcement" road sign. You will notice an increase of police presence on these roads and the use of ENRADD.

Later this year we will offer a program; "Refuse to be a Victim." "Refuse to be a Victim" was developed by the NRA and implemented by hundreds of Federal, State and Municipal police agencies across the country into their Crime prevention and community policing initiatives. This is not a self defense course; it is a personal safety program teaching strategies you can use to avoid situations were self defense is required. Following the completion of this course we will offer a firearms familiarization, safety and shooting clinic.

For the past several years we have implemented improvements that increase our work efficiency by incorporating Mobile Data Terminals into our police vehicles and updating our dispatch and information operating systems. We will continue to invest in technology and explore social networks such as Twitter and Facebook as a means for better policing, allowing you to assist us in keeping the community safe.

In closing, your continued support and community involvement will help us achieve our goal of providing a professional law enforcement department.

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